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RIGHT AID

••• The former Rite Aid building will get some much needed care this summer. 413 East Main Street Investments LLC is scheduled to provide the building with a historic facelift.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With verbal approval from the Lowell Historic Commission and by the city, it appears by summer's end the historical characteristics of an existing two-story resource on the east end of town will be brought back to life.

Formerly known as Rite Aid, 411 E. Main, developer Joe Nawrocki (413 E. Main Street Investments LLC) will begin renovation mid summer on the building.

Nawrocki went before the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night requesting permission to legally split the parcel so that two owners and uses can occupy the overall structure.

As a result of the split, the user groups that will most likely exist in these two resources will be different. The two-story resource will become a mercantile user, while the one-story will become retail and storage.

The two-story resource will be sold separately and will offer 4,280 square feet on the main level and 3,260 square feet on the second level. The single story will be approximately 9,030 square feet.

The planning commission determined that the split could be accomplished without a variance because it is an existing structure.

Once the parcel is split, and because no new additions will

occur, all ordinance and zoning issues (parking and setback requirements) will be met.

Details on the building's historic characteristics for both the one- and two-story resources were addressed and approved by the Lowell Historic Commission.

Some of the

the resource.

- Removal of the metal skin on all sides; preserving and refinishing the existing window openings and frames as required.

- Removal of existing wood framed cornices.
- Cleaning of existing brick and repainting to compliment the era of the facility.

Some of the historic characteristics of the single-story resource which will be brought back to life include:

- Retaining the existing brick veneer that covers the original brick as it defines the era and will differ from the two-story

brick.

- Removal of existing windows, lowering sills to match the two-story resource and installing new window systems.

- Installing new awnings at the height of the existing window and extending four out to the sidewalk area.

- Retaining the brick veneer and block on the east side of the building.

As for the parcel itself, the existing parking lot will be patched, crack-sealed and restriped; a new sidewalk will be built on the front east side of the existing store; the dumpster(s) will be screened and located behind the existing storage lean-to on the rear north side, and parking lot landscaping requirements set forth by the planning commission will be met.

"I expect to begin the project in mid summer and it will take approximately 90 days to complete," Nawrocki explained. "I am currently working with two interested parties on leasing arrangements once the renovation work is complete."



historic characteristics of the two-story resource which will be brought back to life include:

- Removal of the existing steel billboard frame.
- Removal of the original window and preservation of the door openings for a new window system to match the era of

scaping requirements set forth by the planning commission will be met.



String advocates make pitch for funding

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's been 54 years since Lowell Schools has had a string orchestra.

A group called the Lowell String Player Advocates, with the support of community education, began a movement nearly a year-and-a-half ago in pursuit of re-establishing a string orchestra program.

The group is one of a multitude of wish-list requests,

hoping to be added to the school district's 2001-02 budget.

Those wish-list requests total nearly \$1 million. According to Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, however, the district will add no more than \$200,000 to its budget next year. "They will all be things that the district needs, classroom related, and the programs that impact the most students."

Gillette says the district knows it needs a first-grade

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Lowell awaits funds for Governor's technology initiative

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools' April state aid check will have a little extra in it.

The additional dollars, though, are earmarked as part of the Governor's Teacher Technology Initiative (TTI) program. The funds will purchase computers for teachers.

To qualify, teachers had to fill out a survey prior to Jan. 19 and comply with all conditions and terms set forth by TTI.

Of Lowell's teaching staff, 202 of the 203 qualified; one teacher did not participate. There were 41 non full-time teachers who did not qualify.

"After we receive the

money, we will order the computers. It is our hope to have the computers before summer, so staff can train on them and learn software," said Jim White, Lowell assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction. The computers will be ordered from the statewide bid selections.

Computers purchased or

leased through the program will be placed on long-term loan (three years) to eligible teachers. The computers remain property of the school district.

The program's only drawback is that school districts are faced with the additional cost of support, help and upkeep.

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OBITUARIES

KROPF - Kenneth R. Kropf, aged 54, of Lowell, passed away at home after a very courageous battle with melanoma cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl Kropf and Emma Taylor Kropf. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Terry and devoted children Christopher (Kimberly) Kropf of Lowell, Michael

Kropf of Middleville and Sara Kropf of Sterling Heights; a stepdaughter Shelby (Scott) Jernberg of Lowell; three grandchildren Emily, Danton and Dylan; brother Roger (Patricia) Kropf of Lowell; sister-in-law Sandra (Phil) Ayers of Caledonia and brother-in-law Michael Fowler of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews and two special cousins Charles (Kay) McDonald and Donna Jean Ford of Lowell. While serving with the Army National Guard for six years, he continued to operate the family farm with his dad and brother. The two brothers advanced the business and now with the next generation have created a respected and successful apple-growing and marketing operation in Michigan. Ken and his wife en-

joyed his hobby as an open wheel modified race car driver for the past 13 years. Services will be Wednesday, March 28 at 11 a.m. by Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church and Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Pallbearers are Tom Engle, Bob Loughlin, Jim Nauta, Gary Salik, Dale Schnicke and Dave Veenstra. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan State Horticulture Society Trust, 11767 Fisk Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

SCHAEFER - Brenda Marie Schaefer, aged 52, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord Sunday, March 25, 2001. She is survived by her parents Helen and Bill Schaefer; brothers Bill (Jodi) Schaefer of Lowell, Patrick (Toni) Schaefer of Lowell and Bill Schaefer of Texas; sisters Lynn (Bob)

Knittel, N.Y. and Ursula (Mike) Shufelt of Maine; nieces and nephews Jami, Ryan, Joey Schaefer, Clifford Knittel, Micheal and Danny Shufelt, Brandi and Jordan Schaefer; aunt Rose Smith and uncles Matthew Augustyn and Rudi (Ursula) Schaefer all of N.Y.; many cousins from California and New York. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel with Rev. Corky Klingenfus of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Health Services Cancer Center, 200 Jefferson S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

John O'Neill has requested rezoning of property located at 11799 Fulton Street S.E., Lowell, Michigan (PP#41-20-04-401-024) from the current zoning classification of Rural Low Density Residential (R-1) to General Commercial for the purpose of commercial development.

Timpson Orchards has requested rezoning of property located at 11900 Cascade Road (PP# 41-20-28-200-017) and 11998 Cascade Road (PP# 41-20-28-200-018) from the current zoning classification of Agriculture (Ag1) to Light Industrial for the purpose of light industrial use.

The original applications and the township zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LHS sculpture dedication, Wednesday

••• The dedication is tonight at 6 p.m. at the high school

Following a two-month artist-in-residency program with Michigan sculptor, Steven Peters, Lowell High School art students collaborated to create a sculpture that will be permanently installed at the west entrance of the high school, located at 11700 Vergennes. The sculpture will be dedicated at a reception on Wednesday, March 28 beginning at 6 p.m.

In addition to the sculpture dedication, art students who participated in this residency program will have a sculpture exhibition of individual artworks they created from scrap metal and clay. This exhibition is located inside next to the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Peters' program was provided by the Lowell Area Arts Council and funded through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

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ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

897-8445

323 W. Main St.

HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9 AM - 5 PM
Friday 9 AM - 3 PM

Still taking registrations for soccer grades K-8th until the end of the week. \$5 late fee.

COACHES WANTED

The Lowell YMCA is looking for enthusiastic volunteer coaches for all of their Youth Sports programs. The person does not have to be a parent of a child in the program. This person must, however, possess strong values in the areas of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring. To volunteer with the Lowell YMCA please call 897-8445.

Salary = \$0.00
Benefits = Priceless.

SPRING SOFTBALL

age 18+ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Begins April 4, 5, and 6, 2001

Registration Deadline: March 27

Teams will play double headers for 3-4 weeks (6 games). All spring leagues are for men only.

Cost: \$215 per team

Includes balls, player fees, umpire.

Full payment due upon registering.

(No team will be put on the schedule without full payment.

NO EXCEPTIONS!) A

\$25 late fee (per team)

will be charged on all

registrations after the

deadline. Phone registra-

tions with

MasterCard, VISA,

American Express or

Discover only. Once schedules

are complete, NO refunds or

credits given.

Limited to the first four teams in

each league.

SUMMER SOFTBALL

age 18+ Monday: Co-Ed (Church Division) or

Co-Ed (Open Division)

Begins Monday, May 7

Wed.: Men: Begins Wed., May 9

Thursday: Men and Women: Begins

Thursday, May 10

Friday: Men: Begins Friday, May 4

12 Games for all men's & co-ed;

8 Games for women's leagues

Register one week prior to start date.

These scheduled starting dates are tentative.

Cost: \$420 for men's & co-ed teams

Includes balls, player fees, umpire.

Full payment due upon registering.

(No team will be put on the schedule without full payment.

NO EXCEPTIONS!) A \$25 late fee (per

team) will be charged on all registrations

after the deadline. Phone registrations with

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YMCA YOUTH SPORTS PLEDGE

I pledge before God, to play the game the best I can, to be a team player, to respect my opponents, the rules and officials, and to improve myself in Spirit, Mind, and Body.

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Mighty Mite Sports program is an instructional program in a small class setting led by YMCA staff. These sports programs will teach your child how to function in a group setting more effectively and how to follow directions more efficiently while having a great time. (6 week programs)

MINI-KICKERS SOCCER

ages 3-5

Begins on Monday, April 23 or Saturday, April 28

Location: Creekside Park

Registration Deadline: April 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Learn the fundamentals of soccer and begin building teamwork skills. This instructional program with scrimmages. Saturday mornings or Monday evenings for 6 weeks.

Mini-Kickers #1 (ages 3-4): Saturdays • 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Mini-Kickers #2 (ages 4-5): Saturdays • 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Mini-Kickers #3 (ages 4-5): Mondays • 5:30-6:15 p.m.

YMCA Members: \$26 • Non-Members: \$40



YSports



T-BALL PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 24

This year the Lowell YMCA will be offering two sessions of T-Ball. The second session will begin in mid June and run through to the first of August.

PRESCHOOL T-BALL REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 24 ages 3-5

Tuesdays • 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Birch T-Ball Field

May 1-June 5

Instructional program with scrimmages.

YMCA Members: \$25 • Non-Members: \$38

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Teen Center (Located at 1335 W. Main St)

Includes a climbing wall, computer/study room, text books, foosball, ping-pong, air hockey, 55" screen TV and VCR, pool table, and Sony playstations.

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:30-6 p.m. The Y Zone (After School Program for 6th-8th grades)

Monday - Friday 6-10 p.m. Open for all Teens 6th-12th grades

Fee: Teen Membership: \$25 joining fee and \$15/month

Daily Fee: 6-10 p.m. \$3

The Y Zone (After School Program for 6th-8th Grade)

Includes weekly field trips, climbing wall, computer/study room, text books, foosball, ping-pong, air hockey, 55" screen TV and VCR, pool table, and Sony playstations. Bussing provided from Middle School.

Hours: Monday - Friday 2:30-6:00 p.m.

Weekly and Daily rates available:

	Weekly	Daily
Facility Member	\$20	\$5
Program Member	\$25	\$7
Non Member	\$30	\$10

Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify.

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Cherry Creek Elementary School

March 30-April 6, 2001

6:00am-6:00pm

For ages Kindergarten-12 years old

\$130/wk for non-members or \$27/day

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Activities include: Swimming, Field trips, Arts and Crafts, Games, Computers, and lots more.

For more information call the

Lowell YMCA Child Care Office at 897-8445 ext. 704.

Reflections

Rev. William Renkema,
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Antonio was fidgeting again, uncomfortable in this middle class church in Tegucigalpa. His cowboy hat rested uneasily beside him in the back row. After the service was over, he made his way over to me. "Are you the missionary who is going to live in the province of Olancho? I need to talk to you. We need you in Mangulile."

A few weeks later I was bumping along through a backwoods area looking for Mangulile. After driving six hours with an average speed of 18 mph and crossing 27 rivers (no bridges), I drove into town, only the second vehicle ever to get here. My 1978 Ford Courier would never be the same.

I had entered a different world. On the "road" were donkeys, horses, pigs, chickens, dogs, cats, men with pistols in holsters, women carrying loads on their heads, children, many naked, carrying water from a nearby river... and they were all converging on me, a tall, blue-eyed American in a bright red pickup.

And there was Antonio. He hadn't received the telegram telling him I was coming. The telegraph line was down again. That didn't matter; the line was almost always down. Antonio beamed. "Welcome to Mangulile. You are already a blessing to us!" I had a few doubts about that, to tell you the truth. Antonio

went back up the mountain to Mangulile, told his brother what had happened, and his brother experienced the same thing, spiritual rebirth. They sold their bar and used the money to plant coffee.

And they bought a short-wave radio, found a Christian station, listened to God's Word preached, and used what they heard to lead their families and friends to Christ. That was the beginning of the church in Mangulile.

I attended church on Sunday and was invited to preach. That would have been a challenge enough for a missionary freshly out of language school, but there was another challenge. The ceiling was six feet high. I stand 6'2".

The sermon was rather mediocre but the Lord gave a result that was amazing. God has a habit of surprising us with His grace. Several people became Christians. Many wanted to be baptized. I was humbled, excited, and eager to return. For five years I visited Mangulile once a month.

In the coming four weeks I will write more about what God did there. I am still learning lessons from Mangulile that I would like to share with you.

showed me the church located on the main square and introduced me to its 18 members, all of whom wanted to be baptized, none of whom had ever seen a real pastor in their Honduran village.

The start of that church is proof of the power of God to change lives. The story goes something like this. There were two brothers, Alejandro and Jesus, who owned a local bar. In order to purchase a supply of liquor, one of them would go by horseback with a donkey down the mountain to the city of Yoro. It was a 3-5 day horse ride, depending on conditions. One of the two brothers made that trip several years before my visit. As he was going through Yoro looking for the cheapest liquor to buy, he heard a man preaching on a street corner. God's Word immediately seized him, shook him up, and changed him forever. He

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 29: John Ellison, Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Schafer Eiseeman, Laura Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Burns, Casey Yonker.
MARCH 30: Erin Wade, Deb Maxim, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley.
MARCH 31: Katelynn Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Maxine Post, Tera Raab, Rudy

Smith, Michaela Blough.
APRIL 1: Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure.
APRIL 2: Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec Newhouse, Chris Rittersdorf, Blake Bergy, Nicole Wilcox.
APRIL 3: Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes.
APRIL 4: Troy Pethers.



Murphy/Raison

Michelle Murphy and Tony Raison, both of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School. She is the daughter of Cheryl Murphy and Mike Murphy, both of Lowell.

The future groom is a 1991 Forest Hills Northern High School graduate. His parents are Debbie and Jack Warner and Ben and Diane Raison, all of Grand Rapids.

The couple is planning a June 30, 2001 wedding.

AREA BIRTHS

Rich and Nikki Bennett are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Zoe Rayne Bennett. She was born February 17, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by sisters Jorie and Baylee. Grandparents are Craig and Sandy Rich of Ada and Kim and Whitey Tubergen of Lowell.

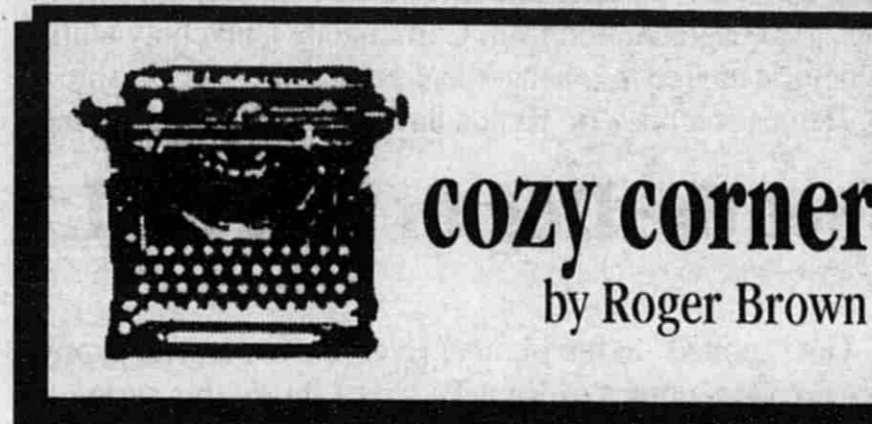
Great-grandparents are Marilyn Antas and the late Richard Antas of Ada, Bernie and Joyce West of Rockford, Larry and Margaret Rich of Marshall and Betty and Lee Scrivner of Newaygo.

Proud aunts are Teresa and Mari Rich, and Mindy Hamp of Lowell.

If you think about what you ought to do for other people, your character will take care of itself.

Woodrow Wilson

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I hired a guy to do some fiberglass work on my house. Yes, fiberglass on my house, not my boat. It's a long story. Maybe when the project is complete I can re-cap it here.

I know you're already adding up the parts of the equation. You start with "Thumbs" Brown the handyman. Throw in some volatile materials. Add that to an extensive (which means expensive) third story homeowner project. And finally stir in an impish local fiberglass guru who was hired on a recommendation from a neighbor who had only heard the guy did good work. Add it up and we're well on our way to material for one of these columns.

My fiberglass guy's name is David Funk. I call him "The Funkster" or "Funk & Wagnalls." When you reach a certain age, you have to play tricks with things like names or you forget them. For example, I have a neighbor that I alternately call Archie, Arthur and Arnold. I now have no idea which is correct, and if I keep it up, he won't either.

The Funkster works out of an old bread truck that I call the "Funkmobile." He is always dressed in short-sleeve coveralls and slip-on canvas shoes. He is on the small side, wears his hair very close cropped, and there is a perpetual cigar in the corner of his mouth. He is about my age and retired from the Navy. There is a leprechaun's glint in his eye that is a dead giveaway to his fun-loving nature. Even if he was rather expensive, I couldn't help but like the guy.

I've told you all this for one reason, and that is to give you a little background on the Funkster. I'm going to share one of his quotes with you, and it simply wouldn't be as funny coming from just anybody.

During the course of completing this project, The Funkster would let me help from time to time. Mostly it was carrying stuff, holding a ladder, fetching a tool, etc. His instincts told him to keep me away from any actual application of the fiberglass resins. I'm big on small talk, and when I asked The Funkster if he had any kids he replied with this gem. "Naw..." he said his peculiar Kansas accent. Then after a short pause for

effect he added, "... I've seen 'em around though." I laughed so hard I nearly fell off my ladder.

To fully appreciate the humor in The Funkster's reply, you have to be a parent. You probably need to have been a parent for a long time. You have to remember changing dirty diapers. You have to recall kids throwing a fit in a restaurant just as the meal comes. You have to think of all the things you missed because you couldn't find or afford a babysitter. There were those sleepless nights sitting up with a sick kid. And don't forget those dirty diapers.

As they got older there were the times they sassed you in public. There were the bad report cards. You couldn't begin to count up all the stuff they broke, lost or destroyed. You ate at McDonald's instead of somewhere with real food. You went to endless Disney movies. You didn't know it, but these were the best years.

When they were teenagers, the tests really began. There were more bad report cards. The orthodontist was only slightly behind the I.R.S. as a drag on your income. There were speeding tickets. There were parties when you were not at home. There were highly questionable friends. There was a pierced ear even after you had defiantly said "no way!" There was the wife's new car through the end of the garage. The list could go on forever.

When they went off to college there was some relief. The out of sight, out of mind, syndrome kicked in a little. Even so, you still worried and fretted about them. And, if you thought the orthodontist was expensive, college tuition, books and housing made the cost of braces look like chump change.

When I look around at present day teenagers, The Funkster's quote is even funnier. I see high school kids with their own cell phones. I see some with orange, or green or purple or whatever color hair. I see some with everything pierced but their eyeballs. Some have tattoos. And then there are those ridiculous pants with the crotches at the knees. I thank my lucky stars my kids were in high school ten years ago.

You know, they know and I know that I love my kids more than anything on earth... except my grandkids. I wouldn't trade the experience of being a parent for anything. But, it is comforting to know that there are people like The Funkster who can take a look at the world around him, size it up and recognize that parenthood ain't his cup of tea. Given all the single moms there are these days, there must be a lot of guys that are fathers only through biology. These fellas should take a lesson from The Funkster.

TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern:

I hope your winter song birds are enjoying my Meijer Garden suet holder that you took off my tree limb here at Schneider Manor Saturday night. My yard is open and others feel free to tip over bird baths in the summer time (sometimes break them) and now in winter steal this item.

I would hope that if you are of school age in the Lowell Area Schools, you might have learned "Honesty, Compassion, Respect, Integrity and Responsibility" as put forth by the Board of Education.

Sincerely, Phyllis Lessens

P.S. I enjoyed watching the birds from my apartment! No more!



Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 29, 1876
This issue is missing. We substitute March 29, 1871.
"Town meeting next Monday. Charter Election next Tuesday. Officials expected to sober off next Wednesday."

The editor again asks subscribers to bring him some maple sugar.

Flood waters are finally down ("navigation closed on Booth's Flat") and the first installment of logs came through last Monday.

It's time to clean up yards, fix sidewalks and get rid of the trash.

Microscopic photography is the newest wonder, and one can obtain a picture of four pages of a newspaper reduced to minute size for 25 cents.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 28, 1901

Both the Grand and the Flat flood. The municipal lighting plant dam at Smyrna is wrecked, merchants on the bridge hastily leave, and men and teams at the Lowell Water & Light dam try to strengthen it and remove rubbish. Stove wood, sidewalks and rubbish are floating everywhere. The dams of King Milling and waterways of Lowell Cutter and Lowell Manufacturing are damaged, but hold. Old-timers say the rivers have never been this high, and records bear them out.

"Will Rice got too frisky with one of the girls in McCarty's bean room last Saturday and became so persistent in his attentions that the latter battered him over the head with a wrench in self-defense. 'Good enough for him' is the verdict of all. Rice is said to have been intoxicated.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 25, 1926

Lowell's Gerald F. White is a member of the University of Michigan Debate Team going to England for a series with British universities.

Meanwhile Lowell High School has had its speech contest, with Forrest and Erma Buck giving orations, and several others giving declamations.

An 1840 letter by Rix Robinson to Timothy White about a Saranac land deal is published. White's descendant Mrs. Morris Cahoon has a collection.

The Federal Bureau of Standards says that headlight-dimming is dangerous, and advocates training in using a spotlight.

The ad for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound claims that it helps keep many of the 8.5 million working women fit for work.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 29, 1951

An early announcement of teacher changes notes the retirement of Berenice Smith. Ray Avery's exchange of high school principal for teacher, and Stephen Nisbet's exchange of teacher for principal.

A permit for drilling a liquid petroleum storage well in South Lowell raises fears that another salt leak could pollute the village water supply; the last time it cost \$60,000 to fix, by drilling new water wells.

Assessments for property owners for the Main Street sewer are published. The charge will be a little over \$8 per foot.

A record crowd attends 4-H Achievement Day in Rockford. The biennial election will be for township officials, state education regents and directors, and some proposals, one of which is to have the legislature meet every year.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 25, 1976

The new "right turn on red light" law takes effect on March 31.

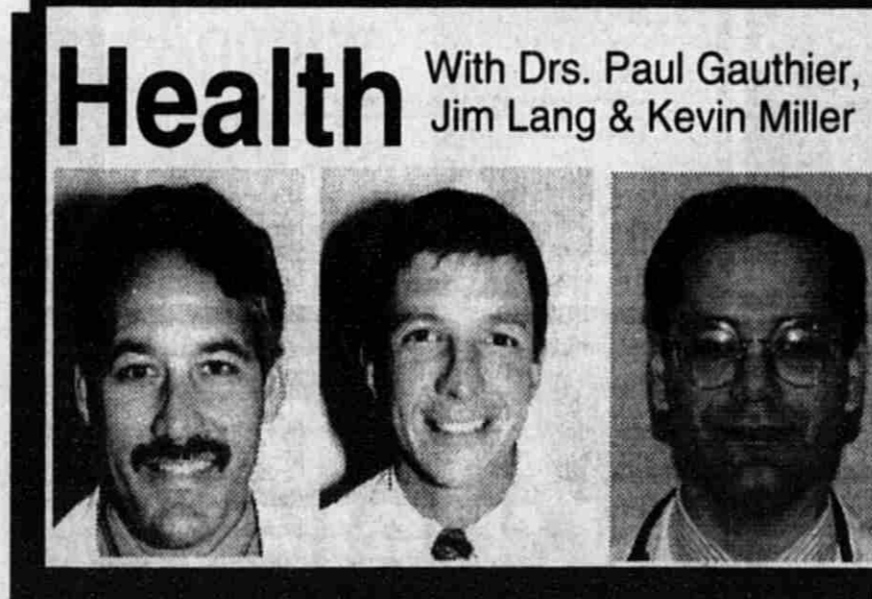
The City and the Light & Power Company ask would-be tree planters to order theirs right away. Cost is \$15 per tree. Middle School band members will present a program of music recently performed at the District Solo-Ensemble Festival in Greenville.

A design contest for a City of Lowell official seal or emblem is being conducted by the Jaycees.

The townships all have annual meeting notices for 1:30 or 2 p.m. on April 3.

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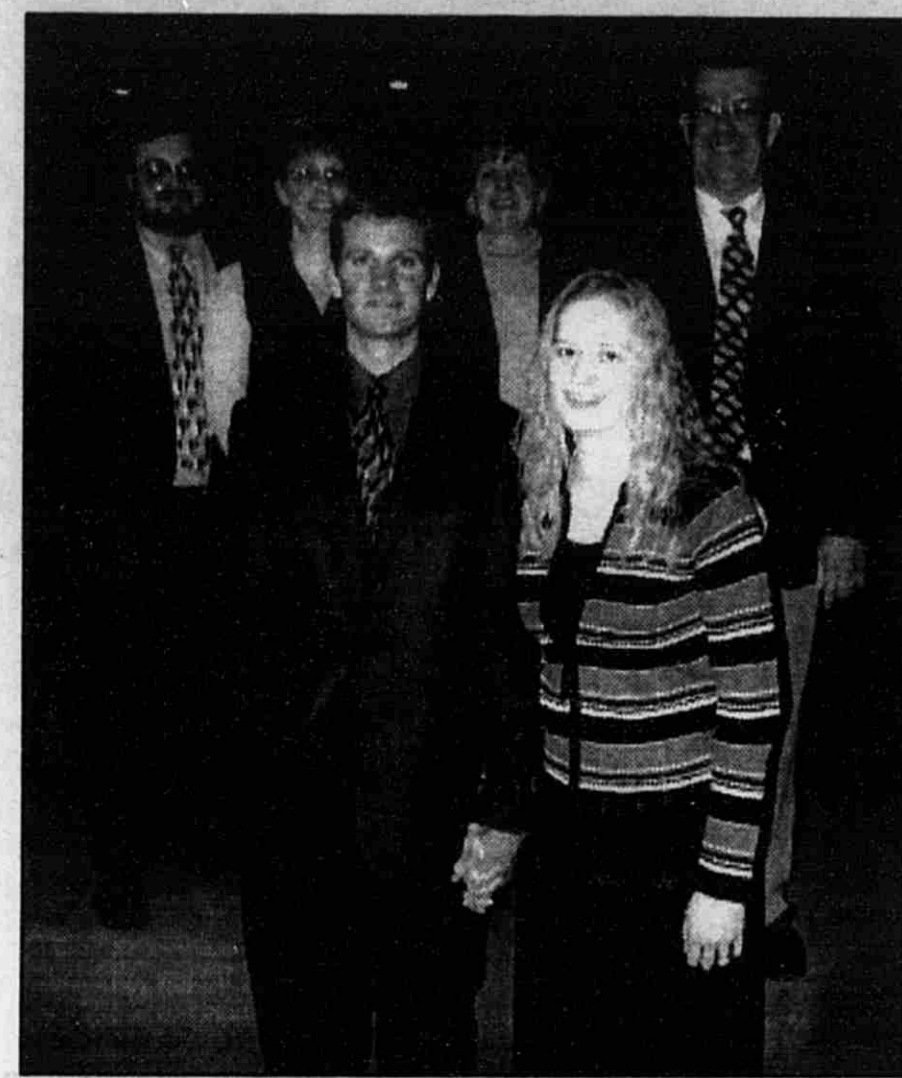
foot rolls inward, and strains or tears the main stabilizing ligament of the lateral ankle. Sprains are stratified into three grades of injury: a grade I sprain is mild, with swelling occurring hours after the initial incident. Ligament tearing is minimal; a grade II sprain will cause almost immediate swelling, with 25-75 percent ligament tear; a grade III sprain is quite serious, with immediate swelling, and 75-100 percent ligament tear resulting in ankle joint laxity.

Upon initial examination, radiographs may be obtained to assess the joint for a fracture. Treatment varies according to the grade of injury. Grade I sprains will do fine with an ace wrap. Grade II injuries typically require an air-splint and crutches. Grade III injuries require casting and possible orthopedic consultation. Ice should be applied to all injuries for the first 24-72 hours, no longer than 20 minutes at a time. Anti-inflammatory agents such as ibuprofen (motrin) should be used daily for the first several days. Elevating the ankle above the level of the heart should be done for the first 24 hours after the injury.

Ankle rehabilitation should occur early and this includes range of motion exercises and strengthening. Resuming athletic activity is dependent on pain and ankle strength. Taping and bracing should be considered once an ankle sprain has occurred, as re-injury is common.

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 typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



Wayne Allen Haines was recently installed as pastor of youth ministries at First Baptist Church of Lowell. Pictured, front row, are Wayne and Kenda Haines. Standing in back, left to right, are: Karl and Kathy Reed, and Cheryl and Herb Haines.

Haines installed as new youth minister

Wayne Allen Haines was recently installed as pastor of youth ministries at First Baptist Church of Lowell. The church held an Installation Service on Feb. 25 in which former pastor, Joe Gerkin spoke. Haines' wife Kenda and her father, Karl Reed, provided special music. Pastor of Ministries, W. Lee Taylor said, "It is with great excitement and

positive anticipation that we welcome Pastor Wayne on staff to help guide and facilitate our growing youth ministry." Haines, a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School, anticipates a 2001 graduation from Cornerstone University with a bachelor's degree in management and ministry leadership. Haines and his wife Kenda have a daughter, Madeline.

Donations requested for earthquake victims

International Aid is now receiving donations for earthquake relief in El Salvador and India at Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church at 1125 W. Main St. The community is asked to help bring relief to those who have lost homes, livelihood, health, and loved ones. Some of the items that are needed include:

- New blankets, hand towels, 70 count spiral notebooks
- Bar of soap, shampoo, toothbrush/toothbrush, comb
- Pencils, ruler, scissors, pens, pencil sharpener.

For information on how to package the items, contact the Calvary CRC offices at 897-7060 or Wayne Scheeringa at 897-6502.

Spot the Dog to visit KDL

Get "spotted" at the library! Everyone's favorite puppy, Spot the Dog, comes to Kent District Library this spring to celebrate his birthday. Children ages 3-6 are invited to meet Spot and enjoy an hour of fun, stories, games and activities. Spot the Dog has been introducing very young readers to the world around them for the past two decades. Eric Hill's mischievous cuddly puppy Spot first appeared in 1980 in the innovative lift-the-flap book *Where's Spot?* The Alto branch will present the program on Monday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. (868-6038). The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. (897-9596).

Church of the Nazarene hosts "Christ in the Passover" presentation

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common? Larry Dubin, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will answer that question in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, on Thursday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Using a visual display of traditional Passover accoutrements, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods which are explained but not eaten. The ceremonial seder plate, the three-compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented, and new insights to their christological significance are provided.

Jews for Jesus has presented this demonstration in over 5000 churches. It was originally written in 1956 by Moishe Rosen, the founder and former executive director of Jews for Jesus. The presentation was abstracted from the writings of the late Rabbi Leopold Cohn, who came to faith in Jesus in 1894 and died in 1936.

Dr. Rosen contends that some of the most important elements of Christian doctrine, such as the Trinity, the prin-

ciple of substitutionary atonement and salvation through a personal relationship with the Messiah, are implied in the seder (Passover Feast) as observed by Orthodox Jews even today. "The Christ in the Passover presentation is one way Jews for Jesus can help churches appreciate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith," Rosen said, "though our primary ministry is to those who do not yet believe in Jesus."

Jews for Jesus is an evangelistic agency best known for creative methods and materials. Their literature deals with contemporary themes including anything from current films to chemical waste. "Broad-sides" use humor and clever illustrations, yet have a serious message; namely that Jesus is the promised Messiah for both Jews and Gentiles.

Dr. Rosen says, "Our message is not new, but we're telling it in a new way. For too long the Jewish roots of Christianity have been forgotten." In keeping with the Jewish context of Christianity, he and his wife have co-authored a book titled *Christ in the Passover*. As with the presentation at Lowell Church of the Nazarene, this book focuses on Passover to demonstrate the continuity of the Old and New Testament scriptures. Jews for Jesus has also published a colorful illustrated edition of a messianic *haggadah* in both paperback and hard-bound edition. This service book enables Christians to experience a traditional Passover celebration (complete with songs) while also expressing their faith in Jesus.

The program is open to the public.



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LAAC SEEKING YOUNG ACTORS
Auditions will take place at the Lowell Area Arts Council on April 9, 10 and 11 beginning at 7 p.m. for boys and girls

between the ages of 8 and 12. Sue Bradford of the Thebes Players is seeking four boys and two girls for a science fiction fantasy, *Close Encounters with the Third Grade*.

Performances will be at Lowell Middle School on June 1, 2 and 3. For information and to borrow a script, call 897-8545.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING
The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster Club meeting will be held on Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. following spring break. Please come and help support our athletes.

A NIGHT OF JAZZ
The Lowell Middle School and Lowell High School Jazz bands will present a night of jazz on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Also featured will be the Michigan State University Jazz Octet. Cost is \$4

String Advocates, continued... From Page 1

teacher and a technology technician. What else makes the list is unknown at this time. It will be the middle of April to the beginning of May before the final decisions are made.

Because of the large number of elementary students moving up to the middle school next year, who are expected to take band, combined with the large number of students already taking band at the middle school level, the

music program has asked for another instructor to help out at the lower levels... a factor which may actually aid the string player advocates in their push for a string orchestra.

"All we're pushing for is for a program that introduces strings to middle school sixth-graders," said Carol Drenth. "Every year after that, another class would be started."

Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke said if an addi-

tional music instructor is hired, the position would have a dual capacity (middle school band/string instrument instructor).

Drenth says string instrument students could rent instruments in order to practice at home, as band students currently do.

The school district would have to purchase a set (cello/base) for student use at school. Drenth said the advocate

group would look to the Lowell Area Community Fund or the Lowell Area Education Foundation to help cover the district's instrument cost.

Awareness for the need of a string program in the Lowell area began a year-and-a-half ago through the advocates' efforts: from this, a community education after-school elementary program (11 students participate) was borne.

The elementary string program is taught by Marti

for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets may be purchased from any jazz band member, the high school or middle school offices, or at the door.

DREAMCATCHERS PHOTO EXHIBITION
Photographs by Terry and Lori Huff of DreamCatcher's will be displayed at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St. now thru April 17 during regular business hours.
For more information, contact Lorain Smalligan at the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

SPRING ARTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
The Lowell Area Arts Council will be offering its spring visual art and theatre classes for children and adults from April 9 - June 4. To receive a listing of classes, call 897-8545.

DeJong. Recently, DeJong and her students were visited by one of her former students, Lowell's Lauren Basney, now a senior at Julliard in New York City.

"Lauren played her violin for them and gave them tips and the students played for her," DeJong explained.

Basney's immediate plans for her post-Julliard years are to get a residency at a university or college and play with a string quartet which was formed at Julliard.

"I loved sitting in with the kids. They were so involved, interested and perceptive," Basney said. "I'd like to get involved with teaching, but I also want time for touring and playing concerts with the quartet."

Also derived from the advocate group's effort was a Lowell Community String Ensemble and a high school string class (currently four students) which is conducted during seminar period.

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When Considering Stocks, Look Closely at Earnings

It seems logical to assume that those companies that actually earn money are good prospects for investors. But not everyone thinks that way.

For example, many people invested in the so-called "dot-com" stocks when they first came on the market. And as soon as some of these dot-coms were introduced, their stock prices took off. Even while that was happening, however, these same companies were actually losing money, quarter

after quarter. Yet, even more investors swarmed to them, attracted by their impressive sales and their very presence in a fast-growing market. The great interest in these stocks drove their prices up.

The end result was a group of stocks selling for extraordinarily high prices. That means investors were willing to pay ultra-high premiums for the privilege of owning these stocks.

When reality set in, and the high prices could not be sustained, many investors realized the importance of earnings when evaluating stock performance. Like the race between the tortoise and the hare, an approach that's slow and steady will often provide better results than one that's fast and erratic.

The dot-com example illustrates that earnings—or lack thereof—are important to a stock's success. But the earnings' issue may not be as clear-cut as you'd imagine. When looking at a company's earnings, keep two things in mind:

- Strong companies can still show poor earnings results. A company's earnings can suffer from any of a variety of factors: an economic slowdown, product difficulties, etc. For strong companies, problems like these may often be temporary—and a solid company with strong fundamentals can usually overcome them. As an investor, you need the ability to look past a

bad earnings report and see a company for what it truly is.

- The market may not immediately reward companies with strong earnings reports. Even if a company turns in a good earnings report, its stock price may not rise. Why? Because the market focuses its attention on tomorrow's earnings more than today's. The market typically looks ahead at the factors that may be affecting next quarter's — and next year's — earnings. Are the company's products well-positioned for the future? Does its management have a clear sense of where it wants to go? Looking at the bigger picture — is the Federal Reserve likely to cut interest rates? And will consumer spending remain strong?

These are the sort of questions that the market needs answered before it expresses its confidence in stocks, in the form of higher prices. Nonetheless, you still need to look closely at a prospective stock's earnings. If they're weak, try to find out the cause. Is it temporary, or does the company have real, long-lasting problems? If earnings are strong, try to determine if they're going to stay that way.

You can learn a lot about a company by looking at its earnings. It may take a little time, but if you want to be an informed investor, the extra effort is worth it.

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The purpose of the base municipal infraction ordinance is to authorize the township to designate certain violations of township ordinances as municipal civil infractions, rather than criminal misdemeanors, as authorized by Act 13 of the Public Acts of 1994, and to create a municipal civil infractions bureau within the township. Under the base municipal infractions ordinance, the township supervisor, or other official authorized by the township board, will have the right to issue either a municipal civil infraction "citation" or a municipal civil infraction violation "notice" to any person or entity who the supervisor or other authorized township official has reasonable cause to believe has violated a township ordinance which provides that the violation of such ordinance is a municipal civil infraction.

If a municipal civil infraction citation is issued, the person or entity alleged to be responsible for the municipal civil infraction is directed to appear in court (in the case of Lowell Charter Township, the 63rd District Court has jurisdiction), where the responsible person is required to either admit or deny responsibility. If the responsible person does not admit or deny responsibility within a reasonable time, a default will be entered against such responsible person. Because this is not a criminal proceeding, the responsible person is not allowed to demand a jury trial and the burden of proof on the township is less than would be the case in a criminal prosecution. If the responsible person denies responsibility, an informal hearing will be scheduled before either a judge or magistrate at which no attorneys will be present. Either the township or the responsible person, however, may demand a formal hearing at which they may be represented by an attorney. The formal hearing is heard before the district judge. If the responsible person is found to be responsible for the municipal civil infraction, the court may impose both fines and court costs and if the responsible person fails to pay such fines and costs, the township may use post-judgment remedies such as attachment and garnishment to collect the fines and costs from the responsible person. The court is also authorized by Michigan law to issue injunctions which may be necessary to enforce the township's municipal civil infraction ordinance. Although the above proceedings are civil in nature, under the proposed township ordinance and the provisions of Michigan law, any failure of the responsible person to appear and respond to the municipal civil infraction citation or to fail to appear at an informal or formal hearing on the citation, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be subject to fines and other penalties for such failure in addition to the entry of a default judgment on the municipal civil infraction.

If the supervisor or other authorized township official chooses to issue a municipal civil infraction notice to the responsible person, the responsible person may pay a fine directly to the township's municipal civil infractions bureau in which case the proceeding is concluded with the payment of such fine. The fines for various violations of township ordinances are set forth in the proposed base municipal infraction ordinance and will be posted in the township hall. If the responsible

person fails to pay such fine in a reasonable time, the supervisor or other authorized official will then issue a citation which will require the responsible person to respond to the district court. The municipal civil infractions bureau only receives fines paid by persons receiving municipal civil infraction notices and does not determine or adjudicate responsibility for the alleged violation.

In addition to the base municipal civil infractions ordinance, various other ordinances have been adopted by the township board for the purpose of amending certain existing township ordinances to establish that violations of such ordinances will be municipal civil infractions rather than criminal misdemeanors. The existing township ordinances to be amended for this purpose are the following:

Ordinance Number:	Name of Ordinance:
10-10-90	Building Numbering Ordinance
54-09-96	Water Service Ordinance
I	Regulation and Removal of Junk Vehicles Ordinance
II	Trash Ordinance
III	Outdoor Assembly Ordinance
IV	Disorderly Conduct and Miscellaneous Offense Ordinance
1 0-9797A (BOCA Building Code), 10-9707C (Plumbing Code), 10-9707D (Electrical Code), 10,10A-4-75 (Enforcing Agency), 10B-10-77 (Electrical Wiring and Fixtures), 10C-3-80 (Mechanical Code), 10C-3-80B (Mechanical Official and Enforcement)	Building Code Ordinances
9-8-86	Dangerous Substances Ordinance

The base municipal infractions ordinance and the amendments to the above described existing township ordinances shall be effective thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice, as provided by Section 4 of the Act prescribing the powers and duties of township boards, MCLA 41.184; and Section 22 of the Charter Township Act, MCLA 42.22. Residents of Lowell Charter Township are further advised that the township board has also adopted a proposed amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of making violations of such ordinance municipal civil infractions. Such amendment to the Zoning Ordinance shall not be effective until after a public hearing, and such further public notice and publication as may be required by the Township Zoning Act, MCLA 125.271 et. seq.; MSA 5.2963(1).

A copy of the base municipal infraction ordinance and all other ordinances summarized in this notice may be inspected at the Township Hall at 2910 Alden Nash SE during regular office hours.

Dated: March 20, 2001

Linda Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Seaman's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - ACCA's 2001 Contractor of the Year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Randy Seaman, president/CEO of Seaman's Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Inc., was named the 33rd recipient of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America.

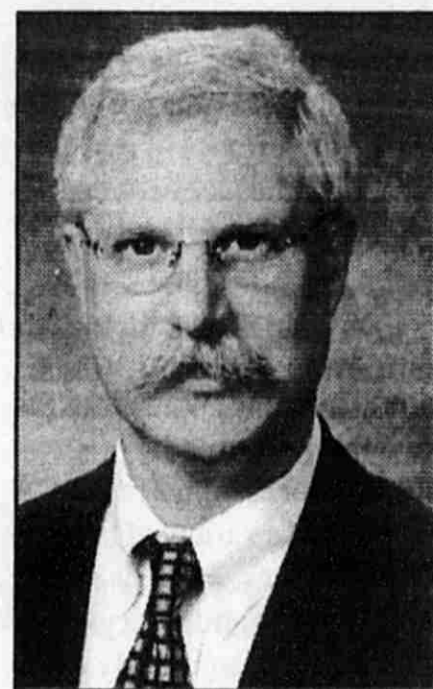
The Contractor of the Year award honors contractors who have dedicated themselves to improving professional standards for themselves, their companies and their industry.

Seaman was nominated for the award by his employees. His "participatory" management style allows the

people who do the work to have input on the decisions made about the work. This approach has cultivated a dedicated and loyal professional staff and has empowered them with a stake in ownership and with a commitment and pride in their work.

"Randy has demonstrated through his vision for our future, consistency and fairness in management, quality service for internal and external customers and, above all, honesty and integrity," said company office manager, Patricia M. Van Kuiken.

Seaman received the award at the ceremony held in Las Vegas in early March.



Randy Seaman

Since taking over the business from his father (Don) in 1988, Seaman has guided

the company's growth from \$850,000 gross sales to over \$5 million.

He attributes his success to the hard work, dedication and quality, and true customer service which his father passed on to him.

In addition to Seaman's individual endeavors and accomplishments, his company and co-workers have also been leaders in HVAC/R in-

dustry. "This company was built on a commitment to providing outstanding service to all of its customers with the highest quality, most qualified personnel in the HAVC/R industry," Seaman said.

Seaman has served as president for three terms with the West Michigan Heating Association; as a two-term president for the Michigan

Chapter of Air Conditioning Contractors of America, and served a three-year term in Washington D.C. as a national ACCA Region 3 director covering Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. The Lowell resident has also served on several vocational/educational steering committees in the Grand Rapids area.

Marine Corps Pvt. Patrick J. Rockwall, son of Carol E. and James E. Rockwall of Lowell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

IN THE SERVICE

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

Rockwall and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Rockwall spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Rockwall and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Rockwall and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Rockwall is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School.

Thaler joins Morgan Stanley Dean Witter

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter has announced that David G. Thaler has successfully completed the firm's rigorous investment studies program in New York and has joined the Ada/Cascade office as a financial advisor.

Thaler brings extensive business experience along with outstanding educational credentials to the firm. He holds a BS in business administration from Michigan State University and an MBA from the Eli Broad Graduate School of Business at Michigan State University. Thaler has over 20 years of business experi-

ence in insurance, advertising and trade brokerage businesses.

He is the second of five children born to Lila Thaler and the late Orion Thaler, both teachers in the Lowell School District. He currently resides in Lowell and is active in his church as a Sunday School teacher.

In addition, Thaler has



raised nine children so he knows what it takes to manage family finances, plan for retirement, and provide for children's college educations while at the same time, trying to balance family needs and still operate on a limited budget.

Thus, Thaler is in a unique position to assist his clients in developing a sound financial plan for themselves, their families, or their businesses as well as helping clients invest wisely for their future.

Building and managing a successful investment pro-

gram requires a significant amount of time and attention. Investors must determine which of the many investment opportunities in the marketplace today are best suited to their own individual objectives, assign the appropriate allocations, track transactions, as well as respond to changing market and economic conditions.

As financial advisor, Thaler will work with clients to develop a financial plan based on their individual goals and investor profile.

Thaler can be reached via e-mail at: david.thaler@msdw.com.

Council and commission rearrange April meeting schedule

Lowell's Planning Commission followed the lead of its big brother Monday night.

Due to spring break, which begins on Friday, the Lowell City Council resched-

uled its monthly meetings to April 9 and 23, the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Council meetings are normally the first and third Mondays of the month.

The commission, which normally meets on the fourth Monday, moved its meeting to April 30, the fifth Monday.

In 1933, Greenfield Village opens its doors to the public at a charge of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

CITY OF LOWELL LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

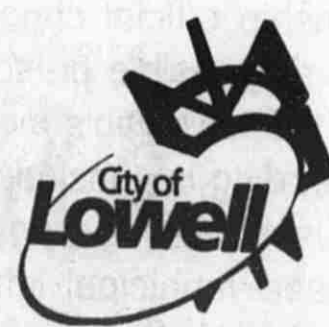
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EXPO draws record number vendors

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A steady crowd of patrons visited the booths of 98 vendors at the fifth annual Lowell Community Expo.

"I would say it was extremely successful," said Lowell Area Chamber of

Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. The vendor total represented an increase of 10 compared to the 2000 event. It was also a five year high.

John Muha, owner of Top Notch Auto Detailing, said the fifth year was not only the

biggest but the "best one yet."

"I thought the EXPO was super. There was more traffic and more vendors. I was able to pick up some business through our involvement," Muha said. "We have been involved with the EXPO for three years and have found it to be beneficial."

This year's EXPO was sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Schools and Ionia County National Bank.

Baker said there were 36 first-time vendors. "All the vendors liked the layout and responded favorably to the event," she said. "They all seemed pleased. Some asked that we increase the marketing for the event so that we attract even more traffic."

Kurt Parks, Parks Construction Services, said it provided a great opportunity for him to network with other businesses. "I thought it was great. I liked the idea of a live remote. My only suggestion for next year is to get more booths."

Over 150 gifts were



John Muha, right, owner of Top Notch Auto Detailing, speaks with visitors at the EXPO on Saturday.

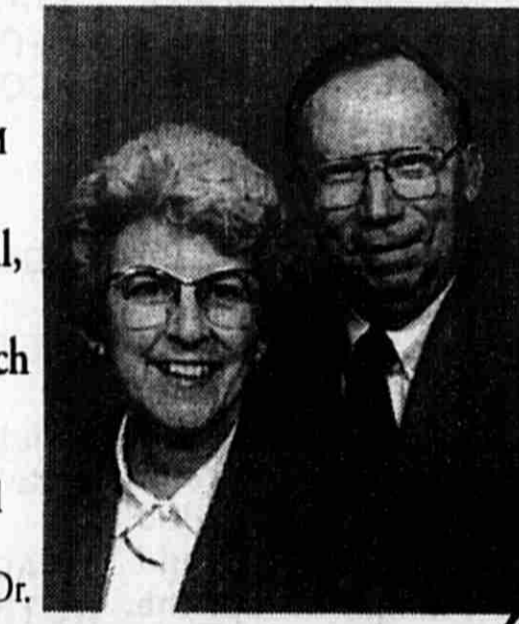


Emily Nurmikko, left, does a little hair wrapping for Stephanie Wade.

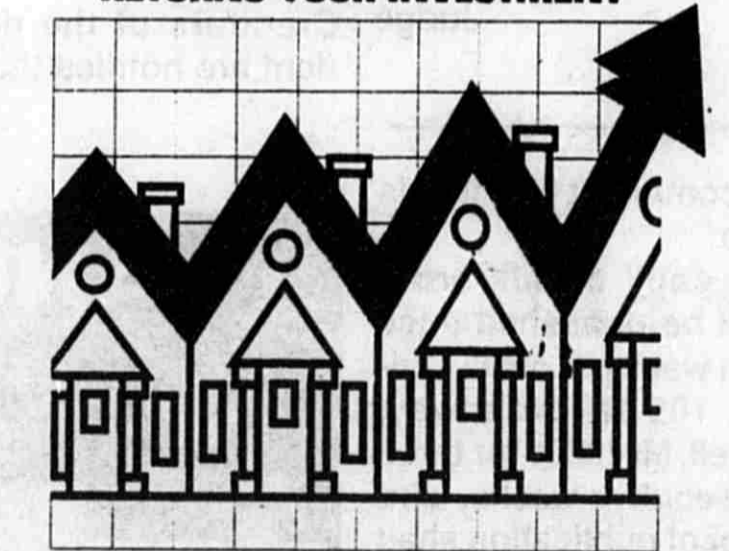


Christian Life Center was one of 98 vendors which participated in the annual community EXPO.

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MARCH 31
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You are invited to attend
The 1st annual
Spirit of Community - Annual Celebration
on May 4, 2001 at
The Lowell Performing Arts Center

The Spirit of Community - Annual Celebration is inspired by the life and community leadership of Ray Quada and celebrates his special involvement in and affection for the many Lowell community groups and organizations.

The celebration honors
this year's recipients of:
Lowell Area Schools
Tribute Tree Recognition
Ray Quada Opportunity Scholarship
Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award

Lowell Area Arts Council
Arty Award

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce
Person of the Year Award

The event will begin with a social gathering at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by The Lowell String Ensemble followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m.

The Award presentations will begin at 8 p.m. and will include a special video tribute celebrating the life, accomplishments and community spirit of Ray Quada.

The Award Presentations is free of charge. No RSVP is required.

If you plan to attend the buffet dinner, the cost is \$12 per person.

Please detach this form and return it with your check payable to Lowell Area Schools no later than Friday, April 20, 2001. Your check is your RSVP. No money will be collected the evening of the event.

We look forward to sharing our Spirit of Community

Please reserve _____ seats for the buffet dinner at \$12 each in the name of _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Mail form to: Lowell Area Schools
c/o Rose Hartley
300 High St. • Lowell, MI 49331

LOWELL ROTARY CLUB SPRING AUCTION
Friday, April 20, 2001
Notos Banquet Center
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Tickets: \$35 each or \$280 per Table
Call 897-8457 or 897-5911 for Ticket Information

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Lowell Chamber of Commerce
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Lowell Area Schools warmly invites all parents of children who will be five years old by December 1st to join in our

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BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY APRIL 10, 2001*
ALTO ELEMENTARY APRIL 12, 2001*

*Sign-up for spring Student Visitation 6:00-6:30 p.m. Parent Meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Convenient ways to receive Countdown to Kindergarten informational packet prior to this gathering: Visit our website to have a packet mailed to you. Our web address is www.lowell.k12.mi.us. - Telephone either Alto (868-6111) or Bushnell (897-8471). A packet will be mailed to you. - Mail provided postcard from local preschool or area business and a packet will be mailed to you. - Stop in at Alto or Bushnell office and pick up information packet in person. or mail the form below to:

BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY 700 ELIZABETH ST., LOWELL, MI 49331

Student Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____
Parents Names: _____
Attendance Area (Circle One) Alto Bushnell

We look forward to meeting you!

Condo site development slated to start in May

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Construction of the Conservatory Woods condo site is expected to begin in early May.

According to developer Steve Hanson's site plan, a total of 54 condominiums will be put on the property, less than half the allowable density, which could hold up to 126 units.

Only eight acres of the 18-acre site will be developed because much of the land is restricted by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Conservatory Woods will conserve a vast majority of natural features of the site. There will be a large wetland area in the middle, and as many trees as possible will be maintained.

In Phase I, 19 condominiums will be put on the south side of the property near the corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. That area is zoned R-3 residential and allows for multi-housing. Hanson is allowed to put the condos as a right of use on that section of the property.

A special use permit for the north side, zoned R-2 residential, will allow for condominiums. This section of land will hold 25-30 condo units and is tentatively scheduled to begin in 1-2 years.

The condos will cost between \$135,000 and \$168,000. Their size will range between 1,600 and 1,700 square feet.

The development is designed to conserve the natural elements of the land; units would be owned rather than rented,

and an association would be developed to make sure all rules are followed.

Overbeck Construction will build the units with construction scheduled to start in 60 days. Bids for the street work will go out within the next couple of weeks.

"I believe this development is a much nicer situation. Under what is allowed, I could have put in duplexes which don't require any landscaping," said Hanson.

Objections to the development were based largely on water issues. Previous developments have caused flooding in several of the residents' basements.

The development will have full utilities: city water and sewer, cable and electric, and telephone and gas.

Thebes Players sponsor writing contest

The Thebes Players of the Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring a creative writing contest for all ages within the Lowell community.

The contest includes three categories: short stories, poetry, and script writing.

Participants are allowed to provide up to three unpublished original works, not to exceed five pages in length and must be

double-spaced. Contest prizes are donated by local merchants and are awarded in each category with winning selections chosen by a five-member jury.

For more information, contact Deb Duiven at 897-6348 or the LAAC at 897-8545. Contest forms are available at the LAAC, 149 S. Hudson St.

The contest deadline is May 1.

St. Johns Mint Festival, to honor area mint farmers, is held annually the 2nd weekend in August.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 00-12355-DM

Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503

ANGELA DENISE PHILLIPS

vs.

REGINALD DONNEL PHILLIPS 911 Griggs S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

KATHLEEN M. ALLEN (P-48129) LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN 89 Ionia N.W., Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672 ext. 112

TO: REGINALD DONNEL PHILLIPS

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 21 days after publication of this matter for 3 consecutive weeks, April 9, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be

entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331 for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

4. A copy of this order shall be sent to REGINALD DONNEL PHILLIPS at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court, should Mr. Phillips accept the registered mail.

March 5, 2001

KATHLEEN A. FEENEY Judge

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MARY ANN SPAAK

vs.

EDWARD SPAAK, Jr. 1536 4th Street N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan

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March 5, 2001

KATHLEEN A. FEENEY Judge

Variance recommended for Pasquale

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

There was nothing unusual about Dave Pasquale sitting and speaking before the planning commission.

What was unusual, in this case, is he was asking the planning commission for a side yard variance regarding the construction of an addition to his house.

The commission, staying focused on the issue, asked for a performance bond, a site plan, and landscaping details. "I knew this wasn't going to be easy," said Pasquale with a laugh.

The petition for a variance was asked for because the property is zoned R-2 and requires a six-foot minimum setback. The property's north side setback is five feet six inches.

Pasquale's lot is narrow, approximately

49 feet where 66 feet is currently the minimum width. The building line comes to six feet at the east end of the addition.

The city manager said the 49-foot lot is not so general or recurrent that a zoning ordinance amendment is needed. "The variance is necessary to accommodate the addition and thus reserving a substantial property right," Pasquale said. "The variance will not further intrude the building setback and cause no detriment to the adjacent property and surrounding neighborhood. If the lot wasn't so narrow, the setbacks would easily be met."

Being that the property configuration was already present and not caused by the applicant, the planning commission sent a recommendation for the variance to the Zoning Board of Appeals. It will be considered at the April 23 city council meeting.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-170,958-DE

Estate of MARIAN LEE Date of Birth 5/19/1919

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARIAN LEE, who lived at 725 Bowes Road, E-3 Lowell, Michigan died 1/22/2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all

within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

3/22/01

MICHAEL J. TUMMINO, JR. (P-21618) 311 E. Main Street Lowell, Michigan 49331 (616) 897-5931

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COMING EVENTS

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 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 7:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH 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 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.

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

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

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 10210, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th-grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end

of N. Washington St. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For info call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

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

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info, call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings are on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

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

EVERY TUES.: Women's Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time from 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Chr. Ref. Church across from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

EVERY WED.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. (at 36th St.) No fees, no dues, no weigh-ins.

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

THURS.: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Registration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

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

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development skills. Meetings held at Lowell Middle School choir room. For information call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Lowell V.F.W.

Auxiliary #8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main St., Lowell.

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: 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 752-7524 for more information.

SECOND THURS. OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley at 7 p.m.

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 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. - Wed., Noon - 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri., 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues.,

Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

FRI., MARCH 30: "S.C.A.M.M. FOLLIES," 7 p.m. at Saranac High School. Tickets: \$5 adults/ \$3 seniors; available at Hometown Hardware or at the door.

SAT., MARCH 31: Chinese calligraphy class with artist Xixiang He from 9 - 4 p.m. Cost \$60, includes materials. At Franciscan Life Process Center. Call John at 897-7842 for info.

MON. - FRI.: 1 hour guided educational farm tours offered at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9-5 p.m. \$2 per person. Call Kathleen Rahe at 897-7842.

THURS., APRIL 5: Montcalm County Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, 1 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, Greenville. Informal discussion. Call Doris at 754-5012.

THURS., APRIL 27 & 28: Workshop on translating banner design into fabric art at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9-4 p.m. Cost is \$55; includes fabric. Call John at 897-7842 for info.

THURS., APRIL 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Andy Retberg, Community Development director Lowell YMCA. Also collecting food items for Access 6. Dues are payable at this time. Hostesses: Julia Hurley, Aileen McCabe, Norann DeLoof. Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri.

WED., APRIL 11: Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. SE, will serve a family-style turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; children 5-12, \$2.

THURS., APRIL 12: Rave seminar at LHS Performing Arts Center, 7:30-9 p.m. Rave Drugs - Things to look for. Open to the public.

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Sealed bids for the installation of approximately 545 lineal feet of new sidewalk will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Wednesday, April 11, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. where they will publicly be opened and read aloud. Contact Dan DesJarden at 897-5929 for specifications. Envelope must be marked "SIDEWALK BID."

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/shop at the malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. **TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **WED.:** 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 28: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 9-12 Tax Assistance; 10:30 a.m. Tour Cherry Creek School. **THURS., MARCH 29:** 12:40 p.m. Dance, West Side Complex. **FRI., MARCH 30:** 12:40 p.m. Bingo.



4-H Club Performance Raises \$1,300

The Kent County 4-H Performing Arts Club raised over \$1,300 through its annual major community service project. This year's performance, "Radio Station K.I.D.S." was held at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Proceeds from the event went to the Ronald McDonald House and toward children's programming at the Van Andel Museum.

Members of the production, pictured front row, left to right, are: Kenny Miller, Megan Jansen and Jordan Leven; second row, left to right, are: Josh Miller, Amanda SeEVERS, Stephi Cahoon, Baily Carpenter, Curt Westbrook, Christopher Wojcik, Lydia Feuerstein and Chelsea Babler; third row, left to right, are: Angela Wojcik, Misha Lamphere, Ashley VanderHeide, Keri Overbeck, Brad Overbeck, John Christopher Jansen, Penny Rosema; back row, left to right, are: Heather VanderHeide, Steven Miller, Gina Bivins, Shawn Rosema, Mary Boehm and Helen Feuerstein.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2001-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.02 OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 97-1, AS AMENDED, TO DESIGNATE VIOLATIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE AS MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO ISSUE MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTION CITATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND TO PRESCRIBE CIVIL FINES AND SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Sec. 9.02, Ordinance No. 97-1.
Section 9.02 of Bowne Township Ordinance No. 97-1, as amended (adopted June 16, 1997, and amended January 18, 1999), is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

9.02 VIOLATIONS; CIVIL FINES AND SANCTIONS.

- (a) Any person, firm, corporation, or other entity who violates any provision of this ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and is subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than \$50, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation, as authorized by Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-2 (as may be amended from time to time) and other applicable laws. Nothing herein contained will prevent the Township Board or any other public official or private citizen from taking such lawful action as is necessary to restrain or prevent any violation of this ordinance, the Township Zoning Ordinance, the Land Division Act, or the Condominium Act.
- (b) Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased civil fines. For purposes of this ordinance, "repeat offenses" means a second (or subsequent) violation of this ordinance committed by a person within any six (6) month period and for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The increased fine for a repeat offense under this ordinance shall be as follows:
 - (i) The civil fine for a violation that is a first repeat offense shall be not less than \$250, plus costs.
 - (ii) The civil fine for a violation that is a second repeat offense or a subsequent repeat offense shall be not less than \$500, plus costs.
- (c) Each day on which a violation of this ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense and shall be subject to civil fines and sanctions as a separate violation.
- (d) The Township Supervisor is hereby designated as an "authorized township official" pursuant to Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2000-2 and is authorized to issue municipal civil infraction citations for any violations of this ordinance.

Section 2. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF KENT)

I Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne of said county of Kent do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2001-4 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 19th day of March, 2001, and becoming effective 30 days as of the 28th day of April, 2001. The ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 28th day of March, 2001. Said ordinance was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Bowne Township on the 25th day of March, 2001.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said County, this 25th day of March, 2001.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk

Lowell's energy outlook bright – reserve running well ahead of demand

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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The co-op owns its own generating facilities, enough so that meeting demand has not been a problem. Currently, the co-op has an energy supply availability which is 30 percent above demand when everything is running, and a reserve capacity which is 15 percent beyond maximum demand. The state, in comparison, has a reserve of five percent.

Projections indicate that the communities served by the

co-op will meet or pass over the current supply curve in 2003. It will be another two-four years before the co-op is able to build another power plant so that a 15 percent reserve can be maintained.

"The co-op has operated conservatively. When it has seen growth, it has built more," Richards said. "We're adverse to risk. We make and meet requirements."

A new power plant project is under way in Traverse City. "When completed, Lowell Light and Power will own another chunk of generation," Richards said.

LHS' trout chapter first of its kind

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As part of an ongoing commitment to more youth oriented activities, Schrems West Michigan Trout Unlimited has joined Lowell High School to create the first Junior Trout Unlimited chapter in Michigan.

Schrems West Michigan member, Rich Bowman, Michigan Council Trout Unlimited executive director, in conjunction with Lowell High School, will oversee the junior chapter.

The board of directors agreed to sponsor the chapter

for a year as a pilot program. At that time, the program will be evaluated to consider possible expansion.

Lowell's Trout Unlimited Junior chapter meets monthly at Lowell High School.

The first event scheduled was a fly-tying workshop (Jan. 25). Other possible projects may include stream monitoring on the Coldwater River and involvement in future chapter functions.

Trout Unlimited has a long history of promoting citizen-based conservation of the state's cold water habi-

tats. The benefits are most often obvious by the success of coldwater fish such as brook, brown and rainbow trout.

Most conservation efforts go beyond good fishing, especially when one considers the lasting value of clean water and a healthy ecosystem.

Lowell High School Junior Trout chapter did a water test at Cherry Creek on March 1 and will conduct a second one in the fall.

The chapter is organizing an effort to set in plant buffers streamside to prevent runoff from flowing into the creek.

Poll shows customers pleased with overnight delivery

A poll, conducted by the Gallop Organization, measuring customer satisfaction with overnight delivery of local first-class mail, earned high marks in the Greater Michigan district.

According to district manager Charles Howe, 95 percent of households in zip codes 486-491 and 493-497 have a positive view of the postal service.

"We asked customers to rate their experience at their post office. I'm pleased that 95

percent rated us good, very good and excellent. I commend the employees, from letter carriers and retail clerks, and all of those involved in processing the mail," Howe said.

The district manager also announced an external first-class service performance score of 93 percent. External first-class measures collection box to mailbox

delivery performance. These areas are selected on the basis of geographic and volume density from which 90 percent of first-class volume originates and 80 percent destinates.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

7:30 P.M.

In the Historic Township Hall

8240 Alden Nash S.E.,

Alto, MI 49302

A budget shall be submitted for consideration

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township office (Historic Hall) Wednesday & Friday 9-5.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Bowne Township Clerk

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on: Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Township Hall to consider public comment on a proposed amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

An ordinance to amend the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, to provide municipal civil infraction penalties for the violation thereof

Section 1. The current provisions of Section 6.8 of the above described Ordinance are hereby **REPEALED**, and the following inserted in their place:

6.8 Penalties

- (a) Any violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be a Municipal Civil Infraction. Any person, corporation, company, partnership or other legal entity determined to be responsible for such violation, whether on a first or subsequent violation, shall be subject to a civil fine as may be posted from time to time by the Municipal Civil Infractions Bureau of Lowell Charter Township or by such fines, costs of prosecution and other lawful penalties as may be determined by the District Court having territorial jurisdiction over the location where such violation has occurred. No violator shall have the right to pay a fine for

such violation to the Municipal Civil Infraction Bureau, and thereby avoid imposition of a penalty by the District Court, except with the express permission of the Township as provided by applicable state law and local ordinance. The imposition or payment of any Municipal Civil Infraction penalty shall not prevent the Township from seeking injunctive relief against a violator as may be allowed by law nor shall it be deemed to prevent the Township from taking action against such violator for any subsequent violation.

- (b) Any person, corporation, company, partnership or firm which disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with any provision of this Ordinance or any permit, license, variance or exception granted hereunder, or of any lawful order of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals or the Township Board, issued pursuant to the Ordinance shall be in violation of this Ordinance. Any such violation is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se and a municipal civil infraction, punishable as provided hereunder.

A copy of this amendment, the base Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, and the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance may be inspected at the Township Hall located at 2910 Alden Nash SE during regular office hours.

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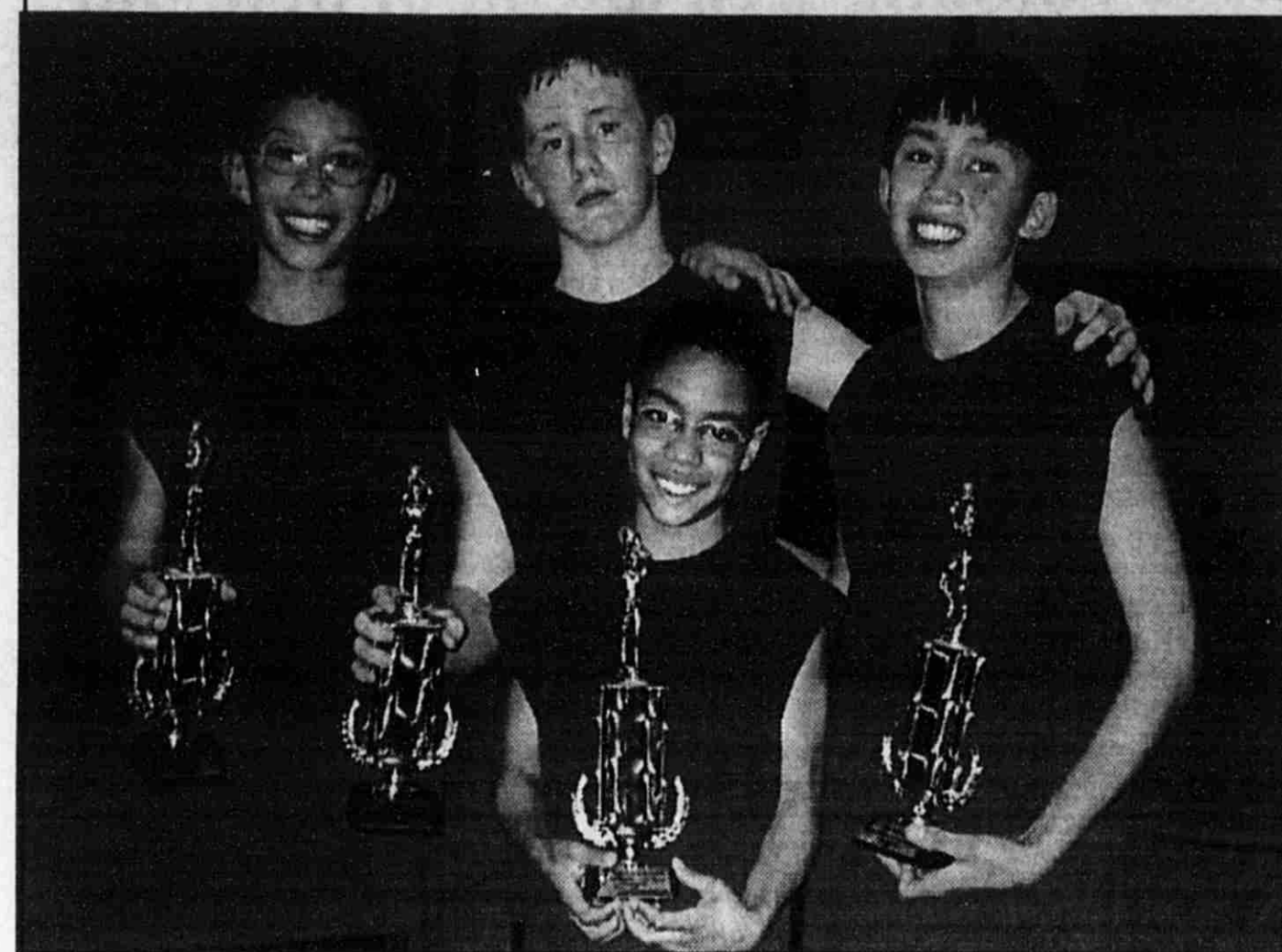
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3-ON-3 CHAMPS

Winners of the St. Patrick's Day 3-on-3 basketball tournament was the team of Daniel Rhoden, front row; and back row, left to right: Miles Martinus, Dan Stoffer and Richard Martinus.

Youth Wrestling Results: Storytelling with Debbie and a book discussion April 10 at Englehardt

The 2001 Lowell Wrestling Club season is under way. Kids ages five and older practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with tournaments on the weekends. The tournaments are held at various locations throughout Michigan and draw hundreds of wrestlers from the area.

The program gives kids the opportunity to gain experience, have opportunities to earn medals and learn more about the sport of wrestling.

The season wraps up with competition at the district, regional and state levels.

The club is operated under the USA Wrestling organization. For more information, call Deb Karasiewicz at 874-8586.

The following wrestlers placed in their competition in recent tournaments:

Ionia Tournament
Group 0 - John Fox, 1st; Derek Krajewski, 1st;
Group I - Jordan Drake, 3rd; Matthew Hooeboom, 2nd; Jacob Murray, 2nd; Gregory Ritz, 1st; Thomas Welsh, 4th; and Jared Williams, 1st.
Group II - Kameron

Claypool, 2nd; Daniel Fleet, 3rd; Jake Fillingham, 1st; Mark Ford, 1st; Timmy Gingerich, 2nd; Jacob Gould, 1st; and Jordan Wilder, 2nd.
Group III - Shane Brown, 2nd; Cody Grim, 1st; Mike Ford, 2nd; Edward Parks III, 1st; Cody Toomey, 4th; and Nick Rempalski, 2nd.

Grandville Tournament
Group III - Rob Karasiewicz, 1st.
Group IV - Josh Felling, 1st.

Northview Tournament
Group III - Edward Parks (HWT), 3rd.

Sparta Tournament
Group 0 - Kanon Dean, 1st;
Group I - Jordan Drake, 4th;
Group III - Rob Karasiewicz, 1st;
Group IV - Josh Felling, 4th.

Grand Haven Tournament
Group III - Brandon Jahnke, 1st.

Lakewood Tournament
Group III - Edward Parks, 2nd.

The Englehardt Library will present a fun spring storytelling event for the whole family on Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. Storyteller Debbie Bardos will come in costume to tell Patricia Polacco's *Rechenka's Eggs* and another seasonal story.

Bardos is a professional storyteller, performing in schools, bookstores and at Frederik Meijer Gardens.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library. For more information contact the library at 897-9596.

New law safeguards those who serve and protect

Beginning March 28, Michigan motorists may want to give wide berth to emergency vehicles parked on the shoulder of a road. A new law signed by Gov. John Engler in January (Public Act 458) hands down substantial penalties for those who drive unsafely near police cars, fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

There are now two basic requirements for motorists approaching a parked emergency vehicle with flashing lights:

- On a road with two or more adjacent lanes in the same direction... The driver must proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way by moving into a lane not adjacent to the stopped emergency vehicle. If movement to an adjacent lane is not possible due to weather, road conditions or the presence of other

vehicles, then motorists must follow the requirement for roads without two adjacent lanes in the same direction.

- On a road without two or more adjacent lanes in the same direction... The driver must reduce and maintain a safe speed for weather, road conditions and traffic conditions, while proceeding with "due care and caution."

Every day, men and women in law enforcement, emergency health care and fire-fighting risk their lives to save one of us," said Richard Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA

Canine Capers at KDL April 5

It's a doggone good time for all ages as Kent District Library presents "Canine Capers" in April. The whole

family can enjoy the wonderful live action film *Harry the Dirty Dog* and take home some canine crafts.

The movie *Harry the Dirty Dog*, based on the popular children's book by Gene Zion, tells the story of a dog who runs away from home because he hates getting a bath

Michigan. "This new law basically mandates a practice of common driving courtesy that most of us follow anyway."

Penalties for those who violate the new law fall into three distinct categories: 1) a person who violates the law, 2) a person who violates the law and causes injury to emergency response personnel, and 3) a person who violates the law and causes death to emergency response personnel.

Violation of the law would result in a misdemeanor charge punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 and/or imprisonment for up to 90

days. Violation of the law causing injury would result in a felony charge punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for up to two years. Violation of the law causing death also results in a felony charge, punishable by a maximum fine of \$7,500 and/or imprisonment for up to 15 years.

"The bottom line is that it doesn't pay to drive carelessly in the vicinity of an emergency vehicle," said Miller. "By exercising patience and courtesy, we will be helping to protect those who serve all of us."

and embarks on many adventures. Zion wrote four best-selling stories about the rascally dog, Harry.

The Englehardt branch will present the program on Thursday, April 5 at 4 p.m. Call the library at 897-9596 with any further questions.

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CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE

Due to Spring Break, the Lowell City Council and Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will meet as follows:

- City Council will meet on the second and fourth Monday, April 9 and April 23 at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 North Monroe at 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will meet on the fifth Monday, April 30 at City Hall, 301 East Main Street at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 897-8457.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The residents of Vergennes Township will hold an Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for residents to comment on any issue regarding the state of the township. The 2001-02 budget will also be reviewed.

The annual meeting will be held at the township offices located at the intersection of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, address of 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

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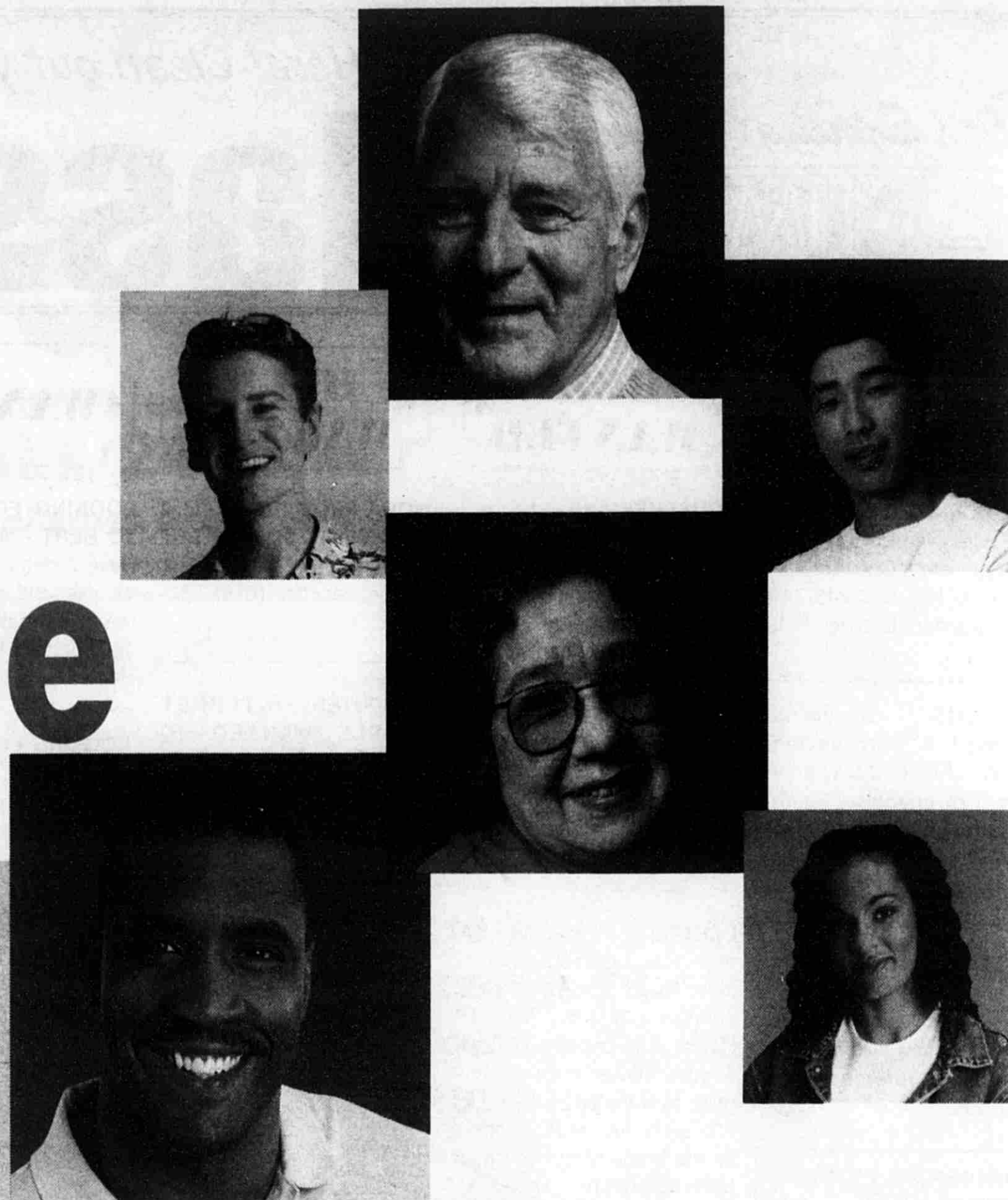
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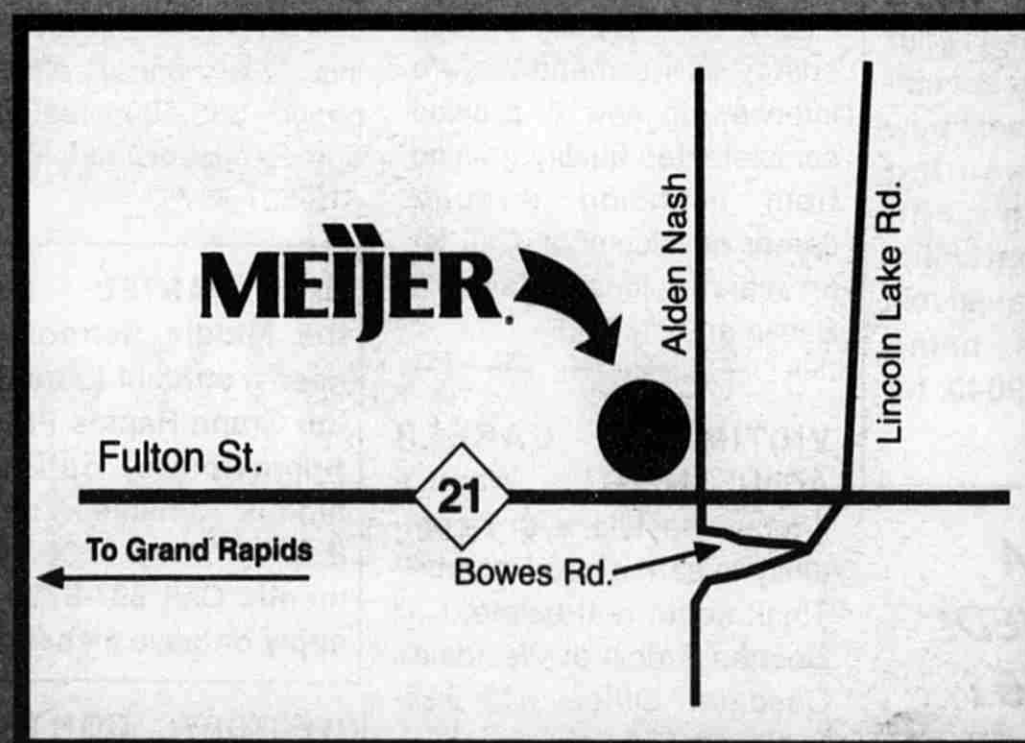
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