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Wednesday, April 11, 2001

The 10th annual Moose Lodge 809 and Women of the Moose 1388 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday at Creekside Park.

Last year, area children searched and found approximately 7,000 colored eggs put out by the event's sponsors.

There will be a \$25 top prize in each age group.

Children at the Easter egg hunt will be able to visit with the Easter Bunny. There will also be cookies and drinks.

All prizes for the event have been donated by local merchants.

The times for the egg hunts in the different age groups are as follows: 0-3 years, 11 a.m.; 4-6 years, 11:45; 7-9 years, 12:30 p.m.; 10-11 years, 1:15 p.m.

GOOD WILL EGG HUNTING



URS Greiner selected to help airport upgrade status

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

At one time the Lowell Airport had the classification of a general utility airport, but sometime in the past it got demoted to a basic status.

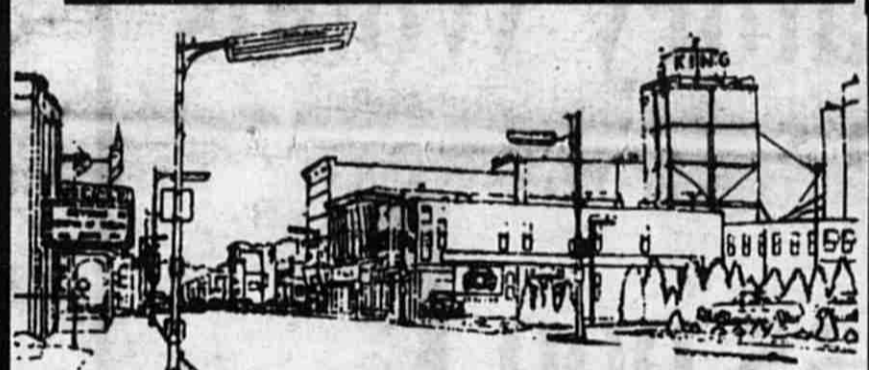
But the Lowell Airport Board is working to change all that and with the approval of the Lowell City Council, took the first step in improving its status.

At its Monday night meeting, the council, from the recommendation of the Lowell Airport Board, approved Grand Rapids-based URS Greiner to be the airport's engineer in helping to determine what the airport needs to do to become a general utility airport. Three companies had bid on the project and through extensive interviewing, the board selected URS.

"It was a very difficult decision," said airport man-

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Along Main Street



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.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT CREEKSIDE PARK

Lowell Moose Lodge 809 and Women of the Moose 1388 will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 14 at Creekside Park. Prizes will be donated by local merchants. Age groups are: 0-3 years, 11 a.m.; 4-6 years, 11:45; 7-9 years, 12:30 p.m. & 10-11 years, 1:15. \$25 top prize for each group. The Easter Bunny - Clown will be there plus cookies and drinks.

PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Person of the Year. Please mail a brief summary of the person you wish to nominate to: LACC, PO Box 224, Lowell, 49331. Deadline is Monday, April 16, 2001.

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.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Kent County T.E.F.A.P. distribution date is Thursday, April 26 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Commodities will be: applesauce, grape juice, green beans, plums, pears, tomato juice, tomato sauce, tomatoes, trail mix, frozen ham, frozen peaches and frozen pork sausage. Please bring your own containers or bags.

Spirit of Community Celebration to honor community service, leadership and volunteerism

••• The celebration was inspired by the life of Ray Quada and his years of volunteerism, government service and work toward enriching the Lowell community.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's first "Spirit of Community Annual Celebration" has been established to recognize leadership in the areas of education, arts and community service.

The event will take place on Friday, May 4 and will include a buffet dinner in Lowell High School's cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. with award presentations in the Performing Arts Center beginning at 8 p.m. The evening will be hosted by Jim Bosserd and Lowell Mayor Michael Blough.

Awards presented include the Ray Quada Opportunity Scholarship, Tribute Brass Leaf Dedication, Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.

The celebration was inspired by the life of Ray Quada, a longtime Lowell resident who gave countless years toward the enrichment of the Lowell area through his volunteerism and government service.

City ups its contribution to North Kent Transit

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Noting that North Kent Transit is definitely used by its residents, the Lowell City Council voted unanimously to raise its contribution by \$2,000 to the organization.

Since coming to the area, the city of Lowell along with Lowell and Vergennes townships, have helped fund North Kent Transit through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The city of Lowell contributed \$4,000 for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

However, Tom Tilma, of the Kent County Community Development Department which oversees the North Kent Transit program, indicated that by the end of February, the program had used monies in the amount of \$3,731.96 and would need about \$5,600 to continue for the year. He recommended an increase to \$6,000.

"It is obviously quite heavily used by the residents," said councilmember Chuck Myers who made the motion

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The Quada scholarship will recognize a senior who will pursue education beyond high school. To qualify, a student will need to show a high financial need and a grade point average of 2.0 or better.

The Tribute Tree Dedication, sponsored by the Lowell Area Education Foundation, allows friends or community members to honor individuals who have helped improve the Lowell School system. With the dedication of a brass leaf to the Tribute Tree, located at Lowell High School, a person's valuable contribution is always remembered.

The Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award emphasizes education and is therefore bestowed on a person who has devoted personal time to enhance Lowell Schools and the community. School employees and members of the school board make the nomination for the award.

The Arty Award is given to a person who devotes personal time and advocacy for keeping "arts alive everyday" throughout the Lowell community. This award is given out annually to a well-deserving man or woman and is sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

LACC's Person of the Year honor is bestowed on someone who has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church or humanity area.

The candidate should positively promote the community in both word and action. He/she also possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community.

Nominations for the Person of the Year Award are now being accepted through April 16. Please submit in writing your nomination to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331 or e-mail it to info@lowellchamber.org.

Reservations for the Spirit of Community Annual Celebration buffet need to be made by April 20. Dinner is \$12. Individuals who choose not to or cannot make the buffet are invited to attend the award presentations.

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Bring Home 13
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OBITUARIES

KYSER - Gerald Kyser, aged 90, of South Boston Twp., went to be with the Lord April 7, 2001 at his home. He was born on May 2, 1910 in Lowell, the son of Roy A. and Carrie (Freeman) Kyser. He went on to marry Frances M. Ellis. He was a lifelong resident of South Boston Twp. He sold seed corn for over 45 years. He was a charter member of South Boston Bible Church, N.R.A. and Ionia County Farm Bureau. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years Frances M. Kyser

of Lowell; son Charles and Marsha Kyser of Lansing; daughters Kathleen and Robert Roush of Lowell, Diana and David Roush of Lowell, Carolyn and Richard Manion of Frisco, CO, and Elizabeth and Timothy Callihan of Ionia; sisters Helen Alderink, Kay Podd, Margaret Rose and Marie O'Connor; 21 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, two brothers and three sisters. Funeral services will be held Thursday 11 a.m. at South

Boston Bible Church with Rev. Ronald Tuinstra officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 7-8:30 and Wednesday 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home of Ionia. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to Gideons International, National Kidney Foundation or Hospice of Michigan. www.lakefuneralhomes.com

McINERNEY - Zeona Avon (Rivette) McInerney, 86 years old, died peacefully surrounded by her devoted family on Friday, April 6, 2001 at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance. Predeceased by beloved husband George Henry Francis McInerney (1988)

and brother Gould Rivette. Loving mother of daughter Jan Logan, husband Hugh Logan, son Bruce McInerney and wife Cheryl (Pretty), all of Chatham. Proud and devoted grandmother of Christopher and Katherine Logan and Nicholas Leeson. Zeona was born in Ada, daughter of Oscar Rivette and Matie Gould. She moved to Chatham, Ontario, in 1985, having lived in Michigan, St. John, New Brunswick, Toronto and Montreal. Zeona will be remembered for her love of music. She was an accomplished musician, singer and

dancer. She played piano, organ and flute in the Mount Pleasant Symphony Orchestra in Michigan and piano in a dance band at Michigan State University. Over the last 65 years she devoted much time to her work as a church organist, most recently at St. Ursula's in Chatham. A funeral mass to celebrate her life will be held at St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday, April 11 at 1 p.m. Interment St. Anthony's Cemetery, Chatham. Memorial Mass will also be celebrated in St. John, New Brunswick, where many longtime family friends

and relatives live. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

WATTERS - Robert E. Watters, lifetime resident of Lowell, passed away April 4, 2001 at the age of 87. The past three years he has been in Florida with his granddaughter Teresa Tidd. He is survived by his daughter Judy; son Roger; grandchildren Tim, Teresa, Roger and Chavonne; sisters Margurite and Barb; step-daughter Violet. He will be cremated and laid to rest with his wife Minerva. He will be greatly missed.



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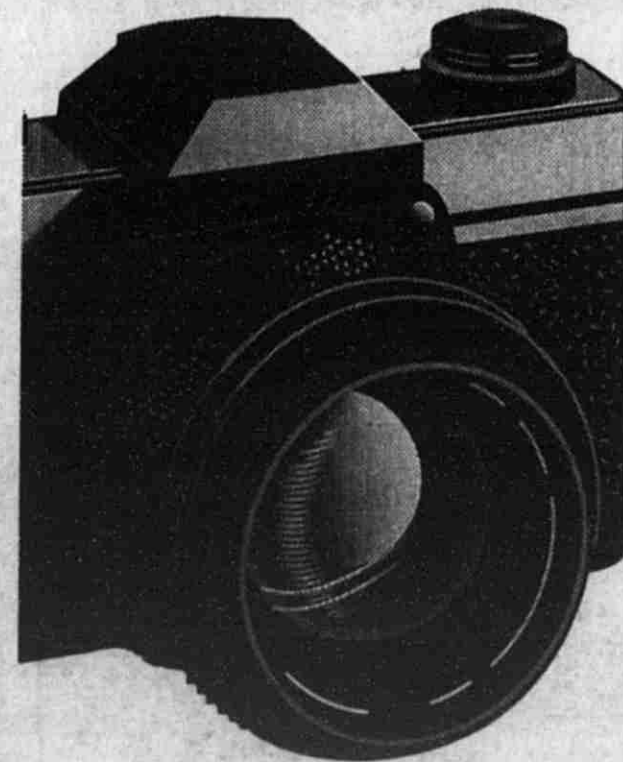
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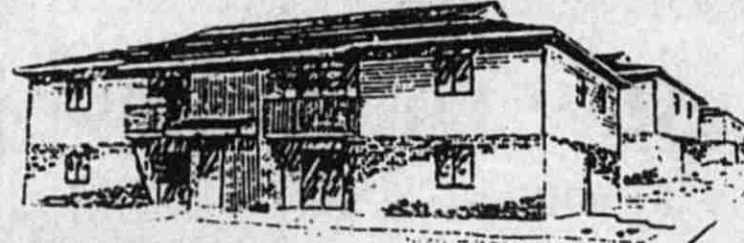
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. William Renkema
Calvary Christian
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The rivers on the way to Mangulile, Honduras, were higher than I expected. With the Ford Courier I had learned when the rivers were high to take off the fan belt before going into the water. Without the fan spraying water over everything under the hood, I stood a better chance of getting through the river without stalling. I also carried old motor oil. By pouring it over the distributor cap and other electrical connections, the connections would be temporarily protected from wa-

ter. Now I was driving an International Scout with a diesel engine. This was the day the Scout would prove its worth. Usually when the rivers were high, I would wade in to see if the water was too deep to cross with the car. Today the water did not seem all that deep, so I did not bother, besides, it was early in the morning, a bit cold, and I felt lazy. Half way across the river the rear wheels were spinning and the rear end of the car was starting to slip downstream in the current.

I was scared. It was raining upstream, the water was getting deeper by the moment, and the Scout was not moving. Desperate, I crawled out a window, laid flat on the hood, and reached down to lock the hubs. By the time I got back in the car, the water was so deep in the car that the front seat was covered. I slammed the vehicle into four wheel drive and the diesel engine pulled us through the river. On the other side I had to park sideways on a hill to allow the water to drain out. My socks went downstream.

By the time I got to Mangulile, I felt like quite a hero, as if I had made a major sacrifice to get there. My hero complex lasted exactly one night. The next day was Sunday. Church was at 9:00 a.m. At 8:30 people from the countryside started arriving by foot, on horseback, and even

on mules and donkeys. Some had left at 5:00 a.m. so they could be in church at 9:00. And they did this every Sunday. When the rivers were high, they removed their clothing, placed it in plastic bags to keep it dry, and waded or swam across the water, all to get to church. They were the real heroes - not the missionary in his Scout.

There is an even greater hero. In the light of what God did when He sent His son to die on a cross, neither those committed Christians nor I were the greatest heroes. We were all in church that day because of what God had done for us. God was the hero. His amazing grace and love had so inspired people that they would walk and ride more than three hours to hear more about Him in church. The Lord went through a lot more to end up on a cross than we had gone through to get to church... a whole lot more.

The cross and the resurrection continue to change lives and inspire people. Christians still worship, not out of obligation, but out of love, inspired by the sacrifice on the cross. People still come to church because they cannot get enough of the good news of salvation in Christ.

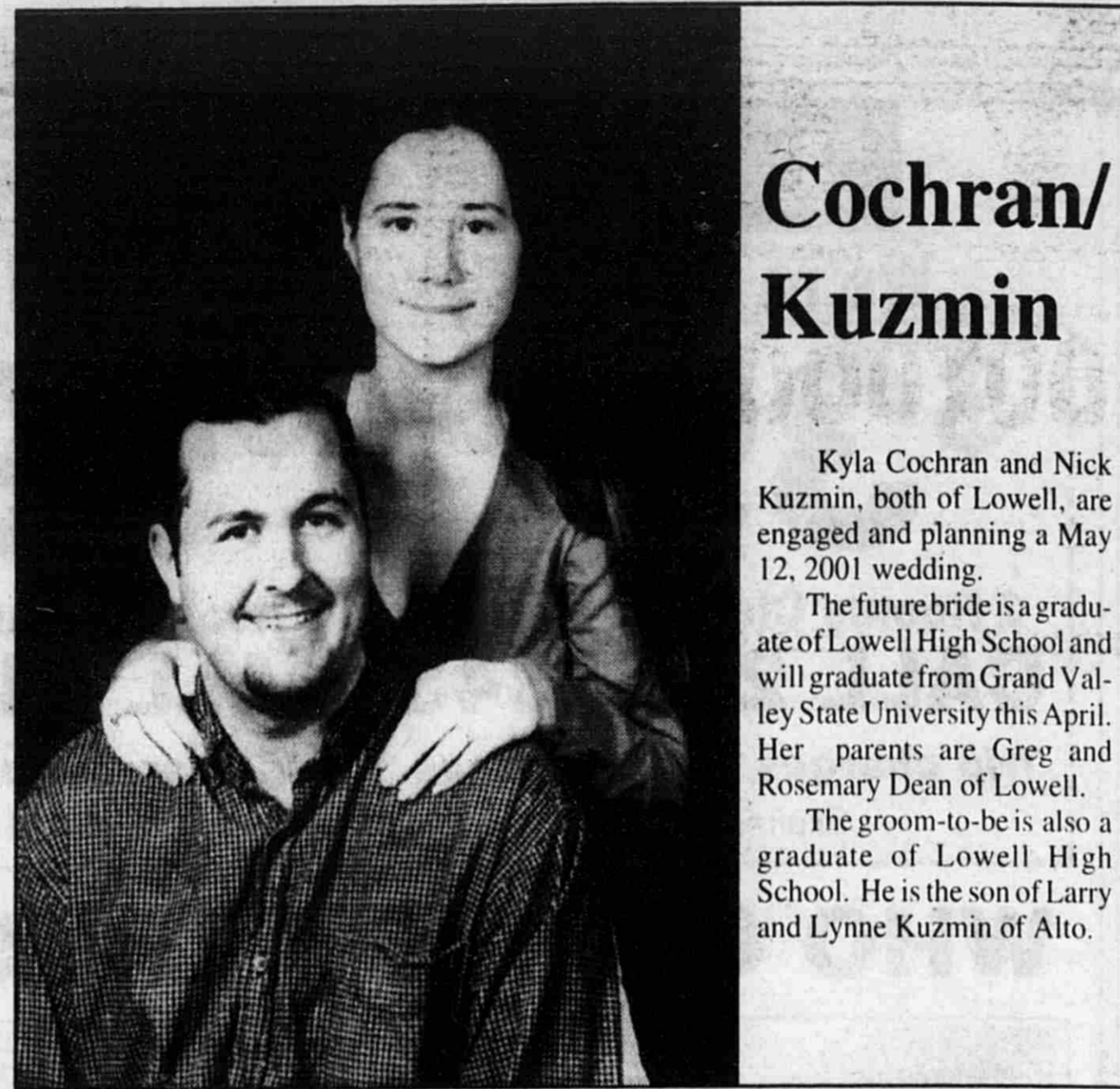
AREA BIRTHS

Shari and Steve LaWarre, of Saranac, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Ella Nicole, born Wednesday, March 28, 2001.

She was welcomed home by big brother Nathan and big sister Sydney.

Maternal grandparents are Floram and Dan Field of Matoon, IL.

Paternal grandparents are Diane and Roger LaWarre of Lowell.



Cochran/ Kuzmin

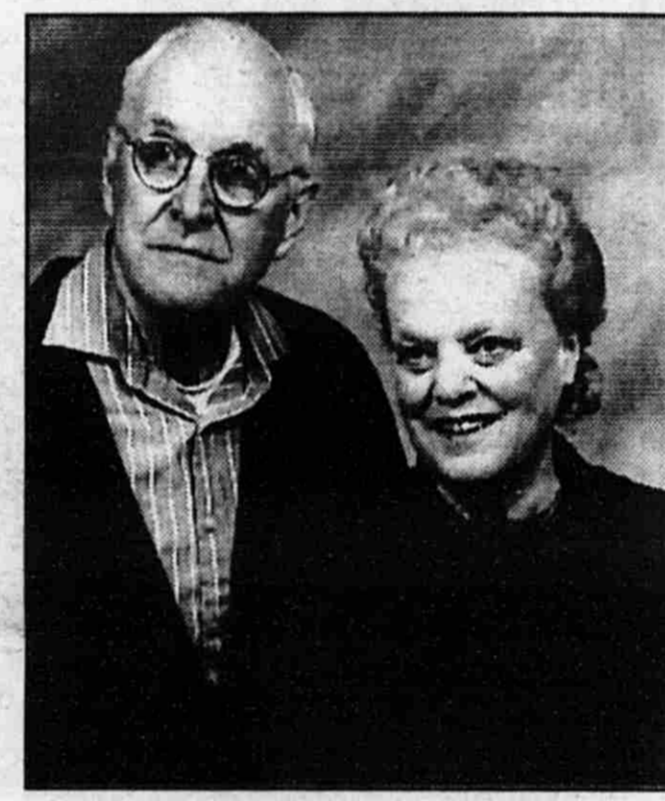
Kyla Cochran and Nick Kuzmin, both of Lowell, are engaged and planning a May 12, 2001 wedding.

The future bride is a graduate of Lowell High School and will graduate from Grand Valley State University this April. Her parents are Greg and Rosemary Dean of Lowell.

The groom-to-be is also a graduate of Lowell High School. He is the son of Larry and Lynne Kuzmin of Alto.

Ross' celebrate 50th anniversary

Tom and Aileen Ross were married 50 years ago on March 31, 1951. They celebrated the occasion on March 31, 2001 with their children and grandchildren at Honey Creek Inn.



Tom and Aileen Ross: Then and Now

School Mems

Week of 4/16 - 4/20

ELEMENTARY

*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.

* Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢
MON: Pepperoni pizza or pretzel dunkers w/cheese, sweet bread & margarine, blueberries & cream, corn.

TUES: Spaghetti with meat sauce & breadstick, pork rib BBQ on bun, garden salad, peaches, pudding.

WED: Nachos w/meat & cheese & roll or fish & cheese on bun, pears, green beans.

THURS: Ham & cheese sub w/tomato & lettuce or grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable noodle soup, dinosaur potato bites, garden fresh fruit.

FRI: Sloppy Joe on bun or dino pasta w/franks & roll, applesauce, peas, dirt cake w/gummy worms.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily, as lunch options.
* Lunch: \$1.50 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Italian dunkers w/meat sauce & cheese stick or egg, ham & cheese on a bagel, fruit mix, corn.

TUES: Chicken parmesan on bun or chili w/2 soft pretzels, pears, vegetable choice, pudding.

WED: Chicken nuggets or turkey, gravy, biscuit, dried fruit, whipped potatoes.

THURS: Mexican Bar. Beef or chicken taco, meat, crunchy shells, soft shells, pitas, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, black olives, onions, refried beans, rice, peaches.

FRI: Pizza wedge or macaroni & cheese, fruit choice, vegetable choice.

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Viewpoint

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



CHANGING SEASONS

The breaking weather this time of year tends to channel our thoughts and ambitions toward spring and summer activities. It is time to start making preparations for things like boating, fishing, and camping. Right? Not so fast. Let's not forget about taking care of our stuff from last fall and winter.

For instance, make sure that ice auger is sharp and oiled, so next winter it will be ready to use at first ice. Check out portable tree stands for damage or loose fasteners... your life could depend on it. Clean those skis up and store them where they will be safe from high temperatures and accidental breakage. Firearms should be thoroughly cleaned and wiped down with a protective lubricant to prevent corrosion. There must be some kind of check list to follow for storing snowmobiles until next winter.

The idea is to check out equipment from the previous season and complete any repairs or maintenance now, and then everything will be ready to go next fall and winter. Service centers are swamped just before a new season begins because

most people wait until the last minute to get equipment ready and only then discover problems. That reminds me, I have a ski pole to repair or replace. If I don't do it now, you can bet that the next time I think of it will be when I get it out for the first ski trip next winter.

Another advantage of dealing with equipment right after the season ends is that you can often find closeout specials on a lot of items. Dealers don't want to pay taxes on unsold merchandise or have it taking up space for another year. Larger outlets and chain department stores regularly mark down gear like ski equipment or tree stands.

If you did your homework last fall, you should be all set for that first open water fishing trip or camping excursion. Aren't you glad now that you repacked the boat trailer bearings? This spring some things will still need to be checked before heading out like: charging starting and trolling motor batteries, running the outboard, and setting the tent up in the back yard. You may want to re-spool fishing reels with fresh line or at least reverse it before that first trip.

All of this attention paid to maintenance and preparation may appear to be tedious and unnecessary, but how many times have you waited in line to launch your boat while someone tied up the ramp working on a motor that wouldn't start. We have all heard the story about the "big one" that got away because the line broke. More than likely, it has happened to us.

Like they say, it's not the destination, but the journey that is important. I just get a lot of satisfaction from fiddling around with equipment. Besides, I know very well that no matter how much I plan and tinker, sooner or later something will go wrong anyway. It's a matter of cutting your losses. Life wouldn't be as interesting if we knew everything that was going to happen.

Financial Focus

With Christopher J. Bouma

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HERE'S THE SMART WAY TO "BUY AND HOLD"

"Buy and hold." You won't see this phrase screaming out at you from the investment magazines or the multitudes of Web sites devoted to investing. But you will find those three little words in the vocabulary of most successful investors.

What, exactly, is a "buy-and-hold" philosophy? Perhaps it can best be understood by looking at what buy-and-hold investors do—and what they don't do.

Buy-and-hold investors do:
• Stick with a group of high-quality securities for the long term.
• Sell these securities only when there is a good reason to do so.

For example, they may decide that a particular stock is no longer appropriate for their holdings, either because the company's management has changed or because consumer attitudes have moved away from the company's product. They may be entering the later years of their retirement and want to shift their portfolio toward more income-oriented investments. Or, there may be other reasons associated with the specific stock or the investor's objectives.

Buy-and-hold investors do not:
• Worry about the short-term ups and downs of the market.

• Worry about what companies are the latest headline-grabbers.

Sounds good, right? Yes—but buy-and-hold isn't as easy to follow as it sounds. It can be easy, even for buy-and-hold investors, to panic when the market declines. When prices fall too far, some investors start selling shares. It also can be tempting to buy new stocks after a long period of market advances. But if you do, you're "buying high"—in direct contradiction to the age-old investment advice of "buy low, sell high."

To be a successful buy-and-hold investor, you clearly need to avoid these mistakes. But how? Start by assessing your investment personality. Are you willing to take on a higher degree of risk in exchange for potentially greater returns? Or will you accept a lower return, provided you have the comfort of investing in vehicles that don't fluctuate greatly in value? Learn your risk tolerance—and use it as a guiding principle in choosing investments.

Besides making decisions rooted in their investment personalities, buy-and-hold investors typically spread their money among a variety of asset classes, such as stocks, bonds and government securities. Even a relatively "conservative" strategy such as buy-and-hold becomes risky if you're only buying and holding one type of asset. By diversifying your holdings, you'll cushion the effect of downturns affecting just one market segment—so you won't feel so pressured into selling your stocks when prices dip.

By following a prudent buy-and-hold strategy, you will avoid some of the consequences of ill-advised efforts to "time" the market or chase after hot stocks. You'll also free yourself from the hassles of constantly checking up on your investments' performance. And if you've chosen good stocks with strong fundamentals, capable management and solid business plans, your prospects for long-term success are favorable.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



PLANTAR FASCITIS

Plantar fasciitis is a common cause of foot pain, usually located near the heel. The plantar fascia is a thin layer of tough tissues that supports the area of the foot. Typically, the pain of plantar fasciitis is worse when first bearing weight in the morning, then tends to get better as the day progresses.

Plantar fasciitis may be caused by tightness of the calf and foot, weakness of the foot, improper athletic training, or stress on the arch of the foot. Also, too much use (overuse during running, etc.) or shoes that are poorly fitting may cause injury to the plantar fascia.

Treatment consists of proper fitting footwear, arch supports, anti-inflammatory medicines, and occasionally orthotics (special shoe inserts). Stretching and strengthening exercises are also beneficial. Regular calf stretching will help reduce pain and prevent further injury to the plantar fascia.

If all else fails, your doctor may elect to give you a cortisone shot into the area of greatest tenderness in the heel. This often provides lasting benefit, but should be done after all other conservative therapies have been given a trial.

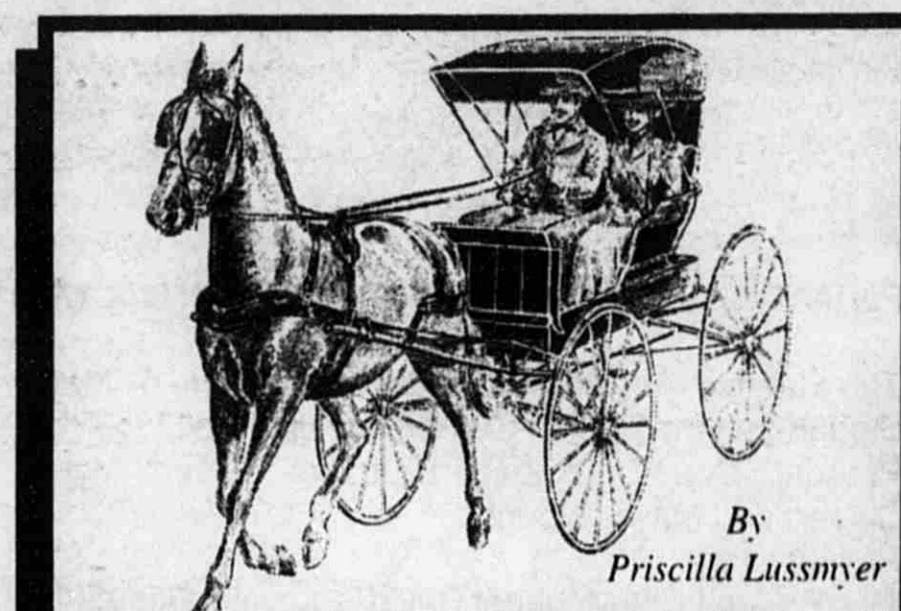
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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 12, 1876

This issue is missing.

We substitute "Local Business Notices" from Jan. 18, 1871 Pure cider vinegar at Lowell Bakery.

Don't forget that every box of collars you buy at Rees Bros. contains a valuable present, and it costs you no more than any other good collar.

Base ball players in miniature at Lowell Bakery. Buckwheat flour, pure wheat flour and corn meal, as cheap as at Fallsburg, at the Lowell Bakery.

Call and examine the new stock of furniture at John Kopf & Co's.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 11, 1901

With the recent flood, the village dam lost 16 feet of the dam and 80 feet of embankment to a 20 foot deep hole. Engineer Orbison of Wisconsin recommends two stone cribs, each 8 by 60, and 30 feet deep, along with an umbrella flood gate.

While the water was low due to repairs at the Water & Light dam near Bisby's Bridge, Mrs. Will Tredenick sent her shepherd dog to a shoal full of stranded fish; the dog brought her 8 pickerel and a bunch of bullheads.

The people who use large numbers of baskets were not on hand last week at the basket factory stock proposal, so it is on hold for the present.

Greenville is getting a new starch factory that will use 8,000 bushels of potatoes every working day.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 8, 1926

R. VanDyke advertises his Hudson phaeton, plate glass, winter top, good condition, on the front page.

Fred Thompson and his horse Silver King are playing in "Ridin' the Wind" at the Strand; and one of the shorts this week is the two-reel comedy "Flaming Flappers."

The annual school inspection results in accreditation for three instead of two years, thanks to a good mix of academic subjects and "extracurricular" activities.

When a road passes through a farmer's field, instead of opening and closing two gates, board stiles can be constructed over the fence for automobiles, says Popular Mechanics.

The U.S. Bureau of Standards says that alcohol can be used instead of gasoline as automobile fuel if a larger needle valve is installed in the carburetor.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 12, 1951

Curly Howard has Indian beadwork and drums on display in the barbershop, gives demonstrations of drumming and dancing twice daily.

High school student reps as well as the public are invited to a rural-city workshop next Wednesday, to hear and discuss city-county-rural government issues such as public works, law enforcement and health.

Nurses and physical therapists are urged to apply for scholarships for the Kenny Institute in Minneapolis; more workers are needed for treating polio patients.

The price of uncolored oleo jumped three times as much as average food prices last year. Butter went up less than half as much.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 8, 1976

The last day to register for the May 19 Presidential Preference Primary election is coming up next week. April 19.

Strand Theatre stretches out the seating arrangement so as to give patrons more leg room and ease of movement without disturbing others.

The school board plans a public education meeting for renewal of 2.5 mills in June. State education cuts and millage defeats are much on their minds.

Vergennes brings out 24 residents and Ada 52 to Annual Meetings. Other townships report attendances of 6 to 11.

A Bicentennial chain letter scheme involving U.S. savings bonds is the latest scam, says postmaster, Charlie Doyle.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the Deputy City Clerk called Roll.
Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough.
Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Susan Ullery, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, and Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2001 regular meeting as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/19/01)	
GENERAL FUND	\$95,414.69
MAJOR STREET FUND	\$1,380.45
LOCAL STREET FUND	\$1,091.94
DDA FUND	\$4,781.25
AIRPORT FUND	\$379.50
WASTEWATER FUND	\$29,761.13
WATER FUND	\$149,164.69
DATA PROCESSING FUND	\$330.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	\$2,099.55
CURRENT TAX FUND	\$42,099.79

Item #1. ACQUISITION OF CITY OWNED LOT OFF OF NORTH HUDSON STREET - CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL. At its February 20, 2001 meeting, the City Council received a request from the Lowell Wesleyan Church to acquire a City-owned parcel approximately 36 feet by 134.48 feet off of North Hudson. The purpose of the acquisition is to gain sufficient property for the Church to sell its southern most land accommodating two single-family housing lots.

The Council decided to advertise the City owned parcel for bids reserving the right to reject any or all bids. It was noted that City Assessor Jim Marfia's appraised value of the lot is \$1,300.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the only bid received for the property was from the Lowell Wesleyan Church amounting to \$500. In reviewing this bid, Pasquale recommended the City accept this because of the added taxable value received as two new homes are built.

Lowell Wesleyan Church Pastor Jason Leininger believed this was a great opportunity for the City considering the property will become taxable.

Councilmember Myers inquired if the real estate would be divided and offered as two separate parcels. Leininger explained the property is being offered as one unit. However, the individual interested in purchasing the property would divide it into two buildable parcels.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the bid of \$500 from the Lowell Wesleyan Church for the purchase of City owned parcel 41-20-02-126-025.

Myers questioned if the City could expect payment at closing. Leininger responded yes.

Pasquale inquired if the City was interested in the standard way of allocating closing costs on the property. He asked if there were any costs in particular the City or the church would have to pay. Leininger responded the church would provide payments in terms of reselling the property.

Myers noted typically there are buyer/seller policies.

Blough asked if the motion could be amended to include this. Both Green and Shores agreed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the bid of \$500 from the Lowell Wesleyan Church concerning parcel 41-20-02-126-025. The terms of the sale should be inclusive of the standard buyer/seller arrangement.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE. City Manager Pasquale said an employee classification and compensation study has not been undertaken for the City since 1993. During that time, the City has added job classifications. Also, there needs to be a review of salaries to determine relevance to the current market.

The Michigan Municipal League (which has provided the last two studies) provided a quote of \$7,750. Also, \$600 is estimated for out-of-pocket expenses.

The study will review and revise job descriptions and specify procedures for administering the classification and compensation system over time. The professional fees will be allocated to the various funds. City Manager Pasquale recommended the study be carried out (estimated completion is July).

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BRUBAKER to support the recommendation of providing the Michigan Municipal League to perform an employee classification and compensation study for \$7,750 with \$600 in expenses.

Councilmember Shores asked if the study pertained to all City employees including Light and Power and Cable TV. Pasquale stated General Manager Tom Richards from Light and Power and Cable TV was invited to participate. Richards indicated his departments recently completed such a study and did not believe another one would be relevant at this time.

Shores questioned if the City had access to this study. Pasquale stated he would check.

Mayor Blough was also concerned about the study and believed it should be comprehensive for all City employees including Light and Power and Cable TV employees.

Shores asked who performed the study for Light and Power and Cable TV. Pasquale responded Virchow Krause.

Councilmember Myers questioned how many employees were included. Pasquale responded there are 22 classifications and approximately 28 employees.

Shores asked if a price could be given concerning a study for all City employees including Light and Power and Cable TV. Pasquale responded yes.

Myers also wanted Light and Power and Cable TV included in the study.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired when Light and Power and Cable TV had such a study completed. Pasquale responded not long ago. Brubaker suggested having the Michigan Municipal League (MML) review the study completed by Virchow Krause and include their findings in with the study performed by MML.

Shores questioned if the issue could be tabled until additional information is received from MML. Pasquale suggested initiating the work while discussing the possibility with Light and Power and Cable TV.

Green inquired about the number of employees at Light and Power and Cable TV. DesJarden responded approximately 19.

Blough noted the motion is in support of the recommendation. If this is approved, a motion could also be placed asking Pasquale to solicit an addendum from MML to incorporate the results from Virchow Krause into the MML study. This would provide an understanding of the correspondence between Light and Power and Cable TV employees with the balance of City employees. It would also provide Pasquale an opportunity to discuss with Richards how the fees should be distributed.

Blough stated his personal opinion is he would not entertain the study as being completed. He is very much

in favor of hearing how all City employees are rated across the municipality. There is one City government and one organization with departments underneath.

Shores was not very comfortable with the revised motion.

Blough explained the motion is considering for a reduced scope study, which would incorporate the study from Virchow Krause and give additional analysis concerning how this compares to the proposed balance of the City staff's evaluation.

Myers inquired if Pasquale had been aware that such a study would be completed for Light and Power and Cable TV. Pasquale responded no. Myers believed when it comes to contracting outside services to do audits, surveys, comprehensive studies, a coordination of those efforts between the various departments would help economize.

Shores asked if part of these costs would be allotted to each department. Pasquale responded yes.

Green wanted to give staff the opportunity to complete this before budget time.

Blough noted there could be a clause in the study relating to the compensation of Light and Power and Cable TV employees to the proposed recommendations of the balance of the City employees. Pasquale stated a listing of their positions could be provided and recommended salary ranges.

Shores explained a few City employees have made comments to her regarding this issue. She wanted to ensure everyone was in the same ballpark with regard to the pay schedule.

Pasquale stated the League could review and incorporate the study performed by Virchow Krause.

Blough pointed out this would be a change order to the presented document. There would be a fourth bullet asking Pasquale to go back to MML with this scope of work as a change order and ask for a quote. It could then be brought back to the Council for authorization to proceed on the change order.

Blough reviewed what the Council is voting on and noted the proposal dated March 12, 2001 outlining three bullets, scope of work, \$7,750 and \$600 of out of pocket expenses.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL OF THE CONCESSION STAND AND THE BURCH FIELD FACILITIES. Mike Meppelink and John Curtis from the Lowell Youth Football were present for discussion regarding the agreement.

Mike Meppelink, President of the Lowell Youth Football, explained the league wished to have a five-year lease agreement for the field as opposed to the current one-year agreement held last year. Meppelink stated there has been discussion of additional picnic areas around the field. They also wish to paint and clean the old pool storage building and provide this into a picnic area.

For the past two years, the field averages approximately eight to nine games on Saturdays. Also, there are approximately sixty additional children each year utilizing the field.

Mayor Blough noted the organization has taken responsibility to not only add some value to the facility, but also operate it for other youth events. Meppelink responded LYF is present for the Fair, concessions and tractor pulls. He also noted the YMCA uses it during the spring for soccer. A local church is also interested in utilizing the area this summer for bible study.

Pasquale stated the end of the year report provided was one of the most comprehensive reports provided to Council and congratulated Meppelink.

Councilmember Green stated the Parks and Recreation Commission has had some informal discussions. There was concern regarding the amount of insurance. Assistant Finance Director/Investment Officer Char McNab spoke with insurance agent Connie Monson of Meadowbrook to determine if two million dollars was

Annual skate-a-thon raises \$5,000 for Muscular Dystrophy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Sixty-two skaters started the 4th annual, 24-hour Skate-a-Thon at Roll Away Family Fun Center.

When 18 of them finished, over \$5,000 had been raised in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.

"It was calculated that the distance covered by participants in the rink was equal to roller skating to North Muskegon and back to Lowell," said Roll Away Family Fun Center owner, Bob VanNoller. "The children and adults who finish the event along with the skaters who raised the most money present the donation to the local station carrying the Jerry Lewis Telethon."

The event ran from 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 until 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 1. Participants were allowed a 10-minute break every hour.

Family Fun Center provided the rink, music, bottled water, pop and fruit.

Zachary Muha became just the second nine-year-old to complete the full 24 hours. A.J. Seese first did it in 1998.

Of the adults who participated, Jim Clark successfully skated 24 hours for the fourth straight year and Gary Liu also skated all 24 hours.

"We have youngsters with asthma and diabetes who skate and we have adults who have had by-pass surgery skate," VanNoller explained.

Tanya Doyle raised the most money this year, bringing in \$710.60.

Last year, skaters raised \$3,500. VanNoller challenged



Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Megan Padgett, Stuey Dieffenderling, Nicholas Rogers, Marissa Marza, William Moore, Jensen Miller, Melissa Wright, Danielle Anchors, Ryan Padgett, Danielle Balzeski and Kelly Rossen. Back row are: Zach Muha, Gary Liu, Hannah Strzyzewski, Jim Clark, Ashleigh Inman and Brittany Clark.

skaters to raise \$5,000. "I told them if they did, I would shave my head during the event. They enjoyed watching my hair get shaved off," he said.

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required for general liability insurance. The agent indicated it is only a recommendation. However, with a non-profit group, it would be appropriate to lower the insurance to one million dollars.

Pasquale stated if this is approved by the Council, the contract language would be changed from 2 million to 1 million and there would be a five-year extension. All other items in the contract would remain the same.

Green noted a recommendation of approval was provided to Council last year from the Parks and Recreation Commission concerning the extended contract.

Myers said the report indicates a budget for Lowell Youth Football of approximately \$26,000.

Myers believed the organization has more than lived up to their part of the agreement. He felt it was the City Council's intention to give a one-year trial period to determine how it worked for everyone.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to extend the renewal agreement between the City and Lowell Youth Football for the operation and control of the concession stand and the Burch Field Facilities with a one million dollar insurance contract and to extend the agreement to December 31, 2006.

Brubaker thought Lowell Youth Football has done a great job with the field. Blough requested a yearly report be published and submitted to Council at this time each year. He also requested proof of insurance be added to the motion.

Myers and Green accepted the amendments to the motion.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores commented on the building renovated by Mark Batchelor (219 E. Main Street). He did a wonderful job and it is a nice addition to Lowell.

Councilmember Green commented on the parking at the Main Street Banquet Facility. He asked how the police were dealing with the extra traffic. Police Chief Valentine noted the parking requirements were worked out with the Planning Commission. Such issues are under the discretion of Zoning Administrator Doug Hopkins. Valentine indicated there have been no complaints received by the department.

Item #7. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- Copies of the following meeting minutes were provided:
 - Airport Board meeting of February 6, 2001
 - Downtown Development Authority meetings of February 15 and March 1, 2001
 - Chamber of Commerce meeting of February 14, 2001

Pasquale noted the DDA has gone through a goal setting session utilizing McKenna and Associates.

- Mayor Exchange Dates with the City of Saugatuck are tentatively scheduled as follows:
 - Tuesday, May 8th here
 - Tuesday, May 15th in Saugatuck

3. Currently, a total of \$3,731.96 has been expended in Community Development Block Grant funds for Hope Network (North Kent Transit). The Council wanted to be informed at the \$3,500 level (\$4,000 authorized).

Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Department projects \$5,600 in expenditures and recommends \$6,000 for the contract ending June 30th.

Blough requested this item be placed on the next agenda.

4. The next scheduled City Council meeting is Monday, April 9, 2001 because of Spring break.

Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adjourn to closed session adjourn at 8:17 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to return to open session at 8:35 p.m.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.
DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 9, 2001.

Michael K. Blough, Mayor
Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

CROP Walk, May 6 - Organizers eye goal of \$31,000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The seventh annual Lowell Area CROP Walk will continue to do what it does so well - raise money in the fight against hunger.

In six years, organizers of the event have raised roughly \$130,000.

Last year over \$30,000 was collected and 320 walkers participated.

Of the funds that remained in the Lowell area, Flat River Outreach Ministries received \$5,441 and Lowell Senior Neighbors received \$1,813.

The goal for 2001 is to collect \$31,000 and have 360 walkers.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service International relief, development and refugee resettlement agency.

The funds given to the Church World Service provide hunger relief to a number of countries as well as supply seeds, tools and training for crop production, safe drinking water, emergency aid for refugees, and basic health care and medical supplies.

For more information on how to participate as a group or individual, or to donate, call 897-5936.

This year's walk is Sunday May 6 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. The walk starts at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.



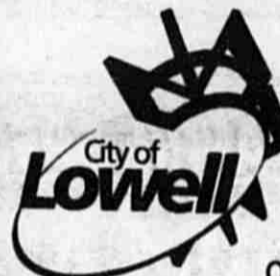
Last year 320 walkers participated in the CROP Walk. Organizers of the event are hoping to increase that to 360 this year.

CITY OF LOWELL

PUBLIC NOTICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV offices will be closed Friday, April 13, 2001 in observance of Good Friday.

The City of Lowell's Department of Public Works will be closed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 13, 2001 in observance of Good Friday.



The Lowell City Hall and Police Department offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday April 13, 2001 in observance of Good Friday.

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.

Thank You!!

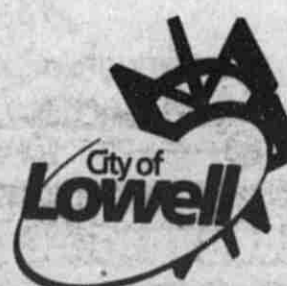
CITY OF LOWELL

SALE OF CITY VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT OF BID

The City of Lowell will be accepting sealed bids until Wednesday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the sale of a 1983 Ford F-350 Retired Rescue van. Send to City Manager, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 and marked "1983 VAN BID" outside of envelope. Minimum bid of \$500.00. Vehicle can be seen at the Lowell Wastewater Treatment Plant, 300 Bowes Road, Lowell.

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.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457



VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Permit Application will be held at the regular scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on Monday, April 16, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, Michigan 49331 (616-897-5671) for the purpose of receiving comment from the public.

Tom Crawford, owner of a 34 acre parcel located in the center of section 13, approximately 1680 Fallasburg Park Dr., Lowell, Michigan, is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit (Section 201.415 B) to bring in a temporary residence to live in while a permanent home is being constructed.

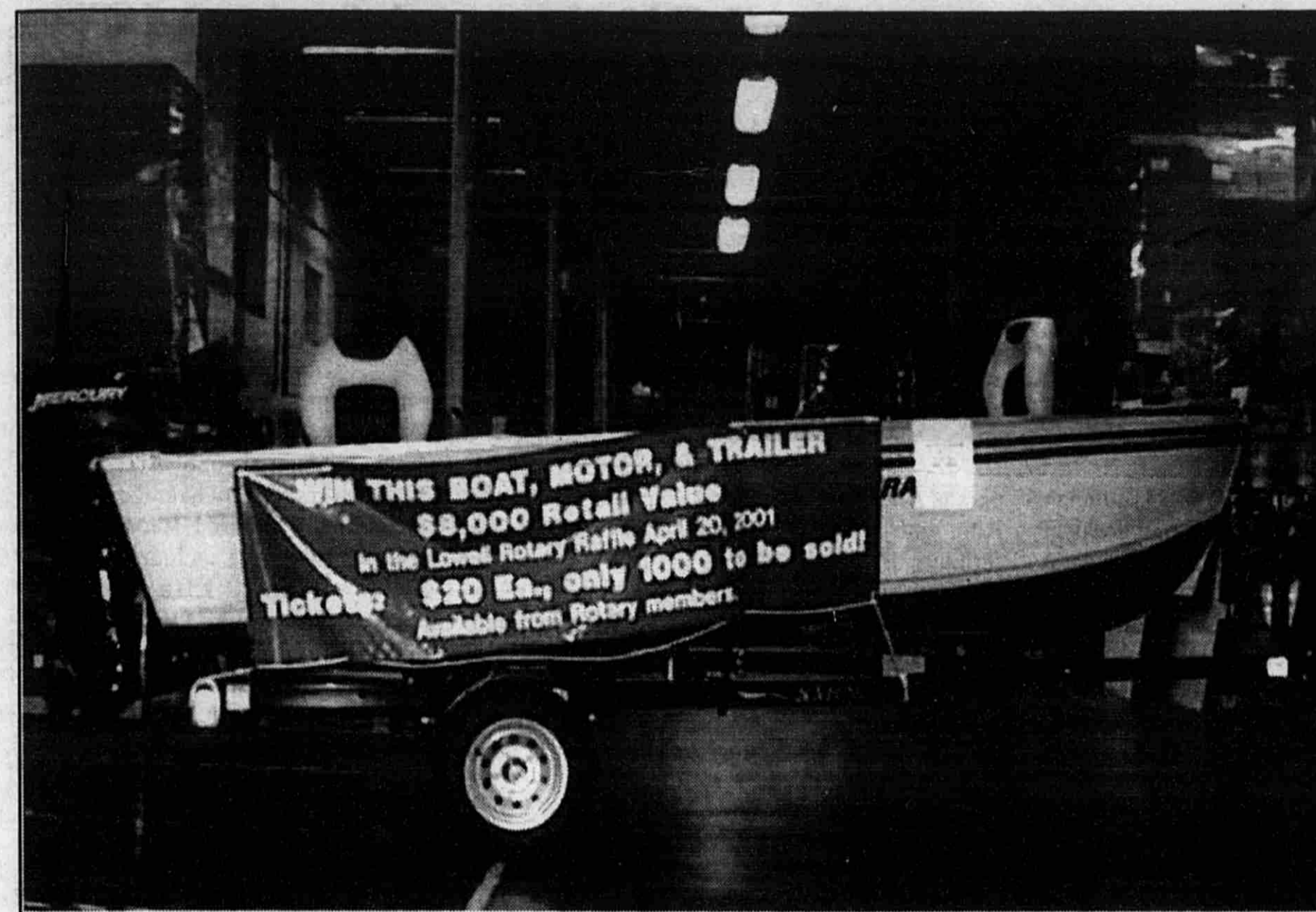
The complete application and site plan is available for public inspection at the Township offices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township Clerk before 3:00 p.m. on April 16, 2001. Written comments can be mailed to the Vergennes Township offices, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 or dropped in the mail slot in the door or faxed to 616-897-5674.

Mari C. Stone - Clerk

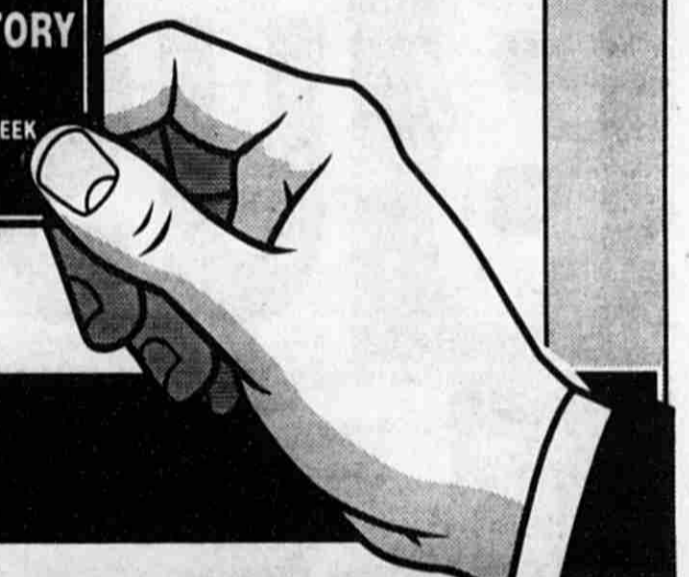
Auction Springs Chances on New Boat

A 2001 14' smokercraft boat with trailer and a 25 HP mercury motor will be raffled off at the Lowell Rotary Spring Auction on Friday, April 20. Proceeds from the raffle and auction will benefit Habitat for Humanity and the Lowell Rotary Scholarship Fund. Boat tickets are \$20 each; only 1,000 will be sold. Tickets may be purchased at the Lowell Ledger, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, J.B. Harrison Insurance, State Farm Insurance and Speerstra-Carr Insurance. The Spring Auction banquet will be held at Noto's, 6600 28th St., Grand Rapids.



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Lowell's Humphries earns distinguished wildlife award from MSU

Michigan wildlife chief Rebecca Humphries has received a 2001 Distinguished Service Award from Michigan State University.

The award was presented by Bill Taylor, acting dean of the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Taylor commended Humphries for her dedication to the application of science-based solutions to contentious wildlife issues, including bovine tuberculosis in the state's deer herd.

"Becky has consistently provided leadership in the integration of diverse interests such as agriculture and natural resources in finding effective and acceptable solutions," Taylor said. "She has led the development of regulations for the captive cervid industry and has played a key role in developing protocols for an integrated, ecosystem-based approach to natural resource planning and management."

Humphries is a Michigan State University graduate who began her career in the DNR in 1978 as a Property Specialist in the Real Estate Division. In 1981, she received her first assignment in the wildlife division as a habitat biologist at the Shiawassee River State Game Area. She remained in that position until 1986, when she was named a district supervisor in Grand Rapids.

She became wildlife chief in December 1998.

Humphries supervises a staff of 194 employees who are

charged with managing Michigan's wildlife resources, and also is responsible for administering a \$20 million annual budget.

She lives in Lowell with her husband, Bob, two daughters and one son.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 531 students completed the requirements for certificates, associates, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University during fall 2000 semester (August - December). Students from this area include Rita Fox, of Lowell, with a BS degree in manufacturing engineering technology with highest distinction hon-

ors and Andrew C. Clark, of Alto, with a BFA degree in furniture design.

Students graduating with honors are recognized for high academic achievement on the basis of grade point averages computed on a 4.00 scale.

Levels of recognition are: highest distinction, 3.75 to 4.00; high distinction, 3.50 to

3.74; and distinction, 3.25 to 3.49.

University officials have also announced that 2,076 students received academic honors for the fall 2000 semester at Ferris State University which ended in December.

To be eligible for academic honors, students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of

coursework at the 100 level or higher during the fall semester (August-December).

Of the 2,076 students honored, 538 earned a 4.0 grade point average.

Honored students from this area include: Tara E. Dennis, Rita Fox and Valerie A. Obenchain of Lowell and Marvin Kladder, Andrew D. O'Connor and Keith E. Osterhaven of Alto.

These MSU Distinguished Service Awards were first given in 1954. Nominations are made by MSU county extension staff and by faculty. A committee chooses the recipients. Each year at least three new names and faces are added to the "hall of honor" on the first floor of Agriculture Hall.

Turkey in flight lands in lap of bus driver

Editor's Note: Some of the Howard Burton turkey story was omitted from last week's Ledger. The entire story follows:

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.

Burton spent three-four days after the accident digging glass out of his hair.

As for the 30-pound turkey, it's in my freezer. "I plan on having it stuffed, and then I'm going to give it to Tammy DeBaar at the Wittenbach Center... she can show it to the kids who visit."

Contribution, cont'd... From Page 1

to increase the funding, which will come from the CDBG monies.

Myers was referring to a report that showed usage of the North Kent Transit from July 2000 to February 2001. For the city of Lowell, a total of 316 people used it. Lowell Charter Township came in with the highest number - 349 people and contributes \$6,000.

Plainfield Township had the highest usage with 1,257 people and contributes the most to the program, \$36,000. The lowest number came from Vergennes Township with only two people using the service in the eight-month period. Vergennes contributes \$2,000.

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Airport, cont'd... From Page 1

ager, Jim Sowle. "It came down to two companies - both were very interested in our airport."

The board, however, selected URS and will be working with Bill Malinowski, who has 19 years in developing and working with various airport expansion projects. Malinowski also has worked on the Detroit International Airport.

At this point, the board needs only to put up \$3,000, which it has received through state loans, to bring in an engineering study, which will come in at about \$50,000. Malinowski plans to present his work at the May meeting of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission and once approved by the commission, the city would be on a 90/10 plan, with the state picking up 90 percent of the total cost for the airport improvements.

"It is a great program," Sowle said, "but you have to have a plan that is maintainable."

Some of the things the study will address include clear approaches that have a 20/1 slope. Also, on either side of the

airport's runways, it must be cleared of any hazard including trees by 250 feet on either side. Currently, Sowle said he thinks it's at least 100 feet, with some sections being more.

Other items include having a building on the site, (which the Lowell Airport Board does), a public telephone and fuel available at all times.

"We are not looking to increase the traffic since we are surrounded by other airports," Sowle said. "What we are looking for is a much safer airport."

The Lowell Airport Board has put in a five-year plan to make the improvements, estimated at a cost of around \$400,000.

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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 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. See poster in high school cafeteria or call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg 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.

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

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 & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meetings at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

SAT., APRIL 14: Easter Egg Hunt at Creekside Park, sponsored by Lowell Moose Lodge 809 & Women of the Moose 1388. Hunt: 0-3 yrs., 11 a.m.; 4-6, 11:45; 7-9, 12:30; 10-11, 1:15. Easter Bunny - Clown; cookies and drinks.

MON., APRIL 16: The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at

1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program by Phyllis Bieri. Sponsor & hostess is Nora Belle Rash.

THURS., APRIL 19: KeenAgers meet at 10 a.m. for potluck dinner; bring dish to pass, own table service and a friend.

THURS., APRIL 26: Commodities distribution from 8-4 p.m. Applesauce, grape juice, green beans, plums, pears, tomato juice, tomato sauce, tomatoes, trail mix, frozen ham, frozen peaches, frozen pork sausage. Bring own containers or bags.

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 John at 897-7842 for info.

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LHS students carry on Model U.N. tradition

Lowell students earn 13 awards at the Hope College competition.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the seventh time in nine years, Lowell High School's Model U.N. team earned the highest number of awards at Hope College's 26th annual Model U.N. competition.

Lowell students earned 13 awards this year, one shy

of a record it set last year when Lowell won 14 awards. More than 800 students from schools across four states participated.

"These students must be commended for their ability and willingness to pry into and explore a broad and challenging array of topics which are considered difficult at the college level, let alone at the high school level," said LHS Model U.N. director, Steve Kampfschulte who is assisted by teachers Jack Ogle, Sue Sutherland and Nate Fowler. "This program enables

students to gain insightful appreciation and knowledge of problems facing the world around them and a better understanding of the role the U.S. plays with these issues," Kampfschulte said.

A well-balanced program and the students' strong work ethic once again placed Lowell at the head of the class.

The breakdown of the awards earned by Lowell students is as follows:

Introductory General Assembly: Justin Peterson and Matt Hansen took first place.

Model U.N., cont'd pg. 15



Members of the International Court of Justice, pictured left are: Naomi Girwornauth, Ilyia Vadjon and Emily Meyers.



Members of the economic and social council, pictured left to right, are: Matt Horan, Erin Weber and Cory Drenth. Missing from the picture is Eric Gillman.



Members of the security council, pictured left to right, are: Jeremy Goff, James Bosserd and Matt Tomko. Not pictured is Kyle Hines.

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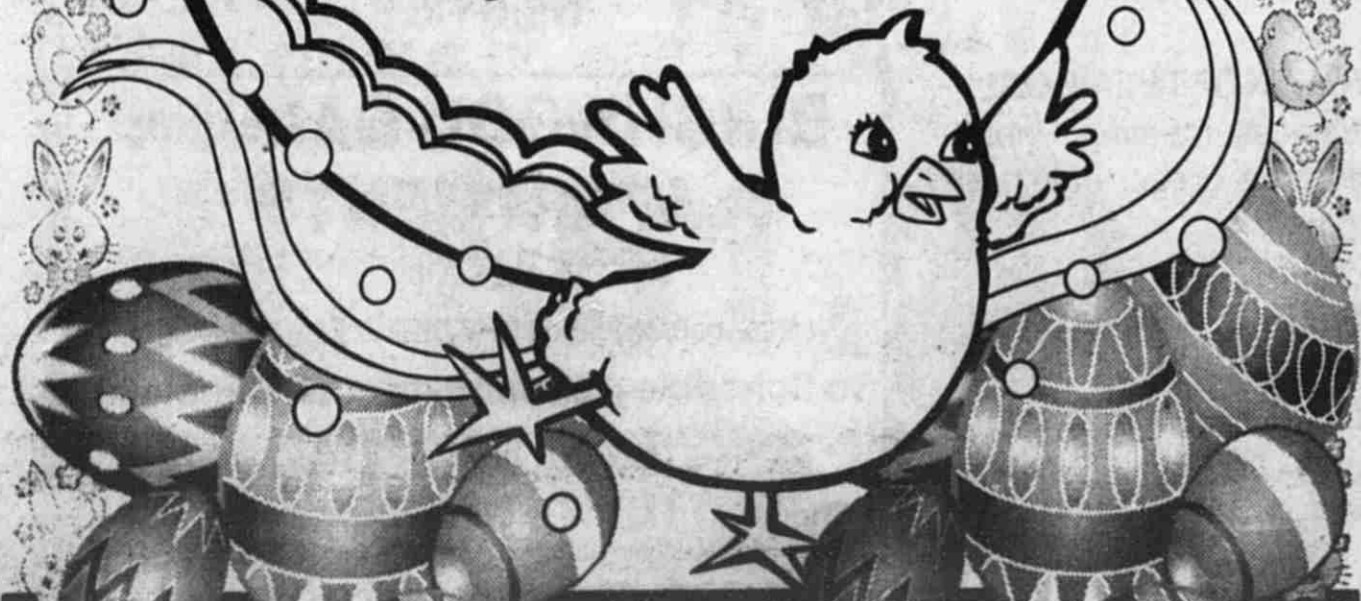
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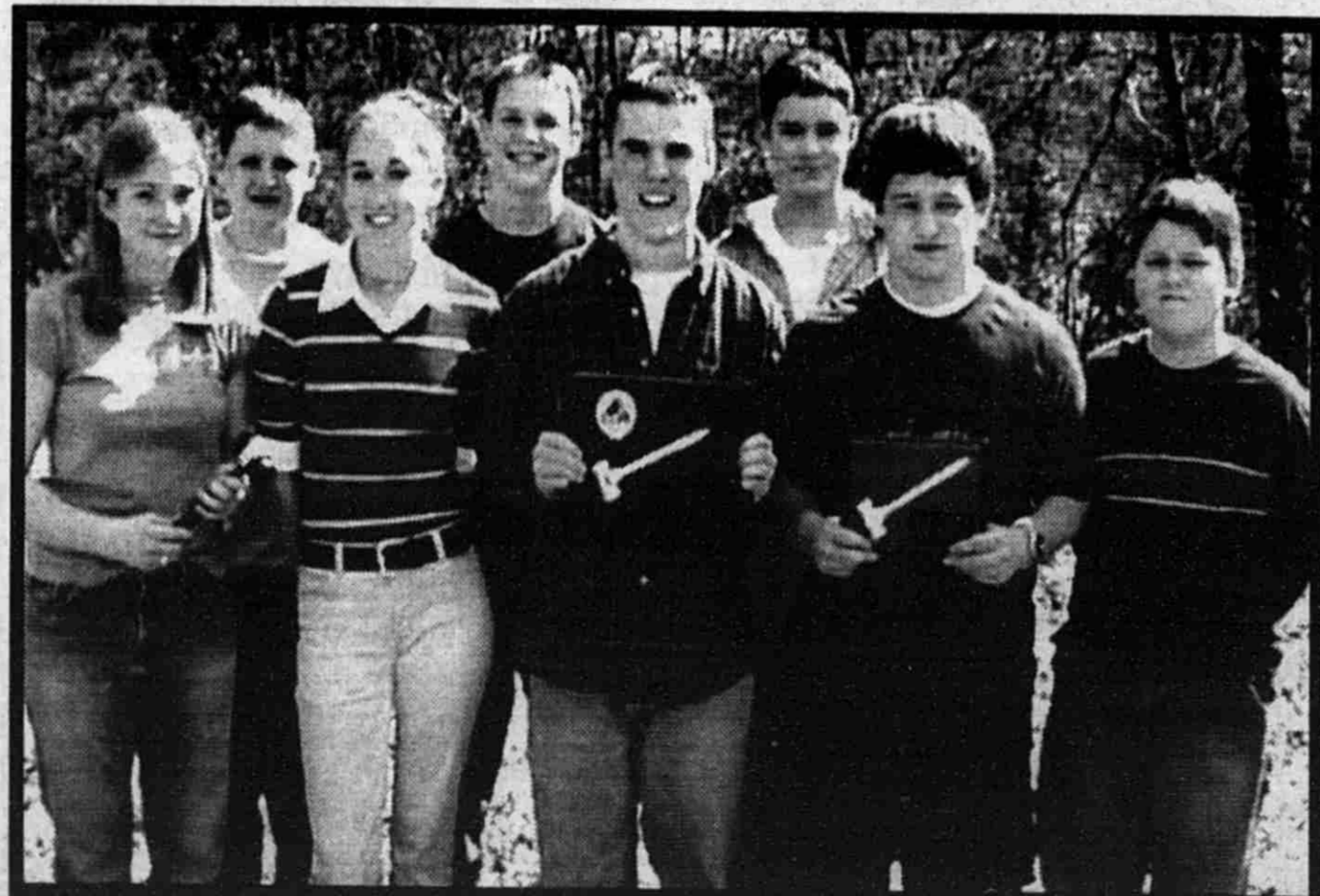
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Members of introductory general assembly, front row, pictured left to right, are: Katie Willets, Elizabeth Kamp, Matt Hansen, Paul Schellenburger and David Blair; back row are: Justin Peterson, Tom Eldridge and Chris Lechner.

LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: A few years ago my wife and I drafted trusts for the main purpose of having our assets managed on behalf of our children in the event something happens to both of us. In those trusts, we have the trustee making mandatory distributions of income and principal to our children when each of them reach ages 25, 30 and 35. One thing we did not think about at the time, however, is what would happen if a particular child is totally irre-

sponsible when he or she reaches one of those ages. For example, if a child is a poor money manager or is a drug or alcohol abuser, does our trustee have the right to hold back that distribution? If not, is there anything we can do to minimize this potential problem?

JONATHAN SAYS: First of all, I haven't seen your trust document so I cannot comment as to what your trustee can or cannot do regarding this issue. Since you

are asking the question, however, I assume that at the time you drafted the document that this was not a consideration and consequently, there may not be any language in your trust to support the trustee's withholding of a mandatory distribution based on a certain set of circumstances.

Having said that, you can include language in your document which gives your trustee the right to hold back (or reduce) a distribution if there are certain circumstances and factors that exist at the time that said distribution is to be made, which would make it appropriate for the trustee to hold back (or reduce) that distribution. For instance, even though your provision requires the trustee to make mandatory distributions of trust principal to a child at ages 25, 30 and 35,

you could at the same time allow the trustee to withhold any or all of a mandatory distribution if at that time the character, habits, judgment, maturity and/or financial responsibility of the child would not justify the distribution. In other words, you give the trustee the right to make an independent determination of what is going on with the child at that time and then decide whether the distribution is appropriate or not.

You can be very specific as to the types of things the trustee is to look at when weighing this decision. You already mentioned a few of those factors in your question and in addition to those, you can include other specific circumstances which would justify withholding the distribution at that time. For instance, if the child is not working, belongs to a cult, is suffering from a physical or mental problem that may impact his or her ability to manage and invest money, or if the child is constantly getting in trouble with the law, could all be reasons to withhold the making of a distribution. These are just a few examples of the types of factors that can be tied to a mandatory distribution clause in an effort to temper that clause to give the

trustee some measure of discretion based on the circumstances which exist at that time.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have two children. One is very hard working and responsible; the other drifts from job to job, is lazy and irresponsible. I love them both equally and when I die, I want them to share in my estate equally. However, the value of my estate after taxes today is worth around \$1,000,000 and I just can't see my one son getting a check for \$500,000. He would blow it in no time. Do you have any suggestions?

JONATHAN SAYS: You did not indicate how old your sons were. Assuming they are mature adults, you can distribute the share allocated to your hard working son outright and either hold back all of your irresponsible

The largest Easter egg ever made is thought to be an aluminum sculpture in Alberta, Canada that weighs 32,000 pounds and stands 31.6 feet high.

The white trumpet lily, which blooms naturally in springtime, was brought here from Bermuda. They are often called "Easter Lilies" because they bloom around Easter time.

Model U.N., cont'd... From Page 14

The topic they dealt with was the status of women and United Nations internal reform.

Paul Schellenburger and David Blair were third overall.

Tom Eldridge and Chris Lechner finished third on the topic of women.

Advanced General Assembly: Chris Huyser, Brandon Bouwcamp, Todd Drenth and Sean Mandle took first in the topic of nuclear proliferation and globalization.

Katie Lum and Brian Posthumus took fourth.

Eric Moulton and Craig Myers earned a first in the topic on globalization. Vanessa Beddows and Kelsey Scheider were second on the topic of resolution drafting.

Economic and Social Council:

Matt Horan and Erin Weber were first with Cory Drenth and Eric Gillman placing second.

Security Council: Kyle Hines and James Bosserd

were second on the topic of Iraqi sanctions. Matt Tomko and Jeremy Goff were third on the topic of Taiwan crisis. International Court of Justice:

Ilyia Vadjon was third on the topic, Justice for Russia.

"Our kids' hard work paid off. We're losing a hardworking and dedicated senior class, but we have strong junior class members to carry on leadership in the program," Kampfschulte said.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171,226 DE

Estate of
PELEGIA BEETS
a.k.a. Peggy Beets
SSN: 381-42-9565

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, PELEGIA BEETS, who lived at 3550 Remembrance Road, #145, Walker, Michigan died 02/28/01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ANN WISNIEWSKI, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

March 30, 2001
JOHN D. MITUS
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City hires Bell to put sweeper together

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Everyone has been in that situation in which they wished they could simply hire someone else to put what they took apart back together.

The Lowell Department of Public Works found itself in a similar situation discovering the employees would not be able to assemble and attach a new water tank and hopper for the city's street sweeper.

"To top it all off, we couldn't even get the instructions," said DPW director, Dan DesJarden. "Usually you can get something that tells you to weld this piece 18 inches from this point and the factory just wouldn't give use those instructions."

The employees were able to dismantle and remove the old hopper and water tank within three hours and at the time of purchasing the \$27,560.33 worth of equipment, it was thought

city employees would be able to install the new pieces. DesJarden said, however, the tanks are specially designed for the machines and require the manufacturing company to put on the street sweeper.

Bell Equipment Company was approved by the city council to install the equipment at a cost of \$2,700.

The delay in getting the street sweeper's new equipment installed is not the reason it hasn't been out on the streets cleaning.

"We have gotten a few calls about the street sweeper," DesJarden said at Monday night's meeting, adding that people were asking, since it was nice, when the streets would be cleaned.

"We haven't gotten it out before mid-April mostly because the wind chill we create with the machine has actually frozen the lines on the thing," DesJarden said.

DesJarden said Bell estimated it would take about 40 hours to install the new equipment and that DPW employees should start sweeping the city streets sometime between the middle and end of April.

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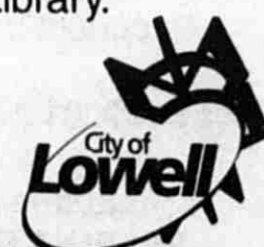
CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

905 N. Washington Street - David and Anne Pasquale wish to have an addition constructed to the rear of their house. Since the property is zoned R-2, a six foot minimum side yard setback is required. The north side setback is 5 feet 6 inches. Thus, a variance has been petitioned.

Interested persons may submit comments to Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street prior to the meeting or appear in person at Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
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TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS: Including
Vivian Beets whose address and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, PELEGIA BEETS, who lived at 3550

Remembrance Road,
#145, Walker, Michigan
died 02/28/01.

An application for informal probate was filed by ANN WISNIEWSKI, 2605 Bristol, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49544.

On March 19, 2001 the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI granted informal probate.

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A Public Hearing was held to allow for comment on the Proposed 2001-02 Budget

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Treasurer's report/invoices
- Motion to amend 2000-01 budget for cemetery/contracted services
- Motion to approve 2001-02 budget
- Motion to approve the issuance of a building permit for Scott Osborne with bond to ensure removal of existing trailer by March 12, 2002
- Motion to appoint Tom Luehrs and Judy Baird to two-year terms and Dawn Crook to fill vacant seat on Historical Commission
- Motions to revoke an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Central States/Precision Grinding
- Motion to award cemetery lawn care to Luscious Landscapes and Township Hall Lawn Care to Rake, Inc.
- Motion to certify authorized officials doing business at Huntington Bank
- Motion to fund clerks attendance at Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute
- Motion to reappoint Kate Dernocoeur as Township Representative to Lowell Community Fund Board
- Motion to send statement of policy to Kent County Road Commission regarding driveway access on private roads
- Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting April 16, 2001

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- Flexible Schedules
- Health Coverage (full- or part-time)
- Paid Training
- Job Diversity
- Retirement Plan
- 401(k) Plan
- Opportunities for promotion from within
- Weekly Paycheck
- Computer-based learning to enhance professional growth

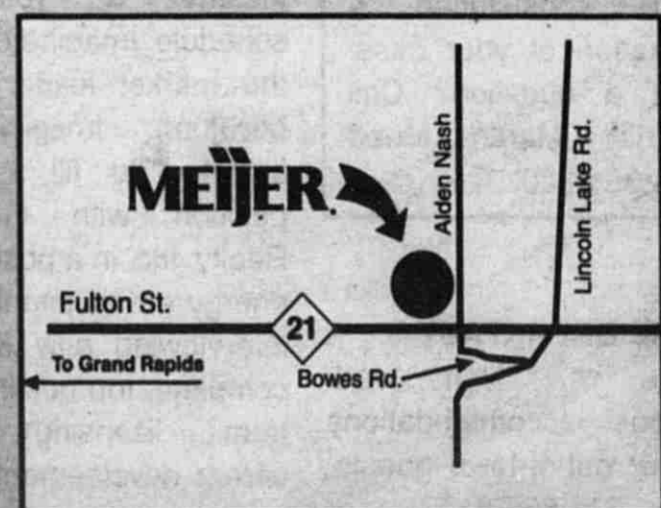
Current Positions:

- Cashiers/Baggers
- Marking/Receiving/Layaway
- Grocery Stockers
- General Merchandise Clerks
- Deli Clerks
- Produce Clerks
- Bakery Clerks
- Meat/Seafood Clerks
- Pharmacy Technicians
- Cosmetics/Jewelry Clerks
- Gas Station/C-Stop
- Cash Office
- Fashion Area Clerks
- Building Services/Floor Maintenance
- *Management opportunities are also available!

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