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City banking on temporary quarters during City Hall/police station renovation work

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the anticipated start of construction for the City Hall/police station project slated to begin this summer, temporary quarters, for one year, were needed.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale told the city council Monday night that Huntington Banks appears to be that temporary accommodation the city has sought.

The council agreed to enter into a proposed lease, and to select which of two proposals it would use once an exact cost has been determined.

The bank location at 414 E. Main will be able to provide approximately 4,830 square feet for City Hall staff and the police department. Furnishings will be provided with the site accommodations.

"The space is here (at Huntington Banks) for you (city) and we're happy to be able to

help," said Huntington Banks, John Cooper. Huntington Banks' lease proposal provides two alternatives from which the city may select.

The first involves a two-year lease with the city responsible for all necessary improvements in providing adequate separation between the city offices and the bank. The cost estimate for this proposal is \$45,000. No lease payments would be required.

The second option provides a two-year duration with the bank paying for the improvements. Lease payments would be \$2,500 per month.

Todd Pearson of S.J. Wisinski and Co. stated the rental cost would run between \$8-\$10 per square feet.

Pasquale's recommendation to the council is a year's lease with an option of a per month cost for the second year, since City Hall/police station construction should be completed in a year.

Rodeo lassos beer tent for August event

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Big Hat Rodeo Company, rodeo contractor, will provide all necessary equipment, livestock and personnel to conduct and promote a rodeo.

The Kent County Youth Fair will provide the venue.

Saladin Temple Shrine, sponsor of the event, contacted Kent County Youth Fair president, Ron Wenger, in regards to conducting a three-day professional rodeo on Aug. 16-18 at the fairgrounds.

So why was Wenger at the city council meeting Monday night along with Brian Beckett, executive vice president of the West Michigan Shriners?

In the course of the planning procedure, the topic of alcohol consumption at the event was discussed.

"We feel that the best solution is to operate a 'beer tent' licensed by the Liquor Control Commission. They require strict guidelines, including supervision," Wenger said.

Alcohol would not be allowed on the grounds except at the supervised beer tent during specified hours. The plan is to oper-

ate the "beer tent" in part of the Foreman building.

The selling of alcohol would be done under a temporary permit.

"Our goal is to conduct a fun, trouble-free, organized event that everyone will enjoy," Wenger said. "The rodeo can be a great asset to the city of Lowell, the Kent County Youth Fair and all of our guests who attend."

Beckett and Wenger came to the meeting with the endorsement of Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine.

"We will have a strong police presence as we do at all local events," Valentine indicated. "Anyone who brings alcohol onto the grounds will be subjected to enforcement action."

Liability for the rodeo event will be covered by the Shriners.

"This is a great location for us. It allows us to draw from the north as well as Lansing and Grand Rapids," Beckett explained.

"If the rodeo is successful, the Shriners have indicated they would be interested in making this an annual event," said Wenger.

The council supported the Shriners' request and Valentine's backing of the event and issuing of a temporary alcohol license.

Who'll Stop the Rain? ••• Local contractor hired to stop water from leaking into Chamber building

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With renovation of the Chamber office at 113 Lafayette Plaza barely three years old, the council awarded a contract to repair the west exterior wall.

With the number of meetings and events held at that location, damaged interior walls and

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Rock'n for the Arts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Extending an appreciative hand, Lowell '60s and '70s rock-n-roll bands will play again in two benefit concerts.

Alive & Well and the Great Lakes Band will rock for the Lowell Area Arts Council on April 19 and 20 at Larkin's The Other Place.

The two bands last played, at the same location, in November with the proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

"This time it's a fund-raiser and an awareness thing for the Lowell Area Arts Council and the good things it does," said event coordinator, Rick Seese. "The LAAC is highly respected as are the artists and performers who are here."

Tickets were sold through sponsorships up through April 8. The remaining tickets went on sale to the general public on Tuesday (April 9).

Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for LAAC members) in advance and \$15 at the door. They may be purchased at the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The two evenings will include door prizes (e.g., artworks, CD's) and 50/50 raffles.

"The two high school bands played together in the '60s and early '70s. Other bands to evolve during that time period were The Plague, Shaggs, Headhunters and Trialism.

"After high school, college took all of us in different directions," Seese said. Later, Alive and Well would go on to play the night club circuit.

Members of the Great Lakes Band are Mitch McMahon, Chris Collins, Chuck Luscombe, Doug Slocum, Dave Jones and Seese.



Alive and Well is made up of Roger MacNaughton, Dale Kropf, Brian Adams, Carl Andrews and Dan Lomas.

Other musicians expected to make appearances are Pam Jones and Ken Gregersen.

"Getting out and playing has been a fun, middle-aged hobby for us," said Seese.

Shaler awarded street project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bids were received on April 2 for reconstructing Valley Vista and North Division streets as well as providing curbing for a portion of Bowes Road.

The project was awarded to Shaler Excavating of Saranac. Shaler submitted a low bid of \$418,626.

Along with the price, Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said Shaler also has considerable and successful experience with the city.

The Valley Vista and North Division projects are to be paid from a Michigan Transportation Fund bond. The \$470,000 amount includes cost for contingencies, materials, testing and a retaining wall for part of North Division.

The current bond authorization provides for a limit of \$600,000. The council had two options: reduce the bond so it provides \$470,000 in proceeds with a \$495,000 bond. The extra \$25,000 is for bonding cost.

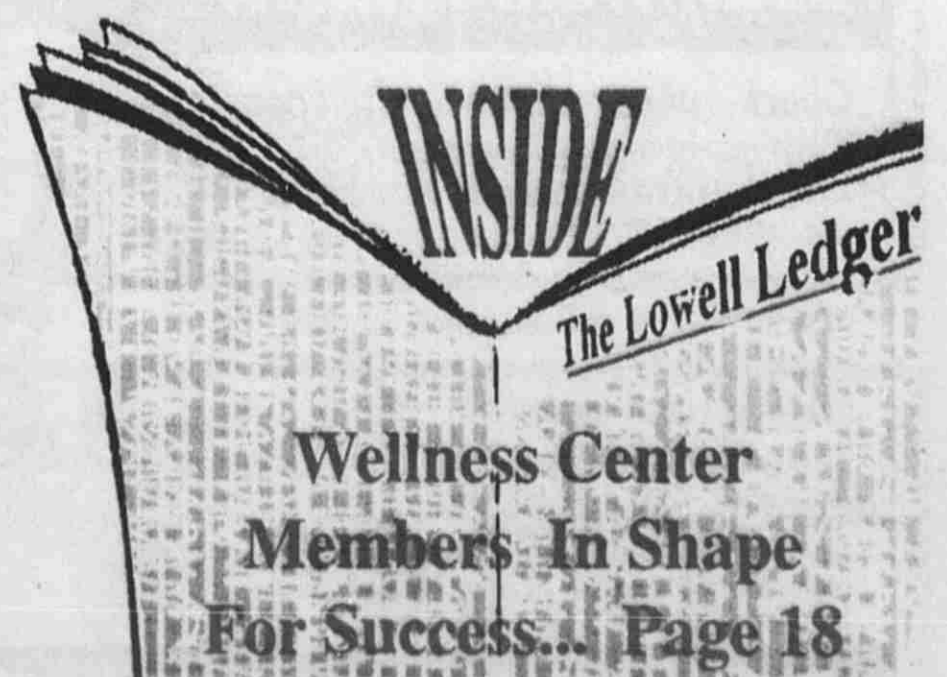
The reduction in the bond by \$105,000 will re-

duce yearly payments by \$10-\$15,000.

A second option was to consider incorporating additional street work by change order utilizing the contractor's current unit prices.

"The work would have had

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OBITUARIES

HOWARD - Ralph Thomas Howard, "Himself" born on December 20, 1904, in Parnell, died on March 30, 2002 in Lowell. He is the last survivor of the 10 children of O.J. Howard and Jane Elizabeth Bergen Howard. He was

a resident and farmer in the Parnell area for the most of 10 decades. He was a graduate of St. Patrick High School, class of 1923, and a member of St. Patrick Church, Parnell. A lifelong bachelor, he is survived by 10 nieces and nephews; 21 grandnieces and grandnephews. A memorial Mass was held Saturday at St. Patrick Church, Parnell. Rev. Ronald D. Hutchinson, pre-

siding, Interment St. Patrick Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

MEYERHOLTZ - Diane Meyerholtz, aged 50, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Colony, KS, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2002 at St. Mary's Hospital. She rejoined her eternal love in death. David C. Meyerholtz who

preceded her in death. She was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother to her sons David D. (Lyn) Meyerholtz II, John (Stefanie) Meyerholtz, Brian Meyerholtz, and Kip (Jennifer) Monteith all of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Andrew and T.J. Snyder and Alicia and Alex Monteith. Also surviving are her parents Bob and Charlotte Swift of Kansas; brothers Mr. and Mrs. Jack Swift and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Swift both of Kansas; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Mike (Marlene) Meyerholtz of Grand Rapids, Ron (Sue) Meyerholtz of Lowell, Peter (Debbie) Meyerholtz of Grand Rapids, Donna (Mike) Burkholder of Rockford, Paul Meyerholtz of Lowell, Beth (Don) Lewis of Morley, Mark (Diane) Meyerholtz of Lowell, and Laurie Meyerholtz of Grand Rapids; and several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may be

made to any Hospice organization.

TAGUE - Lowell O. Tague, aged 83, of Alto, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2002 at Laurels of Kent. He was preceded in death by his three brothers and two sisters. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, M. Catherine Tague; sons Larry Tague and Mark (Lisa) Tague; grandchildren Lance (Heidi) Tague, Dana Tague, Sara Tague, Kenneth (Stacey) Gustafson, Hayden Miller and Jesse Miller; great-grandchildren Bryce, Jarrod, Zack, Caleb and Hailey; sister-in-law Wyvonna Tague. Lowell was a longtime member of Fuller Avenue Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the church with interment in Whitneyville Cemetery.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 180 Ottawa N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION Case No. 02-03093-DM

TINA THORNE-GRAY Plaintiff

vs.

RICHARD ERNEST GRAY Defendant Address Unknown

TO DEFENDANT: Richard Ernest Gray

IT IS ORDERED: You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 1, 2002. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

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

March 28, 2002

Judge Patricia D. Gardner

Plaintiff's Attorney WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES By: Miriam J. Aukerman (P63165) 89 Ionia NW - Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672, ext. 114

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JUDGMENT OF POSSESSION AFTER LAND CONTRACT FORFEITURE CASE NUMBER 2002-SP-000052

Kent County Court-house 180 Ottawa NW Suite 1400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-632-5525

KATHLEEN M. HIRSCH vs.

RICHARD L. SMITH, ETAL.

A judgment of possession for breach of a land contract is entered in this case.

Further Orders Plaintiff's Complaint as to LAWRENCE A. BRISTOL, whose last known address was 100 Diamond SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506, is adjourned for service.

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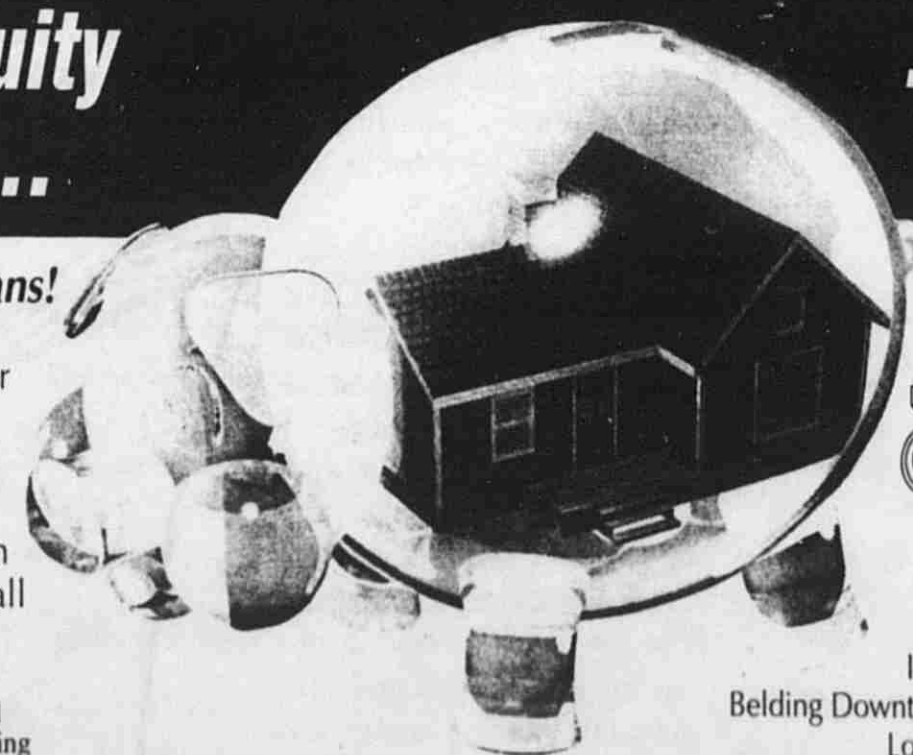
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Lowell students stand out at Destination ImagiNation regionals

One Lowell High School and three Lowell Middle School Destination ImagiNation teams traveled to Grand Haven High School for regional competition in creative problem solving.

Each presented a six-to-eight-minute solution to their chosen central challenge along with three creative "side trips." Each team also faced an instant challenge requiring quick thinking and problem-solving on the spot.

The LMS team of Abbot Kastanek, Andrew Wilterink, Adam Ingraham, Tim Hollister, Melissa Zuiderveen and Cassie Oracz presented their solution to StranDId, a technical/theatrical central challenge. Their humorous presentation featured a cast of lost memories which were stranded until "key" memories "set off" a team-made device, unlocking the memory and freeing the stranded characters. Their "complex machine" featured pulleys, incline planes, wheels and axles and a lever, with gravity as a power source. No electrical power of any type was allowed. The team earned first place med-

als and advancement to state level competition at Central Michigan University on April 13.

High school team members, Katie McAlpine, Mark Huyser, Anna Vanderhart, Amanda Oracz, Tony Pedley, Andy Hewitt and Kelsay Myers competed in the StranDId central challenge at the secondary level. Characters found themselves stranded in a locked prop room, forced to play the ancient game "Fumarji" in order to escape, in the team's eight-minute presentation. Clever scenery and props as well as special effects added to the fun, earning them a second place and advancing them to state finals.

A second middle school team of Ashley Spicer, Jenni Lupton, Jodi Lupton, Lisa Brown, Kristen McAlpine and Janice Wisniewski competed in the "On Holiday" central challenge. Their humorous performance took the audience on an informational and entertaining flight to Ireland and the famous germ-laden Blarney Stone. The team earned a coveted "Re-

naissance Award" for their featured side trips ... an authentic Irish jig, sign language communication and a large colorful tessellation. They finished in fifth place.

A third middle school team, consisting of Heather Walendzik and Samantha Collins, competed in "Art of Improv." They spent two months practicing improvisation and researching six famous artworks/artists and six selected areas of interest, two of which were then randomly selected at the competition. Once the two were chosen, the team was given a situation (finding a treasure map) and 30 minutes to create props from limited supplies. This enthusiastic, hard-working two person team earned fourth place for their efforts in their six-minute improv interpretation.

This is the second year in a row that Lowell has advanced two teams to the state level. Team managers were Sally McAlpine, Shirl Oracz, Tamela Spicer and Bill and Lori Ingraham.

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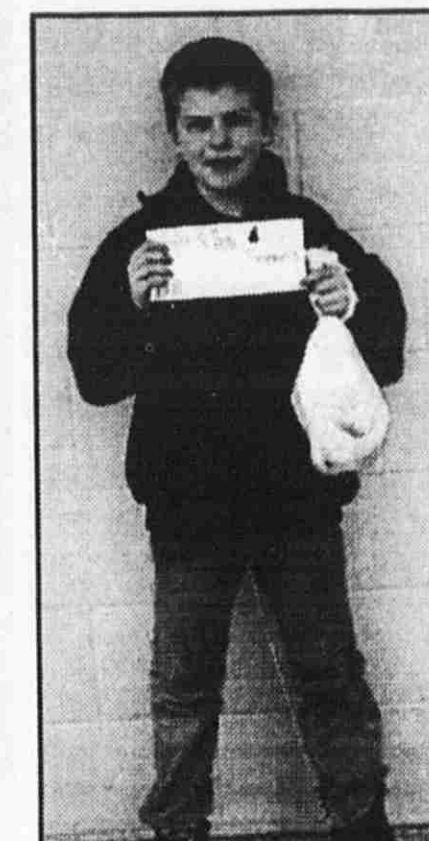
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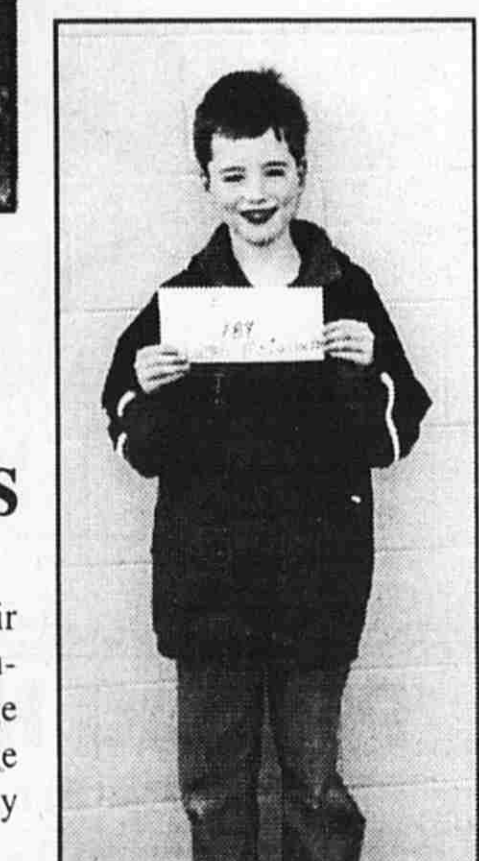
Winners of the Lowell Moose Lodge #809 annual Easter Egg Hunt were Hannah Heybour (ages two and under); Brittney Dutcher (age three); Amber Sturgeon (ages four-six); Lucas McCulloch (ages seven-nine); and Cody SeEVERS (ages 10-12).



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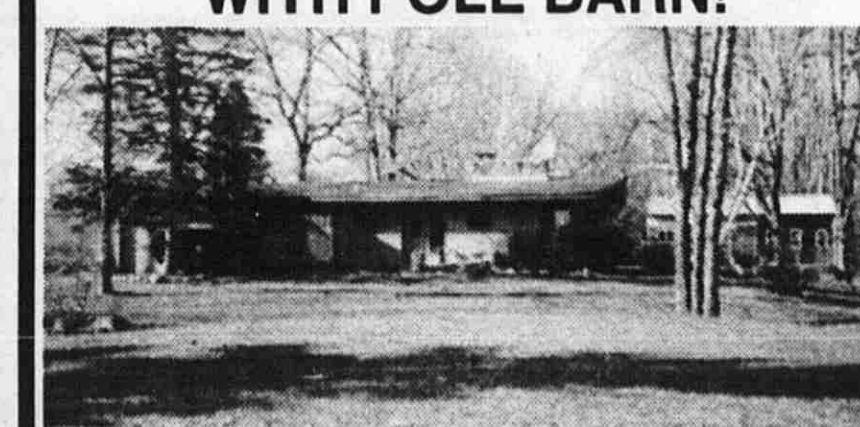


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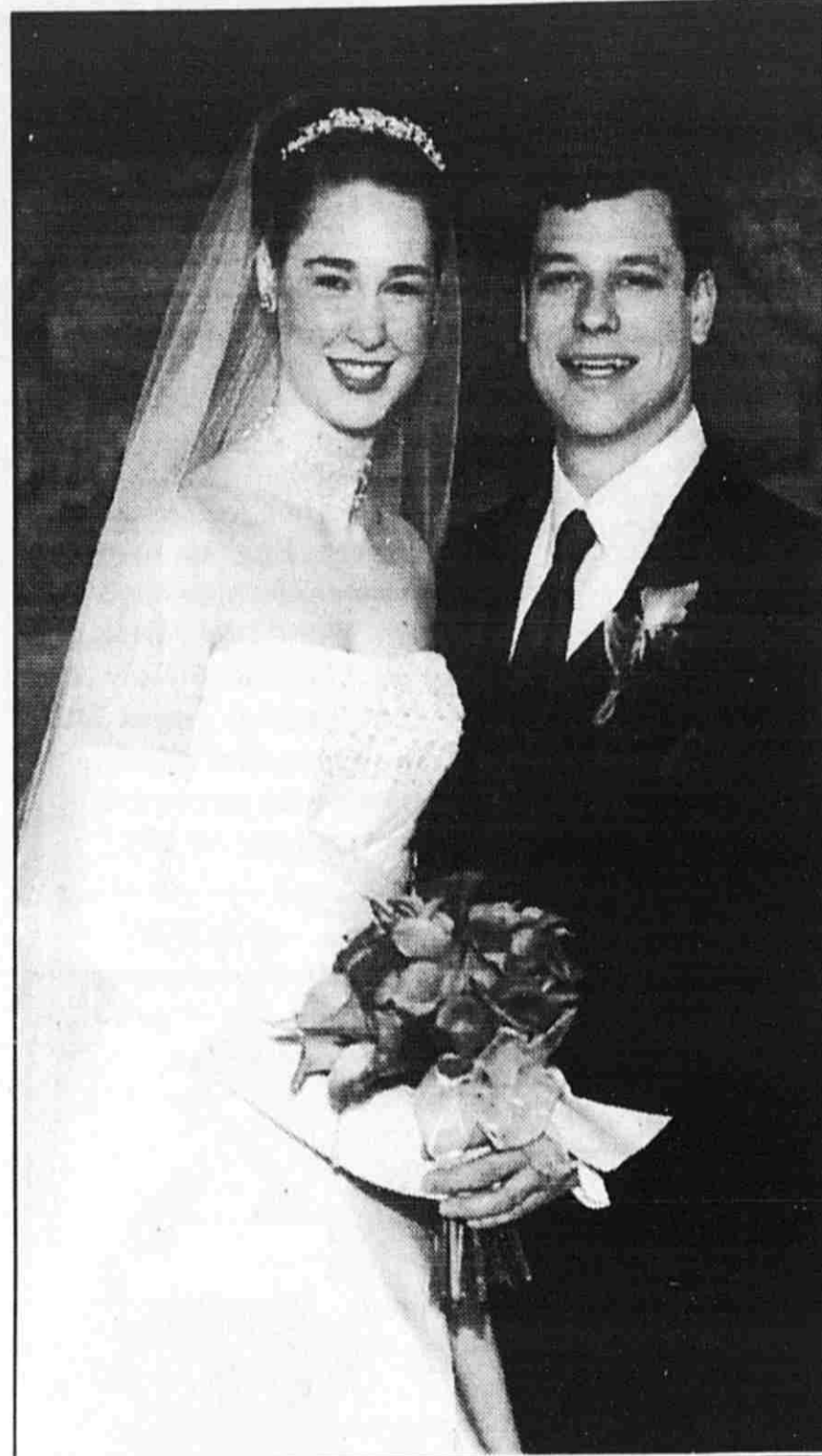
The Lowell Knights of Columbus Council #7719 would like to thank Family Fare, Crystal Flash and the generous city of Lowell for the opportunity to raise over \$800.00 during the Mental Retardation Drive during the weekend of March 22-24, 2002. All the proceeds will be going to the Lowell Schools Pre-Primary Impaired (PPI) Program.

Alvretta Moyer will be turning 100 years old on April 13, 2002!



Alvretta was a resident of Belding, MI since the age of 16. When she was 17, she married William Moyer. They were married for 52 years. Together they had one daughter, Wilma Hodge. Alvretta remembers fondly her days of working at the silk mill in Belding and also as a head housekeeper at a nursing home. She also worked at a hotel in Grand Rapids. Alvretta moved to Cumberland Retirement Village in Lowell this past year. The staff and residents of Cumberland are proud to be celebrating Alvretta's century of living!

We want to wish Alvretta a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Hargrave/Lietzke

Fallasburg Park was the setting for the October 20, 2001 wedding of Anna Marie Lietzke and Howard Andrews Hargrave. Parents of the couple are Ted and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell and Hugh and Sharon Hargrave of Leola, PA.

The matron of honor was Kitty Regjo. The bride was also attended by her brother, Nathan Lietzke. The best man was Jim Francis. The groom was also attended by Charlene Bierl. Ushers were Jason Saleem, Louis Bodero and Cyrus Bryden.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and also a graduate of Adrian College and Philadelphia University. She is employed as a textile engineer for W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

The groom is a graduate of Wesleyan University and Temple University Medical School. He is an anesthesia resident physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital. They honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

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- APRIL 12: Sarah DeShane-Dalga, Jesse Lewis-Anes.
- APRIL 13: Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries, Melissa Myers.
- APRIL 14: Phyllis Jones, Dennis Rasch, Joshua Anderson, Nichol Gurney, Bernie Boersma, Brenda Stuart, Cole Wade, Stephanie Ossewaarde.
- APRIL 15: Craig Yeiter, Margaret Yoder, Charles Behnke, Fred Oesch Jr., Dave Carpenter, Terry Kinsley.
- APRIL 16: Sam Roudabush, Kathleen Zywicki, Jack Ryder, Jacob Billingsley, Lori Gerard, Steve Kropf, Angie Farrell, Doug Clark, Rayce Darby, Kristin Lee.
- APRIL 17: Elsie Franks, Heather Vezino, Roger Teale, Dennis Ryder, Joe Merriman, Jill Harris, Lucille Erickson, Betty Erickson.

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THURS: Hot ham & cheese on a bun, mini corn dogs & roll, baked beans, berry crisp!

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4th graders are selling ice cream bars for 50¢ during lunchtime at Cherry Creek until the end of April!

Viewpoint . . .



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 11, 1877
George Stone, a "genius in mechanics" according to the editor, has made a well-built, handsome sail boat. The high water is rapidly going down, to the relief of the mills. Lowell got off lucky this time, though King's river boom sprang a leak and let a few thousand logs go down stream. This is Prof. Hicks' last term as principal of the high school. He will be going into a law practice. The town of Clam Lake changes its name to Cadillac. The Journal has problems with boys coming in and pilfering.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 7, 1902
This issue is missing as well as every issue until May, 1902; we substitute columns from the 1st year Ledger Entries was published, 1987-8.

114 YEARS APRIL 13, 1888
Timbers from a wandering log boom knock out the supports under Rickert's candy factory, causing the back room floor to sag almost into the water. An ice cream freezer and other articles are fished out of the water.

Whooping cough and measles are making the rounds. M. Hiler's Black Spanish hen lays 93 eggs in 60 days, totaling six pounds.

One man is arrested and there are rumors about more counterfeiters in the Ravenna area who are making dimes and nickels from rabbit metal.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 14, 1927

John Lasby sells his ice cream and confectionery business to Mrs. Elizabeth Lalley.

Surveying of the M-21 route from Pewamo to Lowell will take the route by way of Lincoln Avenue in Ionia, but probably bypassing Lyons and Saranac, to their disappointment.

Ex-county sheriff William J. Smith goes to trial before Judge Verdier in Superior Court on two charges of negligence in permitting prisoners to escape.

Lowell churches announcing services on the front page are the Congregational, Nazarene, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist and Christian Science, and the Lowell, Vergennes and German Methodist Episcopal churches.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 10, 1952

Michigan Bell, Western Union telegraph and the 43-state Western Electric strikes bring communications to a standstill, except for emergencies handled by non-union personnel. Six inches of snow fell here last weekend.

Christiansen Drug Store has a brand-new stainless steel soda fountain. A new soda bar is on order.

Men teachers volunteered to paint the gym walls over spring vacation.

The old bandstand and some dying trees are removed at Richards Park in the annual spring cleanup.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 14, 1977

Last Sunday (Easter) had 80-degree temperatures which continued through Tuesday.

The Jaycees' fundraiser this spring is washing your windows, with discounts for senior citizens.

Advance Showboat tickets are selling briskly, with Pearl Bailey as the headliner.

School Outdoor Education teacher, Steve Harrington is conducting night nature walks on the "South 80."

Jim Maatman and Roger VanVleck write a weekly column for amateur photographers, "Focal Point."



OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

MICHIGAN WOLVES
The Yellow Dog River swiftly tumbles down the east slope of the Huron Mountains north of Marquette in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I never caught many brook trout out of the Yellow Dog, but the beauty and wildness of the place continue to draw me back. Besides, it's just cool to fish in a stream with a name like Yellow Dog.

Fishing in the mountains there is even more of an adventure because of the wildlife that call the remote area home. Sandbars that punctuate the rocky stream bed often reveal the tracks of large black bears. For that reason, I am always alert to what is going on around me and make an effort to create plenty of noise when moving through the heavily wooded terrain. You can imagine my surprise the day I spotted a gray canine-type animal ghosting through early morning shadows. The creature was larger than a coyote, but it certainly wasn't a big dog. It was a gray wolf - the first one (actually the only one) I have ever seen in the wild. The sight of the wolf and the bear tracks set the mood for a genuine wilderness experience. It made my day.

At the time of that encounter many years ago, wolves were relatively scarce in Michigan. A bounty on wolves between 1817 and 1960 removed almost all of the creatures from our state. They have been protected since 1965. According to a recent survey, the number of animals has increased to over 250 in the Upper Peninsula.

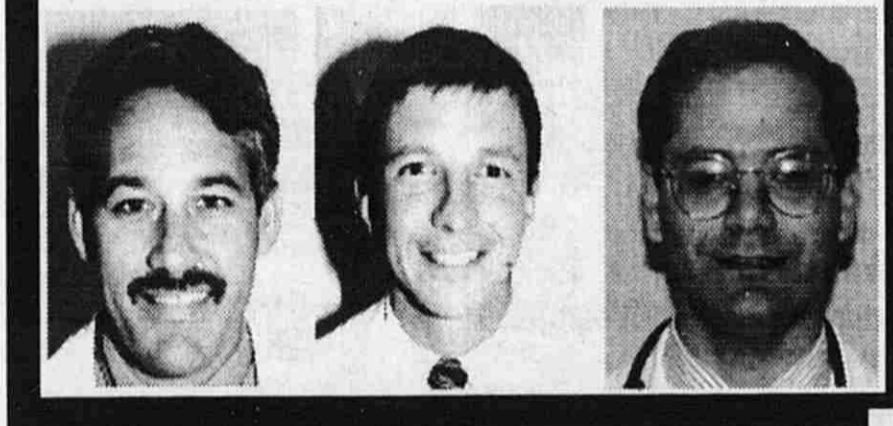
Gray wolves wandered in from other states and Canada and found conditions here favorable enough to support modest population growth. The wolves roam in packs of sometimes as few as only two or three individuals. Depending on how much food is available in an area, a pack can occupy about 100 square miles of territory. A wolf's diet includes small mammals, deer, insects, nuts, berries and some plant material.

Wolves are classified as an endangered species by both federal and state law. This means that it is illegal for anyone to kill a wolf in Michigan. The plan is to reclassify the animals from endangered to threatened if the wolves are able to maintain a minimum population of 200 for five consecutive years.

Healthy wolves are not considered to be a threat to people. There is, however, evidence of infrequent conflicts with livestock and other domesticated animals. By reclassifying the wolf, it would be possible to kill those that become a nuisance. Wildlife conflicts are often a people problem and not an animal problem. Educating the public about how to live with wolves will be critical for survival of the animals.

I certainly hope it all works out because adding the gray wolf to the list of other comeback-species like the elk, moose and turkey would make living and traveling in Michigan a much richer experience. Picture yourself in the deep woods staring into the coals of a dying campfire when the howl of a gray wolf resounds from a nearby ridge. If that experience wouldn't give you goose bumps and cause your heart to race, then you better head for an amusement park on your next vacation.

Health



ADHD

ADHD (attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder) is a very frequently seen health problem in children. Usual symptoms associated with ADHD include poor attentiveness, difficulty with concentration, impulsiveness, and easy distractibility. Often these children struggle both socially and academically. As grades get worse and overall performance in the classroom becomes unacceptable, parents and/or teachers begin to question the diagnosis ADHD.

ADHD can run in families, and very often a parent may suspect they had ADHD as a child after their child has been diagnosed. Most children show some signs of ADHD before the age of seven, but most of the diagnoses aren't made until third or fourth grade, when homework and school responsibilities become greater.

We believe that all children who are suspected of having ADHD should have formal psychometric testing done to confirm the diagnosis. This testing can be done by the school system (social worker or school psychologist) or by an independent psychology practice. If the child is diagnosed with ADHD, the parents, child, and family physician meet to discuss treatment options.

While several options for treatment exist, more families opt for treatment with medication. Newer, longer acting medicines are now available which eliminate the need for having to take medicine while in school.

If your child is struggling academically and has difficulty with staying focused and attentive, discuss this with your family physician in consideration of ADHD as a cause.

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller

TO THE EDITOR

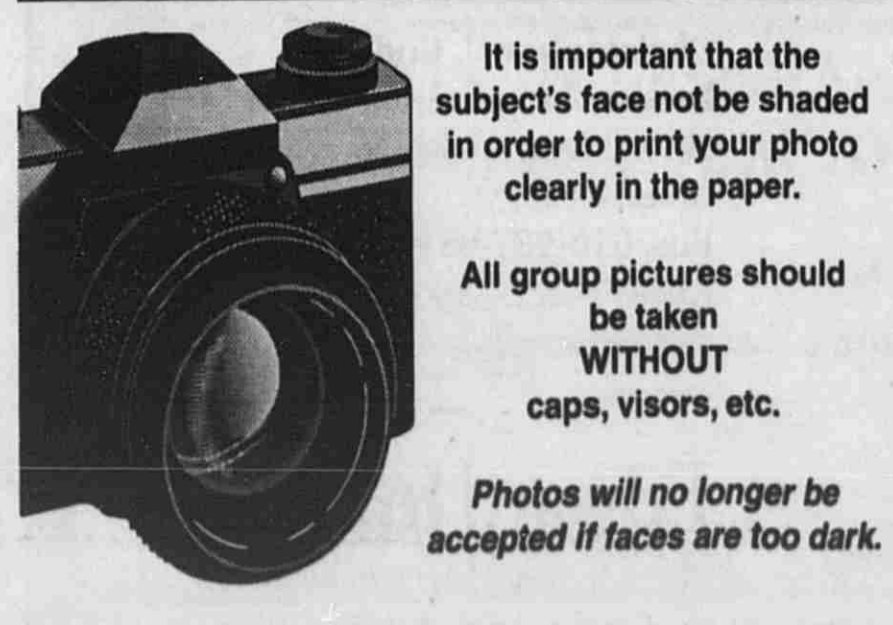
To The Editor,

We would like to thank the community of Lowell for their support for this year's high school musical, *Cinderella*. Once again, this community helped in many ways this year (i.e., pit band, costumes, back stage, etc.) This play would not have been such a success without you. Thank you.

Also, we would like to say thanks to those of you who came out and saw the show. The students love to perform for a full house. Your reception was very much appreciated and we are looking forward to entertaining you next year. There is no better place to live than Lowell when you have community support like this.

Thank you again,
Tod Nyson,
cast and crew of Cinderella

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

EYE OPENER

••• Michael Flohr's Advanced Eyecare Professionals, 1335 W. Main, offers ophthalmology and optometry services as well as a full service optical shop.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Eye care choices for Lowell residents were recently doubled with the opening of Advanced Eyecare Professionals.

Michael Flohr, MD, opened his optometry practice at 1335 W. Main St. in the new Vista Plaza on March 11.

His practice will encompass ophthalmology and optometry services, including a full service optical shop.

The optical shop will be managed by associate Don Granner, a board certified optician with 30 years of expertise in fitting and adjusting frames, and making frame repairs.

Flohr's colleague, Kyle Booher, OD, offers complete comprehensive eye care for all

ages with primary focus on early detection of disease.

Flohr has provided state-of-the-art vision care to over 14,000 Barry County residents for more than 18 years.

"I feel privileged to have the opportunity to provide vision services to the community of Lowell and the surrounding area," Flohr said.

He brings 25 years of clinical and surgical experience, and specializes in the management and treatment of diabetic retinal disease, macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataracts.

Appointments may be made Monday through Friday with some evening hours available.

For more information and appointments, call 897-7000.



Michael J. Flohr, MD, sitting, opened Advanced Eyecare Professionals in Lowell on March 11. Standing, from left to right, are: Don Granner, a certified optician who will manage a full line optical shop, and Kyle Booher, OD, Flohr's colleague who joined the practice in June of 2000.

IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Christopher B. Cook has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and

special training in human relations.

He is the son of Brian Cook of Ada and a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School.

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02-173,228-DE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **MARIAN PFISHNER**, who lived at 147 Gold NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 05/12/97.

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Protect Your 401(k) After A Layoff

Are you retiring soon? Changing jobs? Leaving your company? If so, here's one of the most important questions you'll need to ask yourself: What should you do with your 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement plan? You could, of course, cash out your 401(k) and take a lump-sum distribution. After all, the money is yours, and it's readily available.

However, there are some big negatives to cashing out your 401(k). First, you'll have to pay ordinary income taxes on the money, possibly including an immediate 20 percent withholding. Also, if you're under 55, you may have to pay a 10 percent penalty. Most importantly, however, you'll wipe out a significant source of your retirement savings and lose the advantage of having money accumulate on a tax-deferred basis.

Instead of liquidating your 401(k), you may want to roll

the money over to an IRA, either a traditional IRA, in which your earnings grow tax-deferred, or a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals provided you meet certain conditions. If you move your 401(k) money into an IRA, consider using a "direct rollover" so the funds go directly from your old plan to your IRA with no withholding.

After you get your 401(k) money into an IRA, what then? Won't you be penalized for taking money out? Not necessarily. You can make penalty-free withdrawals from your IRA as long as you take "substantially equal periodic payments," as determined by an IRS formula, for at least five years and until you reach 59 1/2. For example, if you start taking these payments at 50, you must keep taking them until you're 59 1/2. However, if you don't start collecting this money until you're 55, you'll have to keep making withdrawals until you're 60.

If you think you may get another job soon, you may want to place your 401(k) money in a "rollover IRA," from which you can eventually move assets into a new employer's retirement plan if permissible. As you can see, there are many tax-related issues pertaining to IRA's, so you'll want to consult with your tax adviser before making any decisions on rollovers.

Aside from moving it to an IRA, what else can you do with your 401(k) if you leave your current employer? For one thing, you can just leave it alone. Even though you won't be able to make any new contributions to your plan, you can probably leave it with your former employer and continue to benefit

from tax-deferred earnings growth.

If you choose this route, though, what can you do to boost your income? One possibility is to restructure your investment portfolio. If you have many growth-oriented investments, you may want to shift some of these assets toward income-producing vehicles, such as bonds, but don't abandon your growth vehicles completely - you will need them to eventually provide retirement income.

Ultimately, you can protect your retirement plan, even after a layoff. So take the time to make the right decision - it's worth the effort.

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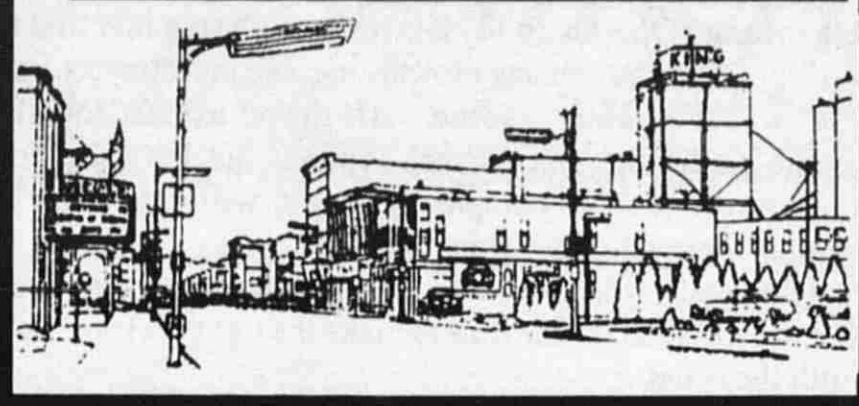
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COMMUNITY DRAWING NIGHT

Tom Woodruff will offer an evening of drawing at the Englehardt Library on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. To participate, call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

WORKSHOP WITH TRICIA ELDRIDGE

Human Energy Field Workshop by Tricia Eldridge will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Lowell Area Arts Council. Advanced registration is required. Call 897-8545.

SHADE GARDENING W/SHOWBOAT GARDEN CLUB

Rebecca Finneran from MSU will speak on the topic of difficult shady areas at the Lowell Showboat Garden Club's April 15 meeting in the Nazarene Church. The public is welcome to the 7 p.m. program. Call Jan at 897-2533 with '2's.

A NIGHT OF JAZZ

The Lowell middle school and high school jazz bands will be performing at the annual Night of Jazz on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the performing arts center at Lowell High School. Featured group will be the Central Michigan University Jazz Lab 1 ensemble. \$4 for adults/\$3 for students. Tickets may be purchased from any jazz band member, at the middle or high schools, or at the door.

BENEFIT CONCERTS FOR LAAC

Several Lowell rock-n-roll bands from the '60s and '70s

will perform at Larkin's The Other Place on April 19 and 20 from 7 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. as a thank you to the LAAC. Call Loraine at 897-8545 to purchase your tickets.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner for the Leah Nawrocki Leukemia Fund at St. Patrick's Parish Center on Saturday, April 27 from 4-7:30 p.m. 50/50 raffle; pie sale; silent auction. Adults: \$8; K-8th graders: \$4; preschoolers free. For ticket info, call Diane Brown at 897-7611.

CROP WALK LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY

The 8th annual Crop Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at 1 p.m. and will start at the First United Methodist Church.

There is still time to get pledges for either the 6 mile or 2 mile walk so if you need your walking papers or just want to sponsor someone else, call 897-5936.

LAAC SEEKING ARTISTS

The LAAC is seeking artists of any media to participate in Botanika '02, an art exhibition at the LAAC from June 4-August 4, 2002. For information call the LAAC at 897-8545.

4-H NIGHT AT THE WHITECAPS

Plan now to spend Friday, July 12 at 5/3 Park, enjoying a Whitecaps game and celebrating 100 years of 4-H. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with Crash & clowns, 4-Her's parade and free Whitecap's hat. Tickets are \$6.50. Call Diane Brown at 897-7611 for more information.



Lowell Scouts Place and Show at Derby

The 2002 Apollo District Pinewood Derby, at the Ionia Sports Complex, was held Saturday.

Connor Acker (Tigers), James Collins (Wolves), Matt Vandenberg (Bears), and Ross Finnie (Webelos) from Lowell's Troop 3188 earned their chance to compete by winning firsts in the Lowell Pinewood Derby held in January.

Acker and Finnie were the only two Lowell scouts to place at the district derby.

Acker tied for second in the competition, but finished third after being defeated in the tiebreaker. Finnie finished in a three-way tie for third but was defeated in the tiebreaker.

Pictured left is Connor Acker from Troop #3188.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2002.**

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 DesJarden, Police Sergeant Steve Junewick, Planning Commission Chairman Jim Hall and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the March 4, 2002 meeting be approved as written.

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 (03/18/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$94,328.24
MAJOR STREET FUND	28.53
LOCAL STREET FUND	1,278.54
DDA FUND	3,928.15
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	19,163.95
AIRPORT FUND	32.32
WASTEWATER FUND	25.59
WATER FUND	2,143.44
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,805.86
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,460.75
CURRENT TAX FUND	22,194.52
LEE FUND	1,861.00
LOOK FUND	10,000.00

Item #1. FRONT YARD LOT LINES FOR A CORNER LOT - ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING. The Planning Commission had over the last several meetings reviewed the Zoning Ordinance section involving front yard setbacks on corner lots. Presently, each yard lot line facing the street had been considered a front yard. This created a hardship for many property owners and necessitates variances when additions were proposed.

The proposed ordinance provided for a principal and secondary front yard lot line. The principal is the narrowest of the two lot lines and requires the current setback. The secondary provides a setback on half of the principal front yard lot line. Where front yard lot lines are of equal length or not evident, the zoning administrator determines.

At its February 25, 2002 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended the ordinance amendment be adopted.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the ordinance amendment determining front yard lot lines for a corner lot. Councilmember Myers asked if any verbal or written comments were received. City Clerk Morlock responded no.

Councilmember Blough believed the work has provided some definition to the ambiguity, which has existed for some time in the ordinance.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. FOREMAN ROAD - NORTH HUDSON STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - PRESENTATION BY ED SWANSON OF WADE TRIM. Several months ago, meetings were held concerning Foreman and N. Hudson and intersection difficulties and considering other alternatives for truck and bus traffic egress and ingress. One idea discussed was widening the western side of the intersection at Foreman and N. Hudson.

Traffic Engineer Ed Swanson of Wade Trim presented a report on widening the northwest and southwest corners of the Foreman Road - North Hudson Street intersection. The tapering proposed within the existing right of way would greatly aid truck-turning movements. He explained his firm used standard truck templates and reviewed existing left turns onto Foreman. The left turn obviously encroached a lane, if turning properly or may encroach a curb line. The problem is compounded by the fact this is a 40-foot wide street with 66 feet of right of way and extremely narrow lanes.

Councilmember Myers was curious as to how much property would have to be acquired. Swanson responded the property needed is all in the public right of way.

Swanson stated the curb line would be moved back to the sidewalk line in both instances. The sidewalk would be retained and would not impede on any resident's property.

Myers suggested Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden and the Lowell Police Department review the possibility of moving the sidewalk back further.

Councilmember Blough believed an engineering phase reviewing the details should be the next step. Pasquale stated he and DesJarden have discussed this. With the sidewalk work being undertaken on Foreman and Hudson during the summer, it is believed this would be an appropriate time to start the work. Pasquale also suggested Williams and Works provide estimates considering the firm will already be doing street construction engineering.

Swanson stated if the Council concurs, a drawing could be provided to an engineer showing both options, purchasing a sliver of right of way and as presented.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to have Pasquale request an engineering proposal from Dave Austin of Williams and Works.

Swanson noted a formal survey would need to be done to ensure the project stays within the right of way.

Blough suggested limiting the scope of work to the engineering and asking Williams and Works to adhere to the engineering rates which were previously bid.

Pasquale stated such information would be available at the next meeting.

Pasquale also noted adjoining property owners' Garland Berry and Delores Alexander have been informed.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired if truck traffic was being rerouted. Pasquale responded every effort is being made to reroute the traffic. However, it is difficult to direct some trucks ahead of time.

Swanson noted this is the worst time of year for truck traffic due to seasonal restrictions on Foreman and to the west.

Item #3. WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS - RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING FOR EXEMPTION WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. City Attorney Richard Wendt explained the City has three bond issues for water improvements. These were issued in 1976, 1993 and 1994. Because the interest rates have become more favorable recently, Fahnestock & Co., Inc. (formerly First of Michigan Corporation) came to the City with a proposal to consider paying those bonds off by issuing new bonds. By doing so, the lower interest rates of today are recognized.

Wendt went on to explain he met with City Manager Pasquale, Fahnestock representative Mike Gormely and City treasurer Suzanne Olin. A threshold has been set for a true savings of at least \$100,000. It would not make much sense to undertake the refunding. This amount includes paying all expenses. There would be a PV Savings (Present Value Savings) of approximately \$65,000. While this was being done, it was determined the original water revenue bond issued in 1977 had a very restrictive covenant with the City's ability to issue additional bonds. Wendt noted the rate increase has to be effective one year before the issuing of bonds can be considered. There has to be enough coverage during the prior year to pay debt service on the new bonds. While such an issue was being reviewed, it was determined the covenant should be eliminated. In order for this to occur, the Michigan Department of Treasury needs to grant an

exception for refunding and delete the covenant on the earlier bond issue.

Wendt noted the City would also benefit to having one water revenue bond to keep track of rather than three.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired if the current interest rate would not allow the City to reach the \$100,000 savings. Wendt responded a computer run from March 4, 2002 indicated a savings of \$103,000. This amount exceeded the threshold.

Councilmember Myers believed there would be a greater amount of confidence as the market picks up, creating a better opportunity for a bond sale.

Pasquale felt interest rates would increase by late summer. Therefore, this issue should not go beyond June.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to adopt the resolution to authorize the filing for exemption with the Michigan Department of Treasury for the Water Revenue Refunding Bonds.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. AUTHORIZATION OF 2002-2003 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. As required by Kent County in order to comply with federal CDBG requirements, a program agreement must be approved if funds are to be received. City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council approve the agreement at this meeting authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired if this was in reference to funding the sidewalks on North Hudson. Pasquale responded yes. Pfaller noted he was opposed to spending in the future and could not support the agreement.

Councilmember Blough stated the City would not be eligible to receive funds if this was not passed.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to approve the Community Development Block Grant agreement for 2002-2003.

YEA: 4. (Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers and Mayor Shores)

NAY: 1. (Councilmember Pfaller)

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. GYPSY MOTH MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE KENT COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT. A recent survey conducted by the Kent County Conservation District has shown there will not be a need to spray for gypsy moth egg masses within the community this year.

The District has proposed the City enter into a monitoring agreement whereby traps would be set and periodic surveys made to determine if the City is free of gypsy moths. In previous years, the City has spent in excess of \$3,000 a year. This would be a one-time fee of \$500.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to approve the gypsy moth maintenance agreement for \$500 with the Kent County Conservation District.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. REQUEST FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO DEDICATE 19.86 ACRES NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE DIVISION STREET BRIDGE AND GRAND RIVER AS A PUBLIC PARK. At its December 18, 2000 meeting, the City Council accepted a donation by Charles Thomas involving 19.86 acres of river frontage property near the intersection of the Division Street Bridge and Grand River Drive. The Parks and Recreation Commission, at its March 9, 2002 meeting, recommended to the Council that this land be dedicated as a public park. The Commission then can provide for future development through the master plan process.

Councilmember Pfaller stated the property is in the floodplain and can not be built upon. It is riverfront property and the best use for it would be for a park.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to dedicate 19.86 acres near the intersec-

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Veen Observatory still stands as hotbed of astronomical activity

By Sandy Cares

Grand Canyon, Redwood Forest, Everglades, Matterhorn, Serengeti, Rain Forest, Victoria Falls are a handful of natural wonders that most of us would save up for a very long time and then do a scheduling juggling act to see once in a lifetime. But did you ever think how wonderful it would be if a natural wonder could actually come right to you? On a frequent basis? And even change with the seasons to provide some variety? A fantasy? Absolutely not!

There is one natural wonder of unparalleled beauty and mystery, old as time itself, that has been admired, worshipped, studied, feared and revered by every human culture in every niche on our planet since the dawn of mankind. And to enjoy this splendid spectacle, all you have to do is step outside and gaze up into the sky on any clear night!

Aha! The stars! you say. Yes, indeed! The stars, moon, planets, and an entire cast of celestial characters that swarm, swirl, and circle us in their majestic ever-turning wheel above our unassuming rooftops, begging to show off their undeniable and eternal beauty to anyone caring enough to step outside and look up.

Before you start assuming the need for expensive equipment to appreciate this heavenly panorama, however, rest assured there is plenty to view with the naked eye alone, or a modest set of binoculars. All you need is a star chart or a field guide for astronomy, or to spend some time with some friendly folks who have been stargazing for a while and are eager to share what they know with you.

Enter the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association (G.R.A.A.A.). The G.R.A.A.A. is an active organization comprised of area astronomy enthusiasts of all ages and backgrounds intent on increasing their knowledge

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G.R.A.A.A. club dues, various foundation grants, and by individual, family, and corporate donations, the Veen Observatory opens its doors to the public for a nominal entrance donation every year from April through October for scheduled Visitors Nights. G.R.A.A.A. members will be on hand for the "Astronomy Day" festivities to be held on April 20 at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids. If you need help assembling, repairing, or just plain understanding your personal telescope, bring it to the free Telescope Clinic at the museum that day.

The 2002 Visitors Nights schedule begins on April 20 and runs through Oct. 26, every second and last Saturday night, as well as all five Saturdays in August, clear skies permitting. Starting and ending times will vary due to changing sunset times throughout the season. For specific information and to confirm plans for any given Visitors Night, call the Starwatch number at 897-7065 before heading up to the Veen. For directions, check out our website at www.graaa.org.

Club members volunteer to man the observatory's telescopes as well as privately owned instruments and are on hand to answer questions about the featured celestial objects as well as any general

questions about astronomy as a hobby.

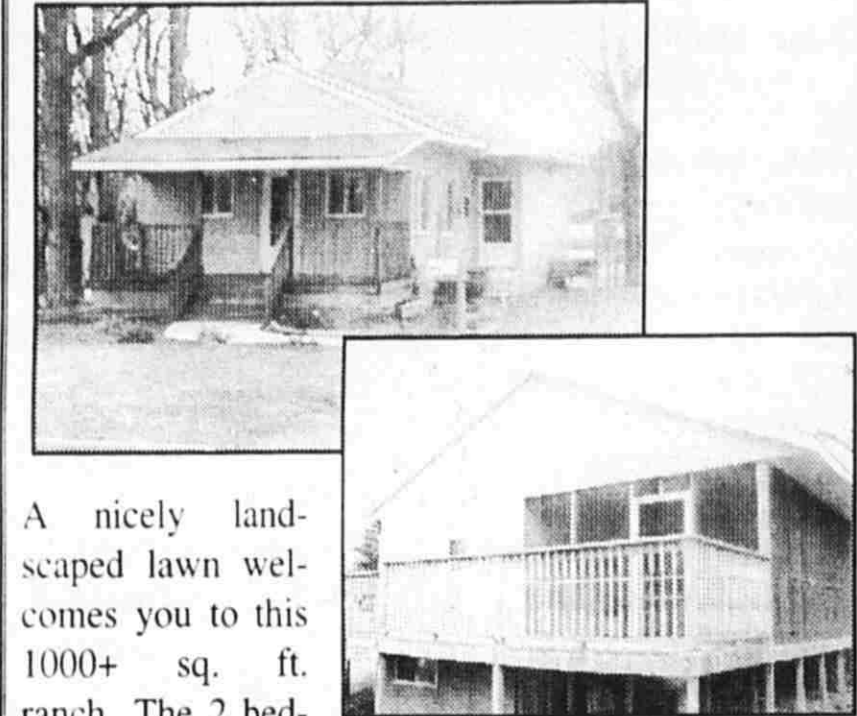
The James C. Veen Observatory Visitors Nights provide a unique way to appreciate the oldest natural wonder and the only one that arrives right outside your door every clear night! Visitors Nights make for a fun, informative and inspiring family night with a totally legitimate and wholesome excuse for the kids to stay up past their bedtimes!

About the Author: Sandy Cares was one of the legendary "child laborers" who helped build the Veen Observatory in the mid-sixties. Today she serves the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association as vice president and program chairperson.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

tion of the Division Street Bridge and Grand River as a public park and place in the master plan.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Brubaker noted the Community Expo would be held on March 23, 2002. It is a wonderful event and provides an opportunity to see many profit and non-profit groups within the City.

Brubaker also thanked Lowell Light and Power for all their hard work during the snowstorm a few weeks ago. The day was extremely cold and windy. However, the men remained working outside from 2:00 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. trying to get power restored. Brubaker stated he was extremely grateful to have the service.

Councilmember Myers mentioned the Michigan Municipal League would hold its fall convention from September 11 through September 13 in Dearborn, Michigan.

He also received a citizen comment regarding the many street lights out along Main Street.

Also, while attending the recent Downtown Development Authority meeting, he reviewed the zoning map, which hangs in the City Hall. There are only two significant areas zoned Suburban Residential (SR). One is on the west side of town and the other in the Highland Hills farm area. Myers noted there is also a small wedge on the south side of Main St., but is probably located in the floodplain area. With the City having these two areas

only, he believed it was important to continue with this type of zoning.

Mayor Shores agreed with Brubaker concerning the hard work from Lowell Light and Power. There were approximately 200 people in different sections without power. The longest a residence was without power was for approximately eight hours. However, most had power restored within a few hours.

Shores commented on the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Special Events Bakery. It is good to see a building being used again. The bakery has different coffees and baked goods for sale. Shores encouraged the public to stop in.

Shores also received a letter from Judy Straub of the Lowell Area Historical Museum thanking the Council for the Community Development Block Grant allocation of \$10,000 received and all the previous support.

Shores stated Lowell High School won the State Wrestling Championship and asked if signs need to be placed on the post when entering the City limits. DesJarden said once a request has been received, he would contact MDOT.

Item #10. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. Greg Gilmore of Gilmore Enterprises has raised concerns regarding the restrictive covenant placed on the sale of the 12 by 90-foot piece of property near the proposed restaurant. Gilmore believed such a covenant might hamper his ability to sell the property should he desire to do so.

Mayors Shores indicated her approval if Gilmore sold to a buyer who would have a restaurant with outdoor dining.

Councilmember Myers stated he would be more comfortable if the covenant stated "retail food service."

Councilmember Blough suggested simply stating "for a restaurant." By consensus, the Council agreed. Wendt will follow through.

B. The following information was provided:
• Airport Board meeting of January 8 and February 5, 2002
• Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of February 9, 2002
• Chamber of Commerce meeting of February 13, 2002
• Downtown Development Authority meeting of February 14, 2002

C. A steering committee has been organized to determine the future usage of the amphitheater. The committee composed of representatives from the City of Lowell, Schools, YMCA, Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Council determined that there are immediate needs to clean up the site. Then, community input will be received before further improvements are considered.

At its March 14, 2002 meeting, the Downtown Development Authority allocated \$15,000 for the City and Schools to take care of short-term needs.

D. A letter from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality provided the results of the unannounced inspections of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Outside of a few minor comments, the letter was very complimentary.

E. Because of spring break, the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 8.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 8, 2002

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

REBOUNding

Basketball program's future success driven by LYBA

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

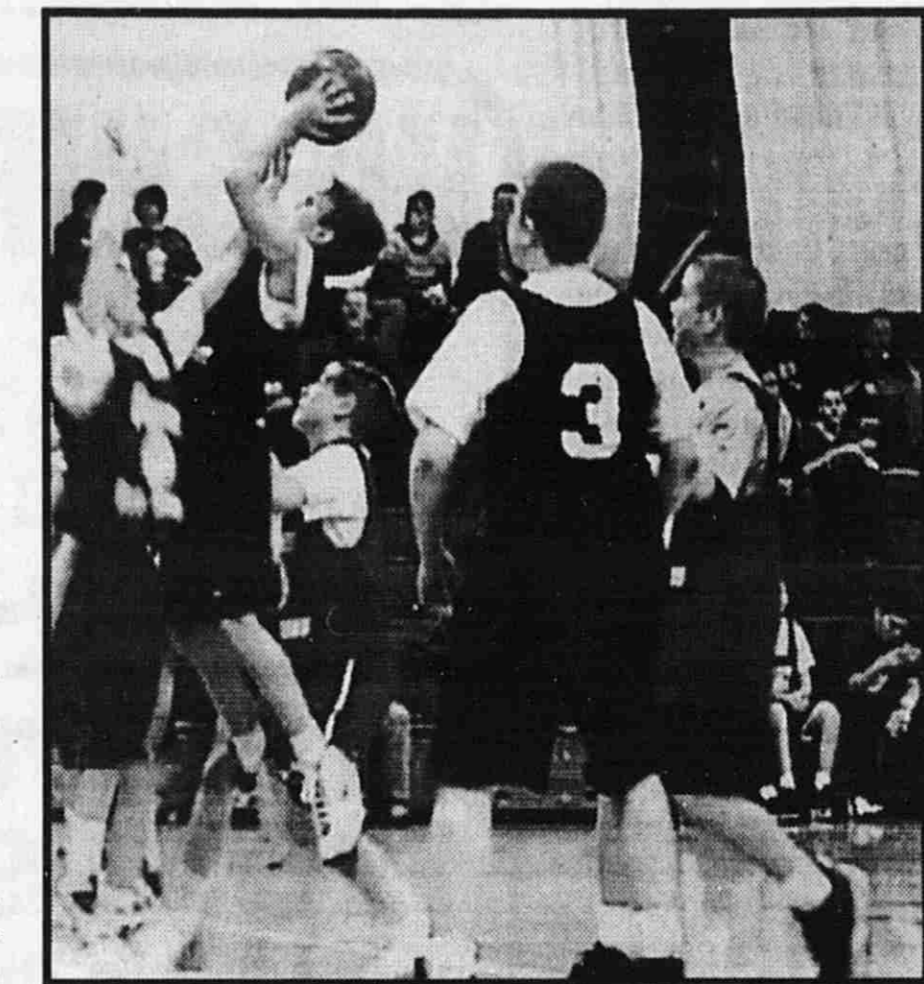
That represents a dramatic increase over a year ago (23 players/three teams). "There are no trophies, no champions; just youth getting out and playing basketball," McDonald said. "Seventy-five percent of the Lowell players will be participating."

Before AYBT, all players had been AAU basketball. "AAU is for the upper five-seven percent of the basketball players," said assistant varsity basketball coach/

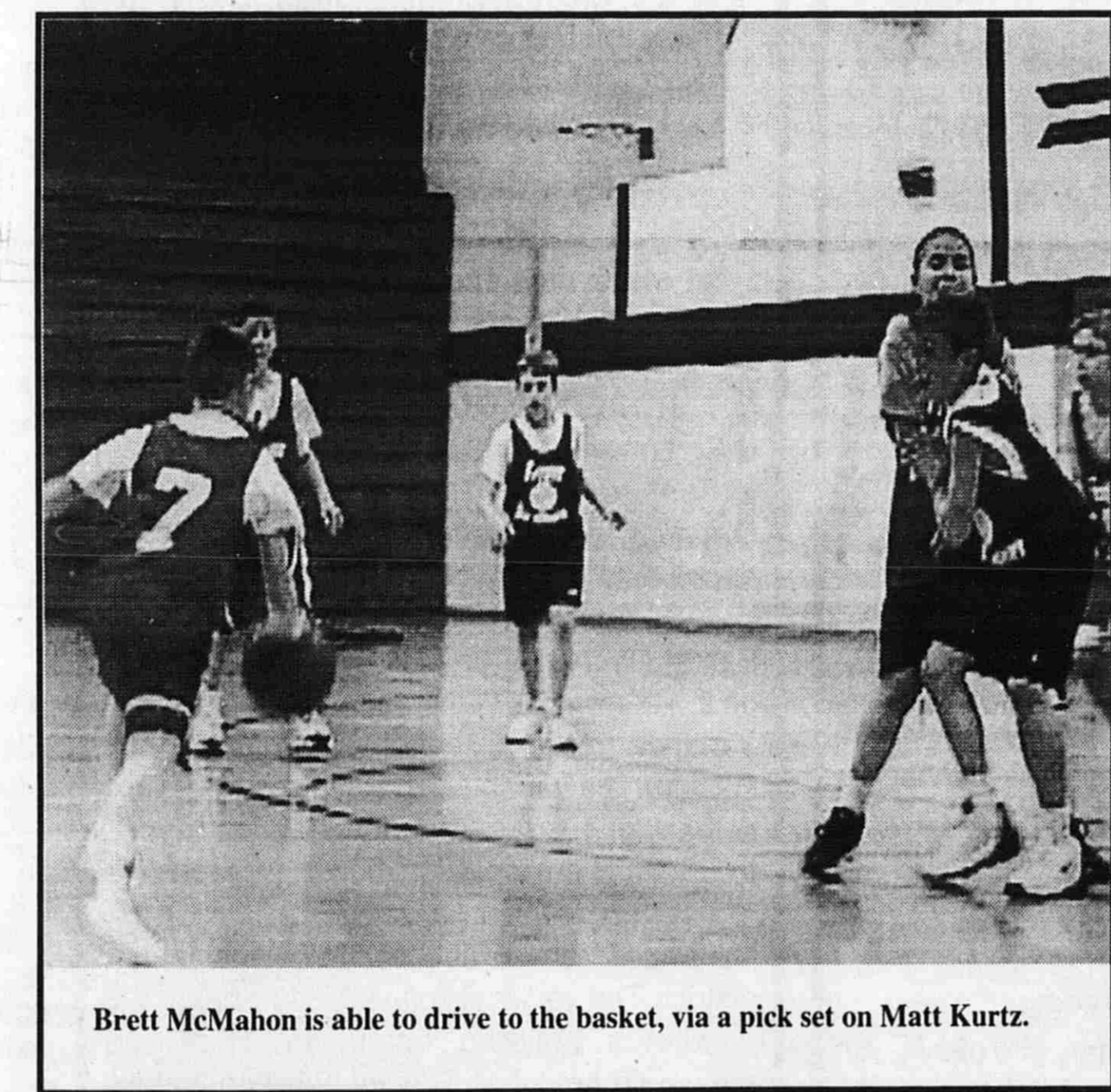
That excitement is nurtured by offering fun and educational activities such as "Future Red Arrows," as well as bringing them into games, practices, and camps.

This summer, 114 Lowell area youths (11 teams) will take part in the American Youth Basketball Tour (AYBT).

Each team will participate in three tournaments over a two-month period (June and July), playing a minimum of 15 games.



Matt Kurtz puts up a short jumper with a hand in his face.



Brett McMahon is able to drive to the basket, via a pick set on Matt Kurtz.

JV head coach, Dave VanKeulen.

Along with AYBT, the Lowell boys basketball program now includes activities such as camps, strength and conditioning clinics, athletic enhancement clinics, private skills training, leagues, open gym workouts and "Future Red Arrows" travel teams.

Basketball clinics, just completed for 68 fifth- and sixth-grade Future Red Arrows through the winter Lowell Youth Basketball Association (LYBA), offered players instruction, skills and drills, and competitive games (instruction during games).

"It's what should be done. It's a great project that went well," McDonald said. "We will be extending it a few weeks next year. There's no better way to build the future of the Lowell basketball program than to get our kids playing in the summer.



Lowell varsity basketball coach, Jeff McDonald discusses the game just played with Future Red Arrows.

It's happening now."

A summer basketball camp for boys in grades three through eight is scheduled for June 24-27 at Lowell High School. For more information call 897-4125 or stop by the high school for a brochure.

"Through basketball, kids can learn about goals, drive, discipline, attitude, overcoming obstacles, passion, and building relationships. By building a strong basketball program, we can build strong contributors to the Lowell community," McDonald concludes.

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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am going to be closing soon on the sale of a piece of property I purchased before I was married. The buyer's attorney has requested that my wife sign the deed. I am not clear why this is required since her name is not on the title. Can you explain?

JONATHAN SAYS: Yes. Even though you purchased the property prior to your marriage, as of the date of your marriage, your wife acquired a dower interest in that real estate. Under Michigan law, a dower right is described as follows: "The widow of every deceased person, shall be entitled to dower, or the use during her natural life, of 1/3 part of all the lands whereof her husband was seized of an estate of inheritance, at any time during the marriage unless she is lawfully barred thereof."

So in order for you to convey good title to the buyer of the real estate, your wife has to give up, i.e., bar, her dower interest in the property. This is accomplished by her executing the deed, even though her name does not appear anywhere in the chain of title.

DEAR JONATHAN: I got divorced about a year ago. I was going through some old papers and I found a durable power of attorney and a durable power of attorney for health care which I had prepared while I was still married. In those documents I named my ex-wife as my agent and my patient advocate respectively. Are those documents still valid or did the divorce automatically void them? Obviously, I no longer want her to act in those capacities.

JONATHAN SAYS: Your divorce had no effect on the durable power of attorney but your durable power of attorney for health care where you designated your wife as your patient advocate was automatically revoked upon the entry of your divorce judgment unless you named a successor patient advocate, in which case that person would now be your patient advocate under that document.

My recommendation is that you prepare a new durable power of attorney and a new durable power of attorney for health care naming those individuals who you trust to act on your behalf in the event you become disabled.

DEAR JONATHAN: What happens if the people you named to act for you under a document either cannot act or will not act? In my case, I created a durable power of attorney a few years ago and the person I named as my agent has since died and the person I named as my alternate agent asked to be relieved of that responsibility.

JONATHAN SAYS: In your case, since you no longer have any agents who are able or willing to act under your durable power of attorney, that document is of no use to you. Consequently, you need to create a new durable power of attorney naming new agents, both primary and alternate, who are willing to act on your behalf if the need arises.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002** at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

Dan and Traci Harnish have made application for a variance from Section 4.1.2. to allow for a 20' rear setback where 50' is required for property located at 11295 60th Street, Alto, Michigan (PP# 41-20-33-351-002).

Written comments should be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2002 and can be mailed to: Lowell Charter Township, Attn: Zoning Board of Appeals, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

DEAR JONATHAN: I am named as the trustee under my ex-boyfriend's trust. Since we are no longer together, I no longer feel comfortable acting in this capacity. Do I have to accept this responsibility? Can I resign now even though I'm technically not serving as trustee yet?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are not required to act as your ex-boyfriend's trustee. However, you should, as a courtesy, let him know you have no desire to act as his trustee so that he can amend his trust, removing you as trustee and naming someone in your place who is willing to act on his behalf.

COLLEGE NEWS

Two local students were granted scholarships at Northwood University for the 2001-2002 academic year. **Jeffrey Nethercot**, a Northwood senior from Lowell, was granted the Vector Enterprises Banking and Finance Annual Scholarship and **Ashley Rickert**, a Northwood freshman, was granted the Peter M. Cooper Memorial Scholarship.

Nethercot is the son of Sharon Nethercot. Rickert is the daughter of Jeff and Julie Rickert.

Private donor scholarships at Northwood are awarded by the scholarship committee of the university to those students who meet the requirements specified by individual scholarship donors. These scholarships represent support from organizations, foundations and individuals who show concern and interest for student achievements and are committed to the fu-

ture of Northwood University. Private donor scholars, who represent Northwood University and the scholarship donor, participate in community and campus projects.

Northwood University is a private, accredited university specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two and four year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields. The Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management's Executive, Full-Time and Managerial MBA programs make Northwood's free market-based degree offerings in management and enterprise the most complete anywhere. The university emphasizes the importance of free enterprise and is dedicated to the preservation of the free market and the important relationship between business and the arts.

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at Kansas State University membership into the university's chapter of Mortar Board, a national senior honor society.

Aaron Plattner, a junior in nutritional sciences, is a new member for the 2002-2003 school year. He is a 1999 Lowell High School graduate and the son of Howard and Kristin Plattner of Lowell.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, On:

Wednesday, April 17, 2002, at 7:00 P.M.

At which time and place the following subjects will be heard

MR. ROBERT BOLEN of 5258 Pointview N.E., Lowell, MI 49331 requests the following variances from the Grattan Township Ordinance after receiving Township Board approval to split an existing lot into two lots:

Parcel (1) this parcel has the existing house on it. Variance from Article 7. (non-conforming lot section) The variance request for a front yard setback of 10'-0" in lieu of the required 20'-0" to construct an accessory building (garage)

Variance from Article 7 (lake residential district) The variance request is to exceed the maximum building height of 16'-0" as measured from the midpoint between the two grades to the top of the peak of the accessory building.

Parcel (2) new lot Variance from Article 4 Section 4.04 A4 (non-conforming lot section) The variance request for a front yard setback of 14'-0" in lieu of the required 20'-0" to construct a house with attached garage.

DAVID & BRENDA PETERSON of 5184 Abrahams Dr. Lowell, MI 49331 Variance from Article 4, section 4.04 front yard setback. Owner requests front yard setback to be reduced from 30'-0" to 7'-6".

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Secretary, Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

1ST SUN. OF EACH MON.: Family Council of Laurels of Kent volunteer group meets at 3 p.m. to discuss enhancing the lives of residents & staff, promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/lt. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: 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 Chamber office 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: 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.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 (both men & women) meets at V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

TUES., WED, THURS.: Ionia County Literacy Council, free help with learning English: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Paul Catholic School, High St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or 897-7020.

1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. No cost. All welcome. For info, call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd months; program meetings/even months. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED.: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlemore Dr. Children ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets at Franciscan Life Process Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Grand Rapids Machine Knitters Club meets at Kentwood Library, 4799 Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

EVERY SECOND WED.: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Elderly volunteers needed for intergenerational program with school-age children from Lowell in activities. Times: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 2560 Lake Michigan Dr. N.W., Grand Rapids. Call 897-9794.

EVERY THURS.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI No. 333, Saranac, meets at Saranac Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Registration begins 1/2

hour before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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

EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Community and Area MusicMakers at Saranac High School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Band: 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. Call Kathy at 642-6316/897-5981 for info.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parents-support group at Franciscan Life Process Center offers topics and discussion for parents of children all ages. Call 897-7842 for time.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. for socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church. Call 752-8300.

EVERY FRI.: Play an instrument? Jam session w/ Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

FRI.: Walking-exercise program 9 a.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

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

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

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club @ Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Other times by appt. Call 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 897-2037.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting held the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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

APRIL 19 & 20: Concert benefit by Lowell '60s & '70s rock 'n' roll bands for LAAC. Call 897-8545 to purchase tickets.

APRIL 10, 11 & 15: Hunter Safety class at W. MI Rifle and Pistol Club, 6-9 p.m. \$5 range fee. 527-4365.

MON., APRIL 15: Lowell American Legion Clark-Ellis Auxiliary reg. meeting, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Greta Parsons, in charge; Phyllis Bieri, sponsor. Guests are invited.

MON., APRIL 15: Showboat Garden Club meeting w/Rebecca Finneran at 7 p.m. in Nazarene Church. Public welcome. Call Jan at 897-2533 for details.

WED., APRIL 17: Night of Jazz in performing arts center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$4 adults; \$3 students. CMU jazz ensemble and Lowell middle and high school jazz bands will perform.

THURS., APRIL 18: KeenAgers meet 10 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist church for pot luck dinner. Bring dish to pass and own table service.

SAT., APRIL 20: 1-day oil pastel workshop from 9-4 p.m. at Franciscan Life Process Center. \$70 class fee. Register early - call 897-7842, ext. 305, John.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Bible Study.

WED.: Various activities.

THURS., APRIL 11: noon Meijer Gardens: Butterflies, \$5.

FRI., APRIL 12: Noon Birthday Anniversary Party & Bingo; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

MON., APRIL 15: 12:40 p.m. Tour Vergennes United Methodist Church.

TUES., APRIL 16: Noon, Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; 1 p.m. Bible Study.

WED., APRIL 17: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS., APRIL 18: Noon, Dance at West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 19: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 22: 12:30 p.m. Clinical Oncology program for men/women.

TUES., APRIL 23: 12:40 p.m. Shop Aldi's & Flowerland.

WED., APRIL 24: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:40 p.m. Shop Family Fare.

THURS., APRIL 25: Noon G.R. Art Museum, works of Picasso.

FRI., APRIL 26: 12:40 p.m. Woodcarver Doug Shassburger at center.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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ceiling tiles should not be visible, according to Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale.

"The Chamber office is a reflection of the city and this community," Pasquale said.

Over the past months, there has been water leakage and

damage to the interior west wall, ceiling and north interior wall to the Chamber building.

The council okayed the recommendation of the city manager to award the contract for repair to Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. for \$5.575.

Pasquale said the city will investigate recouping some of its losses in the construction of the office through insurance claims.

The city manager said the work would begin immediately.

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to be near one of the construction sites," Pasquale explained. "Two possible projects include High from Jackson east and Sibley from Valley Vista to Ridgeway.

With neither road project being next in line on the city's capital improvement high priority list, the council opted for the \$470,000.

Community fund accepting grant proposals

The Lowell Area Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for its next grant round. All proposals must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on April 22, 2002 in order to be considered.

To receive a grant application form, call Kate Luckert, program officer, at the Grand Rapids Community Founda-

tion, 454-1751, or download an application from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation web site at www.grfoundation.org. You may also pick up an application at any of the following locations: Lowell Charter Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area

Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Public Library or any Lowell Area School.

Additional application deadlines for 2002 are Aug. 26 and Dec. 30.

The Lowell Area Community Fund awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organizations which have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation, represent an original start-up effort, are capital in nature, serve a broad segment of the community, yield substantial community benefit, and strengthen agency performance.

The LACF gives priority to projects that assure a healthy, dynamic community.

The Lowell Area Community Fund was established as a donor-advised fund at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation in 1996 with a \$12.7 million bequest from Lowell resident, Harold Englehardt. Current members of the LACF advisory committee, as guided by Englehardt's fund agreement are: Bert Bleke, Lowell Public Schools superintendent; John Darling, Norris, Perne & French partner; Kate Democoeur, freelance journalist; Charles Myers, Huntington Banks vice president; David Pasquale, Lowell city manager; Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School princi-

pal; and Betty Yeiter, retired educator. The advisory committee recommends grants from the fund to the Grand Rapids Community Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Today, the fund is valued at more than \$15 million. In the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 2001, community grants totaled \$711,446.50. Recent grants include \$60,000 for research, engineering, landscaping and improvements at Grand River Riverfront Park and \$30,000 to raise the proposed City Hall-Police Station Clock Tower.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT PROBATE COURT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 01-173,229-DE

Estate of SHARON GUM Deceased SS# 379-56-8434

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sharon Gum, who lived at 147 Gold NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 03/03/02.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT J. SCHNEIDER, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa, NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Merriman Named to Board

Lowell's Joe Merriman (standing, second from the left) is one of the Angus leaders who will serve on the Michigan Angus Association board of directors. This picture was taken at the 2002 Michigan Angus Association Annual Banquet in Lansing.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Zoning Appeals of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on April 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Landon Holdings, Inc. for a use variance from Section 6.02 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, so as to permit the construction of a manufactured housing community on lands zoned in the A-Agricultural District. The lands for which the use variance is sought are located to the northeast of the intersection of Highway M-44 and Tiffany Avenue and are legally described as follows:

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.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested use variance.

Written comments concerning the application may be submitted to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: April 3, 2002

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

**ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE
 BOWNE TOWNSHIP SEWER USE ORDINANCE
 (ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1 ADOPTED JANUARY 28, 2000).
 THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
 ORDAINS:**

Section 1. Amendment of Sec. 7.4, Sewer Use Ordinance.

Section 7.4 of the Bowne Township Sewer Use Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2000-1 (adopted January 28, 2000), is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Section 7.4 CHARGES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SERVICES. Charges for sewage disposal services are intended to generate revenue to pay the operation, maintenance and replacement costs for the POTW and to pay for the debt service requirements on any bonds or other obligations issued by the Township to pay for the System and all additions, extensions, or improvements thereto. Charges for sewage disposal services shall be based on the user's most recent water meter reading. For all other users, flows shall be estimated based on the user's most recent water meter reading for winter season water use. If no Township water is available to a user, flows shall be estimated based on 9,000 gallons per month per REU. In lieu of estimated flows, a user may install a water meter at the user's expense to measure the actual water consumption or the user may install a sewage flow meter to record actual delivery of sewage to the POTW.

Section 2. Severability.

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the publication hereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
 COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, clerk of the Township of Bowne of said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2002-1 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 28th day of March, 2002, and becoming effective as of the 30th day of April, 2002. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 10th day of April, 2002. Said ordinance was recorded in the office of clerk of Bowne Township on the 28th day of March 2002.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand for the Township of Bowne, in said County, this 29th day of March, 2002.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk - Clerk

Wellness Center a fitting addition in daily routines

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's YMCA Wellness Center has been a fitting addition to the every day routines of over 1,200 area residents.

Fitting in a number of ways - physically, socially, medically and emotionally.

"Since the Lowell YMCA has acquired a physical space in which to exercise, many of us have connected with wonderful people and have made lasting friendships," explains Evelyn Marron. "I have also been able to increase my strength and tighten up my body."

The current wellness membership numbers is what the Y

budgeted. "We didn't have anything to go by, but this is what we expected," said Y programming director, Andy Retberg. "We've been blessed with support - people taking advantage of the facility."

The center is meeting its expenses as well as supplementing the Lowell YMCA Teen Center.

Membership director, Marta Rozema says the social aspect and staying in shape are the two biggest membership incentives.

"It's also family-oriented and in line with the Y mission and philosophy," Rozema explains.

The Y does a lot to create that atmosphere. "We want members to be comfortable and to know we're there to help them. I think our service is good, but I want it to be optimum," Retberg explains. Don Beachum and Charlie Doyle both used to drive to Grand Rapids for cardiovascular rehabilitation - now they stay right in Lowell.

"I had open-heart surgery four-five years ago. My doctors recommended that I use a gym as part of my rehabilitation. Using the Y facility has been cheaper and more convenient. The wellness center is a tremendous program for the Y," Beachum said.

When asked if rehab has made a difference, Doyle

retorts, "I'm still alive."

Doyle, who survived a heart attack in 1997 while in Florida, has made a commitment to exercise.

Maryann Bishop tried ridding herself of stress, unhappiness, depression and loneliness. When it did not work, she turned to the wellness center.

"A year later, the size of my body is not nearly as important as the emotional well-being that I have gained through participating in the YMCA's beginner fitness class," Bishop says.

In addition, Bishop's health has improved and she's happy without using medication.

"The class has provided me with a sense of belonging, a purpose for the day, the comfort of friendship, the joy of celebration, as well as a healthier body," Bishop explains.

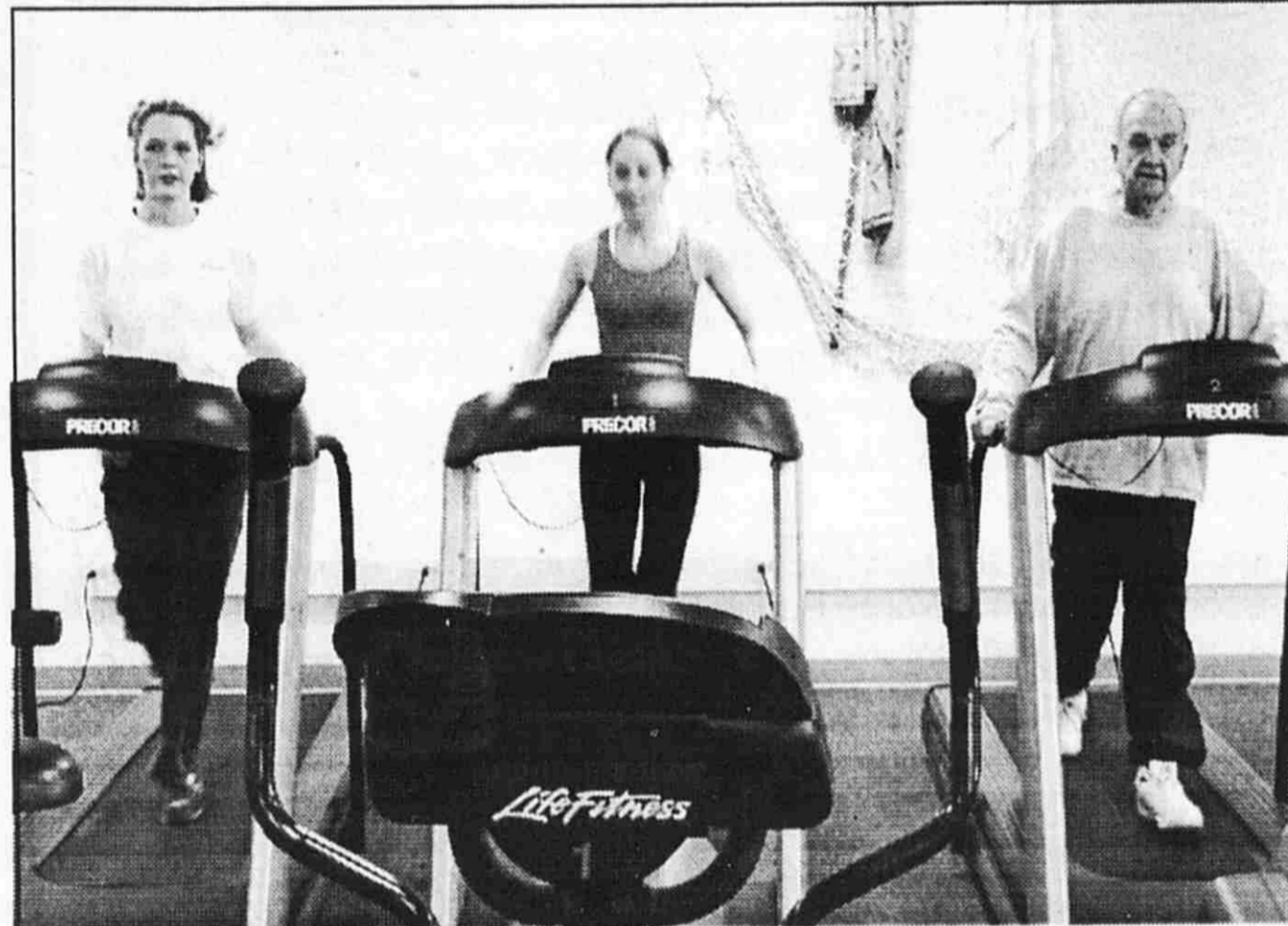
Hahn Hardware owner, Bob Ford, signed up to lose weight. "I haven't lost the weight I would have liked, but that's because I eat too much. Joining the center has helped tone my weight and it has helped me become more physically fit," he says.

Fitting the wellness center into one's schedule requires a change in daily routine for most... that wasn't the case for Lowell's Tanya Steffen.

"The Y has been a part of my life since the age of five. I started as a youth at the Southeast Y and still work there," Steffen says. "As a stay-at-home mom, the Lowell Y wellness center is very convenient for me."

It allows Steffen to fulfill her physical and social needs and still be with her children. "It also allows me to be with and around other adults and other stay-at-home moms," she explains. An extra perk that comes with her membership is it enables her two little girls to see their grandparents three days a week at the Y.

The mother of two says Y gyms are less about what one wears to workout. "You can be who you want to be. The Y workers are there to encourage you and help you. They care."



Enjoying their afternoon workout, from left to right, are Sydney Snyder, Elizabeth Camp and Dudley Watkins

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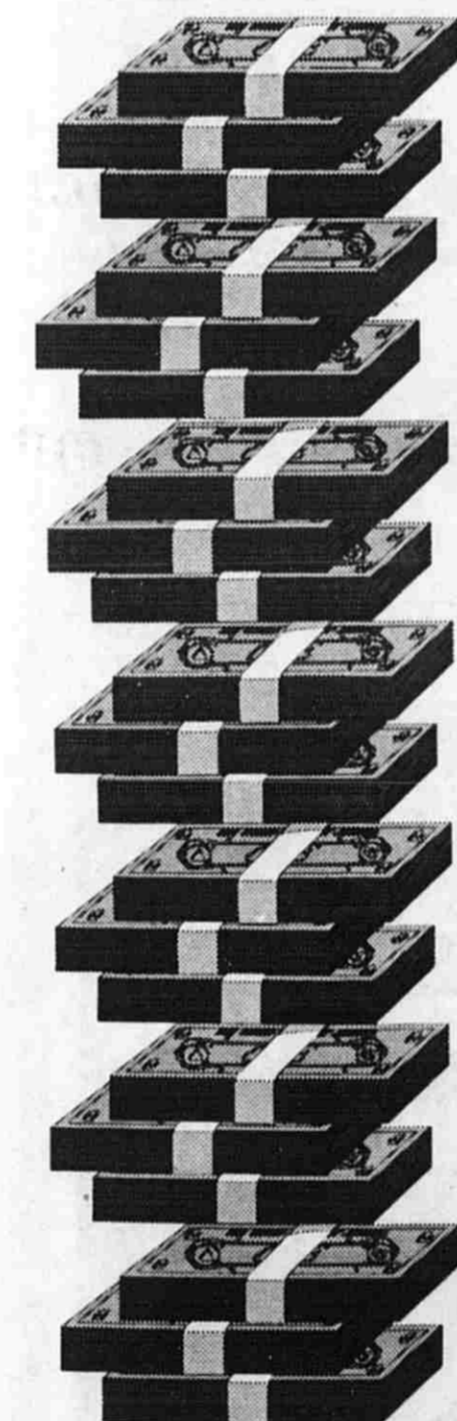
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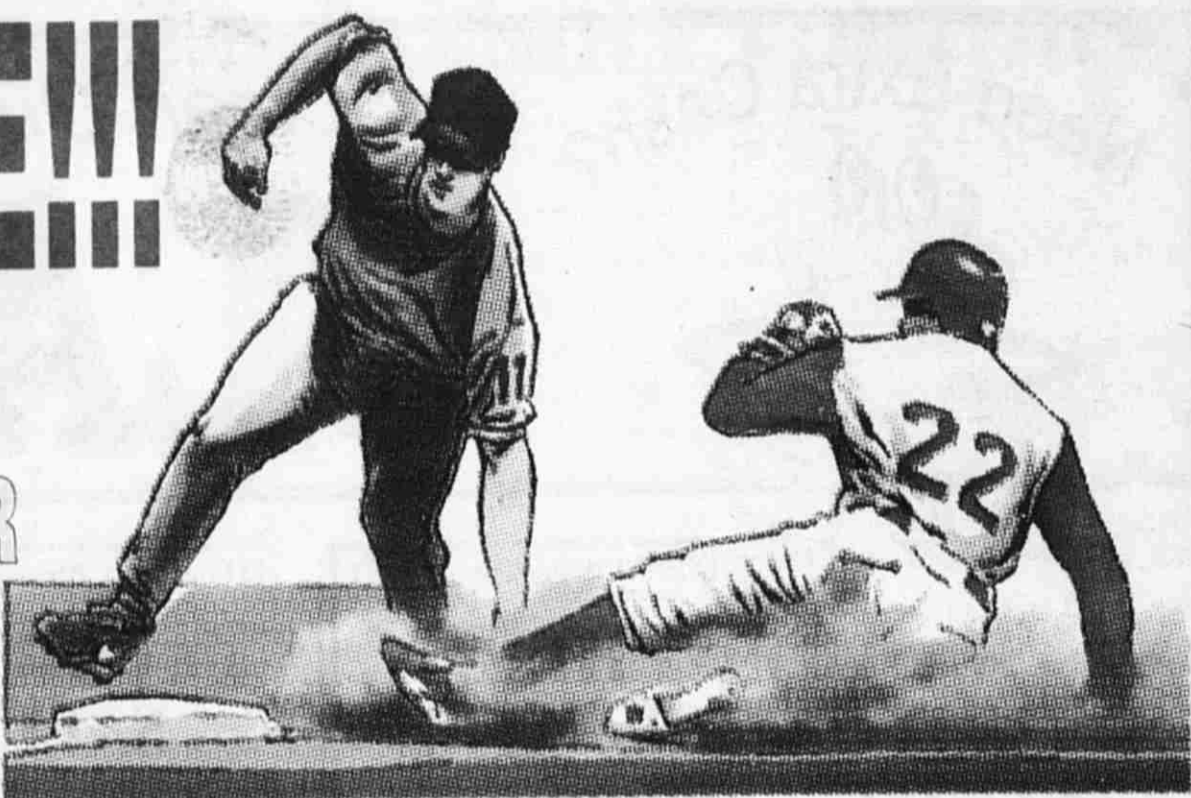


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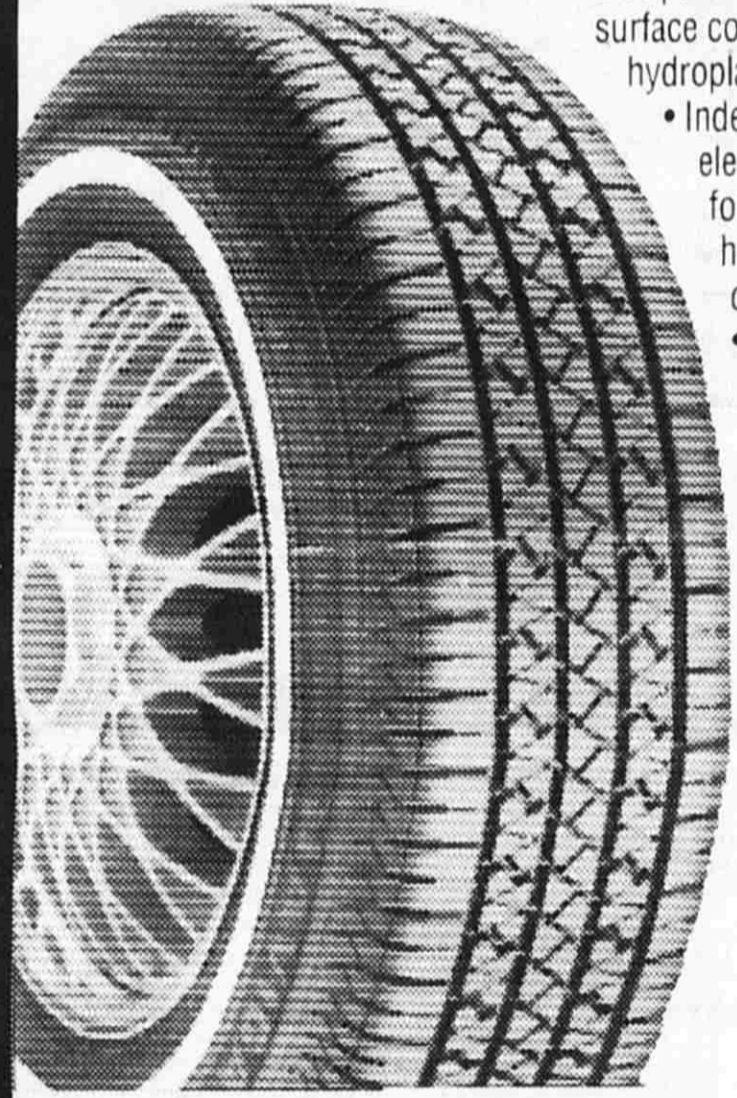


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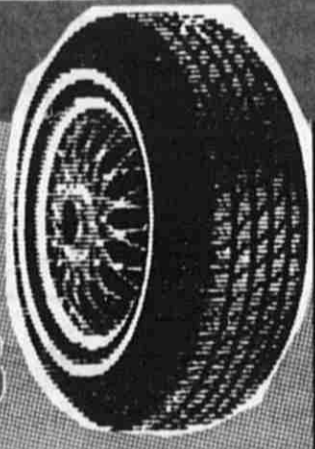
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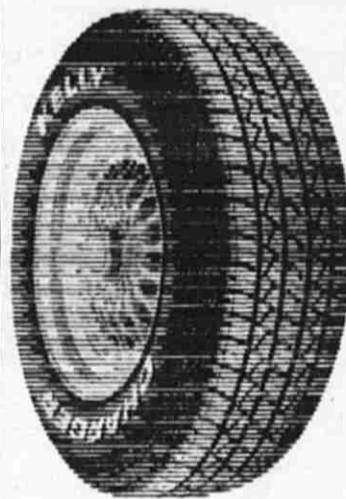


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