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Lowell Area Schools Ath-

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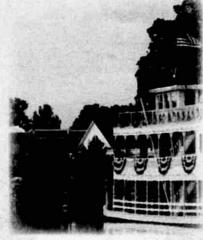
proximately \$90,000 from

the Lowell sport booster's

funds, according to Lowell

by Casey Cheney

## first sizzlin' concert









## police chief Barry Getzen. firm or deny an audit through Two months before, the **City manager bids farewell** with last State of the City Address

club requested an audit from school authorities after "realizing cash on hand was uncharacteristically low since the beginning of the school year," Doris Drain, president of the boosters club, said in an email statement.

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Superintendent Greg Pratt said he could not conactive investigation.

embezzlement of sports booster funds

State Police investigate suspected

She went on to write, "In the review of our boosters' financials, irregularities were discovered."

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Though the police do search warrant of the suspect's home June 9, they Team.

the schools because this is an cannot release a name because no charges have been filed. The suspect could not be reached for comment.

Several days after the police began their investigation, police chief Barry have a suspect and filed a Getzen contacted the Michigan State Police Major Case

"They have expertise in investigating alleged financial crimes," Getzen said.

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Drain said the club is fully cooperating with the investigation.

> Embezzlement, continued, page 2

# **Fast-approaching Relay** for Life shoots for \$75,000

by Casey Cheney

Relay for Life is aiming to boost their donations to \$75,000 this year, \$6,000 more than last year. New to the relay this year is the Pink Arrow Power Hour, where relay chairperson Paul Mundt said they would "join forces with the Pink Arrow Project."

"We're on the same team as far as objectives," Mundt said, adding that, "There was interest from the Pink Arrow Committee to form a team."

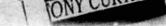
The June 24 to 25 event volvement," he said.

In fact, Mundt said he expects a larger turnout this year -2,000 over the 1,500 last year.

"We've really been pushing community in-

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## new florist



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## ms. burd retires



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## Ihs honor roll



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by Emma Palova

In his final meeting, retiring city manager Dave Pasquale read an optimistic State of the City Address.

"As I close the 24th year of service as Lowell city manager, it is still important to identify issues and establish goals," he said.



**Retiring city manager Dave Pasquale.** 

While acknowledging the growth of Litehouse, King Milling and Attwood Corp., Pasquale also mentioned the vacant storefronts in the downtown area.

"Lowell must and will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly city," he said. "In an era of intense competition, Lowell will continue to operate with greater efficiencies."

At the end, Pasquale received a standing ovation from the city council for his many years of service to the city.

"There was no chamber when you started and now there is a strong chamber," said mayor Jim Hodges, a close friend of Anne and Dave Pasquale.

Councilmember Andrew Schrauben said he met Pasquale while in grade school.

"You knew everything about the people," he said.

> City manager, continued, page 3

From 5 to 6 pm on Friday, Relay for Life invites "the Pink Arrow nation" to come out in force and show their support.

is themed "Come Play at Relay" and will feature several themed lap games for the walkers to play.

This year, 21 teams signed up, but Mundt said, "The more people we have the better."

A final goal, Mundt said, was to have 75 survivors come out to the relay. A few less than that came in 2010. Survivors that do show up get a free pancake breakfast Saturday morning.

# New reporter will juggle coverage of several sports and community events

by Emma Palova

Casey Cheney, a 2011 graduate of Hillsdale College, has joined The Lowell Ledger team to cover the diverse sports in the Lowell Area School district.

parent company J-Ad Graphics, based in Hastings, in 2009 and he is familiar with the company philosophy.

wanted to get an internship," he said.

who majored in history with a minor in politics, just wanted to learn how to write better. So, he started writing for the school paper, "The Collegiate."

"I fell in love with journalism," he said.

Cheney praised hometown reporting for its unique perspective and the ability to influence events in the community on a small scale.

"No one else offers that kind of information," he said. "Hometown news is pretty fantastic."

Publisher Jon Jacobs

said Cheney is an exceptionally good fit with the paper and the community.

"I think that Casey has a bright future in journalism and with the company as a whole," he said.

Cheney will become an integral part of the Ledger team, striving for quality, diversity, versatility and coverage of the many events the community has to offer.

"Lowell loves its sports and I look forward to covering more than we were able to in the past," said editor Jeanne Boss. "Casey seems well suited for our working environment. His enthusiasm and willingness to jump right in will serve him well at the Ledger."

With all the recent changes in the Ledger and Lowell Buyers Guide, along with the addition of Cheney, Jacobs is hoping to move forward to expanding the papers and more unique projects.

"We have a perfect team with adding a sports report-



## Casey Cheney is prepared to juggle sports coverage for The Ledger.

er," he said. "I didn't want to make the same mistake as I made before by rushing into it. We took our time and

found the right candidate for us and the community."

> New reporter, continued, page 2

Cheney interned with

"I knew about J-Ad and

Originally, Cheney,



### page 2

# **Embezzlement, continued**

from the suspect's home sary warrants. during the search. Once their review is completed, the team will submit their tion," said detective Lieu-

Currently, Getzen said, findings to the Kent Counthe major case team is re- ty prosecutor, who will then viewing items retrieved review and issue all neces-

> "We are still in the middle of the investiga

tenant Jaime Corona of the ty prosecutor in approximajor case team. "We're trying to get the green light to do what we need to do."

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Corona said the unit would be ready to submit their paperwork to the counmately a week.

"We are unsure exactly what or how this investigation will impact the boosters until it is concluded. Until then, we will continue our best efforts to support the athletes of Lowell Area Schools as best as possible," Drain said in the email.

"We are disappointed the athletes of Lowell schools may have been denied some support, however, we continue to be dedicated to raising funds and supporting our student athletes."

# Father's Day desserts for God's Kitchen

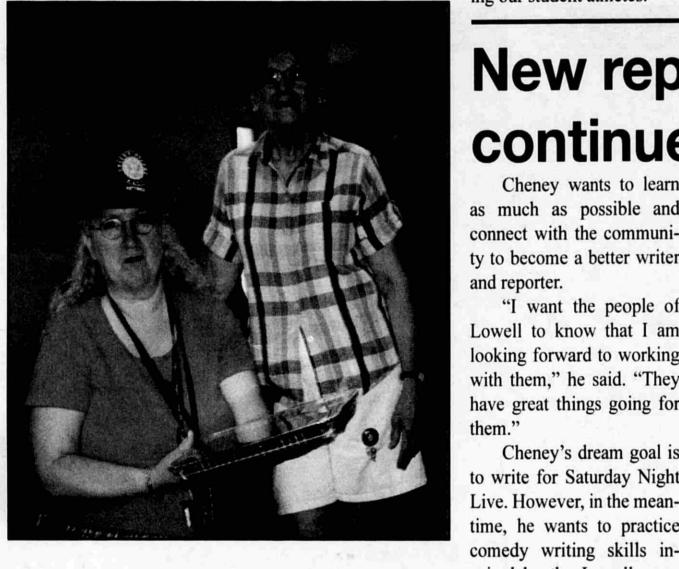
unteers from Lowell sent serts they were able to serve nearly 500 servings of on Sunday. They never have homemade desserts to God's homemade items, especially Kitchen for Father's Day.

This is the third year this year said, "The staff at ies or brownies. God's Kitchen was pleased

Last Saturday, 26 vol- beyond words for the desdesserts."

A large number of those for this project and it in- who depend on God's Kitchcluded the largest number en for one meal a day are of desserts so far. Women both Veterans and fathers from the American Legion and they were very touched and VFW were joined by by the gesture from Lowell. other women from Low- We pass along a big thank ell. Jan Thompson, who or- you to all who took the time ganized the project again to prepare pies, cakes, cook-

> Vikisu Condon-Sharrock, seated, and Arlene Newell helped serve desserts.



Cheney's dream goal is





Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

## **ART & NATURE EXHIBITION**

Sustainability in art - recycling, nature, ecosystem, energy crisis - see how artists ages teen through adult find inspiration in nature and use their art to help educate the viewer on environmental issues. Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St., June 7 - July 14. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm or Sat., 1 pm-4 pm. For more information, call 897-8545 or visit www.lowellartscouncil.org

**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES** 

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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. 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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Mark Howe.

election.

the boosters club is an independent, nonprofit organization and expressed his respect and appreciation for the work its members do. Perry Beachum of the Pink Arrow Project said that Pink Arrow is separate from the boosters club. "It's under the Lowell Community Wellness umbrella," he said.

Pratt emphasized that

New reporter, continued

Cheney wants to learn munity tapestry filled with colorful characters. as much as possible and

His hobbies and interests include history, politics, ty to become a better writer basketball, reading fiction "I want the people of and biographies.

Lowell to know that I am Cheney is engaged to looking forward to working Amanda Bigney from Cedar with them," he said. "They Springs. have great things going for

"I want to be a husband and a provider," he said.

In going forward, Jato write for Saturday Night cobs is confident the com-Live. However, in the meanmunity and the readership time, he wants to practice will agree with his choice comedy writing skills in- of the perfect candidate for spired by the Lowell com- sports' coverage.

**City manager, continued** 

in your head." Mayor pro tem Sharon

Ellison praised Pasquale for very busy," he said. "Anne his proverbial patience. "You never flinched."

she said. "I enjoyed getting to know you." Pasquale will pursue

new opportunities which

"It's amazing what must be may include consulting or ing their grandchildren for teaching.

> "I will continue to be and I care about the Lowell community."

Pasquale's wife Anne attended the meeting. And 12 days.

"We're not going anywhere," said Pasquale. The city is inviting residents to stop and say goodbye to Pasquale next Wednesday on June 29 from

the first thing the couple will 4 pm to 6 pm at the city get to do together is watch- hall

More trees will be removed near the Vergennes and Lincoln Lake roads intersection. The council approved \$3,000 from the airport fund for the tree removal.

The Moose will be using the parking lot by King Milling for the July 4 celebration.

# 2002.

Dave Pasquale receives a standing ovation from the city council.

# South takes the lead in Food Fight

It's the two-minute rent score is," proclaimed South Lowell team won,

mains the same as last year, with North and South food collection barrels lining the parade route," said Havto see everyone carrying bags of food to the parade

Scoring updates, stories and online donations can be accessed at www. FROMfoodfight.org. Donation inquiries can be directed to the Food Fight Hotline (421-2900) or foodfight@

The empty chair in the chambers will soon be filled by Pasquale's successor

In other business, the renewal of the operating millage for the Lowell Area Museum will be up for vote in the November 8 general

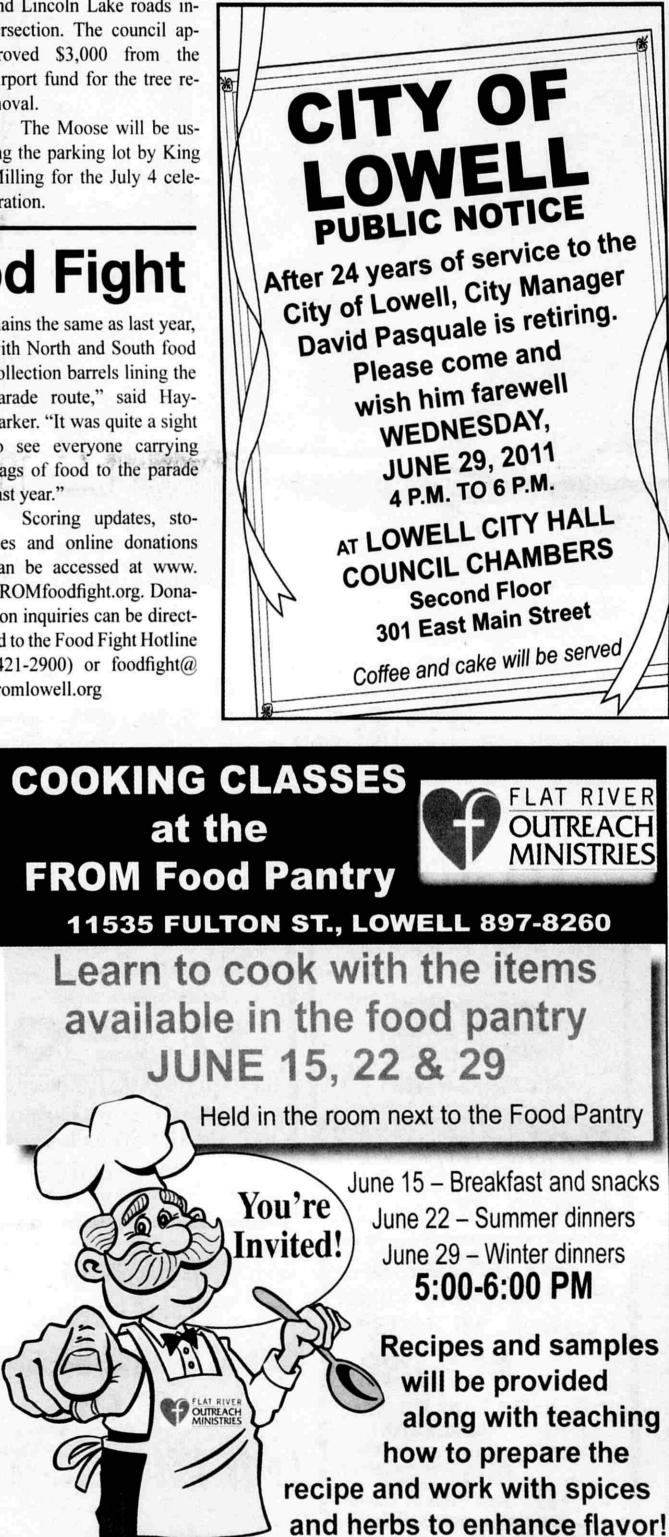
The museum is asking for the renewal of 0.25 mills approved by the voters in

The council approved updated fees for transient merchants, peddlers and for impounding dogs and cats. The last time the fees were updated was in 1991.





Anne and Dave Pasquale



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## "ledger Sizzlin' Summer kicks off with patriotic theme

by Emma Palova

The Sizzlin' Summer concert series kicked-off in perfect weather with the 126 Army Band of the National Guard last Thursday on the Riverwalk.

The band, dressed in full fatigue uniforms and boots, played the anthem as the Color Guard marched in don Gould asked Randall front of the podium.

There were many war veterans present sitting in the front line mostly formed of wheelchairs.

Later, the army's mini band, composed from players of all ages, played classic rock and roll in front of the stage.

The concert differed from its normal format be- Ella. cause several conductors

took turns in directing the large band.

Young dancers, Alexis dancing swing.

A big surprise for Ella Bolan came during the in- exciting," she said. "It haptermission as producer Gor- pened in front of my entire Rapelje to come to the podium. At first there was silence, followed by whispering, and finally Rapelje appeared.

Then Bolan, totally blindsided, came to the po- married in Lowell. dium.

ring and kneeled in front of 50s and the 60s.

"Ella, I love you," he said. "Will you marry me?"

In a later interview, Ella Noffke and Alex McIntire, said she didn't know anyshowed off their skills in thing about what was going to happen. "It was scary, but it was

> family and friends." Rapelje had been planning the surprise for months ahead

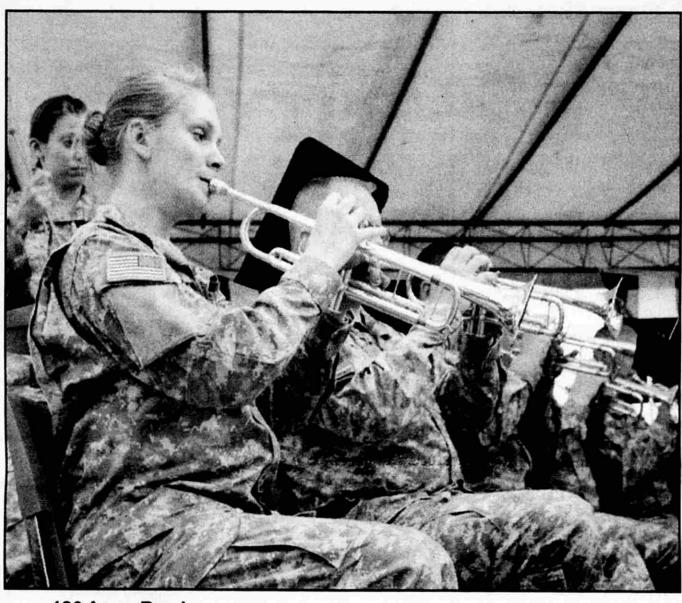
> "I wanted to make it more exciting," he said.

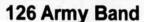
The couple plans to get

The next concert is And here, in front of the "The Adams Family" with crowds, Rapelje pulled out a classic favorites from the



Mini band plays rock and roll.





Alex McIntire.

**Randall Rapelje asks Ella Bolan** to marry him.



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Young dancers Alexis Noffke and



## school's decision unfair

Dear Editor.

This is a letter to the Lowell community, originally sent to the LHS principal, superintendent and school board president. To date I have had no reply from anyone. Dear Mrs. Patricia Murphy Alderman,

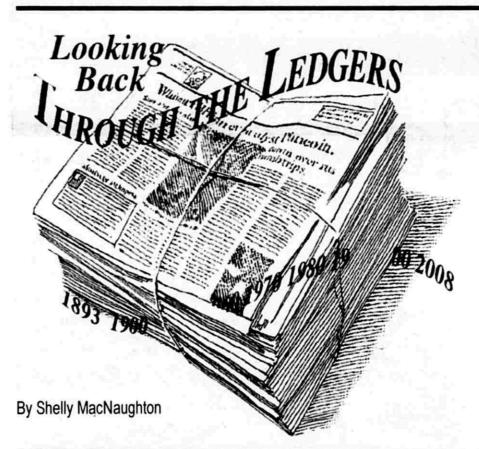
I don't think you realize the extent of hurt that was caused by your refusal to allow Joel Michael Bieri to be in the graduation festivities on Sunday. Many people spoke to me afterward and expressed opinions that the action was hard-headed, hard-hearted and the actions of a control freak! Those are unkind words, but no more unkind than your actions on

Sunday. Some people said all the fine words that were omitted. spoken by you and the gradately and viciously denied.

Lowell by being our ex- doing things, revision should youthful mistake in not getchange student to France. take place! But this was not mentioned in the opening remarks telling of the fine accomplishments of the class of 2011. How unfortunate that it was that your action cancelled overlooked or deliberately dents should be excused for ministration.

uates. Pure hypocrisy! The asked to discuss this with attributes we are trying to you. I was told you were un- had just begun a new job at cipal had no time for him. instill in our community, available, so I left my phone Meijer, which he hopes will Jon's dad went to bat for respect and dignity for the number for a return call. In- help to finance his college him but also without sucperson, were not just over- stead, your fine secretary education next year. He was cess. Kim Nyson told me I looked; they were deliber- called and said nothing is scheduled to work the whole didn't know the whole story negotiable with you. I admit- weekend. He asked to have behind this, so I immediate-Joel's mom came from ted that my grandson made a Saturday off for his gradua- ly drove to my son's house. the Kentwood school dis- mistake and wished to apol- tion party and Sunday for his They informed me that there trict and thought poorly of ogize and be forgiven. I was graduation. This was grant- is no more to the story. God moving to Lowell. Now you told that no forgiveness is ed. But then he learned he offers forgiveness for repenhave confirmed that it was allowed. For what reason? would have to attend man- tance but the Lowell princian unwise move. Thanks a Because it is always done datory training on Thursday pal does not. this way. That's one of the morning. I believe he made Joel's classmates were world's oldest lame excus- the best choice of which to ing Channel 8 TV and get-

extenuating circumstances.



125 Years Ago The Lowell Journal Entry is missing

## 100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 22, 1911

Fourteen Graduates Receive Diplomas The commencement exercises of the Lowell High School were held at the city hall yesterday evening at 8 o'clock.

Joseph H. Hamilton

We are today called upon to chronicle the death, of one of Lowell's best known and representative citizens, which occurred early last Monday morning. Although Mr. Hamilton had been ill for a number of weeks, great hopes were entertained by his physicians and family for his recovery and the news of his death came as a great blow to his family and as an irreparable loss to the entire community.

## 75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo June 18, 1936

The eighty year-old covered bridge over Flat River, at Frank Jones' place in Fallasburg, has entered upon another year of service. The bridge is one of the few of its type left in Michigan. With the River vista, it presents a scene of pastoral beauty which would be

hard to match anywhere. Covered bridges once were ple both my husband and I gy Mrs. Alderman. I'd like uncommonly common in this vicinity because a pioneer worked with in our years of someone else in your job! bridge builder, residing in Greenville, favored this type teaching at Lowell and deof construction and sold highway commissions galore, cided not to smudge Lowon them.

## 50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger June 29, 1961

In an announcement this week the Lowell Lumber and Coal Company announced the purchase of the C.H. Runciman Co. coal business in Lowell. This will bring Lowell coal dealership to a single source. The announcement reveals that other fuels have caused the decline of use of coal to where it is not economical for more than one dealer to stock this

## 25 Years Ago **The Grand Valley Ledger** June 25, 1986

Owners of Johnson's Food Basket have made plans to build a retail shopping center next to the grocery store, but they must first either demolish or relocate the old St. Mary's Church.

The location of the church, behind the grocery store, is where the future retail center would be. Phil Johnson co-owner of Johnson's Food Basket and church, said that the church will be demolished unless the West Central Michigan Historic Society can conjure enough money to have it relocated to Fallasburg village. The society needs "somewhere between \$10,000

and \$20,000" to relocate the church, according to Judy Baird, an officer at the Society.





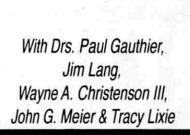
ting a written note from his I'd like to suggest that employer. He truly did not it might be a better time to believe it would be accepted have graduation practice if he did which says someafter the senior breakfast. thing else uncomplimentary Whenever it is done, stu- about the high school ad-

A student, Nick Crook, I called the school and Joel had the choice between also tried to intercede for two mandatory sessions. He Joel but was told the prin-

I boldly considered callproud of Joel for honoring es. If there is a better way of attend. I believe he made a ting this on the news. Then I reputation of the many peoell's reputation for the despicable actions of one person.

After graduation, Joel's cousin, Sean DenBraven, had to leave immediately with the U.S. Marine recruiter to go to Lansing. The boys have shared four years of high school, had their graduation party together on Saturday, but couldn't get a cap and gown picture together because Joel was also denied his rightfully owned and paid for outfit. Where's the justice in this? What did you think he would do with it if you released it to his possession? So mom and grandmother and aunts and uncles stayed home and some were in tears. This is not how this graduation should have been. I am so sorry that it was such a travesty of justice. Joel was a good student and played both hockey and tennis for Lowell. His seat seriously thought of the fine was conspicuously empty. I don't desire your apolo-

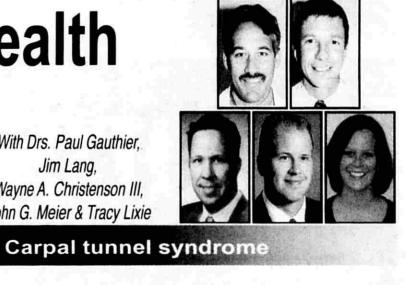
> Sincerely and sadly, Janet J. Bieri Lowell



health

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a common, painful disorder of the wrist and hand. It happens when the median nerve, which runs through the wrist, gets squeezed under a band of tissue over the wrist joint. This causes pain and other symptoms along the nerve. Anything that increases pressure on the median nerve can cause carpal tunnel syndrome. Sometimes pregnancy and health conditions like arthritis and diabetes can increase the pressure on the nerve. People who use their hands and wrists repeatedly in the same way (for example, typists, carpenters and cashiers) are more likely to develop carpal tunnel syndrome.

Carpal tunnel syndrome may cause pain, numbness or tingling in your wrist and hand, mostly in the middle finger, index finger and



thumb. The symptoms are usually worse at night and when you use your wrists and hands a lot. Over time, grip strength may get weaker and you may tend to drop heavy objects.

The diagnosis of carpal tunnel syndrome can often be made by examination of the hands and wrist. There are also nerve studies that can be done. These test how your nerves respond to electrical stimulation.

There are several treatment options for carpal tunnel syndrome. Not repeating the same hand movements over and over, doing hand wrist exercises, and and wearing a wrist splint may help. Anti-inflammatory medications may help to reduce the swelling. If these treatments don't help, surgery may be an option.

# weddings

## Sowle/Dittrich



**Daniela and Pike Sowle** 

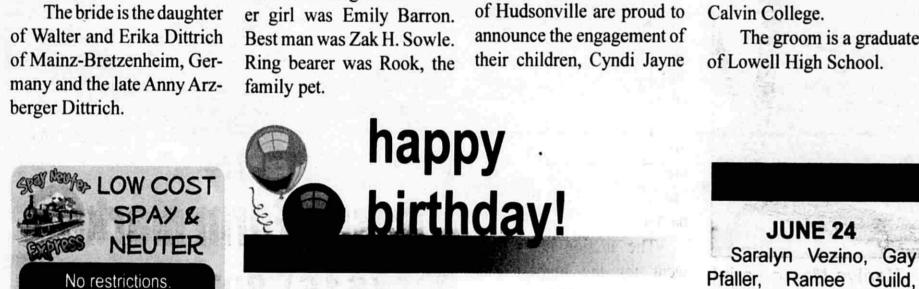
The marriage of Daniela Karin Cynthia Dittrich Jim and Ann Sowle of Lowand Pike Daniel Sowle was ell. celebrated on May 7, 2011, in Moab, Utah.

of Walter and Erika Dittrich many and the late Anny Arz- family pet. berger Dittrich.

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**JUNE 22** Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I. Ken Stager III.

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engagements

**Brandon Gessler and Cyndi Feenstra** 

Chuck and Barb Feen- Feenstra and Brandon Patstra of Grand Rapids, Heidi Gessler-Hussey of Lowell, and Brian and Cris Gessler

**JUNE 23** 

Jane Rogers, Brinna

rick Gessler.

The bride is a graduate of Forest Hills Northern and Calvin College.

The groom is a graduate

JUNE 24

Fred Fyan, Roger Barr.

**JUNE 25** 

Saralyn Vezino, Gay

Jeffrey and Dawn Carbines, along with big sister, Mara Grace, of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Felyse Bea, born June 11, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

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**JUNE 26** 

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# New name and logo for longstanding lowell Arts organization unveiled during Art Attack by Emma Palova

It was a party like no other on the lawn by the organization forward and forward," said Lowell Art! Lowell Area Arts Council building, complete with a to join us as we continue string band playing Mozart. A blackened roasted

pig, sporting a straw hat and an apple in his mouth, was awaiting carving inside It must have been the per- ment of a new website, and of Kissing Rock Kitchments.

Jack Lane, council board president and artist Gary Eldridge presented the need for change of pace. new name and logo for the arts council at the event.

The Lowell Area Arts Council is now Lowell Arts!

Lane said the purpose of looking for new the name change is to stimulate a new sense of engagement with the community of Lowell while continuing to reflect on its diverse support ing for suggesfor all things artistic, includ- tions as we take ing music, theatre, fine art, crafts and more.

we invite the community director Lorain Smalligan. years ago," he said

As part of this new drive, Lowell Arts! will be organization's building on around the carving knife. Hudson Street.

Eldridge said there is a Smalligan.

ing forward with a new set of of the other white meat.

eves," he said. The nization is now ideas as it hopes to move progressively forward. "We'relook-



Chef Ron Schell with his roasted pig.

"It is time to move the a look back and a huge look

And the new games at to dream big dreams, just the Art Attack were a big hit as our founders did over 35 this year, according to Smal-

But, the roasted pig remained the king of the show, while the crowd was waiting offering free membership serving also as a prop to othfor the big announcement. to new members, develop- er caterers like Tina Greene fect week for big announce- new outdoor signage for the ens dangerously swishing "I loved the pig," said

Approximately 85 peo-

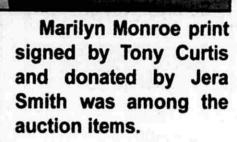
"We need to start look- ple got to taste the delicacy

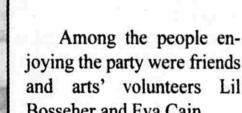


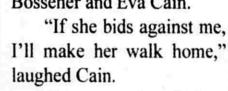
and arts' volunteers Lil Bosseher and Eva Cain.

I'll make her walk home,' laughed Cain.

everybody in Lowell, said







Cain wanted to bid on a basket containing the coupons to Cascade Roadhouse. Bosseher, who knows



Graduation Celebration Honoring **BRYAN ROBERT ROTH** Friday, June 24 • 4 to 8 p.m Given at Wilda Terrile Home N 6400 Bowen Rd. E. • 4 miles north of Saranac Bryan is formerly of Lowell & Paradise. Graduated from Saranac High School Great Job, Bry, Love Dad

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## she'll have a pig again at a

graduation party.

na Ariffin

for \$850.

CaterCat.

Art Attack.

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"On a beautiful summer said. "It was a wonderful evening we had a fun party way for us to announce our in our own back yard," she new name and logo."

Chef Ron Schell didn't disappoint with his pork au jus, vegetable medley, potato salad, cole slaw, corn bread and baked beans. There was an eclectic mix of auction items from

massages and electric toothbrushes to silk batik by Zuri-The auction items that

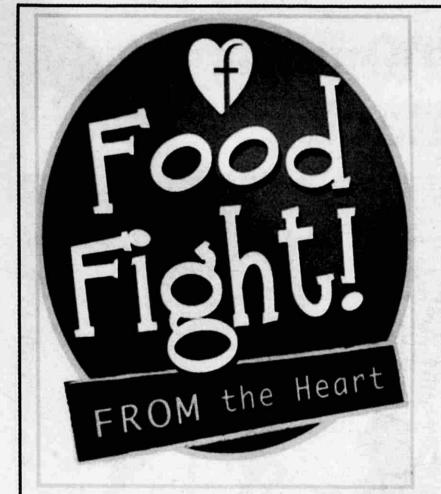
went for the highest bid were two timeshares, each

The catering was provided by Grand Volute and

estimated that \$7,500 was raised at the



www.lowellartscouncil.org or 616.897.8545 www.discoverlowell.org or 616.897.9161



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# Going Green art exhibit explores Earth's sustainability

The Going Green art exhibit explores the themes of Earth's sustainability by blending nature with art. It is now on display at the Lowell Arts! gallery through July

Artists from teens to adults found inspiration in the ecosystem, recycling and energy crisis.

Robert Miller, in his sculptures "Garden Music" and "Summer Tunes," uses old spades, shovels, exhaust pipes and horns that no longer play music.

In his artist's statement, Miller writes that he uses objects that don't work, typically musical instruments and gardening tools.

Artist Scott Breen created a Lithutane still life set for a video. He used recycled material to create the props and the stage.

Casey Cornwell, project director for Lowell Arts!, said in spite of the small number of entries, the show is a good representation of the theme.

The exhibit educates the viewer on environmental issues and concerns.



Scott Breen made Lithutane still life from recycled materials.

# New floral shop opens in Lowell

by Emma Palova opened in Lowell on West business after Mongar spent Main Street. Owners

Mongar and Shawn Flip-A new floral shop has po ventured into the floral most of her life designing Leighanna bouquets and arrangements.

Leighanna Mongar with daughter Raeanna.

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Although Mongar now the time when Mongar had wears two hats: one of a florist, the other of a bus driver, she feels up to the task with the support from her

family. "We worked as a family to make it happen," said Mongar.

Partner Shawn Flippo helped remodel the store including painting.

And colleague bus drivers are there to help just like

to handle orders for Mother's Day and the prom, just two days apart.

Four bus drivers volunteered their help, as well as the family.

"We got it done," said Mongar.

Mongar worked for West Michigan Floral Supply, that supplied Meijer stores for 15 years, as a su-



Robert sculpture created using materials that no longer work.

came along, she decided to drive a school bus to have more time for the family.

"I love driving the school bus," she said, "but I also want to run a simple floral shop."

Mongar vowed to make pink bows for the entire town for the Pink Arrow Project until she cannot make anymore.

The shop offers fresh pervisor. When children flowers, gifts and plants.

Mongar does funerals, with free deliveries, and weddings. She has tuxedo rentals and everything from a \$1 carnation to a \$500 casket spray.

When she overbought flowers last week, Mongar donated a bucket of flowers to Fountain View of Lowell.

Daughters, Samantha Flippo and Raeanna Mongar, help out.

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# **Longtime educator retires from Lowell Area Schools**

## by Emma Palvoa

Bushnell Elementary principal Karen Burd will never forget the kidlike box she found in her office on the last day of school

Inside the box was a stuffed puppy dog that looked like it's been through war. It was worn and dirty. and loved many times.

"I opened it and bawled," she said wiping off tears from her eyes.

When Burd announced her retirement after 33 years

with the Lowell Area School district, she received an outpouring from children and families.

Former students, now parents, came to wish Burd happy retirement. One dad still remembered how Burd welcomed him to school. "I can make a pencil disappear," she said.

Burd could certainly turn teaching into magic with her love for children and the families. That is why she was hesitant to ac-

## **DRAFT SYNOPSIS** OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF THE** LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011**

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 6. 2011 meeting as corrected

Motion to approve the accounts payables as presented.

Motion to approve the resolution recommending that a Lowell Area Historical Museum Operation and Maintenance renewal millage ballot proposal be submitted to the electors of the City at the November 8, 2011 General Election.

Motion to approve the King Milling Company application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate under PA 198 for 12 years under the current City policy.

Motion to approve the resolution to establish new fees and charges for Transient Merchants.

Motion to approve the resolution to establish new fees and charges for Peddlers.

Motion to approve the resolution to establish new impounding and boarding fees for dogs and cats.

Motion to approve the proposal from Rick Os born of Homesights, Inc. to negotiate with four property owners involving tree removals near the intersection of Vergennes Road and Lincoln Lake by the Lowell City Airport not to exceed \$3,000.

Motion to approve the request from the Loyal Order of the Moose to use the south end of the King Milling Parking lot having insurance which covers the City of Lowell and King Milling Company as additional insured and recommend approval of a temporary liquor license to the LCC for serving to non-club members within their building for their July 4 celebration.

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

Complete minutes will be available after approved on July 5, 2011 on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at City Hall



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk



Karen Burd talks about her career as an educator at Bushnell Elementary.

cept the administrative position at Bushnell 13 years - her parting with the school

families," she said. But, then superinten-

dent Bert Bleke encouraged marked in the yearbook.

"It was all inspirter one year. I could remember the families in the vearbook and I had the responsibility of moving the building forward."

As the principal, Burd impacted even more families, in some cases three generations. In fact, her students marked in that vearbook have just graduated this year.

ter, just keep watching for it," Burd said.

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band's advice, Burd started slowly step-by-step. She "I liked knowing the took down photos of the children by the Imagine, Dream and Create wall.

"When I look at a child, Burd to try the principal's I see the potential and that post for one year to see if continues to exhilarate me," she could still remember the she said. "What I say and do children and the families has implications. I am always learning."

Never afraid of the uning to me," she said. "Af- known, Burd is ready for a second career as she moves on with her life after Lowell schools.

> "I've received some unsolicited ideas like training other teachers or helping student teachers, or writing a book." Burd said.

Burd has primarily taught kindergarten spending most of her years at Bushnell. She has been an "Life keeps getting bet- integral part of the many changes the schools have undergone, such as the in-

creased curriculum and accountability.

"We're more skilled at differentiating instructions to meet the needs of the individual child," she said.

On the other hand, Burd said the families nowadays are more involved after school helping organize events. Even during the day, parents help at the schools to the extent where some visitors mistake them for para-

"We have the same pheond career, whatever it nomenal children and famimay be. lies who deserve the same Giving one last tour commitment to [a] child's through the building, that education," she said. "We houses all the preschools need to dance together to through first grade, Burd form a genuine transparent points out the different partnership." classrooms in two wings.

Throughout the years. Burd has also met children overburdened with problems that adults cannot deal with



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she said.

"They can make their

Burd will miss the

"I have a whole mix

way, but it takes a village,"

most the children, the fam-

of feelings and I embrace

each one of them," she

said. "I've learned what

my strengths are and that

puts deposits and it also

those deposits in her sec-

Burd wants to use

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ilies and the teachers.

"It's a magical place," she said.

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## obituaries

## HILDENBRAND

Lee David Hildenbrand, age 71, of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2011, after a short battle with lung cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gottlieb and Ida Hildenbrand (Vanderkolk). He

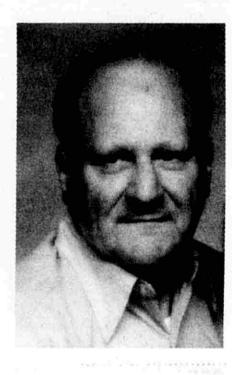
is survived by his sisters. Barb McClellan and Cheri (Russ) Geurink; six children, Robin (Ed) Coward of Aiken, SC, Chris (Jeff) Darter of Rocheport, MO, Bob (Shelly) Hildenbrand of Saranac, Ann (Jerry) Bellah of Pueblo, CO, Sherry (Mark) Richmond Dave (Sarah) and Hildenbrand of Lowell and 16 grandchildren. Dad loved to hunt and



fish and spend time with his dog Bell. He enjoyed country living and liked to tinker in the garage and barn. He was a Mr. "Fix-It" and always had good tips on how to repair just about anything. He owned "Hildenbrand Delivery Service" for almost 50 years before retiring in 2006. The family is planning a private, graveside service.

## NOVISKEY

Boyd Nelson Noviskey, age 83, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marion Lucille Noviskey: children, Larry Alan Noviskey, Linda Kay Scott; granddaughter, Danielle Marie Scott; and Linda's Shih Tzu, his favorite pet, Lizzie. A private graveside service will be held Freeport Cemetery with Military Honors.



## PROPST

Lowell, passed away June 14, 2011. He was preceded in Kim Amanda, Timmy, Sara and Rose; and nine greatdeath by his parents, Manley and Irene Propst; brother, grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Charles; sisters, Edith, Lily, Marion and Cora; sons, parents; son, Dave Smith in 2008; and sister, Virginia. Darryl and Brett Propst. He is survived by his wife of 50 Funeral services will be held Thursday, 11 am at Lake

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(Kevin) Keller, Shad (Trisha) Propst, Delani (Walt) VandenHout; grandchildren, Logger, Michelle, Luke, John, Sara, Chris, Nathan, Brandon, Cameron, Tara, Jordan, Logan; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Esther Erickson; numerous nieces and and best nephews; friends, Dick and Cynthia Crisp. Funeral service was held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Rev. Ken Ford of Alton Bible



Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Pink Arrow Pride, PO Box 246, Lowell, or to the Propst family to assist with funeral expenses.

## ROCKETT

Thomas Ronald Rockett, age 74, of Lowell, was called Home on June 14, 2011. Tom was born in Chicago, IL, on August 24, 1936. He worked as a butcher most of this life but found his true joy in fishing, hunting and his family. He was a good friend to all who knew him. His firm foundation was the love of the Lord and his faith was apparent to all. Those left with memories of him include his wife of 54 years, Jean; children, Laurie and David, Steven and Donna, Christie and Norman; ten grandchildren; and eleven greatgrandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, 1151 W. Main. Dr. Rev. Paul M'Pindi officiating. Interment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to "Hunt for a Cure", 2687 - 44th Street, Kentwood, MI 49512.

## SMITH

Frank L. Smith, age 86, of Saranac, passed away June 19, 2011, in Grand Rapids. He was born April 21, 1925, in Grand Rapids, the son of Frank and Gertrude Smith. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a past member of Saranac VFW. Frank married Beatrice DeWispelare April 28, 1951, in New York. He worked in security for Gen Corp for 35 years until retiring in 1990. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Beatrice Smith of Saranac; children, Rich Smith of Irvin Edward Propst, age 76, of Goetzville, formerly of Ionia and Brenda Shoen of Ionia; five grandchildren years, Zetta; children, Aleta (Jack) Hubbard, Mercedes Funeral Home in Saranac with Pastor John Prominski

officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the funeral home. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions in Frank's name to American Diabetes Association. Online condolences may be made at www.lakefuneralhomes. com

Alma "Jean" Stanford, age 87, of Lowell, passed away surrounded by her family June 15, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil; and daughter, infant Stanford. Janice survived by She is her children, Vern Humfleet, Iris (Barry) Marvin Johnson. Stanford, (Jeannie) Jim (Lin) Stanford, Ron (Peg) Stanford, Donna (Dennis) Brown, Mary (Tim) Henderson, Carl (Sandy) Stanford, Patty (Herm) Beute, Keith Stanford and fiancé Lynn; brother, Kenneth Cooper; 23 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel with Rev. Dean Bailey of Alto / Bowne Center United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Floral View Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Health Hospice, 100 Michigan St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49502-3030.

Orville (Spike) Walford, age 85, passed away June 15, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice (Crumback) of 65 years and his sister, Margeret (Irwin) Raymor. Spike is survived by his children, Mark (Petra) Walford of Genoa City, WI; Jill (Mark) Dewey of Lowell; grandchildren, Sean Walford, Pepijn Schmidt, Emily Walford, Caleb Walford, Noelle (Dan) Rottier, Andrea Dewey, Tyler Dewey; great-grandchildren, Calli and Andilynn Rottier; several nieces and nephews. Spike served in the Navy during WWII. He started working at Lear in 1943 and moved to Jet Electronics in 1965, where he retired from in 1994. Spike enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 21, at the Ofield Funeral Home Chapel.

WOOD, JAMES D. "Woody" 6/8/1936 - 6/25/2010

In memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather, who passed away one year ago.

We took our vows together, said, "Till death do us part." H But when God came and took your hand, my whole world fell apart. No one knows the heartache I try so hard to hide, only God knows how many times ve broken down and cried But when I look back upon our lives, one of the thing that makes me glad, is I have wonderful memories of the precious years we had.

> Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by wife, Ruth

If daisies grow in heaven, Lord pick a bunch for me. Place them in my father's arms and tell him they're from me. Tell him that I love and miss him and when he turns to smile. place a kiss upon his cheek and hold him for a while. The rolling stream of life rolls on: but still the vacant chair, recalls the love, the voice, the smile, of my dad who once sat there. We think about you every minute of every day.

> Dad/Papa, we love and miss you so much! XOXO Love, Troy & Angie Nate & Lindsey Bry & Lynsey Sloan



I know you are near. but it's not the same. No hugs, no stories, you don't speak my name. The holidays and events, they just come and go. We keep waiting to see you, and say it isn't so. A year ago, you stood nearby, today you are gone. we still don't understand why. The "firsts" without you, they all hurt so bad. Life just isn't the same ... without you Dad

> You are so very loved and missed, Jeff, Candi, and Skylar Bowne

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **HENRIETTA SIKKEMA** TRUST **TO ALL CREDITORS:** The Settlor, Henrietta lived

Sikkema, who at Beacon Hill, 1845 Boston St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, died on 3/30/2011. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified 616-456-4038 that all claims against the Henrietta Sikkema Trust dated 6/8/2000 as amended 11/15/2002 and 8/12/2009, will be forever banned unless presented to Robert Nordyke, Trustee, at 7200 Knapp, Ada, MI 49301 or Craig A.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

Bruggink, Attorney for Trustee, 429 Turner Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given thereafter be assigned and distributed to the

P.L.C. (P29358) Attorney for Trustee 429 Turner NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504

> Trust, uad 6/8/00 as amended on 11/14/02 and 8/12/09 7200 Knapp NE Ada, MI 49301 616-676-2396

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EPA QUALIFIED - 97% efficient. Central Boiler E-Classic OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. Sale. Call SOS your "Stocking Dealer" Dutton, MI 616-554-8669 or 616-915-5061.

ADJUSTABLE BED - Includes memory foam mattress. Never used. \$1,299 can deliver. 616-682-4767 or 293-5188.

**RE-FURBISHED COM-**PUTERS - Different brands different speeds, 90 day failure replacement. All w/Windows XP, priced from \$50 to \$165. Call Jim 897-7570.

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**OFFICE MANAGER - The** North Country Trail Association seeks a multi-talented individual to manage its national headquarters office in Lowell, MI. Supports team of 4 professionals. Duties: front office reception, human resources, volunteer supervision, retail management, contracts supervision, membership services ment. The office manager serves and sets example as part of a resilient NCTA staff truly committed to a collegial, team-based approach. Please send cover letter & resume to Bruce Matthews at bmatthews@ northcountrytrail.org

FULL/PART-TIME STYL-IST - City Looks Salon, inside Lowell Meijer, is looking for full/part-time stylists. Apply at location. 897-2122. Comm. pay with retail bonuses. Flexible schedules and walk-in clientele.

GREEN ACRES - An assisted living facility in Lowell, is currently seeking an experienced full-time cook to prepare nutritious tasteful meals & snacks for residents. If you have a passion to work with the elderly & truly want to make a difference then we want you! For immediate consideration, apply in person at: 1845 Birmingham SE, Lowell, MI 49331 or email your resume to greenacreslowell@rlmgmt com. No phone calls please.

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## sales

MOVING SALE - June 24 & 25, Fri., 9-6 p.m. & Sat., 9-3 p.m. Lawnmower, fridge, misc. furniture, books, toys. 826 East Main, Lowell,

GARAGESALE-June 24 & 25.9a.m.-4p.m.833045th St. East off Whitneyville Rd. Clothing, furniture, household items, baby clothes, toys & much more.

MOVING SALE - June 24. 9-5 & June 25, 9-1, 11429 Bluewater Hwy. Tools, household items, furniture, kid's clothes sizes 2T to 14, toys, bikes, many misc

GARAGE SALE - June 23-26, 8 - ? 700 Cumberland, N off Fulton. Old and new items, kitchen, decor, religious, books, Precious Moments, much more.

GARAGE SALES - 3277 & 3333 Segwun Ave. 6/23 & 6/24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many great items. Antiques, collectibles, costume jewelry, art, hats, coats & misc.

YARD SALE - Fri., June 24, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. One day, one dollar sale. Baby clothes, toys & gear, girls & unisex size NB to 24m. Most items \$1 unless marked. 421 N. Washington.

U PRICE IT! - We're leaving it up to you to give us a price. All offers considered, no reasonable offer refused. Clean sweep of house, yard & basement. Lots of good items. Come give us a look, you won't be disappointed. June 23, 24 & 25. 1237 Laurie Gail (2nd st. behind Rite Aid, Lowell). Cash only please.

GARAGE SALE - June 23 & 24, 9 to 6, June 25, 9 to 4. Little Tikes toybox, nice teen girls clothes, toys, home decor, bedding, etc. Great prices! 11841 5 Mile Rd. Lowell.

ADA SALE - don't want to miss this one. 2 family at Ada Ridge Quarter Horse Farm, 9240 Vergennes, June 24 & 25.

HUGE SALE - This Thurs. & Fri., 891 S. Bellamy Rd., Ionia, 10 min. from downtown Lowell. Lots of furniture, exercise equip... kids' bed frame, new log bed frame, skis, heaters bumper & tailgate for truck, 2 dog kennels & much. much more.

HURS. - SAT. - June 23-25, 9 to 6 p.m. 12150 Downes (W. on Bailey off Lincoln Lake, N. on Alden Nash, E. on Downes). Furniture, tools, misc. Follow red balloons.

MOVING/MULTI FAMILY SALE - 3810 Quiggle Ave. (between 36th & Cascade) June 23 & 24, 9-7. Tools baby clothes, household electronics, furniture, perennials, & lots more.

CAMPAU KETTLE LAKE NEIGHBORHOOD GA-RAGE SALES - Fri., June 24, 9 to 6 & Sat., June 25, 9 to 3. 76th St. & Whitneyville Rd, between 66 & McCords.

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**SUPERNICE FURNITURE** & GARAGE SALE - June 23 & 24, 9-6 p.m. 11835 Alden Ct. (Lincoln Lake N. to 3 Mile, W. to Alden Nash. N. 1/4 mile to Alden Ct.) Sofa & matching chair, chairs, tables, lamps, home decor, lots of toys, maternity clothes & infant boy clothes & lots of misc.

## misc.

DANCING ON THE RIV-**ERFRONT LOWELL** -Every Sunday - Country night. 5-7 p.m. Theme nights on Wednesdays. 7-9 p.m. - June 29 theme is Woodstock. Donations accepted. For more info contact softonthefeet entertainment@vahoo.

**GRAND OPENING** CRICKETS CROP SHOP, Scrapbooking Supplies, 11768 Old Belding Rd., Grattan Make & takes, prizes & refreshments. 616-

826-1872.

com

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATH-ERING-Brunch at Keiser's Kitchen, Sat., July 9, 2011, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$15 per person by June 30. Reservations are needed. Send check to: LEF. 806 Lafayette, Lowell, MI 49331. Info e-mail: larrymartin@ameritech.

## WEDDING INVITATIONS

Available at Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell Ph. 897-9261 Stop by & check out one of our books. Many different styles & price ranges.



PLEASE NOTE - 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 Rummage Sales as a coming event. All Coming Events or changes to coming events should be submitted by fax: 897-4809, email classifieds@lowellbuyersguide com, by mail: PO Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or in person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell.

**ALTOLIBRARYHOURS:** 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.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS - (AA) Mon., Wed. Thurs.: 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.

Veteran's Center, 3100 Alden Nash. Newly remodeled, smoke-free, private. great location & great rate www.vfw8303.org. Call 8303.TEN

that the Trust will persons entitled to it.

June 14, 2011

Craig A. Bruggink

**Robert Nordyke** Successor Trustee of the Henrietta Sikkema

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NEED A DUMP STER? - 14 to 20 yards available. Garage, attic, household cleanup, roofing, trash, junk, etc. **Dependable service** & affordable prices. Mention this ad & receive 10% off. Call for free estimates. Contact Doug 616-295-6640.TEN

**HANDY REPAIR SERVICE** - All kinds of service work: locks rekeyed, deadbolts installed. screen & window repair. Call Bob Ford, 299-3198.TEN

DAYCARE - 2 full time openings, any age, 11 years experience, open 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Four C's Food Program. Call Pam, 897-9566.

YOGA CLASSES - Balance, Flexibility, Strength Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 p.m. & Fridays 8 a.m. \$6 walkin at 901 W. Main, Lowell 616-893-5661.www.hammocklearning.com

AUTO DETAILING - by Professional Car Appearance LLC. Multi years experience. Competitive rates. References available. Call Eric at 616-706-4421

GEE'S ROLLING DUMPhousehold trash or \$250 for shingles/drywall. 616-205-6871.

CAKES - for all your special occasions. 897-4363.

**BRICK - BLOCK - STONE** - Chimney repair & concrete work. Call 897-0698 ask for Darryl.

## services

SUMMER PIANO LES-SONS - Experienced & popular teacher has openings available. \$65 per month. Vergennes Twp. Call 897-9485. MissMeowsic@msn. com

WATSON'S HANDYMAN SERVICE - Decks, Doors, Drywall Repair, Misc. Repairs. Small jobs welcome. As always 10% senior citizen discount. Call Steve 897-6906.

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TAXES, PAYROLL. QUICKBOOKS, & AC-BONNIE'S CREATIVE COUNTING SERVICE by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-6351.TEN



FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MIN- COFFEE WITH THE COUNCIL ISTRIES THRIFT STORE - is - Come meet & have a cup of open Wed. 10 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & coffee with your city council Fri., 10-6; Sat., 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. members. First Saturday o 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 TEEN GROUP - CANCER AND p.m.; Tues. 6-9 p.m.; Thurs. 10-6 p.m. 987-9533. Diapers, formula, clothing & free pregnancy testing available.

LOWELLAREAARTSCOUNCIL 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. Nondenominational. Help for pregnant omen/adolescents in need rovides support, referrals, food, clothing/infant items. Lowell area. 897-9393.

each month at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell. a.m. - 10 a.m.

**GRIEF** - First & third Tuesdays 5:30 - 7 p.m. A committed group for teens in ninth - twelfth grade on a cancer or grief journey. Incorporates curriculum-based activities & discussion. Gilda's Club - Lowell Clubhouse, 314 S. Hudson, Lowell.

**FLAT RIVER WOOD CARVERS** meets every Wed. 2-4 p.m. a the Lowell Area Arts Council. New carvers welcome.

FREE ADDICTIONS PRO-GRAM - every Friday, 7 p.m. a Bible Believers Church, 404 N Hudson St., Lowell. For more information call 616-485-2385

V.F.W. POST #8303 - meets the first Monday at 7 p.m. at 3116 Alden Nash S.E.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT GAP DEN CLUB - meets the 3rd Monday in the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 211 N. Washington St. at 6:30 p.m.



## **JUNE 15 - JUNE 21**

- · The Supreme Court puts the brakes on a massive job discrimination lawsuit against Walmart, saving class action status that could potentially involve hundreds of thousands of female workers is too large.
- 22-year-old Rory McIlroy of Ireland wins the U.S. Open (golf) with an eight-stroke lead over Y.E. Yang.
- Marilyn Monroe's white "subway" dress sells for more than \$5.6 million; bidders also pay another \$2.7 million for other outfits.
- Greece is preparing to sell off billions of dollars worth of state assets, including airports and highways, to meet lenders' demands to raise funds.

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## **Roth IRA: A lifetime investment**

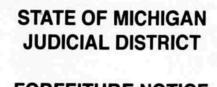
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provided you have earned ting money into a Roth IRA cess to the funds, you can just starting out in your ca- each year until you reached you've held your account contributions as your in- tax bracket and you earned a 1/2. come rises, up to the contri- seven percent return, combution limit. A Roth IRA is pounded annually. But, giv- to your retirement. Unlike an excellent retirement sav- en the same assumptions, other retirement accounts, ings vehicle because it can you'd end up with only grow tax free and your con- about \$365,000 if you wait-

ed until 40 before you started contributing. It clearly pays to contribute early and annually to a Roth IRA. (In 2011, the annual contribution limit is \$5,000, or \$6,000 if you're 50 or older.) There are additional benefits to funding a Some investments are tributions can be invested Roth IRA, such as its flexible withdrawal options, which are available to you even beare more suitable for retire- bonds, mutual funds, CDs fore you retire. Since you already paid taxes on the mon-Of course, when you're ey you put into your Roth, can provide you with bene- young, you might not be you can withdraw your conyour life. Let's take a quick ment. But the earlier you out paying taxes or penal-"journey" through some of start contributing to a Roth ties. Generally speaking, it's these stages to see just how IRA, the more you could certainly best to leave your valuable a Roth IRA can be. end up with — and the dif- Roth IRA intact for as long To begin with, you can ference could be substantial. as possible. But if there's an open a Roth IRA at any age, In fact, if you started put- emergency and you need acincome and meet certain at age 30, and you contrib- also withdraw your Roth's income limits. So if you're uted the maximum amount earnings tax free, provided reer, put as much as you can 65, you would accumulate at least five years and you afford into your Roth IRA more than \$766,000, assum- don't start taking withdrawand gradually increase your ing you are in the 25 percent als until you've reached 59 voyage.

Now, let's fast-forward

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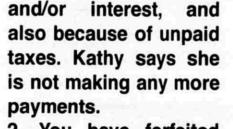


FORFEITURE NOTICE Land Contract

Court address: 63rd District Court, 1950 E. Beltline, Grand **Rapids, MI 49525** 

You are notified land а certain dated Nov. 2010, between Paula J. Livingston as seller(s) (party[ies] of the first part), and Tetzlaff as purchaser(s) (party[ies] of the second part), concerningtheproperty at 853 Montcalm Ave. NE, Lowell, MI 49331 is in default because nonpayment of installments of principal

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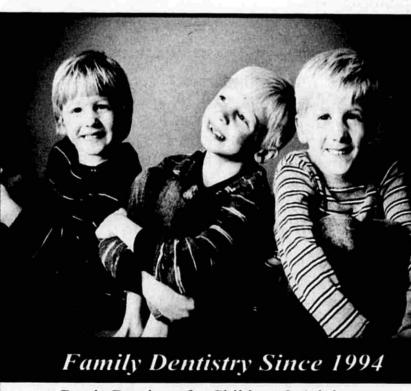


2. You have forfeited 29, 2011. your rights under the land contract. and payment is demanded by Paula J. Livingston, who holds the land contract as seller.

3. The sum of \$175.00 is now past due in principal and interest under the

land contract, plus the sum of \$44.00 for taxes. to a longer time.) The dates upon which payments were due are is not paid in full within Feb. 29, 2011, and Mar.

4. The total amount due. or the material breach(es) of contract, must be cured or paid within 15 days\* from the date of the service of notice upon you. (\*15 days, unless the parties



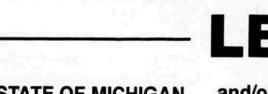
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or a 401(k), your Roth IRA does not require you to start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2 — or ever. If you don't need the money, you can leave it alone, possibly to grow further, for as long as you like. This means that you might have more money to bequeath to your children or other beneficiaries. and they won't have to pay income taxes on withdrawals from either your contributions or your earnings, provided your Roth IRA account has been open for at least five years. Keep in mind, though, that your beneficiaries will be required to take distributions based on their life expectancy.

As you can see, a Roth IRA can be an excellent financial "traveling companion" as you go through life. So consider adding a Roth to your portfolio - and bon

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have by contract agreed 5. If the total amount due the time stated, or if the

material breach(es) is/ are not cured within the time stated. the land contract will be forfeited, as provided in the contract, and you will be required to move out and give up the described property without further notice to you. IF YOU DO NOT MOVE OR PAY VOLUNTARILY, THE CONTRACT HOLDER MAY TAKE YOU TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. 6. The property is described as: All that part of the NE 1/4 section, 24 Town 7.N. Range 9W, described as: Commencing 136 ft. S. 62 degrees 22 minutes W along the Centerline of Covered Bridge Dr. from the N & S, 1/4 of said section. Thence S 62 degrees, 22 minutes W. 132 ft. along said Centerline thence S. 28 degrees 20 minutes E 297 ft. along the line of an existing fence thence N 62 degrees 20 minutes E 128.5 to the intersection of the W line of Montcalm Ave. Thence N. 27 degrees 28 minutes W 297 ft. along said Ave. to the place of beginning except the N. 150 feet as measured along Centerline of Montcalm Ave. 41-16-

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# **STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011**

Mayor Hodges, Members of the Lowell City Council and Citizens of To: Lowell

Over the past several years, I have had the privilege and opportunity to address the Lowell community to the current status of the City. As I close the 24th year of service as Lowell City Manager retiring from this position. it is still important to identify issues and establish goals.

The national and state economic events continue to dominate Lowell. Signs of optimism continue with a number of businesses flourishing. Vacant storefronts though do remain.

I am encouraged with the expansion of Litehouse, Inc. and one planned for King Milling. The employment growth of Attwood Corporation continues to encourage.

Lowell must and will strive to maintain and improve as a business friendly City. In an era of intense competition, Lowell will also continue to operate with greater efficiencies.

With the adoption of the 2011-2012 Budget, the following goals are established and in some cases reestablished:

Continue the strengthening of the General Fund seeking means to increase the fund balance. The 2011-2012 budget has provided a fund balance of \$208,200 representing 8.3% of expected expenditures. While this falls short of the \$300,000 balance and 15% of expenditures as a goal, the budget has been maintained even though there has been a \$100,000 loss in property tax revenue as well as over \$60,000 decrease in State shared revenues.

Outside sources of revenues should be sought for needed projects.

Continue to improve City streets. Through federal funding for several major streets and setting aside a mill of property tax revenue to local roads, construction has made significant upgrades. This coming year, federal STP-Small Urban funds are allocated to Bowes Road, while North Center is near completion with Hillside Court planned for rehabilitation. Street maintenance is a must to keep deterioration away from roadways.

Work cooperatively between the City and the Department of Light and Power.

Take advantage of the upgraded web site so that the City can reach more interested visitors.

Ensure that all municipal facilities and equipment are in good repair and well maintained.

Sidewalks, particularly school walks, continue to be a priority.

Continue to strongly support the Lowell Area Recreation Authority in its efforts to establish a communitywide trail system, noting the first phase is under construction.

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With the establishment of the LCTV Endowment Fund Board, opportunities have promoted for municipal and nonprofit projects.

The formation of the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority have given the City, Lowell Charter and Vergennes Townships greater cooperation and sharing of resources for public safety.

Continue to recognize the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Lowell Area Arts Council, Kent District Library, Lowell Community Wellness, YMCA, Lowell Senior Neighbors and Gilda's Club as important resources to the City's quality of life.

Support the Airport Board's efforts to attain General Utility status for the Lowell City Airport understanding that safety is the first consideration for improvements.

Recognizing Lowell-Rockford Ambulance as an integral part of our health community system. This is further enhanced by the Ambulance station completed in 2007.

Recognizing the work of the City's Arbor Board and the gaining of Tree City USA status to promote the growth and maintenance of trees in our community. This has been further enhanced by the City attaining three Arbor Day Growth Awards.

Appreciating the service the Lowell Little League, YMCA, Xtreme Softball, Backyard Dreams, Kent County Youth Fair, Lowell Youth Football, Lowell Rugby and Lowell Lacrosse have given to the community's youth.

With a contract to Red Creek Waste Services, the City's waste collection system including recycling will be monitored.

Continue to plan for improvements to the Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants. The infiltration study to the City's waste collection system will soon be completed.

In conclusion, as I approach my retirement as City Manager, I know Mark Howe will provide strong administrative leadership as my successor. As mentioned many times, I have counted it a privilege to work for the City.

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Continue support of the Downtown Development Authority and Downtown Historic District Commission in its efforts to improve the downtown. The improvements to both sides of the riverbank downtown are priorities. In particular a DNR Trust Fund grant application of \$300,000 with \$150,000 local funding would greatly improve the east side.

Continue to support the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce in its marketing strategy. The Chamber has been a key component in revitalizing the downtown through such activities as the Riverwalk Festival and Christmas

> Respectfully submitted David M. Pasquale



SUNDAY FAMILY FUN **Children's Games Live Music** 

50/50 **Bingo** (12:30 - 4:30 pm) **Beer Tent** 

Annual Custom Classic Car, Truck & Antique Tractor Show

EZ IDLE (Bluegrass Music) Friday 7 - 10 PM

Phoenix Rose The Diddle Styx Saturday -8:00 - Midnight

**Polka Band** Sunday 1 - 5 PM

