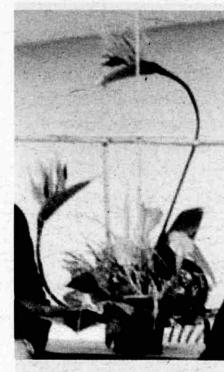


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daisy floral makes comeback



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python visits murray lake page 4

by Emma Palova

chief James Police Hinton has resigned after two years in office to pursue further educational opportunities effective April 15.

The council appointed new chief Barry Getzen of Lowell Township. Getzen will start on May 2. In the meantime, Sgt. Steve Bukala will serve as acting police chief.

"I will really miss the people, the officers and the community," said Hinton.

However, after spending 23 years in law enforcement, Hinton, 43, said he was ready for a change.

He has been pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration since 2003

taking two classes a year. Hinton wants to work part-time in the area and finish his degree studying fulltime in December.

Police chief Hinton resigns,

"The position of chief of police requires a total commitment," he wrote in his resignation. "In that I am pursuing my education, I have decided to dedicate my time to that endeavor. forward look the enhanced to opportunities that a formal education provides."

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Outgoing police chief James Hinton.

posthumus speaks at rotary



Council explores options for north side of chamber building, approves extension of DDA

by Emma Palova

The Lowell City Council discussed various options for the vacated north side of the chamber building, also known as the head end building, on Monday night.

The building has been vacant for more than

three years following the sale of Lowell Cable TV. According to city manager Dave Pasquale, there hasn't been much interest in the building until recently.

Brian Bangema and Jim Pfaller have considered splitting the space in half for kayak and bicycle rental

and firearms store, Firearms LLC and some retail. Space would still be left for the Department of Public Works' storage.

"I'd like to be out of there," said DPW director Dan DesJarden, "but give me space behind the city garage."

The property would remain the city property with options to buy. Bangema would lease the building for three to five years, or for a term of the original lease.

"There's a lot of work being done with the river," said Bangema.

But, since time is of the essence, Bangema requested someone from the council to act as proxy for negotiations.

However, Flat River Grill has also shown

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Tower Farm and barn get \$34,700 facelift

rick's automotive now open



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by Emma Palova

The Tower Farm and barn, which sit on the same property in the Fallasburg Historic Village, will be preserved from destruction with funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

The roof on the farmhouse has been replaced for \$4,700 by Preferred Roofing of Lowell.

"It has been leaking for years," said Ken Tamke, president of Fallasburg Historical Society. "It is watertight now."

The society plans to fix the house with the help of volunteers over the course of the next year. The building consists of actually two houses joined together in 1896, so that two sisters, Mrs. Tower and Mrs. Steketee, could live together. The first house was built in 1859.

"That was a fairly common practice back then," said Tamke.

The estimated cost of the repair of the Tower Farm is \$60,000 to \$80,000. Tamke and the volunteers will work on the inside of the house tearing out all plaster walls.

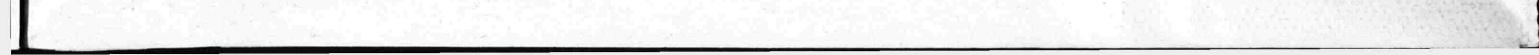
"We'll chip away and do some elbow work," said Tamke.

- The Tower barn on the property will be completely restored by Barn Cats Barn Restoration of Rockford. The owner is Randall

> Tower Farm, continued, page 3



The Tower Farm and barn undergo restoration.



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Options, continued

interest in the building to use as a banquet center. Pasquale of money on the river," However, the Lowell DDA preferred to discuss the issue said councilman Jeff Altoft. with the Flat River Grill prior to the next meeting launch and we will have and a recommendation to bicycle trails." the council.

vacant," said councilwoman no major zoning issues. Maryalene LaPonsie.

Pasquale said building will either accommodate the rentals or Development the banquet center.

"It would be a small banquet area," he said.

Due to the planned riverbank improvements, established nearly 20 years by the DDA would go to the such as the kayak launch, ago and under the state the rental space for kayaks enabling act, the authority may be a better fit.

"We're spending a lot could levy up to two mills. "We're putting in a kayak The property is zoned

"I hate to see buildings central business, so there are

In other business, the the council approved the extension of the Downtown Authority (DDA) and tax increment financing plans to June 30, 2033.

> DDA was The

never levied that.

In 1992, tax dollars were frozen in the district and subsequent increments went to the DDA.

"Everything new went to the DDA," said Pasquale. "It adds up over a period of time. You are redirecting tax dollars.

The DDA is well represented by business owners, according to DDA member Dave Durkee.

"The money captured county," said Durkee.

Altoft said he supports

the extension of the DDA by 100 percent.

"The downtown has come a long way," said LaPonsie.

In related business, a public hearing has been set, for an outdoor furnace ordinance and for sidewalk inspection upon sale of property, for April 18.

The council will meet with Michigan Municipal League consultant Bill Baldridge on April 25 to discuss city manager candidates

Interviews will conducted on April 30 starting at 9 am.

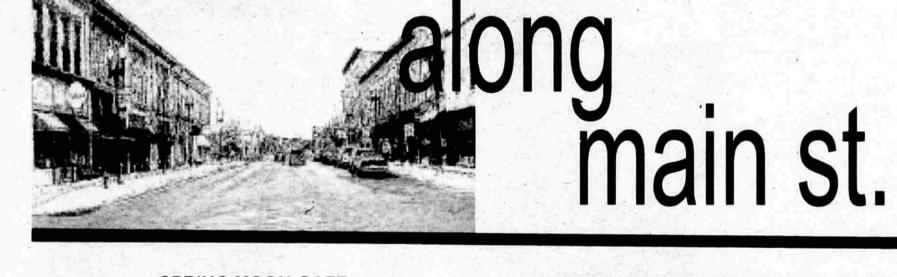
Collage concert wows audience

Boosters' concert, held at the LHS auditorium on Tuesday, talent of our local students Dance. and teachers.

Greg

vening continued performances teacher choir Crawford. Noall, Robert intermingled with the solo high school bands.

We can't plan life. All we can do is be available for it. - Lauryn Hill



SPRING MOON GAZE

Join the Wittenbach/Wege Center for an exploration of our amazing solar system from the deck on Fri., April 8, providing free tax preparation at the FROM building located 8:30-10:30 pm (if the skies are clear). Telescopes will be at 11535 Fulton Street East on Tuesdays from 2 to 8 pm by available, but feel free to bring your own. Call 987-1002 for appointment. To register, or to see if your family is eligible. more information.

COMPOSTING 101

Master gardener, Juliette Cowall, will teach you how to feed your garden with table scraps at the Wittenbach/Wege Center on Sun., April 10 at 2 pm. To register, call Meggan Johnson at 987-1002 or mjohnson@lowellschools.com

BOTTLE/CAN FUNDRAISER

Cherry Creek Elementary, 12675 Foreman; and Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth; will be having a bottle/ can fundraiser between April 11 through April 30. Drop off times are 8 am to 4 pm at either school.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. Sat., April 16, 10 am - noon. You may also order online using your debit or credit card. Go to www.angelfoodministries. com. Any questions, call Esther, 897-7395.



To see what we're doing at the Lowell Education Foundation, please visit our website: www.lowelleducationfoundation.org



United Way's Kent County Tax Credit Coalition is call 897-8260.

PHOTOS NEEDED

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is looking for photographs of the snowstorms of 1967 and 1978 and the tornado of 1956. They are compiling weather related photos to be shown in a program, 'Storms and Tornados of Lowell,' by George Lessens, on May 3, at the Lowell Township Hall at 7:30 pm. If you can help, please bring photos to the museum to be scanned or call 897-7688.

Feel free to send your event information to the Ledger for Along Main St. All submission requests for Along Main St. are subject to space limitations and The Ledger makes no assurances that they will appear in print. To ensure that an event notification will appear in the Ledger, it is best to place a paid advertisement. All efforts will be made to place suitable items in the Along Main St. column but they are printed at the discretion of the publisher. For profit events, church services, yard sales and the like, will not appear in this column.

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For the fourth year in performances and video a row, musicians from the clips of our Lowell winter Lowell music programs guard teams, Almost wowed an audience of Home and Exit 52. There 400. The Lowell Music was a group formed especially for this concert, a high school symphony orchestra, which played March 29, showcased the the Russian Sailor's

The purpose of Pratt, the Collage concert is superintendent of Lowell twofold, to give the Lowell Area Schools, emceed the community a sampling of evening. The LMS jazz the various musical arts band started with a selection taught in our schools and called The Preacher. The to raise funds that support our students and provide by extra musical experiences soprano Lauren Weaver, that fall outside the school budget. The performers Sulisz and trumpeter Zach proved that Lowell has Clarinetists, truly talented musicians. Kelsey Menkle, Kimmy The success of the Becker programs is credited and Ben Proefke, played to a fine teaching staff: a lively quartet. Bands, Wendy Tenney, orchestras orchestras and choirs from (substitute Bob Ward); the middle school and high Haley Sulisz, choirs; Kate school performed some of Bredwell, middle school their favorite selections, bands; and Tim Haan,

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Tower Farm, continued

Mouw, who sits on the board of Michigan Historic with his benevolence," said Beltline, a winery barn up the trail runs along one Preservation Network.

"He has a soft spot for barns," said Tamke. "I have barns since 1972 part-time a soft spot for old things."

Tamke called Mouw for an estimate to fix the barns deteriorating. He has Park. Tower Barn. And Mouw was willing to donate time and material, but still fix cost basis," said Mouw. the barn for half of the estimated price, for \$30,000. According to Tamke, Mouw has fixed and moved over 500 barns in Michigan and out of state as well.

engines which he uses for barn restoration projects.

Tamke.

and for the last seven years full-time due to a lot of a crew of 18 guys.

"I gave them a bid on a he said.

Half of the barn is rotted out, so it will be repaired and the roof redone. Mouw has always been fascinated by paint. The barn will have a the beam work that was cut new roof and everything. out from trees into perfect Mouw also collects fire squares only with an axe.

Some of Mouw's

Michigan small businesses can help make America safer

Senate Armed Services Committee, I spend a lot of time thinking about what Congress can do to make our country more secure. And as a senator from Michigan. I spend a lot of time thinking opportunities that resulted about how we can help our state grow and create jobs.

get really excited when those two goals come together, which is why I was helping those businesses so pleased by an event a grow. few weeks ago in Detroit. A small business summit there brought together Defense officials. Department including the Pentagon's top procurement official, along with major defense contractors and Michigan great extent on innovation.



As chairman of the small businesses looking for new opportunities.

> Hundreds from representatives Michigan businesses took part. The summit. and the relationships and from it, hold the promise of giving our military greater access to work by innovative Michigan businesses while

Let's talk first about how close collaboration between the military and our small businesses can improve our national security. It's no secret that our military depends to a

"He has really helped moving a barn from the Association (NCTA) since north, a tractor museum on border of the farm. Mouw has been fixing 52nd Street, and an antique shop in Grand Haven.

> He likes the setting of the Tower barn in Fallasburg

"It's a very nice area,"

The restoration project will render a complete from the ground up preservation of the barn except for the

Tower Farm into a museum that could accommodate interesting projects included the North Country Trail of upkeep of the properties.

> That's true whether you're missions

especially important now Department of the federal government, and the military. needs to find ways to save.

business comes in.

the innovation engines of the American economy. Pound for pound, no other segment of our economy comes up with more new. exciting ideas than our

talking about the latest high that participated in the the Arsenal of Democracy, have not gone away. One tech weapons or just about a Detroit summit and countless as an example. new piece of equipment that others in Michigan can play can help our troops survive a vital role in creating the Michigan is home to the an attack or that frees technical innovation that them up to focus on their our military needs to keep us safe. The major defense And innovation is contractors and Defense agencies when every federal dollar represented at the summit is precious and the Defense are a vital link between the Department, just like the rest small business community

country faces, and with the vehicle That's where small urgent need to do what we designing the high-efficiency companies can invest in do more efficiently, we can't cars and trucks that are the even more innovation and afford to miss any chance to Small businesses are do what we do better. So the relationships established at the summit aren't just good for business and jobs in Michigan- they're good for our country.

small businesses. And it's that Michigan has a major important that our military role to play in our nation's harnesses the innovative defense. I look back to energy of our small business World War II, when our

Driver's licenses to sport new look

Michigan Standard driver's licenses and state identification cards will feature a new look and added security features beginning this month when they start circulating, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced.

"The new licenses integrity, further ensuring a good opportunity to add the



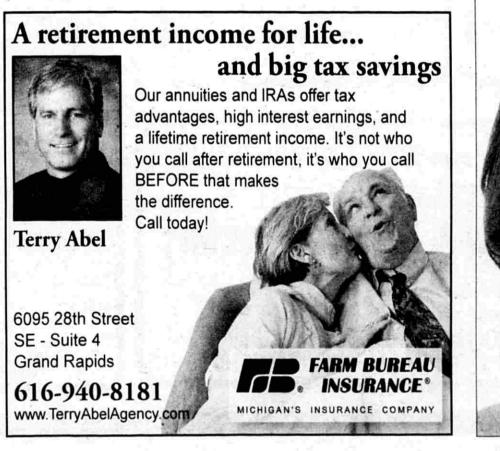
cardholders are who they say they are," Johnson said. "During the changeover period, the licenses' fresh design is the only thing customers will notice. The cost to renew a license or get one for the first time won't change."

Johnson said the state's have the latest safeguards new contract with its license available to protect their card manufacturer provided

new security features, which make creation of fraudulent

licenses even more difficult. The basic look of the new license and ID card includes an intricate line pattern and outline of the state of Michigan with the Great Lakes. If a person has joined the Michigan

Organ Donor Registry, a red heart symbol and the word "Donor" will appear on the



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office for the

NCTA "It could also be a trail side hostel. It will fit in nicely

with the trail and bring more people to Fallasburg.

curse, according to Tamke. village into the park because shared."



lower portion of the card. Features of the new license and ID card include:

> New look, continued, page 6

At one historical society owned six houses and several "It would be a perfect properties, including rental. Some attempts were made to organization," said Tamke. turn the village into a living village like Greenfield with demonstrations.

on maintaining the rural feel funds The remote location of of this hidden hamlet, only the Fallasburg village has the core of the village will be giving," said Tamke. "It's a been both a blessing and a kept up from deterioration. cool village connected to the

The village borders with with the trail. Our goal is evolve and change focus. If Kent County Parks, but the ultimately to preserve it as a we save it, they will come." The hope is to turn the historical society has not slice of what life was like." been able to incorporate the Tamke said. "It needs to be

Now. as best manufacturing work like defense. force on earth. It holds an immense reservoir of talent - design, engineering and manufacturing expertise prime contractors, we can secondtonone. We know how create a "virtuous cycle" in to build things in Michigan. which Michigan companies We're emerging as a global make their contributions leader in the transformation to the defense effort; they With all the threats our of manufacturing, especially grow, prosper and add jobs; wants and needs.

And by contributing our expertise, Michigan can do well, too. We all know how tough the last I have always felt few years have been on our state's economy. But those

So, the focus is on the Misner House, Fallas House, Tower Farm and the schoolhouse.

Later, the historical society will tackle educational programs and how to preserve the village But, due to refocusing long-term using endowment

"It's a gift that keeps on "We're a good fit park and trails. We had to

The small businesses factories transformed into strengths I just mentioned way we can leverage those then, strengths is by transferring our know-how into areas

By connecting Michigan small businesses with our military and with manufacturing, and those growing, thriving vehicles of the future. That new technologies that bring is experience our military even greater improvements in national security.

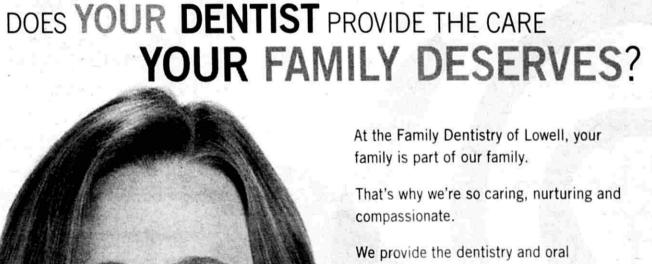
Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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Get a jumpstart on your gardening plans in an earthfriendly way. Learn organic tips for growing, harvesting and using your favorite herbs and vegetables. For ages 10 to adult. Registration suggested. Tues., April 26, 7 pm.

Pajama Storytime

For families who can't come to the library during the day. Pajama Storytime offers an evening of stories and fun. Bring your teddy bear or other snuggly friend; pajamas optional. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Wed., April 27, 6:30 pm.

Pokemon! Yu-Gi-Oh! Bakugan!

Calling all experienced Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh and Bakugan players join our gaming group to play, trade and meet other fans of these popular games. For ages 6 and up. Wed., April 20, 6:30 pm.

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It is not everyday that elementary students get to from "pet" a 21 feet long python, Wildlife Safari, but this is exactly what a hands-on zoo, Murray Lake students did that last Monday. The python many was one of several visitors animals. Thekids who came to Murray Lake saw and touched as a March is Reading a Month reward for the a red tegu, a students.

The Murray Lake an anteater, a students had a goal of 500 hours of at home reading each week. The students met the goal and then some. For the month the students combined to read over 3,400 hours. They dinner. also earned over 4,000 Accelerated Reader (AR) points for the month; this is double the amount of points earned in a "typical" month.

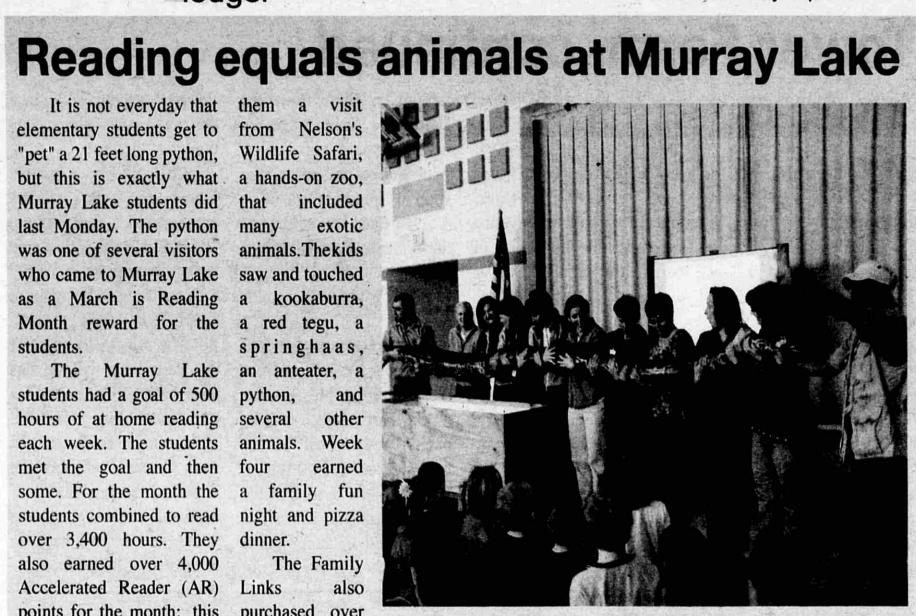
Family Links sponsors the students if they meet drawing for the prizes. each week's goal. The

them Nelson's included exotic kookaburra, springhaas, python, other several Week animals. four earned family fun a night and pizza

The Family Links also purchased over \$800 worth of

prizes to give away to the students. Each time a student The Murray Lake accumulated one hour of reading, they were able to some special rewards for fill out a ticket to put into the

"I truly appreciate all the students earned a spirit help our Family Links gives week after week one's goal us during March is Reading was met. They earned a no Month. The incentives truly homework night and an motivate our students to read extra recess for week two's much more during March hours. Week three earned I was overwhelmed with



students.

the number of hours our students read," commented Noskey.

Third grader Olivia Julia Pytlik. DeCator said, "I love March is Reading Month. I really like to read, so I just try to read even more during break. March."



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Murray Lake staff and parents hold up a 400 pound, 21 feet long python in front of the

"I like all the things we can earn and I really like Murray Lake principal Brent trying to earn a lot of AR points," said third grader

Murray Lake students will have their fun night and pizza party after spring

to the editor

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To the Editor.

Here we go again. In a Grand Rapids Press article values have rebounded to dated March 22, 2011, and anywhere near 2006 levels, in this week's Ledger, it was I must have missed that reported that the Lowell memo. City Council has once again begun discussing a sidewalk is quoted in the GR Press repair ordinance in which as referring to the proposed sidewalk repair is tied to ordinance as a "catchup the sale of the real property system." Perhaps on which it is situated. Two council should focus on years ago the council took helping property values up this idea and wisely "catch up" to where they abandoned it. What has used to be, instead of changed since then? Have creating further regulation. property values rebounded Maybe the council should to the point where the realize that the last thing council finds it acceptable to many residents, who are in place yet another hurdle in dire financial straits, need

the path of potential home sellers in the city? If property

Mayor pro tem Ellison the

bounces back and Lowell focus on solving the bigger is not that time. problems.

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Understand that am a firm believer in law and order, as anyone who knows me could attest.

is another, even relatively understand that sidewalks minor, encumbrance on are the responsibility of their properties. Jim Harger the homeowner. With that reported in the GR Press on being said, the council has March 24 that nearly one out exercised its discretion of twelve domiciles in Kent in the past by placing a County is vacant. If I were moratorium on enforcement the Lowell City Council, I of the existing ordinance. would be much more worried would encourage the council about broken, vacant houses to exercise its discretion than broken sidewalks at this once again, not by creating of them, then the council There hopefully will be a could consider taking some time when such an ordinance action. Until then, let's may be appropriate, but now



125 Years Ago **The Lowell Journal** April 9, 1886

Frank McKelvey is attending Business College at Ionia

The Lowell prohibitionists decided not to place a village ticket in the field this time.

W.P. Perrin and family now occupy the P.J. Coppens' residence. The house has just been repainted and greatly improved in appearance.

An attempt to remove a young lady from this place, to another state, was made one day last week by a man from the east accompanied by Kent County's sheriff. The officer not being armed with the requisite authority meant the scheme was a failure.

100 Years Ago **The Lowell Ledger** April 6, 1911

Fresh new stock garden seeds just received at the Nash seed store. No old seeds.

Willis Faulkner of Charlotte, nephew of Mrs. Ransom Vaughan, spent last week with friends here.

Dr. Draper, V.S., is now located in his new building on Bridge Street, with veterinary hospital, blacksmith shop and stand-in barn.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo April 2, 1936

The young Grand Rapids' cheese truck driver, who feelings and that takes time. We need to take time each day witnessed the murder of Charles Knapp on E. Main to do nothing but process our feelings. From this quietness Street, May 24, 1932 and who was driven insane by the we become aware of how we are feeling and this is essential tragedy, has been restored to mental health and has for the success of our "inner rudder." resumed his former position. Aware that, at the time Secondly, we need to have an accurate self-assessment. Officer Knapp tried to halt the fugitive bank robbers People who have this ability know where they are strong and without a drawn revolver. Radio WRDS, the Michigan where they are weak. Most of all, they are "reflective." They State Police, was broadcasting a complete description are able to think about how they are thinking, so they can which might have forewarned and saved Mr. Knapp make the changes necessary to make themselves contenders the truckdriver became obsessed with the idea that all in the world of business. Also, because they have a high automobiles should be equipped with police radios. He personal esteem, they are able to take candid feedback. quit his job and tried to force adoption of his plan by They welcome new perspectives so they can learn and grow personal interviews. He was committed to Kalamazoo continuously State hospital and discharged as cured a short time Finally, self-confidence is really an ability that comes

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger April 13, 1961

In summary, leaders that have a well-defined inner rudder The Gilbert Van Weelden home on 36th St. was badly gain support and praise when dealing with tough business damaged by fire Sunday afternoon while the family, dealings. Next month, we will review what it means to have including the dog, was visiting friends in Grand Haven. "political savvy." If you have any questions or concerns, The home had just been remodeled and redecorated please send an email to kathryndenhouter@gmail.com inside. The fire was discovered by the Donald Conrad family, who live nearby, when they saw smoke coming from the back of the house. When firemen arrived the house was full of smoke but being shut up tight, burned Letters To The Editor: up through the floor. Lowell firemen ventilated the house and quickly brought the fire under control, in spite of a bad east wind. Damage to the home was estimated at The Lowell Ledger welcomes your Letters to \$1500 by fire chief Frank Baker and was covered by the Editor. Letters are required to bear the author's insurance, Van Weelden said. A gun collection valued signature, phone number and address (for verification at several hundred dollars was recovered unharmed.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger April 9, 1986

The front of Lowell Waterbeds was adorned with new awnings on Monday, adding them to the ever growing list of Main St. businesses that have spruced up their buildings with the aid of Community Development fund money. The building is owned by Tom and Pat Covel who reside in the upstairs apartment and lease the main floor to Lowell Waterbeds. Our Main Street looks a little nicer as each of these awnings goes up.

Sincerely, Keith Valentine Midland, Texas

ask kathryn

Kathryn Denhouter Ph.D.

This article will discuss the "inner rudder." This is a term that Daniel Goleman uses in his book, Working with point. When the economy yet another burdensome city Emotional Intelligence. Successful leaders have developed ordinance, but by extending a sense of inner knowing that helps them make decisions property values begin to the current moratorium for that in large part are "right." As Goleman says, "When it "catch up" with the debt that at least one year to allow for comes to decisions - our deepest sense of what feels right already encumbers many further economic recovery. and what is "off" - provide critical information that we must not ignore." The ability to activate this self-awareness requires the following skills:

> · Emotional Awareness - we are aware how our emotions affect our performance and the awareness of how our values determine our decisions.

> An Accurate Self-assessment - knowing our personal strengths and weaknesses is essential so that we know what we need to improve and the ability to learn from experience.

 Self-Confidence - essentially it is the certainty with which we use our capabilities which incorporates our values and goals.

First of all, emotional awareness - what is it? We have inside of us a "stream of feelings." Our thoughts and feelings often run parallel to each other and it is from these ups and downs throughout our day that we make decisions and impact other workers. It is key that we become aware of our

from a strong, reality-based sense of self-worth. They have a presence and a strength that is noticed. Because they have this sense of self, they are unshakeable when their values put them "out on a limb" for what is right. They are keenly decisive and reality based in their goals and actions.

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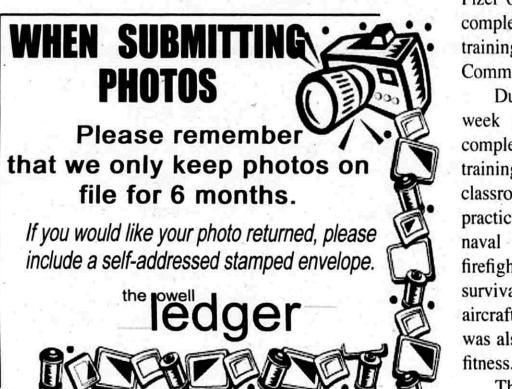
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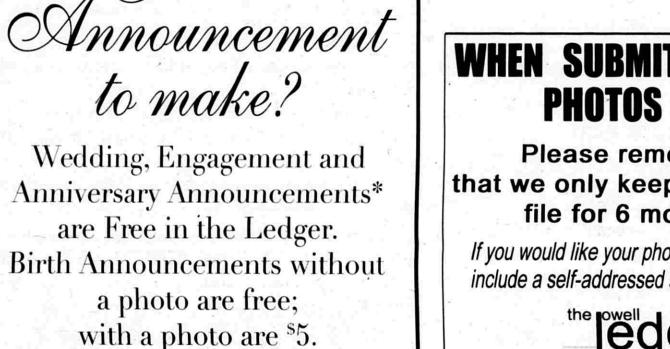
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When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me'.

- Erma Bombeck Hill of Lowell and James D.







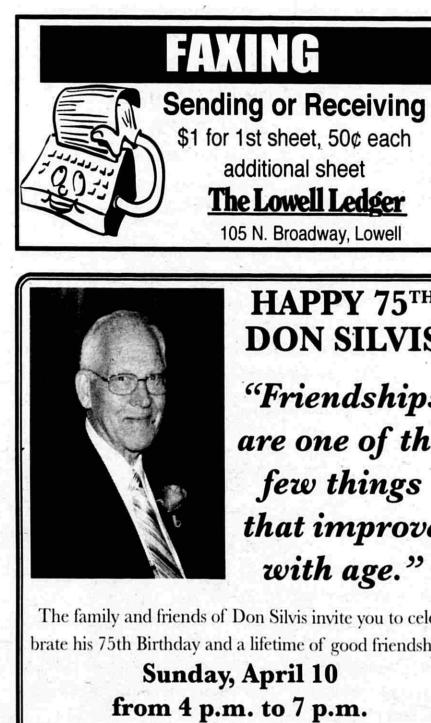


in the service

M. Fizer Rau, son of Deb J. Fizer of Rockford, recently completed U.S. Navy basic Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eightraining which included classroom study practical instruction naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical

of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and



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new standard The and ID card will not change. license and ID cards do not radio-frequency contain identification (RFID) chips. For images of the new licenses or more

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and on

Navy Seaman Jason confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, training at Recruit Training dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical week program, Fizer Rau application of basic Navy completed a variety of skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Fizer Rau is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2008 graduate of Calvin College, Grand The capstone event Rapids, with a BA degree in philosophy.

Posthumus "came home" to do the right things and Wednesday and addressed fair things," he said. "It's the Lowell Rotary Club. The refreshing to be part of a former lieutenant governor leadership team that makes and senate majority leader decisions based on what's had worked the last six best for Michigan, not years in the private sector, formulated around politics until joining newly elected and re-election popularity." Governor Snyder as his senior advisor. "I had to be explain the administration's convinced, after declining 180 day plan and making the offer initially, but I'm the tough decisions within glad I joined the team," the first six months of office. proclaimed Posthumus.

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Posthumus is stranger to Lowell, as he was raised in Alto and still Business Tax and we are resides on the family farm. reviewing every department "It's always good to come to find any rule or regulation home and it's always good that hinders job growth and to visit my hometown rotary bringing jobs to Michigan." club," he said. "It's been a Posthumus then emphasized long time."

Posthumus Governor. "Rick Snyder is businesses can't and great to work for; he has a won't and neither can the very high IQ; relates well public sector." Posthumus

The Honorable Dick about politics and wants

Posthumus went on to "Jobs are most important," no explained Posthumus. "We eliminated the Michigan the need to get the fiscal gave books in order. "We can't some of his behind-the- keep spending more than scenes observations of the we are taking in. Private with people; doesn't care continued to layout plans



To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, every eight Americans aged of your own retirement taking action. Also, find parents are incapacitated,

support to them as young that you could potentially face enormous strains, both emotionally and financially.

suggestions:

Sandwich much financial support parents - and even after helping these "boomerang" their savings. That's why yourself first" by deferring

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The students will come from Germany, Venezuela, Hong Kong, Brazil, South Korea, Norway, Thailand, China, Denmark, Russia, Netherlands, Georgia and most countries in Europe, Asia, South America, and Mexico. The students are from 48 countries.

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You may be too busy to realize it, but April is consider this: One out of Stress Awareness Month. Month is designed promote awareness about "Sandwich Generation," ways of "de-stressing" providing some financial yourself.

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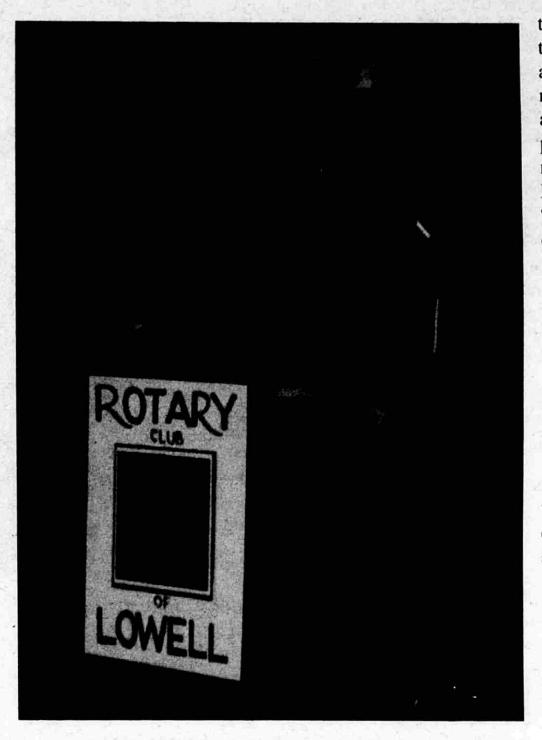
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Dick Posthumus "comes home" to Lowell Rotary

and reform pronounced as necessities to turn "We need also need the ability the right reasons." to renegotiate labor contract in a manner that will be fair to everyone," he said.

reiterated several that times their are coming from concluded.

restructure Governor Snyder's plan government to run Michigan like a concepts to business. "No one on Rick education, Snyder's team cares about all of which were re-election, lobbyists or politics," he said. "Everyone will feel it and everyone Michigan around. needs to participate, if we to want Michigan to get back on consolidate services track for everyone's future. and use best practices We are making tough and that have been fair decisions, but knowing proven to work; we we are making changes for

Posthumus thanked rotary for the invitation and the opportunity to "come home" and speak Posthumus to "old friends." "This is my hometown and I'm grateful to have so many decisions and fixes friends around Lowell," he

Governor Rick Snyder's senior advisor Dick Posthumus speaks of changes at last week's Lowell Rotary Club.

moving sooner, rather than later.

Stress Awareness • Delegate. You Month only lasts 30 days, some responsibility for your steps, you can de-stress To help ease this • Talk. Many parents' care - but you yourself for many years to Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Not life, but good life, is to be chiefly valued.

-Socrates

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED! FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE), a non-profit Government designated program is looking for host families to share their home with Foreign exchange students for the September 2011 to June 2012 High School year. Now is the time to select your student from many who are waiting for a host family. You will be able to communicate with your student by e-mail, telephone, and mail and know each other before their arrival in August. The students are 15 to 18 years of age and will attend the High School in your

The host family is responsible for board, room and guidance. The students have their own medical insurance and spending money. There is no typical host family. Empty nesters, single parents, large families, retired parents may apply. Your local PIE representative will help you to match a student for your family. There are students that are into sports of all kinds, music, the arts, like animals, etc. They all want to learn about our culture and share their own with a host family.

If you are interested in being a host family or have questions please call your Regional Manager Trish Blundy at 616-527-0012 or 1-800-382-7439.

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Daisy Floral makes comeback with new designer

by Emma Palova

Daisy Floral owner Stephanie Heaton is back at the 505 W. Main location in the strip mall.

Heaton started her business 10 years ago out of a garage in Saranac and moved the business to Lowell in 2001. She also owns Flower Garden Floral in Rockford.

"It has grown immensely," she said.

She now has a floral designer, Scott Kuderik, who has 26 years of experience; a business partner, Jeff Barger; and employee, Sonya Baldwin.

"Scott has traveled all over the world taking classes to bring new culture," said Heaton.

HHD

Kuderik has visited Spain, Mexico and Amsterdam.

It takes a lot to be a successful florist in a small town. Topping the list are passion, dedication, a great designer, good employees, and education to keep up with trends.

"It's more about creativity than floral now," she said. "It takes a lot of drive."

The trends nowadays non-traditional. modern contemporary designing.

Kuderik said floral should be more of an art form than just floral. "It's our passion," he

said.

Kuderik's favorite

2011 LAS SPRING



Designer Scott Kuderik with Daisy Floral owner Stephanie Heaton and Bird of Paradise.

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n a m her Daisy, passed opened store.

did and the work on the cooler.



CITY OF LOWELL **KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE ADOPTION AND OF SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 11-**04 APPROVING THIRD AMENDMENT** LOWELL DOWNTOWN TO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT AND TAX **INCREMENT FINANCING PLANS** FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

The Lowell City Council adopted Ordinance No. 11-04 approving the Third Amendment to Lowell Downtown **Development Authority Development and** Tax Increment Financing Plans for Downtown Improvements. Ordinance No. 11-04 extends the period of the completion of projects included in the Plans, as may in the future be further amended to include additional projects, to June 30, 2033, and extends the period in which tax increment revenues are captured and used for such projects to December 31, 2033. A copy of Ordinance No. 11-04 is available from the City Clerk at City Hall, 301 East Main Street in the City during regular business hours.

Ordinance No. 11-04 is effective 10 days after this publication.

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk



DYS VARSITY GOLF

4/13 at 12:30 p.m. Kent County Classic 4/16 at 11 a.m. Lowell Invitational* **TBA Pre-conference at Thornapple Point** 4/25 at 3:30 p.m. Portland* /27 at 3:30 p.m. GR Christian/Creston 5/2 at 3:30 p.m. EGR 5/4 at 3:30 p.m. Northview/Creston 5/5 at 3:15 p.m. Kenowa Hills 5/9 at 3:30 p.m. EGR* 5/11 at 3:30 p.m. Greenville 5/16 at 3:30 p.m. Greenville/Northview 5/18 at 3:30 p.m. GR Christian 5/20 at 3:30 p.m. Caledonia* 5/23 time TBA Conference at Thornapple Point

For More Information please visit www.lowellschools.com Be sure to read the Lowell Ledger for coverage of the LAS Spring Sports.

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL 4/7 at 2:30 p.m. at Detroit Western (Macomb Tournament)

> 17 at 4:45 p.m. at Cousino (Macomb Tournament) me TBA Macomb Tournament at 4 p.m. Ionia - double header at 10 a.m. Lowell Invitational* :30 p.m. Creston* - double header 21 at 4:15 p.m. at Crestor p.m. GR Christian - double heade at 4:15 p.m. GR Christian 30 p.m. EGR*- double head 5/5 at 4:15 p.m. at EGR at 4:15 p.m. at Northview - double heade

5/12 at 4:15 p.m. Northview* 5/14 time TBA Aquinas Tournament 5/17 at 4:30 p.m. Greenville* - double header 5/19 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville 5/21 at 11 a.m. Grand Ledge* - double heade 5/23 at 4:15 p.m. Forest Hills Eastern* - double header 5/28 at 10 a.m. Oxford High School - double header

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER * Denotes a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

4/12 at 6:45 p.m. Wyoming Park* 4/13 at 6:45 p.m. Forest Hills Central 4/18 at 6:45 p.m. Kenowa Hills* 4/20 at 6:45 p.m. Creston* /22 at 6:15 p.m. GR Christian 4/27 at 6:45 p.m. EGR* 4/29 at 6:45 p.m. Fruitport 5/2 at 6:45 p.m. Northview 5/4 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville 5/9 at 6:45 p.m. Reeths Puffe 5/11 at 5:45 Creston 5/13 at 6:45 p.m. Cedar Springs 5/16 at 6:45 p.m. GR Christian 5/18 at 7:15 p.m. EGR 5/23 at 7:15 p.m. Northview 5/25 at 6:45 p.m. Greenville*

* Denotes a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium All meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated 4/14 Cresto 4/21 at Grand Rapids Christian 4/23 at 9 a.m. Caledonia Relays 4/26 EGR* 4/28 at Northview

BOYS & GIRLS TRACK

4/30 at 8:30 a.m. Lowell Invitationa 5/5 Greenville* 5/12 Conference at Greenville 5/26 time TBA Jon Bos Meet 5/13 at 6 p.m. Conference at Greenville

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL Denotes a home game at Cherry Creek Ball Field

4/12 at 4:15 p.m. Unity Christian* - double header 4/14 at 4 p.m. Ionia - double header 4/16 at 10 a.m. East Kentwood Invitationa 4/18 at 4:15 p.m. Byron Center 4/21 at 4:15 p.m. South Christian - double heade 4/22 at 7:15 p.m. FHC at Leonard Field 4/27 at 4:30 p.m. Jenison* - double header 4/28 at 4:15 p.m. Creston* 4/30 at 9 a.m. Lake Orion Tournament 5/3 at 4:15 p.m. Grand Rapids Christian - double header 5/5 at 4:15 p.m. EGR* 5/10 at 4:15 p.m. Northview - double h 5/12 at 4:15 p.m. Creston 5/14 time TBA Traverse City West I 5/16 at 4:30 p.m. Hudsonville* - do 5/17 at 4:15 p.m. Greenville* 5/19 at 4:15 p.m. E 5/25 at 4 p.m. Tichelaar Tour

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

4/13 at 4 p.m. Creston* 4/14 at 3:30 p.m. East Kentwood Quad 4/16 at 8:30 a.m. Lowell Invitational* 4/19 at 4 p.m. Cadillac at Ferris State University 4/20 at 4:15 p.m. at GR Christian 4/23 at 9:30 a.m. Caledonia Tournamer 4/27 at 4 p.m. EGR* 4/28 at 4 p.m. Jenison 4/30 at 9 a.m. Northview Tournament 5/2 at 4:30 p.m. Mona Shores* 5/4 at 4 p.m. Northview 5/5 at 4 p.m. Portland 5/9 at 4 p.m. Greenville

5/12 at 4 p.m. Hudsonville 5/14 at 9 a.m. Conference

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

4/13 EGR 4/15 GR Christian 4/18 Grand Haven 4/20 Catholic Central 4/25 Caledonia 4/27 West Ottawa 5/4 Northview 5/9 GR Christian 5/11 Grand Haven 5/16 Caledonia*

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5/18 West Ottawa

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Owner Rick Reynolds

Automotive

on M21 west, Rick's

Automotive offers a full

Technology in February.

Prior to opening his own

business, Reynolds worked

for Scotty's Auto in Saranac

vacant," he said. "It's a

together a business plan,

checked the prices of

equipment and he is

leasing the building from

The service includes

brakes

"This building was

So, Reynolds put

line of auto repair.

by Emma Palova

opened

for four years.

good location."

Kirk Collins.

alignments,

"ledge

flower is Bird Paradise Heaton likes gardenias and

Heaton floral business after grandmother close

the Barger the remodeling

"I like the people; it's environment," happy she said. "I also like the creativeness. We are the florists you can trust and count on.'

Daisy Floral does sympathies. weddings, corsages for proms, tuxedo rentals and works with

depend on the season, they can range from bulb gardens, gift baskets, to cut flowers and planters.

service," she said. "We are your original hometown florist.

RETURNABLE BOTTLE/CAN FUNDRAISER

Cherry Creek Elementary - 12675 Foreman Bushnell Elementary - 700 Elizabeth will be having a bottle/can fundraiser between April 11 thru April 30.

Funds raised will support education materials. Drop off times 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. either school. Thanks for your support.

Roth-Gerst. And favorites usually

'We offer friendly

electrical, front end suspension and tune-ups. "It's been good, a little slower after the ice storm," he said.

Reynolds likes meeting new faces every day. His long-term goals include goals are offering quality

Fair price means charging Spring Car Care section approximately \$60 per hour of labor.

get things done," he said, "but we all have to budget

Reynolds relies on auto repair at a fair price. advertising like in the and on word of mouth. He also does air conditioning "People still have to service and exhaust repair.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 11-190039-DE

Estate of DONALD

HOLMES, deceased.

Date of birth:

01/26/1930.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DONALD HOLMES, who lived at Twin Oaks Assisted Living, 14190 - 19 Mile Road, Gowen Michigan, died 03/07/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred

presented to unless **DOREEN STILL, named** personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

03/29/2011

R. John Stephan (P71686) 3875 W. River Dr. PO Box 327 **Comstock Park, MI** 49321 616-784-5080

> **Doreen Still** 6862 Terra Cotta Caledonia, MI 49316 616-915-2470



being in Lowell with his money more than ever.

business for the next 20 There is no extra money

years. His short-term for emergencies."

Rick Reynolds by an alignment machine.

Rick's Automotive brings full line of repair to Lowell

but Reynolds plans on bring. employing people expansion.

> "Being own vour business person is a

employee who works set technology from Lansing hours, Reynolds works Community College. extended hours.

said

He calculates a sixmonth period to grow. little tougher Reynolds, who lives and scarier," in Saranac, grew up in

Currently, the shop he said. "You don't know Lansing and graduated in is a one-man operation, what tomorrow is going to 1983 from Lansing Everett High School. He has a Unlike a regular two-year degree in applied

Reynolds also taught, "I like it that way," he at the community college, steering and suspension.

> HelikesLowellbecause of the class A school district and downtown nostalgia.

"I like the town," he said.

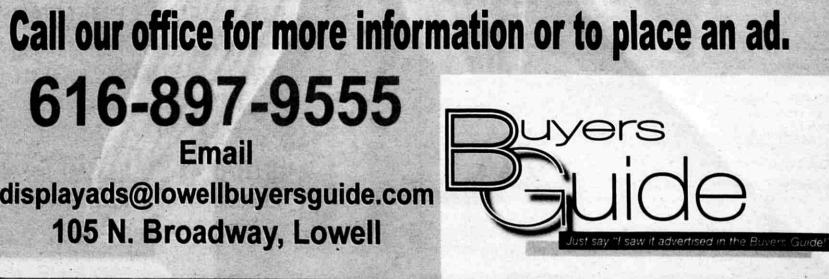
> Reynolds will eventually support local athletics.



Reynolds replaces a tire.

Advertise in our 2011 101 Things To Do Guide

This piece will be distributed May 14 in the The Ionia County Shoppers Guide & the Lowell Buyers Guide. Reaching over 30,000 homes & businesses in Eastern Kent County & all of Ionia County. This guide will contain Summer & Fall activities in the area.





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Each week, Shane Beach will visit Lowell High School athletes to find out a bit more about each one and get a closer look at the On Sportskids we're all so proud of in the

SPORTS

When did you start playing baseball and how did you get interested in the sport?

ED: Whenever I was old enough to play T-ball. I became interested because my parents and brother asked me to play and they played.

WP: Way back in Little League or T-Ball. My dad got me involved.

Red Arrow

What are your biggest strengths on the ball field?

ED: I usually hit well and set the team up for opportunities to score as best possible. I have good communication. One strength I'd like to have this year is staying healthy. Last year I broke my wrist, two-thirds of the way through the season and missed the remaining games.

WP: Probably being a good teammate and keeping everyone up and loose.

What are some of your goals going into the 2011 season? ED: Win conference, win districts and win weekend tournaments. WP: My goal is to win conference and have a good time with it being my last season of ball.

What makes the sport of baseball special?

ED: Many other sports you need to be a certain size to be really successful, but with baseball it doesn't matter. In baseball anyone of any size can be successful if they work hard enough.

WP: Probably when getting a hit. It's like Christmas morning running around and opening presents; it's that kind of excitement.

Describe the most exciting moment you've ever had in baseball.

ED: As a kid in a Clio baseball tournament I hit three home runs in five

WP: Nothing really. I just love every day of baseball.

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Baseball players are genuinely superstitious. What are your superstitions? ED: I wear the same black undershirt under my uniform. In the on deck circle, I warm up the same every time before I go to the plate and I do my pregame stuff in the same order every time when I get to the field.

WP: I guess for some reason I've always put three squirts of cologne on my left arm before each game.

What MLB (Major League Baseball) player do you most resemble and why? ED: Austin Jackson is my favorite. And now that I've moved to the outfield

This Week: Elliott Drain and Will Plummer Lowell Varsity Baseball

I can relate even more to him. He is fast and has no fear of anything. He stays confident and keeps coming back to succeed, even if he had a bad day, striking out or whatever.

WP: Coach Biedeman (JV assistant baseball coach). Can I put that in for fun?

Do you think MLB players' salaries are out of control?

ED: Actually, I do think they are overpaid. Look at the leaders in our country that make things the way they are, like teachers, police officers, firefighters, and our military, to name just a few. Teachers train our future kids and they don't get paid near enough nor do many of these professions. I always felt the people that should get paid the most, don't.

WP: I really don't know. I really don't watch a lot of baseball or follow that kind of stuff.

Being senior leaders, what are some of the

challenges that come with that role? ED: Keeping the team together. Baseball is a game of failure, so I need to · always help keep team morale up after errors or anything that may get them down. WP: Making sure everyone's head is up. Keeping them happy and keeping people up after making mistakes.

Has anything surprised you early in the season thus far?

ED: Not really. Of course, we expect to play better and we will, we just have a few minor adjustments to make and we will be fine. WP: Not really, except we've had a few more errors than expected so far, but we'll get that squared away.

What should our community know about the Lowell baseball program?

ED: We train a lot in the weight room and have a lot of ball practice leading up to this point. Spring break we have four hour practices plus travel to Detroit to play games.

WP: Our games are free to watch, so please come and watch us play.

Mom, dad, brothers and/or sisters?

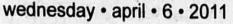
ED: Parents, Doris and David; older brother, Ethan; and sister, Elly, WP: Parents, Jill and Tom; and sister, Becky.

Anything else?

ED: We are working hard as a team. Please come out and support us. WP: Not really, just having a great time with my last season of Lowell basebal



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health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang. Wavne A. Christenson I John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie Vocal cord dysfunction

Vocal cord dysfunction is when the vocal cords partially close while you are stress, anxiety, and exercise. breathing. This may cause shortness of breath, tightness in the throat, or a choking Vocal sensation. cord dysfunction can sometimes dysfunction two tests may be mistaken for asthma.

Many things can cause vocal irritants in it. These may amount of air moving in include smoke, dust, or and out of the lungs. This

ammonia. Other possible causes include acid reflux. Some people are more sensitive to these triggers than others.

To diagnose vocal cord need to be done. One is a pulmonary function test cord dysfunction. to see how well the lungs It may happen when you are working. For this test, you how to breathe more breathe in air that has you measure the speed and easily and help you relax.

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test is useful in telling the difference between vocal cord issues and asthma. The second test is a

flexible laryngoscopy. A small, flexible tube is passed through the nose to look at the vocal cords while you breathe. This test helps the doctor to know if the vocal cords are not working correctly.

To treat vocal cord dysfunction, you should avoid anything that may be causing your symptoms. The doctor may also prescribe medicine to reduce stomach acid, lower anxiety, or control allergies. Speech therapy may be needed if symptoms continue. Therapists can help teach

Earth talk

groups and in the press. What are their eco-crimes, in the making?

Newark, NJ

Originally created to in finance the rebuilding of Europe after World War II, the World Bank later took world. Unfortunately, many of the Bank's policies and practices in intervening years criticism, the World Bank clashed with conservation priorities. But the more recent onslaught of global warming threats. along with greater overall public environmental awareness, has forced the World Bank to factor sustainability concerns into how encourages moving forward.

According to (IPS), a non-profit think tank, the World Bank has

Dear EarthTalk: The been widely criticized the Bank's first round of World Bank is often cast for funding a series of greening included the in a bad light by green environmentally damaging creation of a special unit projects in the, 1980s, to oversee environmentally including the building and are there any reforms of dams on the Narmada development, and the River in India, road -- J. Bloch, building into the Brazilian technical Amazon and transmigration credentials to supplement projects have led to a that with these changes in variety of adverse impacts place, the bank has been in borrower countries, able to start developing a on a larger mandate to try to including deforestation and alleviate poverty around the displacement of indigenous sector projects "ranging peoples," reports the group. from support for national

adopted a set of policies and parks." procedures in the late 1980s to better assess the potential adverse environmental impacts of its projects. The Bank further developed a series of polices to guide investment in such areas as forestry and energy. development "For example, the bank's forestry policy prohibits the the International Finance the institution from financing Institute for Policy Studies logging in primary tropical forests," adds IPS.

Other highlights of

and socially sustainable recruitment of staff with environmental Indonesia. "These economists. IPS reports portfolio of environment-In response to the environmental agencies to investments in national

> But an independent internal review of the World Bank's sustainability impacts between 1990 and 2007 found that even these new sustainability-oriented policies fell flat. Researchers found that the bank's private-sector funding arm,

> > Earth talk, continued, page 14

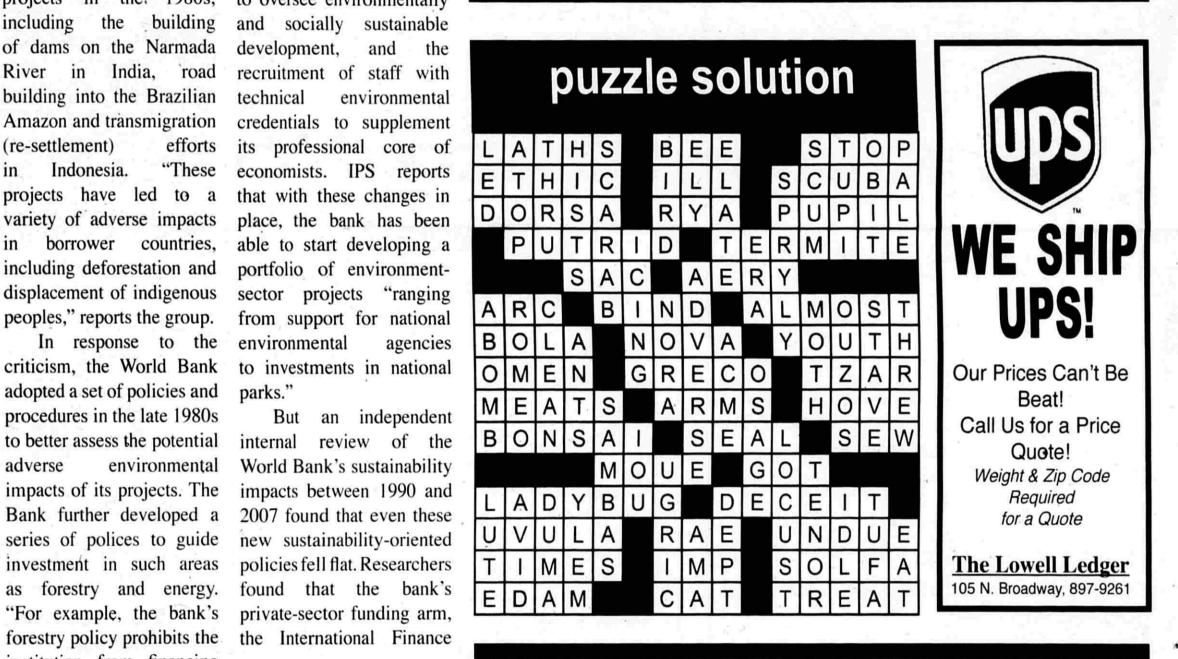




Valerie Crumback.

member of the National Honor Society, has been on the honor roll and plans to major in journalism and broadcast media. She was voted as the Class of 2011 Most Outgoing student and was a four year head news anchor.

Crumback was a two-time team captain at Lowell and played lacrosse selecting SHU, "I picked Siena Heights because it campus." gave me the opportunity

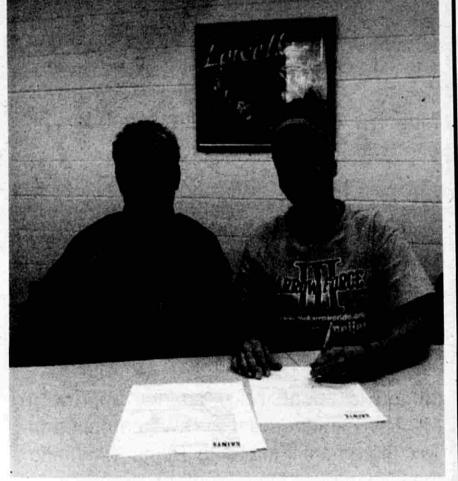




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Dayna Crumback has signed to attend Siena Heights as a lacrosse player. The Lowell High School senior is the daughter of Tracy and Crumback is a



all around West Michigan. career. What I like most She commented on about SHU is the close knit community and the beautiful

Siena to get a great education head coach Cindy Hill the field and inside the and continue my lacrosse commented, "Dayna is an classroom."

awesome individual! Her leadership and enthusiasm will propel our new team forward. I look for great Heights things to come of her on

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Matt Terpstra

The Grand Auto Family is excited to announce that Matt Terpstra is back with our team! Matt will be at our Wittenbach GMC store in Lowell. He looks forward to hearing from all of his past customers and meeting new ones. He also wants you to know that he can assist you with new Buick, GMC, Chevy, Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep and pre-owned vehicles. Matt lives in Hudsonville with

his wife Kate and 3 children. He enjoys playing basketball, biking, running and spending time with his family. He's also a big Michigan State fan and still thinks the Lions will win a Superbowl in the next decade. You can reach Matt at ...

616-421-7612 or mterpstra@grandautofamily.com.



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DRAFT SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011

Motion to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Ellison.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motions to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting as presented.

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to adopt the ordinance approving the Third Amendment to Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans extending the Downtown Development Authority to June 30, 2033.

Motion to approve the application for temporary authorization to the Liquor Control Commission for Flat River Grill on the Showboat during the Summer Concert Series and Riverwalk Festivals.

Motion to approve the fireworks display which will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at Stoney Lakeside Park.

Motion to set a public hearing for April 18, 2011 to consider an Outdoor Furnace Ordinance.

Motion to provide \$3,955 from the Public Works Account toward the purchase of an ExMark mower from Kubota West Michigan for \$7,910.

Motion to provide complete replacement of valve assembly in the chlorine room of the Water Treatment Plant from RS Technical Services, Inc. at a cost of \$2,430 allocated from the Water Fund.

Motion to allocate \$15,000 to purchase water meters and related parts for Water Distribution.

Motion to allocate \$4,495 from the Water Fund for the purchase of an Aquaphone 100 Professional Leak Detector Kit.

Motion to set a public hearing for April 18, 2011 to consider an Ordinance fo sidewalk inspection and compliance upon sale or transfer of abutting property.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on April 4, 2011 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall.



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Betty R. Morlock **City Clerk**

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obituaries

HINELINE

Richard Harry Hineline, age 86, of Alto, known as "Alto Dick," passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011. He is survived by his daughters, Jo Hineline and Kim Burton; and grandchildren, Justin Hineline-Gilchrist and Tricia Ray. The family met with friends and relatives Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Alto American Legion, 6052 Linfield Ave., Alto, MI 49503.



STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT PUBLICATION OF

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of GERALDINE

FILE NO. 11-190058-GA

WITKOWSKI

TO ALL INTERESTED including: SE PERSONS MARTIN WITKOWSKI Ada, MI 49301 whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: hearing will be held on



The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regular scheduled meeting of Monday, April 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

An ordinance to add a definition of "Outdoor Furnace" to Section 2.16, "Definitions - O," of Chapter 2, "definitions," and to add Section 4.25, "Outdoor Furnaces," to Chapter 4, "General Provisions," of "Appendix a - Zoning Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell

And

An ordinance to add Article III, "Sidewalk Inspection and Compliance upon sale or transfer of abutting property," to Chapter 19, "Streets, Sidewalks and other Public Places," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library or on the City's web page www.ci.lowell.mi.us under public notices.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock

City Clerk



05/05/2011 at 9:00 a.m. at 180 Ottawa Avenue NW. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 before Judge David M. Murkowski (P35026) for the following purpose: to appoint a guardian GERALDINE for WITKOWSKI.

04/04/2011

John D. Flynn (P27413) 1275 Hawthorne Hills 616-897-6632

Leslie Patten 121 Franklin SE Grand Rapids, MI 49507 616-248-1308

receiving their benefit payments will continue to receive their payment as usual on their payment day. People

only way.

March 1, 2013.

Supplemental

March 1, 2013.

Anyone

(of their choice) or into gov



April 7th and 21st May 5th and 19th June 3rd*, 16th and 30th July 14th and 28th August 11th and 25th September 9th* and 22nd

Yard waste pickup is always on Thursday, unless there is a holiday that week, and then pickup day will be Friday. Yard waste bags are \$20.00 for a bundle of ten (10) and are available at City Hall, Springrove Variety and Meijer.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall (897-8457).

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Electronic payments are a must

Soon, direct deposit (or org to learn more. Direct Express) will not receive Federal benefit

Department of the Treasury

Anyone applying receive their payments checks will need to switch

> already electronically

For years, Social a Direct Express "Debit Security has stressed the MasterCard" card account convenience, security, and (a Treasury-recommended safety of getting benefit prepaid card option). You payments electronically, can visit www.GoDirect.

Social Security, SSI, only be the best way to Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, Office payments — it will be the of Personnel Management benefits, and other non-tax That's because the U.S. payments are included.

For most people announced a new rule getting monthly benefits, that will phase out paper this won't really be a checks for Federal benefit change; already eight out and non-tax payments by of 10 beneficiaries receive payments electronically.

If you still get for Social Security or your check in the mail, Security you don't need to wait Income (SSI) benefits on for the new rule to go or after May 1, 2011, will into effect to enjoy the of electronic benefits electronically, while those payments. Please visit already receiving paper www.godirect.org today and begin getting your to electronic payments by Social Security and SSI payments the safe, easy, inexpensive, and green way - electronically.

Vonda VanTil is the public affairs specialist for West Michigan. You can write her c/o Social receiving Security Administration. benefits have the option 50 College SE, Grand of direct deposit to a bank Rapids, MI 49503 or via or credit union account emailatvonda.vantil@ssa.

LOWELL **RESIDENTS ONLY** YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE **FOR SPRING AND SUMMER 2011**

yard waste program is as follows:

YARD WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE

*PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES **ARE A FRIDAY PICKUP DUE TO** A HOLIDAY DURING THE WEEK.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Fri. 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. closed Sat. & Sun.

office hours:

for sale

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PRICE REDUCED - low down, 2 bedroom single wide mobile on very nice wooded lot. Newer well & septic system. \$58,800. Call Ron at 616-291-1413.

FREEAD! - Place & pay for a classified ad in the Buyers Guide & Lowell Ledger for 3 weeks & receive the 4th week FREE! You must mention the special in order to receive this offer. Must be paid for when ad is placed. Call 897-9555, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell. Ph. 897-9261.

200 APPLIANCES - Wash ers, dryers, refrigerators & stoves. Guaranteed. From \$69. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MORE ON YOUR GRO-CERY, UTILITY BILLS ETC? - Join us for a 90 minutes seminar, Monday, April 18. Call Lowell Community Education, 987-2550 or email: tstranger@lowellschools. com for more information.

2006 SMOKER CRAFT 161 STINGER - w/trailer electric trim & tilt at the helm, side console steering, lots of storage, livewell, 2 batteries, X-75 Lowrange fish & depth finder. Asking \$9,500. Call 616-901-1778 or 897-2667.

1999 OLDSMOBILE SIL-HOUETTE VAN - good condition, 140,000 miles, asking \$4,000. Call 269-948-0502.m

2004 GMC SIERRA Z-71 extended cab, leather, loaded w/all available options, great condition, 140,000 miles. Asking \$13,000. Call 269-948-0502. m

LAKEFRONT LOTS - 2 mobile homes with lots in Oakwood Resort on Campbell Lake near Hesperia. Purchase separately or together. Call 231-798-2712.

DOLL CLOTHES - American Girl doll fits 16"-18" doll. Homemade outfits \$10 and under. Call 642-6097.

POTTED TREES - Maple, Spruce & Pine, \$10 & up. 616-761-7588.

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CLAW FOOT BATHTUB antique, reglazed, \$350. 698-9419.

BOB'S 14TH ANNUAL **BIRDHOUSE SALE - nice** selection of bluebird, wren & bat houses; also feeders. All cedar, solid construction, best prices around. Bob's Birdhouses, 12279 60th St., Alto, 868-6633.

for sale

BED & MATTRESS SET queen, Sealy \$95 includes frame. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main, Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

LOGBED SET - Cedar (complete), \$125. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600. Delivery available.

TWIN BED - Mattress, box spring & frame, (Sealy) \$85 complete. Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584 1600.

QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (new) \$250/set. Thick & plush Hammond Wholesale, 320 W. Main St., Carson City, 989-584-1600.

SAFE WOOD HEAT - Remove fire hazard, smoke & dirt from home. Central **Boiler Classic Outdoor** Wood Furnace with 25 year warranty. Sale. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI. 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

CITY OF LOWELL - 5-6 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, finished lower level, 2 stall, included, is a 50 horse 2 air, approx. 2,500 sq. ft., stroke Mercury oil injection original owner. Zero down rural development financing available. \$179.900. Manus Realty, 616-942-0224

for rent

HALL FOR RENT - Lowell Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private, great location & great rate! www.vfw8303.org. Call John at 299-0486 or 897-8303.TEN

PRICELESS STOR-AGE - Indoor/outdoor. New Units on Alden Nash, 1 mile South of 196. Call for specials 558-2900.

VERY SMALL HOUSE - 2 miles north of Lowell. Lg. garage, sm. shed, flower beds, garden space. No laundry. \$550 a month, w/\$550 deposit. Referneces required. 897-7130.

3 BEDROOM - 1 bath. upstairs unit of duplex. w/laundry hook-up, \$645/ mo.; 1 bedroom, 1 bath, w/hardwood floors, utilities included, \$160/wk. Call 616-862-6712.

wanted

CRAFTERS WANTED - Spring Craft Show at W. Catholic High School, Sat., May 7, 9-3 p.m. www. westcatholicband.org

free

PLEASENOTE: Adsplaced in this category must be prepaid.

FREE FIREWOOD - 30 ft. pine, 4-6 inch, still standing. West of Alto 3 miles. 460-2773

help wanted

NOW HIRING - and training for career positions with West Michigan's leading real estate company. Call Rick Seese. Greenridge Realty. Inc. for a confidential interview. 616-437-2576 or 616-974-4250.TEN

CENA'S - The Laurels of Kent at 350 N. Center St., in Lowell has current openings on all shifts in our sub acute & skilled nursing center. Our building is newly renovated & air conditioned. We offer great benefits with high wages based upon your experience. Visit us for a tour or call Terrie Kerschen, RN, DON for more information. 897-8473.

COMMERCIAL CLEAN ING POSITION - Janitoria position available in the Lowell/Ada area. Parttime 3rd shift 10 p.m. start time, 4-5 hrs./night, Mon. Fri. Reliable transportation & valid drivers license required. We offer competitive wages. Stop in soon 8 fill out an application. Metropolitan Building Maintenance. 868 Barnum SW Grand Rapids, MI 49509. PHOENIX PERSONNE IS ACCEPTING APPLICA TIONS - for packaging, assembly & warehouse. Apply at 615 Chatham. Lowell, or online www.phoenixpersonnel.com or call 897-7881 for information.

OWNER OPERATOR Regular scheduled runs to Texas. CDL required. Paid fuel surcharge. 800-334-5142 Fax: 888-876-0870.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - King Milling Company is seeking an individual for a second shift milling position. Good mechanical skills are an advantage for this position. Please apply at 115 S. Broadway Street Lowell.

COMMUNICATIONS **TECHNICIAN** - Seeking qualified individual to support website design/ content management, social networking, graphic design, and public relations. E-mail by April 15 to: hr@northcountrytrail. org North Country Trail Association, 229 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331

sales

BIG SALE - 11360 Foreman. April 8 & 9, 10 a.m. Deals include: toddler beds, baby items, housewares, bedding, Christmas, Avon, boys & girls clothes (newborn - 6), womens 14 - 5X, toaster oven, '97 Dodge Caravan.

MOVING SALE - Fri., April 8. 10 to 3 only. 803 N. Washington.

11535 E. Fulton, 9 a.m. social aathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system. MASONIC LODGE #355 - serving the Belding, Ionia, Lowell Saranac & Lyons areas, will hold its regular communication, 7:30 p.m. Mon., April 4 at the Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main St., Belding Dinner will precede the meeting All Masons may attend.

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TAXES, PAYROLL, TUTORING/ACADEMIC QUICKBOOKS, & AC-COUNTING SERVICE by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-

6351.TEN

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DOGGIE RANCH - Here for you & your loving dogs. We offer a vacation for them, as you vacation. Your dog will be welcomed into our home as family. 616-723-1709.

ZOOLAND DAYCARE has two full time openings - Call 897-8386 or 308 0195. www.zoolanddaycare.com

WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICE - Decks, Doors, Drvwall Repair, Misc. Repairs. Small jobs welcome. As always 10% senior citizen discount. Call Steve 397-6906.

LEASENOTE - Coming Events are for non-profit organizations. If you are charging admission for an event - it is considered an advertisement. Coming events are ran on a space available basis

ARE NOT GUARANTEED TO RUN. If you would like to make sure your event is placed in the paper, please call our office & place it as a classified ad. We will not run ANY Garage or Rumnage Sales as a coming event. I Coming Events or changes o coming events should be subnitted by fax: 897-4809, email assifieds@lowellbuyersguide. com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell MI 49331 or in person: 105 N Broadway, Lowell.

STORYTIME - April 12, 19 & 26, at 10 a.m. Stories, songs & crafts. Saranac Public Library, 61 N. Bridge, Saranac, 642-9146.

EASTER EVENT - April 23, 10:30 a.m. Bookmark hunt for all ages & Easter goody bags for all participants. Saranac Public Library, 61 N. Bridge, Saranac,

642-9146. DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP 2nd Tuesday at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 9:30 - 10:30 .m. 897-2760 or 897-9160.



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MENTORING SERVICES - ready to meet your student's needs at The Hammock LLC (Lowell). Call 616-893-5661 to schedule. www.hammocklearning

NEW BUSINESS - Lowell Floral "Your town florist" 1004 W. Main St., 897-1300.

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services

DAY CARE - I have 2 fulltime openings for summer. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. ages 4-11 Reasonable rates. Please call, 897-8166.

COMPUTER VIRUS CLEANING SPECIAL -REDfrog Technologies is offering full virus cleaning on one computer for \$55 during the month of April! See us at 1400 W. Main. Lowell, right next to McDonald's or call 897-5814.

THEEL PAINTING - Walls. ceilings, woodwork, painting, staining, drywall repair. brush, roll, spray. Residential & light commercial. Fully insured. 897-7459.

misc.

SNOW UNIT-ED METHODIST CHURCH - at 3189 Snow Ave. SE. will serve a family style Turkey & Dressing dinner on Wed., April 13, starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$9, children 6-12 are \$3, and children 5 & under are free. Take out dinners also available.

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LOWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB - meets the 2nd Saturday at Flat River Outreach Ministries.

THE EAST KENT COUNTY **REPUBLICANS (EKCR)** - meets the second Saturday of the month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce (113 Riverwalk Plaza) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. to discuss current events on the local, state & national levels. Bring your concerns & issues to our meeting for open discussion! Share information about what you can do to become involved! For more information, please call Dave Emmette, 644-0759 or Nancy Steckler, 897-6380.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MIN-**ISTRIES THRIFT STORE** - is open Wed. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 11535 Fulton St. E. Thrift Shop, 897-8260, Food Pantry 897-8260, Emergency Services, 897-8260.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER 2251 W. Main. Hours: Mon. 11-5 p.m.; Tues. 6-9.p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available

AVERILL HISTORICAL MU-SEUM OF ADA - 7144 Headley. is open every Friday & Saturday 1 -4 p.m. or by appointment. Closed Jan. & Feb. 676-9346.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Tues. & Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Mon. & Sat., 9:30-1:30 p.m.; Thurs., 1-5 p.m. Info., call 647-3820.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS - Mon.-Wed., noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 647-3920.

LOWELLAREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY HOURS - Tues. - Fri., 10-6p.m.; Sat., 1-4p.m.; Monday by appt.; 149 S. Hudson. Visit www.lowellartscouncil.org or call 897-8545.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM - open Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday:1-4 p.m.; Thursday: 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individual \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER- 402 Amity. Mondays: 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Non-denominational. Help for pregnant women/adolescents in need. Provides support, referrals, food, clothing/ infant items. Lowell area, 897-9393.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed., hurs.: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues. & Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

DORIC CHAPTER #75 - Order of the Eastern Star, will hold regular communication on Tues., April 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 211 E Main St., Belding, Dinner will precede the meeting. All Stars may attend.

PRUNING 101 PRESENTATION - at the Lowell Showboat Garder Club's meeting on Mon., March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Presented by a certified arborist. Meetings are held at the Church of the Nazarene fellowship hall at 21" N. Washington, Lowell. Public s welcome.

CLOTH DIAPERS 101 - TOTS & West Michigan Diaper by Everything Birth for a FREE class on modern cloth diapers - these are not your mom's cloth diapers Nopins, no plastic pants, no fuss Tues., April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at For more information call Lori at 987-2532.

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Earth talk, continued

Corporation, was still promoting the expansion livestock herds, soybean fields and palm oil plantations-all which accelerated deforestation in the tropics, hastening the pace of climate change for Instances of people with the rest of us.

between sustaining environment and reducing poverty," said Vinod Thomas, director of the World Bank group that performed the review. "It is Society reports that thyroid clear now from the Amazon to India that if environmental cancers that have been on sustainability is not raised the rise in recent decades, as a priority, then all bets with cases increasing six are off."

to address many of these attribute these increases concerns with the release to our having simply of a beefed up Environment gotten better at detection. Strategy in 2001, but Regardless, analysts remain critical of the to stress, radiation and organization's performance pollutants have been known and general commitment to increase a person's risk to sustainability. In June of developing thyroid 2011 the World Bank will problems. release a new Environment Strategy which it will use takes two primary forms. as a sustainability roadmap Hyperthyroidism occurs for its projects over the when the thyroid produces coming decade. The focus too much of the T3 and of the Bank's sustainability T4 hormones that regulate work will be mitigating metabolism. This can cause climate change through the a racing heart, weight promotion of clean energy technologies.

www.ips-dc.org.

thyroid problems seems connection?

> -- Dora Light, Waukesha, WI

The American Cancer cancer is one of the few percent annually since 1997. The World Bank tried Many researchers, however, exposures

> Thyroid disease loss, insomnia and other problems. In cases of

Institute for Policy Studies, may gain weight, among Dear EarthTalk[™]: Association (ATA), many while others aren't, but Use and Thyroid Disease people with

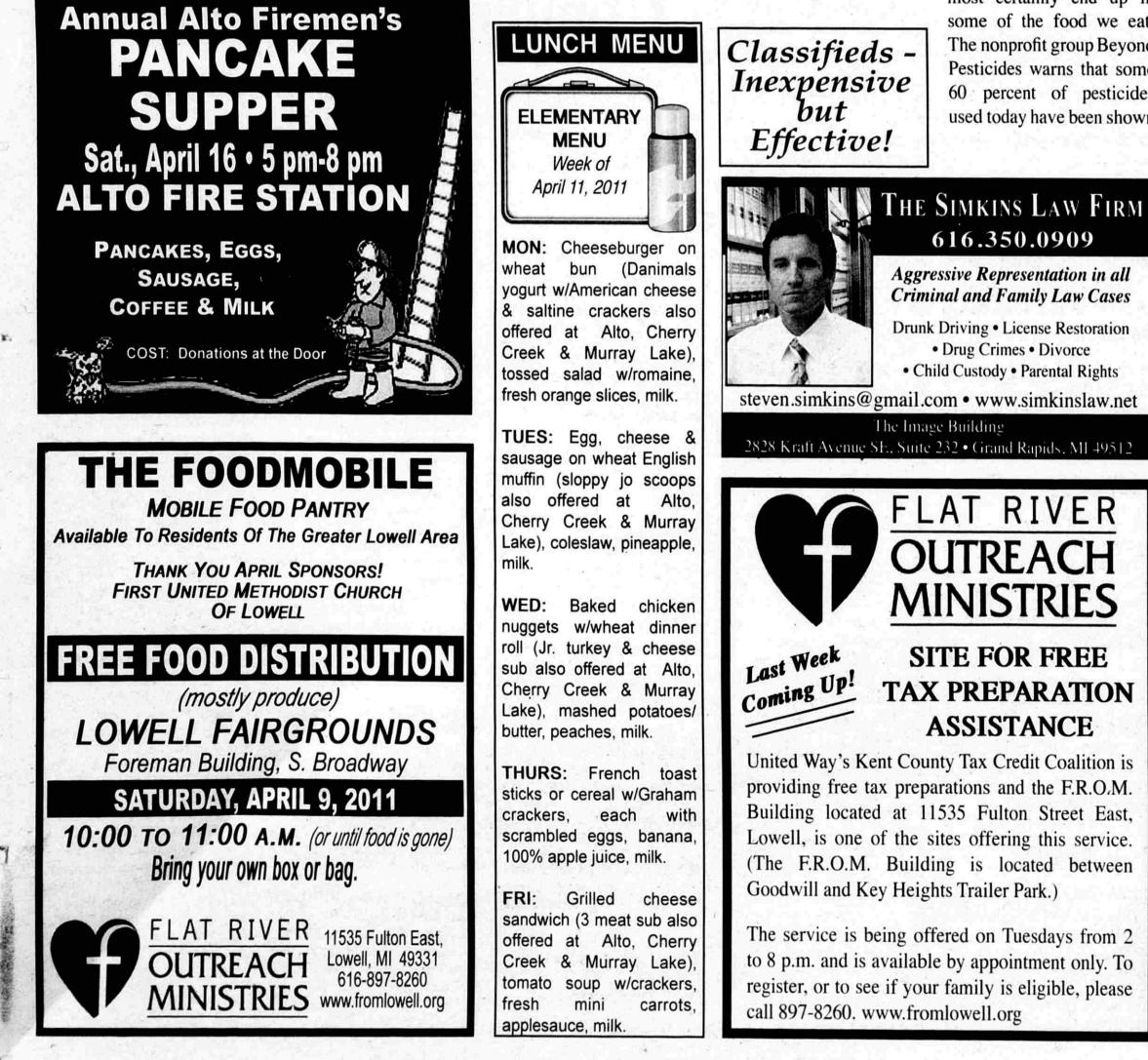
Bank, www.worldbank.org; so we feel fatigued and neurological development.

hypothyroidism, the body sleep. Thyroid problems in However, researchers have to affect the thyroid gland's CONTACTS: World produces too few hormones, children can delay or impair begun to find links between production of T3 and T4 increased risk of thyroid hormones. Commercially Doctors are not sure disease and exposure to available insecticides and other symptoms. According why some people are certain chemicals, especially fungicides have also been to the American Thyroid prone to thyroid disease among women. "Pesticide implicated. Likewise, some thyroid genetics has much to do among Women in the chemicals used in plastics problems don't realize with it. One recent UCLA Agricultural Health Study," and flame retardants contain "They need to begin to be on the rise. Is it, as symptoms can be study found that genetic published in the American toxins shown to trigger to see the inextricable there an environmental mistaken for other problems background accounts for Journal of Epidemiology in thyroid problems in those or attributed to lack of about 70 percent of the risk. 2002, found that Iowa and genetically predisposed. North Carolina And a 2007 study at women married the University of Texas to men using Health Sciences Center such pesticides at San Antonio found that as aldrin, DDT triclosan, an anti-bacterial lindane agent found in everything were at much from hand soaps to facial higher risk of tissues to toys - it's present developing in the bloodstreams of three thyroid disease out of every four Americans women - could be causing some non- mothers' thyroid glands to agricultural send signals to fetuses that a r e a s . may in turn contribute to According to autism.

general population.

It's not just women who should worry. Trace amounts of chemical pesticides and fertilizers most certainly end up in some of the food we eat. The nonprofit group Beyond Pesticides warns that some 60 percent of pesticides used today have been shown

The nonprofit group Beyond Pesticides that some 60 percent of pesticides used today have been shown to affect the thyroid gland's production of T3 and T4 hormones. Commercially available insecticides and fungicides have also been implicated. Women are most at risk.



Dr. Whitney S. Goldner, lead the study, 12.5

An increasing number of doctors now believe that researcher on hypothyroidism could be precipitated by a dietary percent of the deficiency in iodine, a 16.500 wives trace element found in evaluated the thyroid's T3 and T4 developed hormones and essential in thyroid disease small amounts for good compared to health. Besides eating between one more seafood, switching to eight percent in the iodized salt and/or taking iodine supplements can farm boost iodine intake without the need for medications. But too much iodine is not healthy, so always consult with your doctor before embarking on any new health or diet regimen.

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- 16. Back of the body, pl.
- 17. Swedish shag rug
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- 23. *When dropped. causes infestation
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- 41. Famous Spanish
- Renaissance painter 43. Nicholas I or Nicholas
- II, e.g. 44. Veal and pork, e.g.
- 46. Coat of
- 47. Town on SE coast of England, west of Brighton
- 48. Tiny tree
- 50. Navy specialist 52. Make out of cloth
- 53. Wry face
- 55. " Milk?" 57. * Insect with manners
- so to speak
- 61. Fraudulence 64. Throat lobe
- 65. Charlotte of "Facts of Life" fame
- 67. Not yet payable
- 69. "The _____, they are a-changin," sang Dylan
- 70. Rapscallion
- 71. "Do-reh-mi-fa-so-la-

72. Dutch cheese

- 73. *Host to fleas and ticks
- 74. *Chocolate-covered grasshoppers to some

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- 1. Light-emitting diode 2. On the top of surface
- 3. Via
- 4. Short for History, pl. 5. *Sacred Egyptian beetle
- *Insect's flying menace
- Minnesota Boundary
- Waters entry point 8. Fill with spirits
- 9. *Mosquito food found
- on pond South American
- Indian people Posthumous notice
- *Entomophobic

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- 20. Cake cover
- 22. Geological period 24. Contrary to one's
- interests 25. Goal of Manhattan
- Project 26. Young Montague
- 27. " as a whistle" 29. Novelist Roberts
- 31. *"Like a ____ to a
- flame"
- 32. Anise-flavored Greek liquor, pl.
- 33. On which musical notes are written
- 34. Tossed or passed
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- one-by-one 38. Pinnacle
- 42. Tributary of Missouri River
- 45. Brazilian ballroom dance, pl.

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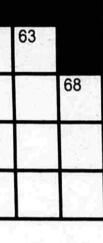
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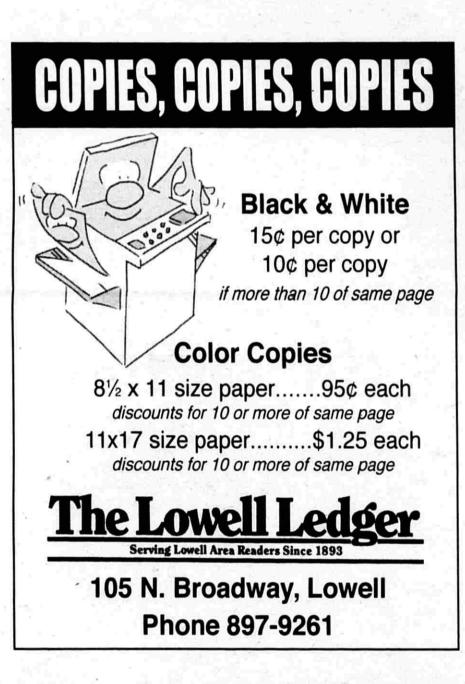
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Good to see the new Main Street Inn with a No Vacancy sign out today - I wish them the best!

Arum Cornutum - a bulb being sold locally as a house or garden plant is poisonous. Every part of it is toxic - bulb, leaves, stem, roots. If you have small children or pets, please be aware.

Don't forget to treat your ash trees this spring against the Emerald Ash Borer.*



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Police chief, continued

He would like to work for a multinational company in sales because Hinton loves the business world.

"I am looking for new challenges," he said. "I love the business world. It's a passion for me."

Hinton likes to read the Wall Street Journal to see how businesses are doing. Eventually, Hinton wants to move to a warmer climate. He has coached softball for six years.

"I like to work around the home and I love being a dad," he said.

His accomplishments include dispatching consolidation to the Sheriff's Kent County Department, securing new electronics in patrol cars, e-tickets and e-crash electronic accident reporting on the scene, re-evaluating old procedures, eliminating unnecessary paperwork, providing teasers for the officers, reconstructing work schedules to reduce budgetary costs, fleet management scheduling, balancing miles on patrol cars and updating policies and procedures for the department.

SENIORS AND HEALTH

Following Hinton's resignation, the council has approved the appointment of the new police chief, Barry Getzen, 54. Getzen has lived in Lowell Township for 16 years.

His various capacities included the rank of major, West region commander, Field Services Bureau, and Deputy Director, Office of Specialized Services.

"I want to see how the department operates," he said. "It will be different than the state police. The Lowell Police Department has a good reputation."

> Getzen hopes continue to

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Incoming police chief Barry Getzen.

He has completed a career with the Michigan Police State retiring last September after 31 years. Getzen had worked for the Michigan State Police headquarters in East Lansing since 2004.

"It's a good way to give back to the community," he said.

Getzen said he would like to take some time to learn the role that is expected from the police chief and the police department.

community that is courteous, professional and to make that sure Lowell is a welcoming community. And if it is needed. he may modify some things. "He has an extensive

of amount experience and Barry

will fit in well with the community," said city manager Dave Pasquale. "He will do an excellent job."

Getzen had interviewed for the position of the police chief a few years ago.

"He's been wellknown," said Pasquale.

Getzen was present at the Monday night meeting

ArtPrize sculpture donated to Wittenbach/Wege Center

2010 ArtPrize A sculpture entitled "Birds of a Feather" is being donated to the Wittenbach/ Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center (WWC) by the artist Brenda Sipe-Donahue.

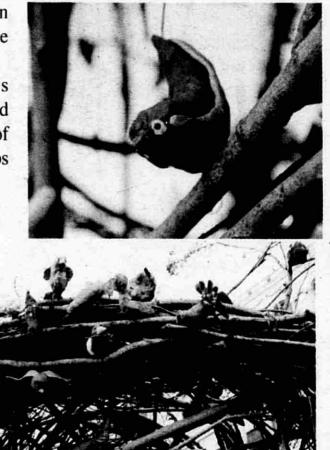
The large cage was constructed from over 200 willow trees and contained 170 clay birds created by children. Lowell area residents will soon have the

opportunity to add their own creations to the artwork.

Parents are encouraged to attend one of four workshops

together with their child on Sat., April 16, 11 am or 1 pm at the WWC or on Sat., April 30, 11 am or 1 pm, at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The fee to make two birds, one for the cage and one to take home, is \$5 and preregistration is recommended by calling 897-8545 or by e-mail to info@lowellartscouncil. org



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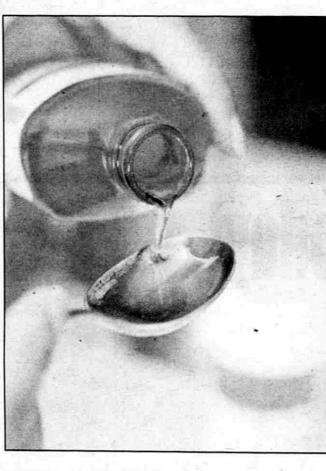
Springing into Wellness Popular wellness series continues at **Emerald Meadows**

GRAND RAPIDS "We had such a great response to the January-February-March series," says Kathy Higgins, Community Manager at Emerald Meadows, "we decided to offer another installment." The Assisted Living community in Grand Rapids has been hosting monthly wellness sessions designed particularly for seniors and the family members who care for them.

The Spring installment of the series begins on Thursday, April 14, with a presentation on "Chronic Disease Management." Experts from Great Lakes Home Health and Hospice will share tips on how to recognize triggers, make good choices, manage medication, reach out to others, and keep a positive attitude.

The Spring Wellness Series will continue on May 12 with a session on "Muscle, Bone, and Joint Health," and a June 2 presentation on "Fall Prevention."

Free refreshments and giveaways will be available at all sessions.



THIS MONTH'S EVENT **Spring Wellness Series**

Thursday, April 14, 2:00pm -"Chronic Disease Management" (RSVP to Emerald Meadows)

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