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Commission to reate new communication ower ordinance

•••• AT&T to move forward with s multi-carrier 180-foot pole on ity property.

y J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Everyone loves their phones. So much so that the commucation created cell phones, which created a need for commucation towers and antennas.

These towers in turn have created a need in Lowell for city ficials to come up with some type of ordinance regulating ich towers.

"I'd like to see us postpone action on any towers and work nickly to amend our zoning ordinance," said Lowell Planng Commission chair, Dan Brubaker at the commission's londay night meeting.

For the rest of the commission, however, the question ecame, "Was it fair to force someone who had already illowed the city's rules to wait until the city amended them?"

"Someone decides to build something, reads our ordiance and sees how it should be done, and then we tell them wait until we change the rules?" said planning commisoner John VanderWilp, adding he wasn't certain that was ally fair.

Matt Jurson, who represented AT&T at the meeting, said me was of the essence for his company. AT&T was on the genda for a public hearing to be scheduled for the company's roposal of a multi-carrier 180-foot pole on city property cated off of Gee Drive.

"Three months is a big chunk of time," Jurson said. "And be honest, I don't know if you could come up with an rdinance in three months."

Jurson said, however, AT&T has had experience working ith municipalities that have either had or not had ordinances egulating communication towers such as the one AT&T is roposing. He said the company tries to stay abreast of the urrent trends and requirements, and he believed the city ould find AT&T's proposal to be in line with current uidelines.

With that in mind, the planning commission decided to ork with AT&T and at the same time move forward on eveloping an ordinance for the city to deal with communicaon towers and antennas. Currently, the city does have an rdinance on radio and television towers and antennas, which owell City Manager David Pasquale said is what most ommunication companies wanting to build towers in Lowell ave been looking at.

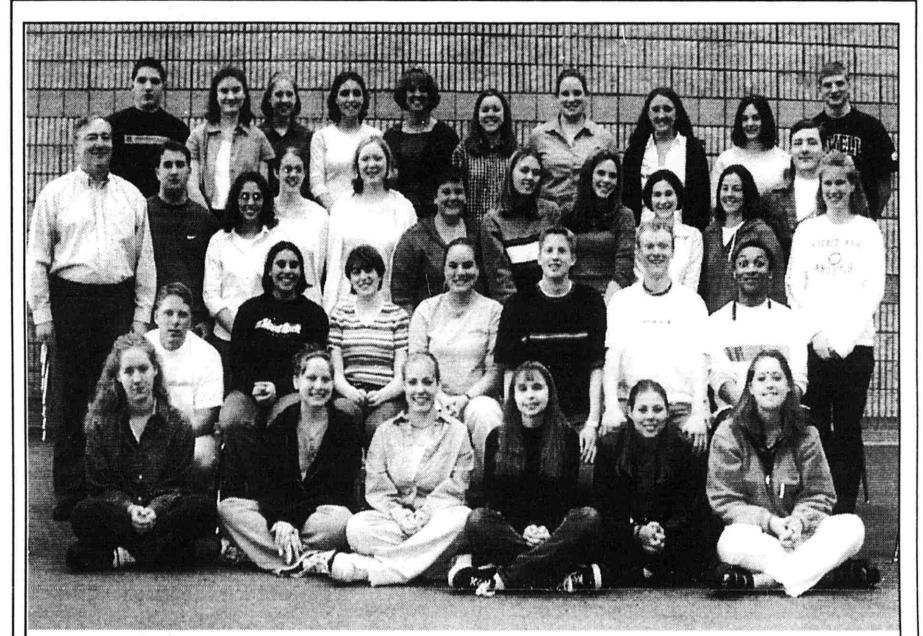
Actually, over the course of the past several months, ommunication companies including Nextel, Century Tel, and T&T have approached the city about putting up towers ithin the city limits. Both AT&T and CenturyTel were at the ity council meeting last week to discuss whether the council yould be interested in lease agreements. Century Tel is intersted in the city property located on Shepard Drive.

"Over the 18 years that I have worked here I have had a umber of communication companies call - AT&T, Nextal, CenturyTel, and others - and it always comes down to the ame two spots: Gee Drive or Shepard Drive," said Public Vorks director, Dan DesJarden.

The council said it would like to see the communication ompanies work together along with Lowell Cable to see if the number of communication towers proposed could be narowed down. The council also asked for feedback from the planning commission.

The planning commission created a subcommittee to be haired by commissioner Clark Jahnke and include Brubaker

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Lowell High School Symphonic Band

'SAGITTARIAN DANCES'

A significant musical score for LHS Class of 2000 and its band director, it will be featured at the May 16 Spring Concert.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There is a significance in being a member of the Class of 2000.

Thanks to the work of some Lowell seniors, there will be a signature to symbolize that significance.

Band officers Felicia Eshragh, Lindsay Perkins, Ryan-Kremer, Leto McElveen, Jennifer Wisner and David Barry (president of the symphonic band) set out two years ago to commission someone to write a song for their graduating class and to celebrate Bob Rice's 27 years as LHS band director.

"We thought it would be cool and something original for our class to leave the school," Eshragh said who took the idea to band Booster president Lanie Rice.

The musical score was put together by Steven Barton, a high school band director at Manchester High School in Midlothian, VA.

"Barton's name was chosen from a list acquired from the director of bands at Michigan State University," Wisner explained.

Rice received copies of the score in January, follow-

ing eight months of work by Barton.

It is titled "Sagittarian Dances." Sagittarian is a person born under Sagittarius, the Archer, a zodiacal constellation, thus giving it a connection to the Red Arrows.

It spotlights certain instruments (trumpet, clarinet, flute, French horn and the Congo drums).

"The piece is very dance-like," said Lowell High School/Middle School band director Kathryn Bredwell. "It's not a real common thing for high school bands to have a song commissioned, but it has been done before."

The premiere of "Sagittarian Dances" will be performed for the first time by the Lowell symphonic band on Tuesday, May 16 at the Lowell High School Spring Concert.

The band got its first look at the musical score in March.

Barton has been entered into The Big 10 Band Commission Project competition.

"It's starting to sound better," said Perkins. "It has some different time signatures."

Class of 2000, cont'd. pg 13

Residents choose Riverwalk Plaza

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The votes are in, and it's an overwhelming decision to name the walk area along the Flat River "Riverwalk Plaza."

About 80 people participated in the survey that ran in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide with 55 votes coming in for the name Riverwalk Plaza. Lafayette Plaza, a favorite among the Lowell Planning Commission, tied for second with Showboat Plaza, each receiving seven votes.

"O.K., there are nine of use and only seven votes for Lafayette Plaza," said planning commissioner, Jim Hall. "Who are the traitors?"

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PIFER - Leslie Pifer, aged Pifer, Larry Lee and Paulette 67. of Saranac, passed away Pifer; sisters Tootie and April 14, 2000. He was born Celora Shilling, Anita and May 28, 1932, in Lansing. Jerry Rodabaugh; eight the son of Otto and Ethel grandchildren and one great-(Huffman) Pifer. He worked grandchild. Funeral Service for General Motors for 30 was held Monday at Lake years before retiring. He was Funeral Home in Saranac with a member of the UAW and a Rev. Matt Harvey officiating. veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the VAN BENNEKOM - Au-Saranac VFW Post and a gust(Gus) D. VanBennekom, member of the Independent aged 64, of Saranac, passed Order of Foresters. He married Dorothy in 1981; she survives him in Saranac. Also in Grand Rapids on October surviving are his sons Stanley 21, 1935, to the parents of Pifer of Potterville, Steven John and Ruth (Geiger) and Dawn Pifer of Saranac; VanBennekom. He retired daughters Susan and Chuck from Blough Polishing and Holton of Washington, Buffing last year. He married Sharon and Bradford Carter Judy Chorley October 1977 of Diamondale, Hope and in Lowell. Besides his wife Tom Shaw of Remus; broth- Judy he is survived by four ers LaVern (Bud) and Ira sons Dick (Bernice)

away Friday, April 14, 2000,

dren. He was preceded in death by one daughter Teresa in 1999. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Deacon Scheid of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Belding officiating; interment

at his residence. He was born Clarksville Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make con-



Hospice of Michigan.

tributions to Grand Rapids

Cats have two sets of vocal cords: one for purring, one for meowing.

VanBennekom of Greenville, Paul (Linda) VanBennekom of Saranac, Burt (Judy)VanBennekom of Saranac and Daniel (Lisa) White of Fenwick; four daughters Sharon (Bryce) Weeks of Saranac, Julie (Rick) Meyers of By Thaddeus J. Kraus Saranac, Melissa (Sid) Graham of Rockford and Judy (Robert) Hardy of Saranac:

one son-in-law Dirk Lake of Lowell Cable Television is one of 54 businesses, col-Ionia; four brothers Ronald (Alice) VanBennekom of leges and organizations throughout the Greater Grand Walker, Douglas (Judy) VanBennekom of Saranac, Rapids and Lakeshore areas participating in the seventh Robert (Mary Ann) annual West Michigan Sci-VanBennekom of Ithaca and John VanBennekom of Beld-The festival, which runs ing; one sister Ruth Ann April 15-26, celebrates the (Pete) Rittersdorf of wonder of science, mathemat-Greenville; 20 grandchildren and many great-grandchil-

variety of events in manufacturing, electronics, health care, engineering and more.

Lowell Cable Television

Festival will feature LL&P/

The goal is to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of these subjects in the careers of the future among students, teachers, parents, and the commu-

Lowell Light & Power/ Lowell Cable, a provider of electricity and cable television services to over 2,500 homes and businesses in the information with those who ics and technology through a Lowell area, is one of four

first-year participants.

Tom Richards, marketing and programming manager for Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television, was involved in a Science Olympiad project for WGVU a few years back "The same people who sponsored the Science Olympiad also sponsor the festival," he explains. "The festival is an opportunity to highlight what we're doing and to share

Women's Club News & Notes:

The March meeting of the Lowell Women's Club was held at Lowell High School

Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Light & Power/

A very interesting program was presented by the senior girls, honorary members of the club. International affairs was updated by Callie Boyce, Kristen Wysocki and Felicia Eshragh. Laurie Judy Straub Borgerson and Biener and Beth Fredline talked about education.

The school update was presented by Beth Fredline, Elissa Kinney, Annie Zalokar and Tara May. Several Irish songs were performed by Becky Reagan and Gerry Frances.

These students were Ivo Stefanov of Bulgaria, Andreea Inancu of Romania, Mariana Vieira of Brazil, Midori Ogihara of Japan and Julia Gaehri of Germany Luanne Kaeb of the LAHA spoke about the progress of

played some historical clothing of past years. The April 12 meeting was held at Schneider Manor and sponsored by Helen Murphy on "Superstitions

this organization and dis-

The exchange students manor. Kelly Chapman spoke were introduced and gave on public relations and gave their likes and dislikes of at- the monthly school report. tending Lowell High School. Kristie Akers told of her attendance last year at the annual Hobey conference sponsored by Women's Club Matt Barry will be the representative next year.

Entertainment was provided by the Kitchen Band from Wyoming Park United Methodist Church

The next meeting will be held at Schneider Manor on May 10. Scholarships for senior girls will be awarded. The speaker will be Jane Koewers, a resident of the Their Origin.

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Business teacher ready to share revamped school website

•••• www.lowell.k12.mi.us is another communication tool in place which can be used by staff, students, administration and the community.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Not so long ago when a Business teacher. Lowell computer student called up Lowell on a search engine, he/she got Lowell, Massachusetts.

That has changed, thanks to the tireless work of Cari Slot, Lowell High School

On Wednesday (April 19), a revamped and improved Lowell schools website was up and running and acces-

Amy Hayes, Cherry Creek Elementary assistant princi-

pal, front, other administrators and school board members,

Commission removes

from downtown park

•••• The property located in the

utilized as part of the upcoming

To allow for greater flexibility, the Lowell Planning

The Senior Citizen Memorial Park, located in the 300

The planning commission agreed and after a public

"It will allow us greater flexibility with the property," said

Actually, city officials are considering utilizing the prop-

Commission decided to remove the park designation on a

block of E. Main between Lowell Auto Body and Tummino

law firm, has been under discussion for the past month after

councilmember Ray Quada recommended its park designa-

hearing at its Monday night meeting, unanimously voted to

remove the park designation for the area from the master plan.

Lowell City Manager David Pasquale. "It doesn't necessarily

erty as part of its upcoming City Hall/police station project.

Nothing has been finalized at this point. The Lowell City

Council and/or the Planning Commission would be involved

erty," Pasquale explained. "We haven't determined what we

other items currently at the park be moved to other city parks

"We haven't determined what we will do with the prop-

The recommendation has been made that the plaque and

in any final decision determining the fate of the property

mean that we will sell the property, but we could do that.'

CityHall/police station project.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

tion be removed because of lack of use.

will do with the items on the property."

where they would be better seen and utilized.

small downtown park.

300 block of E. Main may be

surfed the improved website first-hand Monday night

park designation

sible on the internet. The revamped site (www.lowell.k12.mi.us) has 14 main pages and off that there are somewhere between 60-70 other pages website users can surf

Slot, over the last twoand-a-half months, has overhauled the school's website. "It's been under construction," Slot explains. "Because it is now available on the internet does not mean we're done. It remains a constant work in progress.'

The business teacher says the website is another communication tool which can be used by staff, students, administration and the commu-

"I have many things envisioned for it. It is a great way to get out information to the public," Slot said.

Some of the information which can be currently found on the website includes MEAP results, a curriculum guide with full course descrip- ment and school organiza-

dent handbook, and accessiward for Lowell," said Lowbility to many e-mail links. ell superintendent Bert Bleke. Users will be able to access site to all Lowell school buildings, the athletic depart-

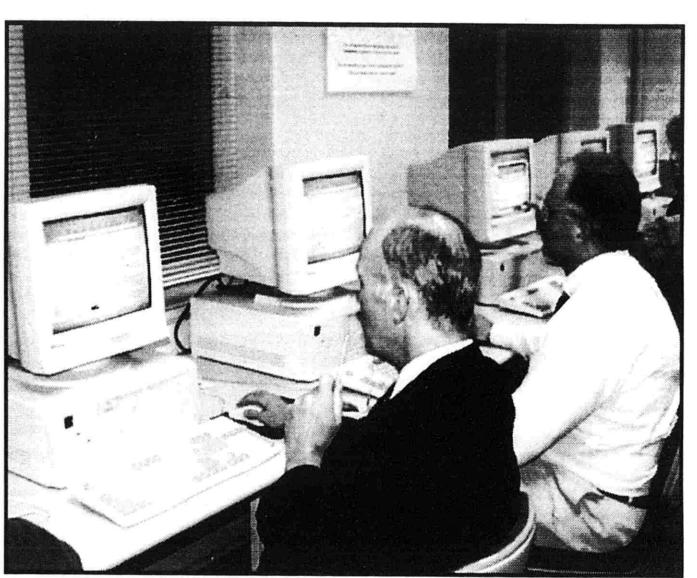
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"Cari has spent a ton of her "This is a giant leap forown time on building a website. The district is grate-



Lowell School Board president, Pete Gustafson, left, and Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw spend just a few moments reading a letter from superintendent Bert Bleke which can be found on the website.

'90 class reunion, Aug. 12

Lowell High School's class of 1990 will be holding its 10-year class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Deer Run Golf Course.

at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7. The cost is \$25 per person.

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MOTIONS APPROVED:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Motion to approve the consent agenda

Motion to approve the resolution with change in paragraph 5 to read "Therefore the Grattan Township Board does hereby resolve to support the agreement for property tax administration services and pay the required to the upgrade expense with conditions.

Motion to approve the Kent County Road Commission work order in the amount of \$41,000 for Tiffany Avenue

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber



Beatrice Wheaton

would like to thank

the following people who helped with the memorial service: Rev. Dimmick, for a deeply moving service, Carolyn King who read the eulogy, Rita Kline who sang Bea's favorite United Methodist for their women catered marvelous luncheon. Also, the remembers thoughtful cards, inquiries & flowers. An additional thanks to both Dimmick 8 Rev. Barry for their visits with Bea at Metro & Home of Hope. Those visits meant the world to Bea. Bea's entire family would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the numerous individuals who expressed their sympathy for them during their time of sorrow.

Mona Wheaton & Wicky Alvarez 8 Cary Lewis & family & Betty Kline



Rev. William Renkema. Pastor Calvary Christian Reformed Church

us hear God saving, like He areas of our lives. said to Noah, "Make yourself

pened to Samuel.

blind to see the light, or too It's as if we were to say, "I spiritually deaf to listen to the think I know better than You. voice. The fact is that the light God, what will make me is there, and so is the voice. happy. I don't trust You. If I The Bible is a light and a lamp let You run my life. You're to me if I believe it is God's going to short-change me." Word, which I do. His voice comes to me through it, as it in Romans 8:32, "He who did does to all believers.

will, I think there are several will he not also, along with things we need to do.

dren of God, committed to ever we need in order to hapfollowing His teaching in the pily do His will. Bible. How can we expect God to lead us in other areas about accepting God's will that basic area - that of personal a relationship, an ambition, a faith in Jesus?

Plaza,

cont'd....

From Page 1

After a few chuckles, Hall

said he would like to be the

one to make the motion to

submit the name "Riverwalk

Plaza" to the Lowell City

Council. The council will re-

view the name and make a

final decision at its next meet-

ing on April 24 at the Engle-

included Down Town Plaza.

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to obey God in the areas of our Christ—and I consciously lives in which His will is clear. and joyfully commit myself If God says to us in the Bible to You for You to do with me Have you ever noticed that we should do something, as You choose.' And when how hard it is sometimes to or stop doing something, we we come to that place, we figure out exactly what God need to obey Him. Our dis- will be able to say with Paul. is telling us and where He is obedience will cloud our per- and mean in the depths of our leading us? Not too many of ception of God's will in other hearts, 'To me to live is

Third, we must be willing an ark," or to Abram, "Leave to accept God's will for us in us? The most common way your country, your people and advance. By that I mean that is through the commands, your father's household and we need to place ourselves at values, and principle He about to happen to Him. In go to the land I will show God's disposal, to do with us teaches us in the Bible. That as He pleases. This can be is the most basic way. There if it is not possible for this cup I've often wished for difficult if we don't trust God are other secondary ways. to be taken away unless I drink God's voice to come to me in implicitly. What if He makes Sometimes when we pray, it, may your will be done." a moment of blinding light, us do something we don't feel like it did to Saul, in the Bible, like doing? What if He wants or even as a quieter voice, me to live in Northern Alaska calling, "Bill," as hap- when I want to be in Honolulu? Isn't that kind of think-Maybe I'm too spiritually ing really an insult to God?

The truth, however, is told not spare his own Son, but In order to find out God's gave him up for us all—how him, graciously give us all First, we must be chil-things?" God gives us what-

Paul Little once wrote of our lives if we haven't fol- "it will involve eliminating lowed His leading in the most areas of hold-out in your life qualification. No more say-

ing, 'I'll go anywhere, Lord, God gives us a conviction but ...' or 'I'll go and do about what we need to do. anything, but it's got to be Sometimes He leads us with so-and-so.' Rather we through the circumstances of will say, 'Lord, you've cre- our lives, opening some doors ated me and I belong to You and closing others. Someby creation. Even when I was times He leads us through the a rebel against You, You counsel and advice of good loved me enough to die for friends. me. Everything I am and have belongs to You. I'm not my we've prayed, if we've tried own; I'm bought with a

So how does God lead

Christ.

If we've read the Bible, if to understand the circum-Second, we need to want price—the precious blood of stances of our lives, and if we've consulted our friends. and then still are confused. we need to set out, using our sanctified common sense, and trust that the Lord will show us along the way whether we are right or wrong.

Underlying everything are the words of Jesus just before His crucifixion. He struggled with the will of God the Father regarding what was prayer He said, "My Father,

MEIRELLES IS MARVELOUS

•••• Pianist shares her

extraordinary talents at Performing Arts Center

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Meirelles play the Maria Meirelles shared some of her piano is to under- Beethoven favorites.

stand passion, eloquence and style. The Rio de Janeiro native read music at 2 1/2 and began performing at the age of five.

"I was born in the right place. I had the passion," Meirelles says, following her performance at the Lowell Performing Arts Center." I can't remember not enjoying it. I've always felt at home playing the piano. I read music before I could read Portuguese.

Meirelles shared her brilliant style, tone and technique with the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation's Tribute Tree guests.

Her 90-minute music performance brought to life the classical music of Bach, Beethoven, Gershwin, Villa-Lobos, Chopin and Liszt.

"My mother taught me the piano and introduced me to Meirelles cont'd. pg. 6



The Meirelles' performance also included music from classical artists Gershwin, Chopin and Liszt.

AREA BIRTHS

Jim and Becky Reagan re proud to announce the oirth of Theresa Kathleen "Tess" Reagan, born April 5, 2000, at Spectrum Health Downtown. She weighed 8 bs. 8 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Tess is welcomed home by big brother Jacob. Grandparents are Bob nd Carol Reagan and Bob and Judy Dine.



Theresa Kathleen Reagan

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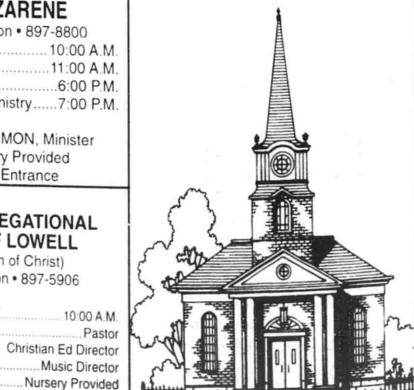
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The Vision Lowell Schools Superintendent

The recent announcement of the Everett Wittenbach family gift of \$200,000 for the construction of an agri-science

were about five times what I'm used to paying. Seriously!

Viewpoint.

cozy corner

I have been commuting from Michigan to Florida on a near

monthly basis for several years. People who know me only

through this column are aware that I am a pilot. Judging from

conversations on the street or in the grocery, it seems to be a

common conception out there that I fly my own plane back and

forth on these trips. That does sound adventuresome, dashing

discount fares way in advance and fly the cheapest seat on the

cheapest airlines during the cheapest part of the week. I'm

scrunched in back there with the families on a pilgrimage to see

the "mouse" and the business travelers who haven't worked

their way up the corporate ladder into first class. Nothing

fabric. The cockpit is open to the elements. Cruising speed is

about 80 miles per hour. It's about 1,300 nautical miles from

point to point on my trip. Fuel burn is about thirteen gallons per

subtract any sense of sanity. You'll find that to make this trip

in my airplane would take several days, cost ten times an

airline ticket in gas and would likely kill an old poop like me.

April trip. It has been ten years since I bought the old girl.

During my meandering trip ferrying the plane home from

Utah, I stopped at the Sun 'n' Fun Airshow held annually in

Lakeland, Florida. The trip would have been a little anniver-

sary celebration and a test for my butt to still endure those kinds

of hours. After a day at the show I'd mosey on to my job further

south in Florida and fly home later in the month. My plans were

dashed when my salesperson quit and left me scrambling to

find and train a replacement. I got on the phone to my travel

is advance. The further in advance you buy your ticket, the

deeper the discounts. By the time this all shook out, I was well

under two weeks in advance of the time I wanted to travel. To

make matters worse, it is spring break and Easter. Availability

TO THE EDITOR

Being a Lowell Cable TV subscriber I took a neutral stance

a couple of months ago when different viewing packages were

offered to the city of Lowell for an increased monthly cost.

Although the prices were high, I felt that offering the various

packages was a step in the right direction to remain competitive

current basic plan offered from Lowell Cable. It offers a great

deal of channels at a reasonable price (even at the price

increase implemented at the beginning of the year). However,

monthly fee would finally justify the purchase of a satellite

dish. From my calculations, I figured the next rate increase

from Lowell Cable for years (KBD for example), but the

biggest disappointment was delivered by Lowell Cable last

Thursday night (4/13/00) when I attempted to view the Detroit

Red Wings' first playoff game on ESPN. I was shocked to see

the channel "scrambled," and no picture being transmitted.

I have tolerated a variety of channels not being offered

would be approximately 12 - 18 months away.

I have expressed my opinion to many people regarding the

I made a pact to myself that any increase above the current To The Editor.

in the current market.

A word synonymous with discount in the airline industry

Reality aside, I did consider flying my antique for this

My airplane was built in 1941. The wings are wood and

dashing or romantic about it!

by Roger Brown

overnight bag and organized the necessary charts. I was owning my Stearman! airborne by a quarter to one.

The first leg of the trip went well until I bumped into expected bad weather at the base of the Smoky Mountains in Tennessee. I put down in the rain northeast of Chattanooga where I gassed up and checked the weather both on a computerized real-time weather system and with flight service. Of course, the weather was worse than predicted and the entire and romantic. However, the truth of the matter is I shop area was under instrument flight rules (IFR). I don't have an instrument rating so I was theoretically socked in. I took off anyway. I felt my way off to the southwest, inching around the worst of the weather and hoping to get to lower terrain and a possible window through this mess. I finally threw in the towel and put down at Winchester, Tennessee. Again I checked the weather on the computer and called flight service. Conditions were deteriorating, if anything. I gave up for the night and settled into a sandwich from my bag for dinner and a restless night on the couch at the airport. A little saying I've heard a thousand times since I learned to fly goes, "Time to spare? Go hour. Add all that up, multiply by my age, divide by pi (add a scoop of ice cream if you like arithmetic a la mode), then finally by air!"

The next morning I was again working the computer and on the phone with flight service. Now we not only had clouds, rain and fog obscuring the mountainous terrain in the area, but a low-pressure system had settled into the southeast as well. The low was actively sucking moisture in from the gulf. My entire planned route of flight was one big soupy IFR mess. And worse, it was forecast to remain that way for at least two days. On to plan F. When the airport manager showed up about nine o'clock, I inquired about car rental agencies. It so happened Winchester had one. I called and they had one car left. Seems there had been a rash of accidents in the foul weather of late. The car was an older model bare bones Ford Escort with 80,000 miles on her. The cost was \$239 for a week with unlimited

By a quarter to ten I was on the road. Just after midnight I pulled into my driveway in the Florida Keys with a little over 1,000 miles on the tripometer. I'm getting way too old to behave like this. The next morning I was out and about making sales calls and barely knew my name. Sunday was an off day

channel will be scrambled for the duration of the game.

has been sold out for years and there would be no reason to

from Lowell Cable to profit from scrambling the signal.

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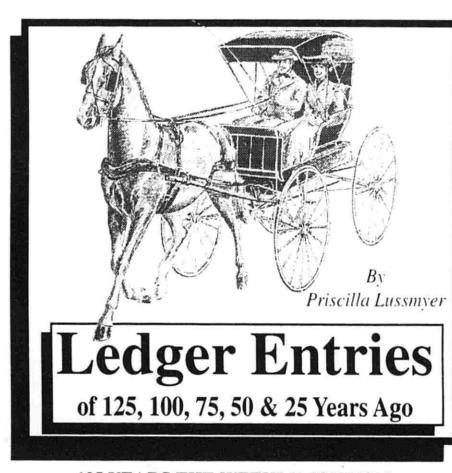
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easy decision and much luck in your limited future.

was almost non-existent and prices for what seats were left for me in the sales end of the business. I sort of got my feet back under me by doing little putter things like washing cars and On to plan C. or D. I do own an interest in a 1976 Cessna yard work. By Monday I was feeling somewhat human. 180. It is a more modern airplane than the Stearman. It will Despite all the trials and tribulations. I'm here and on the job. cruise at 130 to 140 miles per hour, has an enclosed cockpit and There is just one thing bothering me. You guessed it ... I have even some radio equipment. It was still going to be a long trip, to drive that little Ford all the way back to Tennessee, get in that but much better than driving. I worked with my new sales guy stupid airplane and fly it on up to Michigan. I'm working on right up until I absolutely had to leave. That was last Thursday booking airline tickets through next April, just so I won't be at about noon. I had already gassed the plane, packed an tempted to try this stunt again on the 11th anniversary of



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 21, 1875**

The lower Grand River bridge is being repaired with planks running lengthwise of the bridge, plus a railing.

The Flat River log drive is moving past Greenville, and has not needed water from the reservoirs yet.

The Langley Building, northeast corner of Bridge and Monroe, is for sale at a bargain. Mr. Langley is moving west. The new Kent County Atlas by Belden Co. will be started soon if there are sufficient subscribers. The atlas will include maps, histories, biographies, lithographs of prominent houses and directory.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 19, 1900**

A high death rate in Michigan for March lists the first three causes as pneumonia, tuberculosis and accidents.

Congress appropriates \$3 million for a cable between San Francisco and Honolulu "See the great Edison Cinematographe, moving pictures,

at Train's Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings." The woolen mill machinery has been removed, so anyone

After a phone call to Lowell Cable to get an explanation, a "Lowell Power" employee relayed a message from Lowell needing water power and good shipping facilities has a first-Cable that this, in fact, is the case and the Lowell Cable ESPN class opportunity to go into business. Any hockey fan knows that every Detroit Red Wing game

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 23, 1925

block transmission of any game, unless there was some way The senior play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," will be preented tonight and tomorrow night at City Hall. Prof. Clark Whatever the case may be, I want to thank Lowell Cable for will conduct the high school orchestra. finally making my transition of purchasing a satellite dish an

Hildegard Link of Lowell received a first place in declamation in the three-county high school speech contest.

Curbside rubbish will be picked up free during Clean-Up Week, starting April 27.

The Strand Theatre offers a big week: "Code of the Sea." Flowing Gold," "Peter Pan" (no actors named on this one), and "Tiger Love."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 20, 1950

Flooding and runoff problems lead the county drain commissioner to recommend moving Cherry Creek over, west of the village limits.

The U.S. Postmaster General tries for support from the public for increasing PO appropriations by ordering local postmasters to cut service, even to one delivery per day.

The Federal Trade Commission cracks down on companies who claim that antihistamines are cold cures.

Kiel's Greenhouse suffers \$20,000 in losses from a fire in very cold weather. Three other greenhouses shelter the plants which could be saved.

25 YEARS LOWELL LEDGER AND SUBURBAN LIFE APRIL 17, 1975

The City and 4-H Fair Association dickering over proviback the community" also serves to remind each of us of our sions of the lease go on and on.

The Federal Trade Commission accuses Amway of illegal Lowell has been richly blessed with several large and price-fixing, based on its multi-level merchandising. Amway says no - they are not fixed. Vergennes' artist Joe Kinnebrew's new fish ladder in

have a huge impact on the fiber of our community. Yet we must Grand Rapids has brought the steelheads back to the Flat River: be careful not to miss the significant message of these gifts. a 13-pound, 34-inch lunker was caught behind King Milling That being that each of us has an obligation to "give back to the last week.

community." Critical to the success of our community and The school board wrestles with the problem of disappear-Sharing The Vision, cont'd., pg. 9 ing contingency funds.

ZBA approval next step in miniature golf course request

•••• Construction on the miniature golf course could begin as early as late April.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

with the greatest of ease.

mance all of my life," Meirelles says.

For Bob VanNoller, he has one more obstacle to get around before heading to the "18th hole" with his proposal to build a miniature golf course.

VanNoller approached the Lowell Planning Commission about getting an open-air permit to construct the golf course, which would be located at his Roll Away Family Fun Center, 805 E. Main. The commission unanimously approved the request after a public hearing at its Monday night meeting.

She has made the most of her extraordinary talent. She

in piano performance at the University of Michigan where she studied with international virtuoso, Gyorgy Sandor, Charles

with her mother, renowned pianist, Nicia Roubaud.

VanNoller, however, has one more round to go with the amount of time doing so. city. He must meet with the city council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, this Monday to get approval for two variances: lot size and number of parking spaces required. VanNoller said he believes the addition of the miniature

golf course will only add to the family-owned business. "I think this will continue to bond with the business and make it a well run business," VanNoller said.

The planning commission did raise several questions about security and vandalism, and equipment removal should the business fail. VanNoller said he is investing in this

particular miniature golf course because of the resale value. As for vandalism, he is hoping the fact that his family lives on the property, the lighting and three-foot high, multicolored rose hedge on the property, and the traffic on M-21 will act as

"We wanted to make it beautiful first and not worry about the security as much," VanNoller said, adding that any vandals wishing to remove something would need to spend a large

The planning commission granted the open-air permit on the condition that VanNoller obtain his variance requests for parking and lot size. For a miniature golf course, VanNoller is supposed to have three parking spaces per hole or 54 spaces. He only has 36. The commission at its March meeting decided three per hole was excessive. Also, VanNoller's property falls short of the one-acre requirement, but planning commission officials decided that the public right of way on Horatio Street, which is used by VanNoller, could be counted, bringing his property to the required size.

VanNoller must also get a performance bond or guarantee for the landscaping around the miniature golf course and meet signage requirements as stated in the city's zoning ordinance.

If all goes according to plan, VanNoller said he intends to start construction on the miniature golf area the day after the April 24 meeting with the city council. The miniature golf course should be ready in about six weeks.

Meirelles, continued.... From Page 4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bach and Beethoven," Meirelles said. Her father also played Fisher, and Eugene Bossart. a hand in her piano playing. He taught her the more contempo-Meirelles earned a scholarship to Juliard. She stayed there rary music when mother was through with the classical pieces. just a short time. "I just felt my instructor at Michigan was "He called it the fun music," she explains. better. I wasn't going to stay at Juliard because it had more prestige. Michigan, though, has the third best music program The fun and amazement was left for Sunday's audience as

they marvelled as Meirelles' hands glided over the piano keys in the country. She completed her doctorate work on Beethoven because "I've been blessed being around a pianist and perforof the body of work and the challenge of playing all 32 of

"I performed all of them in one day. It took me from 9:30 graduated from the Brazilian Conservatory, where she studied a.m. until 10:30 p.m. with a (few breaks)," she said.

Her goal is to some day perform all of the Prokofiev She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees

APRIL 20: Jim Hodges, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna Peterson, Kendra Merriman, Angela Miller. APRIL 21: Roxann Roth, Connie Phillips, Ernest Smith, Ian

Newhouse, Daniel Titcombe. APRIL 22: Mallorie VanderWarf, Tim Hill, Mackenzie Hacker, Sharon Potter.

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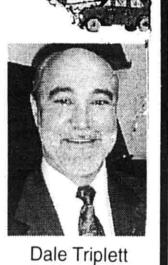
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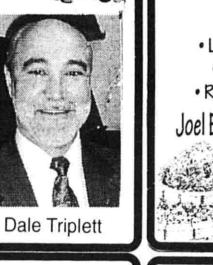
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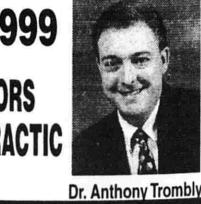
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Education Foundation adds names to Tribute Tree

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation paid tribute to three new inductees for their spirit, generosity, vision and educational dedication Sunday at the

Whether it was sewing the flags and markers that line the field where her husband taught young men how to play munity football, or washing their uniforms, or organizing Lowell

Communication Tower, cont'd.... From Page 1

and commissioner Mike Harding. The entire commission plans to meet at a special meeting set for May 8 at City Hall to discuss the subcommittee's findings along with talking to city attorney, Dick Wendt. Brubaker also invited any of the communication companies to sit in on the meeting if they so desired.

At the same time, the planning commission set a public hearing on AT&T's proposal to construct a 180-foot tower on the city property on Gee Drive. The tower would be located behind or north of the city's current water tower.

fourth annual Tribute Tree Schools' first food service respected for her contribuprogram, Helen Burch was there for her husband (Chris Burch), their children and the children of the Lowell com-

> Sometimes it was just giving a hug and saying everything would be all right," said ily and community has been unwavering."

> Quada and others joined family and friends in paying tribute to a special lady.

The Lowell Board of Education paid tribute to Chris and Jill Van Antwerp for their individual and joint contributions to the community and for their continued involve- unending. ment in the community.

Jill Van Antwerp is highly

tions to the English and literature departments at Lowell High School. Chris VanAntwerp is equally respected for his contributions to art education.

VanAntwerps are a part of a nucleus which helped Tribute Tree emcee Ray found the Lowell Area Arts Quada. "Her concern for fam- Council. "Every event the arts council has sponsored has been touched by the hard work of Chris and Jill," Quada said. "Their perseverance and dedication have been unend-

Wittenbach family, in search

Education Foundation paid

tribute to June and Everett

"Steve" Wittenbach for their

support of the Lowell educa-

Wittenbachs volunteered to

sell over a hundred acres of

land to the school district,

making possible the high

school facility on Vergennes

At a critical time in 1992.

tional community

The Lowell Area Schools of a meaningful project as a fitting tribute to their mother and father, chose to make a substantial contribution to the Lowell Area Education Foundation for the construction of the Everett and June Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Cen-

"This gesture will continue to positively impact the community of Lowell for a Most recently, the long time to come," Quada

Every event the arts council has sponsored has been touched by the hard work of Chris and Jill. Their perseverance and dedication have been

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For more information, call 897-5936. All donations are tax deductible.

NIGHT OF JAZZ

Lowell Middle School and Lowell High School jazz bands. respectively, will present a concert on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 p.m. in the high school performing arts center. Following them will be Central Michigan University Jazz Lab Band One under the direction of Jack Saunders.

Ticket prices are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and may be purchased from any jazz band member or at the door.

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SPRING FLING AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Come and join Cherry Creek and Bushnell students and staff at their annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 27. Bushnell Elementary from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and Cherry Creek from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for "Person of the Year." Please mail a brief summary of the person you wish to nominate to: LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, Mich. Deadline is April 30.

RIDING THE RAILS WITH JIM WINSLOW

The Lowell Area Historical Association will present a program titled "Riding the Rails with Jim Winslow" on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall (lower level). Winslow will share photos, slides and artifacts from his more than 40,000 item collection on West Michigan railroads. His talk will focus on Lowell's first two railroads. Light refreshments will be served following his talk.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

There will be a fun workshop (cooking special treats) for you and your child on Wed., April 19 from 10-11 a.m. Also on April 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Call Carol Briggs at 897-8415 to register - space is

FREE LEARNING LAB PRESCHOOL

The Child Psychology class at Lowell High School will be conducting their annual free learning lab preschool starting April 25 every other day until May 19 at the high school in room B-210 from 9:45 - 11:10 a.m. Call Marsha LaHave during regular school hours at 897-4125 to register.

EVENING OF CON-**TEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC**

The Lowell First Congregational Church will present a contemporary Christian music program on Sunday. May 7 from 7 - 8 p.m. Featured will be The Praise Band. Ringspiration and Rapture

"The building needed tendent Ron Holcomb.

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ALMOST NEW SALE

It's time for spring cleaning! Sell your used toys, books, clothing and baby essentials. Please bring your own tables to the Runciman Gym at 300 High St. on Sat., April 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Help other Lowell families. Free to

VOLUNTEER COACH NEEDED

Lowell JV hockey program is in need of a volunteer head hockey coach. Response needed no later than May 1. Interested parties please call 897-0103 or 897-6436.

YMCA OFFICE CLOSED

YMCA office will be closed on Good Friday, April 21.

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE SIGN UPS

Sign up now for summer softball! Co-ed games begin Mon., May 1; Men's Wed., May 3; Men's and Women's on Thurs., May 4; and Men's Fri., May 5.

For information contact the YMCA at 897-8445.

Reinvestment to enlarge LL&P/cable office and engine and operations space

•••• The construction which began in February is expected to be completed by

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

> Reinvest or leave a decaying building.

The decision was that

City residents may have noticed that the Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television Board chose to renovate its building at 127 N.

Construction began in February, and the \$440,000 project is expected to be completed in mid-June.

some structural work," said Lowell Light & Power/Lowell Cable Television superin-

been shored up, the roof extended and fixed, inside walls are up, and the elevator shaft

20's," said Lowell Light and sion board chairman, Norm Borgerson. "The renovation work will carry us well into the 21st century."

roughly 4,000 square feet.

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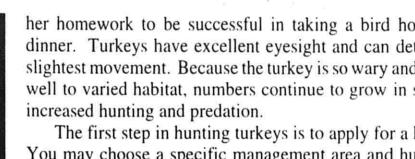
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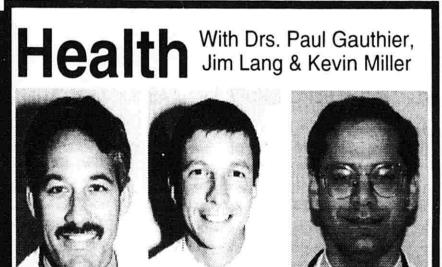


You may choose a specific management area and hunt date safety when completing your application. The deadline for applying for the spring season was February 1, 2000. If you missed that, applications for a fall season will be available in July for an October hunt.

The first-time hunter should consider finding a partner who is experienced at hunting turkeys and is willing to share

her homework to be successful in taking a bird home for his or her skills and knowledge. Workshops which are held at dinner. Turkeys have excellent eyesight and can detect the different locations around the state are another good source of slightest movement. Because the turkey is so wary and adapts information. The dates and contacts for these training sessions well to varied habitat, numbers continue to grow in spite of are listed in the application bulletin. Outdoor shows often feature turkey hunting seminars. Some of the lessons to be The first step in hunting turkeys is to apply for a license. learned are turkey behavior, calling, regulations, and, of course.

> Whether you are hunting, photographing, or just observing turkeys in the wild, it's always a thrill to get close to birds or hear the gobble of a big tom echoing across the countryside. Just don't be too alarmed if you are walking in the dark woods and something large erupts from nearby cover.



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of the brain is deprived of (less than 24 hours) neurologic adequate blood flow. This is deficit. A TIA can be a warnusually due to a blockage in ing sign of a pending stroke stroke may be preceded by a sively to prevent a full blown transient ischemic attack stroke from occurring. At least (TIA), sometimes called a a third of those experiencing a mini stroke. A TIA is caused TIA will have a stroke within by a transient blockage of an one year.

A stroke happens when a part artery resulting in a short-term

Unfortunately many strokes occur in patients without any risk factors and most strokes are not preceded by a TIA. size of the infarction. Weaknation of one or both limbs on slurring of speech, confusion risk of stroke. or a sudden onset of a severe headache.

Several lifestyle or medical If you or someone you know factors increase the risk of experiences these symptoms stroke such as: high blood you should call 911 and go to pressure, diabetes, smoking, the emergency room right irregular heart rhythm, exces- away. Newer thrombolytic sive alcohol intake, and high therapy (clot dissolving) can sometimes prevent a full blown stroke from occurring if treated early enough after symptoms first start - usually within the first three hours.

Signs of a stroke or TIA can Symptoms of a TIA will revary from person to person solve spontaneously within a and the severity of symptoms few minutes to several hours. depend on the location and After a TIA, your physician will perform several tests on ness, numbness or incoordi- the heart and blood vessels to determine a possible cause of one side of the body is a fre- the TIA in order to prevent a quent symptom of stroke. later stroke. Aspirin or other an artery from a blood clot. A and should be treated aggres- Other symptoms include a blood thinners are usually presudden loss of vision in one scribed and have been proven eye, trouble speaking fluently, to be effective in reducing the

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

schools are the gifts of time, for hundreds of caring citi- important to those who give money, and energy from the zens to make a difference in of themselves is that it just community of hundreds who the lives of our people and our plain feels good. I hope that

OUTDOORS

TURKEY TIME

and my labored breathing as I slowly made my way through the

heavy stand of jack pines in the pre-dawn shadows of a crisp

October morning. I was already spooked enough so that the

hair stood up on the back of my neck as I searched for my

bowhunting blind. Suddenly, uneasiness turned to fright,

when something huge exploded up through the branches,

making sounds I had never heard before. The mystery creature

late 50's. After a long absence, turkeys had been released in

the Baldwin area in an attempt to re-establish self-sustaining

populations. Restoration efforts over the last one hundred

years have focused on several species of birds and animals, but

none can match the comeback of the wild turkey. Turkeys had

disappeared from the Michigan landscape by 1900. By the

1960's there were huntable populations in a few isolated areas

of the state. Today, 135,000 turkeys inhabit most counties in

Michigan. In northern areas of the state, artificial feeding by

dedicated sportsmen is necessary to sustain the flocks through

because of the addition of the wild turkey to the already diverse

population of wildlife found in our state. After missing from

the Michigan landscape for many years, moose and elk have

also been introduced and can easily be observed in the wild.

Turkeys are not easy to hunt, so one will have to do his or

Our trips afield are much more interesting and exciting

That was my first encounter with a wild turkey back in the

The going was slow; the only sounds were rustling branches

By Dave Stegehuis

turned out to be a wild turkey.

the harsh winter months.

Wonderful and unusual gifts such as the Wittenbach time and energy is critical to munity and to make yourself people from becoming involved. Just the opposite is true. They invite increasing opportunity for people of all ages to make a real difference. Two excellent examples of this are the Flat River Outreach Ministries and the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Science Center. Both will pro-

vide excellent opportunities

Volunteering of one's your life to both help the com-

donation then do not absolve the quality of life. But also feel good.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331.



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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING Monday, April 17, 2000

(Please note: Special location of meeting) Lowell High School Performing Arts Center 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI • 7:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teacher Recognition

- 2. Model U. N.
- 3. Community Service Award H.S. Football 4. Technology Report
- 5. Gifts to the District
- 6. Michigan Teacher Day Resolution 7. Consent Grouping
- a. Approval of Minutes
- b. Payment of Bills
- c. New Hire
- d. Annual Election Resolution
- e. Shared Time Program at St. Patrick School f. Schools of Choice Resolution
- . Discussion
- a. Demographics Preliminary Proposal (This Board Meeting will be broadcast on Channel 20 on April 19, 20, 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

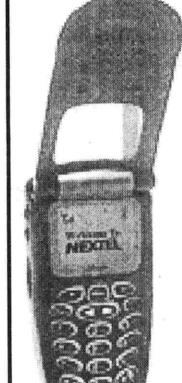
Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Thursday, April 27, 2000 - 7 a.m. Runciman Administration Building - S. Conf. Rm. Board Curriculum/Policy Committee - Thursday, April 27, 2000 - 5 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - S. Conf. Rm. Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 8, 2000 - 7:30 p.m. Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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COMNGEVENS

ing Events" are free of charge in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just message. Guests are wel- come

Home. This is a volunteer Road, Lowell. group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the in the Activity Room, Wing

SUNDAYS - Beginning Feb. 13 (13 weeks) DivorceCare, 6 - 7:15 p.m. Lake. For information call Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All formed Church. All girls seum of Ada, 7144 Headley

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

SECOND MONDAY OF **EACH MONTH: The Low-**Building located in the former Runciman Elemen- South Hudson, Lowell. tary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY 3RD TUES.: Par- 1-800-651-6000. EACH MONTH: The ents of children with AD/ Bowne Township Histori- HD Issues Group meeting cal Society will hold its at St. Lukes Lutheran is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American EVERY 1STTUES: Adults Mondays from 5:30 - 8 EACH MONTH: Fellowship Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, EVERY OTHER WED .: personal development 676-1355 or Linda Johnson 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. skills. Meetings held once at 897-4922. 7:30 p.m.

up or completing the 5th- information. grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school WEDNESDAY: Rollaway year in the Scout Cabin at Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., the end of N. Washington 55 and over. Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

tion call Terry Cavanaugh,

Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Retirement Village. Phone **EVERY MONTH:** The Flat Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

east of Montcalm Ave. To TUESDAYS: Flat River Women's Club meets at Woodcarvers are meeting at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 room at Schneider Manor, 5015 for a recorded p.m. New members wel- 725 Bowes Rd.

SECOND SUNDAY EACH FOURTH TUES .: Qua-Ke-MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 Zik Sportsmen's Club p.m., Family Council for the meets, 8 p. m. at the Club Laurels of Kent Nursing building, 1400 Foreman with school age children cializing with meeting at 7

> TUES.: Alto Senior citizens meet at Alto Elementary School. Please call 868-6111 for luncheon reservations.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: EVERY

EVERY TUES.: Ladies tion. Coffee Break Bible study. information call 897-6462 Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m. or 897-7555.

ell Area Schools Board of EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES- Watchers meets in Lowell dered Children & Other DAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look 201 N. Washington, at 7 (POMC) meets at Trinity Memorial Fire Station,

regular meetings at the His- Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Mary's Pregnancy Crisis 2544, Laural Auw (616) torical Museum at 84th and (at 4 Mile and East Beltline) Center, 402 Amity St., non- 689-6133, Anita Droog at Alden Nash. The meeting at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda denominational-help for Victim/Witness Unit (Hall of at 874-5662. For teen group info, call Sarah 281-6588.

with AD/HD Issues Group p.m. Phone 897-9393. meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons FIRST THURSDAY: 4H school teachers dining bldg. For information call EVERY 1ST MONDAY: Connie 942-6887.

Girls Club at Calvary Chris- a month at Lowell Middle tian Reformed Church. All School choir room. For EVERYSAT. Lowell Ama-**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Girls ages 8 to 13 are wel-more information call 897-Troop 1023, for boys 11 & come. Call 897-8694 for 1502 evenings after 5 p.m. the 145.270 - repeater

ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m.

FIRST WEDNESDAY TUESDAYS: Take Off EACH MONTH: Alzhe- EVERYSECONDTHURSimers Support Group meets DAY: Lowell V.F.W. at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland 897-9310 for information.

> **EVERY SECOND WEDNES-**DAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell noon in the community

FOURTH EVERY participate in Center, 897-7842.

Call 897-8694 for informa-

King. 10 to 11:15 a.m. For the Saranac Public Library. for activities.

pregnant women and ado- Justice) (616) 336-2856. lescents at the school, From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on FOURTH THURSDAY OF

drama club meeting. The room for a light breakfast. club examines theater re- For information concerning lated topics, creative and FCA call Kris Gallagher at

FIRST AND THIRD hour basis. Also there is a THURSDAY: The Alto Li- Simplex Frequency ons Club meets at Bowne 147.420 PL 186.2. Center Fellowship Hall. corner of 84th & M-50

EVERY 2ND THURS .: Museum of Ada, 7144 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4 p.m. 2700 E. Fulton.

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

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

EVERY SECOND & WEDNESDAY: Elderly vol- EVERY THIRD THURSthe Ada, Cascade & Lowell Intergenerational Program meets at 6:30 p.m. for sofrom Lowell in many differpoint. Mother to mother supentseasonal activities. Two port for pregnant & SECOND & FOURTH times available: 9:45 to breastfeeding women. 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 Nursing children are welp.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann come to attend. Our current Nagle, F.S.E. at the Fran- location is a church in Ada. ciscan Child Development Please call 752-7524 for more information.

OTHER SECOND THURSDAY OF Lowell Masonic Lodge WEDNESDAY - 6:45-8:45 EVERY MONTH: The Ada at Lowell Wesleyan regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club at Historical Society meets at at the Masonic Center, 119 Calvary Christian Re- the Averill Historical Mu-

THIRD THURSDAY OF **EACHMONTH:** Fellowship Free nursery and preschool THURSDAYS - Take Off of Christian Athletes (FCA) School during lunch peri- story hour/crafts time. Cal- Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, meets in the high school vary Christian Reformed No. 333. Saranac, meets cafeteria during seminar Church across from Burger every Thursday evening at time for planning sessions

> THIRD THURSDAY OF **EACH MONTH:** West THURSDAYS: Weight Michigan Parents of Murat the Nazarene Church. Survivors of Homicide p.m. Registration is a half United Methodist Church, hour before meetings. New 1100 Lake Dr. SE, 7 p.m., members are invited to join Discovery Room. A group at any time. Questions? Call sharing meeting is usually alternated with a meeting with a special guest conducting a Q/A. Contact EVERY THURS. - St. Danni Smith (616) 897-

> > of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high

teur Radio Club sponsors which operates on a 24-

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN .: Averill Historical

Church at 10 a.m. Bring a Headley is open from 1 to dish to pass.

THURS., APRIL 27 - Spring ENGLEHARDT Fling at Cherry Creek & BRARY HOURS: Mon. & Bushnell elementary Wed., 1-8 p.m.; Tues. & schools: Bushnell from 5:30-Fri., 1-5 p.m.; Thurs. & 7 p.m.; Cherry Creek from Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 6:30 to 8 p.m. WOMEN OF THE

Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat.,

1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

BEGINNING APRIL 18:

The Lowell Area Cham-

information call Liz at 897-

WED., APRIL 19: Lowell

middle school and high

school Jazz Bands, re-

spectively, will present a

concert in the performing

arts center at 7 p.m. Fol-

lowing the two bands.

directed by Dale Latva and

Jazz Lab Band One un-

MOOSE: Business meet-STARTING NOW - St ing held third Monday of Patrick School registration each month at 8 p.m. for 2000/2001 school year is now open. Call the school LOWELL AREA ARTS office at 691-8833. For more COUNCIL: Open Tues., information check our website Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; at www.stpatrickparnell.org.

THURS. THRU SAT., MAY 4-6 - Community Garage Sale in the Clarksville area from 9-5 p.m. Sponsored by ber of Commerce is the Clarksville Business Assoc. Maps available a offering educational workshops. For more participating businesses in

> SUN., MAY 7 - Contemporary Christian music program at 1st Congregational Church of Lowell from 7 - 8 p.m. Admission is free. public is welcome.

THURS., MAY 4 Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Host-Bob Rice, will be the Cenesses: Lillian Briggs, Emma tral Michigan University Herron & Evelyn Briggs; program: LHS reps to der the direction of Jack American Legion Auxiliary Saunders. Ticket prices Girls State in June '99, Kelly are \$4 for adults & \$3 for Chapman & Felicia students, and may be pur-Eshragh: sponsor: Evelyn chased from any Lowell Jazz band member or at

FRI., MAY 19: Lowell Little League will hold a Las Vegas Night from 6-midnight THURS., APRIL 20: at Lowell Lanes.

If my life had been made up of eight-hour days I do not believe I could have accomplished a great

—Thomas Edison

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m., Walk- THURS: 9 a.m. Walk and ing, Woodland Mall. TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk- 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 ing, Woodland Mall.

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

p.m. Euchre.

Special Events

WED., APRIL 26: 8 a.m. WED., APRIL 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

WED., APRIL 19: 12:30 p.m., Volunteer recog-

THURS., APRIL 20: Noon, Dance, Westside

TUES., APRIL 25: 12:40 p.m., Shop, Ionia Meijer

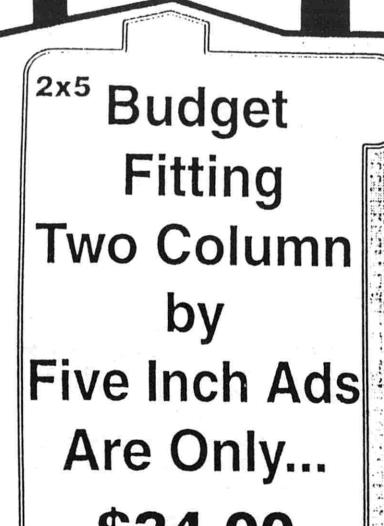
Women's breakfast. Euchre 1 p.m. THURS., APRIL 27: 3:30

shop Woodland Mall;

p.m., Senior Neighbors board meeting at Center.

FRI., APRIL 28: 12:40 P.M., Gerontology Net-

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)



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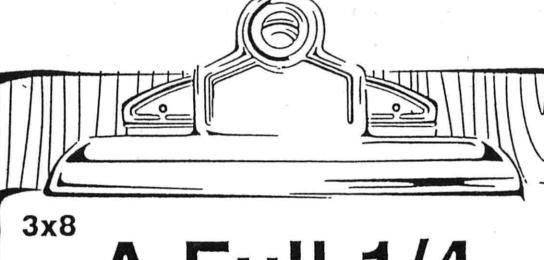


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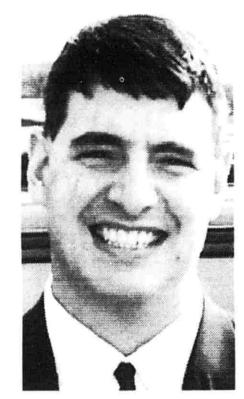
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HHALL TOWN TALK—

How do you think the Detroit Tigers will do this year? Can you name three players from the team?

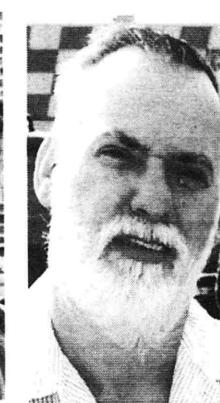


Jeff Stewart what they've done the last five Tigers have been down the years. They have a new park. last five years. They have a If that doesn't provide them new facility, but they need with inspiration, nothing will. new spirit. No, I can't name



Dave Doezema They won't do well. The three of their players.

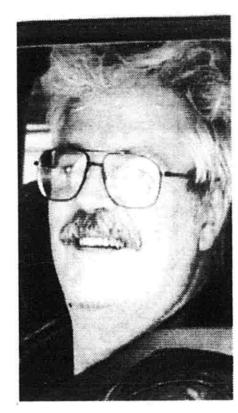
-Robert Frost



I'm hoping they can finish second. I still think the Indians are too strong for the Tigers to catch. Tony Clark, Brad Ausmus and Bobby Higginson.



John Reinberg The way they've been go-They'll do okay. They have a new stadium, maybe ing, I don't think they will do too much this year. No, I can't that will help them out. I can't name three of their players. name three tiger players.



Ken Gunderson I start to watch the Tigers if they are in first or second at the All Star break. I don't think they will be in first or second at the All Star break this year. No, I can't name any of their

players.



I think .500 sounds reaonable. If they can, that would be great, No, I can't name any of their players.



Juanita Griner I think the Tigers will do great. With the new park, I think there is more incentive. I can't name three of their players.

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

 An ordinance to amend Sections 10.02 and 10.03 of Chapter 10; to amend Sections 11.02 and 11.03 of, and to add Section 11.05 to, Chapter 11; and to amend Sections 12.02 and 12.03 of, and to add Section 12.05 to, Chapter 12 of Appendix A in the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances involving outdoor merchandise displays.

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at same meeting to consider the following:

 To consider a Special Use Permit request from Roll Away Family Fun Center to establish an Open Air Business (Miniature Golf Course) at 805 E. Main Street.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk 616-897-8457



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Celebrate The Day! Easter Sunday, April 23

Lowell High School Performing Arts Center 7:45 a.m. - Breakfast in cafeteria 8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Nursery provided) 10 a.m. - Worship (Nursery provided) For Members of First United **Methodist Church and** YOU and your friends. Any questions, call the church office

897-5936

Land use discussion not limited to government meetings

•••• Tammy DeBaar's Unity High School ecology class takes a close look at how land use affects them, the environment and the needs of others.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus lowell Ledger Editor

Discussion on the issues of open space, land use and discussions, have shown indevelopment, farm land, the terest. "They have been enenvironment and ecology has gaged and have shown the extended beyond Lowell's governmental entities.

These issues have been at aware of the issues, but can't the forefront of Tammy DeBaar's ecology class at cares how they feel." Lowell's Unity High School.

The kids are pretty in tune cation process doesn't conto land, pollution and the sider the land use issue relenvironment," said DeBaar. evant. "It's minimized in Not only have they of- many ways through no expofered DeBaar information, sure. but they've also exchanged ideas with Doug Hines, challenges students to design Meijer's Loss Prevention an artificial community usproject developer; Jim Doyle, ing a perspective other than

president of the Lowell Area their own. They must also Historical Society; and John show how their needs are be-Timpson, Lowell Charter ing met, how they are affect-Township supervisor. Aleisha Mayer, a junior, they are meeting the needs of favors expanding parks in the Lowell community and in

long as there isn't as much ers meet. crime as there is in Grand

April 8: Portland

Matt Burton, 2nd.

Kenowa Hilis

Group 3: Phil Burton, 1st

Juniors: Tom Oesch, 1st

Group 2: John Drier, 1st

Group 4: Ryan Karasiewicz, 3rd.

Group 2: Zach Baum, 3rd.

Alex Carpenter, 2nd.

April 15: Caledonia

Alex Carpenter, 2nd

Rob Karasiewicz, 4th

Andy Oesch, 4th.

Group 2: Zach Baum, 1st

Group 4: Josiah Hull, 2nd

Junior: Ben Fleet, 2nd.

Caleb O'Boyle, 1st.

April 7: Greenville

(Greco Roman)

Zach Baum, 1st

Freestyle Wrestling Results:

Wrestlers for the Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club

continue to do well. The following is a list of wrestlers who

have placed at the last two tournaments:

Group 3: Dakota Bunn, 4th; Andy Oesch, 1st;

Group 3: Alex Carpenter, 2nd Rob Karasiewicz, 2nd.

Group 3: Edward Parks, 4th Rob Karasiewicz, 2nd

Group 4: Josiah Hull, 2nd Ryan Karasiewicz, 4th.

Group 3: Phil Burton, 2nd Matt Burton, 4th

ing the environment, and if

Beyond classroom discussions, DeBaar's students "There is going to be growth have adopted a stream from and changes in Lowell," below the railroad trestle to Mayer says. "That's okay as where the Grand and Flat riv-

Tom Carey, land use project developer, observed that the students, throughout

desire to learn more," he said.

"I think they feel they are

do anything because nobody

Carey added that the edu-

The ecology class project

The first day out, stu-Rapids. Growth will also dents filled six bags with trash. bring more traffic and pollu- Along with cleaning up the

The land use project asks students to access a changing

Aleisha Mayer, right, and Yesenia Perez begin designing their artificial community using a perspective other than

riverbank, students are study- in that it helps bring more being lost," senior Tabi Baker

Kremer adds, "It's a chal-

The Class of 2000 paid

Lowell High School

Band Booster president Lanie

Rice said the club will pay to

fly Barton in for the Spring

Concert performance.

roughly \$1,500 to commis-

lenging piece."

sion the music.

direct effect. "Growth is good

ing the water temperature, fish money into the community, habitat and macro vertebrates. but with it we are losing Lowell's growth has a greenspace, and habitats are

Class of 2000, continued.... From Page 1

arrangement.

Barton holds the rights to

"This is a tribute to the

publish and sell the musical

students for coming up with

the idea. It's also exciting for

Lowell Schools and the com-

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munity," Rice said.

Students not only identified pollution as a by-product of growth; some even identified eventual solutions. Junior Bill Russell noted

cars which run on electric and methane will help solve the pollution problem. "Both have already been introduced. They just aren't widely used yet," Russell

said. "That will happen. Gaso-

line is not going to last for-

thinking about the adults.

of students do that."

Lowell superintendent Lowell music program over a

Bert Bleke expressed his apperiod of time.

"That is special and not a lot

president Pete Gustafson said

he has observed and appreci-

ated the progression of the

Lowell School Board

bun or dinosaur pasta w/franks, cinnamon apples. DeBaar hopes the students' interest which she tapped through class discus-**FUES:** Chicken rings or sion will, however, last far rispito w/cheese sauce cornbread, green peas, beyond their time in her class-

pears, rice. WED: Pizza or burrito & roll, jello, green beans

Week of 4/24 - 4/28

ELEMENTARY

White & chocolate mill

MON: Cheeseburger on

Lunch: \$1.35

animal crackers. preciation to the students for THURS: Turkey gravy w/biscuit or ham & cheese bagel, fruit cobbler

> FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & roll or corndog on stick, sweet cherries, corn

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

White & chocolate milk offered daily. Lunch: \$1.50

MON: French dip on bun. au jus or cook's choice. carrot coins, cinnamor

TUES: Chicken nuggets, w/roll or 2 ham & cheese on buns, potato wedges

WED: Nachos w/meat & cheese & roll or pork ribBQ on bun, green beans, jello, Spanish rice.

THURS: Turkey gravy w/biscuit or footlong hot dog on bun, whipped potatoes, coleslaw/cobbler

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce & roll or pizza wedge, sweet cherries. corn, cookie.

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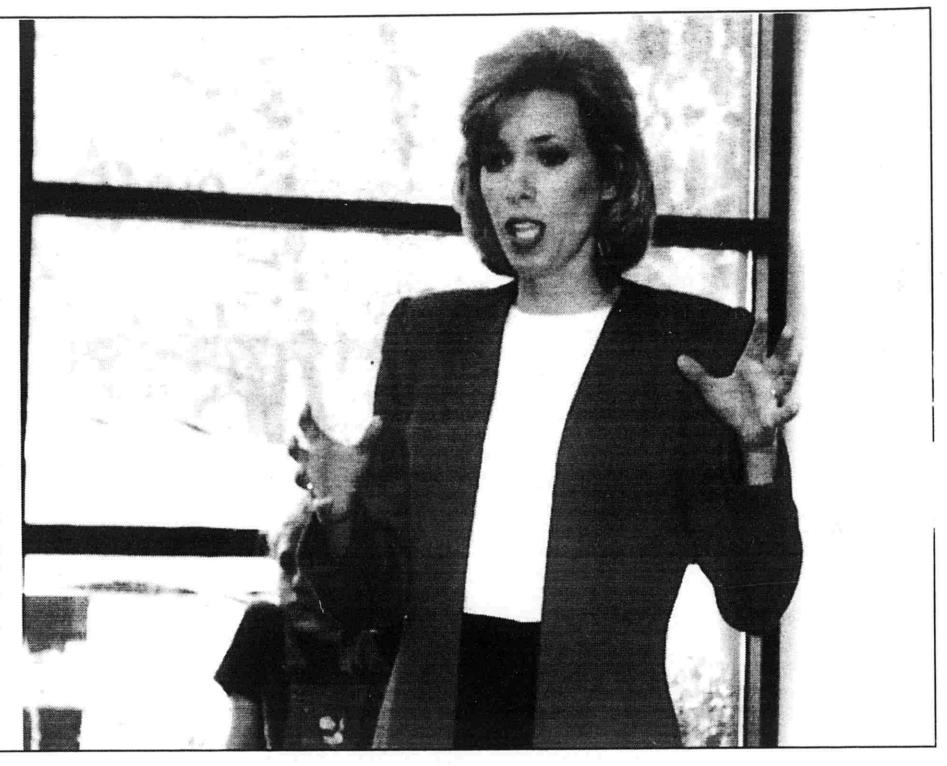
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DeBoer shares knowledge and enthusiasm for weather with area Brownies

TV-8's Terri DeBoer talked to Brownies from 14 area troops about weather in Michigan: forecasting, stormy weather, radar and the different kinds of precipitation. There were approximately 125 Brownies at Lowell Charter Township Hall, Saturday, working collectively on their Outdoor Happenings badge. The badge requirement called on the girls to learn about the weather, planting and observing seeds and their growth, and weather vanes. The activity was organized by Troop 329 leader, Christine Mol.





TURKEY SHOOT

Louie Dudeck grounded this turkey around 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. The turkey weighed 22 1/2 pounds, with an 11-inch beard and a 1 1/2 inch spur.

Red Arrow lady linksters win two of three in opening week

•••• Lowell's girls golf team defeated Belding in a nonconference meet and Wyoming Park in a league meet. The Red Arrows, however, lost to Hastings.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls golf coach Rick White said the OK White would be up for grabs in 2000. Lowell's first league meet

proved White a prophet. The Red Arrow coach figured if his club was going to lose in its triangular meet, Wyoming Park would probably be the nemesis.

Lowell (220) defeated the Vikings (220) in a tiebreaker but lost to Hastings (212). "I would have thought it would be the other way

for grabs this year," White explained.

Lowell's golfers started the season a little slow. The Red Arrows, after week one,

In a nonconference win over Belding on Friday, Jenny

White said. "We're making

mental mistakes with our chip-

way with a round of 51. Kelly

Fitzpatrick was three shots

lowed by Jenny Gunberg 56.

Gunberg 61 (tie-breaking

Lisa LaHaye 59, and Katie

Amber Kuipers led the

ping and putting."

We're winning, but we have better scores in 'us. We're making mental mistakes with our chipping and putting.

> Rick White **Lowell Girls Golf Coach**

around, but this league is up have better scores in us,"

"We're winning, but we

are 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Gunberg and Fitzpatrick led the Arrows with rounds of 55. Jeannie Dunn fired a 57 and Kuipers shot a 61.

Red Arrows' tennis doubles teams give strong showing at Lowell Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Two proved better than one for the Red Arrow tennis team at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday

Lowell's four doubles teams accounted for all nine of the Red Arrow points. Lowell finished in thirdplace with

Greenville. Alma won the four-team tourney with 18 points, followed by Big Rapids with 12.

Dave Barry and Ryan Kremer, playing third doubles for the Red Arrows, took first by winning all three of its matches.

"They used their height well at the net," Lowell boys tennis coach Bonnie Wall said. "Ryan has a good forehand return of service and both players had effective serves.

The doubles team defeated Alma 6-1. 6-4: Big Rapids 6-2, 6-1; and Greenville 6-

Lowell's number one doubles team of James Bosserd and Collin Vincent won

two of three matches and finished second. The Red Arrows defeated Greenville 6-

3, 6-1; Big Rapids 6-2, 6-3; and lost to Alma "James and Collin are looking pretty darn good. They are quick and strong at the net, they serve well and both have strong ground

strokes," Wall said. Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines, second doubles, won two of three matches.

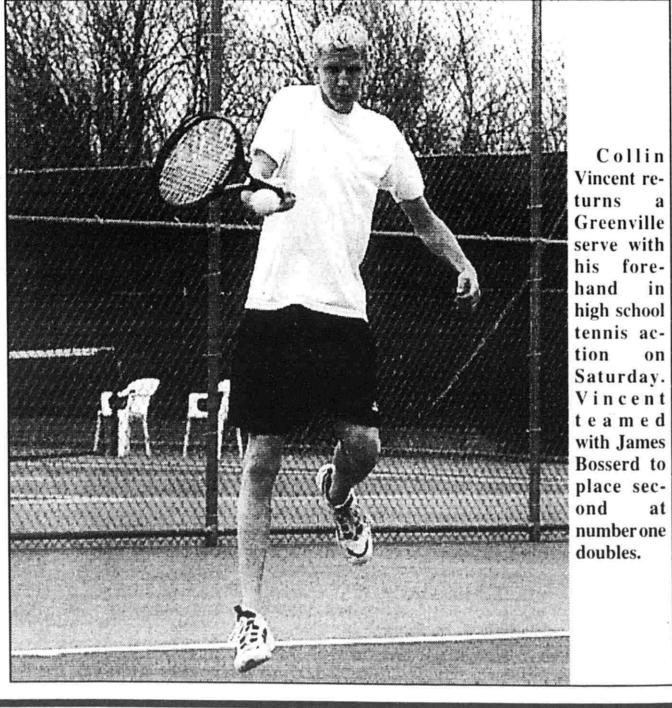
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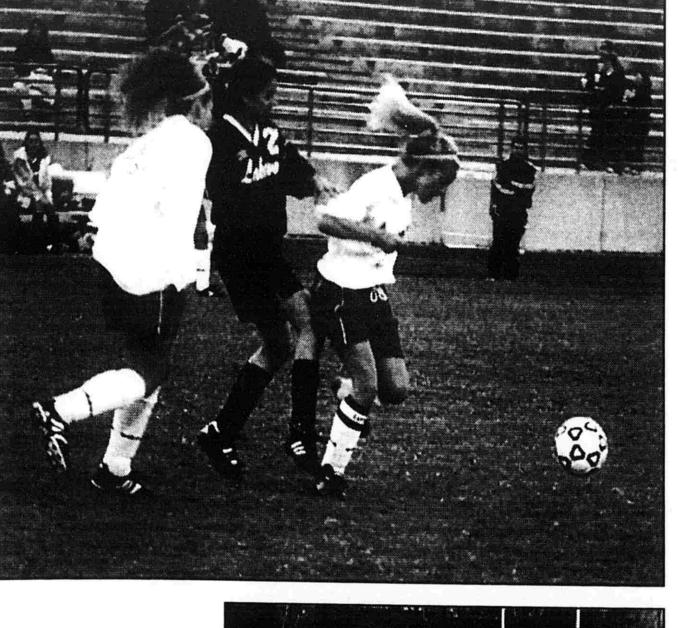
"They are coming on," Wall said. "They're playing pretty well."

Playing at fourth doubles, Gavin Vincent and Troy Gillan were 2-1 with wins over Greenville 6-4, 6-2; and Big Rapids 7-6, 6-2. They lost to Alma 4-6, 6-4, 5-7

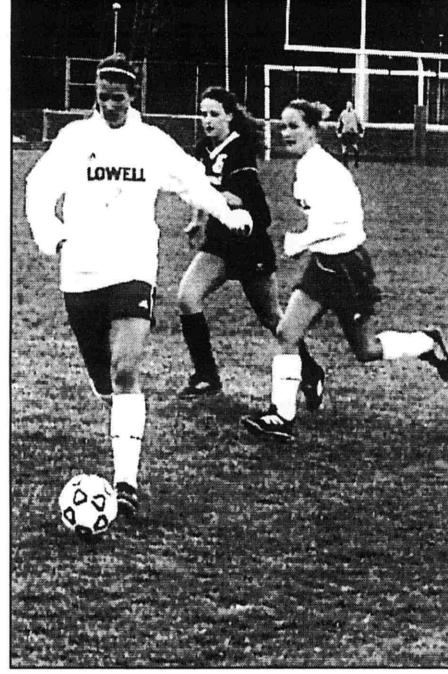
Lowell lost all of its singles matches. Alan Stiver played first singles. "Alan doesn't have the experience or training that most of his opponents have, but he gives his

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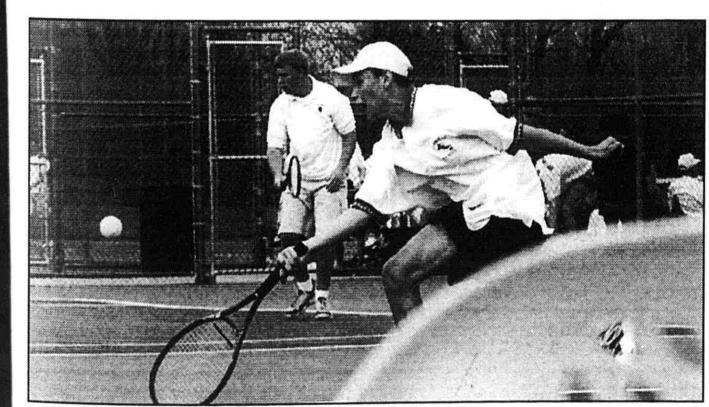




Above, Lowell's Abby Goff gets a little boot from behind as she works to gain possession. Right, Blair Meyer teams with Heather Posthumus to bring the ball up the north sideline in soccer play against Lakewood. Lowell won the game 3-



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Lowell finished third at the Invitational on Saturday, before losing to Central Monday.

all and is steady," Wall ex- 6-7, 6-1, 7-5.

Cris Cress played second singles, Andy Oetman third singles and Richie Ford played fourth singles.

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Ryan Phillips and Kyle Hines, third doubles, fell behind a set before rallying to defeat their Central opponent

"They really played well. It was exciting to see them All four of Lowell's

doubles teams played competitive tennis against a strong Ranger team. "Central didn't play their

top doubles teams at all flights, but they're still quality tennis players," Wall said.

Jordan Gallagher and Gavin Vincent lost a three-set

match at second doubles. The Red Arrows fell 6-7, 6-4, 3-6.

James Bosserd and Collin score isn't indicative of how ball Invitational on Saturday. tough the games were. We

> tough points," Wall said. In singles play, Alan Oetman lost 6-0, 6-0. Richie Ford, fourth singles, lost 6-1,

Red Arrow girls shutout Lakewood

•••• Lowell found play a lot tougher in its league opener against Central. The Rangers defeated the Red Arrows 7-0.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Exceptional passing in the first half served as a catalyst in Lowell girls soccer season-opening 3-0 win against Lakewood.

"I thought the girls played well in the first half," said Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan. "We passed the

ball very well."

The passing led to a couple first-half goals from Kelly Chapman and Becky

The Red Arrows outshot Lakewood 35-3. "We only found the net three times, but it was good to get that many opportunities. Now we just have to work on finishing," The only goal in the sec-

ond half came with less than

10 minutes to play. Chapman slid one by the Viking goalie.

"I think the girls got a little complacent in the second half. That bothered me. I told them if we're going to win games in the OK White, they will have to play two good halves," Conlan exFHC 7

Lowell 0 The Rangers showed why

they are one of the top girls soccer programs in the state. "Forest Hills Central has 10 seniors who have been playing together since the age of five," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said. "We

excellent team." Central creased the net three times in the first half and tallied four goals in the

were just outmanned by an

"I think our girls were in awe of Central in the first half. I told them at half to just relax and play in the second half," Conlan said. "I think they did a better job of that in the second half.'

Lowell travels to Grandville and Northview this week.

Red Arrow baseball team 2-2 after one week; Lowell posted wins against Greenville and Hudsonville

ing off two Eagle runners.

ran the base paths aggres-

sively and smartly, and we

hit the ball," Lowell baseball

plate with three hits apiece.

and Conley added an RBI.

Jake Baum had two hits

In its tournament opener,

and three stolen bases and

Keith Valentine tallied two

hits and stole two bases.

coach Tim Antel said.

"They pitched well, we

Josh Brown and Brian

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

innings as Lowell defeated

The Red Arrow bats Conley led the way at the pounded out 11 hits against Yellowjacket pitchers and Brown knocked in four runs stole eight bases.

"We got timely hitting and some great head up defensive play," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said. "However, we made some base-running mistakes which cost us some runs."

Lowell tallied two runs in the first inning, two in the fourth and two more in the fifth in posting its non-conference win.

Jake Baum, Brian Conley and Keith Valentine were Lowell's leading hitters.

Baum was 2-for-3 with a double; Conley was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI; and Valentine was 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Keith Kemen had one hit and knocked in two runs; Eric Gruber tripled and plated a

In game two, Greenville, pitching, held Lowell hitters to just two hits by Kemen and Tim Schutte as the Yellowjackets won a five-inning contest by the score of 3-

"Their pitcher kept us off the base paths. We never got anything going off him," Antel explained.

Lowell pounded Hudsonville pitching for 12 Vincent, first doubles, lost in runs on 13 hits in the consolastraight sets 6-1, 6-0. "The tion game of the Lowell Base-

The Red Arrows combined strong hitting with efjust couldn't pull out any fective starting and relief performances from pitchers Stiver, Cris Cress and Andy Brady Foster and Tim

> Foster helped himself out of a first-inning jam by pick-

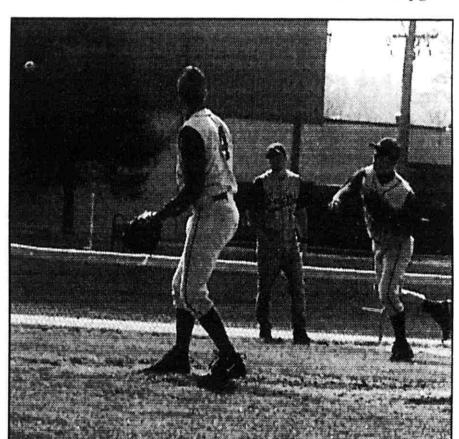
Lowell bats were shut down by South Christian's Rick Hapner. The Sailor gave up three runs on three hits and struck out 13 Red Arrows.

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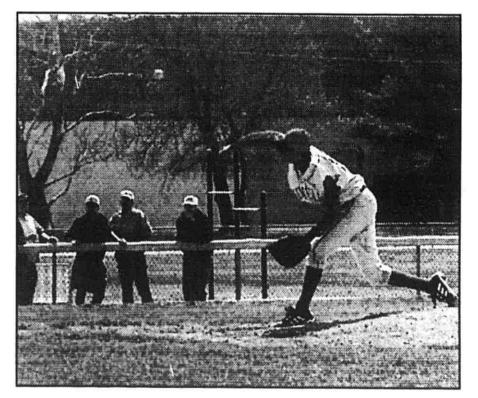
average velocity, a better than average curve and great location," Antel said. Mike Smith pitched the

first four innings for Lowell before being relieved by Dave Rozema.

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Keith Kemen relays a throw home to cut down a Yellowjacket runner.



Mike Smith earne d his first win of the year in game one of a doubleheader against Greenville.



Lowell's Jody Seif picks and throws from her shortstop position in action against Rockford. Lowell won game one 8-3 and lost the nightcap 4-1.

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"Rozema was excellent in relief. Both he and Schutte showed me something today. Their stock is up," Antel said.

Lowell's three hits were an RBI double by Valentine, an infield hit by Baum and a single

Solid pitching and defense help lift Red Arrow softball team to 3-1 start

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Seeing eye hits saw to it prepare us for the OK Red." that Lowell beat Rockford in a nonconference doubleheader Friday.

"We hit the ball, they were cheap hits, but they all count," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse following the Red Arrows' 8-3 win over the Rams."It's a quality win against a good softball team.

Lowell used solid, steady pitching by Kelly Kemen and nine hits against Ram pitch-

The Red Arrows tallied a a split. pair of runs in the second third, fifth and sixth innings.

Kemen, meanwhile, held Rockford to three runs on six hits while walking just one batter. It was her first walk in three games (two starts, one said.

Courtney Hedlund got with a run in the second in-Lowell on the board with a ning. Rockford, however, anrun-scoring double in the sec- swered with two unearned

Jody Seif led all Lowell runs in the sixth on a walk, an batters with three hits. Hedlund, Becky Brander and Jackie Benedict each contributed with two hits.

"Lowell puts the ball son-opening, one-hit perforin play, which forces your defense to make plays," said senior pitched a shutout in Rockford coach Terry

Lowell's 10-0 win over the Konkle. "They are a good team. We like to play a tough Yellowjackets. nonconference schedule to

Rodenhouse is pleased with the way his club has executed the bunt so far this seaviable job of filling Andrea son. "The girls have failed to get the bunt down just once so far this season," he said.

Rockford 4 Lowell 1

In game two of the doubleheader, Rockford's Jamie McCormick held Lowell to four hits as the Rams salvaged

Lyndsey Thaler gave up just five hits, but was hurt by five Lowell errors. "Lyndsey pitched a good

runs in the fifth and two more

Lowell ended the week

with a record of 3-1.Kelly

Kemen sparkled in her sea-

mance against Greenville. The

error and two hits.

Kemen was not only outgame, but we just couldn't hit standing on the mound, but perfect at the plate. The se-McCormick," Rodenhouse nior was 3-for-3 with an RBI and scored two runs. Lowell took an early lead

three more in the fifth.

Lowell 10-6

the task.

Greenville 0-4

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She pitched five innings,

"Kelly faced just one bat-

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ter over the minimum." Low-

ell softball coach Bob

Rodenhouse said. "It's easy

to play well when your pitcher

three runs in the second in-

ning, five in the third and

The Red Arrows scored

doesn't walk anyone."

ing a single batter.

Beth Fredline, catcher, tallied three hits, scored two runs and knocked in two runs. Freshman Jackie Benedict collected two hits and knocked in two runs. Jody

Lowell punched out 11 hits against Greenville in game one.

Seif also had two hits and an

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Sprint teams key in pacing Lowell past Central

•••• Red Arrow freshman Dave Hefferen surprised a few people with a meet-winning first throw in the discus.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Stalwart performances by Ken Palcowski, Jon Wiering and Mike Williams propelled the Red Arrow boys track team to an 81-55 win over Forest Hills Central.

Wiering took first in the high hurdles (16.09), second in the low hurdles (46.06) and pole vault (11'0), and third in the ong jump (18'6").

Palcowski was first in the 200-meter dash (23.7), second in the long jump (18'10"), and anchored the winning 800meter relay (1:35.61). Teaming with him in the relay were Williams, John Wierenga and Kurt Telman.

"Our hurdle crew really helped us today," said Lowell boys track coach Keith Boeve. "They took first and second in the high hurdles and first and third in the low hurdles." Telman claimed top honors in the 300 low hurdles, stop-

ping the clock in 45.92. Jeff Telman was third in a time of Williams also placed second in the high jump (6'2") and

second in the 100 dash (11.01). The Lowell coach was pleased with his club's start.

"Every meet is going to be a dogfight. Hudsonville is the only team which clearly stands above the rest," he said. Freshman Dave Hefferan, competing in his first varsity track meet, threw the discus 112'8 1/2" on his first attempt.

The throw easily claimed him top honors. "I thought Dave would help us, but I didn't expect that," Boeve said. Teammate Bill Stouffer was second with a throw of 104

Stouffer was first in the shot put with a toss of 44'11". Andy Curtis was second with a mark of 41' 5 1/4."

The Red Arrows won three of four relay events. Lowell's Ryan Mix, Mark Maatman, Kevin Huisman and Zach Stauffer came home in the winning time of 9:10.97 in the 3200 relay. In the 1600-meter relay it was Wierenga, Stauffer, Maatman and Mix breaking the tape at 3:41.79.

Placing second in other events were Ben Grummet, 100 high hurdles, 17.38; Stauffer, 1600 run, 5:12.69; Mix, 800-

Softball, cont'd.... From Page 16

Lyndsey Thaler earned her first win of the year in the second game as she pitched five innings allowing four runs on four hits while walking five and striking out three.

Kemen shutout Greenville over the final two innings allowing one hit and striking out four Yellowjacket batters. Lowell scored its winning runs in the fourth inning on four consecutive singles.

Freshman second baseman Tara Kimble went 3-for-3 and scored a run. Freshman third baseman Noelle Dewey was 3for-4 with an RBI. Benedict went 2-for-3 with two RBIs and scored two runs.

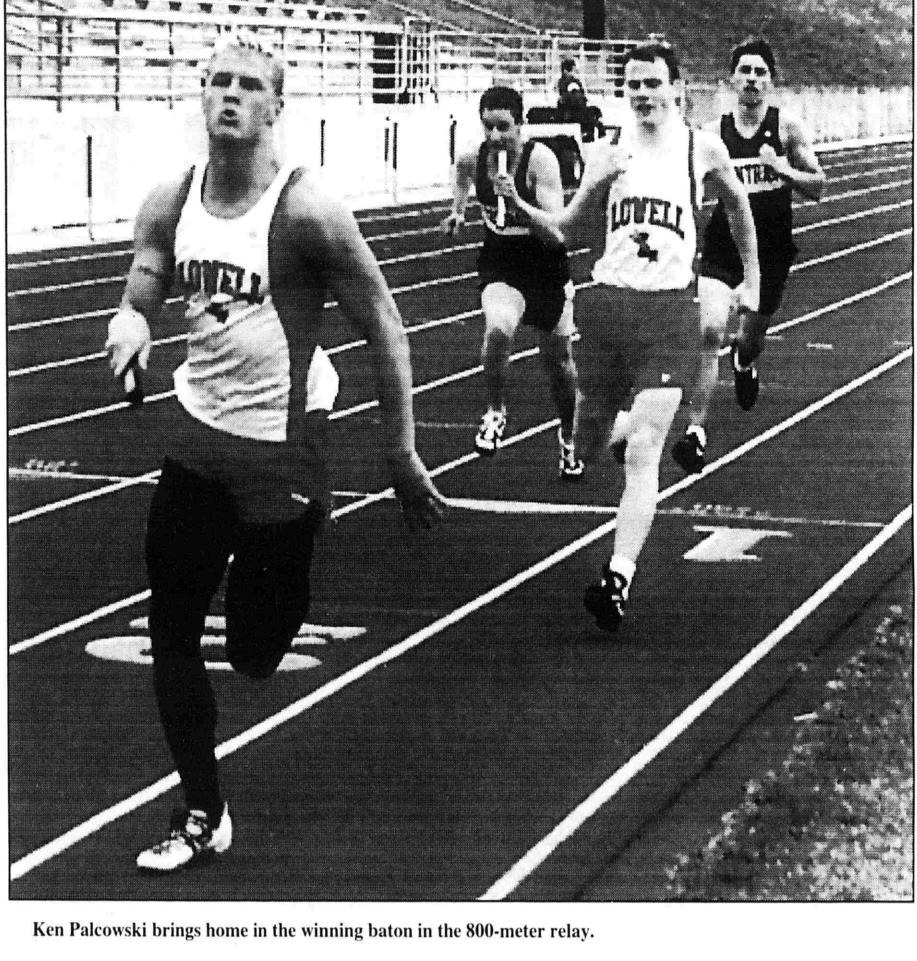
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Placing second were Telman, 110 hurdles, 17.1; sprint (Montrose). medley (Wojciakowski, White, Huyser and Gillikin); and the 1600-meter relay team (Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Natalie Kent and Gillikin).

Lowell finished third in the high jump (Becker, Cunningham and Kent); middle distance relay (Jamie Tegg, Jana Young, Kim Seaman and Katie Anderson) 7:59.3; 300 hurdles, Telman, 51.6; and 400-meter relay (Lacic, Becker, White and Huyser).



39 languages including Chaldean, Hindi, Hebrew, Algonquin, Armenian, Syriac, Bulgarian and Coptic.



meter run, 2:12.18; and Mike Armstrong, 3200 run, 11:27.70.

Ionia Invitational

The Red Arrows (76 points) were second at Ionia on

East Grand Rapids was first with 79 points. Top performances were: Jon Wiering/Mike Williams,

Wiering also placed fourth in the 100 high hurdles and teamed with Palcowski for a fifth in the long jump

Huisman, third, middle distance relay.

first, high jump; Mark Catlin, Mike Williams, Ken Palcowski

and Matt Foster, first, sprint medley; Wiering/Foster, second

pole vault; Kurt Telman, second, 300 low hurdles; Williams

Catlin, Telman, Palcowski, second, 400-meter relay; and

Mark Maatman, John Wierenga, Brian Fitzpatrick, Kevin

Dean recipient of inaugural leadership award

•••• Football coach deflects praise of team character and community involvement back to players.

ing team character and insist-

ing his players be involved in

In accepting the award,

Dean said the award was made

ship of this year's seniors

Munger said.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

the community of Lowell.' The presentation of the Steve Spicer Memorial Team leadership Award helped link the past of three high school possible through the leaderfootball coaches Monday

Andy Nowak and Bill Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke coached against Ralph Munger's high school football team (Frankenmuth).

Ralph Munger coached against Noel Dean's high school football team

Monday night, Munger. who is the Region IX Michigan High School Football Coaches Association director and Rockford varsity football coach, was in attendance at the Lowell School Board meeting to present Dean with the inaugural Steve Spicer Memorial Team Leadership Award which recognizes outstanding community leadership within the state leaders program.

Dean was one of four coaches in the entire state to be honored with the award.

"Noel has spent a great

deal of time and effort build-

He credited the seniors with organizing the players to do the projects. They included participation in:

• the FFA's Adopt a Family program. · football's Little Bud-

dies mentoring program. helping to sand and stain Creekside Kingdom in 1999.

overthe winter for the Lowell

digging out fire hydrants

 organizing an alcoholfree Lowell bowling night

• taking part in the Lowell football reader's program. "As a society we put a

great emphasis on winning. Noel has done a great job in terms of wins on Friday night," Bleke said. "The memories of the values football has imparted on them are what the players will remember. Setting high standards and expectations for our kids is what I think makes our football program unique."

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Girls too strong and deep for Forest Hills Central

•••• Becker, Huyser and Sturis shine in win over Rangers.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The final score (87-45) made Lowell girls track team's win appear easier than it was.

""It wasn't an easy meet. We won because we had more depth," Lowell coach Kathy Talus said

strong performances from Rachelle Becker, Kim Huyser, the distance crew. and Sandra Sturis in defeating the Rangers.

Becker was first in the shot put with a distance of 28'6 1/2". Sturis was third

cus as Sturis was first. 101'7"; Becker, second. and Cunningham finished third, 68°2".

Becker claimed second in the high jump with a height of 4'10". Teammate Kristi Ford won the event with a mark of 5'0".

"Rachelle is a natural

be good," Talus said.

Huyser's distance of 13'9" in the long jump was a meet best. Nicole Gillikin finished second with a jump of

Gillikin's height of 8' earned her the top spot in the pole vault. Cunningham was

second with a height of 7'6".

The Red Arrows got

Lowell swept the dis-Ashley

talent. Once she got started we knew she was going to

13' 5 3/4."

Huyser was first home in the 100-meter dash. She was meter relay in a time of 10:52. clocked at 13.02. The Red



Krystal White won the 200-meter dash and had a leg in the 800-meter relay.

Wojciakowski was first Arrow was third in the 200in the 400-meter run, coming meter dash with a time of home in 1:05.31. 29.93. Lowell's Krystal

Plattner (2:43) and Vos White was first at 29.23. (2:52.4) placed second and "Kim didn't participate third respectively in the 800 in our scrimmage, but we're obviously very happy she's a

In other distance events, part of this team," Talus said Katie Clements took second Lowell's in the 1600-meter run in a Wojciakowski, time of 6:01.71. The fresh-Plattner, Abbie Vos and Katie man won the 3200-meter run Anderson won the 3200by stopping the clock in

13:01 April Telman claimed first in the 100 high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles with times of 17.15

and 51.76 respectively. White finished second to Telman in the 100 hurdles with a time of 18.06.

Ionia Invitational

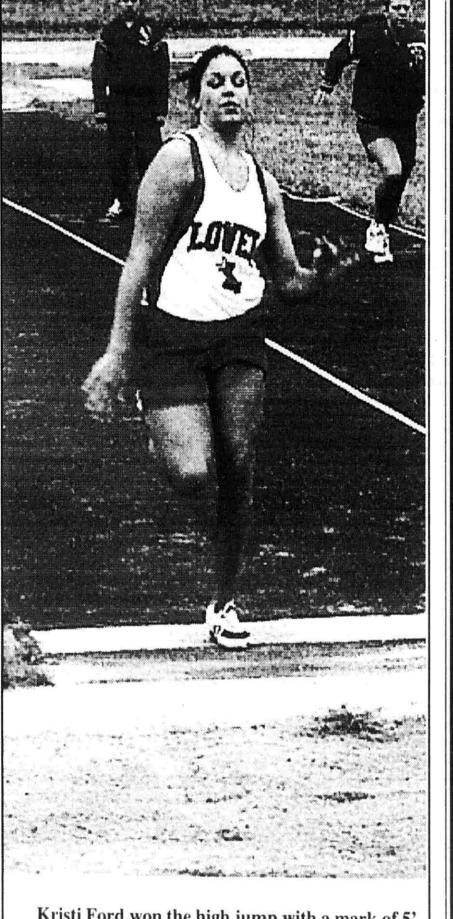
Lowell (90) finished second to East Grand Rapids (98) at Ionia on Saturday.

The Red Arrows placed in the top three in 10 of the

Earning firsts were Sandra Sturis and Rachelle Becker in the discus with a combined mark of 169'2"; Nicole Gillikin, Ashley Cunningham and April Telman in the pole vault with a combined height of 16'; distance relay (Christie Lacic, Lisa Wojciakowski, Krystal White and Kim Huyser), 7:59.3; and Telman,

Girls Track, cont'd. pg. 17

300 hurdles (51.6).



Kristi Ford won the high jump with a mark of 5'. The Red Arrow placed fourth in the long jump.

Lowell Middle School 3rd period Honor Roll

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Sealed bids will be received by the Township of Lowell in the Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, MI 49331, until 10:00 a.m., local time, May 9, 2000. Bids will be opened and read publicly that same day.

Major items of work shall include: Construct Picnic shelter Concrete slab

Contract start date is estimated to be on or about June 01, 2000. A work shall be completed by July 01, 2000. Total contract time shall be 30 calendar days. Liquidated damages shall be \$100.00 dollars each calendar day that the total contract time and/or final completion date is exceeded. Stop and start orders will be given for required delays due to weather as approved by the Engineer.

Bidding documents may be obtained at Gove Associates, Inc. 821 E Kalamazoo Street, Suite E, Lansing, MI 48912, (517) 485-0555. A nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for plans and specifications.

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations: Gove Associates, Inc., 821 E. Kalamazoo Street, Suite E., Lansing, MI 48912; Builders Exchange, Lansing, Grand Rapids; Dodge Reports, Lansing, Grand Rapids; and Lowell Township Hall.

Partial funding for this project will be provided by the State of Michigan Grant Program. All relevant State of Michigan requirements shall apply including all Equal Opportunity Regulations. Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bidder's maximum Bid price. The Township of Lowell reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of Township of Lowell.

> Gove Associates, Inc. Anton Raykovich, Project Engineer Agent for: Township of Lowell

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Saturday, April 22 • 8:00 am to Noon 8505 Potters Road - Township Hall

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