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Friends' gesture strums at Vaught's heart strings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ben Vaught really wanted to have a tuxedo show... instead his friends gave him a guitar.

Vaught and a number of students gathered in Heather Kohtz' room during seminar on Friday for what was supposed to be a Dunhill Tuxedo Show.

Well, at least that's what Vaught thought. The rest of the classmates were there to surprise the senior with a Dean Exotica RSE guitar.

"I feel so dumb right now," explained a disbelieving Vaught after Brad Eldridge presented him with the guitar. "I really appreciate this. This is awesome, but I really wanted to have a tuxedo show."

Eldridge and roughly 50 other high school students who consider Vaught a friend made monetary donations totaling a little more than \$500 so they could surprise their eryone. friend.

"Ben is so nice and does so much for everybody,"

Eldridge explained. "He puts so much energy in giving back to others that we all felt we

the scheme while on spring break with his parents and then with his friend, Jason Craig put the plan into motion the Monday following spring break.

"Everyone (50-plus students and parents) gave a little," explained Craig. "I wasn't surprised by the response. Ben deserves it. He's a friendly guy and nice to ev-

Vanessa Beddows, sitting on the floor in the front row with a handful of friends, play-



curred with Eldridge a n d

Craig. "We're all here because we're pretty good friends with Ben. He's just a nice guy."

Vaught, worried about tears, controlled his emotions so that he could thank his many friends.

"I'm just in awe. I'm a very lucky guy who has some of the best friends a guy could have," Vaught explained. "I'm glad that I surrounded myself with such great people. I am so flattered."

After getting past the shock, Vaught's friends requested a song. The senior didn't disappoint as he did a verse or two of "Friends are Friends Forever."

So much for nice guys finishing last.

Organizers put heart and sole into 8th CROP Walk

The eighth annual Lowell Area CROP Walk, which raises funds to fight worldwide hunger, will host roughly 300 walkers on Sunday, May 5.

Last year, just over \$27,000 was collected by 230 walkers. Of the funds collected, a little more than \$6,000 remained in the community. Lowell's Flat River Outreach Ministries received \$4,989 and the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center was given \$1,663.

Area residents in need of "walking papers" or those who just want to sponsor a walker may call 897-5936.

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

This year's grand marshals are Jody and Craig

Participants will be able to choose from a six- and two- mile walk.

Lowell's CROP Walk and others throughout the country support long-term development in more than 80 countries; assist in disasters and famines; help meet special needs of refugees and share more than \$4 million annually to support local hunger fighting efforts across the U.S.

Each year more than a quarter million CROP walkers put their heart and soles in motion to help stop hunger, one step at a time.

Abuse charges surface at adult foster home

Despite failing to ensure resident protection and safety, a Lowell adult home will remain.

A March citation alleged molestation of two residents by Joel Eugene Cooley, a former Hope Network instructor. He faces charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. It was also learned that Cooley allegedly molested one of the men in the Lowell home in a bathroom.

Cooley was also charged in a second incident at a Hope Network in Wyoming on charges of raping a mentally impaired man in October. The charge carries a potential lifein-prison penalty.

Hope Network officials said Cooley worked primarily at Lowell and Wyoming sites but sometimes worked at other Hope facilities. Officials said there was no indication in Cooley's past that indicated he would be a threat to residents in the home.

Cooley was fired by Hope Network on Nov. 11 for policy violations including attendance, poor use of supervision that

Foster Home, cont'd. pg. 8



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 7:00 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.

Main Street, cont'd. pg. 8

Lowell superintendent to seek post with GR Public Schools

Deciding that a straight forward approach was the best manner in which to handle the question, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke broke the silence Friday when he confirmed his name was one of 38 on the list of those interested in the Grand Rapids Public Schools' superintendent position.

"It's a decision that had been growing on me for the last six weeks," Bleke said.

His decision became official at 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon when he officially submitted his application.

The search for a new Grand Rapids' superintendent became necessary when Patricia Newby announced in January that she would leave at the end of this school year. The field of 38 will be narrowed down on April 29th to

Bleke, cont'd. pg. 8

Bert Bleke offi-

cially joined the list

of 38 who are inter-

ested in the GR

position.



OBITUARIES

BOYD - Mr. Fred Boyd, aged was a member of First Con-88. passed away Saturday. gregational Church of Rock-April 13, 2002. He was a 1931 ford and a charter member of graduate of Rockford High the Rockford Lions Club and School and attended Daven- a past president. In 1951, Fred

port Coilege. Since 1948, he purchased Boyd's Recreation,

MEETING NOTICE

Lowell Wrestling Club Annual Club Meeting April 23, 2002 **Cherry Creek Elementary School** 6:15 - 7:00

 Agenda Bylaw
 Changes Board Elections
 New Business **Required Attendance: Regular Club Members** (Parents of Youth Wrestlers)

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and William "Bill" and Jean Rifenberg of FL. Theresa and is survived by her children and her husband Jamie of Evelyn was a 1931 graduate Jaquith of Grand Rapids, Ed children; sisters-in-law Doris Memorial contributions may Jonker of Grand Rapids and Dee Boyd of Utah, Robert 49509. and Carlinda Boyd of Lowell.

of Rockford, UCC.

Mrs. Bruce (Dianne) Skiver Mooney Malone, aged 87, of Frazee of Portland, and Mrs. Cheyenne, Dallas and Kelby; of Rockford. Mr. Boyd was the Parnell area, passed away Margaret Skinner of aunts, uncles, cousins and preceded in death by his unexpectedly on Saturday, Greenville; sister-in-law Sis- many good friends. A memobrother Edward. The service April 13, 2002 at her home. ter Mary Dennis, RSM of rial service will be held on was held Tuesday at the She was born in Ionia County Farmington; step-children Pat Saturday, April 20 at 1 p.m. at Pederson Funeral Home in on February 23, 1915, the and Joan Malone of Rockford, 767 Foreman Rd. in Lowell. Rockford with Pastor Laurel daughter of Joseph and Marie Dan and Carol Malone of In lieu of flowers, memorial TenHave-Chapman officiat- (nee Freeland) Heether. Mrs. Rockford, John and Kris contributions may be sent to ing. Interment in Rockford Malone was a member of St. Malone of Grand Rapids, Bob the family at 1246 Euclid SE, Cemetery. Memorial contri- Patrick Catholic Church in and Betty Malone of FL, Brian Grand Rapids, MI 49507. butions may be made to the Parnell and the First Friday and Nancy Malone of NJ, and First Congregational Church Club at the church. Her in- Karen and Larry Schoenborn volvement in the Parnell area of Ada; 22 step-grandchildren; ran far and wide. Whether it 22 step-great-grandchildren; TN, formerly of Michigan, was preparing food for her and many nieces and neph-COURT - Evelyn Rollins family, friends, or the school- ews. She was preceded in death April 9, 2002. After retire-Court, aged 91, of Grand Rapids. formerly of Lowell, died age children at St. Patrick's by her husbands Charles ment, Mr. Tortellet moved to Friday, April 5, 2002. She was School, or cooking at one of Mooney and George Malone; Tennessee where he had made the local restaurants, you sons Roger Mooney and James his home for 22 years. Precould taste the special touch "Jim" Mooney; grandson of TLC. She enjoyed playing Sean; brothers Leonard,

will be on Thursday at 11 a.m. in Rockford, and operated it preceded in death by her hus- blue gill fishing in her boat or at St. Patrick Catholic Church until October 1980. Mr. Boyd band Maurice in 1992 and bowling in the many leagues in Parnell with the Rev. was a gentleman who gave a daughter Susan in 1992. She of which she was a part. Many Ronald Hutchinson, Presider. lot of good advice to the many is survived by her daughter family and friends throughout Interment in St. Patrick Cemyoung people in the commu- Joanne and Lawrence Witte; the years have enjoyed her craft etery. Those planning an exnity. He is survived by his brothers Gerald and Elenor work - especially her gift to pression of sympathy are wife, the former Kathryn Kies Rollins of FL, Rev. Roger make quilts or crocheted pieces asked to consider the Buildwhom he married May 29, Rollins of Dayton, OH; sis- which were often raffled or ing Fund at St. Patrick Catho-1937; his children Bonnie and ters Lorrine Page of Saranac, auctioned at the festival at St. lic Church. Visitation is Harold Braman of Greenville, Ruth and Eugene (Bud) Patrick Church. Mrs. Malone Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Pederson Funeral Home Boyd of Rockford; his grand- Charles Posthumus of Grand Michael and Kay Mooney of in Rockford and one half hour children J. R. Braman of Ann Rapids; nine grandchildren Belmont, Maureen and Russ before the time of Mass at St. Arbor, Sarah Braman-Smith and 12 great-grandchildren. Goodemoot of Belding, Donna Patrick Catholic Church. Interlochen, Andrew Braman of Blodgett Hospital School and Terri Mooney of Lowell, SHIMMEL-Thomas (Tom) of Greenville, Scott and Heidi of Nursing. Memorial ser- Marti and Jim Jaquith of Grand E. Shimmel, aged 56, of Low-

Oostdyk of Jenison, Randy vices will be on April 18 at 1 Rapids, Ed and Terri Mooney ell, died unexpectedly Thursand Sandra Oostdyk, and p.m. at Holy Trinity Episco- of Lowell, Marti and Jim day, April 11, 2002. He was Sandy Oostdyk all of Grand pal Church, Rev. Roy C. "Redeye" Goggins of Lowell, born November 9, 1945. He Rapids, and Nanci Oostdyk Meyers officiating. Inter- Dick and Sue Mooney of Se- was preceded in death by his of Belmont; six great-grand- ment Oakwood Cemetery. attle, WA, Betty and Tom father Hubert and his daughter Betsey Jo. He is survived Boyd of Lowell, Helen and be made to Holy Trinity Epis- Marilyn and Terry Conley of by his maternal grandmother Robert Hessler of Rockford; copal Church, 5333 Clyde Lowell; 22 grandchildren; 10 Margaret Geelhoed; his nieces and nephews James and Park, SW Wyoming, MI great-grandchildren plus the mother and step-father Jean anticipated arrival of at least and Bud Acheson; daughters one more; sisters Mrs. Florence Carol and LeeAnn; son Chris-Janet Boyd of Lowell, and MALONE - Mrs. Irma R. Wosinski of Lowell, Mrs. Kate topher; grandchildren Chase,

He is survived by his wife

Eleanor; daughters and their husbands Carol and Carl Van

Heck of Kentwood, Karen and

Robert Meneghini of Lowell

and Cheryl and Wade

Guisewhite of Colorado; 21

grandchildren; 23 great-

grandchildren; one great-

great-granddaughter; sister

Mary Jane LaFave of Cedar

Springs; several nieces and

nephews. The service was

held Tuesday at Pederson

Funeral Home in Rockford

with his nephew Pastor Jerry

LaFave officiating. Burial in

Sand Lake Cemetery. Memo-

rials may be made to the

American Cancer Society.

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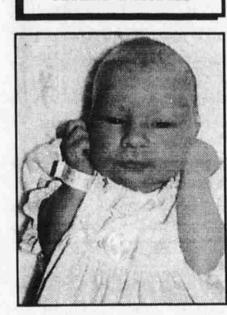
Proud grandparents are TORTELLET - Mr. Donald Mary Barrix C. Tortellet, aged 89, of Gray, passed away on Tuesday. ceding him in death was his garet and George LaFave; brother Dale Tortellet and brother in-law Ernest LaFave.

LHS DI team wins bronze

Lowell High School's ting itself up as an alternate iors have only been involved with the cre-Destination ImagiNation for the Global finals (interna- ative problem- solving competition for the team placed third among the tional competition). Following the regional Sally McAlpine. "All these students are teams competing in the state competition, the Lowell team among Lowell's highest academic achievcompetition at Central Michigan University over the

Of the 20 teams competing in their problem, Lowell earned a bronze medal, set-

AREA BIRTHS



Scott and Evelyn Zalis are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Ellen, born on January 30, 2002 at Metropolitan Hospital. She was born at 1:43 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Welcoming her home are big brothers, Scott Edward and Joshua Ray.

Lawrenceville, Ill., Barb Zalis of Wayland and Edward Zalis of Branch; also great-grandmother Barbara Hemmer of Ludington and her adopted grandmother Gloria Hutfilz.

Members of the bronze-winning high school Destination ImagiNation team are Kelsay Myers, Anna Vanderhart, Amanda Oracz, Coach Sally McAlpine, Tony Pedley, Andy Hewitt, Katie McAlpine and Mark Hyzer.

complexity to its technical device, requiring a combina- UN and band." tion of three or more simple machines and adding an inde-

The team also revamped movie "Jumanji

short weeks.

"What makes this team unique is that its core of jun- Oracz.

chose to redesign and add ers, but also represent Lowell in track, cross country, tennis, soccer, basketball, Model

last three years," said one of its coaches,

The season began with a trip to the Civic Theatre for a performance and a staff tour of pendent power source to its the backstage and prop areas for background information.

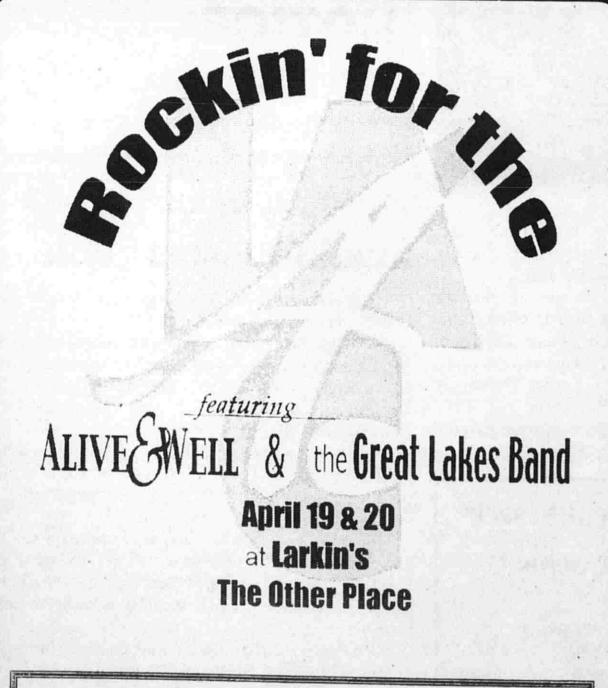
McAlpine recognized the parents of stuits script - a spoof on the dents for their support. "They arranged for trucks and trailers to transport props to com-This was all done in four petition sites and made meals for the team when working long nights," she explained.

Serving as McAlpine's assistant was Shirl



LMS DI students fifth among 27

In a field of 27 middle school teams from across the state, Lowell's hardworking creative Destination ImagiNation team of (standing, left to right) Adam Ingraham, Tim Hollister, Abbot Kastanek, Andrew Wilterink and (front, left to right) Cassie Oracz and Melissa Zuiderveen earned fifth place honors for their humorous "StranDId" performance, technical achievements, clever side trips and "on the spot" creative thinking and problemsolving. Appraisers (judges) at Saturday's state finals at CMU commented on the group's humor, teamwork, trombone soundeffects and artistic scenery. Team managers Bill and Lori Ingraham noted the six young people's creativity, dedication and attitude as key to their success.



Ticket Information

Advanced Tickets:

\$10 General Admission / \$8 LAAC Members Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell - - - - 897-8545 Larkin's, 301 W. Main St, Lowell - - - 897-5977

At the Door: \$15 General Admission

- Doors open at 6:30pm - - Door Prizes - - Raffle - - Cash Bar -



a good game of cards, usu- Lawrence, James and Al; sis-

ally euchre. At 87, she was ters Helen, Rose and Lucille.

very active whether it was The Liturgy of Christian Burial





NAME:.....Kurtis Hogle

...3 years old

BIRTHDAY.....8/25/98

for his great checkup.

HOBBIES Kurtis enjoys playing outside and loves fishing with his dad He receives a prize



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Public Notice is hereby given that certain selected areas of the Township of Vergennes are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the Township Office located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. The office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 3pm. The map is also posted on the township website at www.vergennestwp.org under the heading "Current Events".

The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The B.t. brand will be Foray 48B and Foray 76B supplied by Vallent BioSciences Corporation and Thuricide 48LV supplied by Thermo Trilogy Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined as application is weather dependent. The application is tentatively planned for May 15, 2002.

Because of the success of the program in the past, the number of acres requiring suppression efforts has been greatly reduced. Landowners not included in this years spray program but wishing to be sprayed may choose to participate on their own. A minimum of 10 acres is required, at a cost of \$18.50 per acre. Please contact the applicator directly at 616-754-5184. For questions regarding the township program, please contact Tim Wittenbach, Supervisor.

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

> Mari C. Stone Township Clerk

Here are your chances of buying the farm from the

cent; pneumonia, 3.7 percent; and diabetes, 2.8 percent. Of

Football fans comprise a whopping 74 percent of us, while

That about sums up the family-oriented questions. It came

I go back for my test results I'll find the Esquire magazine and

stuff these pages back in where I ripped them out. I wonder if

an average guy would consider stealing (borrowing) from his

doctor's waiting room literature. Maybe I am a rebel after all!

Sharing

The Vision

BERT BLEKE

Lowell Schools Superintendent

a lowly 33 percent watch figure skating. The numbers are

Of Faith

Rev. Bill Renkema Calvary CRC

I have lived under military dictatorships in two different countries - Argentina for one year, and Honduras for several years. Military rule scared me. Both nations had had periods of democratic rule, but these elected gov- your thoughts." ernments, for reasons usually having to do with "matters of national security," were overthrown by military officers. For many reasons American

As a churchman and person of the faith I am very grateful that ultimate rule is neither dictatorial nor democratic. Ultimate rule rests in the hands of God.

democracy is far better. One

is that I just feel safer.

God rules as a Father who guides His children, establishes the boundaries within which they act, gives His own Son to save His chosen children, provides for them and care to others. That is a gov- Michelle Billingsley. too affected by sinful limitakinds of decisions God makes Merriman, Nicole Cummings, Brandon Short. on a cosmic scale and on a personal scale. And I am very Shaffer. Logan Propst. glad that His ultimate rule

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Sunday School.

Sunday School

Sunday Worship....

cannot be overthrown.

Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than

Word and Spirit. Teach me Your thoughts, Your ways. May I, may my family, may my country, may my world find in Your rule through Your Son the way to everlasting peace and safety. Amen.

Rule me, Lord, by Your

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Akers of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Lynn to Michael H. Eldridge of Wyoming.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School and also graduated from Davenport University. The future groom is the son of Laurie Peck of Wyo-

ming and Dale Eldridge of Kentwood. He is a 1990 graduate of Wyoming Rogers High School.

The couple is planning an October 5, 2002 wedding.

AREA BIRTHS

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Ernie and April Barnes birth of a son, Justin Warren are happy to announce the Barnes. He was born Wednesday, March 20, 2002 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Austin and



big sister, Anastasia.

Grandparents are Chuck and Linda Barnes of Lowell and John and Elaine Ransom of Grand Rapids.

Great-grandmother is Catherine Ransom of Grand Rapids and great-grandparents are James and Ilene Weber of

APRIL 18: Rick Warner, Angela Vezino, Doug Anchors, Jon

APRIL 19: Heidi Barber, Ruth Harris, Karrie Akers, Krissie teaches them to provide His Akers, Shaun Thompson, Lisa Allchin, Sharon Bowden,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ernment I really respect! It APRIL 20: Jim Hodges, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna makes me feel safer than any Peterson, Kendra Merriman, Angela Miller. human democracy. I am even APRIL 21: Roxann Roth, Connie Phillips, Ernest Smith, Ian

glad that I do not get a vote in Newhouse, Daniel Titcombe. it. I am too small, too unwise, APRIL 22: Mallorie VanderWarf, Tim Hill, Mackenzie

Hacker, Sharon Potter. tions, too finite to make the APRIL 23: Nathan Roudabush, Jonathan Dixon, Karen

APRIL 24: Gary Goff, Trevor Foss, King Doyle, Don

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...7:00 P.M

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.9:45 A.M.

..11 A.M.

.6:00 P.M.

Sunday School

.9:30 A.M

..9:50 A.M

...9:00 A.M

..10:00 A.M.

rning Worship

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 18, 1877**

Cheboygan's winter harvest of logs was 51 million feet.

Michigan made 50,000 barrels of salt last month. About 1,000,000 white fish were recently planted in Lake

Detroit looks for possibilities for tunneling under the Detroit River.

A man named Pitcher has been selling a worthless but handsome horse over and over to Kent County farmers, then demanding a premium to buy it back. Somebody finally had him arrested instead.

A 22-inch vein of superior hard coal is found near the surface near Mason and a mine is planned.

A steamboat run between Saranac and Ionia is in the 8-horse engine for the craft.

feathers. Esquire predicts that most of us will look a little like The typical man watches 4.5 hours of TV per day. Counting news, some weekend sports, an occasional movie, some Carl Reiner sooner or later. That, or his son Rob. PBS, History Channel, etc., I watch more TV than I care to admit. It's probably only about half that 4.5 hours though, following diseases: lung cancer, 9.1 percent; stroke, 5.6 pereven with "Win Ben Stein's money" thrown in.

According to the report, 42 percent of men wear briefs, course, the biggie is, "Complications from over-indulgence in 36 percent wear boxers and 3 percent wear bikini underwear. Here I'm perfectly typical. I wear briefs 42 percent of the time, boxers 36 percent of the time and the remaining 22 percent of the time I worry about guys who admit to wearing bikini about evenly opposite to women's responses. Imagine that. underwear.

as no surprise to find, yet again, that I'm just average. When Mr. Typical gets married at 27. I was but a boy at 22. The average guy drives 16,408 miles per year. I get in about 25,000. That's where those extra five years of bachelorhood went... behind the wheel.

According to Esquire, 74 percent know who Snoop Doggy Dogg is. The rest of us find that number disturbing. Only 38 percent know who Emeril Lagasse is. That's the 38 percent carrying around the extra weight. BAM! Kick it up a notch!

By age 50, the typical man has lost 12.1 teeth. All four wisdom teeth were wrenched from my head years ago. The rest are still in there. However, if you deduct for caps, crowns and fillings, I might approach that 12.1 number.

Married men account for 54.8 percent of the poll. Here, I am again typical. I figure I'm married almost exactly 54.8 percent of the time.

The typical man eats 78 pounds of chicken per year. They say you are what you eat. I'm waiting to grow feathers where my hair is disappearing.

Us guys eat 23 pounds of pizza per year. According to Esquire, the host of the Rosie O'Donnell Show eats that for a snack. Apparently the staff at Esquire has the same opinion of Rosie as this male.

The poll says 54 percent use alcohol, 35 percent use tobacco and 14 percent have used an illicit drug in the last year. Just like President Bush, I can proudly answer "no" to all three. At this point in my life, that is.

This surprised me. Only one in eight have a tattoo or body

percentage as the guys with all the teeth missing. So yeah, that's probably a good number.

One in 220 have been raped. For those of us ugly, overweight six-footers... that number thankfully goes way, way

Only 46 percent own a firearm. In East Grand Rapids that number goes up since spud guns must now be counted.

The typical man has about 100,000 hairs on his head and loses them at about 20 to 100 per day. Here come the chicken

four stories. Each are different, yet each share a common theme of dedication, hard work and caring on the part of students, staff and parents. Our first story is about two individuals, Michele DeHaan

pizza"... 76.2 percent.

who is our first and only gymnastics coach and her student athlete, Holly Plattner. This winter, Holly won the first state Come to think of it, that does work out to the same championship for gymnastics ever in the history of Lowell. Before Michele DeHaan began this program, gymnastics was never an option for young women in Lowell. After many lean and trying years, Michele was able to build a solid program that has grown stronger each year, culminating with a state championship for Holly Plattner. Holly is a young lady who, through hard work and grit, not only won a state championship but has become a role model for many young women in our

I wish you could have been at the board meeting Monday

evening. You would have learned of four wonderful success

stories that have taken place in our schools in the past several

months. Let me share with you just a few highlights of these

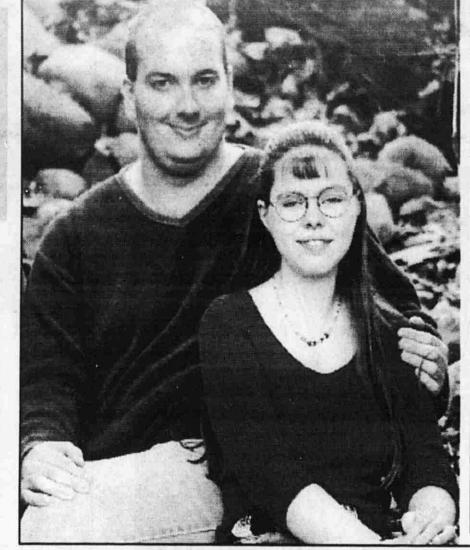
Another state championship story is that of this year's wrestling team and the coach, Dave Strejc. Here is another state championship but with a different twist. For many years, Lowell produced some of the state's best wrestlers under the legendary coach, Gary Rivers. Over the past three years, our teams have come tantalizingly close to winning a state title but never quite won the golden ring. Yet this year, under increasing pressure, these young men with great effort and under excellent coaching from Coach Strejc, not only won its long sought championship but won by one of the largest margins in state wrestling history. Here is another lesson in perseverance and dedication.

For many, if you mention the Model United Nations, you would draw a blank stare. Yet the Model United Nations program is a top flight rigorous extracurricular activity that demands much of the teachers who lead the students and those students who participate. Essentially, students emulate the procedures of the United Nations. In order to be successful, the students must possess a vast knowledge base of world affairs, must be quick thinking and logical, and must be able to present a reasoned argument for their country or position. So how did we do? Year after year, under the direction of two dedicated teachers, Steve Kampfschulte and Jack Ogle, our students emerge as the top school in Western Michigan. These Model United Nations participants are another example of dedication and perseverance this time performed not in front of thousands US16 will get 17 miles of widening and new blacktop in of cheering fans but done quietly with excellent results.

Our fourth story concerns our Cherry Creek staff and students. This winter, led by fifth-grade teacher, Brent Noskey, the Cherry Creek kids and staff raised over \$12,000 to support St. Jude Children's Hospital. Just think, over \$12,000 raised for kids who truly need our help. What more can one say about this kind of compassion?

Four stories, all different, yet all the same. Caring adults and students working hard to make a difference in our schools and our community. You can see now why I wished you could have been at Monday's board meeting.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 orbbleke@remc8.k12.mi.us. (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)



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cozy corner

by Roger Brown

Viewpoint

Doc has decided that at my advanced age, it would be wise to rope in my cholesterol level. He put me on a drug for said purpose. I was there for a blood test to see if the drug, which is about what my monthly house payment was when I got married, is doing the job. Having griped about the cost of the drug to friends

I was sitting in my doctor's waiting room the other day.

neighbors and acquaintances, I've found that I am definitely not alone. I'm just another middle-aged, gray-haired, paunchy guy who tries to lead a healthy lifestyle, but is a sucker for pizza and ice cream. As much as I'd like to think otherwise, I'm just, as Joe Walsh says in a song, "An Ordinary, Average, Guy." It's sad, but I can relate to the song's memorable lines such as, "On Saturday I take out the garbage and work in the yard. Pick up the dog-doo, hope that it's hard" (Chorus) "I'm just an ordinary, average, Guy...'

As I settled in to the waiting room routine, I grabbed a copy of a remarkably current Esquire magazine. I don't know if my doctor is any good, but his magazine selection in the waiting room is outstanding. Besides Esquire he subscribes to Men's Journal, Outdoors, Flying, Saltwater Sportsman, Car and Driver, Sports Illustrated, GQ, etc. If there weren't so many sick people around, it would be a great place to hang out and

Lamenting about being typical, I couldn't help notice an article in Esquire titled, "The Typical Man." Of course, being typical, I went straight to the piece. It was a short, two-page, tongue-in-cheek peek at the American man. Being typically "Esquire," the piece went into a lot of sexually-oriented statistics. We will ignore those stats here because of the family nature of this newspaper and because I really don't want to make up lies just to appear typical.

First on the list was height and weight. At an even six feet in height and 230 pounds, I'm three inches taller and fifty pounds heavier than the average guy. I'm big-boned and can carry that extra weight. At least that's what my mother always

The typical male will live to age 73. That gives me 21 years. Maybe... if I get these extra pounds off.

"vigilantes" to guard banks. Sawed-off guns, rifles and automatic pistols are mentioned. wood base for durability

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

Duga's Hall will have a (maple) sugar party next week

Michigan at Grand Haven.

114 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 20, 1888**

offing. Shedit and Frediman are waiting for a more powerful,

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 21, 1927

Lillian Koopman and Howard Peckham are the valedictorian and salutatorian of the 30-member Class of '27. Kent County banks, including Lowell's, organize to hire

The U.S. Department of Agriculture cracks down on

mislabeling of seed potato varieties. The newest fashion in dancing shoes is glass heels, with

A series of "World's Great Events" by Albert Payson Terhune is running. This week continues the story of Napoleon Bonaparte.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 17, 1952

Fallasburg Park is getting a new ball park on recentlyequired land opposite the archway entrance. It's Rural Mailbox Improvement Week and numerous

suggestions are listed, including trying to deliver a letter to your own mailbox.

Kent and Ionia counties. Conservation Department fishery crews battle bad back

roads to get lakes and streams seeded with trout fingerlings. The University of Michigan has a new science major in bio-engineering, explained as putting new medicines such as penicillin into production.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 21, 1977

City Hall will receive \$10,000 worth of remodeling soon, and Lowell budgets for adding another policeman.

Additional needed school office space is scrapped by the boad in view of the millage defeat and growth of the student

Michigan Bell tells homeowners how to recognize Bell employees, who are not uniformed (ID cards).

This spring's musical at LHS is "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." The new frozen yogurt makes its debut at Rosie's Drive-

In, receiving compliments.

Lowell FFA members garner state honors

The Lowell FFA chapter had another outstanding showing at the state convention at Michigan State University.

Over 2500 people attended the convention where many awards were presented and the state finals in 11 leadership contests were held. The Lowell FFA was recognized as one of the top three chapters in the state.

The Lowell Middle School also had the honor of being presented their FFA charter at the state convention. Megan Nyson and Ben Vaught were selected to apply for the National Choir. Voting delegates for the Lowell FFA were Kriste Warren, Cassie Wheat, Holly Young and Jenny Humphries.

Three members of the Lowell FFA – Katie Clements. Kristen Lee, and Katelyn Bush – represented the Lowell chapter in the Marketing Plan Competition at the State FFA Convention in East Lansing and received a gold rating. The members investigated marketing strategies, wrote a marketing plan for the Fallasburg Fall Festival, and presented their plan to a panel of marketing professionals.

"All the students do a fantastic job," said FFA statudent advisor John Schutt. "It's also nice to be able to expand our

program into the Middle School."

Junior Katie Clements was first runner-up in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest and received a gold rating. Her topic of "Global Information Systems and Commodity Production" was drawn 30 minutes before she presented it to a panel of judges. Senior Courtnay Perkins received a gold rating in Job Interview. This contest consists of a candidate completing a one-page job application and then being judged on their interview and their resume. Middle school member. Lance Perkins earned a silver rating in the Junior High Prepared Public Speaking contest. Contestants prepare a fourto six-minute speech and present it to a panel of judges. The Middle School Conduct of Meetings Team received a silver rating. The team of Hanna Knudstrup, Adam Baker, Caleb Shores, Megan Vaught, Holly Vaught, Andrew Wilterink and Melissa Blough planned an activity using parliamentary pro-

Seven members received the proficiency award for their work in a specific area of agriculture. Heather Canfield and Kirk Johnson received gold ratings in Agricultural Sales and Equine Science, respectively. James Bosserd was awarded a

silver rating in Sheep Production. Of those seven, four were state proficiency winners. Matt Oesch was recognized in the area of Dairy for his work at Swiss Lane Farms. Brothers Kevin and Brian Rasch were recognized for their work in the area of Diversified Horticulture and Fruit Production at Rasch Farms. Bill Zook was recognized in the area of Agricultural Mechanics for his work at Zook Farm Equipment. State winners received \$100 and their application will be forwarded for national competition.

Eight students received the state FFA degree, the highest degree of membership in Michigan: Emily Roth, Jen Wisner. Teresa Leasure, Lisa Marker, Courtnay Perkins, Brian Rash. Brian Zook, and Lindsay Perkins. Twenty-four students received the Outstanding Junior award: Natalie Kent, Becky Bosserd, Tara Cariano, Jennifer Gunberg, Katie Hettinga. Ruthanne Oesch, Rachel Penninga, Kayla Ritenburgh, Megan Thompson, Abby Vos. Abbie Blanding, Heather Blough, Katelyn Bush, Nathaniel Canfield, Katie Clements, Brandon Gessler, Danielle Nebelung, Megan Nyson, Holly Plattner, Brian Posthumus, Laura Rasch, Pieter Serne, Lisa Wojciakowski, and Tim Zook.

Andrea N. Rickert, of Lowell, and Miranda Reimann, of Alto, have been named to the dean's list for winter term. Rickert is the daughter of Jeffery and Julie Rickert of

Reimann is the daughter of Charles and Lynne Reimann of the arts.

To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

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The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jeffrey S. Nethercot of Lowell has been named to the president's list for winter term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by Dr. David E. Fry, president of the university Nethercot is the son of Sharon Nethercot of Lowell.

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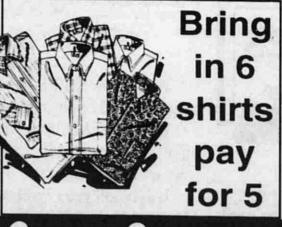
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LHS forensics team qualifies for state competition



All seven members of the

Lowell forensics memright, are: Helen Crimmins, Getz, Tory O'Haire, Becky Brinkley, Christine Benson and Eric Soules.

"The Laramie Project" Lowell High School foren- was performed by Christine sics team who won at the Benson, Becky Brinkley, District Tournament will ad- Tory O'Haire, Chris Bradvance to the state finals after ley, Christine Getz and Eric placing in the top level of Soules. The play is based on their events at Saturday's Re- the Matthew Sheppard case gional Tournament in Hol- and the effect that it had on land. The multiple interpre- the small community where Gillespie. tation "The Laramie Project" it took place. In addition to took third place while Helen performing, O'Haire took on Crimmins, who competed in the added job of assistant diprose interpretation, took rector to director, Jane Gillespie.

Crimins recreated an ex-

cerpt from the novel The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver which is set in the Congo and deals with an attack of army ants. "Helen is competing as a novice this year and has swept up at every competition," says

The State Forensics Tournament will be held the first weekend in May at Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

bers, pictured from left to Peace cannot be kept by force. It can Chris Bradley, Christine only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstein





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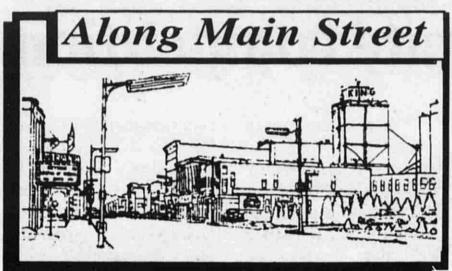
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CHERRY CREEK REUNION DAY

All former Cherry Creek students and staff are invited to

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

TINA THORNE-GRAY Plaintiff

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 permit ted 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

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledgerforthree (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

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stop by Cherry Creek Elementary and reminisce with "old" teachers and friends for the first-ever Reunion Day on Parish Center on Saturday, April 27 from 4-7:30 p.m. 50/50 Wednesday April 24 from 4-5 p.m.

APRIL FUN NIGHT

The Lowell Middle School will offer a fun night on Wednesday, April 24 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. at the middle school. For more information, call 897-9222.

LOWELL HISTORICAL MUSEUM SPRING PROGRAM

A spring program titled "The Stories, Mysteries & Characters That Dwell Within Oakwood Cemetery" will be presented by Don DeJong on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Charter Township Hall. The public is invited to this free program, and light refreshments will be served.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a spaghetti 897-7611 for more information. dinner for the Leah Nawrocki Leukemia Fund at St. Patrick's

raffle; pie sale; silent auction. Adults: \$8; K-8th graders: \$4; preschoolers free. For ticket info. call Diane Brown at 897-

CROP WALK COMING IN MAY

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.

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

Foster Home, cont'd... From Page 1

The termination took place before information of his prior

In response, Hope Network initiated an education pro gram on sexual abuse and assault throughout its foster care

bordered on insubordination, and improper communication homes. It will also contact residents of all facilities where Cooley worked in an effort to care for other possible victims.

Bleke, cont'd... From Page 1

the elite few who will be interviewed May 2-4.

Bleke has been with Lowell Area Schools for the past seven years.

"I am totally comfortable with what and how I'm going about this," he explains. "When a person feels a call to do something, from within, then I think they should."

The Lowell superintendent said the challenges that come with being the Grand Rapids' superintendent are greater than Lowell.

"The challenges I faced seven years ago in Lowell are less now, and they ought to be if I've done my job," Bleke explained. "The Grand Rapids' position gives me an opportunity to create a better learning situation for kids in the inner city."

Before joining Lowell, Bleke spent 15 years in the Forest Hills School District where he served as high school principal and assistant superintendent for instruction.

"If I don't get the job, I still love being here in Lowell," Bleke said.

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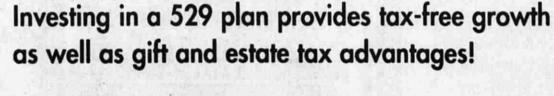
The purpose of said hearing will be to consider vacating Hill Street, which borders on the south of Lots 106 and 107 of Ellsworth Addition and the City property.

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY J. The decedent, REBECCA VANDERMARK, who lived L. WINGATE, who lived at at 4955 Timpson, Lowell, 11927 Roxbury Drive N.E., Michigan 49331 died 12/ Sparta, Michigan died 2/ 31/2001.

Creditors of the decedent Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims are notified that all claims against the estate will be against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DENNIS R. sented to MARLINE M. VANDERMARK, named PLUMB, named personal personal representative representative or proor proposed personal rep- posed personal represenresentative or to both the tative or to both the proprobate court at 1083 Dog- bate court at 180 Ottawa wood Meadows S.E., Ada, Ave N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49301 and the named/ MI 49503 and the named/ proposed personal repre- proposed personal repsentative within 4 months resentative within 4 after the date of publicamonths after the date of tion of this notice. publication of this notice.

4/5/02 MARY L. BENEDICT (P-45285) 4519 Cascade Road S.E. Ste. 14 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

> DENNIS R. VANDERMARK 1083 Dogwood Meadows S.E. Ada, MI 49301

CRAIG AVERY (P-10311) 3875 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI 49321 (616) 784-5080

MARLINE M. PLUMB 1338 Muskegon N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49504

treated like people, not num- are also discussed. Every asbers, the same way customers sociate is exposed to these are treated. Fairness, honesty and integrity are not just cli- knowledge and the confiched words. Those values are dence to prevent or solve simipracticed daily and are what lar situations. In addition to keeps Seaman's customers these peer meetings, satisfied and returning.

excellence and strives to be cus on specific installation or an industry leader. It has mo- repair techniques. bilized a highly professional, quality service, design and installation team. Seaman's tended family. Bill Smeda, a holds in-house training ses- design engineer, remarked, sions each month where the "First, Seaman's stands for company reviews technical excellence. Great pride is problems and solutions they taken among all the employhave come across that month. ees in what we do. Second, Customer service issues Seaman's is a family-oriented

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company. Seaman's cares a VanKuiken joked, "The hardgreat deal about its employees and their families. Not issues to give each one the Seaman's hosts several spe-Seaman's is committed to cialty training sessions to fo-The Seaman's atmo-

sphere is truly that of an ex-

many companies are like this tion in Florida." When describing his rein today's society. In fact, the "family," spearheaded by asaction to winning the award again, VanKuiken said, "I sistant general manager, don't think he'll realize we've Patricia VanKuiken, entered won it again until he gets Seaman's in the ACCA back to see his teammates awards competition without Seaman's president and CEO, and all celebrate." Randy Seaman's knowledge.

est part was convincing him

to come down to the conven-

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"The U.S. Postal Service is making it easier for customers to get information and resolve service issues by telephone," said Lowell postmaster, Gil Brown.

Beginning in April, when customers call the Lowell Post RICHARD L. SMITH, Office phone number, they are now given the toll free number for prompt assistance for routine postal questions or service issues. Customers preferring to call their local post office directly will be given a number to make that connection. A judgment of possession for breach of a land

"Research indicated that many customers get a busy signal or their calls do not go through when calling a local post office, contract is entered in this because of the volume of calls received," said Brown. "Since 80 percent of all calls to a local post office are seeking information on such topics as ZIP codes, post office hours and to locations and mailing rates, these calls can more efficiently be handled by a call center agent. Those calls requiring local assistance will be handled by our post office."

To enhance customer service, the 1.800.ASK.USPS call was 100 Diamond SE. center network, has specially trained agents to provide inforis adjourned for service. mation about:

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In addition, call center agents can assist customers with service issues. If an agent cannot resolve a service issue, the local phone number will be provided to the customer.

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 22, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

- Metric Manufacturing Company (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 1001 Foreman) real parcel #41-20-03-226-007, personal parcel #41-50-72-004-338. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,510,000 in facilities and machinery.
- To consider vacating Hill Street, which borders on the south of Lots 106 and 107 of Ellsworth Addition and the City property.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street or appear in person at the Englehardt Public Library.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk 616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS GRATTAN **TOWNSHIP BOARD**

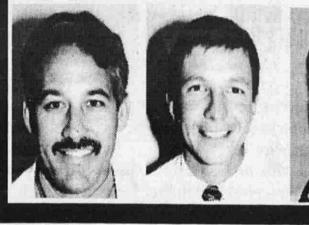
REGULAR MEETING GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL APRIL 8, 2002

MOTIONS APPROVED:

- Motion to approve the agenda
- Motion to approve Consent Agenda
- Motion to approve March 25, 2002 Minutes
- Motion to approve Clerk's report -
- Motion to close the public hearing
- Motion to approve the distribution of the applicant's report and the communication, regarding sewer backups
- Motion to approve the CDBG Program Agreement with the County of Kent.
- Motion to hire Dyna-Clean Inc. for carpet
- Motion to buy the 1985 pumper from the county for \$8545.50
- Motion to adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Gloria Burns, recording secretary

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Kevin Miller



Migraines in children and adolescents

Most people are unaware that children and adolescents can suffer from migraine headaches. The symptoms are similar to those in the adult population:

 An intense pounding headache often associated with nausea and sometimes

proposed text amendments.

Section 201.416

amendments.

Article III Zoning Districts:

Section 201.306A - (B) (3)

Article II Definitions:

and not a campground.

Article III Zoning Districts:

updated from 50 to 30 feet.

Zoning Map Amendment:

Section 201.306 (F) (3) and 201.311:

Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Section 201.202:

Article IV General and Special Regulations:

 The pain usually begins head, or around the eyes.

 Bright lights or loud noises may make the headache worse.

 Some patients report shadows or patterns of lines in front of their eyes as the headache begins.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes

Township Planning Commission will be held on Monday May 6, 2002

at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381

Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to the

Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the

The proposed amendments are to create a new section pertaining to

the permitted uses, application and review procedures and site

development standards for manufactured home developments. The

standards include such areas as minimum acreage, setbacks, lot size,

roads, sidewalks, skirting, screening, street names and house

numbering, lighting, open space, utilities, communication equipment

mailbox clusters, school bus stops and other miscellaneous provisions

The Manufactured Housing Commission has approved the proposed

The proposed amendment removes the language that manufactured

home developments shall only comply with the Mobile Home

Commission Act and replaces the language with the requirements of

The proposed amendments are to add the State definition of "Seasona

Manufactured Home Development" pertaining to temporary occupancy

The proposed amendments are to change the rear yard setback in the

R-2 and the R-3 districts from 50 feet to 30 feet. The bulk table will be

A rezoning application of property located at the SE corner of

Vergennes and Lincoln Lake, about 3 acres, parcel number 41-16-34-

227-001, in the NE quarter of section 34, 432 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell

The complete text and map of the proposed ordinance amendments

can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey

Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax

897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the

conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed

to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at

the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

by Paul Barron to change the zoning from R-2 to Commercial.

the new manufactured home development section 201.416.

As many as five percent of children in grade school have migraines. During high school about 20 percent of adolescents get migraines. Migraines run in families, so some authorities believe that this may indeed be a genetic abnormality.

Seeking a dark, cool place often helps the migraine sufferer. Ice packs or cool comhelp. If your doctor has given you prescription medication for the headaches, it should be taken at the first sign of symptoms. Do not wait - a · The headache usually delay may reduce the effecgets worse over time, if un-tiveness of the medicine.

> For more information on migraines in children, call the National Headache Foundation at 1-888-NHF-5552.

Along The Trails Wittenbach Center By Tammy DeBaar

As the weather warms, den ... yes, an actual labyrinth we look forward to growth in modeled after the myth of the the community gardens as Minotaur, designed by Marj well as some smaller project Morrison. gardens; we currently have space available in the community garden. The garden will provide guests with a raised and flat bed for \$35.

We hope to have some assistance with not only the planting of this, but perhaps some donations of some plants you may have as you work, in your gardens and split plants. We are hoping to have a sensory area for disabled visitors, a Native American area, a hummingbird area, and various perennial wildflowers and grasses.

Please keep these dates in mind: Week of May 20 - we

welcome donations of your plants to be planted May 24. Saturday, June 1 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., assistance in

planting. Please let us know if we can pick up your plants or you would just like to drop them off at the Wittenbach Center during school hours.

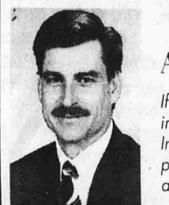
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ward to student aids, Rachel

and Susan and their hum-

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den which was planted last

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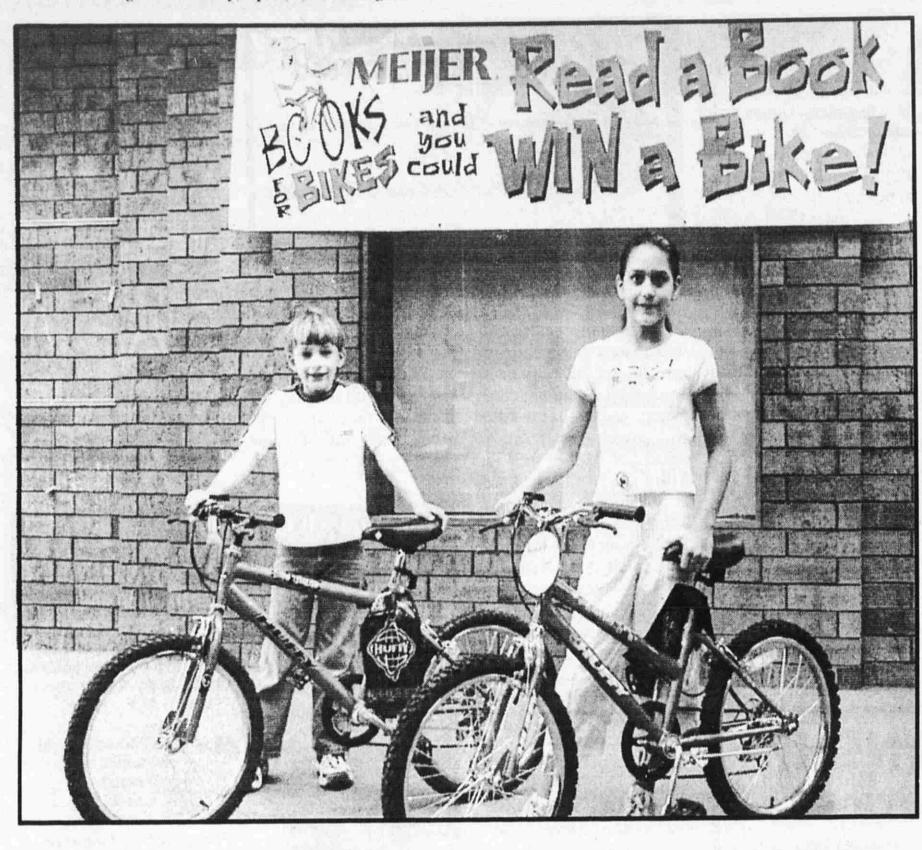


We have been three times blessed. Announcing the McMillian triplets born to Travis & Rebecca McMillian Tuesday, March 5, 2002 Lucas Gregory arrived at 9:42 a.m.

weighing 5 lbs. 4 oz. measuring 16 3/4 inches long Abbigail Rose Ellen arrived at 9:43 a.m. weighing 4 lbs. 14 oz. measuring 17 1/2 inches long. Mitchell Allen arrived at 9:44 a.m. weighing 4 lbs. 12 oz. measuring 16 inches long

Welcoming the trio bome was the very excited big sister, Henneh; grandparents Virginia & the late Allen Conner of Lowell, Greg McMillian of Cawood, KY and Sue Videan. Great-grandparents Ellen Miller of Lowell, Henrietta McMillian of Cawood, KY and Shirley Cook of Honea Path, SC.; great-great grandmother Cindy Howard of Cawood, KY; aunts & uncle Angela Conner, Shiree Knutson,

Greg McMillian and Andrea Videan as well as many other friends & family members.



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Cherry Creek bookworms ride away with the prize

Over 500 Cherry Creek Elementary students participated in the Whitecaps Reading Club, in recognition of National Reading Month.

The students who successfully completed the club's requirements each received a voucher for two free Whitecap tickets.

Skyler Nauta, third-grader, and Logan DeClercq, fifth-grader, fared a little better. Their names were drawn from a box in a bicycle drawing sponsored by

Students were required to read 15 minutes a night /450 minutes during the month of March.

"My bike is kind of old, so, yeah, it's nice to win a new one. I didn't expect to win," DeClercq said.

Nauta wasn't as surprised by his good fortune. "I've won toys at the fair before and I was telling everybody I was going to win the bike. I guess I'm pretty lucky," he

IN THE SERVICE

Marchido has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, miliin all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at tary justice, physical fitness, all the times you can, to first aid and Army history and all the people you can, as

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John Wesley

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Army Pvt. Josh T. he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crew-

> Marchido is the son of Tom and Lori Marchido of Lowell.

COLLEGE NEWS

Lowell's Gena Buhle was one of 12 University of Michigan students to receive the Michigan Leadership Award.

Buhler was nominated for the award by Gay DeLanghe, University of Michigan Dance chairperson, school of music.

The ceremony took place on Monday, April 8 at the Lydia Mendelssopha Theater.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can afford to and when he can't.

-Mark Twain

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ing Events" are free of charge EACH MONTH: American to any nonprofit organization Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 Saranac areas. We prefer E. Main St. at 8 p.m. such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, EVERY 1STMON .: V.F.W. phone at 897-9261.

EVERY MONTH: The Flat Lowell, 7:00 p.m. River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse EVERY MON .: Boy Scout (11841 Potters Rd.) east dates and times call 897-

Laurels of Kent volunteer 6481. group meets at 3 p.m. to lives of residents & staff, Sensibly Tops MI#372 promoting more pleasant living and working environment. Public invited.

EVERY OTHER SUN: Single adults, ages 25-50 at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. 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 ca 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Needlecraft Day at Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 897-7020. 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 Admin istration Building, former Runciman Elementary 300 High Street.

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

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

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

Notices in The Ledger's "Com- FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults members invited 1-800-

but will accept notices by Post #8303 (men only) EVERY OTHER WED .: pregnant women and adomeets at V.F.W. 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. lescents at the school: 11 social gathering; 10 a.m. Church for pot luck dinner. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Girls Club - Calvary Chris- a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: meeting. LARC sponsors Bring dish to pass and own

5015. Guests are welcome. during school year in Scout 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-1ST SUN. OF EACH St. Enjoy hiking/camping. Call 897-5894 for details. THURS.: The Alto Lions MON .: Family Council of Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-

> meets at Key Heights Mo- EVERY WED.: Rotary EVERY 2ND THURS.: 5-17\$1.50; members free. Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 Masonic Temple.

program at 9 a.m. in at Franciscan Life Process Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Center from 1-3:30 p.m. Old Belding Rd. No charge. \$10 per week. Transporta-Call Lana 691-8450 for info. tion available. Call Pat at

TUES .: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at EVERY SECOND WED .: members welcome.

Ionia County Literacy Call 897-6050. Council, free help with St., Ionia. Call 527-2345 or

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 Par- Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. ent Group meetings 7:30 to 9 p.m., in Board Room at EVERY FOURTH WED .: Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. 300 High St. Business gram meetings/even months. Open to all.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell, All Masons are welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: 897-9794. Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, S. Hudson.

ents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at THURS .: Weight Watch-

with AD/HD Issues Group 651-6000. meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons EVERY THURS. - St. at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m. bands will perform.

tian Reformed Church. 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

Connie 942-6887.

Cabin on N. Washington drenages 4 thru 7th grade. FIRST AND THIRD appt. Call 676-9346.

meets at Lowell Congre- of 84th & M-50 (Alden Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; discuss enhancing the TUES .: Take Off Pounds gational Church basement. Nash) at 7 p.m.

EVERY WED .: The "Pep-TUES: Walking-exercise pers" (senior adults) meets 897-7842.

LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New Kent County Youth Fair EVERY 2ND THURS .: a.m. - 2:30 p.m. New tel Board meets at 7:30 p.m. VFW #8303 Ladies Auxil- number is now 647-3920. SAT., APRIL 27: Swiss at King Memorial Youth lary meets at 3 p.m. at TUES., WED, THURS.: Center at the Fairgrounds. VFW Clubroom, 307 E. WOMEN

learning English: 6:30 - EVERY SECOND WED .: EVERY THIRD THURS .: of each month at 7:30 p.m. free. 8:30 p.m. at SS Peter & Grand Rapids Machine Parents Supporting Par-Bette Frieswyk 949-8655.

> **EVERY SECOND WED.:** G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's EVERY THIRD THURS .: Jazzin performing arts cen- raffle; silent auction. Call Club meets at noon in community room at Schneider

Elderly volunteers needed meetings/odd months; pro- for Intergenerational pro- EVERY THIRD THURS .: EVERY SECOND & 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Mother to mother sup-FOURTH TUES .: Knights p.m. Call Sister Colleen port for pregnant & of Columbus #7719 meets Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the breastfeeding women St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. Franciscan Child Develop- Nursing children welcome. ment Center, 897-7842.

Lowell Masonic Lodge EVERY FOURTH WED .: EVERY FRI .: Play an inregular meeting, 7:30 p.m. Support group for Periph-strument? Jam session w/

EVERYTHURS.: Take Off FRI: Walking-exercise pro-Pounds Sensibly Tops MI No. 333, meets at Saranac Twp. Hall, 12050 Old EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- Library. Weigh-in 6:45 p.m. Belding Rd. No charge.

St. Luke's Lutheran ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Church, 201 N. Washing- ERY (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m. ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Historical Society meets 1 Call Linda 874-5662; teen Registration begins 1/2 p.m.at Averill Historical Mugroup call Sarah 281-6588. hour before meetings. New seum of Ada 7144 Headley.

bldg. For information call Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non- SECOND SAT.: Lowell THURS., APRIL 18: denominational help for

FIRST THURS.: 4-H Troop 102, for boys 11 & EVERY WED.: Pioneer drama club meetings at EVERY FRI. & SAT.: pastel workshop,9-4 p.m. up or completing the 5th- Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Ever- Lowell Middle School choir Averill Historical Museum at Franciscan Life Process grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. green Missionary Church, room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON ter Fellowship Hall, corner

bile Home Park Community meets at noon at Lowell N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. 2700 E. Fulton.

> EVERYTHURS .: Saranac Thurs. & Fri.:12-6 p.m. Community and Area Music Makers at Saranac High 2037. School. Choir: 6:30 - 7:30 897-5981 for info.

Main. No Bingo.

Paul Catholic School, High Knitters Club meets at ents-support group at LOWELL AREA ARTS SAT., APRIL 27: Spa-Kentwood Library, 4799 Franciscan Life Process COUNCIL: Open Tues... Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Center offers topics and Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Nawrocki Leukemia Fund, Sara Coates 365-1247 or discussion for parents of Thurs.: noon-7 p.m.; Sat.: children all ages. Call 897- 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. 7842 for time.

> Royal Arch Masons regu- ter at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$4 897-7611 for ticket info. lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake,

gram with school-age LaLeche League of Ada, children from Lowell in Cascade & Lowell 6:30 p.m. activities. Times: 9:45 to for socializing; meeting 7 Ada church. Call 752-8300.

eral neuropathy meets at 4 Nick & Patti at The New p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Riverview, M-21 E. of Church, 2560 Lake Michi- Lowell, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call gan Dr. Grand Rapids. 897-0099 Nickor 897-9948

> gram 9 a.m. in Grattan Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-MONTH: Ada

Amateur Radio Club @ KeenAgers meet 10 a.m. Lowell High School 9 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist the 145.27 MHz area radio table service. repeater system.

of Ada,7144 Headley open 1 to 4 p.m. Other times by ister at 897-7842.

CAL MUSEUM HOURS: -Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: purchase tickets. \$10; individuals \$3; ages

Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-

a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 ments served.

SECOND THURS. OF adults; \$3 students. CMU EACH MONTH: Geneal- jazz ensemble and Lowell ogy - Alto Family Tree Club middle and high school jazz

SAT., APRIL 20: 1-day oil Center. \$70 class fee. Reg-

APRIL 19 & 20: Concert Club meets at Bowne Cen- LOWELL AREA HISTORI- benefit by Lowell '60s & '70s rock 'n' roll bands for LAAC. Call 897-8545 to

APRIL 22-26: Scholastic Book Fair at Bushnell Elem. at Trinity Lutheran Church, FLAT RIVER OUTREACH 9-3:30 p.m. Open to the MINISTRIES THRIFT community. Also open 6-SHOP HOURS: Wed., 7:30 during Spring Fling.

WED., APRIL 24: Lowell Historical Museum program about Oakwood p.m.; Band: 7:30-8:15 p.m. ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY Cemetery w/Don DeJong Call Kathy at 642-6316/ HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 - at 7:30 at Lowell Twp. Hall. 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 Public invited; refresh-

> Steak dinner, 5-7 p.m. at OF THE Bowne Center United MOOSE: Business meet- Methodist Church. Adults: ing held the third Monday \$7; 6-12, \$3.50; under 5

St. Patrick Parish Center, 4- 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8; K-8th graders \$4; WED., APRIL 17: Night of preschoolers free. 50/50

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Eu-

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

Woodland Mall.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

WED., APRIL 17: 10 a.m. WED., APRIL 24: 8 a.m. Advisory Council: 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

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.

THURS., APRIL 25 THURS., APRIL 18: Noon G.R. Art Museum works of Picasso.

MON., APRIL 29: 12:40

Women's Breakfast

12:40 - Shop Family Fare

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

> p.m. Travelogue; Shopping at G. R. Meijer.

TUES., APRIL 30: 12:40 p.m. Shop at Sam's Club and Wal Mart.

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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RESOLUTION NO. 6-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, THE PUBLICATION OF AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Councilmember Myers moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan (the "City") hereby determines that it is necessary and in the public interest to undertake the reconstruction, resurfacing and improving (including in some cases curbs, gutters and sidewalks) various major and minor streets within the City, including, but not limited to, Valley Vista Drive between West Main Street and Donna Drive and North Division Street between East Main Street and Grindle Drive within the City (the "Improvements"); and

cluding engineering, legal, financial and bond issuance tion. costs), is estimated to be not less than Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000); and

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of the Improvements, the City Commission deems it necessary to borrow the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000), and issue its bonds therefor as authorized by the provisions of Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175"); and

WHEREAS, the Improvements are in accordance with the purposes enumerated in Section 13 of Act 51 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951 ("Act 51"), as amended: and

from the State of Michigan (the "State") from State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to Act 51 during the fiscal year next preceding this borrowing are more than sufficient to comply with all the City, by the issuance of these bonds, will not pledge percent (50%) of the revenues received during the fiscal vear next preceding this borrowing.

SOLVED THAT:

Section 1. and adopted

period of usefulness of the Improvements is estimated to be in excess of sixteen (16) years.

Commission hereby determines to borrow the sum of Four Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000) provisions of Act 175 for the purpose of providing funds payment of legal and engineering fees, bond issuance costs and other costs and expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Bonds.

shall be (i) designated TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, SERIES 2002 (the "Bonds"), (ii) fully registered, (iii) issued in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof of any single maturity, (iv) dated May 1, 2002, and (v) numbered consecutively in direct DTC in taking appropriate action after reasonable notice order of maturity from 1 upwards; and shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding a net interest rate of eight percent (8.00%) per annum, expressed in multiples of 1/ 8 or 1/20 of 1% or both (the difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed three percentage points and the interest rate borne by the Bonds maturing after August 1, 2003, shall be equal to or greater than the interest rate borne by the Bonds maturing in the preceding year) payable semiannually on the February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2003. The Bonds shall be payable serially on August 1 of each year and with principal amounts payable in each year as follows:

Maturity	Principal Amount	Maturity	Principal Amount
2003	\$25,000	2011	\$35.000
2004	25,000	2012	35,000
2005	25,000	2013	35,000
2006	25,000	2014	40,000
2007	30,000	2015	40,000
2008	30,000	2016	45,000
2009	30,000	2017	45,000
2010	30,000		
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Principal of, and premium, if any, on the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds as they respectively become due at the designated corporate trust office of Fifth Third Bank, Michigan, istrar"), who is hereby designated as the paying agent issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

and bond registrar. Interest on the Bonds shall be paid by check or draft drawn on the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar and mailed by first-class mail to the Registered Owner thereof at the address shown on the bond register (the "Bond Register") of the City kept by the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar, as bond registrar, on the Date of Record as hereafter identified. The Date of Record shall be the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the calendar month a payment of interest is due, provided that if such day is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State, the Date of Record shall be the close of business on the next day preceding Councilmember Brubaker, supported by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State. Payment as aforesaid shall be made in lawful money of the United States of America.

Section 5. Optional Redemption. Notice of Redemption. Bonds maturing the years 2003 through 2012, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of Bonds in multiples of \$5,000 within a single maturity, maturing in the years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City, in such order of maturity as the City shall determine and within a single maturity by lot on any date on and after August 1, 2012, WHEREAS, the cost of the Improvements (in- at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemp-

> Notice of the call of any Bonds for redemption shall be given by first-class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the Registered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register of the City kept by the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar to redeem said Bonds.

Section 6. Book-Entry System. Initially, one fully-registered bond for each maturity of the Bonds, in WHEREAS, the revenues received by the City the aggregate amount of such maturity, shall be issued in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") for the benefit of other Registrar as the absolute owner thereof. parties (the "Participants") in the book-entry-only transfer system of DTC. In the event the City determines that the requirements specified in Section 4 of Act 175, and it is in the best interest of the City not to continue the book-entry system of transfer or that the interests of the for annual debt service, an amount, together with any holders of the Bonds might be adversely affected if the other borrowing for which State collected taxes returned book-entry system of transfer is continued, the City may to the City for road purposes are pledged in excess of fifty notify DTC and the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar, whereupon DTC will notify the Participants of the availability through DTC of bond certificates. In such event, the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RE- Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall deliver, transfer and exchange bond certificates as requested by DTC and Plans and Estimates. The any Participant or "beneficial owner" in appropriate plans and estimates of the cost of the Improvements as amounts in accordance with this Resolution. DTC may set forth in the preamble hereto, are hereby approved determine to discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the Section 2. Period of Usefulness. The City and the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law or the City may determine that DTC is inca-Bonds Authorized. The City pable of discharging its duties and may so advise DTC. In either such event, the City shall use reasonable efforts to locate another securities depository. Under such and issue bonds of the City therefor pursuant to the circumstances (if there is no successor securities depository), the City and the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar to pay the cost of the Improvements, including the shall be obligated to deliver bond certificates in accordance with the procedures established by this Resolution. In the event bond certificates are issued, the provisions of this Resolution shall apply to, among other Section 4. Details of Bonds. The bonds things, the transfer and exchange of such certificates and the method of payment of principal of and interest on such certificates. Whenever DTC requests the City and the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar to do so, the City and the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall cooperate with to make available one or more separate certificates evidencing the Bonds to any Participant having Bonds certified to its DTC account or to arrange for another securities depository to maintain custody of certificates evidencing the Bonds.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution to the contrary, so long as any Bond is registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, all payments with respect to the principal of, interest on and premium, if any, on such Bonds and all notices with respect to the Bonds shall be made and given to DTC as provided in the Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations between DTC and the City.

Section 7. Execution, Authentication and **Delivery of Bonds.** The Mayor and City Clerk shall sign said Bonds manually or, to the extent authorized by law, by facsimile, for and on behalf of the City and shall cause the seal of the City to be affixed thereto or printed thereon. The Bonds, when executed, shall be delivered to the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar for authentication and delivery by it to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of the purchase price therefor. The Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver the Bonds as directed by the City through the written instruction of the Mayor or the City Clerk. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Manager are hereby authorized to investment income realized from the investment of such execute such certificates, affidavits or other documents money shall be used by the City to pay the cost of the Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Paying Agent/Bond Reg- or instruments as may be required in connection with the Improvements and the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Section 8. Form of Bonds; Exchange and Transfer of Bonds; Change in Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. The Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A. In the event that the Bonds are not in book-entry-only form, any individual Bond shall be transferable on the Bond Register upon the surrender of the individual Bond together with an assignment executed by the Registered Owner or its duly authorized attorney in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Upon receipt of a properly assigned Bond, the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds in equal aggregate principal amount and like interest rate and maturity to the designated transferee or transferees. Any individual bond may likewise be exchanged for one or more other bonds with the same interest rate and maturity in authorized denominations aggregating the same principal amount as the Bond being exchanged. Such exchange shall be effected by surrender of the individual Bond to be exchanged to the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar with written instructions signed by the Registered Owner of the individual Bond or its attorney in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Upon receipt of an individual Bond with proper written instructions the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds to the Registered Owner of the Bond or its properly designated transferee or transferees or

The Paying Agent/Bond Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bonds during the period fifteen (15) days next preceding any interest payment date of such Bonds.

Payment of principal of or interest on any Bonds shall be made only to the Registered Owner thereof, but such registration may be changed as hereinabove provided. All such payments shall be valid and effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability upon such Bonds to the extent of the sum or sums so paid. The person in whose name any Bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the City and the Paying Agent/Bond

The City may designate by notice mailed by certified mail to each Registered Owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to the change of a new Paying Agent/Bond Registrar.

Section 9. Payment of Bonds; Debt Retirement Fund. For the purpose of providing moneys to pay the principal of, and interest on the Bonds herein authorized, and in accordance with the provisions of Act 175, the City hereby makes an irrevocable annual appropriation of amounts sufficient to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds when due from the moneys to be derived from State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to law which have not been heretofore specifically allocated and pledged for the payment of indebtedness. The City Treasurer is hereby directed, during each year that any of the principal of or interest on the Bonds remains outstanding and unpaid, to set aside in a separate fund, to be designated Transportation Fund Bonds, Series 2002 - Debt Retirement Fund (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), sufficient moneys from revenues received during each such year from the State pursuant to law to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. At the time of issuance of the Bonds, (i) accrued interest, if any, on the Bonds from the date of the Bonds to the date of delivery thereof and (ii) premium if any, paid on the Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund.

Principal of and interest on the Bonds are also secured by moneys, including investment income (to the extent not required to be rebated to the United States of America), in the Debt Retirement Fund and the hereafter identified Construction Fund.

Section 10. General Obligation; Pledge of Limited Full Faith and Credit. Pursuant to the authorization of Act 175, the City, by majority vote of the members of its City Council hereby pledges its full faith and credit to the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The pledge of the City shall be a first budget obligation of the City, and the City shall advance from its general funds a sufficient amount to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due. If necessary, the City shall levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the boundaries of the City, however the authority of the City to levy such tax is subject to charter, statutory and constitutional tax limitations The City's pledge shall continue until payment in full of all the Bonds, or until the Bonds are defeased pursuant to Section 13 hereof.

Section 11. Construction Fund; Payment of Costs of the Improvements. There is hereby established with the City Treasurer, a fund to be designated the Transportation Fund Bonds, Series 2002 - Construction Fund (the "Construction Fund"). The net proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, after deducting the amount of accrued interest and premium, if any, paid on the Bonds required to be deposited in the Debt Retirement Fund pursuant to Section 9 hereof, shall be deposited in the Construction Fund. Money in the Construction Fund and

Section 12. Construction Fund Surplus. Con-

struction Fund surplus shall be transferred to the Debt tion printed in the English language and circulated in the Retirement Fund where said surplus shall be applied by State which carries as a part of its regular service notices the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar to pay principal of the of the sale of municipal bonds, which Official Notice of Bonds in accordance with applicable law and in a man- Sale shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as ner which will not cause interest on the Bonds to be Exhibit B. includable in the gross income of bondholders for Federal income tax purposes.

direct obligations of the United States or obligations the certain requirements on (i) the expenditure of proceeds principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the from the sale of the Bonds, (ii) the investment of the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of proceeds from the issuance of the Bonds and (iii) the and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due rebate of interest earned on the investment of the proat times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity the ceeds of the Bonds under certain circumstances. The principal of and interest on the Bonds, shall have been City hereby covenants to comply with such requirements deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and as applicable the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as pro- this Resolution.

provided for herein are authorized by the constitution. Resolution are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby and laws of the State, and in particular by Act 175, and repealed. the Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation whatsoever by the State or any taxing authority in this Resolution are furnished for convenience only and within the State except estate taxes and taxes on gains shall not be considered to be a part of this Resolution. realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

reserved in accordance with the provisions of Act 175, to tion. issue additional bonds pledging moneys derived from state collected taxes returned to the City for road pur- YEAS: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Myers, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to poses pursuant to Act 175 and subject to the limitations contained therein.

Section 16. Covenants Regarding Use of ABSTAIN: Councilmembers None Bond Proceeds. The City hereby covenants to make no use of the proceeds of the Bonds, or any other funds which may be deemed to be proceeds of the Bonds pursuant to Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder (collectively the "Code"), which, if the use had been reasonably expected on the date of issuance of the Bonds, would have caused the Bonds to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of the Code, and income tax purposes.

ment of the Treasury. The Bonds herein authorized amended. shall not be issued until the Department of the Treasury of the State of Michigan ("Treasury") has approved such issuance or unless an exemption from prior approval is Dated: April 8, 2002 granted, pursuant to the filing of a Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation or the City is granted qualifying Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk status by Treasury pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001.

Section 18. Investment of Funds. Moneys in the several funds herein referred to, including the moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be invested in obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States or certificates of deposit, subject to the limitation, if any, provided in the Act 175, provided, however, investment of moneys in the Debt Retirement Fund shall be limited No._ to obligations of the United States of America bearing maturity dates before the date of payment of the next principal or interest payment. All investments shall be subject to the applicable limitations imposed by arbitrage regulations, including proposed and temporary regulations, issued pursuant to Section 148 of the Code. In the event such investments are made, the securities representing the same shall be kept on deposit with the financial institution having on deposit the funds from which such purchase was made. Income received from such investment shall be credited to the fund from which said investments were made.

Section 19. Refunding Bonds. The City shall have the power to issue refunding bonds pursuant to Act 175 and other applicable law to refund all or part of the Bonds for purposes authorized by law.

Section 20. Execution of Documents. The Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Manager are hereby authorized to execute such certificates, affidavits or other document or instruments as may be required in connection with the issuance, sale and delivery of the

Section 21. Use of Credit Facility. The City Manager and/or City Treasurer are hereby authorized to negotiate and arrange, as and to the extent deemed necessary, for the use of an irrevocable letter of credit, surety bond, insurance policy or other credit facility as security for the Bonds.

Section 22. Public Sale. The Bonds shall be sold at public sale on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., Eastern time, which date shall be the date of a special meeting of the City Council occurring more than seven (7) days after the publication of an Official Notice not less than sixty (60) days prior to a change in the C. Jeanne Shores of Sale. The City Clerk shall cause notice of the sale of Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Interest on this Bond is (SEAL) the Bonds to be published in The Bond Buyer, a publica- payable to the Registered Owner of record as of the

has consulted with its attorney and understands that the Section 13. Defeasance. In the event cash or Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, contains

Section 24. Severability. If any section, paraunder this Resolution except to receive payment of the graph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held principal of and interest on the Bonds from the cash or invalid, the invalidity of such paragraph, section, clause securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of

Section 25. Prior Resolutions. All resolutions Section 14. State Tax Exemption. The Bonds or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this

Section 26. Headings. The section headings

Section 27. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall be published once in the Lowell Section 15. Additional Bonds. The right is Ledger and shall become effective upon such publica-

> Pfaller and Shores NAYS: Councilmembers None ABSENT: Councilmembers: None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

> > Date: April 8, 2002 Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk tion.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting will comply with all requirements of the Code and appli- Clerk of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, do tered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed at the address cable regulations throughout the term of the Bonds hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete shown on the Bond Register of the City kept by the necessary to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Bonds so called for and will remain excludable from gross income for federal City of Lowell at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2002, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursu-Section 17. Approval of Michigan Depart- ant to Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as

EXHIBIT A

Form of Bond

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF KENT CITY OF LOWELL TRANSPORTATION FUND BOND, SERIES 2002

INTEREST RATE MATURITY DATE ISSUE DATE May 1, 2002 August 1, REGISTERED OWNER: CEDE & CO. P.O. Box 20 **Bowling Green Station**

New York, New York 10274 Tax I.D. No. 13-2555119 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: Dollars (\$

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan (the "City"), a public body corporate of the State of Michigan, for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner, specified above or registered assigns, the Principal Amount, specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America on the Maturity Date, specified feree in exchange therefor. above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Issue Date, specified above, or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum, specified above [calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve (12) 30-day months], first payable on February 1, 2003, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of February and August of each year.

Principal of this Bond is payable upon presentation and surrender at the designated office of Fifth Third Bank, Michigan, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Paying Agent/Bond Registrar"), or such other Paying Agent/ Bond Registrar as the City may hereafter designate by notice mailed by certified mail to the Registered Owner CITY OF LOWELL

close of business on the Date of Record by check or draft drawn on the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar and mailed by first-class mail to the Registered Owner at the address shown on the registration books of the City on the Date of Record. The Date of Record shall be the close Section 23. Internal Revenue Code. The City of business each January 15 and July 15 with respect to the payments due each February 1 and August 1 respectively, provided that if such day is a Saturday Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Michigan (the "State"), the Date of Record shall be as of the close of business on the next day preceding such 15th day of the month which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday

> This Bond is one of a series of bonds of like date and tenor except as to principal amount, date of maturity and rate of interest, issued in \$5,000 denominations within a maturity, aggregating in the principal sum of \$495,000 (the "Bonds") issued under and in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State, including specifically Act 175 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1952, as amended ("Act 175"), and pursuant to a bond authorizing resolution (the "Bond Resolution") duly adopted by the City Council of the City on April 8, 2002, for the purpose of defraying the cost of reconstructing, resurfacing and improving various streets within the City as more specifically described in the Bond Resolution. For a complete statement of the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this Bond is issued, reference is made to the Bond Resolution.

Bonds maturing the years 2003 through 2012, maturity. Bonds, or portions of Bonds in multiples of \$5,000 within a single maturity, maturing in the years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City, in such order of maturity as the City shall determine and within a single maturity by lot on any date on or after August 1, 2012, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemp-

Notice of the call of any bonds for redemption shall be given by first-class mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the Regisredemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not provided funds are on hand with the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar to redeem said Bonds.

This Bond and the interest thereon are payable primarily from the proceeds of State collected taxes returned to the City for road purposes pursuant to law and the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Bonds contains an irrevocable appropriation of the amount necessary to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be derived from such State collected taxes which have not been heretofore specifically allocated and pledged for the payment of indebtedness. Principal of, premium, if any and interest on the Bonds is further secured by the City's full faith and credit which includes the City's limited tax obligation, within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations, and its general funds. The City does not, however, have the power to levy any taxes in excess of its charter, statutory or constitutional limita-

This Bond is not a general obligation or evidence of indebtedness of the State

This Bond is exchangeable at the request of the Registered Owner hereof in person or by its legal representative duly authorized in writing, at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar, but only in the manner, subject to the limitations and at its sole expense, for other bonds of an equal aggregate amount upon surrender of this Bond to the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar. Upon such transfer, a new fully registered bond or bonds of the same maturity in authorized denomination or denominations will be issued to the trans-

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts. conditions, and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this Bond and the Bonds have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City, by its City Council, has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the facsimile signatures of its Mayor and City Clerk and its seal printed hereon and to be authenticated by the Paying Agent/Bond Registrar as the City's authenticating agent, as of the Issue Date set forth above.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is one of the Bonds described in the within mentioned Bond Resolution.

> FIFTH THIRD BANK, MICHIGAN Paying Agent/Bond Registrar

, 2002 Dated: Authorized Signature

EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$495,000 CITY OF LOWELL **COUNTY OF KENT** STATE OF MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND BONDS, SERIES 2002

SEALED BIDS. Sealed bids for the purchase of the above Bonds will be received by the undersigned at the Lowell City Hall located at 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, until 11:00 o'clock a.m., Eastern time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Sealed bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by an agent of the undersigned at the office of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan, 1445 First National Building. Detroit, Michigan, where they will simultaneously be opened and read. The City Council of the City of Lowell (the "City") will meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, to consider award of the bid.

Members of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan may submit bids by fax to the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan at (313) 963-0943, and other bidders may submit bids by fax to the City at fax number (616) 897-4085, attention: David M. Pasquale, City Manager, provided that faxed bids must arrive before the time of sale, and bidders faxing bids bear all risks of transmission failure.

In the alternative, electronic bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by Bidcomp/ Parity. Further information about Bidcomp/Parity, in- the State of Michigan (the "State"), the Date of Record cluding any fee charged, may be obtained from Bidcomp/ Parity, Jennifer Emery, 395 Hudson Street, New York, New York 10014, telephone number (212) 806-8304.

NO ELECTRONIC BIDS OR BIDS SUBMITTED BY FAX WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A FINANCIAL SURETY BOND IN THE AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR THE GOOD FAITH CHECK.

with information provided by Bidcomp/Parity as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Official Notice of Sale shall control.

Bidders may choose either location to present bids, but may not present bids at both locations.

BOND DETAILS. The Bonds will be fully registered, issuable in the denomination of \$5,000, or whole multiples thereof within a maturity and initially numbered in direct order of maturity from 1 upward. The Bonds will be dated May 1, 2002, and will bear interest from their date payable on February 1, 2003, and semi-annually thereafter on the first day of February and August of each year calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30day months.

The Bonds will mature on August 1, in each year, as follows:

Maturity	Principal Amount	Maturity	Principal Amount
2003	\$25,000	2011	\$35,000
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2005	25,000	2013	35,000
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2010	30,000		

PRIOR REDEMPTION. Bonds maturing the years 2003 through 2012, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds, or portions of Bonds, in multiples of \$5,000 within a single maturity, maturing in PAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS. the years 2013 through 2017, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption at the option of the City, in such order of maturity as the City shall determine and within a single maturity by lot on any date on and after August 1, 2012, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemp-

Notice of the call of any Bonds for redemption shall be given by first-class mail not less than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the

registration books of the City kept by the Bond Registrar/ Paying Agent (as hereinafter defined), as bond registrar. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption or not, provided funds are on hand with the Bond Registrar/Paying Agent to redeem said Bonds.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS. The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding a net interest rate of 8.00% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one Bond shall be at one rate only and all Bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the Bonds shall not exceed three percentage points. The interest borne by the Bonds maturing after August 1, 2003, shall be equal to or greater than the interest rate borne by the Bonds maturing in the preceding year. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the Bonds or at a price less than 98.75% of their par value will be considered.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY. The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchase of the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof within a maturity. Purchasers will not receive a certificate representing their interest in Bonds purchased.

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> the debt retirement fund and the construction fund as established and described in the Bond Resolution.

CITY IN THE BOND RESOLUTION HAS PLEDGED ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AS SECURITY FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE CITY IS OBLIGATED TO the interest thereon. LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES, LIMITED BY APPLI-CABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHAR-TER LIMITATIONS, IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO PAY WHEN DUE THE PRINCI-

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ADDITIONAL BONDS. Additional bonds may be issued as provided in the Bond Resolution.

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PURPOSE AND SECURITY. The Bonds are to be TAX MATTERS. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on its examination of the documents described in its opinion, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds (a) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations; however, it should be noted that certain corporations must take into account interest on the Bonds in determining adjusted current earnings for the purpose of computing such alternative minimum tax. The opinion set forth in clause (a) above is subject to the condition that the City comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest The Bonds are also secured by the moneys in thereon be (or continue to be) excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive IN ADDITION, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The City has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds and

> In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on its examination of the documents described in its opinion, under existing law, the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation of the State of Michigan or a political subdivision thereof, except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

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Nobody can say for sure. While it's true that some big companies have either cut or suspended their matching funds in recent months, it's far from clear that down-sizing 401(k) contributions will become a national trend Companies know that reducing their 401(k) match will

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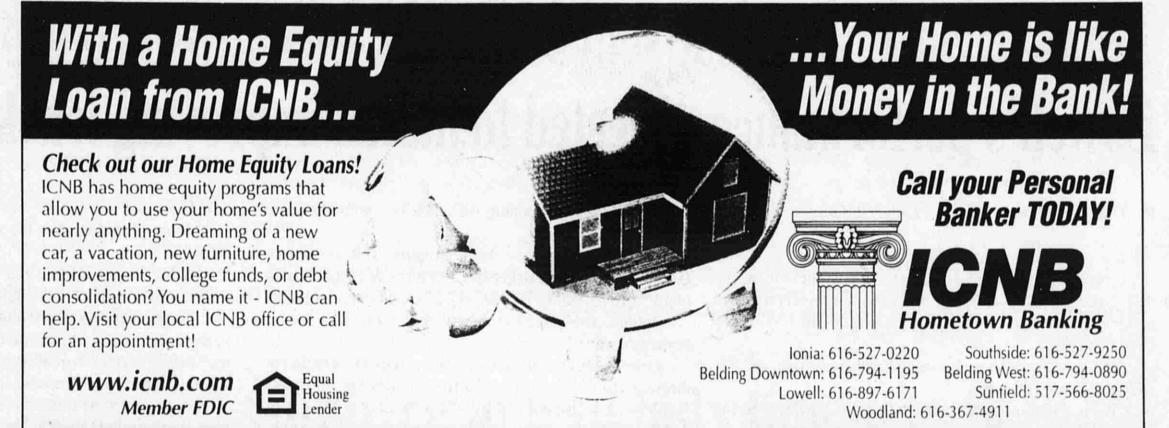
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You may also want to review your 401 (k) holdings if your employer's match had been made in company stock. Should you compensate for the loss by voluntarily putting more of your 401 (k) dollars into company stock? Not necessarily. It's generally a good idea to avoid overweighing a 401 (k) with the stock of one company even if it's your own. Instead, look at how your company

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and take action accordingly. Obviously, you'd prefer not to lose all or part of your employer's 401(k) match. But if it happens, you can minimize the impact by maximizing the rest of your 401(k) investments. Even without a match, your 401(k) can be a great retirement savings vehicle - when you make the right choices.



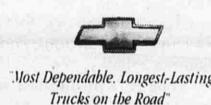
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Red Arrow girls favored to "field" best track team in O-K White

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It won't take long to determine if annointing the Lowell be strong," Talus said. girls track team as the odd-on favorite to repeat as O-K White conference champions was misguided.

"I'm a little uncomfortable with that," admits Lowell coach. Kathy Talus. "We face East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern right out of the gate, and I don't think we will be at full strength."

East finished second to the Red Arrows last year. Talus believes a strong core of cross country runners will make the to fill some of the void left by Ford's graduation. Huskies a formidable opponent.

will require more than just track.

"I always stress to people that it is track and field," says Talus.

It is not by coincidence, then, that Lowell is usually ahead coming out of the field events. "That's by design. We work hard at field events." Talus explains.

It was Lowell's meet to win.

this early in the season," Stevens said.

Grand Rapids.

line in 2:09.31.

and third-place finishes.

Even with the loss of the team's top scorer and field event the high hurdles.

A balanced attack saw Lowell garner seven first-, second-

mances." Stevens explained. "I have a nice group of guys.

Foster also had a winning leg in the 1600- and 800-meter

Foster, Matt Tschaenn, Zach Stauffer and Jeff Telman

Tschaenn also won the 800-meter run, crossing the finish

In the 800 relay, it was Foster, Mark Catlin, Nate Parnofiello

brought home the baton in the 1600-meter relay in a time of

3:42.2. "We're going to have a strong mile relay team. They

looked good against East," Stevens explained.

athlete (Kristi Ford), there appears to be plenty of depth. "We're not going to replace Kristi, but we're still going to

Nicole Gillikin and April Telman should help lift the Red Arrows to one of the top league pole vaulting spots. Gillikin is a two-time state qualifier. Telman also qualified for state in the pole vault last year.

Heather Becker will anchor both the shot and discus events with help from Kim Wierenga and Kristi Noall

Talus will count on Leslie Crowley and a set of freshmen

Gillikin, Mandy Kettel and Holly Plattner should keep Talus, entering into her 23rd year, knows that winning Lowell among the top in the long jump. On a team of great balance, Lowell's strongest event will

be the hurdles. The Red Arrows return all three hurdlers from

Leading the way is state qualifier, Krystal White. The junior qualified in both the low and high hurdles.

Telman also returns, holding the school record (15.6) in

Joining Telman and White is Natalie Kent - all three hurdlers were among the top six in the league last year. Kent may also have her name scratched in for the 200-meter dash.

Kim Huyser will lead the sprint crew. The Red Arrow was among the top three in the conference a year ago. Crowley is expected to anchor things in the 400-meter

run. Freshman Jenna Dickerman should also have an impact. In the distance events, Lisa Wojciakowski, Plattner, Kristin Lee, Sara Swab and Katie Clements are expected to make contributions.

In the relay events, Devon Collins, White, Huyser and Amanda Grochowalski will try to repeat as league champions in the 400-meter relay.

The 800-meter relay crew will consist of White, Kent, Wojciakowski and Huyser.

Kent , Wojciakowski, Dickerman and Plattner will make for a strong foursome in the 1600 while Wojciakowski, Plattner, Swab and Lee will anchor the 3200.

Talus's assistant coaches this year will be Robin Briggs, Angie Stockreef, Chad Grabill and Abbey Mathews.

More productive bats could make 2002 softball season a hit By Thaddeus J. Kraus with conference favorites - Hudsonville, Northview and

Lowell Ledger Editor

White conference.

Lowell veteran softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse measures his team's experience by how full the bucket is kept with softballs during infield practice.

If it's a young and inexperienced team, infield practice is stopped to retrieve the balls from the outfield.

During the Red Arrows' week-long, spring break trip in Gulf Shores, Ala., the bucket was never more than half empty. "Our defense will be solid," Rodenhouse says. It will have to be to remain competitive in a strong O-K incurred early last season.

"This league, as well as our nonconference schedule, will show us if we're improved," Rodenhouse explains.

The Lowell coach is confident his club will be competitive

Forest Hills Central.

"We're going to be in every ball game," Rodenhouse

Based on experience and past performance, Lowell's defense should be strong up the middle.

Juniors Jackie Benedict (shortstop) and Tara Kimble (second base) return for a third season at their varsity posi-

Katie Blough will cover ground in center. The fleetfooted senior is roughly 90 percent healed from a knee injury

Noelle Dewey will spend her first full season behind the plate. The junior spent her first two varsity seasons at third

Rodenhouse will plattoon Lacey Capen and Amanda Green and Heather Geelhoed.

Capen and Eickhoff return as the number one and two arms in the Lowell rotation.

"They're not overpowering, but their control has been good. They keep the ball low, and hit spots," Rodenhouse

Along with defense and pitching, Rodenhouse says the third key is to hit better.

"The girls worked hard over the winter in the batting cage," Rodenhouse explains. "That, and I think the maturation process will help. Many of them were facing varsity pitching for the first time last year."

Joining Blough in the outfield will be Courtney Phillips in right field, and Erin Barnes and Amanda VanSpronsen sharing

Other players on the roster are Melissa Warner, Heather

Deep pitching staff will lead otherwise inexperienced Lowell club

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A team divided would be an appropriate way to describe when the senior is on the mound. the 2002 Lowell baseball team.

From a defensive and offensive standpoint, Lowell is young and untested.

Its pitching staff, however, is experienced and deep.

"Without a doubt, it is the best pitching staff I've coached in four years," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel. "I like the depth (nine arms) and they all have two pitches and pretty decent location."

Brad Eldridge is the ace of a staff which features five seniors and four juniors

"Brad is a returning all-district pitcher, who has a good mix of pitches and has good location," Antel said. "I believe by the end of the year Brad will be one of the best pitchers in the area."

With the order still in question, the rest of the pitching Lowell Ledger Editor roster includes Bill Harrison, Adam Kuzmin, Greg McQueen (transfer from Belding), Bryan White, Ryan Nugent, Larry Kuzmin, Steve Palasek and Wade Gilchrist.

"Because we really don't have power pitchers, a key to our success will be our ability to make the plays behind them," Antel explained. Catching for the experienced staff will be the untested

From third to first, Lowell will line up like this in the field: Wade Gilchrist at third; Andrew Benedict at shortstop; Matt

Barry and Ryan Nugent splitting time at second; and Eldridge at first when he's not pitching. White will replace Eldridge

"Because we're going to be young and untested at the plate, we may not score as many runs as in the past," Antel

An integral part of Lowell's attack during Antel's tenure has been speed (running and stealing bases); he'd like that to continue, but knows that changes will make that difficult.

"Teams now prepare for Lowell. Opponents' pitchers' leg kicks are not as high and they deliver the ball to the plate in the way they play us. Lowell's success over the last three years (65-31) have

more quickly," Antel says. "They've changed their philosophy

some implementing the Red Arrow approach. "Teams like Northview and Hudsonville are running more

and making teams make plays," Antel explained. Despite varying styles of play, the O-K White in 2002 on

paper appears to be balanced from top to bottom. "There isn't a team in this league which is going to be

stepped on by the rest of the league," Antel concludes. "There is a lot of parity this year. Hudsonville, Central, East and Zeeland - they are all good."

Gunberg to lead lady linksters in '02

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Led by one of the best players in the O-K White, Lowell girls golf team will shoot for a top three finish in the league.

"The difference between finishing second, third, fourth will be if our third fourth and fifth players, who were average last year, can step up a notch this year. They all have the ability," Lowell coach, Rick White said.

White is referring to seniors Erin Mooney, Tara Kuipers and Jackie Estes.

"Collectively, if this year's girls are consistent, and

improve their short game, we will win our share of matches The players who can chip and putt are the ones named to the allconference and all-state teams," White explained.

Junior Jenny Gunberg brings a solid all around game into

the 2002 season. She was an all-conference player as a sophomore and White says she could be the best player in the league this year

if she's willing to work at it. "Jenny enters the season as one of the top five players in the conference. If her short game is solid, I think she may be the best player. She definitely has the ability," White said.

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Lowell's performance expected to match improving track numbers and Jordan Moore stopping the clock in a winning time of 43'11" By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Red Arrow hurdlers Andy Roberts, Telman and Ben 18'10". Grummet swept the 110 hurdles. Roberts was first with a time Lowell second-year coach, Russ Stevens knew it, and his of 16:31 followed by Telman (17:22) and Grummet (18:08). Red Arrow track team knew it. A couple of untimely miscues, Telman also placed second in the 300 hurdles, coming however, left Lowell with a disappointing 74-63 loss to East

home in 44.65. Lowell took the top two spots in the discus. Dave Hefferan's throw of 125'9" earned him a first; Travis DeVoid placed fill in if there are any injuries.' second with a distance of 116'10". "We had a number of strong individual and relay perfor-

Wes Tweedale opened a few eyes as he won the pole vault We're going to work hard and try to get East at the conference with a height of 10'6".

Two Lowell freshmen also caught the eye of Stevens as they finished second and third in the 3200-meter run. Red Arrow Matt Foster opened the conference season with Steve Ellison (2nd) was clocked in 10:07.02 while Paul a time of 52.68 in the 400-meter run. "That's an awesome time

> Despres placed third at 11:01. "Both are coming on and are going to be strong runners for

> The two freshmen also placed second and third in the 1600-meter run. Ellison was timed in 4:56 and Despres came

John Howard finished second in the high jump with a in the Hastings Relays on Saturday. height of 5'6". Teammate Ben Lemke, third, cleared 5'2". DeVoid placed second in the shot put with a throw of

Moore placed third in the long jump with a distance of

Catlin finished third (12 seconds) in the 100 while Parnofiello was third in the 200 (24.94)

"The numbers are there this year to give us a shot at third in the conference," Stevens said. "We have some depth with our sprinters which will allow us to move people around and Stevens says the future is bright. "We have a great fresh-

man class coming through," he explains. "If they continue to work, a conference championship is within their reach." The Lowell coach identifies Hudsonville and Forest Hills

Northern as the teams to beat in the O-K White this year. Areas of strength for Lowell in 2002 are the hurdles, sprints and relays.

"Our 400- and 800-meter relay teams are going to be fun us. Ellison has already broken the five-minute mile," Stevens to watch. They will surprise a few people this year," Stevens With Hefferan and DeVoid, Lowell should also fair quite

> well in the discus and shot put. Lowell travels to Northview on Thursday and competes

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As talent and skill have grown, so should Lowell's confidence in '02

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Three years ago, Lowell girls soccer coach, Ryan Conlan started freshmen because there wasn't another option. This year, the Lowell coach will start three freshmen

because they are talented. "They have the skill and soccer experience to play and succeed at the varsity level," Conlan says of Abbie Debiak.

Amy Oberlin and Amanda Rau. "I think it shows that our feeder program is working. We're starting to get skilled players who have been playing soccer for a long time and understand the game." Conlan said.

Conlan described the freshmen as soccer players who are also good athletes. "They are all talented and have been playing soccer since the age of eight." he says.

They will also mix in well with a young but experienced ver. Lowell'squad, led by seniors Laura Horsley and Jenny Wagner.

Horsley, a forward, is a three-year varsity player and earned a spot on the O-K White honorable mention allconference team as a junior.

Wagner, a defender, earned all conference honors in her third year on varsity last year. "Jenny also provides us with great leadership," added Conlan.

Protecting Lowell's net will be the athletic senior, Kelly Fitzpatrick. "In three key positions - defender, forward and keeper - we have experienced players," Conlan says. "This team is better skill-wise than any other Lowell team I've coached. Now the girls have to believe in themselves and go out and show it."

Debiak and Oberlin will man midfield for the Red Arrows. While that is a rare spot for freshmen, Conlan says both girls with confidence," Conlan concludes. are skilled enough with the ball to turn it up field and maneu-

Starting freshmen will give the Lowell coach the luxury of bringing in players off the bench who are good enough to start.

The O-K White is a tough league to grow up in with perennial state powers, East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central sitting at the top.

"I like playing those schools. You can learn a a lot from them. I just don't want to play them every week," Conlan

Thanks to the league switching to an end-of-season league tournament, Lowell will play conference foes just once during

Lowell's non-league games will include Jenison and Grand Rapids Baptist.

with seven strikeouts. "The keys for us will be playing well early and playing "In the first inning, they hit a gapper into right center field that Courtney Phillips ran down. Then a batter lined one off the glove of

school girls softball a long time and had never witnessed a pitcher throw a perfect game against or for him... Until Wednesday against Red Arrow ace, Lacey Capen retired 21 Greenville hitters in a row - not allowing one "It's quite remarkable. I've never seen it. let alone have one of my pitchers throw a perfect game," Rodenhouse said afterwards. Lowell won the game 8-0. Capen finished

Lowell center fielder Katie Blough runs down a fly ball in center.

first," Rodenhouse explained. "After that first inning, it was all routine groundballs to an infielder."

Capen captures a rarity; Lowell hurler pitches perfect game

Capen ran the count to three balls just four times over seven innings.

At the plate, Tara Kimble led the way with two hits and scored two runs. Jacque Benedict went 1-for-4 with two RBI and scored a run. Amanda Eickhoff was 1-for-3 with three RBI and a run scored.

Lowell won the nightcap 13-2 behind the stellar offensive display of Benedict. The junior was 3-for-5 at the plate with a run scored and five RBI. Capen was 2-for-3 with three runs scored.

On the mound, Eickhoff held Greenville to two runs on two hits while walking two and striking out eight.

picking up the victory. Brad Eldridge got the save in two

"We hit the ball fairly hard but right to them," said Lowell

In game two, Bryan White pitched five innings as Lowell

Wade Gilchrist came on in the sixth and then was relieved

Matt Barry, Bill Harrison, Austin Hunt and White all

"The pitching came through," Antel said. "Bill had good

Lowell trailed 2-0 going into the fourth inning in game

Adam Kuzmin started and took the loss for Lowell. "He

two, but then the mistake gate opened as Greenville blew open

threw better than the score indicates. We made a lot of mental

control and the defense made plays behind him."

doubled. Hunt was the only Red Arrow to collect two hits.

Lowell's Tara Kimble underhands a grounder to first in game one against Rockford.

A two-run sixth-inning double by Steve Palasek rallied Lowell from a 3-1 deficit as the Red Arrows defeated Belding. Ryan Nugent pitched five strong innings for Lowell in

Lowell 7-13

Belding 2-0

Lowell opened its season with a sweep over the Redskins In the first of two, Jacque Benedict went 4-for-4 (including two triples) at the plate with three RBI. Tara Kimble (triple) and Noelle Dewey (double) each added two hits

Lacey Capen, who kept the ball down throughout, gave up two runs on three hits while walking two and striking out

In the five-inning shortened game in game two, Lowell pounded Belding for 13 runs In the opener, Bill Harrison and Steve Palasek combined

Dewey, Benedict and Kimble all had two hits apiece. Dewey also collected four RBI and Benedict recorded her third triple of the doubleheader.

Amanda Eickhoff gave up one hit while walking one and At the plate, Matt Barry and Wade Gilchrist led the way striking out five.

> Rockford 5-5 Lowell 1-2

"Defensively, I thought we played as well as Rockford did. They just hit the ball better than we did," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse. "I don't think we're that far away. We need to play better against better teams.'

Lowell will have a chance to do that next week when they host Portland, Forest Hills Northern and Hudsonville.

From the plate, Jacque Benedict finished the week batting .600 (12-for-20). "Jacque is just ripping the ball right now," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell splits pair in invitational Lowell 4-5

Belding 3-2

innings of relief.

baseball coach, Tim Antel.

defeated the Redskins 5-2.

Lowell 7-1

to shutout the Yellowjackets.

with hits (including a double).

the game en route to the lopsided win.

and physical errors behind him," Antel said.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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Yellowjacket to reach first base.

Greenville.

Bob Rodenhouse has been coaching high

Lacey, who picked it up and threw her out at

Good pitching and timely hitting enabled Lowell to salvage a split on Saturday in the Lowell Invitational

After losing the opener to Byron Center (6-2), eventual tournament champion, the Red Arrows unleashed a 12-hit attack en route to a 10-6 win over South Christian.

"Adam Kuzmin went the distance for us in a gutty performance," Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel said. "Our defense still needs some work - we're struggling right now, but we're going to make plays."

Four Red Arrows rapped out two hits apiece. They were by Eldridge in the seventh with two out. Matt Barry, Bill Harrison, Austin Hunt and Jake Kulhawik. "The boys put the ball in play and manufactured a few

runs," Antel said. Lowell stole eight bases to go with its dozen hits.

The Red Arrows finished the week at 5-2 -465

Getting Back Safely: A Lowell baserunner dives back to first in action against Byron Center.

Lowell 8 Reeths-Puffer 7 (8 in.)

The Red Arrows plated three runs in the eighth inning to pull out a thriller in Muskegon.

The lead see-sawed back and forth throughout. Andrew Benedict and Steve Palasek led Lowell at the plate with two hits apiece and they scored two runs. One of Benedict's hits was a double. Adam Kuzmin also scored twice for Lowell.

Greg McQueen started and pitched well for Lowell, but was not involved in the decision. Brad Eldridge got the win in

Golf Victories, cont'd... From Page 20

Barbour 56, Sarah Gates 61, and Ashley Lynch 69.

"Over all I was pleased with our scores in the first two matches. We need some practice and to cut down on our three putts," Lowell golf coach, Rick White said. "If the girls improve their putting, and chip better, they can shoot under 200 and that will win a lot of matches."

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DeRath to wrestle at Virginia The following wrestlers placed at local tournaments:

Two-time high school wrestling state champion, Ian DeRath announced he will attend the University of Virginia in the fall to study political science and wrestle.

DeRath, the son of Gilbert and Cindy DeRath, will wrestle for Cavalier coach, Lenny Bernstein. Virginia placed third in the ACC this year.

The scholarship is a combination of scholastics and wrestling.

JV soccer team splits a pair

Lowell's junior varsity soccer team split a pair of games with Lakewood and East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows shutout the Vikings 6-0. Emily Gerard recorded a hat trick as she netted three goals and assisted on a Red Arrow, Jess Visser pushed two past the Viking keeper

while Heather McQueen tallied one. The Red Arrow hit the cross bar on an attempted header off a Gerard cross. Chantel Todoscick and Adrienne Ripleywere recognized

for setting up Lowell's attack and helping limit Lakewood to just one shot on goal. Lowell lost a 1-0 decision to East Grand Rapids later in the

The only goal of the game came with 45 seconds remaining in the first half off a corner kick.

Lowell missed on two breakaway opportunities in the second half as the Pioneers held on for the victory.

Red Arrow keeper, Courtenay Cooper tallied 10 saves.

Wall continues to build for today and future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With a plethora of sophomores in this year's lineup and promising freshmen and eighth-graders coming up through the system, the future is encouraging for the Lowell boys

However, the season upon them will be a difficult one. "We're young and they are all working to improve. That will only come with a lot of practice and play." coach Bonnie Wall said. "We have kids coming up through the program who have been playing tennis and show promise."

Red Arrow netters finish third in Lowell Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A young Red Arrow boys tennis team placed third in a four-team field at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. Lowell was third with 11 points behind tournament winner. Alma 18 and Big Rapids 13. Greenville placed

fourth with six points. "I was pleased. The boys played okay. We had a chance at catching Big Rapids for second," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

Lowell placed second in four of the eight flights. Chris Cress, number one singles along with Shawn Koning, second singles and Chris Gallagher, third singles,

all finished second "Both Cress and Koning played well and had opportunities in their championship matches," Wall said. "Chris's (Gallagher) play was more consistent, and he displayed solid ground strokes, anticipated well and was quick to the

Lowell's number four doubles team of Dustin Pedley and Paul Schellenberger used good court movement and aggressive play to place fourth.

Earlier in the week, Lowell lost nonconference matches to Middleville (6-2) and Lakewood (7-1).

Lowell's only two wins against the Trojans were posted by Koning 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 and the fourth doubles team of Adam Meis and Pedley 6-2,2-6, 6-2.

"Pedley and Meis demonstrated strong net play and had some strong ground strokes," Wall said. "Shawn played with determination and pulled himself together after losing the first set."

Losing close three-set matches were Lowell doubles team, David Maylone and Jacob Kenworthy at second doubles 6-4, 2-6, 2-6.

Brendon Harden and Justin Peterson (third doubles) also lost in three sets 3-6, 6-3, 3-6.

In its loss to Lakewood, Koning was the only Red

Arrow to pick up a victory. Koning dominated in his 6-1, 6-0 win. "He hit solidly from both sides, had an excellent overhead and strong first and second serves," Wall explained

Lowell's only two wins in a match against Creston came from its number one singles player and number four

Cress won his singles match in two sets 6-3, 7-6(4). Pedley and Peterson won their doubles match 7-6(2),

As for this year's club, Chris Cress (number one singles) and Shawn Koning (second singles) are Lowell's top two players and only returning players from a year ago.

Koning, a junior, has put a lot of time into the game. "Shawn has put in the time and can hit and compete with players in this league," Wall said. "He's a class player."

Cress, who has been playing varsity tennis for three years,

has also elevated his game. The third and fourth singles spots will be filled by Chris Gallagher and Jacob Kenworthy respectively. "They both have potential. They just need experience and to work on

strategy," Wall said. Not much separates the number four doubles teams. They are young, inexperienced and working to improve.

Penciled in at first doubles are David Maylone and Chris Corlett; playing second doubles will be Paco Calleja and Ben Schloop; third doubles: Brendon Harden and Adam Meis; and fourth doubles will partner Dustin Pedley and Paul

Other Red Arrow tennis players vying for a starting spot are juniors, Jared Huffman and Brian McCaul and sophomore

Wall points to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central as overwhelming favorites in the O-K White.

"I expect that Central will win the Division II state championship and East will win the Division III state championship," Wall said. "And Northern is no slouch."

Kent and Red Arrows find their way past Pioneers

••• Lowell junior finds success in unfamiliar events; Lowell's win over EGR comes down to 1600-meter relay.

The challenge was to compete in four events in which she was unfamiliar and untested.

One other small point: do this in Lowell's first and biggest conference dual meet of the season.

Lowell's Natalie Kent not only came through, she did so in"Clark Kent-like" fashion in leading the Red Arrows to a said. 72-65 win over the Pioneers from East Grand Rapids.

"Natalie was taken out of her event (hurdles) and put in events where she was untested," Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus explained. "She really came through." The Red Arrow either finished or took a part in three firsts

and one third. "It was a big meet for the team and for me," Kent said. "I only got nervous before the 1600-meter relay. We had to win. It was a good way to start the season. Now we just have to keep

improving." The meet was decided on the day's last event - the 1600meter relay. The opening leg was run by Kent who opened up a lead Lowell would never relinquish. Kent, Jenna Dickerman, Holly Plattner and Lisa Wojciakowski stopped the clock in a winning time of 4:18.46.

they had to win the relay to win the meet. East's girls may have been tired. Our depth really helped us today."

Kent, running her first 400-meter dash, took a first in a time of 1:02.38. She also had the final leg in Lowell's victorious 800-meter relay. She teamed with Krystal White, Dickerman, and Wojciakowski to come home in 1:52.25. In her first 200-yard dash, Kent placed third with a time of

28.40. Teammate Kim Huyser was second at 28.34. White also added firsts in the 300 hurdles (47.98) and 100 hurdles (16.55). The junior was also a part of Lowell's winning 400-meter relay team. Joining her were Nicole Gillikin, Amanda Grochowalski and Huyser.

"Krystal had a strong day. She looked very good," Talus

Sophomore Heather Becker had an outstanding day in both the discus and shot put. "Her distances were outstanding. She will be one of the best in the conference in both the discus and shot," Talus said.

The Red Arrow won the shot put with a personal best throw of 32' 8 1/2" and the discus with a distance of 95' 9 1/

Other firsts posted by Red Arrows were Gillikin in the pole vault (8') and Huyser in the 100-meter dash (13.4).

Other events Lowell placed in were: Megan Stubbs, 3rd, shot put, 25' 6"; Plattner, 2nd, long jump, 14' 4"; Kristi Noall, 2nd, discus, 66' 2"; Kari King, 3rd, discus, 62' 5 1/2"; Leslie Crowley, 2nd, high jump, 4' 10"; April Telman, 3rd, pole vault, 7'; Telman, 3rd, 100 hurdles, 17:80; Wojciakowski, 3rd, 1600 run, 6:07.88; Dickerman, 3rd, 400 dash, 1:03.59; "I was relieved and happy," said Talus. "The girls knew Telman, 3rd, 300 hurdles, 56.68; Plattner, 3rd, 800 run, 2:42.24; and Sarah Swab, 3rd, 3200 run, 13:04.86.

Lowell linksters open with pair of victories

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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Lowell girls golf team opened the season with non confershot down Lakewood 210-233. ence victories over Middleville and Lakewood.

At Yankee Springs, the Red Arrows were 13 shots better alists with rounds of 47. than the Trojans, 213-226. Jenny Gunberg was the match medalist with a round of 49.

Teammate Erin Mooney was four shots back at 53 followed by Tara Kuipers' 54 and Jeannie Dunn's 57. Middleville's top four golfers were Wendy Mickelwait

Golf, cont'd... From Page 19

Senior Jeannie Dunn will be Lowell's number two player. She shot in the low 50s last year and with an improved short game could lower her score into the high 40's.

to the varsity lineup. "They haven't competed at the varsity level, so they will Northern early at Deer Run. That will tell us a lot." have to overcome nerves and pick up their play a notch," White

Carissa Sayer and Carmen Datema are the two new faces

53; Kristen Weaver 56; Tiffany Forbes 58 and Renee Dufresne At the par 37 Centennial Acres course, the Red Arrows

Gunberg and Vikings' Alison Garlinger were match med-

Red Arrows who followed Gunberg home were Erin Mooney and Jackie Estes with 53; Jeannie Dunn and Tara Kuipers both shot rounds of 57.

Turning in Lakewood's other three scores were Kristi Golf Victories, cont'd pg. 21

said. "They are going to be alright."

White says East Grand Rapids is the favorite with Forest Hills Northern right behind them.

"I think Central could be there too. I believe we're about even with FHC," White concludes. "We play East and

Freestyle Results: The Lowell Wrestling Club started its freestyle wrestling season. The club serves as a feeder program for the high school

and is affiliated with USA Wrestling. Tournaments are held every weekend at various schools throughout Michigan, with the state finals wrapping up the season at the end of May.

Lowell soccer team opens season with shutout over Lakewood

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls soccer team opened their season with an

nated play as most of the game playing on half a field is tough.



Laura Horsley works the ball to midfield against East Grand Rapids.

Powerlifters win titles

Both the Lowell varsity and junior varsity powerlifting teams won state titles for the place second.

ner-up twice and the junior 132 pounds, third; Brian varsity was runner-up last Posthumus, 181, third; Joryear," said powerlifting coach, Noel Dean. "It's not on the same magnitude as what the wrestling team accomplished, but it is still nice."

Two varsity powerlifters won individual championships in their weight division. Mark Catlin won at 165 pounds and Dustin VanLoon won at 198 pounds.

dan Moore, 220, third; Mike DeVries, 275, third; Dustin Osborne, 114, fifth; Corev Kreig, 132, sixth; Jason Craig, 242, sixth; and Jacob VanPutten. SHW, ninth.

Winning individual state powerlifting titles for Lowell's junior varsity were at Goodrich High School. Brian Janaschek, 132 pounds:

Dave Hefferan (SHW) Chris Curtis, 165; and Brian was the only Red Arrow to Harden, 275.

Earning third-place fin-Other varsity powerlifters ishes were Sean Meyers, 145 "The varsity has been run- to place were Dan Palasek, pounds; Jeff McPherson, 181;

Tom Eldridge, 155 pounds, and Jake Cosgrove. 165, finished fourth.

-Ryan Moore, 132 pounds and Roy Jaurez, 165, both finished seventh in their weight

The state meet was held

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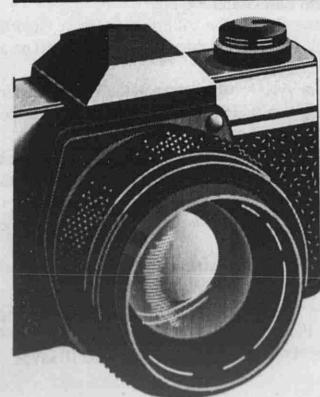
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8-0 shutout against Lake- was played at Lakewood's end It makes spacing more difficult and play tends to be stag-The Red Arrows domi- "That's a good thing, but nant," Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan explained "I was pleased with the number of shots on goal the girls took outside 18 yards. We've been working on doing more of

Lowell's second-half play was cleaner than the first. "We were a little sloppy in the opening half, but our play picked up in the second half," Conlan said. "The girls may have been a little nervous at the start."

The Red Arrows spread the scoring around, as seven players found the Lakewood

Laura Horsley was the only Red Arrow to score more than one goal. The senior tallied two goals and assisted on a West Michigan.

Lynda Horsley, Abbie Debiak, Amy Oberlin, Helen Crimmins and Amanda Rau all scored one goal. Oberlin and Becky Bosserd each added two assists while Debiak and Lynda Horsley both had one assist.

> East Grand Rapids 6 Lowell 0

The Red Arrows were overmatched by one of the premiere soccer programs in



Blair Myer battles for possession against her Pioneer

"East is just really good. Their play intimidates you. They scored early against us and that was probably the worst thing that could have happened to us," Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan said. "Playing such a skilled team can be frustrating, but it is also a learning situation."

Lowell managed five shots on goal against the Pioneers.

Middleville 2 Lowell 0

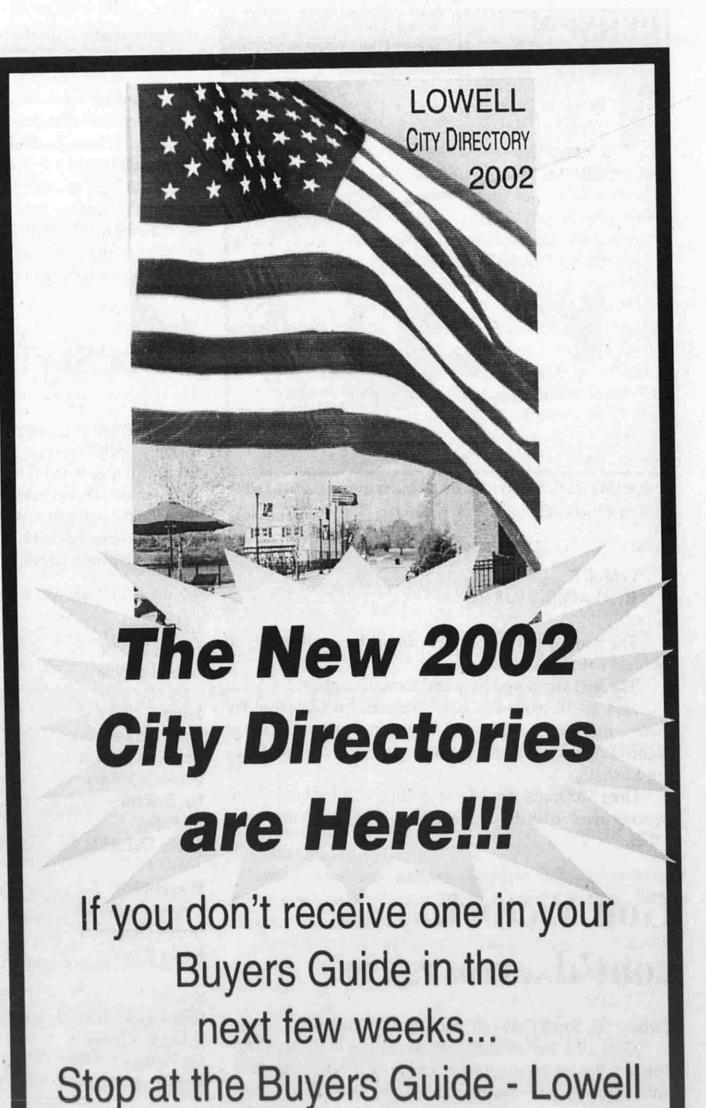
A lethargic effort resulted in being shutout at home.

"The girls didn't play with any enthusiasm, emotion or intensity. That's disappointing," said Conlan.

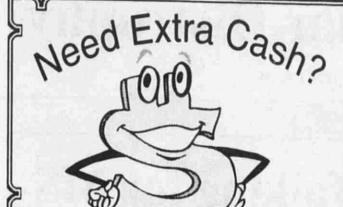
Middleville scored a goal in each half.

"We played well for the first 20 minutes and then Middleville made a run and got a goal, and it took the wind right out of our sail," Conlan said.

Lowell was unable to convert on any of its 12 shots on



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Of the 60 who registered, 30 completed the Skate-a-Thon. Jim Clark was the oldest to complete the Skate-a-Thon, while Parker Liu (9) was the youngest.

John Doyle raised the most money (\$465.88).

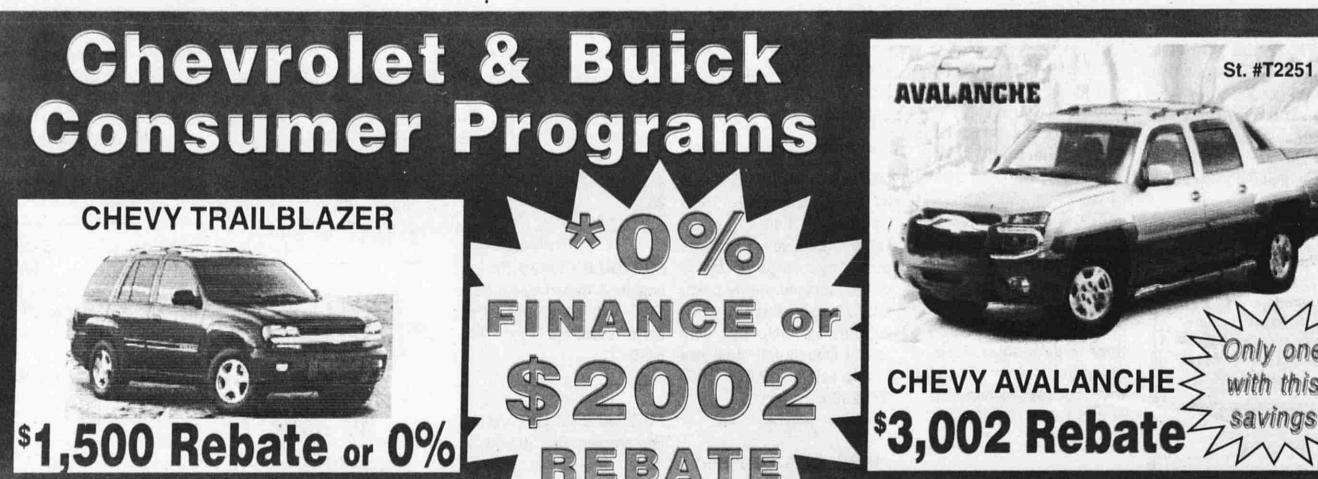
In all, Rollaway kids raised \$5.025 for Jerry's kids Area children who participated in the Skate-a-Thon are Jeremy Miller, Brent Eggebeen, Chris Witherell, Jim Clark, Danielle Balzeski, Matt Witherell, Casey O'Connor, Breon Willingham. Hannah Strzyzewski, Jensen Miller, Andy DeDonado, Elyssa Wilson and Tara Beran; middle row, left to right: Austin Koster, Nicole Smit, Josh Smith, April Johnston, David Rexford, Gary Liu, Zach Muha; front row: Molly Richard, Kim Carrier, Megan Padgett, Sam Lambert, Brook Liu, Ashleigh Inman, Missy Wright, Kayli Arnett, Sara Boomers, Rexford and Parker Liu. Vicki Balzeski and Craig Warners; hidden: John Drier, Mary



Walking for MS

Each year, the Family Dentistry of Lowell team gives back to the community by participating in a community service event. This year they will lace up their walking shoes and hit the pavement for the National MS Walk 2002. They will be walking to raise money for the 15,000 Michigan residents affected by multiple sclerosis. The MS Walk takes place on Saturday, April 20. If you would like to be a sponsor for their team, please feel free to stop at 147 N. Center or call Dr. Ann Wilson at 897-4835.

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