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LOWELL SHOWBOAT

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Showboat Summer Concert Series commences May 31

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Sounds of music will once again filter out from the Lowell Showboat deck this summer.

Through the cooperative organizational efforts of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Area Arts Council, the venue synonymous with summertime entertainment will play host to a 10-week summer concert series beginning May 31.

Ivan Blough, who has a lifelong association with the Showboat, identified the concert series as bringing the Showboat back to its grassroots.

"It's energetic people like Liz Baker (Chamber of Commerce) and Loraine Smalligan (Lowell Area Arts Council) that will make this go," Blough explained. "I'm very pleased to see this happening. This will be a great benefit to the community."

Riverwalk Plaza has been chosen as the location for the Thursday evening concerts, through Aug. 2. "We will feature a diversity of musical groups. People will have an opportunity to come and check out a different style of music each week," Smalligan explained.

Summer concert series have had a positive impact in Grand Rapids. "This will provide some community enrichment for Lowell. It will get things happening in the downtown as well as bring Lowell people and outsiders into the downtown," Smalligan explained.

Admission is free as is parking. Senior and handicap parking will be available at the Englehardt Library. Other patrons will be able to use Unity High School, Huntington Bank and the old Rite Aid parking lots along with Main Street and the side streets.

Lowell Police chief, James Valentine said the department will provide help to concertgoers in crossing from the south side of Main Street to the Riverwalk. "We will also assist traffic in making left turns onto Monroe, and at Jackson and Main streets.

"With the South Hudson detour and with traffic being at a peak during that time of day. we want to do everything we can to make the experience an enjoyable, non-stressful one." Valentine said.

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The artists scheduled to appear over the 10 weeks are : Jimmy Stagger Band, May 31; River City Jazz Ensemble, June 7: Dixieland Praise Band, June 14; Hawks & Owls, June 21: Jason Conant/Beats Settin' Home, June 28: Rocking Reunion. July 5: The Kwils. July 12: Solid Ground, July 19; Edye Evans Hyde & Friends with special guest Roger MacNaughton. July 26; and Grand River Big Band, Aug. 2.

"The super points of this series are the various styles of music and that the artists are all known commodities in the West Michigan area." said Gordon Gould, who negotiated the contracts. "The Showboat has almost come full circle. This is the next chapter and I think it is a natural and legitimate next step."



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Board denies Liversedge's final rezoning request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jacquelyn Liversedge's plead to Lowell Charter Township Board fell on deaf ears.

The township board upheld the planning commission's recommendation to deny her request of changing 56 acres at 1408 Parnell Ave from R-1 (low density residential) to R-2 (medium density residential).

Liversedge noted that the 1995 master plan called for the area in question to be changed to R-2.

"The property in question is backdrop against R-2," Liversedge said. "With your denial I will have to sell off the east end (six acres) with the development (Agora) limited to 20 lots on a single road."

The planning commission noted that the terrain made the area unlikely that it will be served by public sewer, increasing the possibility of adverse effects on the well water of surrounding residences.

The Kwils July 12 Solid Ground July 19 Edye Evans Hyde & Friends with special guest Roger MacNaughton July 26 Grand River Big Band Aug. 2.

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WOMEN'S CLUB DONATIONS TOTAL \$2,450

Lowell Women's Club president, Betty Yeiter and treasurer, Marj Harding made check presentations to four area organizations. Lowell Area Historical Museum president, Jim Doyle was given a check for \$1,000; Will Welsh, YMCA executive director, received a check fo \$1,250 to be used toward YMCA youth programming; Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine, representing D.A.R.E., accepted a check for \$100 (D.A.R.E. books); and Lowell fire chief, Frank Martin was given a check for \$100 for use by the fire department. Pictured, left to right, are: Doyle, Martin, Valentine, Yeiter (sitting), Welsh and Harding.

Lowell Area Historical Museum asks for increase in operational budget

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Judy Straub hoped she would get a positive response from Lowell City Council about increasing the Lowell Area Historical Museum's budget by about 400 percent.

Councilmembers, however, could only look at her and honestly say they had no idea where they would get the money. but they would consider the request.

Straub, a founding and current boardmember for the museum, approached the council during its budget hearings about increasing the city's contribution to the museum's operating costs from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

"For the last four years the city has been very supportive in providing funds for the museum's general operating fund." Straub said. "The museum will open in September and the

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OBITUARIES

Buttrick, aged 59, passed away after a long courageous Butterworth Campus. Sur- (Chris) Turner of Cascade;

BUTTRICK - Wally C. viving are his wife Norma of Ada; children Brian Buttrick of Cascade, Aaron (Angela) fight with cancer May 14. Buttrick of Grand Rapids, Jeff 2001 at Spectrum Health Jackson of Leland and Jenna

four grandchildren Adam and Paul Buttrick and Leslie and Justin Turner: his mother Frances Buttrick of Ada and his brother David (Sara) Buttrick of Caledonia; several nieces and nephews and many loving friends. Wally was preceded in death by his son Todd Michael Buttrick, his father Harold Buttrick. and brother Richard Buttrick.

Memorial services were held Saturday at Kentwood Community Church. Interment in Cascade Cemetery.

GRAHAM - Ardis C. Graham Bowen, aged 81, of Belding, formerly of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2001, at Metron of Greenville Nursing Home. She was born on January 10. 1920 in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Elmer and Char-

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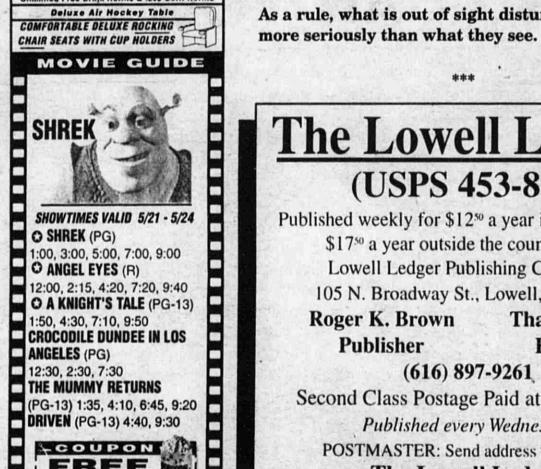
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lotte Buffin Holiday. She attended Shiloh Community Church. Ardis was married December 25, 1936 in Grand Rapids to Walter Graham and he preceded her in death on May 1, 1969. She was also preceded by her parents, one sister Erma, one brother Floyd, four sons, Leonard, Keith, Richard and Ralph, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by her children: Marylou and Don Miller of Belding, Jacqueline and Everett Onan of Ionia, Cynthia and Ray Helsel of Hubbardston, Edward and Beth Graham of Greenville, Walter and Delores Graham of Orleans, Lawrence and . Sandra Graham of Greenville,



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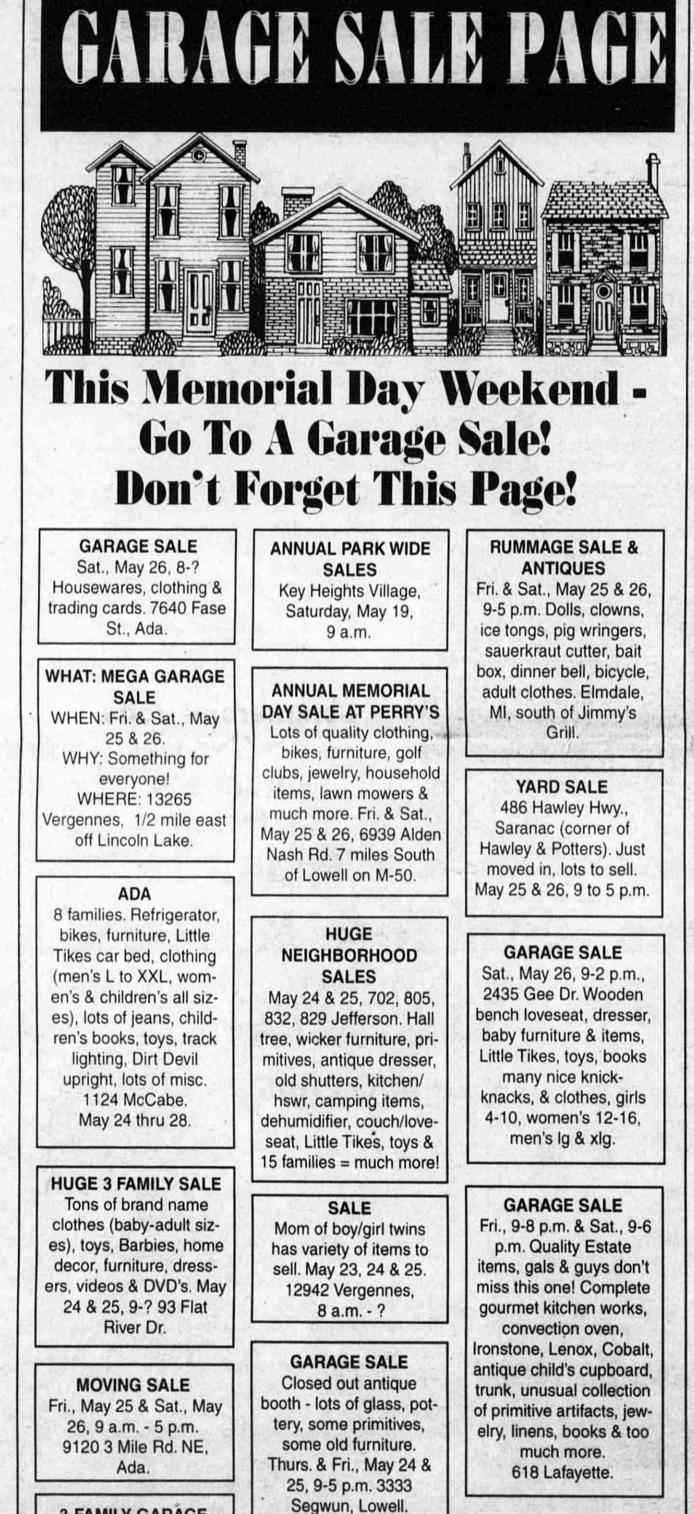
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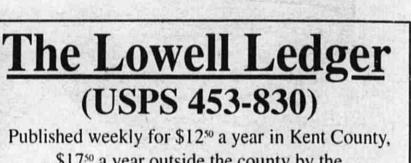
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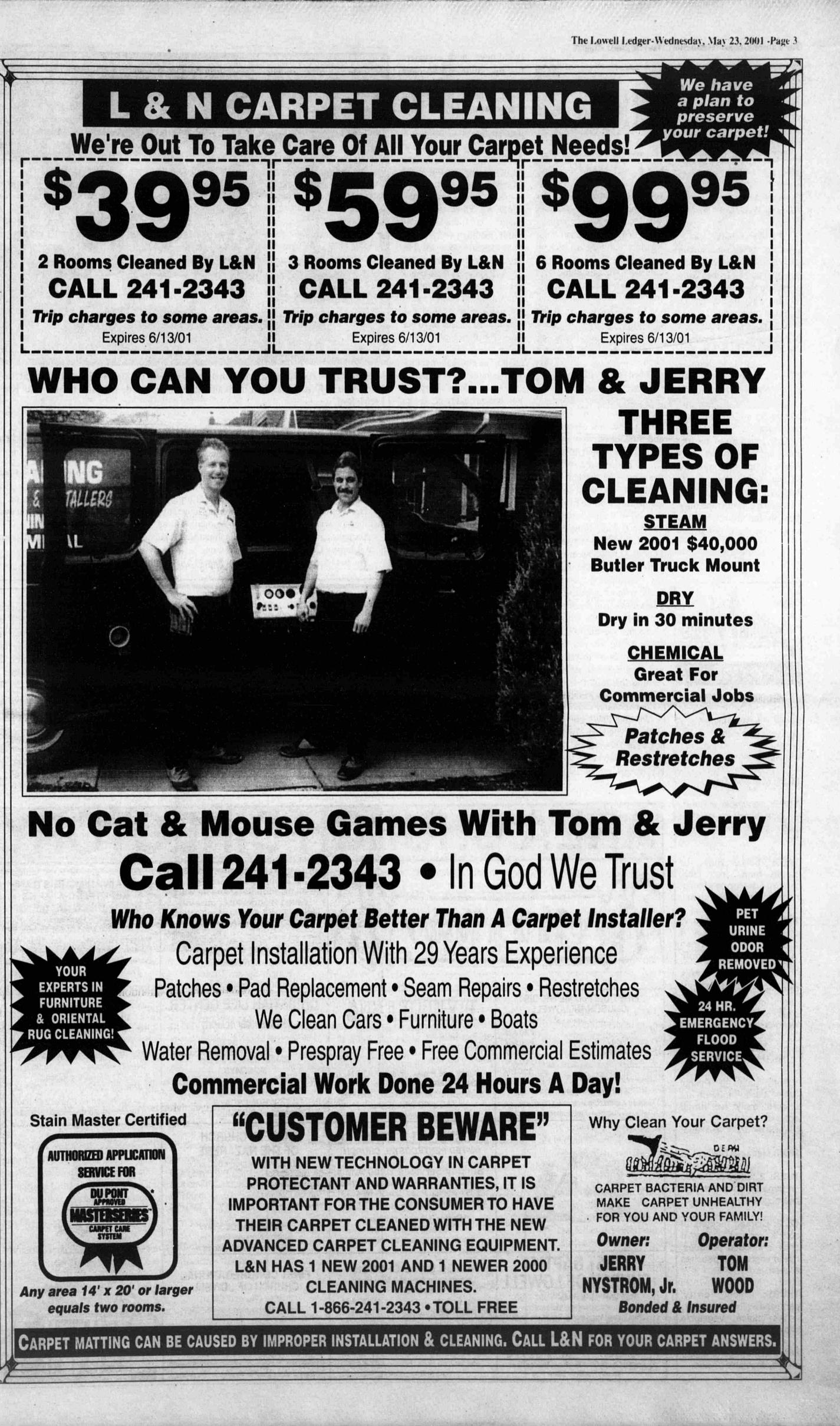
Gregory Graham of Belding. Ardis is also survived by 31 grandchildren and 44 greatgrandchildren; her brothers and sisters: Marlin and Charlotte Holiday of Newaygo. Charles and Sharon of Newaygo, Pearl Tingley of Fenwick, Bernice and Dave Avers of Stanton and Adabel and Don Ackerson of Greenville. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Harger officiating. Interment in Bailey-Vergennes Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Jerald Graham of Belding and

As a rule, what is out of sight disturbs men's minds -Julius Caesar



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Jason Aaron Leininger Lowell Wesleyan Church

a writing my wife did a couple of years ago. I hope you enjoy it. You can let her know what you think by writing to dukenanna@juno.com. Jason Aaron Leininger.

"Is There Life After TV?" Recently I read an article in "Today's Christian Woman" by Jane Johnson Struck on how subtracting from your life can actually add to it. One of the things she suggested "fasting" from was the media. She suggested staying away from the depressing stuff (CNN or Dateline) and concentrating on the upbeat. Instead of going to bed each night with visions of trauma, disaster, and mayhem, she found that when limiting what she exposed her-



Butter & Jelly sandwich are offered daily as lunch options. Lunch: \$1.35 * Milk: 30¢

MON: Memorial Day

TUES: Nachos w/meat, cheese & roll or chicken patty on bun, pears, green beans.

WED: Turkey gravy or baked ham, fruit jello, whipped potatoes homemade biscuit square.

THURS: Macaroni cheese w/roll or turkey & cheese croissant, fresh veggies & dip, apple cobbler.

FRI: French toast sticks or cereal choice, scrambled eggs, orange juice, potato wedges.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

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MON: Memorial Day.

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WED: Chicken nuggets or cook's choice, bread choice, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches & cherries.

Pork patty THURS: parmesan over pasta, cook's choice, vegetable choice, fruit choice.

FRI: Pizza wedge or cook's choice, vegetable choice.

self to for just one week, she felt more joyful, less fearful. Reading this article I'd like to share with you brought to mind another publication that I found tucked

away in my husband's filing cabinet. The pamphlet, "15 reasons why I should unplug my television" was written by Keith Drury. In it he challenged people in local churches to unplug their TVsat least for one week. He cited such reasons as: TV is the number one secularizing influence in my life, TV is my biggest time robber, TV softens me toward sin, TV presents a false view of marriage and a distorted view of reli-

gion, TV is addictive, etc. If positive results come from just one week without media or TV, what kind of results might come from getting rid of it altogether? Oh Horrors! Most of us cannot even fathom this suggestion. I know, I know, it seems a bit extreme, but believe if or not, my husband and I have sur- "Do you ever wish you had vived without it for over four years now. The reactions we get from people when we I would really like to just sit share this revelation range and veg with a movie in the from "Good for you, I wish we could do it" to "How do no, I do not regret the decireading this might be think- totally out of it - Radio is a ing that we must be total radical conservatives and might as well live in a cave, while others of you wish you could be free of it yourselves. While it may not be the right choice we don't advocate that ev- for you and your family, it ervone get rid of their TV has made a difference in mine.

(we'd never have anywhere to go and watch the Superbowl if that took place!)it has been the right choice for us. Let me take a few moments now and tell you why.

1. It causes us to spend time we would normally have spent vegging in front of the tube with each other.

2. It frees us up to do the things we know we really ought to be doing. For example, reading (which by the way, expands your vocabulary and makes you smarter).

3. It keeps us from negative and immoral thoughts. It is a temptation to watch something that goes against our standards or causes us to get into a rut of negative thinking.

4. The entertainment industry is more likely to change us than we are to change it. You will probably never see an entire night of nothing but wholesome entertainment unless the "Sound of Music" is being aired two times in a row.

5. I don't need it. Now don't get me wrong, I have a lot of things I don't need, but if refraining from TV can bring positive results, and I don't need it anyway, why have it?

People have asked me, one?" I have to be honest and say yes, there are times when comfort of my own home, but ou survive?" Some of you sion we made. We're not long lost pastime that we have rediscovered. At any rate, the positives far outweigh the negatives for me and although



Senior girls receiving scholarships from Lowell Women's Club, left to right, are: Kari Akers, Kristy Akers, Liz Brander, Kristen Ford, Lindsey Coehn and Kara McMahon.

Lowell Women's Club awards six schoalrships

The last meeting of the Lowell Women's Club for the season was held May 9 at First Inited Methodist Church

The guest speaker was Joyce Settle. Her topic was "The Fragrance That We Leave." The Woman of the Year Award was presented to Diane Thomas, a former president and nember for several years of Lowell Women's Club. Six senior girls were given scholarships: Kari Akers, Kristy Akers, Liz Brander, Kristen

Ford, Lindsey Coehn and Kara McMahon. The next meeting will be held on Sept. 12 at Schneider Manor.

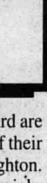
AREA BIRTHS



Jill Rozman and Jason Jarrard are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Ashleigh Paighton. She was born April 12, 2001, weighing 5 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 17 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Russell and Donna Rozman of Lowell and Jack and Sue Jarrard of Sault Ste. Marie.

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Reynolds of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their son. Ivan Jeffrey Reynolds, born March 23. 2001. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 20 1/4 inches long. Welcoming him home was big sister, Anna Mae Reynolds.

Mark and Carmen

Proud grandparents are Bruce and Dorothy Reynolds of McBain and Clark and Greta Parsons of Lowell.



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Sorry, but I'm going to bore you with some logistics in order to get to the meat of this story. Bore you with logistics. or bore you with my usual drive, what's the difference?

A couple of months ago the wife and I flew to Phoenix to watch the grandkids for a week or so while my daughter and her husband flew to China on a business trip. To complicate things a bit further, we weren't happy stuck in Phoenix, so we took the family truckster to Disneyland for a few days. All the above was documented in my "Feed the Mouse" columns a few weeks back. My "mad money" account may never recover, wife's cleaning lady. On my behalf, Terese called her, and thanks to the Mouse. Back to logistics.

Our plane tickets to Phoenix originated in Key West. When the kids finally confirmed the date on the China trip, Terese got lucky and found a great rate on flights. Only one problem ... I was in Michigan. To complicate that issue, it was spring break time, and everybody in Michigan is sick of winter and heading south. Without advance booking, the cheapest ticket we could find was in the fifteen hundred-dollar range. question, as I needed money for the Mouse! I considered flying my sixty-year-old fliver, but lousy weather squashed that the conversation was over, she called her mother with the info. dumb idea.

With nothing to do but "do it," I got behind the wheel and did my 1,650-mile Cannonball Run impersonation from West Michigan to the Florida Keys. Burning nothing but petroleum and caffeine. I can make the trip solo in 28 hours, including a four-hour nap in a rest area. Not bad for an old poop. Bare with me. I'm almost finished with all this running around.

that sometime in the future.) Terese couldn't stand missing out on the action, so she booked a flight to Michigan using some frequent flier miles. Whew!!!

another monthly publication. Two days prior to our departure back to the Keys, Terese asked me what time my flight left. And that, you ever so patient readers, brings us to the meat of this story. When I looked for my ticket for a flight time, I could bottom of my backpack. find no ticket. Yikes!!!



TAKE A HIKE

Finding a good place to get out for some exercise these days can be a challenge. Open areas have given way to private development. Most public roads and highways have no provision for pedestrians, and traffic speed and density make walking near them a risky activity.

Fortunately, we have some great places in our area where we can get out and safely enjoy nature by traveling through scenic countryside. Last fall my wife, Gwen, and I drove to Rockford, Michigan, to check out the White Pine Trail State

This park is one of four linear State Parks in the lower peninsula. These linear parks were developed by turning abandoned railroad grades into pathways. The White Pine Trail starts at Comstock Park near Grand Rapids and extends north to Cadillac. Parts of the trail are paved, but most of it has a packed gravel surface. Improvements are being made on a regular basis. For example, an overpass at West River Road will be in place by this summer.

Wheeled motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trail. Snowmobiles can be operated north of Russell Road to Cadillac. There is no fee for using the trail. At one time a trail pass

was required, but that idea was not very popular with the public. Also, I would imagine that the administration and enforcement of a fee system for a trail that travels through so many towns and residential areas might not be practical.

On a particularly warm and sunny Sunday afternoon in March, we went back to Rockford to walk the section of the trail between Rockford and Belmont. This section and the portion from Rockford north to 12 Mile is paved. We encoun-

In all my travels I always carry a beat up old black backpack. In it are a change of clothes, a small Dopp kit, whatever book I'm reading (Speaking of books, here's a quick book review ... "Seabisquit, an American Legend" by Laura Hillenbrand. Drop twenty bucks and buy it, read it and love it. It's the best book I've read in a long, long time. That's coming from a guy who knows nothing about horses. and for that matter, doesn't even like horses), maybe some walking around money and above all else, my plane tickets.

I did the cursory panic search, but I knew where the tickets were. Prior to the Phoenix trip, I did something out of character. I took the tickets I didn't need out of my old backpack, and put them in my nightstand drawer for safe-keeping. Problem was, it was my nightstand in Florida. I'd driven back to Michigan without them. My wife had followed me to Michigan, so there was nobody there to send them. I was in big trouble. It was the kind of trouble your wife loves to rub your nose in. The kind of trouble only she could help you get out of. It was the "fate worse than death" kind of trouble.

The only person with a key to the Florida house is my **125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL** explained the situation using lots of adjectives describing my MAY 21, 1876 blatant stupidity. I could tell they agreed wholeheartedly that A sturgeon weighing 110 1/2 pounds was caught at Niles men are complete dopes and could never get through life without women looking after them. I was in one of those the other day. There will be no public demonstration on May 30. Decodreadful situations where there was nothing I could do but take the abuse. The cleaning lady agreed to go to the house, a special ration Day. Please be sure to strew flowers on the soldiers trip, find the tickets and get them out in an overnight packet. graves. The editor warns that the street may be muddy, but horses Terese got off the phone and told me how I owed Jenna I'm used to \$250 to \$350. Of course, \$1,500 was out of the "Big Time" and insinuated the same went for her. She then got and cattle really shouldn't use the sidewalks. The inside pages feature pictures and text of the magnifion the phone to my daughter to tell her how stupid I am. When cent centennial buildings for the celebration in Philadelphia. The D&M Railroad is adding two fast trains for Centennial Then she called her sisters. She stopped by the Ledger office later in the day and told all the employees. She went over to the travel. card shop and told them. I'm probably beating her to the punch 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 23, 1901 by publishing this most recent confirmation of my stupidity

here in the newspaper.

A \$10 reward is offered for finding the boys that uncovered The tickets arrived the next morning, almost a whole day the ice in the Rogers ice house and mutilated the buildings. The Grand Trunk Railroad has eight westbound and eight before my departure. With my "What, me worry?" or "A miss When the babysitting job was over, we flew back to is as good as a mile" attitude, that was plenty of time. My error eastbound trains daily: Sundays, five each. There were fewer deaths in the county in April than in Florida in time to publish our monthly real estate magazine. almost didn't matter anyway. The airline canceled my flight March. Tuberculosis led the list, but no deaths from smallpox That done, I did my reverse Cannonball. About a week later my out of Grand Rapids because of a faulty exit light. I ended up daughter's family arrived in Michigan for a visit with relatives being booked on a different airlines and flying all over the were recorded in spite of many active cases. and friends prior to their move to Shanghai. (I'm still in denial country. I could have almost made it to Florida quicker on the The Boys' Union will present a concert tomorrow night. admission 15 and 20 cents. about the loss of my grandkids for two years. We'll talk about Cannonball Run. My best guess is there are stupid men like me The omnigraph is a new gadget designed to help telegraph running things at the airlines.

operators learn the Morse Code. That's my little story. Sorry about all the logistics in-Ample spring showers in Michigan have been great for volved in relaying it, but I thought a description of my recent crops already growing, but have delayed getting into fields for We had a good time with the whole family together for a treadmill might absolve me of some of the blame in the ticket few days, but all too soon it was time to get back to work on fiasco. If you are a man, you might feel some sympathy. If seeding. you're a woman, no amount of cajoling will convince you that **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND** I am anything other than just another stupid man.

All my future plane tickets are stuffed deep into the

tered people of all ages, moms and dads pushing baby strollers, kids and adults on roller blades, bicyclists, joggers, and walk-Memorial Day plans include placing a captured German howitzer on a concrete base in the park. obtained through the ers. Because the surface is smooth, relatively level, and handicapped accessible, it is a good place to tour with a efforts of Rep. D.G. Look and the American Legion. Our Gang comedies and The Adventures of Mazie are wheelchair. With suitable snow conditions, the trail can be popular short subjects at the movies. used for cross-country skiing.

The Tuberculosis Society says that their white rat feeding This segment crosses an old railroad bridge over the Rogue experiments show that the typical American diet produces River. With the leaves down, the river is occasionally visible far below as the pathway leads from town, to residential areas. malnourished children and teenagers who need milk, whole to more remote woods and fields. The scenery will dramatiwheat bread and vegetables added to their diets. cally change with the seasons. What a neat place to visit when **50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 24, 1951** the fall colors peak.

Pfc. Arnold Bishop is the first local serviceman to return On our last visit we left our vehicle at Rogue River Park in Belmont and walked the White Pine Trail north to Rockford. home from Korea on rotational furlough. On arrival in Rockford, we checked out the steelhead action at Memorial Day observances will be on Wednesday this year, and several articles warn motorists that this is the time the dam, had coffee at a picnic table by the river, and then walked back to Belmont. It was a cold blustery day, so we when traffic accidents and deaths rise precipitously. didn't see many people on the 8-mile round trip. On the way The Moose baseball team looks forward to an active home we talked about doing the whole 92 miles in the future. season at Recreation Park. The first three games will be with At this point, of course, it's just talk. Grand Rapids company teams.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced

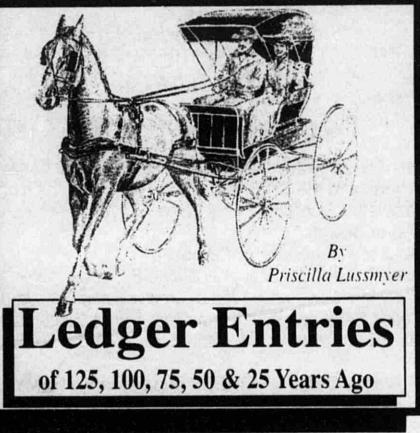
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Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to woid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

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THE ALTO SOLO MAY 20, 1926

Fourteen-year mayor of Ionia. Fred W. Green announces his candidacy for governor.

The Junior play. "Oh Susannah!" will be presented this Thursday and Friday at City Hall.

It's also straw hat time, and the stock car races are opening at Owosso.

The village police force gives an accounting of the last two weeks' summons and warnings issued to motorists.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 20, 1976

New City Manager Ray Quada is sworn in.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Bicentennial hydrant-painting contest, and place planters along Main Street filled with trees and flowers.

The City of Lowell official seal contest has been completed by the Jaycees, and the winner will be announced at the Fourth of July festivities.

Last Sunday's Swap Meet at the fairgrounds brought out all manner and ages of cars and car parts.

A delegation bearing a 30-foot banner. "Lowell Showboat City Welcomes Mr. President Back Home." and the middle school band welcome Pres. Ford at the Grand "Rapids airport.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL**

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 7, 2001.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Blough and the City Clerk called Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Blough. Absent: Councilmember Brubaker.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk A. 924 N. HUDSON - RYAN PAWLOSKI - SIDE YARD Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Daniel DesJarden, Police Sergeant Steven Junewick, Police Officer James

Hinton and Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to excuse the absence of Councilmember Brubaker. YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2001 regular meeting as corrected.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/07/01)

GENERAL FUND	\$97,457.62
MAJOR STREET FUND	897.21
LOCAL STREET FUND	14.20
DDA FUND	23,106.85
AIRPORT	9,195.94
WASTEWATER FUND	2,298.81
WATER FUND	4,078.56
DATA PROCESSING FUND	339.60
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,047.70
CURRENT TAX FUND	93.30

Item #1. RECONSIDERATION - SIDEWALK REQUIRE- NAY: 0. MENT FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OFF ABSENT: GODFREY. This item was reviewed by the City Council at the previous meeting. It was determined sidewalks are required for the four lot housing development off Godfrey as being constructed by David Anderson. Upon inspection by City Staff, it is requested the Council reconsider the request.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and developer David Anderson surveyed the site. After a thorough review, DesJarden recommended an alternative solution to the sidewalks being required. This is due to the very narrow path available in the right of way along Godfrey for a walk. Also a swale blocks sidewalk in the and noted at the Planning Commission. The proposed private drive area.

not enough right of way for sidewalks without obtaining Howard Street. easements from the property owners along Godfrey. On the private drive, there is room for a sidewalk in front of The Planning Commission recommended at its April Building Authority. The Building Authority bond paythe properties, but a swale is in the back of the turn 30th meeting approval of the variance request by a vote ment for the library is \$44,370 for the fiscal year (6th year around. In discussion with Anderson, he said he could of 6 to 1, stating the established criteria were met. place an asphalt pathway instead of concrete by follow- Commissioner Jahnke believed the variance should be ing the contour of the private drive.

sidewalks being placed on Anderson's property along public comments were received. City Clerk Morlock in September 1999 for acquisition costs related to the Godfrey. DesJarden said he recommends sidewalk be stated two telephone calls, from Sherry and Jeff City Hall-Police Station project. Principal and interest placed on the property which fronts Godfrey, by acquiring DesJarden, of 517 Howard Street and Shirley Smith, of payments amount to \$84,870 for the fiscal year. Upon

any asphalt sidewalks. DesJarden responded there are no other such walks other than the pathway from Foreman to Creekside Park that is located on the east side of Litehouse Inc. property constructed of asphalt.

Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall stated he had no problem with asphalt sidewalks. It is important to have favor of this request. connecting sidewalks throughout the city.

that David Anderson is required to install a sidewalk on the south side of Godfrey in connection with his housing development on Godfrey and utilize asphalt for the private street. Further permission is given to seek easements for the sidewalks.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED.

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Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

VARIANCE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION - PUBLIC HEARING. Ryan Pawloski was in the midst of having a 20' x 24' addition constructed to his house located at 924 North Hudson when it was discovered the north side yard setback is five feet rather than the required six feet. The construction drawings had shown six feet. Therefore, a variance was requested.

recommended granting the variance by unanimous vote at its April 30, 2001 meeting. It was determined the request met the established criteria.

Ryan Pawloski (owner) and Ron Anes (contractor) were feet to the north side yard lot. They are trying to improve an older home which was built before these setbacks were adopted.

ZBA Chairman Myers opened the public hearing. No public comments were received. City Clerk Morlock stated she received a letter from John Davis, 934 N. Hudson stating "I would say let Ryan Pawloski's add on to his house. I don't see how improving our homes hurt the neighborhood." The public hearing was closed.

Boardmember Shores had no concerns with a one-foot variance. She enjoyed having the house improved Boardmember Blough concurred with Shores stating he did not want to discourage people from improving their older homes. Sometimes, it is not possible to meet the setback which is required, especially with the older

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by SHORES to approve the variance request from Ryan Pawloski for a north side vard setback of five feet where six feet is required for the addition on his house at 924 N. Hudson because the request met the established criteria YEA: 4

MOTION CARRIED

B. 504 LINCOLN LAKE - WILL WELSH - FRONT YARD SETBACK - FOR ADDITION PUBLIC HEARING. Will Welsh wishes to have an addition constructed to his dwelling at 504 Lincoln Lake. Since the house is at the corner of Lincoln Lake and Howard, two 30 foot front yards are required. The addition would be 26 feet from Howard Street right of way. Thus, a variance is requested.

City Manager Pasquale stated there was a correction setback for the addition was actually 18', not 26' from Howard Street right of way. This would bring the garage DesJarden provided several pictures showing there is and addition in line with the established building line on

granted for the house addition only, not the garage.

Mayor Blough noted the only concern at this time is the ZBA Chairman Myers opened the public hearing. No A second Building Authority bond of \$500,000 was sold a written response was received from David and Judy Councilmember Myers asked in the past had there been Noonon of 424 Howard, stating their support of Will Welsh's petition for the variance. The public hearing was Water and Wastewater Funds. No increase in the water closed.

> Boardmember Green mentioned this issue will come Lee Fund. A new park sign at Creekside Park (\$5,500), many times before the Board with the older homes in tree replacement at various park sites (\$1,000) and a Lowell. And because of meeting the criteria, he was in fence for out of play at the Recreation Park Ballfield

Boardmember Blough said based on no further penetra

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN tion of the building line toward Howard Street and what is existing at the current time, the setback is not being degraded regardless of the house or garage. Due to this meeting the Planning Commission's established criteria by a majority vote, Blough supported a motion to grant this variance.

> guired at 504 Lincoln Lake. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: '

MOTION CARRIED.

Item#3. 2001 - 2002 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY RE-VIEW AND ESTABLSH PUBLIC HEARING DATES (MAY 21 AND JUNE 4). City Manager Pasquale stated a copy of the 2001-2002 Budget will be provided to the Councilmembers as part of the May 21, 2001 Council The Planning Commission reviewed this request and agenda. In order to be timely with final approvals, he suggested the City Council conduct two public hearings on May 21 and June 4, 2001 before adoption.

General Fund: The budget has planned expenditures (including transfer to Other Funds) of \$2,182,990.55. A present and stated the existing house is closer than five- millage rate increase of 1.75 is proposed raising the total from 13.85 to 15.60. This is the first increase since the 1993-94 budget. A fund balance of \$304,524.33 is shown.

> The additional 1.75 mills would generate \$156,373.25 in General Fund revenue. Of this, the Downtown Development Authority may capture an additional \$21,016.17 leaving a net increase in tax revenue of \$135,357.08. With bond payments for the library and City Hall-Police Station project totalling \$132,000, this makes for a tight General Fund budget.

Council	\$25,470.00
Manager	
Elections	
Assessor	
Attorney	10,000.00
General Office	137,160.00
Treasurer	174,455.00
Planning Commission	
(now includes compensation)	
Police	
Fire	
Ambulance	
City Hall	
Cemetery	
Eng./Bldg. Inspection	
Dept. of Public Works	
Sidewalks	
Refuse	
Parks	121,460.00
Library	49,493.00
(offset by a \$7740 contribution I	by the
Kent District Library.)	
Historic District Commission	
Lowell Area Historical Museum	11,275.00
Senior Neighbors	1,500.00
Chamber of Commerce	
Unallocated	
Transfer to Building Authority	47,000.00
Transfer to Local Streets	
Transfer to City Hall Construction	on Fund 85,000.00
	\$2,182,990.55
and the second sec	

of a 10-year bond ending March, 2006). The General Fund will provide the payment to cover the bond obligation and miscellaneous expenses.

an easement and asphalt pathway on the private drive. 524 Lincoln Lake, were in support of the variance. Also, proceeding with construction, a second wrap around bond will be issued.

and wastewater rates have been planned.

(\$3,388) have been proposed as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by SHORES to grant the front yard setback variance requested by Will Welsh involving a house and garage addition for an 18 foot setback from Howard Street where 30 feet is re-

The General Fund includes:



Balloon sendoff gives rise to Nursing **Home Week** celebration

Laurels of Kent celebrated "Nursing Home Week" with its residents. The celebration included a balloon send-off(search for pen pals), outdoor barbecue, Ice Cream Social, a Mother's Day tea and a scavenger hunt. The week of activities were coordinated by Laurels of Kent marketing director. Michelle Herron and nursing home administrator, Wendell Torrey.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to establish public hearing dates for May 21 and June 4, 2001 City Council meetings to consider the adoption of the 2001-2002 budget. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Blough questioned when the proposed budget 2001-2002. Pasquale said the City could include the would be available for Council and the public to review. City Manager Pasquale responded it should be available sometime next week. The proposed budgets will be hand regular business hours.

necessary to implement the Master Plan. It is reviewed would be needed. With the traffic pattern in this City documents provided to the Council have been recommended by the Planning Commission at its April 30th meeting.

ments. A Streets Master Plan was completed which delineated the various roads in terms of needs for improvements. A list of road priorities was completed by NAY: 0. this plan.

There is a possibility of a Transportation Bond which could be secured. This issue was brought to the Planning Item #5. CITIZENS COMMENTS. DPW Director Commission. This could be a 15-year bond providing DesJarden updated the Council on the South Hudson about \$1.2 million in road improvements, which would project. Last week several calls were received from the include Gee Drive, Valley Vista Drive and North Division. public regarding no work was being done. K&R Con- should be available for Council review at the June 4, 2001 The problem is that even though State shared transpor- struction (contractor) was not undertaking much road- meeting. tation revenues can be used for payments, the City would work because some more utilities had to be moved. The still need to consider the possibility of one mill to pay for railroad repair work started today. City staff was trying to Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. None. the bonds. The Planning Commission reviewed this at confirm if the railroad will repair the tracks on the south two of their meetings. There was reluctance from the side of the bridge. Also, the street sweeper should be IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN membership at this time to endorse a bond. The possibil- ready for use tomorrow (Tuesday, May 8th). ity of special assessments and perhaps waiting until Gee not needed, it was just the question of adding additional millage. Especially, if the City is considering additional millage for building improvements.

The Planning Commission did request the City Hall-Police Station project be delineated within the CIP, even though the Council has initiated work on this with regard to property acquisition.

Councilmember Myers questioned whether the improvements listed for the City Airport are to be financed through the Airport budget. Pasquale responded any improvements to the Airport would be undertaken through revenues derived by the Airport.

Mayor Blough questioned of all the CIP, what is City on Saturdays, if one is downtown, there are no public Staff's recommended highest priority? Pasquale stated restrooms available. on a collective standpoint, the City Hall-Police Station He also requested that the Planning Commission review project would be ranked extremely high. It addresses some long needed space needs as well as it would a 1000-square-foot minimum living floor area for homes. coordinate with the downtown improvement work.

storage building would be constructed in the year other restored buildings in the downtown area. building itself within the bond issue with City Hall-Police Item #7. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale Station.

delivered to the Council. Copies will be available at City IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS A. Copies of the following meetings minutes were pro-Hall and the Library for the public to examine during to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan as presented for vided for your review: 2001-2006.

 Planning Commission meetings of March 26 and April 9 Item #4 ADOPTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVE- Mayor Blough noted one of the very highest recommen- Airport Board meeting of April 10 MENTS PLAN 2001-2006. The Capital Improvements dations was Gee Drive Capital Street Improvement pro- Community Recreational Committee of April 18 Plan provides a six-year plan for capital expenditures gram. Funding was reviewed and additional millage by the various boards and commissions annually. The influenced by the increase of development on the west B. Mayor Exchange Day with the City of Saugatuck will be in Lowell on Tuesday, May 8th and in Saugatuck on side, this artery is even more traveled. Blough said Tuesday, May 15th. Itineraries were provided. Council should seriously review the budget to determine if there are proposed items which could be a trade off for the Gee Drive project. It would really benefit the Council C. In response to Council comments, Mark Mundt has City Manager Pasquale's major concern is road improve- to hear from City residents relative to their priorities with written the final report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant rerating was completed and submitted to the MDEQ for the proposed projects. their review. How long this will take in unknown. YEA: 4

ABSENT: 1. MOTION APPROVED

Drive and Foreman could be eligible for Federal Funding Planning Commission Chairman Hall stated with regard YEA: 4. was discussed. But, at this particular time there was no to the recent variances, it is time for the Commission to NAY: 0. direction for a bond. It is not that road improvements are revise the criteria. Also, the Planning Commission has ABSENT: 1 MOTION CARRIED. endorsed the concept of an RV Park camping facility in Lowell. Hall will be in attendance at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on May 12th to request IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS their endorsement. The Kent County Youth Fair and to return to open session at 8:44 p.m. Chamber of Commerce have been requested to endorse YEA: 4. the concept of an RV Park camping facility. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED. Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers had been at Lafayette Plaza and noticed the Chamber of Commerce is in need of signage on Main Street with IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. directions to their offices.

Councilmember Green felt there is a lack of public restrooms in the downtown area and wondered if some of the city buildings could be utilized. In the evening and

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Weekend power change-over creates short-lived power outage for some LL&P customers

Some residents were without power early Saturday morning as electrical work was being carried out on M-21. Lowell Light & Power crews prepared the north side of M-

21 from Michigan Wire to the First Baptist Church for a primary voltage change-over. Customers located in that area were without power from 6:30 until 10:30 a.m.

"We're redesigning our system so that maintenance can be done with little or no power outages. With our new sub-station. system-modifications and upgrades, reliability will be greatly improved and load concerns alleviated." said Lowell Light & Power operations manager. Jeff Mullins.

In addition to Hudson Street and the M-21 projects. upgrades and improvements along Alden Nash. Bowes Road. Grand River and the east side of town will be made.

"As the streets widen and the power lines are relocated. LL&P will be able to upgrade the electrical distribution system ahead of projections and, in this case, without hardship to the customers." said LL&P marketing and programming manager. Debbie Deane.

Construction on M-21, from Bowes Road west, continues this week with no outages expected, according to Deane. "When the new sub-station site is confirmed, LL&P will be positioned to handle projected power loads for the next 20 years." she concluded.



Councilmember Shores commented on the restoration · Councilmember Myers questioned if a cemetery office/ at the Larkin's building and how it will complement the

reported on the following:

Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of Feb.10

D. In order to initiate the construction design process of the City Hall-Police Station project, Dan Durkee of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was asked to prepare a proposal for Council consideration. This proposal will include architectural costs and time lines toward a start of construction date. Such a document

to adjourn into Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

Date: Monday, May 21, 2001

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



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.

PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE The Lowell First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Pentecost in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School on Sunday, June 3 at 10 a.m. If you do not have a church of your own or are looking for an additional worship experience, you are invited to attend this uplifting worship

CALLING ALL ARTISTS -CELEBRATE LOWELL EXHIBIT

The Lowell Area Arts Council is opening its doors to artists in the Lowell community. This exhibit (June 3-July 14)

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It also explained that increased residential density does not fit the general character of the area.

and song.

Township board member Alyn Fletcher added to the

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
41-24-01-300-013	41-24-11-100-001	41-24-12-200-003
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	t 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

planning commission recommendation.

"This property is marketable as it is currently zoned (R-1) and current zoning does allow this property to be used for residential development," Fletcher said. "Denial of this request permits the less dense development of this property, which is compatible with the uses of adjacent land, the natural environment and the capabilities of the public services being provided."

In other rezoning issues: The township board approved the rezoning of John O'Neill's property located at 11799 Fulton from rural low density residential to general

commercial. Township supervisor, John Timpson said the commercial use is in accordance ter plan; also the parcels of with the recommended use; the property is contiguous to land are contiguous to land which is already zoned Light their commercial property; Industrial. and the commercial use fits the character of the area.

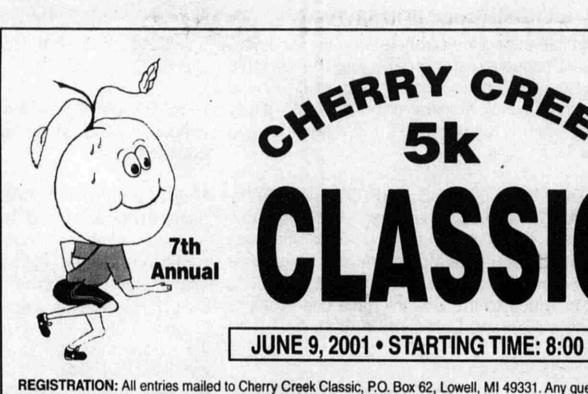
IN THE SERVICE

oined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training program.

This program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Adam G. Gravelyn has to learn a new skill, serve their Gravelyn, a 2000 graducountry, and become eligible ate of Caledonia High School, to receive more than \$7,000 will report to Fort Sill, toward a college education. Lawton, Okla., for active \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum duty on Aug. 15. He is the son of Miava \$5,000 cash bonus. and Gary Gravelyn of Alto.

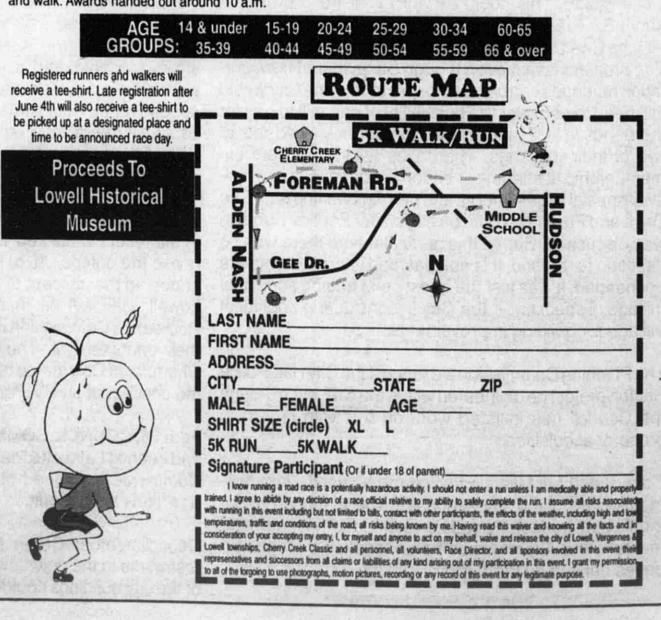
After completion of basic



REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any guestions. call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings 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.



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 or e-mail lowellarts council@ameritech.net.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING The Lowell Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting at the high school staff lounge on Monday,

Timpson Orchards' request to rezone two parcels (11900 & 11988 Cascade Rd.) from AG-1 to Light Industrial was also approved.

The reasons used to support the request were that the area is designated for Light Industrial use in the township's long-range mas-



military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

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LAHM Budget Increase, cont'd... From Page 1

vision is that the museum become very active and an integrated part of the community."

To do this, the museum board would like to increase its hours of operation and offer outside programming to area students and residents. But to make this vision a reality, the museum would need about \$60,000 for operational costs, of which it was seeking a third from the city, \$20,000.

Straub pointed out that more than 4,000 volunteer hours have been logged with the museum and 900 objects have been donated which requires a commitment of the museum to take care of those items "forever," she said.

"This makes good business sense," Straub said about the city contributing more funds to the museum. "In a recent research project, it showed that for every dollar of historic tourism a city puts out, it receives \$3 spent in the community."

And while it might make good business sense and give a feeling of pride for the museum, councilmembers were still uncertain as to where the money would come from.

"I would love to help out, but this is a tight budget," said councilmember Dan Brubaker. "If we increase revenue here, it means a decrease someplace else."

Councilmember Don Green said the museum may have to look seriously at other funding sources such as the Downtown Development Authority, which is what he looks to for improving the central business district, where the museum is located

"I would like the city to strike a balance with all of its outside activities." said councilmember Chuck Myers, who and the Senior Neighbors program even.

Currently the city contributes \$5,000 to the museum's budget for review. operating fund, along with another \$6,275 for utilities, main-Straub also said the museum board is working with towntenance and insurance. Beginning the next fiscal year, the ships and plans to present it at the next DDA meeting. Recently museum will pay back to the city \$1,200 for utilities. the Lowell Area Schools gave the museum \$1,000 toward Despite the tightness of the budget, the council was still programming.



Shannon Finnegan of campus) for the summer to Summer Scholar at Alma College's 2001 Honors Day a faculty member. Convocation, held on April

program grants students the Pine River's degradation, and then a trustee emeritus \$2,500 plus waiver of room The work will feature exten- until his death in 1998. The charges (if work is done on sive interviews with former gift continues a long tradition

Lowell was named a Currie support scholarly or creative projects in collaboration with



willing to consider the request at the urging of Mayor Mike Blough who felt the creation of such a destination spot would referred to keeping the monies to such groups as the museum be another added bonus to the entire community. Straub said she would give city staff the museum's proposed \$60,000

> workers at the Velsicol Chemical Plant and current residents of the St. Louis community She will be working with faculty sponsor. Dr. Michael Vickery, professor of communications.

gram was funded by Eleanor Finnegan will be produc- H. Currie and honors her husing a video documentary that band Gilbert. an Alma Col-The summer research includes an oral history of lege trustee from 1970-1982

of generous giving by the Curries to Alma College.

University of Northwestern Ohio, located in Lima. acknowledges its dean's list for the March 2001 session The summer research pro- for the College of Technologies

> Nick W. Bergy of Alto, a full-time student, received a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Fourth-grade math and reading MEAP scores reasons for smiling

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The results from the Lowell Area School District fourth-grade MEAP tests in reading and math appear to be pretty good.

There is, however, some hesitation in reacting to the scores before Kent Intermediate School District and state results are released and a comparative study can be done.

From the data presented, a 17 point spike in the information part of the reading test stands out. Last year, only 68 percent of the fourth-graders passed the information part of the reading test. This year that jumped to 85.1.

Jim White, assistant superintendent to curriculum and instruction, gave his annual warning about reading too much into one year's scores. Instead, White prefers measuring student performance over a three-to five-year period.

White did note that Lowell's fourth-grade reading results were notably different in that nearly the same num-

Read		Fourth G Math ME	rade CAP Scor	es
	1998	1999	2000	2001
READING	72.6	71.8	64.0	78.3
Story	90.5	91.3	86.8	86
Information	75.2	73.8	68.0	85.1
матн	92.6	86.9	86.0	90.2

The reading column indicates the percentage of fourthgrade students who passed both the story and information part of the MEAP reading test.

ber of students passed both the story (86.0) and information (85.1) portion of the reading test. "I don't think I've ever seen that." White said.

This came in a year where the information reading material was new (had not been used in a previous year). When new reading material is used, the percentage of students who pass usually drops. The percentage of fourth-graders who passed both

1999 (71.8) results.

The strong performance trend in math continued. Of the fourth-grade students taking the MEAP math test. 90.2 percent passed, up from 86 percent a year ago.

May 23 at 6:30 p.m. information



portions of the test was 78.3, up from the 64 percent figure of a year ago. It is a little better than the 1998 (72.6) and

Final night to spruce up Showboat, May 23

We still need volunteers to help clean up the Showboat, our city's pride and joy. Please help on Wednesday.

Call Liz at the Chamber office 897-9161 for further

Meijer's Lowell opening attracts over 5,600

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

year Meijer veteran, it was her first grand opening.

citement with opening a new store," Denman explained.

That charge and excitement Denman felt before the haven't been shopping at doors opened at 7 a.m. on Meijers," he explained. Sunday were magnified throughout the day as 5.643 inside.

than the Meijer store which tomers we have collected," opened in Battle Creek at the Rogers said. "We're just glad training its 450 employees five same time," said Lowell store to be open and very happy

manager. Scott Rogers.

While the numbers at For Diane Denman, a 25- Lowell were termed as excellent. Rogers said the antici- ing up to the grand opening pated drop in numbers at the were filled with reorganizing "There's a charge and ex- Cascade and Knapp stores did backstock products, making not materialize. "What that sure pricing was accurate, all means is the Lowell store signs were up, and that everypulled in additional guests that thing was tested.

The Lowell store numbers enjoyed by Meijer on Sunday patrons gave the new Meijer are expected to drop a little tions that customers may store its first glance from the after the first month. "The real have." explained Rogers, who test is a year from now. Then has been with Meijer for 23 "The numbers are better we will know how many cus- years

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with the excellent sales we employees from other Grand enjoyed on Sunday."

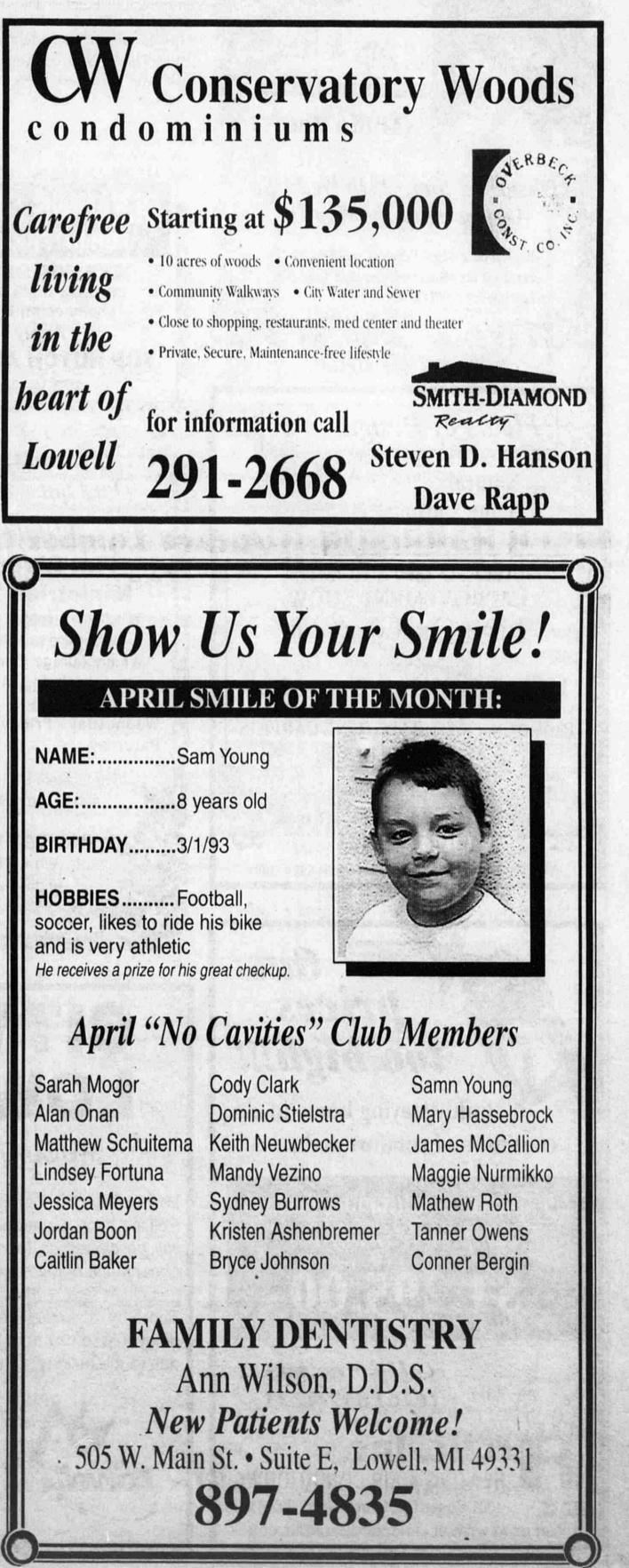
"The main thing is once we're open that we're able to provide excellent service and help and answer any ques-

Meijer began hiring and weeks ago. It brought in 50

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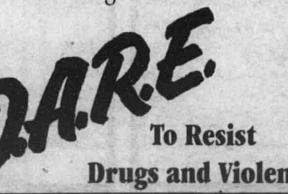
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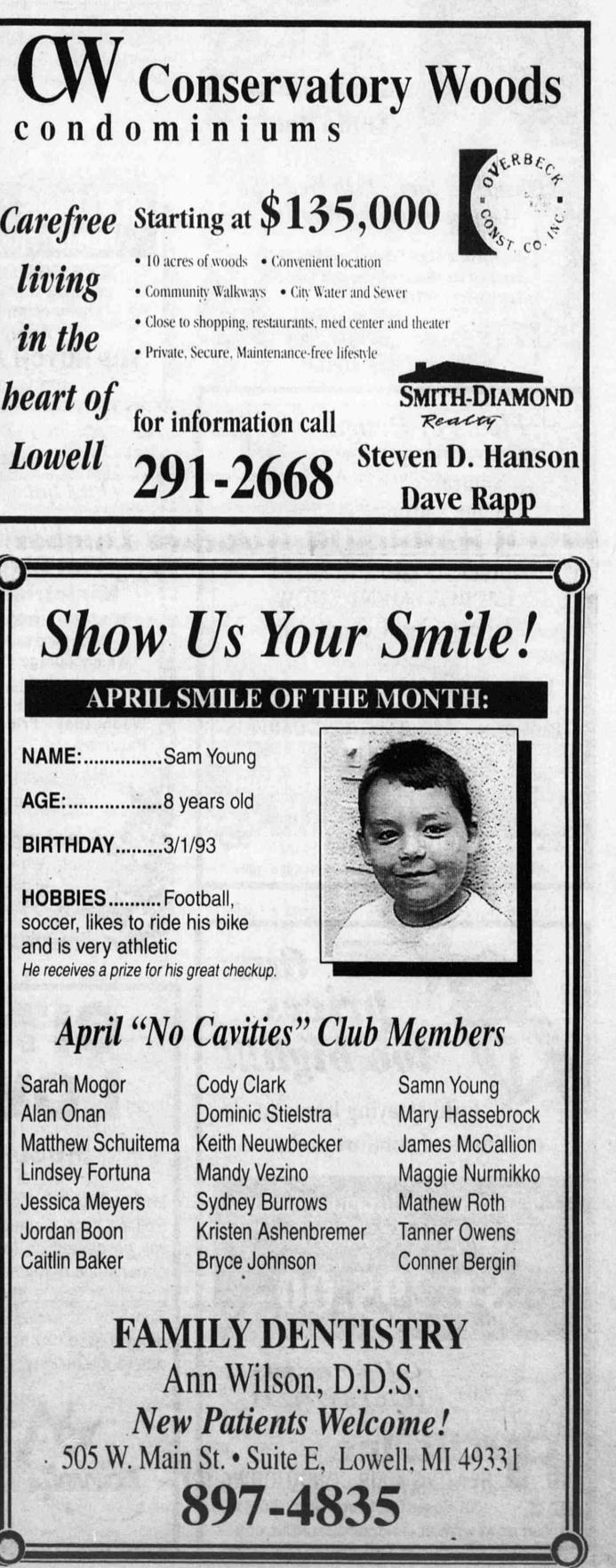
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City budget tight - calls for millage increase to help cover bond costs

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Jon action

Finding any extra money in the Lowell City's 2001-2002 budget could be like finding a needle in a haystack

The Lowell City Council, however, is determined to loosen the very tight budget that calls for a millage increase to help cover the \$132,000 yearly bond payments for the library and City Hall/Police Station project.

"Primarily from the city staff's point of view, the millage increase proposed is to cover the bond payments," said Lowell city manager. David Pasquale, who added that the budget

itself was very tight, not allowing for a lot of breathing room. The millage rate increase being proposed is 1.75, taking the current levied millage of 13.85 to 15.60. This would generate about \$156.373.25 of which the Downtown Devel-



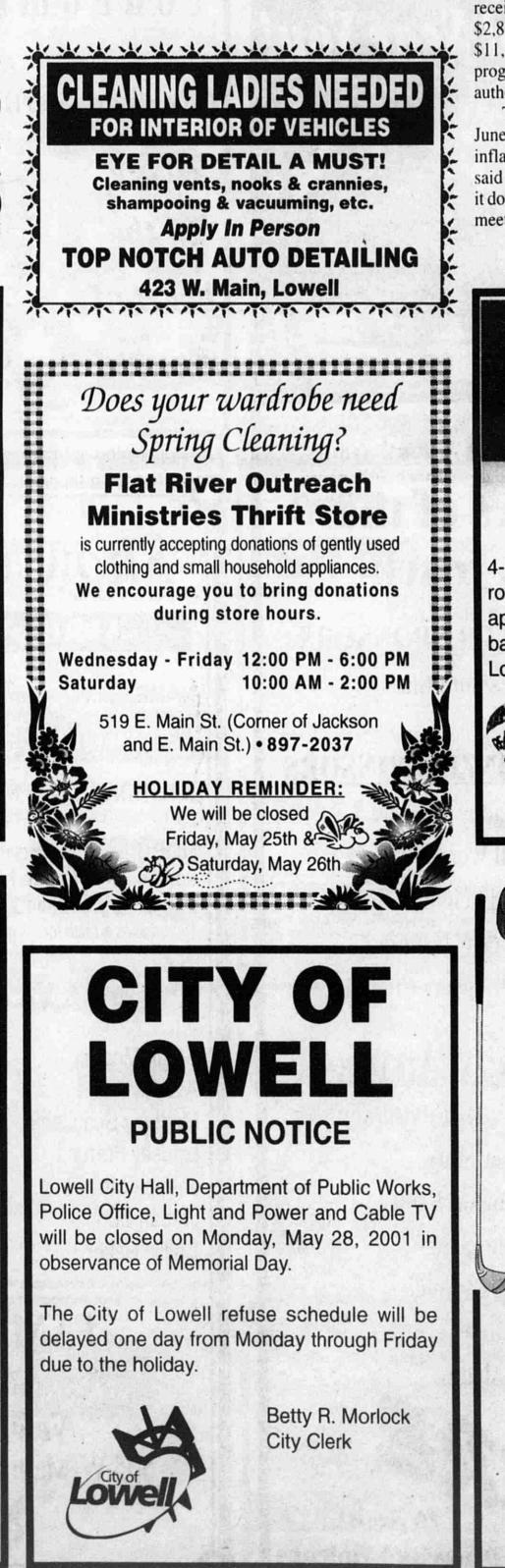
opment Authority would capture \$21,016.17. This would leave about \$135,357.08 to cover the bond payments for the library and the City Hall/Police Station.

Currently, the city is in the sixth year of a 10-year bond for the library, Pasquale said. That amount is \$44,370. In 1999, the city bonded for \$500,000 for acquisition costs related to the City Hall/Police Station, with payments at about \$84,870.

As the council went through it, they discovered just how tight the budget is, leaving little money for local road improvements and the possibility of fulfilling a request for more money to the museum an uncertainty.

"I would like to find some other areas in the budget where we could increase that," said Mayor Mike Blough, referring to the request of more money to help operate the museum, scheduled to open in September.

Where to get that money is a huge question. Blough wanted staff to review the current sidewalk contribution plan of 25 percent to residents who put in or improve the sidewalk in front of their home. The current sidewalk budget is about \$13.691.55. He also asked staff to do an accounting of recycling bins to find out how many are actually being put out. Blough noted the cost of emptying the recycling bins is about half the refuse budget. The refuse budget is about \$85,000 with a portion underwritten by residents with the purchase of bags.



The city pays for the entire recycling costs. "I think by just taking a look at some existing areas and doing some accounting, we might find some areas that could be changed," Blough said.

Another area that desperately needs assistance is the local street fund, currently one of the lowest sums at \$8,600. Many of the streets were built 25 yeas ago and only have a life expectancy of 20 years, making it a reality that the city is going to need to do a lot of work on its streets soon, said councilmember Don Green.

Taking up the largest part of the city's budget is the police department, with about \$807,534 of the \$2.189 million budget. The reason being the police department is very laborintensive, Pasquale explained.

Other department budgets include: \$25,470 for the council: \$86,554 for the manager's office: \$5,335 for elections; \$37,136 for the assessor's office; \$10,000 for the attorney; \$136,261 for the general office; \$173,231 for the treasurer's office; \$6,800 for the planning commission; \$156,150 for the fire department; \$3,000 for the ambulance service; \$31,000 for City Hall; \$81,186 for the cemetery. \$6,100 for building inspections; and \$160,975 for the Department of Public Works.

The Parks will receive about \$121,110. A new line item is for the showboat, which will get \$7,330 and the library receives about \$49,458. The historic commission receives \$2,800, while the Lowell Area Historical Museum receives \$11,275. Rounding out the budget is the Senior Neighbors program, \$1,500; Chamber of Commerce, \$3,000; building authority, \$47,000; and construction fund, \$85,000.

The city council will have a second hearing on the budget June 4. Because the millage rate is less than the rate of inflation, there will be no truth in taxation hearings. Blough said that even though the council has one more public hearing, it doesn't mean the council will approve the budget at its next meeting.



Notices in The Ledger's "Com- Community Building. ing Events" are free of charge Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m. to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and TUES .: Flat River Intergenerational program the Lowell Masonic Cen-Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief LAAC from 6:30 to 8:30 and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by come. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat AD/HD at Calvin College,7-River Snowmobile Club 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. meets at the clubhouse at For info. call Gary Engle at 11841 Potters Rd. just east of Montcalm Ave. To check meeting dates and times call 897-5015 for a recorded message. Guests 7:30 to 9 p.m., usually in Forest Hills Presbyterian are welcome.

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

SECONDMON. OF EACH 7:30 p.m. MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds its monthly board meeting in Lowell Masonic Lodge 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.

SECONDMON.OF EACH HD Issues Group meeting From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; on MONTH: The Bowne at St. Luke's Lutheran Mondays from 5:30 - 8 Headley is open from 1 to 4 Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, in Alto or in Lowell. Contact Terry Amidon at 897-8751 for more information.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACHMONTH: American 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. 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.

Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th- WED .: 8 p.m. ALANON 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. grade, meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of N. Washington St. En- EVERY WED .: Rotary EVERY THIRD THURS .: Michigan Dr. NW. Call 897joy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For infor call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park

Woodcarvers meet at p.m. New members wel-

1ST TUES .: Adults with 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meetings from Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. at Board Room at 300 High Church, 7495 Cascade Rd. St. Business meetings are (at 36th St.) No fees, no on odd months & program dues, no weigh-ins. meetings on even months. Open to any interested parents.

FOURTH TUES .: Knights brary. Weigh-ins at 6:45 of Columbus #7719 meet- p.m. ings at St. Mary School,

EVERY SECOND TUES .: 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 EVERY THURS. - St. LARC sponsors the 145.27 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Parents of children with AD/ Church, 32156 4 Mile NE p.m. Phone 897-9393. (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. For info., call Linda at 874-5662. For teen group info., call Sarah 281-6588.

with AD/HD Issues Group Lowell Middle School choir meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons 897-1502 after 5 p.m. bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: tian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694

EVERY WED .: Pioneer N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 2700 E. Fulton. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. EVERY EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Call 897-5894 for details.

gational Church basement. ell.

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY SECOND WED .: Center offering a variety of G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's topics and discussion Rockford Chapter - Sister Club meets at 12 p.m. in geared to parents of chil-TUES .: Take Off Pounds the community room at dren all ages. Call Hall 942-2639 for time. Schneider Manor, 725 897-7842 for time. Bowes Rd.

Elderly volunteers needed Royal Arch Masons reguto participate in the lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at with school-age children ter. 119 Lincoln Lake, from Lowell in many differ- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. ent 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.

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EVERY THURS .: Take Off Historical Society meets at Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets seum of Ada, 7144 Headley EVERY SECOND & at the Saranac Public Li- at 7 p.m.

> THURS .: Weight Watchers meets at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, at 7 p.m. Reg- p.m. istration is 1/2 hour before meetings. New members are invited to join at any time, Questions? Call 1-800-651-6000.

Mary's Pregnancy Crists Center, 402 Amity St., non- system. denominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school.

FIRST THURS .: 4-H drama club examines theater-related topics, creative and personal development MON. OR TUES .: Cub EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults skills. Meetings held at 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. room. For information call

> FIRST AND THIRD THURS .: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner Girls Club - Calvary Chris- of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

> > **EVERY 2ND THURS.:** at Trinity Lutheran Church,

SECOND THURS .: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary #8303 meets at meets at Lowell Congre- Post, 307 W. Main St., Low-

> Parents Supporting Par- 9794. ents is a support group at Franciscan Life Process

EVERY FOURTH WED .: 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 EV ERY MONTH: The Ada the Averill Historical Mu-

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

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

THURS., FRI., SAT. & SUN .: Averill Historical Museum of Ada at 7144 p.m.

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

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting 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.

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

THURS., MAY 24: Cyclamen Chapter #94 will visit Chapter. Contact Kathryn



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

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

FRI .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

THURS., MAY 24: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Hobby obby.

FRI., MAY 25: 12:40 Bingo.

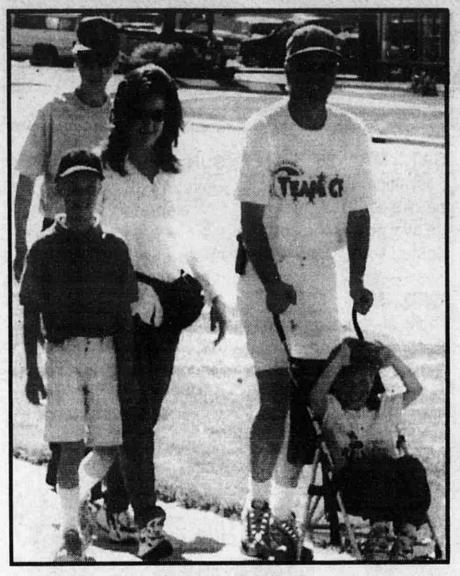
MON., MAY 28: Memorial Day - closed. Enjoy the holiday!

TUES., MAY 29: 12:40

p.m. Tour G.R. Calvary Church.

WED., MAY 30: 8 a.m Women's breakfast: 9:30 a.m. Whitecaps basebal game.

THURS., MAY 31: Noon Dance.





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CASE NO. 01-03470-CH Hall of Justice 333 Monroe N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 336-3679

LETICIA TORRES 358 Ridgeland Ct., Apt. 3 Holland, MI 49423

MANUEL VALDEZ MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ 321 E. 116th St. Chicago, IL

DONALD A. JOHNSTON (P-15554) **ROBERT N. SWARTZ**

(P21196)

1100 McKay Tower 146 Monroe Center N.W Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 459-3303

TO: MANUEL VALDEZ and MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by

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

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

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

April 6, 2001

Judge Donald A. Johnston

Great Strides taken in raising \$17,878 for CF

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

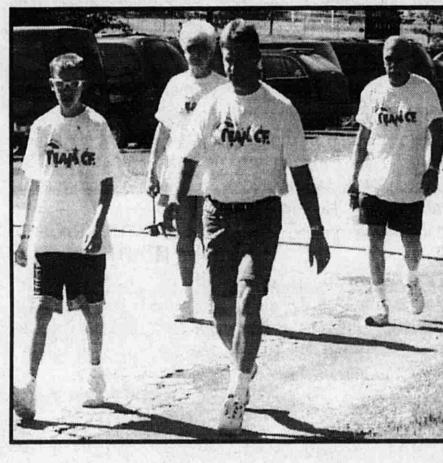
Lowell's first-ever Great Strides walk in the fight against cystic fibrosis had a most auspicious start.

There were 28 participants who walked the 6.2 miles. More impressively htey raised \$17,878.

"This is great. We've only had two other walks in Michigan do better than this." said Jennifer Anema, executive director of the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

The event, which was coordinated by Lowell's Pete Odland, started and finished at the Lowell Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

Left, Pete and Bobbie Odland begin their walk Saturday with sons, Jeffrey and Dillon.



Thank You family of Chris Hendrick (Bottrall) would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent flowers and cards. And to the First Baptist Church for the wonderful fellowship; for our great friends and family during this very difficult time of sorrow. Also to Roth-

Gerst Funeral Home, Forest Hills Foods and Five Star Brands. Rob and Carlene (Bottrall)Hendrick 2 Maria ever co



Odland raised \$9,100. His son Dillon suffers from the debilitating disease. The money raised will be used to find a cure for cystic

fibrosis Anema said they anticipate the nine Great Strides walks raising roughly \$128,000 this year. Last year, the cystic fibrosis fundraisers brought in \$98,000.

Sponsors of this year's race were White Bridge Tooling, Cascade Cement, AAA, Lowell Middle School, Root Lowell, Litehouse, Lowell Rotary and Lowell Waterworks.

"Again, I am overwhelmed with what the Lowell community can do when it recognizes a good cause," Odland explained. "I know many of them look at it as if they are personally helping Dillon - that's how I feel when I thank them. When people understand that this is a disease that inflicts children, it then becomes something they feel they should support."



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Cherry Creek students visit a world of cats and dogs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The magical island world of orphaned dogs and cats imparted "life's little lessons" to Cherry Creek Elementary third-graders.

The mythical Paw Island was accessed through a mobile classroom, complete with 27 iMac computers in a childoriented environment.

telling the truth and embracing diversity.

"So much of children's Stories are character entertainment today is filled based, instructing students with violence and vulgarity."



Paw Island's Mike Maxwell provides instruction for students and answers questions along their journey.

CORRECTION...

The average home in the Lowell School District sold a 3.5 percent increase over the average price (\$148,300) as \$137.161, during all of 2000.

In the May 9 edition of during the first quarter of April

In April of 2001, 915 the Ledger it incorrecly stated units were sold in the Grand for \$153,400 during the first the average price of a home in Rapids Association of Realquarter of 2001. That reflects the Lowell School District tors area as compared to 840 during the same time period last year.

about the importance of fol- said Paw Island's, Mike Maxlowing the rules to stay safe, well. " Paw Island provides wholesome, educational entertainment.'

On this island, all the dogs and cats have responsibilities. which they perform daily. They also teach the younger cats and dogs the difference between right and wrong.

The iMac work station was used to introduce Cherry Creek third-graders as to how Paw Island books, toys, songs and the website are made. These "how-to's" demonstrate how music, writing and art are valuable assets in careers, building value for creativity and trying hard in school

The educational experience is sponsored by Spartan Stores, Inc. (Family Fare Supermarkets, Prevo's, and Great Day Food Centers). The founder of Paw Island Entertainment is Corey Maxwell (son of Mike Max-



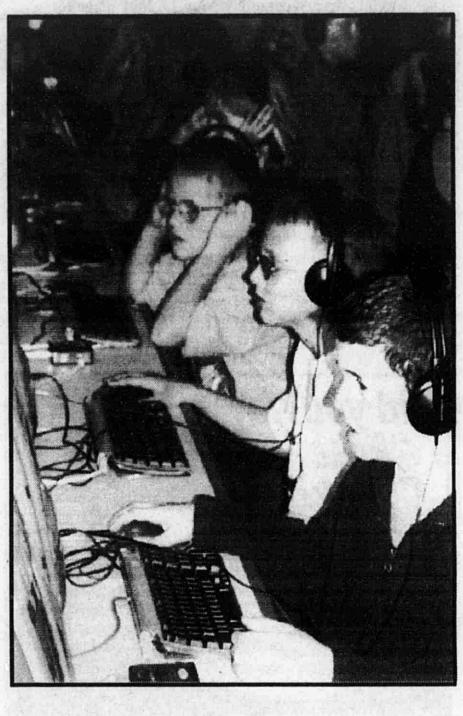


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McDonald selected to lead the Lowell basketball program in 2001-02

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeff McDonald hopes he is able to touch and energize the youth in Lowell's summer basketball programs the way his high school coach did.

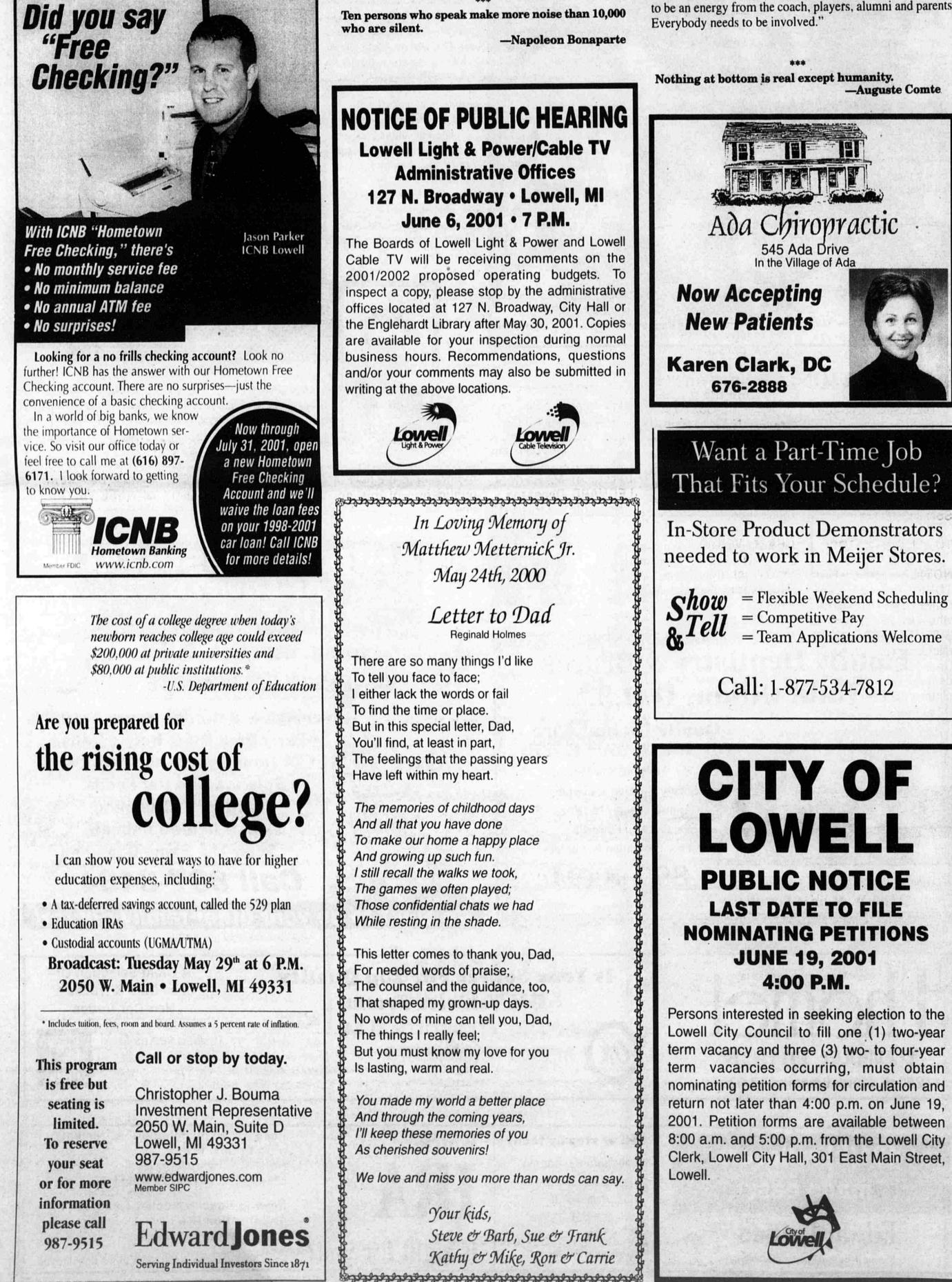
McDonald was named the new Lowell High School basketball coach on Monday. "I was lucky. I had an outstanding coach (Flushing High

School) who was able to do great things," McDonald said. The Lowell High School math teacher's coaching background includes two years as an assistant basketball coach at Alpena Community College; four years as junior varsity basketball coach at Burton-Bendle; and one year as the freshman basketball coach at Corunna.

"Jeff is the right man at this time. He is a positive role model and influence and I think will take this program further than it has been," said Lowell athletic director, Barry Hobrla. McDonald coached the Lowell junior varsity team to a 9-

10 record in 2000-01.

He will replace Pete Bush as the varsity basketball coach



teams went a combined 21-107.

"Jeff is an outstanding teacher and coach and I support his appointment," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Vashaw. "I believe he has what it takes to elevate the Lowell basketball program to the next level." McDonald noted while there are many things which

probably should be done, the most urgent in his mind is making contact with and touching the youth in the summer basketball programs the way his high school coach was able

"It is important to instill enthusiasm, energy and excitement about Lowell basketball," McDonald said. "There needs to be an energy from the coach, players, alumni and parents.

in 2001-02. Bush resigned after a six-year tenure where his

LHS May Students of the Month

The Students of the teacher nominator says Am- of both band and choir. Month for May have been announced at Lowell High School. These are the final Students of the Month for the can use Spanish. 2000-2001 school year.

Kristin Smit is the Business Student of the Month. A Month. The senior is the son senior, she is the daughter of Greg and Geri Smit of Ada. She is employed at Circuit City and Fallasburg Park. Kristin plans to attend Western Michigan University next year and will be studying accounting. Smit's teacher nominator says she has a wonderful personality and is very goal-oriented.

eign Language Student of the Month. She is a senior and the daughter of Scott and

ber has done an outstanding job in Spanish and plans to pursue a career in which she

Benjamin VanderVeen is the English Student of the of Sue and Rich VanderVeen of Lowell. He has been a member of the L.H.S. cross country team. Ben's plans for next year include attending Northern Michigan University to study film-making and graphic design.

Mandace Tawney is the Music Student of the Month. A junior, she is the daughter Amber Young is the For- of Matt and Meladie Tawney of Lowell. During her first three years at L.H.S., Mandace has played on the Dawn Young of Lowell. Am- tennis team and participated ber has been a Student Coun- in two musicals as well as two cil Representative at L.H.S. talent shows. Her teacher Young plans to attend Cen- nominator says she has a tral Michigan University next strong dedication to the Muyear to study Spanish. Her sic Department as a member

Philip Moerdyke is the Math Student of the Month. Phil is a junior and the son of Roger and Maggie Moerdyke of Lowell. Philip has been a member of the wrestling, football and track teams. He is employed at Meijer in Cascade and plans to attend M.S.U. after graduation. Phil's teacher nominator says his intensity and desire to succeed are complemented by a great sense of humor.



Students of the Month for May, left to right, are: Amber Young, Ben Vander Veen, Mandace Tawney, Philip Moerdyke, and Kristin Smit.

Freestyle Wrestling Results:

Lowell wrestler, Zack Baum (70 lbs. - Group III) placed third in the Freestyle State Finals on May 19 at the Battle Creek Kellogg Arena.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

FILE NO. 01-171-477-

Estate of CLIFFORD **BRENNER**, Deceased SSN 383-16-1511

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** FILE NO. 01-171,511-DE

Estate of MARVIN A.

LEONARD, Deceased Date of birth: 11/29/1913 tice.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Meeting of May 14, 2001

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Trierweiler, Student Council President and Representative to the Board, eported that the Junior Class put on a very nice prom. Student Council members will be doing road cleanup this weekend on Alden Nash. The Student Council election process will use video production and many student council members will participate in "Relay for Life" at Ada Park to raise money for cancer research.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
- Lowell Community Fund donation of \$500 to be used by the Lowell Academic Boosters.
- Dominique Olree donation of 160 professional books for teaching reading K-12 valued at \$600 to be used by teachers.

Adopted the updated K-12 Art Curriculum beginning wit the 2001-2002 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:

The minutes for the March 26, 2001 Special Meeting, the April 16, 2001 regular meeting, the April 16, 2001.

The following payment of bills: \$828,444.42 General Fund \$2,259,750.00 1990 Debt Fund

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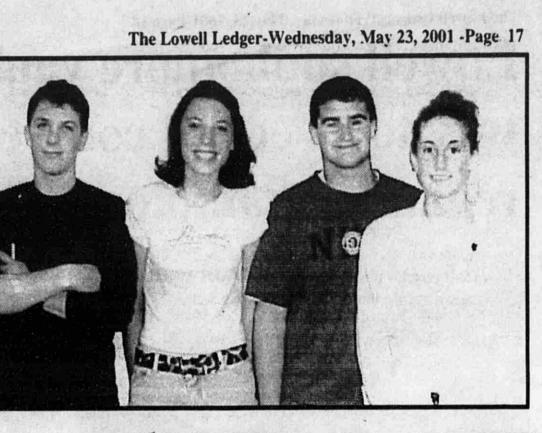
ction inspectors for the June 11, 2001 annual election

 Grant application request for an Artist in Residence program for Unity High School

- Resolution to continue with the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice plan and opt out of the statewide plan for the 2001-2002 school year.
- The fiber bid to Powerlink in the amount of \$139,333 for the central portion of our district.
- The cooperative swimming program with Forest Hills Public Schools for the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 school years.

BOND FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the Alto gym project is ahead of schedule, the middle school server room is well underway, planning for the new elementary school is going well, and the high school staff is beginning to discuss the needs for the high school addition

WITTENBACH AGRISCIENCE CENTER AND WEGE NATURAL AREA - VISION - Bert Bleke



LEGAL NOTICES

5/16/01

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MANUEL VALDEZ MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ 321 E. 116th St.

Chicago, IL DONALD A. JOHNSTON

(P-15554) **ROBERT N. SWARTZ** (P21196)

1100 McKay Tower 146 Monroe Center N.W Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 459-3303

TO: MANUEL VALDEZ and MARIA de JESUS VALDEZ

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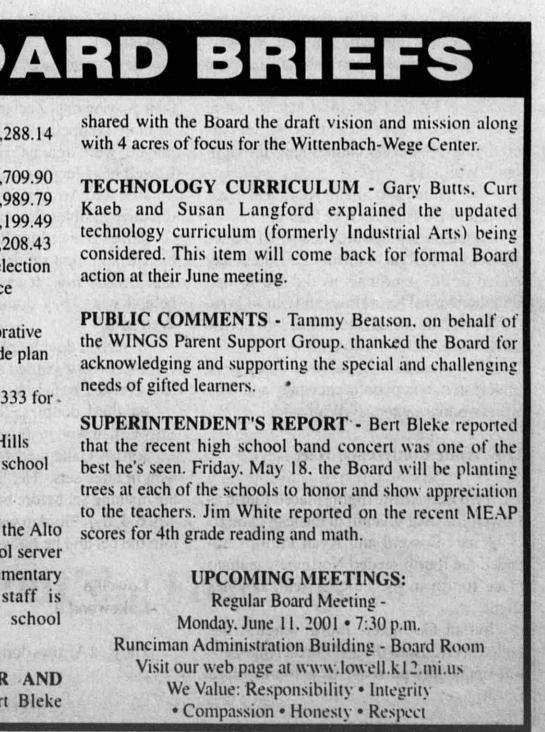
S.W., Grand Rapids. Michigan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 30, 2001. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

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.

April 6, 2001

Judge Donald A. Johnston



Lowell sophomore vaults her way to a second consecutive regional championship

••• Red Arrow Nicole Gillikin won the pole vault event by clearing 8'10". The Red Arrows qualified for the state meet at Forest Hills Northern (June 2) in six events.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Sophomore, Nicole Gillikin's sophomore postseason in track has been a mirror image of her freshman season.

The Red Arrow hopes her regional championship on Saturday is where the likeness ends

"I want to place at state. I didn't last year." Gillikin said following her regional championship performance in the pole vault at Ionia on Saturday. It was the second consecutive year Gillikin has won a regional event.

The sophomore was the only pole vaulter to clear 8'10" defeating her closest competitor from Harper Creek.

"I knew I had to clear 8'6" to qualify for the state competition," Gillikin said. She bettered that by three inches, however, she just missed in her three attempts to match her personal best height of 9'1"

"I was more relaxed to- and Crowley brought the baday than I was at the conference meet. I also thought my form was better." Gillikin explained

Gillikin was the only Red Arrow to garner a first at the regional.

"Nicole is consistent. She doesn't seem to mess up. She's so easy to work with and very teachable," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus. Lowell qualified for the

state competition on June 2 in five other events, six overall. The 800- and 1600-meter

relay teams qualified. The team of Lisa Wojciakowski, Krystal White. Natalie Kent and Leslie Crowley cut nearly two seconds off their time in finishing second to Lansing Waverly in the 800-meter relay. The Red Arrows came home in 1:48.5, eclipsing their previous best time of 1:50.3.

ton home in 4:13.6, placing fourth overall in the 1600 relay, posting a qualifying time for state.

Kristi Ford finished second in the high jump. The senior cleared 5'2" qualifying for state, but failed on three attempts at 5'3".

Crowley qualified for state, with her second-place finish in the 400-meter run. The Red Arrow stopped the clock in 1:00.

White, 300 hurdles, placed fourth with a time of 48.1 and also qualified for the state tournament.

Lowell (57 points) finished second overall to Battle Creek Lakeview (114).

Other Lowell athletes who placed were: Sandra Sturis, discus, third, 102'; April Telman, pole vault, sixth, 7'9"; 3200-meter relay, fourth, 10:15.70; 100meter dash, Krystal White, The team of Holly sixth, 16.11; and the 400-Plattner, Wojciakowski, Kent meter relay, fifth, 52.85.

Red Arrow tennis team finishes season with pair of nonconference wins and a sixth place finish in the regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Throughout the year the Lowell boys tennis team has found success outside the O-K White.

That trend continued at the Class A regional in Lansing. Two Red Arrow flights advanced to the regional final while two others made it to the semifinals before bowing out.

"We were a win away from finishing third," Lowell boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall said.

Lowell placed sixth overall. East Lansing won the regional, Lansing Waverly was second followed by Mason and Lansing Eastern.

Gavin Vincent lost his finals match at third singles in three grueling sets. "He was cramping up, but he battled hard throughout." Wall said.

Troy Gillan and Shaun Koning also advanced to the finals before losing.

Lowell's top doubles team of James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips had their day ended in the semifinals as did the second doubles team of Kyle Hines and Chris Cress. Lowell finished its season at 1-5-1 in the

O-K White and 5-5-1 overall. "The boys had a great year. They went undefeated in nonconference play and they

O-K White Conference Meet

won two tournaments." Wall said

Two Red Arrow flights placed fourth as Lowell finished seventh in the league meet.

James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips upended the fourth seeded Northview team to place fourth in the number one doubles

Jordan Gallagher, fourth singles, defeated his Hudsonville and Forest Hills Central opponents en route to a fourth place

The Red Arrow beat Hudsonville 5-7 6-1, 6-4 and defeated his Ranger counterpart 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Lowell 4

Hudsonville 4

Following a disappointing performance against Zeeland, the Red Arrows turned things around against Hudsonville.

Lowell won three of four doubles matches in tying the Eagles. Hudsonville defeated Zeeland 5-3. The Chix shut out Lowell 8-0.

"It was a nice way to end our conference season. The boys were disappointed with their play against Zeeland. We expected to be more competitive. They recovered and played well against Hudsonville," sai Lowell boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

The Red Arrows posted victories in the top three doubles flights. James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips battled

back from a first set defeat to win in three sets 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. "It was a nice come-frombehind win. They dominated at the net, Wall said.

In second doubles play, Kyle Hines and Chris Cress also battled back from a first set loss to win 2-6, 6-1, 6-0.

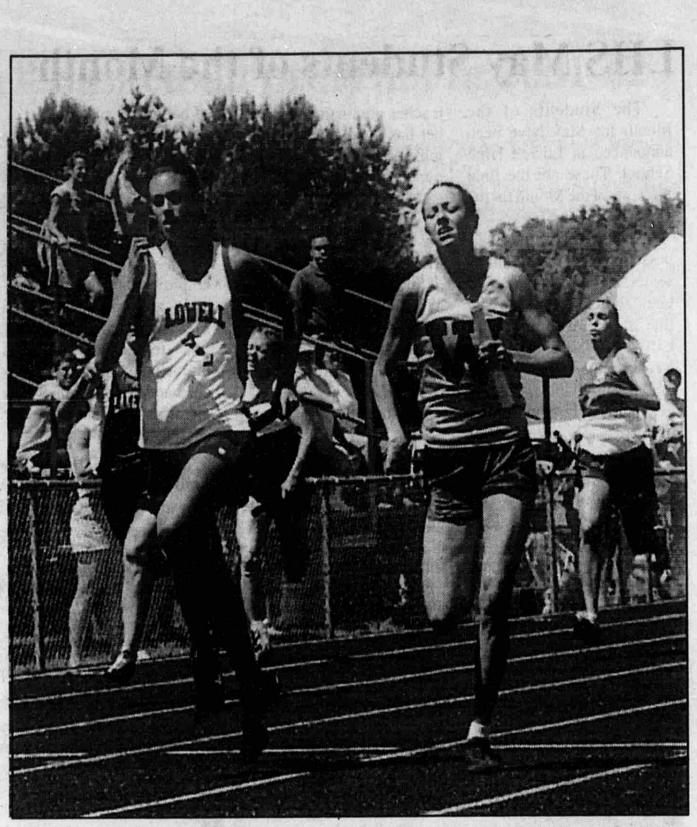
At third doubles, Shaun Koning and Troy Gillan won in three sets 0-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Jordan Gallagher, fourth singles, also won in three sets. He, like the others, lost the opening set before battling back to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. "Jordan was steady. He came into the net and he hit well," Wall said.

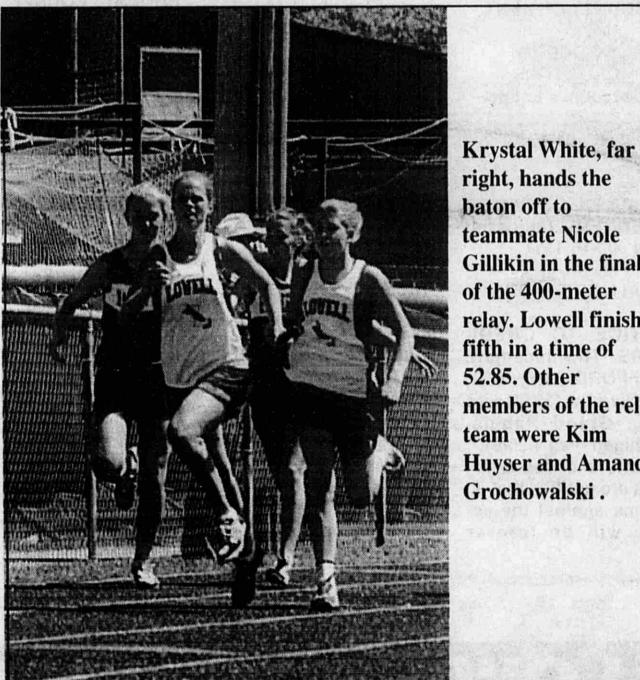
Lowell 8 Lakewood 0

The Red Arrows dominated the Vikings

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There may have been faster races at the Division II Regional in Ionia on Saturday, but none were closer than the girls' 800-meter relay. The last 100 yards was a foot race between Lowell (Leslie Crowley) and Lansing Waverly. The Red Arrow was narrowly edged at the finish.



Gunberg and Red Arrow linksters third at conference meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell was never able to get its game going at the Gracewill Golf Course Monday.

The Red Arrow girls shot a 394 and placed seventh at the regional.

"It was bad weather and not real good play on our part," said Lowell golf coach, Rick White. "I thought we'd compete for that second or third spot, but the girls were never able to get their game going.'

Kate Gunberg and Lisa LaHaye led the Red Arrows with a round of 95. Jenny Gunberg carded a 97 while Jeanie Dunn came home in

Greenville won the regional with an 18-hole score of 355. Northern was second at 374 and Ionia was third with a score of 376. The top three teams advance to the state meet in East Lansing.

O-K White **Conference** Meet

The Red Arrows which finished with a 9-5 dual meet record, tying for third with Hastings, claimed sole possession of third as they beat the Saxons at the league tour-

Lowell (374) finished third behind Forest Hills Northern (354) and East Grand Rapids (361). They were followed by Forest Hills Central 382; Hastings 384;

right, hands the baton off to teammate Nicole Gillikin in the finals of the 400-meter relay. Lowell finished fifth in a time of 52.85. Other members of the relay team were Kim Huyser and Amanda Grochowalski.

After nine holes the girls were two shots behind Northern and one ahead of EGR," said Lowell girls golf coach, Rick year, but just haven't been

Zeeland 393; and Northview 423. "We played pretty well

White. "We've been close all able to get there when needed. We haven't been able to play good golf for an extended period."

White, however, is proud of the way his club improved from start to finish

"The girls started the year with a 222 and finished the end of the dual meet season with a 181 - that's pretty good."

Red Arrow Kate Gunberg earned all conference honors. Golf, cont'd. pg. 19

Red Arrows split with league champion **Eagles; blast EGR**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Brad Eldridge's pitching performance was equal to the

The Red Arrow hurler held Hudsonville to one run on six hits while walking one and striking out five Eagle batters as Lowell split a doubleheader with the O-K White Conference champions. Lowell won the opener 3-1 and lost the night cap 7-0.

"That's the best, big pitching performance we've had all year," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel "One through nine, Hudsonville has the best hitting lineup in the league. Brad held them to just one run. It's a tribute to his pitching and our defensive play."

Lowell scored the winning run in the fourth inning after Hudsonville tied the contest at 1-1 in the top half of the fourth inning.

Eric Gruber doubled, went to third on a sacrifice bunt and then scored on a

fielder's choice.

The Red Arrows added an insurance run in the sixth inning on a single by Josh Brown, a walk and then a two-out, pinch hit by Wade Gilchrist."It was a good at bat for Wade. He fought off a good two-strike pitch and blooped a single down the right field line." Antel said.

Hudsonville did not go quietly in the seventh. After Eldridge retired the first two batters, the Eagles strung together back-to-back singles. With runners at first and second, the third out came on a hard hit ball to right-center field which Brown gathered in about 10 feet from the fence.

In game two. Hudsonville's Adam Doornbos shut Lowell out on two hits as the Eagles defeated the Red Arrows.

"Doornbos faced just two batters over the limit. He pitched as well against us as anybody has theis year."



Lowell pitcher, Brad Eldridge has his "A" game in Lowell's 3-1 win over Hudsonville.

Antel said.

Gruber and Brown were the only two Red Arrows to get a hit.

Lowell (16-8) finished third in the conference at 8-6. Hudsonville was 10-4, tying for the league championship with Forest Hills Central.

Lowell 11 EGR 4

visiting Red Arrows. Lowell rapped out 12 hits against EGR pitching

Red Arrow starter. Dave

on June 2

clock in 51.6.



The long grueling run of the 3200-meter run begins to show on Zach Stauffer's face.

Lowell softball team shuts out East; loses two to Eagles

The Red Arrows matched their biggest offensive output of the season as they racked up 11 hits and tallied 11 runs in an O-K White win

over East Grand Rapids. Lacey Capen shut out the Pioneers on five hits in Lowell's 11-0 win. She walked one and struck out two Pioneer hitters.

Lowell plated two runs in

the first inning, one in the day by the identical scores of second, two in the fifth and six in the seventh.

Capen also had two hits and two runs batted in. Jacque Benedict and Amanda Eickhoff each collected two hits and Casey Weber added a double

Lowell lost a doubleheader to Hudsonville on Fri-

The Red Arrows (6-8, 11-15) were held to one hit in

each game by the O-K White Conference champions: "They nickled and dimed us with runs and we couldn't hit their pitching," Lowell

softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse explained.

Tennis, cont'd... From Page 18

as they swept all eight flights.

In singles play, Alan Stiver (first) won 6-2, 6-3; Collin Vincent (second), won 6-1, 7-5: Gavin Vincent (third), won 6-3, 6-2; and ordan Gallagher, fourth, won 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles play, James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips, first doubles, won 6-0, 6-4; Kyle Hines and Chris Cress, second doubles, won 6-3, 4-6, (7-3).

Troy Gillan and Shaun Koning won eas ly at third doubles 6-0, 6-0. Pat Regan and Dan Huffman, fourth doubles, earned a 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 win.

Lowell 7 **Portland 1**

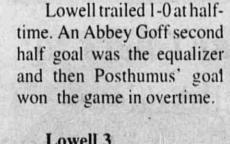
Lowell swept the Raiders in singles play. winning in all four flights: Alan Stiver, first singles, 6-2, 6-2; Collin Vincent, second singles, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Gavin Vincent, third singles, 6-4, 6-0; and Jordan Gallagher, fourth singles, 6-0, 6-4.

Winning their doubles matches were James Bosserd and Ryan Phillips, first doubles, 6-1, 7-5; Kyle Hines and Chris Cress, second doubles, 6-1, 6-1; Troy Gillan and Shaun Koning, third doubles, 6-2, 6-3 Seniors Ryan Dorough and Dan Huffman. fourth doubles, were defeated in straight sets 6-2.6-0.

She had the third best scoring average in the O-K White. Gunberg (84) was third at the conference meet. Jenny Gunberg (91) placed sixth. Jeanie Dunn shot a 99 at the par 70 North Kent Course, and Erin Mooney carded a 100.

Lowell 3 **Cedar Springs 3**

The Red Arrows started



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Lowell's Josh Brown slides into home plate, beating the throw.

A five-run seventh inning broke open a close game between the Pioneers and the

"Dave worked efficiently. He went after the hitters." Antel said. "East is a good club. They've beaten Hudsonville. Nothern and Central. This was a big win

and striking out eight.

Rozema pitched seven in-

nings allowing four runs on

10 hits while walking three

for us.

At theplate. Pete VanLaan was 3-for-4. Josh Brown. Rozema and Bill 'Harrison all collected two hits. Rozema and Harrison each had a double and Eric Gruber homered. Andv Coopercontributed with a hit and three walks.

Wierenga qualifies for state meet in 400

only Red Arrow member from the Lowell boys track team to earn a ticket to the state track meet at Forest Hills Northern

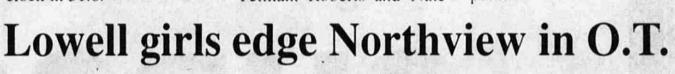
Battle Creek Lakeview's JT Sleight in the 400-meter run. Wierenga came home in 52.83. Sleight stopped the

Mike Wierenga was the The Red Arrows' 1600- Parnofiello). fifth, 46.79 meter relay team of Zach Stauffer, Wierenga, Matt Foster and Matt Tschaenn finished fifth in a time of 4:13.67. Other Red Arrows to

Wierenga was second to place were Travis DeVoid. shot put, fifth, 48'1"; Andy Roberts, 110 high hurdles. fifth, 16.01; and the 400meter relay team (Foster, Kurt Telman, Roberts and Nate

DeVoid's throw was his personal best this year. "I was pleased with the way the boys competed," said Lowell boys track coach. Russ Stevens.

Lowell placed 11th at the regional with 16 points Battle Creek Harper Creek won the regional with 98 points



By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A Heather Posthumus goal in overtime lifted Low ell to a come-from-behind 2-1 win over Northview.

The upside of the victory was that the Red Arrows found the motion necessary in the second half to come back and win it in overtime. "What's disappointing, though, is we did not play a complete game. We have not been consistent with our intensity. When the girls play with a sense of urgency, we're a pretty good team." said Lowell girls soccer coach. Ryan

fast against Cedar Springs.

Lowell scored within the first 30 seconds of the game and then added two more goals over the first 15 minutes to take a 3-0 lead.

"I was thinking the score could get ugly based on the aggressive way the girls were playing," said Lowell soccer coach. Ryan Conlan. "Then as the game progressed. began to feel uneasy. The girls were no longer playing the hard agressive way that got them the lead.

The result was Cedar Springs battled back with three unanswered goals, the last one coming with less than 30 seconds remaining in the game.

The two teams battled to scoreless tie in two overtimes.

"There's no excuse to allow a team to come down the field. give them an opportu- enough to win. nity to score and then allow them to score. All we had to

do was dump the ball back down at their end and make them create something." Conlan explained. "We're playing pretty good possession soccer, but the girls are not finishing.

Lowell's three goals were scored by Laura Horsley. Abbey Goff and Heather Posthumus

Grandville 1 Lowell 0

Lowell had a number of scoring opportunities that went unanswered.

"The effort and intensity was there but we just couldn't put the ball in the net." said Lowell girls soccer coach. Ryan Conlan. "The girls played well throughout the entire game. They were a little bit unlucky in losing the game. They played well

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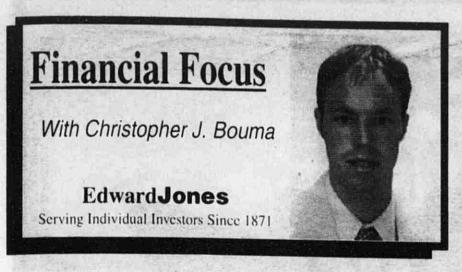
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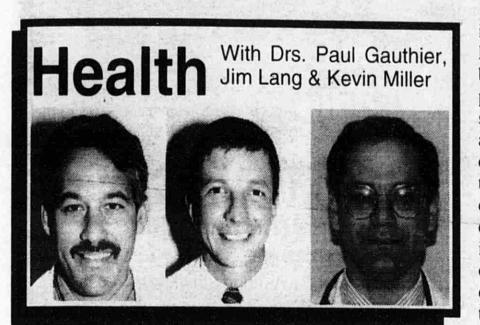






WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER INTEREST RATE CUTS

Throughout much of 1999 and 2000, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates in an effort to head off inflation. But in 2001, the Fed reversed its stance in response to a slowing economy and is now actively cutting rates. These cuts make big stories in the newspapers. But what do they mean for you? As a borrower, you might find that lower interest rates could help you significantly. For example, you may be able to



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refinance your home at a lower rate. Or, if you have credit card balances or other types of consumer loans, you may be able to save money with lower interest payments and speed your progress toward eliminating these debts.

In short, it's pretty clear how lower interest rates can help you as a borrower or consumer. But how about as an investor? What will lower interest rates mean to you as you plan your investment strategy?

You've probably heard that, in general, falling interest rates are good for stocks. Why? Because lower interest rates make it easier for companies to borrow - and thus expand their operations. That's why the stock market typically rallies after interest rate cuts

Of course, to say the market does well after the Fed cuts interest rates, is a broad generalization. Of the thousands of stocks out there, not all will benefit equally from interest rate reductions. It's impossible to predict which individual stocks will respond most favorably to interest rate cuts. (In fact, it's impossible to accurately predict any occurrence in the financial markets.) However, some market sectors have traditionally done better in an environment in which rates are declining. For example, 12 months after the Fed's initial interest rate

rough October.

f vou have a viral illness. Make sure you take the antibiotic as directed until completely gone. Many patients stop their antibiotic shortly after they start feeling better, often taking less than half of the original prescription. This certainly increases the incidence of resistance. If your illness is caused by a virus, over the counter medications

can help improve your symp-Antiviral medications have been prescribed for certain viral infections like Herpes, Shingles, Influenza, and others. These medications are effective and have been

shown to shorten the duration of these specific viral illnesses. Remember that antibiot-

ics are not always the best answer when you are feeling

When fleeing temptation, don't leave a forwarding address. -R.E. Phillips



May is National Electrical Safety Month

nd that's a good time to check your home for electrical hazards. Here's what to look for: Replace missing or broken wall plates. Cover outlets with child safety caps. Check for punctured cords. Never nail or staple cords towalls or basevoards.

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cords. They're meant for temporary use only.

If you've sawed off the third prong on an appliance's plug, have the plug replaced. The prong is a grounding pin.

Install a ground-fault circuit interrupter in every room with running water.

Plug home electronics and computers into surge protectors. For more electrical safety tips, visit the National Electrical safety foundation Web site at www.nesf.org

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reductions in 1990, 1995 and 1998, financial services stocks were up 32 percent, health care stocks were up 31 percent, and consumer cyclicals (such as auto companies) were up 25 percent, according to research by Credit Suisse First Boston. Does this mean you should start loading up on stocks within the sectors that performed well following previous rate cuts? Not necessarily. When choosing stocks, you may want to factor in the possible effects of interest rate reductions, but you still have to look at a company's fundamentals. Is its

management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it seem to have an established niche in the marketplace? Plus. you'll want to look at the stock's valuation. Does it have a reasonable price-to-earnings ratio? If the P/E is very high. you'll be paying a big premium for just the prospect of future earnings- and that could be risky.

Furthermore, you'll still have to make sure your portfolio is properly diversified, with a mix of stocks, bonds and government securities. And you'll still need to choose investments that fit your tolerance for risk and your time horizon. These basic tenets of long-term investing will always be important- no matter where interest rates are moving.

Visitors nights at Veen Observatory

Get up close and personal with the stars and other heavenly bodies with a visit to the James Veen Observatory in Lowell on Visitors Night every second and last Saturday from May

Tours of the observatory facilities are available for a small donation. The tours enable patrons to view the moon, planets, galaxies and other deep sky objects through powerful telescopes with local astronomy experts on hand to explain what is being viewed. Upcoming Visitors Nights will be held June 9th. June 30th. July 14th and July 28th. Call Starwatch at 897-7065 for additional information and directions to the observatory Dr visit the website at www.graa.org.



YMCA SPORTS PHILOSOPHY

YMCA youth sports focus on the individual development of fundamentals and teamwork, rather than "winning at all cost. " The main emphasis of YMCA youth sports is on

having fun, involving the family, incorporating Character Development and increasing a positive self-image. The Lowell YMCA with the help of other individuals will be offering a variety of sports programs for

boys and girls starting at 3 years old and going through the 8th grade. Space is limited in all programs, so sign up now!

SOCCER CAMPS **JULY 9-13**

(4-5 years and kindergarten) Registration deadline July 6 • \$5 late fee Monday/Wednesday/Friday Meet new friends, work at being part of a group and following directions and most of all have some fun. 9:30 A.M - 10:30 A.M. Facility Members \$16 • Members \$19 • Non-members \$27

1st & 2nd graders • Monday - Friday Registration deadline: July 6 • \$5 late fee This camp will focus on the fundamentals of soccer. Each day will include work on sharpening skills through practice as well as scrimmage play 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Facility Members \$23 • Members \$26 • Non-members \$37

3rd & 4th graders • Monday - Friday Registration deadline: July 6 • \$5 late fee This camp will focus on the fundamentals of team soccer, spreading out, containing on defines and ball control. We will be working to sharpen the players' skills through practice as well as scrimmage play. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Facility Members \$25 • Members \$28 • Non-members \$39



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Monday - Friday 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary • 12675 Foreman Rd YMCA Member Cost: \$105/week or \$22/day Non-Member Cost: \$125/week or \$27 day CALL 897-8445 FOR **MORE INFORMATION**

GYMNASTICS SESSION I • JUNE 25-29

SESSION II · JULY 16-20 Registration deadline one week prior to start of camp.

Location: Runciman School Gymnasium Beginner (5 yrs+): 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Intermediate (Do cartwheel): 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Advanced #1 (Do aerial cartwheel/back handspring/back walkover): 10:00 -12:00 noon Advanced #2: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Facility members \$40 Program members: \$50 • Non-members: \$60

ROLLER HOCKEY CAMPS

K-2ND GRADE CAMP & 3RD-5TH GRADE CAMP Aug. 6-10 (Mon - Fri) Registration Deadline: Aug. 2 Come be a part of the fastest growing sport in the United States. Learn the basic fundamentals of the sport and have fun. Grades K-2: 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Grades 3-5: 11:30 - 12:45 p.m. Facility Members \$30 • Members \$33 • Non-members \$47 Where: Cherry Creek Elementary School parking lot Instructors: Members of the Lowell High School Hockey Team

T-BALL PROGRAM

(3-6 year olds) Tues. & Thurs. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. June 26-July 26 Registration deadline: June 21 • \$5 Late fee This program will teach the basic fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and running the bases. We will work on group skills and following directions as well as having a lot of fun! All games/practices will be held at Birch Field Facility Members \$2 • Members \$24 • Non-Members \$38

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Preschool Camp (3 &4 yr. olds) JUNE 25-29 Registration deadline: June 22 • \$5 Late fee. Monday/Wednesday/Friday This camp will focus on coordination skills, having fun and learning some of the basics of basketball 9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. Facility Members \$18 • Members \$21 • Non-members \$29

Where: Lowell Middle School • Instructor: Jonathan Smith **KINDERGARTEN CAMP** 5 yr. olds & kindergarten June 25-29 • Registration deadline: June 22 Monday/Wednesday/Friday This camp will focus on having fun and learning the basic fundamentals of basketball. 9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Facility Members \$18 • Members \$21 - Non-members \$29 Where: Lowell Middle School • Instructor: Jonathan Smith

1st & 2nd GRADE CAMP June 25-29 • Registration deadline June 22 Monday-Friday

This camp will focus on the fundamentals of basketball. Each day will include work on sharpening skills through practice as well as scrimmage play.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Facility Members \$30 • Members \$33 • Non-members \$47 Where: Lowell Middle School • Instructor: Jonathan Smith

June 25-29 • Registration deadline: June 22 Monday-Friday

This camp will focus on teamwork and ball movement. We will also be working on players shots, ball handling, one-on-one defense, team defense, team offense and more. We will be working hard this whole week. 12:45 - 2:00 p.m.

Facility Members \$32 • Members \$35• Non-members \$49 Where: Lowell Middle School • Instructor: Jonathan Smith

BASKETBALL CAMPS

3rd & 4th GRADE CAMP

This camp will focus on teamwork and ball management for kids just starting

to really enjoy basketball. We will be working hard this whole week!

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Facility Members \$32 • Members \$35 • Non-members \$49

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5th & 6th GRADE CAMP

June 25-29 • Registration deadline: June 22 Monday-Friday



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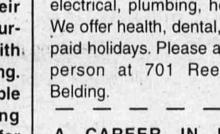
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IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of Bob Ellis who passed away 10 years ago, May 23, 1991 Gone but not forgotten from his family.

MEMORIAM In loving memory of lone.

my wife of 60 years, who passed away May 27, 1998. I think of you so often, the

things you did and said. You never really left me you've just gone on ahead. It's lonely here without you.

miss you more each day. For life is not the same for one, since you were called

away They say time heals all sorrow and helps you to

forget. But time has only proven how much I miss you yet. God gave me the strength to bear it.

And the courage to take the blow.

But what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know. Joe Schwab.

In memory of Matthew Metternick Jr. 9/20/27 - 5/24/2000. Life's Riches

by Virginia Blanck Moore Some folks count their riches

in houses, land and gold... Their wealth possession That can be bought and

To them I'd not be wealthy For things I own are few: But I am rich beyond

compare If these folks only knew.

And more than work worth doing And love I would not ask.

with them come contentment

And peace of heart and And he who's blessed with

wealth like this Owns much....the rarest

kind You were the love of my life for 52 years. I miss you Matt.

still the wind beneath my

All my love, wife Shirley.

In memory of Richard C. Beach. who was taken from us

suddenly in a car accident 19 years ago on

May 23, 1982. Sometimes it's hard

understand. and harder still to say - "Thy

will be done. when sorrow comes and sadness fills our day.

But faith has helped us carry and if we take God's hand

with loving wisdom He will help our hearts to understand.

Lovingly remembered & missed by his family.

Observed Monday, May 28, 2001

Come **Join The Celebration!**

SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at the Village parking lot at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a short program at the cemetery. The high school bands will perform and there will be several recitations. Speaker: Gary Newell, State Representative. FREE BREAKFAST for parade participants at the American Legion prior to parade.

ALTO MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Sunday, May 27 @ 2 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Gary Dougherty, Faith Bible Church.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

Due to construction on S. Hudson, please note new parade route: Parade forms at 1st United Methodist Church. Parade route is W. on Avery to Monroe, N. on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery. Master of Ceremonies at Oakwood Cemetery: Dave Clark, Jr. VFW Post 8303. Speaker Rev. Timothy DeShaw, Nazarene Church. PARADE STARTS AT 9:30 A.M. INVOCATION: Ed Rash, Chaplain. PARADE MARSHAL: Gordon Marshall, Commander, V.F.W. Post 8303. Gordon Marshall at 897-8625 FLOATS ARE WELCOME BUT NO CANDY TOSSING PLEASE! Floral tributes by civic organizations and clubs are

encouraged. All veterans, uniformed or not, are invited to participate. No River Salute this year.

BOWNE CENTER

8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

13th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute. 7:00 - 10:00 a.m: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast 10:00 a.m: Chalk the Walk, Bike Decorating & Babbles the Clown 11:00 a.m: Memorial Day Tribute & Bridge Walk

104th Meeting, noon at South Boston Bible Church. Potluck following service at Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Gary Newell

PROGRAMS FOLLOWING: Bike parade, exhibits at the new museum, rescue unit & fire truck, carnival at Grattan Academy, lunch available. Performance by Grattan Academy students. Musical entertainment by "Helifex." Shuttle bus provided before & after Bridgewalk at the Township Hall.

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