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Spirit of Community Celebration Friday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell community will come together Friday to celebrate leadership in arts, education and community service.

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

In addition, the event will honor the recipients of the Tribute Tree (sponsored by the Lowell Area Education Foundation), the Ray Quada Opportunity Scholarship, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, the Lowell Area Arts Council Arty Award and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.

"The school, the city, the arts council, the chamber all have had their own event; this brings all of us together for one big community celebration," said Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke.

The event will begin in the high school cafeteria with a social gathering at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by the Lowell String Ensemble. A buffet dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The awards presentations will begin at 8 p.m. which will include a special video tribute celebrating the life, accomplishments and community spirit of Ray Quada.

Those not attending the dinner are invited to attend the awards presentations. Bleke noted that 250 people made dinner reservations. "It should be a great evening," he concluded.

The evening will be hosted by Jim Bosserd and Lowell mayor, Michael Blough.

The development of the celebration was a collaborative effort by Pete Gustafson, president of the school board; Pinky McPherson, president of Lowell Area Education Foundation; Bert Bleke, superintendent of Lowell Schools; Liz Baker, executive director of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce; and Loraine Smalligan, executive director of Lowell Area Arts Council.

CROP Walk takes stroll for Hunger Sunday

The 7th annual Lowell Area CROP Walk is expected to gather roughly 350 community patrons for Sunday's walk.

The annual walk raises money in the fight against hunger.

Last year over \$30,000 was collected by 320 walkers. Of those funds that remained in Lowell, the Flat River Outreach Ministries received \$5,441 and the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center received \$1,813.

This year's walk is Sunday (May 6) at 1 p.m. The walk starts at the Lowell First United Methodist Church. This year's grand marshal is Roger LaWarre.

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

Individuals needing "walking papers" or who just want to sponsor someone else, may call 897-5935.

General contributions can be made by check to Church World Services, and can be sent to Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk, c/o First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell MI 49331.

Planning Commission favors RV park idea; chairman to investigate proposal

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

With the North Country Trail and the improvements with the city, the Lowell Planning Commission is looking at the development of an RV park.

The park, proposed by Lowell Planning Commission chair, James Hall, would be located on the city-owned property adjacent to the Flat and Grand rivers. The plan would utilize the Moose, Rogers, and Flat River island properties, with bridges connecting to the islands.

"This is something that has been kicked around for three years, but nothing in particular is being done about it," Hall said. "I am asking the commission to endorse the idea and give me a three-year window of opportunity to look into the RV park by setting aside the property for that time period."

Believing that the project deserves investigation, the planning commission unanimously endorsed the property, which means that no development of the land will be considered for three years, while Hall is looking into the possible

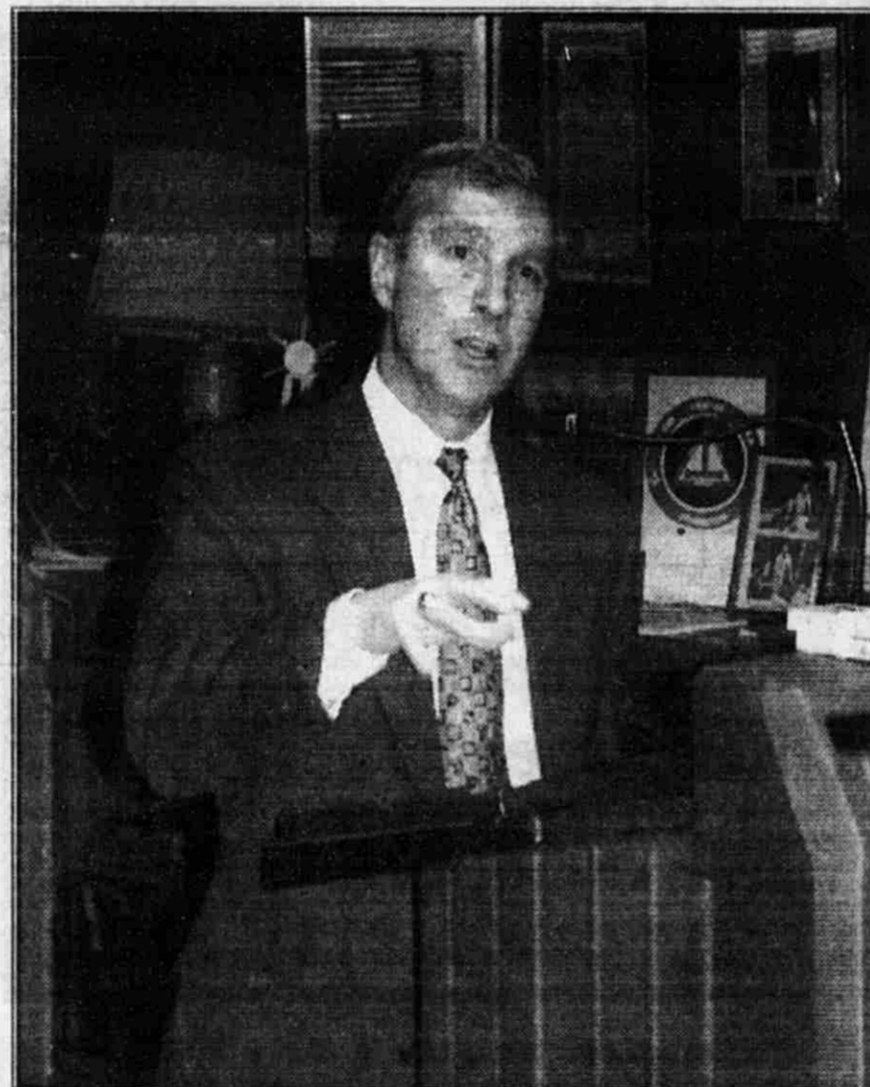
development of an RV park.

Hall said one of his first moves will be developing a marketing study to see if the park would be utilized and what would be necessary to attract the motorhome and converted coach (highway buses that have been converted into motorhomes) crowd to the park. He also plans to offer an area for tenters.

Because of his background in design, Hall said he feels comfortable in developing initial drawings for the project and has already been in contact with an engineer who is interested in working on the project.

At this point, he is looking for volunteers and people who would like to work on the project with him. This can include commission members, councilmembers as well as citizens. Those interested should contact City Hall.

"As I consider this project, there is a quote I like that speaks for it," he said. "Create a place that you don't have to be, but where you would like to be at."



Posthumus reflects back on the '90s Michigan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

As a new face in the Michigan Senate in 1983, Richard Posthumus had a vision as to what he wanted Michigan to grow into and what he wanted his children to grow up in.

"I wanted Michigan to be a state where my children could create a life for themselves after education," Posthumus said. "My daughters Krista and Lisa have both been able to do that."

The Alto resident feels strongly that his youngest two children, Heather and Bryan, will also enjoy the same opportunity.

Since his days in the Senate, Posthumus has served as majority leader and now as lieutenant governor.

Posthumus described the '80s as a time for high unem-

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Two remodeling projects have commission reviewing variance requirements again

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The dilemma: To encourage people to buy old homes and remodel them so as to improve the community, yet have those projects fit the city's criteria for a variance.

Not an easy one to solve, but one the Lowell Planning Commission realized after Monday night's meeting it was going to have to deal with. Faced with the recurring issue of older homes being remodeled which were built well before the current zoning ordinance, the situation in how to accommodate both the homeowners and city guidelines is getting, well, a little hairy.

"A lot of these homes were built small and now people want to have more room," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale. "We don't want to discourage them from making improvements."

Case in point: Ryan Pawloski, of 924 N. Hudson St., and Will Welsh, of 504 Lincoln Lake, both approached the planning commission to get variances. Pawloski's was for a side yard variance. During the process of constructing an addition to his house, the walls were poured five feet rather than six feet from the north side yard. In the case of Welsh, his builder Dan Lyndrup was seeking a variance to allow the house and garage addition to set back 18 feet from Howard Street, which is how

far the house sits from the street. The ordinance requires a 30-foot setback.

Because both requests continue the current nonconformity of the home, the two had to seek variances. In fact, most of the homes built about the time Pawloski's and Welsh's homes were constructed (in the early 1900's) don't meet the current

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OBITUARIES

CHADWICK - Warren Reed Chadwick, aged 80, of Saranac, went to be with his Lord and Savior April 30, 2001. He was born January 30, 1921 in Chicago, IL, the son of Floyd R. and Clara L. (Geiger) Chadwick. He would go on to marry Rosalyn Curtis May 22, 1942 in Saranac. He was a veteran of WWII. Warren owned and

operated the Saranac Hardware 1955-1984. He was a member of the Saranac Community Church. Charter member of the Saranac Lions Club. Member of the Saranac Community Club. Served on the Village Council in Saranac. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Rosalyn in Saranac; his mother Clara Chadwick of Lowell; sons Curtiss and

Shirley Chadwick of Saranac; Bruce and Margaret Chadwick of Saranac; daughters Mary and Rob Bentz of Alaska, Elizabeth and Brien Simpson of Saranac, Nora and Jim Ruder of Grand Rapids; brother Raymond C. Chadwick of Saranac; sister Frances Hauter of Saranac; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers Floyd and Albert. Funeral services will be held Thursday 11 a.m. at the Saranac Community Church with officiates Rev. Ed Noren and Rev. James Frank. Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the New Village River Park or

the Saranac Community Church
Burial in South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clarksville First Responders or the Boston-Saranac Historical Society.

FAHRNI - Bruce F. Fahrni, aged 79, of Clarksville, went to be with his Lord Saturday morning, April 28, 2001. Bruce was born in Ionia County June 14, 1921 and had farmed in the Clarksville area his entire life. He is survived by Rosie, his loving wife of 57 years; his daughters Joy (Tim) Horning and JoAnn (Jerry) Leazenby; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters Doris (Bert) McCaul and Carol Fahrni; many other loving relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Frederick and June (Cole) Fahrni. The funeral service was held Monday at

the Clarksville Bible Church. Burial in South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clarksville First Responders or the Boston-Saranac Historical Society.

HARIG - Mrs. Edna M. (Pitsch) Harig, aged 92, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2001. She was preceded in death by her husband Maynard (Sam) Harig. She is survived by her children Jean and Sam Bornstein of Brighton, Louis and Gail Harig of Alto, Russell and Mary Harig of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; her brother Norman Pitsch of Alto; her sister and brother-in-law Louise and Louis Rich of Grand Rapids; her sister-in-law Fae Pitsch of OH; many nieces and nephews. Edna was a baptized member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a longtime member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Lowell Senior Neighbors. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9669 Kraft S.E. with Fr. David E. LeBlanc celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Members of the family will be at the Caledonia Funeral Home, 616 E. Main St., Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Rosary service will be prayed Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

ing hunting, fishing and four-wheeling. He was a loyal fan of the Dallas Cowboys football team. Although J.J. had a quiet and sensitive manner, his fun-loving personality will always be remembered by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his grandmother Pat Larimore and cousin Riley Hall. The family will receive visitors Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Funeral services will be held at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Thursday at 11 a.m. with Rev. William J. Renkema officiating. Private burial at Rosedale Cemetery.

NEAD - David L. Nead, aged 62, of Sand Lake, formerly of Saranac, passed away April 27, 2001 at his residence after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 7, 1939 in Lowell to the parents of Richard F. and Truey V. Condon Nead. He was a member of the Saranac American Legion and The Lowell Moose. He married Mary McCormick, November 8, 1998 in Cedar Springs. Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter Sheila and Ted Schneider of Morley; two stepsons Dennis Flanagan of Sand Lake and Mark Flanagan of Lowell; one step daughter, Sarah Flanagan of Big Rapids; two brothers Charles and Sharon Nead of Lowell and Gary and Linda Nead of Bitely; one sister Betty and Rex Morris of Cedar Springs; two grandchildren Joshua and Kathryn; also several step grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held Monday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Saranac Fire Department.

MELLEMA - Jack "J.J.", aged 16, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 29, 2001 and went to be with his Lord and Savior. J. J. will be lovingly remembered and missed by his parents Jack and Jackie; sister Patti; his grandparents Andrew and Lucille Mellema, Jim and Martha Larimore, many uncles, aunts, cousins and numerous friends. J.J. will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, includ-

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.vergennewtp.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.

The insecticide B.t. is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honey bees or other non-leaf eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The B.t. formulation has no reentry restrictions. The B.t. is applied at about a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the tree foliage. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk

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Construction Board of Appeals - to complete a vacated term

These positions are compensated per diem. Interested applicants should respond to the township clerk by Wednesday, May 16th in order to be considered.

Application forms may be obtained by calling 897-5671, or stopping by the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331. The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A summary of job descriptions is also available.

Mari Stone, Clerk

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Reflections

Of Faith

Jason Aaron Leiminger
Lowell Wesleyan Church

Coming off of a week of vacation we returned home to an almost empty refrigerator. The need to acquire some food was keenly felt; we were out of bread - the staple to any good meal. The prescription for the ailment - go to the grocery store. It's just down the street, it won't take long. But it's Sunday, the Lord's Day, the Day of Rest, the Sabbath.

As I stood in the aisle way of Family Fare, I found I was not alone. The place was packed, partly due to the holi-

day season, but many were here for their need at the moment: Coke, bread, deli meats.

Some of us are aware that years ago this scene wouldn't have existed; the grocery stores weren't open. In fact, very little was open on a Sunday. The cultural shift came gradually at first, then went into high gear as 7-11 along with the whole convenience store industry made its presence felt. We're living in a world that is open for business 24/7; all day, every day. There were those who tried to stem the tide, tried to say that this is not the way a people who called themselves "Christian" was to conduct itself on the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Gone are they, to the same fate of penny candy. Never to be seen again.

Voices from the pulpit don't even call us to consider the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath of the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who strays with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and

made it holy." (Ex 20:8-11 NASB)

The last public figure to arouse talk of Sabbath observance was the 2000 Democratic vice presidential candidate, also a senator, Joseph Lieberman. Senator Lieberman is known in Washington for his strict adherence to the Sabbath admonishment. The press told the world that when the U.S. Senate would hold special sessions on the Sabbath, Senator Lieberman would not appear unless a vote were to be taken, and then he would make his way to the chambers by walking.

What does the 4th commandment mean to us in the 21st century?

Does it have any relevance in our fast-paced world, where the majority of us in American culture eat our meals outside of our own kitchens? What does it say to us when we work 60 hours a week with no time to trim the hedge in front of the house, or cut firewood, or get in our game of golf that helps us relax? ... and here's Sunday, the day to do what you need to do, or what you want to do, the day off.

Now mind you, this attitude isn't found simply among the heathen, those who have not made a confession of faith. It's also among those of us who call ourselves disciples of Jesus. The parking lot at the nearby country club fills up after the early worship service. The crowd at your neighborhood bar and grill still has on their Sunday best with church worship packets in their purses. Of course, those coming to the restaurant are not working, they're being served, but their neighbor is working to serve them.

What are we to do with

the Sabbath? What are we to make of this 4th commandment? Can we continue to overlook it, to ignore it? Can we continue to walk around it by noting that Jesus said, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath?" (Mk 2:27 NASB) We certainly don't want to return to the legalism of those in the synagogue who damnably looked at Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. (Mk 3:1-6) We want to be on Jesus' side here, to do good on the Sabbath. We want to be people of the New Covenant, so like the disciples, we pick heads of grain as we walk through our grain fields; (Mk 2:23) we do our grocery shopping on our way home from church, and to make sure that no one in the family will have to work, we stop at Burger King for lunch - Praise the Lord! We play our weekly golf game, after all, is this not a day of rest? We are willing to put some more hours in at work to cover the costs for our much needed vacation ... We suggest to young people, who are the ones most likely to work on Sunday, that this helps them learn responsibility as they answer to their boss, one in higher authority.

Maybe you don't have the same sense that I do, but as I stood at the deli asking for turkey pastrami on Sunday, I had a prick in my conscience. Quite possibly it was my agrarian cultural mores wielding their vulturous head trying to overcome my freedom in Christ ... but maybe, maybe, it was the Spirit of God telling me that I'm missing the "blessing" that God gave to the Sabbath.



Howard Hargrave and Anna Lietzke

Lietzke/Hargrave

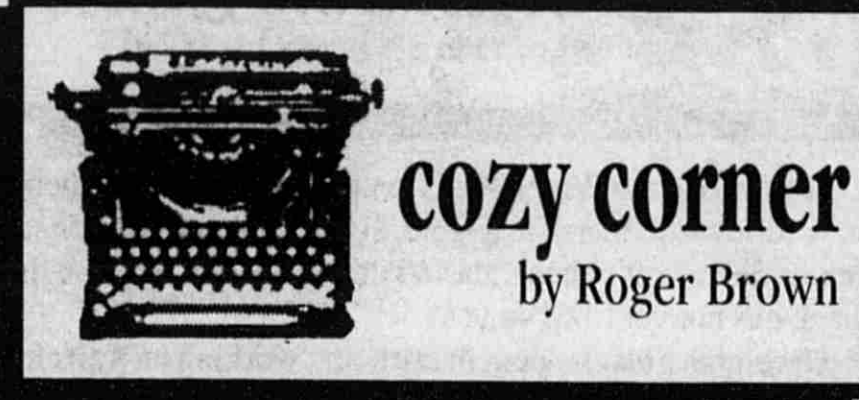
Anna Lietzke and Howard Hargrave, both of Philadelphia, Pa., are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a Lowell High School graduate. She also has a B.S. degree from Adrian College and a master's degree from Philadelphia University. She is the daughter of Ted and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell.

The groom-elect is a Manheim Twp. High School graduate, as well as holding a B.A. from Wesleyan University and an M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine. His parents are Hugh and Sharon Hargrave of Leola, Pa. The couple plans an October 20, 2001 wedding.

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

I left you last week after a day at Disneyland in southern California. My wife and I were "babysitting" our grandkids and purchased a three-day Disney package, or sentence, depending on one's perspective. After a full day's drive from Phoenix to L.A. and a day of "Feeding the Mouse," everyone was holding up nicely. The kids, Jim (Maddie) at four and Boog (Zach) at two and a half, have energy to burn. How they channel that energy depends on whether grandma and grandpa can keep them entertained. Problem is ... we don't have energy to burn!

We were at the park early again on day two. I worked the kids through a couple of lines with characters like Goofy and Snow White for autographs and photos. Meanwhile, grandma picked up the free souvenir neck lanyards for the kids that were included with our package. What we discovered later is, the lanyards are worn like a charm bracelet and you buy pins at six bucks a pop to commemorate anything and everything about Disneyland. There are huge racks of pins everywhere. Jim ended up with several pins on her lanyard. Thankfully Boog didn't give a hoot about his lanyard, or pins. Feed the Mouse.

We were a little ahead of the crowd and headed straight for Pirates of the Caribbean in hopes of beating the long line. The ride was broken down. Another attraction that usually has a

long line was nearby. There was no line at all, and we walked right into the parlor of the Haunted House. When the lights went down, the thunder boomed, the lightning flashed and the spooky narrator started his spiel, the kids got pretty close to grandma and grandpa. I'll bet Boog repeated, "I not like it!" a hundred times before we got out of there. To recover, we took the raft to Tom Sawyer's Island and hiked around for awhile. Mean old grandparents!

We went non-stop until early afternoon and headed back to the hotel for a light lunch and a short nap. That went pretty smoothly. There were no reported nightmares from the traumatic Haunted House experience. Back at the park we were just in time for the afternoon parade. We then packed in a bunch of stuff like the Jungle Safari, Tiki Birds, Toon Town, Fantasyland (Small World a couple more times), Monorail, Train, Riverboat, etc. All along the way grandpa was digging in his pocket to pay for popcorn, sodas, cotton candy, pins, trinkets, etc. Feed the Mouse.

We used our special one-time-only package passes to go the head of the line at Pirates of the Caribbean. After the Haunted House, the kids were skittish about another darkened ride. We traumatized them again. Grandma declared it was time for a break. I'd never gone into a restaurant for a sit-down table-service dinner at Disney. We ate in the Blue Bayou. It was a New Orleans-style restaurant. The atmosphere was relaxed, the service was good, the food was good, the kids were good and the bill was a hundred dollars. Feed the Mouse!

When we came out of dinner, it was getting dark. Everybody was picking a spot to watch the light show and fireworks. It was a great show, but we spent most of an hour with kids on our shoulders. We then went to see Fantasyland at night. Walking through the castle we almost passed a little girl's dress shop. Emphasis on the almost. Jim ended up with a pricey pink

satin and chiffon princess gown. Boog had already scored a striped pirate's bandanna with mouse ears on it (too cute) and a twirlygig flashlight that fascinated him. Feed the Mouse.

We got to bed around eleven o'clock. We were exhausted. The Mouse was getting the best of us. The next day we tried Disney California Adventure (DCA). It's basically an amusement park with the Disney flair. We found very few rides and attractions suitable for our little guys. We went back to feed the regular Mouse. More of the same. Go like crazy from ride to ride. We rode the Small World ride a couple more times. We took a break for lunch and rode the train around the park for a breather. More junk food. More trinkets. Feed the Mouse. Somewhere along the line I was chasing Jim up the ramp to a ride hollering, "Wait for grandpa! Wait for grandpa!" A guy about my age was coming down the ramp and said, "That seems to be something of a mantra for us, doesn't it?" "You've got that right," I answered as I continued my chase. We called it quits around six o'clock. Say goodbye to Disneyland kids ... grandpa is out of cheese!

The next morning we packed, had breakfast and checked out of the hotel. The trip was long but uneventful. Of course, we made it back to the Phoenix area just in time for rush hour traffic. We were rushing along with everyone else, trying to collect the dog at the kennel before they closed. We got the dog, made it to the house, dragged the bags inside, fed the kids, bathed them, let them watch some TV, put them to bed and collapsed. We'd had loads of fun, but Terese and I agreed it's a good thing nature doesn't let people our age have kids. The energy imbalance is far too extreme. We have some great pictures and made some wonderful memories, but I'm not ready to sign on for another three-day Disney package in the near future. My bank account and I both have to recover! Feed the Mouse!

A blue mark on your copy of this newspaper means that your subscription is expiring. "In Valhalla and Out," "Oliver October" and "Porto Bello Gold" are serials running weekly installments. "Watercress sauce for beef is made by cutting the cress fine and stirring it into half a cupful of apple jelly which has been beaten with a silver fork."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

MAY 3, 1951

Forty - 50 of the legal-size trout planted in Cherry Creek in time for opening day are caught by youngsters under 12, guided by Earl Evans of the Sportsman's Club.

Rural population increases, and rural schools do too. Gove School in Cascade Township and Boynton in Ada are talking about building additions. Parnell's Talbot School is reopening after 19 years closed.

Council outfits Lowell's three police officers with uniforms and starts shopping for a police car.

Betty Hall, class of '47 at Lowell, is one of 53 students at Michigan State College receiving a Highest Attainment of Scholarship honor.

The neighborhood news columns are alive and well: gatherings, sick lists and who called on whom are preponderant.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

APRIL 29, 1976

Saturday it rained all day and Sunday saw three inches of snow and temperature below zero.

The Jaycees annual walkathon will raise funds for the Burn Unit at Blodgett Memorial Hospital this Saturday.

The Farm Bureau strongly backs the petition drive for the "Bottle Bill," citing hazards to farmers, livestock and crops from discarded glass beverage containers.

Rotary's Man of the Year is John T. Jones, superintendent of Lowell Light & Power.

Vic Weeks of Lowell is awarded his 2nd degree Black Belt in Karate.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On Friday, April 27, the West Michigan Homeschool Band earned a rating of "1" at the MSBOA State Band and Orchestra Festival in Grand Haven. Special congratulations go to band members: Anna Rooney, Elizabeth Schruer and Erik Schruer. The band and students did a nice job.

Sincerely,

Shantell Ford

L.I.N.K. (Lowell Interactive Network for Kids)

Dear Editor:

This Thursday, May 3, 2001, citizens from around the Greater Lowell area will join together at the Riverwalk for our sixth recognition of the National Day of Prayer.

We will meet at 12 noon until 12:30 p.m. At 12:30 p.m. we will join millions of Americans, across all time zones, across the entire nation, in reciting a prayer for our nation. The prayer was written by the Rev. Billy Graham in honor of the 50th National Day of Prayer Anniversary.

In 1952, President Harry Truman established a specific day for prayer for our nation. How blessed we are as a nation to have had godly predecessors who laid the foundation of this land on the sanctified act of prayer to the one true Almighty God. From dawn to midnight on the first Thursday in May each year, we are challenged to lift up our spiritual and governmental leaders-that they too would recognize and honor Him as the Lord of the United States.

Please join us on the Riverwalk if you are able to do so. But, most importantly, take time on Thursday to pray for our nation. The theme this year is *One Nation Under God*. We must remember our spiritual heritage before we can plan our nation's future. President John Quincy Adams once said, "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were ... the general principles of Christianity."

During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln said, "It is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side." We pray this to be true for us today.

Sincerely,

James and Judy Sterling

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isa 9:6.

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THURS: Chicken nuggets w/cornbread or pork ribBQ on bun, baked beans, sweet cherries.

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich or ham and cheese sub, tomato soup, cherry applesauce, oven fries.

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*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
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TUES: 2 hot dogs on buns or crispito w/chips & cheese & bread choice, pears, baby carrots & dip.

WED: Chicken nuggets w/biscuit or bacon cheeseburger on bun, green beans, whipped potatoes, cookie, applesauce.

THURS: Pasta Bar: spaghetti, rotini, meat, veggie/cheese sauces, garlic toast, fresh vegetables, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizza wedge or tuna salad croissant, peaches, corn.

Financial Focus

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REARRIVING?

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN'S INTERESTS

If you've gone through a divorce or your spouse has died, and you're considering remarriage, you'll have a lot of emotions to contend with. But you'll also have to approach your financial plans with a cool head—especially if you want to protect the interests of your children.

To begin with, maintain clear communications with your soon-to-be spouse. Let him or her know, right up front, that you want your children to get the proper share of your assets when you die. Then, take the appropriate steps.

Start by reviewing all the beneficiary designations on your investment contracts, IRAs, 401(k), life insurance policies and other financial documents. If you want your children to have access to these funds, make sure they are named on the document, either as a primary or a secondary beneficiary, depending on your preference.

It's essential to get the right beneficiaries listed—but it's still not enough to assure that your children get everything you want them to have. For that to happen, you may want to explore more sophisticated legal arrangements, one of which is called the

qualified terminable interest property ("Q-TIP") marital trust. This type of trust can give your surviving spouse access to your assets while he or she is alive. The trust is "terminable" because your spouse's claims to the property will end upon his or her death. Once your spouse dies, the trust's remaining assets will be distributed according to your directions, so your children can now get the money.

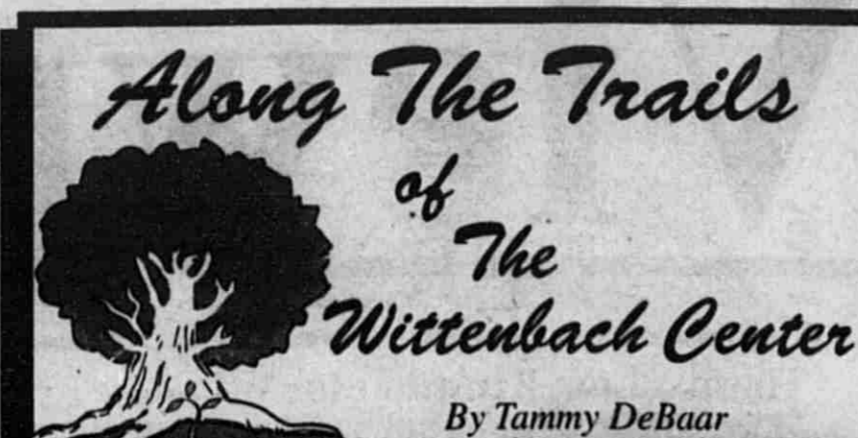
Your surviving spouse gets all the income from the Q-TIP marital trust, and may receive principal as well. To ensure a steady income stream, you may want to fund your trust with dividend-paying stocks and fixed-income investments—such as bonds—that make regular interest payments.

A Q-TIP marital trust offers other advantages. For example, assets inside the trust can't go to anyone else while your surviving spouse is alive. Plus, your spouse cannot change the beneficiary; if you've indicated that you want your children to be the ultimate recipients of your assets, your wishes must be followed.

However, your spouse will have broad access to the funds inside the trust, so he or she could conceivably spend most of the money. To protect your children's interest, you may want to name someone other than your spouse as a trustee. This person could strive to maintain a good balance in your trust, so that your surviving spouse has the money he or she needs to enjoy life and your children can still receive the inheritance you intended.

We've just looked at the rudiments of a Q-TIP marital trust, which, like all trusts, can be a complex legal instrument. When you set up your trust, you'll need to work with an attorney who specializes in estate planning. You also may want to consult with your tax adviser. And you'll need to be married before you can set up this type of arrangement.

But once you've put all the pieces in place, you'll know that you've established a good plan to meet your children's needs. And that may be the best wedding present you can give yourself.



The trails at the Wittenbach Center are filled with ephemeral wildflowers...marsh marigold, skunk cabbage and nonnative myrtle as well as hepatica and others are out, because the foliage has not yet filled in yet.

The eighth graders spent many hours working on trails for Earth Week and they have developed quite nicely. Please look for them as you enter the pine forest. Continue straight at the yellow trail markers, rather than turning right. You will find a beautiful creek and vernal pond (temporary pond...not year round).

Some birds were spotted by student Carl Baird and me as we walked the trails this morning. Carl saw several blue jay, eastern meadowlark, a female baltimore oriole. We looked for the beautiful blue heron, but it was not to be seen this morning.

The wetland near the log cabin is a great habitat for many birds and other creatures. These trails are great for bird watching. Keep in mind the eight endangered species of birds as you wander through the pine forests and near the log cabin:

1. Short-eared owl
2. Piping plover
3. Kirtland's warbler (*pine forests are usually a great habitat for the Kirtland's warbler. However, since these trees are approximately the same age and are older trees, these birds do not have sheltering branches that are close enough.*)
4. Peregrine falcon
5. Migrant loggerhead shrike
6. King rail
7. Barn owl
8. Prairie warbler.

Josh McIntyre, a senior at Caledonia High School, has set up a bluebird trail at the Wittenbach Center. You can see portions of the trail along the tree line running at the east and north ends of the area immediately surrounding the building. Josh writes, "Bluebird houses were put up Feb. 2001, and have been monitored weekly ever since.

After approximately four weeks, a nest was nearly complete in one of the houses. After five weeks, nests were being built in all except house #5. Also bluebirds have been seen flying from houses #6 and #8 and two pairs of birds were spotted on Friday, Feb. 13.

To The Editor, cont'd...From Page 5

To all the taxpayers of Lowell Area Schools,

About a month ago my suet bird feeder was taken off a tree limb at Schneider Manor by someone trespassing and I wrote a short letter to the editor about it.

Last Monday I was pleasantly surprised by a woodpecker log replacement from Alto School's fifth-grade student council who read my letter and used some of their money from the Spirit Store to purchase it.

Today (Monday) I received a call from the Lowell Middle School sixth-graders asking me to come and receive something for my birds from them: two suet cakes, a bag of feed and a unique feeder that uses both.

Both these classes did this on their own initiative with teacher permission. So our banner pledges along Main Street are truly bearing fruit. What a great school district!

Phyllis Lessens

P.S. Many thanks to students and their parents.



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Health

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As the weather begins to warm, we in Michigan are always thankful to get back out into the sunshine. While it may feel good to be in the sun, we know that direct and prolonged exposure to sunshine can be very dangerous indeed.

Melanoma is a kind of skin cancer. It can be very serious and may spread to other parts of the body. If undetected, it can be fatal.

Melanoma can be found anywhere on the body. In men, they are often on the trunk (chest, stomach, and back), and in women, they are most often on the legs.

Melanoma may look like a mole, or bump, or growth on your skin. We believe that any new or suspicious or changing mole should be evaluated by your doctor. Warning signs may include a mole which changes in color, changes in width, develops an irregular border, or has more than one color.

The key to melanoma is avoiding overexposure to ultra violet rays - natural sunshine and tanning salons are the chief sources for this exposure. Wear hats, use umbrellas, and wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or greater. Always protect children with even more lotion: an SPF of 30 or greater should be used.

Always consider an evaluation by your doctor if you notice any skin lesion which appears even remotely suspicious.

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Lowell Board of Education President



At our April meeting, the Lowell Board of Education adopted a resolution establishing May 8, 2001 as Teacher Appreciation Day in our district.

The resolution recognizes our teachers for their accomplishments, dedication and commitment to Lowell students and their education. Without a doubt, teachers are the vital link in the educational chain - they connect students with the world of knowledge; they enrich curriculum with an awareness of shared community values; they instill a zest for learning in impressionable young minds; they nurture, cultivate, motivate and shape the future of our children.

Once again this year, a highlight of our Teacher Appreciation Day will be the planting of a new tree at each of our buildings, to symbolize the wonderful ideas that take root daily in our classrooms, and the slow and steady growth our students experience as a result of their interactions with teachers.

Please join with me and our Board of Education in expressing appreciation for all that our teachers do. Let them know how you feel about their efforts. And remember also, as we approach the end of the school year, that "summer vacation is a time when parents realize teachers are grossly underpaid."

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our teachers. They are daily helping to construct the future of our society.

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LEADERSHIP BUILDING

The first Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence concluded with a graduation celebration on Thursday, April 19. The six-month program provided participants with tools which will assure them continued growth in leadership and volunteerism in the Lowell community. The program was coordinated through Lowell's Leadership Initiative group and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. It was funded through the Lowell Area Community Fund. The keynote speaker for the graduation was Dr. Roger LaWarre. There will be a new Leadership Institute started next fall. If interested in participating, call Liz Baker at the Chamber office (897-9161). Dinner music was provided by the Lowell String Ensemble. Pictured, left to right, are: Paula Blumm, Betty Morlock, Gary Fredline, Joanna Williams, Jim Pfaller, Michelle Theisen, Peter Haefner, Cynthia Boyce, Heather Kohtz, Sally Gunberg, Perry Beachum and Debra Hinton. Not pictured are Joyce Stormzand and Ray Wolfe.



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COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN

Lowell Area Schools Countdown to Kindergarten visitation will be held Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5. An appointment is necessary. If your child will be 5 years old by Dec. 1, and your family is considering kindergarten for fall of 2001, please call Bushnell Elementary at 897-8471 or Alto Elementary at 868-6111 for further information and to set up a one-hour appointment.

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

Certain selected areas in Lowell 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. 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 Trilogly 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.

The insecticide B.t. is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honey bees or other non-leaf eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The B.t. formulation has no reentry restrictions. The B.t. is applied at about a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the tree foliage. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

Lowell Township
John Timpson, Supervisor
2910 Alden Nash
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-7600

ANNUAL CANTATA AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The annual church choir cantata will be held at First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St., on Sunday evening, May 6 at 7 p.m. Come hear your local favorites: Jerry Adams, Cindy Kropf and Tod Nyson as well as the FCC choir and many others. There is no charge.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT
The White, Red and Symphonic bands, directed by Bob Rice and Kate Bredwell, will perform their spring concert in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. The LHS String Ensemble, directed by Marti DeYoung, will also perform a brief program. The concert is free and the public is welcome.

PARENT ORIENTATION AT CHERRY CREEK
There will be a parent orientation on Tuesday, May 8 from 6-7 p.m. for parents of 2001-2002 second graders at Cherry

Creek Elementary in the cafeteria. Meet the 2nd grade teachers and get a tour of the building. Information will be available about the program and curriculum objectives, etc. Babysitting is available; refreshments will be served.

LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT
The LMS Jazz band and 8th grade band, directed by Dale Latva, will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The 6th and 7th grade bands, directed by Dale Latva, Kate Bredwell, and Bob Rice, will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. The public is welcome; admission is free.

VISIT THE JAMES C. VEEN OBSERVATORY
Get up close and personal with the stars and other heavenly bodies when you visit the James C. Veen Observatory in Lowell on Visitors' Night. Tour the observatory facilities and view the moon, planets, galaxies and other deep sky objects through powerful telescopes with local astronomy experts on Saturday, May 12 from 9-11:30 p.m. if the sky is clear. Small donation requested; call Starwatch at 897-7065 for additional information.

LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, May 16 from 3-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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.

ATTENTION LOWELL CLASS OF 1991
The 10-year class reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. If you have not received any reunion information, we may not know your whereabouts or mailing address. Please contact Angela (Groen) Denison at 868-7277.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1976 REUNION SCHEDULED
Information will be mailed out soon for the Lowell High School Class of 1976 25-year reunion to be held on Saturday, June 23. Still looking for classmates; see list in the Buyers Guide ad. If you have moved in the past five years, or have been in touch with someone who has, please call Gerry at 897-5074 or Carol at 897-5506.

LEGAL NOTICES

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT
17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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353 Hall of Justice
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LETICIA TORRES
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vs.

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MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ
321 E. 116th St.
Chicago, IL
DONALD A. JOHNSTON
(P-15554)

ROBERT N. SWARTZ
(P21196)
1100 McKay Tower
146 Monroe Center N.W.
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49503
(616) 459-3303

TO: MANUEL VALDEZ
and MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to Quiet Title to 60 Baylis S.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 30, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

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

A copy of this order shall be sent to MANUEL VALDEZ and MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

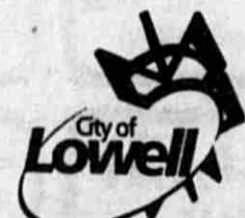
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Judge Donald A. Johnston

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

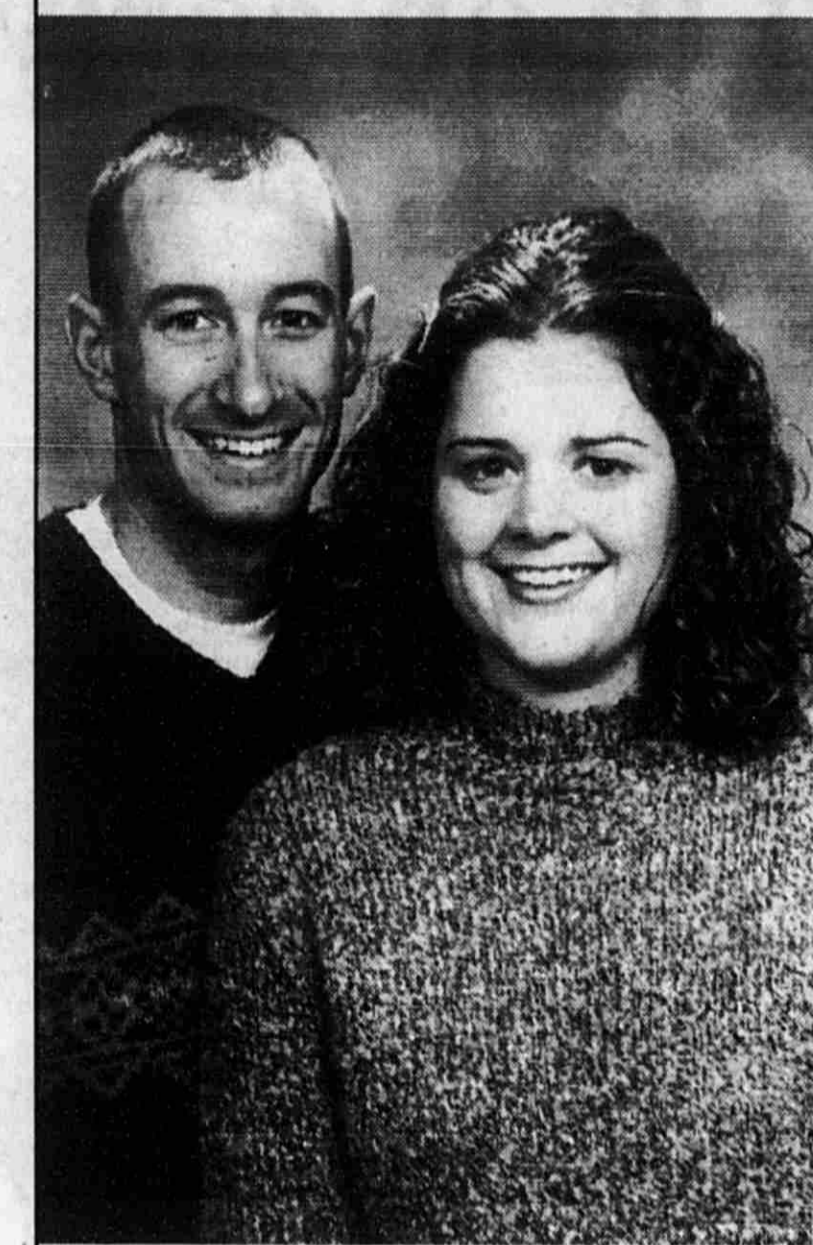
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Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Townsend/Mabry



Travis Lee Mabry and Ann-Marie Townsend

Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Townsend Jr. of Ada are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Ann-Marie to Travis Lee Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mabry of Olathe, Kan.

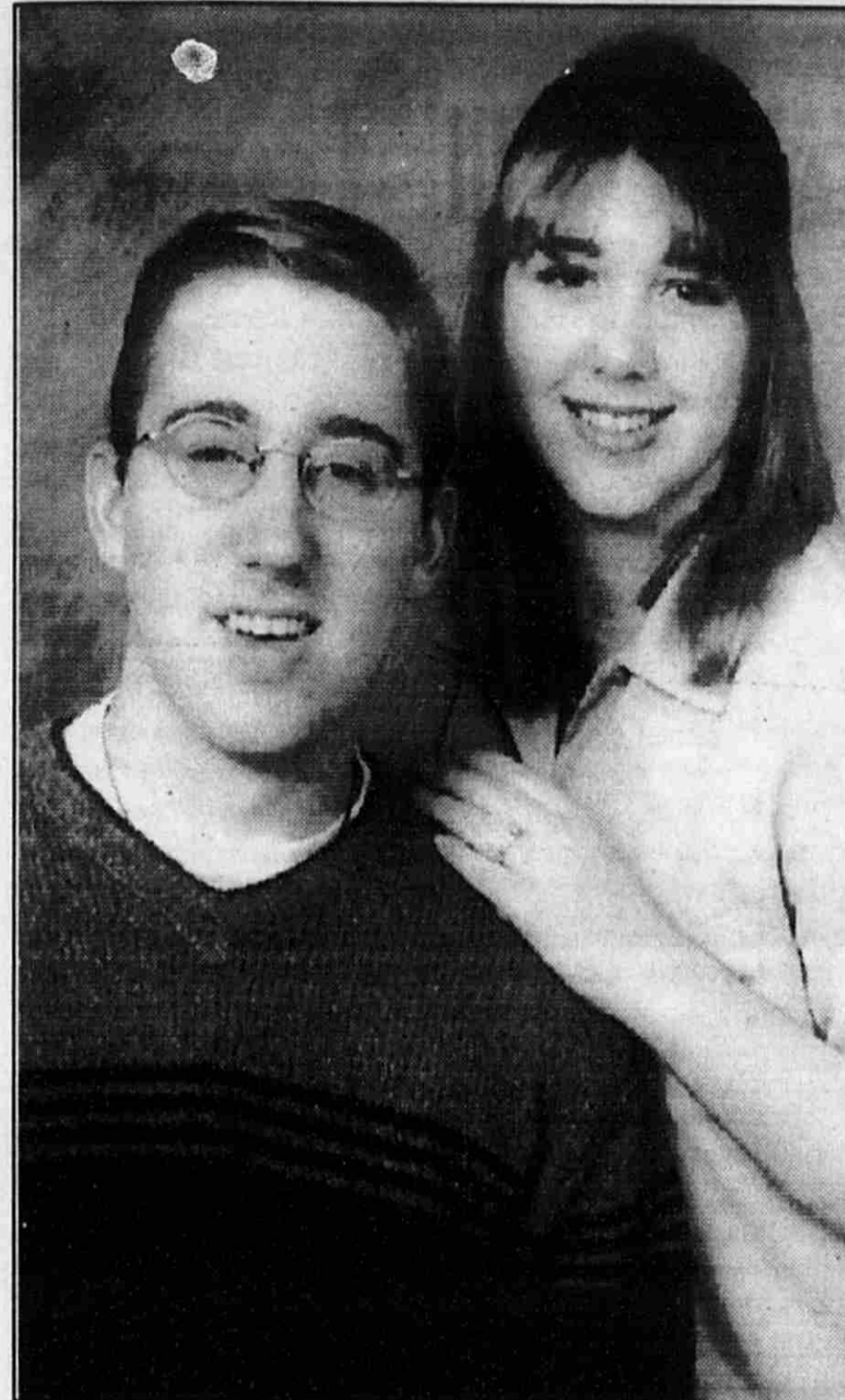
The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School and will graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University May 12, 2001 with a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering. Following her commencement exercises, she will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force at a ceremony on the campus of Virginia Tech.

The future groom is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with a Civil Engineering degree and presently serves as an officer in the U.S. Air Force.

The couple will marry June 30, 2001 at St. Robert's Catholic Church in Ada.

Following a honeymoon cruise to Alaska, the newlyweds will reside at McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, Kan.

Vickers/ Bustraan



Tanaya Vickers of Lowell and Weston Bustraan of Caledonia are engaged to be married.

The future bride attended Lowell Area Schools and is the daughter of Don and Valerie Vickers of Lowell.

The groom-to-be attended South Christian High School and is the son of Jim and Mary Bustraan of Caledonia.

A May 12, 2001 wedding is planned.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pvt. Robert A. Vigil, son of Dolores Simmonds of Lowell and Alfredo Vigil of Ludington, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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

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

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

Vigil is a 2000 graduate of West Ottawa High School of Holland.

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

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 7, 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:

- 924 N. Hudson Street - Ryan Pawloski wishes to have a 20' x 24' addition constructed to his home. Since the property is zoned R-2, a 6 foot minimum side yard setback is required. The north side setback is 5 feet. Thus, a variance has been petitioned.
- 504 Lincoln Lake - Will Welsh wishes to have an addition constructed to his dwelling. Since the home is at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Howard, two 30-foot front yards are required. The addition would be 26 feet from Howard Street right-of-way. 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
616-897-8457

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION NOTICE

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2000 is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

Dated: Feb. 19, 2001

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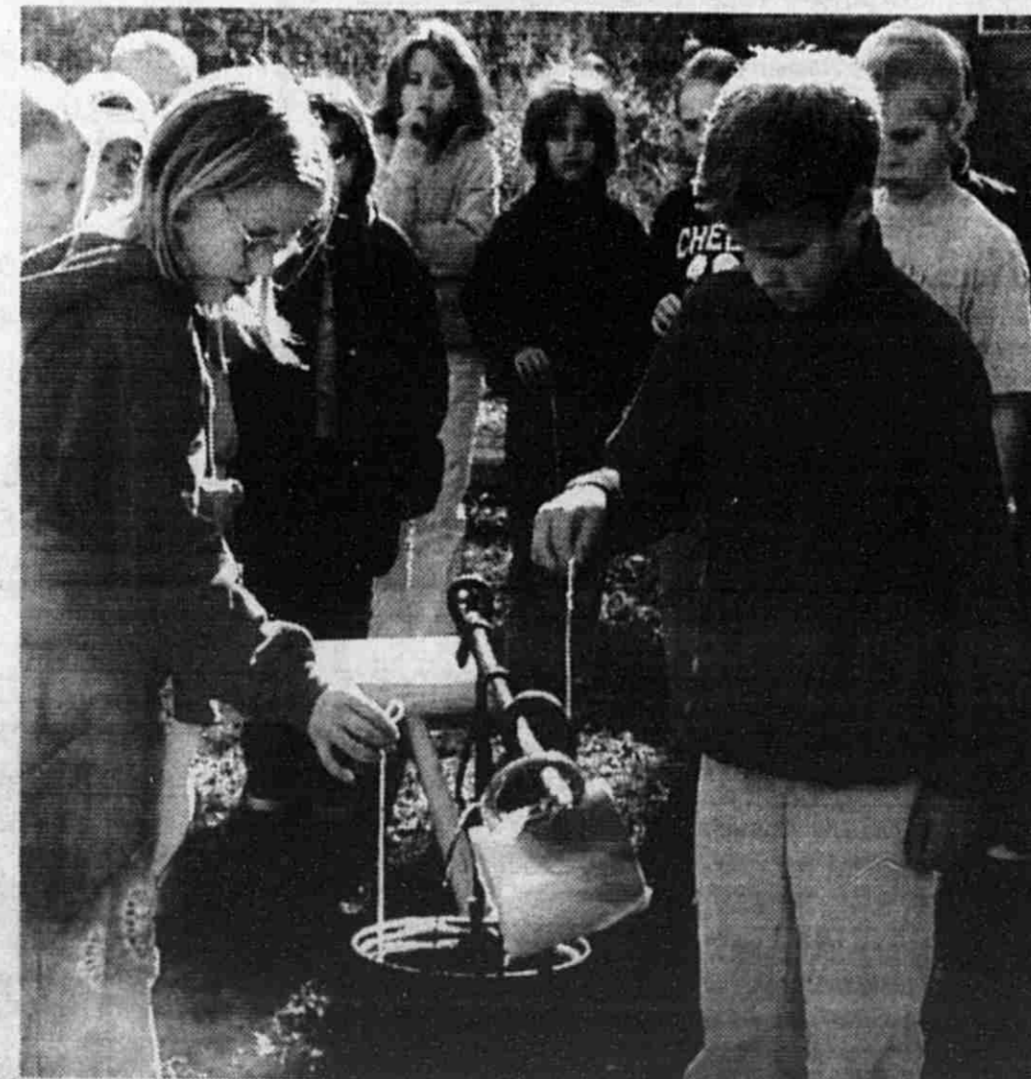
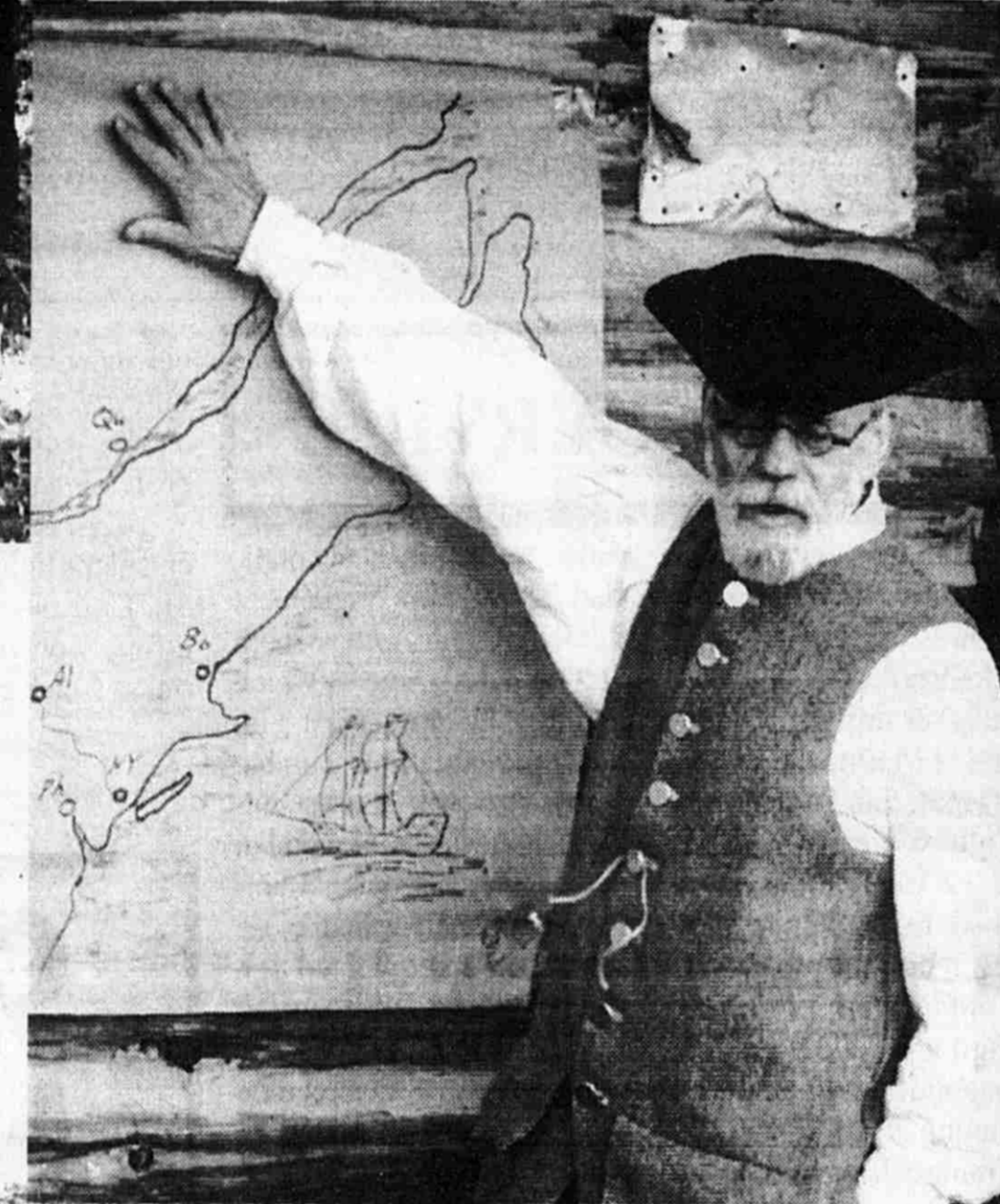
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Settling in on early Michigan History



Stegmiers saunter back in time with fourth-graders

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Sara Blanchard's fourth-grade class took a step back into Michigan history Friday at the Wittenbach Environmental/Agricultural Center.

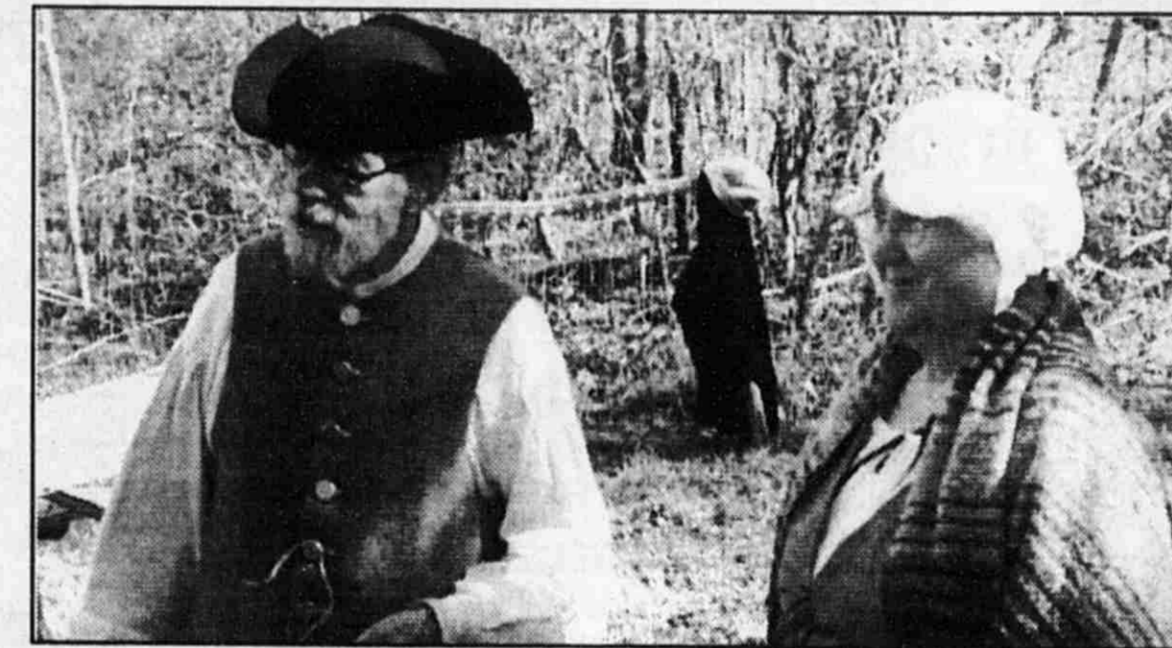
How different their lives are today compared to Michigan's early settlers was reinforced.

Former Lowell eighth-grade science teacher George Stegmier and his wife Floretta Stegmier, attired as early settlers, spoke of the relationships between the Ottawa Indians, the French and the English.

He emphasized how the French had the English pinned in because they controlled Canada and the Great Lakes into the Mississippi River. "The English couldn't go west, which is why they wanted the French out of there," Stegmier explained.

Stegmier also spoke of how farming and fur trading played a significant role during that era.

The children also learned of the daily chore involved in assuring that there was light in the evening. Stegmiers took them through the process used to make candles and candle holders.



George and Floretta Stegmier attired in their early settler outfits.

"Candles and grease lamps were the primary sources for lighting during this era," Stegmier explained.

The re-enactment of early settlers is nothing new to the Stegmiers as they have participated in a few area re-enactments and have shared their knowledge and love of history with students at the Forest Hills Environment School.

Prior to their visit with Stegmiers, Tammy DeBaar, Wittenbach Center director, spoke with the fourth-grade class on science adaptations and lumbering.

"The children are currently studying tall tales in English. Right now, they are reading about Paul Bunyan, the popular lumberjack," said Blanchard.

DeBaar also joined the students in planting a row of Michigan potatoes.

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Turkey Shoot
The hunting season opened on turkeys (Monday, April 23). Brandon Scheid, left, needed just 90 minutes before dropping this 22-pound turkey south of Lowell with his 12-gauge mozburg. The bird had a 10-inch beard.

Lucas Baker, right, claimed his 22-pound turkey south of Lowell at 9:30 a.m. on opening day. The turkey had a 10-inch beard. Baker was with his father, Joe and brother, Kevin.



COMING EVENTS

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

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

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 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 102, 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 #372 meets at Key Heights Mobile 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

THURS., MAY 3: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: "Gardens of Williamsburg" by Showboat Garden Club. Also collecting food items for Access 6 each month.

THURS., FRI. & SAT., MAY 3-5: Franciscan Friends Quilt show at Franciscan Life Process Center. Raffle tickets: \$1 for quilts/quilt-related items. Admission: \$5 for all 3 days. Proceeds support programs for senior citizens. Call Beverly or Pat 897-7842.

FRI. & SAT., MAY 4 & 5: Lowell Area Schools Countdown to Kindergarten visitation. Appt. is necessary. Call Bushnell Elem. at 897-8471 or Alto Elem. at 868-6111.

SUN., MAY 6: Annual church choir cantata at 7 p.m. First Congregational Church. Free admission.

MON., MAY 7: Mother-Daughter Banquet at Lowell 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Call 897-9329 or 987-9486 for tickets. Music program: Raptures from LHS; sponsored by United Methodist Women.

MON., MAY 7: Athletic Boosters meeting, 7 p.m. in high school staff lounge.

TUES., MAY 8: Parent Orientation for 2001-2002 2nd graders at Cherry Creek Elementary cafeteria; 6-7 p.m. Babysitting available; refreshments served.

WED., MAY 9: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family-style beef & pork dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$7; ages 5-12: \$2.

FRI., MAY 11: Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 OES in Lowell Masonic Temple.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

by law in this court at the court address above on or before 6/22/01. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

CASE NO. 01-12281-DM Christine P. Gilman (P-45430)
Legal Aid of Western Michigan
89 Ionia NW Ste. 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-774-0672 ext. 114

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Lowell Ledger three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

MELISSA LOUISE LEWIS
VS.
ROBIN JOSEPH LEWIS REC'D & FILED APRIL 05, 2001

Judge Hillary
17th JUDICIAL COURT

A copy of this order shall be sent to ROBIN JOSEPH LEWIS at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to get a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted

April 5, 2001
JUDGE G. PATRICK HILLARY (P-35303)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01 171 328 DE

Estate of **BRENDA MARIE SCHAEFER**
Date of birth: 09-28-48

to ERNST & HELEN SCHAEFER, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **BRENDA MARIE SCHAEFER**, who lived at 8132 Bailey Dr., Ada, Michigan died 03-25-01. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented

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AREA BIRTHS

Gregg & Laura Hovey of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of a son Mitchell Gregg Louis Hovey. He was born Wednesday, April 18, 2001 weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 21 inches long.

He is welcomed home by brothers Scott, Josh and Jeremy and sisters Stacey and Jasmine.

Grandparents are June and Louis Paap of Ada.

Kevin and Cher Goggins are happy to announce the birth of their son, Caden Riley. He was born March 15, 2001, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Proud grandparents are Ron and Ann Wittenbach, Pat



Caden Riley Goggins

and Peg Goggins and Larry and Connie Zuercher. Great-grandparents are Bob and Velma Perry and Annabell Wittenbach of Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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MAY 4: John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.
MAY 5: Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Scott Carpenter.
MAY 7: John Schalow,
MAY 8: Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr.
MAY 9: Tasha Yeiter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs.

LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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:

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

to this Notice with the clerk of the 17th Circuit Court, Kent County, Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 within twenty-eight (28) days of the final publication of this Notice, or a Default may be entered against you. You may contact Plaintiff's attorney, Karen S. McFadden, at 403 W. Main, Belding, MI 48809 and (616) 794-1220 for more information regarding this case.

Date: April 11, 2001

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Lowell takes five of eight flights in winning Wayland Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell boys tennis team continues to make great strides.

The Red Arrows earned their second tournament title in three weeks at Wayland on Saturday.

Lowell won five of eight flights and placed second in two others in tallying a tournament - best 32 points. Middleville was second with 22 followed by Wayland 16, and Godwin Heights 16.

"We played some very good tennis. It was a great win for us. The boys are having a good year," said Lowell boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

coach, Bonnie Wall.

In singles play, Lowell's Jordan Gallagher won the third flight championship. "He won a tough first match, battling back from a set down," Wall said.

Chris Cress earned a victory at fourth singles. The Red Arrow needed three sets to earn the title.

Gavin Vincent, second singles, placed second.

Winning championships in doubles play were James Bosserd and Collin Vincent (first doubles). The combo battled back, after losing the first set 6-1, to win the second set in a tie-

breaker, and then won the third set 6-4.

"They didn't play real smart tennis in that first set, but they settled down and got their game together," Wall said.

Kyle Hines and Ryan Phillips, second doubles, were superb in their straight set win in the title game.

Sophomores Jared Felling and Sean Myers, up from the junior varsity, won the championship at fourth doubles. "They played well. They were aggressive, came to the net, and ball's just didn't get past them," Wall said.

Troy Gillan and Ryan Dorough, third doubles, took second.

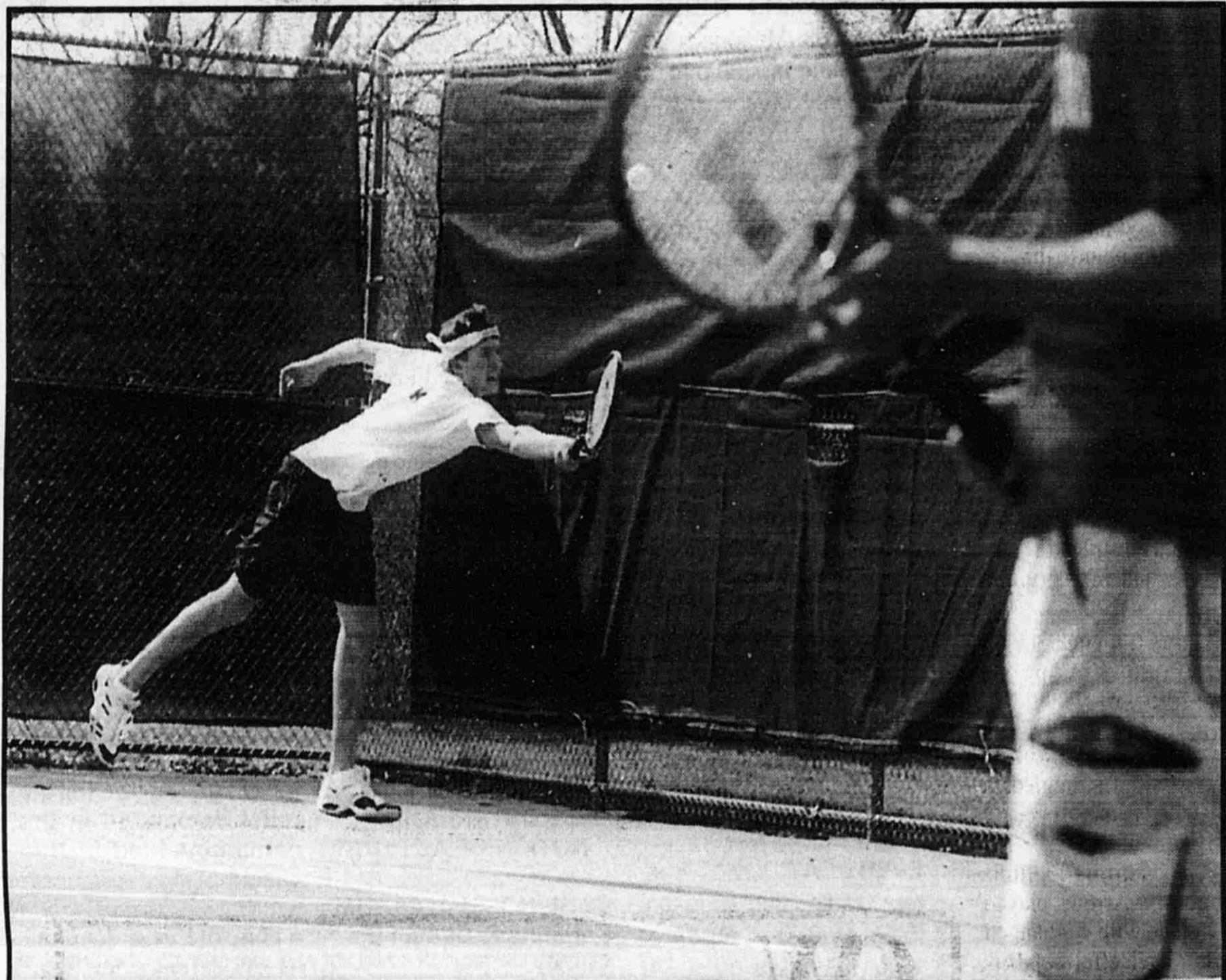
In league play earlier in the week, Lowell lost to Northview 7-1.

Shaun Koning and Pat Regan, third doubles, were the only Red Arrows to earn a victory.

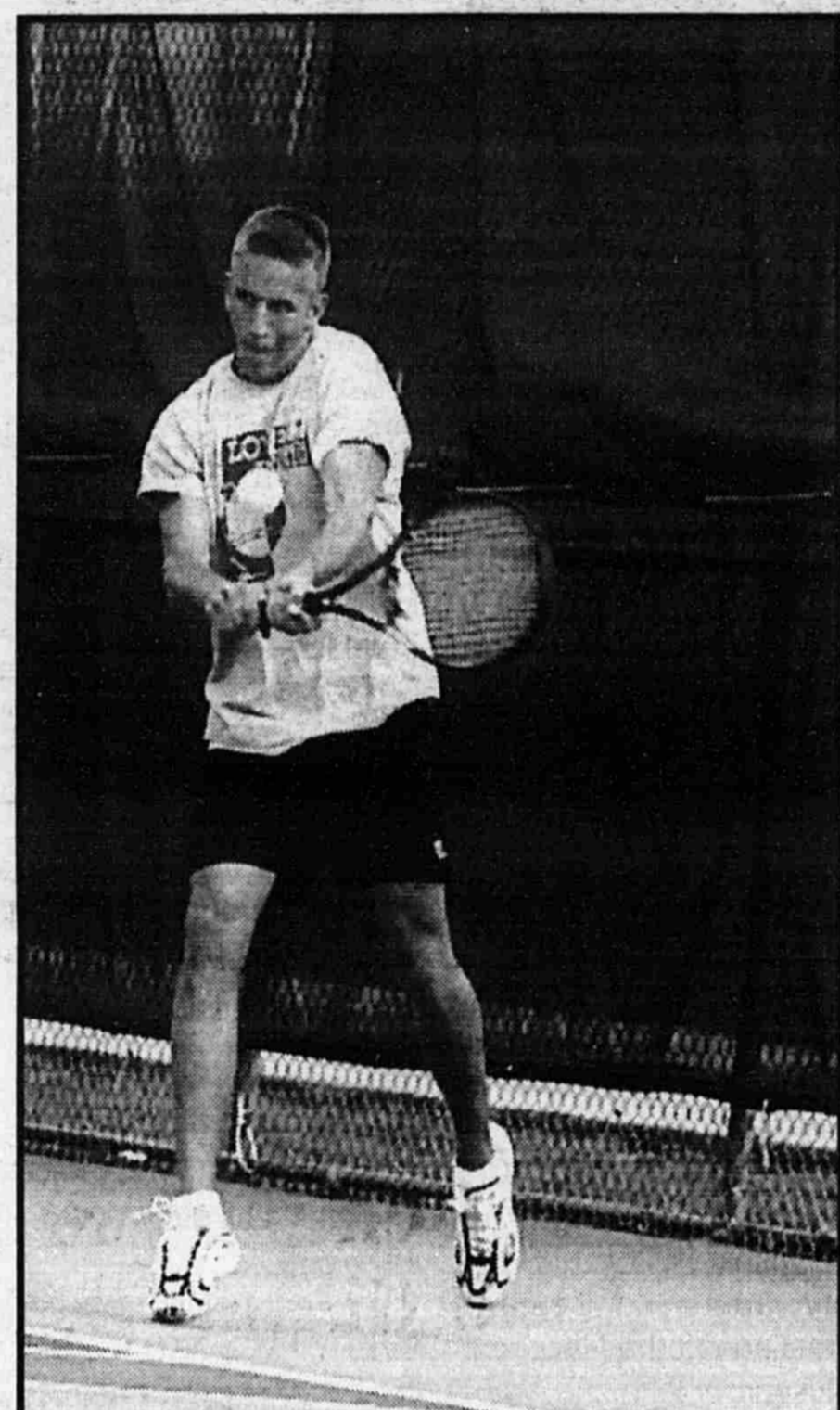
Bosserd and Phillips, first doubles, lost in three sets after winning the opening set.

"The boys didn't play their best tennis against Northview. Sometimes I think it hurts them to know they play in such a tough league. I think they get psyched out," Wall said.

Lowell is now 1-3 in the O-K White.



Lowell's Ryan Phillips lunges for a backhand return in first doubles play against Northview. Phillips and teammate James Bosserd lost in three sets 7-5, 0-6, 1-6.



Jordan Gallagher returns a serve in his match against Northview's Brent DeBack. Gallagher lost the fourth singles match 6-2, 6-2.

Volunteers needed for conference and state track tournaments

Lowell High School will host several big track and field events this spring beginning with the O-K White Conference meet on Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11.

It will also host the MHSAA Division IV State Championship on Saturday, June 2.

"In order to host first class meets, we need volunteers

to help manage the meet," said Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobla.

Those interested in serving as timers, pickers, umpires, or field event workers should call the athletic office at 897-4442 and sign up.

Linksters have game at Huskie/Ram Invitational

••• Red Arrow girls shoot past Chix and Wildcats in an O-K White golf triangular meet.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell took its golf game to another level, thanks to an improved short game.

"It's either gotten better from getting out and playing, or the girls were just tired of me harping on it," said Rick White, Lowell girls golf coach.

The Red Arrows, playing their best golf of the season, twice were narrowly turned away by the O-K White's top team.

At Deer Run, Lowell led Northern by four shots going into the final two holes, but the Huskies outshot Lowell by nine strokes over the finishing two holes to win by five 198-203.

"The girls presented themselves with an opportunity, but didn't take advantage of it," White explained.

"They were right there with Northern."

Two days later at the Huskie Ram Invitational, Lowell and Forest Hills Northern were tied with one score to go. FHN's Liz Clements edged Lowell's Jeanie Dunn by a stroke and with it gave Northern the invitational championship.

The Huskies finished with a 381. Lowell was second with a 382. Kenowa Hills was third at 384 and Rockford placed fifth in the field of 10 with a 385.

Lowell was led by Katie Gunberg's 84. Jenny Gunberg followed with a 97. Erin Mooney and Jeanie Dunn fired rounds of 100 and 101 respectively.

"Kate's game has taken a quantum leap. She is really

playing well right now," White said.

Lowell finished ninth in a strong field at the Jensen Invitational on Saturday.

"I'm pleased with our play against a good level of competition," White said. "The girls shot a 391 on a course they've never played before. We were only five shots from finishing in the top five."

Kate Gunberg led the way with a 91. Jenny Gunberg fired a 92 with Lisa LaHaye and Tara Kuipers coming home in 105 and 107 respectively.

Traverse City West won the tournament with a team score of 346. East Grand Rapids was second at 356. Greenville was third at 370 and Forest Hills Northern was fourth with a 371.

At Deer Run on Tuesday, Lowell easily shot past Zealand and Northview.

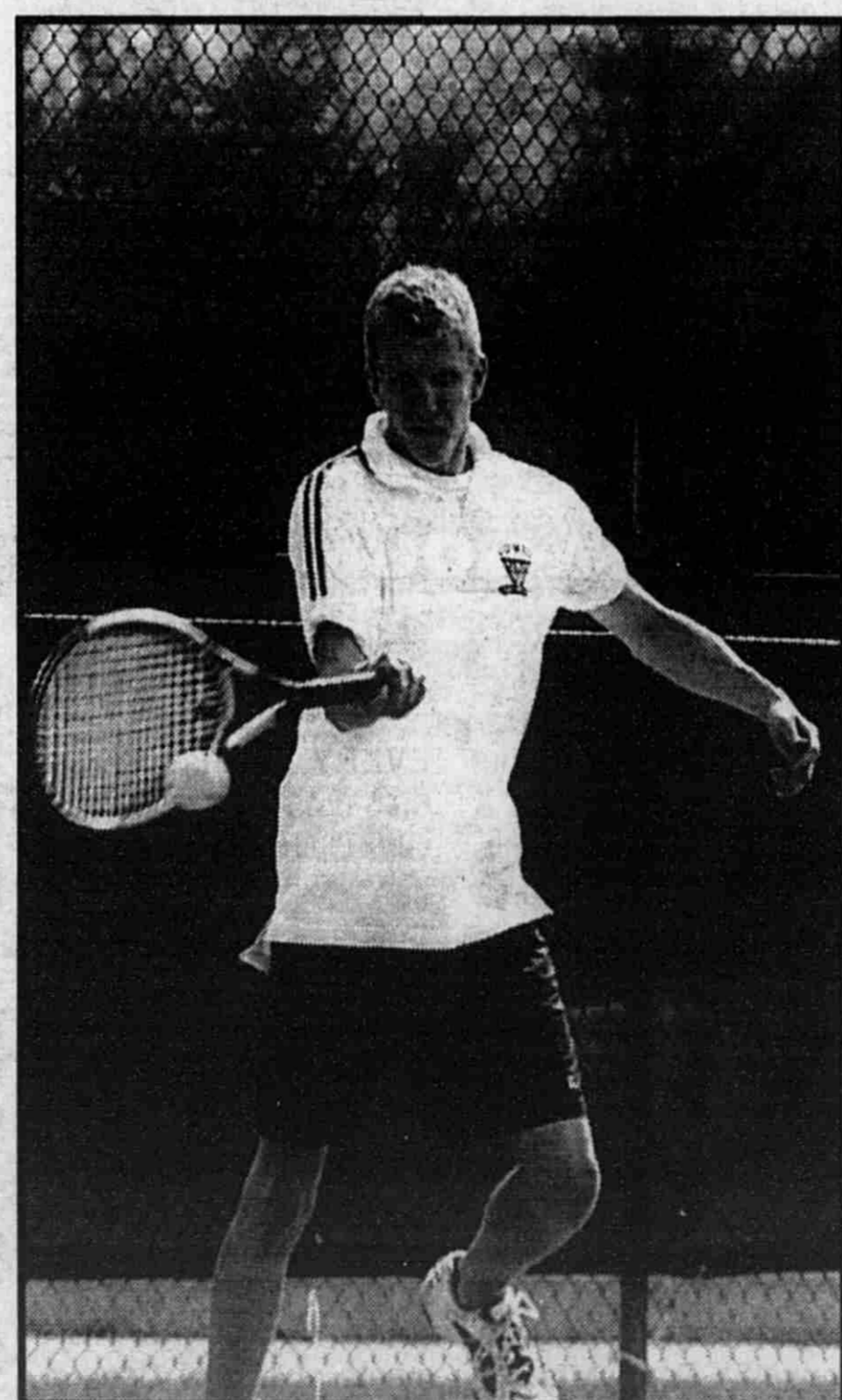
The Red Arrows posted a 207. The Chix shot 232 and the Wildcats carded a 248.

Jenny Gunberg was the team medalist with a 48. Erin Mooney fired a 51; Kate Gunberg carded a 52 and Jeanie Dunn came home in 56.

Lowell finished the week at 2-3 in league play.

It's either gotten better from getting out and playing, or the girls were just tired of me harping on it.

Rick White, Lowell girls golf coach, on his club's chipping and putting.



Gavin Vincent eyes his forehand return.

Lowell shuts out Northview; battles FH Northern down to the wire in 2-0 defeat

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell defeated Northview 1-0, but it struggled in every part of its soccer game.

Two days later the Red Arrows lost to Forest Hills Northern 2-0 but every aspect of its game was sharper.

"When the girls play hard and control the ball, we're a good soccer team," Lowell girls soccer coach, Ryan Conlan said.

"We did a much better job of controlling the

ball against Northern, especially in the first half."

The young Red Arrows found themselves chasing more than controlling the ball in the second half. "When that happens, you get tired."

Northern took advantage as it pressured Lowell late and scored twice in the second half for the victory. "Teams like Northern, Central and East play good possession ball soccer. We still have to learn to mark up and not chase as much," Conlan said.

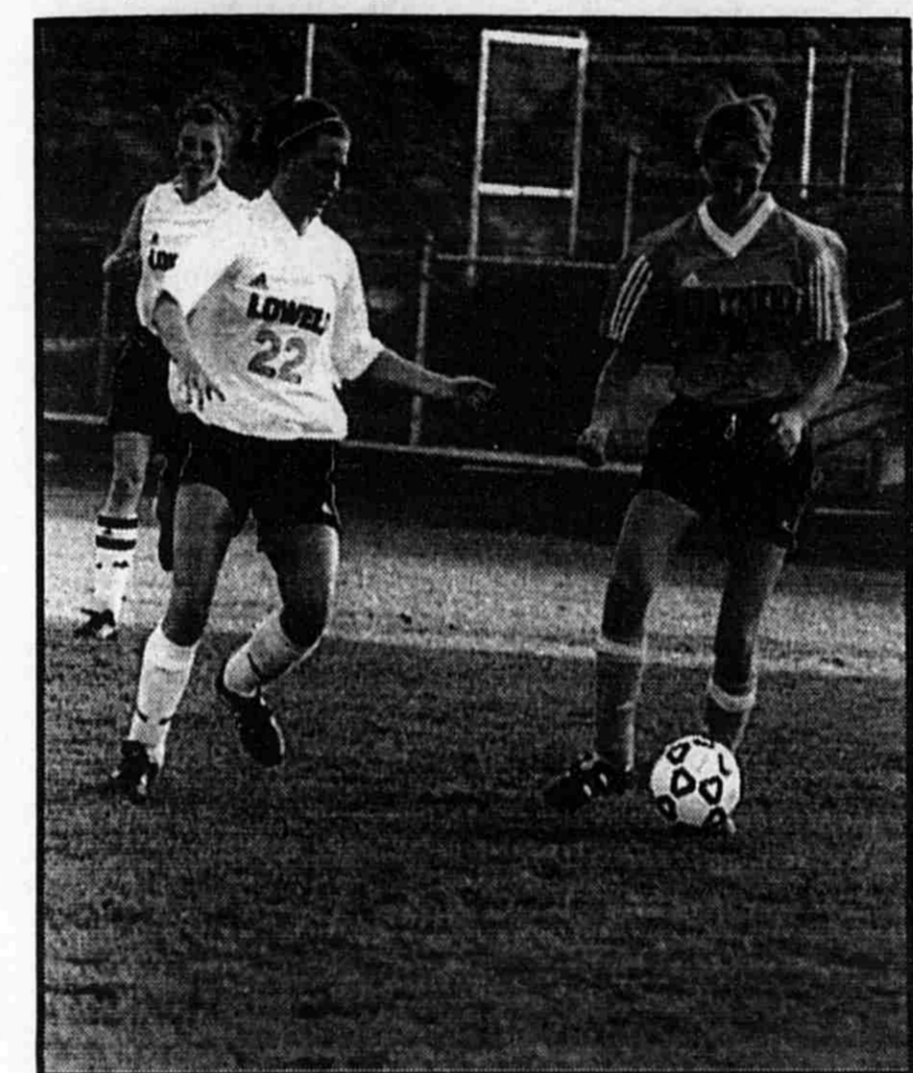
The Lowell coach made a couple of significant changes for their game against the Huskies. Laura Horsley was moved from striker to midfield and Jessica Quist was put in the forward slot. "Laura may have the best ball skills of anyone on the team. Our midfielders have struggled getting the ball to our forwards. With better ball control, I thought Laura would better help us maintain control," Conlan said. "I thought she did a good job."

A turning point in the second half came 10 minutes when Becky Bosserd injured herself on a scoring opportunity. "I talked to the girls about making the big hustle plays and how they oftentimes lead to scores. Becky's goal attempt was a big hustle play; unfortunately she got injured."

In its win over Northview, Lowell lacked intensity and urgency.

"I was disappointed with their effort. Northview is a team I thought we should beat handily," Conlan said. "The girls were flat, played with no motivation and struggled in phases of the game, especially in the first half."

After a stirring halftime talk, the Red Arrows played like a team with a changed attitude. "Their effort was bet-



Jessica Quist pressures her Huskie opponent during play against Forest Hills Northern.



Lowell's Abbey Goff, far right, leans into her Forest Hills Northern opponent in a battle for possession of the ball.

ter and their intensity level was up," Conlan said.

Lowell scored the game's

only goal 10 minutes into the second half when Horsley found the net off a crossing

pass from Bosserd. Lowell ended the week 1-4 in O-K White play.

Boys' track team edges Northview; defeated by Rangers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Relay success parlayed into team success as the Lowell boys track team edged Northview 70-66.

The Red Arrows won three of four relay events in evening out their league record at 2-2.

"The boys are stepping up. I think we'll see some big

things from them in the future," said Red Arrow coach Russ Stevens.

In the 3200-meter relay,

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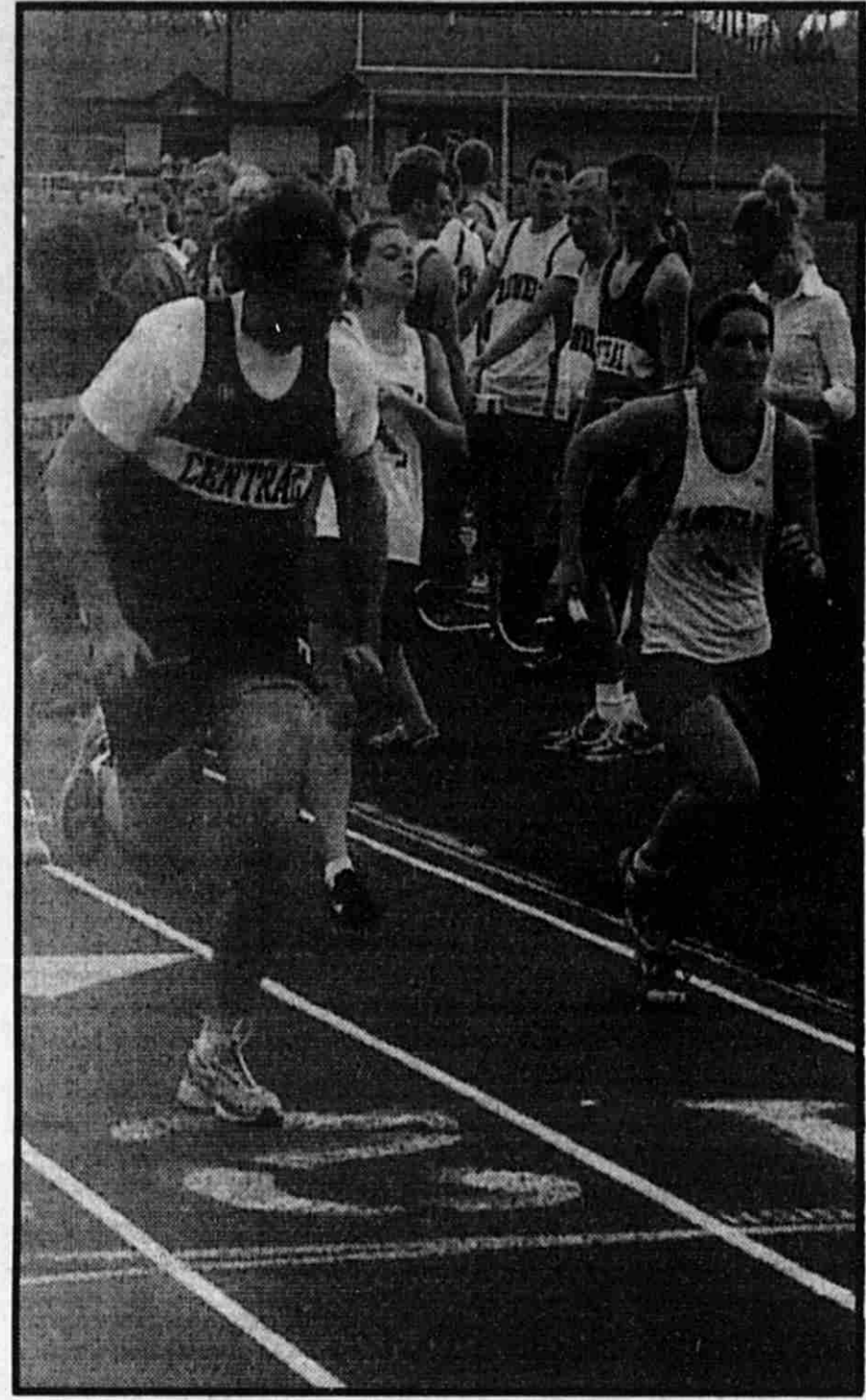
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Red Arrow girls race past Northview and Central; eye league showdown with Hudsonville



Lauren Vashaw had a leg in Lowell's winning 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:43.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ofentimes, the winning team in a dual track meet will sweep an event or two.

The Lowell girls track team (5-0) took it up a notch in their 94-43 win over Forest Hills Central Thursday. The Red Arrows swept the field ... the field events, that is.

Lowell prevented the Rangers from placing in any of the five field events, therefore outscoring FHC 45-0. The Red Arrows held a 49-43 advantage in the running events.

"Field events have been a strength for us all year, and they came through for us again today," Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said.

Abbey Mathews threw a personal best 31'6-1/2" which was also good enough to earn a first. Kristi Ford was second, 29'9-1/4"; Heather Becker, third, 27'5-1/2".

Nicole Gillikin won the pole vault with a height of 9'1". She was followed by Ashley Cunningham, second,

7'; and April Telman, third, 6'6".

Holly Plattner took top honors in the long jump with a distance of 15'5". Alyssa Gillikin (14'8") and Amanda Kettel (14'4") were second and third respectively.

Sandra Sturis won the discus with a distance of 101'6"; Ford was second, 96'; and Heather Becker, third with 83.11.

It was Ford leading the way in the high jump with a height of 5'3". Leslie Crowley (5') and Rachelle Becker (4'8") were second and third respectively.

Lowell swept one running event - that was the 300 low hurdles. Krystal White was first in a time of 52.22, followed by Natalie Kent, 53.10 and April Telman, 54.95.

"We switched people around in some of the running events just so the girls don't become too complacent in any one event," Talus said.

Telus won the 110 high hurdles, stopping the clock in

16.93. Kent was second in 17.33.

Crowley won the 400-meter dash, coming home in 1:03.44.

She also had a leg in Lowell's winning 3200-meter relay. Crowley, Plattner, Lisa Wojciakowski and Kristen Lee brought the baton home in 11:02.53.

In the 1600-meter relay, Bryn Southwell, Lauren Vashaw, Jana Young and Plattner came home in a winning time of 4:43

Lowell 84 Northview 53

The Red Arrows worked hard to fend off a good Northview squad.

The score could very easily have been closer, as Lowell won three running events by a second or less.

"Northview is a good team, they gave us a good run," Lowell girls track coach Kathy Talus said. "Our girls were up for the meet."

Kristi Ford received her

first challenge in the high jump, as she needed a height of 5'5" to surpass Northview's mark of 5'4". Ford also won the discus with a distance of 93'3".

Nicole Gillikin won the long jump with a distance of 13'11" and the pole vault at a height of 8'6".

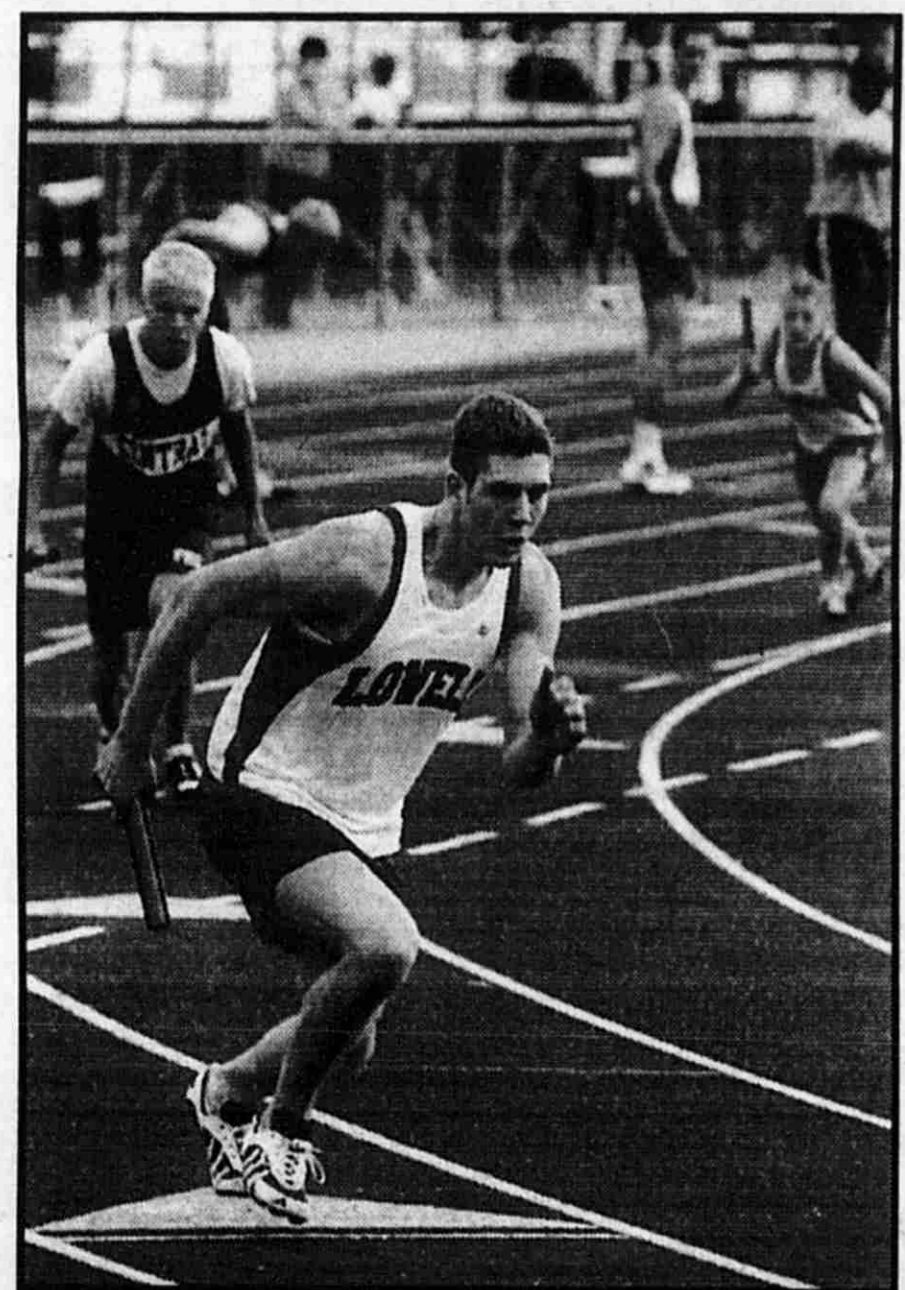
Lowell won the 800- and 1600-meter relays. In the 800, Kim Huyser, Lisa Wojciakowski, Leslie Crowley and Krystal White brought the baton home in a winning time of 1:52.78.

It was Crowley, Plattner, Wojciakowski and Natalie Kent winning the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:19.81.

The Red Arrows won both hurdle events. April Telman (17.3) won the 110 high hurdles and White (50.65) won the 300 low hurdles.

Crowley stopped the clock in a winning time of 1:02.67 in the 400-meter run.

Sarah Swab came home in 13:05.52 to win the 3200-meter run.



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it was Craig Myers, Matt Tschaenn, Kirk Johnson and Zach Stauffer coming home with the baton in a winning time of 8:54.8.

"Tschaenn, Johnson and Myers are coming on," Stevens said. "Stauffer is our iron man."

In the 800-meter relay, it was Mike Wierenga, Matt Foster, Nathan Parnofiello and Jeff Telman stopping the clock in a winning time of 1:38.72. "That's a pretty good time, considering they haven't been running together that long," Stevens explained.

Wierenga, Kurt Telman,

Parnofiello and Travis DeVoid won the 400-meter relay in a time of 46.3.

Kurt Telman also took a first in the 300 low hurdles, coming home in 43.54. Jeff Telman was third in 45.72.

Stauffer was first home in the 800-meter run, stopping the clock in 2:10.59. Johnson was third with a time of 2:14.98.

DeVoid won the shot put with a throw of 42'6". David Hefferan claimed top honors in the discus with a throw of 126'.

Andrew Roberts won the 110 high hurdles, posting a

time of 17.06. Jeff Telman was third at 18.64.

The Red Arrows picked up points for these second- and third-place finishes. DeVoid, second, 100 dash, 12.05; Kurt Telman, third, 12.58; Stauffer, second, 1600-meter run, 5:02.98; Myers, third, 5:12.42; Wierenga, second, 400-meter dash, 55.65; Foster, third, 57.95; Wierenga, second, 200-meter dash, 25.55; Parnofiello, third, 26.65; Myers, second, 3200-meter run, 11:36.49; Scott Riddle, third, 11:37.12; Parnofiello, second, long jump, 17'9"; Foster third,

17'3"; and Tweedale, second, pole vault, 9'.

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The Red Arrows claimed five firsts against the Rangers.

Mike Wierenga, first, 400-meter run, 53.44; Kurt Telman, first, 300 hurdles, 43.37; Dave Hefferan, first, discus, 118'11"; Travis DeVoid, first, shot put, 43'8.5"; and Matt Tschaenn, Kirk Johnson, Zach Stauffer and Matt Foster won the 1600-meter relay in a time of 3:41.3.

Red Arrow girls surprise Northern

... Capen sharp in eight-inning stint against Huskies.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bats on the Lowell softball team were dormant for three innings in the Red Arrows' league-opener against Hastings.

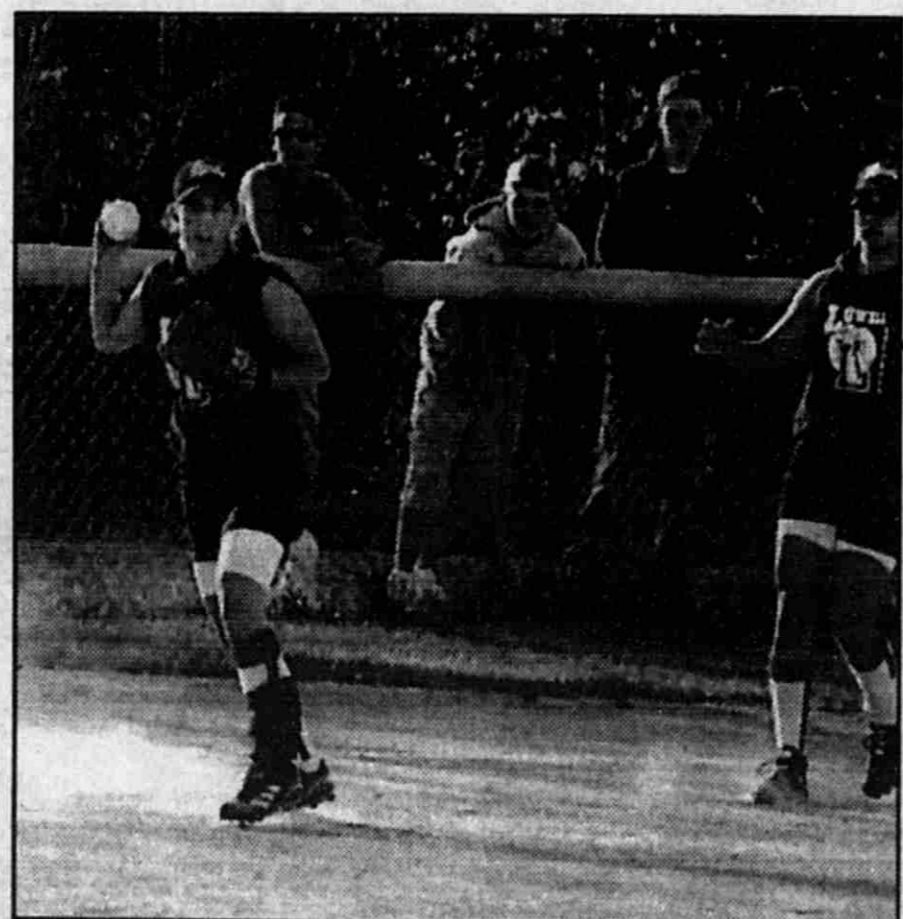
They came to life long enough in the fifth inning to rap out three hits and plate three runs in propelling Lowell to a 4-3 win over Hastings.

"We didn't hit the ball hard at all over the first three innings," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

The Red Arrows recorded three of their six hits in the fifth inning. The key hit came off the bat of pinch-hitter Amanda VanSpronsen. "Her two-run single was the key hit of the game," Rodenhouse said.

The single scored Tara Kimble and Katie Blough who got aboard with singles preceding VanSpronsen.

VanSpronsen came



Noelle Dewey decides against a throw to first.

around to score later in the inning on a sacrifice by Noelle Dewey.

Lowell's timely hitting complemented the steady pitching of Lacey Capen. The Red Arrow pitched seven innings, allowing three runs on eight hits while walking and striking out three batters. Hastings scored single runs in

the first, second and sixth innings.

Lowell tallied a run in the third and three in the fifth. "I start five sophomores and five juniors. The young girls haven't seen all the situations. When you play a team coached by Bob (Rodenhouse), players are

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Kuzmin shuts down Hastings; Lowell lumbers past Portland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell started play in the O-K White the way it finished its non-conference schedule... with a victory.

Adam Kuzmin pitched a complete game en route to his second victory of the year as Lowell defeated Hastings 9-2. Kuzmin allowed two runs on six hits while walking two and striking out five Saxons.

Hastings' only runs came in their last at-bat. "Kuzmin pitched a good game and we made the defensive plays behind him," said Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel.

The Lowell coach is most pleased with the depth his

pitching has shown. "We have six guys who are going out there and getting the job done for us," Antel said.

Lowell scored nine runs on 11 hits. "We got hits but the boys didn't really stripe the ball," Antel said.

Lowell 15 Portland 10

In its 15-10 win over Portland, tremendous relief pitching enabled the Red Arrows to battle back from a 9-3 deficit. Bill Harrison came in with the bases loaded and got out of the inning allowing just one run to score.

Brad Eldridge started but struggled. "Our defense was horrible against Portland," coach Tim Antel said. "Harrison was terrific in relief."

Lowell also hit a record seven home runs.

FHN 8-7 Lowell 3-5

The Huskies rallied from a 4-1 deficit and tallied three runs in the fifth- and sixth-innings to sweep the double-header against Lowell.

FHN outhit Lowell in game two 15-9. The Red Arrows grabbed a 2-1 lead with a run in the first, and two in the second. It added a fourth run in the fourth.

In game one, Northern rallied from a 3-1 deficit to defeat Lowell, scoring seven runs in its final three at-bats.

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going to be put in different situations," Hastings' coach Marty Buehler said.

Lowell 4-2 FHN 2-6

An eighth-inning RBI triple by Jacque Benedict broke a 2-2 tie and lifted the Red Arrows to a win in the first of two games against the Huskies.

The shortstop's triple plated Katie Blough who reached base on a single. Benedict later scored on a sacrifice.

Lowell JV soccer team loses

The Red Arrow junior varsity soccer team lost to Forest Hills Northern 4-2 Wednesday.

Lowell's Marissa Tawney would not be denied as her continued aggressiveness resulted in her putting the ball past the FHN keeper and scoring the game's first goal.

Tara Cariano shot a penalty kick into the top left corner of the net to give Lowell a 2-1 lead.

The two teams were tied 2-2 at halftime. However, a missed mark and a keeper-fumbled shot resulted in two, second half goals for FHN.

Lowell wrestling club results:

The following Lowell wrestlers placed in their competition on April 28, 2001:

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Posthumus, cont'd... From Page 1

ployment, increasing taxes, high welfare rates and underfunded schools.

"Michigan was a differ-

ent state in the '90s," he explained. "Taxes were cut 31 times. Michigan became the number one state in the country for new plant locations, welfare rolls were rolled back from a quarter-million dollars to less than \$80,000, and Proposal A brought more equitable funding to schools," said Posthumus, the man with governor aspirations, in drawing attention to the accomplishments of Gov. John Engler. "This next decade will see businesses and job pro-

viders locating in communities that have a highly trained work force, and good schools."

He noted that the number one challenge of job providers will be to find enough employees with skills to do the job.

Education is the key element in making this happen. "Educational systems that work do this. It's our responsibility to make sure resources are dedicated to reading at

early levels," Posthumus explained.

The lieutenant governor noted that school systems which succeed have great leadership in place at the building level. "These are the systems which also provide a good educational product," Posthumus said to a Wednes-

day afternoon Lowell Rotary Club.

When asked where he stood on vouchers, Posthumus said he supported it. "I have always supported public schools. They are the heart of our educational system. I thought, however, vouchers would provide op-

portunity for kids in failing districts," he said.

The public's overwhelming rejection of the voucher system has led Posthumus to put aside vouchers. "It's time now to deal with present public school alternatives and look at how Charter Schools can be expanded," he concluded.

Remodeling Project, cont'd... From Page 1

standards in the zoning ordinance, which was revised a few years ago.

Because the homes were smaller, the lots were smaller, and while a lot width of 66 feet was normal back then, it doesn't accommodate modern-day remodeling projects, Pasquale said. And he should know - he went through the variance process himself last month for an addition to his home.

For that reason, when owners of older homes want to make improvements involving additions or reconstruction, they are faced with

going before the city planning commission to get a variance.

"It is a recurring, common problem," said commission member, Clark Jahnke, who voted against the Welsh project. "It is a zoning ordinance issue."

Jahnke supports looking at the zoning to see what can be done. In fact, he is currently working on a project that could rezone James Street to allow for a minimum 1,000-square-foot home on those streets, where current Habitat for Humanity homes are being constructed.

Both Welsh and Pawloski received recommendations

for variances from the planning commission. The two proposals will be reviewed at the next city council meeting on Monday night. The city council serves as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Pawloski said if there could have been an allowance made, he would have constructed his addition to match the current lines of the house, but because of the ordinance, he moved it in a foot.

"(The current plan) looks good," Pawloski said, adding that the addition might have looked better if he could have gone the other direction.

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