

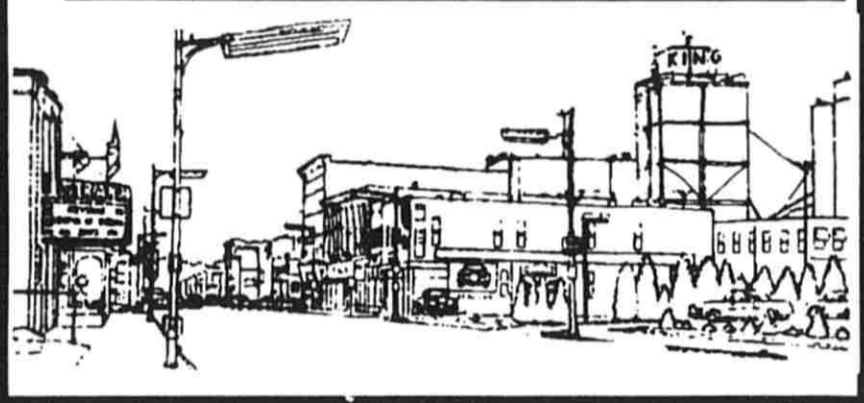
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Along Main Street



STUDENT/STAFF VARIETY SHOW

The third annual student/staff variety show will be held May 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Pre-sale tickets are \$3 and tickets at the door are \$4. The show is sponsored by SADD and the LHS art and drama club.

"BAG-IT-UP" DONATIONS

Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids will be conducting its 8th annual "Bag-It-Up" donation drive during the week of May 3-7 at Cherry Creek Elementary in the front parking lot. Large plastic garbage bags of used clothing, toys, books, sports equip., games and other household items may be dropped off.

SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club's next meeting will be held Monday, May 10 at the Nazarene Church Hall, 211 N. Washington starting at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Steve LaWarre of the Frederik Meijer Gardens.

For more information call Cheryl Tolley 475-3069.

VFW POPPIES

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 will be conducting "Buddy Poppy" sales on May 13, 14 and 15 at various locations. Proceeds from these sales go directly to assisting disabled veterans.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, May 19 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

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Lowell man arrested for CJ's break-in

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell police arrested a Lowell man Tuesday (April 27) on the alleged charges of breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny.

Jacob Peter Ellison was arraigned Wednesday (April 28) in the 63rd District Court.

Police showed Ellison a surveillance tape which revealed that the suspect was in CJ's Party Store at 2:30 a.m. Monday morning taking cigarettes and liquor from the store.

Ellison then cooperated with authorities in leading them to where he had hidden the stolen items.

The 20-year-old was out on bond after pleading guilty to the breaking and entering charges in February at One-Stop.

Ellison broke into CJ's through the side doors.

Local authorities noticed the broken windows at 5:10 a.m. Monday.

The Kent County Sheriff's Department was notified. In a failed attempt to track down the culprit tracking dogs were brought in.

Lowell police investigator/detective James Hinton said CJ's had been broken into a couple of weeks earlier. "We suspected it might be Ellison. We put in the surveillance camera anticipating he would be back."

Breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny can bring a sentence of up to 10 years in jail.

Day care centers may be allowed in township's R-A district

••• Vergennes Township Planning Commission's recommendation to allow it will now go before the Vergennes Township Board, which will vote on whether to allow a special exception in the R-A district.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

While working at Kropf Orchard for her father Roger Kropf, Barb Roth took time during her work day to search for day care information on the internet.

"I told my dad I thought he needed to provide his employees with day care. I don't think he took me seriously. He told me he didn't want to deal with the liability issues and to just sell apples," Roth explains.

Roth did both. She continued her work at the orchard and her pursuit of kids' care.

Today, she no longer works for her father, instead she runs the Carousel Child Care from her home at 2345 Bowes Rd.

Roth has also continued her pursuit of kids' care as she has spent the past year and a half jumping through political hoops so that she can build a 10,000 square foot day care center on four acres of family property on Lally.

It still isn't clear if Roth will be allowed to build a new day care center at the Lally location, but Vergennes Township Planning Commission's decision to recommend allowing daycare centers in an R-A district put her one step closer.

Planning commission chairman Rick Gillett said similar access has been allowed in the RA district, he pointed the Franciscan Center and Lowell High School.

"While they have a lot of differences there are also similarities," Gillett said.

The next step comes in two weeks, when the Township

board will vote on whether to allow a special exception use in the R-A district.

If that happens, "I have to start all over in an effort to get a site plan approval, and take my blue prints to the planning commission and go through another public hearing," Roth explains. Go back to planning commission with blue prints does fall into special exception use

In its decision to recommend a special exception use in RA, the Vergennes Township planning Commission changed the parking lot setback in the zoning to 35 feet and eliminated the need for public sewer, allowing septic.

Issues that have bogged Roth down in her pursuit of a special exception use will undoubtedly follow her.

Lally residents opposed to the proposed child care center point to traffic, sewer and noise issues.

A traffic report carried out by the county indicates there are 400-500 cars that use the road on a daily basis.

Roth hired a firm to do an independent traffic study. It showed that 500-600 cars travel that road during a full week and over 900 on the weekend.

"The day care center will add 80-100 cars to those weekday numbers. It still doesn't approach the traffic count Lally sees on the weekends," Roth explained.

Grattan Township reports there is room on its sewer system for the day care center. "They told me there is room as long as I pay the fee," Roth said.

In response to the noise issue, the day care provider says the new building would be setback over 200 feet from the closest resident.

"All the children will never be outside at the same time. It would be too difficult to watch and supervise them," Roth said.

Roth will open the proposed day care center licensed to care for 50 children. The maximum number of children a center can care for is 100.

The proposed center would have nine classrooms. an
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Funding for local streets not what cities would hope

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The proof for the need to prioritize was in the city's street capital improvement plan for the years 1999-2004.

In listing proposed street projects for each year between now and 2004, Gee Drive got merely a footnote at the bottom of the page.

"It doesn't take an engineer to figure out that something needs to be done with Gee Drive," councilman Mike Blough said.

Gee Drive, however, is a local street, and requires more city dollars.

"We need to take care of local streets, but like many communities, there is not enough money in the city budget," said Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale at the Monday night Lowell City Council meeting.

Funding is available from Act 51 of 1951 for major

streets (e.g. South Hudson, Bowes Road). That is money which is provided by the state through weight and gas tax dollars for road improvements and maintenance. Some of that money also goes toward local streets. Divide those monies between major and local streets - most goes to major.

Councilman Don Green questioned if Gee Drive would now be defined as a major street. Pasquale said the city asked the Michigan Department of Transportation to re-evaluate Gee Drive's status of several years ago, and it still categorized Gee Drive as a local street.

Width, traffic, and road construction are some important criteria in determining a major street.

"So, to get Gee Drive upgraded to a major street, the city has to spend money to

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Brandon Guthrie, Alicia Otto and Austin Crandell enjoy a stroll down Lafayette Street during Sunday's CROP Walk. More pictures on page 11.

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GARAGE SALE SEASON IS HERE! USE THIS CONVENIENT PAGE!

BIG BARN SALE

May 6 & 7, 8-6 & May 8, 9-1. Lots of Oak framed art & other misc. items. 10939 36th St, 1 1/4 miles west of Alden Nash.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

Fri. & Sat., May 7 & 8, 8-4 p.m. 101 Rivertop (off Burroughs, bet. Lincoln Lake & Flat River) Desk, chair, beds, clothing - infant thru adult, household items & much more.

GARAGE SALE

3 families: appliances, furniture, china, misc. household items, toys & clothing. May 6, 7, & 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 1583 McCabe, just north of Conservation.

3-FAMILY SALE

Alto, 60th & Harrison SE. Wed. & Thurs., May 5 & 6.

PARK WIDE YARD SALES

Sat., May 1, 9 a.m.-? Key Heights Mobile Home Park. Rain date will be May 8.

LIKE NEW TWIN BOYS CLOTHING

sz. 0-18 mos., girl's clothing 0-2T, boy's clothing 6-14, furniture & more. May 6-7, 9-5 pm. 1070 Dogwood Meadows, off Grand River by Ada Park.

YARD SALE

May 6, 7, 8. 68 Vosper St. Saranac. Two riding mowers, roller, tables, tools, microwave, marbles, lots of household items. Two garages full. Don't miss the Big One.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

pine bunk bed, loveseat, Victorian sofa & loveseat, hide-a-bed, sofa, coffee tables, collectors Lonaberger baskets, side by side window 4'x6', playschool work bench, Beanie Babies. Fri., May 7, 9-5 & Sat, May 8, 9-1. 11464 Bailey Dr., between Cumberland & Alden Nash.

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Clothing - baby thru plus sizes, furniture & misc. May 6 & 7, 8-5 p.m., May 8, 9-3 p.m. 179 Liberty, Saranac (behind Adgates).

BIG GARAGE SALE: 7 FAMILIES

toys, baby crib, double stroller, computer desk, tool boxes, linoleum & hardwood floor remn., lounge chairs, dishes, jewelry, clothes (newborn-ex. lg., much more! Thurs. & Fri., May 6 & 7, 9-5 pm. Rain or shine, no prior sales. 5406 Bancroft, Alto.

JUST MOVED IN SALE

coffee tables, bike, 35 gal. fish tank, women's clothes (sz. 7-12), priced to sell. Sat. only! May 8, 8-4. 1475 Baywicke Dr.

BARN SALE

Can't miss this one! Rubbermaid queen dethroned! Tupperware galore, housewares, furniture inc. antique oak parlor table & twin size cherry sleigh bed w/new mattress set, glassware some still in original boxes, linens, craft supplies (tons of yarn), X-mas supplies & decorations, Beanie Babies, exercise & sports equipment, mini frig, tools, books, toys, Barbie house, children - adult clothing all sizes, jewelry & sundries & of course more! Fri & Sat., May 7 & 8; 8-? 12086 36th St. (1/8 E of Alden Nash).

HUGE MULTI

FAMILY SALE - lots of clothes, from newborn thru XXL adult, new doghouse, 2 white baby cribs, Hoover vacuum, computer parts, antiques, toys, etc. Fri. & Sat. May 7 & 8, 9 a.m. - ? 2244 Whites Bridge Rd. Just N. of Covered Bridge.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

May 8, 9-5 p.m. 678 Lincoln Lake (just past Fallasburg Park Rd) Exersaucer, baby swing, books, microwave, toys, kids & baby clothes, luggage, misc. items.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE

May 7 & 8, all day Friday & until noon on Saturday. 651 Birchwood Ct., Lowell.

OBITUARIES

BUSH - Fred Ray Bush, aged 77, of Middleville, passed away Sunday, May 2, 1999, at Holland Home Hospice, Grand Rapids. Survived by his wife Eileen Bush; two sons Raymond L. (Margaret) Bush of Lowell; one daughter Kathryn J. Bush of Hastings; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his father Forrest R. Bush of Lowell; one brother Orville (Edna) Bush of Caledonia; one sister Betty (Russell) Taylor of Alto; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday morning (today) at 11 a.m. at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville, Rev. Roger Timmerman officiating. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

SKIDMORE - Mildred Avinell (Speer) Skidmore, aged 87, lately of Lowell, passed the veil Sunday, May 2, 1999. She was born in 1912 at Ada, in Wayne Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio. She



and her spouse of 62 years, Claude Ferman Skidmore, graduated together from Ohio Northern University at Ada, OH, in 1932. They lived in Marysville and Findley, OH, during the 40's where she served in many church and civic capacities, including president of the Women's Parliament and frequently played and accompanied on the piano. They lived in Toledo from 1952 to 1957 and were very active in the Monroe Street Methodist Church. For the next 32 years, they lived in Okemos followed by four years in Dallas, TX, and seven in Lowell. She retired professionally in 1958 as an elementary school teacher and spent the balance of her life in service to her family, community and church. Initially active in the Okemos Community Church, she has been a member since 1969 of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), serving in many capacities there, principally in the Relief Society. She is survived by her daughter Lois Joyner of Toledo, OH; her son Bruce Skidmore of Lowell and their families including 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Her husband and one son Ben have preceded her. A short graveside service and interment will be Wednesday, May 5 (today) at 1:30 p.m. at the Woodlawn

Cemetery, Ada, OH, which is one mile south of Ada on State Route 235 (exit 145 on I-75), on the east side. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

DEHAAN - Gerrit (Gary) DeHaan, aged 63, of Jenison, went to join his Lord Thursday, April 29, 1999, after a 6 1/2 year battle with colon cancer. Through it all he retained his wonderful sense of humor, his love of the simple aspects in life: a sunset, gardening; his grandchildren and his faith. He had a gift to create beauty in everything he touched. He was a faithful employee of Velting Contractors for the past 40 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Sy and Gertie DeHaan. Surviving are his loving wife of 43 years Judy; his children Sandy and Wayne Schipper, Rick and Karen DeHaan, Garry DeHaan, DeHaan, and Nora DeHaan; his grandchildren Matt, Jason, Stacy Schipper, Kate, Rob DeHaan, Rick, Chad, Phil, Kim DeHaan, Kristi, Lynnelle DeHaan; his special grandchild April DeHaan; his brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Gert DeHaan, Lowell, Sieb DeHaan, Harry and Fenna DeHaan; his sisters and brother-in-law, Ann and Ed Pylman; Gezina Zylstra; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Hermina and Dave Sjoerdsma, Marge and Dale Brinks, Jean and Karl Webster, Harvey and Thelma Pluger; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral and Committal services were held Saturday at the Baldwin Street Christian Reformed Church with his pastor the Rev. Jay Pruim officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Holland Home.

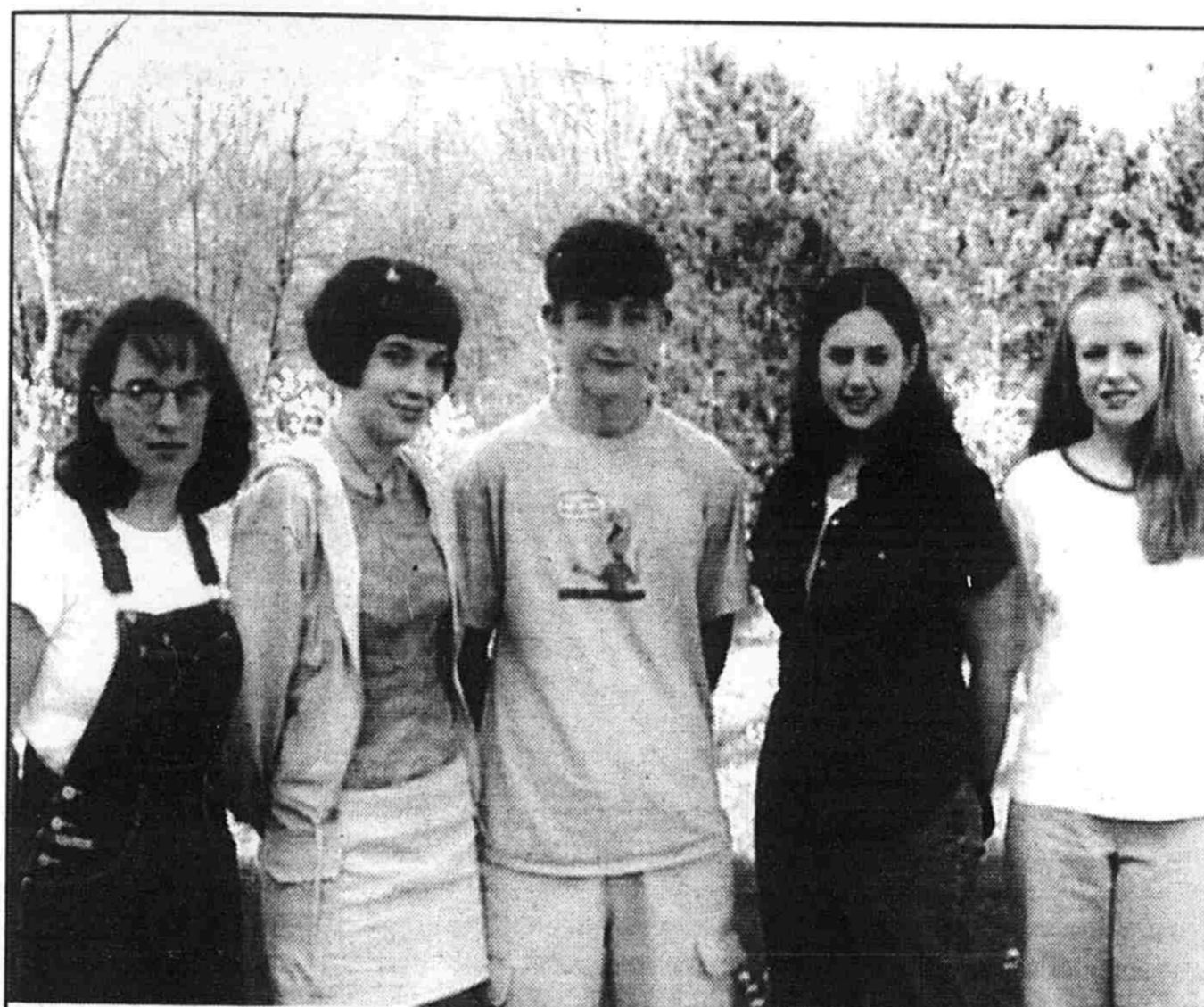
PORENTA - Alice C. Porenta, aged 87, of Grand Haven, died Thursday, April 29, 1999, at a local hospital. She was born April 4, 1912, in Lowell to Eugene and Jennie (Lillie) Engle and married Joseph A. Porenta on October 28, 1944. She grew up in Lowell and spent most of her adult life in Grand Haven. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Western Michigan University and taught for elementary schools in Muskegon, Jenison, Grand Haven, Ferrysburg and also Hattiesburg, MS. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven and Triangle Business and Professional Women. She is survived by her husband of nearly 55 years, Joe; 2 daughters Virginia (Michael) Nielsen, Redvers, Saskatchewan, Judith Porenta, Minneapolis, MN; a son James (Valerie) Porenta of Grand Haven; five grandchildren Melissa, Stacey, Krista, and Kerri Nielsen and Joe Porenta. She was preceded in death by her sisters Sara June Porenta and Anna May Peters. The funeral service for Mrs. Porenta was held Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven with Rev. Dr. Eric J. Snyder and Rev. Dr. Michael L. Fry officiating. Interment in Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund are appreciated.

HYSELL - Randy L. Hysell, aged 36, of Belding, passed away Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at his residence. He was born April 7, 1963, in Greenville, to Judy Trann Hysell. He is survived by one daughter Lindsey Jayle Hysell of Grand Rapids; his mother Judy Hysell of Belding; grandparents Raymond and Dorothy Trann of Belding; three brothers Eric and Kathy Hysell of Lowell, Donald and Mark Hysell both of Belding; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Johnson Funeral Home, Belding with Pastor Darwyn Hassert officiating. Interment at Smyrna Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Smyrna Bible Church.

METTLACH - William "Bill" P. Mettlach, aged 48, passed away on Saturday, May 1, 1999 at his home on the river in Hersey. When the call of his country was heard, Bill proudly served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. Following his time in the service, he went back to college and received his BA

degree which he used working at Spectra Precision as a sales representative. Prior to moving to the Hersey area, Bill and his wife Nancy lived in the Parnell area where they were members of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Parnell. Bill also was a member of the Merrit Lamb Post #102 of Rockford. Bill is survived by his wife, the former Nancy Gonsler, whom he married on July 26, 1986; his parents Ted and Margaret Mettlach of Albuquerque, NM; his brothers and sister and their spouses, Kathy Mettlach of Houston, TX, Dave and Cindy Mettlach of Kansas City, KS, Mo and Merl Roewerts and Ann and Jeff Grim all of Grand Island, NE, Mary Flory and Mike and Vicki Mettlach of Albuquerque, NM; Nancy's parents Mac and Connie Gonsler of Tecumseh; nieces and nephews. The Liturgy of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday at 11 a.m. (today) at the St. Paul's Campus Parish (Ferris State University) with the Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler, Jr. as celebrant. Interment of the cremains will take place in Tecumseh Cemetery, Tecumseh on Thursday at 1 p.m. with Military Honors. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider either St. Paul's Campus Parish, One Damascus Rd., Big Rapids, MI 49307-2396 or Hospice of Michigan, 400 Perry, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

WATSON - Elva D. Watson, aged 94, of Lowell, passed away April 26, 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry Watson. Mrs. Watson is survived by her daughter Gloria Rich of Grand Rapids; granddaughters Georgia (Mark) Gillett of NC; Laura Rich of FL; great-granddaughters Emily Gillett, Katherine Rich; brothers Arnold (Wilma) Fairchild of CA, Clyde (Irene) Fairchild of Lowell; sister-in-law, Jean Oseko of Grand Rapids, Eleanor (Lou) Lessner of Charlotte; many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Watson was a life member of the order of the Eastern Star and the Vergennes Club. Memorial contributions may be made to Vergennes United Methodist Church, 10411 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331, or to a charity of one's choice. Service time to be announced at a later date.



LHS artists display work at Artfest

The artwork of five Lowell High School students was selected for Artfest '99, Vern Ehlers' Congressional Art Competition at the Urban Institute of Contemporary Art. The competition was open to all public, private and home schooled high school students in the congressman's district. Students entered original two-dimensional paintings, drawings, watercolors, pastels, collages, prints, lithographs, and silk screens. Students' artwork was on display at the institute from April 20-24. Lowell students selected for the competition were seniors Amber O'Boyle, pencil drawing; Johanna Jipping, charcoal; and Nicole Waldron, oil painting; junior Stephanie Ellison, mixed airbrush/ink; and sophomore Jacob Schulte, prism color. Pictured from left to right are O'Boyle, Jipping, Schulte, Waldron and Ellison.



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OBITUARIES

THALER (Wayland) - Harold E. Thaler, aged 95, passed away Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at the Laurels of Sandy Creek, Wayland. Survived by two sons William (Celia) Thaler of Grand Rapids, Dale (Karla) Thaler of Caledonia; two daughters Shirley Lehman and Ron Marckini of Grand Rapids, Margaret Thaler of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren;

two great-grandchildren; three sisters Mary Linton of Alto, Myrtle McCarty of Caledonia, Dorothy (Donald) Dutcher of Caledonia; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife Marian C. Thaler. Funeral and Committal Services were held Saturday at Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville, with Rev. Kenneth Vaught officiating. Interment Hooker Cemetery, Leighton Township, Wayland. Memorial contributions may be made to Leighton United Methodist Church-Building Fund or Wayland Area Ambulance.

COLLEGE NEWS

Eleven students from Michigan were among the recipients when Adrian College handed out student service awards during the Student Life Reception April 20.

One student, from Alto, Jennifer L. Millard received the Dean's Award for Residence Life (resident director), honoring her years of dedicated service to the residence life program. Barb Chaffer, director of residence life, presented the award. Millard, a senior majoring in exercise science/physical education with an emphasis in physical therapy, is the daughter of John and Mary Jane Millard of Alto and a 1995 graduate of Caledonia High School.

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Here Are The
3rd Week's Winners!

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To Win!

- Liz Ingram - Lyons - Navi-Gator Trolling Motor
- Nora Kauffman - Saranac - 12 Yds. Top Soil
- Michelle Debrabander - Carpet Cleaning
- Marilyn Selden - Portland - Carpet Cleaning
- Wanetta Slater - Lowell - Crimson King Maple Tree
- Ellen Rockafellow-Fenwick-Heat/Cool Service Plan
- Terry Walkington-Lk Odessa-Night Stay Whirlpool Ste.
- Kim Goodemoot-Lk Odessa-Night Stay Whirlpool Ste.
- Monique Miller - Portland - Bicycle Gift Certificate
- Mariene Stephan-Ionia-Gym 3-Mo. Membership
- Teressa Ferris - Lyons - Tow/Lock Out Service
- Jeanette Thelen - Portland - Tow/Lock Out Service
- Don White - Orleans - Tow/Lock Out Service
- Melissa Bartz - Ionia - Gift Certificate
- Dale Stiffler - Portland - Doz. Red Roses in Arrangement
- Merl Besson - Orleans - 1 Mo. Martial Arts Class
- Karen Desotell - Saranac - 2 Large Pizzas
- Esther Slater - Lake Odessa - Dining Gift Certificate
- Lois Miller - Lyons - Dining Gift Certificate
- Judi Jones - Portland - Dining Gift Certificate
- Jennifer Woodward - Saranac - Sports Gift Certificate
- Dawn Sochor - Portland - Sports Gift Certificate
- Ethel Lehman - Portland - Floral Gift Certificate
- Terri Rusnell - Lyons - Floral Gift Certificate
- Janet Mutschler - Saranac - Half Hour Massage
- Ann Fedewa - Pawamo - Half Hour Massage
- Larry Roberts - Ionia - Dining Gift Certificate
- Vicky Camp - Saranac - Dining Gift Certificate
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Reflections

Of Faith

Pastor Bill Price,
Lowell Wesleyan Church

Sometimes you just stand back and marvel at God's timing. Right now our nation is consumed with grief and frustration over the Columbine High School tragedy. Half a world away, we are fighting a war in which many believe we have no business. This week our nation is called to prayer. Thursday, May 6 is

the National Day of Prayer. Across our land people will be on their knees for our nation, communities, neighborhoods, schools and families.

God's timing could not be better. Are we taking Him seriously? At the root of our moral decay, is a generation past, which sets God on the shelf and no longer reveres Him as Sovereign Lord Almighty. As a nation, the next generation no longer takes God's Laws seriously. It's not surprising. First, we void the Law Giver, then we shelve the Laws, for we do not recognize the Authority behind them.

When we go to prayer on Thursday, we must first admit that we really need God in every facet of our lives. A God-centered society is not an option. We have tried that and today we are ashamed of the results.

A friend of mine in Flint, Michigan, never took prayer seriously until he found himself preparing to serve as a missionary in Eastern Europe. As he busied himself with selling his house and cars, packing his belongings, making arrangements for his family, gathering financial support and making travel plans, he realized that every day's success depended on God's grace and provision. He was now "God supported" instead

of "self-supported." Prayer took on a new priority.

As long as we embrace a "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude about prayer, we will never realize its power. When we are truly dependent on Him, we approach God with great fear and faith, because without Him, we are history.

As a nation, we are not at a crossroad, we are at a dead end. The only way to turn is up. God has a wonderful promise for us. *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

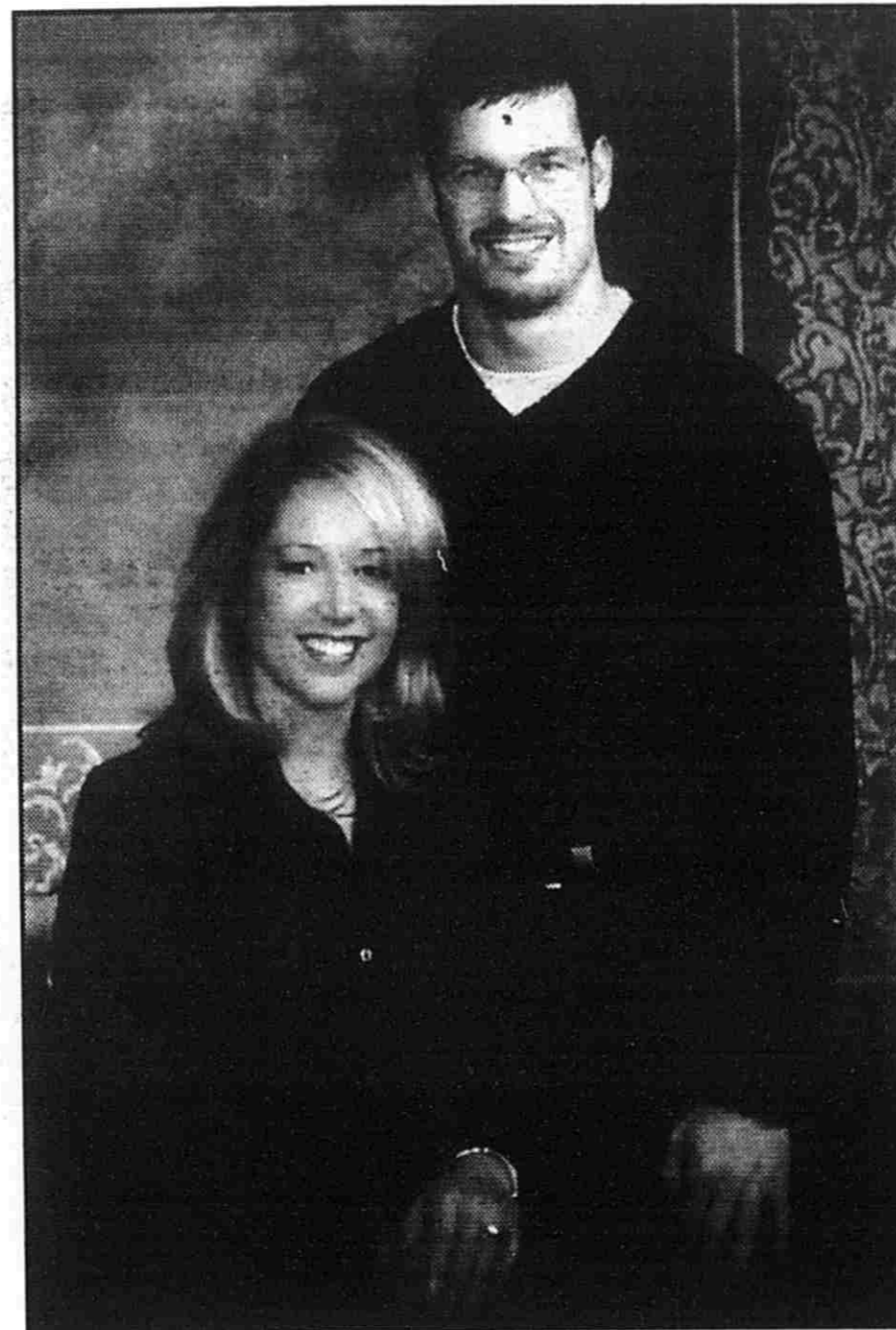
Think about the Lord's prayer and consider what Thomas Fuller writes. "Christ couples together in His prayer: *When my body, which every day is hungry, can live without God's giving it daily bread, then and no sooner shall I believe that my soul, which daily sins, can spiritually live without God's forgiving it its trespasses.*" When we think we can do without God physically, we soon think we can do without God spiritually.

Frederick W. Robertson says, "God has given us prayer, not as a means whereby to obtain the good

things of earth, but as a means whereby we learn to do without them; not as a means whereby we escape evil, but as a means whereby we become strong to meet it."

Everyone, be encouraged to pray. John Calvin said, "God tolerates even our stammering, and pardons our ignorance whenever something inadvertently escapes us -- as, indeed, without this mercy there would be no freedom to pray."

I knelt to pray but not for long. I had too much to do. I had to hurry and get to work for bills would soon be due. So I knelt and said a hurried prayer, and jumped up off my knees. My Christian duty was now done, my soul could rest at ease. All day long I had no time to spread a word of cheer. No time to speak of Christ to friends, they'd laugh at me I'd fear. No time, no time, too much to do, that was my constant cry. No time to give to souls in need but at last the time, the time to die. I went before the Lord. I came, I stood with downcast eyes. For in his hands God held a book; it was the book of life. God looked into his book and said, "Your name I cannot find. I once was going to write it down, but never found the time."



Cherre Nicole Zuercher and Kevin Michael Goggins

Zuercher and Goggins plan May wedding

Cherre Nicole Zuercher of Mishawaka, IN, and Kevin Michael Goggins of White Pigeon are engaged.

Zuercher is the daughter of Larry and Connie Zuercher of Dalton, OH. She is a graduate of Dalton High School and Ashland University in Ohio.

Goggins is the son of Ron and Ann Wittenbach of Lowell and Pat and Peg Goggins of Pierson. His grandparents are Bob and Velma Perry and Annabelle Wittenbach of Lowell. He is a Lowell High School and Hillsdale College graduate.

A May 22, 1999 wedding is planned.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- MAY 7 - John Schalow, LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.
- MAY 8 - Rhoda Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr.
- MAY 9 - Tasha Yeiter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs.
- MAY 10 - Dee Korb, Rebecca Raymor, Eric Swift, Jim Lindhout, Jim Stone.
- MAY 11 - Carol Briggs, Joel Uzarski.
- MAY 12 - Michele Lindhout, Jessica Covell, Carrie Kiczenski.

Do not veil the truth with falsehood, nor conceal the truth knowingly.

—The Koran

School Menus

Week of 5/10-5/14

ELEMENTARY

MON: Taco w/meat & cheese, mixed vegetables, Johnny cake w/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

TUES: Ham & cheese sub, side salad, deli dill spear, oranges or canned fruit, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets, cheese potatoes, homemade dinner roll w/peanut butter, fruit selection, milk.

THURS: Pizza pocket, corn, assorted fruit, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch: 3 French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, orange juice, warm cinnamon apple slices or fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Taco w/meat & cheese, taco salad, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt, turkey wrap sandwich; choose 2: Spanish rice, mixed veg, or side salad; Johnny cake/syrup, fruit selection, milk.

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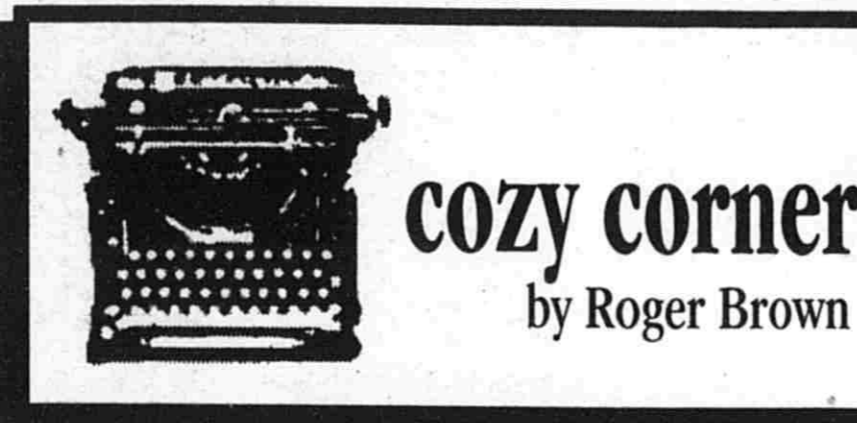
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Viewpoint . . .



Summer has arrived here in Michigan. Perhaps I'm jumping the gun. Summer doesn't officially arrive for at least six weeks and there is still frost on the ground most mornings. However, these past few days have been stunning. Temps in the upper seventies. Full sunshine. Light breezes. Wow! For those of us who have occasionally worn parkas here in July, we'll take early May weather like this every trip of the train. Spring weather gets us outdoors. We tackle projects and activities with newfound zest. We work in the yard. We golf. We wash cars, boats and windows. We throw the ball for the dog. We discover muscles that haven't been used much through the winter. And, if you're getting up there like me and have received your first mailings from A.A.R.P., you might be popping a few Motrin here and there.

When it comes to aches and pains, I've really outdone myself this spring. I think I've discovered the perfect recipe for what my mother would describe as "overdoing it."

"THE OVERDOER'S DELIGHT"

When it comes to over-tired, over-extended, over-used muscles, there is no better way to get them than to find yourself an old barn that needs a new roof and have at it. The never-ending joys of hefting 16 foot 2x4s, moving 40 foot ladders, hoisting 20 foot sheets of steel, driving home six-inch ring shank nails, climbing, lifting, stretching, reaching, pulling... it's all there.

- Ingredients:
72 - sixteen foot 2 x 4s for furring
32 - sheets of steel roofing 20 feet long
10 - steel end cap pieces 12 feet long
6 - sheets of steel roofing 6 feet long (cupola)
12 - steel fascia 12 feet long
5 - steel ridgecap pieces 10 feet long
30 pounds - 6 inch ringshank spikes
25 pounds - 1 inch screws with washers
1 - idiot willing to risk life and limb to help, more are preferable but very hard to find. In this case, my son... it's his barn.

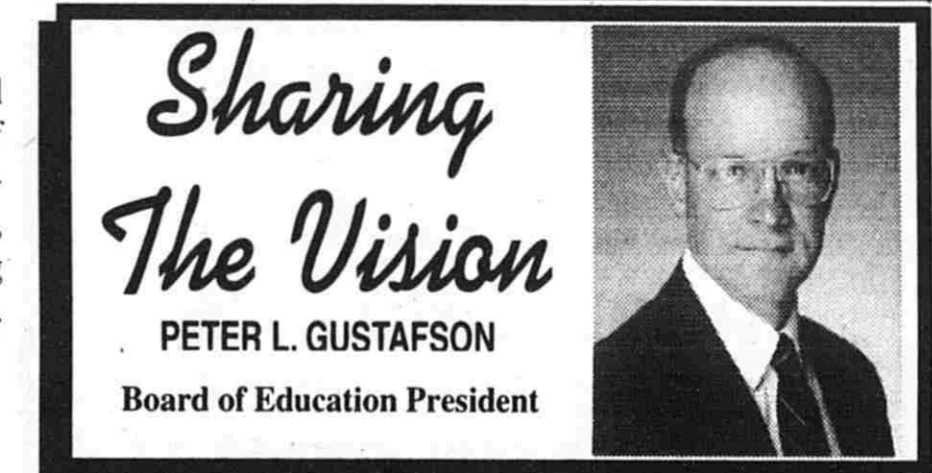
Begin by climbing all over the 10/12 pitch rotten barn roof to take appropriate measurements for ordering material. Try to forget that it is over 25 feet from the eave to the ground. Enjoy the view. Order steel. Allow two weeks for delivery.

Load 2x4s in your old van at lumber yard. Stop by gas station for more air in the tires. Drive very slowly, so as to spare the rear axle, to the job site. Unload. Stand 2x4s against one-story building next to barn. Get on small building and hand the 16 footers up to your boy on the barn roof. He can just reach them with me already 10 feet off the ground, on my tip-toes, right arm extended with a 16-foot board going straight up. He's way up there. Repeat 72 times.

Begin by nailing (spiking) a row of the 2x4s along the eave. Move up two feet and nail down another row. Repeat 11 times until you've reached the peak. Repeat procedure on the other side of the barn. Don't forget you're using six inch ringshank pole barn spikes and using a 28 ounce, long-handled framing hammer. Eat your Wheaties...you're driving over 500 spikes.

Using a cumbersome circular saw, trim all overhanging ends from 2x4s while looking over the edge about 35 feet to the ground (boy's job).

While waiting for steel, complete general restoration of approximately six foot square cupola. Replace missing louvers and rotten siding. Scrape, caulk, prime and paint. You don't even want to be way up there doing all of this after the slippery steel roof is done. Just try to forget where you are and enjoy the view!



Over the past two weeks, the nation's attention has been riveted on the high school shootings in Littleton, CO. The reason "why" has rightfully been on all of our minds - mayhem in the media and on the internet, young people who lack a basic moral compass, too many guns, lax parenting, cliques in schools, the unfortunate growing culture of violence in America. We have probably heard enough about the causes of these unthinkable events from pundits everywhere, so I will not add my opinions to the millions of lines that have been spoken and

Given the fact you have only some week nights, some weekends and are working around Michigan weather, it's safe to say the steel will arrive before you're ready for it.

When the steel gets there, haul everything you need to roof the cupola up on the barn. Since you've never worked with this product before, this little exercise helps you to figure out what the heck is up with all the steel and the assorted trim pieces. Remember your first Erector Set?

Now we were ready to start with the steel roof. We made a harness out of a board and some ViceGrips to haul the steel up with a rope. My boy hoisted while I followed the sheets up on a ladder at the eave. Once we had a sheet in place, I'd help put in screws from the ladder, then climb on up to help, always trying to forget I was performing this maneuver 25 feet off the ground. We used approximately 50 screws per sheet. There were 32 sheets, plus the cupola, plus all the trim... close to 2,000 screws as near as I can figure. Praise Allah for cordless drills! Allow about a month for a project like this using only your spare time.

Bon Appetit!

We put on the last of the trim Saturday morning and that afternoon we started the other barn. It's the bigger of the two. I hauled 112 fourteen foot 2x4s for this one. We had all but 24 of them nailed down when our bodies simply gave out late Sunday afternoon. Lots of room up there if you're looking to flex those muscles. I have a BIG jar of Motrin.

written about from almost every quarter since the horror unfolded.

I am concerned, however, for our nation and our schools. In Lowell, our attention will continue to be focused on what can be done to address the problems that can lead to tragic consequences. So long as there is evil in our society, there can be no guarantee that crimes will not be committed by young people, but there are steps we can take to lower the risk. In the aftermath of Columbine, we have again reviewed the security procedures in all of our buildings. We think they are sound. Assuring that our students are safe and protected in the school environment is a first priority.

To address the deeper social issues that boiled to the surface in Littleton, our district will continue to focus on the character and diversity program that has been developed over the past several years. At the middle and high schools over the next few weeks, we will engage all of our students, faculty and staff in an ongoing dialogue to ask them how we can make our school environment more responsible, more respectful and

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TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

Let me state from the beginning that neither I nor the Veterans of Foreign Wars are responsible for, or able to comment upon, statements made on the radio station known as B93, on Thursday, April 29, 1999. I did not make them nor, indeed, did I even hear them. Any comment on the content or context of such statements is inappropriate.

As the Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Flat River Post 8303, I can, however, state here that it is the position of Veterans of Foreign Wars that all citizens of our Democratic Republic have the right to state their privately held opinions whenever they wish as guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States. The members of Veterans of Foreign Wars always have and always will defend that right even unto death.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will always remember those men and women who have died in the defense of our country, those who yet serve in the armed forces of the United States and those who are held as prisoners of war wherever they might be. We believe that any tastefully done, appropriate, recognition by the citizens of the United States, of the said prisoners and veterans, is to be welcomed by the V.F.W. and it is consistent with our charter and by-laws to support such appropriate recognition.

We hope that all citizens of our country will take time during Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day and Veterans Day to remember and acknowledge those who have, and those who still sacrifice themselves to see to it that you have the freedom to do so.

Buy a V.F.W. Buddy Poppy when you see them offered. Be generous. Your money goes to help veterans who make them.

Participate in the Memorial Day observances on May 31. Make a floral offering at the Veterans memorial monuments, both downtown and at Oakwood Cemetery.

Sincerely - your obedient servant,
Gordon E. Marshall, Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Flat River Post 8303

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS AGO IN THE
LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - MAY 6, 1874

The May 6 issue is missing. Let's see some regional news from April 29.

A big battle about who is governor of Arkansas has been on for over a year. At one point a general broke into the armory at the capital; the governor, surrounded by armed guards, was ushered out of the state house.

In Iowa, Gen. Hazen says that the Yellowstone territory isn't worth a penny an acre, whereas Gen. Custer says there's lots of excellent agricultural and grazing lands.

The Swiss inhabitants of New York are to hold a general shooting festival on the 20th-23rd of July.

The Keystone Bridge Co. has completed the ironwork on a bridge crossing the Mississippi River at St. Louis.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 4, 1899

The Village Council proposes to build permanent iron bridges on Main Street.

A full-page ad says the Little Traveler Fence Co. will have agents here next week to sell its fence machines. The machines can fence 40 rods in a day with 2-3 men.

There is a campaign on in Grand Rapids against bicycle girls and their short skirts.

Capitalists are negotiating for the right of way for a new electric street car line from Lansing to the agricultural college. Workmen are busy propping up the old buildings on the north side of Main Street with stones and old timber.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - MAY 1, 1924

Postmaster Borgerson announces that Lowell may get free delivery service soon of three business deliveries and one residential per day. No Michigan town has received this in two years.

Marshal Pat Bowes resigns rather than move into within city limits.

In answer to criticisms that Lowell High School overemphasizes sports, the school column notes that Lowell athletes are also good students.

An article criticizes lumbermen in northern Michigan for clearingcutting.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 5, 1949

Norman E. Borgerson is assistant state superintendent of schools and will chair a driver training discussion at the Michigan Safety Conference.

The 52 lots in Young's Addition, north of Main Street at the west limits, are added to the village.

Congressman Ford explains the uproar over the Taft-Hartley Act and the complications of producing a fair law.

The Fallburg Cubs will hold their first practice of the season on Sunday at Fallburg Park. Tryouts for new members will be held.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - MAY 2, 1974

The middle school property is finally transferred to Lowell from Lowell Township in a vote by the state Boundary Commission.

Trash from spring cleanup next week will be picked up by city street sanitation trucks.

The Miss Lowell Showboat Pageant will be June 1, with four contestants so far.

The high school vocal music department with Paul Balaam, director, puts on "Guys and Dolls."

The Jaycees conduct Lowell area's first blood drive, collecting 39 pints.



John Vincent Tewsley and Jill Marie Johnson

Johnson and Tewsley to wed in October

Engaged and planning an October 2, 1999, wedding are Jill Marie Johnson and John Vincent Tewsley of Ann Arbor. The future bride is the daughter of Richard and Sally Johnson of Alto. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Aquinas College. The groom-elect is the son of John A. and Marcia Tewsley of Centerline. He is a graduate of Lewiston Porter High School, Lewiston, N.Y., Niagara University, Buffalo State and attended Loughborough University in Loughborough, England.

ATTENTION

Turn West Customers

Due to road construction, Turn West in Lowell will be changing its hours. As of Monday, May 10 we will be open from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. Monday thru Saturday. We apologize for any inconvenience.

SARANAC PRESCHOOL

Is now accepting enrollment of 3 & 4 year olds for fall 1999

We will be having orientation at the Saranac Community Church on May 6 at 10:30 a.m. & May 10 at 7 p.m.

Please feel free to call with any questions or for information.

Sue Hendrick • 642-6235

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 19, 1999 - 7:00 P.M.

- Motions Approved:
- Minutes of March 15, 1999 meeting
 - Treasurer's Report/Invoices
 - Motions to Grant Special Use Permits for Home Based Businesses to William Schreur Jr., and Patrick Flanagan
 - Motion to Designate Phil Saurman, of Hungerford, Aldrin, Carter and Nichols as Township Auditor
 - Motion to Designate Jim Hegarty, of Prein & Newhof as Township Engineer
 - Motion to Adopt Official Procedure for Receiving Complaints
 - Motion to Approve Work Orders to Gravel McPherson Rd. from Parnell to Lincoln Lake, and 4-Mile Rd. from Ashley to Montcalm
 - Motion to Approve Designated Depository Institutions
 - Motion to Approve Agreement with Williams & Works for Planning Services
 - Motion to Direct Planning Commission to Develop Clarifying Language Concerning corner lot setbacks
 - Nominations for Vergennes Township representatives on the Lowell Area Community Fund Board - Kate Dernocoour and Terry VanderWarf
 - Motion to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

Mari C. Stone,
Vergennes Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL
WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing west of the Flat River will occur the week of May 10-14, and east of the Flat River will be undertaken the week of May 17-21.

Some customers may experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell
Water Department

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David Paul Lemmen and Sheila Marie Baldwin

Baldwin/Lemmen to exchange June vows

Announcing their engagement are Sheila Marie Baldwin of Lowell and David Paul Lemmen of Grand Rapids. Parents of the bride-to-be are Gladys Baldwin of Grand Rapids and the late Myron Baldwin. She is a Creston High School and Calvin College graduate. Parents of the future groom are LouEllyn Lemmen of Allegan and the late Rev. James Lemmen. He is a Holland High School and Davenport College graduate. A June 19, 1999, wedding is planned.

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Lowell High School to increase course offerings for 1999-2000 school year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In response to raising the number of science and math credits needed to graduate from Lowell High School, students will have additional course options to select from beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.



Women's Club makes \$2,000 donation

Liz Webber, Lowell Women's Club president, right, presents Gordie Barry with a check for \$2,000 toward the renovation of the Flat River Outreach Ministries building. Standing to Barry's right is club vice president Betty Yeiter.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
17TH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND NOTICE
OF ACTION

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

CASE NO. 99-00991-DM
333 Monroe Ave., Grand
Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 336-3679

Barbara Jane Fles
2204 Edgewood SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

A copy of this order shall be sent to Horace Reuben Sherrin at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Horace Reuben Sherrin
174 Marshland Rd.
Hilton Head, SC 29926

TO: HORACE REUBEN
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Mary L. Benedict
P-45285
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Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-0020

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before July 15, 1999.

APRIL 30, 1999
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"Having increased the number of math and science credits needed to graduate, I think it is only fair that students have an increased number of classes to choose from," Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said.

Currently, all ninth-grade students must take physical science and all sophomores must take biology. Juniors and seniors continuing their science curriculum choose classes from one of three science areas: physical, life or earth.

Last year, earth science courses, meteorology and astronomy were added. In the area of physical science, chemistry in the community and conceptual physics were added.

Vashaw noted that for the 1999-2000 school year, genetics, a life science course, will be available to juniors and seniors.

Additional math courses offered to juniors and seniors are math foundation and advanced placement statistics.

"While raising expectations and increasing the number of courses being offered is the right thing to do, we must remain sensitive to all skill levels and needs of the students,"

Vashaw said. "One without the other risks putting students in a no-win situation."

Course additions were not limited to science and math. In the social studies department, juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to take Western Civilization.

"Students probably don't have as much knowledge about world history and its politics as they should," Vashaw said. "The course will be offered in the first and second semesters."

Some students not going to college will work in a business setting with an international market. "What happens in Europe will impact them," Vashaw said. "A greater understanding, therefore, is beneficial to them."

The higher expectations and the increase in course offerings also raises the question about the need for an eight-block schedule.

"Eight-block is something we're looking at. We have to see if it can be done at little or no cost to the district. I believe we will revisit the issue this spring."

Vashaw believes the district must decide if an eight-block schedule is feasible or if it should be dismissed as a possibility.

Rollins receives Valley Forge Military Academy awards

Cadet George G. Rollins III, received the Stone Medal at a ceremony held March 28 and the Douglas MacArthur Cadet of the Year award at a ceremony held March 21.

The Stone award is presented annually in memory of Captain J. Donald Stone, Armor, United States Army, Cadet Captain, class of 1938, who was killed in action in 1944. The award is presented to those cadets who have maintained a high average in each class of the senior and junior ROTC programs. The cadets must have maintained a high degree of esprit de corps and indicated an unusual aptitude for military service. The award was established in 1930 and was renamed in 1944.

The MacArthur award is given to a first classman and college sophomore who has exemplified the best-im-

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CITY OF LOWELL GENERAL LABORER

The City of Lowell will be accepting applications until May 21, 1999 for the position of General Laborer for the Water Distribution Department.

Starting hourly rate will range between \$10.00 to \$11.00 per hour based on experience. Applications are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

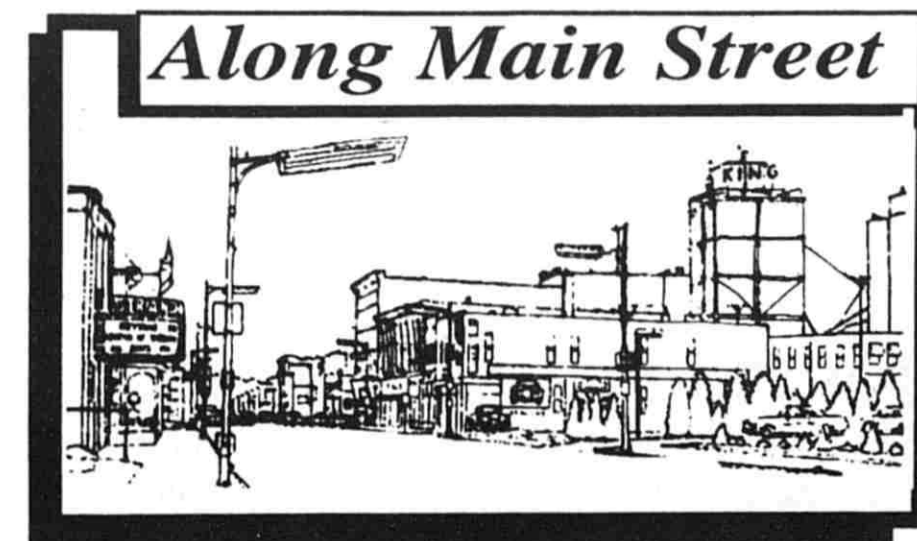
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Streets, cont'd.... From Page 1

upgrade it, so it can get money to maintain it, but then we wouldn't need the money," Green said, explaining the catch-22 situation the city is in.

Pasquale said cities are lobbying for more flexibility in the use of Act 51 dollars so that some of that money can be used toward maintaining local streets.

Though, after evaluating the capital improvement proposed plans for streets, water, parks and facilities, recommended that items not only need to be prioritized in each category, but a cross section prioritization list needs to be drafted of the top five or six big money items that need the city's attention.

"What's more of a priority - paving South Hudson or putting up a new DPW storage building?" Blough questioned. Pasquale pointed out that money is available through the Enterprise Funds for water and wastewater projects; a build-

ing authority bond is available for the City Hall/police station project; and the Lee Fund has provided approximately \$20,000 a year for park projects.

Prioritizing an item in one category against another may not be necessary because of the different funding sources, according to Pasquale.

While the council adopted the capital improvement plan, it also requested that a prioritization discussion take place at the next council meeting to identify the capital improvement projects that need the city's immediate attention.

At its next meeting (May 17), the council will receive the budget and as part of the overall study will review the project priorities for the fiscal year.

Day care, cont'd.... From Page 1

indoor gym (would also serve as an inclement weather shelter), a kitchen, library and two playgrounds (approximately 12,000 and 6,000 square feet).

"If the issue isn't tabled by the boards, and everything goes smoothly, I'm hoping to open the new center the first of next year," Roth concludes.

CLASS OF '89 REUNION MEETING

The class of '89 reunion meeting will be held at Mancino's on Sunday, May 23 at 6 p.m.

LMS recognizes third marking-period honor roll students

The Lowell Middle School has released the names of the students making the third marking period honor roll. Students must achieve a B or better average.

SIXTH GRADE

Tara Abel, Nathan Arnett, Katie Baker, Rebecca Batt, Laura Baum, Meghan Beachum, Katrina Beatson, Kristin Befus, Jennifer Blattner, Lerin Bommarito, Karl Bouwhuis, Jeffrey Braden, Hillary Briggs, Tiffany Burr, Sean Butterworth, Paul Buttrick, Kaitlyn Callihan, Alyssa Coffey, Devon Collins, Erin Craig, Jason Crandell, Matthew D'Agostino, Abigail Debiak, Kalen DeCenzo, Melody Dernocoeur, Andrea DeVoid, David Devroy III, Jamal Dhayni, Jenna Dickerman, Timothy Droese, Julie Dunn, Joseph Dykhuizen, Kevin Eggebeen, Jonathon Eickhoff, Roy Eshragh, Danielle Ettinger, Mary Farr, Matthew Fink, Matthew Flanagan, Audrey Fleet, Kelly Foote, Lindsay Foster, Keegan Geldersma, Emily Gerard, Nicole Gibbs, Kyleigh Gilliard, Kevin Gillman, Nicole Glover.

Benjamin Graham, Amanda Gunberg, Renee Hankins, Daniel Harden, Alan Hasso, Nicholas Hauck, Patricia Haywood, Rebecca Heinicke, Tyler Hoard, Philip Hogan, Josiah Hull, Jodi

Hutchinson, Ashleigh Inman, Haley Irwin, Brian Janeschek, Whitney Jernigan, Anthony Johnson, Jacob Kadwell, Kyle Kaminski, Chelsea Karas, Ryan Karasiewicz, Aaron Kastanek, Jean Kimberlin, Sabra Kinsley, Erica Kline, Michael Koster, Bradley Koza, Lindsey Kremer, Christina Kuhn, Duncan Lammis, Jacqueline Larisch, Brandon Lawrence, Robert Lee, Kyle Manszewski, Mallory Maschhoff, Aaron Mason, Krashawn McElveen, Matthew Meppelink, Joshua Meyers, Brantley Moore, Drew Morrison, Frank Mulder Jr., Joseph Mull, Paul Mundt, Nicholas Myers, Nicholas Olson, Jakob Pala, Kelsy Payne.

Mandy Phillips, Karis Prill, Justin Quist, Alyssa Rash, Amanda Rau, Chad Roosien, Kayla Schuivens, David Sefton, Kyle Selli, Katherine Serne, Kyle Serne, Stephanie Sherry, Meghan Silverman, Hugh Skiffington, Dennis Smith Jr., Andrew Smith, Sarah Smith, Travis Stanard, Jessica Stephens, John Stevens, Jessica Stinchcomb, Michael Straub, Megan Stubbs, Nichole Swift, Lauren Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Chantal Todociuk, Adam Topper, Maliree Trierweiler, Heather VanderHeide, Matthew Van Ens, Lauren VanHouten, Tiffany Venneman, Casondra Vredevoogd, Ashley

SEVENTH GRADE

Joshua Abdo, Lyndsey Adriane, Amanda Alexander, Joshua Anderson, Stacey Anderson, Amanda Ayers, Audrey Bailey, Jacob Baker, Darcie Banfill, Britney Batchelor, Allison Bault, Heather Becker, Andrew Benedict, Aaron Benmark, Andrea Black, Derek Blackall, David Blair, Amber Blakeley, Mellissa Blattner, Joe Blumm, Edward Boeve Jr., Amy Bogner, Anna Boruta, Amanda Bouwkamp, Daniel Brinks, Elizabeth Brower, Rebecca Bruinekool, Chanel Butler, Zachary Butts, Heather Cadwallader, Elizabeth Camp, Kathryn Capps, Cody Carr, Renee Catlin, Ryan Churches, Jamie Clark, Ashley Claypool, Christopher Corlett, Amanda Craig, Helen Crimmins, Christopher Curtis, James DeLiefde, Annie Didion, Christina Dixon, Michelle Dryer, Nicholas DuBois, Thomas Eldridge, Jeremy Ellis.

Nancy Elmer, Jennifer Emser, Heather Essich, Claire Evans, Jamie Fink, Stacy

Waldron, Jonathan Walker, Catherine Ward, Tracy Warren, Jason Welsh, Kurt Wernet, Rachelle Wernet, Henry Westerhuis, Nicolette Wheeler, Jenna White, Michael Wildey, Jerry Williams, Elise Wisnieski, Matthew Witherell, Michelle Wolf, Rebekah Woods, Christopher Yarger.

Fleet, Christopher Gallagher, Stacy Grasman, Amanda Grochowalski, Mackenzie Hacker, Julie Halbeisen, Jessica Hamp, Matthew Hansen, Brendon Harden, Sarah Harmon, Daniel Harrison, Blair Hendrick, Mallarie Haeshutter, Zacharias Horan, Lynda Horsley, Stacey Hubenet, Katherine Hubert, Katherine Huver, Andrew Inghram, Taylor Jamison, Kelly Johnson, Matt Johnson, Stacy Jones, Andrew Jousma, Stephan Kansman, Ashley Kehoe, Leslie Koehn, Steven Koning, Andrea Kropf, David Kropf, Christopher Lechner, Kristen Lee, Melissa Liszewski, Jay MacDougall, Elizabeth Maitner, Kristen Maki, Sarah Manion, Larinda Marker, Clayton Marvel, Brandon Mason, Tabitha May, Heather McCready, Cassandra McKinley.

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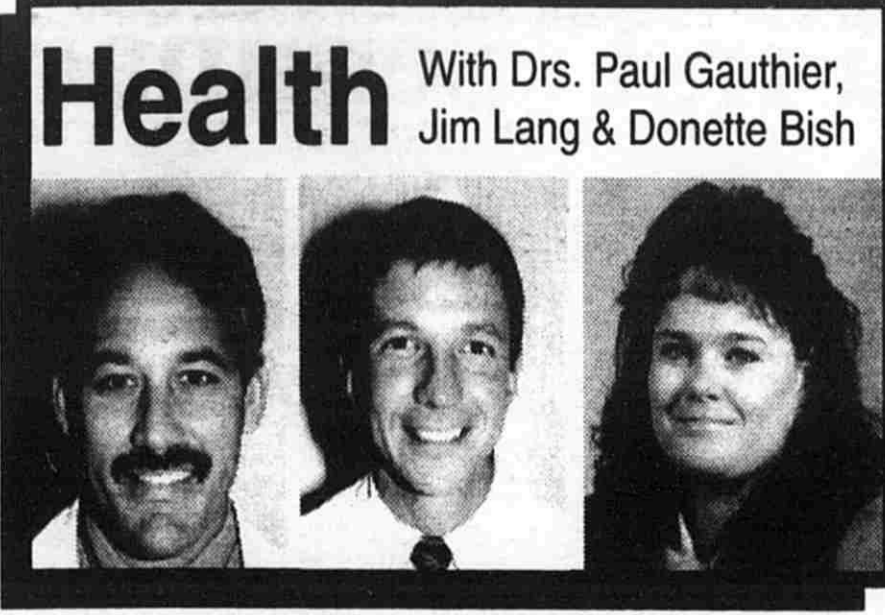
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EIGHTH GRADE
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Who should have this done? Everyone over the age of 50 should have this exam done as a screening test. Colon cancer is a preventable disease - in other words, if everyone were screened appropriately, early pre-malignant polyps would be identified and removed. Many people die of colon cancer every year and the importance of screening cannot be overstated.

You should also have this test if you have a family history of colon cancer, if you have rectal bleeding, or if you have a change in bowel habits (chronic diarrhea and constipation) which is out of character for you.

Sharing The Vision, continued...From Page 5

more compassionate for all students. We hope this will enable us to identify and address areas of concern in a candid and forthright manner. Our superintendent, Bert Bleke, who has led the character education initiative, has written to parents of 6th to 12th graders inviting their participation in this collaborative effort. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged.

Let me conclude by saying that I believe we really do have the answer here in Lowell. It remains simple but profound. You

see it when you enter our school buildings and drive along Main Street. It has been written about in this column and discussed throughout our community. It is RICHR-Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, Respect. The challenge for all of us is to bring these Community Values into practice in our everyday lives and in our school buildings. If you would like to help, contact the district at 897-8415.

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Christian Life to host "Creation First" seminar

A Creation First seminar will be conducted at Christian Life Center Assembly of

God for the next three Wednesday evenings, May 5, May 12 and May 19, beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located at 3050 Alden Nash S.E. - just one mile south of Lowell.

Charles Bultman, who has taught high school science in the public schools for over 30 years, is the instructor. This multimedia presentation is designed for audiences junior high through

adults. He says, "I have witnessed the belief in evolution is one of the major reasons people reject the Bible and the creation of the world." He goes on to say, "My goal is to show that the Bible completely accurate and that those who believe in the authority of scripture can be intellectually honest with science and themselves."

Robert Holmes, pastor of the church, extends an invitation to the public to attend this fascinating seminar.

Children's classes and a staffed infant nursery is available for children fifth grade and younger.

City inks contract with Roger's

The city of Lowell has contracted with Roger's Lawn Sprinkling to put in an underground sprinkling system covering all lawn areas at the

water treatment plant.

Roger's, of Cedar Springs, was also contracted by Lowell Area Schools to install an irrigation system

at the high school

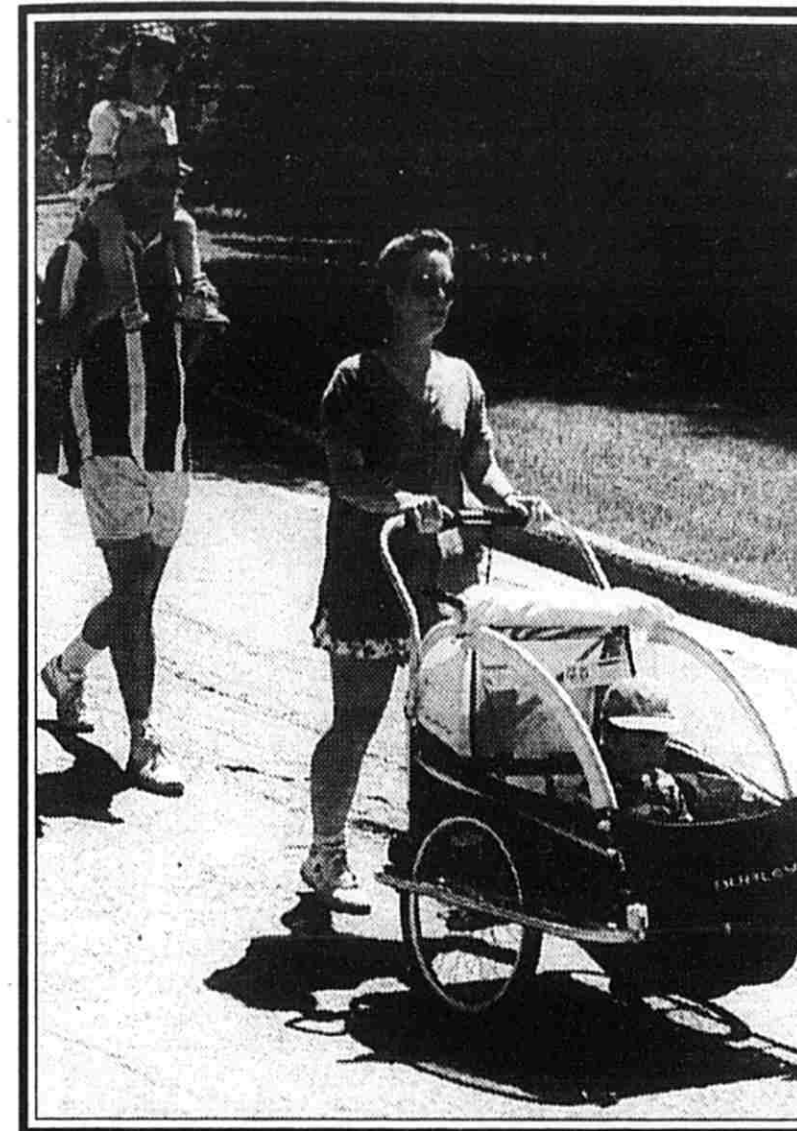
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CROP Walk raises over \$20,000



In five years, the Lowell Area CROP Walk has raised approximately \$100,000 toward the fight against world hunger.

The fifth annual walk, which took place Sunday, has all the foot markings of being the biggest and best CROP Walk to date.

CROP walk treasurer Inge Whittemore said the 306 participants was a record number. As of Sunday, pledges totaled \$20,500.

"It's a good year, and we always take in more money than the pledged amount," Whittemore explained.

Of the amount raised, 75 percent goes to the relief agency Church World Services; 25 percent stays in the Lowell community. Of that, 75 percent will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries and 25 percent to the Senior Neighbors Meals on Wheels.

This year's CROP Walk was co-chaired by Lee Waterworth and Gordie Barry.



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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999.
THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.
To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.
This Notice is given by order of the board of education.
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SOCCER

ESPN Sun. 5 p.m. Major League Soccer Columbus Crew at San Jose Clash. (Live)
FOXDT Sun. 5 p.m. Soccer English Premier League -- Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)
FOXDT Wed. 1 p.m. Italian Soccer Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)

TENNIS

ESPN Fri. 12 p.m. Tennis ATP German Open -- Quarterfinal. From Hamburg, Germany. (Same-day Tape)
ESPN Sat. 12 p.m. Tennis ATP German Open -- Semifinal. From Hamburg, Germany. (Same-day Tape)
ESPN Sun. 12:30 p.m. Tennis ATP German Open -- Final. From Hamburg, Germany. (Same-day Tape)
ESPN Thu. 3 p.m. Tennis ATP Italian Open -- Early Rounds. From Rome. (Same-day Tape)

BASEBALL

FOXDT Fri. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)
WGN Fri. 7 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. From Cinergy Field. (Live)
TBS Fri. 10 p.m. Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres. From Qualcomm Stadium at Jack Murphy Field. (Live)
FX Sat. 1 p.m. Major League Baseball Anaheim Angels at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park. (Live)
FOXDT Sat. 1 p.m. Major League Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)
WGN Sat. 1:05 p.m. Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. From Cinergy Field. (Live)

GYMNASTICS

WVMT Sun. 2 p.m. Women's College Gymnastics NCAA Championship. From Salt Lake City. (Taped) [E]

HOCKEY

ESPN Fri. 7:30 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]
ESPN Sat. 7:30 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]
WXMI Sun. 2 p.m.; WSYM Sun. 2 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]
ESPN Mon. 7:30 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]
ESPN Tue. 7:30 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]
ESPN Thu. 7:30 p.m. Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 4 -- Teams to Be Announced. (Live) [E]

SKATING

TNN Fri. 9 p.m. Rollerjam New York Enforcers vs. Texas Rustlers. From Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, Fla. (Taped) [E]
TNN Fri. 10 p.m. Rollerjam California Quakes vs. New York Enforcers or Texas Rustlers. From Universal Studios Florida in Orlando, Fla. (Taped) [E]
WGVU Wed. 9 p.m.; WKAR Wed. 9 p.m. Evening of Championship Skating (1998) Paul Wylie hosts performances by Olympic gold medalists Oksana Baiul and Evgeny Platov and silver medalist Maya Usova. (Taped) [E]

GOLF

ESPN Fri. 2 p.m. Senior PGA Golf Nationwide Championship -- First Round. From Alpharetta, Ga. (Live)
ESPN Fri. 4 p.m. PGA Golf Compaq Classic -- Second Round. From English Turn Golf and Country Club in New Orleans. (Live)

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON MAY 8, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WKMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLXL, WTLJ, WKAR, WZWM, WSYM, WZPX) and Cable Channels (FX, FAM, MTV, VH1, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CNN2, NICK, A&E, FOXDT, TNT, TBS, DISN, TRN, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, COM, TWC, HIST, AMC, H&G, LIFE, TOON D, MSNBC, CSPAN, EWTN, SHOW, HBO, TMC, MAX).

SATURDAY EVENING / LATENIGHT MAY 8, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, May 8, 1999. Columns include time slots (7:00-4:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, May 8, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Saturday Evening/Latenight, May 8, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

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SUNDAY MORNING MAY 9, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Morning, May 9, 1999. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Morning, May 9, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Morning, May 9, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MAY 9, 1999

Table of broadcast channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 9, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:00-6:30) and channel names (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Table of cable channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 9, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Table of premium channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 9, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

Advertisement for Victorian Thymes Floral & Gift, featuring a floral arrangement and contact information: 211 W. Main, Lowell 897-5767.

Table of premium channels for Sunday Afternoon, May 9, 1999. Columns include channel numbers and names (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

SUNDAY EVENING / LATE NIGHT MAY 9, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-4:30) and station logos (WVMT, WOVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Cable Channels table with columns for channel numbers (5-48) and station logos (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Premium Channels table with columns for channel numbers (10-13) and station logos (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

MONDAY EVENING MAY 10, 1999. Broadcast Channels table with columns for time slots (7:00-11:30) and station logos (WVMT, WOVU, etc.).

CABLE CHANNELS

Cable Channels table with columns for channel numbers (5-48) and station logos (FX, FAM, MTV, etc.).

PREMIUM CHANNELS

Premium Channels table with columns for channel numbers (10-13) and station logos (SHOW, HBO, TMC, etc.).

Star Wars advertisement: Celebrating our 7th Anniversary! Rookies SportsCards Plus Cards, Comics, Cool Stuff. 106 W. Main, Lowell 897-5650.

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THURSDAY EVENING MAY 13, 1999. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WWTM, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Andover, and Merrimack areas. 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 MONDAY: Men's senior golf club at 1 p.m. at Arrowhead. Come join us.

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-

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimer's 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 SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Quaker 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. Luke's 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 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.

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

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 897-9261.

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.

WED., MAY 19: The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson.

SAT., MAY 22: Lowell Youth Football & 78ers and Lowell Youth Cheerleading League signups from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria. For more information call 897-7896.

WED., MAY 12: Snow United Methodist Church will serve a family style beef and pork dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.

SUN., MAY 23: Class of '89 reunion meeting, 6 p.m. at Mancino's.

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 (1st UMC) **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking-Woodland Mall.

MON., MAY 10: 7:30 a.m., Soaring Eagle. **WED., MAY 12:** 12, Movie "Swing Time" Rogers/Astaire. **MON., MAY 24:** 12:30 p.m., Shop D&W Mall.

THURS., MAY 13: 12:15 p.m., Dance - Westside Complex. **FRI., MAY 14:** 12:30 p.m., Tour St. Patrick's - Parnell. **MON., MAY 17:** 3:30 p.m., Detroit vs. White Caps.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, APRIL 19, 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, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
Absent: Councilmember Myers.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJardens, Police Chief James Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Daniel Brubaker, Light and Power Superintendent Ronald Holcomb, Director of Cable TV Services Thomas Richards, Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Mark Mundt, Planning Commissioners James Hall and Daniel Pipe and Light and Power Boardmember Norman Borgerson.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Thompson noted Councilmember Myers was having knee surgery and was unable to attend the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the regular meeting of the April 5, 1999 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (04/19/99)

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| GENERAL FUND | \$ 104,482.22 |
| MAJOR STREET FUND | 12,258.28 |
| LOCAL STREET FUND | 1,241.64 |
| DDA FUND | 42,030.79 |
| AIRPORT FUND | 4,892.00 |
| WASTEWATER FUND | 30,184.16 |
| WATER FUND | 15,137.49 |
| DATE PROCESSING FUND | 4,477.88 |
| EQUIPMENT FUND | 3,329.70 |
| LEE FUND | 292.50 |
| CARR FUND | 575.00 |

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 400 W. MAIN - MICHAEL'S FARM MARKET - LOT COVERAGE VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING. On March 8, 1999, the Planning Commission held a special meeting to review a site plan for the construction of an 1800 square foot retail building at the southwest corner of Main and Hudson. Upon 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 cannot 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 was supplied to the ZBA. Minutes from the January 25, February 22 and March 8 Commission meetings were also provided for review.

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 MDOT permits.

City Manager Pasquale stated information has been given to the Crawfords and the Carpenters including the variance application, memo from the City Assessor regarding the unbuildable label placed on the property and the analysis of previous and current Zoning Ordinances regarding the property.

Pasquale noted the Zoning Board of Appeals has four members present, which is required by the ordinance. He stated three affirmative votes are required to pass a variance.

Pasquale stated Planning Chairman Daniel Brubaker was present on behalf of the Commission. He provided a memo explaining the Planning Commission's reasons for the recommendation.

Barbara Carpenter of Blue Ribbon Feed (420 W. Main St.) stated she wished the variance denied. She did not understand the reasoning behind the Planning Commission's decision to recommend a variance. This is because of the zoning restrictions which had been placed in 1995. She noted the lot was not purchased by the Crawfords until 1996. Mrs. Carpenter said the new businesses entering the City have followed the ordinance. She added the City indicated 40% of the lot would have to be covered in green space.

Mrs. Carpenter mentioned this is the main corner of town in which millions of dollars have been spent to upgrade it. She felt the building would impede on traffic. Mrs. Carpenter noted if the 1,800 square foot building were constructed smaller, it would accommodate the property and still be allowed.

Mike Crawford from Michael's Farm Market stated he investigated the property before he had purchased it. He was aware it was an existing lot and buildable. Crawford said all engineering work had been completed and setback requirements have been met. He stated at first he interpreted lot coverage to mean building and parking spaces. The Planning Commission interpreted it to mean all pavement in general.

Crawford mentioned the Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission calculated the lot coverage as 38%.

Mrs. Carpenter stated Crawford is requesting a variance of 2,000 square feet. She said it is not five or ten percent, but is a 20% variance and 2,000 square feet of area. She mentioned all developers, including Ev Bek, George Noble and Ionia County National Bank have complied with the Ordinance. She felt more consistency was needed.

Crawford stated the green way proposed is attractive and in accordance with other businesses at the intersection. He mentioned the parcel is unique in its shape and size, noting the proposal offers more green space on a much smaller parcel of property than the surrounding businesses have.

Planning Chairman Brubaker noted a letter was provided explaining the Commission's decision. Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Shores read a letter into record from Charles Myers as member of the Board which stated:

I apologize for not being able to attend tonight's meeting. I had knee surgery performed today that prohibits my attendance. Although I am not present to vote, I would like to use this written medium to express my opinion on the two matters brought before the Zoning Board of Appeals this evening.

With regard to the variance request for 400 West Main Street, Mike's Farm Market, I would not be in favor of granting a variance for lot coverage on this site.

The 60% lot coverage for the General Business District was established as a means of creating adequate green space, allowing for proper storm water run off, and to prevent the construction of an overbearing structure, relevant to the lot size. In other words, the zoning requirement's intentions are for ecological and esthetic purposes in an effort to create a site that is both pleasing in appearance and ecologically friendly.

This site is only 11,000 square feet in size, whereby the minimum lot size within the General Business District area is 20,000 square feet. We are trying to create too much building, on an undersized lot, following marginal setback regulations, covering 80% of the lot with building and pavement, and permitting minimal adequate parking on one of the busiest, most visible corners in our community.

The City of Lowell, in the past, has spent a significant amount of time, resources and energy trying to regulate this same business under our now extinct Transient Merchant Ordinance.

Among the issues of the past on this same site and involving the same merchant included property line encroachments, signing, and parking issues that are the

same "too much occupancy, for too little space" issues we face now in granting this variance.

While I welcome business development in Lowell, I am reminded of a zoning concept from my city planning commission experience. Zoning variances become a permanent part of a parcel's characteristics. I do not favor granting a variance for a current owner, only for the sake of business development. A variance granted to accommodate a specific business remains a permanent part of the parcel and it will continue to remain a part of the appearance of our community long after the business was granted to accommodate has closed their doors and left town.

I would not favor the variance request for this parcel. Jim Sowle of Lowell Water Works (1941 W. Main St.) was unsure as to how the Carpenters obtained their information, but had interpreted it to mean the lot in question was unbuildable. He felt no matter where the information came, the City should follow through regarding what was said as a point of honor. Sowle stated the public does not want to be in a situation where their lawyer must be brought in when attending a Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meeting.

Sowle did not believe the City should allow Michael's Farm Market on the corner. Mayor Thompson stated he would abstain from voting due to both parties involved purchase from the company where he is employed.

Boardmember Green suggested the Council review the following criteria for granting variances as provided by the Planning Commission:

Criteria: That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applying to the property in question that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zoning district; Exceptional or extraordinary circumstances include: exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific property on the effective date of this chapter, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situations on the land, building or structure or by reason of the use of development of the property immediately adjoining the property in question, the literal enforcement of the requirements of this ordinance would involve practical difficulties.

Application: Both the shape and size of the parcel are unique, and existed on the effective date of the zoning ordinance. The parcel is only approximately half of the minimum lot size, and there does not appear to be any way it could meet the requirements for the minimum number of parking spaces without the variance. The unique features of this specific piece of property are not generally shared with other properties in the C-3 district.

Criteria: That the condition or situation of the specific piece of property for which the variance is sought is not of so general or recurrent a nature as to make reasonably practical the formulation of a general regulation for such conditions or situations.

Application: As stated above, this specific property is unique by virtue of its shape and size. It would not be reasonably practical to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add general regulations governing lots such as Mr. Crawford's.

Criteria: That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right similar to that possessed by other properties in the same zoning district and in the vicinity. The possibility of increased financial return shall not of itself be deemed sufficient to warrant a variance.

Application: The variance is necessary to permit Mr. Crawford to meet the minimum parking space requirements so that he can build on his property. The properties immediately to the north and east of the lot, Amoco and Shell, respectively, are almost entirely paved. Mr. Crawford is requesting a use of his property similar to that possessed by other properties in the same district and vicinity.

Criteria: The variance will not be significantly detrimental to adjacent property and the surrounding neighborhood. Application: Granting the variance will allow Mr. Crawford to build on the property, which in the Planning Commission's view, will be beneficial to adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. At present, the lot is an eyesore.

Criteria: The variance will not impair the intent and purpose of this ordinance.

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Application: In the Planning Commission's view, granting the variance is consistent with the purposes set forth in Section 1.02 of the Zoning Ordinance. This is an appropriate use for the location and it will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare. In adopting the Zoning Ordinance, we do not believe it was the city's intent to prevent commercial development to maintain an unattractive lot on a highly visible city intersection.

Criteria: That the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the variance request was not created by an action of the applicant.

Application: The practical difficulty is caused by the size of the lot and the minimum parking space requirements. Mr. Crawford was not the cause of either condition.

The following letter was read into record from City Assessor James Marfia by Boardmember Green:

It has been brought to my attention that, in the controversy of the proposed use of the above cited property as a farm market, the office has been cited several times as supposedly having labeled this property "unbuildable".

Let me first point out that the Assessor is not, and never has been, responsible for determining the buildability or unbuildability of any parcel of property in the City. As I have repeatedly explained to many people who have called, seeking to know if this or that property is buildable, that is a question for the City Zoning Administrator to decide. It is the Assessor's task to set a value on the property - no more, no less.

It is possible that the "unbuildable" element may have arisen as follows:

In 1993, Leonard Westdale, who was then the owner of this parcel, appealed his assessment of \$11,100 to the City Board of Review. We require the taxpayer to state his reason for appeal; allow me to quote them in full:

"Lot is too small to be useful. Can't rent it or sell it. The mill should buy it for parking, but they won't buy it, because they use it for nothing, they won't even give me a nominal rent. The road commission now wants to take a corner of it as a clear view corner, leaving it almost unbuildable."

The Board of Review accepted the argument, and cut the assessment in half. Since I cannot value one Main Street parcel at a different square foot rate from all the others, I set a 50% factor on the parcel, and labeled it "unbuildable". That was the entire basis for the notation "unbuildable" which appears on the front of the property card.

Shores asked if square footage of the property had been changed due to the reconstruction of the intersection. Pasquale responded the property was reduced in size when the intersection was widened. He added Shell Gas Station and the Amoco Station had also been reduced.

Blough questioned the response in the letter from the Planning Commission stating the property has approximately half of the required minimum square footage. Brubaker noted prior to the January 25, 1999 meeting, a variance for lot size was thought to be needed. However, after reviewing Section 4.01 B of the Lowell Zoning Ordinance (which regulates pre-existing nonconforming lots) he stated that a lot which exists lawfully of record as of the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance may be used as specified in the district in which it is located. According to the site plan, all setbacks specified in 4.01 B have been met. Therefore, no variance is needed for the lot size. Blough stated this tells the Board the lot, prior to the recodification of the Zoning Ordinance, was very small.

Brubaker stated he was unsure what the minimum lot size was prior to the recodification of the Zoning Ordinance. When the new ordinance took effect, stating the minimum 20,000 square foot requirement, the lot was in existence.

Brubaker stated when the plan was originally brought before the Planning Commission, a variance was thought to be needed on lot size. After reviewing, there did not appear to be a need for variance on lot coverage because of the provision governing pre-existing nonconforming lots. However, the Commission decided any area which is asphalted shall be considered lot coverage after reviewing the Zoning Ordinance. Brubaker noted this is consistent to what has been done in the past. Blough responded it is then based on the standard definition of lot coverage.

Brubaker noted the Planning Commission has discretion to interpret the Zoning Ordinance.

Blough asked if there were questions upon the calculation of the coverage versus the total square footage on the lot. Brubaker responded Zoning Administrator Pat Hudson had completed the calculation and it appeared very clear.

Blough questioned the 38% versus 2,000 square foot issue regarding lot coverage. Pasquale responded there was a disagreement with the definition of lot coverage. Eventually, the Planning Commission interpreted the lot coverage at a greater amount than originally calculated. Blough questioned if it is by the Planning Commission's interpretation allowing a larger amount of square footage required to than be covered under a different interpretation of the Planning Commission. Brubaker responded yes. If the Commission had determined lot coverage only includes the individual parking spaces, but not the other paved areas, the petitioners would have been very close to 60%.

Shores did not believe the Amoco or Shell Station had much green space. Pasquale noted those businesses have been existing for a long time. Shores did not think Michael's Farm Market would present an eye sore if this business did not meet the green space requirements. She noted the Farm Market would be in character with the other businesses on the corner.

Blough commended everyone who has been involved with the Transient Merchant Ordinance. He stated there have been several meetings concerning this issue.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the 80% lot coverage variance for Michael's Farm Market to be located at 400 W. Main Street as recommended and based on the criteria provided by the Planning Commission.

YEA: 3.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1. (Myers)
ABSTAIN: 1. (Thompson)
MOTION CARRIED.

B. WEST MAIN STREET - TACO BELL - SIGN VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING. At its March 22, 1999 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a site plan for the construction of a 2136 square foot Taco Bell restaurant on the north side of West Main Street between Admiral and Lowell Water Works. As part of the review, a request for a 109 square foot free standing sign was submitted. Under the Zoning Ordinance, 100 square feet is the maximum. The Planning Commission recommended against the variance on a vote of 6 to 1. Commissioner Gordon Barry voted to recommend.

Brubaker stated neither Commissioner Barry nor he was able to state a written summary stating the pros and cons of the variance.

Brubaker said the majority of the Commission did not believe the following criteria were met:
1) exceptional or extraordinary circumstance or condition applying to the property in question and 2) the condition or situation of the specific piece of property is not so general or recurrent a nature as to make reasonably practical the formulation of a general regulation. The Commission felt if the 109 square foot sign was allowed, it should be approved by an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, not just by allowing one applicant to exceed the limit.

Brubaker stated Barry did not foresee granting the sign variance would be a problem. He felt nine square feet over the allowed amount was minimal. Brubaker also noted there would be an additional cost to the applicant if a special sign had to be ordered.

Charles Bernard of Bernard's True Value noted he would pursue a larger sign if this variance were to be granted. Mitch Lengell of Arby's Restaurant stated Bernard had a good point. He believed if one is allowed to have a larger sign, others will want this also. Councilmember Shores read a letter from Councilmember Myers into the record as follows:

While I am unable to cast an absentee vote on this issue, I wanted to present my thought on the Taco Bell sign variance request.

I support the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the sign variance for Taco Bell. By citing what has been established as past precedent, setting sign-related

decisions, there appears to be no distinguishing or unusual circumstances related to this property to warrant a sign variance.

In addition to maintaining a uniform look by not allowing business sign size to get out of control, we should also be cognizant to not give any merchant an unfair marketing advantage over another. We may assure continued fairness by adhering to our current zoning regulations.

Councilmember Blough stated the W. Main St. development area has increased greatly and noted this topic has been an issue before. He felt much input has been received from the Planning Commission and the public.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by THOMPSON to deny the variance on the Taco Bell sign based on its evaluation of variance criteria not being met as provided by the Planning Commission.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. UPDATE ON THE M-21 ROAD PROJECT. Carl Koivisto of the Greenville Transportation Service Center of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), was present to discuss the M-21 road improvements. He stated the street would be milled and repaved toward Ada, along with curb and gutter installed. He also mentioned concrete repair work would be completed on the east edge of Ada. The two lane section leading up to Valley Vista would be milled approximately 3 inches out and the remaining surface would be replaced. He noted the guardrail would also be improved along with widening of the shoulder pavement. Koivisto stated the section between Alden Nash and Valley Vista would be re-paved into a three lane section with curb, gutter and storm sewer being added.

He stated Kamminga and Roodvoets (K&R) was the contractor working on the project, noting the company is very good.

City Manager Pasquale questioned when the road improvements would be completed, particularly between Valley Vista and Alden Nash. Koivisto responded MDOT was hopeful to have the work completed by mid September. He had spoken with K&R concerning the options available to accelerate the project.

Koivisto mentioned there was confusion in the beginning of the project as to what direction customers should proceed out of businesses. Since then, additional signs have been installed.

Mayor Thompson stated the (MDOT) did not communicate well with the public when the project started. He stated all of a sudden the equipment was delivered and the project began. He questioned if this was how they normally began projects. Koivisto apologized for the way the construction began, but did not feel it was too late to improve communication. Thompson questioned how it would be communicated differently. Koivisto stated bi-weekly progress meetings are being held and the City would be updated regularly. He added MDOT would take suggestions from the City and merchants. Thompson stated in the past, meetings have been held for those involved to voice their concerns. He understood repairs were needed, but was hopeful this would run smoothly. Koivisto stated the contractor usually knows the schedule a few weeks ahead of time and would try to relay the schedule back to the businesses.

Bill Bolt of Turn West (2173 W. Main St.) felt the project should be running 24 hours a day, six days a week. He mentioned every time he travels through Lowell, he never sees anyone working. Koivisto responded the contractors were scheduled to work five days a week. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) Engineer Steve Nichols added the project did sit idle for a few days due to timing conflicts with equipment needed. He stated the contractors were preparing to install the storm sewer.

Councilmember Blough asked if an incentive program was in place. Koivisto responded there was not an incentive program available. However, penalties are given if the project is not completed within the allowed time. Blough asked if an offer could be made to accelerate the project schedule. Koivisto responded that would be reviewed.

Bolt questioned if MDOT would place the street back together for use. Koivisto responded the storm sewer will

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be installed first, followed by laying the gravel, then installing curb and gutters and finally laying of the asphalt. He stated construction would then begin on the other half of M21, noting the section would not take as long.

Koivisto stated two ideas could be reviewed to allow an acceleration of the project. 1) To speed up the contract completion date or 2) to allow two way traffic.

Koivisto questioned if the City had the opportunity to be involved during the design phase of the project. Pasquale responded the City had not been involved much. He mentioned it may be helpful for City staff to meet with MDOT to discuss what options are available.

Jeff Roys of Cumberland Produce Market Place (11250 Fulton St.) stated MDOT had told him the area between Sargent and Cumberland Drive would probably be completely closed off at times. He questioned if MDOT knew when this might be.

Roys stated he had attended a meeting with MDOT at Lowell Township Hall a few years ago. At that time, MDOT assured him that he would be notified before the project began and a public forum would be held discussing the opportunity of a four lane road. He was never given the impression M-21 would be completely closed off for a period of time.

He also believed construction projects were completed in Ada before Lowell and questioned if there was a reason for this. Koivisto explained concrete work can be done in the spring, whereas asphalt should not be done until the temperature is warmer.

Koivisto stated the contractor had provided a proposal, which stated instead of eight to twelve weeks in this segment with severe restrictions on work hours. Originally proposed was a seven day detour for replacing the culvert west of Settlewood. If the contractor were to extend the duration to an additional eleven days, the two lane section would be completed in eighteen days up to all but the topcoat of pavement. So, the contractor is proposing an eight to ten week reduction in the schedule. The contractor would benefit by being more efficient with working longer hours. The crews consist of milling and paving crews. He mentioned if this is not completed within the allowed amount of time, the contractor would be penalized with liquidated damages. Koivisto stated MDOT has reviewed this proposal and has found much benefit to it. However, there still needs to be discussion of how the area from Cumberland to Alden Nash would be handled. He added this work would start no earlier than June 11, 1999 and hopefully be reopened by the Fourth of July holiday.

Charles Bernard of Bernards True Value (1601 W. Main St.) stated the area in front of his business was installed with new curbs and was re-paved last summer. He questioned why this was being torn up again. He also stated the operation has been under construction for 22 days. During that time, there have been only eight days of work put in on the project. He mentioned there should be some type of incentive to accelerate the project and have M-21 re-opened. Koivisto responded at the time the construction work was done last year, MDOT was not aware that additional funds would be available this year for widening the area into three lanes.

Todd Landman of Todd Landman Car Co. (2399 W. Main St.) questioned why both sides could not be done at the same time. He also felt there would be enough room for two way traffic, if the mailboxes were moved to a different location. Koivisto responded because of safety reasons, it is better to have only one lane traffic with the other lane being detoured.

Tim Mastenbrook of Cher's Tanning Salon asked if a schedule could be provided as to when the sewer pipe would be installed.

Koivisto stated the contractor needs to provide reasonable access to all drives. If this is not possible, the contractor must notify the property owner.

Blough questioned if there was a representative from MDOT which the public would be able to contact with questions or concerns. Koivisto responded those may contact him (Carl Koivisto) at 616-754-3619.

Pasquale requested a technical meeting be held along with a meeting for all property owners to voice their concern.

Jim Sowle of Lowell Water Works 1941 (W. Main St.) stated it was very difficult to run a car wash just off of a construction site. He mentioned he has had to lay several people off and is losing much business. Sowle stated approximately 150 - 180 cars a day would visit his business. This has now dropped to from 4 - 30 cars a day. Koivisto responded he is aware of the problem and would try to accelerate the schedule. Sowle added it would be helpful if two way traffic were allowed.

Sowle commented on the new equipment he had just purchased for his car wash. He stated it would be very difficult to pay for the equipment, when business has declined.

Mitch Lengell, Manager of Arby's Restaurant (2157 W. Main St.), stated the restaurant has lost approximately \$4,000 per week. He also mentioned they are losing employees.

Les Turbin of Family Fare Supermarkets (2153 W. Main St.) questioned if the contractors could work six to seven days a week, twelve hours a day and have the two way traffic returned. He stated the City should give MDOT a week to prepare a master plan.

Councilmember Shores questioned if the contractors had worked on Sunday. Nichols responded they had worked Saturday and Sunday to repair the bridge in Ada.

Stephen Ford commented on the construction work that had been done on Alpine. He stated the construction workers worked from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. six days a week. During the day the construction was stopped and two way traffic was allowed to flow through. Mayor Thompson questioned if MDOT would be able to review these requests and report back in a week. Koivisto stated yes. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Hugh Cosgrove of Showboat Auto (1450 W. Main St.) stated it would be helpful if all changes made on the project could be communicated to the public.

Item #3. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLEANING SERVICES. Grace Rash has undertaken the cleaning of the City Hall, Police Department and Library since March 8, 1997. The contract as proposed would remain the same, except for adding a check off list for tasks.

Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock recommended the contract be extended for one year, expiring in February 29, 2000. The weekly salary of \$385 would remain the same.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to support renewing the cleaning services contract with Grace Rash, paying \$385 weekly, expiring on February 29, 2000.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NORTH KENT TRANSIT. Based on projection of costs incurred from July, 1998 to March, 1999, the Kent County Community Development Department recommended a 1998-99 contract amendment with North Kent Transit from \$2,000 to \$3,000. These monies have been provided (to assist the handicapped and elderly for transportation.)

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH to increase the contract amendment with North Kent Transit from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. RECOMMENDATION ON THE MANAGEMENT OF LOWELL CABLE TELEVISION. Based on a resolution adopted by the City Council at its November 16, 1998 meeting, City Manager Pasquale, Light & Power Superintendent Ron Holcomb and Director of Cable TV Services Tom Richards reviewed and discussed the most effective way to supervise the Cable TV Department. A report was provided for the Council's review.

The report recognizes the Superintendent of Light and Power position as the best choice for managing the Cable TV Department. Further, with Light and Power and Cable TV so tightly woven both operationally and fiscally, both departments should be unified at the policy level.

The report recommended the one policy making body should be the Board of Light and Power with the current Cable TV Board serving in an advisory capacity.

This proposal would allow City Manager Pasquale to concentrate on other priorities of the City. But, there would be a strong working relationship between Cable TV, Light and Power and other City departments and every effort would be made to see this grow.

Pasquale stated he and Holcomb have discussed the proposal several times. He noted the strong relationship between all departments. Pasquale stated while it makes sense for the Superintendent of Light and Power to supervise Cable TV, there should be a strong sense of cross training among the various departments.

Pasquale mentioned there should be a review having the possibility of one board for both Light & Power and Cable TV.

In the memo provided by Councilmember Myers, he stated expanding the Light & Power Board from three to five members would be wise. Pasquale noted this would require a charter amendment.

Light & Power Boardmember Norman Borgerson stated the board has reviewed the change and unanimously agreed this would be welcomed. He noted the Light and Power Board wishes to receive the participation from the Cable TV Boardmembers.

Holcomb stated combining these tasks would allow the subscriber rates and electrical consumer rates to remain as low as possible.

Councilmember Green questioned if it was too late to include this language of increasing the membership on the Light and Power Board for the upcoming municipal election ballot in November. Pasquale responded yes. Green stated the Council would then have the opportunity to review the proposed plan in two years to determine if this should be changed. Pasquale stated the Light and Power Board could provide policy changes for the Cable TV Board under the ordinance.

However, if the Council wishes to enlarge the Light and Power Board, this would have to be undertaken by charter amendment.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by GREEN to approve the managing of Lowell Cable Television Department by the Light and Power Superintendent as recommended in a report prepared by the City Manager and Light and Power Superintendent.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

The Council accepted the recommendations of the report. The issue of Board supervision from Light and Power would require an ordinance amendment.

Item #6. REVIEW OF WASTEWATER PROPOSAL FROM LITEHOUSE, INC. As an introductory note, Paul Kusche of Litehouse, Inc. stated his company would try to assist the local businesses throughout the M-21 construction project by encouraging employees to shop at these locations.

Kusche stated a plan has been presented to City Manager Pasquale concerning the direction of the wastewater issue. He mentioned Litehouse is continuing to work internally to manage the discharge as best as possible. They plan to correct the problem through two options: 1) install the internal collection equipment and plumbing which will collect the heavy material and take it outside to a collection point, treat it and then transport it to a land application company. This will then lead to a minor stream discharge, hopefully below the 2,500 limit on BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand); 2) install a treatment system on the remaining flow going out of the plant.

The cost of the project is estimated at \$792,000. The plumbing and rerouting of the system to collect the heavy metal material is estimated at \$100,000. The proposal would need to be presented to the Board of Directors of Litehouse, Inc.

The plan requires a 50' high sewage retention tank, which would be located to the right of Litehouse, Inc. The tank would hold a maximum of approximately 600,000 gallons. Kusche noted the waste would have to be retained in the tank throughout the winter.

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Kusche also mentioned Litehouse, Inc. is proposing to reroute the creek behind the plant, adding this would reduce the risk of contamination.

Mayor Thompson said the Wastewater Treatment Plant report stated the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) had visited in March to inspect the files. The MDEQ indicated it was time to submit a specific date. Thompson questioned if one had been set. Wastewater Treatment Plan Superintendent Mark Mundt responded no specified date had been given yet. He felt 30 days from now would be adequate.

Blough questioned what Mundt meant in his report, which stated capital investment must be discussed with Litehouse, Inc. In addition, the MDEQ must be worked with to develop new limits, which are less stringent. Mundt responded there is an option in the regulations allowing the community to give a substantial share of the allotted capacity to one industry. If this is done, it must be recognized there can not be another industry in town with a similar process. Therefore, the City can give Litehouse a certain amount of discharge more than normally allowed.

Thompson mentioned the City has been very fortunate to have Lowell Township to understand the situation.

Pasquale asked Mundt if he supported what Litehouse, Inc. was trying to accomplish. Mundt responded yes. He added it appears the proposed plan would be successful.

Thompson asked if there should be concern regarding the deadline with the MDEQ. Mundt responded MDEQ is lenient. However, a date should be decided upon soon. He noted 30 days from now should be sufficient.

Green asked if Litehouse owned the property to Gee Drive. Kusche responded yes. Kusche stated the rerouting of the creek would be on Litehouse, Inc. property and permits would be provided from the MDEQ.

Thompson thanked the representatives from Litehouse, Inc. for attending the meeting.

Item #7. REMOVAL OF TREES. Department of Public Works Director Dan DesJarden said there was discussion at the last meeting concerning tree removal from the southeast corner of Spring and Amity. He stated the tree is an obstruction and recommended removal.

The following quotes were received:

Poortenga Tree Service \$1,725 (includes stump removal)
Popeye Tree Service \$1,150 (includes stump removal)

DesJarden recommended the quote received from Popeye Tree Service.

Thompson asked if this is being presented to the Council because of a safety issue. DesJarden responded a call was received from a resident concerning falling branches. He stated after examining the tree, he felt it may also cause visual problems for oncoming traffic.

Thompson asked Police Chief Valentine if there had been many accidents on this corner. Valentine responded no. But, he was in agreement with DesJarden and believed the tree was an obstruction.

Mayor Thompson stated he would abstain from voting on the issue.

DesJarden also received a call concerning a dead silver maple in front of 731 Foreman. The following quotes were received:
Poortenga Tree Service \$1,025 (includes stump removal)
Popeye Tree Service \$1,200 (includes stump removal)

DesJarden mentioned the tree was hollow.

Thompson questioned if approval from the Council was needed if the tree is dead. He added it may be wise to have it removed rather than waiting for Council approval. Especially, if a safety hazard was determined.

Blough was in agreement with Thompson and felt removal of the tree could be decided upon by City staff, if it was dead. He added if the tree were alive, the decision should be made by City Council.

Blough was unsure as to whether he thought the tree at the corner of Spring and Amity should be removed. DesJarden stated he believed it was a safety issue.

Thompson felt this could start many conflicts with other residents in the City. Blough stated several surrounding communities have had this debate.

DesJarden would provide more data on the tree at the May 3, 1999 City Council meeting.

DesJarden mentioned there are a number of trees throughout the City, which have been planted between the sidewalk and the road.

Thompson stated the tree has been there for many years and felt it was difficult to justify cutting down the tree because limbs are falling from it. He was unsure whether or not this was a serious safety issue.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the low bid from Poortenga Tree Service in the amount of \$1,025 for removal of the dead silver maple in front of 731 Foreman.
YEA: 3. (Blough, Green, Shores)
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. (Myers)
ABSTAIN: 1. (Thompson)
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments on the reports received.

Item #9. Citizen Comments. Norm Borgerson felt the concrete barricades placed on the sidewalk by Lee's Landing were dangerous. He stated in order to walk around the barricades, a pedestrian must go into the road to continue down the sidewalk. DesJarden responded this would be taken care of. Pasquale stated the area would be completed this construction season.

Thompson noted a retaining wall would be placed and then the old railing installed. DesJarden stated there had been three "no parking" signs placed in the area. Thompson noted cement barriers could be placed in the street providing a safe walkway for the public until the project is completed.

Deputy Clerk Morlock encouraged the City and surrounding Townships to support the local businesses throughout the construction project. Thompson questioned if the Chamber of Commerce will prepare a newsletter to the local residents asking to support the businesses.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Blough stated the City has learned much from the last few construction projects, which could be applied to this project. He mentioned the senior volunteers had been involved with coordinating various activities. There were also open community meetings.

Blough said the MDOT meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 1999 would be helpful if the meeting was well attended by the public.

Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission had discussed allowing a skateboard park within the City limits. He stated those involved would build their own ramps and receive approval from the City's insurance carrier.

One location reviewed was the old tennis courts at Recreation Park. The organizing committee estimated the cost of paving the area to be approximately \$3,000. He stated the Parks and Recreation Commission had discussed allocating the funds from next year's budget. But, the project then would be delayed until July or August. Green added the pavement could also then be ruined because of the vehicular use during the 4-H Fair. Another suggestion was the parking lot immediately west of the King Memorial Youth Center.

The Commission suggested receiving a loan from the General Fund with the Lee Fund reimbursing the General Fund in July. Green mentioned the proposed park would be a temporary site. The skateboard park organizing committee has been currently raising funds for a permanent location such as at Stoney Lakeside Park. The ramps would be portable and could be placed in storage during the 4-H Fair. The area would also provide an attractive parking lot for the Youth Center.

Thompson questioned if DPW or the Police Department had any concerns. DesJarden questioned if the driveway should be made by City Council.

would be blocked off for the users of the park. Green responded this had not been discussed.

DesJarden had received paving quotes between \$4,500 to \$5,000.

Thompson suggested the issue be tabled until the May 3, 1999 meeting.

Pasquale mentioned the Parks and Recreation Commission was open to suggestions from the Council.

Thompson stated he would like to know what the insurance company had to say about the park.

DesJarden mentioned the asphalted area could be turned into a basketball court once a permanent location is found.

Mayor Thompson thought the last Main Street construction project was successful because of Greiner Engineering. He stated the firm did an excellent job communicating with the businesses and the public. Valentine agreed, however he felt this was because Greiner was under the direction of MDOT.

Shores stated Ivan Blough deserves many thanks for all the work he has done with the Showboat.

Shores received a letter from Sandy Dulyea concerning the tying yellow ribbons on the lampposts in support of the troops. She stated all bows would be donated.

Blough questioned when the ribbons would be removed. Shores was unsure.

Thompson questioned if the ribbons could be placed on trees instead of the lampposts. He was concerned how well the ribbons would sustain the weather.

Norm Borgerson did not believe this would be a good idea. He felt this would initiate other reasons for placing ribbons throughout the City. Shores was in agreement and thought the ribbons could be placed in other areas.

Green stated a ribbon could be placed on a tree every block.

Valentine stated residents and businesses could also place ribbons on their property.

Thompson said Ivan Blough has proposed to have an amateur night on Wednesdays at the Showboat. He noted the Showboat Committee would handle the events.

Pasquale said the Showboat Committee would be present at the May 3, 1999 City Council meeting to discuss their status.

Thompson appreciated the work Ivan Blough has done on the Showboat. He stated Blough has maintained the boat and ensures the boat is in order for the high school graduation.

Thompson stated he appreciated the work the DPW has carried out into cleaning the City streets.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT.

- The following meeting minutes were provided:
 - Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of December 16, 1998
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of March 10, 1999
 - Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of March 13, 1999
- Nancy Crandell, President of the Michigan Municipal League, will visit City Hall on Monday, April 26 at 11 a.m. Councilmembers were requested to attend.
- Public hearings for the 1999-2000 Budget are planned for May 17 and June 7. Adoption of the document is scheduled after the second hearing.
- A memo from Police Chief Valentine was provided regarding patrol assignment during road construction this year.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN TO ADJOURN AT 10:06 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 3, 1999

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

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

"CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT"

1998 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source consists of four wells located at the water plant. They draw from a ground aquifer that is free of external influences. The wells vary in depth from 84 to 109 feet.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact George Regan at 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, Michigan 49331 or call 616-897-5234. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm at the Englehardt Public Library.

The Lowell Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 1998, unless otherwise noted. All data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Terms and Abbreviations

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

| TEST RESULTS | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----|--|
| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCL G | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Radioactive Contaminants | | | | | | |
| *Alpha, Total | N | <3 | pCi/L | 0 | 15 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| *Beta, Total | N | <4 | mrem/yr | 0 | 4 | Decay of natural and man-made deposits |

Inorganic Contaminants

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCL G | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----|---|
| Fluoride | N | 1 | mg/L | 4 | 4 | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Nitrate | N | 0.8 | mg/L | 10 | 10 | Run-off from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks; sewerage; erosion of natural resources |

Volatile Organic Contaminants

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCL G | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Bromoform | N | 1 | ppb | 100 | 100 | Organic + chlorination by-product |
| Chlorodibromomethane | N | 1 | ppb | 100 | 100 | Organic + chlorination by-product |
| Chloroform | N | Trace | ppb | 100 | 100 | Organic + chlorination by-product |
| Dichlorodibromomethane | N | 0.7 | ppb | 100 | 100 | Organic + chlorination by-product |

* The data presented is from testing done during the 1997 calendar year.

Lead and Copper Monitoring

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCL G | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Lead | N | 3 | ppb | 15 | 15 | Naturally present in the environment |
| Copper | N | 14 | ppb | 1300 | 1300 | Human and animal fecal waste |

TEST RESULTS

| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCL G | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Microbiological Contaminants | | | | | | |
| 1. Total Coliform Bacteria | N | ND | 0 | presence of Coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples | Naturally present in the environment | |
| 2. Fecal coliform and E.coli | N | ND | 0 | a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E.coli positive | Human and animal fecal waste | |
| 3. Turbidity | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | TT | Soil runoff |

As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Nitrates: As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions.

We at City of Lowell Water System work hard and diligently to provide top quality water to every tap, said George Regan, Water Plant Superintendent. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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 Collector: Public Water Supply Operator
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Red Arrow boys continue winning ways in league dual meets

Records fall fast in Lowell Invitational on Saturday.... 19 athletes bettered meet records.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Early in the year, Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve was happy with the results but not necessarily with his club's times and distances.

Following convincing wins over Northview and Wyoming Park, the Red Arrow coach was able to find satisfaction not only in the results but also in the declining times and growing distances.

What's left to be concerned about? A visit to Hudsonville this week to face the Eagles...a team Boeve has anointed the best in the OK White.

Lowell defeated Northview 103-34 and Wyoming Park 107-30.

The win over Northview was highlighted by Bill Stouffer's performance in the shot put. The junior surpassed the 50-foot mark, the magic number in high school shot put circles.

Stouffer recorded a throw of 50-1 1/4, earning him a first-place finish against the Wildcats. Teammate Damian Omness was second with his throw of 44-10 1/4.

"That is a top notch throw this point in the season," Boeve said.

Stouffer also gave a personal best throw in the discus with a first-place distance of 125-4.

Lowell swept the high jump event. Bill Wiering took honors by clearing 6-2. Mike Williams was second at 5-10 and Jon Wiering cleared 5-8.

The four relays were all won by Lowell.

Kevin Huisman, Ryan Mix, Zach Stauffer and Jeff Ortowski clocked a winning time of 8:35.59 in the 3200-meter relay.

meter relay.
Kurt Telman, Mark Maatman, Nick DeZwaan and



Jeff Pfaller posted a personal best time of 41.4 in the 300 hurdles.

Williams won the 800-meter relay in 1:48.01.

"Williams was behind by about five meters when he got the stick for the final leg," Boeve said.

Winning the 400-meter relay in 47.77 were Red Arrows Travis DeVoid, Chris Huizinga, Telman and Maatman.

The winning time (3:48.5) in the 1600-meter relay was handed in by Lowell's Ortowski, Mix, Huisman and DeZwaan.

Josh Manion and Jeff Pfaller teamed to sweep the top two spots in the 110 high hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Manion won the 100 hurdles in a time of 16.06. Pfaller finished in 16.68

Pfaller took top honors in the 300 hurdles with a time of 42.35. Manion was second in 44.20.

Ortowski won the 800-meter run, stopping the clock in 2:05.30.

Lowell swept the 100. Williams won it in 11.74. Kurt Telman was second in 12.0

DeZwaan (53.8) and Huisman (54.19) who won the 400-meter run.

Adam Billingsley, Mike Armstrong and Zach Stauffer swept the 3200-meter run. "They all ran good times," Boeve said. Billingsley finished in 11:12.01, Armstrong in 11:16.98, and Stauffer came

athletes, and great weather, invitational records were falling fast.

"There were 19 meet records set. That is incredible," Boeve explained. "Five kids broke the meet record (40.3) in the hurdles."

EGR coach Doug Morse called the hurdle field as good

height of 17 feet. Caledonia was first at 17-8.

Red Arrows' 1600-meter relay team of Nick DeZwaan, Brandon Duprey, Kevin Huisman and Jeff Ortowski stopped the clock in 3:34.7. Orchard View was first at 3:31.4.

Suman, Neil Reimbold and Bob Ford posted a combined height of 30 feet in the pole vault, earning them a third-place finish. Forest Hills Northern won the event with a height of 31 feet.

Lowell also took a third in the 400-meter relay. Travis DeVoid, Kurt Telman, Mike Wierenga and Mark Maatman came home in 47.5. Ottawa Hills won the relay in 44.9.

Lowell's Ryan Mix, Huisman, Zach Stauffer and Ortowski stopped the clock in 8:55.2 in the 3200-meter relay. Orchard View won the event in a meet record time of 8:11.2.

It was DeVoid, Maatman, Telman and DeZwaan placing fourth in the 800-meter relay. They finished in 1:37.6. Caledonia won it in 1:34.1.

Caledonia set a meet record in winning the Red Arrow relay with a time of 5:57. Lowell (DeZwaan, Ortowski, Huisman, Bill Wiering) was fourth at 6:11.2.

Lowell's Wierenga, Bill Wiering and Maatman were fifth in the long jump with a mark of 52-9. EGR won the event at 54-10.

Mix, Austin Krieg, Mike Armstrong and Adam Billingsley finished fifth in the distance medley with a time of 26:12. Caledonia was first in 23:47.

Williams came home in 11:42 in the 100-meter dash, placing him sixth. Caledonia's Jason Roh was first at 11.1.

Caledonia won the Invitational with 95 points. Orchard View was second at 77. Lowell placed third with 57. They were followed by Ottawa Hills 53; Ionia 43; EGR 38; FHN 35; Godwin Heights 29; Northview 23; and Kenowa Hills 14.

a group of hurdlers as he's seen gather.

Pioneer Joe Crawley took top honors with a time of 39.7.

Lowell's Jeff Pfaller, despite posting a personal best time of 41.5, did not place. "We placed in a number of events, just not high," Boeve said.

Lowell did manage three second-place finishes. Bill Stouffer, Damian Omness and Mike Suman were second in the shot put with a distance of 125-11. Muskegon Orchard View was first at 138-3.

Bill Wiering, Jon Wiering and Mike Williams were second behind Caledonia in the high jump with a combined

and DeVoid placed third in a time of 12.08.

Lowell also swept the pole vault event. Mike Suman cleared 10-6 as did Bob Ford, and Neil Reimbold was third at a height of 9-6.

Improving times in the middle distance events highlighted Lowell's easy win over Wyoming Park.

"The middle distance kids are beginning to come on," track coach Keith Boeve said. "That's nice to see."

Ryan Mix won the mile with a time of 4:55.

Jeff Ortowski (2:09.79) and Bill Wiering (2:10.16) took the top two spots in the 800-meter run.

It was Ortowski (53.4),

home in 11:17.58.

Bill Wiering won both the high jump and long jump. His mark of 18-7 in the long jump was a personal best. He won the high jump with a height of 6-2.

Other Lowell first-place finishes were handed in by the 3200-meter relay team (8:36.43); 110 hurdles, Manion, 16:26; 100 dash, Williams, 11:77; 800 relay, 1:36.6; 400 relay, 46.8; 200 dash, Williams, 24.33; 300 hurdles, Pfaller, 42.71; and 1600 relay, 3:38.41. Keith Boeve, Lowell boys track coach, called it the best field of boys track teams in the five-year history of the Lowell Invitational.

With good teams, quality

Lowell linksters have answers for Chix; miss opportunity against FHC

LaHaye's and Gunberg's play improves in Lowell's roller coaster week of golf.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls golf team shot its best round of golf twice in the same week.

The Red Arrows posted a nine-hole total of 209 at the Jenison Invitational, and then at Deer Run on Wednesday, matched that in a non-conference 209-233 win over Ionia.

In both matches, Lowell linksters were able to avoid what Lowell girls coach Rick White calls the dreaded "other."

"We didn't turn bad holes (8s) into 11-12s," White explained. "We avoided holes where the wheels came off." Amber Kuipers continued her consistent ways with a round of 48 at the par 36 Deer Run Golf Course.

"Kuipers had a rough start, but pulled it together and finished with a good score," White said. "I am convinced that Amber and Laura (LaHaye) can shoot 45s."

LaHaye and Kate Gunberg finished three shots off Kuipers' pace with rounds of 51.

"Kate's swing is coming along as is her course management," White said. "She's beginning to play well."

The Lowell coach is also seeing weekly improvement from Elizabeth Baker. The Red Arrow carded a 59 against Ionia.

Ionia was led by Cass Hausselman's 55. Samantha Simons was a shot back at 56 and Maelan O'Mara and Sara Dettering penciled in rounds of 60 and 62 respectively.

In wet conditions at the Rolling Hills Golf Course, Lowell finished with an 18 hole total of 418.

"The course had a number of lakes that normally are not there," White said.

LaHaye led the Red Arrows with an 18-hole total of 102. Gunberg finished with a 104 and was followed by Kuipers' 105 and Baker's 107.

Hastings 203
FHC 212
Lowell 218

At a course where Lowell teams have never found much success, the girls golf team played poorly in losses to Forest Hills Central and Hastings.

"We've let two opportunities to beat Central slip past us," Lowell golf coach Rick White said. "The girls did not play well. I thought we were making progress and today we

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Red Arrow girl thinclads respond to invitational challenge

After a disappointing showing in Hastings and a loss to Wyoming Park, Lowell's girls responded with a respectable effort at its own invitational on Saturday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After a less than stellar performance in Hastings a week ago, the Red Arrow girls track team had something to prove Saturday at the fifth annual Lowell Invitational.

"Coming off our performance in Hastings last week, this was a nice way to rebound," Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said.

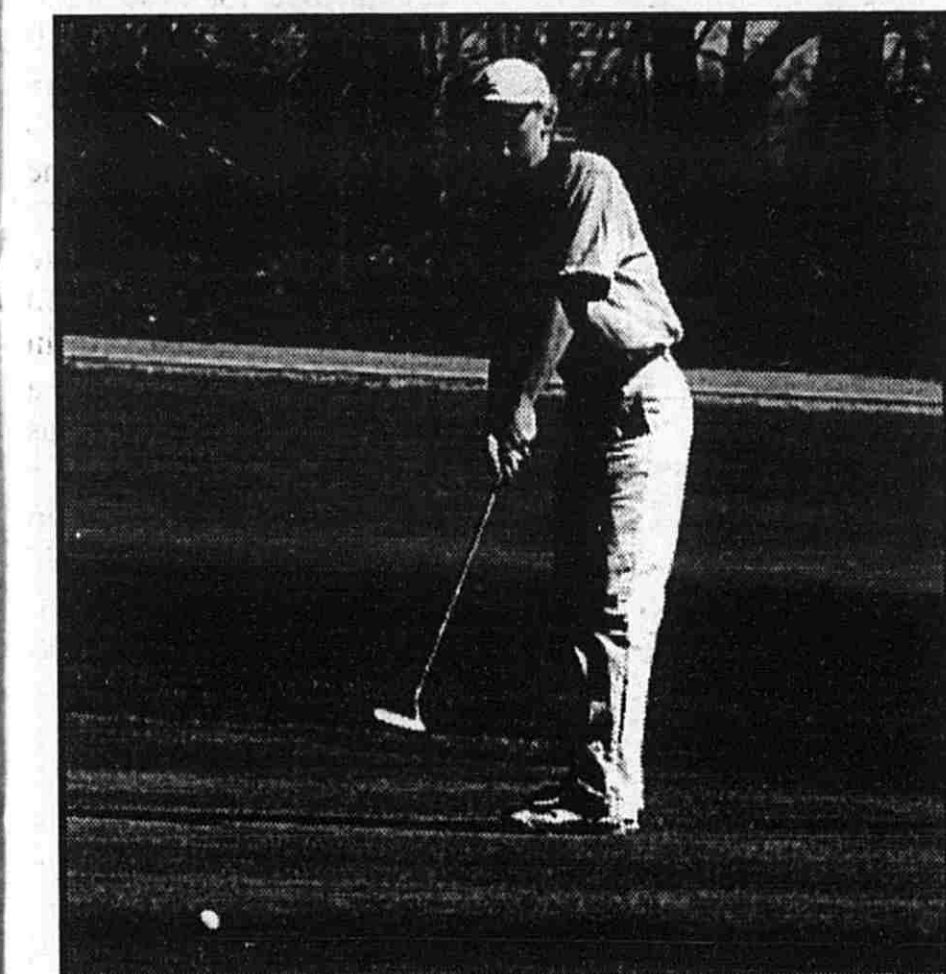
Lowell finished second in a 10-team field led by Caledonia.

The Fighting Scots easily outdistanced the rest of the field with 95 points. Lowell was second with 66 and Ionia placed third with 64.

Lowell finished first in three events and senior Celena Risner was an influencing factor in all three.

Risner, Christie Lacic and Treasure McElveen teamed together for a mark of 41-3 1/2 to take top honors in the long jump. "That is a pretty good mark and I think it shows

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Amber Kuipers tests her putting game on hole one at Deer Run Golf Course.

slipped a little."

Amber Kuipers and Kate Gunberg led the way for Lowell with rounds of 54. Laura LaHaye and Elizabeth Baker finished with rounds of 55.

"It only takes two bad holes in the entire match to determine a match. The girls had a couple of holes where the wheels came off," White said.

Liza Liversedge led Central with a score of 45. Katie Berger came home in 50 followed by Julianne Jones and Lauren Grzanka with 58 and 59 respectively.

Katie Welton led the victorious Saxons with a 45. Katie Jones carded a 51, Erica Barnum finished with a 53 and Heather Drumm scored a 54.

Wyoming Park 188
Lowell 216
Zeeland 220

Laura LaHaye posted one of her best outings of the year at Deer Run as she came off the ninth green with a 47.

It was key in Lowell's split in the triangular meet against the Vikings and Chix.

Amber Kuipers carded a 52, Kate Gunberg finished with 54 and Callie Boyce shot a 63.

"We're still searching for that consistent fourth score," Lowell girls golf coach Rick White said. Wyoming Park showed itself to be among the elite in the OK White.

Enid Gage led all golfers with a 40. Sarah Smith shot a 43 and Nikki Kamps and Megan Burger followed with rounds of 52 and 53 respectively.

Melissa Sneller was Zeeland's team medalist with a 41. Following her home were teammates Sarah Lamer 58, Faith Schrouder 60, and Kerri Piers 61.

They were clocked at 32:58.6. Caledonia won the event with a time of 31:02.

Molly Wisner, Sandra Sturis and Abbey Mathews tallied a combined distance of 80-7 and placed fourth in the shot put.

Telman finished fourth in both the high and low hurdles. She was clocked at 52.4 in the low hurdles and 16.8 in the high hurdles.

A time of 12:12.7 was handed in by Lowell's Erin Weber, Jamie Tegg, Nicole Briggs and Kirsch placing them fifth. Ionia won the event in 10:27.1.

A time of 55.7 was posted by O'Dell, Lacic, McElveen and Ford in the 400-meter relay. It earned the Red Arrow squad a fifth-place finish. Caledonia won the event in 53.7.

McCauley, Bryn Southwell, O'Dell and Telman were sixth in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:31.1. Caledonia posted a time of 4:23.5.

"It's always very pleasing to do well at your own invitational," Talus said.

Lowell 84
Northview 52

Strong performances by Kaily Wittenbach, Ashley Cunningham, Molly Kirsch and Maggie Wisner helped Lowell defeat Northview.

Wittenbach won the 1600 with a time of 6:26. "It's nice to see Kaily have a good day. She is a leader for the rest of the girls," Talus said.

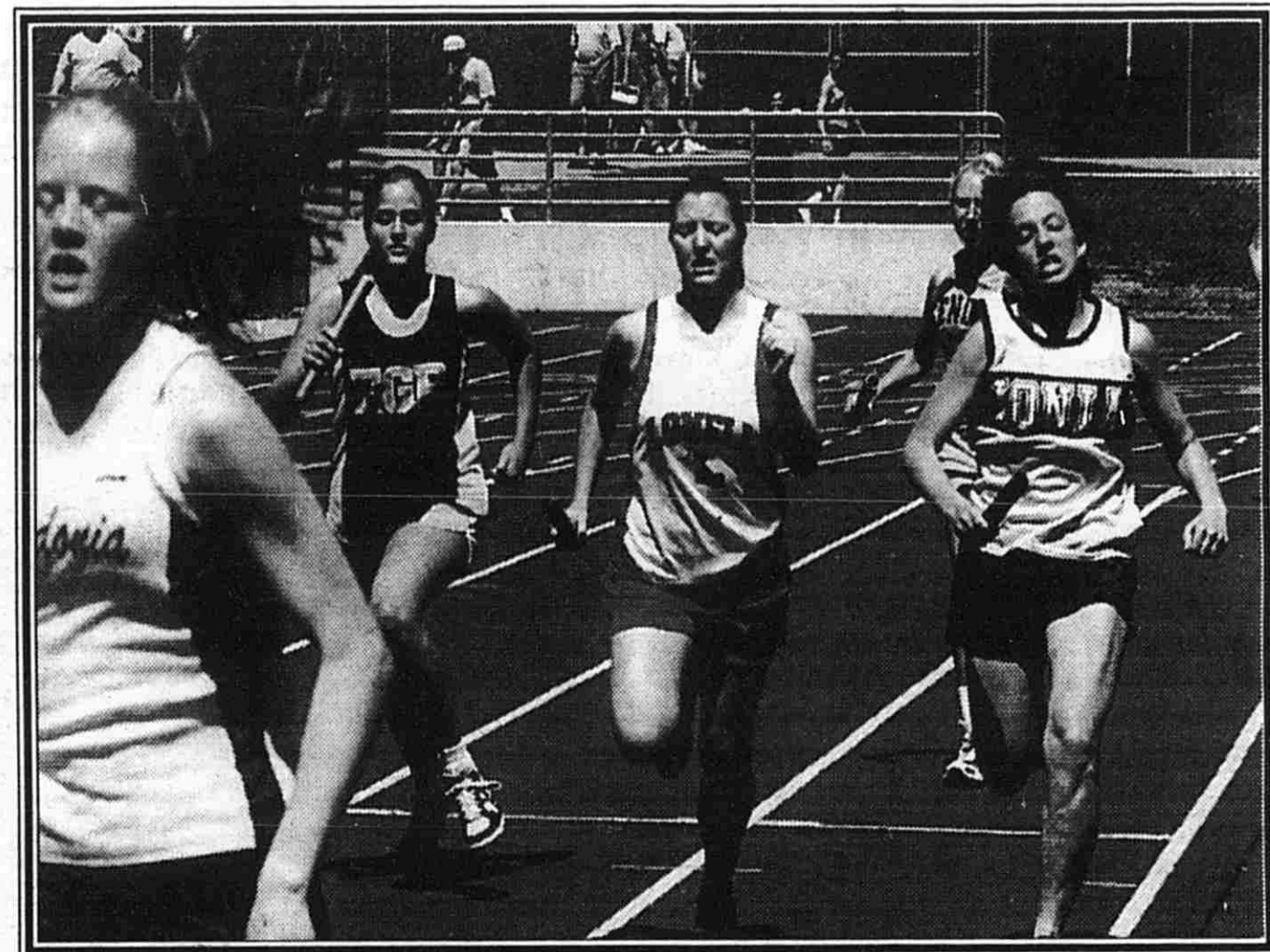
Cunningham gave an inspired effort in the pole vault with a winning height of 7-0. Kirsch won the 3200-meter run (times were not available).

Maggie Wisner earned firsts in the discus (92-2) and shot put (30-4).

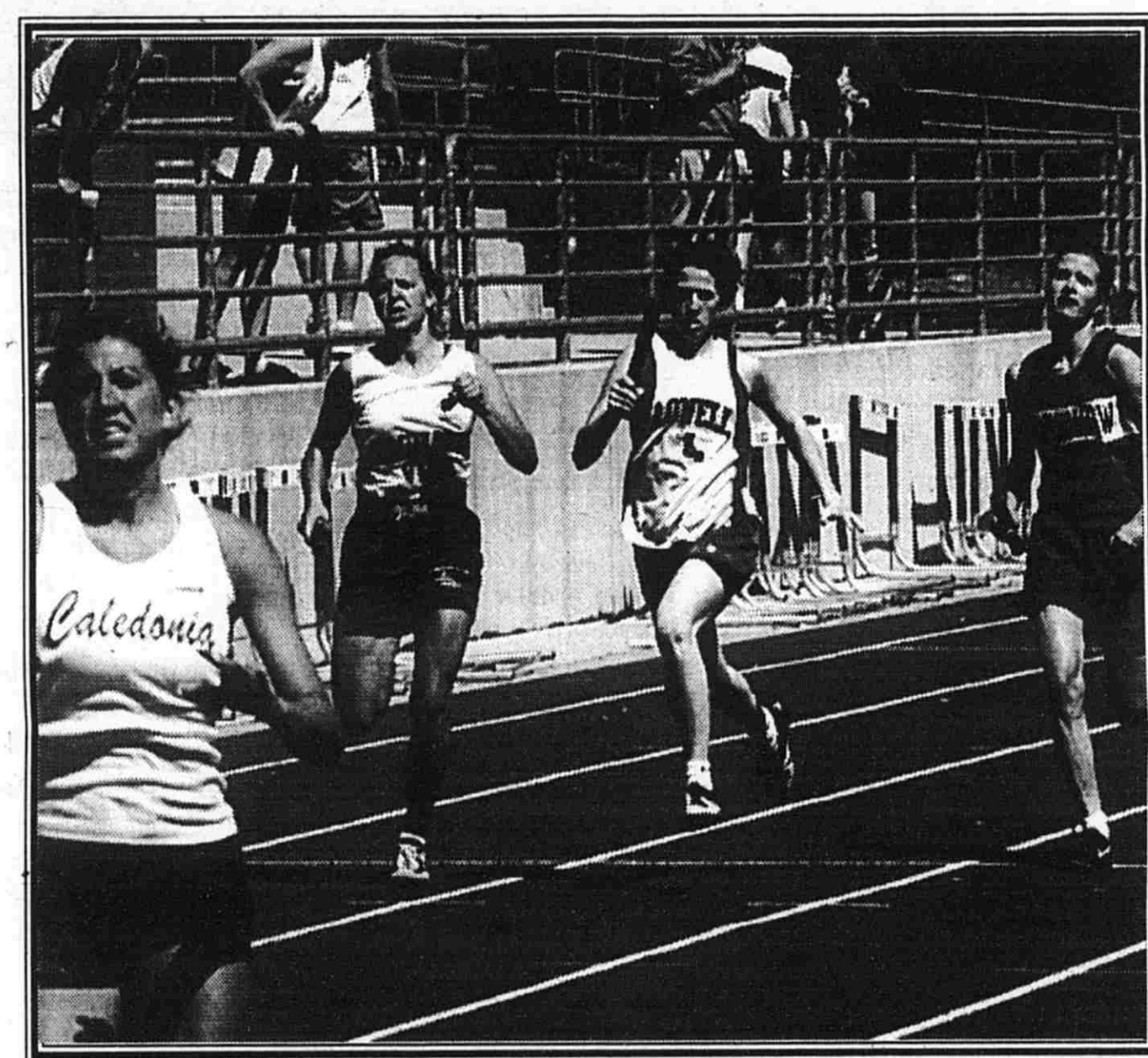
Wyoming Park 101
Lowell 36

The Red Arrows managed just two firsts in their meet against Wyoming Park, the odds on favorite to win the OK White conference.

Celena Risner won the



Lowell's Kelly O'Dell races home with the baton in the 400-meter relay.



Lowell's Celena Risner, second from the right, ran the last leg in Lowell's second-place finish in the 800-meter relay.

long jump with a distance of 15-7 1/4. Kristi Ford won the high jump with a mark of 5-2.

Lowell earned seven second-place finishes against the Vikings.

Risner finished the 100-meter dash (12.95), pole vault (7-0) and the 200-meter dash (27.36).

April Telman came home in the 100 hurdles in 17-2. Trisha McCauley was

clocked at 1:04.8 in the 400-meter run.

Megan Liszewski cleared 4-8 in the high jump while Molly Kirsch stopped the clock in 13:52.68 in the 3200-meter run.

Play improves; Red Arrow soccer team upends Wyoming Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Improved passing and strong pressure from the outset helped the Lowell girls soccer team upend conference rival Wyoming Park 6-3.

"From the start we pressured them and controlled the ball in their end of the field," said Lowell soccer coach Ryan Conlan. "The girls played the ball well and made some nice passes."

The Red Arrows jumped out to a 4-1 first half lead on goals from Kelly Chapman, Kristen Wysocki, Abbey Goff and Lindsay Plescher.

"It may not show in the number of wins, but these girls are getting better and I think they can see it which is helping their confidence," Conlan said.

Lowell got second-half goals from Laura Horsley and Wysocki in its win over the Vikings.

"Wyoming Park is in the same situation that we are... they, too, are trying to build a program," Conlan explained.

Zeeland 4
Lowell 1

Lowell fell behind early but battled late in losing to the Chix Monday night.

"We played the second-place team in the OK White tough," said Ryan Conlan, Lowell girls soccer coach. "In the second half, I thought we took it to them. The girls provided pressure in their end most of the second half."

It resulted in a number of scoring opportunities. Lowell, however, connected on just one. Kristen Wysocki netted Lowell's only goal from 20 yards out.

"We had several opportunities in the second half where we had a chance to score," Conlan said. "We did a better job of moving the ball up the field with passes. We're a young team and the girls are playing hard and getting better."

Conlan recognized Amber Petersen for her play in the net and Beth Larabee for her play as sweeper. "Her decision making has been good. Amber is making some really nice saves," he said. "Beth has been playing well at the sweeper position for us."

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Kate Gunberg works from the cut of the rough at Deer Run in a match against Ionia.

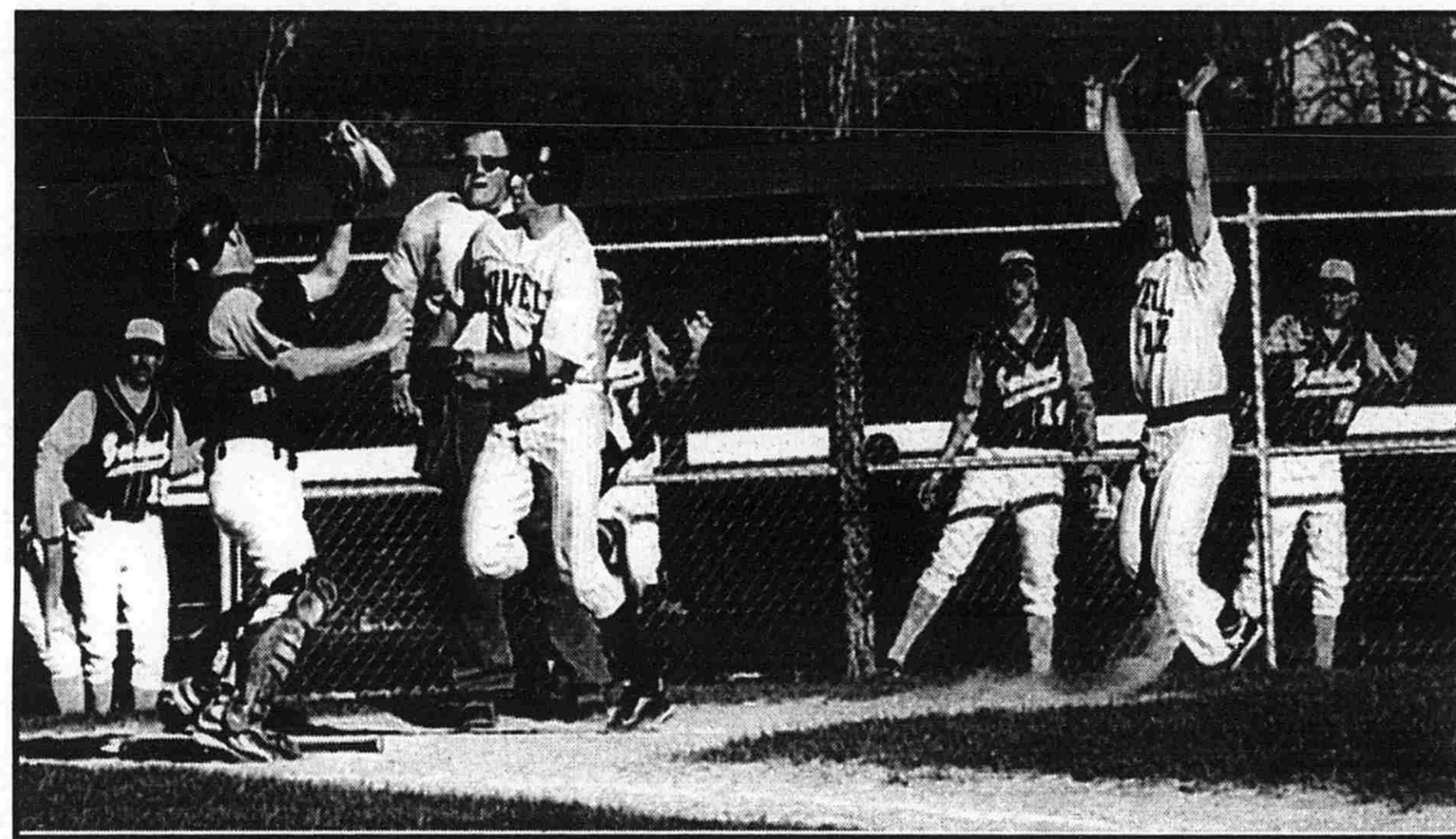
Four-run rally in seventh helps Lowell extend unbeaten streak to 10

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Want to know why the Lowell baseball team is 10-0. Look no further than three numbers: 2.13, .437, and 60.2.

The Red Arrow pitching staff has an earned-run-average of 2.13.

Lowell's team batting average is .437. It's on-base percentage is 60.2.



Lowell's Shane Teelander crosses home plate with the winning run in the seventh inning of the Red Arrows' 10-9 win over Zeeland

"The two numbers that really stick out for me are the team batting average and the on-base percentage," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel explained. "This explains why only two of our games this year have gone the distance (seven innings)."

Lowell continued its shortened-game trend in nonconference wins (11-1, 12-3) over Portland and a league-opening 20-3 hammering of Hastings.

In the Red Arrow five-inning victories against the Red Raiders, Lowell's Steve VanLaan went 4-for-6 at the plate including his third home run of the year. The Lowell senior raised his batting average to .679 over a nine-game stretch. "Right now, he is one of the best hitters in the state," Antel said.

"The baseball is looking like muskmelons to Steve," Andy Graham also enjoyed a big day at the plate against Portland pitching. He was 4-for-5 with a home run. Shane Teelander kept pace with VanLaan as he uncorked his third home run of the season.

In game one, Dusty Gless and Brandon Drier held Portland to one run. In game two, Jim Gilchrist and Brady Foster held the Red Raiders to one run on four hits.

on a number of batters," Antel said. "He worked his way out of a number of jams and only gave up two earned runs." Lowell ran its stolen base total to 80 for the year. Last year, the Red Arrows stole 84 bases the entire season.

Lowell 10-8
Zeeland 9-8

Lowell, which had only played two complete seven inning games going into the doubleheader against Zeeland, needed every last inning against the Chix.

Red Arrow Shane Teelander scored all the way from second on a ground ball over second which Zeeland's second baseman bobbed before making a failed attempt at the plate to get Teelander.

The grounder came off the bat of Dusty Gless. The Lowell pitcher, who had been pulled from the game earlier, was reinstated.

"I was waving Teelander the whole way. I think Gless beats a throw to first on that play. The worst thing in that situation would be to go into extra innings," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said.

Trailing by three, Lowell got a leadoff single from T.J. Thayer to start the inning. Keith Kemen followed with a ground ball into right field, putting Lowell runners at first and second.

Steve VanLaan ripped a RBI double into right-center field, scoring Thayer from second.

Kemen who rounded third was tagged out after slipping and trying to get back to the base.

VanLaan then scored on an RBI double by Keith Valentine, bringing Lowell to within one at 9-8.

Valentine scored moments later on an RBI single by Teelander, who took second on the throw home.

"It took us a while to get to their pitcher, but as the game progressed, I think he lost velocity, control and his curve ball," Antel said. "You give my group of seniors a shot, and they are going to beat you."

Antel also recognized the fine relief his club received from Billy Sanborn and Brady Foster.

"That was Sanborn's first appearance and he did a great job holding Zeeland scoreless," Antel explained. "We had some base-running mistakes but overall, it was a great win for us."

Lowell took an early 3-1 lead in game two, but Zeeland rallied for six runs in the fourth to take a 7-3 advantage.

The Red Arrows showed their metal and battled back to tie the game at 8-8. The game was suspended due to darkness after eight innings of play. It will be completed later in the year.

"If our pitching continues like this, we are going to be very good," Antel said.

In its win over Hastings, Lowell led 3-0, 5-2 and 8-3 before erupting for 12 runs in the fifth inning.

Lowell combined six hits with five walks and two Saxon errors to plate 12 runs.

The big hit in the inning was a three-run homer by Teelander, his fourth of the year.

Keith Valentine and Gless each added two-run singles. T.J. Thayer, Lowell's starting pitcher, went four innings, allowing three runs on seven hits.

"T.J. was rusty in that aspect; he went deep into the count

Lowell girls answer loss to Christian with wins over Hastings and Zeeland

.... Seif's two out, two strike double helped Lowell's softball team rally past Hastings 12-8.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After winning seven straight games to open the season, Lowell girls softball team needed a two-out, three-run double by Jody Seif to avoid a two-game losing streak.

Lowell, which trailed 8-6 after six innings of play, rallied for six runs in the seventh to defeat Hastings 12-8.

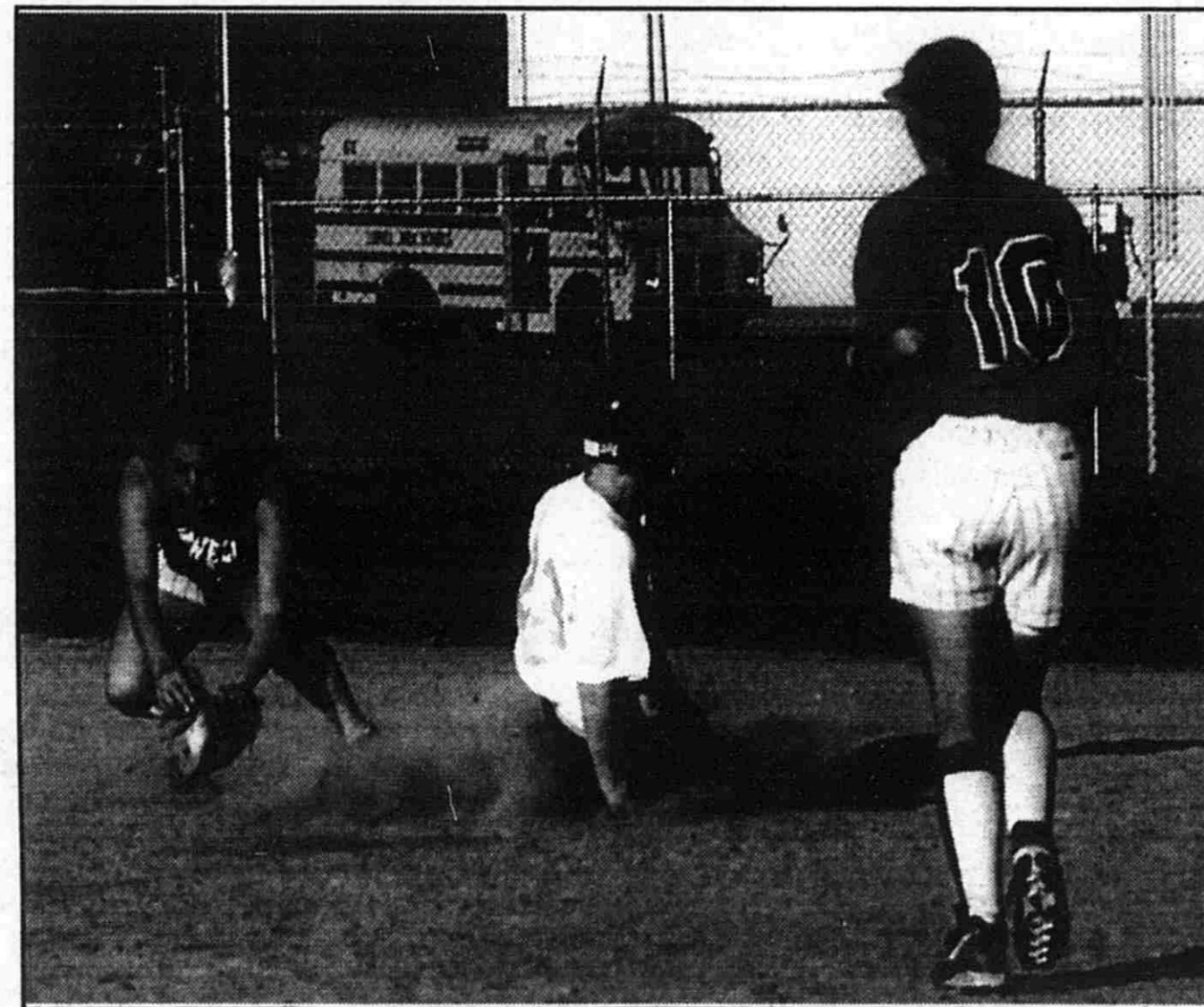
The Red Arrows' seventh inning got started with a leadoff walk to Kelly Kemen. One out later, Rachael Fredline and Angie DeWit coaxed walks to load the bases.

Hastings' pitcher Erica Simpson struck out the next Lowell batter for the second out of the inning.

Seif then came to the plate with two outs. On a one ball, two strike count, the Lowell shortstop ripped a hot grounder down the left field line for a game-tying double. It was Seif's first hit of the game.

Going into her last at-bat, Seif was 0-3 against Simpson. "I had had some good swings but they were caught," Seif said. "In that last at-bat I was looking for something near the middle of the plate. I got it, and was able to hit a hard grounder past the third baseman down the leftfield line."

A walk to Andrea Rickert, two singles and an error accounted for Lowell's fourth, fifth and sixth runs of the inning.



Jody Seif takes a throw from Lowell catcher, Beth Fredline, in an attempt to cut down a Zeeland runner.

Rickert was three-for-four with two RBI and scored a run. Amy Snell was 4-for-5 with an RBI and scored two runs. Rachael Fredline went hitless but walked three times and scored three runs.

"We were not particularly sharp, but it was a good come-from-behind victory," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

For a second straight start, Rickert struggled with her control. Lowell's ace gave up eight runs on six hits while walking 12 and striking out seven.

Lowell 15-10
Zeeland 3-0

Control was not a problem for Andrea Rickert in Lowell's

doubleheader sweep of Zeeland on Friday.

Rickert walked just five Chix batters in two games. Three of those came in the opening inning of game one.

Hitting wasn't a problem for the Red Arrows either. "We just ripped the cover off the baseball," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Trailing 1-0, Lowell bounced Zeeland pitcher Kristi Schipper for six runs in the first inning of game one. The Red Arrows followed that up with a three-run second, a four-run third, and a two-run fourth inning.

Beth Fredline was 2-for-3 with two RBI and scored three runs. Amy Snell collected two hits and scored three times. Jody Seif went 2-for-4, scoring a run and knocked in two.

Becky Brander and Rickert each had one hit and scored three runs. Brander also had an RBI.

Game two started much like game one. Lowell jumped on Schipper for five runs in the first and never looked back.

The hit hit was an RBI triple by Snell. Rachael Fredline hit a home run in the third. An RBI double in the fifth by Angie DeWit helped Lowell plate two runs. Kelly Kemen ended the scoring with an RBI double in the sixth.

The doubleheader sweep pushed Lowell's record to 10-1 overall and 3-0 in the OK White.

G.R. Christian 7
Lowell 1

Poor fielding, hitting and pitching spelled defeat for the first time this year for the Red Arrow softball team.

Lowell scored its only run in the first inning while Christian scored three in the first and tacked on a single run in the third, two in the fourth and one more in the seventh.

"We made too many physical errors (5) and mentally were not in the game," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "We need to come ready to play."

Andrea Rickert went the distance, allowing seven runs on eight hits while striking out 13 and walking eight batters.

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Lowell Waterworks upgrade begins May 14

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A state-of-the-art car wash tunnel will soon be synonymous with Lowell Water Works.

The proposed construction of a 960 square foot addition to the tunnel portion of the car wash received preliminary site approval from the Lowell Planning Commission. The next step is the

Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals.

Jim Sowle, owner of Lowell Water Works, says his current 80 foot conveyor will be lengthened to 100 feet, enabling him to meet today's car wash standards.

With the renovation work, Sowle says Lowell Water Works will be able to double the amount of cars it can send through on a daily basis.

The work to enlarge the entry and prep area is scheduled to begin on May 24.

"We want to make it user friendly for drivers when they enter the car wash," Sowle says. "Ideally, we're working toward a car wash where there is no prepping. The driver pulls in and exits with his car clean, white (white walls) and dry."

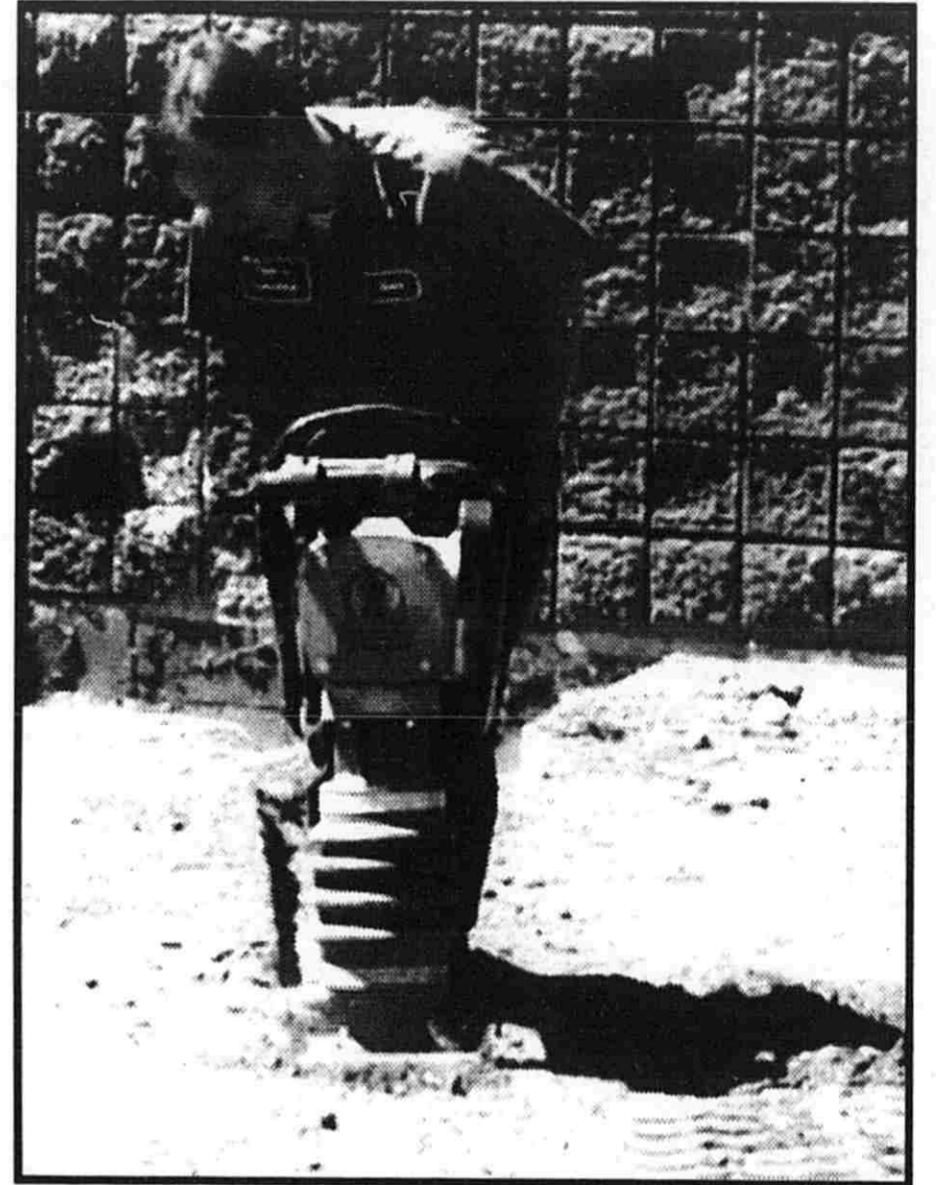
When drivers enter the car wash, they will notice a

huge mirror. It will aid them in aligning their vehicle with the arrow.

If a driver is off by a few inches, a collator will be used to shift the car from one side to the other.

The existing cloth cleaners will be replaced with ones which provide motion so that areas can be better cleaned.

The current drying equipment at the end of the tunnel will be replaced with eight new blowers, each equal to



Steve Hoogewind, of Flier's Trenching, does some of the prep work leading up to the renovation project planned at Lowell Waterworks.

the horsepower of the blowers presently used at Lowell Water Works.

"We're adding two, one million BTU heaters which have the ability to raise the surface temperature of a vehicle to 80 degrees in sec-

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NOMINATION OF THE DOWNTOWN LOWELL HISTORIC DISTRICT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

The Downtown Lowell Historic District in Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, will be considered for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board at the meeting to be held on June 4, 1999, at 10 AM in the Lake Superior Room of the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 717 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Michigan. The Downtown Lowell Historic District contains the properties at 103-411 and 206-318 East Main Street and 101-325 and 96-222 West Main Street (all addresses inclusive) in Lowell.

The national register is the federal government's official list of properties which are deemed to be worthy of preservation because of their importance in American history and culture. National register designation provides recognition and assists in preserving our national heritage. Listing in the national register provides the following benefits:

Eligibility for federal tax provisions: If a property is listed in the national register, certain federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitation of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 800.

Consideration in planning for federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that federal agencies allow for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to have an opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the national register. For farther information, please refer to 36 CFR 800.

Qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available: Presently, funding is unavailable.

Owners of private properties nominated to the national register are given an opportunity to concur with or object to the nomination, in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and federal regulations 36 CFR Part 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property within the district who chooses to object to listing must submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote, regardless of how many properties or what part of one property that party owns. The district will not be listed if a majority of the owners objects to listing.

If the district cannot be listed, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of eligibility for inclusion in the national register. If the district is determined eligible, but not formally listed, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must still be given an opportunity to comment on federal projects which may affect it.

Notarized objections to listing and other comments must be sent to the following address by the time the review board considers the nomination:

Brian D. Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer
Michigan Historical Center
717 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48918-1800

A copy of the nomination, the criteria under which properties are evaluated, and more information on the federal tax benefits are available from the Michigan Historical Center at the above address or by phoning 517/335-2719.

Soccer, cont'd.... From Page 33

**Hudsonville 6
Lowell 1**

A couple of quick scores by the Eagles helped subdue the Red Arrows.

"The girls' play was a little flat," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "They scored a couple of quick early goals and we never recovered."

Lowell's only offensive push came late in the second half when it took four shots on goal, and, Kristen Wycsocki's shot from 35-yards away found the Hudsonville net.

"I had been telling the girls that we need to start taking more shots on goal from farther out, but 35 yards is farther than I had in mind," Conlan explained. "I am pleased that even after falling behind the girls are playing hard."

**EGR 4
Lowell 0**

A skilled Pioneer team played smart, spread the field and executed to near perfection in defeating the Red Arrows.

"Their first three goals were all scored from 25 yards out. East is a very smart and skilled team," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

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