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It's Back

••• Road construction of a 7.8 mile stretch from Valley Vista Drive in Lowell to Grand River Drive in Ada began on Monday. The \$4.4 million project isn't expected to be completed until the end of September.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Some Lowell residents driving back into town Monday night via M-21 discovered that they had to take an alternate route to get home.

That was because the Michigan Department of Transportation had started its road construction project along a stretch of M-21 running from Bowes Road to the Family Fare shopping center. All of which was a surprise to city officials and residents alike.

"We knew that construction was going to start April 5," said City Manager David Pasquale. However, from what city officials were told by MDOT, construction on M-21 would start in Ada and work would move in a westerly direction to Lowell. The plans obviously changed.

"We didn't know the exact plan," Pasquale said. "The



The familiar sounds and sights of street milling started back up on Monday. For eastbound and westbound travelers on M-21 this will mean delays and stoppages in their commutes.

plans are still evolving. We are discussing the situation with MDOT...there is a big rush to get all of these projects started."

Such a rush that it left some motorists confused as to what was going on. Councilor Donald Green said he noticed on the way home from work that a sign had finally been put up indicating that construction was to start on Monday.

The lack of signage left some drivers confused as to what direction to go.

"After doing such a good job last year, it's kind of too bad things started this way," said Mayor Bill Thompson.

Green recommended that Fishbeck representatives be on hand at the council's next meeting, which is April 19, to answer questions or concerns.

Detour signs for eastbound traffic have been put in place for drivers.

"I had a person trying to go east in that one lane for westbound," said Councilor Jeanne Shores.

Actually, the street has been turned to a one-way lane going west. Those wishing to go east must turn on to Bowes Road from M-21 and take the detour.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden said the inspection company, which is Fishbeck, Thompson, and Carr, which is also serving the engineers, were rushing to notify city officials and businesses in the area of what was taking place. Part of the late notification was due to the fact that MDOT told the firm at the last minute it would serve as the inspectors.

"Steve Nichols (from Fishbeck) said this is not what they wanted," Pasquale said. "Usually, a project of this size, notification of what will be done and how it is done is given at least a month in advance."

Pasquale said the company plans to keep everyone updated with newsletters, etc. Still, the rocky start did leave a bad mark on the project.

City continues to build toward renovation bond

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council took its first steps toward a bond issue for the renovation of its city hall and the construction of a new police station.

At its regular Monday night council meeting, the council unanimously approved a resolution of intent and the filing for approval to issue building authority bonds with the Michigan Department of Treasury. The amount

would not exceed \$4 million. The council followed the steps of the city's Building Authority, which passed a similar resolution at its March 31 meeting.

"There are a number of approvals that have to take place before bonds can be issued," said City Manager David Pasquale, adding that this is the beginning of the process.

Also, the council approved the purchase of two pieces of property for \$132,000.

A parcel of 66 feet by 132 feet was purchased from Lowell Auto Body for \$50,000. Pasquale said the area would accommodate a 15-space parking lot immediately east of the proposed new police station.

The council also approved the purchase of the property at 213 N. Monroe from Cy and Lorraine Floyd for \$82,000 and agreed to purchase the property through contamination so that the Floyds could avoid paying capital gain taxes on the money. Lorraine Floyd explained that this would give her two years to find other investment property before having to pay the tax. The purchase was unanimously agreed upon by the council, with Council Donald Green, voting against the contamination proceedings.

Mayor Bill Thompson said the city agreed to work with the owners in purchasing the property and if this helps with the purchase, ac-

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To Our Readers:

Many of the Lowell Ledger readers have already noticed the significant upgrade to the Lowell Ledger TV Magazine (Pages 11-22).

The upgrade means you, the reader, will enjoy enhanced program description during prime time viewing hours and a new sports listing breakout.

The new format enables us to identify all 46 Lowell Cable Television channels in our grids.



Joan Denman and her miniature horse Traveler have begun their annual fundraising for the Lowell Area Hunger CROP Walk. Denman and Traveler raised over \$500 for the Lowell Post Office as part of its effort to raise money for the walk last year.

Hoofing it for hunger

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Area Hunger CROP Walk has raised nearly \$80,000 over the last four years.

The fifth annual hunger walk is scheduled for May 2. The walk will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the new Flat River Outreach Ministry building located on the corner of Main and Jackson streets. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

Funds raised from the walk not only help hunger around the world through CROP organization, but will be used to help people locally through Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Lowell Senior Center.

Local churches, businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate.

A March 11 organizational meeting reviewed demonstrations on the percent of CROP Walk, cont'd. pg. 8

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OBITUARIES

BERRY - Beatrice B. Berry, aged 91, formerly of Grayling and Caro, MI passed away March 27 at Clark Retirement Community. She is survived by her daughters, Clara (Keith) Crittenden of Lowell and Mavis Pechette of Caseville; daughters-in-law, Ruth Berry of Caro and Betty (Dan) Ederer of Rockford; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Presbyterian Church, Caro last Thursday arranged by

Ransford Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Clark Retirement Community.

DAWSON - Lester (Fred) Dawson, 55, of Wacousta, passed away Sunday, March 28, 1999. He leaves to mourn his loss, wife Patricia, four sons: Jeff of Pittsburgh, PA; James of Wacousta; Joe of Plainfield IL and Jeremy of Battle Creek; four granddaughters; parents Lester and Agnes Dawson of Clarksville;

two sisters: Virginia Fuller of Ionia and Elizabeth Blough of Clarksville; three brothers: Kenneth of Clarksville, Bernard of London, England and Norman who is stationed with the U.S. Air Force in Lakenheath, England. He was preceded in death by a sister Wilma Bennett. Also surviving are his mother and father-in-law Bill and Mary Nelson of Yankee Springs and brother-in-law Mike Nelson of Holland. Fred has made many friends, during his 55 years on earth and will be missed by each and every one of them. He served in the U.S. Navy three years. His funeral was held at the Methodist church in Wacousta Thursday, April 1, with burial in Wacousta Cemetery.

HOFFMAN - Jacqueline E. Hoffman, aged 41, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord and Saviour on Sunday, April 4, 1999 after a long battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her brother Jeff Ranburger. Before her illness Jackie was employed by Porter Hills Retirement Village as a registered nurse. Jackie will be deeply missed by her husband Doug after 21 wonderful years of marriage. Children Kyle, Ryan and Katie will miss their mother's loving care and faithfulness. Also surviving and deeply saddened are her parents Larry and Sharon Ranburger of Grand Rapids, her sister Julie (Jeff) Rickert of Lowell, her brother Larry (Perrie) Ranburger of Colorado, her sister Melissa (Ron) Penny of Colorado her mother-in-law Lottie Hoffman of Lowell and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, (today) at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alto, corner of 60th and Bancroft Ave. in Alto.

NEWELL - Clyde A. Newell, aged 95, went home

to be with his Lord April 4, 1999. He was preceded in death by his first wife Margaret (Dawson). Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Esther; his children, Mary (Charles) Benjamin, Gordon (Arlene) Newell; grandchildren, Robbin Weimer, Gary (Candi) Weimer, Cynthia (Greg) Foster, Stephen (Deanne) Newell; great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Sarah Newell, Christopher Weimer, Austyn, Kacie Jo and Alexis Foster; sister, Ferne Griswold; sisters-in-law, Mary Dawson, Delores Meeuwse, Bea (Henry) Hoeckstra, Ruth (James) Wood; brothers-in-law,

Lester (Agnes) Dawson, Robert (Lorraine) Meeuwse, Wayne Meeuwse; many nieces and nephews. Clyde retired from General Motors, plant 1, December 31, 1971 with 35 years of service. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Lowell Church of The Nazarene with Rev. Tim Harmon officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 10 to 11 a.m. at Lowell Church of The Nazarene. Memorials may be made to the Lowell Church of the Nazarene where he was a member for over 70 years.

Lowell Area Education Foundation awards grants

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Nearly \$4,000 in grants was awarded to district teachers through the Lowell Area Education Foundation (LAEF). The monies enhance educational programs and innovative learning. To date, the LAEF has distributed approximately \$40,000.

- The foundation board reviews grants twice a year. The recipients of grant money were as follows:
- Susan Day, elementary and middle school computer teacher, will receive \$1,000 for an after-school desktop publishing program.
 - Kim Lum, Cherry Creek Elementary teacher, will receive \$600 to bring in Kathy Heyse, an elementary economics expert.
 - Gene Ellens, Cherry Creek Elementary art instructor, will receive \$467.65 for the purchase of Gente del Sol art program.
 - Scott Hall, middle school 7th-grade math instructor, will receive \$439.95 for the purchase of an overhead and graphing calculator.
 - Robin White, Lowell High School art instructor, will get

\$356.52 for the purchase of six table easels and two floor easels.

- James Kovach, Alto Elementary teacher, will receive \$289.94 for the purchase of an FS-300 Digital Video Processor Windows 98 upgrade.
- Sharon Vensus, Alto Elementary teacher, and Bill Stouffer, Alto Elementary and middle school teacher, will receive \$275

to cover the startup cost for a running club.

- Anna Marie Beduhn, Alto and Cherry Creek art instructor, will receive \$197.91 for the purchase of stage flags.
- Theresa Wasciuk, middle school and Cherry Creek Elementary art instructor, will receive \$184.74 for the purchase of a mat cutter and replacement blades.

Cherry Creek students walk for MS

Students of Cindy Young's Cherry Creek Elementary's fifth-grade classroom will spend spring break, and the week leading up to the April 17 Multiple Sclerosis 5-K walk, collecting pledges door-to-door.

Young, who is currently out on maternity leave, is being filled in for by Sarah Fox for the remainder of the year.

The suggestion to use the walk as a class project came from a student.

The activity falls in line with the character traits adopted by the community more specifically compassion.

Fox and two of the classroom's fifth-grade moms will walk the 3.1 miles with the students.

"The majority of the 26 students plan on participating," Fox explained.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM "A-2" AGRICULTURAL TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a zoning map change to rezone the property located along Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan, and as indicated on the map below from the "A-2" Agricultural district to the "C-2" Commercial district. The proposed zoning map change for the proposed rezoning may be inspected at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

March 22, 1999
Sandra Kowalczyk, clerk
Bowne Township

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9327 WINGEIER, ALTO, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the request for special land use approval for property located at 327 Wingeier, Alto, Michigan, to change the status of the home located on the property from "farm dwelling" to "non-farm dwelling." The special land use application may be inspected and comments on the application may be received at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. prior to the public hearing.

March 19, 1999
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Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 8:30 p.m. in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the request for special land use approval for property located at 12345 92nd Street, Alto, Michigan, for the purpose of splitting the parcel from 1, 40-acre unit to 11 separate parcels. The special land use application may be inspected and comments on the application may be received at the Township Hall on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. prior to the public hearing.

March 19, 1999
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, clerk
Bowne Township

Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. William Renkema,
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Trembling, bewildered, and afraid they fled. The women knew he had died on that terrible cross. When they visited the tomb, the large stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away. Inside they found a young man dressed in white. He wasn't supposed to be there. Jesus' rotting corpse was supposed to be there, not this man.

The man, an angel, said, "He has risen!" That's when they went out and fled from the tomb, afraid, but also filled

with joy. Their hearts must have been thumping as they ran. Fear and joy do not usually mix. Dead, crucified people do not usually get up and walk out of tombs. So they are running, probably thinking to themselves something like, "The truth is out there" but afraid to face it.

Suddenly the Truth meets them and simply says, greetings!" If their hearts were thumping before, they must have been bursting now. When they saw Jesus, "they came to him, clasped his feet, and worshiped him."

Fear and joy do not usually mix, unless we are talking about the fear and joy people experience in the presence of the risen Lord.

On the fear side, there is something intimidating, threatening about coming face to face with Christ and His power. He is so out of this world, so different from anything we normally experience.

In His resurrection He is victorious over the sin that binds us, but that sin is often very comfortable. We are so used to being bound by our own sin that we do not know what we would do without it. Do we really want the power to break free from it? What would we be like? We are often afraid to change, actually, afraid to be changed by a power greater than we can understand, a power which we cannot control.

Mary Magdalene was at the tomb, just standing there, crying. She did not know what had happened to the body of her Lord. She noticed Jesus standing nearby, but did not recognize Him. I suppose that when you see someone die before your very eyes, your brain is not exactly ready to see that person standing in front of you, alive and well. Your brain has been trained in common sense interpretations of experience. So it automatically tells you, "It must be someone else." I think Mary's brain was filtering out the truth because it did not conform to reality as she had

previously experienced it. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She explained that someone had taken the Lord's body. Then He said, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out, "Teacher." She then went and told the disciples.

Denying the reality of the risen Christ is easy to do. We have the proof of the resurrection before our very eyes in the Bible, God's written Word, but we deny it anyway. We deny the reality of the risen Christ every time we give into temptation, doubt Christ's power, or act as if Christ were not real.

If you have seen the risen Lord with eyes of faith, was it like that? Did you deny at first that it was Jesus speaking to you? Did you then hear Him say your name or do something that enabled you to believe? Christian faith is that personal. God calls people by name. They respond personally in faith and repentance. And then they go and tell others.

Have you seen the risen Lord through eyes of faith? I hope so, more than anything else. See Him, believe in Him, confess your sins, be changed by His power. Resurrection from the dead will then be your future also.

AREA BIRTHS

Mark and Georgene Jackson of Clarksville are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Ember Hope Jackson on January 20, 1999 at Spectrum Health Downtown Hospital.

Ember weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by big sister Kindle Grace.

Proud grandparents are Joey and the late Betty Jackson of Clarksville; Bette M. Baker of Munising and the late George C. Baker. Proud great-grandparents are Homer and Thelma Jackson of Lake Odessa; Evelyn and the late Menno Baker formerly of Lowell, who now reside in Kissimmee, FL.

Austin and Dakota would like to welcome home their new baby brother Chase Edward Miller, born March 18, 1999 at 12:12 a.m. at Spectrum Health Downtown Campus. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Scott and Sharon Miller of Lowell. Proud grandparents are Bruce and Dianna Bulthuis of Lowell. Rod and Jean VandenHout of Belding and Lloyd and Carolyn Miller of Green Valley, AZ. Great-grandmothers Ruth Onan of Lowell and Francis Wood of Green Valley, AZ. Great-grandmother Ida Onan of Lowell.

Moonlight Video sign in line with ordinance

For those who were curious, the signage above the Moonlight Video store does meet all city ordinances.

That was the answer given by Lowell's Zoning Administrator Bob Anderson via a report he sent to the Lowell City Council.

Questions had aroused a few weeks ago, after the sign was completed, of whether the sign was too big.

"Even my son, who has become well aware of signs and their sizes, pointed out that it was a large sign," said Councilor Mike Blough at the city council's March 15 meeting.

At the request of the council, Anderson put together a report on the sign, which he said he had reviewed and found that it met all of the city's requirements. According to the report, Moonlight Video is allowed 172.8 square-feet of signage at 1335 W. Main. This is 20 percent of the building square footage, which totals 864 square feet.

The sign is 102 square feet, protruding 10 feet from the face of the wall, and is two feet below the roof line, which meets the city ordinance for the C-3 general business district, which Moonlight Video is in, Anderson said.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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- APRIL 10 - Julie Webb, Nicholas Comdure, Chelsea Comdure, Betsey Walker.
- APRIL 11 - Toni Blough, Delores Gabrion, Adaline Thaler, Al Roe, Harry Carigon.
- APRIL 12 - Sarah DeShane-Dalga, Jesse Lewis Anes.
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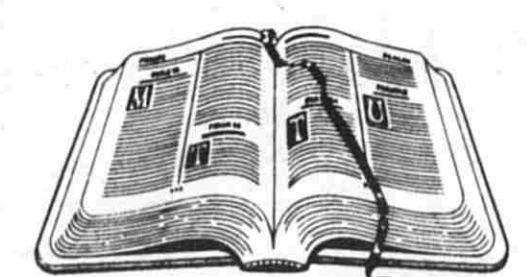
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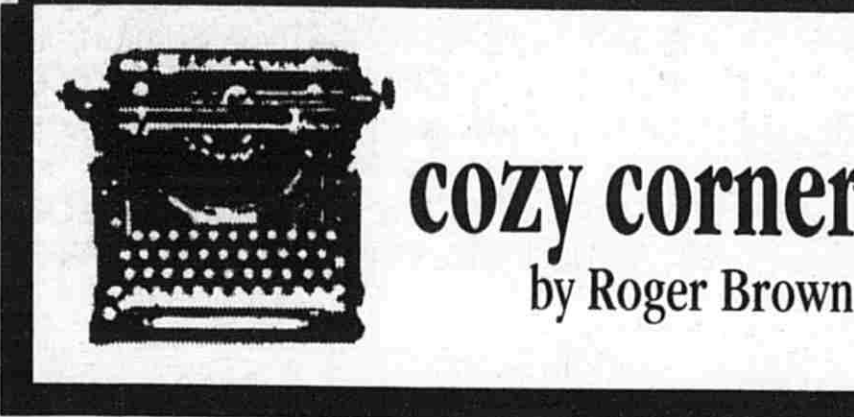
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Viewpoint



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

Did you all remember to set your clocks back Saturday night before you went to bed? Yeh, yeh, I know it's spring forward, fall back. I always found that to be confusing, so I have a new system. If you know me at all, or even if you only know me through what I write here each week, you know I have a problem with conformity. If everyone is doing it, I have a natural inclination not to do it, or to at least approach it in a different way. For those of you who voted for Clinton, in this case, the definition of "it" is, "just about anything."

My new method is very simple. In the fall, you set your clocks back one hour like always. In the spring, you set them back 23 hours. This takes the forward or back question out of the equation. Now it's a simple matter of how much. I'm working on a catchy rhyme, jingle or slogan to accompany my new system before I go national with it. So far I have, "Green leaves on the tree, go back twenty-three. Leaves turning the color of an Arnie's sticky bun, go back only one". Needs work doesn't it?

Since we're on the subject of time... Here's an update to last week's Y2K story. Or, as I like to refer to it... KY Jelly story. It was brought to my attention by Mike Leonard of the TODAY Show, that Friday, this Friday, April 9 is the day. THE day, if you want a millennium baby. Fortunately, my inclination toward nonconformity, keeps me from jumping in on this one. Even if I were so inclined, a little visit to a doctor shortly after my 24-year-old son was born insured that I would be "out of the loop" come the millennium.

Besides, I'm not so sure this millennium baby thing is such a good idea. If all the KY Jelly freaks are right, the hospitals will have no power, water or heat. They will packed to the rafters with people who have fallen out of the sky in commercial airliners, crashed their cars at intersections with non-functioning traffic lights or have been shot by an overzealous KY Jelly freak defending his cache of Spam. The last thing we need is a bunch of bawling millennium babies.

Since we're on the subject of bawling babies... I have tried and tried and tried to completely ignore this whole mess taking place in the Balkans. For me, the current administration has lost all credibility in view of the events

spanning the past year or so. Now we're thrust into a potentially serious situation with a president who is best characterized with his pants down around his ankles. The current crisis being no exception.

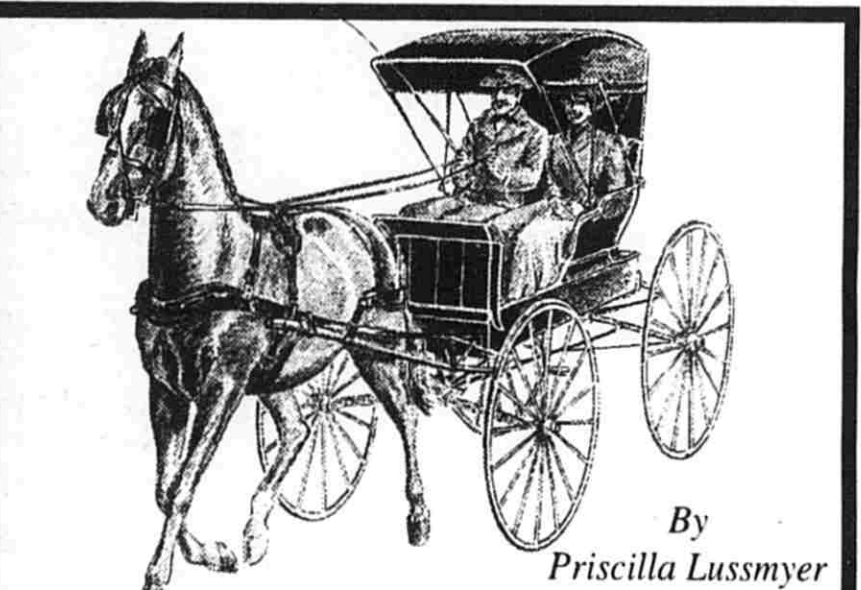
However, try as I might, it is nearly impossible to completely ignore the news coming out of the Balkans. From what I can see, the media is having trouble getting good footage like we had in the Gulf war. All we get on TV are refugees riding on tractors. Invariably, the cameraman will attempt to accentuate the plight of the refugees by zooming in on a little kid crying. My point is, they don't have to go to the Balkans to film crying kids. Any Sam's Club will do just fine. Try my daughter's house. She has two in diapers, and it seems like at least one of them is fussing every time I call. Here's a sure bet. Send a film crew with me the next time I fly a commercial airline. There are always crying kids in a nearby seat.

Since we're on the subject of flying... I rolled out the old Stearman last Friday. The weather was perfect. Light breeze, blue skies and warm temperatures. The later being of utmost importance since we're talkin' open cockpit flying in early April in Michigan. A neighbor saw me fiddling around with the old biplane. I'd towed it across the field and topped off the fuel. I'd installed the battery. I'd checked the oil and done a walk-around inspection. He, being a pilot himself, timed his entrance perfectly. That is, he missed all the work but was just in time to be offered a ride. That's one of the first things they teach you in ground school.

The old girl fired right up, we strapped in and away we went. Shortly after takeoff, I offered my rider the stick. He gladly took the controls in the front cockpit and flew us all around the area. Finally I asked over the intercom if he wanted to go up and do a couple of loops. "Sure" he said, and we began a gentle climb with a slight turn to the left.

What I didn't realize at this point was the combination of my cheap intercom system, the 100 m.p.h. cockpit noise and my passenger's sophisticated hearing aides made communication virtually impossible. He thought I had the stick. I thought he had the stick. We were both just enjoying the scenery while my old airplane took us for a little ride. After a few minutes of this slow climbing turn to the left it finally dawned on me that perhaps Jim thought I was at the controls. We got things straightened out and went up to do our loops with me firmly at the controls.

My clock, correctly adjusted backward 23 hours to compensate for Daylight Savings Time, tells me it's time to wrap this thing up. Until next week, as they say out at the airport, "Keep the shiny side up."



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - APRIL 8, 1874
"Miss Nettie Waldron's lost money has not yet been left at this office. Will the individual who found that money just take down his good old mother's bible and read until he feels a pain in his bosom?"

The Republican and National Reform parties held their caucuses last week. Chester Stone is the new village president. Grand Rapids has a population of 24,000.

A musical convention is on at the ME Church, with voice lessons, children's singing, learning to read music and advanced chorus.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 6, 1899
Lowell and Cannon townships went Republican in last week's elections; Vergennes and Grattan, Democratic; and Keene Township, the Silver Party.

The list of highway appropriations often lists road sections by property owners who live alongside.

A well-to-do Bowne Township farmer is charged with starving his livestock: sheep carcasses all over, cows and horses almost dead.

The editor inveighs against trusts (monopolies) and companies that buy up other companies and then close them down.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - APRIL 4, 1924

The Owasaka Campfire Girls and mothers celebrate with the Third Annual Banquet.

M.B. McPherson reports that voters have a chance to repeal the County Board of Auditors next Monday. Auditors have broad financial powers, but supervisors are ultimately responsible for county finances.

The Clover Leaf Club and the Lowell Literary Club are considering an amalgamation. This month's votes were indecisive.

The Alton Ladies' Aid Society seeks \$1 from each lot owner of the Alton Cemetery, to install a permanent watering system.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 7, 1949
Lowell Township supervisor, Frank Houghton, says that 100 years ago the first board meeting was held in Lowell Township and \$100 was voted for yearly expenses. Now it's nearly \$20,000.

The state Safety Commission has ordered checks of brakes and lights on all vehicles stopped for traffic violations.

Fire Chief Dave Clark, Sr. says that grass fires so far have exceeded total fires for 1948.

The new Showboat Garden Club is organized at the home of Hulda Fineis, president Mrs. Ed Kiel.

Meanwhile, Ed Kiel is the new president of the Board of Trade. They will push for improvements on M-91 and Lincoln Lake roads.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - APRIL 4, 1974
Terry Buck announces the "Good Ole Days" promotion, featuring sales, markets, auctions and exhibits every Saturday at the fairgrounds.

The Michigan Court of Appeals rules against hair dress codes in schools. Hair length has nothing to do with education.

Paul Balaam's Lowell High School Chamber Choir is chosen one of the 15 best choirs in Michigan.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



ALLERGIC RHINITIS

Allergic rhinitis (hay fever) is characterized by stuffy or runny nose; itchy eyes, nose or throat; chronic cough or persistent sneezing. More than 40 million Americans suffer from this malady.

The most common offending allergens which trigger hay fever are:

- Pollen - trees, grasses, weeds

Mold - thrives in cool, dark areas
Dust - house dust, primarily
Pets - any warm blooded animals
Most cases of hay fever will respond well to antihistamines and/or decongestants. Antihistamines should be taken to prevent a reaction with the allergen, and work by blocking the action of histamines, which cause many of the symptoms associated with the allergic reaction. Decongestants work by reducing the swelling in the nasal membranes, allowing you to breathe more easily. Both antihistamines and decongestants are available over-the-counter, but the more effective, non-sedating products are prescription only.

If all types of medicine fail to control your allergies, consultation with an allergist would be in order. The allergist will perform tests to identify exactly what you are allergic to. A serum will then be prepared using those items which you are allergic to. The serum is then injected into you at certain intervals to hopefully build up your immunity to the allergens. Hopefully, with time, you can be exposed to things you are allergic to without any significant reaction.

To The Editor

To the Lowell Community,
I wanted to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to those who attended the 1999 Lowell High School spring musical *Peter Pan*. It was truly an exciting program and the energy created by having over 2800 people attend was phenomenal for the cast and crew.

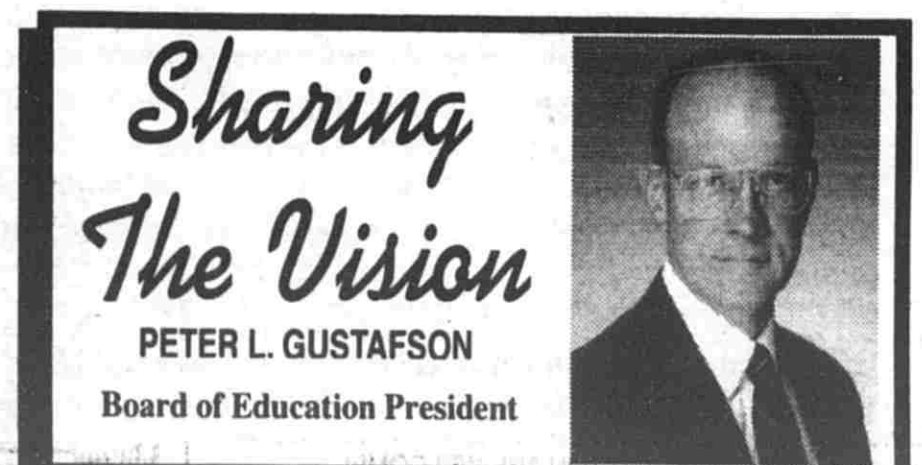
To our new director, Jeremy Wheeler; choral director, Tod Nyson; accompanist, Cheryl Nawrockil; orchestra director, Kate Bredwell; choreographer, Becky Beers; costume designer and assistants, Brian Dykstra, Lynae Bleeker and Nancy Finnegan; stage manager, Annie McMahon and producer/music booster representative, Lanny Rice, and exceptional job well done.

To my Performing Arts Center crew who worked behind the scenes with many duties from cleaning, building sets, set

changes and flying the characters safely as required (no injuries); harness supervisor and flight crew chief, Dennis McClure; flight crew, Bob Boyd, Jamie Jahnke, Allen Hoekstra, Joe Boruta, Alan Stiver, an endless list of thank yous and well done.

To the folds you never saw during or after the performances, the pit band. I know that they feel on the outside but

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Sharing
The Vision
PETER L. GUSTAFSON
Board of Education President

We often think about the value of secondary education in somewhat abstract terms: How will it prepare students for college or work, what impact will school achievements have on pay scales, how will classroom experiences contribute to lifelong learning and promote civic responsibility? These are, of course, vitally important topics. Occasionally, however, we are reminded that training in school can have a direct and immediate effect on life-even survival. Such is the case with the GI's who were captured last week by Serbian troops.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1999.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Clerk called the Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJardens, Police Chief James Valentine and Planning Commissioner Michael Harding.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the March 1, 1999 regular and closed session meetings be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/15/99)

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 118,451.26 |
| MAJOR STREET FUND | 1,949.62 |
| LOCAL STREET FUND | 7,653.67 |
| AIRPORT FUND | 52.79 |
| WASTEWATER FUND | 3,056.55 |
| WATER FUND | 3,532.13 |
| DATA PROCESSING | 8,549.12 |
| EQUIPMENT FUND | 1,555.86 |
| CURRENT TAX | 378,862.69 |

Item #1. SURVEY OF MAYOR ELECTION PREFERENCES. As requested by the City Council at the last meeting, a list was provided from several Michigan cities of approximately the same size as Lowell showing whether the Mayor is elected at large by the public or the Council itself. This information was provided to Council for review and discussion.

Councilmember Myers noted six out of the sixteen municipalities surveyed elect their Mayor by the Council itself, while ten elect the Mayor at large by the public. Over the past 16 years, the City had two serve as Mayor, Jim Maatman for twelve years and Bill Thompson for four. He felt if he were to poll Councilmembers Blough, Green and Shores, each would probably aspire to be Mayor someday. As Councilmembers serve, most would want to have the responsibility for leadership of this group at some point. Myers wished the Council to evaluate the process.

It was noted some Councils appoint a different Mayor every two years. City Manager Pasquale stated the Mt. Pleasant City Commission selects a new mayor every year.

Councilmember Shores believed every two years is too soon. It takes at least one year to understand the position. The expertise one develops is very beneficial to the entire Council.

City Manager Pasquale stated to change the process to an elected at large mayor would require an amendment to the Charter by vote of the residents at large. To rotate different Councilmembers into the mayor position would be a policy change enacted by the Council.

No further action was taken.

Item #2. ADOPTION OF ONE YEAR STRATEGIC GOALS. As the results of the day long worksession held on January 30th, a vision statement and four areas for goals were assembled. At the March 8, 1999 worksession, the Council reviewed these goals involving community image, intergovernmental relations, capital improvements and economic development. These goals outline strategic actions for the coming year and reviewed on a yearly basis. Also, these provide goals for the City Manager and staff as well as gives a general direction. City Manager Pasquale recommended these goals along with the vision statement be adopted at this time.

Councilmember Shores felt the day long worksession in January was very helpful and the goals are attainable.

Mayor Thompson noted the Council had questioned the value of investing \$2000 for this and now believed it was very well spent.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to adopt both the Mission Statement and one year strategic goals as presented.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 400 W. MAIN - MICHAEL'S FARM MARKET - LOT COVERAGE VARIANCE - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (4/5). At a special meeting of the Planning Commission held on March 8, 1999, a site plan was reviewed for the construction of an 1800 square foot retail building at the southwest corner of Main and Hudson on behalf of Michael's Farm Market. During the course of the review, the Commission noted the building and all pavement accounted for approximately 80% of the lot. Under the Zoning Ordinance, lot coverage in the General Business District can not exceed 60%.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance (vote 6 to 0, 3 absences) to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A statement of the reasons for the recommendation will be supplied at the public hearing.

Also, the Commission approved the site plan for Michael's Farm Market subject to submission of a landscaping plan to city staff including the Police Department, a fence height limited to six feet, a building 30' x 60', keeping the existing tree on site and acquiring all necessary MDOT permits.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing for Monday, April 5, 1999 to consider a lot coverage variance at 400 W. Main Michael's Farm Market for the construction of an 1800 square foot retail building.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers commented on the Lowell Area Fire Department report for February showing 22 runs and 175 volunteers responding. He noted a volunteer firefighter, out of a 30 day month with 22 runs, would expect to receive a call 73% of the total days. To a firefighter, this means whatever an individual is doing, each one called must drop it then and report to the fire station. It is commendable out of the 22 runs, 175 people respond, which averages almost eight volunteers per run.

Myers also noted there were 38% more responding this year as compared to last year. In examining calls responded, there were seven within the City, ten in Lowell Township, three in Vergennes Township and two from other areas. Of the 22 total, 32% were within the City with the remaining 68% from outside of the City. In reviewing these numbers, it reminds him as a community, the boundaries do not end at just the city limits. This demonstrates the amount of cooperation between the two townships and the city as well as the Schools.

Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Bruce Walter of 606 Riverside Drive requested the Council to commit as much funds or more for ice skating next year as committed this year. In requesting a commitment at this meeting, the public will know the city plans to have an ice skating rink next year, weather permitting. Also, this would possibly encourage parents to purchase ice skates for their children. Walter had also contacted the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry and suggested, which was accepted, to provide a new and used skate exchange. He felt there are skates which could be used and recycled.

Walter also suggested the Foreman Building be considered as a site for an ice rink. Another suggestion was to create a lagoon system in the Recreation Park or the Lafayette Plaza area for the rink. The Parks and Recreation Commission could suggest an area of approximately 80' x 200', which could be used for recreational skating.

Walter proposed the berm at Richards Park be raised twice as high as it is and be available for sliding. Wooden

steps could be placed on the south side with sliding on the north, east and west sides. Finally, he stated a need for park area on the east side of the river. Somewhere on the hills surrounding the City an open space could be created for sliding or skiing.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to commit \$1,500 for the ice skating rink in the 1999-2000 budget.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Barbara Carpenter of Blue Ribbon Feed (420 W. Main) stated she was confused regarding the proposed building project on the southwest corner of Main and Hudson. She felt she was not given answers from the City or the Planning Commission on the criteria of the lot which was declared unbuildable in 1993. She was told repeatedly nothing could be built there. But, now there is a proposed building for this lot. She requested some accountability from the City on how this could have changed from what she was told from 1994 noting this was an unbuildable lot.

City Manager Pasquale responded the Planning Commission in its site plan review stated because the lot was there prior to the adoption of the current Zoning Ordinance, it is a buildable lot and no variance was needed for lot size.

Mrs. Carpenter asked why was it declared unbuildable on the assessor card and so assessed for tax purposes since 1993.

Pasquale stated the assessor made this notation on the assessing card, but has nothing to do with the zoning. It is uncertain why this notation was on the card, but the determination of whether a lot is buildable or not is the responsibility of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Carpenter asked when the current zoning ordinance was adopted. Pasquale said it was adopted in 1995. Then she stated this lot was declared unbuildable and accepted as such on the tax roll as well as the person who had owned the lot, why isn't this carried forward. Further, she said why did City Manager Pasquale come to us when they started to have problems with the Crawfords, with a copy of the assessor card and urged not to buy this lot because it is unbuildable, due to the size of the lot. The Carpenters would be the only ones other than the City who would be allowed to build on this lot. Pasquale responded he had never told the Carpenters not to buy the lot. The Zoning Ordinance states it is allowable to build. Mrs. Carpenter asked why did he encourage them not to buy the lot. Pasquale said he does not recall doing so. Mrs. Carpenter said if she bought the lot, 40% would have to be covered with green space and basically the size of building allowed such as the old Subway which was recently vacated. Now, there is an 1800 square foot building being proposed. Even the Planning Commissioners, until the meeting where the new zoning glitch was mentioned, said there would be no way this would ever be built. We (Carpenters) came to the City asking what was possible and were told this and now are receiving a backlash. No response was received from the Planning Commission.

There were five merchants of this City which have built in the last two years asking why are procedures changing for this lot when they were told to do many requirements. Then, the owner of this corner lot provides a plan and everyone bends over backwards. At the Planning Commission meeting, everyone in attendance left without receiving any answers. Mrs. Carpenter stated she does not understand. The Council needs to take a look and ask those who had to follow the zoning rules, why this is different.

Mayor Thompson responded he did attend the Planning Commission meeting and the Chairman walked through their list of explaining the decision. He believed one of the Commissioners mentioned some in attendance of this meeting had received variances on properties. One example was Bernard's True Value. Mrs. Carpenter said it was because he was adding to an existing building and wanted to keep the same setback for aesthetic purposes.

Carpenter also questioned who would be responsible to pay for the back taxes, if the lot was not unbuildable. Thompson was questioning in 1993, a statement could be made with concerns of the underground gas tanks and the possible contamination of the lot.

Mrs. Carpenter said that she was told because it was possibly contaminated no one could build there. Also, the

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City would acquire the property and construct a parking lot. Mayor Thompson stated as long as he has been on Council, the purchase of the lot was discussed. But, the Council chose not to purchase it. In fact, the City had considered two lots, the corner of Hudson and Main and the Flat River Antique Mall lot, and chose not to purchase either at the time. This was because the Council felt the merchants might want to do this as a group. Mayor Thompson does not know why the assessor placed unbuildable on the card at that time. Much has been done to this lot since then, including the removal of the underground gas tanks.

City Attorney Richard Wendt stated the City Assessor determines the value of property for tax purposes. In this case he had to make judgements with respect to particular pieces of property for purposes of placing a value on it for tax purposes. This is the only reason an assessor reviews property. So if he made a notation, as in fact he did on this assessment card of the property being unbuildable, this was for his purpose of determining the taxable value of the property. He does not consider or get involved with the City Zoning Code or Ordinance. This is not within his job or responsibility. This responsibility, as had been suggested, is that of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is required to apply the provisions of the Zoning Code, which is completely different than the role of the City Assessor. As he understands it having been somewhat familiar with this because he had discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Planning Commission, concurs with the Chairman's conclusion the Zoning Code as written does permit a building to be constructed on this site.

It does require a variance and that is why earlier this evening a public hearing had been set to hear whether or not a variance should be granted. If the variance is granted, it is his understanding a building could be constructed. If the variance is not granted, this building could not be constructed on this lot. Finally, Wendt said as far as relying on either the Planning Commission, City Manager or City Assessor as to whether or not one should purchase or not to purchase this lot, this should not be done. This decision must be made independently yourself as to whether you want to or not acquire the property. No one can make any representations to you which you should rely on.

Mrs. Carpenter said when they went to the City, they were told it was unbuildable.

Wendt stated you should not rely on that.

Mrs. Carpenter responded they can not go to the City Council or Planning Commission and ask for an idea of what to do with property or if it is a viable piece of property.

Wendt said you can but what you relied on was a determination from the City Assessor with respect to the value of the property. He made a determination for the purposes of establishing value which it was unbuildable at the time. Wendt explained to them this is not something they ought to rely on when making a decision to buy a parcel.

Mrs. Carpenter had wished the City would have told her this six years ago. She felt this is totally irresponsibly of the City Manager to have told them this. People come to the City to receive information and when this information is given to a person, you have to base your ideas on it. If she had bought the property and then found out it was unbuildable, then she would have \$44,000 to \$50,000 lost. Mrs. Carpenter said she is faced with a situation where half of her building will be covered by a fruit stand.

Councilmember Blough questioned Mrs. Carpenter if at the time were there any entries in the Planning Commission meeting minutes, where she approached the Commission, relative to the zoning of the lot. Mrs. Carpenter responded she talked to the City Manager. Blough also asked if at any time was the Master Plan modified such as the zoning changed on this parcel over the last ten years. Pasquale responded no. Therefore, it had always been under the same zoning classification and the same rules relative to the zoning. Pasquale answered this was correct.

Blough wanted to clarify the Planning Commission was not approached nor the City Council. Mrs. Carpenter answered no, but she noted they do not sit in an office where contact could be made. Mayor Thompson said this is an unfair statement because of the fact if someone really wants to contact the Commission or the Council, and it happens every day, they call at home or office. It is available, if someone calls to the City and request to talk

to the Mayor, they are referred to his home phone number. In fact, he had talked to both of the Carpenters at one time or another from his office. So there is a way to contact.

Scott Carpenter stated the City Manager gave them the assessor card. So whether he denies it or not, how would they have gotten the paper? Thompson said this is free information. Any one can get this information. Whenever he considers purchasing property in the City, Thompson always obtains the assessor card as well as other information. But, Mr. Carpenter asked if the Mayor judges his decision on the information on this paper. Thompson responded he goes beyond just this paper. There is other information one can receive from the assessor's office beside just the card. Buying property is a difficult process, especially when considering commercial property. Thompson said the underground tanks were known and this definitely has an effect.

Especially, when these are removed and determine it will cost thousands of dollars to remove all the contaminated dirt. Mrs. Carpenter said this is what they considered. They were told this was unbuildable. There would not be much to do with the lot. The City would obtain it. There was a possible contamination. Mayor Thompson said he is going to assume that they chose at that time not to purchase it. Mrs. Carpenter responded right, if we had been told they could build on the property, it just seems a backward situation. When they asked for information, they were given wrong information obviously. Thompson said you were given a copy of the assessor card.

Councilmember Green noted this was not the assessor card you received in 1993. Carpenter said she received the copy of the card in 1997 when they were having troubles with transient merchant Doug Felling. This was in 1994, according to the police report. This is when everyone started to say it was unbuildable. Even Dan Brubaker, the Chairman of the Planning Commission, told them it was an unbuildable parcel of property. It would require a 50% variance until the night they went to the Planning Commission meeting expecting them to deny a 50% variance. Then the Commission stated it was already zoned properly. No one appears to be able to give them the right answer. Councilmember Green said the applicant still need a variance.

Mrs. Carpenter said this was not until the last meeting and finally got the Commissioners to realize a variance is needed. Up until this time, this was a "done deal". Mayor Thompson stated this is not correct because if this was the case, the applicant would have a building permit and would have already started building. The Carpenters said the Planning Commission were ready to give the Crawfords the permit. All they were looking for at this meeting was the siding and color of the building. They had brought in merchants who had to file for variances and the Commissioners finally realized there was a variance needed.

Mayor Thompson said there is not total agreement. But this will proceed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a public hearing at the next meeting.

City Manager Pasquale stated there was an issue on the lot size and an assumption for several meetings a variance would be needed. But Chairman Brubaker of the Planning Commission pointed to a section of the zoning ordinance which stated as long as set back requirements were met, a variance was not needed on the lot size.

Mayor Thompson explained the Planning Commission provides a recommendation to the Council. The Council acts as the Zoning Board of Appeals and makes the final decision. Therefore, it is not a "done deal" until it proceeds to ZBA.

Mrs. Carpenter also was concerned with the drainage of the lot, which was totally pushed aside at the Planning Commission meeting. Thompson understood there is drainage and a curb around the entire lot. The applicants have to meet specifications of the Michigan Department of Transportation. Carpenter said there is a gravel base, but the lot floods. Thompson stated what he understood at the meeting, there was a drain designed into the system which has to meet MDOT specifications. Carpenter asked who makes this determination.

Pasquale responded MDOT, Building Inspector and Department of Public Works will review this. Councilmember Myers stated two drains are shown on the site plan on both sides of lot piped to the storm sewer. Carpenter was told by MDOT that the Crawfords would not be allowed to tap into the storm sewer. Pasquale stated conditions were attached to the approved site plan which concerns these issues.

Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores mentioned the adoption of the Mission Statement of the City of Lowell, the small town character with history, heart and hope. She wanted to thank all the Council and City staff for "the heart" in the sympathy which was extended to her with the passing of her mother this past week.

Councilmember Green asked the City to examine the new sign at Moonlight Video on West Main Street.

Councilmember Myers acknowledged two letters in to the Ledger from Patricia and Torrence O'Haire, a Lowell High School student, who opposed the Transient Merchant issue. The letters did not change his mind but it is good to have a forum as this for those to express their opinions.

Mayor Thompson announced he would not be seeking another term on Council and encouraged people to start considering to run for Council. It is a very educational process and most of the time gratifying.

Item #7. MANAGERS REPORT. City Manager Pasquale stated the following:

1. The following meeting minutes were provided:

- Chamber of Commerce meeting of February 10
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of February 13

2. The work on M-21 will start on April 5 in the Ada area first. The MDOT project will be through contract with K and R Construction of Grand Rapids. It is anticipated the work will be completed by the end of September.

There will be milling and repaving of M-21 from Valley Vista to Grand River, which is immediately west of Amway. Curb and gutter work will be completed from Valley Vista to Alden Nash - Bowes Road within the City. Also, there will be drainage work along M-21.

In order to further service sanitary sewer on the south side of West Main Street, a line crossing is proposed. The cost would be between \$5,000 to \$10,000. This would be completed as part of the M-21 road work.

3. A Community Land Use and Ecology meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. The cost of this meeting is being financed through the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners (including spouses) are invited in which a dinner is provided. Please let Betty know by April 1 if you plan to attend.

4. A decision needs to be made on the preference for Mayor's Exchange Day visit to Ionia, May 9-10 or May 16-17. The exchange day in Lowell is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 with Council approval.

The Council chose to visit to Ionia on May 16-17 and host Ionia on May 20.

5. Randi Trystad of Fluid Design will be at the April 5, 1999 Council meeting to review options for a City logo.

6. The Lowell Community Expo is Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lowell High School.

Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. None.

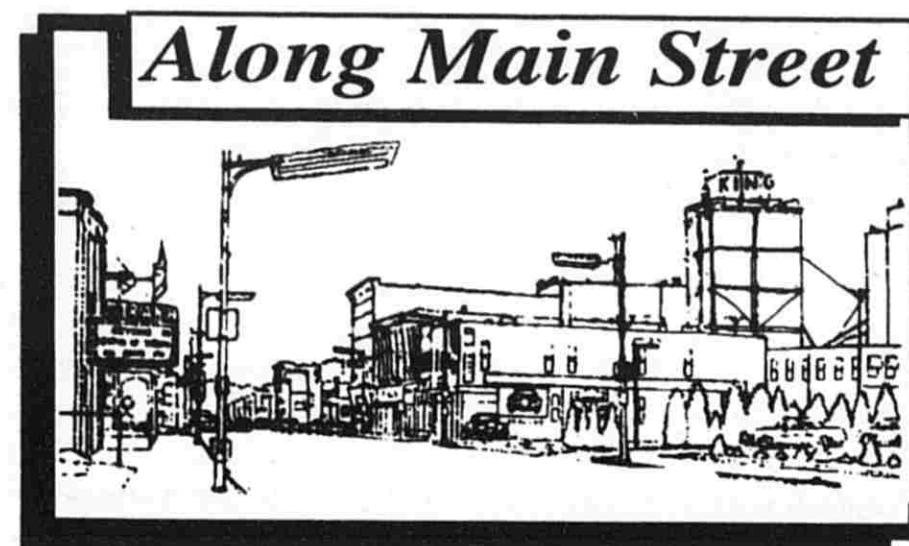
IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn to a closed session meeting at 8:33 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return to open session at 9:10 p.m.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:11 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: April 5, 1999

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk



"COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN" MEETING RESCHEDULED
The parent meeting and student visitation for Alto and Bushnell families will be held on Wed., April 21 or Sat., May 1. If you were unable to attend the parent meeting in March,

please contact your child's school now - Alto (868-6111) or Bushnell (897-8471) to set up a time. Openings are filling up quickly.

LOWELL HOCKEY CLUB - JV TRYOUTS
On Thursday, April 15 the Lowell Hockey Club will hold an evaluation/tryout session at Michigan National Ice Center for anyone interested in playing on next years Lowell JV hockey team.
The evaluation is free of charge and open to anyone age 13 to 16 (birth dates 7/1/83 - 6/30/86). Players should arrive at the rink by 7:30 p.m. Full equipment is preferred but not required. For information contact Paul Jacobus 241-2447 or Jim Blair 897-6436.

FREE DEVELOPMENT SCREENING
Lowell Area Schools Tots on Track for School is offering a free developmental screening for preschoolers, 2-1/2 to 4-1/2 years old. If you think that your child is learning at a slower rate than other children the same age or you have

concerns about speech development, please schedule your child's free screening appointment. Families who meet income guidelines for Head Start and Readiness Preschool should also make an appointment.

Please call Carol Briggs as soon as possible at 897-8415, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., to schedule a time. The screening will take place at the Administration Building at 300 High St., Lowell, on Friday, April 16, and Friday, April 23.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY PAYMENTS DUE
A senior parent will be in the high school cafeteria on Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16 to take payments for the senior all-night party (May 27 & 28).

LHS CLASS OF 1989
The Lowell High School Class of 1989 10-year reunion has been set for Saturday, October 9, 1999 at the Hilton in Grand Rapids. For more info or to RSVP, call Barb Roth, 897-6954 or Debra Duiven, 897-6348.



Organizers of the 5th annual Lowell Area Hunger CROP Walk pictured, left to right, are: Sandy McIntire, Inge Whittemore, Johanna Balzar, Sue Bieri, Lee Watterworth, Gwen Strauss, Mary Schoenborn and Barb Vezino.

Crop Walk, cont'd... From Page 1

hungry people around the world and a video showing the importance of the walk both locally and internationally. Michigan, the leading CROP Walk fund-raiser in the United States for the past 13 years raised approximately \$2.5 million in 1998. For more information about participating in the 5th annual Lowell Area CROP Walk, call 897-5936.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 14, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Debra Benner for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan so as to rezone the following described lands from the A Agricultural District to the R-L Lake Residential District.

That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N1°10'W 1575.50 feet along the East line of said section to the centerline of Jenks Road; thence N68°00'W 278.06 feet along said centerline to the place of beginning; thence N68°00'W 150.63 feet along said centerline; thence N89°48'W 57.0 feet along said centerline; thence N7°58'E 177.0 feet; thence N01°10'W 220.0 feet; thence S81°56'24" E 228.55 feet; thence S01°10'E 220.0 feet; thence S29°06'40"W 83.04 feet; thence S09°00'21" W 92.56 feet to the Northerly line of Jenks Road; thence S1°10'E 35.87 feet to the place of beginning, and also all that land lying between the South line of said lands and the water's edge of Chapin Lake; and also that part of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section; thence N1°10'W 1575.50 feet along the East line of said Section to the centerline of Jenks Road and the place of beginning; thence N68°00'W 278.06 feet along said centerline; thence N1°10'W 35.87 feet to the Northerly line of Jenks Road; thence N09°00'21"E 92.56 feet; thence N29°06'40"E 83.04 feet; thence N01°10'W 220.0 feet; thence S81°56'24"E 200.0 feet; thence S01°10'E 496.05 feet along said East line to the place of beginning, and also all that land lying between the South line of said lands and the water's edge of Chapin Lake; Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

At said hearing, the Planning Commission will also consider an application to divide the above-described lands into not more than two resulting parcels, for residential purposes, in accordance with the Township Subdivision and other applicable requirements.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.
March 15, 1999

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

Renovation, cont'd... From Page 1

According to the city attorney, the council could move forward in purchasing through contamination. Pasquale said the city has the funds to purchase both properties with the general fund being reimbursed for purchases by the bond issue.

Economics class selling chains and mugs

Lowell High School's Applied Economic's class is selling Red Arrow hang around key chains and Red Arrow mugs. The key chains are \$5 and the mugs cost \$10. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Lowell Area Education Foundation in the name of fallen senior classmates Lucas Swanson and Chris Cunningham. The class is running the business under the name Arrow Enterprises.

CITY OF LOWELL SPRING LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the third and fourth weeks of April, leaves will be picked up by Denny's Disposal. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

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This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday, April 20 and 27. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday, April 21 and 28.

Also, the leaf pick up program will continue the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from May to November!

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal (691-8530) or City Hall (897-8457).

1999 SPRING LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

| MONDAY - TUESDAY TRASH PICKUP | WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY TRASH PICKUP |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 20 and 27 | April 21 and 28 |
| May 4 | May 5 |
| June 1 | June 2 |
| July 6 | July 7 |
| August 3 | August 4 |
| September 7 | September 8 |
| October 5 | October 6 |

Sharing The Vision, cont'd...From Page 5

Family and friends concerned about the fate of the young soldiers (one of whom is a Michigander) have looked for reasons to be optimistic about their chances for survival as they face the terrible ordeal of captivity by debauched men pursuing a campaign of "ethnic cleansing" in Kosovo.

These family members and friends draw strength not so much from what the GI's were taught during a brief period of military training, but from the life skills they learned during twelve years of schooling. They place their hopes on such attributes as discipline derived from hard work on demanding academic subjects, toughness gained from cross-country athletic competition, commitment learned from participation in SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving), and lessons of loyalty derived from interaction among school friends.

Whatever the ultimate outcome, we can be sure that the captured Americans, indeed all of the servicemen involved in this most recent conflict, will fare better because of the opportunities they were given in school to develop and grow, both mentally and physically. George Konrad, a Hungarian leader recalling his struggle against Communism during the Cold War, observed that "courage is only an accumulation of small steps." Many such small steps are taken each day in school by the 3500 students in our district.

We can only hope and pray that the young people of Lowell will be spared the horrors of war now being experienced by those involved in the Kosovo campaign, just as many of their fathers and grandfathers faced the grim reality of war during the great conflicts of the 20th Century. But as Kosovo reminds

us, the future is terribly difficult to predict. Such events give solemn testament to the duty we all share to ensure that our young people have the best possible educational opportunity,

across the full spectrum of academics, arts and athletics, to prepare them to face the rigors of an unpredictable modern world.

To The Editor, cont'd...From Page 5

Your importance can not, *can not* be understated. The difference between a play and a musical is content and a pit band and without your help there is no musical. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

To the individuals and businesses that advertised in the play bill. It was great to have a program with 40 pages. This helps to show that the arts are alive and well. It also proves to be in incentive to maintain the quality programs we have had over the past few years.

To the cast, an exceptional and very rewarding job well done. I will never forget when the pirates tried to sneak in on

the Indians and lost boys. The entire audience of kindergartners through fifth graders tried to warn them of the immediate danger. Your hard work and dedication paid off.

Again, thank you for your support and we hope to see all of you at our next theatrical production.

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Lowell Performing
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 14, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of The Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Pat Malone for a special land use so as to authorize the use of a parcel of land for construct of a dwelling on an otherwise unbuildable portion of the parcel, and for such other special land use authorization as may be required to approve the use of the parcel for dwelling purposes. The special land use covers the lands commonly described as 5110 Gavin Lake and legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 commencing 355.4 feet Southwesterly along centerline of Gavin Lake Avenue from the intersection of the centerline of 6 Mile Road and the centerline of Gavin Lake Avenue; thence Southerly along the centerline of said avenue 262.0 feet; thence West parallel with the North section line 102 feet, more or less, to the water's edge of Gavin Lake, thence Northerly along said water's edge 260 feet, more or less, to a point West from beginning; thence East parallel with the North section line 154 feet, more or less, to beginning, also part of Government Lots 1 and 2 and part of the Northwest 1/4, commencing 258.15 feet Southwesterly along the centerline of Gavin Lake Avenue from the centerline of Crooked Lake Drive, thence Southwesterly along the centerline of said avenue to a point 1992.1 feet Northerly along the centerline of Gavin Lake Avenue from the East and West 1/4 line; thence South 89°52' East 323 feet, thence South 13°40' West 396.65 feet; thence South 21°20' East 90.0 feet; thence South 68°40' West 110.0 feet to said avenue centerline; thence Southerly along said avenue centerline 296 feet more or less, to a point 1015 feet North 0°24' East from the East and West 1/4 line; thence East parallel with the East and West 1/4 line 528 feet more or less to a point 269 feet West from the North and South 1/4 line; thence South 0°24' West parallel with the North and South 1/4 line 500 feet; thence East parallel with the East and West 1/4 line 270 feet to a point 1 foot East from the North and South 1/4 line; thence North 0°24' East 813.4 feet, thence North 89°54' East 225.36 feet; thence North 7°57' East 212.64 feet; thence North 24°57' East 98.98 feet; thence North 65°03' West 20 feet; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of Gahan Avenue to a point 218.11 feet Southerly along said Westerly line from centerline of Crooked Lake Drive; thence Westerly 982.52 feet to beginning; except commencing at a point on the centerline of Gavin Lake Avenue which is 627.26 feet North 89° 09' 2" West along the North section line and 348.57 feet South 7°12' West from the North 1/4 corner; thence Northeasterly 83.74 feet along said centerline on a 534.59 foot radius curve to the right, the long chord bears North 79°13'46" East 83.66 feet; thence South 7°52' West 397.92 feet; thence North 89°52' West 403.47 feet to the centerline of said avenue, thence Northeasterly 557.64 feet along said centerline on a 534.59 foot radius curve to the right, the long chord bears North 44°51'31" East 532.70 feet to beginning, Section 29, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: April 2, 1999
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

TOWN TALK

Daylight Savings Time - Do you like it or would you prefer not switching?



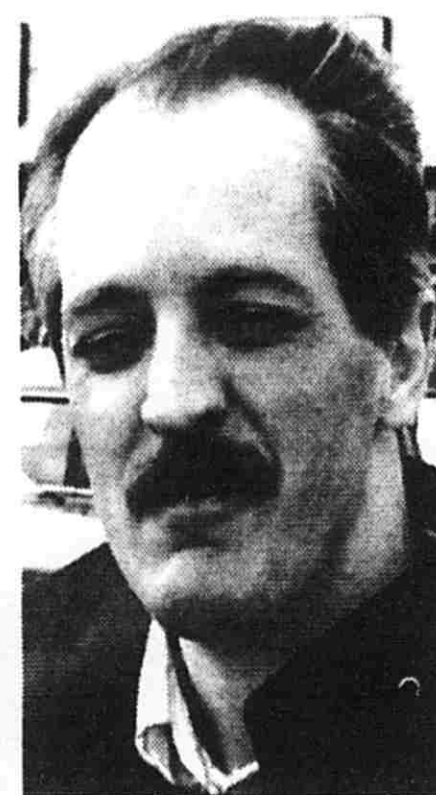
Robin Puney
I like it. In the spring and summer the kids sleep in, in the morning. I don't mind setting the clock back in the fall either.



Barb Laffer
I like it. It is nice to have the extra daylight in the spring and summer.



Jackie Foster
I like it being light later in the spring and summer. I hate changing the clock in the fall and having it get darker earlier.



Steve Stouten
It being darker in the winter doesn't really bother me. I like the extra light in the summer.



Shannon Bowden
I like it. It works out better for the kids.

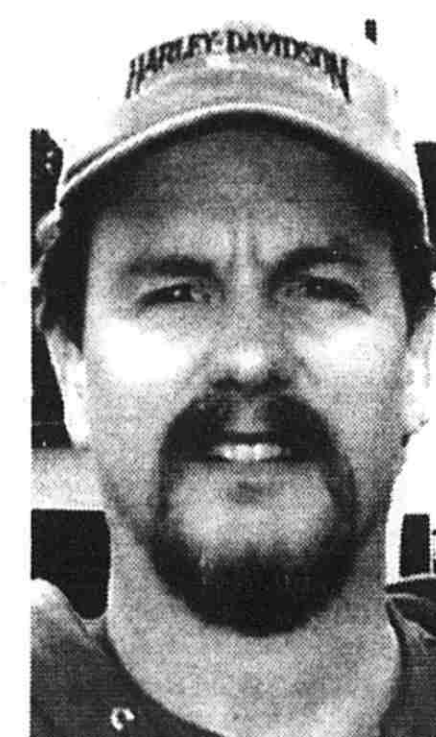


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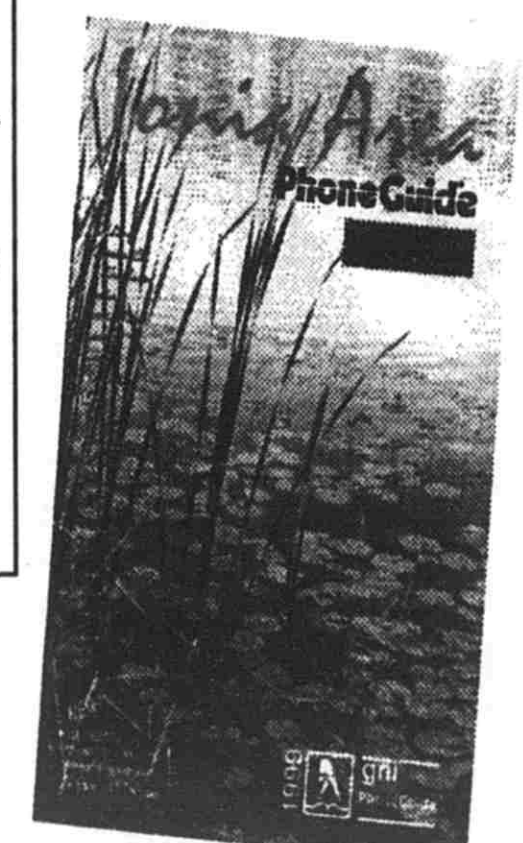
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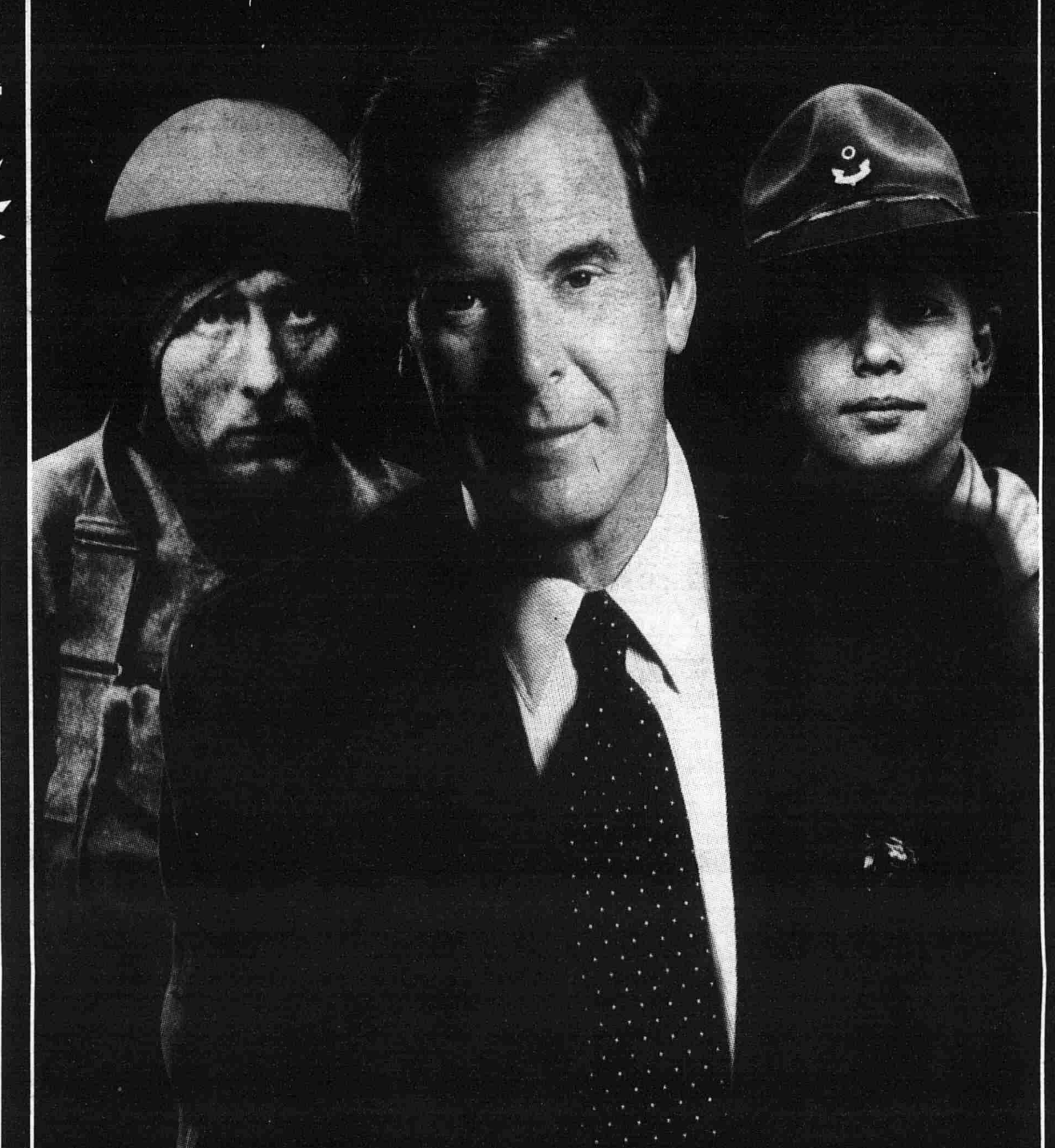


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SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 10, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Premium Channels.

SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

SKATING

Rollerjam California Quakes vs. Texas Rustlers. From Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, Fla. (Taped) TNN Fri. 9 p.m.
Rollerjam California Quakes or Texas Rustlers vs. New York Enforcers. From Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, Fla. (Taped) TNN Fri. 10 p.m.
Figure Skating Ice Wars: For the World. The world's top skaters, including Tara Lipinski, Brian Boitano and Oksana Baiul, compete in a unique team event from the Tucson Convention Center in Tucson, Ariz. (Taped) TNN

pions. From Daytona International Speedway, Fla. (Taped) ESPN Sat. 12:30 p.m.

BOXING

Boxing Fight Time. (Taped) FOXDT Sun. 7 p.m.
Boxing Fight Night at the Great Western Forum. From Inglewood, Calif. (Taped) FOXDT Thu. 2 a.m.

GOLF

Golf Michael Douglas & Friends Celebrity Tournament. (Taped) WOTV Sun. 2 p.m.
Golf Bryant Gumbel Walt Disney Celebrity-Am. From Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. (Taped) ESPN Tue. 1 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics International Team Championships. From Richmond, Va. (Taped) WOOD Sat. 4 p.m.; WILX Sat. 4 p.m.

SOCCER

Italian Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped) FOXDT Sun. 2 p.m.
Soccer English Premier League -- Teams to Be Announced. (Taped) FOXDT Sun. 5 p.m.

AUTO RACING

Auto Racing 1995 International Race of Cham-

TENNIS

Tennis Bausch and Lomb Championships -- Semifinal. From Amelia Island, Fla. (Same-day Tape) ESPN Sat. 3:30 p.m.
Tennis Bausch and Lomb Championship -- Final. From Amelia Island, Fla. (Same-day Tape) ESPN Sun. 4:30 p.m.

WINTER SPORTS

Snowboarding Boardercross Tour. From The Canyons, Utah. (Taped) ESPN Fri. 4:30 p.m.
Snowboarding Freeride Tour. From Mammoth Mountain, Calif. (Taped) FOXDT Sat. 12 p.m.
Snowboarding U.S. Open. From Stratton, Vt. (Taped) ESPN Wed. 4:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT APRIL 10, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel names (A&E, AMC, CNN, etc.) and program titles (Mysteries of the Bible, 55 Days at Peking, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel names (HBO, Show, TMC) and program titles (Titanic, Back in Business, etc.).

SUNDAY MORNING APRIL 11, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel names (A&E, AMC, CNN, etc.) and program titles (The Candidate, I Was a Teen-Age Werewolf, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS table with columns for channel names (HBO, Show, TMC) and program titles (One Year in a Life of Crime, Trading Favors, etc.).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 11, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS table with columns for channel names (A&E, AMC, CNN, etc.) and program titles (The Gishpa Boy, Easy Come, Easy Go, etc.).

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SUNDAY EVENING / LATENIGHT APRIL 11, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and rows for various channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing program titles and descriptions.

CABLE CHANNELS. Table listing cable channels and their corresponding program titles and descriptions.

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Conlan can deal with losses; not shortage of intensity and work ethic

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

I'm going to push the girls to become better players and to play with the intensity of a varsity level soccer team.

Ryan Conlan Lowell Girls' Soccer Coach

The little amount of experience Lowell girls' soccer coach Ryan Conlan had to work with, in year one of the program, is gone.

Like all start-up programs, inexperience is a problem. "We're going to struggle with it for a while," Conlan says. "There is organized soccer for girls up through sixth grade. There is nothing at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels. There needs to be a Y program or something. We need a feeder program. It will be rough without one."

One thing Conlan believes his second-year team can control is its intensity and work ethic.

"The girls have to practice and play with the same intensity. That's a difficult thing to do when you're not winning and trying to build a program," Conlan explains.

The second-year coach blends 10 returning players from last year with 11 new faces this year.

Conlan will start two freshmen and three sophomores.

The freshmen are Laura Horsley (midfielder/forward) and Jenny Wagner (defender). "They are playing with the intensity and work ethic I'm looking for," Conlan said.

The coach also likes what he's seen from sophomore starters Heather Posthumus (forward/midfielder), Lindsay Plescher (midfielder) and Abbey Goff (midfielder).

"Their attitude and work ethic are there. They just need time to improve their game," Conlan explains.

This year's tri-captains are junior Kelly Chapman and seniors Beth Larabee and Ceili Cowan.

Chapman, midfielder, will be counted on to score and control the midfield.

"Kelly is doing an excellent job. She has intensity, but just lacks game experience."

Other midfielders who are expected to contribute are Courtney Baker, Cowan, Britany Plescher, Lindsay Plescher and Becky Raymor.

Kristen Wysocki, a transfer from Forest Hills North, is expected to have an impact at the defensive end.

Helping the junior in her effort will be Larabee, Andrea Baker, Elissa Kinney, Sara Soyka, Jamie Smith, Brandi Schaefer, Kara Tousey, Wagner and Melissa Wingeier.

"I'm going to push the girls to become better players and to play with the intensity of a varsity level soccer team," Conlan explains.

The Lowell girls' soccer team opens up its league schedule on April 15 against Forest Hills Central.

Rickert shall lead another formidable Red Arrow girls' softball team

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the return of an all conference pitcher, a tough gritty ball stopper behind the plate and a quality tandem at second and shortstop, what possibly could be worrying Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse?

"The play of our outfield will be key. We have to find people who can catch the ball," Rodenhouse explained.

A second unknown will be at first base, where junior Courtney Hedlund will replace Laurie Barton.

"Anyone after Laurie would be a drop-off. I think, however, Courtney is going to do just fine covering first for us," Rodenhouse explained.

The only decision Lowell's coach has made about the outfield is in center. That is where junior Becky Brander will play. "I need her bat in the lineup and I need Becky to take charge in the outfield," Rodenhouse said.

"We'll go as Andrea goes. She knows that," Rodenhouse explained. "The key for her will be ball control and cutting down on her walks. Andrea worked extremely hard over the winter, as hard as any pitcher I've ever coached."

Kinyon (7-10) was Lowell's most consistent pitcher last year. She came in and threw strikes. Rodenhouse is looking for more of the same.

Catching Rickert and Kinyon will be junior Bethany Fredline.

"Bethany was MVP of the team as a sophomore. That has never happened to me since I've been a coach. She's a great stopper behind the plate," Rodenhouse said.

Covering ground up the middle for Lowell will be senior Rachael Fredline at second and junior Jodi Seif at shortstop.

Fredline will be making a lot of plays with Rickert on the mound.

Seif is described as quick and fast and has great instincts.

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Bob Rodenhouse Lowell Girls' Softball Coach

As of spring break no decisions had been made on left and right field. Rodenhouse will choose from Angie DeWit, Amy Zalokar, Kelly Kemen, Niki Russell and Jamie Wilder.

As unclear a situation as the outfield is, the pitching is crystal clear. Andrea Rickert (11-12) is the ace and will be backed up by fellow senior Stacey Kinyon.

Amy Snell is described as a middle linebacker playing third base. She's that tough. Snell led Lowell in hitting last year. She set a single season record for hits.

Senior Amy Smit will see some action at third base and as a designated hitter. Lowell opens its season at Greenville on April 14.

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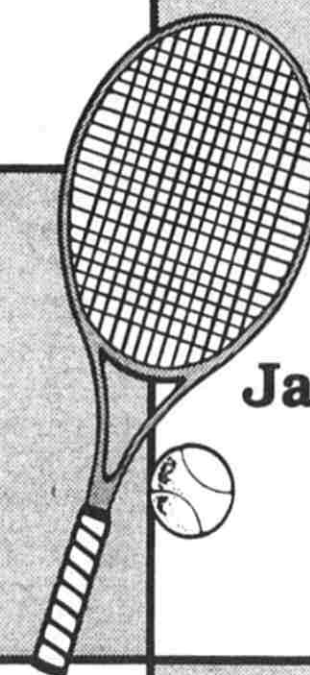
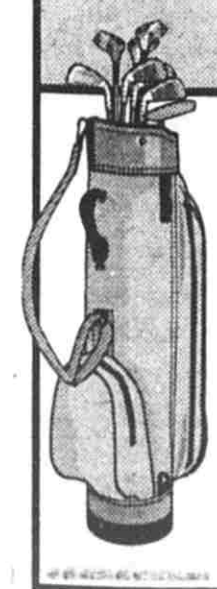
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New baseball coach defines commitment as being prepared

The boys are better going into spring break than they were a year ago. The only thing we lack is game experience. Most teams have played more summer games than we have. That is something we have to work on.

Tim Antel
Lowell Boys' Varsity Baseball Coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If being prepared can put a team in position to win, then first-year Lowell varsity baseball coach Tim Antel is feeling pretty good about the upcoming 1999 season. "My goal is for this team to be more prepared than the team it's playing," Antel said. To achieve that, Antel has sought commitment from his players, parents and program supporters. The time players, parents and program supporters have put in according to the Red Arrow coach has overwhelmed him. Antel received early signs of commitment back in November. Players were coming in at 6:30 a.m. to work in the batting cage and on the indoor pitching mounds. Seniors have attended monthly team meetings since November.

Parents have been actively involved in maintenance work at the baseball field, organizing the spring trip to Gulf Shores, Ala., coordinating all levels of baseball in Lowell (from little league to high school) into one program. Businesses have lent their support in the form of materials donated. Antel estimates that total has easily exceeded \$1,800. The Red Arrows are coming off a 4-10 record in the OK White and 11-16 overall. "We return seven seniors," Antel explains. "All of them will play an important role. The leadership they provide will be a strength." Lowell was 3-6 in one-run games in 1998. Through its senior leadership and off-season work, the Red Arrows hope to reverse its fortunes in one-run games in '99. "The boys are better going into spring break than they were a year ago," Antel said. "The only thing we lack is game

experience. Most teams have played more summer games than we have. That is something we have to work on." Keys to Red Arrow success in '99 according to its first-year coach are pitching, not giving up the big innings, limiting its mistakes and being patient at the plate and putting the ball in play. Lowell's mound ace will be senior Dusty Gless. He has good control and an array of pitches. Filling out the rest of the rotation will be Jim Gilchrist, T.J. Thayer, Bill Sanborn, Brandon Drier, Tim Schutte and Brady Foster. "How our second, third and fourth arms in the rotation come along will be key," Antel said. Keith Valentine, junior, will catch the pitching staff. Lowell returns four hitters to its lineup who batted over .300 last year. They are outfielders Steve Van Laan (.422) and Shane Teelander (.357). Second baseman Andy Graham (.329) and Jim Gilchrist (.345). Thayer, who will spend a majority of his time at shortstop, batted .293. "Defensively we should be pretty solid. With Thayer and Graham I think we will have one of the better double play tandems," Antel said. "They are good athletes, quick and have good arms." Antel also plans on using his team speed. "We're going to play an aggressive game. We have many players who can run." The season individual record for stolen bases by a Lowell player is 31. That record may be in jeopardy. Lowell's conference opener is April 28 at Hastings.

Lowell girls could be on par for another upper echelon finish in the White

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The teams Lowell girls' golf team should beat, they tee up against at Deer Run. The teams Lowell wants to beat, they must defeat on the road. "The schedule doesn't help us. The teams we would like to beat (Forest Hills Central and Wyoming Park) we play away from Deer Run." Red Arrow golf coach Rick White explains. Last year Lowell finished fifth in the OK White behind Central, East Grand Rapids, Wyoming Park and Hastings. White believes his club has a chance to improve on that. "East by far is the run-away favorite in the league. They placed second in the

state last year in Class B and they return everybody," White explains. "Central and Park will probably battle for second." Lowell's coach thinks his club can pass Hastings and has a shot at defeating FHC or Park. "A better chance if we were playing them at home," White said. Lowell's varsity roster of eight is pretty well balanced. Its number one player will be Laura LaHaye. "She's our number one player because she has experience playing against the league's best," White said. "Half the time Laura goes out to play a league match this year she'll be facing all-state competition. That's difficult to handle. She is a senior and I think better

able to handle the situation." The senior is expected to shoot rounds in the high 40's while the rest of the team could card scores in the low 50s. "We don't have any outstanding player who is going to come in with a round in the low 40s. I do think we can put four rounds of 50 together. That will beat a lot of schools," White explains. Keys to the lady linksters success will fall on its chipping and putting. Expected to compete for spots two through four are Elizabeth Baker, Amber Kuipers, Callie Boyce and Jeannine Sayer. Junior Jackie Cress and sophomores Lisa LaHaye and Kate Gunberg figure to battle

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Rick White
Lowell Girls' Golf Coach

for one of the top six spots. "After Laura, the lineup will probably rotate from match to match," White said. Lowell opens its conference season on April 13 against Zeeland and Wyoming Park.

Blend of quality youth and upperclassmen gives season promise

We have an excellent group of seniors (11) who will provide quality leadership.

Keith Boeve

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A blend of youth and upperclassmen evenly distributed over all events. Lowell boys' track team may not have an outstanding first-place athlete in any event, but what it will have is quality athletes in all events. "My coaching philosophy has always been to help boys develop at all talent levels," Lowell track coach Keith Boeve said.

The athletic balance spread throughout all events, should make Boeve's job all the more enjoyable. "There are a lot of strong teams in this league," Boeve said. "Hastings and Hudsonville are probably the favorites, Central and Zeeland along with us will all be in the mix." The overall Red Arrow balance, in most cases, will create depth. This is most evident in the middle distance events. Boeve will have seniors Nick DeZwaan, Jeff Ortowski, along with underclassmen Kevin Huisman, Ryan Mix, Brandon Duprey, Mike Wierenga and Zach Stauffer. Distance events should be well represented by Frank Kirsch, Jacob Billingsley, Mix, Austin Krieg, Mike Armstrong, Nathan Brander and Derrick Harmon. "How we do in the mile and 3200-meter run will be critical in close meets," Boeve says. Boeve has the bodies for the relay events, but not all combinations have been penciled in. Here is an early peak. In the mile relay it will be Mark Maatman, Huisman, Ortowski and DeZwaan. The 400-meter relay will probably be filled with unproven underclassmen which could include Brian Fitzpatrick, Kurt Telman, Chris Huienza and Travis DeVoid. Devoid is also expected to add depth in the sprint events.

Having a leg in the 3200-meter relay will be Ortowski, Huisman, Stauffer and Mix. Three-quarters of the 800-meter relay will feature Huienza, DeZwaan and Mike Williams. The fourth leg in the event is still undecided. Lowell lacks depth in the 100-meter, however Boeve says Williams can fly. "He looks really good early. The rest of our sprinters are young and unproven. Mark Maatman could be a welcome surprise in the sprints. "He's shown me more speed than I thought Mark had," Boeve explains. The Red Arrows will be formidable in the field events. Bill Stouffer will lead the way in the discus and shot put. Damian Omness and DeVoid will also compete in both events. The pole vault will be manned by Neil Reibold and Mike Suman. Bill Wiering will lead the high jump three-man crew. Joining Wiering will be Williams and Josh Manion. Wiering will be looked to in the long jump. Fitzpatrick may also play a role. "We have an excellent group of seniors (11) who will provide quality leadership," Boeve said. Lowell will open its league season against Hastings on April 15.

Young and balanced - Lowell girls eye a top three finish

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Having lost five of its top 10 scorers from last year, the Lowell girls' track team has some question marks as it heads into the '99 season. While there are question marks, the future promises to provide some answers. "We have a strong core of freshman girls that have come into the program. They are a hard working group of girls," Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus says. They will blend in with a strong core of veterans. Celena Risner (pole vault, long jump and sprints), Maggie Wisner (discus and shot put), Ashley Cunningham (pole vault, 800- and 1600-meter runs), Kristi Ford (high jump) and Trisha McCaul (400-meter run) will have major roles in Lowell's success this year. Like their boy counter-

parts, Talus said her club doesn't really have a standout performer. "I do, however, think we have balance," Talus explained. "We're young, so people aren't going to expect a lot from us." The Lowell track coach of 21 years expects her club, like many of its predecessors, to finish in the upper echelon of the league. "Park is probably still the most talented. I believe Zeeland is up and coming," Talus said in breaking down the league. "I think we can finish in the top three." Wisner is expected to anchor the shot put and discus. Newcomer, Sandra Sturgis could provide some depth. Kristi Ford and Rachelle Becker will lead the Red Arrow charge in the high jump. Ford placed second in the high jump at the Grand Valley indoor meet. With he exception of the

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Kathy Talus
Lowell Girls' Track Coach

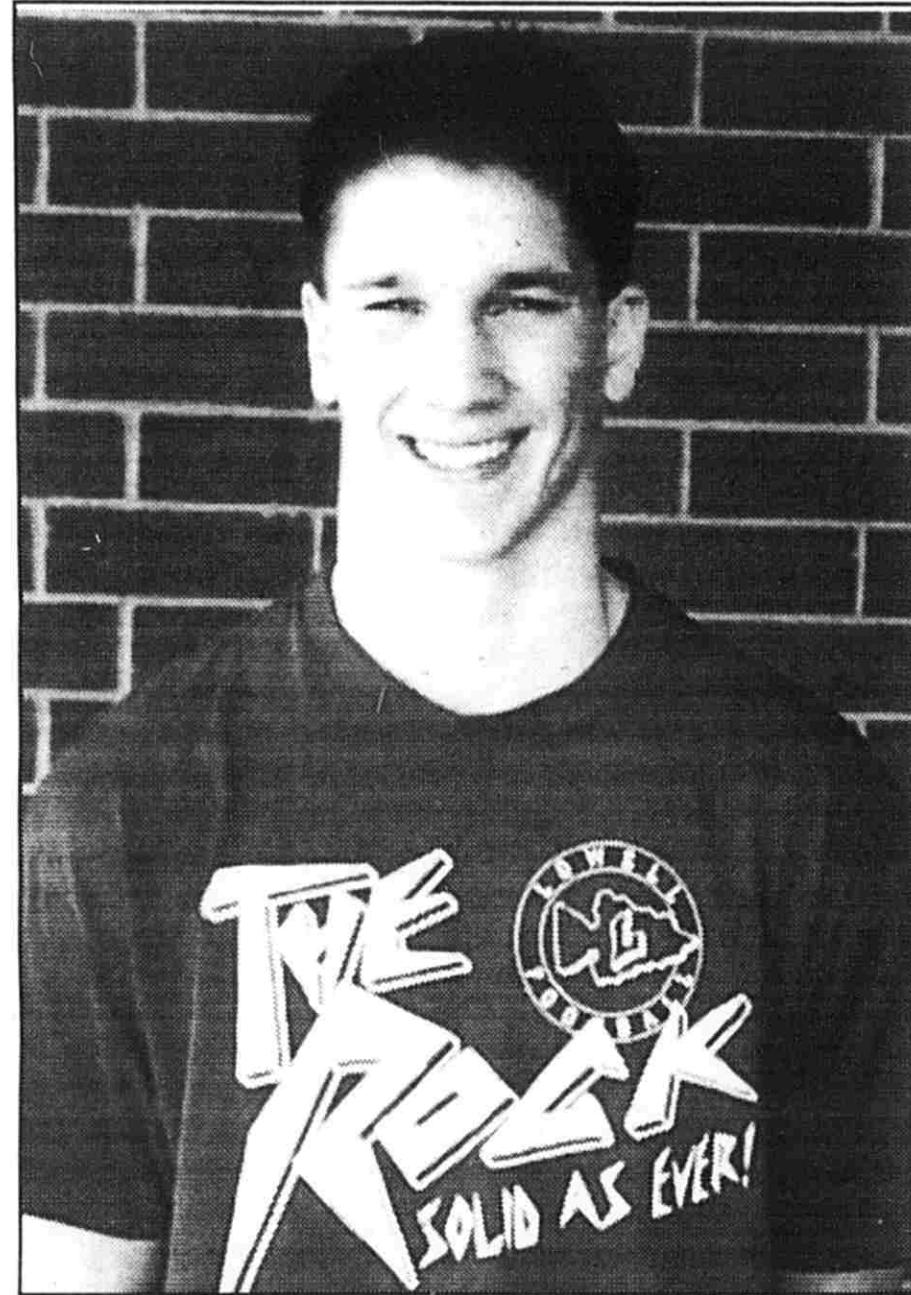
3200-meter relay Lowell's relay teams will be untested, according to Talus. Who will all run in the 3200-meter relay has not yet been decided. What is known, is Ashley Cunningham, Molly Kirsch and Trisha McCaul will make up three-quarters of the team. Risner will anchor the long jump and pole vault events for the Red Arrows. Joining Risner in the long jump will be Treasure McElveen and Christie Ladic. Cunningham will join Risner in the pole vault. "Our first meet will show us what we can do," Talus said.

Due to scheduling and time constraints, spring sport team pictures and the Lowell tennis preview will run in next week's edition of The Lowell Ledger.

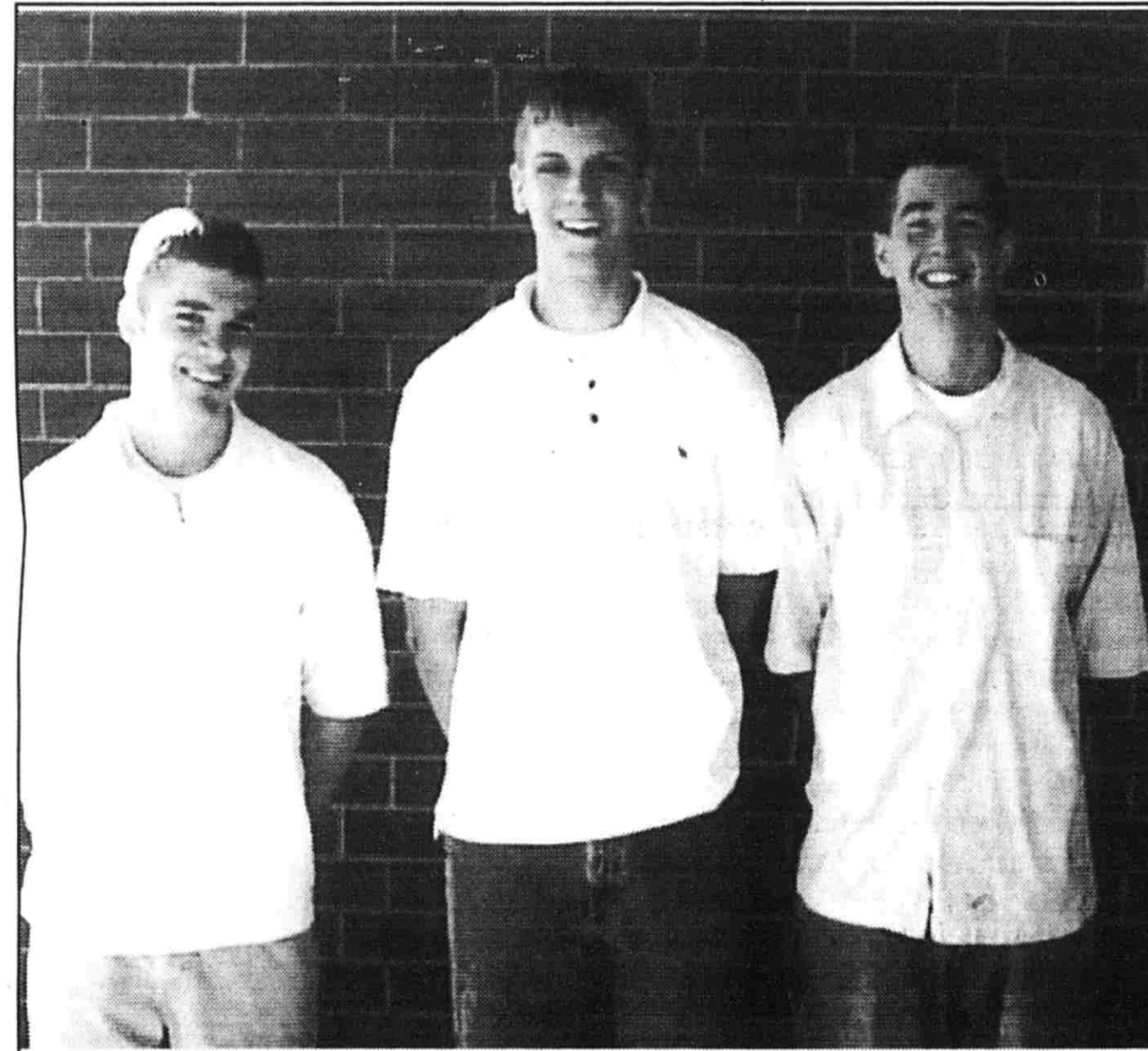
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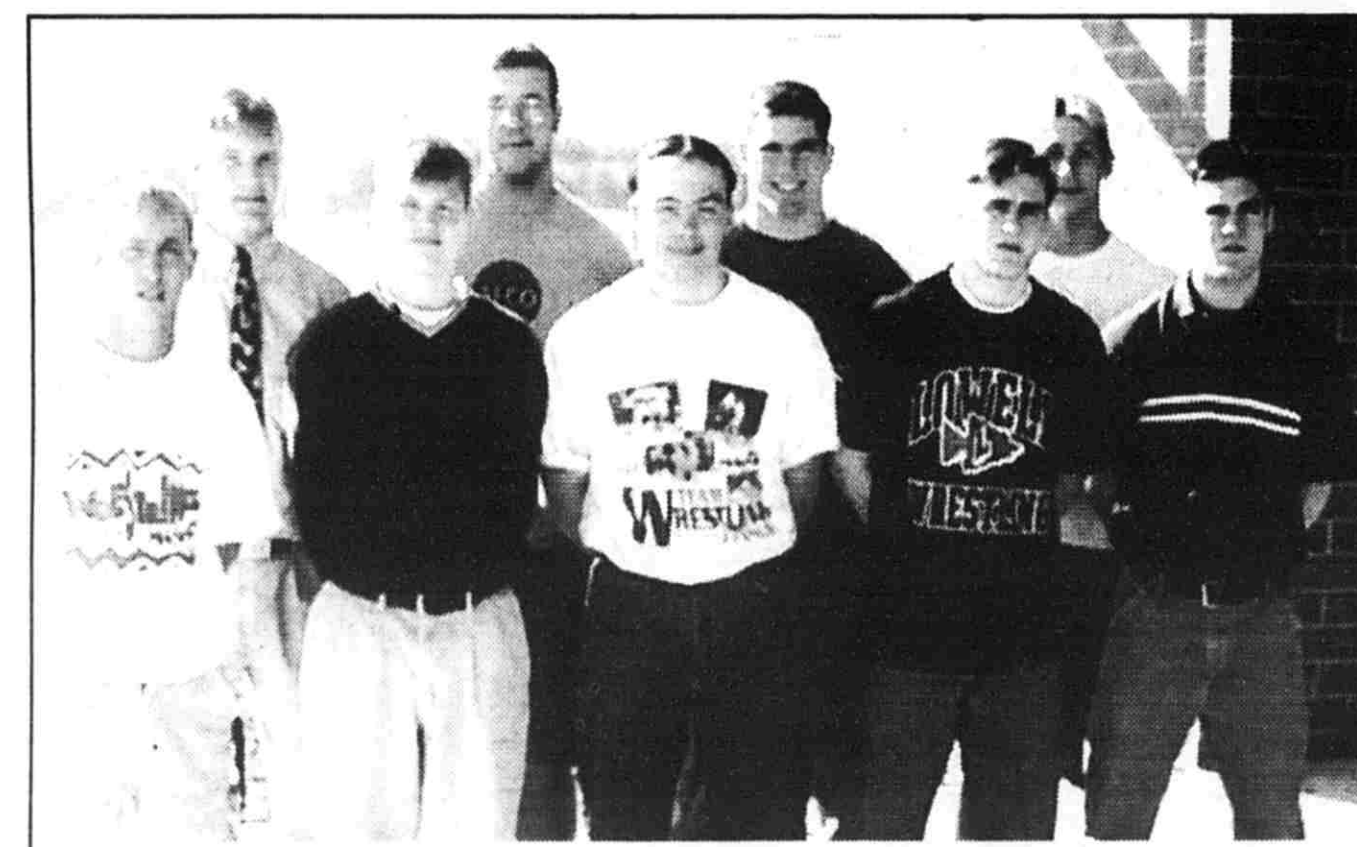
Winter Sports Awards



Honored with post-season Lowell High School swimming awards are, Luke Rosenberger, captain. Not pictured is Mike Gustafson, all area first team, all conference and captain.



Honored with post-season Lowell High School basketball awards, left to right, are: Austin Krieg, sportsmanship award and captain; Ryan Mix, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player award, scholar athlete, captain and all conference honorable mention; and Aaron Alsgaard, captain. Not pictured is Scott Pullen, captain.



Honored with post-season Lowell High School wrestling awards, left to right, are: Denny Snuffer, captain, district champion and state qualifier; Aaron Plattner, scholar athlete; Ben Fleet, sportsmanship award; Caleb O'Boyle, placed seventh in the state at 130 pounds; Tom Oesch, district champion and placed fifth in the state at 140 pounds; back row, left to right, are: Steve VanLaan, captain; Mike Arnsward, captain and conference heavyweight champion; Bill Stouffer, Lowell Lions Club most valuable wrestler, conference champion and state champion at 215 pounds; T.J. Forward, conference champion at 145 pounds. Not pictured are: Brent Lyons, most improved; John Mendez, state qualifier; and Dan Rottier, conference champion at 125 pounds and state qualifier.



Honored with post-season Lowell High School cheerleading awards, left to right, are: Liz Lonick, captain and Ainsley Smit, Lowell Lions Club most valuable cheerleader award and captain. Not pictured are Felicia Eshragh, scholar athlete, Brooke Bennett, sportsmanship award and Erin Umlauf, captain.



Honored with post-season Lowell High School gymnastics awards, left to right, are: Suzanne Swift, sportsmanship award; Renee Brower, Lowell Lions Club most valuable gymnast award, captain and all conference honorable mention; Laura Douglass, captain; and Amber O'Boyle, scholar athlete.



Honored with post-season Lowell High School volleyball awards, left to right, are: Jenny McCaul coach's award; Becky Brander, captain; Amanda Stoutjesdyk, most improved; Shelby Williams, Lowell Lions Club most valuable volleyball player and hustle award; Amy Snell, sportsmanship award and captain. Not pictured is Laura LaHaye, scholar athlete.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times please call, 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests are welcome.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

EVERY SECOND MONDAY: Attention mothers of preschoolers. MOPS meetings are held at Saranac Community Church, 125 S. Bridge St. Cost is \$3 and meetings are from 9:45 a.m. - noon. Everyone is welcome. Come enjoy crafts, food, free child care and new friends. For information call Meghan at 616-642-6748 or Trisha at 616-527-1333.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washing-

ton Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Flat River Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY FOURTH TUES.: Showboat Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Flat River Antique Mall.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee Break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m. For information call 897-6462 or 897-7555.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzhe-

imers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAYS: Weight Watchers meets in Lowell at the Lowell Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, at 7 p.m. Registration is a half hour before and after meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.

FIRST THURSDAY: 4H drama club meeting. The club examines theater related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held once

a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7 p.m.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

THIRD THURS. OF EACH MONTH: West Mich. Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide (POMC) at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE, Grand Rapids, 7 p.m., Discovery Rm. Contact Danni Smith, 897-2544.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 10 a.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Lowell. Call Janet 897-6845 or Rebecca 897-6734 for more information.

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

FRI., APRIL 9: Come and clown around with us at the

regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES at 7:30 in the Lowell Masonic Center.

SAT., APRIL 10: All you can eat roast beef dinner, 5-7 p.m. Adults \$6, children 6-12, \$3, 5 and under free. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of Alden Nash and 84th St.

SAT., APRIL 10: Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake, will sponsor a fish fry from 5-7 p.m. Baked ham, dessert & drink included. No tipping. Adults, \$7; children 6-10, \$4.25; under 6, free.

WED., APRIL 14: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a family style turkey and dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m.

THURS., APRIL 15: KeenAgers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Bring a friend.

TUES., APRIL 20: Lowell Charter Township will be hosting its annual community land use and ecology meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. at the township hall. Spouses and/or significant others of the township board members are also invited.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop - Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m., Crafts; 1:00 p.m., Euchre.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. 10:40 a.m., Exercise **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

Special Events

WED., APRIL 7: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast. **THURS., APRIL 15:** 12:15 p.m., Dance, West Side Complex.

WED., APRIL 7: 9:30 a.m. Blood pressure/blood sugar. **FRI., APRIL 16:** 8:55 a.m., Tour of Grand Rapids churches.

WED., APRIL 7: 12:45 p.m., Granny Nannies, games & dessert. **MON., APRIL 19:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Target.

FRI., APRIL 9: 12:30 p.m., Volunteer recognition party. **WED., APRIL 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

MON., APRIL 12: 12:45-1:45 p.m., Food safety, Carol Worth/MSU ext. **WED., APRIL 28:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

THURS., APRIL 29: 3:30 p.m., Senior Neighbor's board meeting at Lowell.

WED., APRIL 14: 12:15 p.m., Movie, Al Jolson Story. (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

Pitching and hitting combo buries Caledonia, 12-2

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The two-hit pitching of Dusty Gless and a 10-run third inning propelled Lowell boys' baseball team to a season-opening 12-2 non-conference win over Caledonia.

An aggressive group of Red Arrows also stole 12 bases against the Fighting Scots.

"I was pleased with our aggressiveness on the base paths," said first-year coach Tim Antel. "But we still have a long way to go with our bat discipline."

Lowell scored its 10 runs in the third inning on six hits including three doubles off the bats of Keith Valentine, Keith Kemen and Steve VanLaan.

Kemen finished the afternoon with three hits and three runs batted in.

VanLaan also collected three hits while knocking in two runs.

Valentine rapped out two hits and plated three runs.

Gless went the distance, pitching five innings allowing two runs on two hits while walking two and striking out seven.

Upon its return from Gulf Shores, Alabama Lowell travels to Greenville for a double-header on Wednesday, April 14.

The Red Arrow's junior varsity defeated Caledonia 11-1.

Red Arrow soccer team shutout by Creston and Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

A young inexperienced Lowell girls' soccer team was unable to create the net in its opening two non-conference losses to Creston and Rockford.

The Red Arrows opened their season with a 1-0 loss to Creston.

"I think the girls had some first-game jitters," Lowell

varsity defeated Caledonia 11-1.

"Rockford played like we hope to when our program gets established," Conlan explained. "We didn't do a good job of talking and communicating with one another on the field."

Lowell travels to Lakeview on Tuesday, April 13, following spring break.



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IN THE SERVICE

Travis B. Ebmeyer, son of Kathleen and Robin Ebmeyer of Belding, enlisted in the United States Air Force Delayed Entry Program (DEP) according to MSgt Steven Bauman, the Air Force recruiter.

Ebmeyer is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on May 5, 1999.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the Mechanical Area and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Marine Pvt. Sean C. Saldivar, son of Juan R. and Maria C. Saldivar of Lowell, recently completed basic

training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Saldivar successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Saldivar and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Saldivar spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship,

hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Saldivar and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Saldivar and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were pre-

sented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

A Special Exception Use Permit will be considered at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on April 19, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Patrick Flanagan, in the SE 1/4 of Section 26 is requesting a Special Use Permit to run a home based business from their residence. The use is allowed as a Special Use under Section 201.431, Home Based Businesses, of the Vergennes Township Ordinance.

Copies of the applications are available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

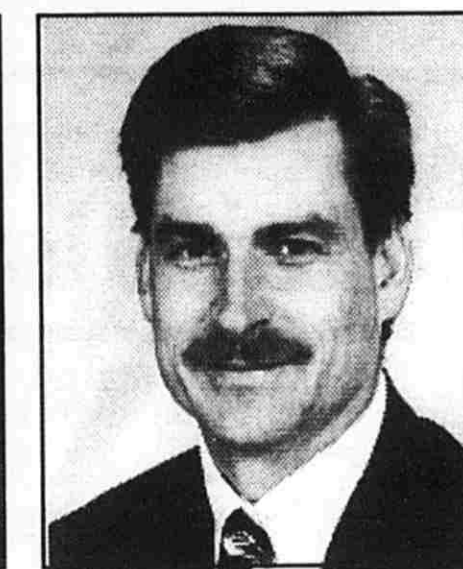
Written comments will be considered if received by the township clerk before 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 1999.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

BUSINESS MATTERS



Greenridge Realty announced that **Bonnie Ball** received Realtor of the Month in March. This award recognizes Ball for her outstanding success and achievements.



Mark Johnson, MLUTCF, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, has been named one of the company's top agents of the year for his outstanding record of sales and service.

Johnson earned the 1998 All American Award, recognizing him as one of the top agents in Michigan.

The award indicates that Johnson is a leader in sales and client service, according to Larry Thomas, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Insurance.

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The 30-member cast gave two matinee performances to the Lowell elementary children and three evening performances for the general public.

"We had great participation and it was well received," said technical director Richard Graham. "I think many people enjoyed reliving the nostalgia of Mary Martin's *Peter Pan* classic."

The musical met the challenges of the multiple sets (nursery, forest, underground hideaway and pirate ship) along with learning and successfully executing the flight scenes.

Dennis McClure was harness supervisor and flight crew chief. As part of the production cost, help was flown in from Las Vegas so staff could be taught how to operate the equipment.

"The musical provided many challenges. I think the staff and cast did a good job in meeting them," Graham explained.

The cost to produce the show was between \$13-\$15,000.

Tod Nyson was the choral director, Kate Bredwell was the orchestra director, choreographer was Becky Beers and costume designer was Bryan Dykstra.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 14, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Cheryl S. Tolley, for a special land use for a proposed private road under Section 3.29 of the Township Zoning Ordinance and a special land use so as to authorize an accessory building on a parcel where there currently is no principal building and a special land use for a greenhouse to be located in the AG Agricultural District. The requested special land uses would also be in amendment of the special land use for private road and other purposes approved by the Planning Commission on June 3, 1998. The requested special land uses cover the lands commonly described as 11530 Ten Mile Road and legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence N89°20'55"W 1043.85 feet along the North line of said section; thence S0°46'31"W 1600.59 feet along the East line of the West 250 feet of the East 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4 to the place of beginning of this description; thence continuing S0°46'31"W 509.28 feet; thence S88°28'37"E 439.61 feet to Reference Point "A"; thence continuing S88°28'37"E 50 feet more or less to the water's edge of Little Muskrat Lake; thence Northeasterly 534 feet, more or less, along the water's edge of said lake to a point which bears S56°21'29"E from Reference Point "B"; thence N56°21'29"W 8 feet more or less to Reference Point "B"; (said Reference Point "B" bears N9°32'18"E 211.60 feet and N35°37'45"E 315.63 feet from said Reference Point "A"); thence N56°21'29"W 169.43 feet; thence N57°46'07"W 456.85 feet; thence S23°44'53"W 307.89 feet to the place of beginning. Together with a 66.0 foot wide easement for ingress and egress, the centerline of which is described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence N89°20'55"W 100.0 feet along the North line of said section; thence S01°22'25"W 290.40 feet along the West line of the East 100.0 feet of said Northwest 1/4; thence N89°20'55"W 63.71 feet to the place of beginning for said centerline; thence S34°05'48"E 128.48 feet; thence S3°26'07"W 91.98 feet; thence S31°28'27"W 206.06 feet; thence S27°24'54"W 448.06 feet; thence S54°23'22"W 74.23 feet; thence S77°53'16"W 149.78 feet; thence S65°22'29"W 161.80 feet; thence 48°48'28"W 186.65 feet to the place of ending for said easement. AND ALSO, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 4, described as commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence N89°20'55"W 100.0 feet along the North line of said section to the place of beginning of this description; thence S01°22'25"W 290.40 feet along the West line of the East 100 feet of said Northwest 1/4; thence N89°20'55"W 300.0 feet; thence N1°22'25"E 290.40 feet; thence S89°20'55"E 300.0 feet along said North line to the place of beginning, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

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The North 250 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 except the West 805 feet and also the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4, Section 19, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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IN MEMORIAM
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Spring break makes it necessary to reschedule Crawford's ZBA hearing

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

It looks like it could be a couple of more weeks before the issue of whether Mike Crawford can build on the southwest corner of Main and Hudson.

With two councilors on vacation, Mike Blough and Charles Myers, Mayor Bill Thompson said the council discovered it could not open as the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals and conduct business. According to the zoning ordinance, the ZBA must have four members present to conduct business. Along with that, three votes must be made in favor of a request of which there would only be two because Thompson said he planned to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest.

"I am sorry about this and we will try to do something at

the earliest convenience of both parties in order to get this resolved," Thompson said.

He did give Crawford and those opposing him an opportunity to have an informal session, but both parties decided to wait until the ZBA could conduct business.

Due to spring break vacations, City Manager David Pasquale said he was uncertain when a meeting could be held and indicated that the best option maybe to wait until the April 19 meeting, when the council will have at least four members. The three council members at Monday night's meeting, Councils Donald Green and Jeanne Shores, and Thompson concurred with that opinion.

Crawford is seeking a variance for lot coverage in order to construct a farm mar-

ket at 400 W. Main. The Planning Commission has recom-

mended approval of this variance.

Bowne Twp prepares for sesquicentennial

Preparations for Bowne Township's sesquicentennial celebration on May 22 are underway.

The Bowne Center School (a one-room country school) is being restored as a museum which will represent all the one-room schools that were in Bowne Township.

The one-room schools were Bowne Center, McVean, Harris Creek, Logan, Curly, Star and Stone.

"The township is in search of any artifacts from any of these schools," said Sally Johnson, Bowne Township Historical Society president. "We are in need of pic-

tures of Stone, Harris Creek and Star schools and class pictures.

Crafters, craft demonstrators and people with musical talents interested in performing at the sesquicentennial should contact Johnson at 868-6846 (Wednesday and Friday) or at home 868-6424.

The Bowne Township museum and the Historic

Town Hall will both be open to the public during the sesquicentennial celebration.

There will be self-guided tours of the cemetery showing where the veterans of the Civil War, War of 1812, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII, Korean, and Vietnam wars are buried along with some of the original settlers.

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Baby essential sale, April 24

Lowell's Tots on Track for School will be holding a used preschool clothing, books, toys and baby essentials sale on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Runciman School.

Area mothers and expectant mothers are encouraged to bring their used preschool items to Runciman to sell, exchange or to just come and shop.

"All we ask is that they bring their own tables and have their items marked," said event coordinator Kathy Cole.

Donations will also be accepted the day of the sale. All donated items will be given to the Flat River Ministries new resale shop.

To reserve a spot call Kathy Cole at 897-8415. There is no charge to participate.

Setup time is from 8 until 9 a.m. the day of the sale.

TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL OBLIGATION CONTRACTS OF LEASE WITH THE CITY OF LOWELL BUILDING AUTHORITY PLEDGING THE CITY'S LIMITED TAXING POWER

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan (the "City") intends to enter into one or more limited full faith and credit general obligation contracts of lease with the City of Lowell Building Authority (the "Building Authority"), pursuant to which the Building Authority shall sell one or more series of Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the cost of renovating and expanding the City Hall/Police Station located at 301 E. Main Street within the City including the acquisition of real property for the expansion and related parking facilities.

The bonds issued by the Building Authority shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 and shall mature over a maximum of twenty-five (25) years with interest on the unpaid balance at an average net interest rate of not to exceed eight and one-half percent (8.5%) per annum.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS shall be payable primarily from cash rentals to be paid by the City to the building Authority as set forth in a contract of lease between the City and the Building Authority, which bonds pledge said rentals to the payment thereof.

THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CASH RENTALS NECESSARY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE AND THE CITY SHALL, IF NECESSARY TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENT, LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE LIMITED AS TO RATE AND AMOUNT BY THE EXISTING CHARTER, STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE CONTRACTS OF LEASE will be executed without a vote of the electors thereon, unless A PETITION signed by not less than ten percent (10%) OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS in the City is filed with the City clerk WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after the date of publication of this Notice, in which case the contracts of lease shall not become effective unless approved by the majority of the electors of the City voting thereon at a special or general election.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the requirements of Section 8b of Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on April 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Chris DeGrote, owner of property zoned Rural Agriculture (RA) and located at 183 Lincoln Lake, in the NE 1/4 of Section 27, is requesting a variance to reduce the rear line setback for construction of a new house from the required 50 feet to 25 feet.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be discussing ordinance 201.413 "Lighting and screening requirements" to make a determination of lighting at 9694 3 Mile Rd. at Boynton NW 1/4 of section 7 as to possible nuisance or annoyance to adjoining premises or to the traveling public on public highways. A copy of ordinance 201.413 is available for viewing at the township offices.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the township office prior to 6 p.m. on April 13, 1999.

Tim Howard, Chairman