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Chamber comes out of the closet to present well-deserved awards to community leaders

by Emma Palova

It was a night to remember as more than 200 Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce members filled the Deer Run Golf Course banquet hall for the Annual Winter Gathering last Thursday.

Chamber director Liz Baker kept receiving phone calls for more seating practically until the day of the event.

"It's a good thing," said chamber ambassador Catharina Bek.

As people poured into the hall on a chilly February night, the closet by the main entrance filled with coats and other winter gear. This made for a warm backdrop to the upcoming award presentations in the following categories: Brick Awards, Business Appreciation award and Person of the Year.

With the coats in the background, Baker first outlined chamber accomplishments, including grants to the Greater Lowell Chamber Foundation that will be used for 2012-2013 scholarships for technical skilled labor. Monies were raised through the annual golf outing, si-



Lowell Chamber of Commerce director, Liz Baker, talked about chamber business with a closet full of coats for a backdrop.



Kirk Collins of Showboat Automotive holds on to his Business Appreciation award.

Showboat Automotive receives 2012 Business Appreciation award

by Emma Palova

Showboat Automotive received the Business Appreciation award at the An-

ual Winter Gathering last week. chains is that they continuously give," said Yankovich. "Kirk is not in the big office. The big office at the Showboat is right there."

Holding on to his award, Collins cracked a joke that when chamber director Liz Baker called him she said, "Why don't you come out, have dinner and we'll give you an award." He first said no, he didn't want it, then he sat down, got out a white envelope, wrote Liz Baker on it, put \$500 in small bills inside and said, "here we are."

Showboat sponsors endless organizations, including the Touchdown Club, Lowell football, Little League baseball, Lowell lacrosse, as well as the Riverwalk, Sizzlin' Summer concerts, the Lowell High School yearbook, and the Brian Mead car show in conjunction with the Riverwalk.

nual Winter Gathering last week.

The business was recognized along with other award recipients for the ongoing commitment to the community.

"It's great," said owner Kirk Collins.

Presenting the award was Cliff Yankovich of Chimera Design.

"I am going to get on my soap box. There's another auto chain coming to town. What sets Showboat Automotive apart from these



Kirk Collins



Persons of the Year Teresa and Perry Beachum.

lent auction and \$25,000 came from the Ivan Blough family. The Lowell Cable TV fund granted a \$25,000 match grant. The golf outing raised over \$3,100 from hole sponsors and silent auction items. An endowment fund in the amount of \$50,000 was established with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation

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City to refinance water and city hall bonds to reduce budget deficit

by Emma Palova

The city will refinance water and city hall bonds which will in turn reduce the \$143,000 budget deficit by \$80,000.

The refinancing of the water system bonds will save annually \$20,000 on bond payments due to lower interest rates.

In order to refinance the bonds, the city will work with financial advisor Kelli Lambrix of PFM (Public Financial Management, Inc.), who will ultimately be appointed to the Building Authority.

The \$7,500 fee for financial advisory services will be rolled into the refinanced water system bonds.

On a similar note, the refinancing of the existing debt on the city hall will save \$500,000 over the next 20 years, when the bonds mature.

The city will lease the hall from the Building Authority, much like 10 years ago when the bonds were first financed.

The Building Authority issued its first bonds in 2002 for \$4,725,000. These were used for the renovation and expansion of the city hall and the police station, including the acquisition of property for the expansion of parking.

Since the issuance of the 2002 bonds, the interest rates have declined making refinancing desirable.

The remaining payment to be refinanced is \$4,305,000.

The refinancing will not extend the payment of the debt, according to city manager Mark Howe.

In other business: Lowell, again has been named Tree City USA by the Na-

tional Arbor Day Foundation. Lowell has been Tree City USA since 2007.

In addition, Lowell also received the Tree City USA growth award that recognizes a sustained and increased commitment to tree care. The city has received the growth award since 2008.

"The city is being a good steward of its trees," said Howe.

The Lowell Area Community Fund has been instrumental in financial support of the city tree program. The fund awarded \$15,000 toward the program.

The city also received \$12,500 for electronic public records and technology upgrades.

"Our goal is to make more records available to the public electronically through our website," said Howe.

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Public bodies allowed to meet in closed sessions under Open Meetings Act

Recently, the city council and the administration have met in a closed session to discuss the contract negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Closed sessions are governed by the Opening Meetings Act that states that a closed session is permissible to discuss material exempt from disclosure by state or federal status. Records that are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act meet this standard.

However, any action taken in a closed session becomes public information. Minutes taken in a closed session are not a public record.

A closed session may be held only for the following purposes:

(a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges

brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open sessions.

(b) To consider the dismissal, suspension or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district or institution of higher education that the student is attending and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

(c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

(d) To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is obtained.

(e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settle-

ment position of the public body.

(f) To review and consider the contents of an application for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate requests that the application remain confidential. However, except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all interviews by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office shall be

held in an open meeting pursuant to this act. This subdivision does not apply to a public office described in subdivision (j).

(g) Partisan caucuses of members of the state legislature.

(h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

(i) For a compliance conference conducted by

the department of commerce under section 16231 of the public health code, Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.16231 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, before a complaint is issued.

(j) In the process of searching for and selecting a president of an insti-

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along main street

COMMODITIES

The Kent County Emergency Food Program will have their quarterly distribution on March 1 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Moose Recreation Hall located at 1320 Fulton Street E, hosted by Flat River Outreach Ministries. Recipients must be a resident of Kent County and qualify for the program. To register or renew, please bring a picture ID, Social Security card for all household members and proof of income. Contact 897-8457 for more information or volunteer opportunities for this program.

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Come meet and have a cup of coffee with your city councilmembers on the first Saturday of the month from 8-10 am at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza.

LAS ATHLETIC

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Mon., March 5 at 7:00 pm. Please come and support our athletes.

UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will hold a class on Ukrainian egg decorating at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce on March 10 from 10-2 pm. Class size is limited so register early. Cookies and coffee will be provided by the museum. Call 897-7688 for more information or to register.

GILDA'S CLUB

LOWELL CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

LaughFest Open House, a time for out-of-town visitors to come see firsthand what LaughFest is all about and have a look at the Clubhouse, Tues., March 13, 2-6 pm; Cancer - New Member Meeting, introductory meeting for those who wish to join the cancer support program, Tues., March 13 and 27, 2:30-3:30 pm and 7:15-8:00 pm; Book Club, join Kathy Mieras for a relaxing and cozy book club, Tues., March 20, 4:30-5:30 pm; Mosaic Craft Workshop, join Corinn Schaafsma for this fun workshop, Tues., March 20, 3-4 pm. Register today; Wood Carving, learn how to make easy and beautiful wood carvings with Doug Shassberger, Tues, March 20, 4-5 pm. Located at 314 S. Hudson St., for information call 897-8600.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

Thebes Players will present The Odd Couple (dinner theatre) from April 27 – May 12. Auditions for the play are on Sat., Mar. 3 at 10 am and Mon., Mar. 5 at 6 pm at Lowell Public Library. For more information and to borrow a script call or visit LowellArts! at 897-8545 / 149 S. Hudson.

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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volunteering opportunities

FROM introduces volunteer orientation

Flat River Outreach Ministries (FROM) presents its first of many volunteer orientations on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 pm. This one-hour event provides an opportunity for community members to actively respond to the needs of families in the greater Lowell area.

Executive director Tamela Spicer said FROM is looking for volunteers who are organized and can

work with others effectively. "We really need people who are available during the day," she said. "Volunteers control their schedule, picking which days and times they want to work." Spicer noted that FROM needs volunteers who are willing to commit on a consistent basis, whether it is once a week or once a month, to shifts as short as two hours.

Jean Carlson, who has volunteered at FROM for

five years, said she's made friends with the people she works with and regular customers who come to check out the weekly deals at the Thrift Shop. "I was impressed from the beginning with how much work was being done and how many people were working here," she said about FROM. Carlson used to help sort and organize donated items for the Thrift Shop and recently moved into the showroom as a cashier.

In addition to the Thrift Shop, FROM has a wide variety of outreach programs to assist families facing hardship, including four food programs, financial assistance, free tax preparation and two annual distribution programs. With only

two part-time employees, FROM relies on nearly 200 volunteers who log an average of 2,000 hours of service each month.

"The orientation will address specific volunteer needs," said Ann Dimmick, FROM chairman of the board.

"The first purpose is to train our volunteers to respond to our clients in appropriate ways," she said. "Prospective volunteers will learn about the ministry of FROM and how to serve."

Joyce Laviolette says, "If I wasn't volunteering at FROM, I would be sitting at home twiddling my thumbs." Laviolette has volunteered at FROM for five years and enjoys getting to know the regular customers, "I've got people that I hug each week," she said. "Every Thursday morning a little first-grade boy from Hastings comes into the Thrift Shop and gets a hug."

Both Laviolette and

Carlson agree that volunteering at FROM has helped them reach out to the community and become acquainted with many people of the greater Lowell area.

The volunteer orientation is open to anyone interested in serving at FROM, but attending the orientation doesn't mean a commitment to volunteering.

"People are welcome to come and just learn more about FROM," Spicer said. The orientation will last approximately an hour and includes a tour of the building and brief historical expla-

nation of how FROM grew from a pantry the size of a closet to a ministry now housed in a 40,000 square foot building. For more information, or to reserve your spot at a volunteer orientation, e-mail FROM at volunteer@fromlowell.org or call Tamela at 421-0028. Two orientations will be held each month at the FROM facility located at 11535 Fulton Street East. March orientations are scheduled on Wednesday, March 7 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and again on Thursday, March 22 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Closed sessions, continued

tution of higher education established under section 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963, to review the specific contents of an application, to conduct an interview with a candidate, or to discuss the specific qualifications of a candidate if the particular process of searching for and selecting a president of an institution of higher education meets all of the following requirements:

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search committee also may include one or more members of the governing board of the institution, but the number shall not constitute a quorum of the governing board. However, the search committee shall not be constituted in such a way that any one of the groups described in this subparagraph constitutes a majority of the search committee.

(II) After the search committee recommends the

five final candidates, the governing board does not take a vote on a final selection for the president until at least 30 days after the five final candidates have been publicly identified by the search committee.

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financial focus



Christopher C. Godbold

Sell investments for the right reasons

It's important to understand which investments to own, and when to buy them. But you should also know when it's time to sell an investment — and why.

Unfortunately, many people sell investments for the wrong reasons. Some people want the money to purchase so-called "hot" investments, even if these new

investments aren't appropriate for their needs. Others own investments that have lost value, and fearing further losses, they decide to sell — thereby violating the oldest rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high."

These types of behavior can lead to at least two major problems. First, if you're constantly selling investments, you'll likely incur fees, commissions and taxes that can erode any returns you did manage to achieve. And second, by frequently selling off your investments and buying new ones, you'll find it difficult to follow the type of consistent, long-term financial strategy that's essential to help you work toward your goals.

If you shouldn't sell investments to find quick gains or to avoid losses that may not even occur, when should you sell?

You might want to sell: If your goals have changed — You bought certain investments because you thought they would help you make progress toward your objectives. But over time, your goals may change, so in response, you may need to sell some investments and use the money to purchase new ones that are more suitable for your new goals. For example, early in your career, you might have benefit-

ed from owning investments that offered high potential for growth, but as you near retirement, you may need to shift some — but certainly not all — of your growth-oriented vehicles to income-producing ones.

If the investments themselves change — You might have bought a stock because you liked the company's products, business plan or management team. If any of these factors change significantly, though, you might need to re-evaluate your ownership of this investment.

If you need to rebalance your portfolio — You may have decided that your investment portfolio should be composed of specific percentages of stocks, bonds and "cash" instruments. But due to changes in the value of your investments, these percentages can shift somewhat, resulting in a portfolio that no longer reflects your goals and risk tolerance. If that happens, you'll need to rebalance your holdings, which may require you to sell some of your investments.

If an investment has chronically underperformed — Sometimes, an investment simply doesn't perform as well as you had hoped. When this happens, you may be better off by selling the

investment and using the money to pursue new opportunities. However, don't rush to judgment. Before you sell an underperforming investment, try to determine why it hasn't done well. Is it because the market as a whole has slumped? If so, your investment could rebound when the market does. Or are there separate factors, unique to this investment, that have caused its problems? If the invest-

ment's fundamentals and prospects still look good, you might want to simply give it time to prove its worth.

By knowing when you should hold an investment, and when you shouldn't, you can avoid costly mistakes and help improve your chances for long-term investment success. So think carefully before putting up the "For Sale" sign on your investments.

Local lottery player wins big

One lucky woman couldn't believe it when her Best of 7s instant ticket showed to be a top prize winner for \$777,777!

The woman, who prefers to remain anonymous, cannot wait to become a homeowner for the first time as she plans to purchase a house with some of

her newfound fortune. She also plans to buy her sister a house, donate to the Humane Society and buy her son a new car to drive when he returns from serving his country overseas.

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- Jonathan Winters

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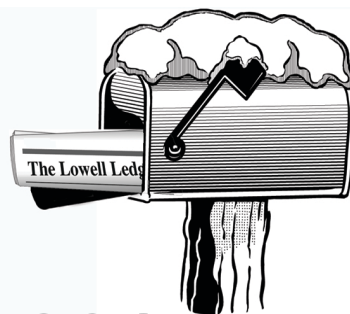
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to the editor

glad to see union rumor addressed

Dear Editor,
City negotiates contract with IBEW union was the headline in the Lowell Ledger. The article stated that [the contract will impact 13 employees: five from the Lowell Light and Power and eight from the Department of Public Works (DPW). The article also noted - with negotiations pending, we have nothing on which to comment at this time," said

city manager Mark Howe]. Rumors have been going around about a new union for several months now. It's pleasing to know that it has finally been brought to the forefront by the Lowell Ledger. The constituents of Lowell deserve to know about what's going on even though the contract hasn't been finalized. I believe

there is always more than one side to every story and hopefully when the contract is negotiated, the Ledger will print all sides.

It will be interesting to hear why some city employees have decided to join a union after all these years. The city already has a police department that has a union. The Lowell Police Department is the single largest cost to the city budget at around \$800,000 a year.

What will happen when the police department contract expires next year? Will

they demand higher wages and benefits? I believe the city council needs to take a good hard look at the high cost of the police department.

Up till now the city has had a DPW it can afford. I believe what Lowell doesn't need is another union. Lowell sure doesn't need the \$140,000 budget deficit that it has acquired.

It will be interesting what comes out after the contract with IBEW has been finalized.

Sincerely, Jim Howard
Lowell

outdoors

weather or not

Dave Stegehuis

Outdoor recreation of all kinds happens, of course, outdoors. Because weather conditions change greatly from season to season, as well as hour to hour in our neck of the woods, being comfortable out there takes foresight and planning. If one is too cold or too hot, it is difficult to enjoy the experience and could even be dangerous. The focus of attention before an outing is usually about rods, lures, ammunition, game calls, dogs, and the like rather than what should one wear.

Ice fishing is a good example. With age must come wisdom, because the old timers out there always seem to be oblivious to the sometimes brutal conditions. They are bundled up beyond recognition while the younger anglers often shiver in more fashionable and less defensive attire — live and learn. In the "old days" after the last world war, the best dressed on the ice were veterans who managed to hang on to their military issued gear. Surplus stores provided others with the functional and durable clothing and those big white Mickey Mouse boots.

Now days, manufacturers have applied the latest technology in materials to produce a wide range of clothing designed to keep one comfortable in all weather conditions. The items are advertised to be

warm, breathable, waterproof, and lightweight. Not that long ago, women had to wear hand-me downs or settle for men's sizes when gearing up for the outdoors. Retailers have stepped up to take advantage of increased female participation and now provide effective products which fit properly and are comfortable.

Other than the cost of some of this stuff, there is no reason to spoil an activity because of physical discomfort. It is necessary to anticipate all of the possibilities one may encounter during the outdoor experience. I have found the best policy is to plan for the worst. Pack clothes which can be layered to meet varied conditions, then it is possible to add or subtract layers when necessary. You can always take off what is not needed, but you can't put on what you don't have. I never leave the dock without my heavy duty rain gear. It can be pulled out of the storage bag during a surprise summer shower or can stop the wind on a cold run to the fishing grounds. About half the time I use it, I didn't plan on needing it.

It is good to be excited and optimistic about a pending outdoor adventure, but take time to plan for the unexpected, and hopefully you will be rewarded with a memorable rather than a miserable experience.

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Sen. Carl Levin

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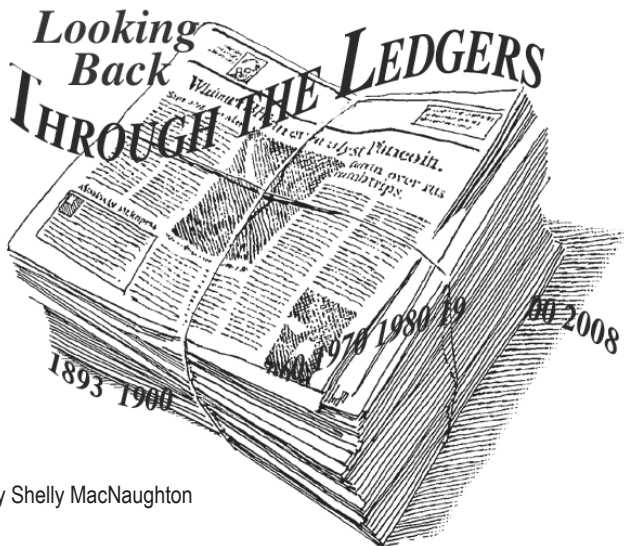
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Our global economy

depends on the smooth and efficient movement of goods, services and people from place to place and across international borders. Indeed, a safe and efficient aviation system goes hand in hand with a strong economy. With this FAA bill we will continue to make the necessary investments and upgrades to improve our already strong standards.

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By Shelly MacNaughton

100 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 7, 1912

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Miller, Monday, in honor of their son Murl, who has returned home after spending three years in the navy. Relatives were present from Grand Rapids and Freeport.

The friends of C. E. Bowen and wife, on return from their wedding trip, gave them an old-fashioned serenade. The musical instruments were too many to mention. The ladies came with well filled baskets and a good time was had by all.

75 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo March 11, 1937

Earth shocks were felt in various portions of the lower peninsula about 1:00 am Tuesday morning. This was the second such shock in less than two weeks.

Tremors were felt in several Lowell homes. Mrs. M. E. Ogden reported to the Ledger that she felt her bed tremble; M. D. Hoyt says that he felt the house quiver so noticeably that he awakened the rest of the family; household fixtures rattling sharply were heard in the Will Kerekes' home east of town and also at the F. Earle Haner residence, East Main Street.

50 Years Ago The Lowell Ledger March 1, 1962

Twenty-two members of the Alto Area Elementary School, in grades five and six, have been formed into a beginning band. Under the leadership of Mr. Orval Jessup, Lowell school band director, these children meet every Thursday at the Alto Methodist Church.

This organization was started after all students in these grades were tested for musical ability and appreciation. Mr. Jessup then met with the interested parents to explain the test results and the music program in the schools.

25 Years Ago The Grand Valley Ledger March 4, 1987

A retirement dinner was held in honor of Robert "Bob" Steward on February 19 at Lee's Landing. Steward retired from employment with the city of Lowell late last year with 44 years, six months and six days of service behind him. Steward was awarded a gold watch and presented with the various waterworks' permits he held over the years displayed in a handsome frame.

Steward's retirement plans are not elaborate. He says he plans to putz around his home at 722 N. Washington. "It seems like there's always something that needs doing around here and I enjoy fixing things and working in the yard," he said. "I've got lots of hobbies and a granddaughter to keep me busy."

Letters To The Editor:

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health



With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III, John G. Meier & Tracy Lixie

nursemaid's elbow

Nursemaid's elbow is a term used to describe a radial head subluxation (or forearm dislocation). It's the most common elbow injury in children. It most often occurs in children between the ages of one and four. While the condition is quick and easy for your physician to fix, it is also easily prevented.

A nursemaid's elbow occurs when the young child is quickly jerked, picked up, or swung around the room, by their wrists. The traction along the arm, along with a slight twist is all it takes for the radius to dislocate at the elbow. (The radius is the smaller of the two bones in the forearm.) While this most always occurs on accident, the person causing the condition is usually a parent or caregiver who then feels terrible.

When this condition occurs, the child is usually scared and in pain. The child

will typically have their hand resting across their abdomen with their elbow flexed to 90 degrees. There is no obvious deformity to the arm, but the child will refuse to move it.

It is important that this condition be recognized and promptly evaluated by your physician. They will typically be able to fix the problem right then, providing the child instant relief. If treated promptly, this condition rarely causes any long-term problems. Treatment of a nursemaid's elbow requires proper training and should only be performed by a physician.

The key to preventing this condition is educating parents and caregivers to avoid the simple actions that cause it. They should avoid pulling or jerking a child up off the floor by their wrists or swinging them around the room by their wrists.

Medicare Part B deadline approaching

If you didn't sign up for Medicare Part B medical insurance when you first became eligible for Medicare, you now have an opportunity to apply — but time is running out. The deadline for applying during the general enrollment period is March 31. If you miss the deadline, you may have to wait until 2013 to apply.

Medicare Part B covers some medical expenses not covered by Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), such as doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical supplies and services.

When you first become eligible for hospital insur-

ance (Part A), you have a seven-month period in which to sign up for medical insurance (Part B). After that, you may have to pay a higher premium — unless you were covered through your current employer's group health plan or a group health plan based on a spouse's current employment. You are given another opportunity to enroll in Part B during the general enrollment period, from January 1 to March 31 of each year but each 12-month period that you are eligible for Medicare Part B and do not sign up, the amount of your

monthly premium increases by 10 percent.

You can learn more about Medicare by reading our electronic booklet, Medicare at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html

or visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. You may also call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Oesch selected as delegate to youth summit

Sarah Oesch, of Clarksville, a student at Lowell High School has been selected to represent Michigan as a National Youth Delegate at the 2012 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

Oesch has been awarded the opportunity to join a select group of 250 students from across the country to participate in an intensive week-long study of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Oesch was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies.

George Mason University along with partners, National Geographic and the

National Zoo are excited to welcome the Nation's youth scholars to Washington, D.C. With distinguished faculty, guest speakers and direct access to elite D.C. practitioners, the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment offers aspiring environmentalists and student leaders an unparalleled experience. The week-long program is held at George Mason University's state-of-the-art campus. The Summit will encourage and inspire young leaders who desire a unique experience focused on successful careers in this dynamic industry.

The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment will be held June 24-29, 2012.

happy birthday!

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- MARCH 3**
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college news

Erik R. Mateus and Megan A. Montgomery, of Ada and Austin T. Graham and Austin Tackmann, of Lowell, have been named to the dean's list for fall semester at Northwood University.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Central Michigan University's fall semester honors list included the following students who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point average.

From Ada: Nicholas Alexander Alm, Jacob E. Aronoff, Janelle M. Bauchan, Brittany Burdick, Erin Michael Gavigan, Meredith Joan Greengard, Peter Joseph Konyndyk, Stephanie Kropf, Brett Mitchell McMahon, Hannah May Messer, Jenna Marie Pope, Molly Przybysz, Gregory Eugene Roy, Kaely S. Schlosser, and Matthew D. Tevlin.

From Alto: Macenzie Jordyn Baird, Grace Marie Baker, Alicia Ann Batch-

elor, Claire Alden Johnson, Jericca Amber Lawwill, Shane Patrick Montgomery, Holly M. Orłowski, Melissa Ann Stanley, and Kimberly Rose Williamson.

From Lowell: Deanna Corin Bunn, Heather Ann Burger, James Robert Denney, Jone Wesley Destine, Ethan Michael Drain, Dylan Jackson Dues, Kenneth David Garrett Hayes, Brittany Joanne Holst, Emily Kristine Jelsma, Kelsey L. Koewers, Ryan Joseph Lane, Conor Patrick McCarrey, Paige N. McVey, Becky Ann Osborne, Matthew Thayer Schloop, Taylor Leigh Schumacher, Erin M. Soules, and Brianne Warren.

Central Michigan University is pleased to announce the following December 2011 graduates: Lisa Johnson, Bachelor of Science, of Alto; Jericca Lawwill, Bachelor of Science, of Alto; and Kelsey Koewers, Bachelor of Applied Arts, of Lowell.

Lowell's winter guard does well in competition

The Lowell winter guard traveled to Troy Athens High School this weekend and had their best performances to date.

Both groups are proving to be crowd favorites this year.

Almost Home (LMS) is performing a show promoting kindness and random acts of kindness centered on "Free Hugs," while Exit 52 (LHS) is portraying the inner struggle of a heartbroken woman who comes out empowered and strong despite heartbreak. This is performed to the emotional-

ly charged music of Adele's "Turning Tables."

Almost Home placed fourth in Junior Regional A and Exit 52 placed fourth in Independent A. The groups will travel to Novi on March 10 for their next competition.

Pictured, from left to right, Almost Home: Autumn French (facing back), Else Carey and Hayden Hoffman.



Exit 52, from left to right: Audrey McKay, Kayleigh Davies, Danielle Bagin, Kayla Blough, Jordan Kazen, Rachael Yomtoob, Riley Breimayer, Rachel Phelps, and Jenna Saunders.

Levin, continued

Perhaps the biggest national impact of this bill is the progress it makes in modernizing our air traffic control system – the system that allows aircraft to move safely through the skies. The bill is a big step toward building the Next Generation Air Transportation System, which will allow aircraft to navigate the skies using satellite signals. Satellite navigation will be more accurate and efficient than the current system, which uses radar signals. This system will increase safety and lower costs for air travelers.

I'm especially pleased by the impact this legislation will have in Michigan. It will create jobs by providing the funding and directives for safety improvements at our airports and in the aviation industry. The FAA is building two new air traffic control towers at Kalamazoo and Traverse City.

The FAA is also repaving runways and taxiways at airports in Detroit, Alpena, Flint, Marquette County and elsewhere around the state. It is building new terminals at Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport and at MBS International Airport in Freeland. And FAA funds are paying for the design of a new building for aircraft rescue and firefighting and snow removal equipment at Pellston Regional Airport in Em-

met County. These are important upgrades to Michigan airports, and funding for many more needed improvements will make flying into and around Michigan safer and easier.

I am also pleased that the bill adopted the Senate's approach to the Essential Air Service Program and preserves this important program rather than terminating it as the bill passed by the House of Representatives would have done. EAS provides rural communities with access to the national air transportation system and is very important to Michigan. We have eight communities that rely on EAS subsidies to help provide them with commercial air service. The final FAA bill maintains the EAS program at current funding levels with some minor modifications.

I opposed attempts to deprive Michiganders of commercial air service. For businesses in the affected communities, this service is an economic lifeline that connects them to the web of national and international commerce. At a time when

we're doing everything we can to compete globally and to increase the number of U.S. jobs, cutting off that access would make no sense, and I'm glad Congress rejected that approach.

One of the main issues holding up the bill for so long was a provision contained in the House bill, but not the Senate bill, to repeal a labor relations rule that ensures that only those votes actually cast in a union election are counted. I was glad that provision was removed from the final bill. Still, I am disappointed that language was added to change Railway Labor Act rules and regulations governing union elections to make it more difficult for workers in transportation industries to organize and bargain collectively. I didn't believe the FAA reauthorization bill was the appropriate vehicle for this sort of change.

Despite that flaw, the FAA reauthorization legislation on balance is good news for Michigan and the nation. It means more jobs, smoother travel, and more economic opportunity for Michigan.

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If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y and Z, with X being work, Y play, and Z keeping your mouth shut."

~ Albert Einstein

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL

2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The City of Lowell Board of Review for 2012 will be held at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6th, 10:00 am

Appeal Hearings:

Tuesday, **March 13th**, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Thursday, **March 15th**, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2012 assessments

By City Charter, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 6th 2012

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

Commercial.....	52.33%.....	0.9555
Residential.....	53.23%.....	0.9393
Industrial.....	49.34%.....	1.0134
Personal Property.....	50.00%.....	1.0000

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 3 days notice.

Contact: Mark Howe – City Manager, ph. 616.897.8457



Chamber dinner, continued

with the goal to give away a scholarship in 2012-2013.

“Chamber ambassadors and volunteers were the go-getters for the golf outing,” said Baker.

As in the previous years, Baker recognized

and a distribution area, with room for expansion to the west.

Currently, there are 30 employees and six new jobs that have been created with the new building. Powell said the company has been

Litehouse to create 25 new jobs within two years.

Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design, moderated the event and presented the Business Appreciation award to Kirk Collins of Showboat Automotive. Collins was excited to receive the award and cracked a joke that he gave Liz \$500.

“What sets Showboat apart from other chains is that they continuously give,” said Yankovich. “Kirk is not in the big office. The big office at Showboat is right there.”

Showboat supports endless community organizations, including the Touch-down Club and the car show during Riverwalk.

Throughout the evening, the sold-out event became the major joke for MC Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design.



Jon Jacobs and Dave Powell of Enwork

“Super PAC touches even Lowell,” he said. “Will everyone who is attending this dinner thanks to funding from the Beachum Super PAC please stand?”

And everyone, who received the \$500 Beachum Flooring Super PAC, stood up.

“Perry’s motto is going big,” said Yankovich.

cept this honor without Perry and Perry would be crazy to accept this honor without Teresa,” said Yankovich, citing letters of support.

The couple’s relentless work has touched every area of Lowell, including the schools, victims of cancer and making outdoors’ activities accessible.

“If there is something you like about the Lowell community, there is a pretty good chance Perry and Teresa have given some of their time and energy to create or sustain it,” said Yankovich.

According to another letter of support, Teresa has been the rocket accelerant and Perry, the human dynamo.

Truly, the two have been behind the massive force known as the Pink Arrow Project, putting endless hours into making it happen. When August and September rolls around, the family kitchen table at the Beachum household turns pink with proofs for the Pink Arrow program.

“They represent the type of people we can all only hope to be,” read one letter of support.

As they stepped up to the podium, Perry

and Teresa were coronated with a crown and a tiara. Both radiant and overjoyed with the well-deserved award, Perry and Teresa exchanged long looks of appreciation for each other. Perry delivered the acceptance speech first.

“While Teresa and I were getting ready for this event tonight, I asked her if she thought in her wildest

And going big has never gone away for either Perry or Teresa Beachum, the recipients of the 2012 Person of the Year.

Whether it was creating life size projects for children Meghan and Zach, planting Christmas characters in the yard or building a book shelf that can never be moved, Perry has always gone big, side by side with his lifelong partner Teresa.

“Teresa would not ac-

Chamber dinner, continued, next page



Roger LaWarre delivers opening invocation.

those who passed away, including the 1998 Person of the Year John Timpson, Flat River Grill manager Chris West, interlocutor Gordon Gould, and fair manager Ron Wenger.

“They gave 100 percent of themselves,” said Baker.

Jon Jacobs, publisher of Lowell Ledger and Lowell Buyers Guide, presented the Brick Award for retail and service to Kelly Johnson of Green Acres. Last year, Green Acres completed the construction of a 20-unit assisted living facility on West Fulton Street. The facility will employ 17 to 20 employees total.

Brick Awards for industry went to Enwork for new construction and to Litehouse for expansion.

Accepting on behalf of Enwork was owner Dave Powell. Enwork, now, has a brand new home on Christopher Drive by the industrial park. The futuristically designed steel building with orange front panels houses a conference center

growing, with the largest contract for \$900,000 with the US Government.

Greg Halfmann accepted the award on behalf of Litehouse. The company completed a \$4.9 million expansion to the existing facility located on Foreman Road. The 43,000 square foot addition will allow



Teresa and Perry Beachum were crowned for the evening.



Longtime friend, Roger Krofpp, introduced the Beachums.

At right, Jon Jacobs presents award to Greg Halfmann on behalf of Litehouse.



Sen. Dave Hildenbrand and Rep. Lisa Posthumus Lyons addressed those in attendance.



April McClure of Eja Salon

Business award, continued

Showboat Automotive has been in business since 1973 and Collins has owned it for the last 10 years.

“It has grown, we have a wide range of custom-

ers,” said Collins. “There’s something new every day.”

New products include Monroe shocks and Dupont paint line. Showboat Automotive mixes paint, sells auto parts and makes hy-

draulic hoses, among many other things.

“I enjoy giving back to the community,” said Collins. “That’s part of being a business in a small town.”

Showboat Automotive

currently employs five. “We will keep serving the community as much as we can,” he said.

Collins likes making people happy. Unlike most other businesses, when peo-

ple come to an automotive supply store, they’re not happy campers. Their cars are broken and they know they will have to spend money, a lot of money.

“We’re the only local-

ly owned and operated auto parts store. I am the only guy born and raised in Lowell who operates a parts’ store,” he said. “We just know our customers.”

Chamber dinner, continued

dreams that I would be giving an acceptance speech tonight to the community for this wonderful tribute to the two of us,” said Perry.

“And sadly she said, ‘Honey, I hate to tell you this but you’re never in my wildest dreams.’”

Perry stressed that it is

actually the community that is making a difference.

“When I get an idea, I know I can count on support from the community and the chamber, along with its membership,” he said.

Perry talked about his two major passions, the Pink Arrow Pride phenomenon and the Thanksgiving project.

“Teresa and I are only a few of hundreds that volunteer to make this event a success. It really is the community that has embraced this and has made it what it is today,” he said.

And every year around Thanksgiving, Perry with close friend Roger Kropf make wishes come true. The project is soon to be localized.

Finally, Perry expressed the love he has for the entire family.

“Those that are close to me know that I don’t use the four letter word very often, but tonight I want to say I love you.”

Always smiling, Teresa was the last to take the stand with her acceptance speech.



Jon Jacobs presented the Brick Awards and Cliff Yankovich presented Persons of the Year and the Business Appreciation awards.



Kelly Johnson accepts Brick Award on behalf of Green Acres.



The Easy Idle Band played for the crowd.

“I seem to surround myself with these high energy women from Lowell,” she said.

Teresa recognized women who have influenced her in many positive ways. Among them were Marsha Wilcox, Jan Thompson, Diane LaWarre and Reverend Ethel Stears.

“You know you are really living when Betty Yeiter invites you for tea at her home because she wants to hear about the projects we are working on,” said Teresa.

In conclusion, Teresa recited her lifelong motto taken from the Farmer’s Almanac found on her grandma Vivian’s kitchen table.

“God gave us two ends with a common link; with the one we sit, with the other we think. Success in life depends on which we choose; heads we win, tails we lose.”

BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP WILL MEET IN THE NEW TOWNSHIP OFFICE BUILDING – 8240 ALDEN NASH SE., ALTO ON:

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012 1:00 P.M. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

& 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (NOTE THE EVENING HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TAX ROLL AND HEARING ALL CLAIMS. YOU MAY APPEAL YOUR ASSESSED VALUATION ONE OF (2) WAYS: BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED BY HIM PRIOR TO MARCH 6, 2012 OR BY APPEARING IN PERSON ON ONE OF THE DATES THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS.

THE TENTATIVE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND ASSESSMENT MULTIPLIER REQUIRED BY PA 165 OF 1971 ARE:

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LCTV endowment to accept grant applications

The Lowell Cable TV (LCTV) Endowment Fund board will begin accepting grant applications for this year on March 1, 2012.

Grant application forms and instructions are available at Lowell City Hall, Lowell Charter Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, Englehardt Public Library, Lowell Area Schools administration building, and online on the city and township websites.

The LCTV Endowment Fund is a nonprofit fund established in late 2007 from the sale of the assets of Lowell Cable Television and is invested and administered by the Grand Rapids Community Fund. The LCTV Endowment Fund supports and promotes projects that benefit a broad segment of the Lowell area community, enhances the quality of life in the area, encourages cooperation among the communities and qualifies as a one-time capital improvement.

Some of the projects supported by the fund during the first three grant years include helping the establishment of

the Lowell branch of Gilda’s Club Grand Rapids, assistance for LARA connecting Lowell Area Trailways, needed repairs of the Englehardt Public Library Roof, assisting the construction of a sidewalk from Key Heights Village to Birmingham Street SE, heating/ac unit replacements at Flat River Outreach Ministries, bleachers at the Lowell Township Riverfront Park, Stoney Lakeside Park Skateboard Park, Lowell Area emergency communication equipment for the city of Lowell Light & Power and police departments, Jaws of Life replacement for the Lowell Area Fire Department, phase I of the East Side Riverbank Improvement project, and many projects for the Lowell Area Schools.

2012 Grant applications should be submitted to Betty Morlock, Lowell city clerk, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The deadline for submitting 2012 applications is 5:00 pm on Friday, April 13, 2012. Questions should be directed to Mark Howe, Lowell city manager.

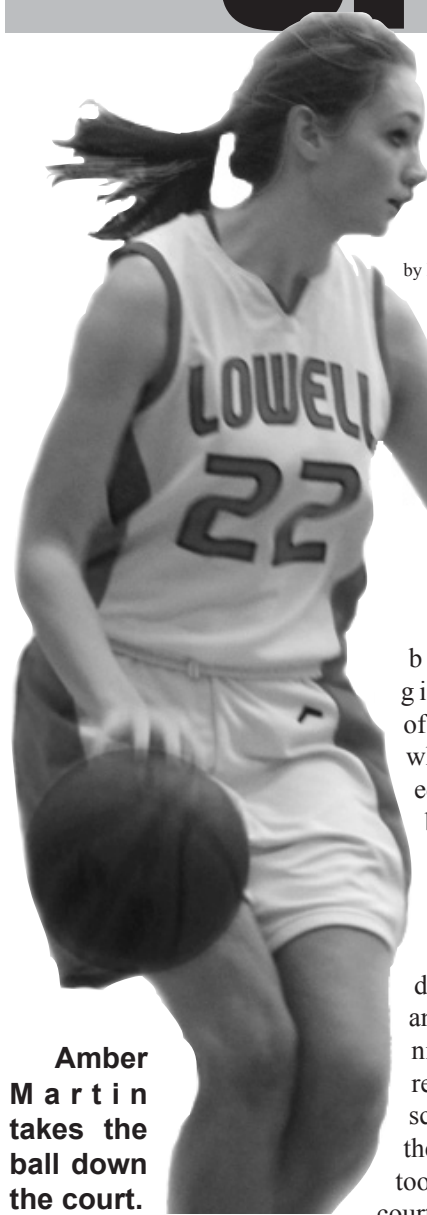
Red Arrow

- BASKETBALL

SPORTS

Lady Arrows take it to Grand Rapids Union

by Karen Jack



Amber Martin takes the ball down the court.

It was senior night at the girls' basketball game last Tuesday.

In the first quarter, Lowell won the jump ball at the

beginning of the game, which resulted in a basket by senior Amber Martin. Union responded with a basket for two points. Lowell took it back down the court, shot and missed, but senior Lauren Kurtz rebounded and shot, scoring two more for the Arrows. Union took the ball down the court and sunk a three-point basket, making the score 5-4. Jessica Montgomery then responded with a Lowell three-point

basket. Union put five more points on the board, while Kurtz rebounded and sunk another shot to keep the game close. Union then went on a 6-0 run with two 3-point baskets. Lowell responded with another three-point basket by Montgomery, ending the quarter with Union up by five.

The second quarter started out with a couple turnovers by each team, then Lowell outscored Union 14-6 with Martin sinking three 3-point shots and Montgomery and senior Stephanie Stevens each sinking three-point shots as well. Lowell went into the second half up by a score of 28-25.

Lowell came out after halftime with the seniors on a mission. Stevens scored two points, followed by another two by Martin after a Union turnover. Union came back and scored another three, but Danielle Orday was fouled going up for a shot and made one of

her two free throws. Union then turned over the ball and Lowell shot and missed, but Martin grabbed the rebound, was fouled and scored one point on the free throws. Union turned the ball over again and Lowell capitalized on that with a basket from Aubreigh Steed. Union took the ball down the court, shot and missed and Stevens grabbed the rebound, threw it down the court for an easy lay-up by Montgomery. At the end of the third period, Lowell held Union to only five points, making the score 38-30.

Lowell racked up more points in the fourth quarter with scores from Steed, Montgomery, Katie Holzhuetter, and won the game 53-33. Martin lead all scorers with 19 points and six rebounds, Kurtz scored 12 points with seven rebounds and Stevens scored seven points.

"We were disappointed in our first quarter performance, but after that we did a good job with defense and our shot selection," said senior Amber Martin, who will be attending either Central Michigan or Michigan State in the fall.

"We worked hard all season and to go out like this on a big win was great. We're proud of how we came back after being down, using good defense and forcing turnovers," added Stephanie Stevens, who will be attending Michigan State.

Aquinas-bound senior Lauren Kurtz said, "I'm sad the season is almost over, but happy we won on senior night by a pretty large margin. We were focused out there and I'm proud of my teammates and how we all came together to get this victory."

Coach Kevin Brechting also was pretty proud of his team. "These girls have worked hard all season and it was nice to see them go out like this with a big win. I'm very proud of them and how they have matured

throughout the year," stated Brechting.

The team faced Grand Rapids Creston in regular season action on Friday and won 49-35, with Stevens scoring 18 points. They faced Creston again on Monday in the districts. Due to press time, the Ledger is unable to give the results. If they won, they will face Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern tonight (Wednesday, Feb. 29) at 5:30 pm held at Grand Rapids North-



Aubreigh Steed and Stephanie Stevens try to block a shot from Patriella Willington.



Kate Montgomery goes up for a shot.

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- WRESTLING

Lowell wrestlers place second at state

by Karen Jack

After a couple of days of grueling competition, the Lowell wrestling team lost in the state finals, managing to walk away with second place.

On their road to the finals, Lowell ran away from Holly High School by a score of 54-15 in the quarterfinals. In that match, senior Andrew Morse captured his 100th pin of his high school career – quite a feat considering they av-

erage about 35 matches per season. “He’s a great kid, a great wrestler and a great leader,” commented Dave Dean, head coach.

Lowell went on to roll over Allegan in the semifinals by a score of 46-21. Freshmen: Nate Limmex and Josh Colegrove; seniors: Gabe Morse and Gabe Dean; and sophomore, Bailey Jack; all managed to pin their opponents. Other winners included Angus Arthur,

Garrett Stehley, Derek Krajewski, and Luke Stephens. In the much-talked about match of the meet, Andrew Morse beat Taylor Simaz 5-1 at 152 lbs. This win took Lowell to the finals’ match against St. Johns High School.

Lowell is about the only team that could have beaten St. Johns and considered by most, the second best team in the state in all divisions. The match was actually

closer than the score reflected (41-18). They lost one match by one point, another match by two points and yet another by three points. All in all, Lowell walked away with wins from six of the 14 weight classes. Those wins included Nate Limmex over Rory Bender (125 lbs) 13-8, Andrew Morse over Travis Curley (152 lbs.) 3-2, Gabe Dean over Payne Hayden (189 lbs.) 12-5, Josh Colegrove over Alex Dominguez (215 lbs.), and Derek Krajewski over Joey Horrel (103 lbs.) by pin.

“It’s always the bonus points that matter. Our wins were all decisions, giving us three points each, with one pin for six points. In the matches they beat us, we gave up an extra 17 points and you just can’t win giving up that many points. But hey, these kids have worked hard all season to get here and there’s nothing wrong with being in the state finals. It feels good to be here again, win or lose. Now we need to focus on the individual state finals’ tournament,” added Dean.

The Arrows will send 12 of the 14 starters to the Palace on Thursday, March 1, to begin the three-day tournament to the finals.



Andrew Morse gets his 100th pin.

The state qualifiers include regional champions: Bailey Jack, Gabe Morse, Andrew Morse, Garret Stehley, Gabe Dean, and Josh Colegrove. Other state quali-

fiers include Derek Krajewski, Jordan Hall, Nate Limmex, Calvin Meyer, Angus Arthur, and Kanon Dean. Round 1 begins at 2:15 pm.



Gabe Dean puts Payne Hayden on his back for three points.



Gabe Morse gets hold of his opponent’s leg to take him down.

Go Arrows!

Emotional weekend for players as season draws to a close

- HOCKEY

Last Friday Lowell/Caledonia (LC) played Mattawan and the hope was that this game would be a good game to play prior to the playoffs.

“Mattawan is always a good team that brings a lot of energy to the game,” said coach Tim Beurer.

The first two periods proved to be a defense battle between both teams. LC goaltender, Ben Smith (JR-CAL), had a great game turning away all ten shots during the first two periods. LC had seventeen shots on the Mattawan goalkeepers, but could not find the back of the net.

However, the third period was vastly different. Mattawan would score first in the third period at the 13:46 mark of the period. LC would answer on the

very next shift when Colin Echelbarger (SR-CAL) would score an unassisted goal on the very next shift seventeen seconds later. This goal would tie the game and transfer the momentum back to LC in the period.

LC would get another goal when Cam Steger (SR-CAL) would find the back of the net on the power play with assists from Collin Finkhouse (JR-LOW) and Braden McGillicuddy (SR-LOW). LC would get another goal before the end of the period when Echelbarger gets the puck past the Mattawan goalie with an assist from Finkhouse.

LC won the game 3-1 and improved their record to 19-4 on the season.

On Saturday, the game against West Ottawa was going to be the last regular season home game for

the seniors and a chance to avenge an earlier conference game loss at the hands of the Panthers.

The first period would start out pretty even with the action at both ends of the ice. LC would score first in the game when Finkhouse finds the back of the net five minutes into the game with passes from Eric Balut (JR-CAL) and Kyle Jansens (SR-CAL). The early LC goal gave the team momentum throughout the period. However, West Ottawa would score with eight seconds remaining in the first period to tie the game on a questionable call by the official.

During the second period LC was controlling the play at the start and working to get the next goal of the period. Unfortunately, West Ottawa would score first in the period to take an early

one goal lead. LC would tie the game just over a minute later when Balut scores from a pass by Jake Roetman (JR-CAL).

In the next five or six minutes of the period, West Ottawa would find themselves in the penalty box and LC on the power play. It appeared as though LC scored three times in this time frame. However, each of these goals were disallowed by the referees as they said the puck never crossed the goal line.

“From my point of view on the bench, at least two of the three goals went into the net and then bounced right back out. LC took a timeout to gather and calm the team down. We still had to control our emotions even though things did not seem to be going in our favor,” said Beurer.

LC would score a pow-

er play goal when Steger gets one past the West Ottawa goalie on passes from Jansens and Finkhouse. The second period ended with LC leading 3-2.

The third period started with more back and forth action by both teams. There were plenty of chances for LC to get a two-goal lead, but getting one past the Panther netminder proved more difficult in this period. About halfway through the third period, LC would find themselves down by two goals as West Ottawa scores three times in one minute and twenty-eight seconds. LC lost 5-3.

This completed the regular season with a record of 19-5.

This is a new school record for wins in a season. The overall conference record for the season was 10-2.

The playoffs are scheduled to start this week. Lowell/Caledonia will take on fellow OK conference Tier 3 opponent Grand Rapids Public. The second game of the pre-regional has another Tier 3 opponent taking on East Kentwood.

These games were scheduled to be played on Tuesday evening at the Kentwood Ice Arena. The winner in each game will play on Thursday night in Kentwood. The winner of Thursday’s game will move on into the playoffs with the next game scheduled for Saturday, March 3. Coach Beurer added, “I am hoping for another great week of practice and the guys getting ready for the playoffs to start this week.”

obituaries

GERARD

Ronald Vernon "Vern" Gerard, of Kentwood, went peacefully to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, February 25, 2012, surrounded by his family. He was born in Hart, to John and Doris (Gray) Gerard on October 7, 1931, who preceded him in death. Siblings to Vern are Allen (Juanita) Gerard of Indiana, Dr. Donald (Donna) Gerard, Joyce (Harvey) Breen, and Ann Vanderkuy of Utah. Vern, a second generation professional baker, was a partner in the Princess Bake Shop bakeries, which at its peak operated multiple locations in the Grand Rapids area. He served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. In 1956, he married Charlene Dawn Rillema and celebrated 56 years of marriage this past January. He will be greatly missed by their four children, Janice Gerard, Jonathan (Sandra) Gerard, Nikki (David) Jankowski and Geoff Gerard. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Amanda (Lance) Davis, Samantha Snyder, Christopher Hunt, Amber Gerard, Cory Gerard, Peyton Jankowski, Dawson Jankowski; three great-grandchildren, Austin Snyder, Blake Snyder and Alia Davis; and son-in-law, Michael Hunt. Funeral service will be held Thursday at 11:00 am at Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Pastor Mack Strange of South United Methodist Church of Kentwood officiating. Visitation Wednesday 2-4:00 and 6-8:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the family for funeral expenses. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



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HOUSE

Mrs. Dorothy Ann Lacic House, age 57, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, February 16, 2012. She was born June 11, 1954, in Grand Rapids to Albert and Dot (Hanes) Lacic. She was employed in quality control at Lescoa Kentwood. Dorothy is survived by her parents, Albert and Dot Lacic; two sisters, Adeline Brower of Pentwater and Mary (James) Dillree of Stanwood; two brothers, Arthur (Eileen) Lacic of Lowell and Russell Lacic of Lowell; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Johnathon House. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Margaret D. Fuehring Alzheimer's Unit, Oceana County Medical Care Facility, 701 E. Main St., Hart, MI 49420. To share a memory with the family or sign the online guest book, please visit www.kingfuneralhome.net Arrangements by King Funeral Home, Hart.



STEFFENS

Christopher Carl (Rusty) Steffens, age 55, unexpectedly passed away Sunday, February 19, 2012, from complications of cancer. He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin and mother, Gertrude. He is survived by his wife, Judy; stepson, Jimi Casey; two grandchildren, Kannon and Kelly Casey; sisters, Sandra (Richard) Miller of Caledonia and Lois Feuerstein of Belding; brother, Edwin (Debby) Steffens Jr of Hurst, TX; nieces and nephews, Kate Feuerstein, Mike Feuerstein, Andy Feuerstein of Belding, Ed Steffens of Arlington, TX and Becky Steffens of Downers Grove, IL. His love for sports started early when he excelled in football, baseball and basketball. He was voted to the Michigan all-state football and baseball teams for Lowell High School. He went on to play football for Grand Valley State University becoming a proud alumnus making lasting friends and memories. He started his teaching career in Lovelock, Nevada and soon moved to the Galveston Bay Area where he was a physical education teacher and coach at Wedgewood Elementary with over 20 years in CCISD. He married his wife Judy and moved to Bayou Vista in 1995 where they lived and enjoyed the great friends they made there. A Celebration of Life will be held in Bayou Vista, TX on March 24 in the M.U.D. building at 2:00 pm and a Michigan homecoming at a future date. Memorials in his honor can be made to benefit the Wedgewood Physical Education Department. Make checks payable to CCISD WWE-PE, Wedgewood Elementary, 4000 Friendswood Link, Friendswood, TX 77546.



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2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

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Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 10 a.m. = Organizational Meeting

Monday, March 12, 2012
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Thursday, March 15, 2012
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Red Arrow SPORTS

- BOWLING

Two Lowell bowlers qualify for state

by Karen Jack

The Lowell girls' bowling team went to districts on Saturday, hoping to place in

the top three so they could qualify and move on to the state tournament, but came

up short, placing fourth out of 13 teams.

"I'm so proud of the girls and how well they did. We have a young team in the background, even though we start four seniors, so I'm already looking forward to next year," commented coach Amanda Eickhoff. "We came on strong at the beginning of the season, but lost our way towards the end, so [them] coming into regionals and placing fourth was great."

The team finished the regular season placing third in the conference with a 10-6 record.

Seniors, Amber Geldersma, Melissa Mosher, Nora Donahue, Stephanie Vosburg, and sophomore Paige Rozell comprised of the starting team for the regional tournament.

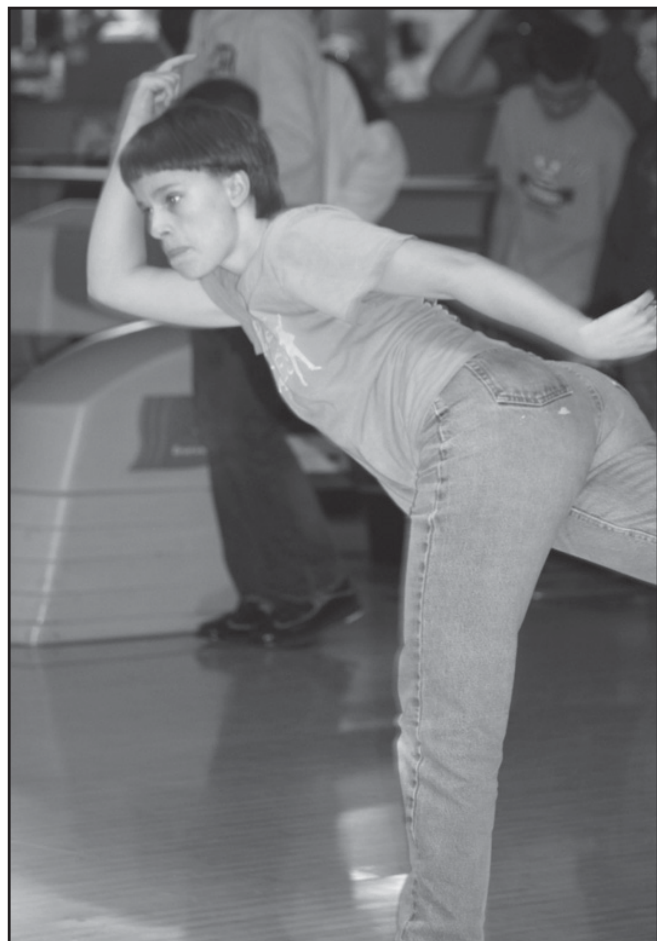
They're not hanging their heads, as Mosher took first and Geldersma took seventh in the individual competition of regionals, both qualifying for the state finals tournament. Mosh-

er was winning with a few frames to go and Eickhoff knew it. "But I didn't want to tell her to make her nervous. After it was over, she asked me if she qualified. I told her she did and she never asked what place she finished. When I told her she took first, she was stunned. I am just so proud of both of them," stated Eickhoff.

The boys' team didn't fare so well, but considering the competition, they finished in the top half of their competitors. Seniors, Alec Bobko and Dylan Buck; and juniors, Logan Phoenix, Josh Rocco, and Jordan Dennie; worked together to place sixth out of the 13 teams in the region. They weren't able to qualify any of their starters for the state competition, but worked hard nonetheless. "I am real proud of these boys. And I think with the young team we have as starters and only losing two as seniors, we will have a pretty strong team next year," said coach Rocky Eickhoff.



Amber Geldersma perfects her throw.

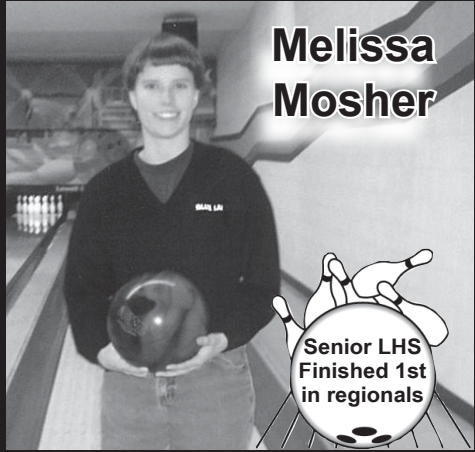
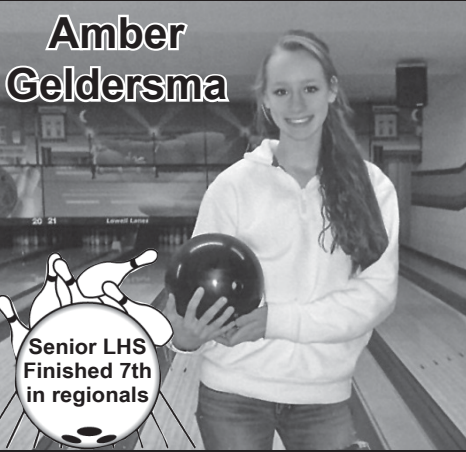


Melissa Mosher practices for regionals.

Mosher and Geldersma will face the state competition on Saturday, March 3 in Waterford. Bowling starts at 8:25 am for the singles qualifying rounds. The top 16 of the 60 qualifiers will ad-

vance to the second round, with bowling starting at 12:30 pm; quarterfinals begin at 1:30 pm with the top eight bowlers from the second round; semifinals begin at 2:30 pm with the top four bowlers from the quarterfinals; and the finals start at 3:30 pm with the top two bowlers from the semifinals.

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**THEME:
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- 1. Type of eclipse
- 6. *1941's "How Green ___ My Valley"
- 9. Drink too much
- 13. Being of service
- 14. Gilligan's home
- 15. Chicago's ORD
- 16. Smelling _____, pl.
- 17. In the past
- 18. Type of beam, also an acronym
- 19. *Best Picture nominee set in Jackson, MS
- 21. "Ripley's Believe It or Not" showpiece, e.g.
- 23. Accused by some of breaking up The Beatles
- 24. Obama to Harvard Law School, e.g.
- 25. Bud or chum
- 28. Cough syrup balsam
- 30. To mark with spots
- 35. ___ vera
- 37. *Nominated for role in "Moneyball"
- 39. Like sound of pinched nose
- 40. Chess piece that looks like castle
- 41. Barges
- 43. Circus venue
- 44. Reason by deduction
- 46. "The Iliad," e.g.
- 47. *Mechanically-inclined film orphan
- 48. Seaman or sailor
- 50. Bus _____

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- 53. Like acne-prone skin
- 55. Charlotte's creation
- 57. Hotel meeting place
- 60. *"The Descendants" nominee
- 64. Wavelike patterned silk
- 65. Make imperfect
- 67. Home to BYU
- 68. Curving outward
- 69. "___ to Joy"
- 70. Pivoted about a fulcrum
- 71. It usually contains the altar in a church

- 72. Women's organization
- 73. Rub out

DOWN

- 1. A deadly sin
- 2. Beehive State
- 3. World's longest river
- 4. Even though, arch.
- 5. Wish ill
- 6. Smack or sock
- 7. Leo month
- 8. It has no back and no arms
- 9. Bangkok inhabitant
- 10. Kiln for drying hops
- 11. The hunted
- 12. "Ever" to a poet
- 15. *He played Cold War spy
- 20. Grommets, e.g.
- 22. Milk ____, popular at the movies
- 24. Coroner's performance
- 25. *Place of Woody's midnight magic
- 26. Unaccompanied
- 27. Used for washing
- 29. Often spread in the classroom
- 31. Beaten by walkers
- 32. Imposter
- 33. *Best Actress winner in "Tootsie"
- 34. "Crocodile Rock" performer
- 36. Augmented
- 38. Foolish person
- 42. Frown with anger
- 45. *"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"
- 49. Band event
- 51. "We the _____" in the Constitution
- 54. "30 Rock" character
- 56. Emerald Ash _____ pest
- 57. "Wolf" in French
- 58. Great masters' medium, pl.
- 59. Strong desire
- 60. *It works with the cast on films
- 61. Most luminous star
- 62. Day before, pl.
- 63. Yesteryear
- 64. Earned at Sloan or Wharton
- 66. "Much ___ About Nothing"

Puzzle solutions on page 6



FEBRUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 28

- Three students have died following a shooting at Chardon High School in Chardon, Ohio. T.J. Lane, another student from an alternative school in the area is the alleged shooter and is in custody. Three other students remain hospitalized.
- Ben & Jerry's apologized to anyone who was offended by the limited-edition "Taste the Lin-Sanity" frozen yogurt flavor they produced to honor basketball phenomenon Jeremy Lin. The yogurt had fortune-cookie pieces - now replaced by waffle cone pieces - that some customers protested perpetuated an Asian stereotype.
- Matt Kenseth won his second Daytona 500 title. This year the race was riddled with problems from rain delays to a huge fire on the track.
- Two Amish children are in serious condition after the horse-drawn buggy they were riding in was rear-ended by a FedEx truck in Massena, NY.
- Kobe Bryant's nose is out of joint once again as he suffers a nasal fracture after being hit by Dwyane Wade during the NBA All-Star game in Orlando, FL. The West won 152-149.

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THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL RESULTS

MARCH 2012 - In like a lion, out like a lamb, or in like a lamb, out like a lion?

- OUT like a lion..... **75%**
- OUT like a lamb **25%**

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The Vergennes Township 2012 Board of Review will be held at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr, Lowell, MI, 49331, on the following dates:

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and
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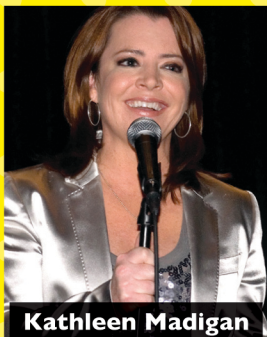
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