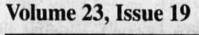
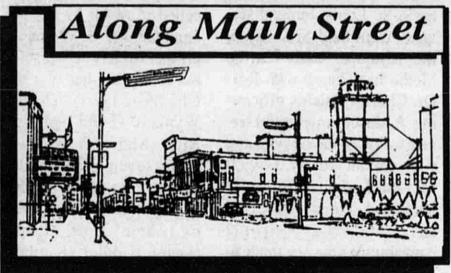
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#### **ROGER MacNAUGHTON** PERFORMANCE COMING TO TOWN

The Lowell Area Arts Council is announcing a concert by Roger MacNaughton (native of Lowell) and Friends at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets for the adult contemporary jazz, pop and new age music concert are available at LAAC and at Family Fare in Lowell. Prices are \$5 for LAAC members, senior citizens and students; \$6 for general admission.

Also available at the performance will be MacNaughton's new CD, Summer Dance. For more information, contact the LAAC at 897-8545.

#### WATERCOLOR PAINTING WORKSHOP

The Franciscan Life Process Center will be hosting watercolor artist, Bert Boereman, for a one- and two-day class in watercolor painting for beginners on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost is \$40 for one day and \$65 for both days. For more information contact John Knight at 897-7842, ext. 305.

# **Township hears opposition** to Cook's rezoning request

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Is changing 43.2 acres of land established in a residential area to commercial in direct opposition to the Vergennes Township Comprehensive Plan and the results from a 1998 Community Opinion Survey Report?

That question went before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission Board at its February meeting.

are maintaining rural character and conserving open and

Group day care home

license suspended

••• After a Belding man is

criminal sexual assault

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

group day care home.

children, effective Feb. 9.

child care.

care home.

charges.

charged with second degree

A Belding man was arraigned in the 63rd District

Court on charges of second degree criminal sexual con-

duct and with accosting a child for immoral purposes

while staying with a relative who ran a Lowell group day

17 year old Belding man, as a result of a preliminary exam,

was bound over to circuit court on the aforementioned

A circuit court date has not yet been set.

\$10,000 bond (released on 10 percent).

According to Lowell police chief, James Valentine, a

The suspect was arrested on Dec. 26 and held on a

The charge stems from a complaint that he allegedly

On Friday (Feb. 9), the Michigan Department of

had inappropriate sexual contact with a nine year old at the

Consumer & Industry Services, Bureau of Regulatory

Services issued a summary suspension order and an intent to revoke action to Kent County group day care home

provider, Amy Thornton at 216 Elizabeth Dean. The day

care was ordered to immediately cease providing care to

parents or guardians of children in her care that her license has been suspended and that she can no longer provide

The day care provider was also required to inform all

John and Carol Lee, of 34 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE,

outlined six reasons why they believe Jim and Berdie Cook's request should be denied.

At the top of the list was that the zoning change request goes against the Vergennes Township Comprehensive Plan.

"The three parcels of land the Cooks would like rezoned to commercial from R-3 are slated as residential for the next 10-15 years according to the land use map," Carol Lee said. Lee also pointed out that the request goes against the wishes of Vergennes Township residents. "The two highest ranked priorities in the Community Opinion Survey Report

natural areas," Lee explained.

Cooks noted that rather than adding homes to the community, commercial zoning could generate a tax base and not create the traffic volume or hurt the school as much as a housing development would.

Vergennes Planning Commission chairman. Vern Nauta explained if the rezoning request was approved by the planning commission, the comprehensive play would probably have to

be amended.

"There has been talk for a long time that putting commercial development in that area makes sense." Nauta conferred. "We are not going to stop expansion. In order to preserve rural areas, we must direct it to areas where it makes themost sense."

Nauta added that residents cannot expect someone to pay for their view. "If they want to protect it. then maybe they should buy it." The Cooks said the land cannot remain an open field. "We need to get rid of some of our real estate if we are going to retire." Jim

### **REZONING DIVIDE**

The two highest ranked priorities in the Community **Opinion Survey Report are** maintaining rural character and conserving open and natural areas.

Carol Lee, in opposition to a proposed rezoning request before the Vergennes Planning Commission Chairman

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#### LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL **MUSEUM WWII PROGRAM**

Allen Wisner will present his video "The last American Pilot in Slovakia" at the Lowell Township Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Come hear the story of the discovery in 1990 of Lt. Ray Allen's P-38, shot down in 1944, told by Wisner who was piloting the plane next to him. The public is invited; feel free to bring your WWII artifacts to share.

#### **CALLING SENIOR CITIZENS/** LOCAL HISTORY BUFFS

If you enjoy telling stories related to how Lowell has changed over the years, economically, socially, etc., we at the Wittenbach Center are interested in you! It would be a halfhour venture in the morning or afternoon in April and May at the center's log cabin where students will be doing a special project. Contact Tammy DeBaar at 987-1002 to volunteer.

### LOWELL DAY IN LAKELAND, FLORIDA

The annual get-together of Lowellians will be on Sunday, March 4 at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club (take I-4, exit 18, head north past Lakeland Mall to Duff Rd. (3-5 miles); turn left on Duff Rd., follow to Country Club.) It will be buffet style at 1 p.m.

For information, you may contact Carmen Roudabush (863-683-9071); Mary Peckham (863-683-6336); or Barb Curtis (863-682-7136.

#### MENTORS NEEDED FOR NEW FAMILIES

Parent-to-Parent, a volunteer parent organization that welcomes new families to Lowell Area Schools, is looking for more members of the community to get involved with the program. Due to the increasing number of new families moving into the district, additional volunteers are needed to act as mentors to new families and to help coordinate the program in our school buildings. Time commitment is limited to 2-3 hours a month. If you are interested, please call Marcia Bieber at 897-6908 or Nancy Hopkins at 897-0056.

#### LOWELL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SEEKING MUSICIANS

LAAC and LACC have teamed together to bring an outdoor summer concert series to the Greater Lowell Area. The concerts, beginning Thursday, May 31, will be on Riverwalk Plaza with musicians performing on the Showboat.

Blues, Rapp, World Music, Country & Western, Jazz and Christian are some of the music styles the organizations are in search of. If you or your group fit the bill, forward your CD/ cassette and a brief bio to Lowell Area Arts Council, PO Box 53. Lowell 49331 or call 897-8545.

Vern Nauta **Vergennes** Township Planning Commission

Cook Jr. said.

Other reasons why Lees oppose rezoning are:

 They believe commercial development in the requested parcels would negatively impact the value and ecology of the surrounding rural-residential property.

· The township has a lack of standardization for commercial development. " It is disturbing to us that there are no written standards, either building designs or quantity of sites for commercial development," Lee said.

 They believe Cooks' application for site plan review is incomplete, and;

• It is Lees' contention that Cooks' request does not provide adequate rationale for a zoning variance.

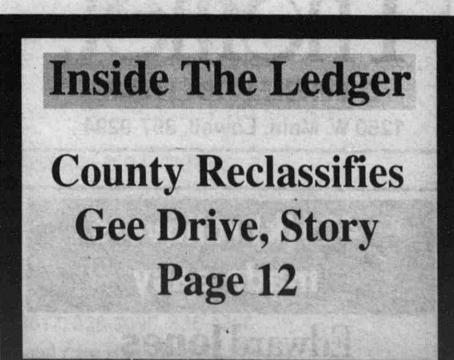
"To justify that a piece of residential property should be changed to commercial just because it sits beside a commercial lot is illogical," Lee explained. "The whole point of zoning and planning documents is to make sure that existing commercial areas do not continue to spread out from a central core."

All commercial uses require a special exception use application and site plan review.

Acceptable uses could include churches, gasoline station. hotels/motels, banks, offices, lumber yards, shoe repair shops. funeral parlors and retail sale businesses.

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission will make a decision on the issue at its March 5 meeting.

"It's going to be a difficult decision." Nauta said. "Both sides have done their homework and the planning commission appreciates their input."



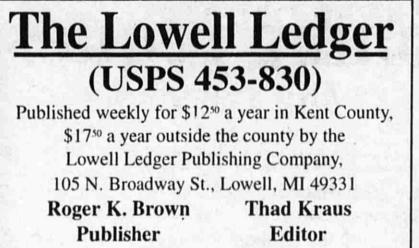


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# **OBITUARIES**

Fetterhoff, aged 40, of Big Bay, entered into eternal life 2001, shortly after admittance to Marguette General

FETTERHOFF - James F. He was born December 14 1960, in Marquette, to Henry (Sonny) and Janalea (Carey) Friday evening February 2, Fetterhoff, and was raised in the Marquette area. On January 20, 1979, he married Hospital following a snow- Teresa Milton of Lowell. Jim mobile accident in Big Bay. was a drywaller for over 20



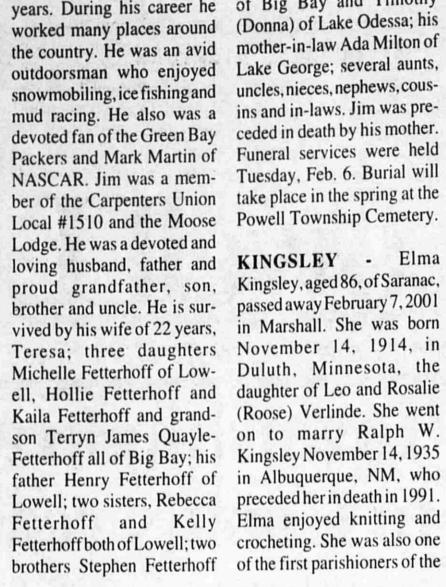
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### **NOTICE OF PATENTED LAND**

Notice is hereby given that the following described "Land" has been lawfully patented and is now being updated and has been filed with the Kent County Register of Deeds:

All that part of Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 11, Town 9 North, Range 9 West, described as: Commencing at the intersection of the centerline of Stacey Street with the East line of the West 21.5 acres of Government Lot 1 and the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 11, thence North 72 degrees 16 minutes West 460 feet on the centerline of Stacey Street; thence North 17 degrees 44 minutes East 210 feet; thence South 86 degrees 51 minutes East 374.8 feet to the said East line of the West 21.5 acres; thence South 320 feet to the place of beginning.

This "Land" is owned by Donald-Gene: Kraus who is the last assign in the title chain. Anyone having a claim on the above described "Land" must make a valid lawful claim within (30) thirty days from the date of this notice or forever preclude any claim in the future.



years. During his career he of Big Bay and Timothy (Donna) of Lake Odessa; his mother-in-law Ada Milton of Lake George; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Jim was preceded in death by his mother. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 6. Burial will take place in the spring at the Powell Township Cemetery.

> KINGSLEY - Elma Kingsley, aged 86, of Saranac, passed away February 7, 2001 in Marshall. She was born November 14, 1914, in Duluth. Minnesota, the daughter of Leo and Rosalie (Roose) Verlinde. She went in Albuquerque, NM, who preceded her in death in 1991. crocheting. She was also one of the first parishioners of the

at a later date.

PHELPS - John M. Phelps.

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Methodist Church with Rev.

Dr. Charles Shields officiat-

the Alzheimers Association,



In the winter, snow and ice collecting on trees and wires can interfere with your electric service. It can cause tree limbs to snap and fall on power lines. Help us prevent outages - tell us about trees growing near power lines, so that we can trim them before a storm occurs.

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with his family, golfing, traveling and fishing with his buddies at Scully Lake in Canada. He was a life member of the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Order of Eastern Star all in Lowell. He is survived by his wife Margaret of Vestaburg; two sons Haan (Sue) Phelps of Lancaster, PA, and Craig (Diane) Phelps of

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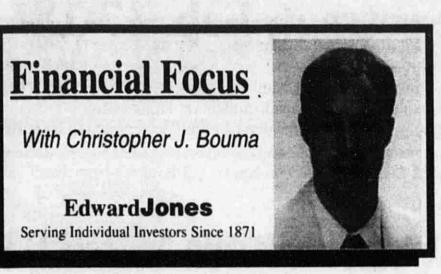
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for higher education expenses.

Gaylord; two daughters starting of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Saranac. Rachel (Roger) Chase of She is survived by her sons Lake City and Renee (Rob) Reynolds of Prospect, KY: Judson and Charleen Kingsley seven grandchildren; two of Saranac and James and Judy Kingsley of Springport; great-grandchildren and two seven grandchildren and four sisters Joan Gogulski of great-grandchildren. She was Grand Rapids and Catherine preceded in death by her par-Weber of Mt. Pleasant. He ents, brother Emil and sister was preceded in death by his Zelma Vroman. Cremation parents and brother Hoyt Phelps who died as a pilot has taken place. A private memorial service will be held during WWII.

WYMA - Mrs. Verda M Wyma, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, passed away Saturaged 78, of Vestaburg, died day, February 10, 2001 in at Schnepp Health Care Cen-Middleville. She was preter in St. Louis. Funeral serceded in death by her husband George B. Wyma and vices were held Saturday at brother Melborne Salisbury. the Lincoln Road United Surviving are her two sons Chaplain Gerry (Kathy) ing. A Masonic memorial ser-Wyma of Grand Ledge and vice followed the services and Rick (Melanie) Wyma of was conducted by Lowell Alto; seven grandchildren Carrie (Howard) Dasher. Masonic Lodge. Interment in Richland Township Cem-Torrey (Natalie) Wyma, Ametery, Vestaburg. Memorial ity (Aaron) Zenz, Michelle (Dale) Kiddler, Kimberly contributions may be made to and fiancee Tom Schichtel. 225 W. 30th St., Holland, MI Lindsey and Ricky Wyma; eight great-grandchildren; 49423. John was born November 4, 1922, in Cedar daughter-in-law, Paulette Springs, the son of Harry and (Gary) DeHaan; brother and Elizabeth (Anderson) Phelps. sisters Velma (Eugene) King, He was a 1941 graduate of Darwin "Red" (Marylin) Salisbury, Vonda (Roger) Lowell High School and on October 3, 1942, married Kraak; sisters-in-law Margaret J. Devener. John Marjorie (James) Sanders served in the United States and Mary Salisbury; several Air Force during WWII from nieces and nephews. Verda Feb. 1943 until his honorable loved roses and working in discharge in Dec. of 1945. her flower garden. She re-John lived in Vestaburg since tired from Old Kent Bank, 1959 coming from Lowell. Plainfield Branch after 25 He owned and operated years of service. Funeral ser-Phelps Lumber in Vestaburg vices were held Tuesday at for 25 years. He enjoyed time Revers North Valley Chapel with Rev. Jack Seberry officiating. Interment Fairplains Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association or to the Religious Library at the Ionia Maximum Security Facility in care of Gerry Wyma for the ministry of the Level Six Prisoners.





#### **Consider Making Gifts** of Appreciated Stocks

You probably have positive feelings about the gifts you've made in your life. Most of us get great emotional rewards from giving. But when you make a gift of an appreciated stock, you'll also get some pretty good financial rewards

You may be especially interested in giving appreciated stocks if you invested steadily over the course of the long bull market of recent

value may have increased significantly. While your stock gains have boosted your total net worth, they've also increased your potential tax burden. When you sell appreciated stocks, you will be liable for capital gains taxes which, although generally lower than income tax rates. can still be considerable.

That's why you may want to consider donating appreciated stock to a charity. You'll receive an immediate income-tax deduction worth the full fair-market value of years, when your portfolio's the appreciated shares. And,

Along The Trails of The SPE Wittenbach Center By Tammy DeBaar

Maple Syrup and Maple Sugar

It was the Native Ameritlers how to derive sap from joy maple syrup and sugar.

To make maple syrup is a multi-step process. First, a slanted hole three inches deep and one inch in diameter must be drilled into the trunk of the tree. This is because, after a

### **Lowell FFA** among top 5 in the state

When the Lowell FFA chapter delegation attends the Michigan FFA Convention in March, they will be recognized as one of the top five FFA chapters in Michigan This recognition is through the National Chapter Award program sponsored by the Cargill Company and the National FFA Foundation.

The award is given to chapters who complete a 20page application on chapter activities that promote member, chapter and community development. The top 10 percent of the chapter applications received by the state association are sent on to the national level for judging. The Lowell FFA is a part of this elite group. Lowell FFA members are recognized with a plaque during a special session of the state convention.

The Lowell FFA was chartered on Dec. 31, 1929 Over the past 72 years, hun dreds of young people have developed leadership and agricultural skills through agriscience education. Today, the chapter is 140 members strong and is actively involved in many school and community activities.

freezing night and during a warm day, water travels up the trunk of the tree from the roots. The water gathers sugcans who first taught our set- ars inside of the tree and thus comes out as sap. In the hole, our maple trees, letting us en- a pipe must be placed with a bucket attached so the sap has somewhere to run into.

In a "good" spring, any tree can produce up to 20 gallons of sap. The sap is then boiled. (Shorter for syrup and longer for sugar.) That same 20 gallons, however, only produces roughly 2 quarts of syrup or 3 to 4 pounds of sugar.

Some facts about Michigan maple syrup:

• The production of maple syrup is the oldest agricultural enterprise in the United States.



at the same time, you won't have to pay a capital gains tax when the stock is sold.

Of course, you also could donate stocks that have declined in value. But you'll be better off selling these stocks first, and then donating the proceeds to charity. By selling your "losers," you'll be able to claim a capital loss, which you can apply against capital gains on your tax returns

It's easy to transfer your stocks to a charity. However, instead of making an outright gift, you may want to explore the idea of putting your stocks in a charitable remainder trust. If set up correctly, this type of trust can offer you some major benefits. We've already mentioned the immediate income tax deduction and the avoidance of capital gains taxes. Here's another advantage: A charitable remainder trust can sell your appreci-

· Maple syrup is one of

· Maple syrup is the first

· An average sugar con-

· Warm sunny days and

· The budding of maple

· Freezing and thawing

· Michigan has a Maple

Look for maple syrup

the few agricultural crops in

which demands exceed the

farm crop harvested each

centration of maple sap is

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Queen, who is selected each

January, from a statewide

making when we experience

warm days, cool nights (late

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The Wittenbach Center

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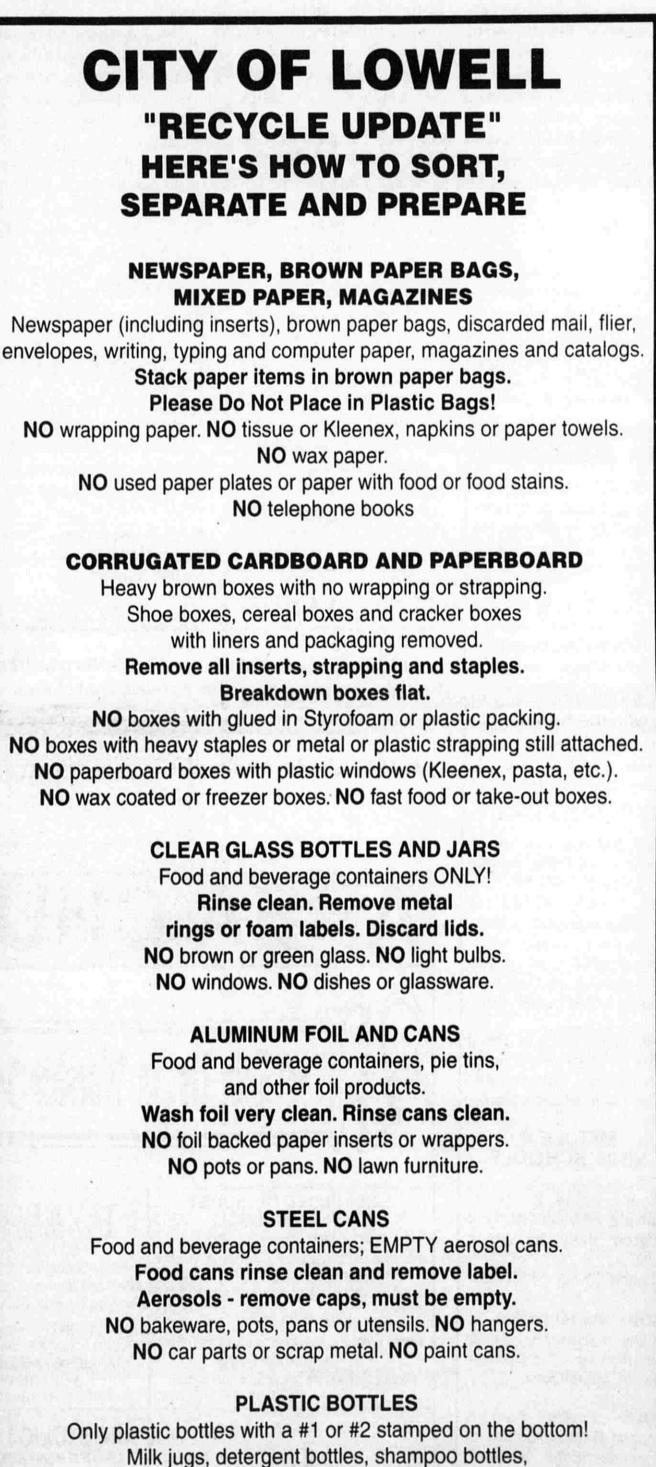
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ated stock, purchase an income-producing vehicle and pay you an income stream for life. Upon your death, the trust will pay out the remaining funds to the charity or charities you've chosen.

You may have noticed that there's something missing from this scenario-your family. If you set up a charitable remainder trust and fund it with appreciated assets, won't you be depriving your family of those assets when you're gone? In a word, yes.



AA, C, D, etc. (alkaline): rechargeable (ni-cad); watch, hearing aid, camera (lithium, mercury) Place batteries in a resealable plastic baggie (Ziploc).

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But that doesn't mean they have to end up empty-handed. In the first place, by removing appreciated assets from your taxable estate, you could reduce the estate taxes that your heirs will face. Also, you could use some of the income you receive from your trust to pay the premiums on a life insurance policy on yourself. with your heirs as beneficia-

To keep this policy out of your estate, you may want to put it in another type of trust- an irrevocable life insurance trust.

Trusts can be quite complex instruments so, before taking any action. you will certainly need to consult with your tax and legal advisers. But when you make a gift to a charity, you only need to consult your heart. And when this gift takes the form of appreciated stock, both you and your charity are winners.

water bottles, ketchup bottles, etc. Rinse completely clean. Discard caps. NO butter, yogurt, or margarine tubs. NO plastic bags or plastic wrap. NO prescription bottles. NO broken toys. NO Styrofoam.

#### HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

For more information, please call 336-4617, 336-3695, 336-4360 or Lowell City Hall at 897-8457

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#### **Pastor Joe Fremer** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Valentine's Day! How's your love life? AsC. S. Lewis pointed out in his excellent little book The Four Loves, when love gets a god in your life, it inevitably becomes a demon. Our natural loves are not robust enough to handle the job. otherwise destructive. Our



FRI: Pizza wedge or spaghetti w/meat sauce & garlic toast, strawberry jello, corn.

cream, black olives, onions

choice of fruit & bread.

loves can only live up to their true promise when God is our Lord, the head of our lives.

Lewis writes about four kinds of love that the Bible distinguishes: family love, promoted to the position of friendship love, romantic love, and sacrificial love. Today, of course, is the holiday celebrating romantic love. Then we have Mother's They turn on us and become Day and Father's Day to smothering, controlling, or honor family love. I suppose the holiday honoring friendship love is Friendship Day (August 5th) though I don't think it has really caught on yet.

> sacrificial love, is not a matter of feelings, but action. It shows itself in altruistic acts of service, when you put another person's welfare ahead of your own. It is this kind of love-the Greeks called it agape (uh-GOP-pay)-that is meant when the Bible says, "God is love" and "Of these three (faith, hope, and love), the greatest of these is love."

When couples planning their wedding request that I use First Corinthians chapter 13 as a reading, it gives me an opportunity to teach them that this great "Love Chapter" of the Bible is not a celebration of romance, but in fact is all about agape love.

Do we have a holiday to celebrate this kind of love? In secular American life, I guess we could nominate Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. Certainly our veterans, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation, showed agape love by their deeds

But Christians know an even better day: Good Friday! There on the cross hangs Jesus, the only truly innocent man in fallen human history, paying for our guilt with His suffering and death. "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends," Jesus had said, and then He acted on it. Romans 5:8 comments, "God demon-The fourth kind of love, strates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." The nails were not what really held Him there-it was His passion to restore human beings to God's family.

> Give heart-symbols and flowers to your beloved today, but if you want your love to truly live up to its excellent potential, first give your heart itself to Jesus the Crucified One and learn from Him how to really love!

In 1936, Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers becomes the first player inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In 1902, Charles Lindbergh is born in Detroit

## Human life retreat, Feb. 17-18

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and Layfaithful will be presenting a weekend retreat Feb. 17 and 18 on Humanae Vitae, a Catholic Church document on human life. This retreat is for married couples, single adults, priests and religious, and will be hosted

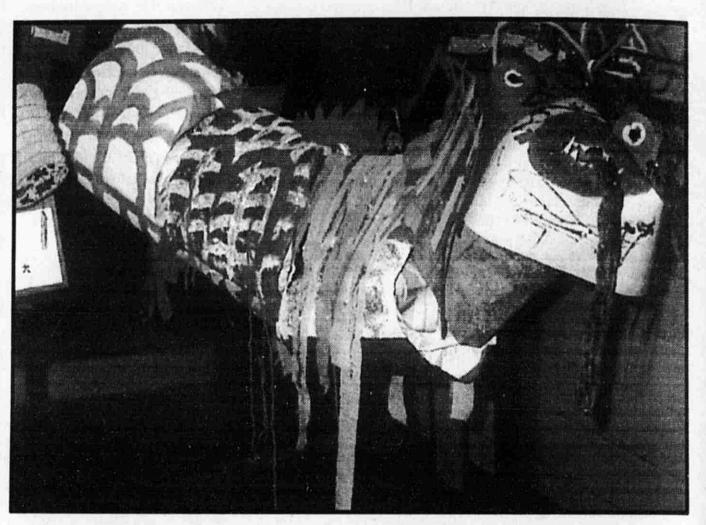
at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. For more details please contact Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

### **Englehardt Library book sale March 1-3**

The Friends of the Englehardt Library, a branch of Kent District Library, will hold their spring used book sale in the library's community room on the following dates: Thursday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Fri-

day, March 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The sale will feature a

large selection of bargainpriced books and shoppers can purchase refreshments to en-



### **Students Celebrate Chinese New Year**

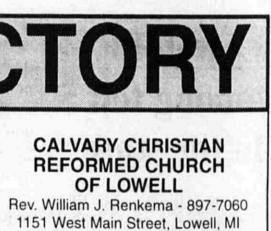
The Chinese proverb says, "I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand." Grattan Academy Middle School students explored Asian and Pacific Rim countries by incorporating art, cooking, cultural festivals, literature, music and writing into their Social Studies class. Together with their second-grade book buddy, middle school students explored the Chinese tradition of "fortune sticks" and parade dances and dragons. The Chinese New Year was celebrated with food and fun. "Gung-Hey-Fat-Choy" were the words of the day.

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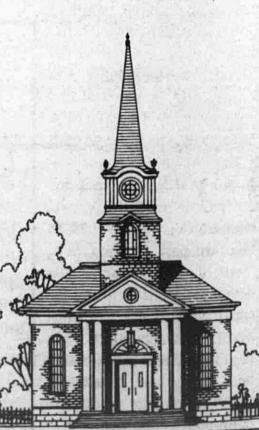
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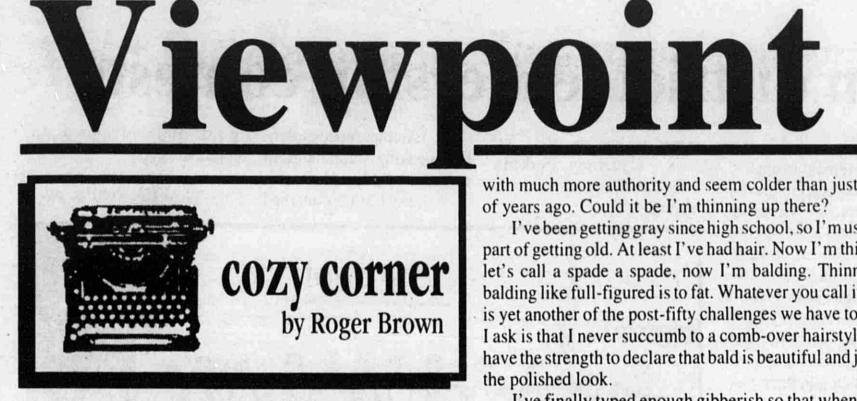


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I hope you readers aren't tired of all this whining I do about getting old. If so, then all I can say is, "Tough bunions, here's another column on the subject."

This geriatric theme began in the year or so prior to my fiftieth birthday. It began when the A.A.R.P. recruitment mailings started showing up in the mail. The seemingly endless barrage from A.A.R.P. has tailed off since I began scrawling rude suggestions of what they can do with their literature on the applications for membership and sending the stuff back to them.

However gratifying my little victory over A.A.R.P. has been, it did not stop the ticking of the clock. I've turned fifty, and fifty-one, and am well on my way to the next cake.

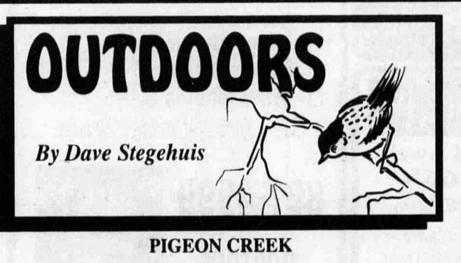
my right shoulder. That is finally on the wane. I've also had to white-haired man in the blue shirt." gimp around because of a heel spur in my left foot. That is getting better as well. Unfortunately, my back problem is not healing with time. My wife keeps telling me to see somebody about it. Now I am at the point where I not only have to deal with a doctor, I have to admit that she is right.

I had to get eyeglasses before I could pass a flight physical just before my fiftieth birthday. In the year and a half since, I've finally come to the realization that I have to wear them if I the TV news or the score in the corner of a sports broadcast ... forget it. Unless I put the glasses on, or an announcer tells me, I am clueless.

Here I am, fifty-one years old and I haven't experienced "Today Show" makes me feel like a second class citizen is, of course, no! because I'm over fifty and haven't invited a film crew to take a tour of my butt.

noticed I'm trimming my ear hairs much more regularly than I'm seeing a barber.

I've also noticed that when hatless and walking out from cane. Take that, you little whippersnapper! under dripping eaves, those cold droplets hit the top of my head



Although there are many good cross country ski trails in western Michigan, one of the nicer areas is located at Pigeon ates. Park staff are friendly and helpful and do a good job of Creek Park in Ottawa County. Pigeon Creek, which flows through the park, is named for the large flocks of passenger pigeons that once roosted in the trees along its banks. Sadly, the last passenger pigeon in the world died in 1914.

are lighted for memorable trips through the woods after dark. In addition, youngsters can have fun on a special sliding hill next to the lodge.

The new lodge is equipped with restrooms and features a strenuous exercise in cold weather will guarantee that-hot easy trails-all within a relatively short drive from home. is available. The lodge is open on Thursday and Friday at 1:00 favorable

### **TO THE EDITOR**

#### Dear Editor,

We would like to express our special thanks to the Lowell Ledger for regularly printing G.M. Ross's wonderfully esoteric and poetic missives, most of which are certainly on par with the writings of the mythical Alan Greenspan. And thank you, G.M. for your singular ability to enlighten and entertain.

> Sincerely, Cheryl and James Blodgett

with much more authority and seem colder than just a couple of years ago. Could it be I'm thinning up there?

I've been getting gray since high school, so I'm used to that part of getting old. At least I've had hair. Now I'm thinning, or let's call a spade a spade, now I'm balding. Thinning is to balding like full-figured is to fat. Whatever you call it, balding is yet another of the post-fifty challenges we have to face. All I ask is that I never succumb to a comb-over hairstyle. Let me have the strength to declare that bald is beautiful and just go for the polished look.

I've finally typed enough gibberish so that when I tell you this little story, I can call this a column and move on to something constructive. I ended my list of "getting old ain't for sissies complaints" with comments about my hair. There is a reason for that. This little story is about my hair.

A few weeks ago the wife and I were on a little road trip. We stopped by a place we know that has fresh-baked goods and great coffee. They also have clean restrooms, which are a must when your bladder has been around as long as mine.

We ordered muffins and coffee. I paid the bill and we waited while they busily made my wife's cappuccino and warmed the muffins in a little oven. The place was quite crowded. After a short wait, a man working behind the counter hollered out, "Who are these muffins for?" as he took them I've suffered the past year with a painful case of bursitis in from the oven. The woman who had waited on me said, "The

White-haired man? Who was she talking about? Those 60,000,000 feet of logs are expected to float down the Flat were my muffins! The man handed them to me without River in the coming season. hesitation. It must have been the blue shirt. Graham has had the walls in his block dressed up in

As I said, I've grown accustomed to having gray hair, but rainbow colors. being called a white-haired man is fightin' words where I The answer to last week's "low prices paid in Lowell." come from. I wanted to tell the guy I had already paid the "fat Same farmer takes another load of produce to Grand Rapids. broad in the yellow apron." I considered telling the guy his mother made really good muffins (the woman was probably Their real prices are lower than advertised. He sells anyway. actually want to see anything. The time and temperature box on his wife). Even though my daughter constantly tells me I've and gets a counterfeit ten-dollar bill as part of his pay. become rude in my old age, I just bit my tongue.

**100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEB. 14, 1901** Had I been oriental, or black, or hispanic, or whatever ... Will Kelley writes from the Philippines that his health is would she have said ... "That (pick a racial slur) man in the blue good and that he spends a lot of time marching in full pack and shirt?" Had I been in a wheelchair, would she have said . the pleasure of a colonoscopy. (That is a very wild and purely "That cripple in the blue shirt?" Had I been holding hands with playing ball. phonetic stab at the spelling. No, I don't have "spellcheck" on someone of the same sex, would she have said ... "That (you get At the school rhetoricals Friday, the question debated was: this old computer.) At least once a week, Katie Couric of the the idea) man in the blue shirt?" The answer to any of the above Resolved the proposed electric road would benefit Lowell. Also at the school: A wire for experiments in electricity

So, let that be a lesson to you. In this politically correct society of ours, you can add "white-haired" to your list of Then there are the little things, like the hair in the ears. I've adjectives you shouldn't use to describe someone. It's not only politically incorrect, but calling someone "white-haired" might land you in the emergency room after being whacked with a

> Most of the trails are rated as easy skiing. The land rolls **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER** gently through stands of mature beech trees where the woods AND THE ALTO SOLO FEB. 11, 1926 are open and some of the old trees tower 100 feet above the A boxed lead article, "Shall We Play A Losing Game?" skier. One loop, that is not tracked, drops down a slope and asks landlords to reduce their rents to reasonable levels: then follows Pigeon Creek for a distance before rejoining the Superior Furniture Co. workers are looking for housing and main trail. The ice-shrouded creek winds through a swampy not finding it affordable. The company is talking about running area where tracks in the snow reveal the recent activities of the a bus to Grand Rapids. local deer herd. The trail system continues across the road The Methodist Ladies' Aid is largely credited with retiring from the lodge into an area which is mostly flat and passes the \$3,000 debt with interest incurred with building the 1922 through stands of pine and oak. There are several loops here, Parish Hall. so a skier can travel some distance on easy trails and not see the Lowell High School youth have asked for. and received. same scenery. vocational information, assessments and interviews with the The trails are groomed daily when the weather cooper

> help of county youth workers and area and local business men. Gas explosions in mines in three states kill 27 miners. maintaining the facility and providing service to the visitor. Col. Billy Mitchell resigns from the army. He will go on There are no trail fees, but one can make a donation to help with tour, asking for more support for military aviation. grooming expenses.

The park-as you might guess-is popular, so weekend **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER FEB. 15, 1951** The 432-acre park is home to 12 miles of trails which are and holiday afternoons can get busy when the weather is good. The Grand Trunk "flier" otherwise known as the "hoodoo". groomed for traditional as well as skate skiing. Several trails Arriving earlier in the day can help to avoid the crowds. The kills its 23rd victim in six years, east of Ada. more remote ski trails, however, don't have many skiers on Republicans promise to derail President Truman's plans them at any time because most people ski the shorter loops near for compulsory health insurance, calling it "socialized medithe lodge.

cine.' This park would be a good place for a beginner to get Pontiac breathlessly announces that, besides being the large stone fireplace in the main hall. If you get hungry- started skiing because one can rent equipment and practice on most beautiful thing on wheels, it's the lowest-priced car with hydramatic drive. dogs, chili, soup, hot chocolate, and other snacks can be Check to see when ski lessons are offered. Pigeon Creek Park A dozen local columns plus Lowell Locals tell who visited purchased at the concession counter. Ski and snowshoe rental is located south of M-45 in Ottawa County. From M-45 take whom. One long title is "News from Grand Rapids of Former 120th to Stanton Street, then west to the park. You may want Bowne Folks.' p.m.; at 9:00 a.m. on weekends, when snow conditions are to take advantage of one of Ottawa County's best-kept secrets while there is still some winter left.

### Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one yped, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105

- I. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.
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- The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL FEB. 9, 1876 This Issue Is Missing. We Substitute Feb. 8, 1871 The money situation: "Gold 112. Silver not in sight. Shinplasters very scarce. Greenbacks - who's got any?"

A meeting is held in Grand Rapids about building a state prison there; the Jackson prison isn't enough.

was kindly run into the laboratory by Mr. English (head of the Light & Power plant).

An account of Carrie Nation's saloon-busting the past few months includes three weeks in jail and several assaults on her person, as well as many saloons demolished with hatchets by her and her followers.

The war in China has resulted in extreme famine in bitterly cold weather.

#### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 1976**

Courtland and Vergennes townships are the top two in the county for applications under Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act. The act provides tax benefits for preserving farm land from development.

The Jaycees start a fund-raising effort to purchase a "Life Pak", a portable heart monitor, for Lowell Ambulance. Lowell Area Schools' Head Start class will have a fundraiser

a month to finance field trips and other activities. Environmental Specialist Steve Harrington's slide film presentation of students' nature studies deeply impresses the school board with the value of the program.

The school board continues to wrestle with the problem of students versus traffic at the Monroe/High Street intersection.

# Lowell FFA shines in district leadership contests

Lowell FFA performed well in the district leadership con- leadership and personal tests held on Feb. 1 at Saranac growth through a number of

Forty members of the High School. The purpose of different career and leader- earned a silver award. the contests is to promote

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 15: Jim VanDyke, DeeAnn Merriman, Deanne Newell, Marcus Kline.

FEBRUARY 16: George Blocher, Matthew Schuitema, versity. Tracey Main.

FEBRUARY 17: Chris Hodges, Justin Stanford, Stephanie Ellison, Reatha Johnson, Lynda Horsley, Deb Tulecki. FEBRUARY 18: Richard Claypool, Courtney Phillips, Laura Walling.

FEBRUARY 19: Jerrica Foss, Bruce Baird, Betty Newhouse. FEBRUARY 20: Mike Rivers, Gary Kemp, Barbara Carpenter, Sara Soyka.

FEBRUARY 21: Elizabeth Vezino, Ashton VanderWarf, Kimberly Sterzick, Robin Martin

ship development events.

Two teams from the district are selected to compete in the regional level of competition on Feb. 15 at Cedar Springs High School. After regionals, the next level of competition is the state finals held during the Michigan FFA Convention on March 5 and 6 at Michigan State Uni-

Lowell FFA advisor, John Schut, said "I am pleased with the students. They worked together to perform well and represented our FFA community well."

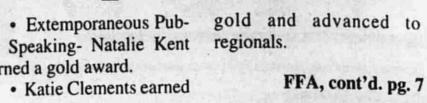
The results are as follows: · Prepared Public Speaking - Lisa Wojciakowski

· Courtnay Perkins earned gold and advanced to regionals

lic Speaking- Natalie Kent regionals. earned a gold award. · Katie Clements earned







# **Asset Development:**

### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Many factors (e.g., economics, genetics, trauma) influence why some young people have successes in life and why others have a harder time.

They are not, however, the only factors that do influence. Research done by Search Institute has identified 40 positive experiences and qualities (developmental assets) that have influenced the lives of young people.

Rick Phillips, executive director of California-based Community Matters, presented the Asset Development model to Lowell community leaders.

This model, developed by Minneapolis-based Search Institute, focuses on developmental assets that help young people make wise decisions, choices and develop caring, responsible character traits.

Phillips' workshop organized a two-three year plan with benchmarks and identified goals and vision for the Greater Lowell area.

Area leaders from the following organizations attended: Lowell Public Schools, City of Lowell, Lowell Charter Township, Vergennes Township, Family Resource Center, First

### Creating environment in which youth reach their greatest potential.

Congregational Church, Laurels of Kent, Cumberland Manor, Flat River Outreach Ministries, Masonic Lodge, Little League, Lowell Area Select Soccer Organization, First United Methodist Church, Greater Lowell Arts Coalition, Lowell Leadership, Lowell Ministerium, Lowell Rotary, Franciscan Life Process Center, Kent District Library, Lowell Area Arts Council, Christ the King Home School, Lowell Youth Development and the Lowell Branch of the YMCA.

"Each group learned the significant role they will play in this long-term process," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh. "The intent of the meeting was to build a community-wide framework for creating an environment in which young people truly reach their greatest potential."

The Asset Development model is grouped into eight categories, or building blocks of healthy development. "Leaders gained a deeper insight and understanding of the

developmental assets and, more importantly, they learned how we as a community can put the model in place," Welsh The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, February 14, 2001 -Page 7

 Greenhand Public Speaking- Kristen Lee and Cassie Wheat earned golds and advanced to regionals. · Demonstration- Heather Blough, Gina Blough and

FFA, cont'd... From Page 6

Rebecca Pfaller earned a gold award. · Heather Canfield, Nathaniel Canfield and Ruthanne Oesch earned a silver award.

 Parliamentary Procedure - The team of Bryan Posthumus, Becky Bosserd, Jen Gunberg, Holly Plattner Tim Zook and Kayla Ritenburgh earned a gold award. · The team of James Bosserd, Danielle Nebelung

Courtney Baker. Joe Wisner. Megan Nyson and Jana Young earned gold and advanced to regionals. · Job Interview - Toni Addington earned a silver award.

Jeff Harreld earned a silver award.

 Conduct of Meetings - The team of Kriste Warren Jessica Kincaid, Patty Leasure, Steve Koning, Justin Peterson, Jake Baker and Brian Hoekstra earned a silver award.

· Agricultural Forum - The team of Matt Oesch. Pieter Serne, Brian Rasch, Kevin Rasch, Teresa Leasure amd Bill Zook earned a gold award and advanced to regionals.



# Should government funds be used for religious based charitable organizations?



Wayne Inman No. They get enough for free and they are exempt from everything.



Wanda Elliott No. I don't think so. A lot can be done in churches through their own organizations



**Missy Higley** Yes, because of my morals and beliefs I think the government should provide charitable religious organizations with funds.

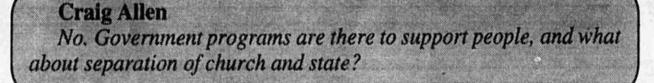


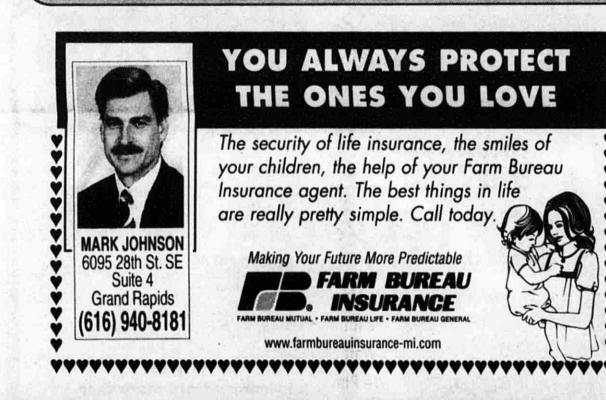
Depends on what they use it for. No. government funds shouldn't be used for that. People could take advantage of the situation.

**Michelle Smith** 

**Mary Didion** The government doesn't have enough money now to do what it is supposed to do. People already make donations to support those sort of

Yes. It's a good idea. I don't think it would be in violation.







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Pat Craft I can see a lot of ways churches can do this on their own. I don't see where the government comes in on this.

-Jack Carson

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

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

SECOND SUN. EACH MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- Center, 402 Amity St., non-MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

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

Post #8303 meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. tian Reformed Church. Main St., Lowell, 7:30 p.m. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY WED .: Pioneer N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Troop 10210, for boys 11 Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- at Trinity Lutheran Church, & up or completing the 5thgrade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Childuring the school year in dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY

activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For infor call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481

**TUES.:** Take Off Pounds bile Home Park Community

TUES .: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 come.

AD/HD at Calvin College,7- ent seasonal activities 9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- the Franciscan Child Deent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in 897-7842. Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. 7524 for more information. parents

EVERY SECOND TUES. Lowell Masonic Lodge EVERYTHURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Muat the Masonic Center, 119 No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley SECOND MON. OF EACH Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. Masons are welcome.

> **EVERY TUES.:** Women's Community Bible study. THURS .: Weight Watch-Freenursery and preschool ers meets at Lowell 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women formation call 897-7060 or time. Questions? Call 1-897-7555.

EVERY 1ST& 3RD TUES .: EVERY THURS. - St.

HD Issues Group meeting Mondays from 5:30 - 8 at St. Luke's Lutheran p.m. Phone 897-9393. Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call lated topics, creative and Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1STTUES: Adults Lowell Middle School choir with AD/HD Issues Group room. For information call FOURTH MONDAY OF meeting at Calvin College 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call FIRST AND THIRD Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Connie 942-6887.

Girls Club - Calvary Chris- Nash) at 7 p.m.

green Missionary Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

of N. Washington St. Enjoy WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Auxiliary #8303 meets at Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; LAAC members, seniors and meets at Lowell Congre- 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Thurs., noon-7 p.m.; Sat., gational Church basement. Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

> **EVERY WED.:** Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

Sensibly Tops MI#372 EVERY SECOND WED .: meets at Key Heights Mo- G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

Elderly volunteers needed p.m. New members wel- to participate in the Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cen-1ST TUES .: Adults with from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at Center. velopment

> **EVERY WED.:** Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

> brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

story hour/crafts time from Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Regonly at 7:30 p.m. Calvary istration is 1/2 hour before Chr.Ref.Church across meetings. New members from Burger King. For in- are invited to join at any 800-651-6000.

Lowell Lions Club meets at Mary's Pregnancy Crisis rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. denominational help for pregnant women and ado-EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- lescents at the school. ents of children with AD/ From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on

> club examines theater-repersonal development skills. Meetings held at

THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Cen-EVERY OTHER WED .: ter Fellowship Hall, corner EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. of 84th & M-50 (Alden

**EVERY 2ND THURS.:** 

the Scout Cabin at the end Call 897-5894 for details. THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. COUNCIL: Open Tues.,

EVERY THIRD THURS .: Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offering a variety of topics and discussion geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: EVERY THIRD THURS .: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at with school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

Two times available: 9:45 EVERY THIRD THURS.: to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Please call 752-

> SECOND THURS. OF EV-ERY MONTH: The Ada

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

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

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

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144

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

SECOND LOWELL AREA ARTS

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NOW THRU FEB. 15: Used phone book dropoff center at 1st United Methodist Church; trailer in parking lot at Division & E. Main. Please phone books only; for Habitat for Humanity

FRI. & SAT., FEB. 16 & 17: Watercolor painting workshop, 9:30 - 4 p.m. with artist, Bert Boerema. 1- (\$40) & 2-day (\$65) classes. For info., call 897-7842, ext. 305.

SAT., FEB. 17: Roger MacNaughton and Friends music concert at Lowell Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. \$5 for

students; \$6 general admission. Tickets at LAAC and Family Fare in Lowell.

SAT. & SUN., FEB. 17 & 18: Weekend retreat at Franciscan Life Process Center on Humanae Vitae, a Catholic Church document on human life for married couples, single adults. priests and religious. Call 897-7842, Sister Colleen Ann Nagle.

SUN., MARCH 4: Annual Lowellian get-together at Huntington Hills Golf & Country Club, Duff Rd., Lakeland, Fla. 1 p.m. buffet. Contact Barb Curtis (863-682-7136) Marv Peckham (863-683-6336) or Carmen Roudabush (863-683-9071) for information.



### The Lowell Ledger-Wednesday, February 14, 2001 -Page 10 Donations being accepted for D.A.R.E. vehicle

The Lowell Police Department Drug Abuse Resistance Education program in Lowell Area Schools has begun accepting cash donations toward the purchase of a new vehicle.

The 2001 black GMC Sonoma will have bright red D.A.R.E. logos and will be used as transportation for the D.A.R.E. officers to teach classes and attend community events.

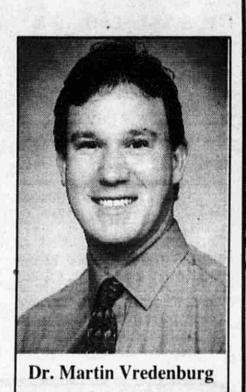
A total of \$18,798 needs to be raised. The new truck will create a higher profile for this important program being taught in the Lowell School District.

Donations may be sent to the Lowell Branch of Huntington Bank at 414 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331.

Checks should be made payable to the Lowell Police Department - D.A.R.E.

## Local dentist graduates from advanced training

For a lot of people, a beautiful white smile can be achieved in a matter of a few weeks instead of years. How is this possible? This can be done through a conservative technique that reshapes the teeth and fits them with porcelain laminates that are metal-free, and look and feel like the real thing. Many people can now improve their smiles without the necessity of braces. These natural looking restorations can create the perfect smile that may be desired by many . . . instantly



A local dentist, Dr. Martin Vredenburg has recently

completed post-graduate training at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies in Nevada. Vredenburg completed the Advanced Anterior Aesthetics program under the world-renowned Dr. William Dickerson, a Fellow of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. While at the Institute, Vredenburg underwent intensive training including completing a case on a live patient under the direction of the teachers.

Vredenburg is one of the few dentists from the area that have completed a program that teaches these skills. His commitment to excellence is emphasized by undergoing this training to provide patients with only the best restorations and care possible. By undergoing this training, Vredenburg has achieved the clinical ability that few dentists in the country are even aware exists. For more information call LVI at (888) 584-3237 or Dr. Vredenburg at 897-8429.

### **Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents,** Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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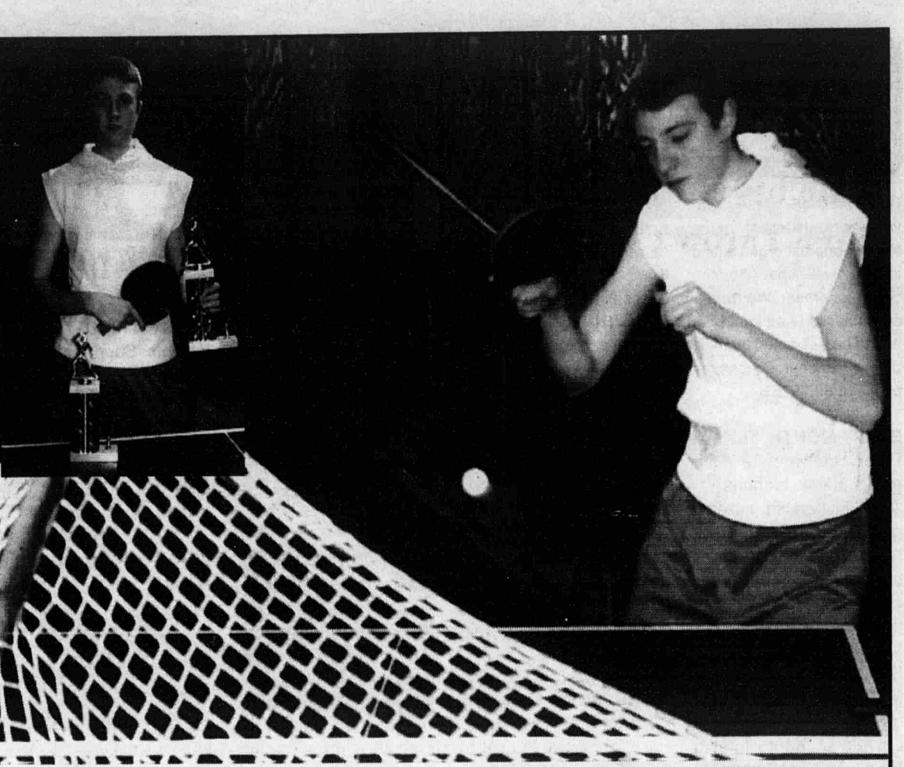
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Lowell's Dana Long won the 13-and-under Michigan State Table Tennis Championship in Holly, MI.

# **Ping-Pong excellence a 'Long'-standing** father-son tradition in Lowell family

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Dana Long, 13, did forehand loops around his competition to win the 2001 Michigan State Table Tennis Championship in Holly, MI.

ames 21-19, 15-21 and 21-16.

This is the third level in which Long has won the championship.

He also partnered with David Witt to win the junior and 21-15.

The Lowell High School junior began playing table tennis at the age of seven. "My father (Frank) encouraged me to play. I've continued because I like the competition and it's fun to play," Long said.

His father taught him well. Six years after picking up a paddle Long reached a historical marker and defeated his dad. "I still practice with Dana ... he's just better than I am now," Frank Long explains.

The younger Long is hopeful of spending three weeks in Long won the 13-and-under championship in three Romania this summer where he will practice with the Romanian junior table tennis team. "The best part of my game is the top spin forehand loop. I wish my serve was better. I need to work on my chop spin serve," Long said. His immediate goal is to become a national champion doubles (17 and under) championship. The duo won 21-11 (best in age). To achieve that, he will need a rating of roughly 2000. Currently, Long's rating is at 1,100. "Your rating increases or decreases with every win or loss. How much it goes up or down depends on your opponent's rating." The junior's long-term goal is to play in the Olympics.

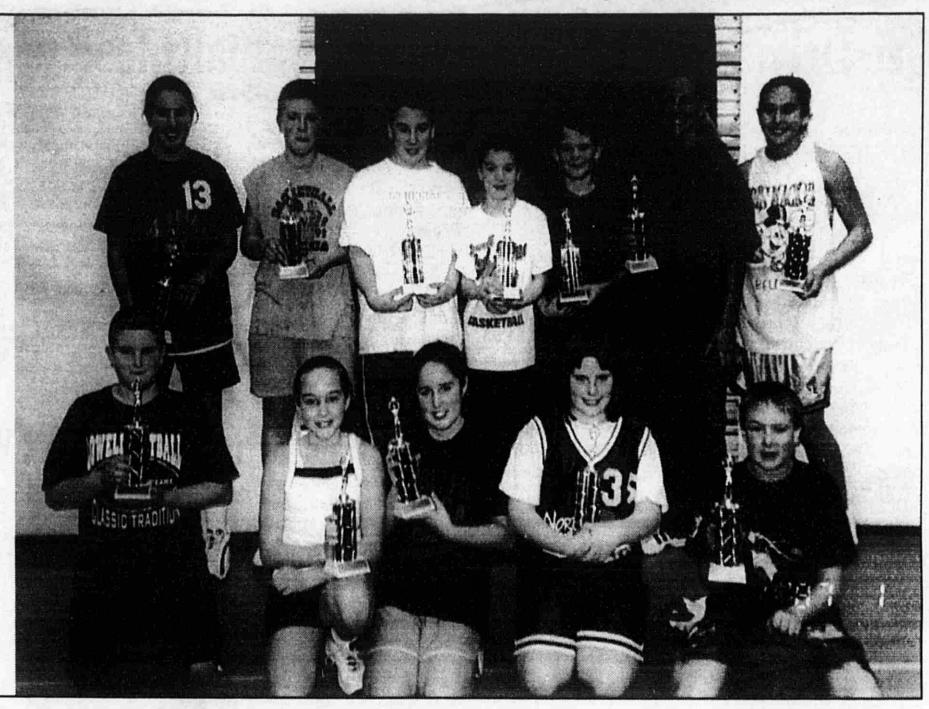


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### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champions**

Pictured to the right are the winners of this year's Knights of Columbus Free Throw tournament. Back row, left to right, are: Brittany Lyman (age 12), Sean Butterworth (14), Josh Hettinga (13), Tim Hettinga (10), Josh Drake(9), Tara Brown (14) and Devon Collins (13). Front row, left to right, are: Ethan Drain (age 11), Cassie DeCator (10), Chelsea Harrison (11), Melissa Shepard (9) and Steve Geelhoed (12). These winners will now compete at the district level.





The dirt bikes of Eric Baird (left), Dan Baird (center) and Tim Hill have been put up for the winter but March and the start of the dirt bike motor cross season cannot be far away.

# March madness means dirt bike season for these Lowell youths

#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus owell Ledger Editor

Tim Hill and brothers Eric and Dan Baird spend the winter season riding their snowmobiles.

It's fun and more importantly it gives their bodies time o heal from a bruising motor cross dirt bike season which ends in November.

All three youths spend every weekend from March to November racing their dirt bikes. The 2001 season begins in Coldwater on the first weekend in March.

"My goal is to go more than a couple of months without breaking a bone," said Hill who has been racing nine years. Currently, he rides a 2001 RM-250.

Hill broke his wrist and sprained an ankle last year. "The first week in June I was racing in Hudsonville and I did three front flips. I broke my wrist and had it in a cast for six-seven months." The cast is off but the wrist is discolored a blue

similar to lips after a person has been in cold water too long. Hill may not like it, but recovering from an injury has been a part of the sport for him. He continues to endure because of his love for racing and for the traveling he gets to

Some of the seasonal stops along the way include Ten-

Pennsylvania for the Hill Climb Nationals.

nessee for the Loretta Lynn Nationals; and Beaverdale, It's not all injuries and travel; sometimes it's raising trophies in the air. Eric Baird did that recently in Grand Rapids Arena Cross at the Van Andel Arena.

Riding his CR-250 took first in three days of the event "It was the first time we've competed in Grand Rapids," Baird explained. Hill finished fourth on Friday and a Saturday crash took

him out of the competition in day two. Dan Baird, driving a '97 Suzuki 80, crashed on Friday

and was left to spectate the rest of the weekend. A season highlight for Dan Baird was winning the Hill

Climb Nationals in Beaverdale. He was first out of 36 racers his division. For Eric Baird, the 2000 season highlight was his 18th

place finish in the Loretta Lynn Nationals. He competed against 42 other dirt bikers.

While Hill didn't place, his top moment was competing in the Tennessee Nationals When the threesome aren't competing on weekends

they are practicing on a three-and-a-half dirt bike track on land owned by Bairds' grandfather (Al Baird).

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## JV hockey team skates past Grand Haven; shuts out Northview

The Red Arrow junior varsity hockey team traveled to the Edge Arena in Holland on Saturday and lost to the Bucaneers from Grand Haven, 10 - 3.

Scoring for the Lowell/Caledonia team was provided by Brandon John in the first period, unassisted on a power play. Ben Olson scored unassisted, also on a power play, in the second period. Dustin Hofert scored in the third period with Dan Woods recording an assist.

The Red Arrows were host to the Northview Wildcats on Sunday. Lowell proved too much to handle for Northview as the Red Arrows blanked the Wildcats 7-0. Rob Latva was in goal and recorded the shutout.

Brandon John scored five goals, with three coming in the first period. His first goal was scored unassisted: the next two were assisted by Dan Woods.

Woods wasn't done, however, as he broke away and scored unassisted with 44 seconds left to close out the first period. Ben Olson, on a breakaway in the second period, was tripped from behind while bearing down on the Northview goalie. This resulted in a penalty shot, on which Ben buried the puck in the back of the net.

Brandon Johns' speed proved too much for the Northview defense and added another unassisted goal in the second period. The third period saw Dan Woods assist John again for Lowell's 7th score of the game.

Lowell plays Kenowa at Walker Ice and Fitness on Saturday, Feb. 17 followed by West Catholic on Sunday at home. The puck drops at 6:30.

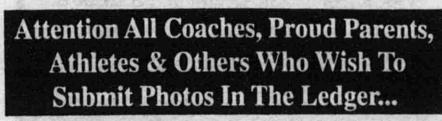
## JV grapplers win league tourney

Lowell's junior varsity wrestling team took top honors at the conference meet in Hastings. Finishing first were Red Arrow grapplers' Mike Nearing

(113 pounds), Kevin Frazier (135), Beau Wilder (138) and Phil Moerdyke (192).

Nate Luebs (119 pounds ), Sean Gannon (124), Jeremy Goff (128), Mark Kimberlin (132) and Jason Murray (186) all earned seconds.

F inishing third were Andy Jousma (104 pounds). Braton Fredline (132), Jim Kelly (138) and Greg VanderWal (160). Earning fourth-place finishes were Matt Muha (128 pounds) and Josh Vaught (147).





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# Gee Drive reclassification may eventually lead to street's improvement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Street improvements have been identified as a major priority by Lowell's city \$241,000. council.

In particular, the reconstruction of Gee Drive is listed master plan. The cost to carry out the work is estimated at eral funding. \$810,196.

Within the last year Gee the South Hudson Street major street under Public Act cent federal funding. 51 by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

increased the city's share of shared gas and weight tax revenues from \$235,000 to

Efforts have also been undertaken to classify Gee Drive as a rural major collector unas a top project in the streets der the National Functional Classification System for fed-Under this classification,

Drive was reclassified as a project qualified for 80 per-The Grand Valley Metro

Council-Transportation

**COLLEGE NEWS** 

Alma students Shannon Finnegan and Joshua Vrooman of Lowell are heading south with the Alma College choir.

The 55-member choir, directed by Secrest Professor of Music, Will Nichols and accompanied by pianist, Tony Patterson, kicked off its tour Saturday, Feb. 10 in Toledo and finished the weekend in Highland, Indiana and Kalamazoo on Sunday, Feb. 11. Florida is the destination for their one-week spring break tour that begins Feb. 24. The choir is singing sacred and secular pieces in churches throughout the Sunshine State. While in Florida, members of the choir will reside with host families and in hotels.

Finnegan, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Nancy Ann Finnegan of Lowell. Vrooman, a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Sherrie Vrooman of Lowell.

In 1875, George F. Green, of Kalamazoo, is awarded a patent for the first electric dental drill.

In 1837, Michigan became the 26th state.

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This reclassification has Policy Committee determined there is insufficient traffic volume to merit Gee Drive as a regional facility at this time. The traffic volume count

per day on Gee Drive is 400. The committee likes the count on thorough fares to be at least 1,000.

issue be revisited once Meijer opens

count is 2,000.

did reclassify Foreman Road as a major rural collector, qualifying the thoroughfare for future federal funding. Foreman's daily vehicle tion.

If its traffic count were to increase, Gee Drive could still qualify for such funding. The city asked that the That, however, may still be added projects," said Lowell

The committee, however, several years away.

As an alternative, the city could secure Transportation Fund Bonds up to \$1.2 million for 15 years of amortiza-

"This could also include the reconstruction of Valley Vista Drive (\$261,860) and North Division (\$212,976) as

publisher Paul Krouse.

Students were requested

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Schools as a high school his-

Casler began her teach-

cellence.

## Lowell resident named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers

Lowell resident and former Pinewood Middle School teacher, Kathy Casler is honored in the 2000 Who's Who Among America's **Feachers**.

Casler was nominated in the sixth edition by former middle school history student Molly Fitzgerald who is currently listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students or the National Dean's List publications which recognize the top five percent of the nation's high school and college students.

"There is no greater honor



Kathy Casler

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city manager, Dave Pasquale. Payment would be derived from millage and state shared transportation revenues. Pasquale said that might

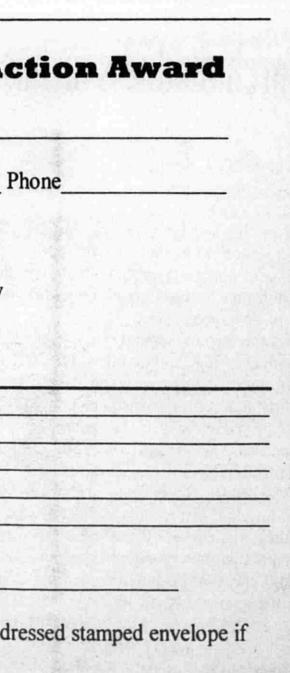
mean levying one mill (\$73,000) and using \$40,000 from the Act 51 funds to make the payment each year over 15 years.

teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication. In this publication we clearly have the best teachers in America selected by the best students," said

tory, sociology and psychology teacher. She has a teaching degree, with majors in history, sociology and political science, from Michigan State University.

After receiving a master of arts degree in audio visual media and library science from Western Michigan University, she became the district's media specialist. Casler continued her ca-

reer as media specialist at Holt High School and East Kentwood High School. She spent the last nine years at Pinewood Middle School.



**Conference** championship isn't without controversy; team district Thursday at Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell claimed its ninth O-K White Conference championship with a league tourney win Saturday at Zeeland

The Red Arrows finished well ahead of the league pack with 184 points. Northview and Forest Hills Central were second with 129.5 points followed by Hastings 114: Zeeland 83; East Grand Rapids 80; Forest Hills Northern 79; and Hudsonville 77.5.

Lowell sent eight wrestlers into the finals and another four grapplers into the consolation round.

Four Red Arrows claimed conference championships; three finished second; hree wrestlers placed third; and one took fourth.

The tournament, however, was marred by a controversial ending. In the final match of the day, Lowell's Ben Fleet, 215 pounds, was disqualified for apparent flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct.

Fleet allegedly bit his opponent on the arm. Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc did not concur with the officials' decision.

"After seeing the physical marks on the arm of Northview's wrestler, I don't believe they were caused by teeth," Strejc said.

The coach said he chewed out Fleet following the match, before he saw the arm. "I was wrongand owe Ben an

apology," Strejc said."If one advantage. "I was able to do say so, because right is right and wrong is wrong, but when I don't believe he did, Idefend him to n-th degree.

Lowell had to deduct 18 points from it steam score (202) due to the disqualification.

with Northview on Thursday.

the Wildcats earlier in the year period 44-12, but will be without the services of Fleet and John McKay(disciplinary reasons) VanLaan (152) finished secon Thursday

'Our boys did well today. They did what I expected. But we have some work to do," said Strejc.

The conference tourna- (171). ment was highlighted by a dual between its two best wrestlers: Lowell's Caleb O'Boyle, 140 pounds, and Forest Hills Central's Justin Sinclair.

For the second time this year, O'Boyle (41-0) defeated Sinclair, this time by the score of 11-7.

conference championship in Central. four years.

"I was able to catch him (Sinclair) off balance and take him down." O'Boyle explained afterward. The Red Arrow also got three Forest Hills Northern/East backpoints from takedown, giving him a 5-2 district final.

of my guys did something what I wanted to from the wrong, I'd be the first one to bottom. My goal is to win a state championship. I need to improve on wrestling fromup top.

Other Red Arrows to earn conference championships Brandon Kinney, 112 pounds. won on a technical fall (20-5) against Hastings' Ryan The action also makes Ferguson; John Mendez, 130, Fleet ineligible for Lowell's defeated Mike Tomanek opening round district dual (FHC) 3-2; and Ben Vaught HWT, pinned Zeeland's Jon The Red Arrows defeated Albin in 3:41 of the second

Bobby Gingerich (135), J.J. Wilder (145), and Pete ond.

Claiming victories in the consolation round were Jayme DeLiefde (119), Matt Oesch (160) and Mike Forward

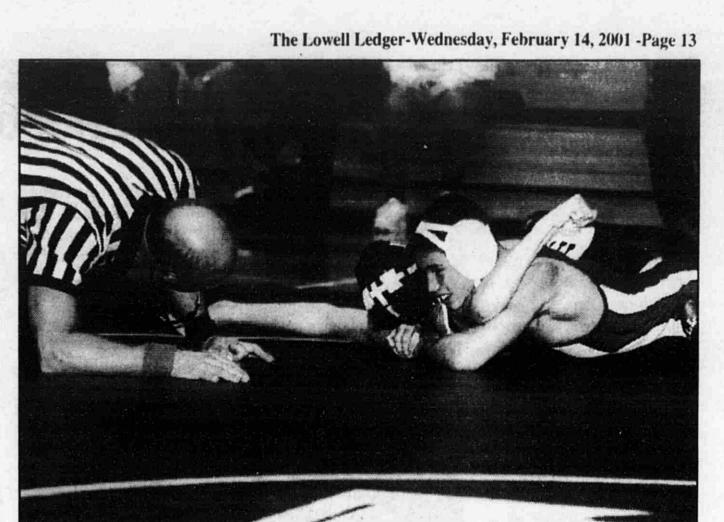
DeLiefde defeated Josh Johnson of Zeeland with a pin at 4:01 of the third period.

Oesch pinned Alex Cochrane (FHC) at 1:27 of the second period and Forward decisioned Northview's Jordan Petrovich 8-3.

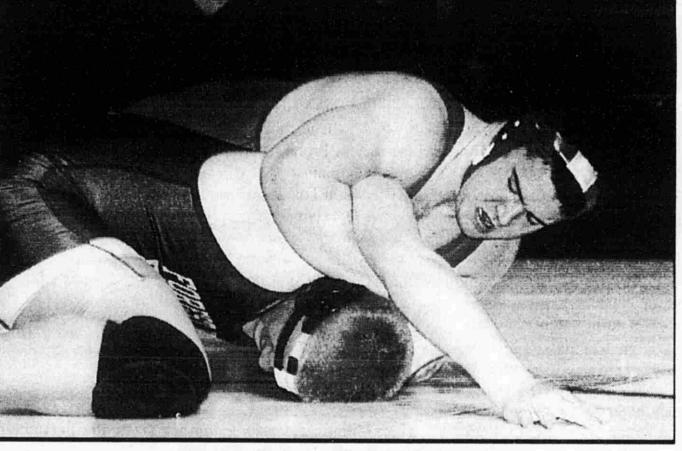
Pieter Serne (189) lost his consolation match 9-3 to It was O'Boyle's third Kevin Bustrum of Forest Hills

Lowell's opening district match at Northview on Thursday begins at 6 p.m.

The winner of the dual will take on the winner of the the Grand Rapids' match in the



Saturday at Zeeland.



#### By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

After two nonconference wins, Lowell volleyball coach, Connie Black was anxious to see his club take the floor against Hudsonville.

"The girls played so well in wins against Middleville and Ionia I thought, 'wow,' we've turned the corner,' Black said.

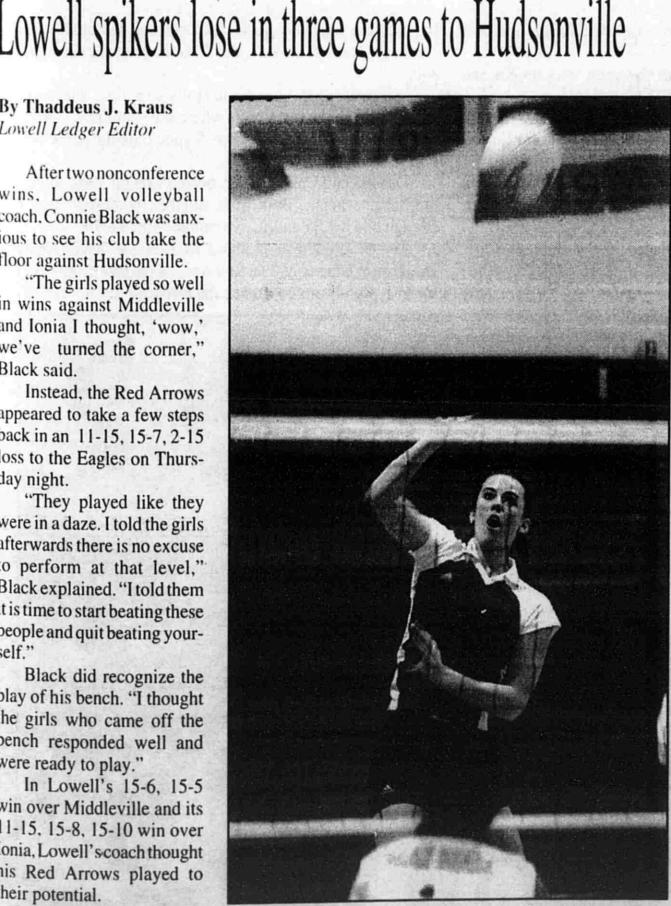
Instead, the Red Arrows appeared to take a few steps back in an 11-15, 15-7, 2-15 loss to the Eagles on Thursday night.

"They played like they were in a daze. I told the girls afterwards there is no excuse to perform at that level." Black explained. "I told them it is time to start beating these people and quit beating your-

Black did recognize the olay of his bench. "I thought the girls who came off the bench responded well and were ready to play."

In Lowell's 15-6, 15-5 win over Middleville and its 11-15, 15-8, 15-10 win over Ionia, Lowell'scoach thought his Red Arrows played to their potential.

"The girls did everything well. They ran our offense,



Amanda Stoutjesdyk blasts one back over the net for the Red Arrows.

Both Brandon Kinney, above, and Ben Vaught, below won district championships

In 1914, the Detroit Symphony gives its first concert at the Detroit Opera House.



# Northview survives Lowell's upset bid

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Between Dave Rozema's shooting and Sam Oberlin's penetration, Lowell (2-8, 3-11) nearly dashed Northview's hopes of an O-K White conference title Friday night.

The Wildcats, however, made the plays down the stretch and hung on for a 57-54 win over the Red Arrows.

"Rozema hurt us with his shooting and we couldn't stop Oberlin's (Sam) penetration,' said Northview coach, Mike Kapustka. "We did not play very well defensively but give Lowell credit ... they played well and executed."

The Red Arrows jumped out to a 9-2 lead to start the game. Northview cut Lowell's advantage to four at 12-8 after one.

Northview (7-3, 10-5) owned the second quarter, outscoring 20-9 to take a 28-21 halftime lead.

"We took a lot of bad shots and missed a number of easy shots in that second quarter," said Lowell boys basketball coach, Pete Bush.

The Red Arrows tallied 17 points in the opening fourand-a-half minutes of the third quarter, tying the contest at 38-38. The two teams finished the third period tied at 43-43.

netted four shots from the three-point line. Oberlin tal-Koetsier added eight.

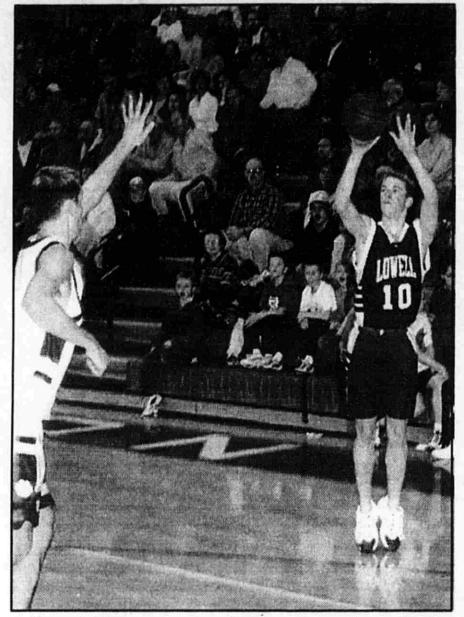
been in a zone the last five games. When a shooter/scorer is going well, he's tough to stop," Bush said

Northview's Ross Wilson led all scorers with 20 points. "I don't care what Lowell's record is, you'd bet-

ter be ready to play," Kapustka

did a good job of protecting the middle for us," Bush said. The Red Arrows play host to Forest Hills Central on Friday.

for an upset following their thrilling one-point victory



Troy Gillan releases a jumper from the perimeter against Northview in the first half.

said. "This was a tough week over Northview. for us. Both East Grand Rap-Rozema led Lowell in ids and Lowell are better bas- the Forest Hills Northern (8- 23 points. He netted five from scoring with 16 points. He ketball teams than what their 2, 12-2) played the game that records indicate."

lied 10 points and Brad nized the play of junior Lo- others have stumbled before gan Dykstra. "Logan played as Northern routed Lowell 75-"Dave (Rozema) has well. With his long arms he 53.

the senior-led Huskies were Streekstra added 13 and Jus-Lowell's coach recog- not going to stumble where tin Peterson netted 10.

"I credit our senior leadership with how they had these guys ready to play tonight following that big win over a very good Northview team," said Forest Hills Northern The Huskies seemed ripe coach, Steve Harvey. "They understood that this league game against Lowell (2-7, 3-10) was as important as the league game against Northview.'

> With the score tied at 6-6, FHN went on a 22-2 run to grab a commanding 28-8 advantage. The Huskies never looked back as they took a 39-23 advantage into halftime.

FHN's pressure defense forced Lowell into turnovers and created many scoring opportunities early.

"They played hard right out of the gate and scored in a hurry," said Lowell boys basketball coach, Pete Bush.

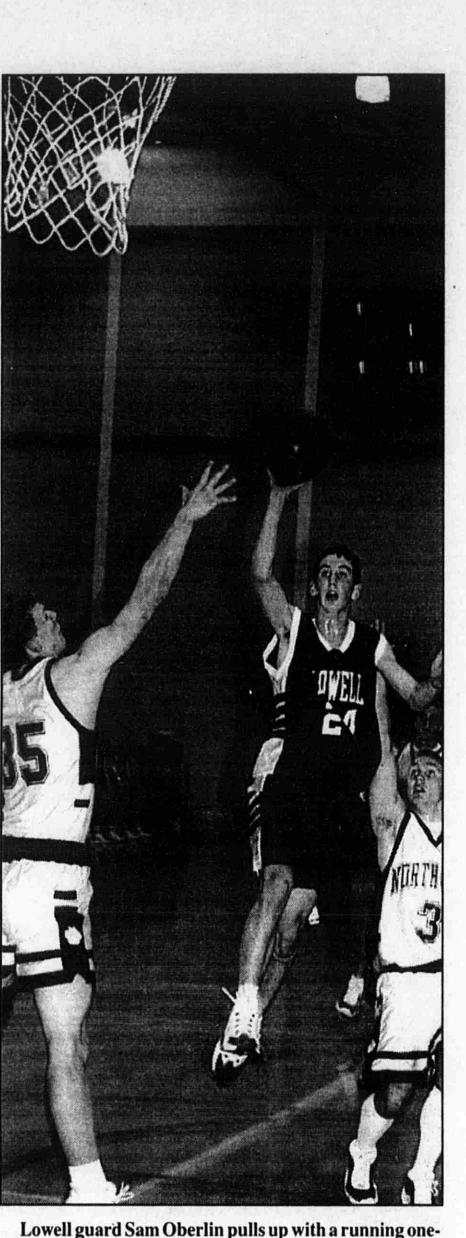
Northern extended its lead to 23 points (63-40) by outscoring Lowell 24-17 in the third quarter.

"Northern is the best defensive team we'll face all year. They also shot real well tonight," Bush said.

Harvey attributes his club's improved shooting to modifications in its offense. "The boys are more patient, taking quality shots and they are playing with confidence,' he said.

Northern's Daane It was clear from the way Griffeth led all scorers with the three-point arc. Mark

Troy Gillan and Dave Rozema led Lowell with 11 points each.



# **Red Arrow gymnasts fifth at St. Johns' Invitational**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell ledger Editor

Lowell girls gymnastics team came off the vault with its highest score of the year en route to a fifth place finish at the Heather McQueen recorded an 8.2. St. Johns' Redwing Gymnastics Invitational.

vault. "That's the first time this year we've cleared 34," said with 132.75. Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan.

(8.65).

Melissa Neubecker came off the vault with an 8.4 and 8.45.

Grand Ledge was first with 140.80 points followed by St. The Red Arrows finished with a team total of 34.05 on the Johns 140.70; East Lansing 134.55; Haslett 134 and Lowell

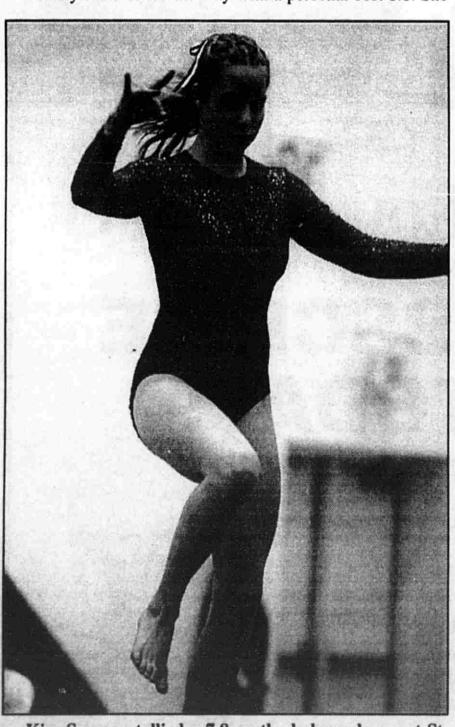
White placed ninth overall on the uneven bars with a mark Holly Plattner led the way with a personal best 8.8. She of 8.4. Plattner finished with a 7.7 followed by Neubecker, the balance beam. Both girls finished with scores of 8.5. 7.65; and Katie Blough 7.35.

Both Plattner and White placed in the floor exercise. Plattner was second overall with a score of 9.25. White

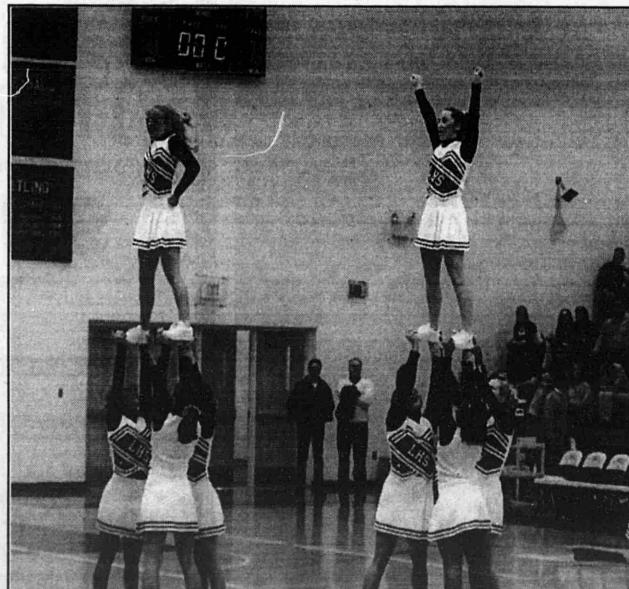
placed 10th overall. Krystal White also posted a personal best finished her routine with an 8.7, placing her ninth overall. Neubecker tallied an 8.55 and Carmen Datema recorded an

tion mistakes."

Lowell travels to Holland to face the league-leading Dutch on Wednesday. The Red Arrows return on Saturday for the O-K Rainbow conference meet.



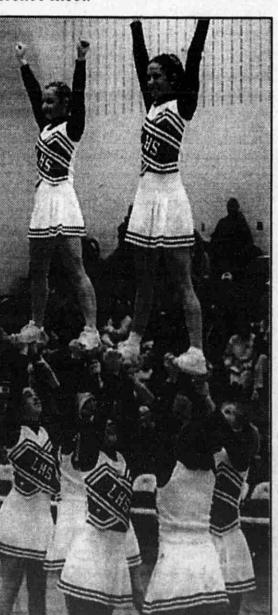
Kim Seaman tallied a 7.8 on the balance beam at St. Johns on Saturday.

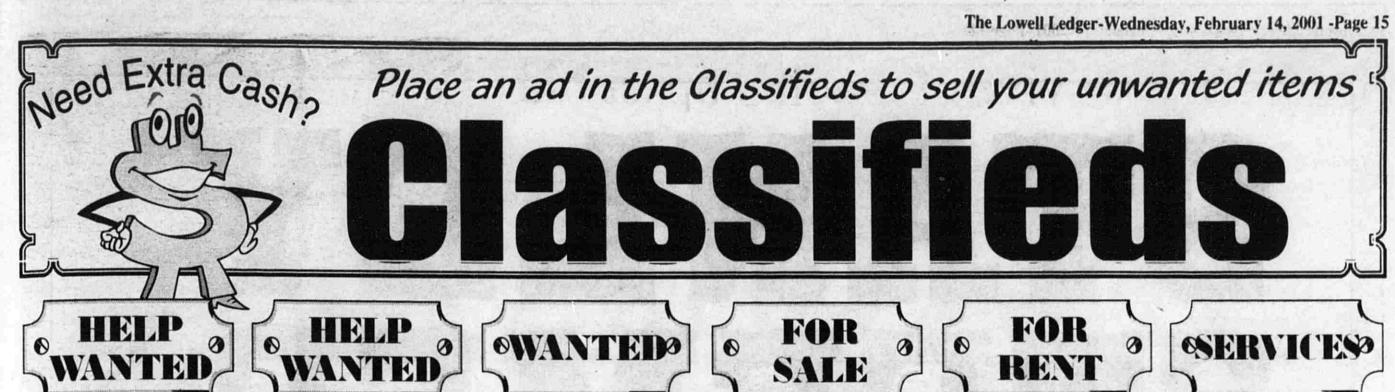


Lowell's varsity girls basketball cheerleaders stand tall when cheering in support of their Red Arrow basketball

"Since we made changes to Holly's routine, she has been consistently in the 9's. That's where she should be," DeHaan said. "Krystal had a good score despite making some execu-

Datema and Carisa Sayer posted Lowell's top scores on Blough had a 7.85 and Kim Seaman scored a 7.8.





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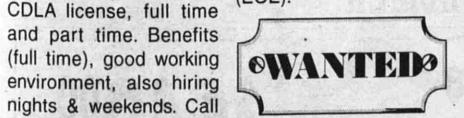
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