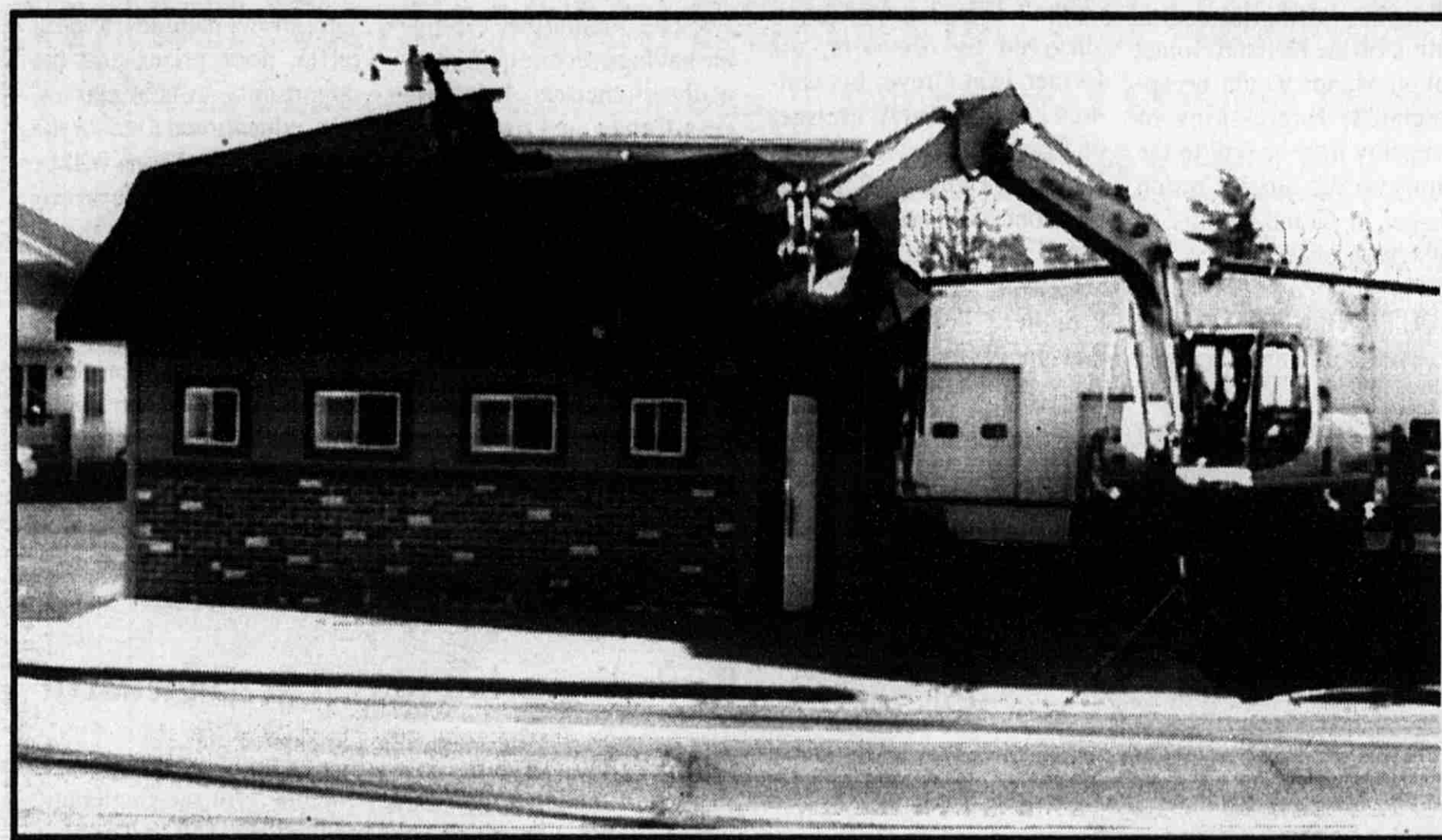


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THE WALLS CAME CRASHING DOWN...

With the razing of the structure at 916 W. Main, all that remains are the memories of what once used to be Main Street Pub, Captain Jack's, Shaney's and Mels. "From a business viewpoint, it creates a tremendous opportunity. Being able to line up 30 cars in a row does a lot for the presentation," said Vennen Chrysler Dodge president, Daryl Kuiper. "It's a so kind of a bittersweet moment because my father-in-law (Henry VanderVennen), who envisioned doing this some day, isn't here to share the moment." Back in December, Lois Sherman and Ken McBain moved out of the building into the Main Street Restaurant, Lounge and Banquet facility across the street at 901 W. Main. The old bar was torn down Friday. More pictures on page 22.

Veen Observatory receives grant from Lowell Area Community Fund

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Soon Lowell area residents will be able to use the Englehardt Library computers to view images and objects millions of miles away. Due to a \$28,850 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund, the Veen Observatory will be able to upgrade one of its towers. "With the upgrade it will be fully robotic," said Veen Observatory committee chairman, Ron VanderWerrff. "It will be very high tech."

The remote system will control the east dome, telescope and cameras. When completed, the classrooms and the library will have internet access to the telescope and stored data from the observatory. "The equipment is being used by other observatories of similar size and mission around the United States," VanderWerrff explained. "In conjunction with the school, we have already begun working with teachers on how they can best use the observatory to meet their particular grades' curriculum needs." Students will be able to image objects in the sky via a remote by programming the telescope up to what objects they want viewed and imaged. "The next day they can come into school and download

what the telescope viewed and imaged," said VanderWerrff. The second dome will be up and running in the late fall. The lengthy time frame is due to the long lead time needed for the delivery of the mount. "It's amazing what all has taken place in the local area. The observatory has come into the public spotlight because of the grant available through the Lowell Area Community Fund (Englehardt). The Veen Observatory was the recipient of a \$16,000 Lowell Area Community Fund grant in January of 2000. That money was used to purchase a 16' LX-2000 robotic telescope. The Lowell Area Community Fund is a component of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation.



NATURE APPRECIATION AT WITTENBACH CENTER
 Appreciate nature through sketching, journaling and hiking while sharing readings and journals of naturalists at the Wittenbach Center across from Lowell High School. The program is free on Friday, April 20 from 1-2:30 p.m. Please bring a notebook and call 987-1002 to register.

PARENT AWARENESS MEETING
 LMS Family Links will be hosting a special meeting at the middle school cafeteria on Monday, April 23 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Lowell chief of police, James Valentine will be addressing the issues of drugs and violence and the effects they have on our children and their education. The public is welcome. Any questions should be directed to Rhonda Delnick at 897-8786.

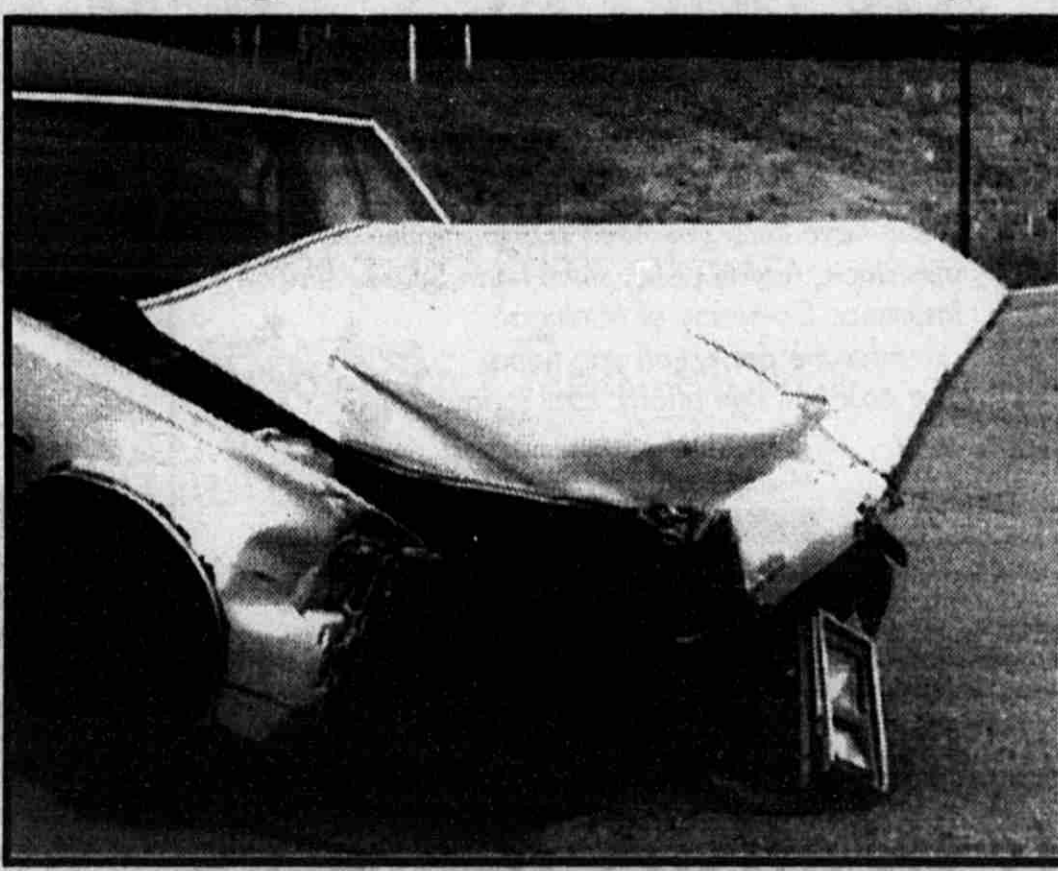
COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
 Kent County T.E.F.A.P. distribution date is Thursday, April 26 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Commodities will be: applesauce, grape juice, green beans, plums, pears, tomato juice, tomato sauce, tomatoes, trail mix, frozen ham, frozen peaches and frozen pork sausage. Please bring your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

20-YEAR CLASS REUNION PREPARATIONS
 Preparations are underway for the 1981 Lowell 20-year class reunion. If you have moved in the past five years or if you know of someone who has, please contact Tammy Nagy-Fitzpatrick 897-0775 or KTFitz7@aol.

Monday morning bus accident injury-free

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Injuries were avoided Monday morning when a Lowell driver pulled out in front of a Lowell school bus. The accident occurred around 7:25 a.m. at the intersection of Foreman Road and Alden Nash. According to Kent County sheriff department deputy Marc Fraasse, a 16-year-old Lowell High School student pulled into the path of the school bus, hitting it in the left front wheel.



This 1977 Pontiac was totaled, but the driver and his two passengers escaped without injury. The 16-year-old driving the car failed to yield the right-of-way at the intersection of Foreman Road and Alden Nash.

No damage was incurred by the bus; the 1977 Pontiac driven by the student, however, was totaled. The student was en route to the middle school. The bus was carrying 37 students. "This accident, I believe, indicates that the bus is one of the safest vehicles on the road ... especially when one looks at the number of stu-

dents injured every day in car accidents as opposed to a bus accident," said Lowell transportation director, Larry Mikulski. The bus will need a front end alignment and some new springs, according to Mikulski.

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Lowell Spring Sports Preview,
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OBITUARIES

PIPE - Mr. Henry Pipe, aged 84, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, April 12, 2001 and went to be with his Lord. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Jean Pipe; his

children Thomas and Wendy Pipe, Muriel and Bill McDaniel, Daniel and Deborah Pipe, Stephen Pipe and Diane Bodell, Edward Pipe; seven grandchildren;

four great-grandchildren; his sisters Janet Dekker, Betty Brummel, Cora Hoogerwerf; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Pipe was a veteran of WWII, a retiree of Steelcase and a member of Riverside Christian Reformed Church. Funeral and committal services were held Monday at the chapel of Holland Home, Fulton Manor with Rev. Harvey Kiekover officiating. Interment will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park with military honors under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. For those who wish, memorial contributions to the Holland Home, Fulton Manor would be appreciated. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via Van Strien-Creston Chapel in Grand Rapids or www.heritagefuneralservice.com

LAUTENBACH - Mr. George C. Lautenbach, aged 76, went home to be with his Lord on Easter Sunday morning, April 15, 2001. When the

call of his country was heard, he proudly and courageously served in the Coast Guard during WWII. For 18 years, until his retirement in 1987, he was employed with Coca Cola, as the manager of the whole truck fleet, and prior to that, he worked for Steve Hicks Lincoln/Mercury. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #3023 and the Grand Rapids Antique Car Club where he served in every capacity. Mr. and Mrs. Lautenbach were sweethearts from the age of 14 where they met at Briggs Park and played softball. Mr. Lautenbach is survived by his wife, the former Jean Greve; his children Linda L. and Al Preisner of Rockford, George L. and Diane Lautenbach of Belmont, and Terry and Chris Blanding of Alto; his grandchildren, Tim and Jan Preisner, Todd and June Preisner, Traci and Tom West, Toni Preisner, Sherry and Chris Clements, Curtis Lautenbach and his special

friend Teresa, Aaron Lautenbach and Eric Blanding; 16 great-grandchildren; his sisters Mrs. Blanche Steenberg of Grand Rapids and Esther and Jack Blakeslee of Belmont; his brother Don Lautenbach of Arizona; and nieces and nephews. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the gift of eter-

Franciscans to host 2nd annual quilt show

The Franciscan Friends are having a second quilt show at the Franciscan Life Process Center in Lowell. The show will be hosted on Thursday, May 3 from 1 to 8 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to view the show will be \$5 per person and is good for all three days. All proceeds go to programs at the center which support senior citizens.

Come and enjoy wonderful heirlooms and works of art created by area quilters.

Book discussion May 8 at Englehardt

Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at the library for a friendly, informal discussion of some great books, as several KDL branches hold book discussions in May. Copies of the featured title are available at each library's check-out desk.

A book discussion on *Old*

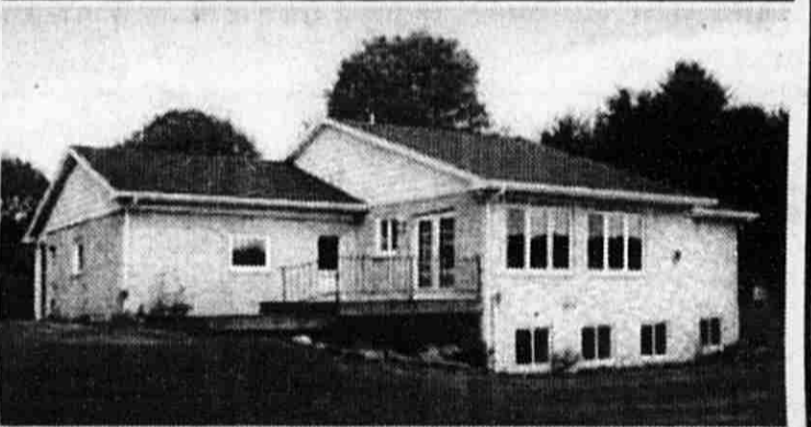
Jules by Mari Sandoz, is scheduled for the Englehardt branch in Lowell on Tuesday, May 8 at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Kent District Library at 784-2007 or the Englehardt Library at 897-9596.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Rev. William Renkema
Calvary Christian
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They were happy, bouncing along in the back of a truck used for hauling coffee beans. The laughed. They sang. They breathed through pieces of cloth because of clouds of dust. For some it was the first time they had left their little town, Mangulile, located high up in the mountains of Honduras. The truck load of teenagers

was on its way to Catacamas, a five-hour drive. There they would have a spiritual retreat with young people from other churches. Only half of the kids on that truck made it.

Civil wars were raging to the south in Nacaragua, to the west in El Salvador, and to the north in Guatemala. Guerrillas camped inside Honduras and made forays into the other countries. Honduras had neither the resources nor the will to fight these guerrillas. The major concern was that the guerrillas not begin uprisings against the Honduras government. Military service in Honduras in the early eighties was mandatory. The problem was that few young men bothered registering with the military. Most decided that they would take their chances at not getting caught. Besides, many rationalized, the sons of the rich rarely served in the military. People in Mangulile, Honduras, mostly poor, claimed that the rich people paid off the recruiters.

So what was the military to do in order to get recruits? Troops would come into town and wait outside the places young men would hang out — pool halls, movie theaters, even churches. They would grab the teenagers off the street. Their families would wait for several days before

being notified that their sons had been recruited. Back then, if you had a son of recruitable age who did not show up at home, you assumed the soldiers got him. Only proof that the young man was in high school or college or had a physical limitation would get him a legal deferment.

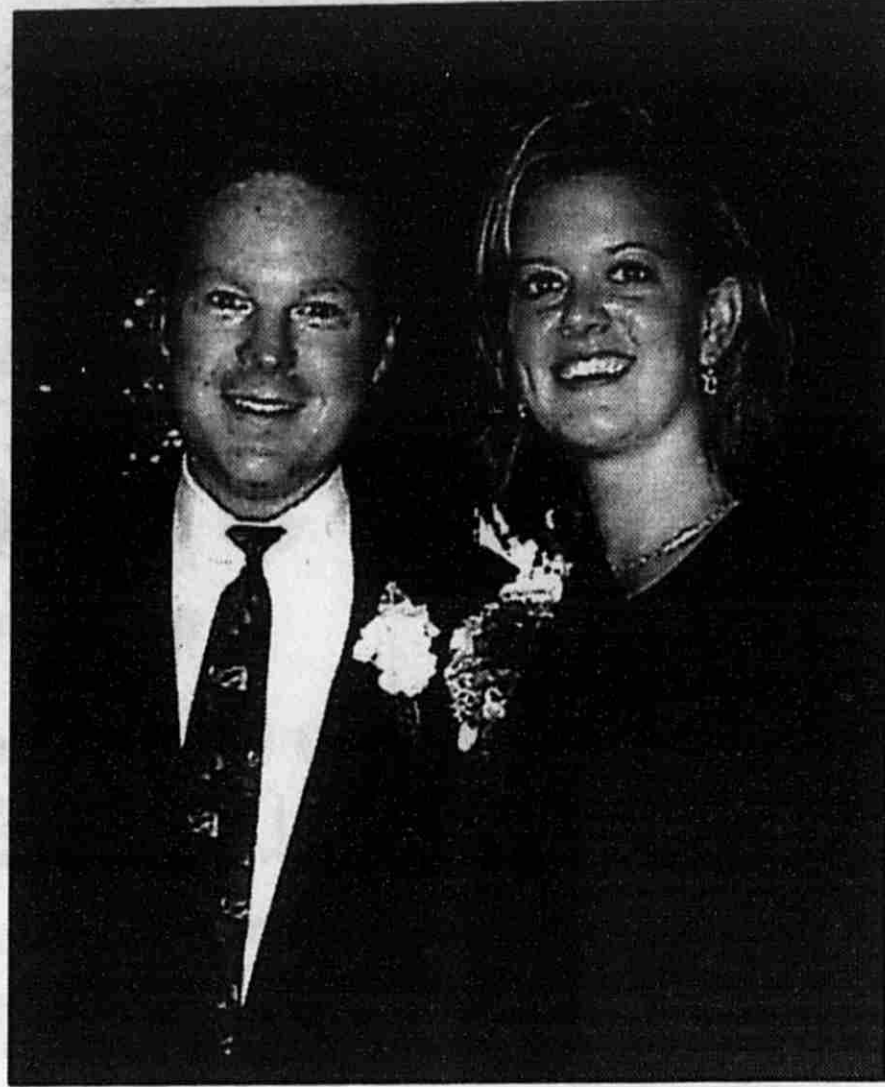
Soldiers stopped the truckload of kids from Mangulile. They forcefully recruited almost all of the young men. One escaped. Several girls sat on him so that the soldiers did not notice him.

Last week was a time for Christians to remember the long path of temptation, trials, suffering, and death that our Lord walked before we arose victoriously. Along that road He recruited followers. Not all signed up. They had other things on their minds, other priorities. Following Christ was not one of them. Things have not changed very much. Personal goals, family commitments, selfishness, materialism, values that contradict those taught by God, all encourage people to resist Christ's call to follow Him. His call, though, is as clear as ever. "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me... What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" Luke 9:23,25)

Next week I'll tell you what happened when I encountered one of the new military recruits from Mangulile.

I believe the true road to preeminent success in any line is to make yourself the master of that line.

—Andrew Carnegie



Christopher J. Buss and Kristen R. Shuster

Shuster/Buss

Kristen R. Shuster, of Burlington, Vt., is engaged and planning to marry Christopher J. Buss, also of Burlington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and the University of Michigan. She is the daughter of Dan and Kathy Shuster of Lowell.

The future groom graduated from Springfield High School in Vermont and Marist College, NY. He is the son of James and Betty Buss of Loveland, OH.

June 16, 2001 is the planned wedding date.

Sturgis/Pulley announce engagement

Richard and Patricia Sturgis of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tricia Louise Sturgis to Shane Gilbert Pulley, son of Gilbert and Pamela Pulley of Provo, Utah.

The couple will exchange vows on Wednesday, April 18 at the Mt. Timpanogos LDS Temple in American Fork, Utah, and will exchange rings on Saturday, April 21 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Wyoming, Mich.

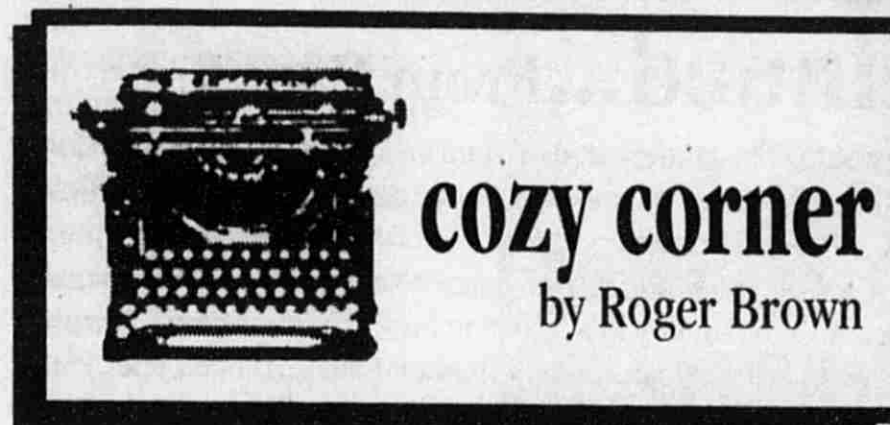
Sturgis, a singer/songwriter and computer applications developer in Salt Lake City, and Pulley, who works in dining services at Brigham Young University, will settle in Orem, Utah.

The bride and groom may be reached via e-mail: shaneandtrish@usa.net.



Shane Gilbert Pulley and Tricia Louise Sturgis

Viewpoint . . .



I've been catching a lot of flak lately for not submitting a column on a regular basis. There are several reasons for that. Those reasons all have a common denominator. That commonality is the fact I'm not at my little writer's nook much. A business in the Florida Keys, grandkids in Arizona and fifty years of experience with Michigan winters have combined to keep me away from my little nook. Typical of a nook, my spot in Lowell is small, quiet and cluttered with essentials.

In my Lowell nook I have a coffee pot just steps away. The chair is very comfortable but old and threadbare. The table is a hand-me-down from my son's college days. It's cheaply made and sags in the middle. Of course, dust and brown rings from my coffee mug predominate the miniature landscape. I have a little collection of reference books. Included are a dictionary, spelling dictionary, thesaurus, a couple books of quotes and E.B. White's "The Elements of Style." Regular readers know I don't refer to these works nearly enough.

Central to the nook is my antebellum computer. It's an old Apple that Steve Jobs probably built in the garage while his dad waxed the family Nash Rambler in the driveway. We have to keep special software in the computers at work so they can read the discs I bring in. Like Cousin Eddie in the movie *Christmas Vacation* said about his beat-up old motorhome, "She's a real beauty, Clark."

The most important feature of my Lowell nook is the quiet and privacy. I get up very early to write this stuff, so the phone isn't a problem. It's dark, and I don't have a window in the nook anyway. All this means is, I can, and do, work in my underwear. As I mentioned earlier, I've been away from my nook.

For the same reason I don't send in my taxes before April 15th. I never write this column before Tuesday morning. The word for this behavior is procrastination. "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow" is my motto. Last Tuesday I was in Anaheim, California, with my grandkids. Grandma and Grandpa were babysitting and collecting material for at least a couple future columns. The Tuesday before that I was on a plane headed for Phoenix and the start of the babysitting job. I could churn out this stuff using a laptop while on an airplane or in a "Small World" boat. The problem is, I don't have a laptop. I don't have much of a lap anymore either. I also doubt my fellow passengers would appreciate me working in my underwear.

I'm back in the Keys this Tuesday morning and forcing myself to churn out a column despite being away from my nook. It ain't easy! I did get up early. Mostly because I have to work today, but the side benefit is the peace and quiet. Terese is still sleeping, the dogs are snoozing, and the phones aren't ringing. So, I've got that going for me. I should say, I had that going for me. The sun is coming up in the big window here in the office. Terese will soon be passing through in search of coffee. She'll turn on the morning news. The dogs will be about. Gotta hurry now!

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools
Superintendent

Several weeks ago in my most recent vision article, I wrote of the need for a more balanced approach to school and student accountability. For a variety of reasons (many valid), our state and nation are now focused on what I would consider a one-track approach to school improvement — that being state and federally driven examinations for children.

While I am a strong advocate of such tests because I do believe that they improve district consistency and focus, and thus student learning, these tests cannot be the whole measure of our success. As in life, balance is critical to a well-rounded individual. Equally important, then, is a balanced approach as to how we assess our students and our schools.

As evidence of this type of balance, let me use the example of the recent student musical production of the "Wizard of Oz." Here we experienced a real life activity that required an impressive number of life and character skills to achieve success.

- Examples of these critical skills are:
- Work ethic - Critical to a major musical production's success is a tremendous amount of work by all involved. Long days, extra hours and extra effort are the keys.
 - Creativity - Students learn to think outside of the box to

Another problem with writing here is this computer. It's a relatively new model. It has spell check. It has grammar check. It has stupidity check. With every sentence I write, the thing beeps and buzzes. I look at the monitor and there are words highlighted, underscored and colored red, blue or green. It's terribly distracting and I'm too stupid to turn these functions off. In the previous paragraph alone, the word ain't is green and underlined because it isn't grammatically correct. Also, the word gotta is red and underlined because of its spelling. What the computer doesn't take into account is, that's the way I want 'em. Yeh computer, 'em, not them! Prognosticators think the day is not far off when computers will be able to outsmart us humans. Guess what? They've been outsmarting this human for a long, long time! The sun is up now and I'm out of coffee. To get a refill, I have to walk past the big window facing the street. That means I should probably put on some pants. Since I'm no longer able to work in my underwear, this week's column is history.

The post office is looking at bad roads and promising no free delivery unless they are improved. This includes both towns and rural areas where farmers "work out" their road taxes.

W.F. Howk has had a large poultry house built, also a high fence around his vacant lot.

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75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 15, 1926

A letter from Almont, printed on the front page, warns readers that planning a Homecoming takes at least a year and lots of input from the local newspaper (the Board of Trade recently decided to have a Homecoming).

The Clover Leaf Club debates renting club rooms, as attendance is larger than most homes can accommodate.

Look's (Rexall) Drug Store celebrates its 40th anniversary with a "profit-sharing" sale and demonstrations of paint and varnish application techniques.

Farmers Bulletin #712 discusses ways in which schools of any size can furnish clean areas for lunches, perhaps even the lunches in larger schools where many teachers and pupils can share the labor.

To restore white lace curtains: boil 30 minutes in strong soapsuds of half milk and half water, then rinse.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 19, 1951

President Truman fires General Douglas MacArthur, which almost nobody is neutral about.

The house of Floyd Holliday, who is convalescing with a broken ankle, burns to the ground with no insurance while Mrs. Holliday is in the hospital giving birth to their ninth child.

The first try at a gas storage well south of Lowell fails because the saltwater vein it hits cannot be cased. They are drilling in a new spot.

Supt. Gumsner and community leaders agree that a 5-million, 10-year sinking fund, matched with rural tuition, would be a good way to secure needed school improvements for the least overall cost.

A Michigan car has been reported with a TV set in the back seat.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 15, 1976

The Lowell Fire Department responded to six grass fires last week. Reminder: get your permit from the fire department first, and be careful.

Residents along state highways can plant trees in the right-of-way if they first get a permit from the Department of State Highways and Transportation. After-storm and Bicentennial plantings are popular now.

A study shows that women wearing platform shoes increase their braking time (while driving a car) by an average 0.1 second over those wearing regular shoes.

The Bureau of Census will visit a sample of households in this area next week as part of its monthly survey of employment and unemployment.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 19, 1876

This issue is missing. We substitute "Fashion Notes from the Home Journal" of Jan. 11, 1871

Hoop skirts are growing smaller. Long trains to dresses should never be worn in the street. Chinchilla, beaver and melton overcoats are made sacque shape, with small velvet collars.

To promenade now on Fifth Avenue, with the crowd, is common, vulgar, and in very bad taste.

The stylish slipper for gentlemen is made of fine black cloth, with a light embroidery in gold.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 18, 1901

The Lowell Ledger bicycle contest for youth promises an "Adalake" bicycle; the first week's voting has Mary Aldrich out in front with 338 votes. There is a voting coupon in each Ledger issue, to be filled out and deposited at the Ledger office.

An old land patent for 240 acres in Section 30 of Bowne Township, written on sheepskin, with the signature of Pres. Martin Van Buren, is received by county Deputy Register of Deeds Walter Brook. Daniel McNaughton was the original purchaser.

find new ways to express themselves and to work with other students and adults.

- Courage - How many times have you tried a new activity or stood on a stage in front of hundreds of people?
- Teamwork - Many important lessons take place in groups. Success in musicals only happens when kids, staff and community learn to cooperate, and work together for the good of the whole.
- Responsibility - Children learn to fulfill their role so the group can succeed.

Are these lessons learned by those involved in such activities more important than the rich knowledge gained through our school's K-12 curriculum? Perhaps not. Yet I would argue that they are a critical component for a complete and balanced education for children. No, we cannot retreat from our full effort to improve learning for which we are held accountable. But we should understand that the assessment of schools must be multi-faceted and balanced. We own this to our community, our teachers and, most importantly, to our kids.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or bbleke@remc.k12.mi.us. (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)

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URINARY INCONTINENCE IN WOMEN

Urinary incontinence is when urine leaks from the bladder unintentionally. This represents a very common problem in women, with many experiencing these symptoms once or more per week. While urinary incontinence is considered to be very common, it is not normal.

The two most common causes of urinary incontinence are stress incontinence and urge incontinence.

Stress incontinence occurs when urine leaks during an activity which causes pressure or "stress" on the bladder. Examples of this would be sneezing, coughing or laughing.

Urge incontinence happens when you leak urine before you can make it to the bathroom. This urge may even cause you to awaken at night to urinate.

Many treatment options are available for urinary incontinence.

For stress incontinence, pelvic muscle strengthening exercises, if done faithfully, can be very helpful. Medications are also available and many times can be very effective. Surgery is also a very viable option, but should be reserved for only the most resistant cases.

Urge incontinence is also treated with medications. Often, additional therapies such as biofeedback in electrical stimulation to the nerves that control the bladder can work well.

Even though this is a common condition, we suggest you consult your physician to see what therapy might be most beneficial to you.

Financial Focus, continued...From Page 5

Prepaid tuition programs—In a prepaid tuition plan, you buy future tuition credit—at today's prices—at an in-state, public school.

Tax-deferred savings plans—Under these plans, your earnings grow tax-deferred until you withdraw the money to pay for qualified higher education costs. Withdrawals are then taxed at the student's tax rate, which will typically be lower than yours.

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- **You can contribute large amounts.** Generally, you can contribute more than \$100,000 per year to a 529 plan, although contribution limits vary by state. You may want to consider the applicable gift tax rules.

- **You control withdrawals.** If you're the account owner of the 529 plan, you'll manage all withdrawals for the life of the

account. The student doesn't automatically take control of the assets at the age of majority. You can even change beneficiaries, if you choose.

- **You'll minimize the impact on financial aid awards.** Because the money in a 529 plan is held in your name, it won't significantly jeopardize any financial aid packages your child or grandchild may receive. Colleges generally require students to contribute 35 percent of their assets to pay for school, compared to less than six percent for parents.

The 529 plan offers some important benefits. But make sure you use your plan strictly for college. If you make a withdrawal for anything other than higher education expenses, you may have to pay taxes and a 10 percent penalty on the earnings at your tax rate. Also, keep in mind that different state plans choose different money managers—so you might want to research the organization that's investing your money.

But if you're satisfied that you've found a good 529 plan, give it some careful consideration—it can help you cope with the high costs of higher education.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. **Lucas J. Grummet**, son of Rebecca and Robert Grummet of Lowell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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

Grummet and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. He also spent hours in the classroom and field assignments.

Grummet and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core

values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Grummet and fellow recruits ended the training phase

BUSINESS MATTERS

Greenridge Realty announced that **K.C. Malokofsky** received Realtor of the Month in March.

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

Grummet is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School.



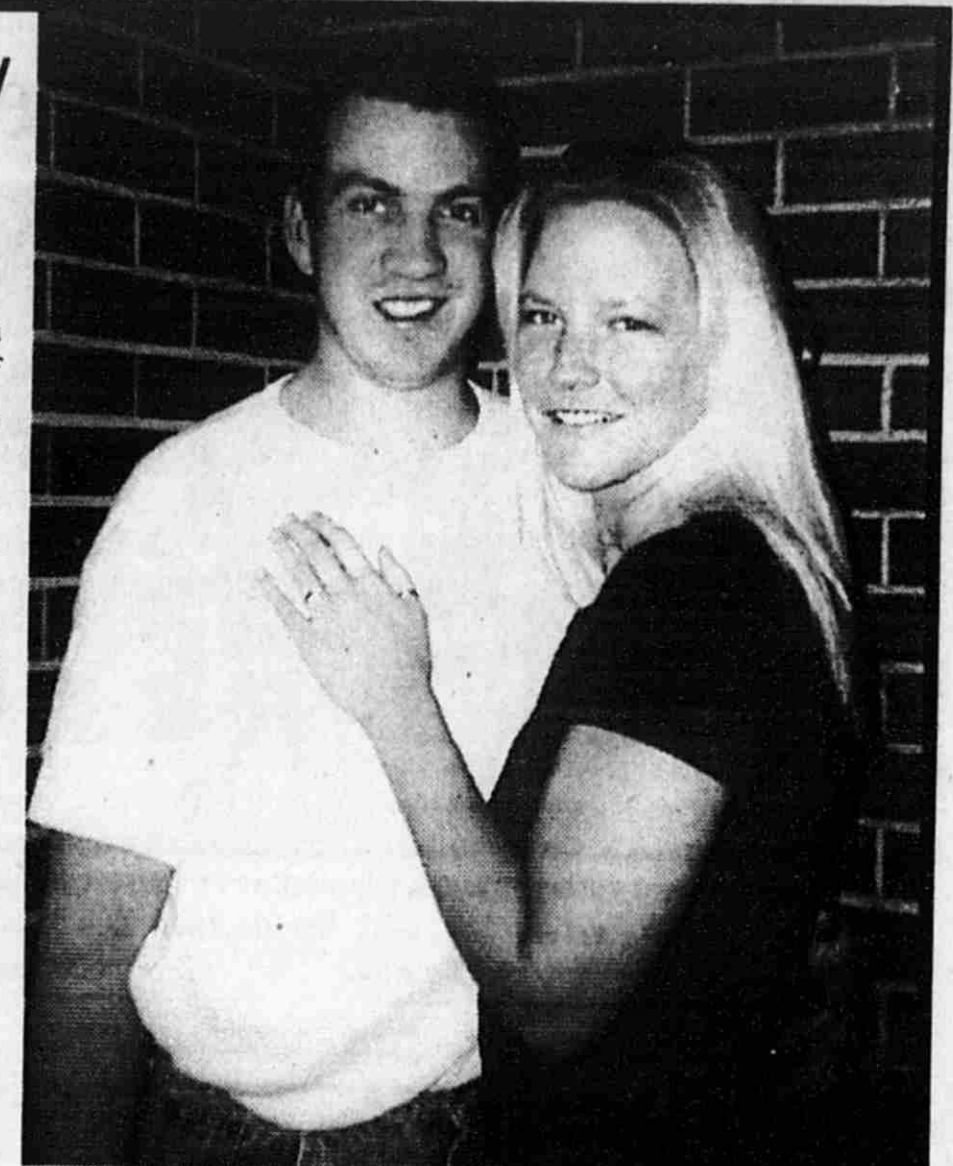
Tamminga/Hawk

Marianne Tamminga and Dustin Hawk, both of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a graduate of Unity Christian High School and Grand Rapids Community College. She is the daughter of Rev. Edward and Muriel Tamminga of Grand Haven.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and Grand Rapids Community College. He is the son of Dennis and Linda Hawk of Alto.

A September 22, 2001 wedding is planned.



Dustin Hawk and Marianne Tamminga

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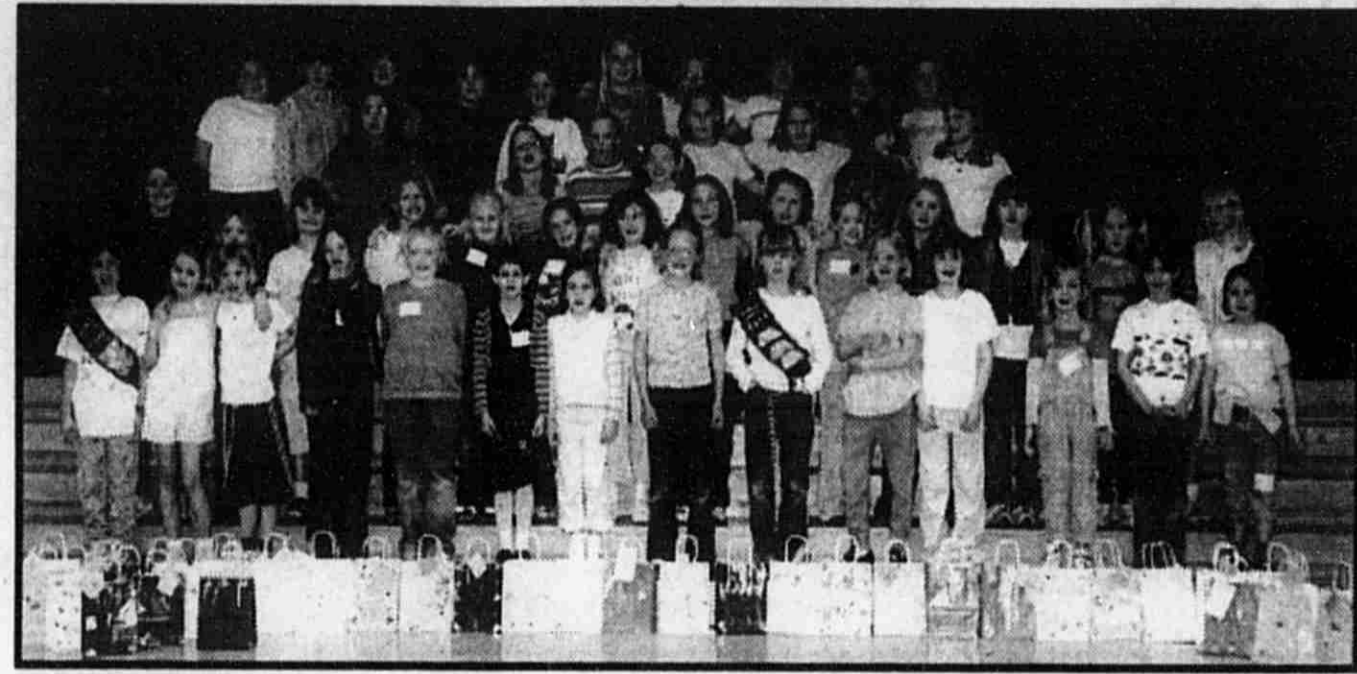
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Girl Scouts from Cherry Creek Elementary decorated and filled 50 bags with various craft projects for Easter. The Girl Scouts then delivered the bags to residents at Cumberland Manor on Good Friday.



KDL to feature Bill Brashler

Kent District Library "Let It Snow" Reading Club celebration will take place at the Gerald R. Ford Museum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. Grand Rapids' native, Bill Brashler, author of 14 books, including novel-turned-movie *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings*, *Traders* and *Tigers*

Burning, will talk about his life as a writer. He has written articles, essays, reviews and columns for *Newsweek*, *Reader's Digest*, *Ladies Home Journal* and *Sports Illustrated*. Also joining the author will be the Grand Rapids Celtic band, The Kwils. The band, which formed in 1984, has performed their blend of Irish

and Scottish songs throughout the Midwest and has made two compact discs.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; audience capacity is limited to the first 250 people. This event marks the end of Kent District Library's 10th "Let It Snow" Reading Club for Adults.

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CITY OF LOWELL

LEAF PICK UP PROGRAM

If your trash pick up is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pick up days will be Tuesday, March 27th and April 3rd and 10th. If your trash pick up 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
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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 17TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

Belding, MI 48809
 (616) 794-1220

ORDER ALLOWING ALTERNATE SERVICE IT IS SO ORDERED that Hassey Yeggie, Jr. may be served by the following publication:

PATRICIA MIESEN
 Plaintiff,
 Vs.
 Case No. 01-03180-DO

HASSEY YEGGIE, JR.
 Defendant

HONORABLE PAUL J. SULLIVAN

Karen S. McFadden
 (P-57043)
 403 W. Main

Notice is hereby given to Defendant, Hassey Yeggie, Jr., that Plaintiff, Patricia Miesen, has filed for divorce in the 17th Circuit Court, Kent County, Ionia, Michigan, Case No. 01-03180-DO. You must file an answer

Date: April 11, 2001

Paul J. Sullivan,
 Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171,327-DE

Estate of **JAMES E. FEEBACK** deceased
 SSN: 385-38-4695

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, JAMES E. FEEBACK, who lived at 2241 Five Mile Road N.W., Comstock Park, Michigan died 7/5/00. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NANCY BLASZAK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 4229 Baumhoff N.W., Comstock Park, MI 49321

and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 4/12/01

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-171,301-DE

Estate of **VIOLA MEEDS**, deceased
 Date of birth: Feb. 20, 1912

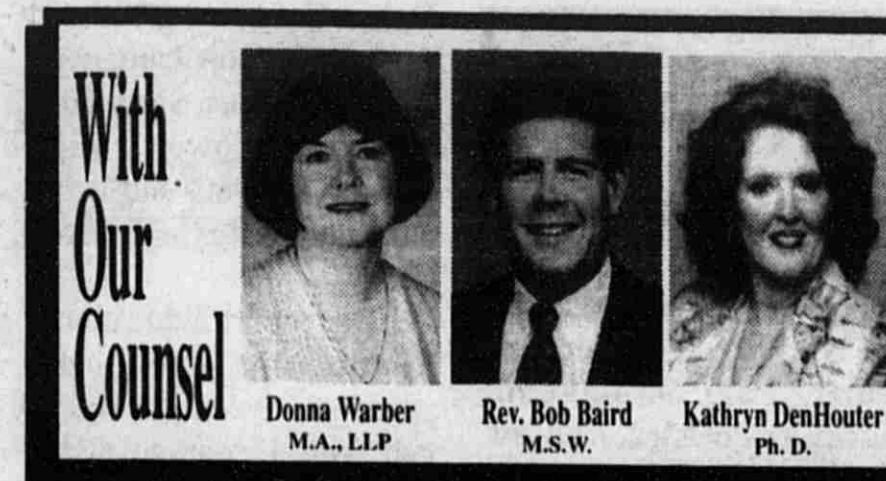
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 The decedent, VIOLA MEEDS, who lived at 350 N. Center St., Lowell, Michigan died January 14, 2001. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LYLE VANVUUREN, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/

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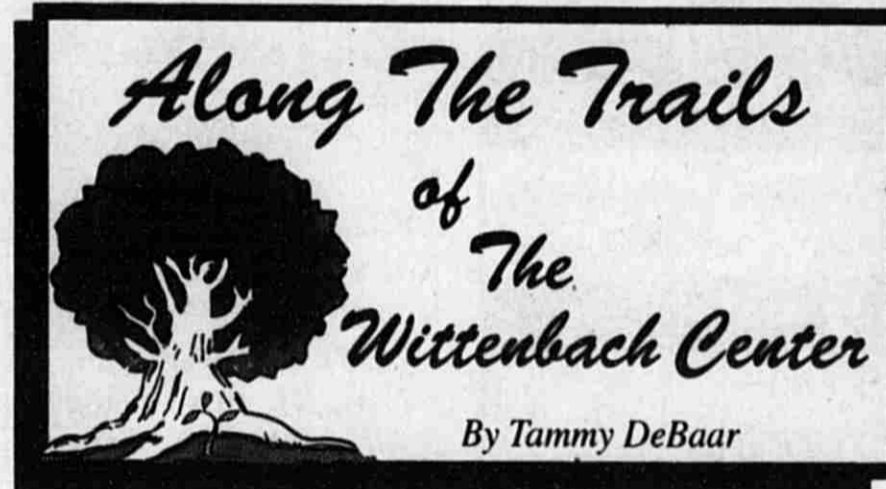
Americans Deserve Insurance Parity for Mental Health Disorders

What is Insurance Parity? Parity means that insurance companies treat physical illnesses the same as mental illnesses in their reimbursement policies. Right now, Michigan law permits insurance companies and HMOs to provide far less coverage for mental health care than for physical ailments. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says 96 percent of

insurance plans impose limits on mental health care benefits that are not placed on physical ailments.

According to the American Psychological Association, it is estimated that 15 to 18 percent of Americans, including nearly 10 million children, suffer from a diagnosable mental disorder. And because the mind affects the body, it is estimated that 50 to 70 percent of the visits to your physician are for medical complaints that stem from psychological factors. Anxiety and depression are among the most frequent conditions seen by primary care physicians.

The National Institute of Mental Health conducted an extensive survey about the cost of mental health disorders. Clinical depression alone costs an estimated \$23 billion in lost work days each year. When looking at all of the mental health disorders, it costs the United States more than \$150 billion each year when calculating the cost of treatment, social service and disability payments, lost productivity and premature death. Better understanding of mental health and broader access to health care for people suffering from mental disorders will go a long way toward reducing the staggering financial burden to individuals and the nation as a whole. Therefore, discrimination in insurance for mental health services must end if all



Earth Day is currently celebrated on April 22 but is often celebrated for the entire week. However, Earth Day was originally celebrated on March 21. Why March 21? This is the vernal equinox, the first day of spring. I quote President Gerald Ford (a local boy) as he proclaims March 21 as Earth Day in 1970.

"The earth will continue to regenerate its life sources only as long as we and all the peoples of the world do our part to conserve its natural resources. It is a responsibility which every human being shares. Through voluntary action, each of us can join in building a productive land in harmony with nature."

The Wittenbach Agriscience and Environmental Center

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING

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

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

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

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

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

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

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

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
 Lowell Charter Township

and Wege Natural Area is dedicated to the education of Agriscience and Ecology. There is a delicate balance between the two and it is important that we realize the role we play in preserving the environment, so that we are able to sustain our needs (not necessarily our greedy luxuries). Please take part in the effort for the conservation of our natural resources...here are a few ideas:

- Community work day for the Wittenbach Community Gardens April 21, 25 and 28 (contact Raquel 897-7607). Breakfast will be served 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on April 28 (during the work day) by the high school Environmental Club (all you can eat). Cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

- Lowell eighth graders will be working on building a pond, building trails and planting native vegetation along the creek at Creekside Park from 12-2 p.m., April 23 and 24.

- The high school Environmental Club will be recycling at the high school (SW side of building from 12-2 p.m. on April 23 and 24. Items to be recycled: paper products, rinsed #1 or #2 plastic bottles, tin and aluminum (rinsed with labels removed). Feel free to use this recycling bin in the future. No glass and no drop offs!

- The Trout Unlimited Junior Group will meet on Tuesday, May 1 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Fallsburg Park. Attendance is very important; please bring your own equipment and bait.

- The group will discuss the upcoming meeting of West Michigan "Schrem's Trout Unlimited," the senior chapter. That meeting will take place at the Wittenbach Center from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. The Schrem's group will discuss chapter information and the junior group will share some projects and look at how a stream is formed.

- Dinner (\$5) will be served and reservations must be made in advance by calling 987-1002.

- Please contact Tammy with any questions (987-1002). Why the change in dates in which Earth Day is celebrated? Imagine the Midwest in March...probably not real conducive to picking up trash, do you think?

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

APRIL 9, 2001 7:00 P.M.

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Approval of minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Clerk's report - Checks/Payroll
- Motion to reestablish recreation committee
- Motion to appoint Dave Lockwood to Safety Board of Appeals
- Motion to support Fire Dept. in applying for grants
- Motion to approve cover letter for pension plan program
- Motion of payment for Earth Tech Services
- Motion for resolution for annual fireman's dinner
- Motion to approve personnel policy
- Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
- Next scheduled meeting will be at 4:30 at Murray Lake Treatment Facility.

Teri Miller, recording secretary

Americans are to receive truly fair and equitable health care. The APA strongly suggests that the following measures be taken by employers, insurance providers, and/or the general public to improve the effectiveness of mental health services, as well as overall health care:

- Design employee benefit packages to encourage employees to seek early intervention for mental health disorders.
- Promote the benefits of good mental health and early intervention through employee newsletters, workshops and/or seminars.

- Educate health plan representatives on the benefits of using psychological Services to improve health and cost-effective diagnostic testing.

- Support efforts by mental health organizations to remove the stigma that still surrounds mental health disorders and prevents many people from seeking treatment.

For further information, please contact:
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Proud parents are Michael and Stacie Barnes of Lowell. Grandparents are Dennis and Deb Stickney and Robert and Diane Barnes, all of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Ollie Risner of Lowell, Dorothy Risner of Alto, Evelyn Barnes of Lowell and

Bud and Lola Stickney of Newaygo. Great-great-grandparents are Betty Jane Patrick of Ionia and Goldie Stringer of Muskegon.

Jeff and Regan Johnson of Grand Rapids are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Karl. He was born at Saint Mary's Hospital on Saturday, March 24, 2001, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz.

Proud grandparents are Efre and Anita Rosales of Hillsboro, Ore., Barb Johnson of Kentwood, and Warren and Beth Johnson of Lowell.

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2001 NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY MOTH LARVAE IN SELECTED AREAS OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Public Notice is hereby given that certain selected areas in Vergennes Township are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the Township office located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. The office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The map is also posted on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org, under the heading "Public Notices."

The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The B.t. brand will be Foray 48B and Foray 76B supplied by Valent BioSciences Corporation and Thuricide 48 LV supplied by Thermo Trilogy Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for May 15, 2001.

Because of the success of the program in the past, the number of acres requiring suppression efforts has been greatly reduced. (The amount that will be collected on Winter 2001 taxes will be reduced proportionately.) Landowners not included in this year's spray program but wishing to be sprayed may choose to participate on their own. A minimum of 10 acres is required, at a cost of \$17.50 per acre. Please contact the applicator directly at 616-754-5184. For questions regarding the township program, please contact Tim Wittenbach, Supervisor.

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Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the first of two required meetings for the year on

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001

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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 7:30-8:30 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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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held third Mon. of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Open Tues., Wed. & Fri. noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs., noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

THURS., APRIL 19: KeenAgers meet at 10 a.m. for pot luck dinner; bring dish to pass, own table service and a friend. p.m. Cost is \$55; includes fabric. Call John at 897-7842 for info.

THURS., FRI. & SAT., MAY 3-5: Franciscan Friends Quilt show at Franciscan Life Process Center. Raffle tickets: \$1 for quilts and quilt-related items. Admission fee to view the show is \$5 - good for all 3 days. Proceeds support programs for senior citizens. Any ?'s, call Beverly or Pat 897-7842.

WED., MAY 16: The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson St.

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.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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: 11 a.m. Lunch at BD's Mongolian BBQ.

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



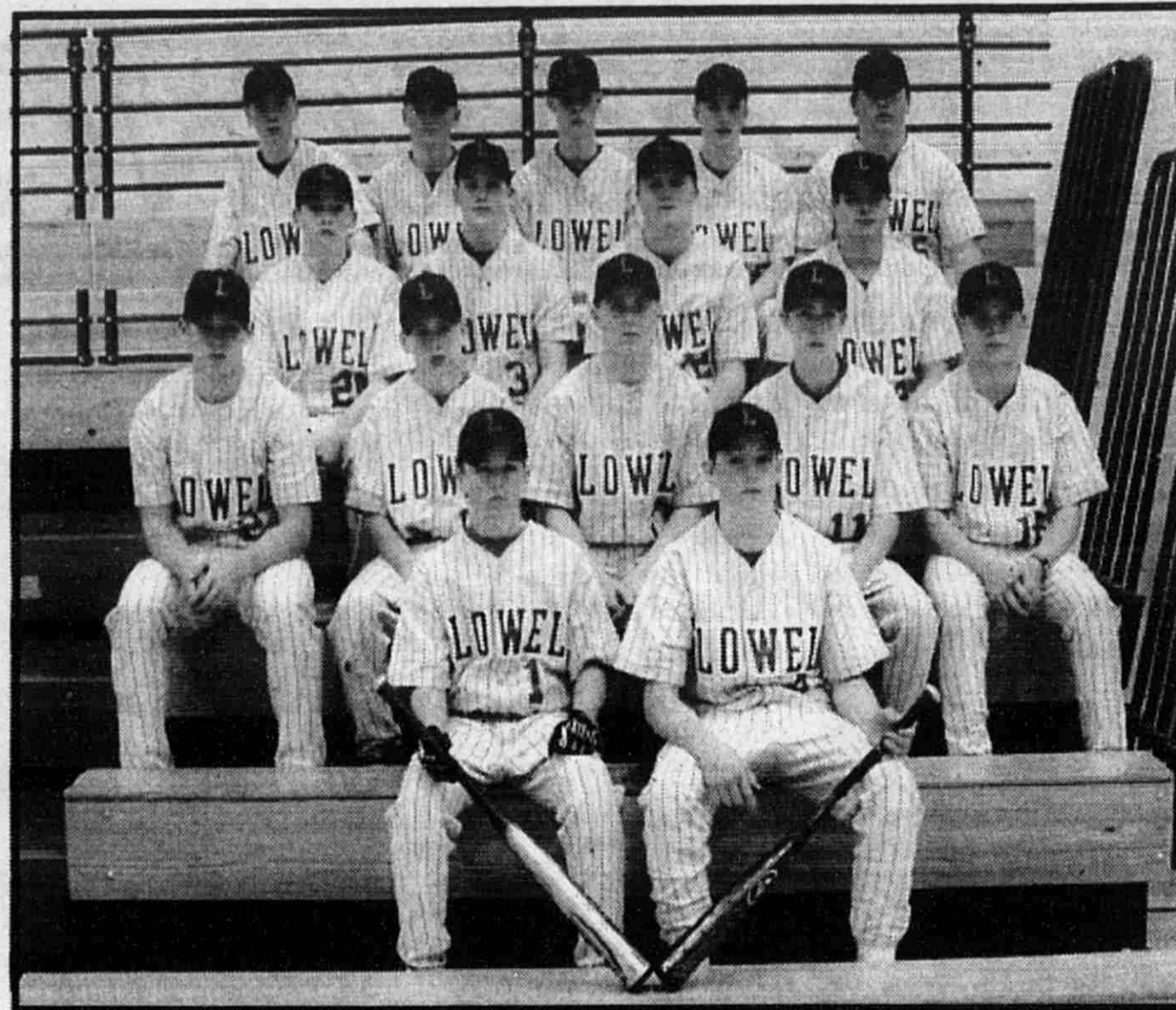
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2nd row - Heather Geelhoed, Angie Nowak, Katie Timpson, Ashley Briggs, Eva Geldersma, Coach Tammi Dent



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2nd row - Chris Curtis, Matt Scheider, Dan Palasek, Tom O'Donnell, Andrew Benedict
3rd row - Dan Harrison, Tom Eldridge, Josh Anderson, Grant Daggett
4th row - Eddie Boeve, Mike Jansma, Luke Tomczak, Kyle Rozema, Brendon Harden

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Girls soccer program ready to ascend to another level

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ryan Conlan doesn't view Lowell girls soccer as a new program anymore ... and he doesn't want his girls to either.

"It's time we take the next step and start winning some big games," said the Lowell girls soccer coach. "We have enough talent on this year's team to take our program to another level."

A strong core of midfielders will anchor the Red Arrows in 2001. "The good thing is three of them are sophomores," Conlan said.

Senior Abbey Goff leads the quartet. Joining her are Becky Bosserd, Blair Meyer and Jessica Quist.

Returning starters at the forward position are senior Heather Posthumus and junior Laura Horsley who led the Red Arrows in scoring a year ago. "They are great leaders on and off the field. They are hard workers and are motivated," Conlan explained.

That can also be said of the other two captains, Jenny Wagner and Goff.

Wagner is a returning all-conference sweeper who Conlan calls the backbone of his club. "Jenny's an important part of this team," Conlan adds.

Senior Becky Raymor will

move from midfielder to a defenseman position. The other defender will be sophomore Kelsey Capps. "Becky has adjusted well. With her experience and ball skills, she will help us," Conlan said.

The fourth-year Lowell coach is excited about the promise of freshman stopper, Helen Crimmins. "She's young and good. Helen is a product of our LASSO program which serves as a feeder program for the high school. We're going to get more and more players with experience and knowledge of the game. It makes for an exciting time for our program."

The athleticism and potential of junior goalie, Kelly Fitzpatrick is also exciting to Conlan. "Kelly has some learning to do, but she's going to be a major part of our success," he explains.

Lowell plays in a league that boasts soccer powers: East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern.

"We know the challenge they present," Conlan concluded.

Lowell opens its league play on Wednesday (April 18) against Hastings.

It's time we take the next step and start winning some big games. We have enough talent on this year's team to take our program to another level.

Ryan Conlan
Lowell Girls Soccer Coach



1st row - Courtney Baker, Danielle Corteville, Abbey Goff, Heather Posthumus
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3rd row - Maranda Morris, Jill Egler, Christina Getz, Laura Davalos, Lynda Horsley, Leslie Kerr
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Red Arrows focus on building on success of last two years

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The first high school baseball team to practice in 2001 was the last to play in 2001.

Lowell's varsity baseball team swung their bats for the first time at 12:01 a.m. on March 12, the first day of spring practice.

Due to a non-conference game cancellation (Greenville), the Red Arrows' first game came three days after all others had played.

"I had nine seniors and five juniors who voluntarily spent the evening (March 11) watching the movies, *Love of the Game* and *Major League* in the auxiliary gym. At 12:01 a.m. with the balls on the tees, they all took their first swings," said varsity baseball coach, Tim Antel.

Anticipation of a new season comes on the heels of a two-year stretch in which Lowell has averaged 24 wins a season. The Red Arrows

were 19-13 a year ago and 27-8 in 1999.

Lowell third-year coach Tim Antel believes his squad will be as strong, defensively and offensively, as any club they play in the O-K White.

"The indicator, though, as to how well we do will be pitching," Antel said. "We play in the strongest baseball conference in the O-K Division."

Back from their spring trip to Gulf Shores, Ala., and a couple of days before the Lowell Invitational, Antel thought his club was where it needs to be.

"The boys are prepared for whatever happens in a game situation," the Lowell coach stresses.

Innings pitched during the 2001 season will be split up between seven pitchers. The development of middle and late relief will be pivotal.

David Rozema and Brad Eldridge are the number one and two starters respectively.

Antel anticipates developing a third starter.

The infield is filled with players who saw significant playing time a year ago.

When Rozema isn't pitching, he will play first. Jason Siembor will fill the hole at second base, Pete VanLaan returns at shortstop, Tom Dawson is at third and all-conference player Eric Gruber will cover ground at third.

"This year I have the best depth I've had in three years. Our backups can step in and fill a role," Antel said. The coach adds that he's blessed with his best outfield in three years.

Josh Brown will track down balls in center field, Andy Cooper will patrol left and Eldridge or Jake Baum will play right.

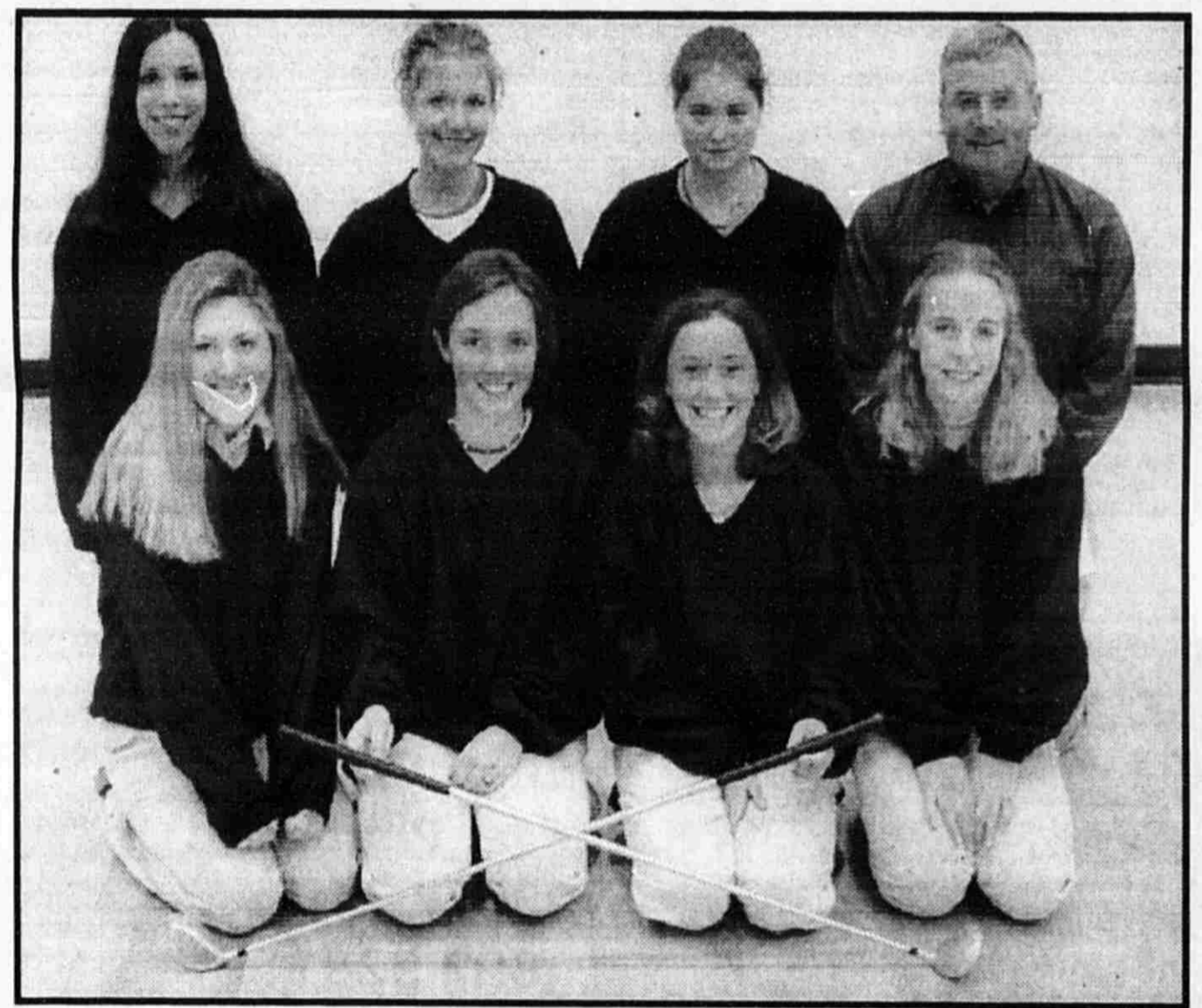
Baum had an on base percentage of 63 as a lead-off hitter last year. "He's the best in the league," Antel notes that



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2nd row - Wade Gilchrist, Sean Mandie, Austin Hunt, Bill Harrison, Adam Kuzmin
3rd row - Jason Siembor, Josh Brown, Brennan Huisman
4th row - Pete VanLaan, Eric Gruber, Tom Dawson, Jake Baum

Hudsonville, Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern and Northview all have a shot at league honors. He adds, "Our goal is to win a conference championship too."

Lowell girls among a number of O-K White crown contenders



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If the Lowell girls' golf team makes it to the top of the O-K White - it will be able to credit a short cut - make that a stroke cut in its short game.

A couple less putts and few better chips and the Red Arrows may go from an also ran in 2000 to a contender in 2001.

The O-K White has a number of strong contenders vying for league honors. What it is missing, however, is a clear-cut favorite.

The Rick White coached Red Arrows finished fourth last year. Lowell may have the sticks and consistency to win its first league championship since 1992.

"Collectively, our biggest

improvement will be the way we hit the ball," White said.

The consistency will depend largely on the play of four returning linksters.

Senior Kate Gunberg, an all-conference performer last year, is a solid player with experience and knowledge. "Kate has the ability to shoot under 45," White said.

Sister and sophomore Jenny Gunberg, while picking up invaluable experience as a freshman, also earned honorable mention all-conference honors. "If Jenny improves her short game she is all-conference material," White said.

The Lowell coach is also expecting big things from senior Lisa LaHaye. "She's going to be a big help. Lisa's hitting the ball well, is accu-

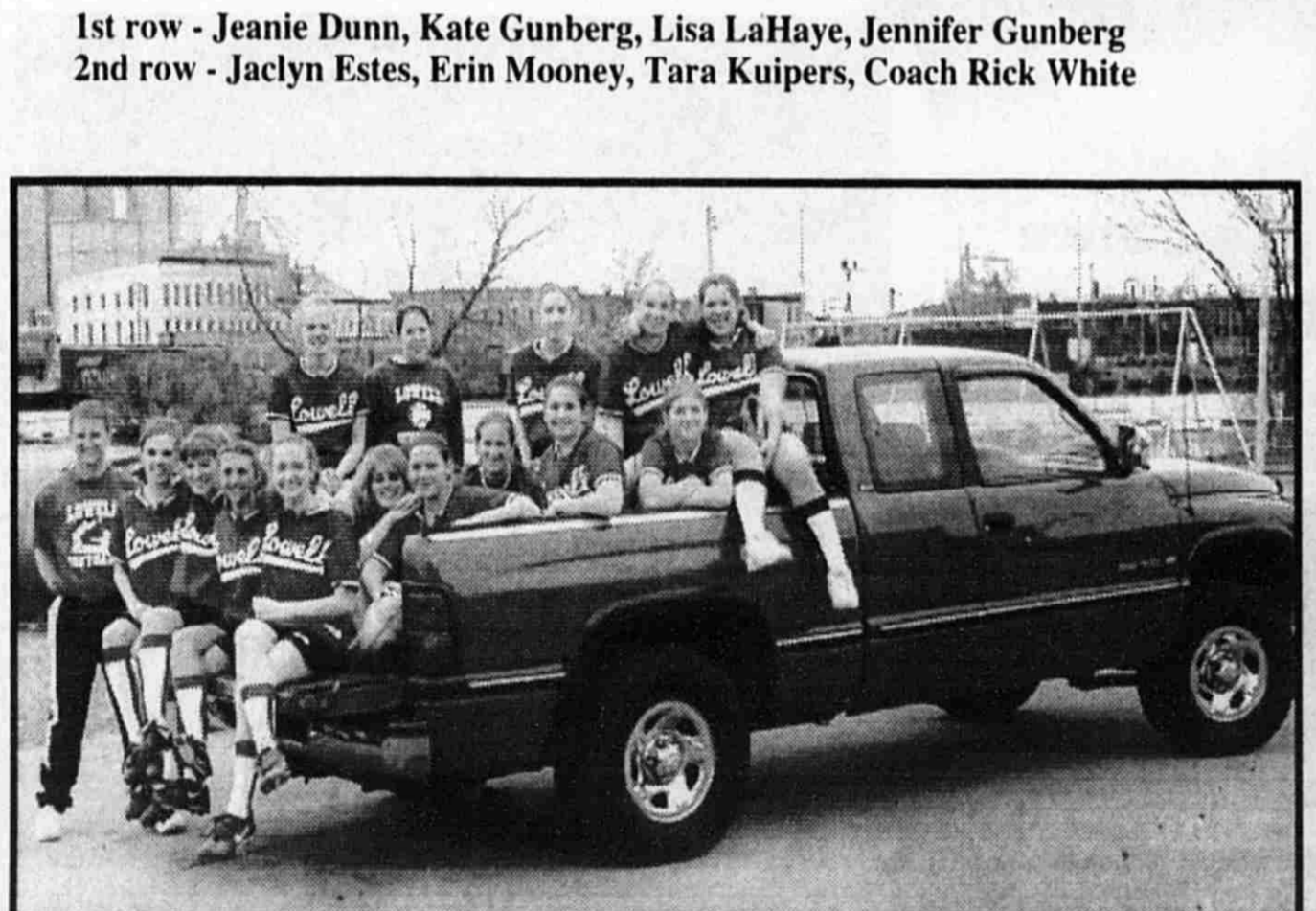
rate and has worked hard on her short game."

Junior Jeannie Dunn hits the ball well, but White says she needs to let things happen naturally and not analyze her game so much.

Up from last year's junior varsity squad are Jackie Estes, Erin Mooney and Tara Kuipers.

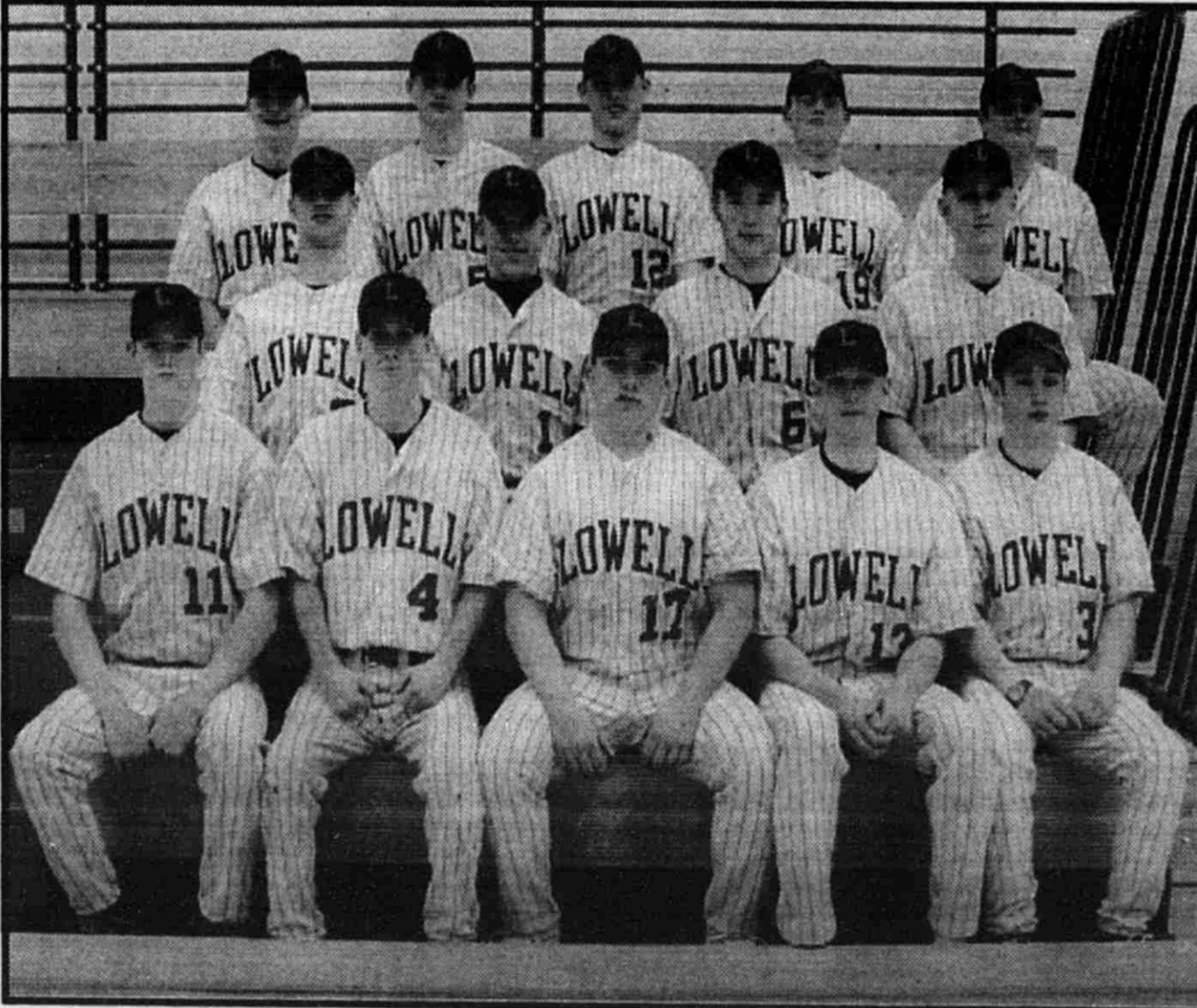
"They all shot high 40's, low 50's at the JV level. I'm hoping they can do that at the varsity level," White said. "The varsity courses we play, though, are down right tough. Playing at the varsity level will be a challenge for them."

The challenge of conference play will begin for the Red Arrows against Forest Hills Central at the Watermark Golf Course.



Freshman Softball

Front row - Coach Tony Ellis, Stephanie Blanchard, Holly Yonker, Ashley Kehoe, Amber VanSprosen
Middle row - Allison VanDiver, Anna Boruta, Larinda Marker, Lyndsey Trierweiler, Katie Willis
Back row - Amy Bogner, Samantha Mendez, Rachael Nawrocki, Vallen VanZyll, Blair Hendrick



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Young Red Arrows will take their cuts in pitching-strong O-K White

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

How does Bob Rodenhouse spell growing pains?

Lowell's three most experienced varsity softball

players are sophomores.

Tara Kimble (second baseman), Jacque Benedict (shortstop) and Noelle Dewey (third baseman) will lead an inexperienced and young Red Arrow club against a softball

conference that is as tough as they come.

Joining the three sophomores in the infield will be first baseman, Shelby Tomczak. "Defensively, I think our infield play will be

solid," said Rodenhouse, Lowell varsity softball coach.

Hudsonville, Forest Hills Central, Northview and Forest Hills Northern, by season's end, will be some of the best softball teams in the area. What they all have in common is dominant pitching. With the exception of the three sophomores, the Red Arrow girls have not faced the pitching they will see this year in the O-K White.

"We don't have a dominant pitcher, however. I think our pitching will be decent. The key will be not walking people," Rodenhouse said. "The other key for us will be to play solid defense."

Pitching for Lowell will be Lacey Capen and Amanda Eickhoff. Benedict will also get a few appearances on the mound.

Last year Benedict hit .380 and played center field. Rodenhouse moved her to shortstop to help solidify the infield.

Lowell finished 19-12 overall last year and 8-6 in the O-K White.

Kristi Anderson will be behind the plate catching the Red Arrow hurlers.

Starting the 2001 season Rodenhouse had questions about the outfield. In fact, that was a priority on the team's spring trip to Gulf Shores.

The Lowell coach will shuffle four-five players who played at the junior varsity level a year ago. Vying for positions will be Katie Blough, Erin Barnes.

We don't have a dominant pitcher; however, I think our pitching will be decent. The key will be not walking people. The other key for us will be to play solid defense.

Bob Rodenhouse
Lowell Softball Coach



1st row - Kristi Anderson, Lacey Capen
2nd row - Noelle Dewey, Tara Kimble, Amanda Eickhoff, Katie Blough, Erin Barnes
3rd row - Coach Bob Rodenhouse, Jade Wilder, Casey Weber, Amanda VanSprosen, Courtney Phillips, Shelby Tomczak, Jacqueline Benedict

Courtney Phillips, Casey Weber and Amanda VanSprosen.

Jade Wilder will play a little first and will DH.

Rodenhouse points to Hudsonville as a league favorite with Forest Hills Northern and Northview right there if the Eagles falter.

Red Arrow boys tennis anticipates upswing in 2001



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The potential is there to make this boys tennis season unlike most in recent past.

None of the Red Arrows are year-round club players, but they are improved and "they play pretty good tennis players," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "The boys are excited and if they play well and get a few breaks, I think it's realistic to think they could place as high as fourth."

Why does fourth sound so good? The toughest tennis conference in the state got tougher with the addition of Forest Hills Northern. The Huskies are expected to battle Forest Hills Central and East Grand Rapids for supremacy in the O-K White.

Wall is also excited about the addition of a junior varsity tennis team. "It's the first time Lowell's had one. We have a good crop of freshmen players and some sophomores

who have been working long and hard. With a summer program in place, we plan on working closely with them."

Alan Stiver will bring hustle and consistency to the number one singles spot. "He doesn't beat himself," Wall says.

Collin Vincent will play at second singles with Gavin Vincent and Jordan Gallagher at third and fourth singles respectively. "Both of the Vincent boys are solid players with nice ground strokes. Jordan is aggressive and has a strong serve," said Wall.

The doubles team of James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips plays at the top flight. "They are strong, they get to the net, and they can dominate with their height," Wall said. "They also have great overhead shots."

The second doubles team will be formed by Chris Cress and Kyle Hines. "Chris is aggressive and plays well at the net. Kyle always seems to be

in position."

Lowell's third doubles team will be Shaun Koning and Troy Gillan. "Troy is grease lightning and Shaun has an excellent serve and is aggressive," Wall said.

Pat Regan and Ryan Dorrough will fill the fourth doubles spot.

Lowell is scheduled to open league play this week against Hastings and East Grand Rapids.

These boys play pretty good tennis. They are excited and if they play well and get a few breaks, I think it's realistic to think they could place as high as fourth.

Bonnie Wall
Lowell Tennis Coach



Lowell JV Tennis

1st row - Jared Huffman, Nick DuBois, Chris Corlett, Dustin Pedley, Sean Myers, Brian McCaul, Paul Schellenberger

2nd row - Coach Mark Kenworthy, Ben Schloop, Chris Gallagher, Jared Felling, Justin Peterson, Juan Caicedo, Andy Reed, Adam Meis, Jeff McPherson

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Talented Red Arrows set to track down conference championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What do you get when young, untested athletes are given a season to develop?

A mature Red Arrow girls track team which returns its top 14 scorers from a year ago.

Last year the Red Arrow youth opened some eyes; this year expectations are that they will open the door to Lowell's first league championship since 1993.

Lowell is not the only favorite... the Red Arrows will have to beat Hudsonville through that door as the Eagles trimmed the Red Arrows last year in a dual meet.

"There's excitement to get started. The girls have gone through a good pre-season conditioning program which started in January," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus, who begins her 22nd year at the helm. "The Lowell girls' sports teams have had a good year. I think the excitement, in part, stems from that."

It has coaxed 64 girls to form an evenly balanced team which also has a few top guns.

Last year's MVP, April Telman returns. The junior should shine in the low and high hurdles and in the pole vault. Helping Telman in the hurdles will be Natalie Kent.

Kristi Ford, who placed fourth in the state in the high jump, is odds on favorite to be the class of the O-K White in her senior year. Last year she cleared 5-4 ... she tied that mark at a pre-season meet at Grand Valley earlier this month.

Her goal is the school record (5'5") set by Leslie Murphy in 1994.

"I think Kristi will also do very well for us in the shot put and discus," Talus said.

Sophomore Nicole Gillikin will lead the Red Arrows in the pole vault. Gillikin qualified in the event as a freshman and placed fourth at the Grand Valley meet.

Senior Rachelle Becker will be in the mix of a deep discus and shot put crew. The captain will also high jump and see time as a sprinter, joining the cast that includes Kim Huyser and Amanda Grochowalski.

Krystal White who qualified for state in the low hurdles is expected to be among the best in the league. She also will have a leg in some sprint relays.

Lisa Wojciakowski will have her eyes set on a school record in the 800-meter run. She qualified for state in the event last year. Wojciakowski will also run some relays.

One relay team that will definitely draw some attention is the 3200-meter relay squad. The team of Wojciakowski,

Holly Plattner, Katie Anderson and Abby Vos set a school record (10:08.07) last year.

Leading a pack of distance runners will be Katie Clements. Sarah Swab will add some depth in the 1600- and 3200- meter runs.

The middle distance crew will benefit from the addition of sophomore Leslie Crowley. She will run the 400-, 800- and 1600-meter relays and be a high jumper.

"Leslie is going to score a lot of points for us," Talus concurs.

Other middle distance runners include Bryn Southwell, Kristen Lee and Sarah Vuong.

Lowell returns its top discus thrower in senior Sandra Sturis. Freshman Kim Wingeier could also make an impact.

"The girls are motivated and ready to start. Now it's my job to make sure they peak at the end," Talus concluded.



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2nd row - Parent Rep. Laura Telman, Allison Bault, Abby Vos, Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner, Lauren Washaw, Molly Kirsch, Allison Malone, Britney Batchelor, Cassie McKinley, Adrienne Ripley, Monika Baumanns, Heather Becker, Natalie Kent, Tara Russo, Holly Young, Desirae Harmon

3rd row - Ryan Oetman, Sarah Vuong, Elizabeth Camp, Kristen Lee, Lindsey Sherman, Sarah Swab, Amanda Willits, Kristi Luebs, Amanda Grochowalski, Melissa Blattner, Katie Lowande, Jamie Clark, Tracie Theel, Elizabeth Brower, Megan Shellenbarger, Parent Rep. Wendy Southwell, Coach Kathy Talus

4th row - Asst. Coach Angie Stockreef, Mgr. Theresa Leasure, Mandy Kettle, Kim Huyser, Katie Clements, Kari King, Leslie Crowley, Sydney Snyder, Jillian Pitsch, Amy Polaski, Katie Huver, Stacey Hubenet, Lyndsey Adriane, Kaitlyn Hanrahan, Merribeth Richard, Kim Wingeier, Mgr. Nancy Elmer, Mgr. Cassie Burke, Asst. Coach Tyler Southwell, Asst. Coach Robin Briggs

5th row - Asst. Coach Ron Acheson

Red Arrow boys track team has new look to it

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Underclassmen will have unlimited opportunity to display their talents and impress first year boys' track coach Russ Stevens.

"We're lacking senior numbers, but we have a good group

of freshman and sophomores on track for something special their junior and senior years," Stevens explained. "We also have an excellent group of juniors on this year's roster."

Freshmen and sophomores (27) account for 61 percent of the 2001 squad.

In addition, there are 10 juniors and two seniors and

Stevens is looking for more. "My door is open to athletes who are not doing anything this spring. Come on out and have some fun."

Names who Stevens anticipates will put up strong numbers this spring include Mark Catlin, Kurt Telman, Mike Wierenga and Zach Stauffer.

"Catlin's a stud. He will be able to help us out in a number of spots. I'll be moving him around to spots where he can best perform and help the team," Stevens explained.

The sophomore is currently penciled in at the long jump, 800-meter relay, 400-meter relay and 200-meter dash.

Junior Zach Stauffer is also someone people will enjoy watching. "Zach will definitely be someone to watch."

Stauffer will shine in the 800-meter run. He will also do well in the mile, and have legs in the 1600-, and 3200-meter relay.

Telman will anchor the 300 low hurdles and run in the 400- and 800-meter relays. He will also be used in the 100 dash.

Wierenga will be looked to in the 400-meter and should contribute in the 400-, 800- and 1600-meter relays.

Wierenga and Telman are the only two seniors on this year's squad.

Travis DeVoid will lead Lowell in the 100-meter dash and could have a leg in the 400-meter relay.

Sophomore Dave Hefferan will anchor the discus and shot put. "I think we're going to see big number from Dave in discus," Stevens said.

Sophomore Andy Roberts is expected to add some much needed depth in the hurdles. "He's going to help us. Andy has a great work ethic."

Missing some early season meets, but expected to make contributions upon their return are Jack Whitman (high jump, 800-meter run), Jeff Telman (relays, hurdles), and Kurt Johnson (800-meter run).

Three of Lowell's first four meets are away. After opening with Hastings, it travels to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern.

Stevens believes Hudsonville and Forest Hills Northern are early season favorites.

"I'm excited, the boys are excited and we'll see what happens," Stevens said.



1st row - Andrew Jakubielski, Josh Abdo, Jason Mathews, Marc Wernet, Randy Wade, Matt Smith, Roy Juarez, Taylor Jamison, Craig Myers, Josh Middleton

2nd row - Brad Calvi, Tyler Nethercott, Jeff Telman, Jack Whitman, Travis DeVoid, Kurt Telman, Matt Foster, Scott Riddle, Andrew Roberts, Wes Tweedale, Asst. Coach Clay VanderWarf

3rd row - Coach Russ Stevens, Jason Offenbacher, Jason Hill, Adam Scott, Cody Merklinger, Corey Krieg, Phillip Moerdyke, Jon Howard, Michael Wierenga, Mark Catlin, David Hefferan, Kirk Johnson

Ford rewrites school record book in high jump; sets new mark at 5'6-1/4"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kristi Ford, a 14-year dance student, took her talents to the air Friday in the season-opening 102-31 win over Hastings.

The senior hopped and glided to the high bar before elevating up and over the setting of 5'6-1/4", and with it set a new school record in the high jump. The previous record, owned by Leslie Murphy (5'5"), was set in 1994.

Ford, who placed fourth in the state in the high jump last year, was expected to break Murphy's mark in her senior season - it was just a matter of when.

"Kristi has been working toward this moment for quite some time. She has worked hard since January working on her speed and jump training," said Lowell track coach Kathy Talus. "Now she needs to work to continue to get better."

Knowing that some of her

best jumps over the past three years have come early in the season, Ford was not surprised by the timing of her record-setting jump.

"I usually have a good jump early in the season. I wasn't sure if it would come Friday, however, because of the wind and the cold," she explained.

The high jump record is something the senior has been eyeing since the eighth-grade. "I figured I had to improve my height by two inches every year to beat the record," Ford said.

Prior to the meet against Hastings, her best mark was 5-4, a height she reached at Grand Valley earlier this month.

The senior was not only a prime time performer in the high jump - she recorded a personal best and a first-place finish in the shot put with a throw of 31'2". Ford also measured up quite well in the discus, winning that event with a distance of 89' 8".

Ford's efforts helped Lowell blow past Hastings 102-31.

The Red Arrows posted 14 firsts against the Saxons. They included: Krystal White, 110 high hurdles, 16.75; White, 200-meter dash, 28.70; Holly Plattner, long jump, 14'5-3/4"; Nicole Gilliken, pole vault, 6'; Leslie Crowley, 400-meter run, 1:03.46; Natalie Kent, 300 intermediate hurdles, 52.83; and Lisa Wojciakowski, 800-meter run, 2:35.99.

Earning top honors in the relays were: Bryn Southwell, Abby Vos, Plattner, and Sarah Swab, 3200-meter relay, 11:22.7; Amanda Grochowalski, Wojciakowski, Crowley and White, 800-meter relay, 1:54.32; White, Gilliken, Grochowalski, Kim Huyser, 400-meter relay; Crowley, Plattner, Kent, Wojciakowski, 1600-meter relay, 54.78.



Kristi Ford's record-breaking jump is one she won't soon forget. The senior cleared 5'6-1/4" beating the old mark of 5'5" set by Leslie Murphy.

Picture Courtesy Dan Goggins

Lowell Wrestling Club Results:

The following wrestlers placed in their group in recent competitions:

- Lakeview Tournament
- Group 0 - Kanon Dean, 2nd.
- Caledonia Tournament
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Lowell's Mike Wierenga, right, races down the back stretch with his Hastings counterpart in the 400-meter relay.

Hastings handles Lowell in season-opening track meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It wasn't how first-year coach Russ Stevens and his squad wanted to start the 2001 track season, but even amidst the cold, windy weather and 100-33 loss to Hastings, there were some strong performances to hang their warmups on at the end of the day.

"We're a little disappointed obviously, but we'll work to correct things against East Grand Rapids," Stevens explained.

Lowell's only individual first-place performance was handed in by Mike Wierenga in the 400-meter run. The Red Arrow stopped the clock in 56.11.

The Red Arrows also earned top honors in two of the four relays. Wierenga, Kurt Telman, Mark Catlin and Matt Foster raced home in a winning time of 1:38.53 in the 800-meter relay. "The boys had a smooth race although some of the handoffs were shaky," Stevens said.

In the 3200-meter relay, it was Craig Myers, Jon Howard, Scott Riddle and Zach Stauffer coming home in a winning time of 9:47.9.

Stauffer also finished second in the 800-meter run (2:15.07) and the 1600-meter run (5:00.34).

Lowell's Andrew Roberts managed a second in the 300 low hurdles despite taking a spill. Roberts finished in 46.69.

David Hefferan was second in the discus with a toss of 123'7".

Red Arrows follow up Middleville victory with Lowell Invitational win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Winners of six of eight flights, Lowell boys tennis team won its own tournament (Lowell Invitational) Saturday for the first time.

The Red Arrows finished with 19 points, followed by Greenville 15, Big Rapids 10, and Alma 4.

"It was a substantial win in that we won six of the eight flights," said Red Arrow boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "We're a much better tennis team this year. The boys are pretty pumped about winning this tournament."

The coach added they weren't as excited about learning she had changed the lineup for the tournament. "Afterwards, though, they told me that was a 'pretty good decision, coach,'" Wall said.

The Red Arrows won flights at first, third and fourth singles.

Collin Vincent, first singles, went 2-1; Gavin Vincent, third singles, was 3-0 on the day; Jordan Gallagher, fourth singles, was also 3-0.

"Collin's play was strong all day. Gavin was nervous to start, but as he developed

confidence, his play improved," Wall said. "Jordan was great at the net and played aggressively."

Alan Stiver, second singles, was 2-1 and finished second.

In doubles play, James Bossard and Ryan Phillips (3-0), first doubles, were dominant in winning top honors. "They hit great overheads and just played real strong tennis," Wall explained.

Chris Cress and Kyle Hines were undefeated (3-0) in winning second doubles.

Shaun Koning and Troy Gillan, third doubles, were 3-0 and won their flight championship.

Ryan Dorough and Dan Huffman, playing fourth doubles, finished 0-3 on the day.

Lowell 6 Middleville 2

Sweeping all four flights in singles play was an auspicious beginning to Lowell's 2001 boys tennis season.

"It's the first time in recent memory that this has happened," Lowell boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall said. "I see such great improvement in their play over a year ago. They are aggressive and they're hit-

ting through the ball." All four of Lowell's singles players lost their first set, but battled back to win the match in three sets.

Alan Stiver, first singles, defeated Kevin Schmidt 6-7(2), 6-1, 6-3. Collin Vincent, second singles, upended Mike Hopkins 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In third singles, Jordan Gallagher defeated Jon Bosma 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. In fourth singles, Chris Cress bested Tyler James 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

The Red Arrows split the four doubles matches with Middleville.

Lowell won at flights one and three.

James Bossard and Ryan Phillips, first doubles, took two sets to defeat Mike Hart and Andrew Kalee 6-2, 6-1.

Lowell's third doubles team of Shaun Koning and Troy Gillan won 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (5) in three sets over Tim Suwyn and Kevin McClure.

Gavin Vincent and Kyle Hines, second doubles, lost in three sets 1-6, 6-4, 6-7(4).

Ryan Dorough and Dan Huffman, fourth doubles, fell 3-6, 3-6.

"This was a competitive match between two evenly matched teams. The boys played well," Wall concluded.

Lowell linksters stumble at Greenville

Greenville Country Club wouldn't have been the course Lowell girls golf coach Rick White would have chosen to start the season.

If White would have had

to pick a day to play their first match, Thursday would not have been the day.

White didn't, they did, and Lowell lost to a strong Greenville team 186-222.

"Our short game was terrible," White said. "Sixty percent of our strokes came on chips and putts. Greenville is a very good golf team, but with the way we chipped and putted

we made it easy on them."

Lisa LaHaye led all Red Arrow linksters with a 51. Katie Gunburg followed with a 55; Jenny Gunberg, Tara Kuipers and Jeanie Dunn fired 58s.

"The girls get to the green just fine, but then they are having troubles," White explained.

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.



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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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

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

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

6.8 Penalties

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

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

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

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

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Charter Township

Red Arrows turn back Bulldogs; lose to Christian in tourney title game

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The smile on Tim Antel's face was evident that he was pleased with his club's fastbreak start against Grandville from the O-K Red.

Lowell was held to just four hits, but six stolen bases and heads-up base running helped Lowell manufacture runs in the Red Arrows' 6-2 win over the Bulldogs at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday.

"I was pleased. I thought our execution was pretty good for a first game. We had some missed signs and poor base-

running decisions, but those will get corrected," said Antel, Lowell varsity baseball coach.

Lowell plated two runs in the first inning, three in the third and a single run in the fifth.

The offensive heroes were Jake Baum who scored two runs, walked three times and stole three bases; Pete VanLaan who had a single and scored two runs; Eric Gruber who had an RBI and scored two runs; Josh Brown with a single, an RBI and a sacrifice; Tom Dawson with a single and two stolen bases;

Brennan Huisman who tallied a hit; and Wade Gilchrist who added an RBI.

On the mound, Lowell used three pitchers. Brad Eldridge went three innings, allowing two on six hits. Dave Rozema came in and pitched innings four, five and six, allowing just one hit. Brown pitched the seventh inning, walking two and striking out two.

In the championship game of the Lowell Invitational, the Red Arrows lost to Grand Rapids Christian 6-3.



Lowell pitcher Dave Rozema fields a slow roller and fires to first for the out during Saturday's game with Grandville.

Posthumus' three goals lead Lowell to shutout win over Lakewood

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Lowell played like a team looking to take their play to another level in its season-opening 6-0 win at Lakewood.

"The girls were able to go by people with the ball and then make good decisions. That's a big plus in any sport," Lowell girls soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

Senior Heather Posthumus posted a team-high three goals, none more rewarding than the ball she put in the net off her head on an excellent crossing pass from Becky Bossard.

"That is something that had not been accomplished since this program began four years ago. It was a goal of the girls this season," Conlan said.

Laura Horsley netted two goals and Bossard tallied the game's first goal from 24 yards out within the first 10 minutes of the contest. Her goal created the upper net.

"The ball skills training program the girls participated in this winter I think has been a big benefit," Conlan said.

Lowell plays Ionia and Hastings this week.

Lowell girls doubled-up by Rockford

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For 10 of Lowell's first-year varsity softball players, Friday's doubleheader at Rockford was an eye-opener.

Facing one of the better teams in the O-K Red, and one of the better pitchers in the West Michigan area, the Red Arrows got a taste of what lies ahead.

In the opener, Lowell fell 5-2 to Rockford and its senior ace, Kristen Lodden.

The Ram's four-year starter, while one of the better pitchers in the area, might not be one of the top two pitchers in the O-K White.

Bob Rodenhouse's message to his young club following a 15-4 loss in the night-cap was: expect Lodden caliber pitching and even better once O-K White play begins.

"I thought our pitching was decent. We didn't walk that many hitters," Rodenhouse explained.

The coach was pleased with the pitching effort of Lacey Capen in the opener.

The Red Arrow hurler allowed five runs on four hits. Three of those came in the third inning; all the runs were unearned.

"I didn't know what to expect. I was pleased with our effort," Rodenhouse said of a team which has only three players that played varsity softball last year.

"There are going to be some growing pains. If we can eliminate the physical errors and hit a little better, I think we'll be okay," Rodenhouse said.

Ram coach, Terry Konkle knows his club is in for a dog fight in the rugged O-K Red, was happy with his club's defensive play against the Red



Lowell's Courtney Phillips gives chase to a foul ball during Friday's second game with Rockford.

Arrows. "I thought our defense was solid. Lodden is a four-year starter. She's a good thrower."

Rockford, 4-0, hit the ball well against Lowell, especially in game two. "We have a lot of good hitters throughout our lineup," said Konkle.

In the opener, Lowell tallied four hits against Lodden. Jacque Benedict homered, Tara Kimble, Katie Blough and Amanda VanSpronsen

all added singles.

In the second game, Lowell rapped out five hits; Benedict laced a triple and scored a run; Noelle Dewey was 2-for-3 and scored two runs; Blough singled and scored a run; and Jade Wilder had a hit.

Lowell, 0-2, continues its non-conference schedule this week with games against Belding, Middleville and Grand Rapids Christian.

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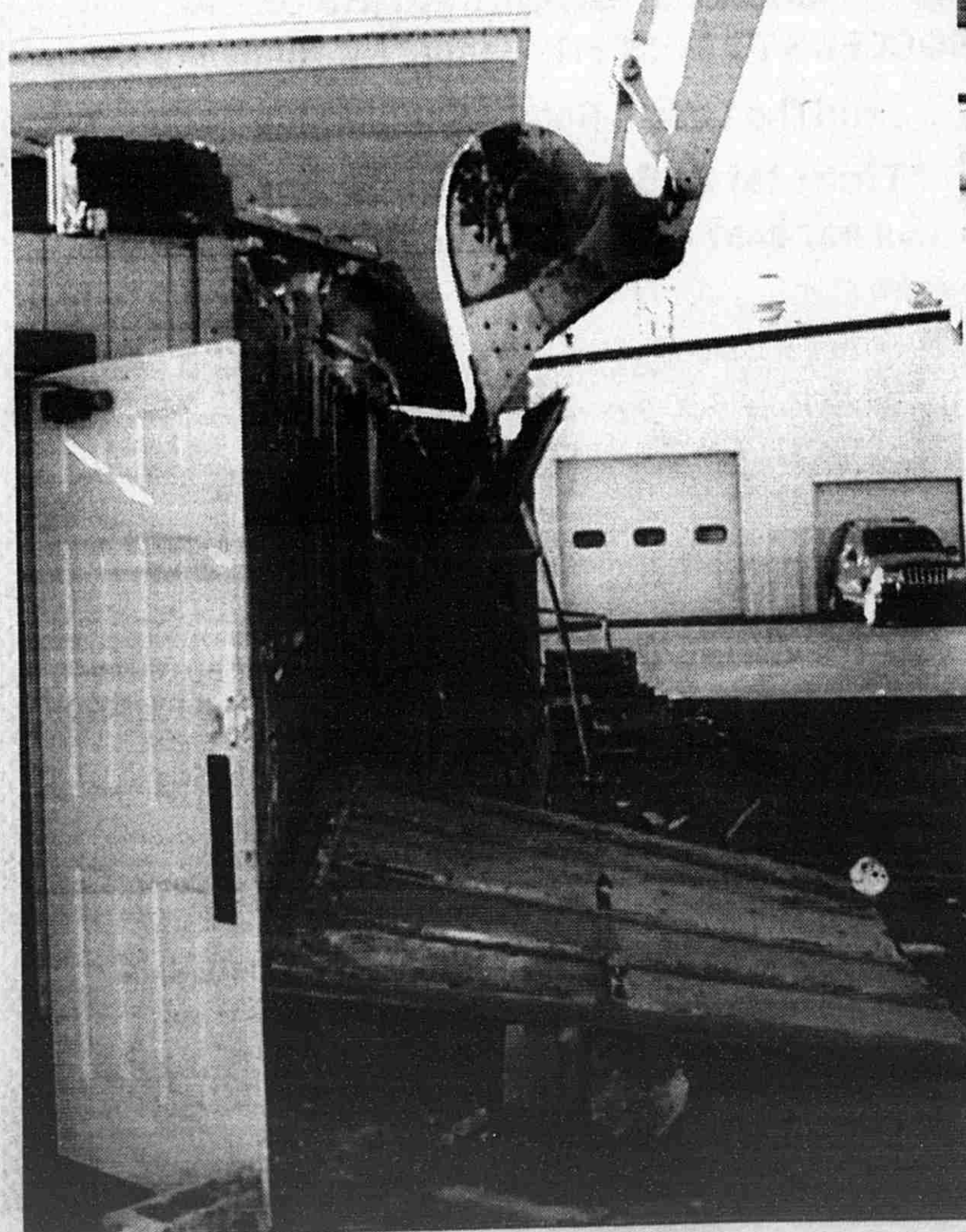
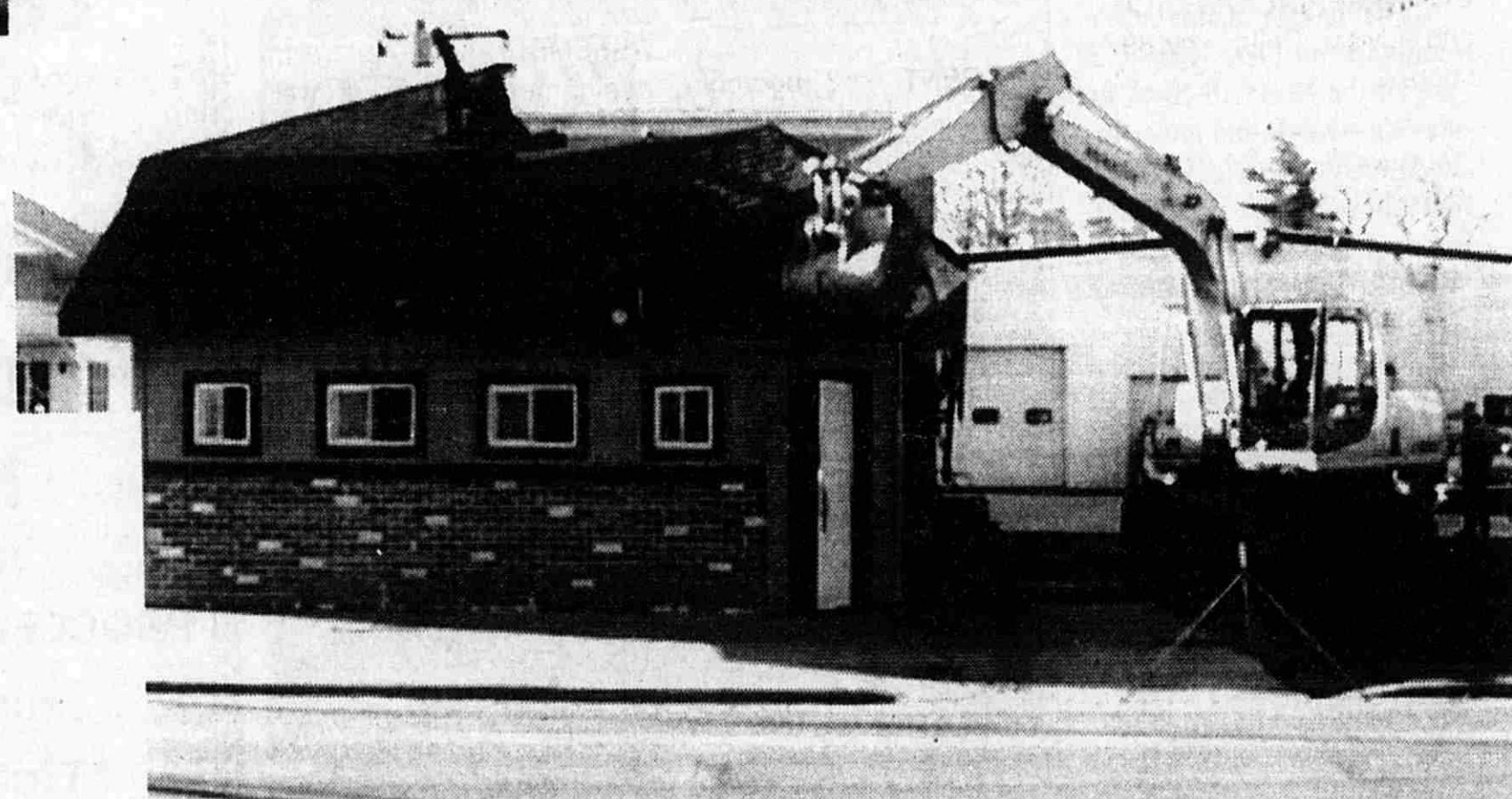
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