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Gilmore receives lease, ready to begin renovation on new Bistro

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three times Gregory Gilmore's idea for a restaurant at 201 E. Main Street was held up due to a lack of a quorum for a vote.

Monday night he finally got that vote; now Gilmore only awaits a liquor license and completion of the renovation work.

In March, the Lowell City Council agreed to sell a 12 by 90 foot parcel immediately west of Gilmore's property for \$1,000, subject to a deed restriction maintaining a similar business upon sale.

Further, Gilmore asked the council to lease him another 42 by 12 foot area easement for an outdoor patio over a period of time determined by city staff.

The outdoor cafe will require a railing since liquor would be served.

Gilmore told the council that the rail would be attached to pillars so it could be moved out of the way for special city events on the Riverwalk.

Asked if use of the outdoor patio would be seasonal, Gilmore replied that he used some of the outdoor cafes at his other locations a few times during the winter.

"Not all the time, but we would use it some in the winter for various activities," Gilmore explained.

As examples, he noted that some of his other cafe locations hold such winter events as turkey bowling and an ice tea golf festival.

Gilmore said he has not received any final word on his liquor license application. "However, I haven't sent the final package to Lansing yet... I was waiting to clear this up."

In a letter to the council, Downtown Development Authority board member and

Lowell businessman, Steve Larkin pointed out that a southern focal point was established for the Riverwalk, hence \$17,000 was spent on the granite obelisk.

Larkin contends that by allowing Gilmore to build 12 feet out from his property line, he will be in the middle of the Riverwalk and would then be the southern focal point and the entrance would have to be redone to accommodate the cafe.

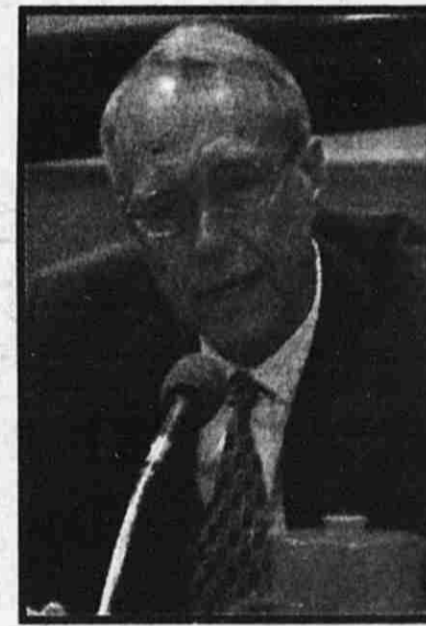
Despite Larkin's concerns, the council unanimously approved Gilmore's request.

Councilmen Dan Brubaker and Jim Pfaller excused themselves from discussion and the vote, due to conflict of interest.

Chuck Myers, Mike Blough and mayor, Jeanne Shores voted 3-0 in favor of leasing a portion of the Riverwalk to Gilmore.

GR board narrows list of candidates to three

••• Lowell's superintendent, Bert Bleke named on that list.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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"I like him - he's straight forward, open, honest and he has a sense of humor," said a Grand Rapids' woman following Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke's interview for the top position of Grand Rapids Schools.

Bleke was one of the six semifinalists interviewed last week for the superintendent position. On Saturday, the board announced that the Lowell superintendent would be one of three candidates scheduled for invitation-only sessions with staff and community leaders before a second public interview with the board.

In search of heart, passion and leadership, it was Bleke's work over the past seven years at Lowell which helped earn him a spot in the final three.

The other two candidates selected included A. Woodrow Carter from Bourbon, Kentucky and Larry Lewis from Austin, TX.

"Knowing of Bert's abilities and skills based on what he has done for us in Lowell, I am not surprised he made the cut in Grand Rapids," Lowell School Board president, Pete Gustafson explained. "We think highly of his leadership skills. It would be a loss to this district if he were to depart. The board understands that his motives are honorable. A vibrant and successful Grand Rapids School District plays a central part in the metro area."

Bleke's second interview was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday (May 7).

During his 90-minute interview on Thursday (May 2) Bleke was queried on a multitude of issues. What follows are abbreviated responses to just a few of the questions posed.

On change/reform:

No matter the look of the building, the most critical piece is the culture of the system and the capability of the people in the buildings. Configuration doesn't decide success - culture and capability does. It requires reform from the inside that is open, flexible, research based and service based.

On establishing credibility with staff and community:

Phony public relations efforts don't work. I won't tell you something because you want to hear it. You must be forthright, honest and listen to opinions.

Delegating Authority:

It will be done face to face. Grand Rapids is not too big that I can't sit down with each building principal and establish clear expectations.

Bleke said he has enjoyed and had fun with the process. "If you want to win, you have to be willing to compete publically," he explained. "I feel good about my experiences in the Grand Rapids community."

City anticipates large savings with refunding of revenue bonds

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the improved interest rates in today's market, the city council authorized the refunding of the water revenue bonds.

Mike Gormely, of Fahnstock and Company, reviewed the interest rate sensitivity as to where the bond market needs to go in the form of rates for the city to receive the savings commitment.

In today's market, there is a savings of \$62,751.55. If the market goes down .1 percent (10 basis points) in interest rates, there will be a savings of \$88,000 gross or \$50,000 present value.

Going down 20 basis points will place the city in expectation of \$100,000 in savings.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said the city's expectation is to see a gross savings of \$100,000. "The results of the negotiated sale will be reviewed at the May 20 council meeting. If it doesn't meet expectations, the city can turn it down," Pasquale explained.

Gormely explained that when bonds are sold competitively, a date and time need to be chosen along with a notice of sale published.

"There is not much flexibility in a competitive bond sale," Gormely said. "In a negotiated sale, however, there is more flexibility because the underwriter is able to take the seller into the mar-

ket."

The bond authorizing ordinance enables city manager, Dave Pasquale to negotiate the sales of these bonds when the market is right. The ordinance also requires Pasquale to report the results of the negotiated sale to the council before the bonds have been actually issued.

2002-03 proposed budget defers some allocations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's City Council got its first preliminary look at the proposed 2002-03 budget Monday night.

It's every bit as tight as the state's economy.

The general fund shows a taxable value of \$95,419,694 which represents a significant increase (6.8 percent) over last year.

Of this, \$12,525,898 is allocated to the Downtown Development Authority, leaving \$82,893,796 to the general fund.

"The budget is tight and provided many hours of review," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale.

Accounting for this:
• a \$47,000 library bond payment which is covered by the general fund. Previously the DDA provided coverage.

• \$495,347 is expected to be derived from State Revenue Sharing, \$52,553 less than last year's projections.

• \$15,000 has been allocated for a first year lease payment (three years total) to purchase a new fire pumper truck.

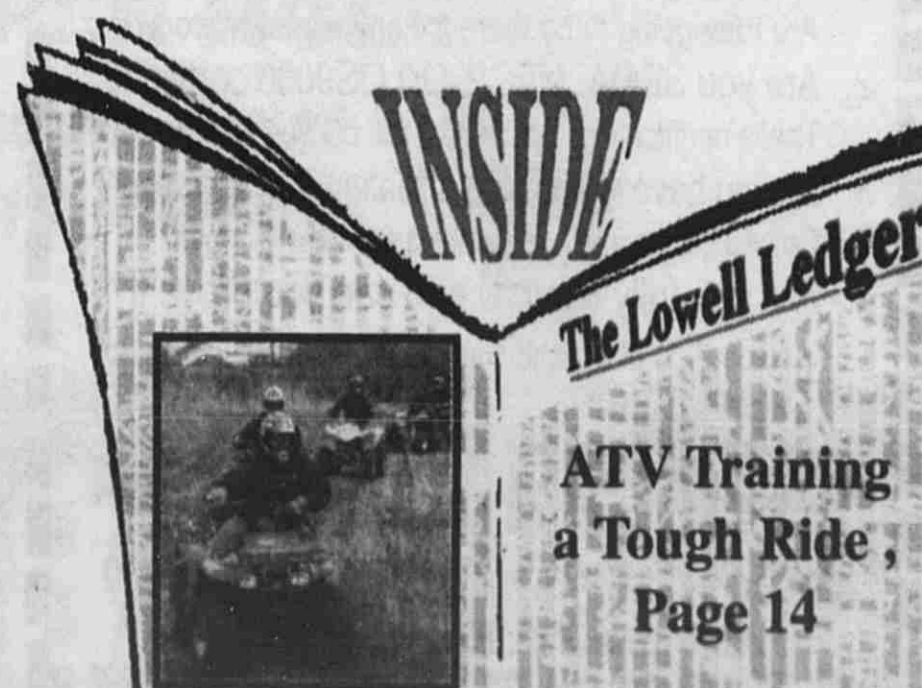
• \$7,930 is allocated for a lease payment to purchase a new police cruiser. (Two have been requested - none were purchased last year.

There were some allocations not in the budget which have been deferred. They include \$20,000 for operations of the Lowell Area Historical Museum; \$32,000 for repair of the fire station roof; and \$34,500 for the Foreman building roof.

"The city will look for alternate ways to finance these," Pasquale said. A couple of the alternatives

mentioned include the Look Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund.

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OBITUARIES

CHASE - Robert Glenn Chase "Bob", aged 38, loving husband and father, passed away Thursday morning May 2, 2002. He is join-

ing his grandfather Peter Terpstra in Heaven. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Michelle (Shelley); daughter Monica and husband

Ross Kornoelje; son Robby Chase. He also leaves his mother Donna Chase; father Jerry Chase and friend Barb Pfenning; sister Tammy DeBaar; brother Michael Chase. He also leaves grandparents Helen Terpstra and Alberta Watson and her husband Paul; Shelley's parents Ivan and Marcia Timmer; brothers-in-law Mark Timmer and Randy Timmer. Also grieving the loss are Karla and Brad Eerkes and Maurie

and Pat Terpstra; niece and nephew Maddison DeBaar. Dawson Chase; cousins Audey, Chandler, Gibson Eerkes, Ken and Todd Terpstra, Dave and Jennifer Bos. Bob was a Quality Engineer for G.M., employed for 15 years. Funeral services were held Monday at Ivanrest Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Tony Meyer and Rev. Art Schoonveld officiating. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Robert (Robby) Chase Jr. Education Fund, c/o Stamper's Federal Credit Union, 211 36th St. SW, Wyoming.

YAKES - Marguerite Welch-Yakes, aged 92, went to be with her Lord Thursday, May 2, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husbands Hugh E. Welch and Robert G. Yakes, and her stepson Ronald Yakes. She was a devoted wife and mother whose unconditional love was felt by all who knew and loved her dearly. She was a longtime member of South Congregational Church and a longtime employee of Steketee Department Store. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Mollie-Sue and Russ Katsma of

Wyoming, Marilyn and Gordy Czarnecki of Kentwood, Marcia and Jerry Green of Mecosta; daughter-in-law Mary Yakes of Lowell; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Murnis Welch of Wyoming; Tressa VandenBerg of Fremont; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ted and Lorraine Doolittle of Stanton; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Matthisse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home with Pastor James C. Noggle of New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta officiating. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or a charity of one's choice.

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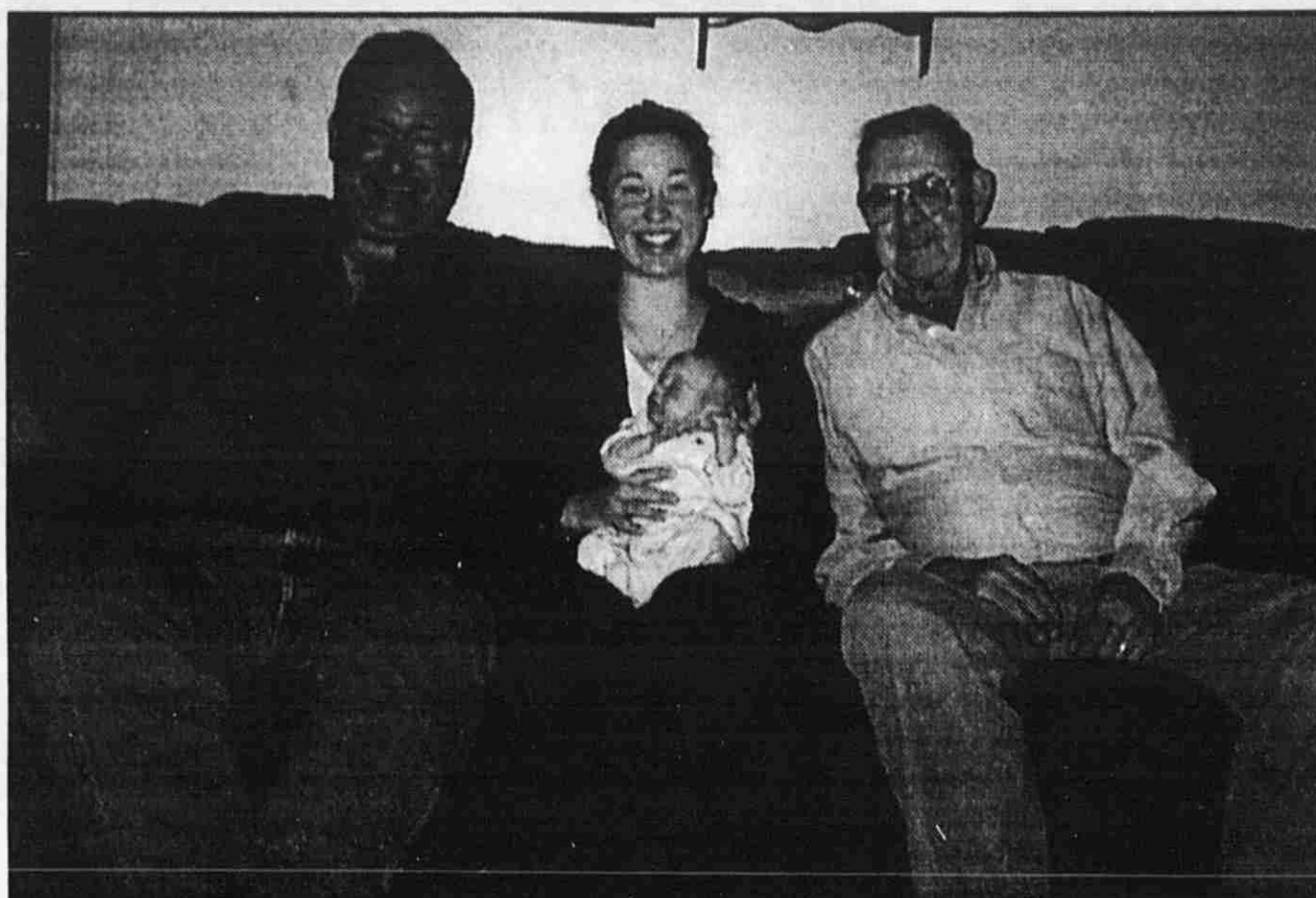
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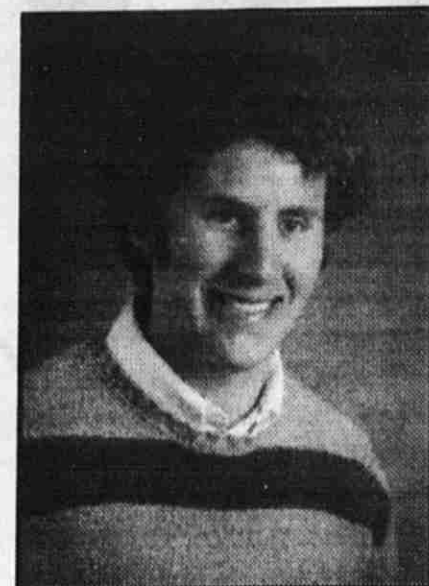
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Celebrating Four Generations

The Martin family celebrated four generations with the birth of Bryce Allen McCune on Feb. 9, 2002. Pictured above, left to right, are grandpa, Steve Martin; mother, Amanda Martin with Bryce; and great-grandpa, Alfred Martin.

COLLEGE NEWS



Tyler Southwell, son of Wendy Southwell of Lowell, is a candidate for a bachelor of science degree in biology from Hope College. Commencement exercises were

held on May 5.

Hope College is a four-year co-educational, liberal arts college with an enrollment of approximately 3,000 students and is affiliated with the Reformed Church in America.

Meghan L. Geer, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate and a Hope College junior, received the C. James Stringer, Jr. Memorial Award in psychology during the annual Honors Convocation held on April 25.

This cash award is presented to a student entering his or her junior or senior year and majoring in psychology, as selected by the psychology staff.

Hope is a four-year, co-educational Christian, liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America and has approximately 3,000 students enrolled.

At the annual initiation ceremony and banquet on April 22, Katherine Marie Akers was inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Michigan State University. Akers, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School, is a junior at MSU.

To be inducted into Phi Kappa Phi as a junior, a student must be in the top 10 percent of their class, maintain a 3.7 grade point average and display good character and leadership skills. She was also honored for achieving the highest academic standing within her college at MSU. She has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and will graduate with a degree in psychology. After graduation, she plans to continue her education and earn a degree in physical therapy.

Middle School News:
Abbot Kastanek, who attends Lowell Middle School, was recently nominated for the All-American Scholar Award by middle school teacher, Sara Guile. His name will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

To qualify for this national award, a student must excel in the academic disciplines and earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the United States Achievement Academy. Kastanek is the son of Raymond and Melody Kastanek of Lowell.

AREA BIRTHS



Travis and Stacy Gemmell are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Brock Riley Gemmell, born on April 12, 2002. He weighed 9 lbs. 14 oz. He was welcomed home by his big sister, Avery.

Grandparents are Len and Jan Mol, and Ty and Christine Gemmell, all of Lowell. Great-grandparents are Richard Beimers of Lowell and the late Mildred Beimers, Lyle and Dorothy Joslin of Hart, Pat Tounsignaut of Ada and the late Jack Tounsignaut, and Len and Peg Mol Sr. of Rockford.

Viewpoint . . .



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 9, 1877
The village marshal is busy with street improvements and fixing bridges.

M. L. Wisner of Lowell has leased the Smyrna Flouring mill and will operate it.

Two railroad cars left the new track at Saddlebag Swamp last week and sank out of sight.

D. M. Hendricks and Mr. Bonner of Vergennes talked temperance at the Merriman School recently and organized a Reform Club of 113 members.

The Lowell Reform Club will have a fundraising dinner dance at Train's Hall Friday evening. Dinner by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, music by Worden's orchestra. Fifty cents a couple.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 8, 1902
J. C. Train is board president of the new Lowell Canning Company. An expert canner from Frazeyburg, Ohio, has been hired, Pere Marquette will lay a spur to the plant, and a sewer will be run to the Flat River.

The editor calls for electric metres (sic) instead of flat rates. The plant is running at capacity and needs to conserve electricity, which flat rates don't accomplish.

Mrs. Foster has joined her husband at Hotel Brace and the woman who made trouble in the happy family left for Big Rapids last week. The reunited family has the Ledger's best wishes.

Friday's baseball scores are given for the American, National and Western leagues, the American Association and the Three I League (Indiana, Illinois, Iowa).

N. P. Husted still has a limited supply of peach and apple trees ready to plant.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 12, 1927

Two Belding young men narrowly escape death in a plunge at high speed over the river bank just north of Lowell, at the same spot as last year's similar accident.

Kent County Federation of Bankers sets aside \$2500 to pay 54 armed vigilantes to intercept bank robbers.

Senator Woodbridge Ferris blasts parents, lack of obedience and too many school subjects in his speech to the Grand Rapids

Schoolman's Club.

Dexter Look serves on the new Aeronautics Committee of the Michigan Legislature, which is drafting the first laws concerning the new aircraft industry.

Lot owners and block groups can order calcium chloride treatments for streets this summer at \$5 per lot or \$20 per block.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 8, 1952

Hannah (Mrs. Charles) Reynolds, age 71, will retire after 19 years in the Lowell School system.

Marian Avery receives a painting by friend Mrs. Scharmack of the buildings on the bridge reflected in the river, the view from the Showboat dock.

The Youth Talent Exhibit at the Grand Rapids Public Museum awards first places to Lowell's John O'Neill (bicycle-boat), Victor Reynolds (music and prose composition), and Velma Martell (poetry).



OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

TURKEY GEAR

Turkey hunting in Michigan resumed over 30 years ago with only a small number of huntable birds and even fewer hunters interested in chasing them. Since that time, the turkey population and the number of hunters have increased at an exponential rate. There are now birds in almost every county in the state. Practically all the hunters I know hunt them and a few people who didn't hunt anything before now hunt turkeys.

The popularity of turkey hunting has created a huge market for hunting gear. Most of this equipment is designed especially for turkey hunting.

Toms (mature male turkeys) can be called in for a high percentage shot if a hunter can duplicate the sounds made by a hen turkey. There are box calls, slate calls, diaphragm calls (mouth call), and push button calls. With these calls, one can yelp, cluck, purr, cut, and cackle. Not being particularly physically coordinated, I have difficulty yelping with a box call and cutting with a diaphragm call at the same time.

Decoys lend visual credibility to the hunter's plan of deception. Foam jakes (young male turkeys) and hens fold up to carry and pop open to set up. Tom turkeys will be attracted to the bogus hen and may attempt to run off the jake decoy.

Because the wild turkey has exceptionally good eyesight, head to toe camouflage clothing is necessary to conceal the hunter. Camo apparel has become a fashion industry. I have an outfit with a tree-bark pattern that I haven't worn in a while because to do so would constitute a fashion faux pas in some circles. Camo gloves and face net along with a matching hat complete the wardrobe.

Arms' makers produce guns specifically for turkey hunting. The ultimate turkey shotgun will fire magnum loads with shot made of a special material which is heavier than lead. Another ammo option contains a combination of shot sizes. The barrel will have an ultra full choke to maintain a tight shot pattern and the

breath with minimal exertion, tiredness, weakness, shortness of breath while lying flat, an irregular heart beat, coughing or wheezing, weight gain and swelling of the legs or ankles.

In people over the age of 65, heart failure is the leading cause or admission to the hospital. You can help reduce the risk of heart failure by maintaining a healthy weight, eating a balanced low salt diet, limiting alcohol intake, exercising regularly, avoiding smoking and aggressively treating high blood pressure.

If you have heart failure, it's very important that you follow your doctor's advice as there are many medications that can improve your quality of life and reduce the need for recurrent hospitalizations. If valvular disease is present, heart surgery may be required. Heart transplantation is also an option but this is very limited due to a short supply of donated hearts.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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The Hoodoo train, a Grand Trunk flier so named because of its string of fatal accidents, adds a pet spaniel to the list.

The village reservoir is very low in spite of adding wells #3 and #4 to the supply last week which, in turn, caused rusty water.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 12, 1977

Fifth-grader Tony Pilcher's helium balloon, purchased at the school carnival, is found two days later in Chester, West Virginia.

Suzanne Sinke is valedictorian; Della Rogers and Stephen Simmerer are salutatorians this spring.

The stone archway at Fallsburg Park, built by Edwin Falls in 1930 and knocked down in a car accident last July, is rebuilt. Showboat will have no rain dates this year, but will move to the high school gym if necessary.

The fire whistle sounded off Friday night, until someone disconnected and fixed it.

any gun will be adorned with the latest camo pattern. A red dot sight or scope and a sling complete the unit. A special turkey vest has pockets and compartments for the calls, decoys, and other field essentials. The vest has an integrated seat pad for comfort when calling in that big tom.

Turkey hunting has opened up a whole new world for folks who like to deal with gear and gadgets. In these challenging economic times, turkey hunting has certainly given many businesses reason to celebrate.

Hunting turkeys is fun and exciting, and all the stuff that goes with it makes it even more interesting. Just a fair warning to anyone who is thinking about hunting wild turkeys: if you sit in the woods on a still spring morning and are startled by the booming gobble of a strutting tom responding to your hen yelp, you will be hooked for life.

Financial Focus

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AVOID THESE COMMON INVESTMENT MISTAKES

You may think that the fate of your investments probably hinges on the whims of the market. But that's not strictly the case. By avoiding some common mistakes, you can go a long way toward increasing your chances for long-term success.

Of course, everyone makes investments that, for one reason or another, just don't work out. You may not be able to prevent that type of "mistake." But there are plenty of steps you can take to avoid significant errors. Consider these suggestions:

- Don't chase performance. We'd all like to own those "hot" stocks - the ones that suddenly take off and carry the promise of big gains in little time. Yet, by the time most people turn their attention to a so-called hot stock, it may already be cooling off. Instead of chasing these supposed sizzlers, look for good, solid stocks that fit well into your portfolio.

- Don't try to "time" the market. If you always knew when to "buy low and sell high," then you'd undoubtedly become rich. But nobody can really predict when the market - or even an individual stock - has reached a peak or valley. Therefore, it makes little sense to base an investment strategy on efforts to time the market. You'll do far better by "dollar-cost averaging" - that is, putting in the same amount of money, at regular time intervals, in a diversified mix of investments. Dollar-cost averaging can reduce your overall investment costs and help smooth some of the volatility of the market; however, this technique cannot assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

- Avoid "jumping in and out" of stocks. A lot of people truly enjoy buying and selling stocks. But frequent stock trading has two major drawbacks. First, it's expensive. You'll rack up a lot of commissions by constantly buying and selling. Second, there's no evidence that heavy trading can improve your portfolio's performance. On the contrary, you may well do better by buying high-quality stocks and holding them for the long term.

- Buy what you know. A few years ago, many investors got caught up in the technology stock "craze." They were attracted by rapidly rising stocks' prices, but in most cases, they did not fully understand the stocks in which they were investing. They didn't know the products, and they didn't appreciate the risks involved. That's why it's always a good idea to buy what you know. Before investing in a company, make sure you understand its products, its prospects, the outlook for its industry and other key factors.

- Don't go it alone. It's hard to become an astute investor on your own. That's why you may want to work with a financial professional - someone who knows your risk tolerance and time horizon, and who can help you understand how your various investments can work together to help you achieve your objectives. By following these basic guidelines, you may not become a world-renowned investor - but you may avoid a lot of those "potholes" that trip up so many people en route to their long-term goals. Ultimately, your investment success will be closely connected to the number of mistakes you don't make.

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LHS Art Show opens May 8

The Willett name has been well represented at the annual LHS art show. The last three years it was the work of Skyler Willett. In 2002, there's more Willett artwork. This time, though, it's Sara Willett (sister).

LHS's Student Art Exhibition at the Lowell Area Arts Council will open on May 8 and run through May 18. Two- and three-dimensional work created by Unity High School students will also be on display.

Willett earned a certificate of achievement at the District IX art show. The junior was also chosen to compete in the Michigan Art Education Association exhibit at Calvin College. Her ceramic artwork is an abstract teapot. "It's an exotic type of shape," Willett explained.

Completed in free form, the ceramic piece has a number of shapes that form the teapot. "I really like the handle and the front part of the teapot," Willett said.

Gallery hours for the Lowell Area Arts Council, located at 149 S. Hudson, are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon until 5 p.m.; Thursday from noon until 7 p.m.; and Saturday from 1 until 4 p.m. An opening reception for the student exhibition is scheduled for May 8 from 6:30 until 8 p.m.



Sara Willett stands in front of the LHS art display. Pictured to her left is her abstract teapot which will be on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery through May 18.

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Stahr leaves classroom for role with MEA

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For just under 34 years, Tom Stahr was a member of the educational labor force.

As of April 13th, his new position as uniserve director (employee advocate) channels his energy into an area of labor relations.

"It will involve me in negotiations of school employee contracts and as an employee advocate working to solve differences of employees and employers," Stahr explains.

His new role also pulls him away from the West Michigan area. Stahr represents 800 Michigan Education Association (MEA) members in the northern Berrien County area.

"It was an opportunity that doesn't knock on your door every day," Stahr said in explaining why he took the new position.

He spent his entire teaching tenure in the Lowell School District. Stahr informed Lowell assistant superintendent, Connie Gillette of his retirement from the

school district in March and announced to the high school teaching staff he would be leaving on April 12th.

"The first three weeks have been fine so far," Stahr said.

From his Ada home, the drive to his new office is 108 miles. "I don't make the drive every day," Stahr said.

The former history teacher hopes his new role will eventually lead him back closer to the West Michigan area.

"I told my students that I

wasn't disappearing, just fading away for a while," Stahr said.

Stahr's work in the Region IX area as an MEA member, an LEA (Lowell Education Association) representative and as president of Region IX, as well as a myriad of committees, recently earned him the Region IX internal distinguished service award.

It's the first time a person from the Lowell district has received the honor.

Former teaching peer, Bob Garcia along with Connie Poulin presented the award to Stahr. "Tom is known to many as the voice of the MEA," Garcia said.

The award banquet was held at Duba's Restaurant. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Lowell High School's Madrigal Choir consisting of Jason Mathews, Katie McAlpine, Christine Benson, Tory O'Haire, Brittney Huisman, Ben Vaught and Mandice Tawny.

The musical group was accompanied by Debbie Duckworth.



Lowell High School science teacher, Bob Garcia presents former Lowell history teacher, Tom Stahr with the Region IX internal distinguished service award.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing of the Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002
at 7:00 p.m.

At which time and place the following subject will be heard:

MR. DAVID CLEMENSHAW of 11590 Belding Road N.E., Belding, MI., 48809 requests the following variance from Article 3, Section 3.01 B3 © to construct an Accessory Building in the front yard that will not be used for Bona Fide Agricultural purposes.

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

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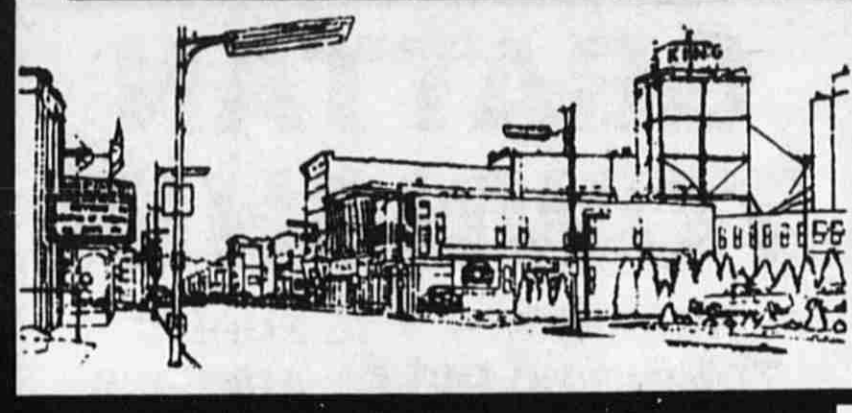
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STUDENTS ART EXHIBITION

Two- and three-dimensional artworks created by students

from Lowell High School and Unity High School will be on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council from May 8-18. An opening reception for the student exhibition will be on May 8 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

BAG-IT-UP DONATION DRIVE

Cherry Creek Elementary will be sponsoring the Good-will "Bag It Up" donation drive through May 10. Recycle all those things in your basement, closets and attics; donations may be dropped off at the Cherry Creek parking lot.

MAIL CROP WALK DONATIONS TO CWS

The Lowell Area CROP Walk, with walkers from 14 area churches, saw 193 strolling 6 or 2 miles last Sunday afternoon. Donations are still coming in and should be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, c/o Church World Services (CWS). Call 897-5936 with any questions.

GIFT CERTIFICATES NOW AVAILABLE

The Flat River Outreach Thrift Shop, at 519 Main St., now

offers gift certificates. Call 897-2037.

LONG TERM CARE WORKSHOP LUNCHEON

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will offer an informational workshop on long-term care on Thursday, May 9 at noon. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited so reserve your spot by calling Speerstra Ins. at 897-9259.

MOSAIC TILE WORKSHOP AT LAAC

Learn the basics of fusing and the timeless art of glass mosaic construction at a workshop offered at the Lowell Area Arts Council with Susan Molnar on two Saturdays, May 11 and 18 from 12:30 - 3 p.m. Call 897-8545 for more information.

USED BOOKS NEEDED

The American Cancer Society is asking for donations of used books for their book sale. They are needed by May 15. If you would like to participate, contact Jenny at 642-9005 or Paula at 642-6781.

LOWELL FIRE DEPT. BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood Program on Wednesday, May 15 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station at 315 S. Hudson.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Foodmobile, free food distribution by Flat River Outreach Ministries Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-noon at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. Bring your own bag or box.

CPR TRAINING CLASSES

The Family Friends & Neighbors Committee of Grattan and the Grattan Fire Dept. will be hosting CPR training classes at Grattan Twp. Hall on May 23 & 30; June 6 & 13. This series will be 2-hour classes on four days from 6-8 p.m. Call Lana at 691-8450 or send email to: FfnofGrattan@aol.com to reserve your spot.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

There will be a board candidate forum for candidates running for the upcoming school board election on May 23 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the administration building board room at 300 High St. Candidates are Peter Haefner, Patrick Nugent and James Van Buren. The public is invited to attend.

Budget, cont'd...

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Of other major importance, \$290,000 has been provided for first-year bond payments of \$4.8 million related to the City Hall/police station project.

An allocation of \$83,000 (one mill) will come from the DDA as well as \$30,000 granted by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Pasquale said this would reduce the millage required to 2.13 mills, raising the overall total to 15.98.

A planned unreserved fund balance is projected at \$301,272.99 with expenditures totaling \$2,458,778.46.

Garage Sales JUST POSTED!

MOVING SALE

Sofas, chairs, tables, TV, rugs, sm. appliances & misc. May 10 & 11, 8 a.m. 2146 Gee Dr.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC SALE

Fri., May 10, 8-7 p.m.; Sat., May 11, 8-4 p.m. Crafts, treasures, clothes, dishes. Sale at 11969 60th St. SE (Alden Nash & 60th). Proceeds to UMW, Alto UMC.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

May 10, 9-5 & May 11, 9-1 p.m. 9814 Snow Pointe (South off 68th St. between Snow & Morse Lake Rd. in Alto). Household, children & baby items; books; clothes; aluminum ladder; craft supplies & more.

2 SALES

3277 & 3333 Segwun. May 9, 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. Antique & collectible glass, pottery, furniture (plus 4 Hitchcocks), lamps, wicker & furs. Books, clothes & smalls.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE

13303 Vergennes. Fri. & Sat., May 10 & 11, 9 to 5 p.m.

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5 FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Thurs., May 9 & Fri., May 10, 9-5 p.m. Lots of good children's clothing, Little Tikes toys, Step 2 double wagon & wooden doll house, Avon, Cape Cod dishes, bug guard & much more. Valley Vista is closed, use Ridgeview to 1575 Sibley.

HUGE MOVING SALE

Sofa, loveseats, lamps, Sligh desk, chairs, dishes, cookware, garden equip., tools & lots more. Fri. & Sat., May 10 & 11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8075 Bailey SE, Ada.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE

Microwave, refrigerator, odds & ends. Toys, children's clothing (20+, size 4 dresses). 1121 Pinckney Rd., Saranac. Thurs., May 9; Fri., May 10; Sat., May 11: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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MULTI-FAMILY SALE IN ALTO

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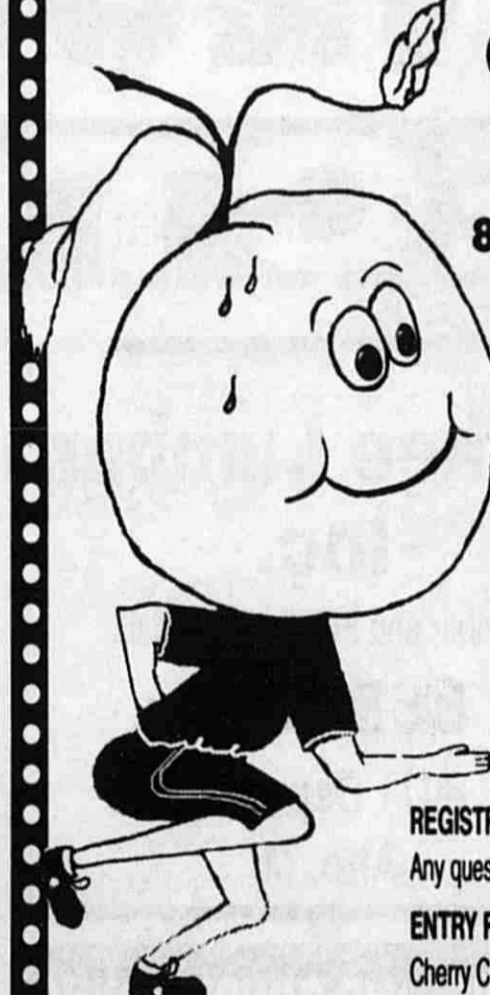
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ENTRY FEE: Now until June 3th, \$15; June 4th to race day, \$20. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic. (Do not send cash).
GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$12 per person up until June 4.
PACKET PICK-UP: June 7th, 2002 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School - north entrance.
AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002.**

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: Councilmember Myers.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden and Police Chief Jim Valentine.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER that the minutes of the APRIL 8, 2002 meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (04/22/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$86,604.80
MAJOR STREET FUND	384.17
LOCAL STREET FUND	19.50
DDA FUND	27,547.73
WASTEWATER FUND	31,753.18
WATER FUND	5,332.73
DATA PROCESSING FUND	125.30
EQUIPMENT FUND	874.67
CURRENT TAX FUND	83.60
LOOK FUND	750.00
CARR FUND	550.00

Item #1. PRESENTATION BY ROBERT ELEVELD, CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 86TH DISTRICT. Robert Eleveld, who is running for State Representative, addressed the City Council. He has actively worked with the Republican Party for the last forty years and has spent his entire life living in the district.

Eleveld believes he brings a long leadership history into the party explaining he worked as a precinct delegate after law school. He became Chairman of the Kent County Republican Party and later went on to become Chairman of the 5th District Republican Party, which at the time consisted of Kent and Ionia Counties. Eleveld has also been very active in running campaigns. Most recently, Eleveld served as Chairman for the McCain Presidential campaign in West Michigan.

Eleveld has worked through the ranks at Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howlett. He managed the firm back in the late 80's and early 90's at which time it became the largest in Grand Rapids. Eleveld has served as the past President of the Grand Rapids Bar Association and has been asked by the Michigan Supreme Court to Chair the Attorney Grievance Commission. He brings community activity and leadership to the table having served on many non-profit boards. Eleveld currently serves on the St. John's Home Board and previously served as Chairman. This is a residential home for troubled teens. He also was appointed by Governor William Milliken to Chair the Michigan State Board of Ethics for six years in the late 80's.

Eleveld's principal concern is the long-term strength of public education. He believes the country was built on a strong public education.

He believes less government is better government. Eleveld always questions if a private sector can do it better. He also questions if local government can do it better than state or federal government.

Eleveld noted he would not be taking any political action money.

No further information was provided. Mayor Shores thanked Eleveld for his address to the Council.

Item #2. REQUEST BY DORLA WEST TO USE THE CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF JACKSON AND FRONT STREETS FOR A PLANT SWAP. As requested last year, Dorla West (525 Front St.) wishes to utilize the City owned property located at the southwest corner of Jackson and Front Streets across from her residence to serve as a site for a plant swap. This is planned for Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The City property would allow Ms. West enough room for her growing event. City Manager Pasquale recommended the Council grant permission.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the use of City owned property at Jackson and Front Streets for a plant swap as sponsored by Dorla West.

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

Item #3. REQUEST TO VACATE THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF HILL STREET FROM LLOYD AND ELLEN RITZEMA - PUBLIC HEARING. As noted at the last meeting, Lloyd (829 Shepard) and Ellen (825 Shepard) Ritzema submitted a letter to vacate Hill Street, which borders on the south of Lots 106 and 107 of Ellsworth Addition and the City property. Hill Street is unimproved with the western portions already vacated.

Director of Public Works Dan DesJarden reviewed the request and saw no problem with the vacation. But, retainage of an easement for underground utilities must be provided.

During the public hearing, Ritzema stated he reviewed the issue a year ago with City Assessor Jim Marfia. Hill Street is also vacated across lots 104 and 105. This right-of-way had previously been adjacent to the Trierweiler property, then the Kennedy and then the Kissinging properties. Currently, the property is under bankruptcy. However, Ritzema heard an attorney has purchased the land and will go before the Planning Commission to demolish the house down and build new homes. Ritzema noted a Consumers Energy easement currently runs through the current right-of-way.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH to vacate the remaining portions of Hill Street from Lloyd and Ellen Ritzema contingent upon the easement for underground utilities.

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

Item #4. METRIC MANUFACTURING (1001 FOREMAN) - APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198). Metric Manufacturing had applied for industrial tax abatement related to the construction of an addition (1,168 square feet) as well as purchase of machinery and equipment.

In reviewing the application, Metric would qualify for twelve years of abatement under the point system adopted by the Council. It was noted the cost of improvements would be \$1,510,000 in building machinery and equipment. One hundred seven (107) existing jobs will be retained and twenty (20) new positions will be created within two years as a result of the project.

City Assessor Jim Marfia calculated a net loss of revenue to the City of approximately \$36,350 related to twelve years of tax abatement.

Metric Manufacturing President Gary Gilbert explained the company produces automotive parts. A total of 12,000 square feet was added onto the building. In the fifteen years he has worked there, the business has steadily grown. When Gilbert began working for the company, there were six employees. A total of 110 employees are currently working and additional personnel will be added within the next two months.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Metric Manufacturing for twelve years related to \$1,510,000 in improvements, retaining 107 existing jobs and hiring 20 new employees.

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

Item #5. CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NORTH KENT TRANSIT SERVICE. Previously the City Council approved a subsidy rate increase for North Kent Transit utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds to handle senior and handicapped ridership. At the March 4, 2002 meeting, the approved rate increased from \$11.81 to \$16. As of the end of March, \$3,956.35 has been spent for the City of Lowell riderships.

Tom Tilma of Kent County Community Development Department recommended the current contract with North Kent Transit be raised from \$4,000 to \$7,500 to handle the increased costs. These monies would be allocated from Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Councilmember Blough questioned last year's total expenditure. City Manager Pasquale responded it was in excess of \$4,000. However, this was based upon lower rates.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER to approve the contract amendment with North Kent Transit Service raising contributions from the Community Development Block Grant to \$7,500.

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

Item #6. REQUEST BY GREGORY GILMORE - TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE RIVERWALK AREA FOR OUTDOOR DINING. Councilmembers Brubaker and Pfaller stated they would abstain from discussion on the issue due to a conflict.

Gregory Gilmore provided the Council with a sketch of the riverwalk area. He believed the success of the restaurant business would come from being able to utilize the outdoor service area for six months of the year. Gilmore also believed this would enhance the area.

Mayor Shores asked if the area would be fenced in under the guidelines of the Downtown Historic District. Gilmore responded yes.

Shores stated she received a comment recently concerning the installation of a removable fence. Gilmore noted the fence would be removable.

Councilmember Blough believed there needed to be as many seats as possible in order for it to be a viable business. Blough stated this is a workable plan and fits the intent of what the City wants.

The issue was deferred until the May 6, 2002 city council meeting when an additional Councilmember could be present.

Pasquale inquired when the restaurant would open. Gilmore responded hopefully in August. Some problems were recently found with the building. He stated it would cost slightly more and take a little longer. However, they are still very committed.

No further action was taken.

Item #7. PURCHASE, REPAIR AND INSTALLATION OF TWO HOISTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE. Public Works Director Dan DesJarden stated bids were sought for the purchase and installation of two hoists 1 1/2 months ago. However, none were received. Therefore, the City Mechanic Ralph Brecken made contact with the factories themselves.

The following bids were received:

American Hoist, Air and Lube Equipment, Inc. (Caledonia)	
New hoist	\$8,120.
Repair existing hoist	3,295.
	\$11,415.
Automotive Equipment Specialists, Inc. (Comstock Park)	
New hoist	\$7,745.
Repair existing hoist	6,100.
	\$13,845.

DesJarden explained a new hoist is being requested due to the need of servicing front wheel drive vehicles. The old hoist was designed to pick up trucks, fire trucks, pickups and any other vehicle with a rear end drive.

DesJarden recommended the purchase, repair and installation of the two hoists from American Hoist at a cost of \$11,415 allocated from the Equipment Fund.



Local Students 2nd at Auto Skills Event

Nick Dykstra, left, of Lowell, and Ryan Kamminga, of Jenison, holding the trophy, represented the Kent Career Technical Center at the recent ninth annual Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge Michigan state finals and placed second overall. They were one of 10 teams from across the state competing to fix a deliberately "bugged" 2002 Ford Escape. Also pictured, left to right, are Richard Bonifas, Ford technical support operations manager; Carl Mauer, the students' instructor; and Gerry Gutowski, AAA Michigan vice president of club strategic development and automotive services. The contest took place at Macomb Community College in Warren. The pair was sponsored by Keller Ford.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Councilmember Brubaker inquired if American Hoist could repair the existing hoist and then buy the new hoist from Automotive Equipment. DesJarden felt it would be easier to have one company do the entire project.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the quote from American Hoist, Air and Lube Equipment, Inc. of Caledonia for a new hoist and repair the existing hoist for \$11,415.

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

Item #8. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Blough inquired about the process of notifying businesses in the Central and General Business Districts that their signage is not compliant with the current zoning ordinance. City Manager Pasquale explained a letter is sent to the property owner, who then has a certain number of days to address the violation. Blough asked what recourse is taken if an individual does not comply. Pasquale stated the City could then seek legal recourse. He noted this has never been done. The City always tries to resolve the issue. Blough inquired what would happen if the issue returns over and over again with the same property owner. Pasquale stated the Building Inspector or Code Enforcement Officer would visit the owner.

Blough explained a situation has arisen where a property owner has been compliant with the ordinance and yet sees others who are not. Blough asked if enforcement came from Imperial Municipal Services (IMS). Pasquale responded yes. Blough inquired if this was referred to by complaint. Pasquale responded usually by complaint. Blough believed if items are in the ordinance and enforced, then there needs to be a uniformed, documented, stated and communicated enforcement policy that all recognize and accept.

Councilmember Pfaller remembers when he was a downtown business owner, Police Chief Barry Emmons had stopped in to see him a few times due to a non-compliant sign.

Mayor Shores stated she had the opportunity to visit Mrs. Mandie's 3rd grade class and discussed City government.

Shores also noted she saw a yard sale sign being placed on a light post. She suggested a notice be placed in the Ledger and Buyers Guide stating this is not allowed.

Shores read a letter into record from Charles R. Doyle:

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

This letter to you and the Lowell City Council will be my resignation as Commissioner on the Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Board. As you and I have discussed, my appointment term expires on June 30, 2002. I will have two more meetings, May and June. I am submitting this letter to give you and the Councilmembers time to find my replacement. It doesn't seem possible to me to have served in this capacity for over nine years, having been appointed in February, 1993.

I want to thank the Councilmembers, both past and present for their support and concern. The aims and objectives I had going on the board have become a reality and in my opinion the Board of Light and Power/Cable TV have now a mutual rapport with the City Council which was missing for many years.

I also wish to mention, it was my pleasure to work with the other Commissioners, Barb Brown, Norm Borgerson and Dave Austin and with the employees of Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV.

I am proud to have served in this capacity.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Doyle

Shores stated Doyle has been very active in the community for a number of years, both on Council and other boards. He has done a good job. The City has been fortunate to have someone like him.

Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. Pasquale asked Public Works Director Dan DesJarden to update the Council concerning the utility pole on Shepard Drive. DesJarden stated the pole is on the property line toward Jones' (803 Shepard). The old one is still there until power is switched over. There will be no problem with access for the new home built.

2. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Airport Board meeting of March 5, 2002
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of March 13, 2002
- Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of March 9, 2002
- Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of February 6, 2002
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of March 14, 2002
- Board of Light and Power meeting of March 18, 2002

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 9: Tasha Yeiter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs.

MAY 10: Rebecca Raymor, Dee Korb, Eric Swift, Jim Lindhout, Jim Stone.

MAY 11: Carol Briggs, Joel Uzarski.

MAY 12: Michele Lindhout-Barber, Jessica Covell, Carrie Kiczenski, Ian Duiven, Ryan Timmers.

MAY 13: Melanie Ligman, Jean Daverman.

MAY 14: Winnifred Snieder, Kathy Thomas.

It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennuui.

Helen Keller

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•Board of Cable Television meeting of March 18, 2002

3. When the bids were read for street improvements for Shaler Excavating, there was an eight inch water main included within the bid package on Hunt Street between Beech and Lincoln Lake. This will assist with looping and flow of the system. The project is within the operating budget and our Capital Improvements Program. It was inadvertently left out. The cost of this will be \$28,565.

4. A special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at noon to consider award of bids regarding the \$495,000 Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds.

5. Roger Cahoon no longer wishes to move the house located at 310 Avery. Since there are no interested buyers, Dan DesJarden is currently seeking quotes for demolition.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores received a letter from Shelly Catlin, stating her interest in serving on the Downtown Development Authority Board (DDA). She has been a member of the community since 1987, owns Sneaker's Restaurant at 211 E. Main Street and is also a resident of Lowell.

By general consensus the Council agreed to appoint Shelly Catlin to the Downtown Development Authority to a term expiring January 1, 2004.

A letter was also received from William Thompson (720 Hillside Ct.) concerning his interest to serve on the Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Board.

By general consensus, the Council agreed to appoint William Thompson to the Lowell Light and Power/Cable TV Boards as of July 1 with a term expiring June 30, 2005.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to adjourn to closed session at 8:22 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

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

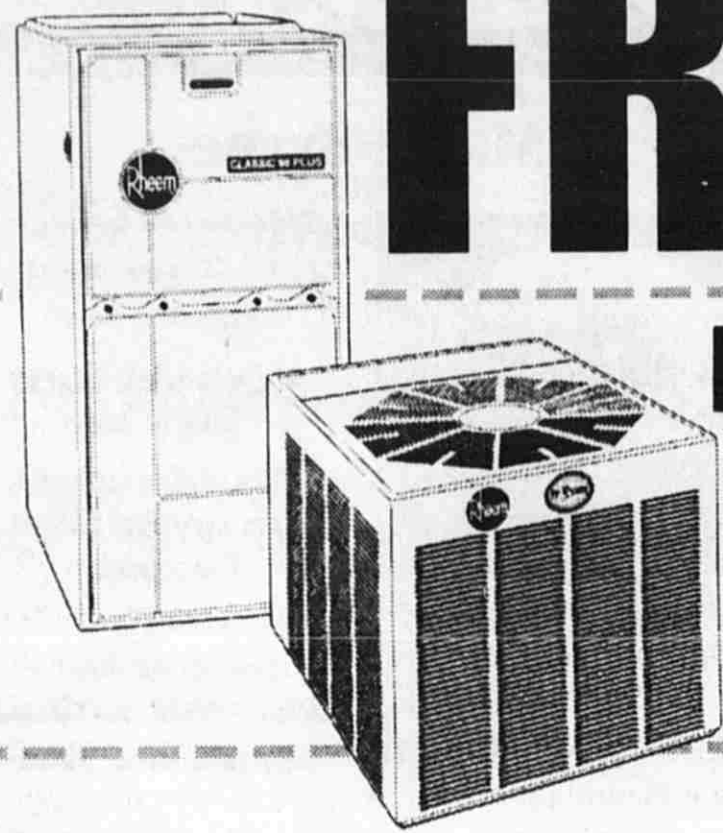
IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by BRUBAKER to return to open session at 8:45 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER to adjourn at 8:46 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 6, 2002

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

members invited 1-800-651-6000.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 2ND THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at VFW Clubroom, 307 E. Main. No Bingo.

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

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

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

THIRD FRI.: All players & listeners: Join Nick & Patti at The New Riverview, M-21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or 897-9948 Lyle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

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

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

WED., MAY 8: Opening reception of Lowell High & Unity students' artwork on display at LAAC, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Showing thru May 18.

THURS., MAY 9: Long-term care informational workshop luncheon at Chamber 12:00 noon. Call Speerstra Ins. at 897-9259 to reserve your lunch spot.

THRU MAY 10: Cherry Creek Elem. "Bag It Up" donation drive at Cherry Creek parking lot.

SAT., MAY 11 & 18: Glass Mosaic Tile workshop at Lowell Area Arts Council from 12:30 - 3 p.m. w/ Susan Molnar. Call 897-8545 for more information.

WED., MAY 15: Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

SAT., MAY 18: Free food distribution by Flat River Outreach Ministries, 10-noon at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. Bring your own bag or box.

THURS., MAY 23: Lowell Area Schools Board Candidate Forum, 7-8:30 p.m. in administration bldg., 300 High St. Public is welcome.

FRI., JULY 12: 4-H night at the WhiteCaps 5/3 Park at 6 p.m. Tickets: \$6.50. Call Diane at 897-7611 for more info. or to reserve tickets.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.	THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 Armchair Exercise.	FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
WED.: 12:30 Shop at Family fare.	

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MAY 8: 8 a.m. Co-ed breakfast; 10:45 Nails by Sharon; Noon: Movie.	FRI., MAY 17: 8 a.m. Midland Dow Gardens.
THURS., MAY 9: Noon: Lunch and shop at "Cafe in the Woods"	MON., MAY 20: 12:40 WalMart, Dollar Store.
FRI., MAY 10: 12:40 p.m. Tour St. Adelbert's Basilica in G.R.	TUES., MAY 21: 7 a.m. Shipshewana Flea Market, Van \$7.
MON., MAY 13: 12:45 Travelogue; Cribbage.	WED., MAY 22: 12:30 Clinical Oncology program at center; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.
WED., MAY 15: 10 a.m. Advisory Council.	THURS., MAY 23: 12:40 Bos and Koetsier Greenhouses.
THURS., MAY 16: Noon Dance at West Side Complex.	FRI., MAY 24: Noon - Birthday Celebration, Bingo.



Curbing ATV incidents and accidents begins with drivers understanding their limitations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Richard Rondeau will provide all-terrain vehicle training and safety to 1,200 Michigan youth and adults by year's end.

Michigan owns the dubious distinction of being number four in the country in all-terrain vehicle accidents and deaths.

Rondeau makes a distinction between accidents and incidents. Incidents are preventable, accidents are not. The main thing is for youth and adults to be able to accurately control the vehicle. When they get on an ATV and can't do that, then there's an issue. It's all about understanding one's limitations.

During a seven-hour training and safety course on the property of the Lowell Baptist Church, Rondeau emphasized weight shift and the correct execution of turning ATVs, along with rules

the operators should be aware of while on trails.

"Ideally, you want the operators to be able to anticipate what's ahead before it comes," Rondeau explains.

The Michigan ATV Association training and safety course has been an unknown commodity.

"People want to get trained, they just don't know how to go about it," said Rondeau who will train anywhere from 16 to 64 people a weekend this year.

Locations of the training courses may be learned by calling Rondeau at 1-888-223-5247. The safety/operating training course costs \$25 per person.

Only ATV operators who have safety certificates are allowed to ride on state trails.

From December of 2000 to December of 2001, Rondeau trained 240 ATV operators. Since this past De-

ember, Rondeau has already trained 260.

"There are over 30,000 kids in this country who have not been trained to ride ATVs safely," Rondeau explained.

Roughly half of the operators in training on Saturday were kids.

Dan Bouzas, 13, said it was the first training and safety course he'd taken.

"If I pass the course, my mother said she'd buy me my own ATV," he said. "The course has been fun. The hardest part is getting the exact speed where I could best operate the vehicle."

Berrien Springs' Patrick Surch, 10, said the most important thing he learned was shifting his weight from side to side.

Rondeau hopes his training and safety course will shift the direction of Michigan's accident and fatality rate.



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Roberts wins hurdles at Invt'l

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Andy Roberts posted the only top three finishes for the Lowell boys track team at Saturday's Lowell Invitational.

The Red Arrow won the 110 hurdles, coming home in 15.59. Teammate Jeff Telman was sixth in 16.87.

Lowell finished fourth in the 3200-meter relay with 8:48.13; and in the Red Arrow relay at 6:14.06.

Lowell placed sixth in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:38.25.

The only other event the Red Arrows placed in was the shot put with a distance of 118' 1".

Lowell finished with 21 points placing behind Grandville 78, Forest Hills Northern 63, Caledonia 58, Grand Rapids Christian 52, Orchard View 47, Grand Rapids Creston 38, Middleville 37, Ionia 36, and Northview 34.

Hudsonville 97.5
Lowell 39.5

There are never many highlights in a 58-point loss, but three Red Arrows did provide a few bright spots.

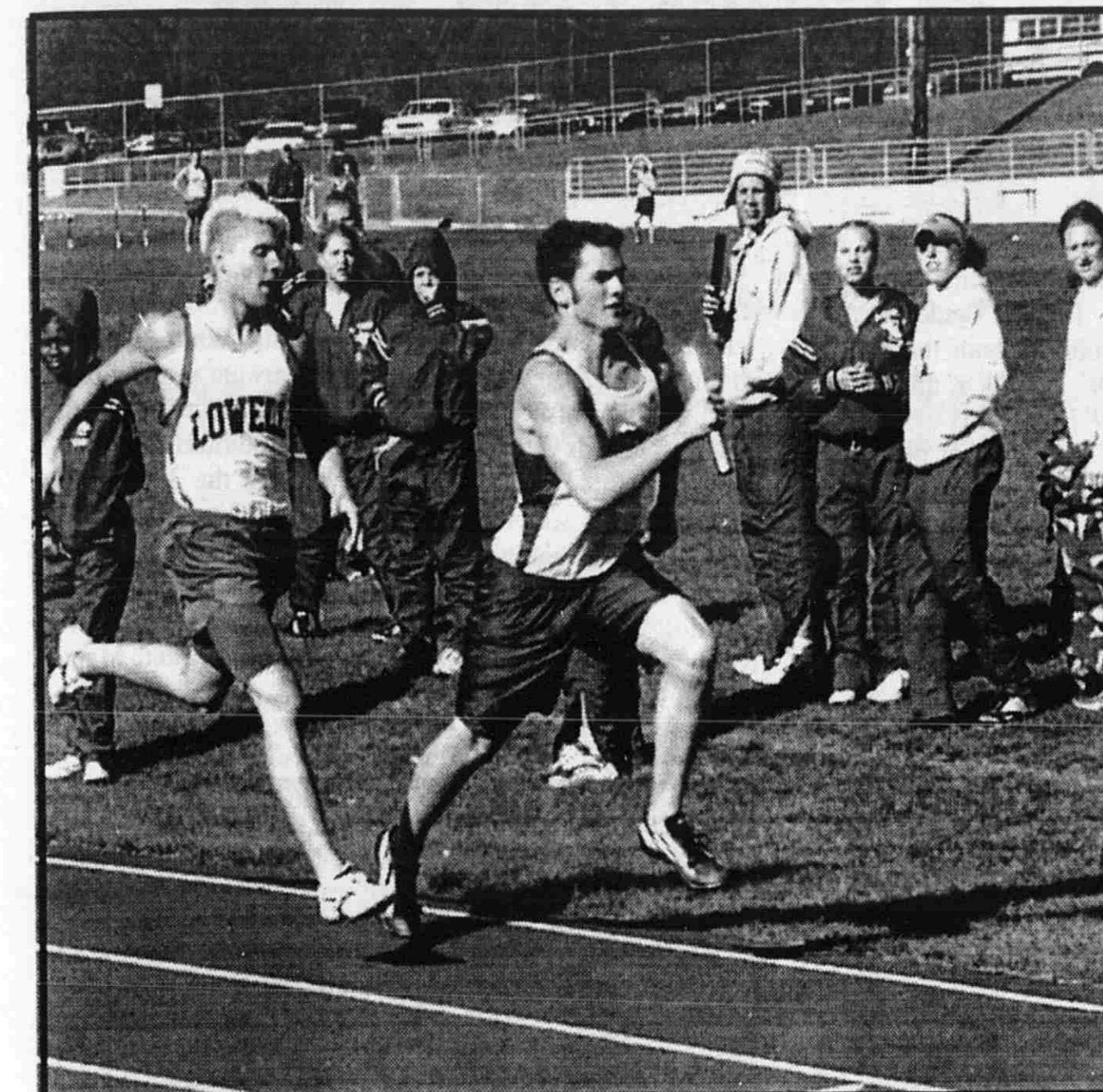
Tennis team loses two

Lowell boys tennis team dropped its final two regular season conference dual meets.

The Red Arrows were shutout by Zeeland (8-0) and Hudsonville (8-0).

"We could have played better, but both Zeeland and Hudsonville are just better teams," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "They are more experienced and have been playing tennis longer."

Lowell incurred more bad news as Dustin Pedley, second doubles, dislocated his knee in practice and will miss the remainder of the season.



Matt Foster hands off to Nate Parnofiello in the 800-meter relay. (File Photo)



Lowell's Andy Roberts won the 110 hurdles at Saturday's Lowell Invitational. (File Photo)

Lowell JV soccer shuts out Sparta

Lowell's junior varsity soccer team fired 19 shots on goal in the first half against Sparta, but only scored once.

The Red Arrows changed things in the second half as they netted five goals en route to a 6-0 win over the Spartans.

Recording goals for Lowell were Chantal Todosciuk, Melody Democoeur, Jessica Visser (2), Emily Gerard and Marilee Trierweiler. Maranda Morris posted two saves in the net for Lowell.

Against Northview, Lowell struggled with strong winds as they capitalized on just one scoring opportunity as the Red Arrows and Wildcats tied 1-1.

The Red Arrows only goal was scored by Gerard.

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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the proposed Resolution. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office at the above-stated address up to the time of the public hearing.

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Red Arrow girls fall just short to GR Christian

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls track team swept four of the first seven events as it raced to an 82-55 win over Hudsonville.

The victory ran Lowell's

regular season dual meet win streak in the O-K White to 13.

Lowell's last loss in a conference dual meet came in May of 2000 against Wyoming Park.

The Red Arrows swept

the Eagles in three field events: the pole vault, discus and shot put.

Nicole Gillikin won the pole vault, clearing a height of 8 feet. Teammates Rebekkah Wood (7'6") and

Jenna Dickerman (7') were second and third respectively.

Heather Becker took top honors in both the shot put (29' 1 1/4") and discus (99'7").

Kristi Noall placed second with a distance of 27' 8.4" in the shot put and 76' 3" in the discus.

Natalie Kent earned two firsts - one in the 100 hurdles (16.34) and the other in the 400-meter run (1:02.75).

Kim Huyser's time of 13.38 in the 100-meter dash earned her top honors.

Krystal White won the 300 hurdles in a time of 49.43.

Lisa Wojciakowski legged out a victory in the 800-meter run with a winning time of 2:28.37.

Sarah Swab won the 3200-meter run, coming home in 12:39.23.

Hudsonville and Lowell split the relays, with the Eagles winning the 400- and 3200-meters and Lowell claiming victories in the 1600- and 800-meter relays.

The team of Dickerman, Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner and Kent won the 1600 in a time of 4:22.56.

It was White, Wojciakowski, Dickerman and Huyser bringing home the baton in a winning time of 1:52.04 in the 800 relay.

Lowell Invitational

The Red Arrow girls track team claimed more firsts (5) than any of the 10 teams in the field, but still finished second to Grand Rapids Christian by three points.

The Eagles won the invitational with 98 points. Lowell was second at 95. They were followed by Forest Hills Northern 87, Caledonia 84, Middleville 41, Ionia 25, Northview 14, Orchard View

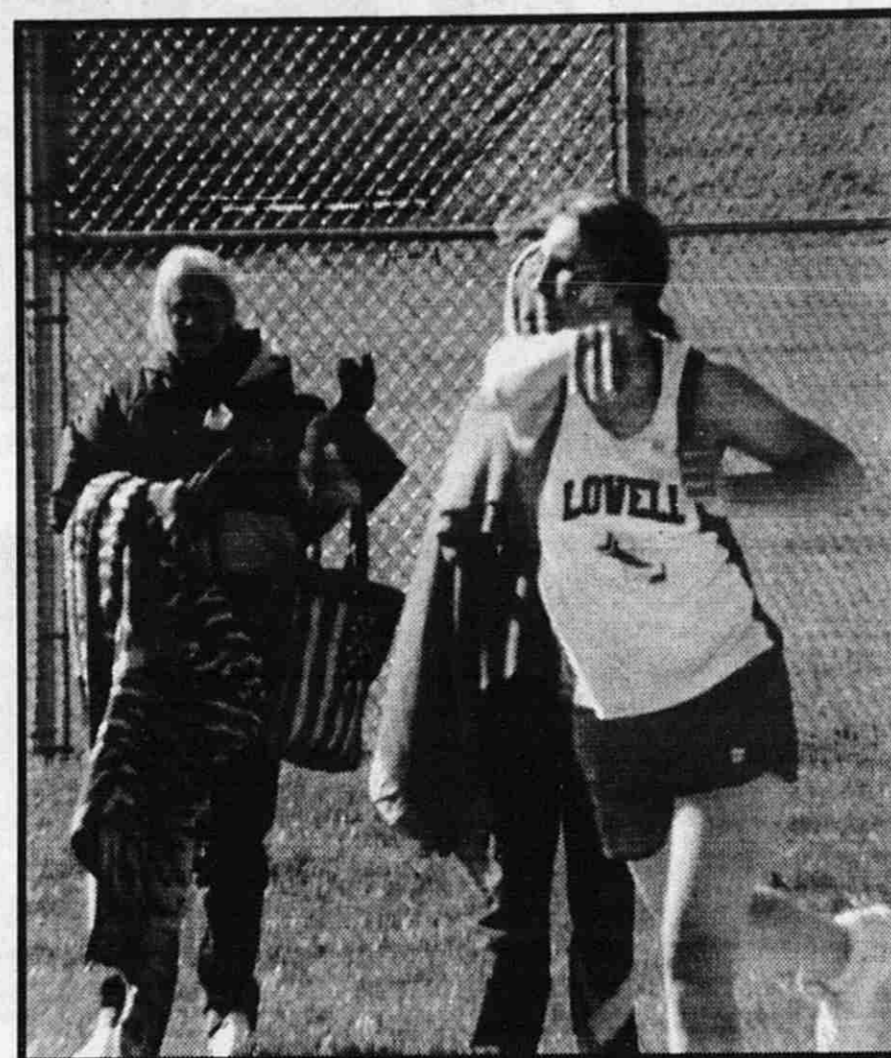
11, and Grand Rapids Creston 8.

Krystal White swept the hurdle events with wins in the 300 low hurdles (47.50) and the 100 hurdles (16.40). her time in the 300 hurdles set a new invitational record.

White also was a member of the Red Arrows' winning long jump team (White, Nicole Gillikin and Mandy Girls Track, cont'd. pg. 20



Kim Huyser won the 100-meter dash Saturday with a time of 13.22.



Heather Becker and her Red Arrow teammates placed fifth in the shot put at the Lowell Invitational on Saturday. (File Photo)

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2001 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source consists of four wells located at the water plant. They draw from a ground aquifer of glacial material that is free of external influences. The wells vary in depth from 84 to 109 feet.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact George Regan at 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, Michigan 49331 or call 616-897-5234. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled City Council meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 pm at the Englehardt Public Library.

The Lowell Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables show the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2001, unless otherwise noted. All data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentration of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old. As water travels over land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic materials, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Terms and Abbreviations

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (µg/l) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (nanograms/l) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.

Parts per quadrillion (ppq) or Picograms per liter (picograms/l) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr) - measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL) - million fibers per liter is a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - (mandatory language) A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Contaminant Level (MRDLG) - means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected health risk. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefit of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level or MRDL means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that the addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Radioactive Contaminants						
Alpha, Total	N	<3	pCi/L	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta, Total	N	<4	mrem/yr	0	4	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
Fluoride	N	1.0	mg/L	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	N	0.8	mg/L	10	10	Run-off from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural resources
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Bromoform	N	0.7	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Chlorodibromomethane	N	0.9	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Chloroform	N	Trace	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product
Dichlorodibromomethane	N	0.5	ppb	100	100	Organic + chlorination by-product

* The data presented is from our most recent testing which was done during the 1997 calendar year.

Lead and Copper Monitoring-from most recent testing	
Round 6	October 1998
90 th percentile for Lead = 3 ppb.	Action Level is 15 ppb
90 th percentile for Copper = 30 ppb.	Action Level is 1300 ppb

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
1. Total Coliform Bacteria	N	ND		0		presence of Coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples
2. Fecal coliform and E. coli	N	ND		0		a routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal coliform or E. coli positive
3. Turbidity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		TT Soil runoff

As you can see by the tables, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

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Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Nitrates: As a precaution we always notify physicians and health care providers in this area if there is ever a higher than normal level of nitrates in the water supply.

Lead: Lead in drinking water is rarely the sole cause of lead poisoning, but it can add to a person's total lead exposure. All potential sources of lead in the household should be identified and removed, replaced or reduced.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions. Copies of this report are available at City Hall.

We at City of Lowell Water System work hard and diligently to provide top quality water to every tap, said George Regan, Water Plant Superintendent. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

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Lowell lady linksters card season's best at Crestview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell golf coach, Rick White found a way to enhance the play of his girls' golf team.

It had nothing to do with grip, swing, chipping or putting... no, prior to playing the par 36 Crestview Golf Course, White told his team if it shot under 200, he'd treat them to dinner.

The Red Arrows came home in 185, beating their best score of the year (200) by 15 strokes.

Four of the girls either tied or shot their best round of the year.

"I think they proved to themselves today what they are capable of doing," White explained.

Jenny Gunberg was the match medalist with a five over par 41. Jeannie Dunn was three strokes back at 44 followed by Carisa Sayer's 49 and Tara Kuiper's 51.

A day later, at the par 75 Russell A. Johnson Invtl, Lowell finished seventh in a field of 27 schools.

The Red Arrows shot a 395. Jenny Gunberg carded an 87,

10th overall. Teammates following her home were Erin Mooney 101, Tara Kuiper 103 and Jeannie Dunn 104.

Mooney also won the Closest to the Pin award. "I was pleased with the way we played," White said. "Looking at the schools ahead of us, I think this may have been as good a finish as we could have hoped for."

Caledonia won the event with a 341 followed by Forest Hills Northern 342, GR Christian 364, Greenville 368, Ionia 374, Grandville 376 and Lowell.

Red Arrow confidence rises as soccer team wins 4 of its last 5

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's girls improved their record to 5-4-1 overall and 1-2 in the O-K White.

Winners of four of its last five soccer games.

The Red Arrows posted wins over Cedar Springs (3-

0) and Grand Rapids Baptist (3-0) and tied Jenison (2-2).

Two seniors stepped up and made the difference in Lowell's win over Cedar Springs.

Laura Horsley scored two of Lowell's three goals and at the defensive end Jenny Wagner dominated the game with her ball control.

"Jenny's the backbone of this team. If the opponent cannot stop her and allows her to move the ball up field, she'll pick them apart," Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan said. "Laura is just huge in terms of our attack. She's involved in so many ways with our attack. She helps set others up and plays so unselfishly."

Horsley scored Lowell's two first half goals on assists from Jessica Quist and Abbie Debiak.

Cedar Springs scored its only goal with 12 minutes to play in the second half.

Amanda Rau, on one of the sweeter goals of the year, volleyed a ball out of the air and drilled it into the Cedar Springs' net from eight yards out. "It was just a great goal," Conlan explained.

"Stephanie Wagner and Jenny Wagner did a great job defensively shutting them down and denying them good scoring opportunities," Conlan explained.

In the net, Katie Lum had three goal-saving stops, playing for the injured Kelly Fitzpatrick.

Lowell 3
Grand Rapids Baptist 0

First-half goals by Amanda Rau and Amy Oberlin got Lowell off to a quick start in its win over Grand Rapids Baptist.

Rau scored first on a left-footed goal from roughly 18-yards away.

Oberlin scored the Red Arrows' second goal on a free kick from 22 yards out.

"Our ball possession in the first half was great. We were aggressive and played well," Conlan said. "The girls also finished well, something we weren't doing earlier in the season."

Lowell's only goal in the second half came with six minutes to play in the second half on a 20-yard shot by Abbie Debiak.

"The girls didn't play as well in the second half, but still gave a strong effort."

Lowell 2
Jenison 2

Calling it the best half of soccer he's seen a Lowell team play in a long time, Ryan Conlan, Lowell girls soccer coach, was elated with his squad's play in a tie with Jenison.

"The first half effort - passing, attacking, and shots on goal - was all very good."

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Lowell rallies to trip up East

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following a week of a pair of embarrassing losses, the Lowell baseball team righted its ship as they posted victories against Northview and East Grand Rapids.

"The defense was better and we were able to post some quality and much needed wins against Northview and East," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel.

In a 1-0 decision over Northview, Lowell tallied the game's only run on just two hits.

The Red Arrows plated their only run in the first inning on a triple by Bill Harrison, who later scored on a dropped third strike which led to a dropped ball at first, enabling Harrison to score.

The senior also collected Clark to third. A Matt Barry sacrifice fly scored Clark and an RBI single scored Harrison.

An Austin Hunt single, a hit batsman and a wild pitch

go against one defeat. He gave up five hits, while walking two and striking out 10 Wildcat hitters.

"Brad was excellent and our defensive play behind him was good," Antel explained.

Lowell 7-7
EGR 9-6

A five-run outburst in the sixth inning rallied the Red Arrows from a four-run deficit and lifted them to a win in the game against East Grand Rapids.

Trailing 6-2, Andrew Benedict got things started with one out in the sixth with a single. Pinch-hitter, Nate Sloan, doubled him to third base. Nate Clark, also pinch-hitting, rapped a two-run double closing the deficit to 6-4.

Bill Harrison then singled Clark to third. A Matt Barry sacrifice fly scored Clark and an RBI single scored Harrison.

An Austin Hunt single, a hit batsman and a wild pitch

scored Wade Gilchrist the seventh and winning run.

Brad Eldridge pitched the entire game, picking up his sixth win of the year.

In game one, a five-run fourth inning ignited the Pioneers to victory. EGR trailed

Lowell pitcher, Adam Kuzmin goes to first on a grounder back to the mound.

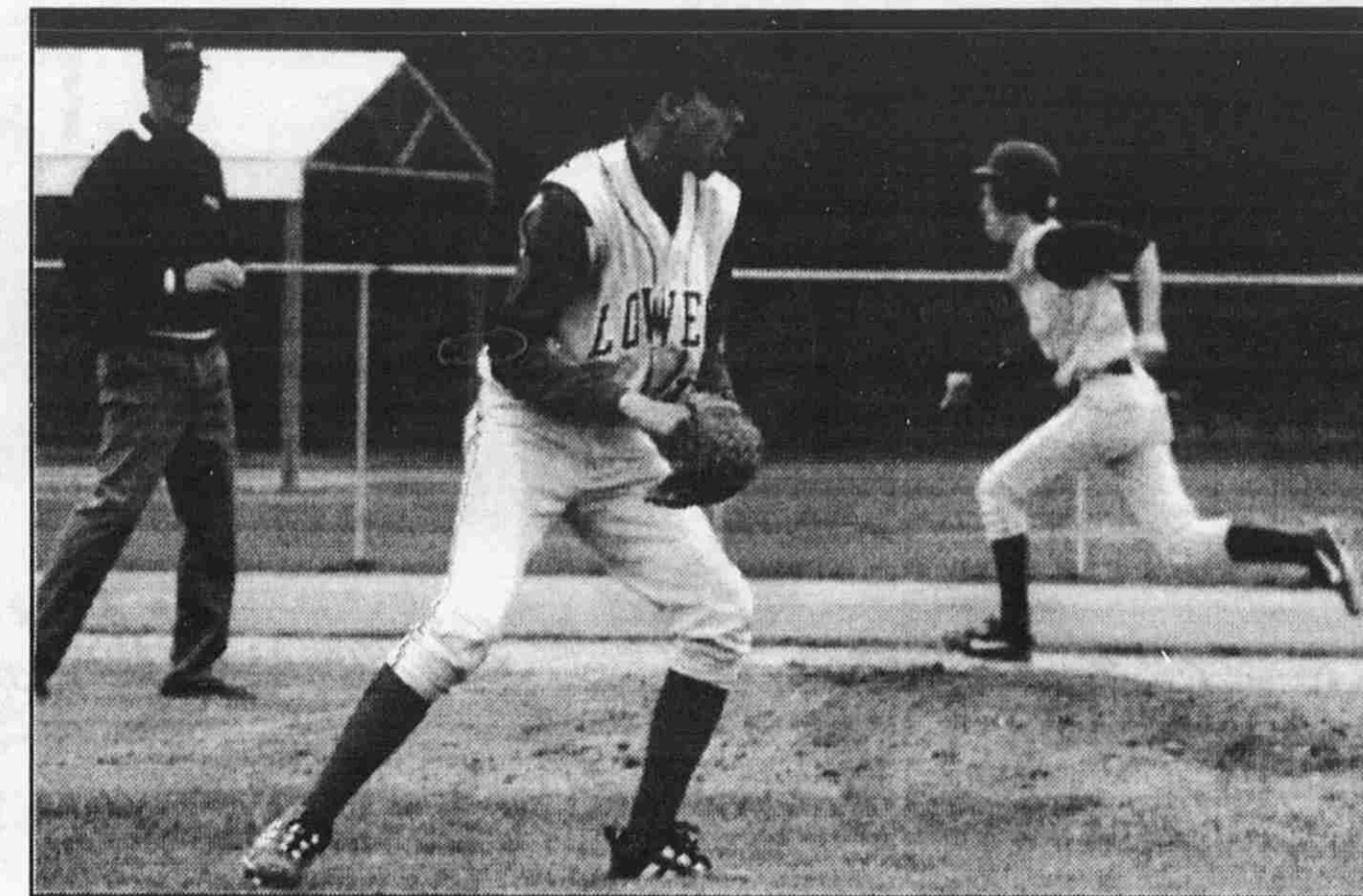
4-0 after one inning, before rallying for three runs in the second, five in the fourth and one in the fifth.

East pounded out 11 hits against Lowell starter, Greg McQueen.

Forest Hills Central 11
Lowell 2

The Red Arrow bats were held in check on just three hits and a seventh-inning grand slam propelled the Rangers to victory.

Lowell's only hits came



off the bats of Bill Harrison, Adam Kuzmin and Steve Palasek.

Kuzmin took the loss, allowing four runs on six hits while walking one and striking out six.

In relief, Bryan White pitched 1 1/3 innings allowing seven runs on nine hits and walking three.

Lowell finished the week at 12-8 overall and 2-4 in the

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Lowell bats silent during five-game skid

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With its offensive production in a swoon, wins for Lowell girls softball team were nonexistent.

Lowell was shutout by Northview 10-0 and then was no hit by Forest Hills Central before dropping a pair to East Grand Rapids.

"We're not getting any production out of our five through nine batters," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse explained. "If you can't get people on base, it's hard to win games."

In its loss to Northview, Lowell had three hits. They came from Jacque Benedict, Katie Blough and Heather Geelhoed.

Northview touched Amanda Eickhoff for 10 runs on nine hits, scoring two runs in the first inning, two in the second, five in the third, and one in the fourth.

In a 4-1 loss to Forest Hills Central, the Red Arrows were held hitless by Ashley Walker. Lowell scored its run on an error, a steal and on the throw to third, the ball got past the third baseman allowing the Red Arrow runner to score from third.

Lacey Capen pitched seven innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on six hits.

"Lacey pitched well - we just couldn't hit Walker. I think she's the best pitcher in the league," Rodenhouse said.

Walker struckout 13 Lowell hitters.

EGR 11-9
Lowell 1-7

The Red Arrows managed just two hits in the opener.

They came from Noelle Dewey (single) and Jacque Benedict (triple).

The Pioneers tallied the

game-winning runs in the seventh inning to edge the Red Arrows.

A walk, single, fielder's choice, an error and a single plated the game-winning runs.

East led 2-0 after two innings.

A four-run uprising in the third gave Lowell its only lead of the doubleheader at 4-2.

Lowell scored its runs on a double by Lacey Capen, a sacrifice bunt, a walk, a

Benedict RBI double and an RBI single by Katie Blough.

Trailing 7-4, Lowell then tied the game at 7-7 with a three-run fifth inning.

Lowell finished the week at 10-11 overall and 0-6 in the O-K White.

To Whoever Stole My Tree

I am certain you cannot imagine the heartache you have caused me by digging up and stealing my weeping cherry tree from my back yard. It was given to me in memory of my husband, Ray Quada, who passed away August 27, 2000.

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If anyone has information pertaining to this, you may contact the Lowell Police Department anonymously.

Mrs. Ray (Babs) Quada

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

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CARD OF THANKS - We would like to express our heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you who did so much to help ease the pain at the sudden loss of our son, brother, father, uncle and nephew, Ron Strouse. Your kind words, flowers, donations to the "We Do Care Fund," cards, food, the donations of Gideon Memorial Bibles, and the prayers, were such a great comfort to our family. You will never know how much your thoughtfulness means to us.

With appreciation,
 The Family of Ron Strouse.

CARD OF THANKS - We wish to thank, with all our hearts, for all who participated in Tom Shimmel's memorial on Saturday. Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, money, etc. Thank you to Rudy Smith's family for the wonderful lunch. Thanks to Tom's buddies for organizing the whole thing and to our dear Rev. Gordie Barry for helping us get through this very heart-breaking experience. We appreciate it all and in some way we might sometime show our love in return.

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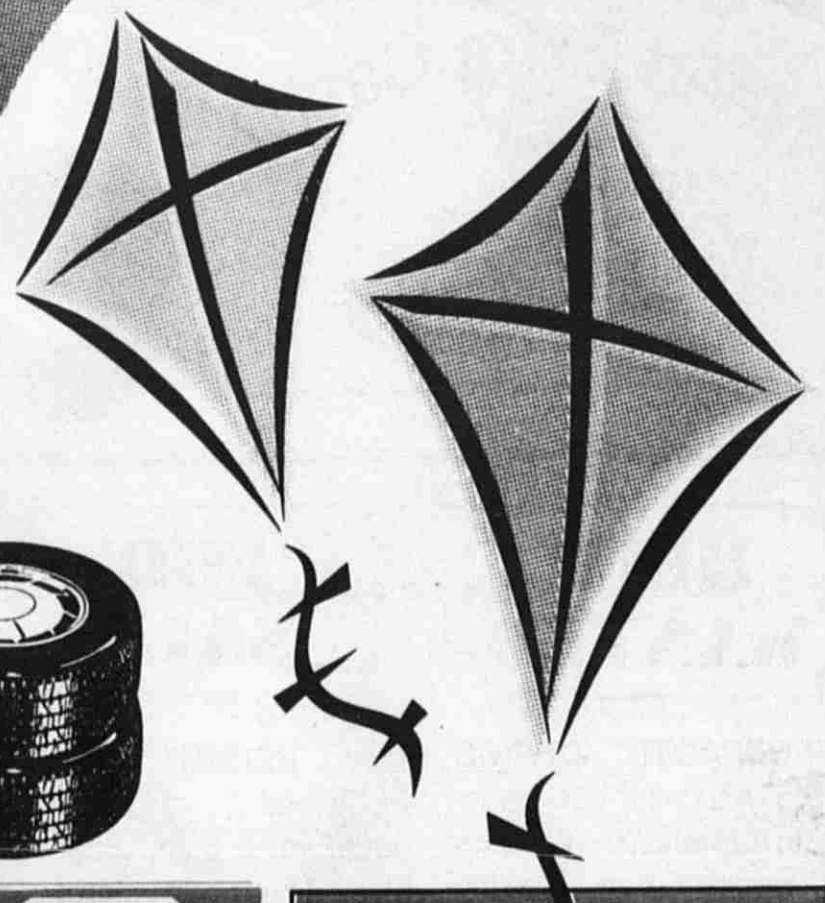
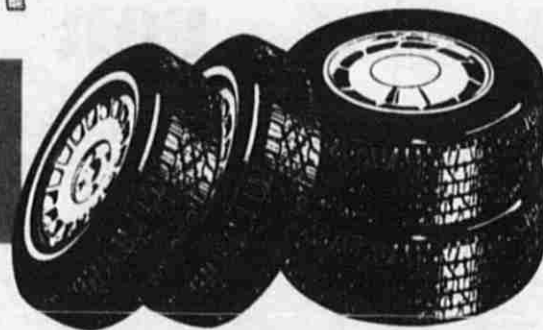
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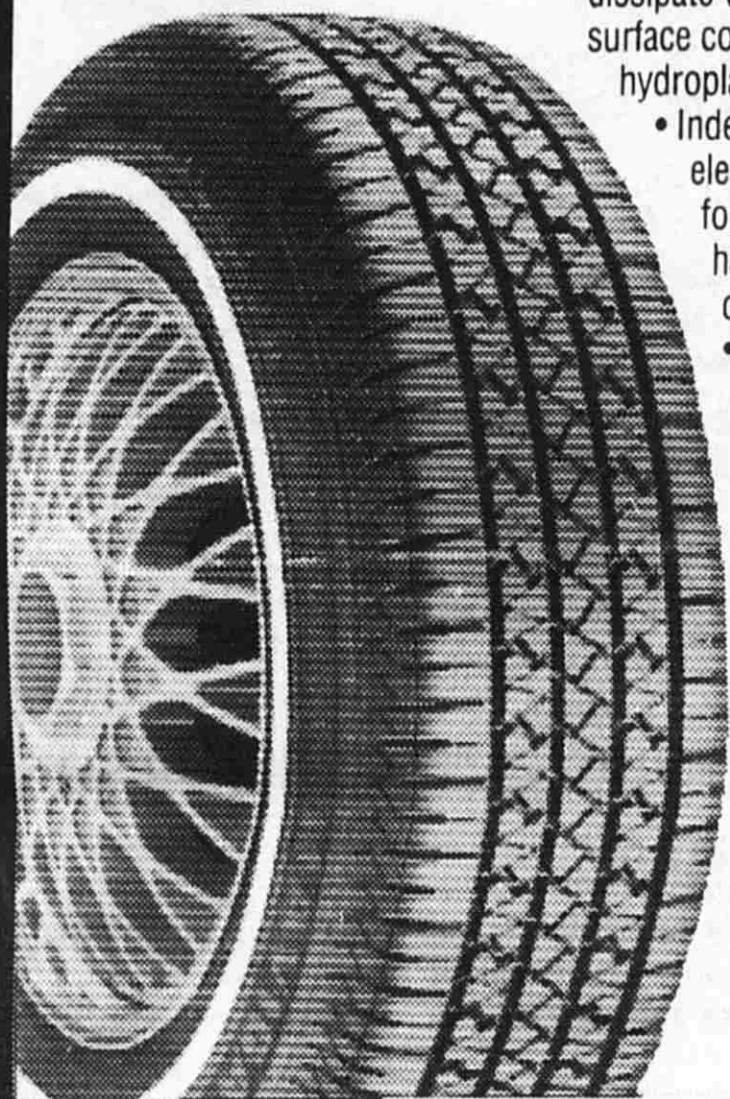
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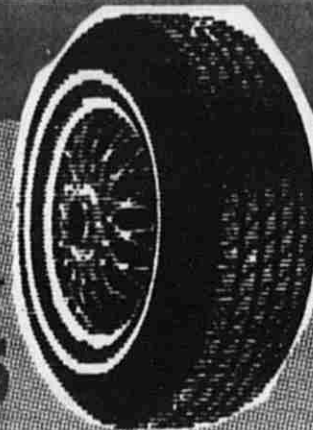
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