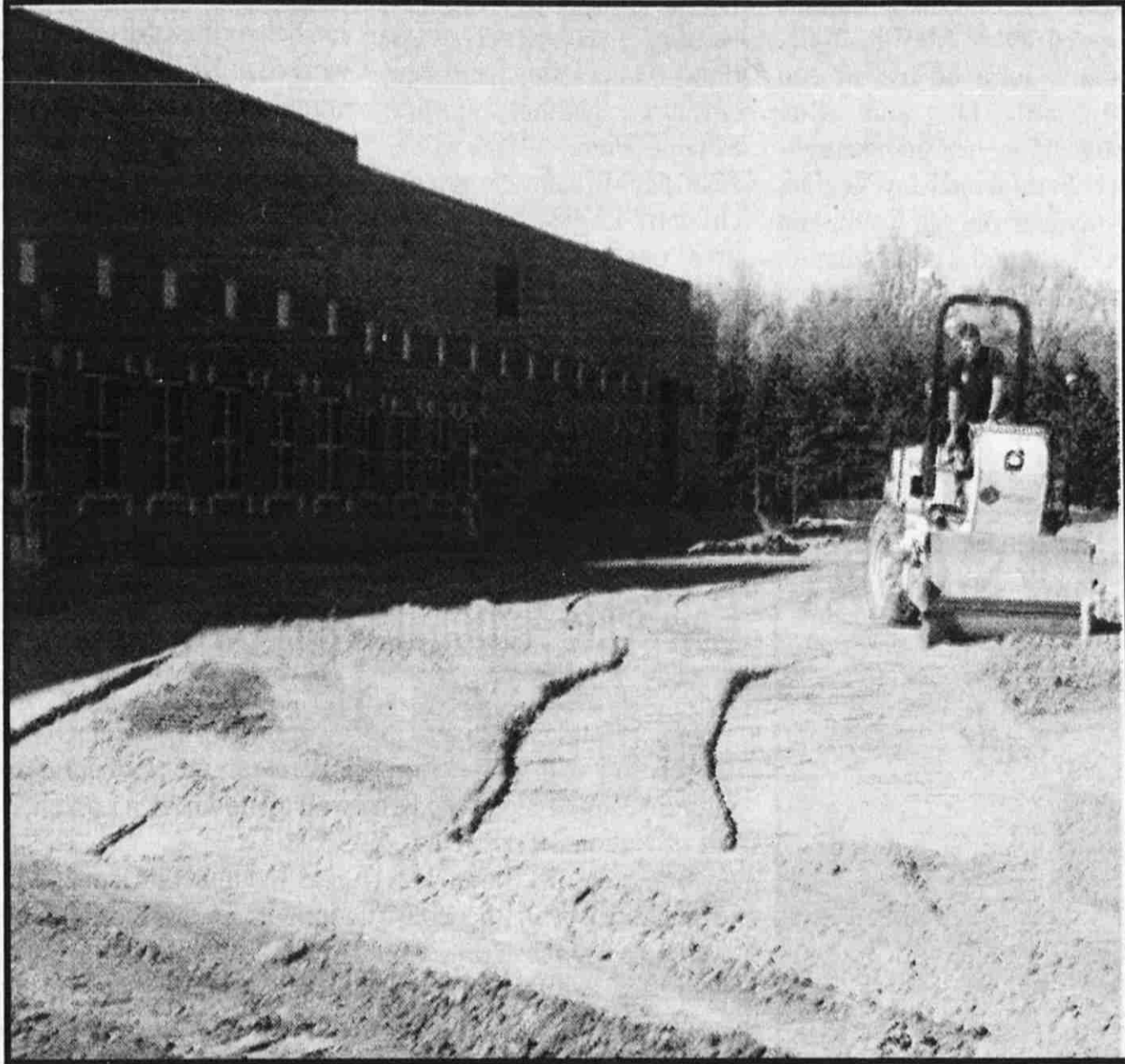


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Owen Ames Kimball broke ground on the Lowell High School addition project last week.

Building out not up to provide more building for the dollar

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"Mov' in on up" may not have been too expensive for George Jefferson, however Lowell High School will take a less expensive route in its decision to build out instead of up.

The Lowell Area School District broke ground last week on its \$3.955 million addition to the high school. It will increase high school capacity by 200 students (1,200 to 1,400).

When the high school was first built, wisdom had it that

when the school reached student capacity, it could build up from wings of the building.

Over the past eight years, the trend has been to build a school within a school. In Lowell's case that is less expensive than building up from the wings.

"Adding on this way enables us to get more for our money," said Lowell assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, Jim White.

The 21,000 square foot

addition will increase classrooms by eight and add a second, but smaller cafeteria.

The school within a school concept will eventually serve the freshman at Lowell High School. For now, the use of the self-contained school will remain flexible.

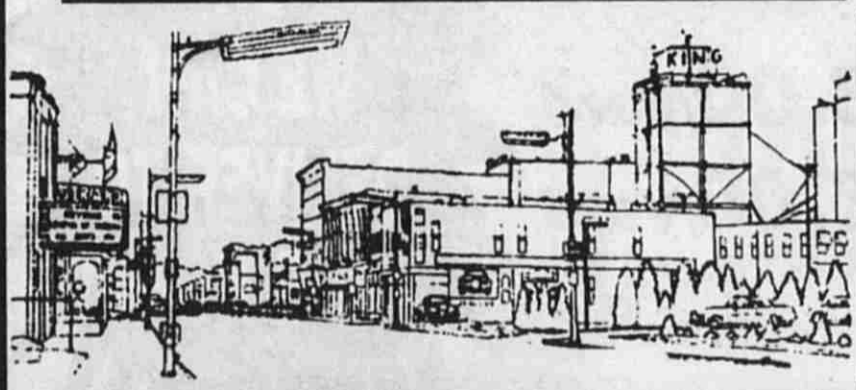
Lowell Middle School is currently the most crowded building in the district. White does not discount the possibility that some of the rooms could be used to house a few middle school classes.

The addition will also provide much needed additional science labs.

OAK (Owen Ames Kimball) Construction is the project's construction manager. It will oversee the work of 29 subcontractors.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2003.

Along Main Street



STUDENTS ART EXHIBITION

Two- and three-dimensional artworks created by students from Lowell High School and Unity High School are on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council now through May 18.

ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBEQUE

Boy Scout Troop 102 will hold their annual chicken barbeque this Sunday, May 19 at the Lowell First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Preliminary budget takes director's attention off of award and on future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There was barely time to celebrate a community achievement award from the State Department of History and Arts and Libraries when Lowell Area Historical Museum executive director, Judy Straub felt the rug from underneath her slipping away.

Straub learned that the city might defer funding in its 2002-03 year to the museum for operations.

"I am just sick over that information," Straub indicated. "It's significant because it comes one year after the museum is up and running."

Upon request, the city provided \$20,000 last year toward operations of the museum. During the previous four years, it had contributed \$5,000 a year.

At the May 6 Lowell City Council meeting, city manager, Dave Pasquale, in reviewing the preliminary proposed budget, noted that some allocations (Lowell Area Historical Museum, Look Memorial Fire Station roof and the Foreman building roof) had been deferred. "The city will look for alter-

nate ways to finance these," he explained. A couple of the alternatives mentioned included the Look Fund and the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Straub noted that the community fund already provides support for an executive director.

Softening the blow of possibly having its funds deferred was the news of receiving the community achievement award. Lowell was one of six communities in the state bestowed with such an honor.

The award recognizes a project or program that enhances the image of a community which has been supported by a large number of community members.

The award will be presented to Straub on May 21 at a ceremony in Marshall.

"It's pretty terrific to be one of six communities to receive such an award," Straub explained. "It's great for the community."

As is a museum which enhances a community's awareness of local history through partnering with schools, promoting understanding and preserving local history.

City's taxable value more than doubles rate of inflation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The preliminary review of the 2002-03 city of Lowell budget indicates a significant increase in the taxable value for a second straight year.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said in each of the last two years, the increase in taxable value more than doubled the rate of inflation.

The preliminary budget review for 2002-03 disclosed a taxable value of \$95,419,694, an increase of 6.8 percent over last year (2001-02).

Of that, \$12,525,898 will be allocated to the Downtown

Development Authority, leaving \$82,893,796 to the general fund.

A year ago, the city of Lowell's budget showed a taxable value of \$89,356,145, an increase of 7.1 percent from the previous year.

"It's good for a community where there is not much area to grow," said Lowell planning commission chairman, Jim Hall.

The numbers indicate that community businessmen find Lowell a good place to do business and to expand.

Not all growth, however, have Hall and the planning

commission viewed with the same rosy glasses. "Some things have happened that the planning commission and this chairman have not found pleasing," said Hall.

The efforts of the Downtown Development Authority and the progress along Main Street have not hurt anything. According to Hall, Lowell is still that small community people desire.

"The investment, like that of Gilmore, is excellent. It is something this community has needed for a number of years," Hall explained. "I think that is a good positive sign."

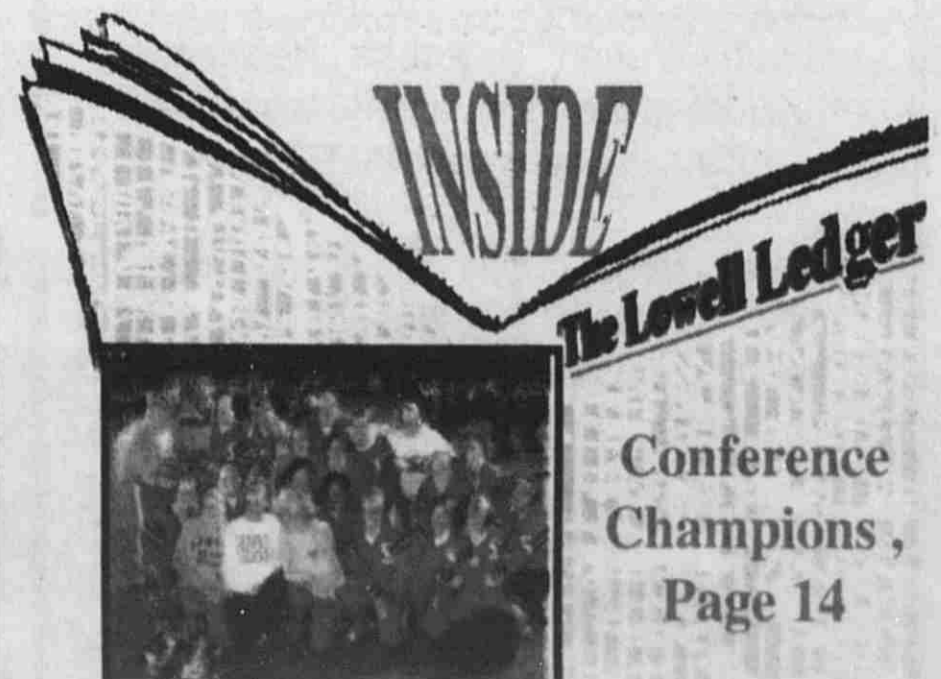
Memorial Day Parade route changed

The route for the 2002 Memorial Day Parade has been altered.

The parade will begin on N. Broadway near Elm Street (north of Lowell Light and Power).

The parade will travel south on Broadway to Main Street turning east on Main Street. The procession will pause at the Flat River on Main Street for a short ceremony. After the ceremony, the parade will continue east on Main Street to Monroe Street.

The parade will turn north on Monroe and travel to Oakwood Cemetery.



OBITUARIES

COX - Ethel Anna Cox, aged 95, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, died Monday, May 6, 2002. She is survived by her husband Wil-

liam: son Lt./Col. (retired) Robert (Patricia) Pielin of Pioneer, CA; sister Alice (Al) Meyer of Las Vegas, NV; brother-in-law James (Pat)

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Cox of MO; grandchildren Eileen, Jerry, John, Patrick; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cox retired at the age of 72 from Root Lowell and also worked at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. She was the oldest of eight children born to William and Anna Beckett. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. George J. Fekete of St. Mary's Church, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Heartland Health Care Center.

GARBULA - Raymond Joseph Garbula, aged 77, of Ravenna, passed away May 10, 2002, after a very long illness. He is survived by his wife Mary; stepchildren Shannon, Melissa, Hiroko (Ed); grandchildren Kaila and Thomas; brother David (Cynthia)

Garbula; sister Ruth (Richard) Mayernik; sister-in-law Nancy (Bill) Wood; also several nieces and nephews. Mr. Garbula was a member and active in the York Masonic Lodge #410 & A.M. and the Ravenna Masonic Lodge. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Rev. Roger LaWarre officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

HARMER - Edna B. Harmer, aged 96, of Grand Rapids, passed away May 8, 2002. She is survived by her son Michael D. and Sue Shalander; her granddaughters Saralyn and Jay Vezino, Amy and George Cook, and Allison and Todd Mahalic; great-grandchildren Tim and Amanda Vezino, Amber and Alexis Cook, and Tommy and Matthew Mahalic, all of Low-

ell; her brother Buford Jolly of Des Moines, WA; niece Pat Easley of Novi; nephew Richard and Meryl Place of Ann Arbor and Dudley and Lorna Place of Flint; best friends Theresa and John Gootjes, and Anne Buunk of Grand Rapids. There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place.

HIGBEE - Howard Roscoe Higbee, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away May 13, 2002. He is survived by his wife Ellen; children Lillian Marie (Richard) Tiffany, Bing Higbee, Virginia L. Cope, Howard J. Higbee, Thomas (Patty) Higbee; brother Ruben (Mary) Higbee; sisters Simone Hopp, Vivian Gort, Jean McMillian; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Memorial services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1188 Lincoln Lake. Memo-

rial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

RUESINK - Evert Ruesink, aged 89, of Lowell, passed away May 9, 2002. He was preceded in death by his son Robert. Mr. Ruesink is survived by his wife of 66 years, Alice; daughter Betty (Randy) DeWaard of Lowell; daughter-in-law Mary Ruesink of Middleville; sister Gertrude Smits of Wyoming; sister-in-law Nellie Ruesink of SD; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and special friend Jan Scheeringa. Mr. Ruesink worked at Keeler Brass for a number of years. Funeral services were held Monday at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, Rev. William J. Renkema officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main St., Lowell.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 20, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing would be to receive comments on the following variance request:

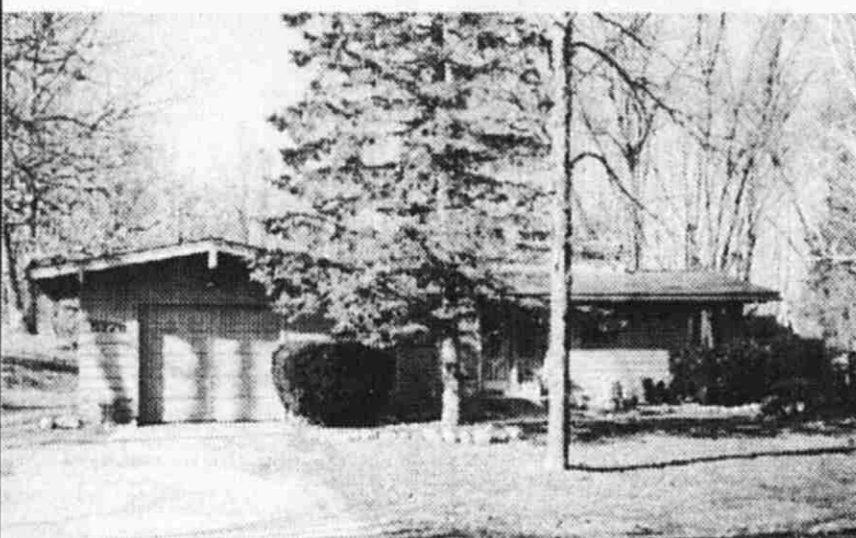
901 Grindle - Alan and Jayne Mathews request a variance to allow a 33 foot lot width at the front yard setback so that an additional lot can be created. With the property zoned Suburban Residential, 165 foot width is required, therefore a variance has been requested.

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



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Celebrate National Trails Day, June 1

The Western Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association will be hosting a large community celebration Saturday, June 1 along the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell as part of National Trails Day.

Beginning at 10 a.m., local Eagle Scout, Scott Cooper will be recognized for the construction of a new kiosk to be installed near the North Country Trail at Fallsburg Park. Other activities throughout the day include guided hikes on the North Country Trail, kayak demonstrations by Bill & Paul's Sporthaus, local history tours, an edible and medicinal plant walk with Dr. Tom Zennie, food and prizes. Outdoor recreation retailers will conduct clinics and demonstrations, and outdoors organizations will have informational booths.

Paul Wilbur, event coordinator, said, "This is the second year the event has come to Lowell. We're proud that Lowell is home to the North Country Trail and want to celebrate! We had so much fun last year, we decided to do it again." The North Country Trail is being built between eastern New York and western North Dakota and covers 4,400 miles. It runs the length of Michigan's lower and upper peninsulas and crosses through Lowell. More than 500 hiking enthusiasts are expected to attend.

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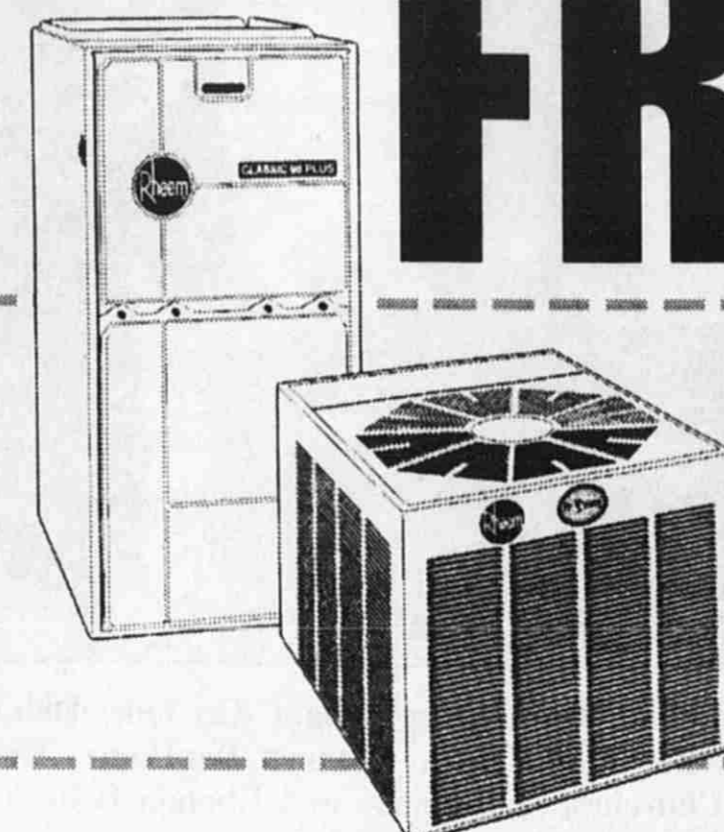
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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger LaWarre
First Congregational Church

In Christian circles, particularly those who pay attention to the Calendar of Church events, May 9, 2002 is the day celebrating the Ascension of our Lord. You may or may not be familiar with this special celebration. You will find the story in Acts 1:6-14. For those who celebrate this Ascension Day, there is a recognition of a Holy Mystery. But for most of the community, it would be easy to treat the ascension story as some ancient story that has no relevance in a scientific culture. In fact, we have a lot of people who feel this way about a lot of the Biblical stories.

What you and I are dealing with in this type of thinking is a loss of vitality of faith and a loss of a sense of "awe and wonder" at what God is and will be doing in our time. Our world has become flattened and controllable. We want to look more to science than we do to the power of a dynamic, powerfully active and ever present God. As one author put it, "God is now the

worldly Marxist liberator, or the liberal noble example of highest humanity, or the amenable, leisure-suited panelist on the TV Christian talk show, not the ascended one." In essence, we have worked to make our sense of God so manageable and so non-intrusive, and so much like what we want, that God no longer goes up or, for that matter, in any other direction. So, who needs the ascension? It does not seem to fit into our scientific agenda. We can just ignore it and dispose of it.

Before we do that, let's at least examine the message that the early church, writing in the first century, was trying to convey. There is something very important about this story, but we need to take a moment to look at it. First, we must recognize that "cosmology" is not the concern of the story. Yes, they believed in a three-story universe where God was up and Hell was down and the world was flat. The Church was not trying for scientific truths. The church then and now is concerned about eternal truths. The ascension deals with the eternal truth of God's Lord-

ship over all creation. This story deals with a power of God that rules in real people's lives and has a dimension that is universal and all encompassing in ways that challenge us to move beyond our pat answers and our pre-conceived notions of our ability to define and to know the mind of God. There is a Holy about God that is more than personal salvation and more than social justice. It is all of that and much more.

Perhaps the closest we can come to understanding the true meaning behind the Ascension account is found in Philippians 2:6-11 "Though he was in the form of God, [he] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. . . Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Calvin has identified the Ascension story as "not about a place but a function." Ascension is about the Lordship of Christ. And, the Ascension story drives us to think outside the box and recognize that the Lordship of God is greater than even that which we can grasp. Praise be to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

Those who do not want to imitate anything, produce nothing.

Salvador Dali



Front row: Barbara Schmalz, Tammy Beatson, Barb Knauf, Kay Jones, Deb Apol, Kerry Schubach and Jackie Bottomley; back row: Kathryn DenHouter, Melinda D'Agostino, Dan Stevens, Nancy Churches, Sue Kinney and Rhonda Delnick; not pictured are Andy Retburg, Kathy Duma and Vickie Seaburg.

Lowell Institute graduates second class

The 2002 Lowell Institute of Volunteer Excellence class graduated from its eight-week course on April 23. Volunteers of the Lowell Leadership Advisory Committee designed, organized and implemented the first Lowell Institute of Volunteer Excellence in 2001. Lowell Leadership Advisory Committee is a group of concerned citizens from the Greater Lowell Area dedicated to identifying is-

sues that can be impacted through collaboration, dialogue and volunteerism. A couple of years ago, an emerging need in the Lowell area was identified. That need was and still is the need for qualified and impassioned volunteers to help keep Lowell the great place it is.

Committee members who dedicated time to helping this

idea become a reality were Lorain Smaligan, Will Welsh, Jane Bossard, Betty Yeiter, Kathy Cole, Mike Blough, Bert Bleke and Liz Baker. A new class will be forming in the fall. If you are interested in joining, contact Liz Baker at 897-9161 or email to: info@lowellchamber.org.

Volunteer recognition luncheon, May 21

The Friends of the Englehardt Library will host a volunteer recognition luncheon at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21 in the community room. The luncheon recognizes the hours donated by Englehardt's adult volunteers.

For more information or to register for the luncheon, call the library at 647-3920.

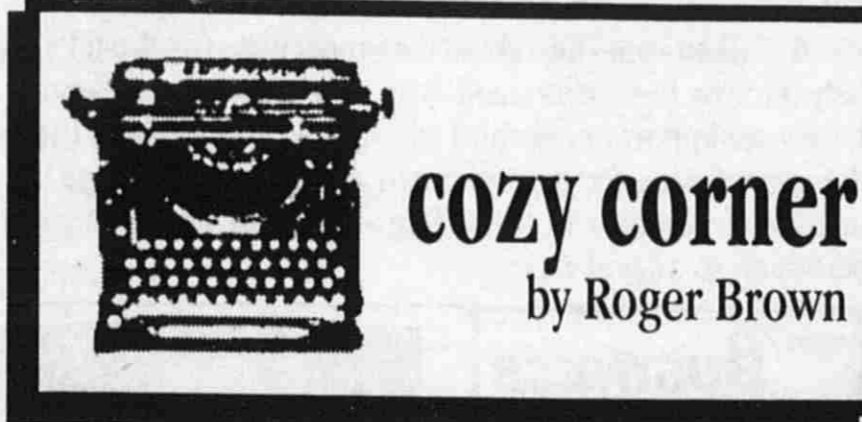
Cake & ice cream on the streets

Mary Schmalz, on behalf of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, requested permission from the city to close Spring Street from Hudson to Lincoln Lake on Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. until noon for a cake and ice cream reception honoring the 2002 confirmation class.

"We would like to have a cake and ice cream reception on that day for the confirmation class," Schmalz explained. "As the mayor knows (member of the church), our church basement is not very big, therefore over the last couple of years we've held the reception outside."

The council was unanimous in its approval of Schmalz's request on behalf of the church.

Viewpoint . . .



I'm forever admonishing people who work while on vacation. A working vacation is an oxymoron right up there with military intelligence and rap music. I contend that you can't be enjoying your time away from the job while answering a cell phone, checking your e-mail, sending e-mail, calling the office, reviewing your voice-mail, etc. That's why there hasn't been a "cozy corner" the last couple editions. I took my own advice.

In celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary, my granddaughter's 5th birthday, my wife's unspecified birthday, Mother's Day, May Day, a new moon and a Redwings advance in the playoffs, etc. . . . we went back to Shanghai for another visit.

The trip was planned several weeks ago. You don't, I repeat, don't want to book tickets to China on short notice. Not unless Bill Gates is your brother-in-law. In that case you can simply borrow the Gulfstream. However, when booking well in advance, shopping all the ticketing web-sites for deals, flying economy, factoring in the air-miles earned and doubling them by charging to a credit card. . . my wife has it down to less than three cents per mile.

Our tickets were so cheap they wouldn't let us upgrade them. We were told we'd have to pay more for our seats (the very same seat back in coach) before they could be traded in for seats in business class. Huh? It's something akin to not being able to order leather seats in a sub-compact economy car.

Another reason for the trip was a Chinese equivalent to our spring break. My grandkids were off school for a week and we tagged along on their vacation.

While on this vacation with the grandkids, a "must-do" was a walk through the "Monkey Forest." Despite being highly recommended, the tour came with warnings. Overly aggressive monkeys liked to steal glasses, watches, jewelry, etc. and they were prone to biting if they didn't get their way. We went anyway.

The Monkey Forest was a hoot. Unlike the U.S., there were no restrictions. I kept thinking the A.S.P.C.A., O.S.H.A., U.S.D.A., F.B.I. or some acronym would have this place shut down A.S.A.P.! The locals sell bunches of tiny bananas at the entrance. With bananas in hand you simply hike a trail through the forest (jungle) and the monkeys come out to see what you

might have of interest. They then accost you accordingly.

I had the bananas, so the monkeys soon had me surrounded. I don't know what kind they were. They were gray, hairy, had teeth and ranged in size from kittens to raccoons. I kept twirling and passing out bananas in an attempt to keep them from climbing up my back. The kids were scared silly and had climbed onto their parents' shoulders staring wide-eyed at these wild and crazy "Curious Georges." When the bananas were gone (40-50 in about a minute) I considered climbing onto my wife's shoulders. She wasn't receptive.

Just to make sure we were all sufficiently traumatized, I bought more bananas and went through the ordeal a couple more times.

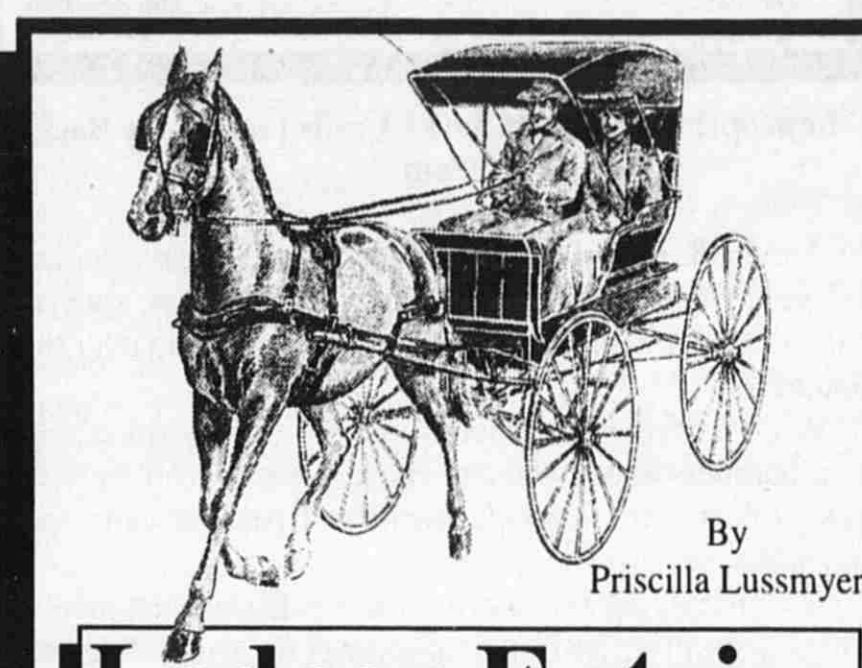
On the way out my three-year-old grandson, Boog was riding atop my shoulders. I spotted a little kid's sandal along the trail. I put Boog down, pointed at the sandal and said, "Look Boog, the monkeys got a little boy. There's his shoe." Boog, with eyes still like saucers, asked in an alarmed voice, "Huh?" I expanded on the story. I pointed off at the nearby rocks and bushes and explained that the monkeys took the little boy in there and raised him as one of their own. Boog kept asking questions and I kept making up wild answers. This type of behavior may be why my kids moved the grandkids 10,000 miles away from me.

As the days went on, Boog and I kept rehearsing the "Monkey Boy" story. He has it down pat. I'd say, "Hey Boog, tell (whoever) about the Monkey Boy." He'd go into his, serious-as-a-heart attack rendition. . . "The monkeys took the little boy's sandals. Then they took him to the rocks and bushes. Then they raised him up like a Monkey Boy!" You have to imagine a blue-eyed, toe-headed three-year-old enthusiastically telling you about the Monkey Boy to have any appreciation.

The entire trip revolved around the Monkey Boy. I'd say, "Hey Boog, did the Monkey Boy live with his mommy and daddy?" He would reply, "No, he lived with the monkeys!" I'd ask about brother, sister, school, friends, grandpa, grandma, etc. The answer was always, "No, he lived with the monkeys!" Then I'd ask, "Did the Monkey Boy have Waffle Crisp cereal for breakfast?" This was the finale. He'd respond with, "No! The Monkey Boy eats. . . (shouting at the top of his lungs) BANANAS!!!"

I'd then ask about peanut butter and jelly for lunch, pizza for dinner, milk and cookies before bed, etc. The answer was always a shouted, "No. . . BANANAS!!!" This went on until somebody, mom, dad, grandma, whoever. . . made us shut up.

Next vacation, take my advice, leave the cell phone, lap-top, palm pilot, etc. at home. You simply can't make up Monkey Boy stories with all that stuff interrupting your creative juices.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 16, 1877

F. H. Hosford makes and sells small beer, a pleasant, cheap and harmless beverage.

The first potato bugs have been sighted (a serious problem, capable of wiping out crops).

Detroit is still talking about a tunnel under the river. The editor predicts that talking is as far as they get.

The Lowell Reform Club, red ribbon clubs and Women's Christian Temperance Union are growing rapidly, as those throughout the area. It was rumored that the bylaws had the words "including wine and cider" were stricken; they were not.

Dentist Doty is fixing up his office in fine style.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 15, 1902

Four inches of wet snow Saturday made the cherry and peach blossoms a "strange but beautiful sight."

C. W. Parks has invented the Parks Automatic Air Compressor and Sprayer, designed to be mounted on a stone boat or farm wagon. It also has a potato sprayer attachment.

Fred and Bert Charles and Fred Malcom caught seven pickerel at Murray's Lake this week. Total weight 45 pounds.

Saranac recommends that Lowell and Belding pass sidewalk ordinances so they will get more sidewalks such as Saranac will this summer.

New and improved parlor car service from Grand Rapids to Detroit begins 3 to 8 p.m. daily with supper available on the way.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 19, 1927

A three-car accident injures 11 at the junction of M-21 and M-16, including persons and a car at the corner gas station.

The American Legion Auxiliary collects clothing for victims of the recent floods in the south.

A list of new books at the library is published on the front page.

The five Campfire groups present an Arbor Day program for the high school in the Senior High Assembly hall.

James Fraser of Glasgow, Scotland, invents a gearless car that works on the turbine principle.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 15, 1952

The junior band and chorus presented a Mother's Day concert Sunday at City Hall, attended by 200.

Kindergartners learn, among many other things, where milk comes from on their tour of the Fred Roth farm in Vergennes, an annual event.

Persons in rural areas served by the Lowell Fire Department should call Operator in case of a fire, says Chief Dave Clark.

Donna Jean Ford is the director of a one-act comedy to be presented at the Village Players of Lowell meeting Monday evening.

Teacher Orion Thaler is taking the annual school census on evenings and weekends during the last 20 days of May.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 19, 1977

Arie Leeman retires after almost 48 years of working for, then owning Highland Hill Dairy. He was the last of the home-delivery dairies in Lowell.

The Lowell Area Arts Council incorporates. Removal of the diverters in Lincoln Lake Avenue will be the subject of a public hearing at City Hall Monday.

Chamber of Commerce plans for trees in planters along Main Street for the summer.

In this issue, Council proceedings take 1/4 page, School Board proceedings, a full page.

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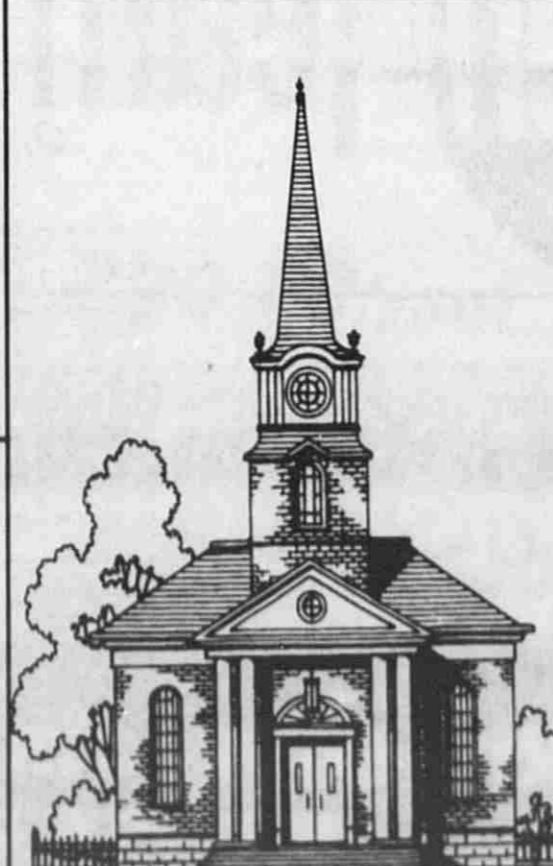
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Sharing The Vision
BERT BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

It was Sunday - Mother's Day. I was on an early morning walk when from nowhere a frightful thought struck me. This year will be my 40th anniversary of my high school graduation. Suddenly 40 years sounded like a lot. In rapid order my mind raced through the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. It's amazing how our minds can bring together disjointed events to form a mosaic of 40 years. The riots of the 60's, the Kennedy and King assassinations, the Vietnam War, the births of my children and their graduations - all these events in rapid order simply made me shake my head. How quickly time can pass.

These past 40 years - in many ways just a mere moment in time - have brought many changes from Richard Nixon to George W. Bush, from Vietnam to Afghanistan from Mayor Daley to Mayor Daley, from typewriters to the internet from Fidel Castro to Fidel Castro, and new worlds of cell phones, SUV's and DVD's.

How interesting is life. So many changes yet... so many things in our lives seem to remain the same. Many people struggle with their past, concerned with failures or lost opportunities. Many worry about the future, fretting over the unknown challenges and disasters that may lie ahead. Why is it so difficult for us to live in the moment, to savor the minutes, hours and days by which we are blessed? Are we too busy, too worried, too burdened to realize that the 40 years which shocked me on my walk are really only an accumulation of the minutes, hours and days that define the quality and substance of our lives?

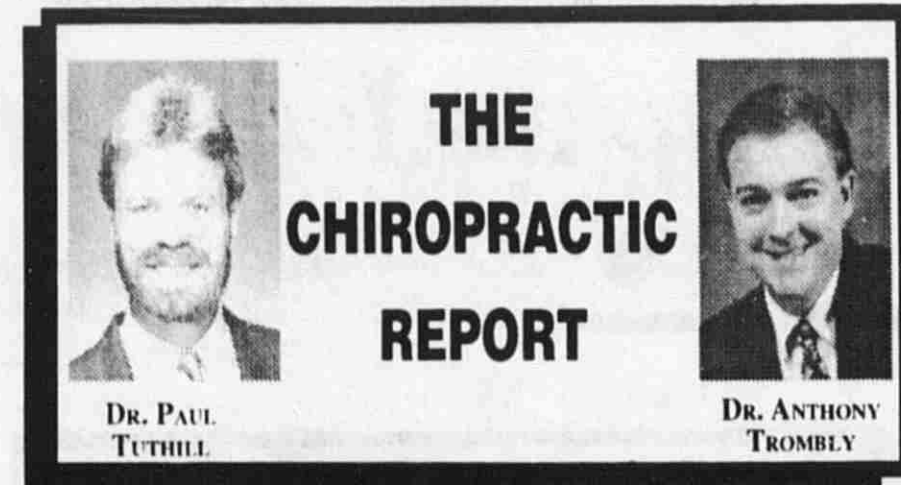
If I were graduating again from high school, I would want somebody to tell me to be willing to learn from my past but

know that you can never really change or undo anything. I would want somebody to tell me to plan for my future, to truly think about what I wanted to be, what I wanted to do and how I wanted to live. But, most importantly, I would want somebody to say to me, "Learn to live in the moment to live each day to its fullest, to give to others, to enjoy your gifts, care about people - for today is the only moment that we shall have." We must "seize the day" or in the words repeated often in many of our churches, "Today is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be happy in it."

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

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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THE CHIROPRACTIC REPORT

Improper Use of Backpacks Leads to Chronic Back Pain

Across the nation, millions of elementary, high school and college students are racing out to the school bus or scurrying to their classes with overstuffed backpacks slung over their shoulders.

While carrying a backpack to school each morning might seem harmless enough, it can cause some painful back and neck problems for students who don't pack or carry their backpacks properly.

Back pain is pervasive in our society. Eighty percent of all Americans will suffer from it at some point in their lives, and 50 percent of us will suffer from low back pain this year alone. Low back pain is the most common health problem experienced by working Americans today, and a condition which

costs our nation's economy at least \$50 billion a year in lost wages and productivity.

Much of this suffering is brought on by bad habits initiated during our younger years - such as carrying overweight backpacks to school. The improper use of backpacks can lead to muscle imbalance that could turn into chronic back and neck problems later in life.

What Can You Do?

The American Chiropractic Association suggests the following tips to help prevent the needless pain that backpack misuse could cause the students in your household. (And now that backpacks have begun replacing briefcases in the work place, you, too, might want to follow this advice):

1. Make sure your child's backpack weighs no more than 5-10 percent of his or her body weight. If the backpack is heavier, it will cause your child to begin bending forward in an attempt to support the weight on his or her back rather than on the shoulders, by the straps.

2. A backpack with individualized compartments will help in positioning the contents most effectively. When packing the backpack, make sure that pointy or bulky objects are packed away from the area that will rest on your child's back. An uneven surface rubbing against your child's back could cause painful blisters.

3. It is important that your child wear both shoulder straps. Lugging the backpack around by one shoulder strap can cause the disproportionate shift of weight to one side, leading to neck and muscle spasms as well as low back pain.

4. Padded straps are very important. Non-padded straps are uncomfortable, and usually dig into your child's shoulders. The shoulder straps should also be adjustable, so the backpack can be fitted to your child's body. Shoulder straps that are too loose can cause the backpack to dangle uncomfortably and cause spinal misalignment and pain.

5. If the backpack is still too heavy, talk to your child's teacher. It might be possible for your child to leave the heaviest books at school, and bring home only lighter hand-out materials or workbooks.

6. Talk to your child about the proper use of backpacks and help him or her understand why this and other ergonomic issues are important. A child who is educated early in life on the importance of ergonomics can apply this knowledge later in life - at home or in the office - and will be happier and healthier as a result.



Greenridge Realty announced that **Ann Wittenbach** received Realtor of the Month in April. This award recognizes Ann for her outstanding success and achievements.



Bleke's colleagues praise his leadership and vision

By **Thaddeus J. Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grand Rapids' board of education's fact-finding, discussion and deliberating part of its superintendent search will end Wednesday night when it announces its choice to replace Patricia Newby.

Its choice is expected to be either Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke or A. Woodrow Carter of Bourbon County, Ky. There is still a possibility, however, the board could delay its pick so that it could visit Austin (Texas) area superintendent, Larry Lewis.

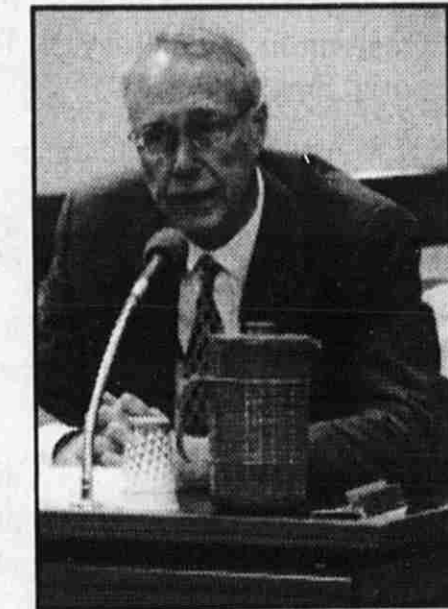
On Friday, a handful of board members visited Lowell to interview non-certified staff, teachers, community

leaders and parents, board members and administrators.

"Has anyone ever disagreed with Bert? If so, the Lowell community is either not telling us or it doesn't remember," said Grand Rapids board member, Louis Dean. "He obviously is a good negotiator and a human resource person who knows how to resolve issues."

For nearly six hours, board members probed what makes Bleke tick, attempting to uncover as much about the man and the way he does things as they could.

What they heard was plenty of praise, for Bleke's accomplishments in the Lowell School District, excitement for the opportunity that may



Bert Bleke awaits the board's decision on Wednesday.

be awarded to him because of it and a bittersweet realization that Thursday Lowell may be in the business of looking for a new superintendent.

Privately, many will tell you replacing Bleke will be difficult; however, former school board president, Marsha Wilcox sees a silver lining.

"While I'm glad I won't have to go through the process of finding a superintendent again, if Bert leaves, Lowell now knows what it wants and needs in a superintendent," Wilcox explained.

Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette praised Bleke for his passion for Grand Rapids' children and helping with volunteer programs to help them. "Bert has the ability to develop a culture of trust. There's a difference between leadership

and management - Bert doesn't fall into management."

The Lowell superintendent is involved in the Families and Communities Together for Students (FACTS). Its charge is to get 4,000 volunteers into the Grand Rapids Public Schools by October.

Bleke has also been paramount in coaxing most schools in Kent County to adopt a plan by the Racial Justice Institute to fight racism.

Lorain Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, talked about Bleke's vision for a global community. "He recognizes the advantages of using

the resources around him to make the school system better," she explained.

Jim White, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, addressed Bleke's vision and ability to develop it.

"That's his number one strength. He knows where he's headed, how to carry out the steps necessary to get there, and he puts the right people in place to carry out the vision," White said. "He's also a very good listener."

Jane Bosser called Bleke a visionary who fosters inter-relationships between the school and community.

Paula Blumm added, "All Bert wants is educational excellence and for children to succeed."

The University of North-western Ohio is proud to acknowledge its dean's list for the March 2002 session for the College of Technologies. **Brandon M. Scheid**, of Lowell, a full-time student, received a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

COLLEGE NEWS

Developing disciples and scholars since 1899, Azusa Pacific is a comprehensive Christian, evangelical university, dedicated to supporting God first and excellence in higher education, and making a positive impact on society. The main campus lies 26 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

Megan Odell, of Lowell, who is enrolled in the College of Law at Syracuse University, is expected to receive a Juris Doctor degree at the commencement ceremony held May 19 in downtown Syracuse.

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Shannon Finnegan, a junior at Alma College, was one of more than 130 Alma College students who participated in the college's sixth annual Honor's Day program on April 4. On this day, students share their original research, creativity and talents with an audience of their peers.

Finnegan, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate, presented a paper titled "Empowering Damaged Communities: The Pine River Oral History Project."

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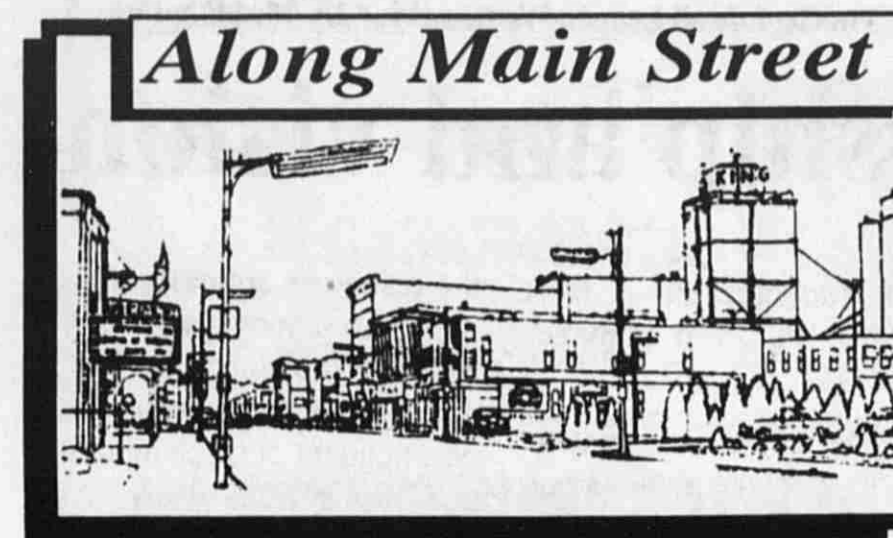
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ENROLLING FOR HEAD START

Head Start, a free program for 3 and 4 year olds from families which meet income guidelines, is now enrolling for the 2002-03 school year. Call 897-7920 or visit at 300 High St.

"HANGIN' WITH FRIENDS" OPEN HOUSE

Artworks involving 10 artists from around the area will be on display at the home of Mary Bommarito, 1520 Cumberland, Lowell, on Sunday, May 19 from 1-4 p.m. The open house, Hangin' With Friends, will offer a variety of art pieces for sale.

WATERCOLOR DISPLAY AT HUNTINGTON GALLERIA

The Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Doris Larson at Huntington National Bank in downtown Lowell now through June 11 during regular business hours. For more information, call the LAAC at 897-8545.

MAIL CROP WALK DONATIONS TO CWS

Any donations for the Lowell Area CROP Walk may be sent to First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell, or to Huntington National Bank, East branch, c/o Church World Services (CWS). Any questions, call 897-5936.

THRIFT SHOP OFFERS GIFT CERTIFICATES

The Flat River Outreach Thrift Shop now offers gift certificates. Call 897-2037 or stop in at 519 E. Main St. in Lowell.

DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a used book sale. Donations of books are needed by May 15. To contribute, contact Paula at 642-6781 or Jenny at 642-9005.

BLOOD DRIVE AT LOOK STATION

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.

YOUTH THEATRE PLAY AT CHERRY CREEK

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be presenting "The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk" at Cherry Creek Elementary School this weekend: Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 18 at 3 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. The production is free and open to the public. Call 897-8545 for further information.

FOODMOBILE DISTRIBUTION

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

ARE YOU AT RISK?

Find out if you are at risk for prostate cancer or breast cancer. Presentations will be given to Lowell Senior Neighbors at 314 S. Hudson by the Grand Rapids Clinical Oncology program on Wednesday, May 22 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 897-5949.

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.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AT LPAC

The baccalaureate program, sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. A dessert follows in the cafeteria. Attending students should wear their gown.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

There will be a board candidate forum for candidates running for the upcoming Lowell 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.

GRATTAN TWP. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A Memorial Day pancake breakfast, hosted by the Grattan Fire Dept. Auxiliary, will be held from 7 - 11 a.m. at Grattan Township Hall. Bridge walk and activities to follow.

BOATERS SAFETY COURSE

Lowell Community Education will be offering a Michigan Boaters Safety Course on 2 Mondays: June 3 and 10. Call 897-8235 to register for this free course.

PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION FOR JULY 4 PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for entries in the July 4 parade. Floats, bands, animals, cars; kids, decorate your bikes and join in. Call Liz at 897-9161 for an application.

CORRECTION...

In a letter to the council, Downtown Development Authority board member and Lowell businessman, Mike Larkin contended that by allowing Gregory Gilmore to build 12 feet out from his property line, he would run 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 outdoor cafe. The May 8 edition of the Lowell Ledger incorrectly identified Mike Larkin as Steve Larkin.

Keyworth honored for volunteer efforts

David Keyworth, of Midland, the grandson of Lowell's Verna Rogers, was recently awarded the Volunteer of the Week by the Volunteer Action Center of Midland County.



Keyworth, the son of Charles and Della (Rogers) Keyworth (formerly of Lowell), is an office volunteer who helps out with the daily operations of Recordings for Recovery.

Keyworth is in the 7th grade at Jefferson Middle School where he is a member of S.T.A.N.D. (Students Taking A New Direction). He is also involved in various church activities at the First United Methodist Church.

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.

This was the first spring it had blossomed since his death. In the spirit of my husband's love for our community, I am willing to forgive whoever did this. However, I am asking that the tree be returned. Its sentimental value is irreplaceable. This act of larceny saddens me more than words can say.

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

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City's tax exempt bond total surpasses \$10 million mark

This year is a historic and significant year for the city of Lowell.

The Building Authority will be issuing approximately \$4.8 million in bonds, pushing Lowell to the \$14 million mark in a calendar year for tax exempt bonds.

"I believe this is the first time ever the city of Lowell has exceeded the \$10 million mark," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale.

The city tax exempt bonds currently on the books are the \$4.8 million bond for the City Hall/police station; \$5-\$6 million bond for Lowell Light & Power's new sub station and other distribution improvements; \$2.7 million bond for water revenue refund; and \$495,000 for street work on Valley Vista and North Division.

Due to the city's tax exempt bond status, it will not be able to sell bonds either qualified tax exempt or bank qualified.

Furthermore, banks which are buying for their own port-

folios, are actively looking for bank qualified bonds because they can be written off their caring charge and can enhance their yield.

"The banks cannot do this with city bonds. As of March 1, municipalities can choose or select their method of sale such as competitive or negotiated," explained Mike Gormely of Fahnestock and Company (formerly First Michigan).

Gormely further explained that in a competitive sale, when bonds go up for sale, a fixed date and time are chosen, then entered into the market to sell the bonds.

The underwriter's discount in a negotiated sale is lower than a competitive sale because the underwriter is bidding on bonds and they're building in a risk premium because they don't usually have the bond sold, according to Gormely.

"The real test is when a time and date are chosen to negotiate the sale of bonds and how it compares to the market," added Lowell city attorney, Richard Wendt. "I believe there is

merit in performing a negotiated sale; however, the key is the underwriter being able to demonstrate the interest rates that day."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SECTION 4 FROM R-3 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 6, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the application of Westcliffe LLC for the rezoning of the following property from R-3 Urban Residential District to C-2 Commercial District:

6350 Alden Nash

A parcel of land located in the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Town 5 North, Range 9 West, Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, further described as follows:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 4, TOWN 5 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 4, NORTH 00° 24' 41" WEST, 741.74 FEET, TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE PROPERTY ZONED C-2 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, NORTH 89° 28' 03" WEST, 675.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 22° 06' 46" WEST, 301.47 FEET TO A POINT "A", THENCE TO CONTINUING NORTH 22° 06' 46" WEST TO THE CENTERLINE OF PRATT LAKE DRAIN; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID CENTERLINE TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE TO A POINT "B" (POINT "B" BEING NORTH 53° 43' 36" WEST, 514.31 FEET FROM SAID POINT "A"); THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 89° 23' 17" EAST, 1199.89 FEET TO SAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 4; THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 00° 24' 41" EAST, 577.06 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 11.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

(Part of Permanent Parcel No. 41-24-04-200-019)

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

May 15, 2002
 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk
 Bowne Township

Foodmobile arrives at fairgrounds May 18

The Foodmobile will be in the Foreman Building at the 4-H Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, or until the food is gone. Anybody in the Lowell area is welcome to obtain this free food, mostly produce.

The Foodmobile was begun by the Second Harvest Gleaners as a means of delivering a large quantity of food in communities at a very reasonable cost.

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. (FROM) sponsored the first Foodmobile in July 2001 at the First United Methodist Church parking lot. FROM provided 5,000 pounds of food to approximately 150 people. The food was distributed by 20 volunteers in one hour. Based on the success of the first Foodmobile, the FROM Board of Directors decided to schedule a Foodmobile every other month, starting last November.

The city of Lowell provides the Foreman Building as a permanent site. This past March food was distributed to 273 families. Because of the overwhelming response by the Lowell community, FROM has increased its order to 10,000 pounds of food for the May 18 distribution. Several area churches take turns paying for the food and providing volunteers.

Dates when the Foodmobile will be in Lowell are May 18, July 20, Sept. 14 and Nov. 9.

In June 1999, FROM opened the doors of the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry located at 519 Main St. The magnitude of help and services was overwhelming. By the end of 2001, close to 500 boxes of food had been distributed (one box will feed a family of four for three - five days.) By year end 2001, an average of \$2,000 per month was being generated in Thrift Shop sales. (Remember, no clothing in the Thrift Shop sells for more than \$4 and most items are 50 cents - \$1). By year end, a growing Emergency Service program was running, addressing the crisis situation of families from Lowell and the immediate area. Close to \$40,000 in aid was given in 2001 through Emergency Services.

The money from the Thrift Shop sales, donations from churches and individuals, and grants from the Lowell Com-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BOWNE TOWNSHIP

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002 7:30 P.M.

HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL 8240 ALDEN NASH S.E. ALTO, MI 49302 616-868-6846

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

REQUEST #2 - Variance of Article 7 - 7.03 - Accessory structures and Uses for the Low Density Residential District by Mike Casemier - Parcel #41-24-18-326-017 and adjoining 8.1 Acres - for the purpose of constructing a structure to house horses located at 9805 84th Street S.E.

WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE HEARING AND ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP OFFICE 8240 ALDEN NASH S.E. P.O. BOX 35 ALTO, MI 49302-0035

GLORIA KING - CHAIRPERSON
 BOWNE TOWNSHIP
 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 5, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an application by Thomas Byrne for an amendment in the Township Master Plan. The requested amendment would revise the Master Plan map so as to designate the following described lands for Moderate Density Residential development:

The South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 8 North, Range 9 West. Also, that part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, lying Westerly of the Westerly line of Lincoln Lake Avenue as relocated, except for the South 50 feet thereof. Also, the North 17 feet of the South 50 feet of the East 225 feet of the West 907.88 feet of said South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

A copy of the proposed amendment is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 12050 Old Belding Road, during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amendment. Written comments concerning the amendment may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: May 10, 2002
 PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday June 3, 2002 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance and a special use permit. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments and special use permit application.

Article IV General and Special Regulations:

Section 201.403 Signs

The proposed amendments are to clarify language; add definitions; adjust maximum square footages and types of signs; add a height maximum for low impact signs and to eliminate pole signs; to add a modification section as a special use permit; changes to exempted signs include real estate, historic, and political; adjusting sign setbacks and clarifying the permit approval procedure.

Section 201.416 (F) (21) Manufactured Home Development

The proposed amendments are to change the sign section to match the new ordinance with the proposed sign section changes with regard to setback, height, and entrance signs.

Article VI Administration and Enforcement:

Section 201.602 (A) (2) Zoning Compliance Permit Required

The proposed amendments are to add language that a zoning compliance permit is required for signs and that the zoning administrator reviews and issues sign permits, unless the signs are part of a site plan review or special use review process and permits may be approved by the Planning Commission as part of that review process.

Article II Definitions:

Section 201.202 Specific Terms

The proposed amendments are to add all of the current and new sign definitions in Section 201.403 to the general definition section.

Article III Zoning Districts:

Section 201.308 (E) (1) (b) (3) and 201.311:

The proposed amendment is to change the rear yard setback in the Commercial District residential section to adjust the rear setback from 50 feet to 30 feet to match the R-2 rear setback previous amendment. The bulk table will be updated from 50 to 30 feet.

Zoning Map Amendment:

A rezoning application of property located on Lincoln Lake Ave adjacent to and just north of the Lincoln Lake Business Park and across the street from the cemeteries, is proposed by Pete Faber to change the zoning from R-2 to Industrial. The request is for a land division totaling 12.43 acres, part of parcel number 41-16-34-226-004, in the NE quarter of section 34.

Special Use Permit:

A special use permit application by the Kent County Road Commission is submitted for the purpose of producing and storing sand and gravel for road work in Vergennes Township and surrounding Townships, including the paving project of Burroughs. The property is an existing sand and gravel pit, owned by Kent County, located on Burroughs, approximately 400 feet east of the bridge on the south side, parcel number 41-16-26-301-002, in the SW quarter of section 26.

The complete text and map of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671** [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

"The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk" opens at Cherry Creek

The Lowell Area Arts Council will be presenting a youth theatre production at Cherry Creek Elementary this weekend with director, Sue Stephenson-Bradford of the LAAC Thebes Players.

Performances for "The Prince Who Wouldn't Talk" are Friday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m.

The play is about a King and Queen who discover their son, the Prince, doesn't talk. What they don't realize is that neither of them will give him a chance to talk. The young maiden points out this fact but they do not listen to her either. The King and Queen put the Prince through a series of tests conducted by three wizards. When it looks as though every effort to get

him to talk is going to fail, the maiden discovers a way. She announces she is going to leave the kingdom forever. In order to stop her, the Prince must speak out. In the end, the audience is brought into the action to discover what lessons can be learned.

For more information on this free youth theatre production, call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

Lowell FFA holds annual banquet

Over 275 Lowell FFA members and guests attended the annual banquet on April 16 at Lowell High School. The banquet recognized the work of members in the areas of leadership, personal development and career exploration.

The following students were recognized for their leadership achievements. Nathaniel Clements was recognized as the outstanding Lowell Middle School member. Melody Democoeur won the Star Greenhand award for first-year high school mem-

bers. Bryan Posthumus earned the Star in Production Agriculture award for his work on the family farm in forage production and sheep and swine production. Brandon Gessler was recognized with the Star in Agribusiness award for his work at Bos Greenhouses. Courtney Perkins was recognized with the Caledonia Farmers Elevator award for her pursuit of a career in Agribusiness. Teresa Leasure was recognized with the DeKalb Senior Agricultural award.

The Lowell Agricultural

Supporters awarded \$500 scholarships to Pieter Serne, Ruthanne Oesch and Katie Clements to attend the Washington Leadership Conference this summer. Members were recognized for involvement in career development projects, PALS - the FFA's mentoring program, and leadership contests.

The FFA also recognized its fair buyers for their support including King Milling, Michigan Wire, the Fred Oesch family, South Kent

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Exercise for Senior Citizens

Exercise is one of the most important things we can do to improve or maintain our health. It is safe for most people over the age of 65 to exercise. People with medical conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis can exercise safely. If you are not currently exercising and you suffer from one of these conditions, you may want to see your physician before starting on a rigorous exercise program.

You should start any exercise program slowly. This will help prevent injury and soreness from overdoing it. Wear comfortable clothing and well fitting athletic shoes. For older individuals we usually recommend that you start by walking. Start with five or 10 minutes every other day and gradually increase the duration of walking to 30-50 minutes 3-5 times a week. As you become used to exercising, you can increase the intensity of your workout. Any aerobic exercise is good for

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you so choose what fits you best: walking, running, swimming, jogging, biking, or any activity that uses the major muscles. Strength or resistance training can also be performed a couple of times weekly to improve your muscle tone.

Regular exercise not only helps your heart but it also reduces stress, helps you maintain ideal weight and generally makes you feel better. The great thing about aerobic exercise is that you can do it any time of the day when it's convenient for you.

Remember to warm up and stretch before exercising. You should also cool down

after exercising by stretching for a few minutes.

If your muscles are sore the day after exercise, you have done too much, too soon. Lower the intensity or duration of your exercise session the next time. You should talk to your physician if you experience any of the following while exercising - chest pains, excessive shortness of breath, light-headedness, nausea, dizziness or difficulty with balance.

Good luck with your exercise programs. Get out and take advantage of the wonderful spring/summer weather and beautiful Lowell surroundings as you exercise.

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munity Foundation and the Helen Daley Look Fund have enabled the ministry to serve children and families of the Lowell area. The Foodmobile program has been a recent addition to that service, providing commodities to families on a first-come basis.

Volunteers, not paid staff, give approximately 200,000 hours in managing the Thrift Shop and Food Pantry, and in addressing Emergency Service needs. All donations and money earned through this ministry go back to aid and encourage people in some of their most difficult times.

FROM promotes networking as the best way to address the complex needs of individuals and families. Recently a \$16,000 grant from the Lowell Community Foundation was received to aggressively promote interagency support in complex crisis situations. The resources are shared with the Salvation Army, Access 6, church pantries in other communities, social service agencies working with migrants and the poor, and with other major programs such as Mel Trotter Ministries.

Volunteer a few hours a month at the Thrift Shop in Lowell - you can truly touch the lives of people by being a caring, listening and supportive presence.

Donate a portion of your income every year - sharing the support and wealth that you have with those who have little. Most of all, be a light of hope to others in your little corner of the world. And know that Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. will be around to help you shine that light a little brighter.

LHS honors its May Students-of-the-Month

During the month of May, five departments at Lowell High School are honoring students who have made outstanding contributions and progress in a particular area. These are the final students to be recognized as Students of the Month for the 2001-2002 school year.

Shanda Yonker, a senior, is the daughter of Tom and Kim Yonker of Alto. She is being honored by the English Department. Yonker has been active in both fall and winter cheerleading and has also served as captain. In addition,

she has received the MVP and coach's award for cheerleading and is graduating in the top 10 of her class. Next year Yonker plans to attend G.R.C.C. in the dental hygiene program. Her teacher nominator said she has been an outstanding English student for the past four years and is a kind, generous and giving person who willingly donates her time and energy to the community.

Rachel Bender, a senior, is the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Bender of Lowell. She was selected by the Foreign

Language Department. Bender has been a student athletic trainer for the L.H.S. teams this year. She plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy to study pre-medicine. Bender's teacher nominator said she has done several outstanding projects in her three years of Spanish and enjoys helping others and using Spanish whenever she gets the chance.

David Walker, a senior, is the son of John and Kathy Walker of Lowell. He was chosen by the Business Department. During his years at

L.H.S., Walker has been treasurer and vice president of Business Professionals of America and a class representative of International Club. He is employed at Meijer. Next year he plans to attend Western Michigan University. Walker's teacher nominator said he is a hard-working and conscientious student who is always willing to help others. He has earned awards the last two years in B.P.A. competitions at both the Regional and State levels.

Anna Komejan, a senior, is the daughter of Dave and Karen Komejan. She was selected by the Music Department. Komejan is vice president of Art and Drama Club and president of Ladies Ensemble. In addition, she is employed at Rose's Express.

Komejan's teacher nominator said she is a soloist and section leader, and participates in school musicals and takes private lessons.

Amy Oberlin, a freshman, is the daughter of Mark and Lois Oberlin of Ada. She is being honored by the Math Department. Oberlin plays

soccer, basketball and volleyball for L.H.S. as well as A.A.U. basketball. Oberlin's teacher nominator said she has tremendous problem-solving abilities and is quite creative in her thought process.

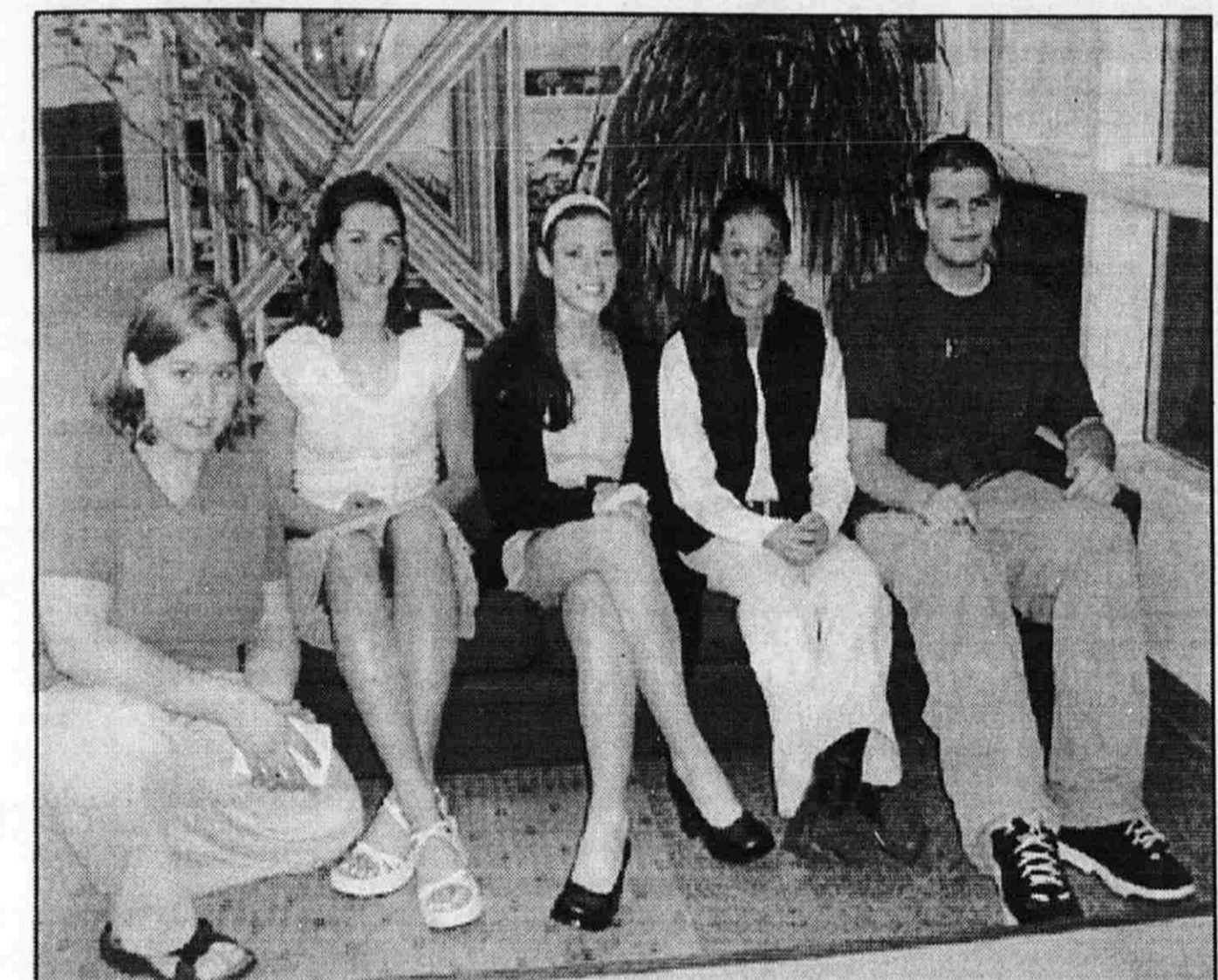
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Pictured, left to right: Rachel Bender, Amy Oberlin, Anna Komejan, Shanda Yonker and David Walker

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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/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30-8:30 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. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 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 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: Foodmobile, free food distribution by Flat River Outreach Ministries, 10-noon at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg. Bring own bag or box.

SAT., MAY 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.

SAT., MAY 18: Sign up for Lowell youth football, 78ers, flag football, & cheerleading 10-2 p.m. Lowell Middle School cafeteria. 897-7896.

MON., MAY 20: Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Sponsor-Phyllis Bieri.

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

MON., MAY 27: Grattan Fire Dept. Auxiliary will host a Memorial Day pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m. at Grattan Twp. Hall. Bridge walk & activities to follow.

ONGOING: Recycle your newspapers/phone books at the trailer in the Family Fare parking lot; support LHS girls softball team.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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WED.: 12:30 Shop at Family fare.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.

FRI., MAY 17: 8 a.m. Midland Dow Gardens. **MON., MAY 27:** Memorial Day - center closed.

MON., MAY 20: 12:40 Wal-Mart, Dollar Store. **TUES., MAY 28:** Noon Pot Luck Picnic.

TUES., MAY 21: 7 a.m. Shipshewana Flea Market, Van 57. **WED., MAY 29:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.

WED., MAY 22: 12:30 Clinical Oncology program at center; 12:40 Shop Family Fare. **THURS., MAY 30:** 10 a.m. WhiteCaps Game.

FRI., MAY 31: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.



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Oberlin's volley enables Lowell to kick Chix in overtime, 4-3

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Calling Lowell's 4-3 overtime win against Zeeland on Friday the fifth-year program's biggest win is an easy argument to make. The win marked the first time Lowell has defeated a Chix soccer team - for that matter, it's the first time they were within two goals of

Zeeland and it was the first time the Red Arrows scored first against the Chix.

"It's the biggest game of the year. In terms of the program it's huge," said Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan.

Lowell led 2-0 and 3-1 before Zeeland rallied to tie the game in regulation at 3-3.

"I was just hoping that Zeeland's goal with seven

minutes to play wouldn't take the wind out of our sails," Conlan explained. "I told the girls before we started overtime that they had played too good to let it slip away."

It was barely two minutes into overtime when Lowell's Amy Oberlin volleyed a bouncing ball over the Chix keeper's head and into the net.

The goal set off an on-field celebration which included Conlan running out onto the field to congratulate his club.

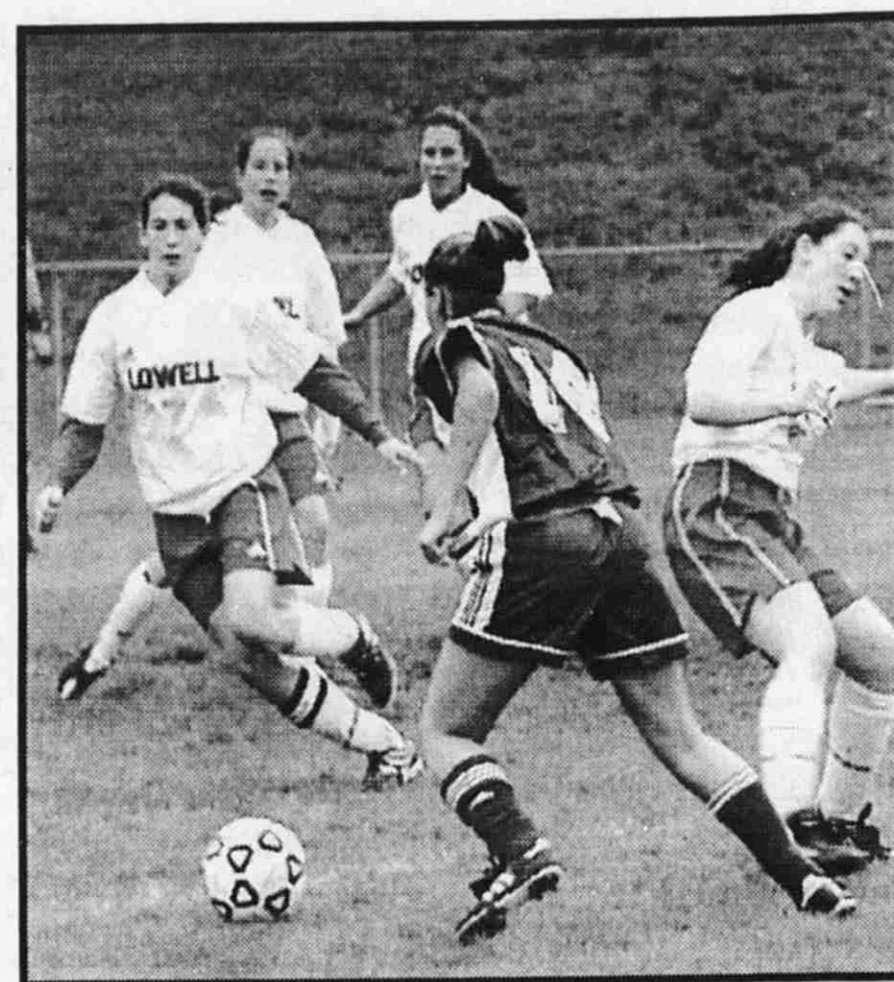
"It was a great way to finish. With a win against Hudsonville on Thursday, we could finish fourth in the league," Conlan explained. "A win would also give us a home game in the first round of the league tournament."

The victory over the Chix improved Lowell's league record to 2-3. Overall the Red Arrows are now 6-5-1.

Lowell jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first half with goals by Abbie Debiak and Becky Bosserd.

Debiak scored on a free kick at the 26:29 mark of the half.

Bosserd's goal came with a little over 10 minutes to play.



Lowell's Becky Bosserd attempts to block Central's forward progress.

"The ball was in Zeeland's end of the field for most of the first half. The girls just took it to them. Their energy was off the chart. We had 12 shots on goal in the first half and a number of them were 'falling to the ground' close to be goals," Conlan explained.

Zeeland scored its first goal of the game with 5:32 to play in the first half.

Lowell's third goal was netted by Oberlin at the 35:37 mark of the second half, giving Lowell a 3-1 lead.

Zeeland responded with goals at 33:02 and at the seven minute mark.

"The girls have been playing really good soccer as of late. I think pulling out a close win against Sparta helped to turn our season around," Conlan concluded.

It wasn't a win but it was a performance to build on.

"We can't match Central talent-wise player for player, but if we play good defense and capitalize on a few opportunities, we can frustrate them," Lowell soccer coach, Ryan Conlan said, following his club's one goal loss to the Rangers. "The longer the game is low-scoring and we stay close, the more pressure it puts on them."

Conlan was most pleased with the fact his club was attacking Central and not sitting back. "This is a great confidence builder. The girls proved to themselves that they can play with teams like Central," he said.

The Lowell coach recognized Laura Horsley for her play at the defensive midfielder position, a switch from her normal forward position.

FHC 1
Lowell 0



Jenny Wagner marks up against her Central counterpart.

Lowell & East tie at league meet; Red Arrows "out dual" Pioneers for league title

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Natalie Kent won three firsts and a second in the track portion of the O-K White Conference meet Friday night at Northview.

Yet, she sat on the infield

with some teammates following the meet's last event, 1600-meter relay, with her head down and a tear or two rolling down her cheeks.

Lowell's second place finish to Forest Hills Northern in the 1600-meter relay

left the Red Arrows in a 122-122 tie with East Grand Rapids. Disappointment from Kent and her teammates came about because they wanted a league meet championship to go along with their dual meet title. Despite the tie in the

league meet, the Red Arrows did claim their second consecutive conference title.

"Can you believe that? Natalie helped us win three events and a second in a fourth event and she's dropping her head," said Lowell assistant coach, Robin Briggs after instructing Kent to hold her head up high.

Kent's firsts were in the 110 high hurdles, 15.59; 400 dash, 1:00.01; and the 800-meter relay (Kent, Jenna Dickerman, Lisa Wojciakowski and Krystal White) 1:49.40.

The battle between the Pioneers and Red Arrows was a classic. The two schools exchanged leads six times during the 17 events.

"It's exactly what we expected. We knew it would be very close. Our girls ran great today and Lowell has a great team," said East coach, Mike Dykstra.

Lowell entered the mile relay trailing East 116-114. The Red Arrows needed to finish two places above East to win the meet. Lowell (4:09.34) came in second behind Forest Hills Northern (4:08.34). East was third at 4:14.80.

"I knew it would be close - and come down to the mile relay," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus.

"Winning the overall conference championship for a second straight year is excellent."

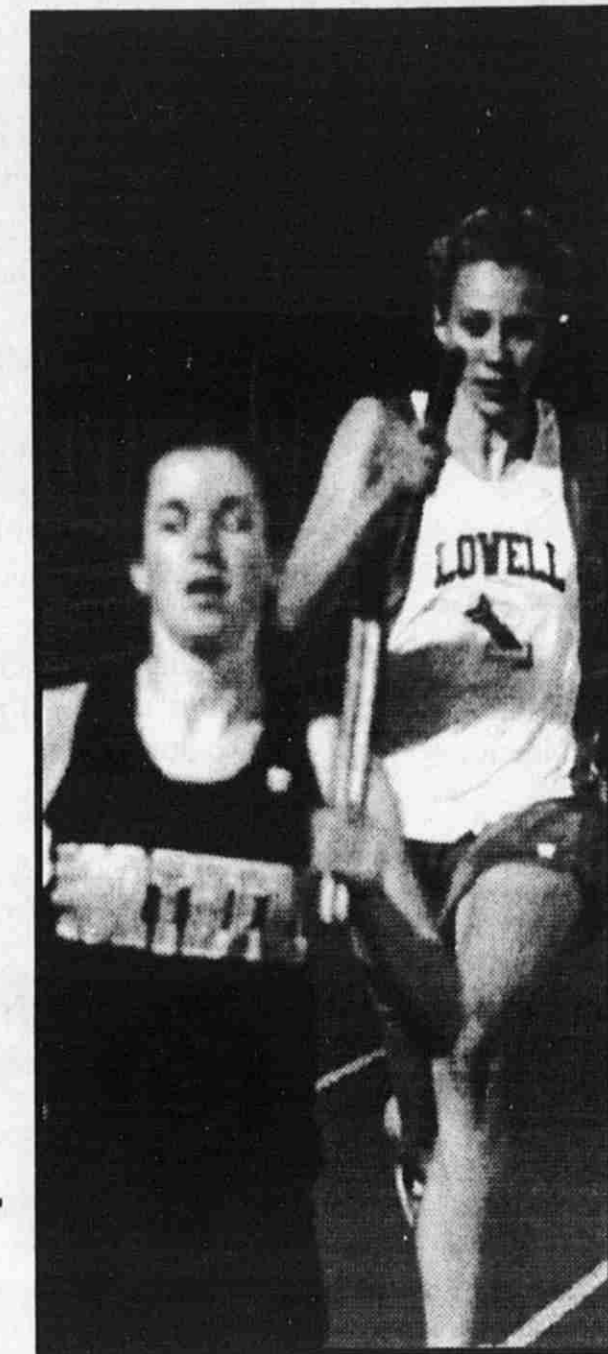
Lowell got a number of big, clutch performances Friday. Sarah Swab, not even seeded in the 1600-meter run, came all the way back from eighth place in the final lap to earn a fourth-place finish.

White handed in a season's best in the 300 hurdles with a first-place time of 46.87 surpassing her previous mark of 47.5. The junior has her eye set on the school record of 45.5 set by Chris Hildenbrand.

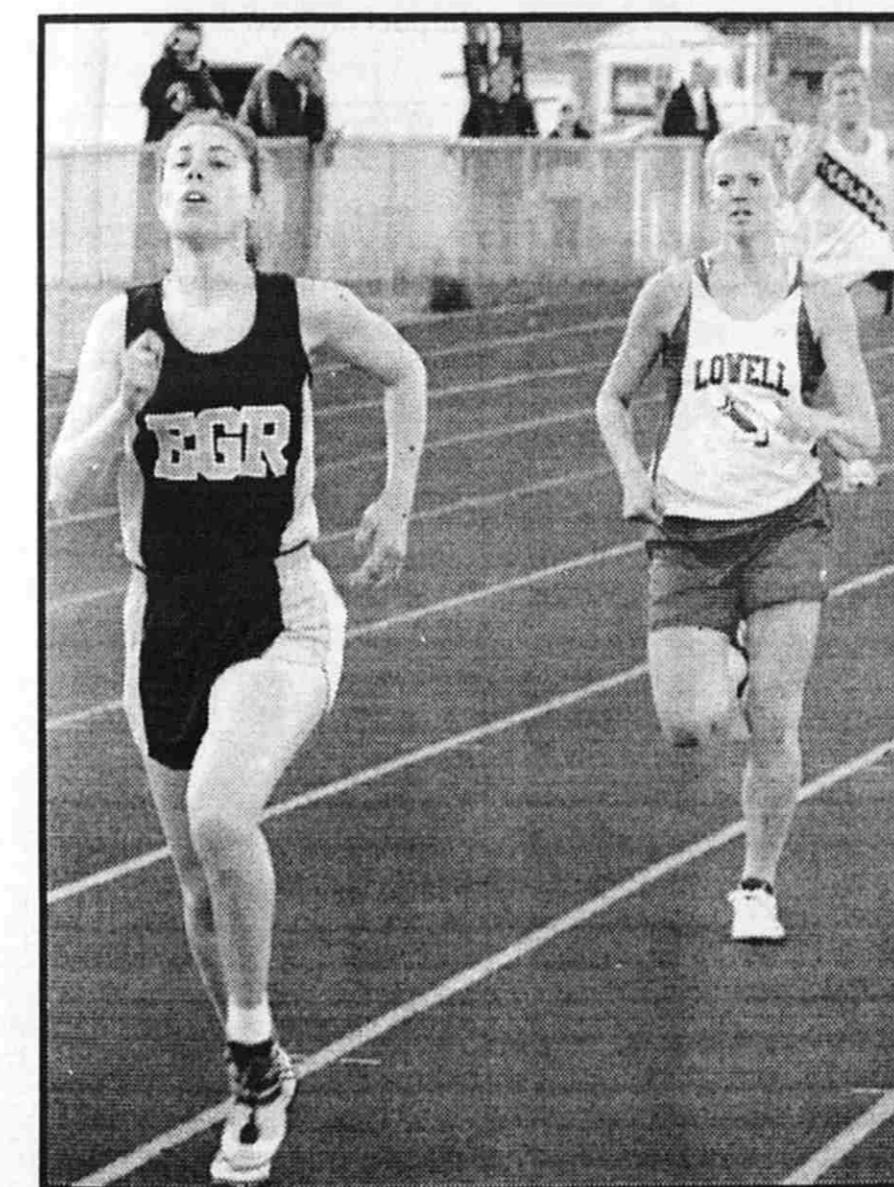
Natalie Kent and her 1600-meter relay teammates fell just short of FH Northern Friday night.

Heather Becker continued her dominance in the discus, winning the league meet with a throw of 96'11".

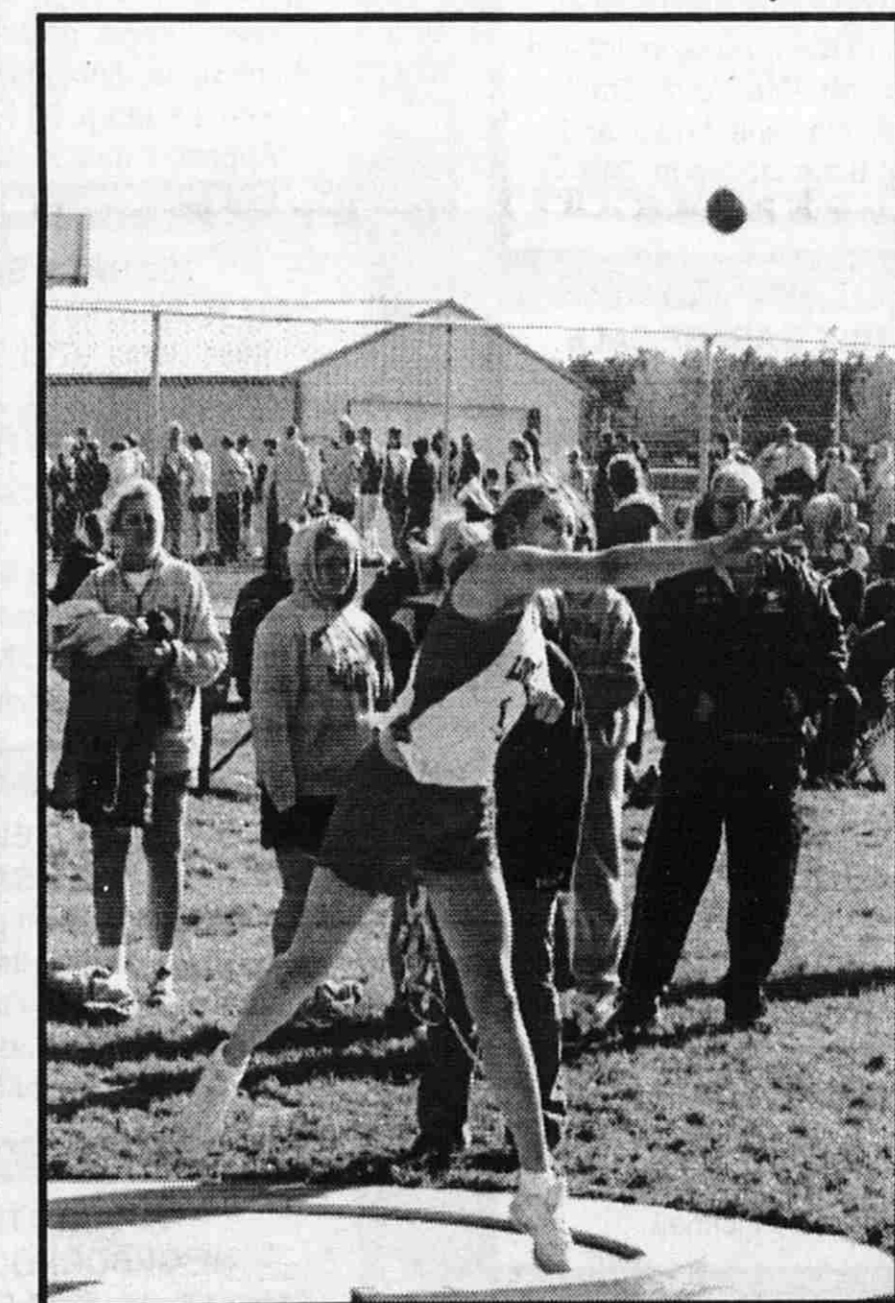
Next up for Lowell is the regional at Greenville on Saturday. Following a second-place finish to Battle Creek Lakeview last year, Lowell is hungry for a regional title. "We will, however, see East again next week," Talus explains. "It should be fun."



For the second straight year, Lowell girls' track team earned the title of O-K White Conference Champions.



Lisa Wojciakowski finishes second in the 800-meter run.



Lowell's Heather Becker placed third in the shot put with a toss of 32' 2 1/4".



Sarah Swab finishes strong in the 3200-meter run.

O-K White Conference Meet

Team Scores: LOWELL 122; EGR 122; FHN 92; Hudsonville 69; FHC 45; Zeeland 40; Northview 37.

- DISCUS - 1. Becker (L) 96'11"
- SHOT PUT - 1. Walters (Z) 34' 10 1/4"; 3. Becker 32' 2 1/4"
- LONG JUMP - 1. Koelzer (N) 17'6"; 6. Plattner 15'
- HIGH JUMP - 1. Wittingen (EGR) 5'
- POLE VAULT - 1. Padilla (N) 9'6"; 3. Gillikin (L) 9'; 4. Woods 7'9"
- 3200 RELAY - 1. EGR 9:56.07; 4. Lowell (Wojciakowski, Plattner, Lee Swab) 10:24.23
- 100 HURDLES - 1. Kent (L) 15:59; 4. White (L) 16:36; 6. Telman 17:00.
- 100 DASH - 1. LaValley (FHC) 13.08; 3. Huyser (L) 13.40
- 800 RELAY - 1. Lowell (Dickerman, Wojciakowski, Kent White) 1:49.40
- 1600 RUN - 1. Malnor (EGR) 5:22.01; 4. Swab (L) 5:37.67
- 400 RELAY - 1. FHC 52.48; 2. Lowell (White Grochowalski, Collins and Huyser) 52.80
- 400 DASH - 1. Kent (L) 1:00.01
- 300 HURDLES - 1. White (L) 46.87
- 800 RUN - 1. Foster (EGR) 2:24.36; 2. Wojciakowski (L) 2:25.46
- 200 DASH - 1. Lohner (EGR) 27.51; 3. Huyser (L) 27.98
- 3200 RUN - 1. Malnor (EGR) 11:46; 4. Swab (L) 12:18.50
- 1600 RELAY - 1. FHN 4:08.44; 2. Lowell (Dickerman Wojciakowski, Plattner, Kent) 4:09.34



Lowell's Nicole Gillikin placed second in the pole vault at the O-K White Conference meet.

Red Arrow linksters a shot short of Central

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Back in April Lowell defeated Forest Hills Central by one stroke (200-201) at the Deer Run Golf Course.

The Rangers extracted revenge last week at Thousand Oaks (par 36) with their win over the Red Arrows.

The two teams were playing alongside East Grand Rapids and Northview.

The Pioneers led the way with a round of 184 followed by Central 202, Lowell 203 and Northview 210.

Lowell was once again led by Jenny Gunberg. The Red Arrow carded a 46. Teammate Tara Kuipers was five shots back at 51 followed by Erin Mooney with a 52 and Carisa Sayer's 54.

Central's top four scores were handed in by Lauren Grzanka 49, Andrea Wolschleger 50, Mollie Drumm 51 and Julie Ely 52.

Stephanie Petersen, Katie Karhofs and Rose Casard were EGR's top scorers as they all carded 45. Emlyn Northway finished four shots back at 49.

For Northview, it was Tracy Berry leading the way with a round of 47 followed by Heather Schuler 53, Racheal Ohmen 54 and Katelyn Jauw with a 56.

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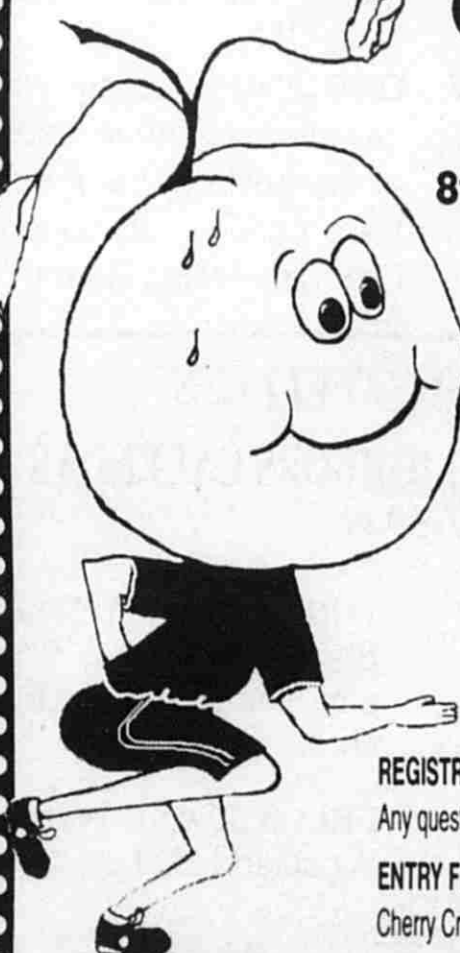
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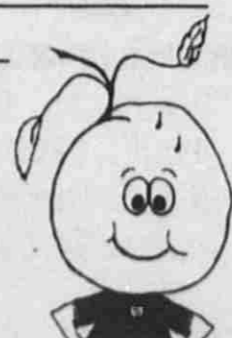
Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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Bunts here, bunts there, bunts everywhere in Red Arrow softball win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

To paraphrase a line from the movie *Major League* "Wonder what we're going to do next?"

As in the movie, where everybody knew a fastball would be thrown, everyone on Forest Hills Northern's softball team knew Lowell was going to bunt.

The Red Arrows' last 20 at-bats resulted in their hitters bunting.

"The ball never went six feet past home plate in our last 20 at-bats," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse.

After watching his players take bad swings and called third strikes in the third inning, Rodenhouse decided something had to be done.

"I just decided it was time to do something else. We weren't hitting the ball and I didn't think we'd hit Cole (Stephanie) because she's so dominating."

With the knowledge of a scouting report that indicated Northern struggled fielding bunts, Rodenhouse's new approach was to do nothing but bunt.

"Actually my decision is a compliment to Cole, in that I didn't think we could hit her," Rodenhouse explained when asked if he thought his approach may have angered the Huskie coaching staff.

What may have angered them more were the miscues committed in fielding the nearly two-dozen bunts.

"I don't think we could have thrown the ball out there any better than some of the bunts the girls laid down," Rodenhouse said.

Trailing 2-1 with one out in the fifth, after Heather Geelhoed was thrown out at first on a bunt attempt, Noelle Dewey got aboard on a bunt single.

Tara Kimble followed with a bunt, which resulted in the Huskie catcher throwing the ball past first, putting Lowell runners on second and third.

Jacque Benedict followed with a bunt single, scoring Dewey and advancing Kimble to third.

Amanda Eickhoff was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Katie Blough followed with a bunt that scored Kimble from third. The senior was thrown out at first, but Lowell had grabbed a 3-2 advantage.

The Red Arrows were retired in order in the sixth inning on three straight bunt attempts.

Lowell plated three runs in the seventh on three bunts and two Huskie errors.

Dewey led off the inning with a bunt single. She advanced to third on Kimble's bunt and a Northern throwing error, putting Lowell runners on second and third.

On a Benedict bunt, Northern threw to third to get Kimble, but the ball got past the third baseman, scoring Kimble. On the throw home, Benedict raced around to third. The throw to third got past the third baseman, allowing Benedict to score, thus giving Lowell a 6-2 lead.

"It may be the most incredible game I've ever seen," Rodenhouse said afterwards.

I don't think we could have thrown the ball out there any better than some of the bunts the girls laid down.

Bob Rodenhouse
Lowell Softball Coach

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Jordan Drake	1st
Nathan Vaught	1st
Alex Carpenter	1st
Martin Brubaker	1st
Chris Poland	2nd
Cody Grim	3rd
Zach Baum	3rd
Kanon Dean	3rd

Last throw lands DeVoid a 2nd in shot put

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Travis DeVoid's last throw as a competitor in the O-K White Conference counted for something.

The senior improved on his personal best by three feet (44' 7 1/2"), placing second in the league meet.

His throw actually vaulted him into first for a short time, before EGR's Kevin Grady let loose with a throw of 48' 7".

"Travis came out and got it done when he needed to," said Lowell track coach, Russ Stevens. "Travis had a great day. He was just hot."

Dave Hefferan didn't manage to record a personal best, but his mark of 126' 1" garnered him a third-place finish in the discus. Josh Tubergan of Zeeland won the event with a distance of 144' 6".

"I think Dave was hoping for a better finish than that, but

nonetheless he has had a good year," Stevens said. "He's been consistent."

Andy Roberts was superb in the 110 hurdles as he finished third with a time of 15.57. Eric Engstrom of Forest Hills Central earned top honors with a time of 15.08. Roberts finished sixth in the 300 hurdles in a time of 43.66. Ryan Puskula of Forest Hills Central was first at 40.67.

In the 400-meter dash, Matt Foster came home in 52.60, taking third overall. Central's Travis Russell was first with a time of 50.48. "I hope to see Matt under 52 in the regional. I think he has a good chance to qualify for state."

Mark Catlin placed fourth in the 200-meter dash, coming home 23.55. "If Mark can relax a little, I think he can run with these guys," Stevens said.

Kemp Lucchie of Forest Hills Northern was first in a time of 23.14.

Lowell placed in the 400-, 800- and 3200-meter relays. The Red Arrow team of Jordan Moore, Catlin, DeVoid and Foster placed fourth in the 400, stopping the clock in 46.06.

It was Moore, Catlin, Foster and Kraig Brown coming home fifth place in the 800 relay with a time of 1:36.09. Forest Hills Northern won the event in 1:32.63.

The Red Arrows handed in their best time of the year in the 3200-meter relay. Zach Horan, Steve Ellison, Zach Stauffer and Paul Despres finished 8:37.85 placing them fourth.

O-K White Conference Meet

TEAMScores - 1. FHC 141; 2. Hudsonville 82; 3. EGR 76; 4. Zeeland 73; 5. FHN 61; 6. Northview 53; 7. Lowell 41.

DISCUS - 1. Tubergan (Z) 144' 6"; SHOT PUT - 1. Grady (EGR) 48' 7"; 2. DeVoid (L) 47' 7 1/2". 3200 RELAY - Lowell (Horan, Ellison, Stauffer, Depres) 8:37.85; 110 HURDLES - 1. Engstrom (FHC) 15:08; 3. Roberts (L) 15:57; 800 RELAY - 1. FHN 132.63; 5. Lowell (Moore, Catlin, Foster, Brown) 1:36.09; 400 RELAY - 1. FHC 45.19; 4. Lowell (Moore, Catlin, DeVoid, Foster) 46.06; 400 DASH - 1. Russell (FHC) 50.48; 3. Foster (L) 52.60; 300 HURDLES - Puskula (FHC) 40.67; 6. Roberts (L) 43.66; 200 DASH - Lucchie (FHN) 23.14; Catlin (L) 23.55.

JV soccer team wins two of three

Lowell/West Catholic

The Lowell JV soccer team came out somewhat tentative in Monday night's 6-1 win over West Catholic.

Lowell led going into half-time 2-1.

However, in the second half, Lowell picked up the tempo and intensity and shot 15 more times, scoring on four of them. Patti Leisure scored on a free kick; Emily Gerard had two goals and an assist, and Jessica Visser scored one with two assists. Sarah Smith scored off a cross by Gerard and then finished Lowell's scoring with a beautiful chip shot. Great defensive play by Lerin Bommarito, Sandra Wisniewski and Tara DesJardin kept Lowell on the attack and stopped West Catholic penetration into Lowell's defensive half of the field.

Lowell/FHC

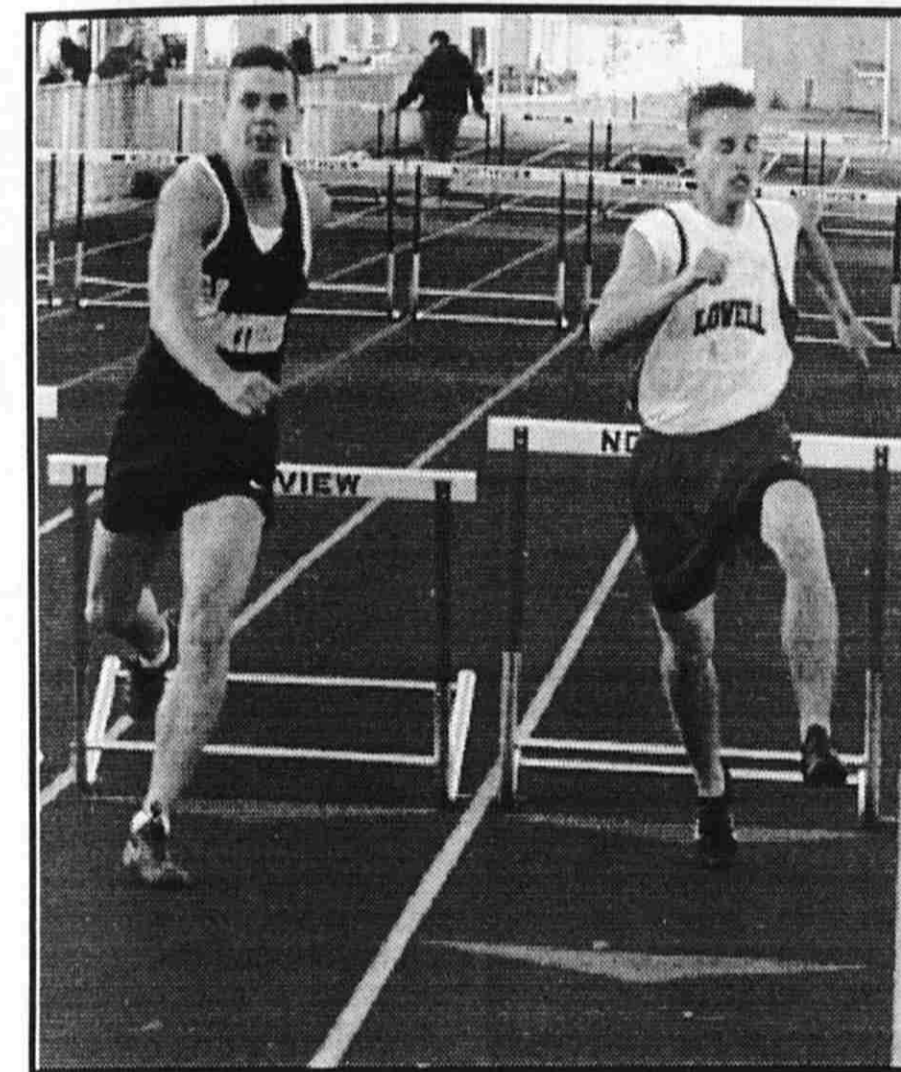
Lowell JV soccer team lost 4-1 to FHC. Lerin Bommarito played an all out tough physical game and shut down several Ranger attacks. Lowell's only score came when Emily Gerard won a 50/50 ball, played it ahead to Ashlee Jones who crossed it in the net at the Ranger keeper who was only able to knock it down and Jessica Visser was all over the rebound and slammed it in.

Lowell/Zeeland

JV soccer team came out strong in Friday night's 2-0 win against Zeeland.

Adrienne Ripley passed a long ball to Jessica Visser who scored when she beat her defender and cranked on a shot just inside the right goal post, beating the keeper.

Ten minutes later, Sarah Smith scored a rocket off a corner kick by Emily Gerard. Exemplary "D" by Patti Leisure and Sandra Wisniewski helped give Lowell another shut out game. Keeper work was outstanding with three saves by Courtenay Cooper in the first half and Maranda Morris with six great saves in the second half.



Lowell's Andy Roberts placed third in the 110 high hurdles at the league meet on Friday.



Dave Hefferan let loose with a throw in the shot put.

Red Arrows win tournament in Manistee

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell won the Manistee baseball tournament for a second straight year Saturday with back-to-back 8-1 wins over Chippewa Hills and Manistee.

It was much welcomed success for a Red Arrow club which lost back-to-back league games to Hudsonville (14-4) and Forest Hills Northern (8-6) earlier in the week.

Ryan Nugent pitched six innings of one-run ball in before getting relief help from Ryan White in the seventh.

"Nugent pitched well in jams and he got some good defensive to help him get out of jams," Lowell baseball coach Tim Antel said.

Lowell was sparked at the plate by a two-run, first inning home run by Austin Hunt and a second inning solo shot by Brad Eldridge.

Bill Harrison was the only Red Arrow to collect two hits. Lowell tallied two runs in the first inning, one in the second, three in the third, one in the fifth and one in the sixth inning.

Chippewa Hills scored its only run in the second inning. It stranded 12 base runners.

In game two, Hunt rifled three hits and knocked in two runs in Lowell's victory. Harrison also collected three hits while Andy Benedict had a couple of base hits.

The offensive production supported the strong pitching of Brad Eldridge. The Red Arrow pitched five innings, allowing one run on four hits, while walking one and striking out four.

Adam Kuzmin pitched two innings in relief. Lowell scored all of its runs in two innings, plating four in the first and four more in the sixth.

FHN 8 Lowell 6

A five-run fifth inning lifted the Huskies from a 4-3 deficit to a win over the Red Arrows.

Northern scored their runs in the fifth on three hits, a walk and a Lowell error.

"We had just taken the lead in our half of the fifth inning and then they came back and hit us for five runs," Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel said.

Lowell scored its runs in the first (1), second (1), fifth (2) and sixth (innings) (2).

Trailing 8-6, the Red Arrows had the tying runs on base with two out in the seventh but could not come up with the big hit to drive them home.

Hudsonville 14 Lowell 4

The Eagle seniors had never beaten Brad Eldridge before. In fact, it was Eldridge who defeated Hudsonville last year and cost the Eagles the outright championship of the O-K White.

The heavy-hitting Eagles were not going to let the Red Arrow ace get in their way again this year. Hudsonville ripped Eldridge and the Red Arrows for 13 runs in the opening three innings en route to the 10-run victory. Hudsonville blasted three home runs.

Lowell finished the week at 14-10 overall and 2-6 in the conference.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 20, 2002 and June 3, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

City Operating Budget for 2002-2003. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,439,778.46 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption.

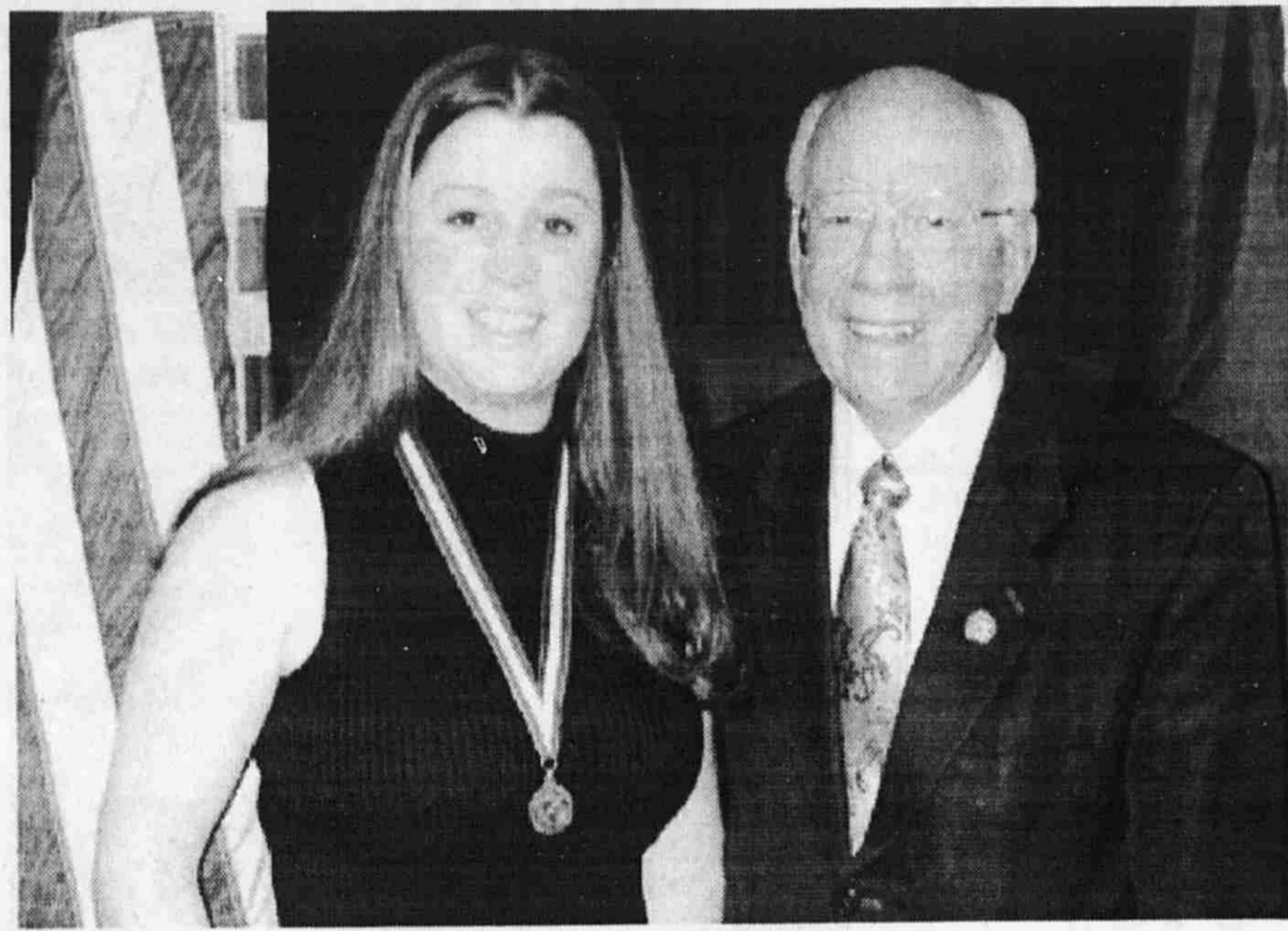
Copies of the proposed 2002-2003 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 20, 2002 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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

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Ehlers presents medal of merit to Lowell's Tomczak

Congressman Vern Ehlers presented the Congressional Medal of Merit during a ceremony at the Gerald R. Ford Museum on Saturday, May 4. This award is bestowed upon one outstanding senior from each high school in the Third Congressional District.

From Lowell High School is senior Shelby Tomczak, salutatorian of Lowell's class of 2002. These students have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence in their high school careers. They have also been leaders in the area of peer

respect, community service, school citizenship, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Ideally, the nominee should be a student who significantly contributes to making his/her school a better place.

FFA, cont'd... From Page 10

Veterinary, Ionia County National Bank, Showboat Automotive, and the Lowell Animal Hospital.

Four community mem-

bers were recognized with the Honorary FFA Degree for their support of the FFA and agriscience and natural resources education. They in-

clude Kerry Nugent, Rev. Jason Leininger, Dan Young and Dr. Bruce Langlois. The FFA also recognized Don Bergy on the 50th anniversary of his State FFA Degree in 1952. The late Mike Bergy was remembered at the banquet with a special tribute to him and his family.

The Lowell FFA is over 175 members strong in the high school and middle school preparing students for leadership and careers through hands-on learning experiences. The chapter was the 7th chapter founded in Michigan in 1929 and has served thousands of students over the past 73 years.



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TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES COUNTY OF KENT, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE

On May 6, 2002, the Township of Vergennes adopted an ordinance rezoning property from R-A to R-1 and amending the Township of Vergennes zoning map. A copy of the ordinance is published below and a copy of the ordinance may be inspected and/or purchased at the Township of Vergennes during regular business office hours. The ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days following the date of this publication.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, COUNTY OF KENT,
STATE OF MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 2002-4

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RURAL AGRICULTURAL (R-A) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) AND TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES ZONING MAP.

THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES ORDAINS:

Section 1. Rezoning.

The following described property is hereby rezoned from Rural Agricultural (R-A) to Low Density Residential (R-1) and the Township of Vergennes Zoning Map is hereby amended to depict such property within the R-1 Low Density Residential zoning district. The properties are generally described as follows:

That property within an area bordered by Vergennes St. to the north, beginning at the east side of the Lowell High School property and going east to the railroad tracks, and south to the half section line. These properties are in the northeast quarter of section 33 and the northwest and part of the northeast quarter of section 34. The property includes those properties with the following tax parcel numbers: 41-16-33-200-011, 41-16-33-200-032, 41-16-33-200-010, 41-16-33-200-003, 41-16-33-200-033, 41-16-33-200-034, 41-16-33-200-025, 41-16-33-200-019, 41-16-33-200-026, 41-16-33-200-020, 41-16-33-200-016, 41-16-33-200-017, 41-16-33-200-035, 41-16-33-200-036, 41-16-34-451-001, 41-16-34-201-005, 41-16-34-100-017, 41-16-34-100-030, 41-16-34-100-019, 41-16-34-100-020, 41-16-34-100-031, 41-16-34-100-014, 41-16-34-100-022, 41-16-34-100-024, 41-16-34-100-026, 41-16-34-100-028, 41-16-34-201-006, 41-16-34-201-007, 41-16-34-201-005, 41-16-34-201-002, 41-16-34-201-003.

The Township of Vergennes Zoning Map shall be amended and modified in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect seven (7) days following notice of publication.

The aforesaid ordinance no. 2002-4 was considered by the Township Board of Vergennes on May 6, 2002, and a vote held thereon.

YEAS: 4

NAYS:

ABSENT: 1

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Mari C. Stone, Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

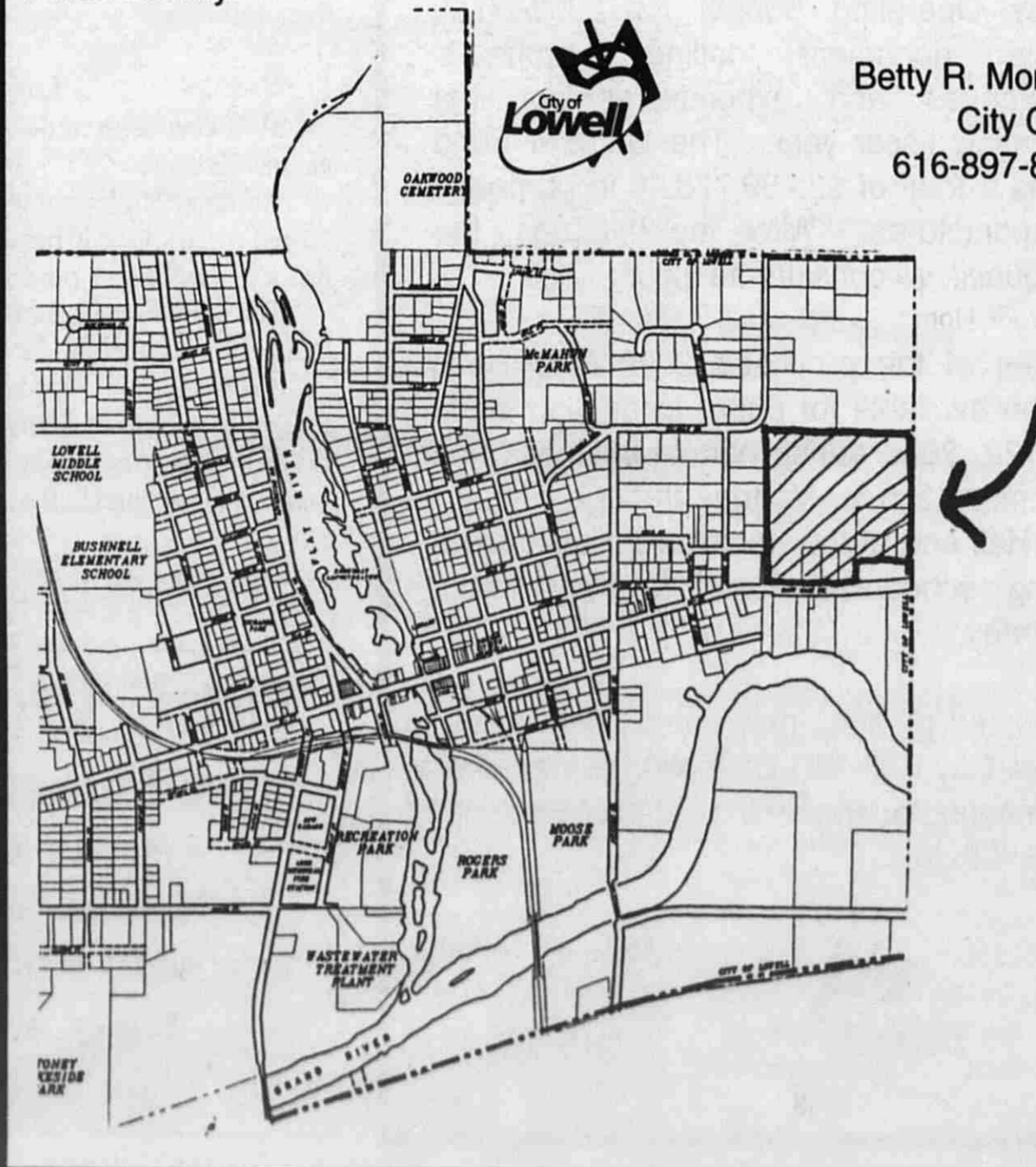
The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of **TUESDAY, May 28, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Lowell Area Public School Board Room, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following.

To rezone the following parcels from SR (Suburban Residential) to R-1 (Residential Single Family).

41-20-01-176-001 (1115 E. Main St.)	41-20-01-176-007 (1155 E. Main St.)
41-20-01-176-008 (1225 E. Main St.)	41-20-01-177-006 (1325 E. Main St.)
41-20-01-177-007 (1335 E. Main St.)	41-20-01-177-003 (1395 E. Main St.)

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

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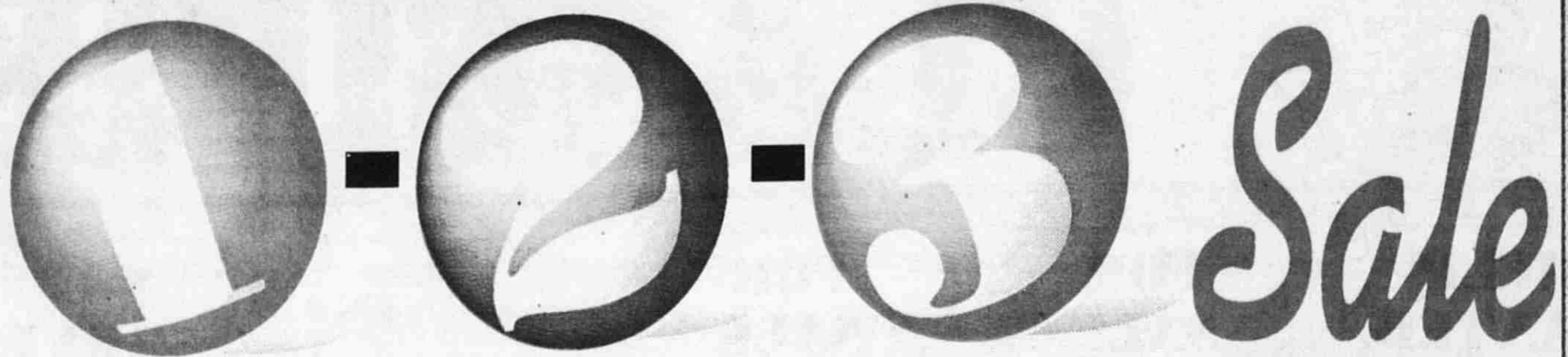
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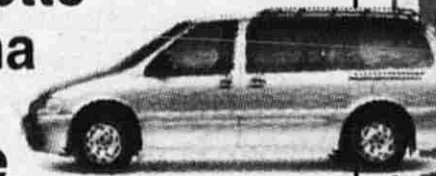
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