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STATE CHAMPIONS 58 Middleville

Lowell



Nobody stands in way of Red Arrows this time

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A fury of falls enabled Lowell to pin down its first wrestling state championship Saturday at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

Having lost in the state finals in each of the last three years, there was no denying the Red Arrows on their fourth title try. They steamrolled through the tournament, with the crowning moment culminating in a 58-12 win over Middleville in an all West Michigan state final.

"There was never any doubt in our mind that we could do it," said Lowell senior heavyweight, Ben Vaught. "The emotion of this win is 10 times greater than the lows of losing the last three years. This was our goal and what we've worked so hard for."

The Red Arrows recorded seven pins against the 35-6 Trojans.

"I don't think Lowell wanted to come in second this year," said Middleville coach, Tom Lehman following his club's defeat. "They did a heck of a job. Lowell is just an awfully good wrestling program right now."

Following his club's 33-point loss to Lowell Friday night in the quarterfinals, Center Line coach, Bryan Lorenzo correctly stated that his club's team total may be the most points scored against Lowell throughout the tournament.

Lowell won its three state tournament matches against Center Line (51-18), Eaton Rapids (53-16) and Middleville by a combined score of 162-46.

"I never fathomed we'd do this against a Middleville wrestling program that, like us, has the ability to come out and

create situations," Lowell wrestling coach, Dave Strejc said. "The boys went out today and rose to a higher level. They have worked so hard all year and have faced and overcome many obstacles."

While the pins will get the press, Strejc said the pace for the championship match was set early on by Jim Kelly (145) and Braton Fredline (152).

"It started with them. They went out there for a full six minutes and only gave up decisions," Strejc explained. "That. set everything up for our individual state qualifiers (10) to go out and do their job."

The job was executed with a machine-like precision. Trailing 6-0 after the opening two matches, Lowell won 11 of the final 12 matches. "We got hit by a freight train tonight," Lehman said in explaining the loss.

J.J. Wilder's pin (160 pounds) against Mark Price at 1:04 of the first period was a precursor to the pinning frenzy which would follow.

State Champions, cont'd. pg. 13

Growth brings residents forth to serve on planning commission

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

After living in California for 28 years, Barbara Schmaltz is familiar with what unplanned growth can do to an area.

She would leave California and resettle in her native Michigan, relocating to Lowell, because of family . . . because the state simply had become "too crowded." Fourteen years later, she could see the growth potential for the Lowell area and her concerns led her to take a leadership class with the Lowell Chamber of Commerce. Her goal was to become a member of the Lowell Planning Commission.

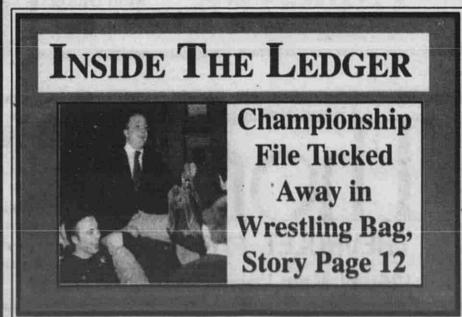
Schmaltz along with David Rapp were sworn in at the

planning commission's Feb. 25 meeting as the newest commissioners to that board. They replace Jim Pfaller, who was elected to the Lowell City Council, and Trudy Cahoon, who resigned last year.

Schmaltz, whose son Mark and wife Mari live in Lowell. said after seeing what unplanned growth did in California, she didn't want the same things to happen in Lowell.

"I can really see what is happening in the population of the Greater Grand Rapids area," Schmaltz said. "People will migrate to this area. This is a wonderful town and I would like to see it remain that way with the growth."

New Commissioners, cont'd. pg. 8



OBITUARIES

BERTRAN - Catherine Jean Heubel of Alto; several nieces Bertran, aged 77, of Cascade, passed away February 26. 2002 at home after a battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Lloyd; children Linda (Bob) Miller, Harold Bertran, Wayne (Pamela) Bertran all of Ada: grandchildren Rob (Laura) Miller of Scottsdale, AZ. Brian Miller of Ada; greatgrandson Ryan Miller; sister Dorothy Ponstein of Dearborn; best friend Ruth

and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Lowell, Rev. Michael Spitters of Cascade Christian Church officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids, MI

McMAHON - Charlyn A (Croninger), aged 69, passed

away February 27, 2002 at the NY and many nieces and nephews. She was prede-Fountains in Yuba City CA. Married 47 years to Roger J.F. ceased by her brother Elward Campau (Audrey) of Fort McMahon, formerly of Low-Worth, TX. Private family ell. Charlyn was a 1950 graduservices were held in Caliate of Lowell High School, fornia with interment set for Grand Rapids Junior College and the University of Michigan. As a physical therapist, she worked in Grand Rapids ROSENBAUM - Jane Werthan Rosenbaum, aged and California, retiring in

1998. She is survived by her 89, wife of the late Simon F. husband Roger of Yuba City, Rosenbaum, died Friday CA; son Brian McMahon, evening after a brief illness. (Elaina) of Ridgecrest, CA; She was preceded in death daughter Leian Ellis (Randy) by her daughter Carol and of Yuba City. CA and one her husband Simon. She is granddaughter Stephanie survived by her son Simon F. Ellis. Other survivors include Rosenbaum Jr.; grandson three brothers Edward Seth Aaron Rosenbaum; niece Sandra Feuerstein and Campau (Ruth) of Greenfield, grandnieces Susan (Dan) IN: Francis Campau (Ann) of Alto and Charles Croninger Stearns, Jill (Justin) Gutshall. (Marge) of Temple, TX; two Jane was born August 24, sisters Janet Johnson (Phil) of 1912 in Hyde Park, IL. For Lowell and Cara Lee many years she was a cham-Croninger of New York City, pionship golfer, ice skater

of Temple Emanuel, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith and a devoted mother, grandmother and loyal friend to many. A memorial service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel. The family will greet friends one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, me-

morials may be made to The

Hospice of Michigan. Lowell, passed away on February 26, 2002 at the Evangelical Home in Saline, Michiby her nieces, nephews, great- Home. nieces and great-nephews who

and artist. She was a member loved her very much. A family service will be held at a

VANSTRIGHT - Verne E.

VanStright, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away March 2, 2002. He is survived by his wife Clara; children Karen (Henry) Velzen of Wyoming. Robert (Karen) VanStright of American Cancer Society or Rockford, Janice (Allan) Bosscher of Lowell; sisters Lavina Klassen of Pontiac. STORY - Lucille M. Talsma Lois (Neil) DeVries of Boelens Story, formerly of Dutton; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowgan. She was born on March 6, ell, Rev. Peter Adams of 1909 to Murk A. and Laura Grace United Reformed Stidd Talsma. She was pre- Church officiating. Interment ceded in death by her parents; Grandville Cemetery. Memoher sister Audrey; and her rial contributions may be brother Keith. She is survived made to Hospice of Holland

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During the month of March, members who bring a bag of nonperishable food items, exercise three times weekly and lose five pounds and five inches will receive a Food for Friends tshirt. Anyone joining Curves the week of March 11 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived. For more information call 897-2686.

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- 1) By letter addressed to the Lowell Charter Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 11, 2002; or
- 2) By phoning the Township Hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

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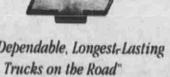
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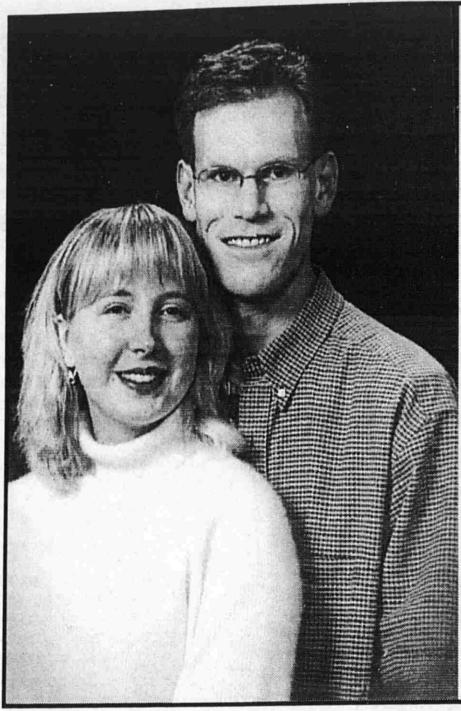
Pelon/ Rogers

Paul Arthur Pelon IV and Karyn Marie Rogers were married on September 15, 2001.

Parents of the couple are Bud and Jan Rogers and Pau and Bette Pelon, all of Low-

Matron of honor was Lea Hileman and best mar was Ben Knudstrup. Brides maids were Kate Haywood Lindsay Hassing, Jessica Miller and Sinead McCurdy Groomsmen were Zac Cole Luke Merigian, Dan Miller and Robert Rogers. Flower girl was Scout McCurdy.

The couple now reside in Grand Rapids.



Parker/ Gordon

Joseph and Gail Parker of Lowell, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Casey Lee to Jason D. Gordon of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School and a senior at Central Michigan Univer-

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Comstock Park High School and a 1996 graduate of Grand Valley State University, He is the son of Michael and Terri Gordon of Comstock

No wedding date has been set.



Wills/Herpolsheimer

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wills, of Belding, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandy Joy, to Joel R. Herpolsheimer, of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School and received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn. She is employed as a marketing representative with Buchanan Insurance Services Agency in Grand Rapids.

The future groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Herpolsheimer of Grand Rapids, graduated from Coopersville High School and received his associate's degree from Baker College in Muskegon. He is employed as a designer with Progressive Tool and Automation.

The couple will be wed on May 11, 2002.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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MARCH 11: Pat Ball, Kim Barnes, Renee Nugent.

MARCH 13: Sophia D'Agostino, Dode Dey, David Davis,

OUTDOORS By Dave Stegehuis

cozy corner

Down in the Florida Keys, right around mile marker 50 on

U.S. Highway 1, is my favorite restaurant. It's located on the

Gulf side just as you're leaving the city of Marathon and

before you head out onto the Seven Mile Bridge. Hence the

name, "The Seven Mile Grill." I didn't want you to think the

that attracts a fair amount of tourists because of its proximity

to the highway. You can easily tell when it's open as the entire

front is a series of garage-type overhead doors. If the doors are

some daily specials. The prices are reasonable. The waitresses

have been there forever. Everybody is always friendly. It

kinda reminds me of Keiser's here in Lowell, and that's just

only Home Depot in the Keys is just up the street from the

Seven Mile Grill. Sometimes I'm there for boat parts or getting

something at K-Mart. Whatever the reason for making the

twenty-five mile trip to Marathon, I try to time it around lunch

least as long as the twenty-some years I've been visiting the

Keys. The decor is a reflection of all those years.

The Seven Mile Grill has been there for a long time . . . at

I'm occasionally through Marathon on business, and the

The menu is pretty straight forward. There are always

open, the restaurant is open. Like I said, it's not high class.

The Seven Mile Grill is not high class. It's a locals' place

grill itself was seven miles long.

one more reason to like the place.

by Roger Brown

GET CONNECTED

Anytime of the year is a good time to get out and explore the back country. Each season has its own special highlights that make observing plants and wildlife a rewarding experience. Late fall and early spring provide the advantage of good visibility, moderate temperatures and, of course, no mosquitoes or black flies.

*People who don't hunt and hunters who have more luck than I do, might think that hunting is simply going out and harvesting an animal. I kept track this year and figured that I spent over fifty hours sitting in a ground blind to take my last whitetail buck. Believe me, a person can have some interesting experiences out there if one is patient and spends the time.

I recommend that folks who don't usually have a reason to get out in the countryside make an effort to do so. Get off the couch and out of the mall, turn off the cell phone, leave the pavement behind, and sit on a stump for a while. Locally, we are blessed with many natural areas and parks that we can visit.

Probable places to look for birds and animals include food sources, well traveled game trails, water, and cover that provides wildlife protection from weather and predators. Make sure to walk very slowly and quietly as you travel over the terrain. Move into the wind to avoid detection by creatures which, unlike most humans, have not lost their keen sense of smell. Stop often and look carefully. You may see only the slight twitch of an ear or a color that is in contrast to the surrounding landscape.

Find a relatively comfortable place to sit where you will not easily be detected if you remain fairly still. Relax, forget about the stress producing concerns of modern life and all the things you think you should be doing. Focus fully on what is going on around you. Notice the smallest details of a leaf, a rock, or a tree. Close your eyes and listen for the sound of the wind in the trees, the bird chatter, or water running around rocks in a stream. Take a deep breath of fresh air and notice the smell of pine, decaying leaves, and damp earth.

Carefully scan the area for any movement that might give away the presence of a bird or animal. You will be surprised at how close these creatures will approach if you avoid movement and allow them to go about their business. I have been within arm's length of many birds and animals including deer and coyotes. One morning before daylight I wisely gave up my deer blind to a foraging skunk.

This all takes time and patience, but the rewards are worth the effort. By reconnecting with real and natural things, that are fortunately still part of our world, we can gain a fresh perspective on life.

High on two walls are some small shelves made to display somebody's collection of beer cans. Of course, every restaurant in the Keys has mounted fish on the wall, and there are a few of those. Behind the bar is a random collage of humorous signs, posters and bumper stickers. The theme of these signs seems to lean in favor of women. My wife particularly likes a bumper sticker that reads, "Grow Your Own Dope . . . Plant a Man." Must be she can identify with that one.

The rest of the decor is a hodge-podge of neon beer signs, amateurish murals, street signs like "No Snowmobiling," etc. If you get to looking around at this stuff, you'll notice several fairly large picture frames, each containing a montage of "Plant a Man." photographs. These photographs are the topic of this week's column. Now that I'm half done, it's probably about time I got around to the topic.

In each photograph is, what I'm assuming, a patron or group of patrons wearing Seven Mile Grill T-shirts (available at the bar for \$14.95). The catch is, these photos are all taken at famous places. People obviously go to great lengths to make this Seven Mile Grill "Traveler's Gallery." There are shots of the Eiffel Tower, Golden Gate Bridge, The Great Wall, The Grand Canyon, Stonehenge, Wrigley Field, Disney World. you name it. In each photo there is a patron wearing a Seven Mile Grill T-shirt in the foreground and sporting a big "say cheese" grin.

There are also some oddball shots like T-shirt clad skydivers, scuba divers and a guy shoveling a car out of a snowbank. In the latter guy's case, the photo is particularly funny because he's wearing the tank top version of the shirt and looks to be very, very cold.

Making the wall is becoming increasingly difficult. You not only have to shell out the cash for a T-shirt, you have to remember to pack it on your next trip. Then you have to make it a point to wear it when visiting a high-point and get someplace famous that isn't already on the wall.

Of course, I purchased T-shirts for my wife and me. You know I wouldn't let this opportunity for fame pass me by. My problem is - remembering to pack the stupid thing when I go I'm hoping the picture turns out for two reasons. For one, I'll somewhere. Back to the "Grow Your Own Dope" thing.

"The Field of Dreams" in Dyersville, Iowa. I took her picture shirt everywhere I go! in front of the picket fence with the farmhouse in the back-

Viewpoint. ground. They have hung a "Field of Dreams" sign on the fence just in case you don't recognize the house from the movie. It made a nice photo. The owner of the restaurant is, like my wife, a big fan of the movie and was thrilled with the shot. It was in a frame the very next time we ate there. I missed out. I had forgotten to pack my T-shirt.

I had my T-shirt out and on my list to pack for our trip to China last fall. The Great Wall is already in the photo gallery at the Seven Mile Grill, but we went to some places that I think would have been original, the Forbidden City, for example. Somehow the T-shirt didn't make the trip. I know, I know ...

Last week we hustled around and got the March edition of our real estate guide out on the streets and drove up to Titusville for a space shuttle launch scheduled for Thursday the 28th. I had my T-shirt packed! Only one problem . . . they scrubbed the launch because of the cold weather. I was beginning to think my ugly mug may never grace the walls of the Seven Mile Grill.

The launch was re-scheduled for the next morning at 6:22. That was Friday and I had a 6:00 a.m. flight to Michigan scheduled for Saturday. We decided to stick around for the launch and beat it for home, catch a few winks and be ready to head for the airport by 4:00 a.m. I must really want to get on that wall!

When Friday morning came, we were standing out on a jetty along the Indian River in Titusville in the pre-dawn darkness. Suddenly the horizon lit up and Columbia was on its way. I took a few shots, handed my wife the camera and had her take a couple steps back. I then zipped open my coat, faced her, flashed a big smile and told her to shoot. It went without a hitch, nobody fell off the jetty and we then watched as the shuttle streaked skyward. It really is an awesome sight.

We haven't developed the roll of film, but what I'm somebody to snap your photo. The really tough part is going hoping to find is a shot of me wearing a Seven Mile Grill Tshirt and the shuttle going up in the background. With a couple layers under the T-shirt and my coat thrown open, I may look like a flasher version of the Michelin Man, but what the heck. finally make the photo gallery. Two, and this is the most We got my wife on the wall after last year's pilgrimage to important, I can quit worrying about packing that stupid T-

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John Kopf of the Lowell Chair Factory has donated a large week. bell to the South Ward schoolhouse.

The sidewalk on the bridge is in bad shape and needs repair Prof. Hunt and his South Boston singing class will give a

concert at the Grange Hall next Wednesday. The cigar maker, Crane's restaurant, the harness maker and Howk & White all moved to another Main Street location

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 7, 1902;

This issue is missing as well as every issue until May 1902: we substitute columns from the first year Ledger Entries was published 1987-8.

114 YEARS MARCH 9, 1888

Political verbiage in another election year: "The Mugwumps find themselves exposed in their nakedness as free traders, and they are agitated and looking about for fig leaves." Farmers are protesting the Lowell and Hastings Railway

putting up barbed wire fences along the tracks. This may be an advertisement; one can't always tell, as it occurs among short news items: "In our opinion Geo. T Howard has the coziest clothing store in Lowell, etc." His store is in the Lee Block.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 10, 1927

R.D. Stocking's radio department advertises that they can convert any radio from battery-powered to operating from a light socket.

A Washington official suggests that autos in a funeral procession turn their headlights on; this could help solve an important traffic problem.

Lowell girls defeat Rockford, 53-7, in basketball, then the boys defeat Rockford, 71-8, both records. The gym is totally full, turning away many fans.

A 5-pound pail of honey costs \$5 at W. J. Gibson's Cash

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 6, 1952

A flu epidemic lays low several village leaders as well as 20 percent of school children.

Delivering a TV set, a driver skids on icy pavement and hits the East gate of Lowell, receiving facial injuries (note: Lowell had East and West "gates" of fieldstone, built about 1940; one rebuilt example stands in Recreation Park.)

The 500-area Thomas-Cook farm at Vergennes and Lincoln Lake was the aerial photo last week and description this

Lowell Light & Power superintendent, Frank McMahon is honored for 50 years of service to Lowell at the Board of

Trade banquet. Jack Fonger is elected president of the Board. Lowell schools will have venison for lunch, thanks to the efforts of officer Frank Stephens.

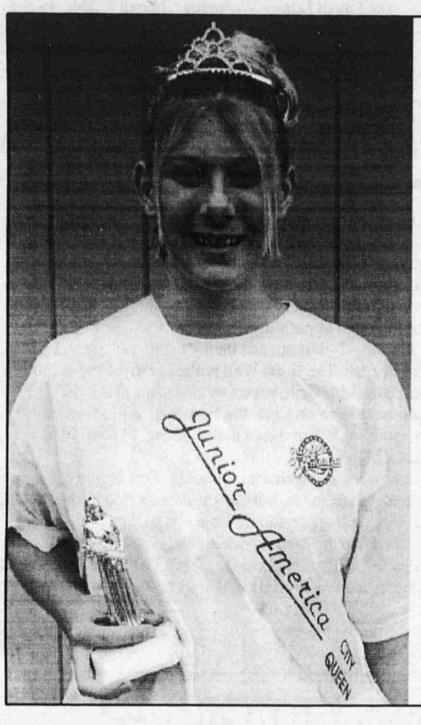
25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH

M. Peter McPherson is appointed a member of the board for International Food and Agriculture Development, which works with the Agency for International Development (AID) and universities to find solutions to world food crises.

The Red Cross calls for nurses to volunteer hours at firstaid stations for local festivals and events, such as Showboat

Lowell Middle School has a "Recognition Tree." On each leaf is the name of a student showing outstanding achievement in any area, with monthly additions.

The school millage committee again reminds voters that the state demands more services and pays less for them, gets all the benefits of higher assessments and leaves the irritation of raising millage squarely on the local school districts.

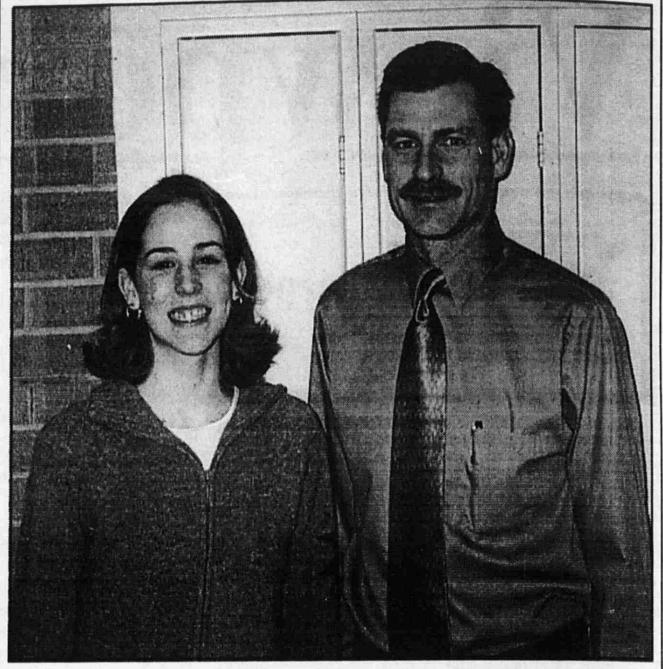


City Queen

Lowell's Cora Spickler competed against 182 girls from around the state at the Miss Junior America Pageant on Saturday (Feb. 23). The top 15 girls advanced to the national competition. Spickler, while not advancing, was named Lowell's City Queen by the pageant. Spickler is the daughter of Thomas and Marie Spickler.







Farm Bureau's Mark Johnson stands with America & Me Essay Contest local winner Megan Vaught. The contest, in its 33rd year, was once again sponsored by Farm Bureau.

Lowell eighth-grader wins essay contest

Megan Vaught, an eighth-grade student of Grand Rapids.

Vaught will receive an award certificate for the achievement and her name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

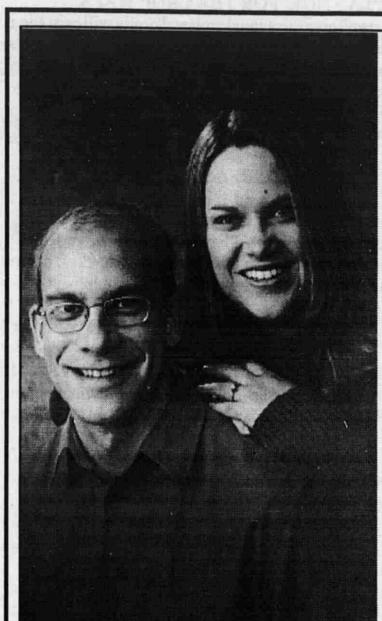
the top 10 essays in Michigan will be se- ans." lected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, the top roles in America's future. As sponsor of the 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned Lansing, meet with Michigan's top govern- 11 national awards from the Freedoms Founmental leaders and be the featured guests at dation at Valley Forge. a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game dedicated in their honor.

A team of finalist judges which includes at Lowell Middle School, has been named a a top Michigan government official and the local winner in the 33rd annual America & sponsoring teachers of last year's top two Me Essay Contest. It was sponsored by statewide winners, will determine the rank-Farm Bureau Insurance agent, Mark Johnson ing of the top 10 statewide winners this year.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2001-2002 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the Vaught's first-place essay now advances state. The topic of the 2001-2002 contest to the state level competition, from which was Why I Am Grateful to America's Veter-

> Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore their



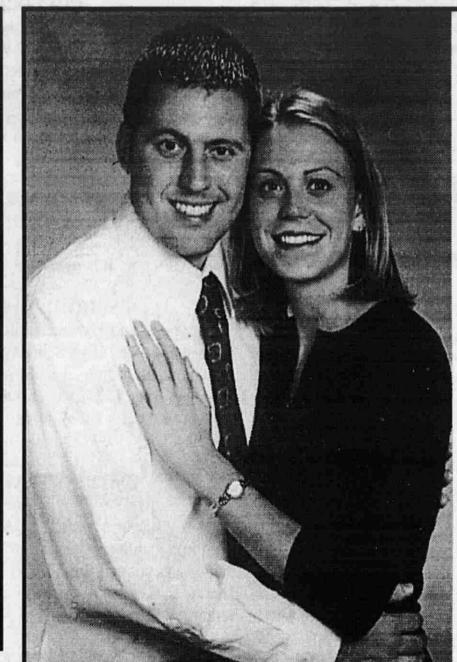


Newell/Peel

Stephanie B. Newell and Ryan J Peel, both of Greensburg, Pa., are engaged and planning a May 25, 2002 wedding.

The future bride is the daughter of Steve and Deanne Newell of Lowell. Stephanie is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School and graduated magna cum laude from Seton Hill College in Greensburg in December 2001 where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She will attend either Michigan State University or Western Michigan University in the fall to obtain a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

The prospective groom is the son of Shirley Peel of Lowell and Jeff Peel of Coopersville. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1992 and from Aquinas College in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree. He currently works for Tribune-Review Publishing Co. in Pittsburgh, Pa.



Wilcox/ Garrelts

Beth Marie Wilcox of Lowell and Nathan Clinton Garrelts of East Lansing are engaged and planning a July 20, 2002 wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rex and Barbara Wilcox of Lowell. She is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2000 graduate of Michi gan State University with business degree in human resources management.

The future groom is the son of David and Judy Garrelts of Dowagiac. He is completing his doctor of philosophy a Michigan State University in American Studies and is cur rently teaching at Michigan State University and Lansing Community College.

Lowell's Finnegan named Truman Scholarship finalist

Junior Shannon Finnegan has been named a finalist for the prestigious Truman Scholarship. The Truman Scholarship, awarded to those interested in a career in public service, provides \$3,000 for a tive, "She is great." Hulme winner's senior year of col- described Finnegan as a molege, and an additional tivated conscientious worker \$27,000 for two years of who turned the daunting graduate study. Approxi- Truman application into a erous assistance of the fac- however, truly set Finnegan

According to Sandy Hulme, associate professor of political science and the Truman faculty representavery smooth process. Asked

with each state getting at least assessed her as a "slam-dunk excited about the interview." candidate," meaning she has an excellent chance of win- program of emphasis in envining the scholarship at her ronmental policy and public March 15 interview in Ann

> According to Finnegan, Nature, Alpha Xi Delta soror-"I'm very fortunate to get to ity, and Model United Nago through the Truman pro- tions. cess. I'm thankful for the genulty and all the hours they put apart. As a participant in the

Finnegan is pursuing a

Her off-campus activities,

advocacy. She participates in

Chorale, Students United for

arships are awarded yearly, about her chances, Hulme into this, and now I'm very Washington Semester Pro- through on promises to cover

gram at American University, Finnegan studied envital cleanup costs resulting ronmental policy and comfrom U.S. nuclear testing bepleted an internship with the tween 1946 and 1958. Also during the Washing-Embassy of the Republic of ton semester, Finnegan spent the Marshall Islands. time studying the impact of Finnegan worked on amend-

Finnegan, cont'd. pg. 10

international environmental

and development issues on

local communities in El Sal-

vador. Finnegan particularly



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Thank you in advance, **Peter Smith**

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Buckets

Lowell's Nathan

Vaught, holding the win-

ning basketball, won the

Lowell Sports Boosters/

Meijer halftime shoot-out

For his shooting prowess,

Vaught won a \$150 Meijer

gift card. Vaught com-

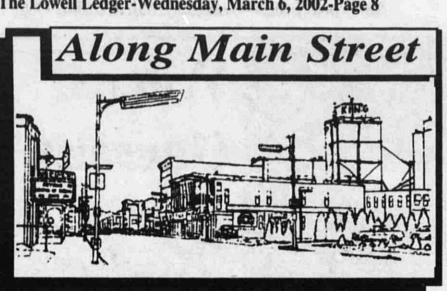
peted against, from left to

right, Tim Schutte, Brady

Foster, Brian Hettinga.

Shelby Tomczak and

Eddie Bogue.



ENGLEHARDT USED BOOK SALE

Many used books will be available at the Englehardt Library community room on March 6 from noon - 8 p.m. or March 7 from 9:30 - 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Englehardt Library.

SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM

Now in its 53rd year, the Lowell Showboat Garden Club is presenting "The Legends, Customs and Lore of Flowers Through History" with flower historian Margo Zwald on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Nazarene Church. Public is invited. Call Dave 897-2533 for further information.

FOODMOBILE - MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Free food, mostly produce, will be available at the 4-H Fairgrounds in the Foreman Building on Saturday, March 16 from 10 - noon. It is for everyone; bring your own box or bag. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. 897-2037.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

held Monday, March 11 from 3:30 -7 p.m.; also Tuesday, March 12 from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Call the school at 897-4125 for the current citizens. more information.

TOBACCO FREE FOR GOOD

Lowell Family Medical Center will offer a free cessation program beginning on Tuesday, March 12 from 6-8 p.m. To planning commissions to present projects. register contact Jodie at 336-3037.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP** WILL MEET AT THE **GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL,** 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD, **BELDING, MICHIGAN, ON:**

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002 between the hours of 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to: Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 8, 2002. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the Township offices between March 4 and March 7 to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

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Frank Buckley Assessor, Grattan Township

COLLEGE FAIR

Lowell High School will be having its College Fair on Thursday, March 14 from 7-9 p.m. Michigan public and private colleges and universities as well as military representatives will be at the free event with displays/information, college admissions, financial aid seminar and door prizes. Parents: Please plan to attend with your student. For more information call 897-4125.

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell student council blood drive will be held at Lowell High School's small gym on Friday, March 15 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. It is open to the public.

ALL-SCHOOL MUSICAL AT LPAC

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" will be performed at Lowell High School in the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22 at 8 p.m.; on Saturday, March 23 at 1 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each. Special rates are available for children 14 and under for the Saturday matinee. Call 897-4125 with any questions.

UMPIRES TRAINING CLINIC

The Lowell YMCA will be conducting a free umpires training clinic on March 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Recreation Park. To umpire adult softball in 2002, you must be present. If you cannot attend, call the YMCA at 897-8445 ext. 705 before March 8. Registration forms to become a Michigan ASA umpire are available also.

New Commissioners, cont'd... From Page 1

Schmaltz said she has nothing against growth, but be-Lowell High School parent-teacher conferences will be lieves now is the time for the city to plan for the appropriate services, due to the increase in population, without burdening

> Rapp, a five-year resident of Lowell, also is accustomed to growth. A real estate agent currently involved in the Conservatory Woods condominium project located behind Family Fare, Rapp has gone before a number of West Michigan

"I had tried to get on the planning commission before," Rapp said, adding that it was his background in real estate as well as his interest in politics that caused him to pursue a spot on the commission.

Rapp hails from the Chicago area, where he attended Loyola University studing political science and international

TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

WILL MEET AT THE

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10381 BAILEY DRIVE

LOWELL, MI, 49331

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002

between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the purpose of

reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation

To appear at the Board of Review,

call 897-5671 on Monday, Wednesday

Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for

an appointment to appear in person.

By letter addressed to:

Vergennes Township Assessor

P.O. Box 208

Lowell, MI 49331-0208

Mari Stone

Vergennes Township Clerk

one of two ways:

and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and also on

affairs. He and his wife Shannon, and children Preston and Riley, live on High Street.

PLAN NOW FOR THE CROP WALK

United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main on Thursday, March

21 at 7 p.m. If your group or organization would like to

participate by walking or sponsoring a group at the crop walk

on May 5, send a rep to this rally. For information call the

LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPT.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

will be served at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S.

Hudson on Saturday, March 23 from 7 -11 a.m. Cost: dona-

ACADEMIC DESSERT - STUDENT

AWARD PRESENTATION

have the Academic Dessert-Student Award presentation on

Monday, March 25 at 7 p.m. Call 897-4125 for information.

LOWELL JV HOCKEY TRYOUTS

son will be held on Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday,

March 27 at Standard Federal Ice Center. Registration begins

at 6 p.m. on March 26 with tryouts from 7-8:30 p.m. each

evening. Call Jim Blair with any questions 897-6436.

Lowell junior varsity hockey tryouts for the 2002-3 sea-

The Lowell High School Performing Arts Center will

tions at the door. Proceeds to go toward fire equipment.

A breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and milk

church office at 897-5936.

The Lowell area 8th annual crop walk rally will be at First

Both Rapp and Schmaltz had an opportunity to learn how the city was dealing with its growth since the first meeting they attended was dealing with the second request of the Sundry Development company. Sundry is currently trying to develop the land at 751 Grindle and was turned down by the city for a rezoning request on the property

"I hope to try and service the city of Lowell and the people here," Rapp said of his recent appointment to the commission. Currently, both new members, Rapp and Schmaltz, said they will need to learn all that is going on before setting forth any goals during their tenure on the commission.

With the addition of Schmaltz and Rapp, the planning commission once again has a complete nine-member panel. The only city organization needing to fill a vacancy is the Downtown Development Authority.

VERGENNES BOWNE **TOWNSHIP** NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Bowne Township will meet at the Historic Township Hall - 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto on:

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Evening hours 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will be by appointment only.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways: by letter addressed to the Bowne Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 8 or by appearing in person on one of the dates the board of review meets.

The tentative real property assessment and assessment multiplier required by PA 165 of 1971 are:

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Peter F. Siler - Supervisor **Bowne Township**

Lowell's girls advance to bowling state finals; Red Arrow boys just miss

tive year, Lowell girls bowling team will journey to the (167-127-137). state tournament.

The Red Arrows finished second to Hudsonville. The top three teams advanced. Joining the Eagles and Red Arrows was Wyoming Park.

Hudsonville finished with a total pin count of 2758 followed by Lowell, 2416 and the Vikings 2404. Rockford and Kelloggsville rounded out the top five in the 15-team

"The girls knew it would take something over 2400 to advance," Lowell bowling 2897. coach, Dave Adrianse explained. "They bowled well. Hudsonville is just very

The state final will take place on March 16 in Flint at Southfield Lanes.

Rachel Nawrocki with a 516 series (173-188-155). She was followed by Amanda Eickhoff, 503 (151-192-160); Tara Kuipers (140-185-158) and Eva Geldersma (173-166-

For the fourth consecu- 144) with a 483 series. Laren Cooper finished with a 431

> Lowell advances to the finals by defeating Wyoming Park in the Baker games 309-

The Red Arrows then lost in the finals to Hudsonville 394-371.

Lowell boys team fell 20 pins shy of qualifying for the state tournament as they placed fifth behind Unity Christian, 3026; Creston. 2,995; Hudsonville, 2917 Sparta, 2917; and Lowell

"They bowled good; today it just wasn't enough," Adrianse said.

two bowlers to the state tour-

nament. Armstrong (605) and

were Armstrong, DeWit,

Nawrocki was named to

Eickhoff

The only Red Arrow girl

Sloan (601) both qualified. The Red Arrows were led by D.J. Armstrong's 657 series (189-248-220). He was followed by Jim DeWit, 583 Leading Lowell was (204-190-189); Nate Clark 572 (211-180-181); John Stuckey, 570 (202-179-189); and Nate Sloan, 515 (189-83-Stuckey, Kuipers and

> In the individual boys tournament. Lowell will send the honorable mention team.



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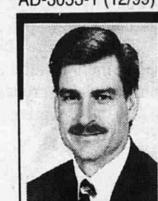
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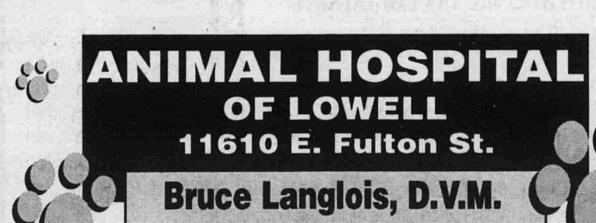
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Finnegan, cont'd... From Page 7

family in a rural agricultural village, watching as they Finnegan undertook what has learned to utilize eco-tourism become known as the Pine and income from students like River Oral History Project, Finnegan to fund sustainable which recorded the reactions development projects.

of local residents to the Pine

As a recipient of the River contamination, result-

summer study in 2001,

enjoyed living with a poor \$2,500 Currie Scholarship for ing health problems, and clean-up efforts.

Finnegan produced a video documentary of the interviews and a web site. She will present a paper on the project at the prestigious Undergraduate Honors Confer-

sity of Michigan, Finnegan Environmental Protection hopes to work for a non-gov- Agency or a similar govern- Finnegan of Lowell.

ence in Wisconsin this year. ernmental organization and ment agency later in her ca-After completing a joint involve herself in environ-Juris Doctorate/Master of Sci-mental lawsuits. Finnegan ence program at the Univer- also wants to work for the ell High School graduate and

Finnegan is a 1999 Low-

the daughter of Nancy

Avery's poetry rides into cowboy/western museum

TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE **CITY OF LOWELL**

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO ONE OR MORE LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT GENERAL **OBLIGATION CONTRACTS OF LEASE WITH THE CITY OF** LOWELL BUILDING AUTHORITY PLEDGING THE CITY'S LIMITED TAXING POWER

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan (the "City") intends to enter into one or more limited full faith and credit general obligation contracts of lease with the City of Lowell Building Authority (the "Building Authority"), pursuant to which the Building Authority shall sell one or more series of Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the cost of renovating and expanding the City Hall/Police Station located at 301 E. Main Street within the City including the acquisition of real property for the expansion and related parking facilities.

The bonds issued by the Building Authority shall be in an amount not to exceed \$4,800,000 and shall mature over a maximum of thirty (30) years with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate of not to exceed the highest rate permitted by law.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS shall be payable primarily from cash rentals to be paid by the City to the Building Authority as set forth in a contract of lease between the City and the Building Authority, which bonds pledge said rentals to the payment thereof. The City intends to pay these cash rentals with general revenues of the City and tax increment revenues to be made available to the City of the City of Lowell Downtown Development Authority.

THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS LIMITED FULL FAITH AND CREDIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE CASH RENTALS NECESSARY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AS THEY SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE AND THE CITY SHALL, IF NECESSARY TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENT, LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, WHICH TAXES SHALL BE LIMITED AS TO RATE AND AMOUNT BY EXISTING CHARTER, STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL TAX LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE CONTRACTS OF LEASE will be executed without a vote of the electors thereon, unless A PETITION signed by not less than ten percent (10%) OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS in the City is filed with the City Clerk WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS after the date of publication of this Notice, in which case the contracts of lease shall not become effective unless approved by the majority of the electors of the City voting thereon at a special or general election.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the requirements of Section 8b of Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended

Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Western Heritage Museum His poetry is found in "Rid-(The Cowboy Hall of Fame) den Hard and Put Up Wet," a in Oklahoma City, Okla., feels that "Cowboy poetry repre- Christmas cards of 30 years. sents a genre that makes a The book, "Campfire Echoes" significant statement on the nature of the American West and they wish to preserve this important aspect of our heritage for the benefit of future generations." This statement preceded the invitation for Roswell, N.M., cowboy, artist and poet, Keith W. Avery, A Wanderer" also included to send copies of all his poetry to be deposited in the museum for the use of research-

Governor's Award in 1994

The National Cowboy and for his cowboy art and poetry. collection of his and his wife's was published by New Mexico State University and displays both Avery's art and poetry. Sales of "Campfire Echoes" have funded a Keith W. Avery Scholarship Foundation at NMSU.

His biography "Trails of some poetry. Proceeds from "Trails" were donated to the Cheff Center of Riding for Many family members reside Handicapped Children. The Avery won the museum also requested Avery

tell of how his poetry was shared. He has attended many poetry gatherings and was the first New Mexico poet to attend the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada, in 1986. His poems have been used at memorial services for Ken Curtis (Festus on Gunsmoke). Joel McCrae, Fern Sawyer, Ben Johnson, Richard Farnsworth, and Les Davis (CS Ranch, Cimmaron,

Avery and his wife Carol live in East Grand Plains. in Roswell.

Council authorizes publication of intent

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell will officially announce its intent to issue bonds involving the

Lowell's City Council adopted a resolution authotent and related action of bonds not exceeding \$4.8 projects. million. The bonds are proposed to be sold by late spring.

The construction will cost levy 18.8. 3.5 mills. The Downtown Development Authority will

provide the equivalent of one mill bringing the total mill increase down to 2.5 mills in the first year. The DDA would still have monies available to City Hall and police station. continue with other projects.

The DDA will review its contribution on a yearly basis to assure it has the funding it needs for capital improvement The city currently levies

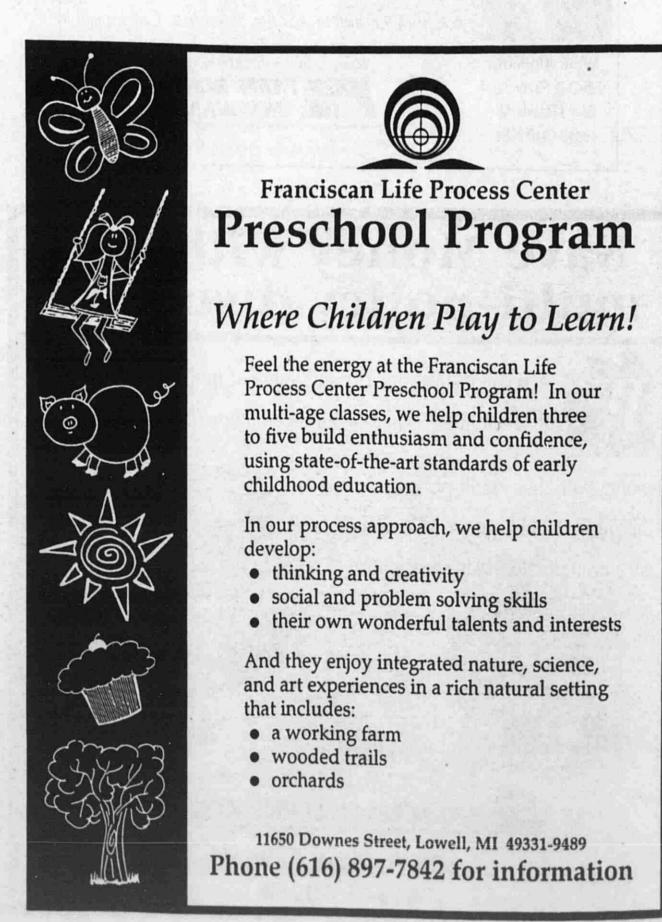
13.85 mills. It's allowed to

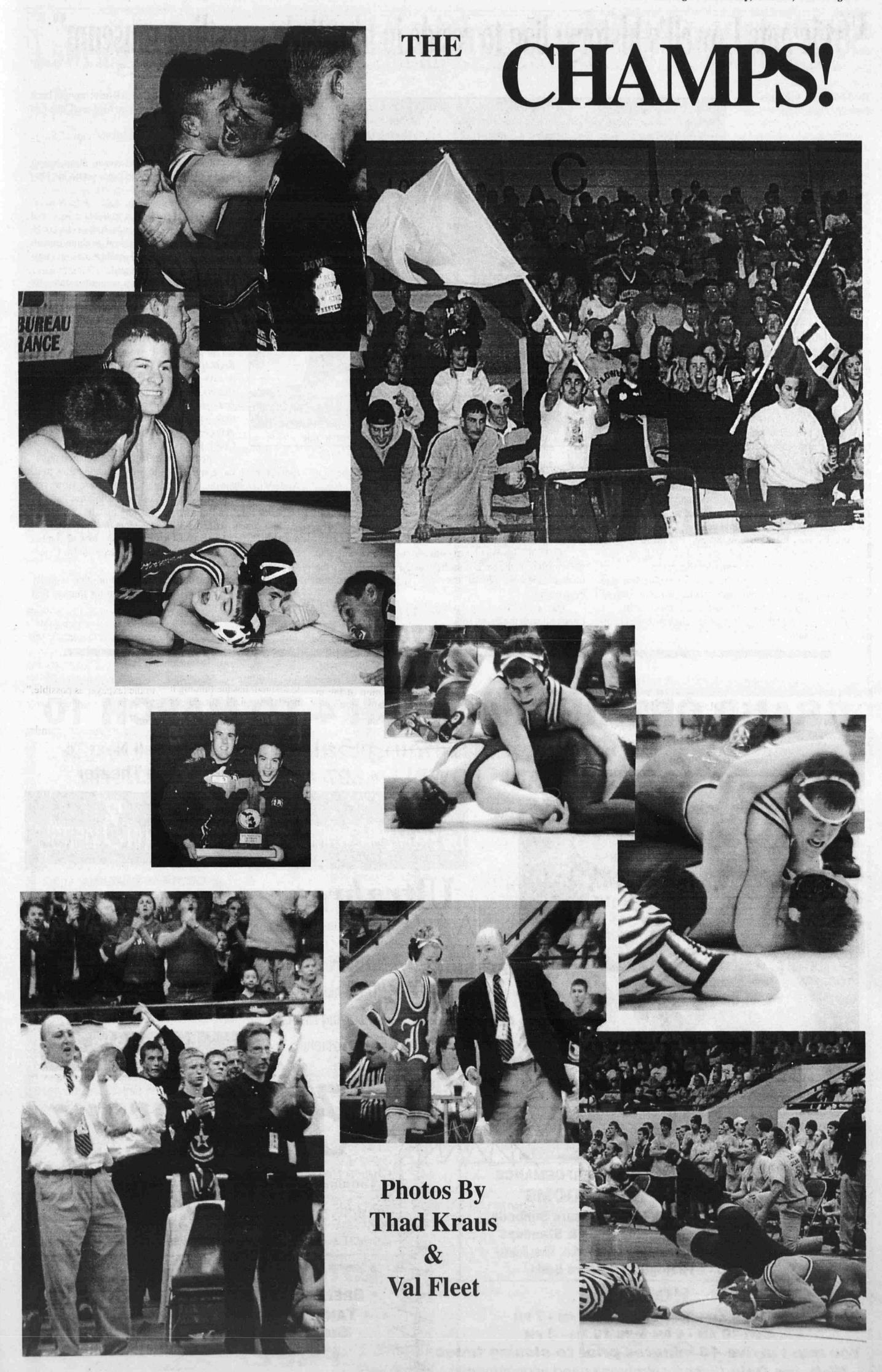
The city has spent be sold by late spring.

\$704,625 in property acquisition with a \$500,000 bond paying most of that, and the rest reimbursed to the city's general fund through the second bond issue.

"The city has worked to reduce as much of the burden to the taxpayer as possible," Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said.

The revenue bonds, which include all current bond costs, are proposed to





Strejc gets Lowell's history; bag to reside in his "little wrestling museum"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

That elusive state championship was finally theirs as Lowell wrestling coach Dave Strejc, stood among the 28 brightly lit faces of a cham-

"It's always been more about the journey getting there - than the getting it." Strejc reflected.

Lowell's fourth-year head coach has gotten it before: individual state championship wrestler for Stevensville-Lakeshore and an All-American wrestler for Grand Valley State Univer-

Streje got it right on a number of levels again Satur-

"I'm just a cog in this mechanism. Lowell doesn't have a wrestling team - it has a wrestling family." Strejc

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said. "I'm out on the mat so I'm most visible, but there are so many people behind the scenes you don't see who deserves credit... people who go out of their way and make sacrifices. That's why the program succeeds. There's a family here in Lowell's wrestling history probably wished that "ole man" Lowell that holds everything together.'

And of course there are the wrestlers - like the Bens (Fleet and Vaught). Saturday marked the fourth straight year they've wrestled in the state championship match.

Two years ago. Fleet lost the decisive match; last year Vaught had the painful honors. They replaced that heartbreak even on it. with individual pins against Middleville in the title tilt.

"They've carried that guilt, now it's their turn as champions." Strejc said.

That is a move Coach Rivers brought back from one of his many team trips to a Canadian wrestling camp.

"That was a vintage Rivers' move," Streic

There was assistant coach, Steve Spicer modeling Rivers-like red socks with his gray

There was assistant coach, John Wilder, who wrestled for Rivers in the late 70's and later coached with him, now helping to coach his son J.J., and still passionate about Lowell wrestling. "It's a good feeling and an emotional time for me," he said.

Strejc's emotions on winning a state title were undetected afterwards until stirred by the mention of Rivers, and by symbols that reminded him of the coach.

"What's most on my mind now is that bag (as he points to it on the floor beside him). Right there - that's what gets me emotional." he says as his eyes well up with water. "Gary's (Rivers) mother gave him that bag when he graduated from high school in 1956. When I took over the program, I got that bag. It had all of his wrestling files in it. It's been my piece of Coach Rivers.

The times it reflects and the man it represents is much more significant to Strejc than the files in it. And it will remain much more significant to Strejc. However, the championship, fittingly, marked the last time that bag will lie beside him at a Red Arrow wrestling match

"It's time to retire the bag and put it in my little wrestling museum," Strejc explained. "It's time to get a new bag and to carry on the cause. This victory though, is dedicated to Coach I know he's proud."

There's an extended Lowell wrestling family that's equally as proud of Strejc getting it, as they are of the journey that



Vaught called the moment indescribable. Fleet labeled it

Lowell coach, Dave Strejc and the Gary Rivers' wrestling bag get a championship ride.

the sweetest moment in his years of wrestling. Anyone at the championship who knows anything about

Rivers, the patriarch of the Lowell wrestling family - "The

Chief' could have been there. He wasn't there in his gray suit and suspenders, or to slap the wrestlers on the back of the head as they went out onto the mat but there were signs of "the coach" all around the mat and

The last match of the day saw Bobby Gingerich pin his took them all to Battle Creek Saturday. opponent with the barrel roll.

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Lowell gymnasts seventh at regional; three Red Arrows advance to state

By Thaddeus J. KrausLowell Ledger Editor

Saving their best for last, Lowell reset the school's gymnastics team-scoring record for a meet at the regional

"I'm happy that the girls peaked at the right time," said p.m. Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan. "They got off to a good start and had a great day."

Despite their effort, the host school placed seventh in the strong regional field that gathered in Lowell.

"I think having the regional at home helped the girls relax a little more and not struggle with anxiety," DeHaan said. "I think when there is anxiety and tightness, you tend to make more mistakes as opposed to being relaxed and going out and having fun."

The Red Arrows finished with 137.225 points, placing behind Portage 143.6000; Grand Ledge 143.275; Forest Hills 141.050; Traverse City 139.050; Rockford 138.875; best overall team performance in the floor exercise this year. and Holland 137.925.

Red Arrow junior, Holly Plattner was Lowell's only allaround state qualifier.

Melissa Neubecker and Krystal White qualified for the state tournament in the floor exercise. The state meet, at Rockford, is Saturday, March 9 at 3:30

Starting on the vault, Plattner placed second with a 9.0 in the Division II regional. White had an 8.4 followed by Carmen

Datema 8.175 and Nicole Gillikin 7.9. Lowell posted four nice routines on the uneven bars. Plattner led the way with an 8.625. Neubecker came off

the bars with an 8.525 followed by Jenna Dickerman's 8.4 and White's 8.15. Lowell's beam scores were all within .15 of one another. Dickerman led the way with an 8.65 followed by White 8.55,

The Red Arrows, in their last event of the day, gave their

Plattner tied for third overall with a 9.15. Neubecker tied for fifth place with a 9.05 and White tied for seventh with a score of 8.95. Dickerman finished with an 8.8.

Plattner was third in the all-around with a score of 35.275. She finished behind Forest Hills' DeNay Kippley 36.025 and Emily Elliot of Rockford with a 35.325.

In a Division III meet held on Friday night Lowell's Brianna Kinney finished first on the beam with a score of

The meet is for gymnasts who posted qualifying scores in an event but not enough (4) to compete in the regional. In all, 11 gymnasts from five schools competed.

The gymnasts who garnered firsts were asked to return on Saturday to post a regional base score in that event. The score provided judges with a number with which to compare the regional gymnasts.

Red Arrow spikers bow out in district semifinal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's volleyball team was unable to sustain a good start in its 15-11, 15-4 district semifinal loss to St. Johns at Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

much punch for us. The girls gave a good team effort but efits.' couldn't sustain it," said Lowell assistant volleyball coach, Ken Dewey.

The Red Arrows finished their season at 15-19-7, which is one more win than they Dewey said. recorded last year.

"To build unity and a pro- kills, was 4-for-4 serving and

gram, it takes more than a made good on 11 of her 12 year," Dewey said. "We have passes. a junior varsity club which had a strong showing in the league this year, and every time the coach and I watch the eighth-grade team we smile. We're doing the right "St. Johns just had too things - it's just a matter of time before we see the ben-

> Lowell received strong play from its seniors against the Redwings.

"It was their day to shine. They made things happen,"

Kellie Baker tallied six

Plattner 8.5 and Neubecker 8.45.

Kelly Fitzpatrick posted a 30 percent attack efficiency while Katelyn Bush recorded 15 assists.

Courtney Phillips was also perfect with her serves (7-for-7)

"We will have a good number (4) of volleyball teams playing AAU volleyball in the off-season," Dewey said. "That is as many teams as Lowell has had in many years."

The two clubs traded wins the rest of the way, winning the west side of the state made

Forward scored a technical the pin. fall(16-1) against Josh Tobias

(189) at 2:46 of the second 12-11 lead.

at 171 and 189. Lowell's Mike the last nine matches, six via it to the finals."

The Trojan's Matt Erb Vaught (HWT) pinned Randy pinned Lowell's Pieter Serne Benedict, 2:57; Joe Mendez (103) pinned Kurt Huntingperiod, giving Middleville a ton, 1:15; Mike Nearing (112) pinned Josh Bowerman, :30;

State Champions, cont'd... From Page 1

last win of the match as Low- Ryan Fletke, 1:24; and Bobby ell overpowered the Trojans Gingerich (140) pinned

Ben Fleet (215) pinned thought we thought we could

That was Middleville's Ian DeRath (125) pinned

Dayne Fletke, 3:34. "I think we had more pins tant coach, John Wilder. "It's awesome that two teams from Fleet added, "All along I

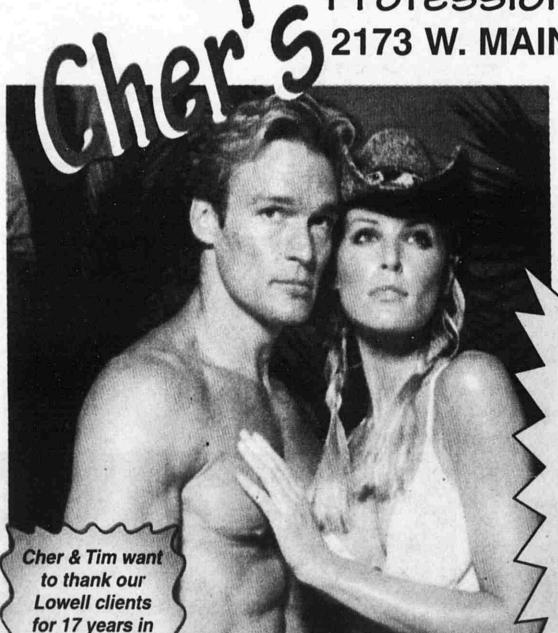
Alec Benson, 3:07; Ben win it. It has been a team

Adds Ian DeRath, "We could smell it in the air when we got here. After we won that first match (Center Line), we knew we were on. Everyday in practice we've told ourselves we want to be cham-

Assistant coach, Steve and major decisions in this Spicer reflected, "It's been a match than we did all week- long time coming. The kids end long," said Lowell assis- have been so close, They wrestled well and were focused. It was nice to see them get the medals today."

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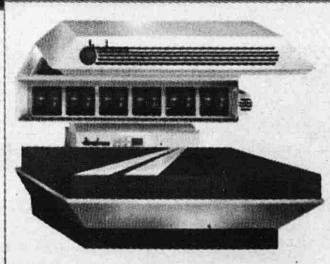
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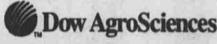
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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Greg Gilmore's bid to purchase a portion of city Riverwalk property (211 E. Main) was approved by the Lowell City Council Monday night, but not without assurances attached to

The city attached a covenant to the property. In the event Gilmore decides to resell the property at some point in time, the covenant will give the city the first right of refusal to purchase back the 12 by 90 foot parcel for \$1.

It will also require that Gilmore restore the property to the conditions consistent with the rest of the Riverwalk area at the time of the resell. Such restoration would be done to the satisfaction and approval of the presiding city council and Downtown Development Authority.

DDA board member Dean Lonick, in a letter to the city, recommended that a covenant be attached to the property.

"I believe strongly in property rights. Normally I would not be in favor of attaching such a covenant. In this instance,

Eventually, though, you will need to decide how to put

though, I think we should look at the Riverwalk as the center of our destination point," Lonick said. "Gilmore's proposed use is consistent with that view and enhances the attraction of the area, if not overshadowing it. I think this will provide the mechanism to provide Gilmore with all the controls he needs to operate his business and alleviate any fears anyone has down

Gilmore's bid of \$1,000 for the property was the only bid received by the city. The amount was the value calculated by city assessor, Jim Marfia.

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trum." Lowell Middle School eighth-grade class

vice president, Emily Timpson said last year's con-

test was between the different grades at the middle

school; this year they decided to make it between

schools. Other eighth-grade student officers who

worked with Timpson to organize the fundraiser

were Laura Maki, secretary; Hannah Kinney, trea-

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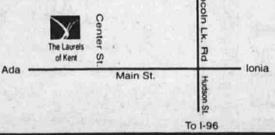
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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19,

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan Officer James Hinton, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall, Planning Commissioners John VanderWilp, Dan Pipe and Al Mathews.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH that the minutes of the February 4, 2002 meeting be approved as corrected

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (02/19/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$76,264.70
MAJOR STREET FUND	5.75
LOCAL STREET FUND	5.76
DDA FUND	1,625.05
WASTEWATER FUND	1,351.92
WATER FUND	976.91
DATA PROCESSING FUND	18.40
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,160.56
CURRENT TAX FUND	8.00
LOOK FUND	775.00

Item #1. AREA BETWEEN HIGH, JAMES, GRINDLE, with Wood. He suggested the Michigan Department of FUN AND THE EAST CITY LIMITS - REZONING FROM SR (SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1 OR R-2 (RESI-NING COMMISSION -PUBLIC HEARING. At its Janubeginning. ary 28, 2002 meeting, the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider rezoning from SR to R1 or R2 Greg Canfield of 403 N. Washington stated his property for the area between High, James, Grindle, Fun and the east City limits. Currently the property's zoning requires as is much of Lowell. Canfield believed the area in 35,000 square feet per parcel, 1,500 square feet of living question is unique and beautiful and thus, it would be a area for each home. Sundry Development Group pro- shame to construct high density housing in there. There Dan DesJarden of 1155 E. Main and Director of Public vided a petition for rezoning on December 10, 2001 are many areas to the north in Vergennes Township, before the Planning Commission, considering initially at which are zoned R2, and high-density housing can be property located at 751 Grindle. This area was expanded brought in. He urged the Council to leave the area as is. and the Planning Commission decided to encompass basically the lands discussed. Also, the Planning Commission reviewed the R1 and R2 zoning. The R2 zoning 9.750 square feet of land area and 1,500 square feet of hearing on January 28, 2002.

The Planning Commission recommended against the R 2 zoning, but did support the R1.

The Council may consider the R-1 or R-2 districts or leave the SR district as is. Further, the Council may reduce the area of consideration, if desired.

Jane Dykema, representing Sundry Development, stated she has worked with the company while 10 - 12 residential neighborhoods have been developed. Her role in working with the company involves drafting legal documents, placing appropriate deed restrictions on the property and form neighborhood associations in order to insure a quality private residential neighborhood. She said Sundry has done a fabulous job in the past and many projects have been developed in the immediate area.

Dykema explained when any developer is trying to decide if a project is feasible, heavy reliance is placed on the such as Cable TV, water and sewer should help lower the the feelings of a few individuals. Comprehensive Plan and input from realtors, cost per household for these services. councilmembers and neighbors.

Sundry's desire is to provide homes for first time home buyers, young professionals, senior citizens and families who want to live in Lowell and enjoy the country living charm and atmosphere within the City limits. The site is unique and would provide an entryway to the City.

Dykema believed the development would be a bonus to the City in carrying out the original intent as far as the public water and sewer. The public improvements would be made with the assistance of the developer and would follow along with what was intended back in 1992 when a Planned Unit Development was proposed.

LR Cole of Sundry Development commented on the neighborhood meeting held. He believed the traffic concerns could be resolved by having an outlet onto M-21. Also, as pointed out, the second entrance from DesJarden, Police Sergeant Steve Junewick, Police Grindle was established in order to conform with the current ordinance. The company was willing to work with the City to clear any other traffic issues. Cole stated the developer intends to extend the utilities necessary for the properties involved. It has also been indicated the company wishes to take advantage of the sanitary sewer and water main locations at High Street. This would be extended into the property and would not affect the existing property owners.

> Cole noted 71 homes would generate over \$66,000 in City taxes annually.

Cole addressed the storm water issue. He noted currently the water comes from the north and moves southerly. The appropriate storm water management procedures would be carried out to control the water. It is Cole stated he did not mean to imply Sundry could control believed this would eliminate the majority of the water through the area, based on the surrounding soil types.

Cole stated Sundry's goal is to provide affordable homes and in order for this to be accomplished, density is needed.

Traci Mullins of 901 Grindle Drive was not in favor of having a high-density development.

Jim Wood of 875 Hillside purchased his home in the area 40 years ago. He believed the proposed homes were attractive, but did not allow much green space for children to play. He wanted the area left as is.

Don Scanlon of 1325 Pine Grove Trail was in agreement Natural Resources be sent out ahead of time to determine how much of the land should be left as is. Mayor

was platted out in 1865. He is very close to his neighbor's

Jane Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive referred to a comment made by Dan Des Jarden during a previous meeting district requires 8,200 square feet of land area and a regarding density. Kent County Road Commission con-1,000 square feet of floor area whereas the R1 requires siders for every house, a car will come and go ten times throughout the day. This equates to 710 cars on a daily floor area. The Planning Commission held a public basis. Mathews believed there has always been a problem with vehicles traveling on Grindle. She was highly opposed to the development.

> Howard Acheson of 751 Grindle explained he has attempted to sell the property other ways. He believed the of those three parcels. development should be allowed.

Acheson presented a petition of 63 residents within the SR. City. The criteria for signing the petition stated the following registered voters of the City of Lowell, Michigan constructed between Fun Street on the north, Grindle on nity for Lowell. the West, Main Street on the South and the City limits on the east. The proposal pending would be to place City improvements and to allow for 50 to 71 homes to be constructed on 25 plus, currently vacant, acres. This would increase the tax revenues for the City, and utilize the water treatment system more efficiently. Also, with rezoning request. He felt the decision was based upon additional customers, the cost of City to extend services

driveway is opposite James Street. There have already been several close accidents on Grindle and such a development would only increase the possibility

Bev Holst of 411 James wanted the property left as is.

Al Mathews of 822 Grindle Drive lives directly across from the Phillips' property. Mathews stated he began serving on the Planning Commission over a year ago. At that time, the neighbors on Gee Drive were opposed to a communications tower being installed. Because of this, the tower was moved to a location where no one was opposed.

Mathews understood the land should be developed. However, he did not believe rezoning the area to R2 was appropriate. He suggested a middle ground instead of a 35,000 square foot lot or a 9,750 square foot lot. Mathews believed there were several issues which needed to be considered such as traffic and water run off. He thanked all who came out and walked the property.

Lynn Dawson of 905 High did not understand why the land needed to be developed. She liked having the openness. Dawson did not believe everyone would use the M-21 exit. She did not want anything changed.

John VanderWilp of 1264 Fun Street felt one of the biggest issues was making the developer have two exits or two entrances into the property. He believed one issue which needed to be addressed is the lot size and the square footage of the housing.

an artesian well if one is found. The company would have to accommodate to the well. He also stated Sundry would anticipate children playing throughout the surrounding green area.

Cole believed the majority of the traffic would be going westbound out of development toward Grand Rapids or toward the highway to Lansing. There would be no need for a resident to travel north. If one chose to travel north, there would be an exit north of the problem area. If the scenario is enacted and the curb is deemed to be such a problem, then the individuals leery of the curve can take an alternate route.

Cole suggested the City consider a two-way stop sign at

Diane Scanlon of 1325 Pine Grove Trail stated she was never notified of the development and believed this was DENTIAL) - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLAN- Shores noted the DNR would be involved from the a injustice. She noted her property located in Lowell Township borders the property in question. Scanlon stated she was not in favor of the development. City Clerk Morlock explained both townships received notification of the change. It is these jurisdictions' responsibility to notify their residents.

> Works stated the City needs to consider the outside growth coming into the City. There is a development north of the City where the traffic proceeds down on Grindle. DesJarden believed the City had a good balance with the zoning map. There are two SR areas: one on the east side and one on the west side. People want a country feel, but to live near the City. These are the only two areas without high-density. DesJarden stated he agrees all individuals have a right to develop their land. However, he wanted the area to remain SR.

Scott Shelagowski of 1325 E. Main Street stated the rezoning along High Street would cut three parcels in half. He proposed the rezoning be taken around the top

Anne Dimmick of 944 Grindle wanted to keep the area as

Morlock stated a letter was received from Carrie Curtis of are in favor of the zoning change on the east side of 529 Avery. The letter indicated her support for the Lowell which will allow for additional housing to be development. She believed it would be a great opportu-

> A letter was also received from Patrick Flanigan who owns Progressive Heating, Cooling & Refrigeration, Inc. of 1375 E. Main. He commended the Planning Commission on making the recommendation to approve the the benefit of the entire Lowell community and not just on

Councilmember Pfaller noted he walked the land. He Ken Goff of 800 Grindle had traffic concerns. His stated he had a problem with rezoning without a definite

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and R2 132 homes by right.

Councilmember Brubaker questioned what it would be with the SR district. Pfaller responded 32 homes.

Shores stated she also walked the land. It does appear much of the land would not be buildable. The roads concern her greatly. Grindle Drive would need to be improved and until Lowell has a plan to improve it, she could not justify placing more traffic on it.

At the present time, Shores wished to see the area stay

Councilmember Myers stated he lives at the northeast corner of Main and James streets. He was concerned about high density housing in the immediate area. Several years ago, there was a vehicular death at the corner of Main and James, which was associated with the grade of the hill. He was unsure if the grade could be lessened to a reasonable level, which would not shoot cars out the curb stop. The property owner is then responsible for onto Main Street. Myers was concerned about additional installing the service, (4) the Township has the responsitraffic on Grindle. He noted there is a plan in place to include Grindle Street at this time.

garage/barn on a number of occasions. He does have a of the City property owners. drainage ditch, but it does not always handle the storm water run off with the amount of soil behind him. Myers The Township has expressed its agreement and City stated if the soil is covered with rooftops, driveways, Manager Pasquale recommended the Council do likesidewalks and roads, there will be drainage issues to wise. deal with.

Myers stated he wished to have the area remain SR.

Councilmember Blough complimented Sundry Development, the residents and also the process by which people acceptable to the township. Pasquale responded yes. have taken to discuss the issue.

standpoint of considering the objectives, which have Township and there has been an agreement in place been submitted by the City. Maybe what it comes down since 1992. But, as just pointed out, what the City is now If the Council wishes to pursue this, a Charter amendto is interpretation of the goals that were presented in entering involves a border line City street water service tunities by including a range of lot sizes and requirements which will allow affordable housing for the range of down this route. Why wouldn't the City start examining incomes found in the City." Blough stated the Planning a different agreement rather than keep building on this Commission and the Council have worked Citywide to basis of 1992 in this agreement? Pasquale stated the offer these kinds of opportunities to the residents. High City has a few properties which are in the City having no density uses have been established in Conservatory opportunity to connect to a City main. There is a property Woods. There have also been various lots approved for housing to fit this profile. Blough believed rezoning the property owner to have water and be a City customer. area would eliminate a greater majority of SR than what would be left. He felt the variety makes the City strong.

Blough noted a number of Councilmembers were involved with the previous proposed PUD. The planning for the particular development went for approximately two years.

Blough did not believe the drain tile at M-21 was big enough to handle the scheduled run off of water which came down the hill.

Blough also commented on the economics observation. If it is absolute in order to make the project viable, it has to be R2 and the density would have to support that with \$140,000 (value) X 71 homes, the new business volume R2 development based on the impact to the land and the traffic issues discussed.

Councilmember Brubaker was amazed at how steep the inclines were and how wet the land was after walking the YEA: 5. property. The argument for R2 is there is much property which will not be buildable, so there is a need to cluster the houses in a smaller area. When he thinks of clustering, simply rezoning the land could allow up to over 100 houses. With a PUD there would be a little more control. It could address some of the traffic, run off and drainage issues. Brubaker stated he was not inclined to rezone the area without more information and having more definite information to review.

Brubaker agreed the City needs a variety of different types of housing and this is one of the few SR areas left in the City. Brubaker stated at this point he would not be in favor of rezoning the area.

ITWAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to deny the rezoning request from SR (Suburban Residential) to either R-1 or R-2 (Residential) for the area

plan. He noted the R1 district would allow 116 homes between High, James, Grindle, Fun and the east City

YEA: 5. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF BORDERLINE STREET WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP. Several City properties along the east side of Alden Nash Road between Gee Drive and M-21 have the opportunity to connect to a water main, which is owned by Lowell Charter Township.

In order to accomplish this, a borderline street water service agreement has been proposed which (1) allows MOTION CARRIED. City property owners to connect to the Township main, (2) have the property owners pay the Township front and Item #4. ELECTION PROPOSAL FOR THE MAYOR connections charges, (3) the City will be responsible for installing the tap in the main and the connection pipe to bility for maintaining the main while the City has such for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Instead of being elected from repair roads throughout the City. However, it does not the connection pipe from each tap to curb stop and the the Councilmembers, selection would be based on the property owner with the private service, (5) the property owners will pay the same City rates, (6) the Township will Myers has experienced storm water run off through his be given a credit for the actual metered flow for the usage. The Councilmember receiving the most votes in an

Mayor Shores inquired if there were any other areas where there was a similar situation. Pasquale said no.

Blough could not find fault with the Planning Commission the past the water line has been installed by Lowell fulfilling the unexpired term. 1995. Blough read from the Master Plan which states agreement. This will be a first-time step. The City is "residential zoning will foster a variety of housing oppor- offering the same rate of water to users. He is trying to understand why the City would want to continue to go owner with a well that is failing. This would allow the The cost for the main itself would be given to the township because the jurisdiction actually spent the funds to install

> Blough confirmed the City is not extending City services outside the City limits at the same rates the City owners are paying. Pasquale stated this is for a City taxpayer.

> Councilmember Pfaller inquired if the main was on the west side of Alden Nash. Pasquale responded yes and the property owner's in question is on the east side.

Blough stated with this information, he would withdraw his objection to it as long as the Council is dealing with City property owners only.

BLOUGH to adopt the resolution contained by City Attorney Richard Wendt which approves the execution of the borderline street water service agreement between the City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township.

ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. PURCHASE OF CITY HALL COPIER. City Clerk Betty Morlock has sought quotes to replace the City Hall copier, which was purchased in February 1996. Several copiers were tested and the search was narrowed to three.

\$8,495.

\$7,613. (service .0075 per copy)

The following quotes were received:

\$7,695. W.S. Reed Minolta (service .0089 per copy)

Commercial Equipment

(service .0095 per copy)

Morlock recommended the Council approve the Ricoh

Councilmember Myers commented from his work experience that Huntington Bank is using Ricoh corporate wide now because of the per copy cost. He stated the machine is very easy to use.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to accept the bid from Ikon for the Ricoh purchase of \$7,613.00 for the City Hall copier.

YEA: 5. NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0

AND MAYOR PRO TEM POSITIONS - FURTHER RE-VIEW AND DISCUSSION. As mentioned at a previous meeting, Councilmember Jim Pfaller proposed a Charter Amendment, which alters the method of selecting a City election results as follows:

election will serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the first two years of the Member's four-year term. The Councilmember will then serve as Mayor for the last two years of the Member's four-year term.

In the event that the member receiving the most votes in an election is unable or unwilling to serve either as Mayor Pro-Tem or Mayor, the Member receiving the second highest number of votes in the same election shall serve Councilmember Brubaker asked if the agreement was as the Mayor Pro-Tem and/or Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members appointed to serve the term of a Member leaving before the expiration of a term Councilmember Blough stated there is no contention in cannot be elected as Mayor or mayor Pro-Tem while

> ment is required. This would require the City Attorney to provide appropriate wording to the Attorney General. Upon acceptance, an election date is set.

> Councilmember Brubaker was unsure about some of the wording. He wanted it made clear the individual who received the second highest vote would step in as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem, if the other left.

> Councilmember Blough did not agree with the suggestion. He believed it was a good idea to place the Mayor's chair up for direct election from the populace. However, Blough did not feel it was right to be elected as the one receiving the highest number of votes and then have to wait for two years to enact the vision. This did not seem to be a direct response of what the people want.

> Blough suggested the possibility of expanding the number of members on the Council and placing the Mayor position for a direct vote in an election for the populace

Councilmember Myers stated the last election had a 10 percent or fewer turnout. He believed it takes time serving on the Council to prepare oneself to be in the leadership role as the Mayor. Myers recognized the Mayor's vote has no more weight than another's. However, the individual must lead the Council. He believed is about 10 million dollars. He could not really support the IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by it takes more than just a few years to be able to step into such a role.

Myers did not believe the procedure was broken, so why

Mayor Shores stated she is starting her ninth year with this being her first year as Mayor. She suggested electing the mayor by seniority. She believed if one is elected to Council and has spent some time on Council this person is deserving of the honor of being called Mayor. The City does not have a strong mayor government, but rather a strong manager government. Shores did not believe the mayorship should be placed for

Brubaker saw two benefits to the proposal. First, it would reduce tension on the board and the uncomfortableness the Council experiences every two years when choosing amongst the membership. The other benefit is there is a certain fairness to it. The person receiving the highest number of votes would be the most popular person among the voters and would naturally be the leader. However, he also recognized several problems and in his



Lowell's Katie Clements, left, earned a first-place gold rating in extemporaneous speaking at the FFA regional leadership contest in Cedar Springs. Melodie Dernocoeur, right, received a second-place gold rating in creed speaking. Both girls qualified for the State competition at Michigan State University.

Lowell FFA shines at district and regional leadership contests

Future Farmers of America Jaime Frain, Kerry Nugent, regional leadership contest Mary Nugent, Reverend Jayielded five Lowell chapter son Leininger, and Dr. Paul teams which qualified them Bieneman mentored students to compete at the State FFA and offered constructive Convention held at Michian State University.

Lowell had 17 of its mempers perform at the leadership contest with four earning firsts, and one taking second. The top two teams in bers (25) participated in the each leadership contest are selected to compete at State.

dents," said Lowell FFA advisor, John Schut. "They worked together to perform well and represented our FFA community well."

In preparation for the contests, members of the Lowell living up to those expecta-Agricultural Supports such as tions," Schut concluded.

"The contests open up opportunity in leadership at many levels," Schut said. For the first time, Lowell

Middle School FFA mem-

leadership contest. In their

first year, they have 38 mem-

that our kids will do well.

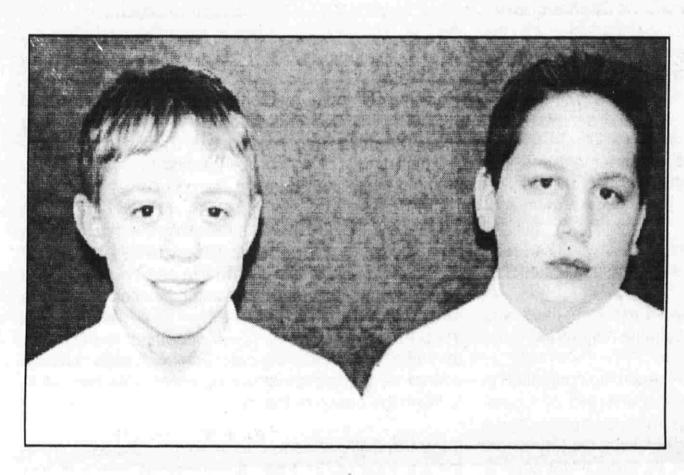
These kids did a good job

Lowell had 10 teams from

the district advance to the Teresa Leasure earned a silver rating in prepared "The community expects public speaking.



Courtnay Perkins earned a first place gold rating and advanced to State in job interview.



Nathan Clements, left, earned a third-place gold rating in creed speaking. Lance Perkins earned a first-place gold rating in middle school public speaking. With the accomplishment, he advanced to the State competition.



The team of Hannah Knudstrup, Megan Vaught, Melissa Blough, Holly Vaught, Andrew Wilterink, Adam Baker and Caleb Shores earned a first-place gold rating in middle school conduct of meetings and advanced to State.

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mind the problems out weigh the benefits. The problems date Forum held previously in 1999 by the Chamber of mated cost of \$50,000, the amount of \$10,000 still needs to campaigning.

Brubaker believed as a group, the Council was qualified to select a mayor.

Brubaker stated at this time he would not be in favor of a charter amendment in front of the voters.

Councilmember Pfaller stated he proposed the issue in reported on the following: order to drive discussion. He believed this had been done and if it is the consensus of the board to not move A. The following information was provided: forward on this, he had no problem.

Pfaller did believe the Council should consider increasing the size of the board.

Blough suggested holding a workshop to understand • Chamber of Commerce meeting of January 9, 2002 of discussion such that people in our community want to 17, 2002 participate on this board.

No further action was taken

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Planning Commissioner John VanderWilp apologized for the interruption after the public hearing.

are: first, it could change voting patterns because it would Commerce. He was a little disappointed with the amount to be raised. cause people to vote for only one person. The procedure of individuals who showed to watch. However, in the end, would also cause tension among Council when it came he felt it was worth it because the candidates were prepared. Brubaker encouraged the Chamber to do this

holding a debate should fall on the Chamber of Com- opment Authority expiring January 1, 2006.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale

November 19, 2001

 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of January be appointed. 12, 2002

B. At its February 11, 2002 meeting, the Grand Rapids YEA: 3. (Councilmembers Blough and Pfaller and Mayor Community Foundation Board and the Advisory Commit-Shores tee awarded a \$30,000 Lowell Area Community Fund NAY: 2. (Councilmembers Brubaker and Myers) grant for the City Hall-Police Station clock tower exten- MOTION CARRIED. sion adding 25 feet to provide 57 feet of height giving the structure more visibility downtown as well as a landmark. IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 9:36 p.m.

Also, \$25,000 was granted by the Lowell Area Commu- DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 3, 2002 nity Fund for a new roof to the Graham Building. As you know, the City will provide \$10,000 allocated from the Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Community Development Block Grant. Lowell Township Brubaker stated he was the moderator during the Candihas provided \$5,000 in CDBG funds. With a total esti-

C.The Lowell Youth Football 2001 report was provided

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. By general consensus, Councilmember Blough did not believe the weight of Carolyn Price was reappointed to the Downtown Devel-

> Mayor Shores stated she received several letters from individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission. She received letters from David S. Rapp of 810 High Street, Barbara Schmaltz of 324 Elizabeth Dean and Traci Laughlin of 2435 Gee Drive.

• Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of Brubaker suggested receiving feedback from Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall concerning who should

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH how in this community the Council can stimulate the type • Downtown Development Authority meeting of January to appoint David Rapp and Barbara Schmaltz to the Planning Commission.

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor Betty R. Morlock, Clerk



Charlie Craig, left, hands over a set of keys of a new 2002 Rendezvous to Ilene and Tom Wright of Belding. It marked the 2,500th sale for Craig since joining Thomet Chevrolet in 1982.

Developer gets nod of approval to construct new building

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Dan Hagen's only concern when he approached the Lowell Planning Commission Monday night was if the commission would agree to allow a third access route to the Lowell Plaza.

Hagen, of Decker Construction, presented a preliminary site plan to the planning commission to get the group's Chatham from the property at 505 W. Main St. would be acceptable. By allowing the access point, it would reduce the green space property to about 40 percent of the property, he said.

"I think we are required to have about 10,000 square feet of green space but with the back drive, we would fall about 1,500 square feet short," Hagen said, adding that the additional drive would take some pressure off the M-21/Main Street en-

The planning commis-

with the access point to corner of Lincoln Lake Road Chatham, and several of the and Chatham Street. commissioners thought it was a good idea.

The driveway is part of the plans for the construction where lighting would be. of an additional 5,400-squarefoot building on the property that would add about four to five retail spaces to the area,

Pasquale said there were a few issues with the preliminary plan: (1) that only 66 parking spaces were shown when 76 parking spaces were required. Pasquale said the ordinance does allow for deferred parking which across from Chatham is a parking lot that could pick up the extra

(2) The issue of sidewalks along Chatham would need to be addressed, he said. Hagen said he would talk to the Michigan Department of Transportation about the curb cut on Chatham to make sure it met with its regulations. The

sion could see no problem cut is several feet from the

The commissioners were more concerned with getting a landscaping schedule and "If you could do some-

thing that would be visually appealing to the neighbors [along Chatham] so they are not looking at a wall, that City manager, David would benice," planning com- at 10 a.m. The biography is mission chairman, Jim Hall about the second president of would face the residents along from 1797 to 1801. Chatham and have back doors and a sidewalk. Hall suggested John Adams' wife, Abigail using nice doors or adding an awning to help blend the build-

Hagen said, with the consensus from the commission, lady and dress in period coshe would move forward on tume. This is for ages 12 and presenting a final site plan for up. the commission's review.

featured at

Two programs at the Englehardt Library will offer a glimpse into the lives of

at 7 p.m. Educator and lecing with the surrounding area. turer, Shirley Meyer will play the role of the former first

Thomet's Craig reaches milestone

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Purchasing a vehicle from Thomet Chevrolet was a new experience for Tom and Ilene Wright of Belding.

Their experience is one that car salesman, Charlie Craig has shared with a multitude of customers - 2,500 fact he's now selling tradeand counting.

"The door has swung both ways, the customers have been good to me, and I've always treated them like I would want to be treated," Craig explains. "I've been trying to change the car salesmen's image."

The first new car Craig sold at Thomet Chevrolet was a 1982 Z-28 Camaro. The buyers were Lowell's Keith and Sandy Geldersma.

Adams' family Englehardt

John and Abigail Adams.

On Tuesday, March 12, the library will present a discussion of the book John Adams by David McCullough said. The back of the building the United States, who served

> On Tuesday, March 19, will be featured in a program

Craig attributes his lasting relationship with Thomet Chevrolet to its owner, Stew Thomet. "We have a good mutual relationship. He's the type of guy you feel you're working with ... not for."

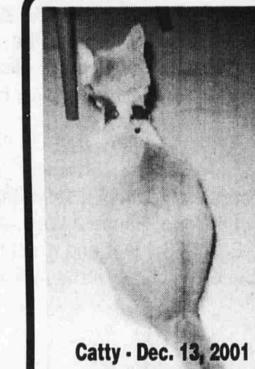
Craig's longevity and success can be measured by the ins which he sold when they

Thomet Chevrolet's salesman believes if he wasn't a car salesman, he'd opt to be à fishing guide in Canada.

"With both, some days they bite and some days they don't," Craig concludes.

Craig hooked the Wrights into driving home a new 2002 Rendezvous.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -**BOWNE TOWNSHIP**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002 7:00 P.M. **HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL** 8240 ALDEN NASH SE **ALTO, MI 49302** 616-868-6846

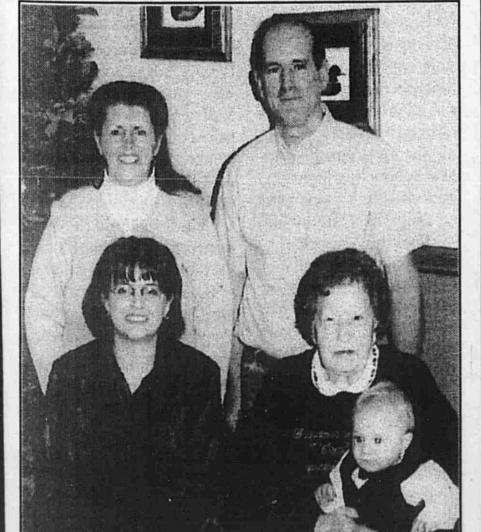
REQUEST #1 Variance of Article 7 - 7.05 height, area and dimension regulation for the Low Density Residential District by Michelle Gillespie-Parcel #41-24-19-101-018- 8600 Dygert Drive.

REQUEST #2 Variance of Article 5 - 5.05 height, area and dimension regulations for the Agricultural District by Barton Dalley-Parcel #41-24-27-400-003-12453 100th Street.

WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE HEARING AND ADDRESSED TO THE **BOWNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

> 8240 Alden Nash S.E. P.O. Box 35 Alto, MI 49302-0035

> > Gloria King - Chairperson **Zoning Board of Appeals**



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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809 concerning the application of Landon Holdings, Inc. for an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan so as to rezone the following described lands in Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan, from the A Agricultural District to the MHC Manufactured Housing Community District:

Parcel 1:

The West 490 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the South 148.5 feet of the East 275.5 feet and except that part of the remainder lying Southerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated.

Parcel 2:

The Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the East 120.5 feet of the West 610.5 feet of the South 148.5 feet and except the West 490 feet thereof.

Parcel 3:

That part of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner; thence North 89 degrees 53'52" East along the East and West 1/4 line 1239.80 feet; thence South 1 degree 34 minutes 35 seconds East 349.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 52 seconds East to the East line of the West fractional 1/2, Southwest fractional 1/4; thence Southerly along said East line to the North line of Belding Road (130 feet wide) thence West along said North line to East line of West 1003 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4; thence North along said East line to North line of South 260 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4: thence West along said North line to East line of West 695 feet of Southwest fractional 1/4; thence South parallel with West section line to the North line of said road; thence Westerly along said North line to West section line; thence North to beginning.

Parcel 4:

The West 660 feet of the South 2310 feet of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West.

Parcel 5:

The West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 of Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the North 349.0 feet thereof. Also the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest fractional 1/4 and also the South 3/4 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 7, Town 8 North, Range 9 West.

Parcel 6:

That part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, lying Northerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated.

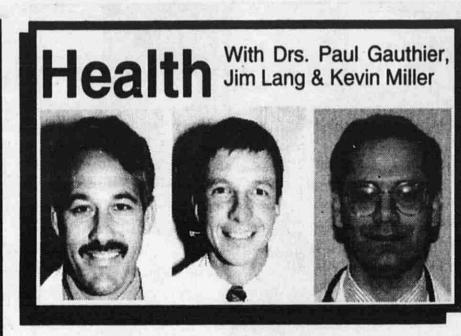
Parcel 7:

The North 394 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Town 8 North, Range 9 West; also that part of the West 100 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said section, lying Northerly of the Northerly line of Highway M-44 relocated, except the North 394 feet.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: February 26, 2002

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



RSV Bronchiolitis

This past month we have viral illnesses. RSV has been prevalent in our community the past several weeks. Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is the most common cause of bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children under one year of

Bronchiolitis most frequently begins with a fever and profuse runny nose, progressing in days to a cough, and sometimes wheezing. Sometimes, breathing becomes very rapid and difficult. This may require hospitalization. Most children recover in 7-14 days. The majority of hospitalizations occur in infants less than six

LHS March students of the Month

Five departments at Lowa Student of the Month for March. These students are being recognized for their hard work and expertise in a particular area.

The English Department selected Shannon Boggs. She Boggs plans to attend colis a senior and the daughter of lege. Her teacher nominator James and Kay Boggs of Ada. Boggs is a member of the Art ing creative writer and is and Drama Club and National Honor Society. She has won several awards in both competitive horse shows and writ-

of others.

Tami Riemersma of Lowell.

In addition to his studies, he

crew. His favorite class is

engineering drawing. His

teacher nominator says that

Riemersma exceeds class-

room expectations, is self-

directed when necessary, and

is an all-around great person

ment is honoring Samantha

Hoekstra. She is a senior and

the daughter of Henry and

Sue Hoekstra. Samantha has

been a band member all four

years as well as a student

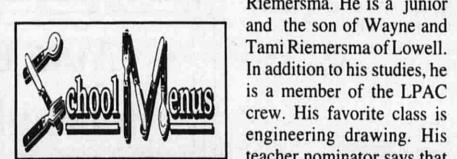
athletic trainer, volunteering

over 385 hours of her time.

She has also been active in

The Agriscience Depart-

to have in class.



Week of 3/11 - 3/15 **ELEMENTARY**

Lunch: \$1.45 Milk \$.30

Peanut butter & jelly sandwich & chef's salad ar also available daily as lunch options.

MON: Pizza dippers w/sauce or turkey cheese on bun, crispy tater tots, blueberries & cream.

TUES: Cheeseburger o bun or baked ham slice w/biscuit, applesauce, corn, peanut butter bar.

WED: Chicken sticks w/dinner roll or submarine sandwich, oven fries, mixed fruit w/cherries.

THURS: Chili w/shamrock pretzel (shaped like a real shamrock) or beef 8 cheese sub, green beans, emerald jello & pears.

Half-day, Parent/teacher conferenc-



Some things to do if your child has bronchiolitis: use a

cool mist vaporizer while your child is sleeping; run hot water in the shower to steam the room

and sit there with your child if

he/she is coughing hard; use

tor if: your child is breathing

40 times a minute or more; a

bluish discoloration occurs

around your child's lips; you

can see the skin retracting be-

tween your child's ribs with

breathing, or he/she has to sit

RSV bronchiolitis is

spread through close contact

with saliva or mucus. One

should frequently wash their

hands, and not allow sharing

of cups or utensils to help de-

crease the spread of this ill-

ness. Older children in the

home are not usually affected

up to breath.

by this illness.

You should call your doc-

tylenol to treat the fever.

Top row, left to right: Andy Riemersma, Samantha Hoekstra, Shannon Boggs; bottom row: Andy Smith, Melissa Wingeier.

ing contests. Next year FFA. Hoekstra is employed at Kmart and also at her parent's greenhouse. Next year she says that She is an outstandplans to attend Lake Superior State University to pursue a proud of her use of the writteaching degree. Her teacher ten word to defend the rights nominator says she has done a wonderful job in managing the The Technology Departgreenhouse for the Landscape ment chose Andrew Horticulture class. She is also Riemersma. He is a junior hardworking and an example and the son of Wayne and

for others to follow. The Science Department chose Melissa Wingeier. She is the daughter of Bruce and Tammi Wingeier of Alto and is a senior. Wingeier is a member of the LHS soccer team and is employed at Marshall Field's. Herplans for next year are to study pre-med at Grand Valley State University. Her

dent in AP Biology and is a positive influence on the class. The Social Studies Department is honoring Andy Smith He is a freshman and the son of Greg and Cheri Dykhouse. Smith enjoys being with friends, playing video games, swimming and corresponding

on the internet.

teacher nominator says that

Wingeier is an outstanding stu-

Forgot to order your Girl Scout Cookies? Alto Girl Scouts will be selling cookies March 16th & 23rd

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COMNGEVENIS

ing Events" are free of charge EACH MONTH: American to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 Saranac areas. We prefer E. Main St. at 8 p.m. such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, EVERY.1STMON .: V.F.W. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat Lowell, 7:00 p.m. River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates and times call 897-5015. Guests are welcome.

MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer 6481. group meets at 3 p.m. to lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 vears, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy

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.

MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., 1 p.m. following senior meal. Come knit & crochet or learn the craft. Call Lana at 691-8450 for info.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. Info. call Dave: 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults hour before meetings. New SECOND SAT.: Lowell Customs and Lore of Flowin the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 Rm. 206 of the Commons

but will accept notices by Post #8303 (both men & EVERY OTHER WED.: denominational help for women) meets at V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Girls Club - Calvary Chris-

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & EVERY WED.: Pioneer FIRST THURS.: 4-H grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington 1ST SUN. OF EACH St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call 897-5894 for details. FIRST AND THIRD \$10; individuals \$3; ages Memorial Fire Station, Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-

> Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo- EVERY WED .: Rotary bile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 Masonic Temple.

Call Lana 691-8450 for info. tion available. Call Pat at

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at EVERY SECOND WED .: 897-5981 for info.

Ionia County Literacy Call 897-6050. Council, free help with

AD/HD at Calvin College,7-897-6325 or 248-2423.

ent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at EVERY FOURTH WED .: the Lowell Masonic Cenmonths. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Masons are welcome.

Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memo- EVERYTHURS .: Take Off

ents of children w/AD/HD ins at 6:45 p.m. Issues Group meeting at

with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College bldg. For information call EVERY THURS. - St. meeting. LARC sponsors Church Fellowship Hall. Connie 942-6887.

10501 Settlewood Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade.

meets at Lowell Congre-

meets at noon-at Lowell

TUES: Walking-exercise pers" (senior adults) meets 897-7842.

EVERY MON.: Lowell LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. **EVERY THURS.**: Play an

> learning English: 6:30 - EVERY SECOND WED.: 0099 Nickor 897-9948 Lyle. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Grand Rapids Machine Sara Coates 365-1247 or 1ST TUES.: Adults with Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

For info. call Gary Engle at G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's 7842 for time. Club meets at noon in community room at Schneider 1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

300 High St. Business Elderly volunteers needed meetings/odd months; pro- for Intergenerational pro- Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. gram meetings/even gram with school-age children from Lowell in EVERY THIRD THURS .: activities. Times: 9:45 to EVERY SECOND & 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. FOURTH TUES.: Knights p.m. Call Sister Colleen of Columbus #7719 meets Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

Lowell Masonic Lodge EVERY FOURTH WED.: regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Support group for Periphat the Masonic Center, 119 eral neuropathy meets at 4 FRI: Walking-exercise pro-Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Rapids. Call 897-9794.

rial Fire Station, S. Hudson. Pounds Sensibly Tops MI ERY No. 333, Saranac, meets EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- at Saranac Library. Weigh-

St. Luke's Lutheran THURS .: Weight Watch-Church, 32156 4 Mile NE ers at Lowell Nazarene (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Church, 201 N. Washing- ogy-Alto Family Tree Club Call Linda 874-5662; teen ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m. group call Sarah 281-6588. Registration begins 1/2

members invited 1-800-651-6000.

Mary's Pregnancy Crisis the 145.27 MHz area radio Non-members welcome. Center, 402 Amity St., non-repeater system. pregnant women and ado- EVERY FRI. & SAT.: MON., MARCH 11: Lowell lescents at the school: 11 tian Reformed Church. a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: of Ada,7144 Headley open meets at Schneider Manor Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694. 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

up or completing the 5th- Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- drama club meetings at green Missionary Church, Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m. Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Valley Blood program blood

THURS.: The Alto Lions 5-17\$1.50; members free. sponsored by Lowell Area WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON Club meets at Bowne Center Fellowship Hall, corner discuss enhancing the TUES.: Take Off Pounds gational Church basement. of 84th & M-50 (Alden Nash) at 7 p.m.

> N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. 2037. at Trinity Lutheran Church. EVERY WED.: The "Pep- 2700 E. Fulton.

Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Center from 1-3:30 p.m. Community and Area Mu- a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 River Outreach Ministries Old Belding Rd. No charge. \$10 per week. Transporta-sic Makers at Saranac High a.m. - 2:30 p.m. School, Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Call Kathy at 642-6316/

at King Memorial Youth instrument? Jam session LOWELL AREA ARTS admission. Call Lana at TUES., WED, THURS.: Center at the Fairgrounds. w/ Nick & Patti at The New COUNCIL: Open Tues., 691-8450. Riverview, M-21 E. of Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.: Lowell, 7 p.m. - ? Call 897- Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat.:

SECONDMON. OF EACH Paul Catholic School, High Knitters Club meets at EVERY THIRD THURS .: THURS ., MARCH 7: Church .A rep from your or-St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or Kentwood Library, 4799 Parents Supporting Par- Vergennes Cooperative ganization or church should Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. ents-support group at Club meets 1 p.m. at attend. Call 897-5936. Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of \$3: fooditems for Flat River munity Expo 9 a.m.-3:30 9p.m. No cost. All welcome. EVERY SECOND WED.: children all ages. Call 897- Outreach Ministries. Dues

> EVERY THIRD THURS.: MON., MARCH 11: Lowell participate. Need demos Royal Arch Masons regu- Showboat Garden Club and entertainment lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at ter, 119 Lincoln Lake,

LaLeche League of Ada, for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant breastfeeding women Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300

gram 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-MONTH: Ada Historical Society meets 1 p.m.at Averill Historical Museum of Ada 7144 Headley.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Geneal-

appt. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORI-

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY

WOMEN OF THE own box/bag. 897-2037. MOOSE: Business meet-

Schneider Manor, Bring wrapped Bingo prize under SAT., MARCH 23: Comwill be collected.

presents "The Legends.

Amateur Radio Club @ ers Through History" with Lowell High School 9 a.m. flower historian Margo social gathering: 10 a.m. Zwaldat7p.m.inNazarene Call 897-2533 for info.

Averill Historical Museum American Legion Auxiliary 1 to 4 p.m. Other times by 1 p.m. Meeting on policy attend or call your vote to Phyllis Bieri 897-8258.

CAL MUSEUM HOURS: - WED., MARCH 13: Grand Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: drive, 2-7 p.m. at Look Fire Dept.

MINISTRIES THRIFT WED., MARCH 13: Earth SHOP HOURS: Wed., & Sky "free" seminar. Thurs. & Fri.:12-6 p.m.; Wittenbach Center, 6:30 -EVERY 2ND THURS .: Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897- 8:30 p.m. 897-5671.By Open Space Committee of Vergennes Twp.

HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 - SAT., MARCH 16: Free program at 9 a.m. in at Franciscan Life Process EVERYTHURS .: Saranac 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 food distribution by Flat at 4-H Fairgrounds in Foreman Bldg.10 - noon. Bring

> ing held the third Monday SAT., MARCH 16: Grattan of each month at 7:30 p.m. craft show 9-3 p.m. at Grattan Academy, Free

> > THURS., MARCH 21: Crop Walk Rally: 7 p.m. at First United Methodist

p.m at Lowell High School. Free admission/door prizes. Call 897-9161 to

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walkat Voodland Mall.

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

WED .: Various activities

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 6: 8:30 WED., MARCH 13: 8 a.m. Senior Meals a.m. Co-ed Breakfast: 9-Kitchen; 9-noon Tax As- noon Tax Assistance; sistance: 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

FRI., MARCH 8: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

MON., MARCH11: 12:40 p.m. Travelogue; Shop Family Fare.

TUES., MARCH 12: 12:40 p.m. World Market: 1 p.m. Bible Study.

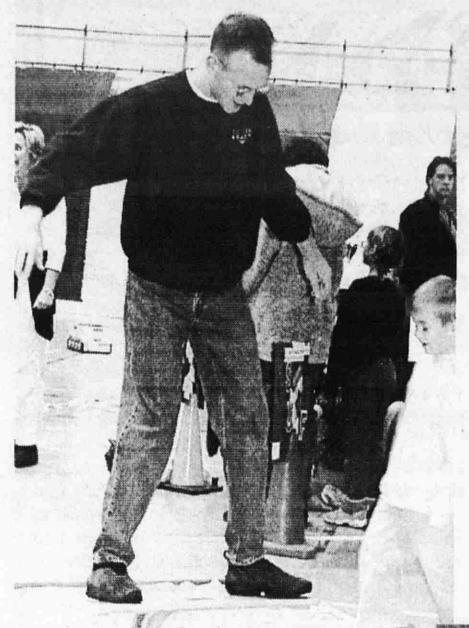
noon Movie.

THURS., MARCH 14: 9:30 Molesta Floral Demo; noon Dance; 4:30 Saranac Beef Stew.

> FRI., MARCH 15: noon Birthday/Anniv/St. Patrick's Day Party; 12:40 Bingo.

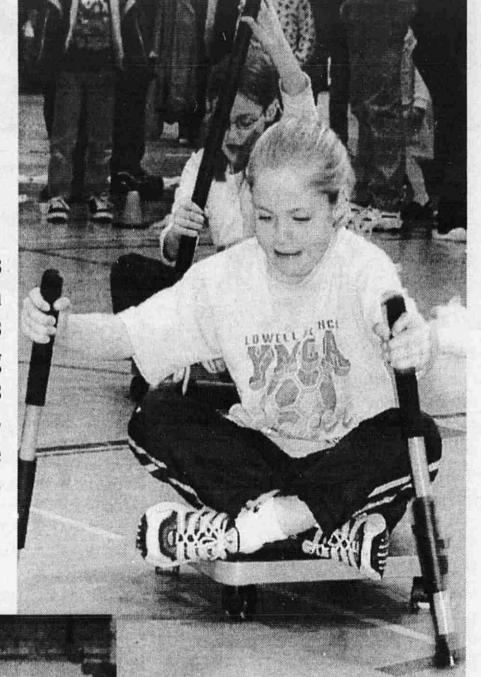
MON., MARCH 18: 4:30

p.m. Sam's Joint.



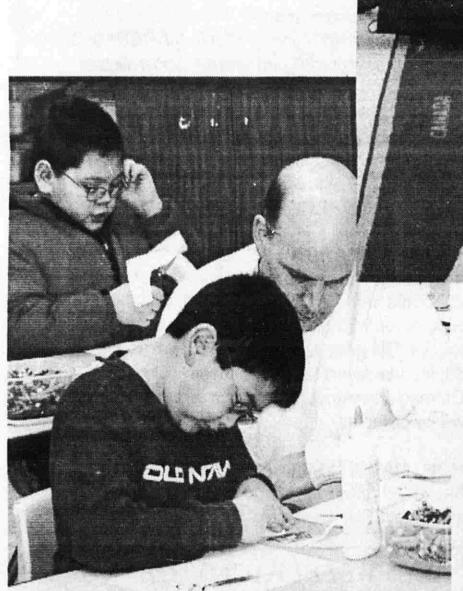
I Promise to Read Each Day and Night ...

Cherry Creek Elementary students celebrated National Reading Month with its 5th annual Read Across America night of activities. Reading was tied into a number of activities including Read a Rug, Travel the Mississippi, Hop, Skip & Jump Around the U.S., The 13 Colonies and Clue Detective.



Torie Milks, back, and Kay VanKeulen canoe around on the Great Lakes.

Before all the snow came Friday night, this was as close to snow boarding as Lowell residents were going to get.



Orin Comdure helps his fifth-grade son Nick put together six states to form a turtle. The states were Oklahoma, Nebraska, Kentucky, Alabama and Missouri.

DRIVERS TRAINING SIGN-UP

Lowell Area Schools has announced that district students can pick up application forms for this summer's drivers training program at Lowell High School, Lowell Middle School and Unity High School. To be eligible to take driver's training, a student must have been born before November 8, 1987. The cost of drivers training is \$75.00, which includes the cost of Segment 2 Applications and fees must be turned in before Wednesday, March 27th. A certified birth certificate must be shown when the application and fees are turned in Hospital certificates are not accepted. A Michigan state identification card, or moped license, will also be accepted.

The summer schedule is as follows: First Session: June 17th thru July 3rd, and second session: July 8th thru July 25th. Two separate classes are held each session: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The older students (by birth date) will have priority in their choice of session and class time. If you have any questions, or you need an application sent to your residence, call Al Eckman at Lowell High School: 616-897-4125.



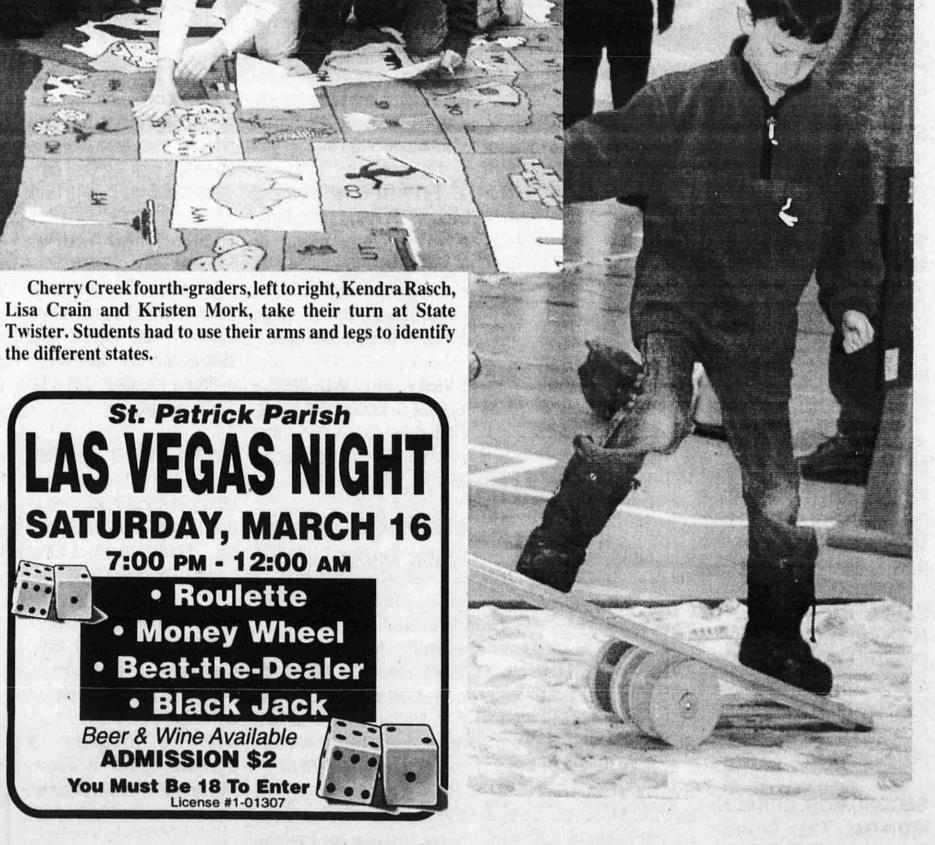
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cessful applicant must be 800-615-1224. able to work with the public, Applications are available at \$1,000. Call 897-7770. the Grattan Township office M-Th from 9-4 p.m. or fax resumes Attn: Office BASSETT Position, 616-691-8804.

WANTED - In the Birchwood \$200. Take all. 897-4986. Ct. & Hunt Street area in Lowell. We need a student

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or adult to deliver the Grand FOR SALE - '94 Suzuk \$3,200. Call 897-1162.

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ANTIQUE SHOW - Barry County Fairgrounds Expo Complex March 9-10; on M-\$5,000, sacrifice, \$1,950. 37, located just 20 miles south of Grand Rapids. Take and Woodland Mall, just past Middleville. Sat. 10-6 p.m.; BUYER - 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 Sun. 10-4 p.m. \$2.50

> **ESTATE SALE - March** Sporting goods, gun cabinet, 5x10 tilt bed steel trailer, snowblower, air conditioners, garden tiller, household items too many to list. 1280 Jane Ellen Street.

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Be sure to check out the school lunch menu in this issue of the Ledger.

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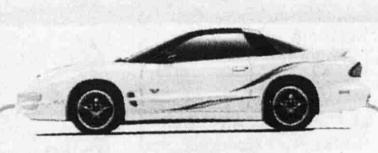
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