

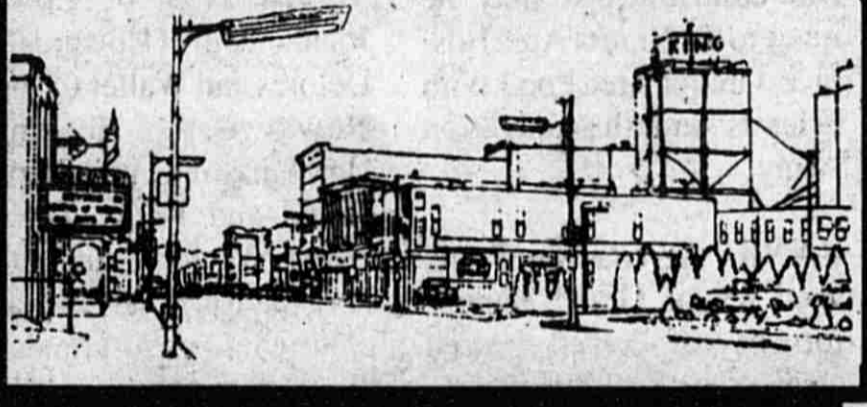
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Wednesday, May 16, 2001

Along Main Street



LHS STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

The Lowell High School Student Art Exhibition is being held at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St. now through Saturday, May 19. For hours, call 897-8545.

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.

LET'S SPRUCE UP THE SHOWBOAT A LITTLE MORE

We're not finished yet! Please help Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come volunteer your muscles to scrape and paint the Showboat, our city's pride and joy. Call Liz at 897-9161 for more info.

MINI-CLASS OFFERED AT WITTENBACH CENTER

The Wittenbach Center will be hosting a mini-class taught by Robin Elmhist on Thurs., May 17 from 7-8:30 p.m. The free class will talk about preparing a bed, starting plants and the planting process. Contact Raquel Clark at 897-7607 if interested in attending.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATURE'S PLACE POND CLEAN-UP

The Nature's Place Committee at Cherry Creek Elementary will have a clean up of Nature's Place Pond on Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to noon. Bring shovels, wheelbarrows and garden rakes and join the Lowell High School Soccer team and Cherry Creek families while they clean up the pond area and spread wood chips on the trails. (Meet in front of the school and bring your bug spray!)

EARLY BIRD SIGN-UPS FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING

Lowell Youth football, flag football, 78er's and cheerleading will be held at Lowell Middle School cafeteria from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. All new sign-ups must bring a copy of birth certificates. For further questions, call 897-7896.

BACCALAUREATE AT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The annual Lowell High School baccalaureate will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

LOWELL AREA POSTAL CUSTOMERS

The window unit will be closed on Saturday, May 26. Box mail will be available at the normal posted time. Customers will be able to pick up packages and accountable mail.

A RECYCLING CENTER NEAR YOU!

A recycling bin has been provided on a trail basis for the community's convenience and is located in the west parking lot of Lowell High School. Items that can be recycled include #1 or #2 plastic, rinsed and de-labeled cans, paper and cardboard. No glass.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council is opening its doors to artists in the Lowell community. This exhibit (June 3-July 14) is intended to celebrate the artworks of local artists (age 18+). Only one artwork may be submitted per artist.

An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, June 3 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Contact the LAAC at 897-8545 for a submission form and guidelines.

School parking lot search uncovers little in the way of drugs, alcohol and weapons

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A random unannounced search for drugs and weapons Friday at Lowell High School resulted in less than a handful of suspensions.

Roughly 600 cars in the high school parking lots were searched by dogs trained to detect such items. The two dogs identified 44 cars of possibly having illegal substances or weapons in them; only four had illegal drugs or alcohol.

The rest of the vehicles were described as residual hits, such as prescription

medicine, empty shotgun shells (used for hunting), bottled rockets, fire rockets, road flares and spills from empty beer can returnables.

"The purpose of the search was to determine if cars are being used to hide drugs and weapons," Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw explained. "Our number one concern must be school safety. The only way to know if we are drug and weapon free, unfortunately, is to do the search. We came to a point where we felt it was necessary. It's a point many

other schools reached a long time ago."

Parent representatives watched the search to assure that students were treated with respect and that the process was done in an ethical and appropriate fashion.

Schools which have used this search have found it to be an effective deterrent.

After the cars were identified by the dogs, students were brought out individually and asked to open up their cars which were then searched.

"The reaction of most students to this was okay. Some

were frustrated and felt as if their rights were being infringed upon," Vashaw said. "Some took issue with the fact that their cigarettes were taken away."

In a memo to teachers, the high school principal stressed that because a student may be pulled out of class to have their car searched does not mean they are guilty.

The entire search took six hours, Vashaw said he believes the district will conduct a second one.

The decision to hold such a search came from meetings

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O-K White Conference Champs

Lowell girls track team withstood a herculean-like late kick by East Grand Rapids to win the O-K White league meet by two points. Lowell finished with 115 points and the Pioneers totaled 113. It's the first conference title for Lowell in girls track since 1992. Story and pictures on page 15.

Variances extended to Pawloski and Welsh

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) followed the lead of the Lowell Planning Commission as it approved the recommended variances for two residential lots.

Ryan Pawloski, of 924 N. Hudson, was granted a variance request regarding the construction of a 20 by 24 foot addition.

A variance became necessary when Pawloski discovered the north side yard setback was five feet rather than the required six feet.

The planning commission recommended granting the variance by a unanimous vote after determining the request met the established criteria.

Will Welsh, of 504 Lincoln Lake Ave., also received unanimous support from the ZBA for his front yard setback variance for a proposed addition.

Welsh's house sits on the corner of Lincoln Lake and

Howard, where two 30 foot front yards are required. The addition will be 18 feet from the Howard Street right of way.

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OBITUARIES

HENDRICK - Christopher M. Hendrick (Bottrall), aged 14, of Lowell, went to be with the Angels, May 13, 2001. He is survived by his mother Carlene Hendrick (Bottrall) and Rob Bottrall of Lowell; grandparents Edith Hendrick of Lowell, Betty

Bottrall of Ada; aunts, uncles, several cousins and very cherished friends that he held near and dear to his heart. He attended Lowell Middle School, 8th grade. Chris was truly an inspiration to everybody he knew. We love you so much Chris and we miss

you very deeply. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main, Pastor Wayne Haines, Pastor Lee Taylor, Pastor Burland Margesson officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

KINGSLEY - Thelma Alice Kingsley, of Ithaca and former resident of Grand Ledge, Grand Rapids and Lowell, entered into her eternal life May 11, 2001 at her home. She was born May 1, 1916, to William and Elsie (Gilson) Ream in Marilla Township. She spent her younger years in Lansing, graduating from Eastern High School. On Sep-

tember 3, 1937, she married Louis William Kingsley; he preceded her in death in 1968. Thelma had been employed with the Lowell Light and Power Company, Lowell Granite Company, Kent County Special Education and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in Lansing where she retired in 1980. During her lifetime Thelma was an active citizen within her community. While residing in Grand Ledge she was a very active Senior Citizen with the Grand Ledge Senior Center and was also president of the Lansing Chapter, AARP. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a life member of Cyclamen Chapter #94, Order of Eastern Star in Lowell. She enjoyed gardening and tending to her bird feeding and watching. Thelma was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter Carolyn Mae and two brothers Maxwell and Charles Ream. She is survived by her daughter Sharon (Richard) Greene of Breckenridge; two grandsons

Timothy (Pamela) Shepard of Lansing and Matthew Shepard of St. Johns; four great-grandchildren. She also leaves the following sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Helen (Maxwell) Ream, Leona (Ream) Ramsey of DeWitt, William (Shirley) Kingsley of South Rockwood; Betty (Harvey) Meyer of Carlton; Marjorie (Ben) Wells of Phoenix, OR, and Margaret Kingsley of Hastings, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Dewey Funeral Home in Ithaca. Interment at Marilla Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gratiot Area Hospice, Gratiot Area Food With Friends and the Salvation Army.

RANK - Alvena May Rank, aged 83, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, passed away May 8, 2001. She is survived by her daughter Orva Jean Lumsden of Cedar Springs; brother Claude Spencer of Battle Creek; sisters LaVerna Curtis of Lake City, Mich., Vera (Paul) Watkins of Cedar Springs; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre of First Congrega-

tional Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

TOTH (Newaygo Newt) - Mr. Frank Toth, aged 85, of Newaygo, died Thursday, May 10, 2001 at Transitional Health Services in Fremont. He retired in 1981 after 35 years of working as a machine operator for Steelcase. Survived by his wife Margaret Toth of Newaygo; his children Charles Frank and Ruth Toth of Gaylord, James and Sharon Toth of Newaygo, Thomas and Donna Toth of Cedar Springs, Frances and Thomas Lichner of Livingston, MT., Nancy and Steven Tegg of Lowell, Joanne Toth of Howard City, Delores and Walter Olson of Newaygo, Rosemary Haaskma of Grand Rapids, David and Kathy Toth of Grant, Victoria and Dave Perry of Iron River; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother John and June Ladanyi of Coral; sister Mary Zemke of Wayland; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by daughter Barbara Ann Toth in 1955. The funeral liturgy was held Monday at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Newaygo, with Father Loc Trinh officiating. Interment in St. Bartholomew Cemetery. Memorials to American Cancer Society Newaygo Co. Chapter.

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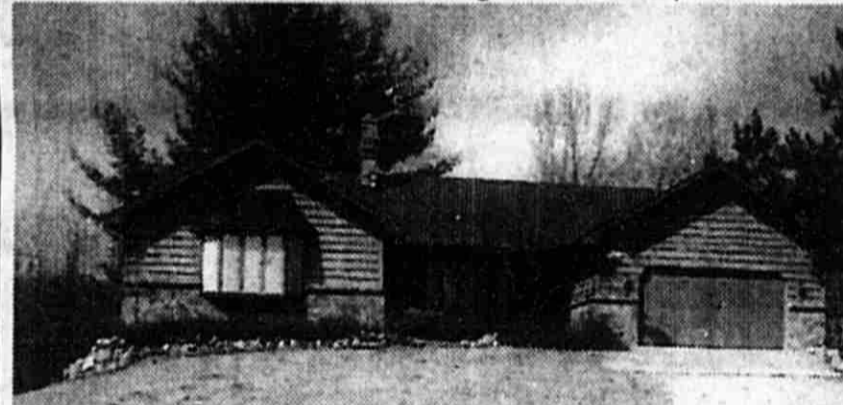
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ROBIN JOSEPH LEWIS

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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 ROBIN JOSEPH LEWIS at the last know 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.

April 5, 2001

JUDGE G. PATRICK
HILLARY
(P-35303)

It's a BOY!



BIRTH

ANNOUNCEMENT
Todd and Allison Mahalic are happy to announce the birth of their son Matthew Todd. He was born April 10, 2001 at 8:59 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. & measuring 20 inches long. He is welcomed home by big brother, Thomas. Proud grandparents are Mike and Sue Shalander & Tom and Betty Mahalic.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Lowell Wesleyan Church
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On a recent visit to my parents' home I was in the midst of my normal "getting ready" routine when my wife asked me if I needed anything from our little bathroom bag. I looked in my parents' medicine cabinet and then told her I had all I needed. ...for hanging in the medicine cabinet was my old toothbrush.

The toothbrush hanging there is, to my best estimate, at least 10 years old. It was



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ELEMENTARY
*Chef's Salad & Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options.
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TUES: Chili & soft pretzel or chicken salad in a pita pocket, petite banana, carrot slices, dessert.

WED: Cheeseburger on a bun or hot turkey sandwich w/gravy, whipped potatoes, pears & cherries.

THURS: Cheese pizza or ravioli w/cheese & garlic toast, dried fruit, whole kernel corn.

FRI: Beefy burrito w/roll or footlong dog on a bun, watermelon slice, baby carrots & dip, trail mix w/chocolate buttons.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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

MON: Pizza pocket or turkey bacon sub sandwich, vegetable choice, applesauce.

TUES: 2 egg, ham & cheese English muffins or mini cornbreads w/bread, tater tots, blueberries & whipped cream.

WED: Chicken nuggets or cook's choice, soft breadstick, whipped potatoes, peas, cherry crisp.

THURS: Soup & potato bar. Baked potatoes, soup, diced ham, cheese sauce, broccoli, bacon bits, sour cream, black olives, onions. Choice of fruit & bread.

FRI: Pizza wedge or Spaghetti w/meat sauce & garlic toast, strawberry Jello, corn.

sense of a symbol. It speaks to me every time I open the medicine cabinet that there's a place where someone is ready for me, ready for me to spend a night, ready for me to come and eat a meal, ready for me to come and have fellowship, to share in the love of my parents' home. It says to me that I have a place in my parents' home. The old toothbrush symbolizes the sense that there's a place where I belong.

the toothbrush that I last used when I was in high school. When I went off to college. I took a new toothbrush. I guess my mother thought I needed one there as well as at home. And since getting married, my lovely wife sees it that I get a new toothbrush fairly often.

It's somewhat of a surprise that my old toothbrush hangs in my parents' medicine cabinet. Not everyone would use such a toothbrush. I suppose most dentists would shudder at the thought. My wife thinks I'm crazy. The feel of the brush as it crosses one's teeth is more like a wire brush used to clean steel than something one would normally put in the mouth. If everyone had a brush like this lying around the house, we wouldn't need to go to the dentist as often as we do - it will scrape the heaviest build-up of plaque off the teeth.

So why do I use it? At first I used the old toothbrush as a convenience. It was one item that I knew I didn't have to take home with me from college. After a while I used the brush as somewhat of a novelty. Isn't it cool. I thought, that mom hasn't thrown my toothbrush away. But then, my mother has a hard time throwing much of anything away.

As the years continue to pass, I still use it, but its novelty and usefulness have taken a back seat to its

While the parallels are not exact, thinking about this toothbrush reminded me of Jesus' parable of the Waiting Father or, as most call it, The Prodigal Son (see Luke 15). The son approached the father and asked for his inheritance. The father obliged and gave the son what he asked for. Then the son left home and over a course of time he expensed all of his inheritance on wild living. He ended up dining with pigs that he was supposed to be feeding. All the while, the father was waiting, waiting for his son to return home, to have fellowship, to share in the love of family, to come and eat a meal.

Jesus' parable brings to light the love which God the Father has for each of us, that He's waiting for us to return home, to have fellowship with Him, to share in the love of His family, to eat a meal, to live in the house of God. It speaks to us of a place where we belong.

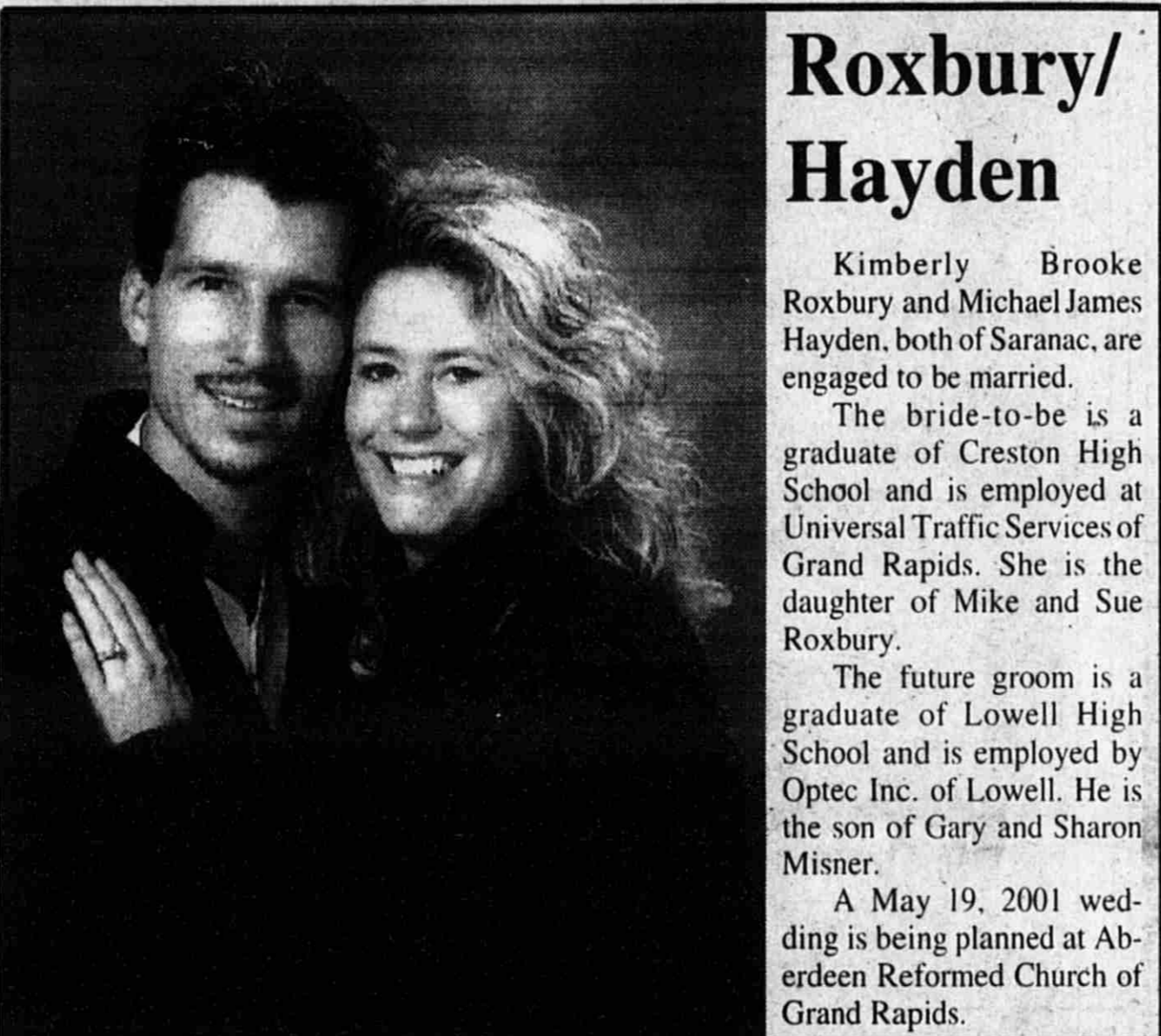
My mother hasn't thrown out my old toothbrush, and I hope she doesn't. For when I open the medicine cabinet I find more than a tool of utility - I find a symbol of her love, her waiting for me, and the reflection of God in her life. Thanks, mom!



65th Anniversary

Sixty-five years of matrimony will be observed on May 16 by Harold and Greta (Gretchen) Kettner of Lowell. A family dinner in celebration of the occasion is planned.

The Kettners' children are Harold and Elizabeth Kettner and Michael and Diane Kettner. They also have four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Roxbury/Hayden

Kimberly Brooke Roxbury and Michael James Hayden, both of Saranac, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Creston High School and is employed at Universal Traffic Services of Grand Rapids. She is the daughter of Mike and Sue Roxbury.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School and is employed by Optec Inc. of Lowell. He is the son of Gary and Sharon Misner.

A May 19, 2001 wedding is being planned at Aberdeen Reformed Church of Grand Rapids.

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
MAY 17, 1876
This issue is missing. We substitute May 17, 1871
C. A. Kniffin and Elias Dawson have purchased the
flouring mill at Alton.
The Episcopal Society has bought a lot on the west side of Broadway, south of Main Street, and plans to build a church there.
James W. Stevens has contracted with Common Council to build a reservoir on the corner of Broadway, also to build an aqueduct leading from Flat River to the reservoir, like the structure on the east side of Bridge Street.
A petition to Common Council asks for the walk on the Flat River bridge to be made wider. The editor comments that both the walk and the road are too narrow for convenience, safety or good looks.
Lowell Lodge #357 appeals to the editor and all the churches of Lowell to start a temperance campaign.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 17, 1951
Bob Canfield breaks the 11-year record for the 880 in the Grand Valley Conference track meet: 2:02.7.
The Ledger publishes the new village motor vehicle code, which becomes effective in 10 days. A crackdown on unsafe vehicles is promised along with it.
Wittenbach Sales & Service sponsors a free demonstration of preparing foods for a home freezer.
"Destination Moon" is the new movie playing at the Strand Theatre; the blurb predicts humans going to the moon within 10 or 15 years.
"On Top of Old Smoky" and "Mocking Bird Hill" are popular on the records now.

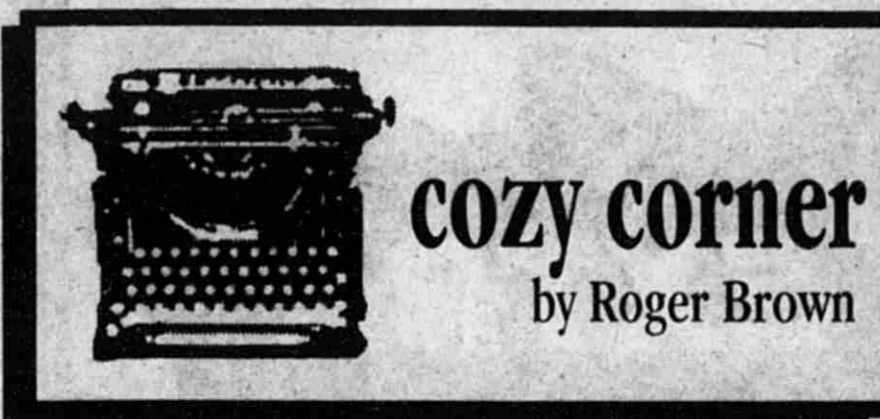
100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 16, 1901
Mrs. Wilbur Moon of Keene Township hosts a rag bee to sew rags for a carpet for the burned-out Lillie family.
"Snuffles" is a new medicine guaranteed to cure catarrh and prevent consumption.
The Panama Canal Co. announces the terms by which it will sell the Panama Canal to the U.S.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
MAY 13, 1976
Lowell Youth for Understanding is fundraising this Saturday at the airport. Your airport manager, Jim Sowle, was so helpful and professional both when we were calling from New York and when we landed at Lowell Airport.
It is a joy to see a small airport treat out-of-state pilots with such hospitality. We were also impressed with the improvements being done. With your airport so close to our remaining families there, we will be able to see them more often. Thank you.
Sincerely,
Sharon and Robert Swanson
Horseheads, NY

To The Editor

Dear Editor,
My husband recently lost his mother who lived in the Ada area. We want to express our appreciation for your wonderful airport. It was so handy for us to be able to land close to where she lived, and not have to fly into the busy Grand Rapids

Viewpoint



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

I left you last week with Terese, the dogs and I camped on a remote island in Biscayne National Park. We'd crossed Biscayne Bay in my overloaded little boat. The conditions were choppy and the steering system was acting up. We made it to the island campground in time to set up camp, prepare dinner, and wolf it down. We got in our new tent as darkness and rain settled in. All this in celebration of Terese's birthday... a big birthday with a zero on the end.

Let's start with the tent. We'd purchased it the day before we left. We have a nice tent, a quality tent, but it is too small to accommodate the dogs. The new tent is much bigger but was inexpensive and therefore of questionable quality. As it turned out, the tent was actually not bad. The problem would lie with the erector, yours truly. What else is new?

We lay in the tent reading by the light from a battery-operated lantern. The rain continued and the tent stayed pretty dry. So far, so good. After awhile the wind picked up and the rain became heavier. Now we were getting wet.

Flashlight in hand, I went outside for an inspection. The wind was blowing the tent's rain fly out of place. This allowed the rain to run in through screened vents that were now exposed. I stretched the fly back into place and attached some

guy ropes. That solved the problem temporarily. Emphasis on temporarily. The wind and rain continued to pick up. Before long we had a real squall on our hands. Despite my best efforts, I couldn't keep the fly in place.

We used our beach towels to soak up the water and built dams to divert the water to the dog's end of the tent. Not a problem, they seemed more concerned with the racket made by raccoons rummaging through our campsite. It rained pretty much all night. Enough said.

The next morning was breezy with peeks of sun. A nice day for drying things out. I broke a park rule and strung clothesline... lots of clothesline. With most of our belongings flapping in the breeze, Terese and I inspected the tent. I believe it was she who discovered little Velcro tabs at the corners of the rain fly. The tabs neatly wrap around the tent poles and keep the fly in place. Imagine that? We got soaked because somebody overlooked those little tabs. Isn't that just hilarious? Terese didn't think so either.

I went down to the dock to bail my little boat. Bailing done. I decided to fiddle with the sticky steering problem. Some internal corrosion in the mechanism has been causing the steering to "hang up" when turning the boat to the right. I worked the wheel through a couple of times and managed to get it completely stuck in the extreme right turn position. Great! As I tried to force it loose, I felt something give. I had stripped the gears in the mechanism behind the steering wheel. Oh, oh! With my meager tools and a pipe wrench borrowed from the park ranger, I managed to free up the stuck steering rod. Unfortunately, I had "Browned" the gearbox.

The gears were meshing just enough to turn the motor slightly to the left or right. We would not be tearing around Biscayne Bay fishing and snorkeling. I was saving the last

teeth in the gearbox for the trip back to the mainland.

On the plus side, the weather wasn't conducive to fishing and snorkeling anyway. The wind continued to blow. We hiked, cooked, read and listened to the weather forecast. We decided to stay at least one more night. A park service ferry arrived and the other campers left. The place was ours. Did we hear that forecast correctly? Did the rest of the world know something we didn't? Here we were in a National Park... completely alone. Even the park ranger had left. It was kinda like "Survivor," only different. There wasn't anybody around to vote us off the island.

We spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening. It didn't rain in the night, but sleep was interrupted by raccoon raids and barking dogs. The next day was Saturday. Terese's actual birthday. Weather forecasts from the FM radio and the marine radio were not good. Both called for heavy rain later in the day and on into the evening. Despite the discovery of those Velcro tabs, we decided to head home a day early. We leisurely broke camp and packed the boat.

We were riding with the seas on the way back, so the going was rather pleasant compared to the trip over. The steering creaked and groaned, but held together. We made it to the boat ramp without incident. I discreetly breathed a sigh of relief as we tied to the dock. I have to admit my "What, me worry?" philosophy had been tested by that steering problem and ten miles of open water to cross. We loaded the boat on the trailer, drove home and unpacked. We showered, dressed and went to dinner at one of our favorite restaurants here in the Keys.

Despite all the problems, Terese said she had a wonderful birthday. That's good, because I'd have been real disappointed if she hadn't had a good time stranded on an island in the rain on her birthday. It just doesn't get any better than that

Former editor F. M. Johnson is on a long trip and this week reports from the Niagara Falls area, and will visit the Pan American Exposition at Buffalo, which just opened.

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The projected August 2-3-4 Homecoming receives suggestions from many Ledger readers. Fred W. Hine writes his from Grand Rapids, which he says is principally occupied by former Lowellites. He promises to urge them all to attend.

The annual Play Festival (field day) for rural school students will be held next Tuesday at Recreation Park, followed by a base ball game between Lowell and Ionia Academy, followed by School Night, for which pupils and teachers hold sample classes for visitors.

An article on the farm and radio page warns of the alarming loss of good soil through gullies, then advises how gullies start and how they may be stopped and prevented.

Another article tells how to paraffin silo walls by dissolving it in warm kerosene, or by heating paraffin; the trick is to accomplish this without setting them on fire.

A breathless discussion of the latest styles in women's hats shows uniformly deep crowns, covering the head down to the eyebrows.

day by selling airplane rides at the Lowell airport for two cents per pound.

The Western Auto store gets aluminum siding on the east side. The front will be sided later.

The school board reluctantly agrees on a two-part millage proposal: continuation of the current 2.5 mills, and a two-year increase of one mill.

Showboat Automotive moves out to West Main Street from its downtown location.

Joe Kinnebrew receives a \$2500 prize from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts for his accomplishments as a sculptor. His Fish Ladder in Grand Rapids also wins the Michigan Community Achievement of the Year award.

Health



SCREENING FOR DIABETES

Diabetes is a major cause of kidney failure, blindness and amputations. It has been associated with most cardiovascular diseases. Only about half of the people with diabetes have been diagnosed. The rest have not been diagnosed yet because in the early stages, diabetes causes few symptoms. Many will have the disease for several years before symptoms appear. During this asymptomatic period, cardiovascular damage can start. This is why early diagnosis is important.

Diabetes occurs when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or the insulin produced is not utilized by the body properly. This results in an elevated blood sugar. Symptoms of diabetes include excessive thirst, excessive urination, changes in appetite, possible weight loss, blurring vision, and fatigue. Many of these symptoms also appear in other disorders.

You are at increased risk of developing diabetes if you have a family history of the disorder, are over 45 years of age, are overweight or have had diabetes during pregnancy.

Screening for diabetes is done by obtaining a fasting blood sugar. This can be done in your doctor's office by a simple pin prick. A "fasting" sugar is done in the morning without having had anything to eat since the evening before. A normal blood sugar is less than 110. A sugar level greater than 126 is suggestive of diabetes.

The earlier you know you have diabetes, the easier it is to control and the sooner you can make lifestyle changes to prevent damage. There is no cure for diabetes. Exercise, diet and medications will control the disease to prevent the devastating complications.

For more information about diabetes you can call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-342-2383.



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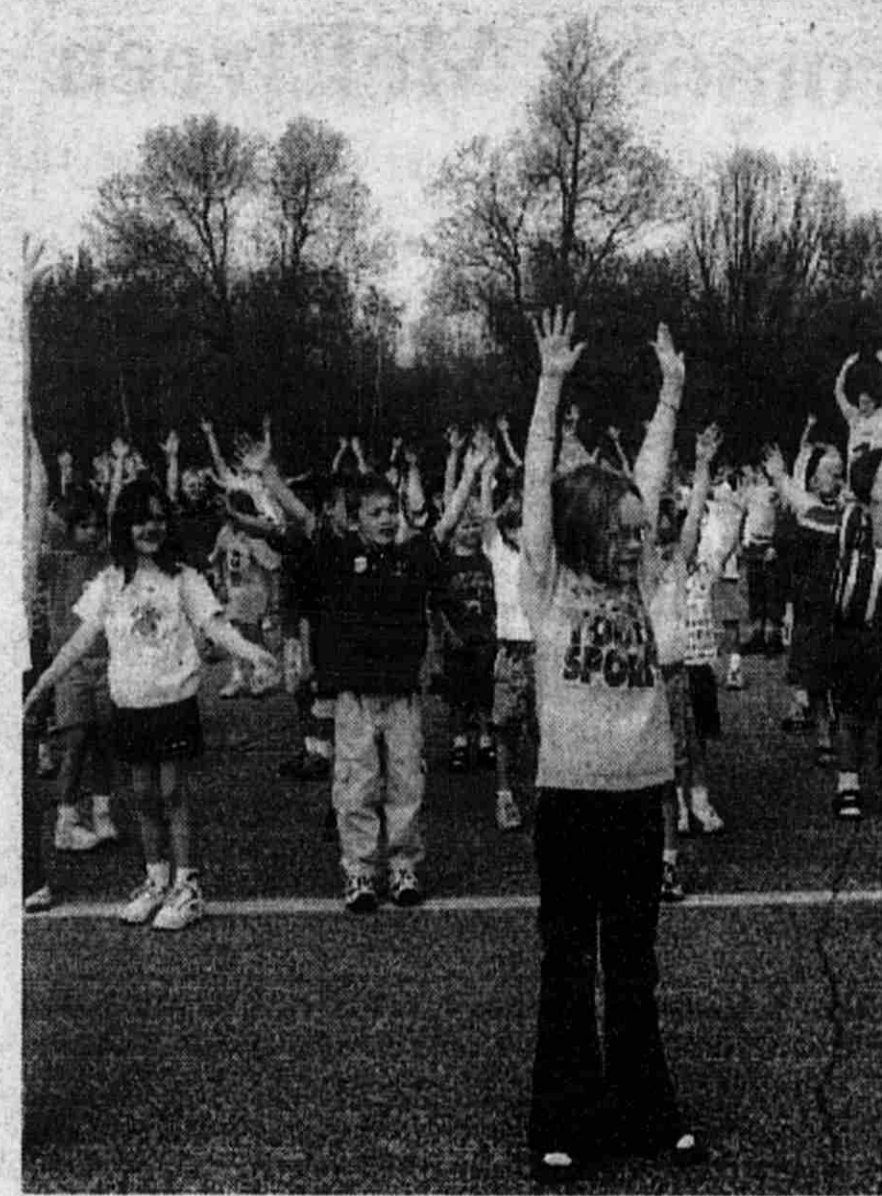
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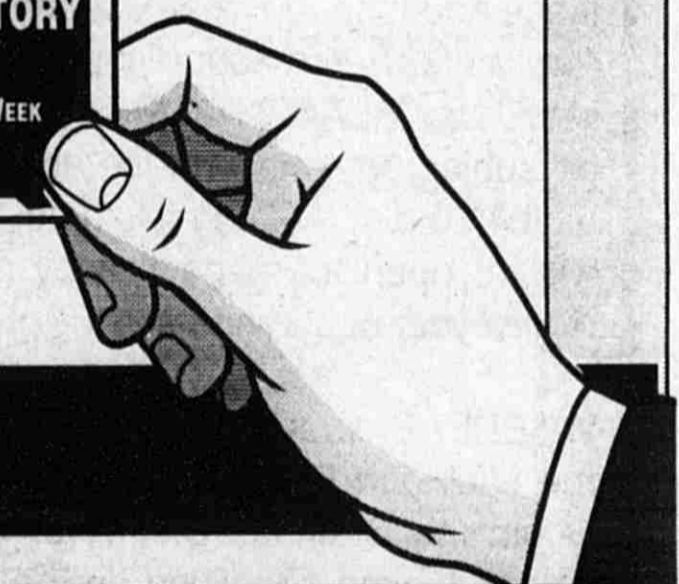
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Students and staff warm up before they jog around the playground.

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Search, cont'd... From Page 1

last fall involving the middle and high school administration. Lowell Police Department, Kent County Sheriff's Department and the school security team. Suggestions from the meeting were taken before the school safety advisory committee (made up of parents from the elementary, middle and high schools). The issue was then taken to Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke and the school board. After it was agreed upon, a team was sent to Rockford to observe a search. The student councils were made aware that a search would be conducted and it was put in the school's March newsletter.

Variations, cont'd... From Page 1

The planning commission recommended approval of the variance request by a vote of 6-1, stating that the established criteria were met. Commissioner Clark Jahnke believed the variance should be granted for the house addition only, not the garage, thus voting in the negative. After hearing public testimony, the ZBA unanimously approved the request.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 2001, at the Kent County Drain Commissioner's office, 1500 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Roger G. Laninga, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "BEAR SWAMP DRAIN," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. You may also review your apportionments by phone at (616) 336-3688.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review. If no appeal, the roll will be confirmed ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionments. The confirmed roll may be slightly different from the roll presented at the Day of Review due to arguments made at the Day of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

The following government units and permanent parcel numbers of the parcels of land within the Special Assessment District of said drain will be assessed:

41-24-01-100-019	41-24-01-400-011	41-24-11-200-004
41-24-01-100-020	41-24-02-300-004	42-24-11-300-001
41-24-01-300-002	41-24-02-300-017	41-24-11-400-003
41-24-01-300-003	41-24-02-300-024	41-24-11-400-004
41-24-01-300-007	41-24-02-400-002	41-24-12-100-001
41-24-01-300-010	41-24-02-400-004	41-24-12-100-003
41-24-01-300-011	41-24-02-400-005	41-24-12-100-004
41-24-01-300-012	41-24-02-400-006	41-24-12-100-005
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41-24-01-300-014	41-24-11-100-002	41-24-12-300-001
41-24-01-400-009	41-24-11-200-003	41-24-12-300-007

Kent County on Account of Roads
Bowne Township

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and nonresident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you: Mary Hollinrake, Clerk of Kent County, Peter Siler, Bowne Township Supervisor and Jon Rice, Managing Director, Kent County Road Commission, that at such time and place, as stated above, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Bear Swamp Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

AND EACH OF YOU, owners and persons interested in the above referenced parcels of land, are hereby given the opportunity to appear at the time and place noted above to review the apportionments and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation to them, if you so desire.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2001

Roger G. Laninga,
Kent County Drain Commissioner

YMCA promotes McElveen

Cynthia McElveen has been promoted to director of Before and After Child Care at Lowell YMCA's Runciman site. McElveen joined the YMCA staff in January when the Wellness Center opened. She has served in the capacity of Kind's Corner director and as a Teen Center after-school supervisor. She has also been instrumental in serving as a sub at all three of the Y childcare centers.

Retberg and Welsh recognized

Andy Retberg, YMCA community development director, was recognized as the rookie director of the year by the National Association of Professional Directors for the YMCA. The award honors a director, with less than two years of service, for outstanding contribution to the YMCA in areas of programming. Retberg was honored for his work with the Lowell YMCA branch's Wellness and Teen centers. Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh was the recipient of the honorable mention director of the year award. "Neither of these awards earned by the Lowell branch would have been possible without the collaboration of the community (e.g., Parks Construction and the Lowell Ministerium)," Welsh said. In other YMCA news, Chris Harrington was named interim director of Cherry Creek's Before and After Child Care while Terri Sikkenga is on maternity leave. Kevin Brown has been hired on as a full-time fitness coordinator at the YMCA Wellness Center.

Rotary nears its challenge grant goal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The window of opportunity on a \$40,000 challenge grant is closing on the Lowell Rotary Club.

An anonymous donation

of a \$40,000 matching grant was made in the fall of last year. For each dollar up to \$40,000 that the club raises, the donor will match. The donations must come from individuals. Corporate donations do not apply. The deadline is June 30.

So far, the club has taken in \$25,000 in donations from individuals. "It will serve as seed money in funding our club's Lowell Educational Community Scholarship," said Lowell Rotarian (treasurer), Greg Flick. "Our club's goal was to raise \$180,000 by June 30. Right now, we're at \$120,000."

This year the Rotary Club will give out three scholarships - a one year, \$500 schol-

arship; a two-year, \$1,000 scholarship; and a four-year, \$2,000 scholarship. The club's goal is to eventually give out six scholarships a year, totaling roughly \$9,000.

"The goal is to award these scholarships while keeping the principal intact," Flick explained.

Tax deductible donations may be made to the Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation (501 C-3 status).

Checks should be mailed to the Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation at P.O. Box 223, Lowell, MI 49331. Questions may be presented to Flick at 676-0891.

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Earning a state championship in horse judging were, from left to right, Katie Clements, Molly Balaam and Emily Roth. Balaam finished third in the individual competition. Clements was first and was also the state runner-up in extemporaneous speaking. All of the state winners will go on to compete at the nationals in Louisville, KY in October.



Kristen Lee was a state winner in Greenhand Public Speaking.



James Bossard and Jana Young, pictured above, earned a first in state in the marketing plan competition. Courtney Perkins, not pictured, was the third member of the winning team. The marketing plan which they wrote was presented to professional marketing experts.

COLLEGE NEWS

Shannon Finnegan, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate, was among 28 Alma College students who were awarded the President's Cup during Honors Convocation on April 5 by Dr. Harold M. Kolenbrander, Alma's interim president. "Today, for the 34th time, we award the President's Cup to those whose scholarship surpasses all others," said Dr. Kolenbrander. The students, 15 freshmen, 10 sophomores and three juniors, earned the honor by achieving the highest academic standing in their classes at Alma.

The tradition of the President's Cup was started in 1968 by Alma's president.

Robert Swanson. Students earning the honor receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement and have their name inscribed on the appropriate class (freshman, sophomore or junior) President's Cup trophy. The trophies are kept on permanent display in the Reid-Knox Administration Building on campus where said Dr. Kolenbrander. "They are a constant reminder of their achievements."

Junior Trout Unlimited chapter to meet June 2

If your kids are interested in fishing, please encourage them to join Trout Unlimited Junior. Trout Unlimited is a national organization for fishing and fish stewardship, and we have the first Junior Chapter (ages 9 and up) in the state of Michigan.

Our next meeting is Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch included) in which Trout Unlimited's board members will be fishing with the Junior Chapter at Camp Rockford. (fly, spinning, etc.)

For more information, contact director, Tammy DeBaar at the Wittenbach Center at 987-1002 and leave your name, phone number and address.

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ENTRY FEE: Now until June 4th, \$12; June 5th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic. (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$10 per person up until June 4.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 8th, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School - north entrance.

AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

AGE GROUPS:	14 & under	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	60-65
	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	66 & over

Registered runners and walkers will receive a tee-shirt. Late registration after June 4th will also receive a tee-shirt to be picked up at a designated place and time to be announced race day.

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Florida Luncheon a hot item for Lowellians

Lowellians who migrated south for the winter met for their annual Lowell Day in Lakeland, FL. A buffet luncheon was served on Sunday, March 4 at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club at 1 p.m. Mary Peckham, Carmen Roudabush and Barb Curtis hosted the event.

If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.
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A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809 on:

Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.

at which time and place the following request will be heard:

David Covey of 4132 Murray View, Lowell, MI - Parcel #41-12-33-176-006 has made application for variance from Article 7 section 7.03 C and 7.03 B. Variance to build an addition to existing structure 14' from rear lot line in lieu of required 20' and side yard setback 8' in lieu of required 10'. Also a porch and deck addition with side yard setback of 9'6" in lieu of required 10'.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to:

Al Berry
Grattan Township Zoning Board Of Appeals
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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REZONING HEARING

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

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001 at 7:00 P.M.

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

The following change of zoning will be considered:
Mark and Earlina Velting have requested rezoning of property located at 12000 Cascade Road (PP# 41-20-28-200-007), Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Agriculture (Ag1) to Light Industrial for the purpose of light industrial use.

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

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Electrical safety month good time to rid home of hazards

May is a good month to check your home for electrical hazards, says the National Electrical Safety Foundation. The Rosslyn, Va.-based group has dubbed May as National Electrical Safety Month, and offers a 10-point checklist for home safety.

"Electrical safety is a year-round responsibility for everyone," says Tom Richards, general manager of Lowell Light & Power. "But spring-cleaning time is the perfect time to look for accidents waiting to happen.

You'd be making your home safe and clean at the same time."

Lowell Light & Power, your community owned electric utility, endorses the NESF checklist:

- Outlets. Replace missing or broken wall plates, and make sure child safety covers protect them if there are little ones in the home.

- Cords. It's tempting to nail or staple cords to walls and baseboards to keep them out of the way. But if you puncture the cord, it can over-

heat and catch on fire.

- Extension cords. So many of us use extension cords as permanent plugs—and that's risky. Extension cords are meant to be used only temporarily. They're not sturdy enough for prolonged use.

- Plugs. The third pin on the plugs of new appliances is there for a reason. It's a grounding pin. Never ever cut it off to fit into a two-prong outlet. Instead, call an electrician to have your outlets updated.

- Ground Fault circuit in-

terrupters. If you don't have one already, drop everything and go buy one for every outlet that's near water or plumbing. GFCI's can prevent electrocution. They prevent the flow of power when they sense there is a problem.

- Light bulbs. Did you know that each lamp in your house is designed for a light bulb with a specific wattage? If you put a 100-watt bulb into a socket designed for a 75-watt bulb, it could cause a fire. Check all your lighting fixtures today.

- Circuit breakers and

fuses. It's important to replace blown fuses and worn circuit breakers with the correct size. If you don't know the correct size, call an electrician.

- Water and electricity: They don't mix. Take a second after you blow-dry your hair in the bathroom to unplug your hair dryer. If you don't and it comes in contact with water, it can shock or electrocute anyone who touches it—even if it's turned off.

- Entertainment and computer equipment. Protect the intricate parts of your expensive equipment by plugging the device into a surge protector. Surge protectors help prevent lightning or electrical surges from damaging your equipment.

For more electrical safety tips, visit the National Electrical Safety Foundation website at www.nesf.org.

Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.



TROPE Benefit Concert

Local band TROPE will play from 6 until 9 p.m. Friday at the Main Street Banquet, 901 W. Main, as a fundraising benefit for cystic fibrosis.

There will be a \$5 admission fee. Pictured above, from left to right, are TROPE members: Jake Galas, Brandon Triplett, Brandon Seyforth and John Weirauch.

The evening will be emceed by Lowell's own Elvis.

Sanchez shares inspirational life story

John Sanchez, a blind wood-carver, visited St. Patrick School. He shared his inspirational life story of how he became blind and then took up the art of woodcarving.

His overriding message to students was that anyone can overcome disabilities and move forward with their lives. Their disabilities do not need to destroy a person's life but merely change it.

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APRIL 16, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes of March 12, 2001 regular meeting were accepted as read

A public hearing was held to allow for comment on a request for a Special Use Permit from Tom Crawford

Motions Approved:

- Treasurer's Report/Invoices
- Motion to grant a Special Use Permit to Tom Crawford to allow for a temporary dwelling while new home is under construction
- Motion to table site plan approval for new elementary school for further review
- Motion to designate Jim Doezema as Township attorney; Phil Saurman as Township Auditor and Jay Kilpatrick as Township Planner
- Motion to designate depository institutions - Kent County Money Max, Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank, Ionia County Bank
- Motion to appoint Kerry Tap Cemetery Sexton
- Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Next regularly scheduled meeting May 21, 2001

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 21, 2001 and June 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2001-2002. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,189,596 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2001-2002 budget will be available for public inspection starting May 16, 2001 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools
Superintendent



I still believe that the Cheshire cat in Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland* says it best, "If you do not know where you are going, then any road will do." This sage advice from a Cheshire cat serves both individuals and organizations as we look for answers to an ever-changing future. Envisioning the future is difficult and challenging work at best - yet work that is critical if we are to thrive.

It is difficult for me to believe that it was only one year ago this month, May 2000, that this community held the groundbreaking for the Wittenbach Agriscience Center. Only one year ago there was no facility, no programs, no leadership... just dirt. Yet in this one short academic year, this center has engaged thousands of students and community members in learning and volunteerism because of the enthusiastic and tireless leadership of Tammy DeBaar and John Schut. It is invigorating and encouraging that in this brief year the

Wittenbach Agriscience-Wege Natural Area has managed to become a vital and unique resource to both our children and our community. It is clearly another wonderful addition to an increasingly vibrant school and community.

Yet this year should be seen for what it truly is - a great beginning. The real greatness of this learning center lies in the future and our ability to know "where we are going and how we are going to get there." With this in mind, a vision, and a mission with four areas of focus have been developed for the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and the Wege Natural Area.

- Our vision is to become a premier community center for hands-on learning with a focus on the integration of agriscience

and environmental studies.

- Our mission is to enhance learning and personal development.
- Our four areas of focus are:
 - 1) agriscience and natural resources
 - 2) environmental study
 - 3) the involvement of grades K-12 all subjects
 - 4) intensive community involvement.

The Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area are off to a wonderful start. Yet with a clear vision and purpose in mind, we know that this agriscience and volunteer center will increasingly play a vital role in the development of the larger Lowell community.

AREA BIRTHS

Chad and Jennifer Tolson, of Jenison, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Alan Tolson, born March 6, 2001. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jake and Sharon Hoover of Grandville, and Paul Tolson and Brenda Tolson, both of Valparaiso, Ind. Great-grandparents are Richard and Eileen Beach and Jake and Peg Hoover, all of Lowell; Dan and Jo Marvin of Valparaiso; and Mae Burnett of Kentucky.

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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.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in the meeting room of Englehardt Library at 7 p.m. Public invited.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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 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 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.

Community Building Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

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.

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.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - The Alto Family Tree Club meets at Alto Public Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club meets at the west end of Lowell High School. 9 AM social gathering; 10 AM meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 Headley is open from 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 is held the 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 24: Cyclamen Chapter #94 will visit Rockford Chapter - Sister Chapter. Contact Kathryn Hall 942-2639 for time.

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

SAT., MAY 19: Nature's Place Pond clean up from 10 a.m. - noon. Volunteers meet Lowell High School soccer team in front of Cherry Creek Elementary School; bring shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes and bug spray.

MON., MAY 21: The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Bring a fact about poppies. Hostess is Vivian Johnson and sponsor is Treva Johnson.

WED., MAY 23: The annual Lowell High School baccalaureate will be held at the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m.

WED., MAY 23: Do you have peripheral neuropathy? Support group meeting at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. NW. Call 897-9794.

CITY OF LOWELL
PUBLIC NOTICE
LAST DATE TO FILE NOMINATING PETITIONS
JUNE 19, 2001
4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill one (1) two-year term vacancy and three (3) two- to four-year term vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 19, 2001. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

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

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 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., MAY 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council. **THURS., MAY 24:** 12:40 p.m. Shop at Hobby Lobby.

THURS., MAY 17: 12:40 p.m. Meijer Gardens. **FRI., MAY 25:** 12:40 Bingo.

FRI., MAY 18: Noon, Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; 12:40 p.m. Bingo. **MON., MAY 28:** Memorial Day - closed. Enjoy the holiday!

TUES., MAY 29: 12:40 p.m. Tour G.R. Calvary Church.

MON., MAY 21: 12:40 p.m. Cribbage. **WED., MAY 30:** 8 a.m. Women's breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Whitecaps baseball game.

TUES., MAY 22: 12:25 p.m. Lunch/Tour at Alto School. **THURS., MAY 31:** Noon Dance.

WED., MAY 23: 11:30 p.m. Lunch at Timbers.

Red Arrow girls struggle in losses to Pioneers and Huskies

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

League play continued to take its toll on the Lowell girls soccer team.

The Red Arrows were on the short end of 3-0 and 4-1 scores to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern respectively.

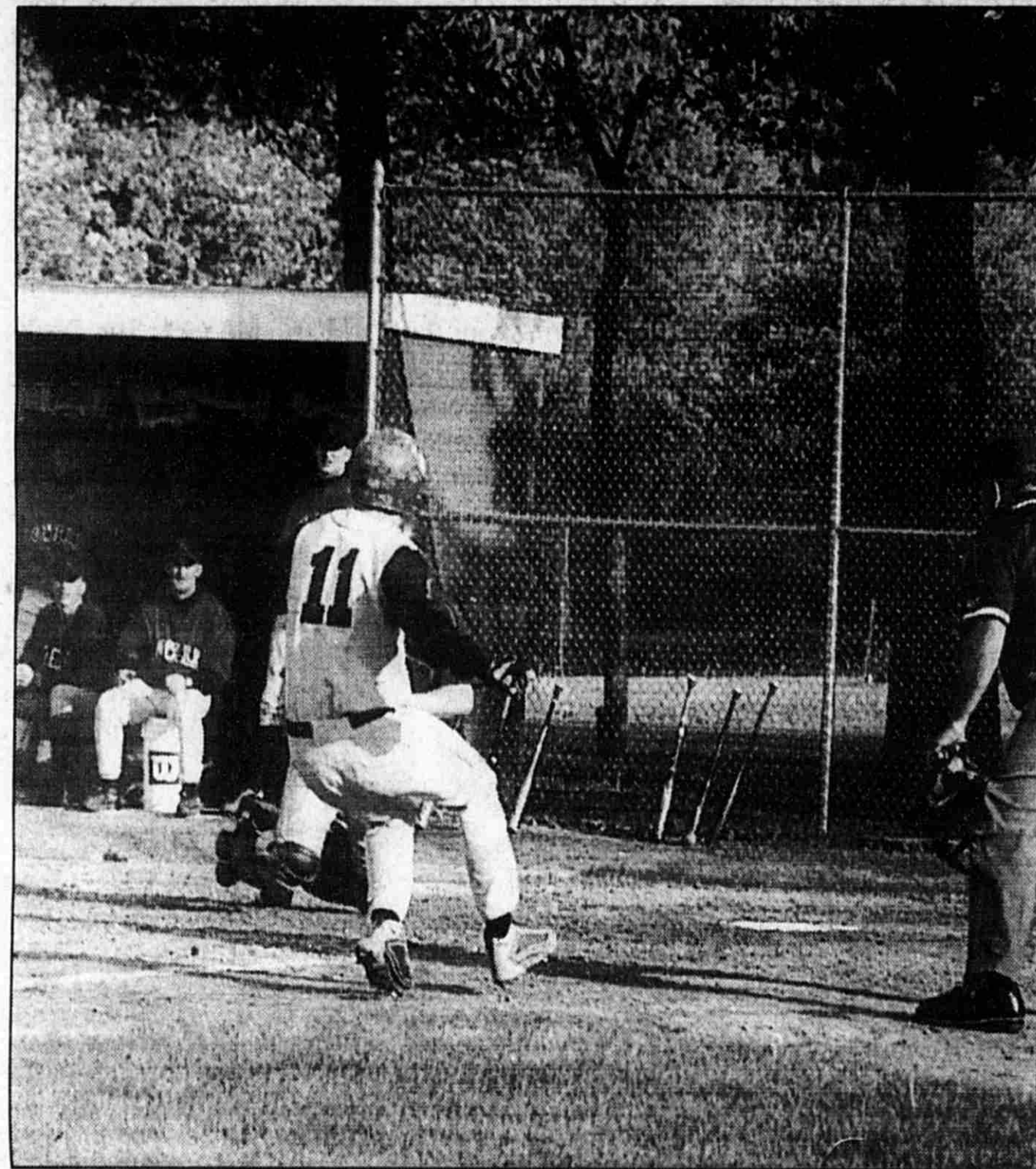
"The girls don't always play with the confidence that they can compete against those teams," said Lowell soccer coach.

Ryan Conlan. "I was pleased with the energy and enthusiasm the girls displayed against East. They competed. Sometimes when you play a team that you've never beaten, there's a tendency not to feel the need to compete."

The Pioneers had 30-plus shots on goal against Lowell's Kelly Fitzpatrick. The Red Arrow netter stopped 28 of them. "East controlled the game, but I thought we played well and were aggressive," Conlan said. "Fitzpatrick gave us strong play in the net."

On Friday, Lowell traveled to Forest Hills Northern. "We're strong enough and skilled enough to play with them, but we're not aggressive enough," Conlan said. "We're not playing soccer like it is a contact sport."

The coach challenged his club at halftime of the Huskie contest to be more aggressive and play a more physical game. "The girls did a much better job in the second half, but against the competition in this league, you have to do it for 80 minutes," Conlan explained.



Lowell centerfielder Josh Brown throws out this Ranger runner at the plate.

Lowell boys stumble against Chix and Rangers; shutout Saxons

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's biggest offensive output of the season, combined with the one-hit pitching of Dave Rozema, improved the Red Arrows' conference baseball mark to 6-2.

Lowell pounded Hastings 13-0.

Rozema pitched four innings, allowing no runs on one hit. Josh Brown pitched the fifth, allowing no hits and striking out two.

Three Red Arrows multi-hit games. Eric Gruber was 3-for-3 at the plate with a home run; Jake Baum went 2-for-3 with a double. Rozema was 2-for-2 at the plate while teammates Pete VanLaan, Austin Hunt, Brown and Jeff Harreld all doubled.

**Zeeland 9
Lowell 5**

Good pitching, timely hitting and good defensive

play enabled Zeeland to hand Lowell its third league loss of the year.

"We just could not recover from our mistakes," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said. "Their pitcher shut us down through five innings. We were able to break through for five runs in the sixth, cutting their lead to 7-5."

Four of the Chix' nine runs were unearned.

The loss dropped Lowell (6-3) into a three-way tie for second with East Grand Rapids and Hudsonville. All three teams trail Central (7-2) by one game.

**FHC 3-10
Lowell 0-9**

Lowell's league losing streak was extended to three Friday as the Red Arrows dropped a pair of games at Forest Hills.

In game one, Ryan Rapp ran his record to 8-0 as he shut out Lowell on three hits. Rapp

walked one and struck out four.

Central tallied the game's only runs in the first (2) and fourth (1) against Red Arrow. Brad Eldridge.

The Lowell hurler pitched well, allowing three runs on five hits while walking two and striking out five.

Lowell jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap.

Central posted a five spot in the third inning as the Rangers built a 7-4 lead. Central seemed to put the game on ice in the seventh when it plated three more runs to take a 10-4 lead.

A Bill Harrison solo home run and a Josh Brown grand slam in Lowell's half of the seventh inning trimmed the 10-4 deficit to one at 10-9.

Central coach Thad Abel took the opportunity to bring in Rapp to close the door on Lowell's comeback attempt.

Baseball, cont'd pg. 15

CHASE IS OVER

Lowell girls track team captures first league title since 1992. The conference meet came down to the 1600-meter relay with Lowell outdistancing East in the decisive race.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's 1600-meter relay team had the baton handed to it with the O-K White Conference meet championship on the line.

The message from Red Arrow assistant coach, Angie Arnett was clear. "You've got to beat East."

Lowell led 103-68 with four running events remaining. The Pioneers had quite a kick as they outscored the Red Arrows 37-2 in the 800-, 200- and 1600-meter runs, tying Lowell at 105-105.

The team of Kim Huyser, Holly Plattner, Natalie Kent and Leslie Crowley were error free in the exchange zones as they came home in 4:13.59, defeating East which finished second in a time of 4:16.11.

"We were seeded first in the 1600 relay, but East beat us at our invitational," said Lowell coach, Kathy Talus. "The girls ran a great race. I knew East would score a lot of points in the distance events, but they scored more than I thought."

The win in the 1600 relay gave Lowell 115 points, two better than the Pioneers' 113.

The league meet championship, combined with the dual meet season title, gave Lowell its first league title in girls' track since 1992.

"It's been a long time since we won a league championship," Talus said. "We won back-to-back titles in '91 and '92. It's even sweeter to win at our home facility."

Following EGR was Northview 72; Hudsonville 64; Forest Hills Northern 55; Hastings 51; Forest Hills Central 50 and Zeeland 7.

"We had a chance," said EGR coach, Mike Dykstra. "This is the best we've run all

year. We knew Lowell was strong in the field events and we were strong in the distance events."

The Red Arrows held a 42-9 advantage over the Pioneers in the field events.

Sandra Sturis was the conference champion in the discus with a throw of 103'2 1/2". Kristi Ford was fifth with a mark of 94'10".

Ford (5'5") was second to Northview's Emily Matilla in the high jump. The Wildcat cleared 5'6".

Lowell's Nicole Gillikin finished second to Northview's Kathi Padilla in the pole vault. Padilla cleared 9'6". After clearing 9' on her third vault, Gillikin missed all three attempts at 9'6".

Red Arrow Kim Huyser, third, stopped the clock in 13.13 in the 100 dash. Forest Hills Northern's Amanda Grace was first in 12.67.

April Telman (16.22) was edged by EGR's Sarah Wittingen (15.64) in the 100 hurdles.

Krystal White won a conference championship in the 300 hurdles, stopping the clock in 48.25.

The Red Arrows also added league titles in the 800- and 400-meter relays.

In the 800 relay, Lowell (1:51.49) edged East (1:51.89).

In the 400 relay, a Huyser lean at the finish line helped the Red Arrows (52.91) nip Hastings (52.92).

Other Red Arrows who placed were Mandy Kettel, fifth, long jump; Ford, shot put, fourth; Heather Becker, shot put, fifth; Crowley, high jump, fifth; Telman, pole vault, fourth; 3200-meter relay, fourth; Kent, 100 hurdles, fourth; Kent, 300 hurdles, sixth; and Sarah Swab, 3200-

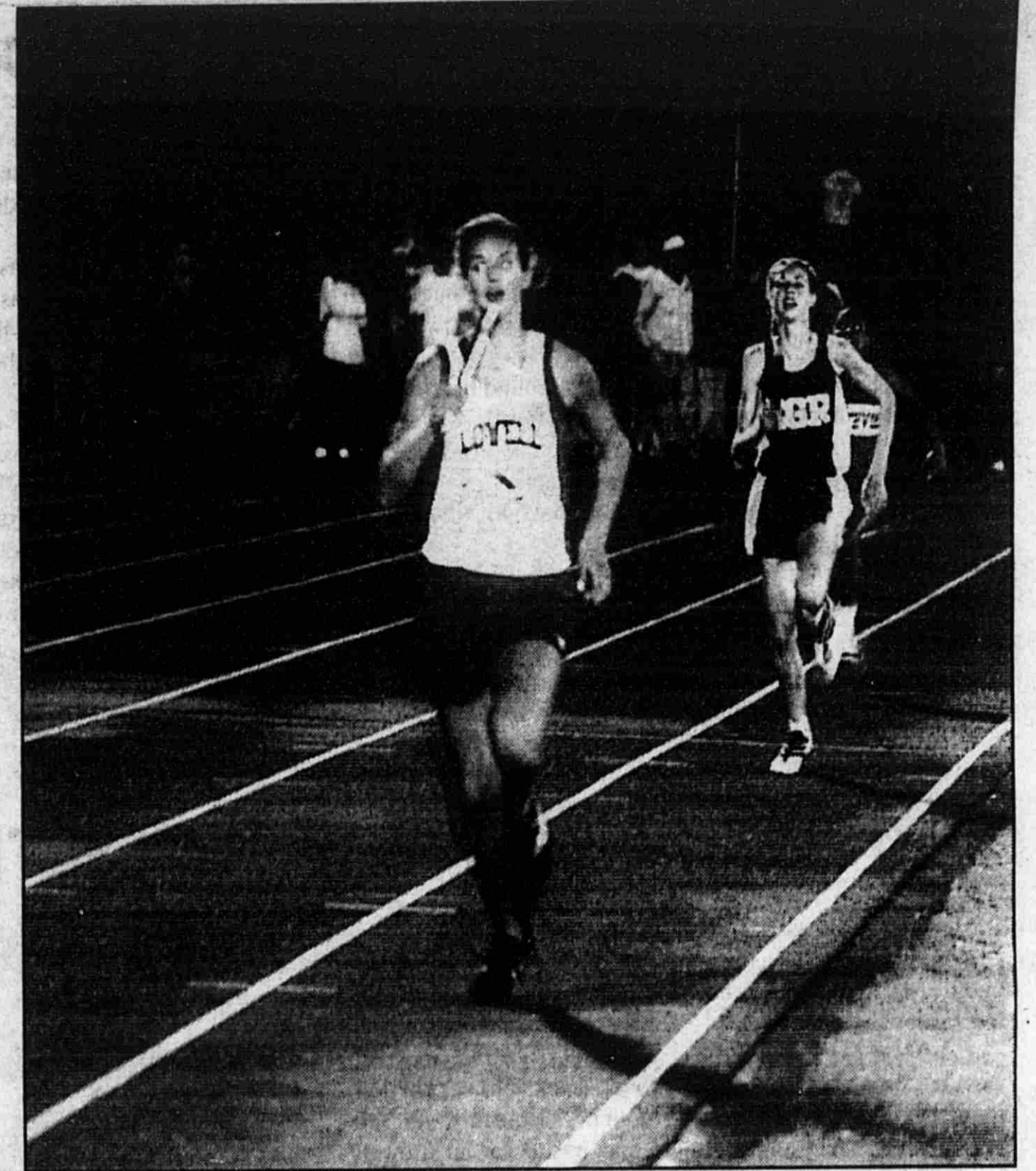
meter run, fifth.

In the boys' O-K White Conference meet, Lowell finished eighth with 20 points. Hudsonville won the league title with 158 points, Forest Hills Northern was second at 128. They were followed by Forest Hills Central 62; Hastings 44; Zeeland 42; Northview 39; and East Grand Rapids 34.

Lowell's David Hefferan finished third in the discus with a distance of 134' 6 1/2".

The Red Arrows took fifth in the 3200-meter relay. Andy Roberts, 110 high hurdles; Zach Stauffer, 1600-meter run; and Mike Wierenga, 400-meter run.

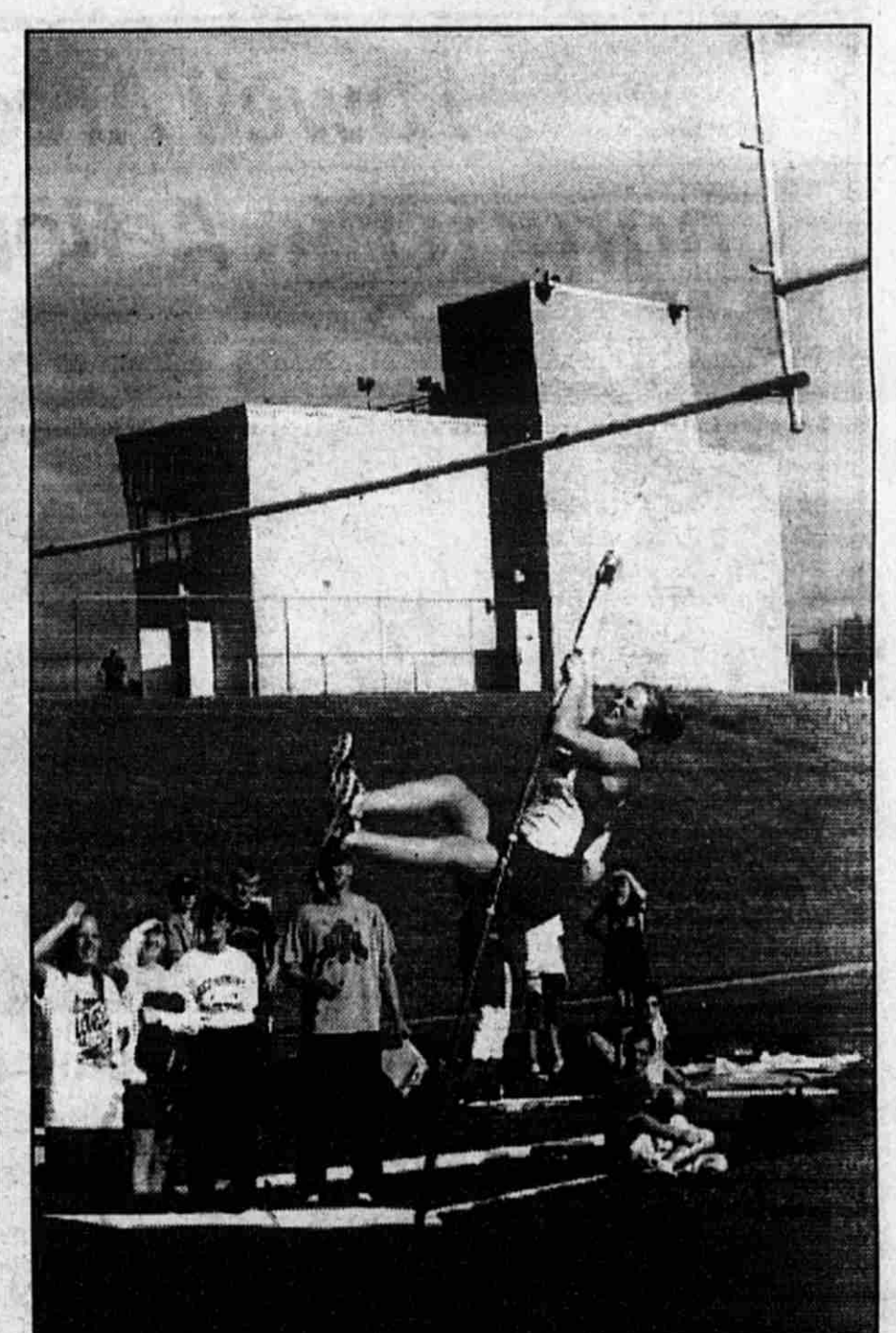
Sixth place finishes were earned by Lowell's 800-meter relay team and Matt Tschann, 800-meter run.



With East Grand Rapids chasing, Lowell's Leslie Crowley races down the backstretch, bringing home the baton and the O-K White Conference Championship for the Red Arrow girls track team.



Alyssa Gillikin sails through the air in the long jump preliminaries on Thursday.



Lowell's Nicole Gillikin placed second in the pole vault.

Youth Wrestling Results:

The following Lowell wrestlers placed in their competition at regionals held at Lowell on May 12, 2001:
Group II: Mark Ford (87 lbs.) 4th place.
Group III: Edward T. Parks III (140 lbs.) 4th place.
Group 0: Kanon Dean (49 lbs.) 2nd place.

JV soccer girls lose to Northern

Two first-half errors by Lowell's junior varsity soccer team were key in the Red Arrows' 3-1 loss to Forest Hills Northern.

Lowell's only goal came in the second half when Marissa Tawney received a pass from Stephanie Wagner. Tawney worked the ball through Northern's defenders and took a hard shot at the net. The Huskie goalie knocked it down, but a trailing Lynda Horsley finished with power and precision, scoring Lowell's only goal of the game.

Baseball, cont'd... From Page 14

Dave Rozema (3-1) started for Lowell and suffered the loss.

Lowell entered the game one game behind league-leading Central in the O-K White.

The loss dropped the Red Arrows to 5-4 in the league and 13-6 overall.

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Lowell softball team suffers four-game losing streak in league play

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

An RBI double with two outs in the fifth inning scored the go ahead run as the Saxons dealt the Red Arrows their third league loss of the softball season, beating Lowell 3-2.

Lacey Capen held Hastings to just three hits, but Lowell managed just six itself and was only able to score two runs.

Hastings took a 2-0 lead in the first on a hit batsman, walked an RBI single and a run-scoring ground ball to short.

The Red Arrows made it 2-1 in the fourth inning on a Noelle Dewey single; she advanced to second on a wild pitch and then scored on an RBI single by Capen.

Trailing 3-1, Lowell scored a run on two hits in the sixth inning.

Zeeland 6
Lowell 5

Five Lowell errors plated four unearned Zeeland runs as the Chix upended the Red Arrows.

The loss, combined with a defeat at Hastings, marked the

first time this year Lowell has lost back-to-back league games.

Lowell took a 2-0 in the second inning on three singles and a sacrifice. RBI's were produced by Amanda Eickhoff and Tara Kimble.

Zeeland tallied three runs in the third after two were out. A key play in the inning was an error at first with the bases loaded and two out, scoring three Chix runs.

Zeeland made it 6-2 in the sixth on three hits, two errors and a sacrifice.

"We didn't hit the ball well and we didn't play good defense," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Lacey Capen pitched, allowing six runs on seven hits, while walking two and striking out two.

Trailing 6-2 in the seventh, Lowell tallied three runs on three hits and a walk. The Red Arrows had the tying run at second with two out, but a line drive to second ended the game.

Forest Hills Central 3-4
Lowell 0-3

Ranger hurler Sarah Mueller shut out Lowell on one hit

and struck out 12 Red Arrow batters.

The Rangers swept Lowell on Friday, sending the Red Arrows to their fourth consecutive league loss.

"The difference between being 5-2 a week ago and now 5-6 is not getting key hits with runners in scoring position," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Jacque Benedict was the only Lowell player to get a hit off from Mueller. "She (Mueller) was tough. She's a good pitcher," Rodenhouse said.

FHC got all the runs Sarah Mueller needed in the first inning when Flemming homered off of Lacey Capen.

In game two, Lowell jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second. Central tied it in the third on a two-run double by Flemming.

The game remained tied at 2-2 until the seventh when Central scored twice to take a 4-2 lead. Lowell got a run back in its half of the seventh and had the tying run on third with two out, but could not score.

Red Arrow lady linksters surprise league-leading Huskies

Lowell girls golf team showed that it will be a factor in the O-K White conference tournament.

The Red Arrows fired a season's best 181 to knock off conference leader, Forest Hills Northern at Egypt Valley Country Club.

Lowell's 181 was 13 shots

better than FHN's 194.

"We've been waiting for a fourth score. Today, all four girls played well on the same day," said Lowell girls golf coach, Rick White. "The 181 is our best score this year, and it may be the best any Lowell team has shot."

The Red Arrows were

close to shooting even better; both Kate Gunberg and Jeanie Dunn triple bogied the last hole.

Gunberg finished with a 44. Dunn carded a 46.

Jenny Gunberg led Lowell with a match medalist round of 41. Lisa LaHaye came home in 50.

Lowell lost to Northern

earlier in the year and finished second to the Huskies at an Invitational. The Red Arrow win sets up what could be an interesting league meet.

Northern is atop the O-K White followed by East Grand

Rapids; Hastings and Lowell are tied for third.

"It's gratifying to know that these girls started the year shooting 222s and now they are shooting 180s," White said.

Northern was led by Kim Kester and Danielle Lambert.

Both Huskies shot 47s. Stephanie Waite fired a 53 and Dainna Vollmer came off the last green with a 55.

Red Arrow girls basketball players to shoot for success and for sponsorships

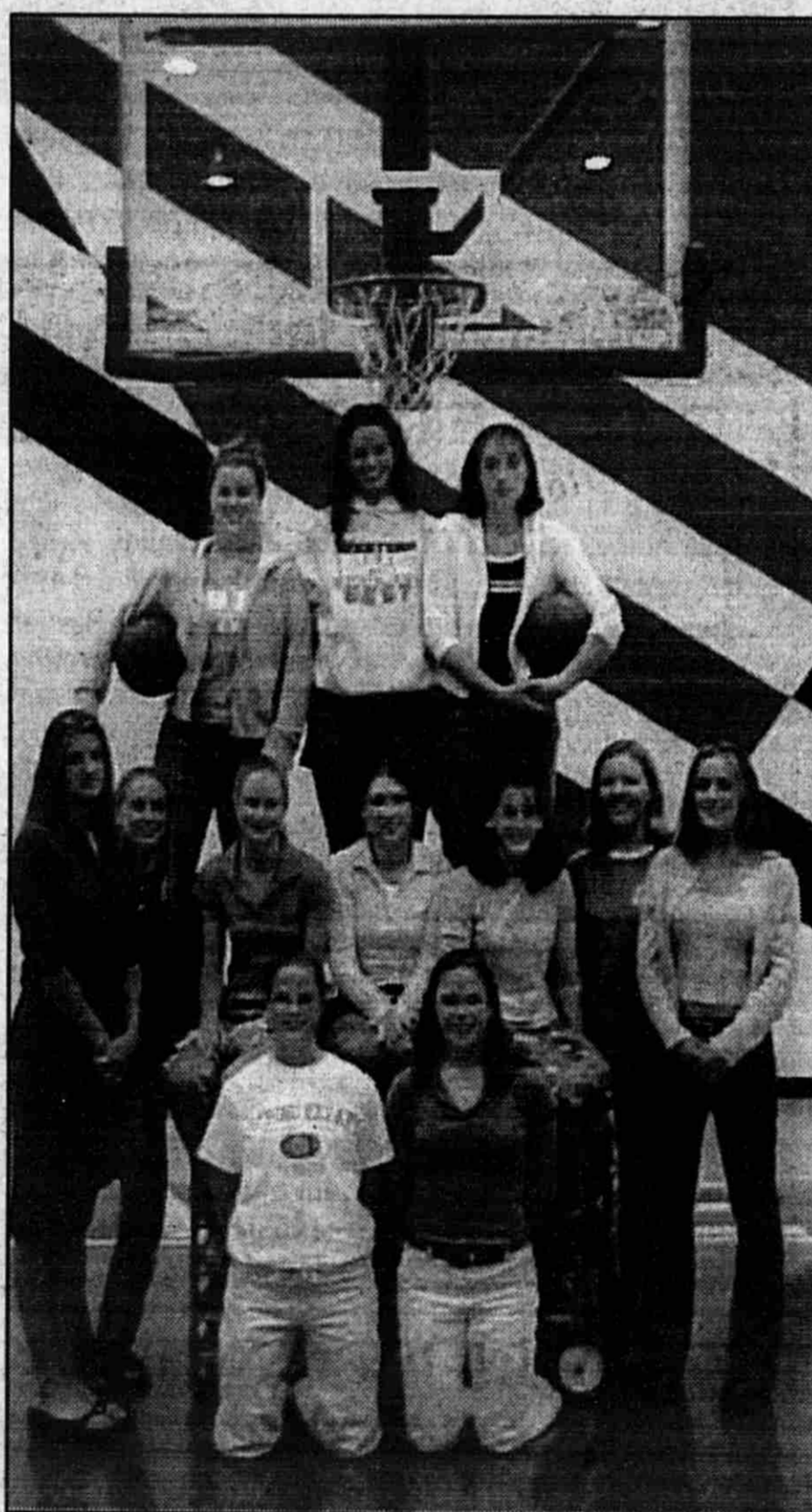
Lowell girls basketball will be having its first free-throw Shoot-a-Thon over the next month to help with program finances while improving players' basketball skills at the same time.

Players are scheduled to shoot 500 free throws over the next few weeks during open gym time, and then shoot the last 500 on the final day of its team camp on June 22.

Players will be looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor them on their free throw shooting prowess. Sponsorships can be a flat rate or a pledge amount of 1 cent per shot made, for example. Another option is to pledge an amount based on the total percentage of free throws made. For example \$20 for 80 percent made; \$15 for 70 percent made; \$10 for 60 percent made; and \$5 for 50 percent made.

The Shoot-a-Thon seemed like a great way to improve skills and raise funds at the same time," said varsity coach, Dee Crowley. "All funds will help pay for extra things not covered in the budget. For example, last year travel warm-ups were purchased for the varsity team, and other funds were used to cover a number of summer activities in which the players are involved."

The focus for this year is to use the funds to help pay for a performance enhancement trainer who will work with all teams during the season to improve speed, agility and jumping. Chad Grabill, a certified professional performance trainer, last year worked with the East Grand Rapids and Northview girls' basketball programs.



Lowell's varsity girls basketball team garnered a conference title in 2000.

They will be returning a strong cast from last year's championship team. If you are not contacted by a player but are willing to sponsor, contact Crowley at Lowell High School at 897-4125.

Lowell's varsity girls basketball team is looking to repeat as conference champions in the 2001 season and proceed further into the tournament this year. Last year's OK White conference champions were 12-2 in the conference and 18-5 overall.

Nestling in with Nature



Pictured above, left to right, are Ellie Yanoschik, Molly Doyle and Anna Divozza.

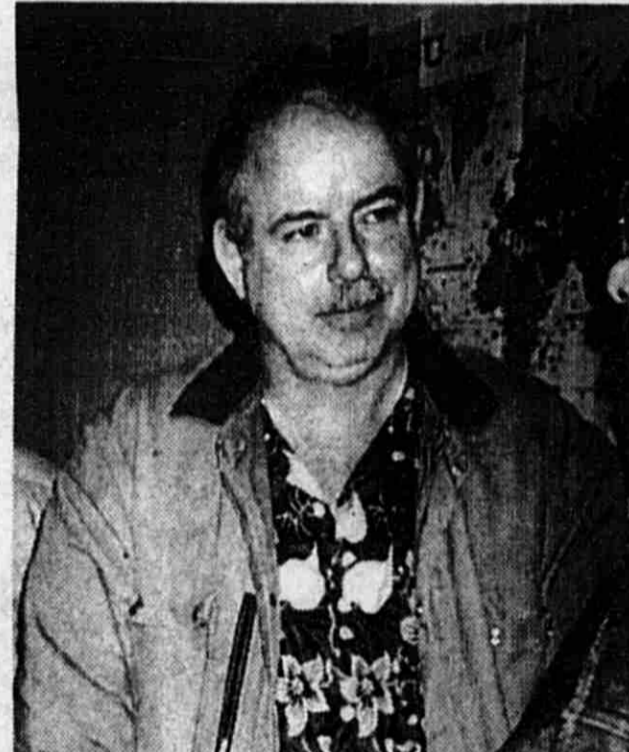


Children from the Christ the King home school association visited the Wittenbach Agricultural and Environmental Center. Children studied birds and their nesting patterns. Wittenbach Center guide, Nancy McIntyre led the children through a number of afternoon activities. Pictured to the left is McIntyre and students, left to right, Anna Divozza, Erin Wade, Claire Yanoschik, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, and Anne Tropkey.



Ellie Fitzpatrick shares her findings with classmates.

Lowell Area Character in Action Award



JIM JAWOROWICZ

Nominated by John McGraw
Character Traits Exhibited:
Respect, Compassion & Responsibility

Jim and Nancy have opened their home to the homeless for lodging and feeding without hesitation. Jim also devotes many hours per week to assist in community projects, an invalid parent, and others in need of his abilities. He has even built his house himself. He is remarkably compassionate and responsible and respects the dignity of others.



SARAH BOMMARITO

Nominated by Mary Bommarito
Character Traits Exhibited:
Compassion

Sarah was in a serious car accident in her junior year of high school and suffered a broken leg requiring surgeries, a broken arm and closed head injury. She worked very hard to keep up her school work and reclaim memories lost, to make varsity cheerleading and to graduate on the honor roll. She's completed a two-year apprentice program and is a licensed cosmetologist at Heidi Christines in Ada. She has shown all the character traits listed but if you need to choose one, it would be compassion. After the recent death of her good friend Josh Ford, she has been on call for the family and her friends anytime. She organized a group to plant a tree in his memory. More recently, she has been there for Babs Quada and her family. She is also working with our pastor to develop a group for "after high school age" people so they will not lose connection with the church.

STEFANY M. BIEBER

Nominated by Perry & Marcia Bieber
Character Traits Exhibited:
Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty & Responsibility

Stefany is a freshman this year at Lowell High School. She is an extremely shy person that will usually avoid being the center of attention. However, after reading an article in the Grand Rapids Press she and her friend Annie Didion have co-founded a program at the high school called Hug-A-Bear. They take new or slightly loved stuffed animals that have been donated and turn them over to the Lowell Police and Fire departments. The officers and fire personnel can then give them to children that need a little "hug" at a time of crisis. This little act of compassion toward other children that she may never know personally and the pushing away of her timid behavior for something she feels strongly about is admirable.

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Art Revisions

School board approves proposed changes in eight-year-old art curriculum

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The K-12 visual arts curriculum revisions were approved by the Lowell Area School Board Monday night. The most important elements of those revisions, which are aligned with the National Art Education Standards, will come in the areas of assessment and portfolios which will garner comments from students and teachers, and allow for parents to respond. At most of the levels the portfolio has already been added. A portfolio is a collection of selected works, writings,

interpretations, and self-discoveries that have been created by a student and directed and encouraged by the teacher. When the portfolio is completed, it becomes the actual assessment tool for each student. Elementary art teacher, Gene Ellens noted that a successful art curriculum focuses on what it would like children to learn as opposed to what teachers like to teach. The existing art curriculum is eight years old. While it is good, according to Lowell High School art instructor, Robin White, the revisions focus on insuring that all students experience all areas and aspects of art (perceived, producing,

knowing and assessing). Revisions are also intended to challenge a student beyond the boundaries. "Our district must provide and implement a planned program where we meet and nurture the essential needs of our students to create a balanced individual in society," said White. The new curriculum provides consistent learning strands at all levels, which will help ensure stronger individuals. The philosophy of the revised art curriculum is to create an art environment in which all students (K-12) will experience all areas of art.

Proposed capital improvements plan includes everything from City Hall/police station project to park landscaping

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Everyone has a "to do" list, even the city of Lowell. However, few have a list that ranges from \$4 million to \$1,000 per project. The Lowell City Planning Commission approved the capital improvement list for the city, which the commission has forwarded to the city council. The council is expected to review and approve the proposal this month. Projects on the plan include the City Hall/police station, \$4 million; an outside skating rink, \$670,000; a cemetery office/maintenance building, \$50,000; a public works vehicular storage building, \$250,000 - \$300,000; and the water treatment plant addition, \$1,075,000. Also on the plan were various street projects such as the reconstruction of Gee Drive, \$810,000; the milling and resurfacing of

Jefferson, \$105,000; and more work on Bowes Road, \$513,000. Of course, the biggest question facing the city is how to pay for all these items, especially when dealing with the cost of repairing such roads as Gee Drive. "We could borrow up to \$1.2 million over two years," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale, in regards to where the funding could come for road projects. "The kicker is how to pay back those bonds. By millage." And millage is a sensitive issue for many when faced with the construction of a new City Hall/police station, Pasquale said. The city is currently still paying back a bond for the Englehardt Library, which the Community Fund has indicated it would not continue to help with. "I'm all in favor for not repairing Gee Drive," joked commission member Trudy Cahoon. "All those potholes

and stuff make great speed bumps. When people see those, they slow down." If the city waits, it could be eligible for some federal grants, but waiting may not be the option, said Public Works director, Dan DesJarden. "Many of the city's roads went under repair about 25 years ago when sewer lines were updated. Now those same roads need work," he said, adding that in the case of Gee Drive, it is simply washing away. "I don't think it is fair for those people who paid the special assessment (for the sewer) to have to bear the burden again for these roads," said commission member, Jim Pfaller. In the end, the planning commission agreed to keep the current list of street improvements, adding the extension of Ridgeview from Sibley to Gee Drive, to the list. Planning commission

chair, James Hall said he felt the city should be seeking funds for some of these projects from other sources. He cited the cemetery office/maintenance building, which is utilized by area residents... not just residents of the city of Lowell. For that reason, he felt a case could be made to have the city approach the Look Community Fund - something the council decided earlier this year it did not want to do. Some city departments

are looking at alternative funding. The parks department had a list of projects ranging from a pavilion at Stoney Lakeside, (\$6,500) to tree replacements at \$1,000, indicating that funding would come from the Lee Fund. Capital in Washington, D.C. on May 23. The Lowell post office is planning a special ceremony on Friday, May 25 at 11 a.m. The postmaster will be issuing a sheet of the "Honoring Veterans" stamp to the local VFW and American Legion Post, in honor of the Lowell area veterans who have served the United States. The ceremony will take place outside of the post office.

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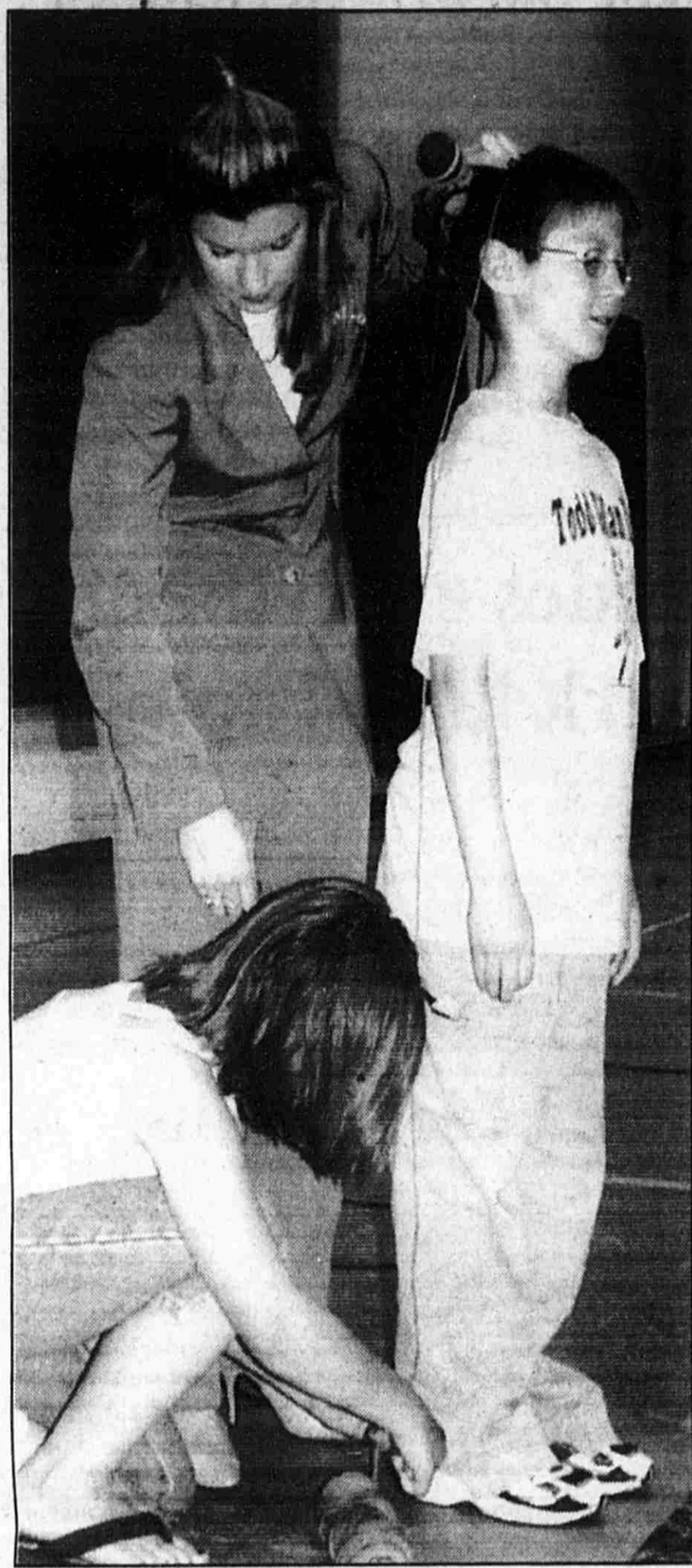
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Cherry Creek and Bushnell earn Meijer "Family Friendly" Award



Miss Michigan 1998, Laura Welling, and Linda Wacyk, editor of the Michigan Learning Magazine, presented the Meijer Family-Friendly Schools Awards to Cherry Creek and Bushnell elementary schools.

Welling talked to fourth-graders and staff about the importance of parent involvement in education. A math and gymnastics teacher herself, Welling also showed students simple math activities they can do together at home.

Welling learned the importance of family involvement in education through her experiences as a gymnastics teacher and her effort to be-

Welling shared a math activity, measuring students' height and arm span, to help determine what shape (square or rectangle) they would be.

come Miss Michigan 1998. "The kids were always so excited and performed so much better when they knew their parents were watching," she explained. Her own parents' involvement and push for her to achieve the goal of becoming Miss Michigan were instrumental in Welling not quitting despite setbacks along the way.

Welling's Miss America platform was pushing for family involvement in children's education. Wacyk contacted Welling three years ago and asked her to visit schools around the state to discuss parental involvement.

Welling is a '93 Livonia High School graduate. She earned a mathematics major and early childhood development minor from Eastern Michigan University in 1999. Welling also runs a gymnastics studio in Dexter. The Family-Friendly

Linda Wacyk, editor of Michigan Learning Magazine, presents a plaque to Cherry Creek principal, Maureen Dorough.



Schools contest, sponsored by Meijer and Michigan Learning parent guide, invites Michigan's families to nominate their children's schools based on performance in four key areas: attitude toward parents, bridges to meaningful participation, communication between home and school, and access to decision-making.

Lowell parent, Ann Nichols, responded to the invitation. As a result, both

Cherry Creek and Bushnell elementary schools were featured in this year's January/February issue of Michigan Learning. In her letter, Nichols described ways Cherry Creek and Bushnell schools work with the whole community to reach out to families.

"Ann was very enthusiastic about the schools' success in making families a priority," said Wacyk. "We believe parents are the key to a child's success in school. Ann convinced us that these Lowell elementary schools recognize this and work to develop strong relationships between home and school."

For her effort, Nichols received a gift certificate from Meijer and a year's subscription to Michigan Learning. In addition, the schools received \$50 checks to help them build home-school partnerships.

By highlighting Michigan's best schools, Michigan Learning is helping parents make the most of relationships with willing schools and pushes reluctant schools to expand their concept of parent involvement. It recognizes six schools each year.

Laura Welling, Miss Michigan 1998, shared some math secrets and activities with Cherry Creek fourth-graders.



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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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GARAGE SALE PAGE



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Multiple garage sale listings including: BIG GARAGE SALE - Two family, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 17, 18, and 19. 68 Pleasant St., Saranac. Melodean, Rhubarb, dishes, bedding, crocks, books, hardware, crafts, sewing materials, jewelry, toys, adults and kids clothing, generator, cans (quarts and pints) and much more. ANTIQUES - Broad axe, old goblets, antique hardware, some clothes, drapes, jewelry and misc. May 17 - 19, 64 Pleasant St., Saranac. ESTATE SALE - Household, clothing, shoes, some furniture, misc. & much more. May 17 & 18, 9-5 pm. No prior sales! 13430 Forest River Dr. DAD'S GARAGE SALE - Daggers, swords, Samurai swords, kitchen sample fronts, various cameras, leather sport coats, 2 piece suits, walking suits, slacks Sansabelt, model airplanes, tools, saws, gas cans, 2891 Court Dr., Lowell. Take Grand River to Bewell to Court Dr. Big white house on hill. Father's Day, treat yourself or have the wife do it. If you don't find something at this garage sale, we will both be surprised. Fri., May 18; Sat., May 19 & Sun., May 20, 9-5 or ? Must be 1,000 items! P.S. - the wife put up some tables also HA!

Deadline is Friday at noon



Pictured above, left to right, are Katie McAlpine, Mark Huysier, Amanda Oracz, Anthony Pedley and Kelsay Myers.

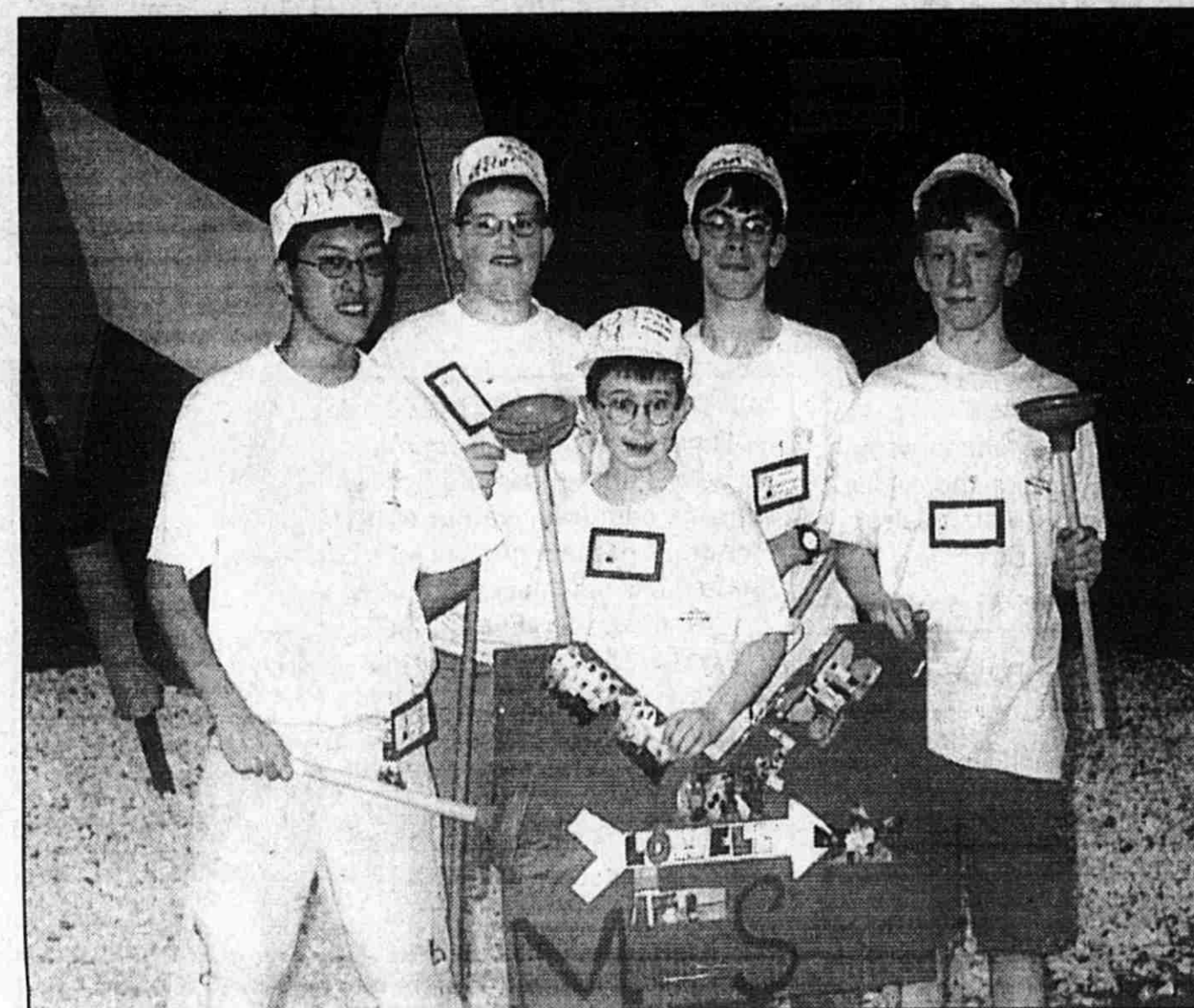
Creativity ranks high with H.S. Destination ImagiNation team

The Lowell High School Destination ImagiNation team progressed from their first place performance at Regional Competition to the State finals at Central Michigan University on April 28.

They competed in the Incredible Techeffects challenge, for which they created an original ghost story complete with four special effects designed and created solely by team members and a technical device that reacted to the four required effects.

Appraisers were impressed with their original music, the special effect for the appearance of the ghostly Wendy Knight, their team work and creativity. The team ranked 6th overall in their challenge.

Both teams performed at Runciman Gym for board members and guests at a dinner on May 14.



Pictured above, left to right, are Adam Ingraham, Andrew Wilterink, Tim Hollister, Abbot Kastanek and Randy Frye.

LMS Destination ImagiNation team places 4th at state

A Lowell Middle School Destination ImagiNation team traveled to Central Michigan University Saturday, April 28 for the state competition in creative problem-solving.

Team members Abbot Kastanek, Andrew Wilterink, Adam Ingraham, Tim Hollister and Randy Frye presented their eight-minute solution to Triplicity, a balsam wood structure and performance challenge. They also faced an "instant challenge" requiring on-the-spot thinking, creativity, humor and problem-solving.

This hard-working, creative team earned fourth place honors with their presentation of a journey through the life of Gaspar the plumber ... from troublesome toddler to old age. Appraisers commented on their humor, teamwork and impressive set and scenery.

In one required element

of the "central challenge," their eight-inch tall, 61 gram balsam, paper and glue structure held 120 pounds before giving way. Their "instant challenge" solution was tops among the 15 middle school Triplicity teams for the day.

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Lowell Youth Football, Flag Football, 78er's & Cheerleading

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78'ers Will Be Fitted For Helmets For Camp!

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Ages 5-7

Must be 5-7 years old
by Nov. 1

*Flag Football is a
fun way to teach basic
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Games will be played
on Tuesday nights
at Burch Field
Cost: \$15
T-shirt included*

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Must be 11 years old
by November
1st - 8th grade

Registration Fee.....\$30
Helmet Rental:\$15
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Total Cost.....\$60

*An additional charge
of \$10 for 78er buses

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Learn basic cheerleading

Must be 8 years old
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1st - 8th grade

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Cheerleaders will cheer for
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78er cheerleaders will cheer
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