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Residents vote to stop officials' pay increase at Bowne Township annual meeting

Bowne Township residents used an annual meeting to rescind a board action that would have increased elected officials' pay by \$2,000 per year.

In its place, they voted to give officials a Kowalczyk. three percent wage increase. The tow

The voting process used, however, was called into question.

The motion for a three percent wage increase was defeated in its first vote 7-6.

Before the motion was carried, it was decided that the vote wasn't valid because township officials, who sit on the board, had voted. The second go around on the three per-

cent increase for officials passed 6-5 without their vote.

"I was surprised by the opposition to the \$2,000 increase," said township clerk, Sandra Kowalczyk.

The township clerk does not believe the second vote is valid. "I am checking with the township attorney on whether officials should have been able to vote. If it is not valid, then the pay increase (\$2,000) which was budgeted for will stand," Kowalczyk explained.

The proposed wage hike by the township board would increase the supervisor's salary to \$16,530.92; the clerk's to \$22,898; and the treasurer's to \$20,797.





Ye Old

Jim Marron and Fred Talbot stand in front of a Lowell Township landmark - "Ye Old Kissing Rock." The residents recently cleaned up the rocks appearance.

Residents' Appreciation: Rock Solid

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It is the largest mineral in southern Lowell Township and possibly the most recognized landmark.

The Ye Old Kissing Rock has been given a make-over by township residents Jim Marron and Fred Talbot.

The rock which has been victim of numerous spray can creations was recently covered in a pearl gray with black lettering., in hopes of cleaning its besmudged appearance.

"When I moved her in 1959, it was such a beautiful stone. Someone (who remained anonymous put lettering on it," Talbot explained. "Every time it began to flake off, this person would go back and re-letter it. Once this person passed away, that's when the graffiti experts moved in with there psychedelic art work. It was such a pretty stone I just wanted to clean it up."

Talbot put on a coat of paint, which has alithane mixed in with it. This enables any graffiti to be washed off.

The lettering on the rock was put on by Marron.

After completing their work on the rock, the two township residents asked the road commission if it would put up a cyclone fence around it. Their request was denied due to the precedent it would set.

"It is such a beautiful stone. My hope is that the younger residents grow to appreciate it as much as the older folks have," Talbot said.

City continues fight for light at Monroe

Lowell's push for a city light at Monroe has been met with equal resistance by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The city's push has been based on improved public safety.

"The city believes a light will break up traffic and make it easier for pedestrians to cross MainStreet (M-21). The reluctance on MDOT's part stems from M-21 being a major state thoroughfare and traffic counts not warranting a light.

Traffic counts were completed last year at Monroe, Washington and Jackson. Lowell Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said a second traffic count will be completed this year.

"We think Monroe is a prime location for a light," said Lowell city mananger Dave Pasquale. "We're working with MDOT to have another traffic study done. Howard Burton was driving this school bus to Grand Rapids to pick up Hope Network students; on his way he brushed up with a turkey ... this is one pick up he would have preferred not to make.



Turkey in flight, lands in lap of bus driver

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Howard Burton has never been on a turkey hunt, but he's not without a story.

In fact, his story rivals most. Burton, a Lowell bus driver for three years, was making a daily run to Hope Network to pick up some students.

He was heading west on M-21 near the Ada roadside park at Sargent when he saw a turkey come running out of some brush toward the road.

"I thought he was going to get hit by an eastbound car, but just before he reached the road, the turkey took flight," Burton explains... took flight right into the path of Burton's bus. "There wasn't anything I could do. He hit and came through my windshield right onto my lap," the Lowell bus driver said.

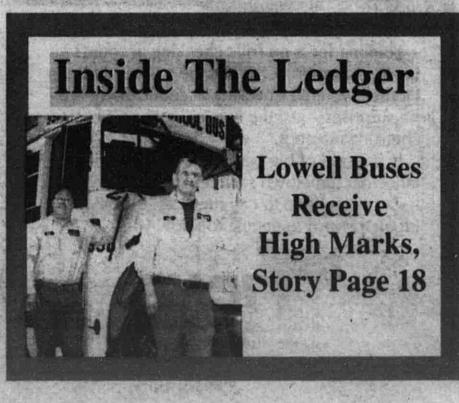
The glass from the shattered windshield and a flopping, kicking turkey scratched the left side of Burton's face.

Traveling at a speed of 45-50 miles per hour, with his vision impaired by the turkey, Burton still managed to maintain control of the bus and steer it off the north side of the road.

"After I got the bus off the road and stopped, I threw the turkey off my lap/chest and into the stairwell of the bus." Burton said. Cars behind him and approaching Burton from the west pulled off to call police and checked to make sure he was okay.

"The Kent County officer told me he couldn't believe Burton was able to steer the bus off the road without causing an incident with other vehicles." said Lowell transportation director, Larry Mikulski.

Turkey, cont'd. pg. 8





OBITUARIES

Austin, of Kalamazoo, died

AUSTIN - Mrs. Delia K. ing crafts and crocheting afghans for several charities Friday evening March 30, including the Michigan Bell 2001. Mrs Austin was born Raffle, Pioneers of America, April 15, 1902 in Lowell, and the Beeper Ball for the Michigan a daughter of Blind. She was preceded in 622 S. Brudick St. with Pastor George B. and Rosa (Bieri) death by her husband, Charles Kerr. She had been a P. Austin on April 15, 1964; Kalamazoo area resident most and 13 brothers and sisters. of her life and was a member She is survived by 2 daughof Oakwood United Method- ters, Charlene Austin and ist Church. She enjoyed mak- Martha Austin both of

Kalamazoo; 4 sisters, Ann Haskins of Walhalla, MI, twins Elsie Maloney and Esther Staal both of Lowell, MI, and Selma (Russell) Dahl of Spring Lake, MI; and many will be held 1 o'clock Wednesday (today) from the Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, Suzanne Kornowski officiating. Visitation will be one hour pice of Michigan. Arrangechapel. Interment will be in Mt. Ever-Rest Cemetery. Me- GIBSON - Clarence H. morials may be directed to the Gibson, aged 59, formerly of choice.

(Jackie), Jodi (Dan) Everitt: brother William Foster; sister, Lorna (Dave) Bigelow; nine grandchildren; four great grand children; special friend, Dan Braunschneider; many nieces and nephews. Services nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Alto, Methodist Church, Rev. Dominic Tommy officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hosprior to the service at the ments by Roth-Gerst, Lowell

Oakwood United Methodist Lowell, passed away March Church or the charity of your 29, 2001. Clarence was born in Williamsburg, KY, on February 23, 1942, to Dave and FOSTER-Robert Louis Fos- Martha (Marcle) Gibson. He

health problems. He enjoyed living a simple life. He is survived by his son Hubert and Michelle Gibson of Belding; his grandchildren Justin, Kyle, Erin and Nathan; his sister Elsie Hamblin; and numerous nieces, nephews and other friends. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents;

For kicks: Sign-up teens for Tae Kwon Do

in martial arts and fitness can get their kicks as Kent District Library presents Tae Kwon Do for Teens this

The Alto Library will offer the program on Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m. for ages 11 and up. Registration is required; call 868-6038.

Tae Kwon Do, the Korean martial art dating back over 2000 years, is known for its special kicking technique. Today, tae kwon do is practiced not only for self-defense,





his wife Onnie; his daughter Connie; two sisters; three brothers. Funeral services were held at the Koops Funeral Chapel on Saturday Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity

Young adults interested tal health and self-improvement Grandmaster Jason Lee.

who holds an Eighth Degree black belt and has 40 years of experience in a variety of martial arts, along with other instructors from the Jinmookwan Tae Kwon Do Academy in Kentwood, will teach some basic martial arts movements and explain how

martial arts can help maintain physical health and well being. For more information about the program, contact





By Rev. William Renkema Calvary Christian **Reformed Church**

Miguel was suddenly. startlingly dead. One day he was a young man, full of energy and hope. The next day he was found along a path near Mangulile, Honduras, chopped up by a machete. The motive - he had just been paid in cash for three months of picking coffee on the side There was something else at Father are one." of the mountain. He was on his way home with money to feed his family. People from Mangulile found him dead. His pockets were empty.

I asked why he was carrying three months salary in cash. Of course, only a dumb American would ask that question. "Senor, here we have no banks. Banks are for the rich. Banks are in the cities, many hours from here."

My next dumb question was whether the police had caught the murderer. "Senor, here we have no police. Police protect rich people. We are not rich."

That gave me the answer to another question - why did so many men walk around with guns? If there are no police, who is going to protect people? Who will administer justice? There was a small garrison of soldiers in Mangulile, but their main interest was to ensure that there was no uprising against the military government. Later on I discovered that there had been police in the area once. They did not last long. After several of them were killed in

1:30, 9:30

ambushes, they simply picked up and left.

Of course, this made me, a relatively rich American missionary, feel really safe. For a while I kept an eye on they follow me. I give them anyone packing a gun. Church felt a little safer to me because the men did not bring guns through the door of the church. It was not so much that the church did not allow them to bring in their guns. work. One man told me that when he went to church he pen in this life. Bad things remembered that God was his sometimes happen to good protector.

better, I found out that by not scends death. They a have wearing a gun I was uninten- hope the springs eternal.

tionally saying to people, "I trust in God." Interestingly, one of the first differences I saw in the lives of many Honduran men who became Christians was that they stopped carrying guns.

Protection. We all want to feel safe and secure. The truth is that Christians as much as anyone else suffer attacks and are the victims of violence. There is a protection, though, that can never be removed. Jesus said in John 10:27-30, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Terrible things may hap-

people. Christians, however, As I got to know people enjoy a protection that tran-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 5: Doug Klahn, Esther Clemenz.

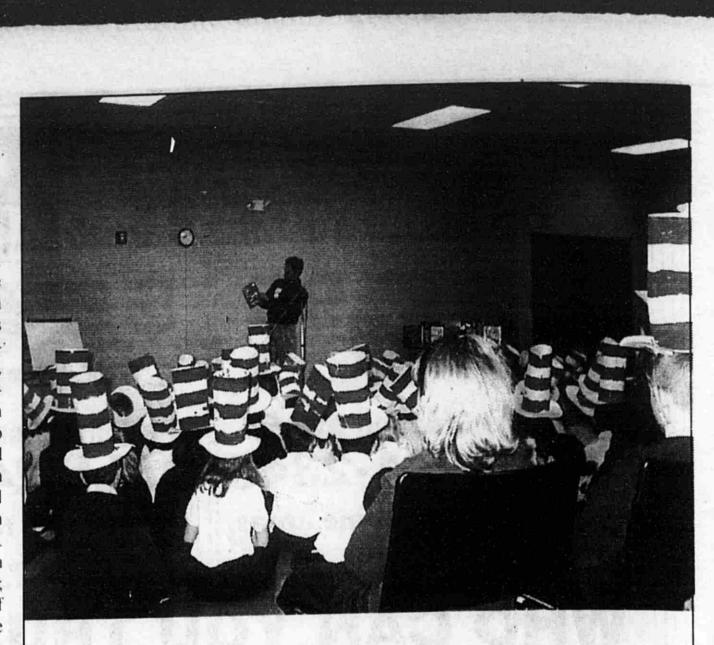
APRIL 6: Carol Hovinga, Brad Yonker, Fran Clouser, Connie Vaughn, Pearl Peckham, Malley Cahoon, Cheryl Foster. APRIL 7: Corey Vollink, Rick Sauber, Lindsey Thaler, Kenneth Dalga, John Henderson, Mary Kimble: APRIL 8: Jay Vezino, Sandy Converse.

APRIL 9: J.R. Guastavino.

APRIL 10: Julie Webb, Nicholas Comdure, Chelsea Comdure, Betsey Walker.

APRIL 11: Toni Blough, Delores Gabrion. Adaline Thaler, Reimann of Alto have been Lowell and Reimann, a fresh-Al Roe, Harry Carigon.

In 1829, William Burt of Mount Vernon receives a patent for the nation's first typewriter.



St. Pat students celebrate Dr. Seuss B-day

St. Patrick Catholic School first-grade students recently celebrated Read Across America. A lineup of community role models stopped in and read to students throughout the day. Guest readers included world-renown distance swimmer Jim Dreyer, Bert Bleke, the superintendent of the Diocese of Grand Rapids Catholic Schools and executives from Alticor, Meijer and the Whitecaps.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jeffrey Nethercot of Lowell and Miranda son of Sharon Nethercot of named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood University in Midland, as an nounced by Dr. Margaret C. Colarelli, academic dean of the university.

Nethercot, a senior, is the man, is the daughter of Charles and Lynne Reimann of Alto. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a





a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and fouryear degrees in a varity of enterprise fields. The university operates centers in the United States as well as two international study programs abroad.

3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Northwood University is



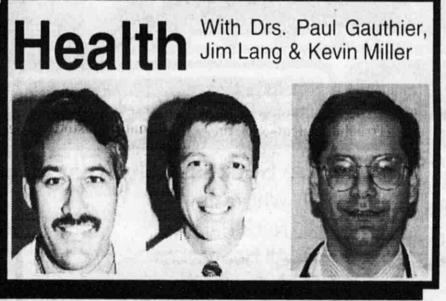
125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL

APRIL 5, 1876 This issue is missing. We substitute "Miscellaneous Items" from Jan. 18, 1871 Why should a young lady never wear stays? Because it is so horrid to see a girl "tight."

There are 74,000 doctors in the United States. An Illinois fire company elected a lady foreman.

Balloons still leave Paris, France, with mails and military intelligence

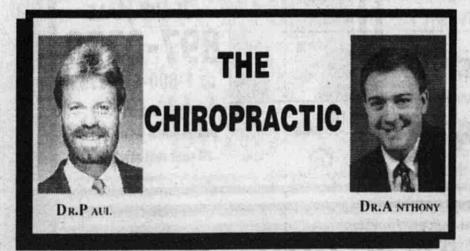
Registered letters in the amount of 1,574 were stolen last year.





MARCH MADNESS

All of a sudden I could hear a yipping sound in the heavy cover at the edge of the swamp. Then came a single yelp,



Children and Computers: Advice for Parents

According to a recent New York Article, at least 70 percent of America's 30 million elementary school students use computers. As a result of this increased usage, supplement tal health care providers such as doctors of chiropractic are treating more young patients who suffer from repetitive mo tion injuries (RMI). Examples of RSI are carpal tunnel syndrome and chronic pain in the hands, back, neck and shoul-

In study recently published by a team of researchers from Cornell University, doctors found that 40 percent of the

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 4, 1901

Lowell "as usual" elects the entire Republican township ticket; Vergennes, Keene and Grattan go Democratic. factory will be held Saturday evening at McConnell's store.

Due to the flood last week, power users are getting electricity from the old plant. A petition to council asks that Monroe be graded to high-water mark, and repairs are going on all over.

The high school literary societies are sponsoring their first 4,228; defense production is still gearing up. annual contest at Train's Opera House, with orations, essays. The USDA hopes to relieve the apple surplus by encourrecitations and debates. Admission is 15 cents adults, 10 cents aging the processing of frozen apple juice concentrate, which children. has proven to be as popular as orange juice concentrate in tests.

Next Wednesday will be an evening of local musical talent at Trains's for the benefit of the base ball team; same admis sion prices.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 1, 1926

The Board of Trade, served lunch at City Hall by Harry Light & Power employees' Herb Haines, John Jones and Holland, votes to have a homecoming along with the annual Jack Ryan receive a letter from Gov. Milliken thanking them free Chautauqua, and hears a report that refurbishing the Hotel for their 35- hour marathon, restoring power after the March Waverly is preferable to building a new hotel. ice storm

An article by the Cannon Township supervisor opposes the proposed new county jail construction and names the advantages of the old, even though some call it "antiquated and prepare it bad-smelling."

The Glee Club of Western State Normal at Kalamazoo will sing tonight at City Hall; concert sponsored by the glee clubs of Lowell High School.

Drivers are warned to watch their heat indicators closely in cold weather and to open the radiator shutter at the proper nial Committee. time so the radiator does neither stay too cold nor overheat.

Shin Splints

Many people will begin running again as spring weather Over time, a stress fracture may occur if one continues approaches. Some will experience "shin splints." This is a running with this pain. Plain x-rays of the area may not show sharp pain along the inside of the lower leg. This initially will a stress fracture, so sometimes a bone-scan is ordered to occur only while running, but will progressively worsen and confirm this type of injury. Treatment for shin splints includes anti-inflammatory ache during rest. Shin splints (or medial tibial stress syndrome), occur as a medications, rest, ice massages prior to and after exercise, and

new shoes. If shin splints continue to occur, custom foot result of training errors or an anatomical abnormality of the foot. Training errors include running too many miles per week orthotics may be needed. These help to correct anatomical or increasing mileage too quickly, hard surface running, or old defects, such as hyperpronation or fallen arches. After the pain has substantially subsided, runners can increase their weekly shoes. Foot hyperpronation and fallen arches also contribute to mileage by 10% or less. shin splints

followed by a long drawn out howl and the chase was on. Toby had hit a hot cottontail track. The white tip of a furiously wagging tail traced the progress of the three-year-old beagle through the curtain of brush.

As I watched and listened, I was regretting that I hadn't tried to get out with the dog more than I had this year. The Michigan rabbit season came to an end on March 31st. Like most beagles, Toby loves to chase rabbits. When he hears the word hunt, he goes nuts, so we have to spell it out like we would if we didn't want a small child to hear something. He has the same reaction when I put on my game jacket. The dog is my primary motivation for hunting rabbits.

activity that is exciting for both of you. After a few more futile chases. I caught the dog. loaded him into the truck, and headed home. It wasn't long after we From my elevated position, I kept looking for the circling rabbit to break cover near enough for a shot. Finally, I saw arrived that Toby stretched out next to the wood stove. He quickly drifted off into a deep sleep that was occasionally movement to my left; a rabbit was sitting fifteen feet away and looking right at me. Instantly, he made a dash for heavy cover punctuated by a yip and the twitch of a foot. The Tobester was and vanished before I could shoulder the single shot 20 gauge. still on the trail in his dreams. Drat that rabbit!

elementary school children they studied used computer work-The child's knees should be positioned at an approximate 90 to 120 degree angle. To accomplish this angle, feet can be stations that put them at postural risk. The remaining 60 placed on a footrest, box, stool or similar object. percent scored in a range indicating "some concern." To reduce the possibility of your child suffering painful Reduce eyestrain by making sure there is adequate lightand possibly disabling injures Doctors of Chiropractic offer ing and that there is no glare on the monitor screen. Use an antiglare screen if necessary.

the following tips:

If children and adults in your home share the same com-Limit your child's time at the computer and make sure he puter workstation, make certain that the workstation can be or she takes periodic stretch breaks during computing time. Stretches can include clenching hands into fists and moving modified for each child's use. Position the computer monitor so the top of the screen is them in 10 circles inward and 10 circles outward: placing hands in a praying position and squeezing them together for at or below the child's eye level. This can be accomplished by 10 seconds and then closing them one by one; standing and taking the computer off its base or stand, or having the child sit on firm pillows or phone books to reach the desired height. wrapping arms around body and turning all the way to the left and then all the way to the right.

Make sure the chair at the workstation fits the child correctly. An ergonomic back cushion, pillow or a rolled-up Your child's muscles need adequate hydration to work properly and avoid injury. Encourage your child to drink four towel can be placed in the small of the child's back for added back support. There should be two inches between the front 8-ounce glasses of water a day. edge of the seat and back of the knees. The chair should have Urge your child's school or PTA officials to provide arm supports so that elbows are resting within a 70 to 135 education on correct computer ergonomics and to install degree angle to the computer keyboard. ergonomically correct workstations.

If your child continues to complain of pain from sitting at Wrists should be held in a neutral position while typingnot angled up or down. The mousing surface should be close a computer, you may wish to see a doctor of chiropractic. to the keyboard so your child does not have to reach or hold the Chiropractors are well trained to alleviate your child's pain arm away from the body. and help prevent further injury.

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50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 5, 1951

Plans go forward for drilling a 4.600 -foot-deep well for storing liquid petroleum gas in southeast Lowell. The well will be in a salt formation and the excess salt released into the A meeting for interested investors in a Lowell basket Grand River. Capacity is expected to be 100,000 barrels.

> The Methodist Church prepares to spend \$6,600 on the organ and remodeling the chancel to go with it. A blinding snow storm last weekend caused several

accidents. Michigan's draft quota for April is down to 2.424 from

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **APRIL 1, 1976**

City trucks will be parked in private driveways on request so residents can help clean up the mountains of brush that still remain after the ice storm.

The community garden will again be located next to the middle school. The Lowell High School Ag department will

An all-school cast will stage George Orwell's play. "Nineteen Eighty-Four" tonight, Friday and Saturday,

Owners of Centennial homes in Vergennes Township will be presented certificates at the Vergennes Township Hall this Saturday, says Don McPherson of the Vergennes Bicenten-

Toby was not far behind; the chase continued. As it turned out

that was the only cottontail I actually saw all morning. Recent

cutting around the swamp had created a lot of hiding places.

so the odds were with the rabbit. That's OK because I rarely

take one home anyway. Just listening to the beagle music and

anticipating the appearance of a rabbit is a thrill for me. Toby.

of course, never catches the rabbit, but that doesn't dampen his

enthusiasm. No matter how nasty the cover, he sticks with the

trail, bellowing all the way. There's just something special

about hunting with a dog. You're working as partners in an

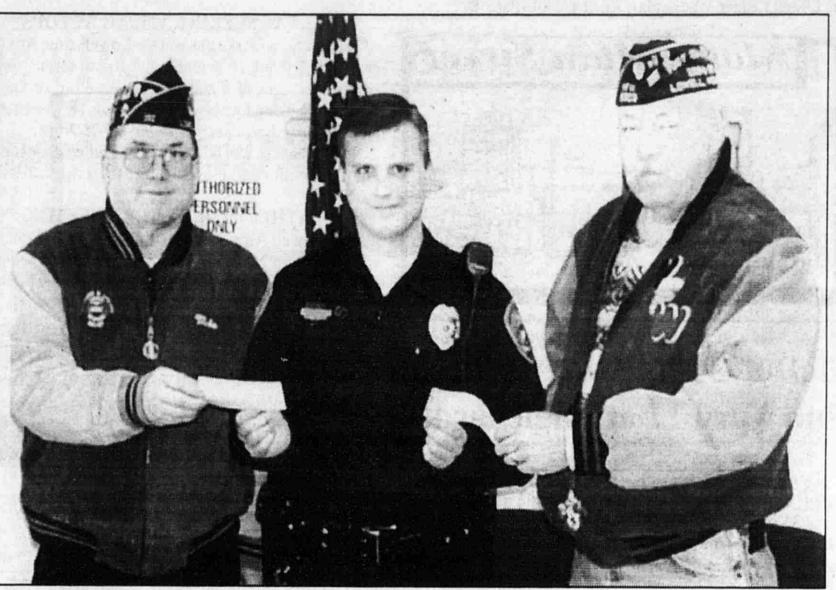
BIRTHDAY WORTHY OF CELEBRATION

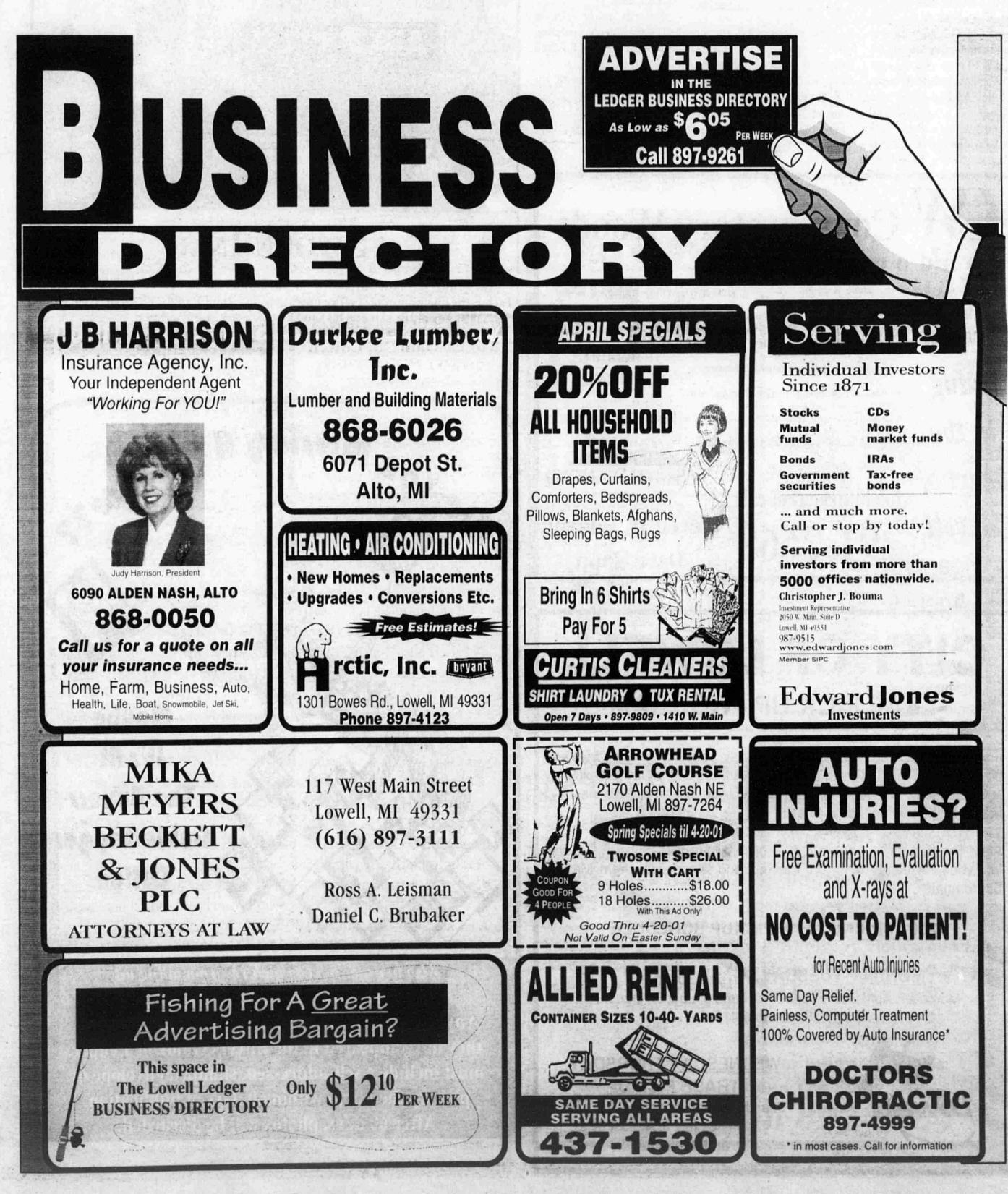
Staff and residents of Cumberland Retirement Village helped Crystal Jones celebrate her 103rd birthday on Tuesday, March 27. Jones has been a resident at Cumberland for the past nine years. She celebrated her birthday with her daughter-in-law, Virginia Jones; granddaughter, Carol (Jones) Oberg; and great-grandchildren, Zachary, Ian and Samantha Oberg. Jones has a grandson, David C. Jones and a niece, Mildred Stauffer, who live in Alto. Jones is the oldest of three daughters born to Peter and Charlotte Anderson. She was married to Charles W. Jones in 1925 and they lived in East Lansing for 17 years. They had one son, Lester. When Charles passed away, Crystal moved back to the Lowell area where she served as a legal secretary for an attorney. Jones is a member of the First Congregational Church and was a member of the "Cheerful Doers."



Go Ahead and Donate... I D.A.R.E. Yah!

Recent donations, totaling \$3,500, by American Legion Post 152 and VFW Post 8302 helped bring the amount raised toward a truck for the Lowell Area School's D.A.R.E. program to just under \$6,000. Mike Willard, commander of the American Legion Post 152, left, and Gordon Marshall, commander of the VFW Post 8303, right, made check presentations to D.A.R.E. officer Steve Bukala. The American Legion made a donation of \$2,500 and the VFW wrote out a check for \$1,000. The D.A.R.E. program needs \$8,900 to fund a three-year lease. At the end of the three years, D.A.R.E. will purchase the black GMC Sonoma outright. The truck will be adorned with a red D.A.R.E. logo and the names of sponsors who made donations of \$500 or more will also be dispalyed on teh truck.





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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 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.

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.

McDuff visits Alto; mother-daughter book club April 17 at Englehardt Library

Wells' fans of all ages can "Meet McDuff," the irresistible Westie from the popular children's books at the Alto Library this April.

Two real West Highland White Terriers will play the part of McDuff in this program filled with stories, crafts and fun on Wednesday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m.

McDuff's New Friends. Wells 6:30 p.m. has won numerous awards

Doglovers and Rosemary and has given readers such and Yoko.

> For more information 868-6038.

The Englehardt Library invites mothers and their includes McDuff Moves In, the Mother-Daughter Book brary at 897-9596. McDuff Comes Home and Club on Tuesday, April 17 at

Mothers and daughters unforgettable characters as will gather at the library for Max and Ruby, Noisy Nora, coffee, refreshments and lots of good book talking. Copies of the book Catherine, Called contact the Alto Library at Birdy by Karen Cushman are available at the library's checkout desk.

For more information on the library branches offering the book club and for featured daughters, ages 12 and older, titles, call the KDL at 784-The McDuff book series to read a book together for 2016 or the Englehardt Li-





Also in order to keep pictures from piling up in the future, we are implementing a new policy. Anyone wanting their photographs returned after they have appeared in the Buyers Guide or Ledger must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or pick up the photo within 60 days of publication. After 60 days, photos will be discarded.



is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pick up will be on Wednesday, March 28th and April 4th and 11th.

Also, the Spring/Summer leaf pick up program will continue the first full week of each month on Tuesday and Wednesday from May to September!

2001 SPRING LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

MONDAY-TUESDAY TRASH PICK UP March 27, April 3 and 10, May 8, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4



WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY **TRASH PICK UP** March 28, April 4, and 11, May 9, June 6, July 5, August 8 and September 5

SPRING ARTS CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Open space committee offers wildlife habitat program

By Kate Dernocoeur

wildlife, including birds, mammals, and beneficial insects. Knowing which grasses, shrubs, and trees are useful to our wildlife can assist landowners to retain and build habitat for wild animals in our area.

gether. Should neighbors choose to work together, they can Workshop instructors are Tom Nederveld, Mark Sargent. help maintain wildlife corridors that go beyond individual It's a pleasure for many people to attract various "crit- and Bob Humphries. Nederveld, a resident of Grattan, is a ters" to their own back yards for viewing. A class on how to retired wildlife biologist now working for the Natural Reproperty lines. Cooperative planting by neighbors will do create wildlife habitat is offered Wednesday, April 11, by the source Conservation Service (NRCS), providing information much to enable freely-wandering wildlife to survive as the Open Space Committee of Vergennes Township at the to private landowners who wish to benefit wildlife on their Vergennes Township area is developed in coming decades. Wittenbach Center, 6:30-9:00 PM. It is free and open to the land. Sargent is a wildlife biologist for the Michigan Depart-The Open Space Committee of Vergennes Township is a Board-approved, volunteer citizen committee dedicated to ment of Natural Resource's Wildife Division, in charge of the The purpose of the workshop is to provide specifics on state's private land program. Humphries, a local resident, is educating and informing citizens about the "toolbox" of what landowners can do for wildlife. Participants will hear also employed by the Michigan Department of Natural Remethods which can play a role in preserving open space information on how to create food and cover for various sources (DNR). He will address ways for landowners to while still insuring landowner rights. It welcomes interested citizens from throughout the Lowell area to attend the April recognize and preserve habitat specifically for Karner Blue 11 program. free of charge. butterflies, an endangered species.

Neighbors are encouraged to attend this workshop to-

IN THE SERVICE

He is the son of Dion and Cathy Ritzema of Arnold, MO, and will graduate from Seckman High School in Arnold on May 31, 2001. He cally and mentally. will report to West Point on July 2nd.

are Richard and Marian Stuart and Lloyd and Josephine Ritzema, all of Lowell.

nis L. McClure, son of assignments which included Darlene M. and Dennis M.

Aaron Stuart Ritzema McClure of Lowell, recently has accepted appointment to completed basic training at West Point Military Acad- Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

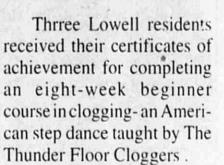
> McClure successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physi-

McClure and fellow recruits began their training at The proud grandparents 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, McClure spent numerous Marine Corps Pfc. Den- hours in classroom and field

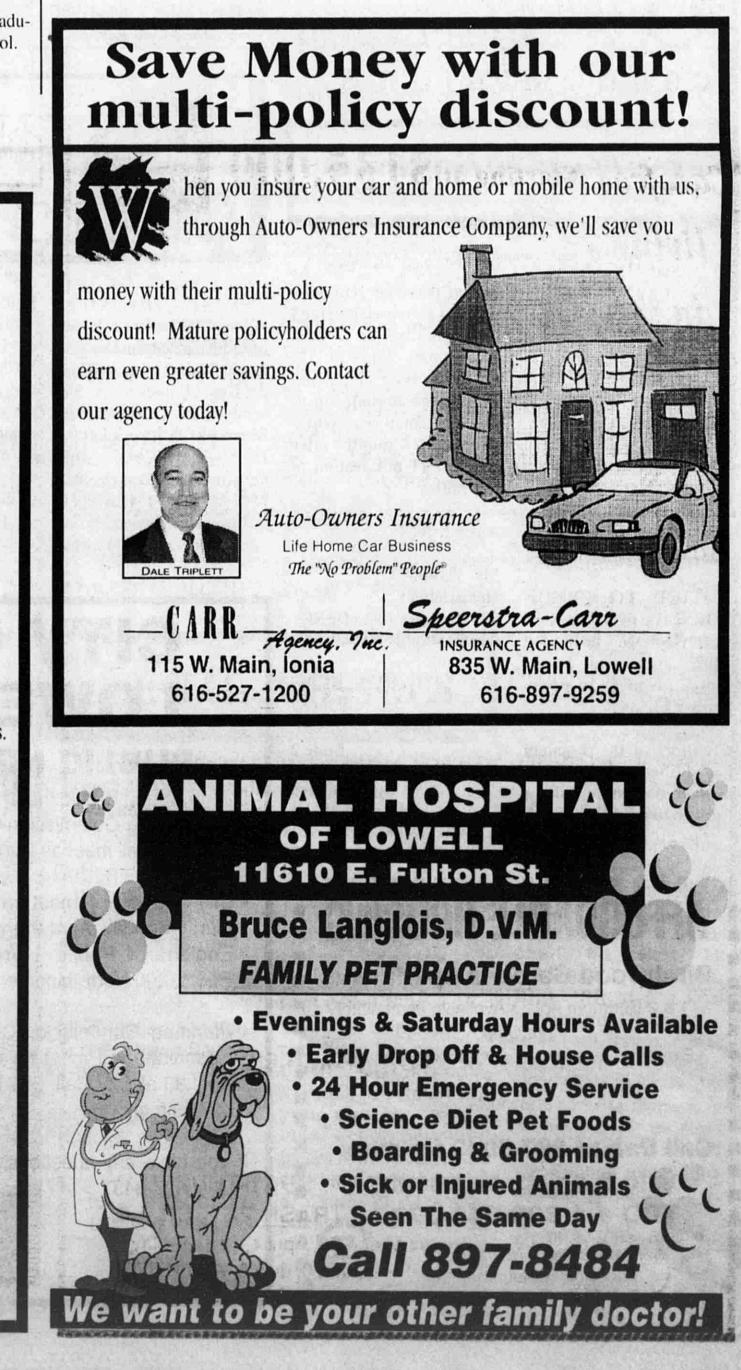
learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They per formed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

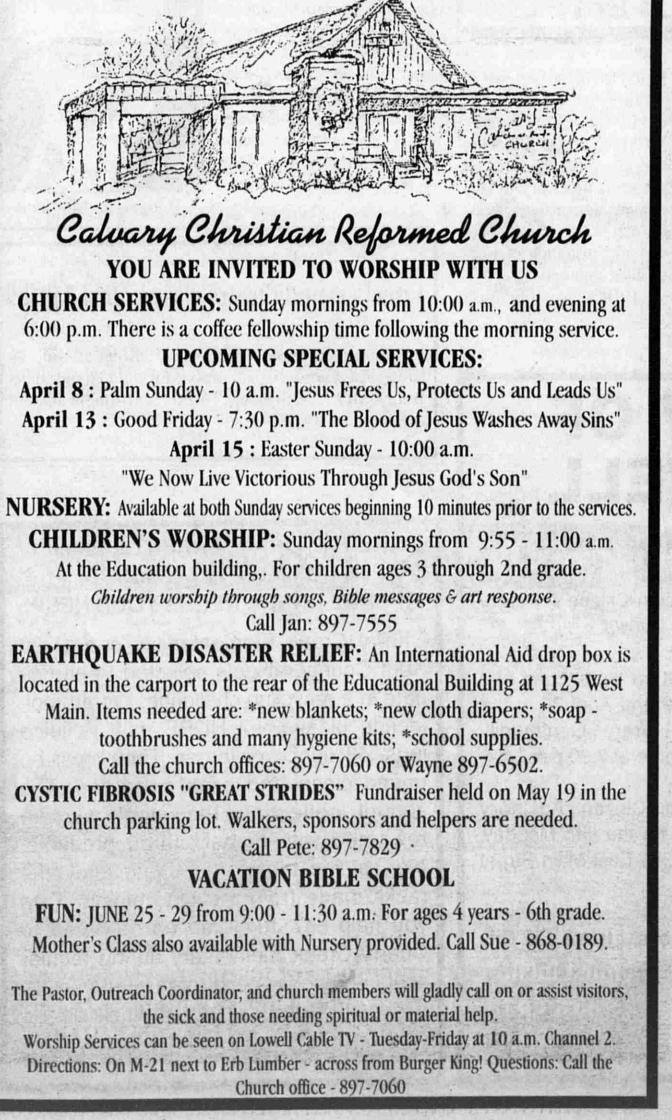
McClure and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crudible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

McClure is a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School.



the Community Education class at Lowell on March 12. Emily Buys of Clarksville, ids. Imogene Kauffman of





Clogging students receive certificates of achievement

Saranac.

These cloggers are now continuing classes taught by can step dance taught by The Bob and Lynda Warner. Directors and Instructors of The in it. Earning certificates from Thunder Floor Cloggers based in Lake Odessa and are promoted to a beginner level. were: Maruszka Hufstader, They join the group of high Kristin Hufstader and Donna energy cloggers that cover an Gerard all of Lowell; Barbara area from Marshall to White Verwys of Grand Rapids, Cloud-Lansing to Grand Rap-

Three Lowell residents Freeport, Shelley Hudson of week beginner class will be Ada, and Ilene Chase of held at The Thunder Floor Cloggers barn at 6pm for the advancement of this traditional dance and for the pleasure of those who participate

> Anyone interest in a beginner class or want to know of future classes please call Bob & Lynda Warner at 1-616-374-8205 or email tfcloggers@voyager.net or check out their web site at HTTP://Hop.to/ On May 23rd a new 8 Thunderfloorcloggers.

Sculpture symbolizes the daily things in LHS students' everyday school lives

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Steve Peters guided 20-25 Lowell High School art and drama students through a fall semester artist-in-residence program.

The result of their work was unveiled at a sculpture dedication and reception Thursday.

Peters worked with students on individual pieces and on a collaborative piece, which required refining many ideas down to one.

"We all saw things in a different light," said Lowell High School student, Shannon Walsh. "We had to accept the fact that we couldn't do the sculpture exactly the way each one of us wanted to.'

Walsh admitted it was difficult, but the students did eventually organize all their different ideas into one.

"Through the process, ideas were lost along the way and the result, I believe, was remarkable," Peters explained. "Basic ceramic students came up with this," (pointing at the sculpture).

Lowell assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction, Jim White, said the artist-in-residence program provided students with a mentor and showed them that the arts can be a vocation. "This sculpture indicates kids being creative and being individuals," he said.

has brought in an artist- in-residence. It was done through a collaborative effort with the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The sculpture, which sits outside the high school's west entrance, was designed with the rights-of-passage idea in mind. "There are little things in our daily lives that take us from step to step," Peters indicated. "The different symbols in the sculpture are representative of that.'

Through his experience at LHS, Peters has received offers

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Descedent's Estate** FILE NO. 01-171,197-DE

Estate of ANN C. JOHNSON Date of birth 7/26/31

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDI- Heintzleman TORS: The decedent ANN 834 Paradise Lake Dr SE C. JOHNSON, who lived at 1402 Laurie Gail Drive, Lowell, Michigan, died September 13, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MR. THOMAS W. HEINTZLEMAN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

April 2, 2001

Mr. Thomas W. Grand Rapids, MI 49546

> **TERRY E. HEISS** P36687 6440 E. Fulton St Suite 2 Ada, MI 49301 616-676-3850

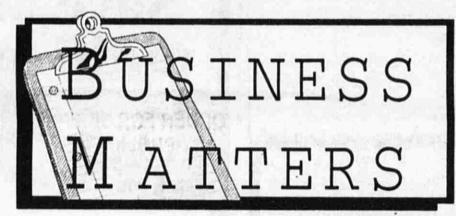




Artist-in-residence Steve Peters stands behind part of the sculpture created by art and drama students.Pictured from left to right, are: Becky Brinkly, Megan Thompson, Anna Komeja, Peters, Shannon Walsh and standing in back is Brent Joling.

to do other artist-in-residence programs. "I have been impressed with the support of the arts in the Lowell community. Robin White said this is the first time Lowell High School I can honestly say I haven't worked with a better group than make it a career. I think that is very important." these students," Peters said

Art student, Becky Brinkley called the sculpture the videotape. The eight-minute tape was shown following the biggest piece of artwork she's ever been involved in. "The dedication process was frustrating at times, but we did it. We made cool from ugly," she explained.

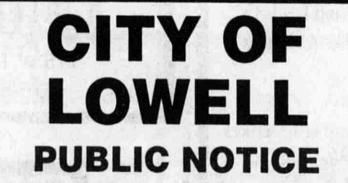


Hillman (C/D/H) principals have announced that Douglas J. Lindhout, an associate in MCSD credential, Lindhout the Grand Rapids office, has achieved the certification of the skills necessary to lead Microsoft Certified Solutions organizations in the success-Developer (MCSD). "This certification enhances our offering in e-business solutions for our clients," stated

Conway/Dierking/ Keith Dierking, partner in the firm

By earning the premier is demonstrating that he has ful design, implementation, and administration of webenabled solutions.

C/D/H is a Microsoft



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

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Lowell

Betty R. Morlock **City Clerk**

Certified Partner, specializing in technology consulting involving local area networks, nunications, wide area networks, and e-business solutions. "We are experiencing significant client growth throughout Western Michigan. and Doug's new Microsoft certification will help us to better serve our clients," said

Dierking The Western Michigan office is located at 15 Ionia Avenue in Grand Rapids. The Internet site is www.cdh.com.

Visual art and theatre classes start April 9

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be offering its spring visual art and theatre classes for children and adults from April 9 through June 4. To receive a listing of all class offerings call 897-8545.

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FAMILY & COMMUNITY MEMBERS **CHERRY CREEK NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Cherry Creek Elementary is one of 20 Kent County schools selected to participate in a recycling challenge. We are collecting plastic, #2 HDPE milk or juice jugs, 48 ounce or larger. They must be rinsed clean and caps discarded. The school collecting the most will be rewarded with manufactured products, e.g., picnic tables, benches, and bike racks made from recycled plastic. Can you help us? Jugs can be delivered to Cherry Creek Elementary during regular school hours, or send them with a neighboring student. Now through April 20th.

LAAC executive director Lorain Smalligan said the artistin-residence shows students that "art is an option - that they can Throughout, Justin Malone put the sculpture process on



Douglas J. Lindhout

Thank You!!

Planning commission labors over street improvement funding dilemma

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

If history is to be a teacher, mprovements to Gee Drive may eventually be funded through special assessments.

When the city made street improvements throughout the whole town 25 years ago, special assessment was the funding source.

city uses in deciding how to fund the \$810, 196 price tag to and a personal priority." upgrade Gee Drive.

Other methods brought up during discussion at the city residents is high comrecent planning commission

were increasing in city millage and seeking federal fund-

The commission seemed reluctant to venture down the road where city millage is increased to pay for street. "I think we need to be careful about setting such a precedent," said planning commissioner John VanderWilp, "I That may be the route the think street improvements should be something we want

The commissioner added that the 13.85 mills paid by pared to surrounding communities.

The city would seek an additional one mill to pay for a Transportation Fund Bond of up to \$1.2 million for 15 years of amortization.

"This could also include reconstruction of Valley Vista and North Division

Another method of funding would be an effort to get Gee Drive reclassified as a rural major collector under the National Functional Classification System for federal funding.

Under this classification Grand Valley Metro Counthe city was able to garner 80 percent of the funding for the South Hudson Street project. Instead of it costing \$800,000, the city is splitting the local share (\$160,000) with the county. Federal funding is picking up the rest of the tab. Right now, the traffic counts on Gee Drive do not warrant a reclassification. The

School wrestling team competed at the Newhall tournament this past Saturday. Despite having four weight classes open due to injuries, the team ended up in third place out of 15 teams.

Alex Carpenter, Joe two with Portland, the team Mendez, Jason Nearing and Brock Graham took 1st in their weight class. Secondplace finishers were David Sefton and Mike Wildey. Matt VanEns took 4th. The other wrestlers competing had a good showing but were not able to reach the finals. Those

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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT **17TH JUDICIAL** CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

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

MARY ANN SPAAK

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

KATHLEEN M. ALLEN

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ANGELA DENISE PHILLIPS

VS.

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



MERRIMAN SERVES ON MAA

These Angus enthusiasts will serve on the Michigan Angus Association board o directors during 2001. Pictured, at 2001 Michigan Angus Association annual meeting and banquet, March 11, in East Lansing, seated from left includes David Hawkins, of Mason, president; Bruce Foster, Berrien Center, vice president; Doug Meiburg, North Branch, secretary; and Earl Boehmer, Olivet, treasurer. Standing from left includes Charles Preston, Prescott, chairman of the board; directors Joe Merriman Lowell; Steve Thelen, Ann Arbor; David Lutchka, Grass Lake; Phil Tuggle, Ithaca Chuck Reid, Eaton Rapids; Fred Good, Charlotte; and Amanda Powell, Ionia. Photo by American Angus Association.

Fallasburg booth applications being accepted

The Lowell Area Arts Council is accepting applications for the arts and crafts booths at the 32nd annual Fallasburg Fall Festival on Sept. 29-30.

Only exhibit booths of original art and crafts are accepted. The application deadline is May

The art festival is held in and around the pavilion area at the west end of Fallasburg Park, four miles north of Lowell. The historical atmosphere, fine arts, entertainment and food draws a crowd of 30,000 over the two-day festival.

For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or write at 149 S Hudson, P.O. Box 53, Lowell, Mi 49331



cil-Transportation Policy Committee determined that the daily traffic count (400) does not warrant a change. The committee likes the count on such thoroughfares to be at least a 1.000. A Gee Drive traffic count

will be revisited once Meijer is opened.

The need for work an

reconstruction on Gee Drive is not going away. Commissioners noted that as time passes the price is only going to increase.

Even if the city gets the reclassification its looking for. city manager Dave Pasquale said it could be five-seven years before funding is received.

Wrestling news and notes:

The Lowell Middle wrestlers were: Kasey Kyser, been very good throughout the Pete LaNore, Zak Burger, season.

> Five Lowell wrestlers placed at a weekend tournament held at Lowell High School on Saturday.

They were: Group 0 John Fox, 52 pounds, 1st; Group I - Jordan Drake, 61 pounds, 4th, Jared Williams, Lt. HWT. 2nd; Group II -March 24 which was their Mark Ford, 85-pounds, 1st. Jordan Wilder, HWT, 3rd: The coaches said the Group III - Edward T. Park

Bryan Bristol, Mike Gruber, and Eric Klahn. The team also competed at the Portage Central tournament on Feb. 24. Besides a scrimmage at Grandville and

had nine matches. The team traveled to Grandville for a 16-team tournament on last competition.

work ethic and enthusiasm III, 2nd. of the 45-member team has

(P-48129) LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN 89 Ionia N.W., Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI

49503 (616) 774-0672 ext. 112

TO: EDWARD SPAAK, JR.

IT IS ORDERED: 1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for COMPLAINT FOR DI-**VORCE.** 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 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 EDWARD SPAAK, JR. at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court; should Mr. Spaak accept the registered mail.

March 5, 2001

KATHLEEN A. FEENEY Judge

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

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March 5, 2001

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weeks, April 9, 2001. If

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Masons step forward to help in construction of community garden raised-bed areas

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 is building a new image. "For so many years, the Masons were thought of as a secret society; we're trying to change that," said David

55 years. "Being a Mason means a lot to me. I've enjoyed the fellowship and the high caliber people I've met." Miller and his fellow Ma-

sons have volunteered their services in building 37 single

Wittenbach Community Gar- Masons are looking to be den Center, which has been coordinated by Raquel Clark and Wittenbach Science Center director, Tammy DeBaar, The construction of these

raised-bed areas is expected



Robert P. Conley, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan presents a gift of 200,000 volunteer hours to Lt. Governor Dick Posthumus. This is the largest volunteer gift in state history and will be used to support elementary school initiatives to improve student performance and help schools.

Lowell Area Character in Action Award

Our community is filled with citizens living their lives everyday with respect, integrity, compassion, honesty, and responsibility. These are the character traits our community has chosen to emphasize. Do you know someone who goes beyond what is expected to help others? Do you know someone who has overcome great obstacles to succeed? Is there someone you know that lives their life every day modeling our character traits?

You have the opportunity to recognize an adult, teen, child, service group, business, or organization that would be a worthy candidate for the Character in Action Award. Award winners would be recognized in the local press and would receive a certificate of recognition. Please help us recognize the everyday heroes of our community!

Please complete the following form and mail to: **Lowell Area Chamber Of Commerce 113 Riverwalk Plaza** P.O. Box 224 Lowell, MI 49331

Lowell Area Character in Action Award

Name of Candidate

Address

Zip

Phone

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Character Trait(s) Exhibited: (please circle)

Respect Integrity Compassion Honesty Responsibility

Summary of why you are recommending this candidate:

Nominated by: Phone:

Please enclose a picture, if possible. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the picture returned.

Miller, a mason for the past raised-bed areas for the to begin mid to late April. The viewed as a force for good in the Lowell community.

> Last year, the organization built a floating dock at the pond located behind Cherry Creek Elementary. It was also responsible for drywalling the entire Flat River Outreach building. Most recently, the Masons volunteered to cut out a trail that winds through the woods at the Wittenbach Center, and

it plans on helping to drywall the Habitat for Humanity home being built by the Lowell Rotary. The Lowell Masonic

chapter was started in 1850. Its building at 119 Lincoln Lake was built in 1950. It currently has 70 members. The Lowell Lodge is part

of the Grand Lodge of Michigan's Beacon project, a gift of 200,000 volunteer hours to the schools in Michigan. This time will be given

1.9 million Michiganians have Easter travel plans - big jump over last year

cent in 2000.

Nearly 2 million Michiganians will travel during the upcoming Easter holiday period, AAA Michigan reports. The Auto Club's survey of 500 state residents found 19 percent plan a holiday pleasure trip, an increase of 35 percent over last year.

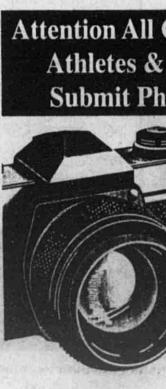
The average trip length will be seven days, with the vast majority heading to Florida. Forty-two percent of of Easter travelers in 2001 Michigan's Easter travelers (80 percent) are heading for



last-minute travel plans will have to be flexible to find fun in the sun this year."

5 destinations this spring (based on 2001 AAA Travel Agency vacation bookings) are: 1) Orlando, 2) Miami, 3) San Juan.

Michigan gas prices this spring are expected to be slightly lower than during last year's holiday period. Motorists statewide will pay about \$1.45 per gallon (as of March 19) for self-serve regular unleaded, down 8.6 cents per gallon from last Easter. AAA Michigan advises



to local schools over a period of three years, as announced by Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Grand master, Robert Conley.

As noted in his acceptance of the gift, Posthumus said, "The Masonic commitment is a clear demonstration of the type of partnership that is possible when increasing school and student achievement becomes a pri-

ority.'

air travelers to plan on in-

creased airport traffic be-

tween Thursday, April 12 and

ers may want to arrange for

someone to drop them off at

the airport. Arriving at the

airport at least two hours be-

fore a scheduled flight should

ensure time to find parking

and check baggage. Passen-

gers must carry photo identi-

fication. Gifts should not be

wrapped - they may be

opened at passenger screen-

ing checkpoints. Plan to limit

luggage to two suitcases and

one carry-on bag that fits in

an overhead compartment.

To avoid delays, travel-

Monday, April 16.

are heading to the Sunshine State this year, versus 37 per-

Eighty percent of respondents indicated that the current gas prices will have no effect on their Easter travel plans. Ninety-four percent of the trips in 2001 will be more than 100 miles from home, versus 89 percent in 2000. In addition, the large majority out-of-state destinations, ver-

sus 72 percent last year. "This confirms that beach space may be hard to find at traditional spring break destinations," said Larry Dickens, director of Vendor

by vehicle, the survey found. Michigan travelers' Top Heaviest volumes will be on major arteries heading south. including 1-75 and 1-69. For the latest construction information, call 1-800-AAA Las Vegas, 4) Cancun, and 5) MICH anytime, or visit www.aaamich.com on the Web. To ensure highway

safety, AAA Michigan advises motorists and passengers to buckle up. Police now have the authority to ticket those who drive unbelted. Avoid alcohol, take frequent breaks and stay alert at the wheel, AAA Michigan adds.

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

It is important that the ubject's face not be shaded

in order to print your photo clearly in the paper. All group pictures should

be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark. such notices to be kept brief 868-6481. and to be submitted by mail, phone at 897-9261.

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

SECOND SUN. EACH 1ST TUES .: Adults with MONTH: 3:15 to 4:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer 897-6325 or 248-2423. group formed to enhance the quality of life for all residents. Interested persons meet in the Activity Room. Wing "C."

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Hismonthly 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.

MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Soci- 897-7555. ety holds its regular meetings at the Historical EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: 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. 897-8751 for more information.

EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Sarah 281-6588. at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1STMON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at Main St.; Lowell, 7:30 p.m. Connie 942-6887.

EVERY MON .: Boy Scouf EVERY OTHER WED .: Club meets at Bowne Cen- COUNCIL: Open Tues, Troop 10210, for boys 11 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. ter Fellowship Hall, corner Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; & up or completing the 5th- Girls Club - Calvary Chris- of 84th & M-50 (Alden Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. tian Reformed Church. Nash) at 7 p.m. during the school year in Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694. the Scout Cabin at the end

ing Events" are free of charge activities like hiking and Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. to any nonprofit organization camping and learn skills green Missionary Church, at Trinity Lutheran Church, in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and that can last a lifetime. For 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil- 2700 E. Fulton. Saranac areas. We prefer infor call Terry Cavanaugh,

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo-EVERY MONTH: The Flat bile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45

> Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

AD/HD at Calvin College,7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info. call Gary Engle at

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meetings from 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in ent seasonal activities EVERY MON.: Lowell on odd months & program meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

> **EVERY SECOND &** FOURTH TUES .: Knights EVERY WED .: Overeaters are welcome to attend. Our of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School,

torical Society holds its EVERY SECOND TUES .: dues, no weigh-ins. Lowell Masonic Lodge at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY TUES .: Women's p.m. Community Bible study. Free nursery and preschool THURS .: Weight Watch- Christian Athletes (FCA) story hour/crafts time from ers meets at Lowell 10 to 11:15 a.m. & women Nazarene Church, 201 N. only at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg-Chr.Ref.Church across istration is 1/2 hour before SECOND MON. OF EACH from Burger King. For information call 897-7060 or

> Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Center, 402 Amity St., non- 147.420 PL 186.2.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- pregnant women and ado- THURS., FRI., SAT. & ents of children with AD/ Contact Terry Amidon at HD Issues Group meeting From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on at St. Luke's Lutheran Mondays from 5:30 - 8 Church, 32156 4 Mile NE p.m. Phone 897-9393. (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For FOURTH MONDAY OF info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call

EVERY 1STTUES: Adults meeting at Calvin College room. For information call Rm. 206 of the Commons 897-1502 after 5 p.m. V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. bldg. For information call

dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

but will accept notices by TUES .: Take Off Pounds WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON Auxiliary #8303 meets at 754-5012. meets at Lowell Congre- 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. gational Church basement. Post, 307 W. Main St., Low- THURS., APRIL 5: for. Open to the public. **EVERY WED.:** Rotary

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

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 .: EVERY THIRD THURS .: Elderly volunteers needed Royal Arch Masons reguto participate in the lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cenwith school-age children ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Board Room at 300 High Two times available: 9:45 St. Business meetings are 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 897-7842.

> Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at current location is a church Forest Hills Presbyterian in Ada. Please call 752-Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. 7524 for more information. (at 36th St.) No fees, no

regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. EVERY THURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, the Averill Historical Mu-No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m. brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45

> meetings. New members are invited to join at any time. Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis denominational help for lescents at the school.

FIRSTTHURS.: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. skills. Meetings held at with AD/HD Issues Group Lowell Middle School choir

> FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: The Alto Lions

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- of N. Washington St. Enjoy EVERY WED .: Pioneer EVERY 2ND THURS .: THURS., APRIL 5:

COMINGEVENTS

EVERY THURS.: Lowell V.F.W.

EVERY THIRD THURS .: at 1 p.m. Program: Andy Parents Supporting Parents is a support group at EVERY SECOND WED .: Franciscan Life Process YMCA. Also collecting Center offering a variety of topics and discussion Dues are payable at this geared to parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing: meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to Center, mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children

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

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

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

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.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

busy, about 60 percent of Michigan travelers will go

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Montcalm County Multiple Schlerosis Support Group, 1 p.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church. SECOND Greenville. Informal discussion. Call Doris at

> Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor Retberg, Community Development director Lowell food items for Access 6. time. Hostesses: Julia Hurley, Aileen McCabe, Norann DeLoof. Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri.

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

FRI., APRIL 13: The requ lar meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Hall.

FRI. & SAT., 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 WED., APRIL 11: Snow John at 897-7842 for info.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 a.m. Armchair Exercise.

WED.: 12:30 p.m. Shop at Family Fare.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/ Shop at the Malls: 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. FRI .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., APRIL 4: 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure.

THURS., APRIL 5: 12 p.m. Dance/West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 6: 12:40 p.m. Shopping at Wal-Mart.

TUES., APRIL 10: 12:40 p.m. Travelogue at Cen-

WED., APRIL 11: 9 a.m. Healthy Habits Exercise at Spectrum Health; 9:30-12:00 Tax Assistance; 12:00 Movie.

THURS., APRIL 12: 12:40 p.m. Visit Alto Elementary School.

FRI., APRIL 13: Good Friday; 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 16: 12:40 p.m. Cribbage.

TUES., APRIL 17: 7:15 a.m. Gambling at Mt. Pleasant.

WED., APRIL 18: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:00 Lowell Volunteer Recogni-

THURS., APRIL 19: 12 p.m. Dance/West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 20: 12:00 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration.

MON., APRIL 23: 12:40 p.m. Butterflies at Meijer Gardens.

TUES., APRIL 24: 12:40 p.m. Shopping Sam's Club.

WED., APRIL 25: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Nails By Sharon Hines.

THURS., APRIL 26: 1 a.m. Lunch at BD's Mongolian BBQ.

FRI., APRIL 27: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

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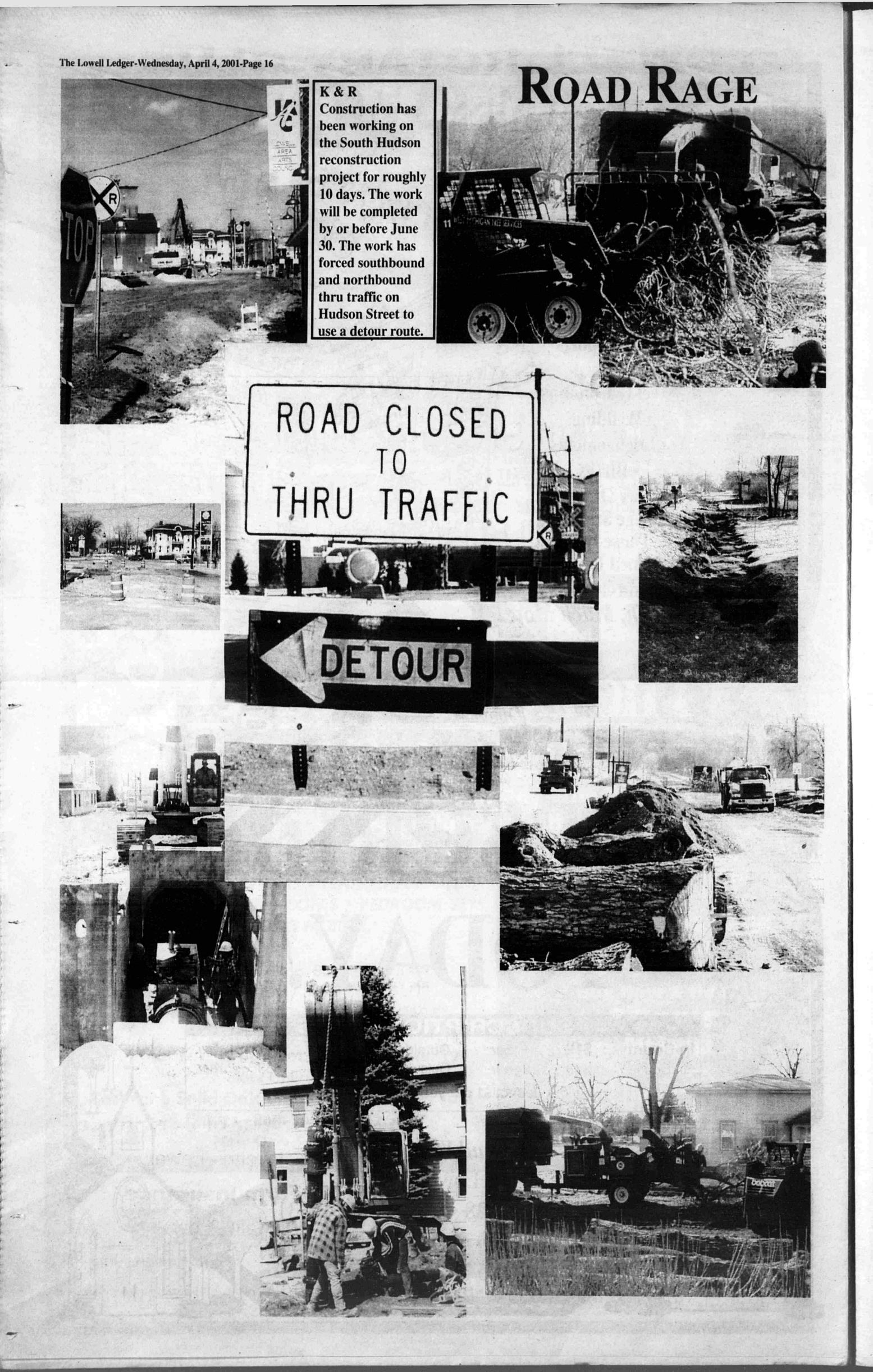
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Inspection reveals quality bus fleet transports Lowell children



Lowell mechanics responsible for the high safety rating on the Lowell bus fleet, pictured, left to right, are: Duane Hamiltona nd Leo Bowen.

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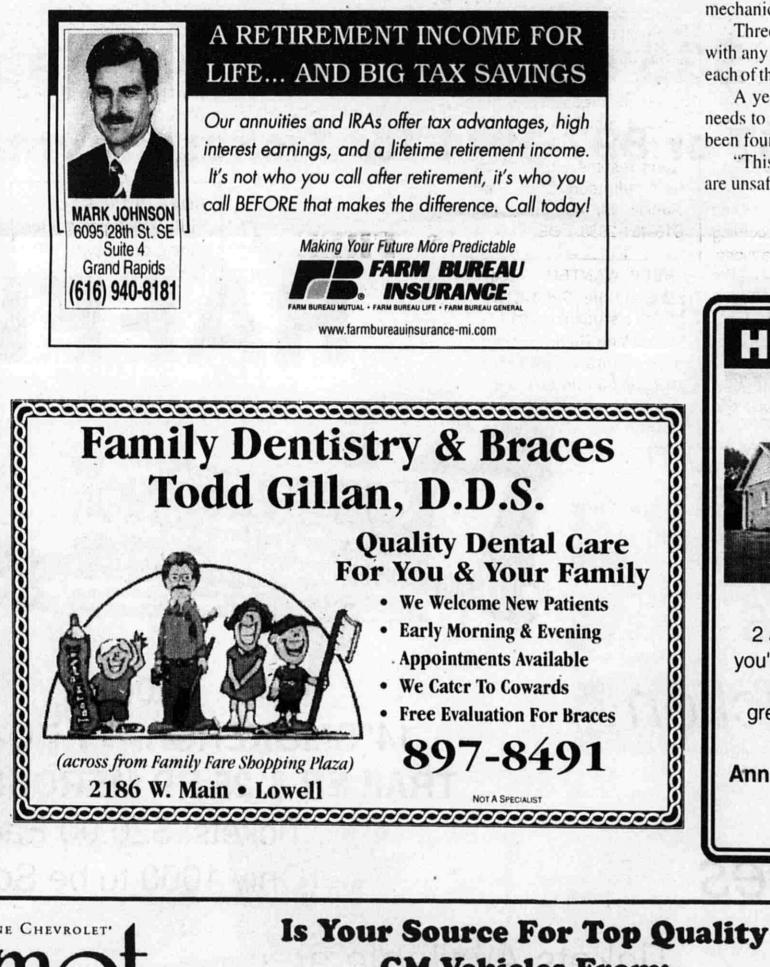
On March 21, I was involved in a serious car accident while attending college in Flint. I really appreciate the amount of support my family and receive d from everyone. I would like to give special thanks to the people who went out of their way to help. Bruce and Val Hubble and family, Bonnie Phillips and Doug, Kerry, Becky and Casey Kyser; James, Eva and Elese Careva Dale and Nancy Triplett; Zigmonts and all of my friends. An extra special thanks to my grandparents Clare and Betty Hewitt, my parents Nancy and Bill Mike and Vicky and my lady Lisa Lou, thanks for everything.

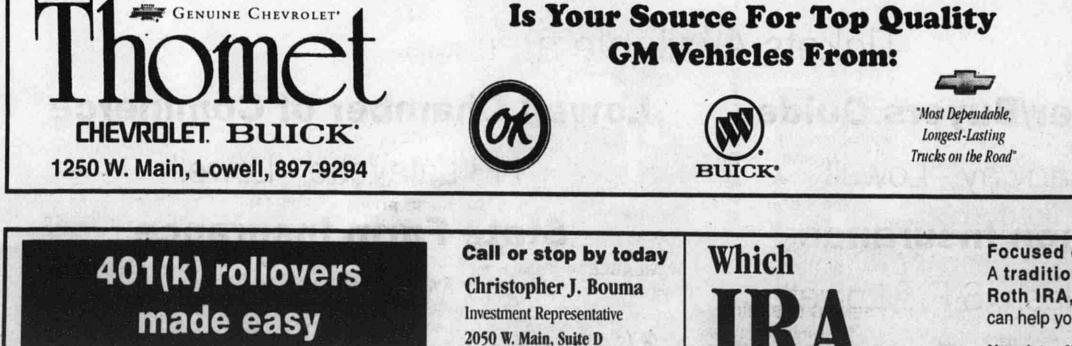
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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

52-bus fleet.

Bleke.

For three years running, the Michigan State Police have been unable to detect a safety issue in Lowell Area Schools'

It's a tradition from which Larry Mikulski. Lowell transportation supervisor, derives a great deal of pride. "Some schools use the inspection as a way to find out what is wrong with their buses. Our mechanics make sure things are right. They don't wait for someone to tell them that something is wrong," Mikulski says.

Lowell buses are constantly being scrutinized through a program set up by former school mechanic, John Schneider. On a daily basis, items such as lights, tires and fluids are inspected. Every 3,000 miles all buses are put through an overall inspection. "This inspection covers everything," Mikulski explains.

During the summer, mechanics search for things that are not looked for during regular inspections (e.g., peeling paint, cracked engine heads). The work of bus mechanics' Duane Hamilton and Leo Bowen has not gone unnoticed by the Lowell Board of Education and Lowell Superintendent Bert

"The board and I appreciated the fact we can be confident that our buses are in tiptop condition when they are out on the road. Not only is it a safety issue, but also a financial issue. Our buses last longer, thus there's more money for kids," Bleke

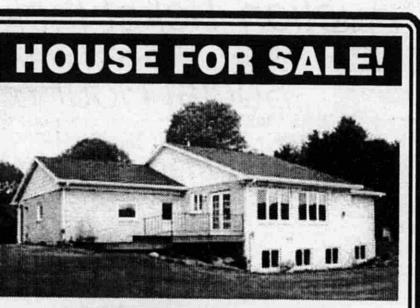
Mikulski is most impressed by the fact that the district has two mechanics to look over 52 buses - a ratio of one mechanic for every 26 buses.

"That's incredible. There are districts with more buses, but they also have more mechanics." Mikulski said. As an example, the transportation supervisor notes that Forest Hills has 104 buses but employs six mechanics, a ratio of one mechanic for every 17 buses.

Three years ago, inspectors could not find a thing wrong with any of the buses. Lowell has received one yellow tag in each of the last two years (a flat tire and a cracked leaf spring). A yellow tag indicates a minor problem was found and needs to be fixed. A red tag indicates something serious has been found and the bus can't move until it is fixed.

"This indicates we're not putting buses on the road which are unsafe," Mikulski concluded.





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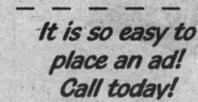
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