

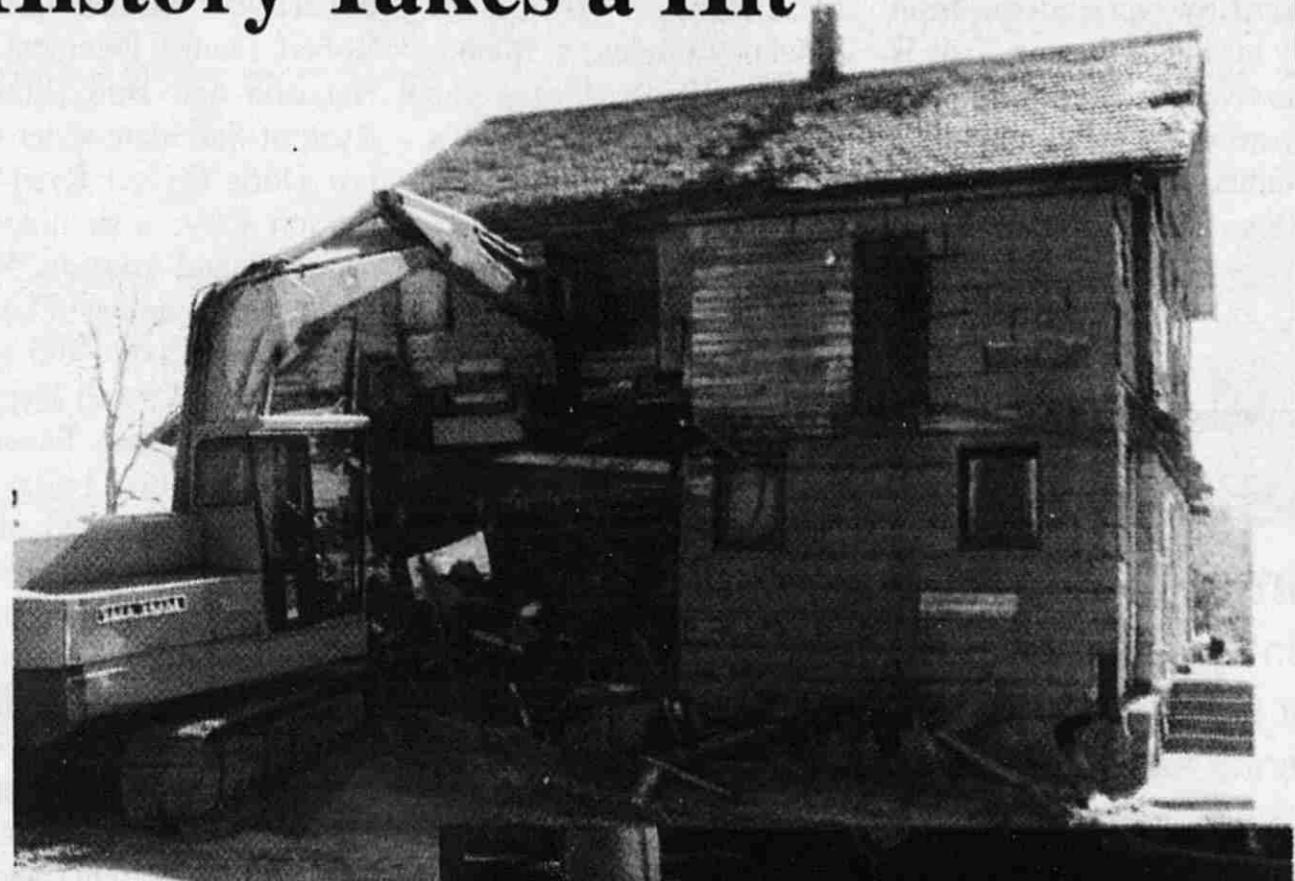
The Lowell Ledger

Volume 23, Issue 34

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

History Takes a Hit



The Parnell Grocery Store, built in the 1880's, was taken down Monday morning. Parnell residents, historians and St. Patrick students took in the bittersweet event. A new 3,500 square foot store was built behind the old structure. A story and more pictures are on page 12.



Museum funding still being considered... but not a lock

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Area Historical Museum may still get funding from the city, depending on whether city staff and the Lowell City Council can find money in its tight 2002-03 budget.

While the final decision will not be made until the council's June 3 meeting, the council did spend much of the meeting reviewing the budget and looking for ways to trim. None of the council members indicated that the trimming was being done specifically to help fund museum programs.

At the request of the Lowell Area Historical Museum Board, the council dedicated \$20,000 from its 2001-02 budget to be given to the museum for operational costs. This year the money for the museum, as well as roof repairs for the fire station and the Foreman building, were proposed to be deferred. It is hoped the city can find alternative funding sources for these projects, said city manager, David Pasquale, indicating such possibilities as the Look Memorial Fund and the Lowell Community Fund.

Several members of the Lowell Area Historical Museum were at the Monday night meeting to present their case in hopes of changing the council's mind.

"We do hope that you make the funding a priority," said Judy Straub, executive director of the museum. "Without this kind of support, we cannot exist."

Straub said other community museums, such as the one in Cedar Springs, receive money from the local municipality it serves. Sometimes it is in the form of property taxes or a millage, but most of the time it comes from direct allocations of the city's general fund.

She also went on to cite some of the activities the museum has been able to provide:

I support the museum 100-percent and it does a great job. However, we never locked into the \$20,000. If we can't do \$20,000, maybe we can do something else.

**Jeanne Shores
Lowell Mayor**

the development of Grandma's Trunk, a presentation for school children and an oral history project which has served as a research source. Straub also indicated more than 1,000 visitors have toured the museum in its first year.

While the council concurred the museum is a valuable resource to the community, it did not make any guarantees it would continue to fund the project for an indefinite date.

"I support the museum 100-percent and it does a great job," said mayor, Jeanne Shores. "However, we never locked into the \$20,000. If we can't do \$20,000, maybe we can do something else."

Council member, Dan Brubaker challenged

Museum, cont'd. pg. 8

Board to start search for new school chief immediately

••• Superintendent expected to be in place by September.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As Bert Bleke begins his transition from Lowell Area Schools superintendent to Grand Rapids Public Schools superintendent over the next six weeks, a familiar face will fill in as acting superintendent.

Jim White, a fixture in the Lowell School District for the past 30 years, will serve as acting superintendent as Bleke begins splitting his time between the two school districts.

"It's really no different than it is now. When Bert is out we fill in - it's called team work," White explained.

When Bleke officially leaves on July 1, White will serve as acting superintendent until the board of education fills the position being vacated by Bleke.

"We're not looking to replace Bert; we're looking for a new superintendent. We won't find another Bert

Bleke," Lowell board of education president, Pete Gustafson said. "What we will look for is a person with vision, leadership skills and enthusiasm."

The board began that process Monday morning as it met with Michigan Leadership Institute regional president, Thomas Pridgeon and his wife, Sharon.

Gustafson and the board quizzed Pridgeon as to the best timing in gathering the largest and most attractive pool of candidates.

Pridgeon recommended that the board jump right into the process, but added later in the meeting that the pool of superintendent candidates has diminished.

"The reason for that is over the last couple of years, 60-70 Michigan superintendents have changed jobs. Whether Lowell starts its search now or defers it 'til later, that isn't going to change," Pridgeon explained.

The Lowell board voted to begin the search immediately. The process will start by establishing a profile for the position, followed by the implementation of the process - posting of position, background checks and interviews.

The superintendent search should be completed by the end of August - beginning of September, according to Pridgeon.

Michigan Leadership Institute will be paid roughly \$7,500 to collect input for the board and lead it through the process.

"Bert's leadership has lifted this district's profile and made Lowell an attractive district," Gustafson said. "Lowell has an excellent reputation in the educational community."

That reputation has already drawn interest from potential candidates even before the job has been posted.

City puts Foreman/ Hudson street intersection on back burner for now

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Seeing no option that would address the residents living at or near the intersection of Foreman Road and Hudson Street, the Lowell City Council decided to table the matter for further discussion.

At its Monday night meeting, Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, presented a study of the intersection that in the end showed little could be done to address the concerns of the residents about truck traffic at that location.

Referring to it as the 29th Street of Lowell, Austin said that no matter what solution he offered, it would not prevent the trucks from jumping the curb or swinging into oncoming traffic to make a turn. "It is really tight in there with the right of way and the proximity of the homes to the street," he said.

Austin considered a proposal made by Ed Swanson of Wade Trim, who reviewed the intersection and suggested some changes. Those changes included increasing the ra-

dius of the southwest corner and removing a power pole on that corner. Austin said that would improve the west-bound lane on Foreman Road, but it would not prevent the trucks from jumping the curb.

"Actually, the power pole is viewed as an obstacle by the truckers, encouraging them not to jump the curb," Austin said, adding that removing it could cause more curb damage.

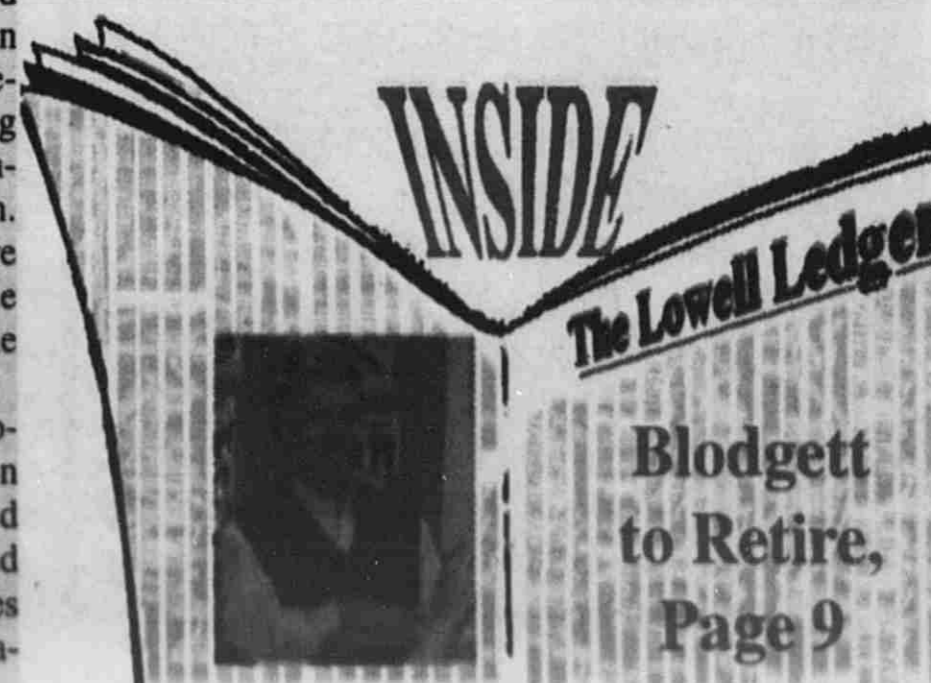
Another proposal was to make some change to the northeast corner for trucks turning from Hudson to Fore-

man; this again would do little to prevent trucks from jumping the curb or swinging into oncoming traffic to make the turn.

Even under optimal conditions, curb jumping and traffic flow would still continue, leaving the council to wonder if it were heading in the wrong direction.

"We could pour a lot of money into this intersection and it won't solve the problem," said council member, Mike Blough, who urged the city to look at restricting truck traffic in the area.

Foreman/Hudson,
cont'd pg. 8



OBITUARIES

BE VIER - Mrs. Thelma BeVier, aged 88, formerly of Saranac and Rockford, passed away on May 18, 2002, at Cumberland Manor in Lowell, where she lived and considered her home. She is survived by her sons Clarence and Loretta Commee of Lakeview and Terry Caniff of New York; her step-children Freeman Miller and Bud and Patricia BeVier, all of Lowell, Betty and William Richter of Baldwin, Jim and Bernette BeVier of Iowa, and Barbara and Burt King of Oregon; many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husbands Fred Caniff in 1956 and Theodore BeVier in 1982. Graveside services were held on Monday at Rockford Cemetery. Mrs. BeVier's family would like to thank the staff at Cumberland Manor for their care and for providing a place that Mrs. BeVier could call home.

BRIGGS - Evelyn E. Briggs, aged 84, of Lowell, passed away May 13, 2002. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Bernard and John. Mrs. Briggs is survived by her children Gerre (Terry) Abel, John Jr. (Barb) Briggs, Wanda (Keith) Buck, Carolyn Jamison; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. She was a Kent County librarian (Lowell branch) for 18 years before retiring. She enjoyed gardening and helping others. She was a member of the Lowell Women's Club, Showboat Garden Club and Historical Society. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Mary's Church, Rev. George J. Fekete, celebrant. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church. Visiting Nurses Hospice and Hospice of West Michigan.

FINKBEINER - Harold E. Finkbeiner, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, passed away May 14, 2002, in Byron Center. He is survived by his wife Geraldine Finkbeiner of Grand Rapids; daughter Dianne and Don Scanlon of Lowell; three grandchildren Tracy and (Scott) DeVries, Tina Yaw and Timothy Yaw; two great-grandchildren Nickolas and Ashley. Funeral services were held Saturday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Paul Hillman officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery.

GROOM - Troy Lynn Groom, aged 33, of Saranac, passed away May 15, 2002 of accidental automobile injuries. He was preceded in death by his father Racene. Troy is survived by his loving wife Aimee; loving children Nathan Ray, Erin Elizabeth, Blake Alan; mother Lillie

Snipes of Texas; brothers Raymond (Mary) Groom, Paul (Doris) Groom all of Texas; sister Marla (Joe) LeMoine of Texas; grandparents Shirle Vannier of Lawrence, MI, Ted Schneider of Lawton, MI; parents-in-law T. Zoe Kimmel of Battle Creek, Forrest (Kathy) Vanier of WY; brothers-in-law G. Theodore (Kelly) Stanard of Decatur, Seth Vanier of WY; several nieces and nephews. Troy was the owner of Classic Car Company, 54th and Division and in Lowell. He was a member of the Amateur Bowling Tour. Funeral services were held Monday at Kentwood Community Church, Pastor Daniel Smith officiating. Interment Pinckney Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Troy and Aimee's Children's Education Fund.

RYDER - Rowland Samuel Ryder, aged 67, of Lowell, passed away May 14, 2002. He is survived by his wife Alice; children Alan of Lowell and Marcia of St. Paul, MN; grandsons Seth and Ethan Ryder; brothers-in-law Robert (Ruth) Peterson of Harrison and Bob (Ethel) Ryan of Sheridan; sister-in-law Doris (Mike) Ryan of Carson City; also nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Ryder was a member of Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 and Eastern Star Lowell Cyclamen Chapter #94. Funeral services were held Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry officiating with Masonic services under the auspices of the Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 F.&A.M. Interment Bailey Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Spectrum Cancer Center, c/o Butterworth Foundation.

HERBLET - Theda Grace Herblet, aged 84, of Lowell, went to spend eternity with her Lord May 17, 2002. Born April 23, 1918 in Lansing, Theda Grace was preceded in death by her son Jerry in 1999 at the age of 61. Surviving are her husband of 65 years Glen; two daughters Pennie (Dennis) Martin of Pensacola, FL., and Kim Herblet of Lowell; four sons Michael (Sherrie) Herblet of Newaygo, Thom Herblet of Grand Rapids; James (Susan) Herblet of Newaygo, Patrick (Patricia) Herblet of Lakeview; daugh-

ter-in-law Janet Herblet of Ovid; 18 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Gladys Munroe; nieces and nephews. Theda was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star Cyclamen Chapter #94. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, son-in-law Dr. Dennis Martin officiating. Interment Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Owosso.

The Lowell Ledger (USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$12⁰⁰ a year in Kent County, \$17⁰⁰ a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331
Roger K. Brown Thad Kraus
 Publisher Editor
 (616) 897-9261
 Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI
 Published every Wednesday
 POSTMASTER: Send address change to:
The Lowell Ledger
 P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part Time

A part-time position is available immediately for chair side assisting. Must have prior dental assisting experience, a minimum of 1 year. Prefer Radiology certification. Must have good communication skills, and work well with others. If interested, send a resume to:
James E. Reagan, D.D.S.
 207 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331
 (616) 897-7179

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



Outstanding Agents
 Outstanding Results.

Peter Smith
 RE/MAX SunQuest
 REALTOR - ASSOCIATE



A Committed Professional



- Market analysis of your property
- Out-of-town buyer relocation packages
- Net evaluation on your home and property
- Mortgage pre-approval assistance

Helping families make smooth transitions
 Call me and put 60,000 worldwide agents to work for you!

Office: (800) 800-3915 Mobile: (616) 460-6634
 Office: (616) 949-6980 ext. 27 Residence: (616) 897-7723

Each Office Independently Owned And Operated

CITY OF LOWELL

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST CASHIER/CLERK/TYPIST

The City of Lowell is seeking applicants for a part-time position. Requirements: Excellent word processing/typing skills; public relations skills, experience handling cash transactions, telephone switchboard and data entry. Salary negotiable depending on experience. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Please submit your resume by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2002 to the City of Lowell, Attn: Betty Morlock, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



Tuffli Plumbing Co.

Free Estimates • Best Prices

- Repair & Service Work
- New Homes • Commercial
- Licensed & Insured • Master Plumber

Ross • 897-7292

Family Owned & Operated For Over 40 Years!

Ada Chiropractic

Offering Holistic healthcare through chiropractic, nutrition and exercise.

Now accepting new patients.



DR. KAREN CLARK
 545 Ada Drive
 In the Village of Ada
676-2888

LET'S GO CAMPING

WHY NOT TRY SOMEWHERE NEW!
 A CLOTHING OPTIONAL CAMPGROUND

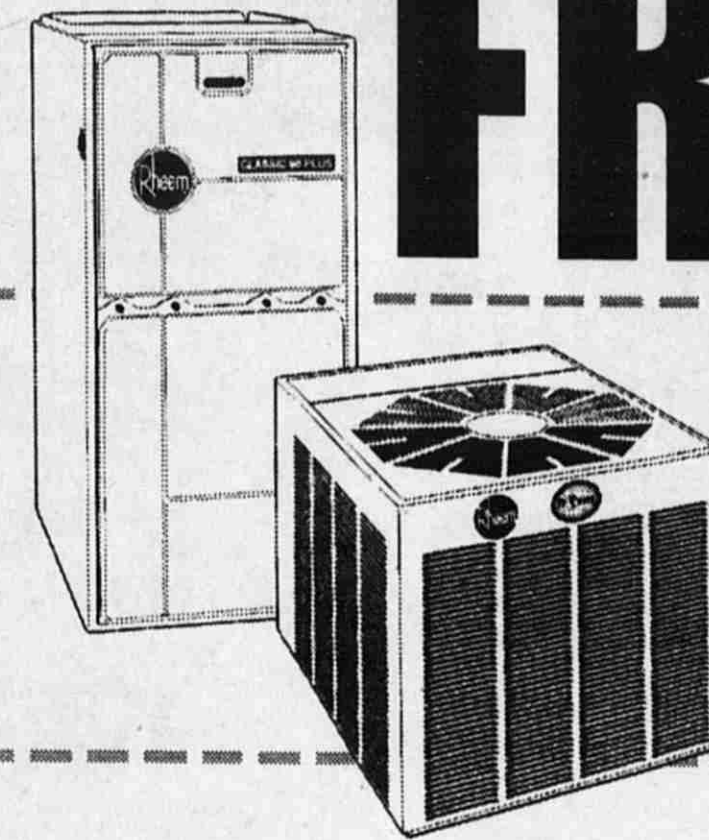
FOREST HILLS CLUB
 P.O. BOX 105
SARANAC, MICHIGAN 48881

A Safe Family Oriented Atmosphere

CHECK OUR WEB SITE www.foresthillstudists.com

Memorial Weekend Special
 Camping including grounds fees \$90.00
 For more details call 616-642-9526

FREE 10 YEAR



Limited Parts and Labor Warranty or 180 days same as cash!

*On Rheem air conditioners and furnaces. Offer expires 6/30/02.
 Contact dealer for details.

Canfield Plumbing & Heating

616-897-0887

Great West Michigan Area



www.rheemteam.com

Greg & Deb Canfield

1-888-Rheem Team • www.canfield.rheemteam.net
 WE SERVICE ALL BRANDS

Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational Church

You may have heard the words "Pentecost Sunday." Perhaps someone spoke of it in your local church or you heard someone mention it

and tongues of fire touching them and transforming them. Since people of many nations had gathered for this Jewish Festival of Pentecost, the wonderful part of the account in Acts is that all nations heard the amazing things that God had done in Jesus Christ and they heard it in their own language.

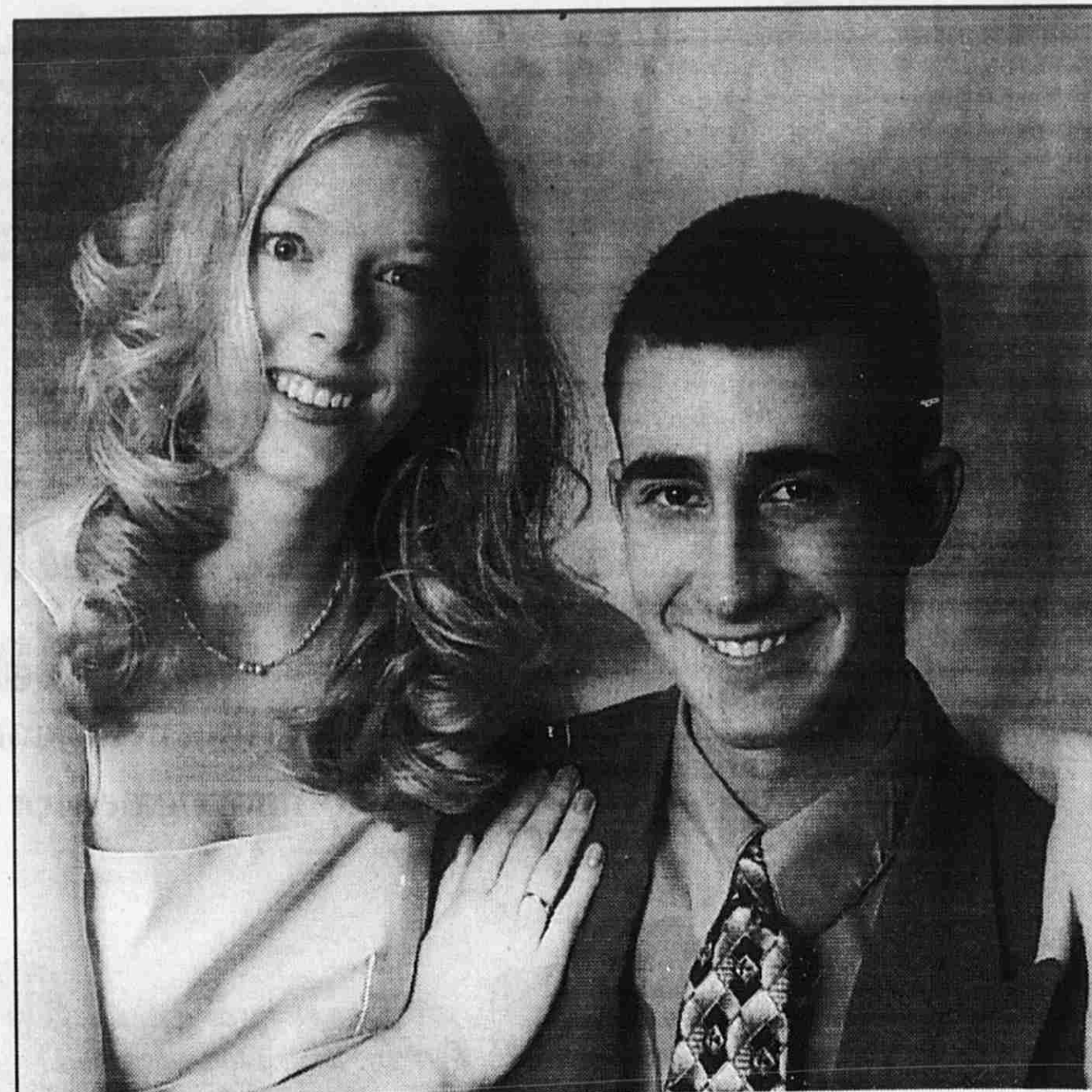
while discussing something with a friend at work, in the mall or during some casual meeting. Pentecost is a church word whose meaning sometimes alludes the understanding of the casual listener. Let's take a look at Pentecost and the meaning it can bring to your life.

The original story of Pentecost is found in Acts chapter 2. Very simply in that story the disciples of Jesus have experienced a loss. Jesus is no longer with them. But Jesus has always taught that he would enable people with faith in God to receive a power. This power (the church calls Holy Spirit) will enable them to be dynamic and positive spokespersons for the Word of God. Put another way, those who affirm God (as revealed through Jesus Christ) will be energized with a presence of God, a boldness for Justice and Peace, that will cause them to act so others will know God's power is real.

The story continues, telling us that, while those who were gathered for the Jewish Festival of Pentecost (a Jewish harvest festival that is celebrated 50 days after the second day of Passover) were together in one place, the presence of God (like a wind) filled the believers with spiritual power. The image given is that the disciples of Jesus saw and felt this spiritual presence of God as a mighty wind

This is a story of God's power, transforming life through the recognition and response to God's presence. We need to recognize that God's Spirit is always represented in the symbol of wind, and like wind, God moves in our lives and we never know for sure from which direction "the Wind" will blow. If you have ever sat next to a campfire, you know what I speak. The wind is always shifting, coming in your direction even when you move to get away.

You may or may not have remained active and attentive to your "spiritual" or "inner most inner" center of life that connects you to God. Pentecost speaks to you. It reminds you that God is seeking God. A God of love that empowers your inner most possibilities and equips you with a power that is not from any world or system you and any one else controls. Pentecost celebrates you and me as "unfinished" wonders to which the transforming power of God is always available, always coming.



Garber/Rollins

Merle and Sandra Garber of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica to George Rollins III of Belleville.

The bride-to-be graduated from Lowell High School and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

The future groom graduated from Lowell High School, Valley Forge Military College, and from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He is a first lieutenant in the Michigan National Guard and the son of George and Karen Rollins Jr. of Lowell.

The couple is planning an August 3, 2002 wedding.

ADA-LOWELL 5

Most 6 Movies Ever at 5pm - PG
\$4.50 Kids all shows
\$4.75 DAILY Matinees 11:30am & Seniors
\$5.00 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat
\$6.25 Evenings Mon-Thurs
No passes
ALL SCREENS DIGITAL STEREO
Unlimited Free Drink Refills & 35¢ Corn Refills
Deluxe Air Hockey Table
IMC STABLE DELUXE ROCKING CHAIR SEATS WITH CUP HOLDERS

MOVIE GUIDE

STAR WARS EPISODE 2
SHOWTIMES 5/20 - 5/23
STAR WARS EPISODE 2: ATTACK OF THE CLONES (PG)
2 PRINTS / 2 SCREENS
10:15, 12:35, 1:05, 3:25, 3:55, 6:15, 6:45, 9:05, 9:35
SPIDER-MAN (PG-13)
2 PRINTS / 2 SCREENS 11:00, 11:30, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 9:20, 9:50
UNFAITHFUL (R)
11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

COUPON
FREE 2oz DRINK
with \$1.50 (1/2 price) purchase of 4oz. bag of bubbly popcorn
www.adalowell5.com

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

John & Kristin Throop of Ada are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter **OLIVIA ERIN** born **MAY 7, 2002**. She weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

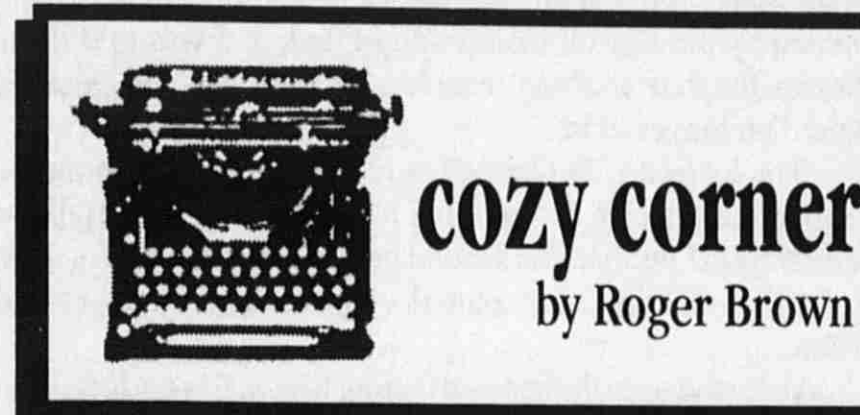
She was welcomed home by her big sister Clare Elisabeth. Grandparents are Steve & Marcy Merritt of Lowell, Patrick McDonough of Texas & Al & Claudia Throop of Lake Odessa. Great-grandparents are Roger & Muriel Hale of Lowell, Harold & Mildred Timmerman of Nunica & Couler & Ha Throop of Harrison.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Join Us In Worship

<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship Sundays.....8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Coffee Hour.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Pastor Jonathan Walker, Youth Pastor Jason Grear, Children Stacy Peters, College & Twenties</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10:10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 9 PM Religious Education, children to adults - call Brenda Berding 897-7915 See Lowell Cable Ch. 49, EWTN for 24 hr. Catholic broadcasting</p>		
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.iserv.net/~goodshp Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary School 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:30 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR TIM DESHAW Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/J.V.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office for Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I've never tried to hide the fact I'm technologically challenged. Don't get me wrong, I like technology (except cell phones) ... just don't ask me to operate the stuff. My old man uses a myriad of cliches in his speech. Many are classics. Most aren't suitable for print. One of these cliches aptly describes my technological aptitude. It is most effective when muttered in a low tone and with a slow shake of the head. "That boy's a lost ball in high weeds." I've heard it a million times ... most often muttered about me.

We have a small TV on the back porch. We seldom use it except for the morning news while enjoying our coffee. The back porch is a wonderful spot in the morning. Now that I think about it, I wonder why we had to ruin things by putting a TV out there. I digress. A driving rainstorm blew through a few days ago. My wife asked me to look out on the porch to see if the TV was getting wet. The TV was high and dry on its perch against the wet. Unfortunately, the remote was getting a luxurious shower while lying on the table. I bolted out into the elements to retrieve the little guy, as if my swift action might somehow make a difference. I performed a version of C.P.R. suitable for electronic devices. I took out the batteries, tapped it against a towel spread on the kitchen counter and blew into the keypad. Fortunately I had several hours of first aid training in the army to prepare me for such emergencies.

I haven't had the opportunity to determine if I saved the remote. I doubt it. I really hope the remote works. If not, I have about four options: (1) Try to find a replacement from the

manufacturer, which would likely cost more than the TV is worth; (2) Put the TV out on trash day; (3) Get my big butt up out of the chair to change channels; or (4) Buy one of those cheap, universal remote controls that never seem to work quite right.

Of the above options, I like the trash day idea best. Of all the remotes in our house, the one that got wet is the best. Why? Because it's so simple even I can use it. There is a power button, buttons to go up and down with the volume or through the channels, and a ten-digit keypad. There are only five other buttons. These buttons are labeled, previous channel, mute, input, reset and display. I never touch these five buttons. This little TV has a quirk. Any time we have a power surge or outage, it loses its memory. In order to access any of the cable channels over 13, the TV must be re-programmed. I have to call the wife in for this procedure. She pushes some of those five buttons I never touch. The TV does its thing. I can then tune in Sportscenter on channel 43. She has an opportunity to chide me about my ineptitude. Everybody is happy.

My fondness for this simple little remote is best described by its contrast to the big TV in the living room. The big TV is hooked to the cable tuner, which has a remote. The big TV is hooked to a VCR, which has a remote. The big TV is hooked to the stereo system, which has a remote. The big TV has a

remote of its own. Four remotes ... one hundred and sixty-two buttons! No lie!!! If I were to get a home equity loan and buy enough batteries to get all these remotes operable, I believe I could guide the space shuttle in for a landing. Seriously, if I had any inkling as to how all these "marvels" work, I would consider myself nothing short of genius.

Theoretically, I should be able to have my favorite movie (Cool Hand Luke) playing in the V.C.R. and displayed in the "picture-in-a-picture" window. On the big screen I could be flashing back and forth between the Redwings game and Win Ben Stein's Money ... both of which would come from the cable feed. For sound I could bring in the stereo with its CD changer and listen to my Johnny Cash box set, Enya's greatest hits, some Tom Petty and maybe The Pretenders on Dolby surround-sound while selections play at random. Just for good measure, I could enhance the atmosphere by turning on the gas log fireplace and the ceiling fan ... both of which are operated with their own multi-button remote controls.

Unfortunately this Utopia will never be achieved. As I pointed out earlier, I'll never get that many batteries together at one time. Also, I'd never get my wife to pour through all the manuals required to teach her how this array of gizmos works. We all know I'll never learn to operate the stuff ... I'm a "lost ball in high weeds." And, I like it that way.



By
Priscilla Lusmyer

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

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 22, 1902

J. M. Mathewson's large barn and outbuildings, plus horses and much equipment, burned down last Saturday noon. No insurance.

Lawyer James Malcolm of Caledonia had a spat with his wife; she left, he invited Nellie Marsh in, they spent the day together. They left on the evening train for Grand Rapids, covered with eggs, water and flour thrown by enraged villagers.

Next item, also on front page: E. M. Foster left town Saturday after telling his wife he would return to the woman who came between them.

Income from the high school track meets held at Train's Field is going toward the football deficit.

Frank McMahon, David Mange, Wm. Marsh, Earl Thomas, Will Flynn, Arthur McMahon and R. Mack have purchased the Foster bowling alley and will operate it.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO MAY 26, 1927

Former school treasurer Andrew Kehoe, his mortgage apparently foreclosed "because of high taxes" blows up the Victor Township consolidated school in Bath (Clinton County), a car and his own house with dynamite, killing 43 children and teachers, and himself, in the process.

Lowell banks will be open Saturday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 this summer, in addition to regular hours.

Norman Borgerson is in charge of the Memorial Day observances and Supt. Gumsier will be the speaker.

The new serial, soon to start in the Ledger, will be "With the Clock Turned Back" by Courtney Riley Cooper.

Agricultural Items: "Alfalfa and time make a dollar out of a dime."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 22, 1952

Lowell's clean-up week resulted in many improvements, including new yellow and white street lines.

Petunia tubs will be placed along Main Street next week, to reach full blossoming during Showboat Days.

The Lowell Moose Softball team will open the season against the Grand Rapids Teamsters Union Monday, complete with opening ceremonies and the high school band.

Village Council has a committee to separate the water department from Light & Power, and create a sewer and water department.

The 26-week Lucky Farm Quiz (aerial views of area farms) closes this week with Orrie Groenboom's farm in Vergennes.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 26, 1977

Monday's high of 90 degrees breaks the record in a dry spring.

The argument about the Lincoln Lake traffic diversers revolves around the question, "Shall Hudson Street become a main thoroughfare?"

Lowell Community Pride Day results in a large turnout of Lions and Rotarians to paint the Foreman Building inside and out.

The school board decides to ask for a one-mill increase in June, after the recent millage defeat, to restore some services and a modified athletic program.

Coffee has more than doubled in price in the past year, to about \$3.70/lb. average, and Americans are drinking 17 percent less coffee.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

With Bert Bleke leaving, we are just now, as one friend put it, "beginning to feel that sense of loss and insecurity about the Lowell Community that was felt when Ray Quada died." How true it is that our community has been built on the insight, intelligence and integrity of some great people! And, we can allow ourselves a few moments of reflection at the great work so many before us have done.

However, they would want us to go on growing in character, caring about one another, and building on the vision of excellence they have helped us see for our schools and community.

So, go with our support and blessing, Bert. We're a better community because you were here. You have helped us learn how to do things well. We will try not to forget that. We know we won't forget you.

With sincere appreciation,
Marsha Wilcox

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

CALCIUM SUPPLEMENTS

The Institute of Medicine recommends that persons 19-50 years of age consume 1000 mg of calcium daily and that over 50 consume 1200 mg daily. Most Americans get less than 800 mg per day from their regular diet. We are often asked which calcium supplement is best. Today we'll review some of the available preparations.

Calcium supplements are derived from natural products. The most common forms are calcium carbonate (Caltrate, Os-Cal, Tums), calcium citrate (Citracal), and calcium phosphate (Posture-D). Calcium carbonate has the highest amount of elemental calcium. However, a recent analysis has shown that the absorption of calcium citrate was 27 percent higher than that of calcium carbonate. Taking calcium with food in doses of 500 mg or less increases the absorption. Adequate doses of

Vitamin D are required for absorption of calcium so many of the calcium supplements contain vitamin D.

The most common adverse effects of calcium supplementation are constipation, intestinal bloating, stomach ache and excess gas. These effects seem to occur most commonly with calcium carbonate. You probably should not take calcium supplements if you have a history of calcium containing kidney stones.

In summary, an adequate intake is very important in the prevention of osteoporosis (thinning of the bone) especially in postmenopausal women. Preparations containing calcium citrate may be better absorbed than other calcium salts. It's best to take calcium in doses of 500 mg or less with meals for better absorption for a total daily dose of 1000-1200 mg daily.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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

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

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

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

2002-03 city budget leaves little room to breathe

By J. N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

When reviewing the Lowell City 2002-03 budget, the council could find little fat to trim from it.

As proposed by city manager, David Pasquale and city staff, the budget carefully considered almost \$2.5 million in expenditures for the city, which includes personnel, city services and maintenance.

Impacting the budget this year are several items, Pasquale said. The first is the \$47,000 library bond payment that was being picked up by the Downtown Development Authority. The city has four more payments, including the one in the proposed budget, to make before paying off the library building.

The city also saw its revenues from the state drop by about \$52,553 from last year to a proposed \$495,347 for the 2002-03 year.

"All the municipalities are feeling this," Pasquale said, "a lot of state revenue this year."

Other costs include the first \$15,000 payment of a new pumper truck, of which the city is sharing costs with Vergennes and Lowell townships; also \$7,930 for the purchase of a new police car. Several items have been proposed to be deferred for alternative funding: operational costs of the Lowell Area

Historical Museum, \$20,000; the Look Memorial Fire Station roof, \$32,500; and the Foreman Building roof, \$34,500.

The city, depending on how bids go on Wednesday, could be looking at about \$290,000 in bond payments starting next year for the City Hall/police station project — a price tag that might just be too high for the city to handle right now, several council members indicated.

Still with these changes, the council went ahead to see if there was any area the city might be able to trim. The first stop, which council member, Charles Myers brought up, was the \$10,000 for utility costs for the City Hall building while renovation work would be taking place. Council member, Mike Blough said most construction companies pay for their own electrical, so he was not certain the city would need to pay that much.

Blough questioned the need of \$4,000 to be allocated for conferences for the council; whether or not the city needs to pay \$1,500 to be part of the Grand Rapids Metro Council; the \$3,000 for area ambulance services; and the \$2,600 for the sidewalk contribution fund. Another item Blough raised was since the city was not moving forward on the Foreman Road/Hudson Street intersection project, what would happen to the \$40,000? City staff plans to review and address all of these issues at the next council meeting on June 3.

Council member, Jim Pfaller asked about health insurance increases, which have been estimated at 15 percent. Salaries are expected to increase by about three percent. Pfaller also asked about the school liaison officer, currently funded by the Lowell Community Fund, and was told if the money for that was not received by the fund, the position would no longer exist.

The Lowell City Council is required to hold two public hearings on its city budget; this is available at City Hall for review by the public. The second public hearing is set for June 3. At that meeting, the council will act on the budget and finances.

About the only thing not affecting this year's budget is the recent closure of Newell and the downsizing of Attwood, with about 337 jobs lost.

Pasquale said he reviewed the property tax loss and with the changes in the two plants, the city can expect to see a revenue loss of about \$105,199.75. Some of this would be offset by a four percent increase in real property values, with the city gaining about \$23,243. The net loss, for the 2003-04 budget, could be about \$81,956.75 or about one mill, Pasquale explained, adding that it depended on whether the spaces Newell and Attwood did occupy would be filled by the next budget.

City offices move postponed until project bids unveiled

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Whether or not the city and police offices will share space with Huntington Bank has been put on hold until the city receives bids for its upcoming City Hall/police station project.

City officials have been working to relocate the city offices and police department to Huntington Bank, at 414 E. Main Street. Under the proposal, the city departments would utilize 4,830 square feet of the building with the bank still operating out of the remaining portion of the building.

The council, however, decided to table the matter of whether to lease the space or pay about \$40,000 in renovation costs until the city opens bids on the project — the concern being that the council may have to consider whether or not the project needs to be redefined depending on how many bids come in. Bids are expected to be opened at City Hall on Wednesday.

One option presented to the Lowell City Council at its Monday night meeting was for the city to pay about \$60,000 over a two-year period to use the space at the bank. This fee would cover any renovation needs to allow the two city departments — administration and police — to co-exist with the bank. Another option would allow the city to seek bids for the renovation and pay for it outright.

City manager, David Pasquale said the council, by consensus, had chosen to pay for the renovations outright. The city staff went ahead with the bidding process, receiving three bids. One of the bidders withdrew from the process leaving Architectural Building Restoration, Inc.

with a bid of \$41,331 for the work and about \$4,035 for the architectural drawings. Parks Construction Services, Inc., bid \$43,150 for the project with \$4,315 for architectural drawings. City staff was proposing to move forward with the Architectural Building bid, when the council decided to table the issue.

"I don't think we are in any position to make a decision about this tonight," said council member, Jim Pfaller.

Council member, Mike Blough raised the issue of spending \$40,000 on space that would only be used for one year by the city. Later

during the meeting, a resident suggested the city consider the Newell building, which just closed, as a possible location for the departments.

The council opted to take all suggestions under advisement and look at the matter at a later date.

COLLEGE NEWS

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2002 winter term which ended April 19, 2002. Included on the list was junior, Shannon Finnegan of Lake Ann, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

awards from the center. From this area was junior Aaron Plattner, in nutritional science and premedicine.

Plattner, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate, is the son of Howard and Kristin Plattner of Lowell.

The Center for Basic Cancer Research at Kansas State University has honored 40 students for winning competitive cancer research

management as well as an environmental specialty from Michigan State University, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources on May 4.

Odell has accepted a position with Etkin Skanska Construction Company, in Kalamazoo, as a project engineer.

Odell is the son of Roger and Vicki Odell of Lowell.

BUSINESS

DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
 IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
 As Low as **\$6.60** PER WEEK
 Call 897-9261

QUALITY TAX SERVICE, INC.
 216 E. Main St., Lowell
 (616) 897-7668
 • CORPORATE, BUSINESS & PERSONAL TAX PREPARATIONS
 • BUSINESS START-UP & CONSULTING
 • PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES
 HOURS: MON - FRI 9 AM - 6 PM • SATURDAY 9 AM - 1 PM
 Others By Appointment

howboat
 Complete Machine Shop Service
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.
 1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
 (616) 897-9231
 HOURS: MON - FRI 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3

Buy life insurance and save on your home and car.
 When you buy your life insurance from us through Auto-Owners Insurance, you'll receive special discounts on your home, mobile home or car insurance. We'll save you money. As an independent Auto-Owners agent, we take great interest in you - as well as your home and car. We are specialists in insuring people and the things they own.
Auto-Owners Insurance
 Dale Triplett
 835 W. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331
 897-9259 (800)804-3322

STOP SUFFERING!
 We Successfully Treat:
 Whiplash
 Neck Pain
 All Headaches
 Auto Injuries
 Back Pain
 Numb Hands/Arms
 Sports Injuries
 Work Injuries
 See a Specialist and See Results!
 897-4999
DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC
 Dr. Anthony Trombly

Custom Service, Just For You!
 897-8106 617-1862
 CHARLES LUPTON
RE/MAX Country Hills
 2050 W. Main St. • Suite C, Lowell
 * Each office independently owned and operated

Durkee Lumber, Inc.
 Lumber and Building Materials
 868-6026
 6071 Depot St. Alto, MI

MAY SPECIALS
PANTS 3/\$12.50
POLO SHIRTS 3/\$7.50
 Bring in 6 shirts pay for 5
CURTIS CLEANERS
 SHIRT LAUNDRY • TUX RENTAL
 Open 7 Days • 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main

FREE 1/2 HOUR MASSAGE
 ★ New Patients Only
 ★ Certified Massage Therapist
 ★ Doctor Supervised
 Auto Injury, Neck And Back Pain Relief
 All Insurance Accepted
DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC
 897-4999

ASPHALT REPAIR • ASPHALT REPAIR
STORMZAND ASPHALT MAINTENANCE
 Paving
 Cut & Replace Patching
 Seal Coating with Sand
 Hot Rubber Crack Repair
 Striping
 Parking Lots & Driveways
 Licensed & Insured
 10 Years Experience
 (616) 897-9872 Free Estimates

AT YOUR SERVICE
Thomet
 Chevrolet BUICK
 SERVICE HOURS: M, T, TH & FR • 8-5; WED • 8-8
 Phone 897-9294

PREVIEW PROPERTIES.COM
 CALL **JERRY HALE**
 897-0229 or 1-800-515-7763
 Jerry is a full-time professional who will serve all your real estate needs.
 An independently owned and operated member of The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC
 117 West Main Street Lowell, MI 49331
 (616) 897-3111
 Ross A. Leisman Daniel C. Brubaker
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GREENRIDGE Realty, Inc.
BILL YATES
 974-4274
 email: byates@greenridge.com
 Bill is a full-time professional specializing in waterfront & residential homes. He lives on Murray lake.

Noon Tire
 STEVE NOON
 11930 E. Fulton (M-21) Lowell, MI 49331
 Dealing In Most Brands
 (616) 897-5925

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
 COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES
 Daniel Ulrich Judy Harrison
 6090 Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

Rich's Service Co.
 Used Appliance Sales & Service
 Insured* 20 years experience
 Washer* Dryers* Refrigerators* Garbage Disposals* Stoves
RICH CURTIS
 (616) 897-5686
 209 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331

L & A R.V. Service, Inc.
RV SERVICE & REPAIR
 We Service & Repair Truck Campers, Travel Trailers & Motor Homes
 • Insurance Specialists
 • Large parts & Accessory Store
 COLLISION WORK OUR SPECIALTY
 Certified Technician On Duty
 887-8241
 Old Alpine & 10 Mile • 8358 Alpine, NW • Sparta

Fishing For A Great Advertising Bargain?
 This space in
 The Lowell Ledger
BUSINESS DIRECTORY Only **\$19⁸⁰** PER WEEK

Celebrations Balloons
 BOUQUETS FOR ANY OCCASION:
 • BIRTHDAY • ANNIVERSARY
 • THANK YOU • GET WELL
 ... You Name It!
 Also will do bouquets for tables for weddings, showers & parties.
 897-6777

BUSINESS

DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
 IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
 As Low as **\$6.60** PER WEEK
 Call 897-9261

DOG & CAT GROOMING
 15% Discount For Seniors
 Evenings & Saturday Morning Available
PUPPY/KITTEN BATHS \$10 (6 mo. or younger)
 (616)794-9614
 10 minutes North of Lowell
 10 minutes South of Belding

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
 • New Homes • Replacements
 • Upgrades • Conversions Etc.
 Free Estimates!
Arctic, Inc. bryant
 1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331
 Phone 897-4123

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC
 117 West Main Street Lowell, MI 49331
 (616) 897-3111
 Ross A. Leisman Daniel C. Brubaker
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW

GREENRIDGE Realty, Inc.
BILL YATES
 974-4274
 email: byates@greenridge.com
 Bill is a full-time professional specializing in waterfront & residential homes. He lives on Murray lake.

Noon Tire
 STEVE NOON
 11930 E. Fulton (M-21) Lowell, MI 49331
 Dealing In Most Brands
 (616) 897-5925

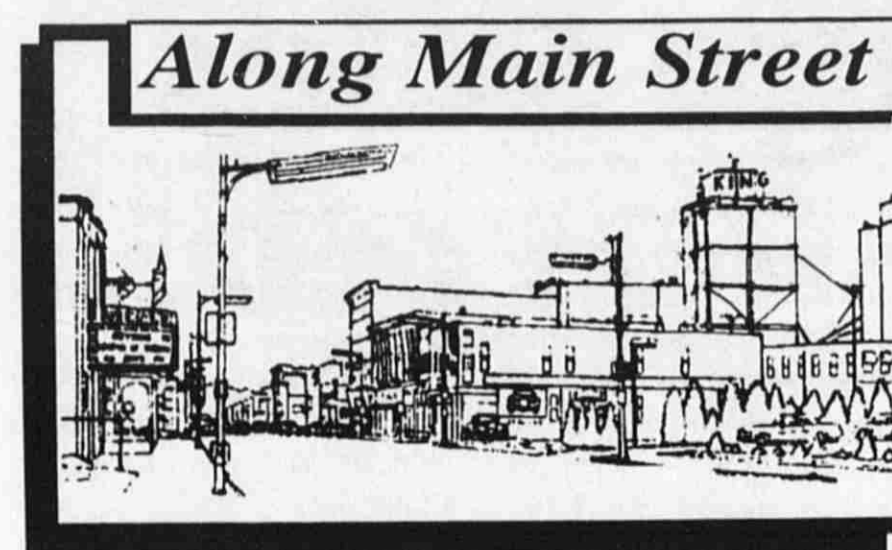
JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
 COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES
 Daniel Ulrich Judy Harrison
 6090 Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

Rich's Service Co.
 Used Appliance Sales & Service
 Insured* 20 years experience
 Washer* Dryers* Refrigerators* Garbage Disposals* Stoves
RICH CURTIS
 (616) 897-5686
 209 E. Main St. Lowell, MI 49331

L & A R.V. Service, Inc.
RV SERVICE & REPAIR
 We Service & Repair Truck Campers, Travel Trailers & Motor Homes
 • Insurance Specialists
 • Large parts & Accessory Store
 COLLISION WORK OUR SPECIALTY
 Certified Technician On Duty
 887-8241
 Old Alpine & 10 Mile • 8358 Alpine, NW • Sparta

Fishing For A Great Advertising Bargain?
 This space in
 The Lowell Ledger
BUSINESS DIRECTORY Only **\$19⁸⁰** PER WEEK

Celebrations Balloons
 BOUQUETS FOR ANY OCCASION:
 • BIRTHDAY • ANNIVERSARY
 • THANK YOU • GET WELL
 ... You Name It!
 Also will do bouquets for tables for weddings, showers & parties.
 897-6777



Along Main Street

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION AT MOOSE RECREATIONAL BLDG.

Food commodities will be distributed at the Moose Recreational Building at 1320 E. Main on Thursday, May 23. Items available are cranapple juice, corn, bisquick mix, milk (instant), peanut butter, pears, pineapple, potatoes (instant) and tomato sauce.

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.

Museum, continued... From Page 1

the staff to see what they would cut to get the requested \$20,000.

The council also needed to take a look at the other deferred projects: one being the need for a new roof on the

Foreman/Hudson, cont'd... From Page 1

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she is not certain that restrictions would help. She does know that the industries in the area are trying to encourage drivers to take Foreman to Alden Nash. Austin said from his discussions with residents, they would like to see the truck traffic eliminated and speeds on the

THRIFT SHOP OFFERS GIFT CERTIFICATES
Gift certificates are available at Flat River Outreach Ministries at 519 E. Main St. in Lowell. Call 897-2037.

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.

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
The public is invited to a board candidate forum on Thursday, May 23 from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room at 300 High St. for candidates running for the Lowell school board in June. Candidates are Peter Haefner, Patrick Nugent and James Van Buren.

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 June 3 and 10. Call 897-8235 to register for this free course.

MUSIC THERAPY CHILDREN'S CAMPS
The Franciscan Life Process Center will be offering summer camps both for children with special needs and for their siblings. Music, art/crafts and outdoor experiences will be included. Call Sister Mary Margaret at 897-7842 ext. 317 to find out dates and to register your children.

WORKSHOP/LUNCH ON HEALTH INSURANCE
An informational workshop on Health Insurance and Long-Term Care will be held at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, June 6 at noon. Seating is limited; call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259 to RSVP by June 3.

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.

Foreman Building at the tune of \$34,500... a top priority for Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden and his staff.

"I guess the way I look at it is that the city can spend several thousand dollars on a new City Hall/police station

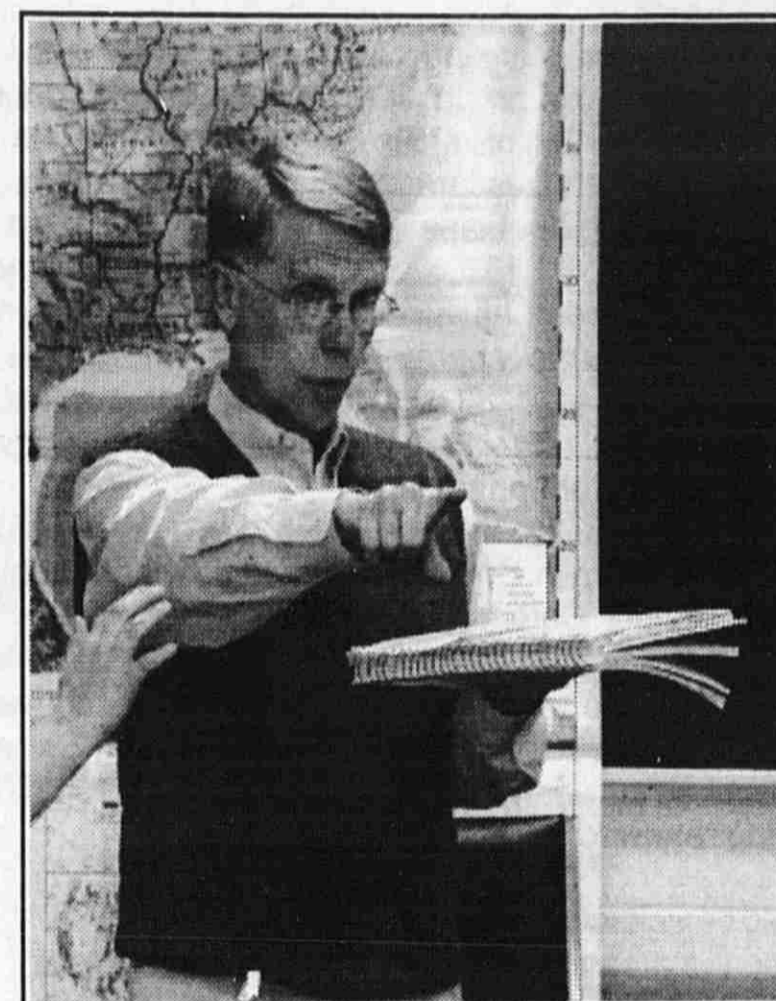
project and we aren't taking care of the buildings we currently have," DesJarden said.

Council member, Jim Pfaller said the city needs to take a look at fixing these roofs before they become a necessary expense that is far more costly than now.

involved cars and pick-up trucks - not the semis. The council did not indicate when it would bring the Foreman Road/Hudson Street intersection back up for discussion.

Blodgett consciously makes life skills and values a part of his classroom

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



After 25 years in the Lowell School District, Jim Blodgett will leave in June.

Following his retirement from teaching in June, Jim Blodgett will begin work as a consultant for "Living Consciously."

This is nothing new to his students - Blodgett has been teaching life skills and, more importantly, has worked to provide tools for his students which help internalize life-coping skills and understand why they do what they do.

"I think teaching life skills is as important or more important than curriculum," Blodgett explains. "I believe schools are 25 years behind in the transmission of values. Kids, today, get their values from peers and the media."

Living Consciously is a life skills system that goes beyond catchy phrases to provide tools for kids so as to better internalize life-coping skills.

"The system is built on kids succeeding in a loving environment," Blodgett said.

The Lowell teacher for the past 25 years was in a fresh, loving married relationship when Jim and his wife, Cheryl came to Lowell in 1975 looking for teaching jobs.

Cheryl was hired, Jim was not. "At the time, jobs were scarce and Lowell wasn't

hiring couples," Blodgett explained.

Blodgett, however, did find work in Lakeview, and three years later was hired by then Lowell superintendent, Don Kelly.

Over his 25-year tenure at Lowell, Blodgett has taught the second-, third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grades.

Blodgett, cont'd pg. 12

CITY OF LOWELL CORRECTED PUBLIC NOTICE

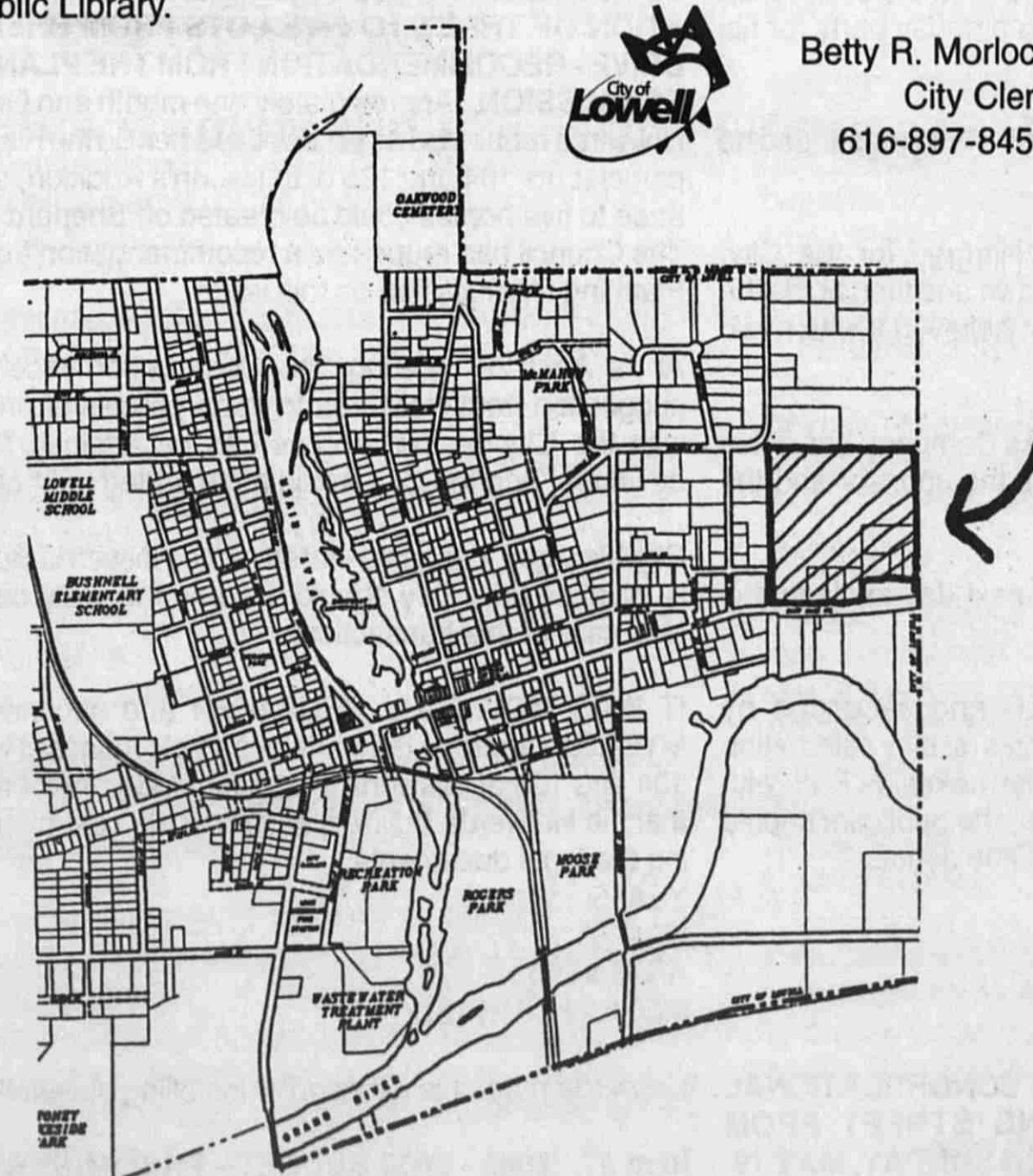
The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of **TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2002 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE LOWELL AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD ROOM, 300 HIGH STREET, LOWELL, MICHIGAN** for the purpose of receiving comments from the 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.) 41-20-01-177-003 (1395 E. Main St.)
- 41-20-01-176-002 (1381 E. Main St.) 41-20-01-177-006 (1325 E. Main St.)
- 41-20-01-176-008 (1225 E. Main St.) 41-20-01-177-007 (1335 E. Main St.)
- 41-20-01-176-007 (1155 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.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
616-897-8457



ATTENTION LOWELL CITY RESIDENTS

If you are a recreational vehicle owner and would like to preserve the right to park or store your RV on your personal property you **NEED** to attend the City Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 28th at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education office, 300 High Street.

Recreational vehicles include your motor homes, travel trailers, pop-up campers, fishing boats, snowmobiles, quad runners, ski boats, jet skis and any other similar motorized vehicles.

At the present time parking or storage of recreational vehicles is only permitted in rear or rear side yards. **There is NO provision for parking or storing in driveways or on lots that the rear and/or side yard is not accessible.**

A committee has been working with the planning commission since November and a proposed ordinance change will be voted on at this meeting.

Show Us Your Smile!

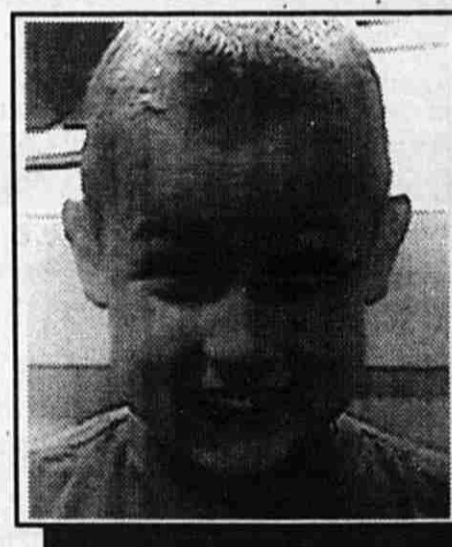
APRIL SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Tyler Curnett

AGE:.....6 years old

BIRTHDAY.....10/30/96

He receives a prize for his great checkup.



April "No Cavities" Club Members

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Hillary Vanella | Matthew Schuitema | Ashley McQueen |
| Tyler Kooiman | Brandon Lee | Daivd Stevens |
| Emma Duvernay | Spencer Lyon | Logon DeClercq |
| Mathew Strawser | Christina Davis | Ryan Tarchala |
| Evan Brunette | Kayleigh VanKeulen | Tyler Curnett |
| Allison Roth | Mitchell Parker | Aaron Wenger |
| Micheal Vanella | | |

FAMILY DENTISTRY
Ann Wilson, D.D.S.
New Patients Welcome!
147 N. Center St. • Lowell, MI 49331
897-4835

Garage Sales JUST POSTED!

SARANAC MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Everything in good shape! A virtual potpourri of items, clothes for all ages including lots of baby clothes, infant seat and many more infant and children items! Also Nordic Track Sequoia ski machine. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 245 Cloverlane, Saranac.

BARN SALE
1920 Hawley Hwy. May 22, 23 & 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; May 25, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Clothes, books, toys, Home Interior, furniture & lots of odds & ends.

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Friday & Saturday, 5-24 & 25 from 9-4 p.m. Child's table & chairs, huge collection of dolls, Barbies, playsets, quality toys, Sports cards, Kitchen items, Marlboro collectibles, some furniture. 269 Sudan Dr. off Vergennes between Cumberland & Parnell.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., May 23 & 24, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Xmas, raft, oars, motor, bunkbed, ping pong, armoire, household, furniture, bike, boys/girls 2T-6, Little Tikes kitchen, highchair, sandbox, log cabin, art easel, desk, doll stroller, toys, books, videos, puzzles, changing table, kids bedding, more. 6022 Bancroft, Alto.

LARGE MULTI-FAMILY/MOVING SALE!
Lots of tools, antiques, household items, complete set of Pfaltzgraff dishes - Yorktown pattern; clothes of various sizes and lots more! Fri. & Sat., May 24 & 25, 10 a.m. to ?? 8135 Timpson (near 84th St.) No prior sales.

GARAGE SALE
6581 Centerline Rd., May 23 and 24, 9 to 4 Thursday; 9 to noon Friday. Moved to apartment, all must go. Chairs, deck furniture, many odds and ends. In case of rain, sale will be the 30th and 31st. No early sales.

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
May 24 & 25, 9-5, 7349 Pratt Lake Ave. Baby crib, console humidifier, kids to adult clothes, V-tech kids toy & lots more.

GARAGE SALE
between Saranac and Pinckney Rd. on M-21. Watch for signs. May 23, 24 & 25, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. to 4p.m. Lots and lots of misc., woodcrafts.

BIG GARAGE SALE
May 24 & 25, 9-3 p.m. 311 North St. Clothes, toys and misc. treasures.

HUGE NEIGHBORHOOD - ESTATE SALES
702 & 832 N. Jefferson, May 23 & 24. Primitives, 1800's pie safe, K-8th books, clarinet, sax, hswares, Little Tikes, attic treasures, furniture, clothing Sm-XI, and much much more.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
7882 McCords in Alto, May 22, 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m. Some collectibles, baby items, Christmas items, clothes, several misc. items.

BARN SALE MULTI FAMILY
trundle bed, camping cot, some antiques and much more. Friday, May 24 - Sunday, May 26, 8272 Grand River Ave., Saranac.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SALE @ PERRY'S
Quality clothes, toys, bikes, lawnmowers, furniture, golf clubs, Precious Moments, handmade bird houses, fine jewelry and lots of household items. Fri. & Sat., May 24th & 25th, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. (7 miles south of Lowell on M-50).

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S
used book sale, Sat., May 25th at the Boston Township Hall, 30 N. Center St., Saranac, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YARD SALE
Thurs., May 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lot 169 Shiela St. in Key Heights. Vintage hutch and odds & ends.

GARAGE SALE -
Thurs. & Friday, May 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m. Kountry Korner, Linfield St., downtown Alto.

GARAGE SALE
May 24 and 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lots of stuff, 9979 Bergy (M-50 south to 100th St., west approx. 1 mi., corner of 100th & Bergy).

Please Remember!
In the City of Lowell Signs should not be placed on any post or City right-of-way; which includes between the sidewalk & street. Signs should be posted on private property.

BOOKS FOR SALE
over 200 selections, magazines also. Daily 1-5 pm., 13416 Grand River Dr.

Your Ad Could Be Here!
Deadline is Thursdays at 5 p.m.
Rate - 15 words for \$7, each additional word 25¢
Call us today!
Ph. 897-9555
Fax 897-4809

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002.**

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

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

Absent: None.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews, Planning Commissioner Chairman Jim Hall and Police Officer James Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER that the minutes of the April 22, 2002 regular and closed meetings be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the April 23, 2002 special meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (05/06/02)

GENERAL FUND	\$82,912.98
MAJOR STREET FUND	491.20
LOCAL STREET FUND	11,566.78
DDA FUND	2,599.77
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	44,936.67
AIRPORT FUND	40.42
WASTEWATER FUND	715.86
WATER FUND	6,174.29
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,846.07
CURRENT TAX FUND	482.37

Item #1. PRESENTATION BY STEVE PESTKA, CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR, 29TH DISTRICT. Steve Pestka thanked the Council for the opportunity to be present at the meeting. He is currently a State Representative for the 76th District, which is the northwest and a portion of the northeast side of Grand Rapids. Pestka is running for the State Senate in the 29th District, which consists of the City of Grand Rapids, all of the City of Kentwood, City of Lowell, Lowell Township, Cascade, Vergennes and Grattan Townships.

Although Pestka has never lived in Lowell, he does feel some connection with the community due to his father owning business property here. Pestka noted he attended a Lowell City Council meeting a few years ago.

Pestka briefed the Council about his candidacy. He has served four years in the Michigan House of Representatives. Pestka has served on the House Appropriations Committee (Budget) and previously, spent six years as a Kent County Commissioner. Pestka believes he has accumulated a record and experience, which will bring funding back to Grand Rapids, Kent County and West Michigan. This will be especially helpful with the new administration coming into office in January 2003.

He is looking forward to the campaign and meeting with the citizens of Lowell. The economy, education and environment are all very important when trying to preserve a good high standard of life.

No further information was provided. Mayor Shores thanked Pestka for his presentation.

Item #2. REQUEST BY GREGORY GILMORE - TO LEASE A PORTION OF THE RIVERWALK AREA FOR OUTDOOR DINING - DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 22 MEETING. Councilmembers Brubaker and Pfaller abstained from discussion due to conflicts.

Gregory Gilmore requested a leasing or licensing of property along the riverwalk adjacent to his proposed restaurant located at 201 E. Main. The portion of land is approximately 12' x 42'. DPW Director Dan DesJarden has outlined the area on the riverwalk with duct tape.

Both City Manager Pasquale and DesJarden have reviewed the request and recommend the Council approve it.

Councilmember Myers inquired about the rail separating the restaurant from the riverwalk. Gilmore responded the railing would be approved by the Downtown Development Authority and the Historic District Commission. Gilmore wanted to install solid pillars and then attach a railing to those to allow the fence to be moved at any time.

City Manager Pasquale stated a lease agreement could extend for ten years before being renewed.

Myers inquired if the lease would be seasonal. Gilmore explained he also wished to use the area in the winter-time. There may be occasions where hot dogs and hot chocolate could be served outside.

Mayor Shores noted the letter received from Mike Larkin, 301 W. Main Street. Shores stated the lease agreement would have no effect on the taxpayers.

Myers asked if the curb and landscaping on the side of the building would be removed. Gilmore responded no. The goal is to keep the north portion as is. The southern portion of the property would be filled in with additional landscape. The trees would remain.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by MYERS to approve the leasing of a 12' x 42' portion of riverwalk property between the Gregory Gilmore and City of Lowell for a time period to be determined and recommended by City Staff and City Attorney.
YEA: 3. (Blough, Myers and Shores)
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
ABSTAIN: 2. (Brubaker and Pfaller).
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. FIREWORKS DISPLAY REQUEST. Jim Redd has requested permission for a professionally launched fireworks display from either the Fairgrounds or Stoney Lakeside Park. The date would be Friday, June 21 beginning approximately 9:30 p.m. and lasting 15 to 25 minutes.

Proper insurance and licensing requirements will be provided. Fire Chief Frank Martin's recommendation is the fireworks should be launched from Stoney Lakeside Park, where the Fourth of July display has been.

Redd also requested a variance to allow people to be in the park after dark. He is expecting approximately 100 people with 50 cars.

Councilmember Myers questioned what the celebration is for. Redd stated he is having a birthday party for his wife and son.

Myers asked if Redd lived in Lowell. Redd responded he lives off of Burroughs.

Myers questioned the liability coverage for the City. Pasquale explained a policy is drawn and then holds the City as an additional insured. He believed it was a two million dollar policy.

Redd stated Wolverine Fire Works Company has a five million dollar policy which covers the sponsor and the authorizing City.

Redd noted he would return the next day to clean any debris from the fireworks.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the fireworks display celebration on Friday, June 21, 2002 at Stoney Lakeside Park with the necessary insurance. Further, the applicant should be responsible for the cleanup of any debris.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. REQUEST FROM FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO CLOSE SPRING STREET FROM HUDSON TO LINCOLN LAKE ON SUNDAY, MAY 19. The First Congregational Church wishes to close Spring

Street from Hudson to Lincoln Lake on Sunday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The church will have a cake and ice cream reception honoring their 2002 Confirmation class.

Representative Mary Schmaltz stated there is a large class this year and the basement is rather small.

Mayor Shores noted the event has taken place in the street for the past few years.

Public Works Director Dan DesJarden noted the DPW would provide roadblocks.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BLOUGH to approve the request from First Congregational Church to close Spring Street from Hudson to Lincoln Lake on Sunday, May 19, 2002.

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

Item #5. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - A. 901 Grindle - Alan and Jayne Mathews - variance to allow a 33 foot width at the front yard setback so an additional lot can be created - set public hearing date (5/20). Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Dan Brubaker stated in November of 1996, Robert and Traci Mullins were granted a variance to split their lot at 910 Grindle so that an additional house can be built. Alan and Jayne Mathews wish to purchase the back lot and are applying for the same variance.

The current frontage is 150.71 feet, while the back lot line is measured across at 419.21 feet. The Mathews' want to have the north 33 feet of the frontage split to allow a driveway to access the proposed 5.56 acre parcel.

With the property zoned Suburban Residential, 165 foot lot width is required. Thus, a variance has again been petitioned.

At its April 29, 2002 meeting, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended (with Mathews' abstention) to grant the variance. Also, the Commission recommended that the entrance drive be paved to the highest point on the property (approximately 70 to 100 feet from the Street) as determined by the Director of Public Works.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to establish a public hearing for May 20, 2002 to consider the variance request from Alan and Jayne Mathews to allow a 33 foot width at the front yard setback so an additional lot can be created at 901 Grindle.

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

Item #6. REQUEST FROM HOLWERDA BUILDERS TO GRANT AN ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF THREE TO FIVE LOTS FROM SHEPARD DRIVE - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. Approximately one month ago Gregory Holwerda requested an access easement to the Kissinger parcel (Lots 104 and 105 of Ellsworth's Addition) so that three to five homes could be created off Shepard Drive. The Council had requested a recommendation from the Planning Commission on this issue.

At its April 29 meeting, the Commission received a suggestion from Holwerda to trade parcels of property with the City so that access can be attained for the developer and the City would have added right of way.

City Manager Pasquale stated since Holwerda Builders is initiating this, they should assume the legal costs to take care of this transaction.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS to approve the trade of parcels adjacent to Lots 104 and 105 of Ellsworth's Addition under the condition that the Holwerda Builders assumes the cost of preparing the legal documents.

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

Holwerda noted his intention of installing sidewalks.

Item #7. 2002 - 2003 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATES

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 02-173,493-DE

Estate of JOHN EDGAR BRADLEY, Deceased
Date of birth: April 4, 1948

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOHN EDGAR BRADLEY, who lived at 61 N. Village Dr., Kent City, Michigan, died September 6, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KATHRYN STROVEN, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa N.W.; Suite 2500,

Grand Rapids, MI 49504 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
May 17, 2002
Craig A. Bruggink
P.L.C.
(P29358)
429 Turner N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 456-5048

KATHRYN STROVEN
1024 Courtney N.W.

Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 456-5997

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 01-172709-DE

Estate of KATHERINE MARIE DI MUZIO, Deceased
Date of birth: 11/15/01

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KATHERINE MARIE DI MUZIO, who lived at 6507 Leisure Creek Dr., Caledonia, Michigan died 11/15/2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MARTHA J. SOLTWISCH, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ot-

tawa N.W., Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
05/14/2002

TERRY E. HEISS
(P-36687)
6440 East Fulton Street
Suite 2
Ada, MI 49301
(616) 676-3850

MARTHA J. SOLTWISCH
179 Marlon Ave.
Mundelein, IL 60060

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(MAY 20 AND JUNE 3). City Manager Pasquale stated a copy of the 2002 - 2003 Budget will be presented to the Council as part of the May 20 Council agenda packet.

The following items were reviewed for consideration:

General Fund. The budget shows a taxable value of \$95,419,694, an increase of 6.8% over last year. Of this, \$12,525,898 is allocated to the Downtown Development Authority, leaving \$82,893,796 to the General Fund.

The budget is tight. Several issues account for this as follows:

- \$47,000 Library Bond payment which is covered by the General Fund. Previously, the DDA provided coverage.
- \$495,347 is expected to be derived from State Revenue Sharing or \$52,553 less than last year's projections.
- \$15,000 has been allocated for a first-year lease payment (3 years total to purchase a new fire pumper truck. A \$100,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund has been received lessening the burden for the City as well as Lowell and Vergennes Townships.
- \$7,930 is allocated for a lease payment to purchase a new police cruiser. Two were requested. None had been bought last year.

Several allocations have been deferred:

- Lowell Area Historical Museum (\$20,000)
- Fire Station roof repair (\$32,500) and
- Foreman Building roof (\$34,500)

Of major importance, \$290,000 has been allocated for first year bond payments of \$4.8 million dollars related to the City Hall-Police Station project. An allocation of \$83,000 (equivalent of one mill) is shown from the DDA as well as \$30,000 granted by the Lowell Area Community Fund for the clock tower. This reduces the millage required to 2.13 mills raising the overall total to 15.98. Final calculations will be attained after construction bids are received as well as financing rates of the bond issue.

A planned unreserved fund balance is projected at \$301,272.99, meeting City standards. Total expenditures amount to \$2,458,778.46.

Lee Fund. Planned expenditure includes the paving of the east side parking lot of Stoney Lakeside Park (\$9,300) and initial start-up of the new park off Grand River Drive (\$3,000).

Water and Wastewater Funds. Water rates are currently under review. No changes are expected for the sewer rates.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BLOUGH to set public hearing dates for review of the 2002 - 2003 Budget on May 20 and June 3, 2002.

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

Councilmember Brubaker asked if Pasquale had considered the fact of Newell Manufacturing closing in doing the budget. Pasquale responded yes.

Item #8. PRESENTATION BY ROSS LEISMAN, CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 86TH DISTRICT. If elected, Russ Leisman stated he intends to discuss issues discussed during the campaign and issues facing the state government. The first is local control. He considers himself to be a Midwestern Conservative, which is someone less ideological. We all know the national tendency of the government is to grow. This is something we need to guard against. There are

Republicans and Democrats alike who seem to think if there was just a little more money and power for more regulation, greater good could be done for the public. Leisman believes it is our private economy which works more efficiently and more fairly than does big government.

Leisman stated the local governments are needed to act as a check and balance on our natural tendency to centralize power.

Leisman wanted people to remember he is the one who is in favor of local governments and wants to limit Lansing's influence in local affairs.

Leisman represents many municipalities for legal counsel including Caledonia, Cannon, Courtland, Grattan, Nelson, and Solon Townships. He is also the Chairman of the Planning Commission in Ada Township.

In addition to local government, other important issues include the economy and education. The truth is our economic property does not come out of any planning from Lansing. It comes from West Michigan work ethic. Leisman believed more money should be spent on roads, bridges and infrastructure. The standard of living needs to be improved. Less regulation and lower taxes are required.

There has been some discussion about eliminating Proposal A. Before Proposal A, Michigan's property taxes were 30 percent higher than the national average, which discouraged investment.

In addition to the local control and private economy is education. Leisman has had discussions with superintendents, administrators and teachers. He believes these individuals know much more about education than the legislators in general. It is time for the State Legislators to quit trying to act like a school board and let the local school boards operate and determine what teachers need to be hired and how they are going to administer their systems.

Mayor Shores thanked Leisman for his presentation.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Myrta Pierce Palmer, owner of property at 1381 East Main, received a letter from Sundry Development concerning her property. A basement for her new house was inadvertently placed on Don Leeman's adjoining property. On April 15, 2002, she was served by a court officer concerning Don Leeman suing her over the property. Palmer wanted the Council to be aware of the situation.

Delores Alexander of 406 Foreman believed it was time to increase the number of Councilmembers. It seems to be quite often when one is absent or needs to abstain from voting.

Alexander referred to the corner of Hudson and Foreman. She questioned when the construction would begin and where the post, fire hydrant, catch basin and stop sign would be placed. City Manager Pasquale explained drawings are being prepared by Engineer Dave Austin from Williams and Works, who is also a neighbor of Alexander. Austin will present his findings at a future City Council meeting.

Pasquale explained Foreman Road only has a 49-1/2 foot of right of way. It is a very narrow street. The engineer is aware of the necessary truck turning movements needed to accommodate the intersection.

Blough believed Austin is providing a good formula of widening the intersection and trying to relieve some of the pressure on the corner.

Alan Mathews stated there would be another public hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2002 with regard to the Highland Hill project in case any one is interested in attending.

Mathews referred to an article in the Ledger concerning the project. The article stated he was against the project. Mathews stated he is not against the project, if it meets the requirements within the Suburban Residential (SR) District.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers noted all City residents received a \$25 gift certificate from the YMCA for membership. These were sent out based upon the City's agreement with the Y with regard to the use of the City parks.

Myers also mentioned in the Michigan Business West magazine, there is an article about the City Hall-Police Station expansion.

Myers also commented on the Michigan Municipal Review. It mentions the City of Lowell is having a Mayor Exchange with the City of St. Joseph. The publication refers to St. Joseph having a natural skating rink since the 1930's. The City recently opened a completely refrigerated skating rink. Myers suggested this be discussed when the two cities meet.

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

1. The following meetings minutes were provided:

- Planning Commission meeting of March 25, 2002
- Community Walking Trails of April 10, 2002

2. In order to expedite code enforcement, a Civil Infractions Ordinance is being written and will be proposed to the City Council.

Police Chief Valentine explained this would create an easier way to handle many code enforcement issues. It is easier to empower the Zoning Administrator.

3. A bid opening for the City Hall - Police Station project is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

Pasquale presented a drawing of the proposed building. He explained the view from Monroe Street. The old fire bays, which are currently being used by the police department, will be all windows. The initial idea was to lay brick across the openings. However, it is nearly impossible to match brick that is nearly 100 years old.

The Planning Commission scheduled a Work Session for Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the RV Ordinance.

Mayor Shores encouraged the Council to attend.

Item #12. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Shores stated she would contact individuals for reappointment at the next meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 20, 2002

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

Piece of Parnell history leveled

Veronica (Ronnie Heether) Dawson's memories of the old Parnell Grocery Store are a little closer to home than most. For 18 years it was where her parents (Jim and Barbara Heether) and grandparents (William and Veronica Byrne) worked by day and where the family lived by night.

"They owned the store downstairs and we (parents, grandparents and seven children), all 11 of us, lived upstairs," explained Dawson. "We owned our own beef cattle, sold fresh meat and had our own gas pumps."

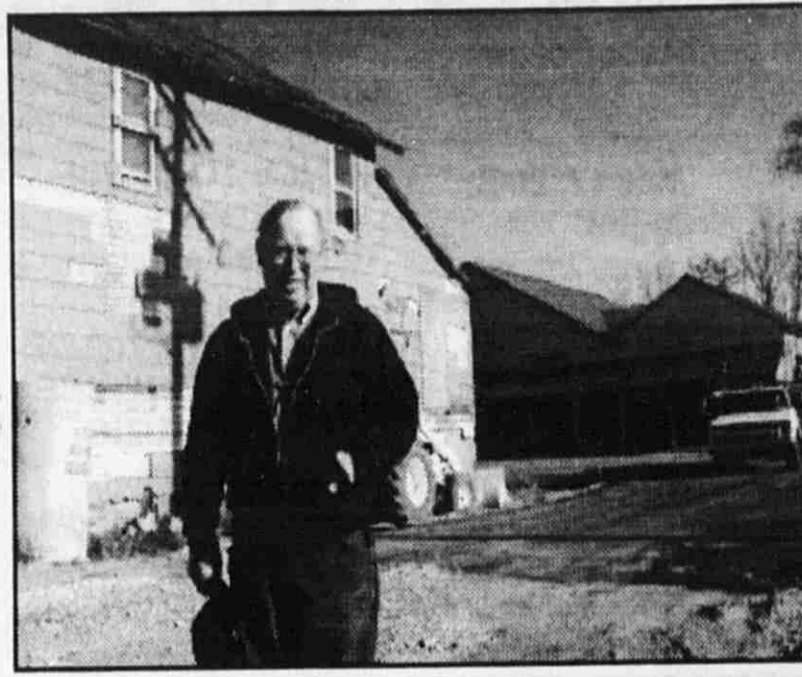
The Heether family sold the store to Bob Grile 32 years ago.

A week ago Monday (May 13th), Grile moved in to the recently constructed new Parnell Grocery - all 3,500 square feet of it. It is located behind the old store.

"It will enable us to expand our line of groceries, beverages and liquor," Grile said. "We will also have our own soft ice cream shop."

The old Parnell Grocery Store, built in the 1880's, was razed Monday.

Many area residents were on hand to take one last picture of a building which held shelves full of memories for most. St. Patrick's students, too young to know of its history, sat in the grass across the street (in front of the church) to watch their first razing.



Bob Grile, owner of the Parnell Grocery Store, stands in front of the old store with the new one sitting in back.



Veronica Dawson watched as they razed the old store and the house in which she grew up.

Blodgett, cont'd... From Page 9

"I think the fourth and fifth grades have been the best fit for me," Blodgett said. "Second grade by far was the toughest. It showed me that I had a lot to learn about teaching."

By teaching at multiple grade levels, Blodgett was able to gather an overview of the schooling process, giving him an opportunity to see challenges at all levels.

"The challenge that comes with teaching has always been there for me. As the years have grown, though, I have found

the energy has not been available to reach the expectations and standards I've set for myself," Blodgett explained. "I didn't want to be that person that clings on to something."

Blodgett would advocate removing the many mandates pushed on teachers by the state.

"I think they take away from a teacher's creativity and the building of families within schools," he explains. "Everything is based on making sure children are master learners. At least at the elementary level, I think we'd be better off if we taught fewer things better with the main emphasis on the three Rs."

It is the Lowell teacher's opinion that the movement has taken schools away from that. He'd like to see all larger schools become smaller community oriented schools.

"I credit Bert (Bleke) with the tremendous changes Lowell has seen in its educational environment and community. The two are much more linked today than they have ever been," Blodgett concluded.

An open house celebrating Blodgett's retirement will be held on Wednesday, June 5 from 4:40 until 6:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. The public is welcome.

FREE GOLF FOR SENIORS
55 years and over - cart additional charge
With purchase of \$5.00 Coffee & Roll
Mon. & Tues. before 10 a.m.*
1-616-794-0520
Double R Ranch Resort & Golf
4424 Whites Bridge Rd., Belding, MI 48809
www.doublerranch.com

Leaving Your Job? Retiring?
You could have up to 20% of your retirement benefits withheld by the IRS!
With the current tax law, if you're not careful you could have up to 20% or more* of your retirement or pension plan distribution withheld when you retire or leave your employer...
Unless you plan ahead.
At Raymond James Financial Services, we can help you protect all of your retirement plan money by outlining for you the alternatives to consider before you make a potentially costly decision. Call today for the guidance you'll need to protect all of your retirement assets.
RAYMOND JAMES (616) 225-8633
FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 800-294-6417
GEORGE GIANACAKOS
FINANCIAL ADVISOR
Committed to your financial future. P.O. Box 248
128 S. Lafayette Street,
Greenville, MI 48838
*With possible penalties.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE
Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2002 in observance of Memorial Day.

Possibilities
You've worked hard for it. You've worked hard on it too. Now, isn't it time the land you own began working for you?
To learn more about unlocking the potential in your property, please contact Jay Hobbs today at 616.676.4043
SUNDRY
DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING

BARK & MULCH PRODUCTS
COLORED ENHANCED MULCH
Dark Red, Brown, Gold... **\$26.50/yard**
SHREDDED BARK
Hardwood Bark..... **\$18.00/yard**
Cedar Bark..... **\$26.00/yard**
SCREENED TOPSOIL
Pick Up Only..... **\$20.00/yard**
HOURS: M-F 9:00 - 7:00; Saturday 9:00 - 4:00
PLEASE CALL 897-2628
12745 4 Mile N.E. • Lowell
On the corner of 4 Mile & Lincoln Lake Rd. 5 miles north of Lowell
KAMPS
Wood Resource Division

Lowell YMCA '02 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS
Posted 5/13/2002

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED OPEN DIVISION	W	L
Moose Lodge 809	3	0
Wrecker's Sports	2	0
Noon Equipment	2	0
Bowne Center UMC	2	1
Team GNS	2	1
Nazarene Church	1	2
1st Congregational	0	2
Paragon	0	2
Christian Life	0	4

WEDNESDAY MEN'S	W	L
Ball Busters	2	0
Larkin's	2	0
Sneaker's	1	1
Preston's Prospects	1	2
Rook's Landscape	0	3

FRIDAY MEN'S	W	L
Mirage Inn	3	0
Everest Custom Homes	2	1
American Legion	1	1
Moose Lodge 809	1	1
Ada Beef	1	2
Jimmy's Lake Pump	0	3

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.

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

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7:30 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 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/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.

EVERY OTHER SUN.: Single adults, ages 25-50 years, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. No charge. Call Lana 691-8450 for info.

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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:40 Armchair Exercise.
WED.: 12:30 Shop at Family fare.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS
WED., MAY 22: 12:30 Clinical Oncology program at center; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.
THURS., MAY 23: 12:40 Bos and Koetsier Greenhouses.
FRI., MAY 24: Noon - Birthday Celebration, Bingo.
MON., MAY 27: Memorial Day - center closed.

TUES., MAY 28: Noon Pot Luck Picnic.
WED., MAY 29: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:40 Shop Family Fare.
THURS., MAY 30: 10 a.m. White Caps Game.
FRI., MAY 31: 12:40 p.m. Bingo.
Have a safe & happy Memorial Day holiday.

WED., MAY 22: Baccalaureate at 7 p.m. in the LHS Performing Arts Center. Sponsored by Lowell Ministerial Association. A dessert follows.

THURS., MAY 23: Commodities distribution at Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main St. Commodities listed in Along Main St.

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.

THURS., MAY 30: Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. at Red Arrow Stadium.

SUN., JUNE 2: LHS graduation ceremony at 3 p.m. at Red Arrow Stadium. Seniors gather between 2 & 2:15 p.m. in cafeteria.

THURS., JUNE 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Jody Haybarker from Flat River Outreach Ministries; bring items for Food Pantry.

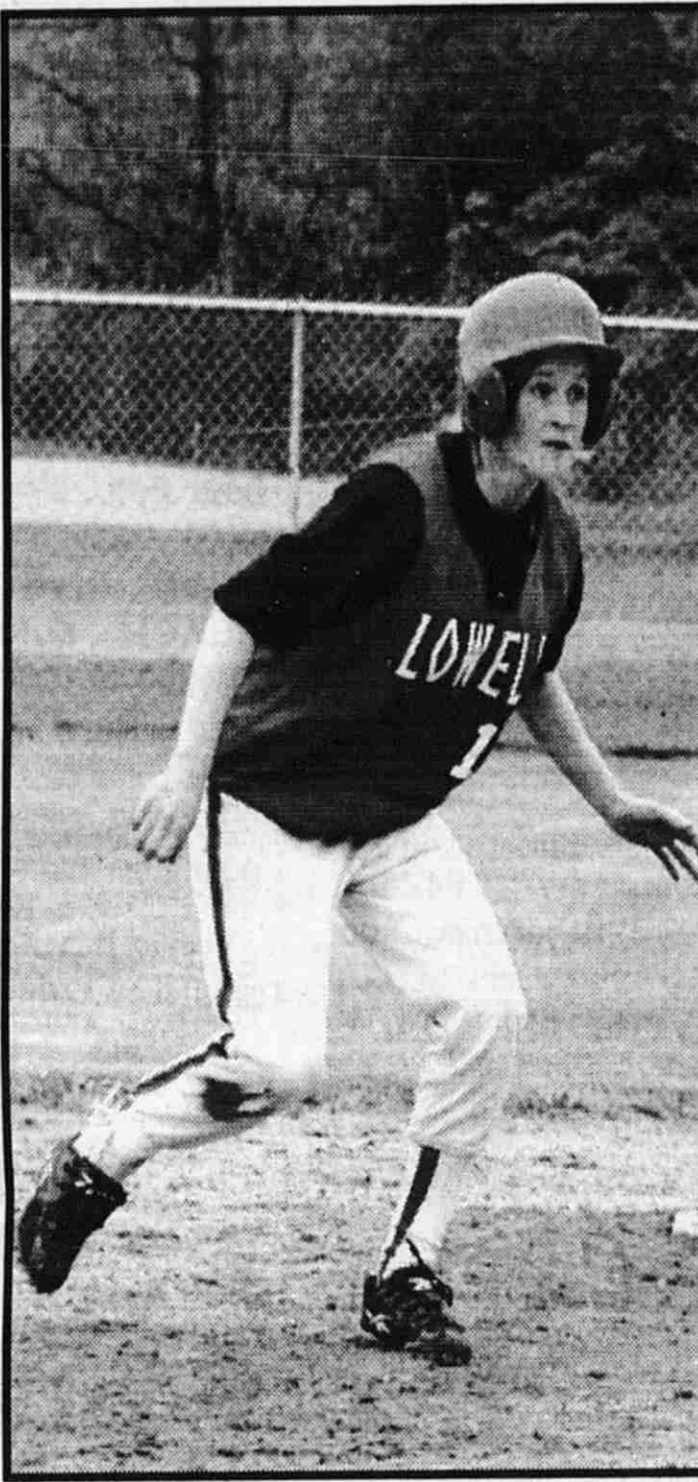
THURS., JUNE 6: Workshop/lunch at noon at Chamber office on Health Insurance/long-term care issues. Call Speerstra Insurance at 897-9259; RSVP by June 3.



Jacque Benedict attempts to slide around the Zeeland catcher.



Shelby Tomczak completes the put-out as she takes a throw to first.



Courtney Phillips takes a wide turn at second while she eyes the play at the plate.

Red Arrows split a pair with Zeeland; Capen tosses shutout

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lacey Capen scattered five hits as the Red Arrow hurler shutout Zeeland 3-0 in the second game of a double-header on Friday.

The Chix won the opener 6-2.

With the game scoreless after four innings, Lowell tallied two runs in the fifth on an RBI single by Jacque Benedict and an RBI double by Amanda Eickhoff.

Lowell scored a third time in the sixth inning on a walk by Heather Geelhoed, a sacrifice and a Zeeland error.

In the opener, Zeeland pounded out 12 hits against starter, Amanda Eickhoff.

"Their first six batters all hit the ball hard the first time up," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse explained.

The result was an early 3-0 lead after four innings. Zeeland put the game out of reach in the fifth inning with three runs.

The Red Arrows' only

runs came in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

The Red Arrows managed just five hits off the Zeeland starter. Geelhoed had two, and Katie Blough and Noelle Dewey each had a double.

FHC 3 Lowell 2

"It's ironic, Forest Hills did to us what we wanted to do to them," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse said. He was referring to the bunt the Rangers laid down in the bottom of the seventh inning which led to the game-winning run.

Central's lead-off batter got on base on a single. The Rangers laid down a sacrifice bunt, the throw to first sailed past the first baseman and down the right field line, scoring the game-winning run all the way from first on a bang-bang play at the plate.

"Eickhoff (Amanda) pitched a great game," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse said.

She gave up three runs on four hits while walking four and striking out three.

Lowell managed two runs on three hits against FHC's Ashley Walker. The Ranger hurler struck out 10 Red Arrow batters.

Central scored single runs in the first, sixth and seventh innings. Lowell tallied their two runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Northview 7 Lowell 0

Lowell was shutout on four hits by the Wildcats.

Lacey Capen pitched for the Red Arrows, allowing eight runs on 12 hits while walking two and striking out three Northview batters.

Jacque Benedict had two of Lowell's four hits.

"Northview hits the ball well and plays good bunt defense," Rodenhouse explained.

Lowell golf team places fourth in league

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls golf coach, Rick White has been saying all season long Jenny Gunberg is one of the top golfers in the O-K White.

Gunberg proved that one more time - this time in the league meet at the par 72 L.E. Kaufman golf course.

The Red Arrow shot an 83 (42-41) placing second to Forest Hills Northern's Kim Kester (79).

"Jenny played real well. Holes one and two were her worst two holes. After that she played even with Kester

the rest of the way," White explained. "Finishing second in this tough conference is quite an accomplishment."

Gunberg's teammates mixed a good nine and a mediocre nine as Lowell finished fourth with a team score of 382.

The league meet's top three teams were Forest Hills Northern 355; East Grand Rapids 358 and Forest Hills Central 373.

Following Lowell were Northview 398 and Zeeland 432.

Other Lowell individual scores were Erin Mooney 98

(47-51); Tara Kuipers 98 (54-44); and Jeanie Dunn 103 (55-48).

The Red Arrows tied Central for third during the dual meet season. The two clubs traded one-shot victories. The Rangers' win at the conference meet, however, vaulted Central into third place overall and dropped Lowell to fourth.

"With the exception of Jenny, we just couldn't put 18 holes of good golf together," White said. "Today, Central just had more depth."



Lowell's Jordan Moore brings the baton home in the 800-meter relay.



Mark Catlin races out of turn one in the 800 relay.

Lowell's Roberts is lone state qualifier

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Andy Roberts will join the state's elite for the Division II state track meet on June 1.

Roberts qualified for the meet in the 110 high hurdles. Roberts was fourth overall with a time of 15.1. The top three places in each event qualified, plus athletes with state qualifying times and distance.

Roberts' time of 15.1 was faster than the state qualifying time of 15.4.

"Overall, it was a nice way to finish the season. The team did better in the regional than it did at our conference meet. I think the boys finished on a positive note," Lowell boys track coach, Russ Stevens said.

The Lowell coach recognized the impressive efforts of his 800- and 3200-meter relay teams, Travis DeVoid, Dave Hefferan and Matt Foster.

DeVoid placed sixth in the shot put with a throw of 46' 7".

Hefferan earned a fourth in the discus with a distance of 136' 1".

Foster was fourth in the 400-meter run at a time of 52.8.

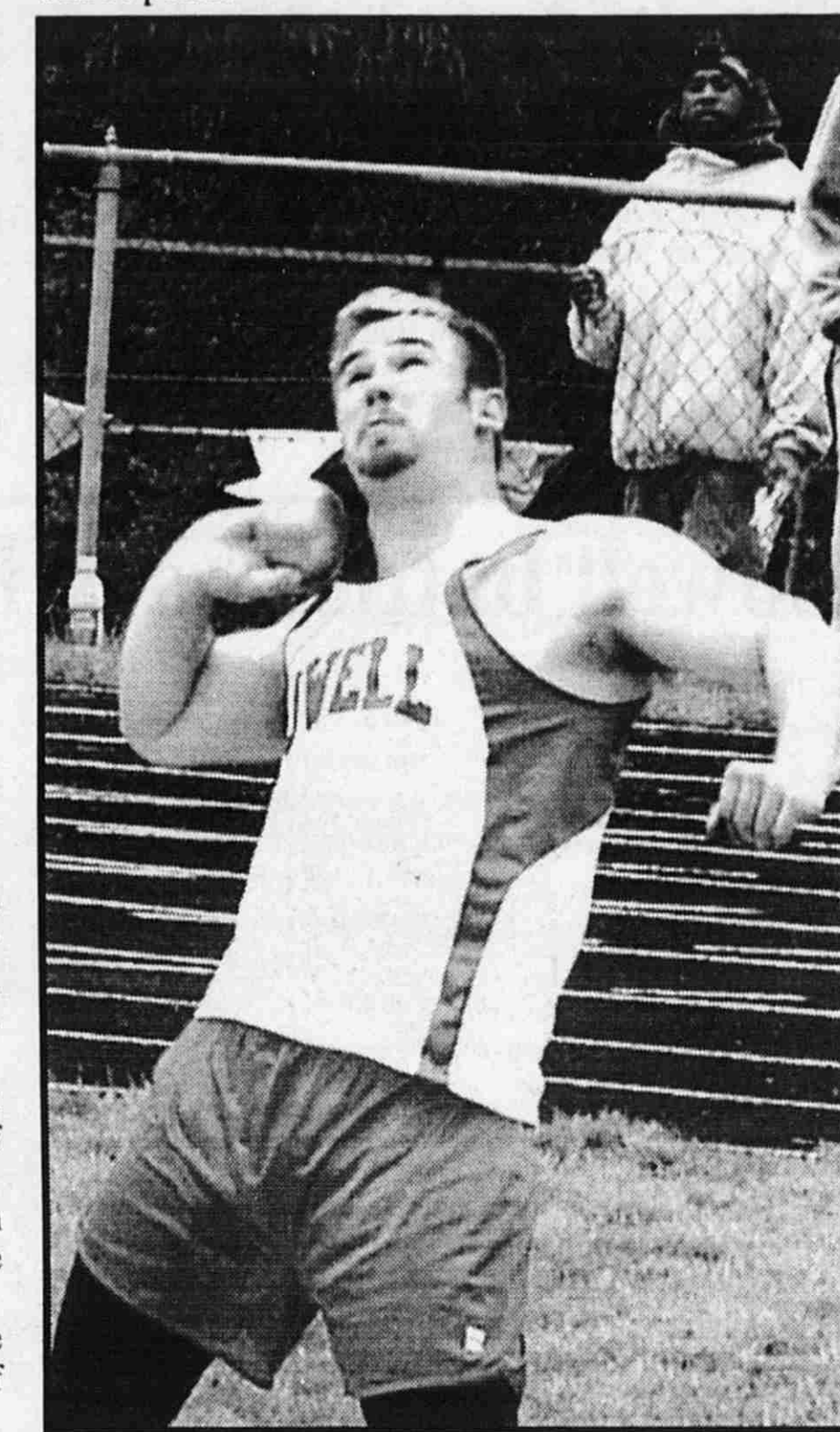
The Red Arrow 800-meter relay team finished third, coming home in 1:34.

In the 3200-meter relay, Lowell was sixth, stopping

the clock at 8:38.1.

Charlotte won the regional with 114 points. Harper Creek was second with 85 and Lansing Waverly was third with 64 points.

East Grand Rapids was fourth (44); Ionia, seventh (26) and Lowell, ninth with 20 points.



Travis DeVoid placed sixth in the shot put in the regional Saturday at Harper Creek-Lakeview.

TENNIS ANYONE??

Community-Wide Tennis Lessons
for all ages/all levels

June 18th thru July 19th (5 weeks)

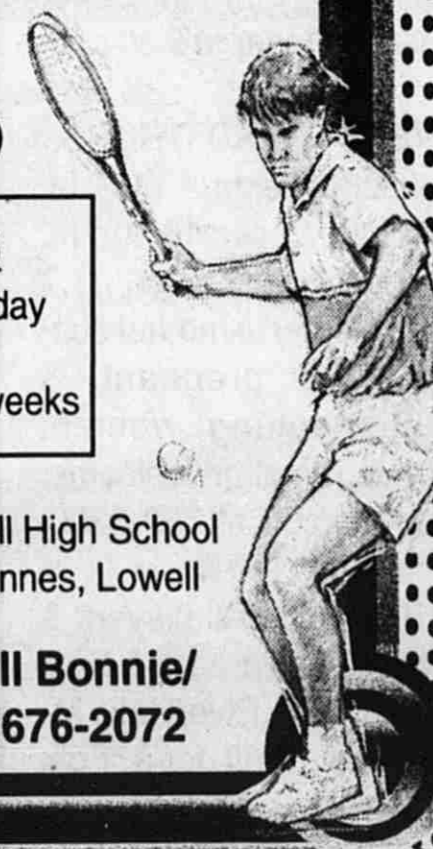
KIDS Ages 5-18
Monday/Thursday
Mornings
\$40 for entire 5 weeks

ADULTS
Tuesday/Thursday
Evenings
\$25 for entire 5 weeks

FREE
T-shirts
to all players
pre-registered
by Wed.,
June 5th

Sign-up/Registration at Lowell High School
Athletic Office, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell

Any Questions call Bonnie/
Dr. Roger Wall at 676-2072



Family Dentistry & Braces Todd Gillan, D.D.S.

Quality Dental Care
For You & Your Family

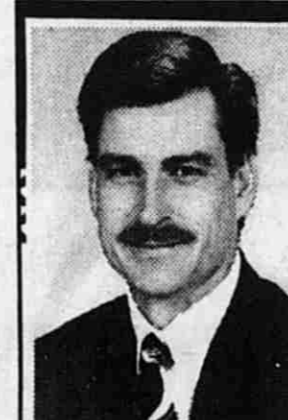
- We Welcome New Patients
- Early Morning & Evening Appointments Available
- We Cater To Cowards
- Free Evaluation For Braces



(across from Family Fare Shopping Plaza)
2186 W. Main • Lowell

897-8491

NOT A SPECIALIST

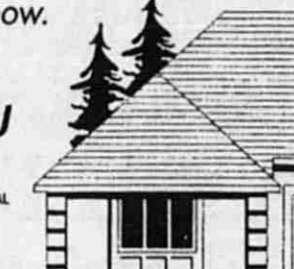


MARK JOHNSON
6095-28th Street Ste. 4
Grand Rapids, MI
49546 - 940-8181

SAVE ON YOUR AUTO & HOME INSURANCE...

If you have your personal auto and homeowners insurance with us, both policies will cost you less. Exclusively for Michigan drivers and homeowners... from Farm Bureau Insurance. Call now.

Making Your Future More Predictable
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL • FARM BUREAU LIFE • FARM BUREAU GENERAL
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com



HAVING CLOUDY DAYS? NEED WORK?



Come Shine With Manpower!

RECRUITING FOR:

- Machine Operator
 - Plastic Injection Mold
 - Filler Packer/Skid Loader
 - Hi Lo Operator (Certified)
- APPLY TODAY

MANPOWER
505-D W. Main, Lowell
897-0050 EOE

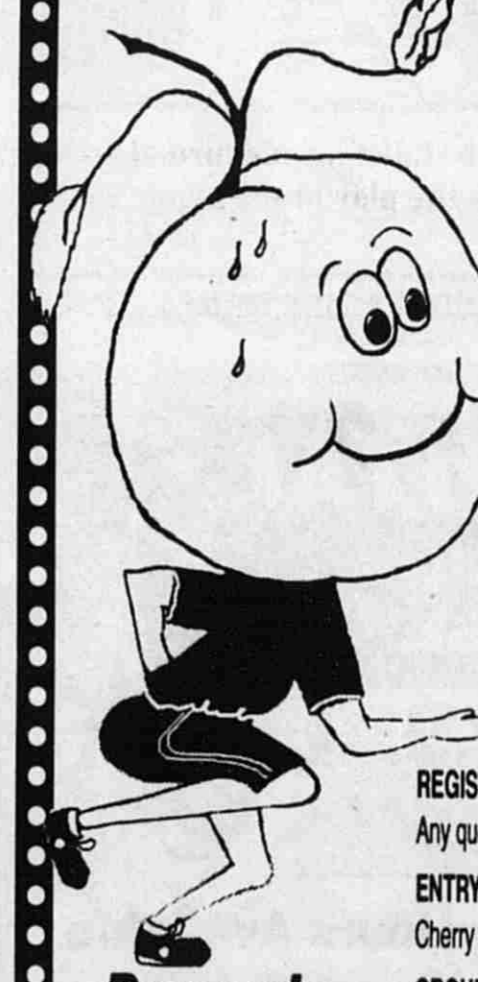
Come Join The Fun!

STARTING TIME 8:00 AM!

8th Annual

CHERRY CREEK 5k

CLASSIC WALK/RUN



REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-5254 evenings.

ENTRY FEE: Now until June 3th, \$15, June 4th to race day, \$20. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$12 per person up until June 4.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 7th, 2002 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School - north entrance.

AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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

LAST NAME _____
FIRST NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
MALE _____ FEMALE _____ AGE _____
SHIRT SIZE (circle) XL L
5K RUN _____ 5K WALK _____
Signature Participant (Or if under 18 of parent) _____

I know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high and low temperatures, traffic and conditions of the road, all risks being known by me. Having read this waiver and knowing all the facts and in consideration of my accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone to act on my behalf, waive and release the city of Lowell, Vergennes & Lowell Township, Cherry Creek Classic and in all participants, all volunteers, Race Director, and all sponsors involved in this event their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant my permission to all of the foregoing to use photographs, motion pictures, recording or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose. Event directors have the right to cancel the event due to severe weather. Race fees are non-refundable.

2.5 ton air-conditioning and 75,000 BTU Furnace (80% Eff) package Including thermostat & humidifier installed to your existing ductwork
\$2,500.00 (tax included) (Call For Details)

2.5 ton air conditioning package Installed to your existing ductwork.
\$1,395.00 (tax included) (Call For Details)

Offer Expires 5/15/2002

Prctic, Inc. HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
visit us at www.heatingcoolingonline.com
1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-4123 or toll free 1-866-814 HEAT

Spring is Here.

VISA MasterCard

Red Arrows find second half intensity en route to win over Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's soccer team was winning 1-0 at half, but they were being beaten physically by Hudsonville.

"I told the girls I didn't see the intensity and aggression that they had been playing with," said Lowell coach, Ryan Conlan.

The Lowell coach told them if their opponent was going to be physical, they had to be physical back - they needed to play with an attitude.

"The girls responded in the second half and played strong. They took the game to Hudsonville," Conlan said.

The result was a 3-0 win and sole possession of fourth place in the O-K White. It marked the best finish (3-3) in the school program's five-year history.

The win also determined home-field advantage for Lowell in its first round game against the Eagles in the conference tourney.

"When we play with urgency and great effort, we're a good soccer team," Conlan explained.

Lowell's first-half goal was netted by Amanda Rau off a rebound from an Amy Oberlin shot.

The two second-half goals were netted by senior Laura Horsley. Her first goal came at the 33 minute mark of the second half. Horsley volleyed a Rau crossing shot out of the air and into the Eagle net.

Her second goal came roughly 18 minutes later after Jessica Quist hustled to a deflected ball, crossed it in front of the goal, with Horsley there to put it in.

"I tell the girls 'hustle' to make a play they don't think they

can as if they're gonna make it," Conlan explained.

Lowell 4 Greenville 0

Lowell finished up the nonconference part of its schedule with a shutout over the Yellowjackets.

Senior Jenny Wagner, who has played defensive midfielder most of her four years of soccer, got a chance at sweeper against Greenville.

It resulted in Wagner scoring her first career goal. She netted the goal from roughly 23 yards out.

Other Red Arrows to record goals were Amy Oberlin (2) and Blair Meyer (1).

Lowell battles back in win over Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A six-run fifth inning allowed Lowell to battle back from a 6-2 deficit to defeat Zeeland in game one of a doubleheader 8-7.

The Chix took the lead in their half of the fifth on a grand slam.

Lowell rallied for six runs on a hit batsman, two walks, a sacrifice, two singles and a double, and a fielder's choice.

"We had a little of everything," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel.

Bill Harrison and Wade Gilchrist were the only Red Arrow hitters with multiple hits. Harrison was 2-for-4 with a double, and Gilchrist went

2-for-3 with a double, home run and three RBI.

Lowell scored single runs in the third and fourth innings.

Brad Eldridge pitched seven innings allowing seven runs on nine hits. He is now 3-3 in the league and 6-3 overall.

Game two was called after seven innings at 2-2 due to darkness.

Andy McQueen started and went four innings; he was relieved by Brian White who pitched three innings and struck out six batters. "They both threw well. Neither guy walked a batter," said Antel.

Northview 8 Lowell 5

Over a three-four game stretch prior to its game with Northview, Lowell had erased many of the physical and mental mistakes from its game.

They reappeared in force against the Wildcats.

"We just had too many mistakes (seven errors)," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel. "They came at critical times. You can't make critical errors and win."

Lowell's starting pitcher tossed six innings allowing six runs (four unearned) while walking one, striking out three and absorbing an 8-5 loss.

Adam Kuzmin allowed two runs in one inning of relief.

Lowell trailed 1-0 going into the third inning. The Red Arrows rallied with four runs in their third to take the lead.

"I thought we were in pretty good shape leading 4-1 going into the fifth inning with Brad on the mound," Antel said.

Northview scored seven times over the last three innings - four in the fifth, two in the sixth and one in the seventh.

BB, cont'd pg. 17



Red Arrow shortstop, Andrew Benedict, picks and throws to first.



Bill Harrison slides underneath the tag into second base.



Matt Barry, Lowell second baseman, fires to first to nail a Zeeland batter.

Lowell qualifies for state in seven events; 2nd at regional

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's quest for a regional championship in girls' track was delayed for another year Saturday at Harper

records in the pole vault and high hurdles.

Nicole Gillikin surpassed her previous mark (9-6) as she cleared 9'7 1/2" and claimed first.

Natalie Kent reset the school record (one she owned) in the high hurdles. She stopped the clock in a time of 15.30, finishing second behind Mason's Amber Boyic 15.20. Lowell's Krystal White was fifth in a time of 16.10. Both Kent and White qualified for the state meet in the event.

Kent also qualified for the state meet in the 400-meter dash as she came home in a winning time of 1:00.50.

White qualified for state in the 300 hurdles, placing second at 47.7 to Rachel Breton of Parma Western who came home in 46.50.

Heather Becker won the regional in the discus with a distance of 108' 3".

The Red Arrows' 800- and 1600-meter relay teams will also compete in the state meet in Grand Rapids (Houseman Field) on June 1.

The Red Arrows' 800 relay team was edged by Lansing Waverly (1:49.70). Lowell finished in 1:49.71.

Lowell qualified for state in the 1600-meter relay despite a sub-par performance.

Lowell finished third with a time of 4:14.60. A week ago the Red Arrows stopped the clock in 4:09.34.

"Our handoffs and splits were terrible," Talus explained.

Lowell's Kim Huysler placed third in the 100-meter dash, stopping the clock at 13.00.

Lowell's 400-meter relay team finished third with a time of 52.61.

Lisa Wojciakowski placed fourth in the 800-meter run, coming home in 2:27.70.

Lowell's Sarah Swab was sixth in the 3200-meter run, finishing in 12:13.20.



Natalie Kent, left, placed second in the 100 hurdles.

BB, cont'd... From Page 16

Lowell stranded runners at second and third in its last at-bat.

FHC 8 Lowell 6

For a second straight game Lowell built an early lead. The Red Arrows led 5-2 after two-and-a-half innings, however the Rangers battled back with three in the third, one in the fifth and two in the sixth to earn the league win.

Ryan Nugent started and pitched two innings allowing four runs on four hits while striking out one hitter.

Bryan White pitched 3 1/3 innings allowing three runs on three hits. Bill Harrison gave up a run in one inning of relief when White was taken out of the game after taking a line drive off the forearm.

At the plate, Lowell's Matt Barry collected two hits including a bases-empty home run. Nate Sloan had one hit - a two-run homer.

Andrew Benedict rapped out three hits including an RBI double. Austin Hunt tallied two hits.

"We had opportunities with runners in scoring position but could not capitalize," Antel said. Lowell pounded out 10 hits against Ranger pitching.

Creek-Lakeview in Battle Creek.

East Grand Rapids, who lost to Lowell in the conference dual meet, tied the Red Arrows at the conference meet and on Saturday surpassed Lowell to win the regional with 92 points. The Red Arrows finished second with 83.

"It was close. We knew it would be," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus. "It could have gone either way. We would have liked to have won, but we had some real good individual performances."

Lowell qualified for the state meet in seven events and along the way set two school



Lowell's Krystal White was stride for stride with Lansing Waverly. Lowell finished the 800-meter relay in 1:49.71. Waverly was clocked in 1:49.70.

Need Extra Cash? Clean Out The Closets With An Ad In The

CLASSIFIEDS

 FOR RENT	SERVICES	SERVICES	SERVICES	SERVICES	SERVICES
FOR RENT - Lower 1 bedroom, 1 bath, \$450 per mo. includes electric & some heat, non-smoking. Call 897-7038.	NEW DOG GROOMING SALON OPEN IN ALTO - Call for appt. today, 868-0215, ask for Jeanne. Bring this ad & save \$3!	WORK WANTED - Vinyl siding, windows, doors, decks, general remodeling, painting. Hull's Construction & Painting 897-7792; Licensed & Insured.	RENTERS! WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN BUY? - Over 60 different zero/low down payment programs available. Example: Employed with average credit, \$694.80 a month buys a \$99,000 home with zero down, 30 year @ 7.5% APR. Call Scott or Michelle at (800) 282-0325 ext. 313 or 616-464-1348 to pre-qualify. C T X M O R T G A G E COMPANY.	THINKING ABOUT REMODELING? - Adding an addition or fixing that old roof? We also do siding, windows, kitchens & baths, ceramic tile, pole barns, decks, concrete, water-scapes & much more. Call the experts - JLS Contracting, Inc. Licensed & Insured. One call does it all. Call Gary 299-6989.	BED & BREAKFAST - McGee Homestead. Gracious accommodations for your out-of-town guests. Gift certificates available. Call 897-8142 or www.iserv.net/mcgee.
FOR RENT - Caledonia 1 bedroom plus, previously remodeled, partly furnished, peaceful, ample parking. \$440 total down payment & pay ALL buyers closing costs. Homes available from \$59,900 to \$199,000. Call Scott or Michelle at (800) 282-0325 ext. 313 or 616-464-1348 to pre-qualify. C T X M O R T G A G E COMPANY.	\$164 MOVES YOU IN! - The realtors we work with have a list of over 85 homes for sale where the seller may accept \$164 total down payment & pay ALL buyers closing costs. Homes available from \$59,900 to \$199,000. Call Scott or Michelle at (800) 282-0325 ext. 313 or 616-464-1348 to pre-qualify. C T X M O R T G A G E COMPANY.	TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 897-9040.	QUALITY COLLISION REPAIRS - Let Bob's Body Shop repair your vehicle to factory specifications, using their new electronic measuring machine along with expert paint matching. Rental cars available while yours is being fixed. Call 897-9040 for details.	RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER - Service or new construction, reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.	TRUBLE HOOKING UP YOUR HOME ELECTRONICS? - Can't figure out how to make them work? Let me troubleshoot your problems. 897-8406 and leave a message.
HOME FOR RENT - In country, 4 bedrooms, 1 bath, appliances included. Saranac/Lowell Schools, non-smoker, small pet, \$665/mo. + deposit. Call 897-6075.	LEARN SPANISH THIS SUMMER! - \$8 for each 1 on 1 hour long session. If interested or have questions call Amy at 897-5517.	NEW DAYCARE OPENING IN ALTO - June 17. Accepting infants to school-age, part-time or full-time. Structured environment, licensed, food program. Call Amy at 868-0752.	QUICKBOOKS BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - and advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.		

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL

11610 E. Fulton St.

Bruce Langlois, D.V.M.

FAMILY PET PRACTICE

- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop Off & House Calls
- 24 Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming
- Sick or Injured Animals Seen The Same Day

Call 897-8484

We want to be your other family doctor!

GOING TO THE DENTIST DOESN'T HAVE TO HURT ANYMORE!

COMPLETE FAMILY DENTAL CARE

Accepting New Patients

"Gentle & Painless Dentistry Is Our Goal"

COMPLETE SERVICES:

- ✓ Gentle Dentistry for Children & Adults
- ✓ Immediate Emergency Treatment
- ✓ Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening
- ✓ Preventive Care
- ✓ Extractions/Broken Tooth Repaired
- ✓ Dentures (Same Day Repair)
- ✓ Insurance Plans Accepted
- ✓ Day & Evening Hours:

Monday 1 to 8 p.m.
 Tuesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Wednesday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Judd T. Carroll, D.M.D.

103 East Main • Lowell, Michigan

(616) 897-7595

CHEVROLET WE'LL BE THERE

Thomet

CHEVROLET. BUICK

1250 W. Main, Lowell 897-9294

Is Your Source For Top Quality GM Vehicles From:

Most Dependable, Longest-Lasting Trucks on the Road

It's All Good

It's All Good

A Great Selection Of Used Cars & Trucks & New Car Trades

Also See Us For Authorized GM Parts & Service

Need Extra Cash?
Clean Out The Closets With An Ad In The
CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED **FOR SALE** **FOR SALE** **FOR SALE** **EVENTS** **WANTED**

PUT YOUR PC TO WORK - \$25-\$75 per hour. PT/FT. Full training provided. Call 1-888-258-5319.

\$500/WEEK CUSTOMER SERVICE - We want you! Quality for \$1,000 summer bonus. Join a great company & start a new job. No experience required, hiring immediately. We offer: flexible hours, paid weekly, performance reviews, clean work environment, paid vacations. For one-on-one interview call 616-243-9132 between 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

LOOKING FOR A CHANGE? - We have an answer. Be self-employed. Set own hours. Complete Training Provided. Free Info. see-kyourdream.com 1 800-810-7311.

FOUR YARD WORK ASSISTANT NEEDED - Saturday, June 1 and June 8, 8am - noon, \$7.00 per hour. Good job for hard working students. Call 897-7882.

NOW HIRING - Companies desperately need employees to assemble products at home. No selling, any hours. \$500 weekly potential info. 1-985-646-1700 DEPT. MI 1853.

MCDONALD'S EXPRESS OF ADA - is looking to add 1-2 more people to our staff. We are very flexible with your scheduling needs, if you want to work mornings, lunch time, or dinner is fine with us. Full time is also available. Starting wage will be at least \$7.00 per hour and we will provide all the necessary training for you. We have a fun work environment so come and join our team. Please apply at the store or call Jill at 676-9727.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Concession stand manager needed for Lowell Area Schools Athletic Booster concessions located at Lowell High School. Please contact the Athletic office at Lowell High School 897-4442.

HOUSE WORK HELPER NEEDED - Temporary 5pm to 9pm. 7 evenings over 2 weeks. Must be thorough. Call 897-7882.

MOTORHOME FOR SALE - 1984 Southwind, big block Chevy motor, 53,000 miles, runs & drives perfect, interior in excellent condition. Only \$11,000. Call 676-2735.

CEDAR LOG BED - Queen, includes mattress. Bought, never used. Cost \$900, sell \$185. 517-626-7089.

'90 DODGE DAKOTA CLUB CAB - needs tune-up and transmission. \$800. Call 868-0556.

6 ROW CORN PLANTER - 950 Int. Case, \$2,250; corn seed Pioneer, 98 day, last year's. \$1 per pound. Call 868-6091.

SEASONAL ON BASS LAKE GOWEN - 12 x 65 mobile home, 10 x 18 awning, furnished, shed, dock, adult park. Excellent condition. \$10,500 obo. Call 897-5526.

HOUSE FOR SALE - Lowell, Vergennes, Flat River area. Close to town & school. Very large 2 story (2200+ sf), very nice condition. Exceptional country setting w/neighbors. Nearly an acre. All new kitchen, baths, floor coverings, paint, furnace, 6-panel doors, deck, etc. Vinyl siding, fireplace, all new appliances, main floor laundry, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Priced to sell by owner at \$139,900. Call 454-1035.

HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER - 9061 Vergennes, Ada, Lowell Schools, secluded, 2400 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath on 2.7 wooded acres. Hardwood oak floors & 6 panel doors. Professionally landscaped. \$259,900. Call 676-0727.

FOR SALE - Violin, Lewis, full size, \$250; demo dishwasher, \$100; MerCruiser prop., new, \$60. 897-5957.

1970 CORVETTE - Restored, \$25,000 or best offer. Call anytime after 4pm 868-6018.

LAND - (2) 10-acre parcels, all wooded, perked. Alto area. \$82,000 each. Call 897-5957.

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 11311 Fay St., Key Heights, Lowell- Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home. Oak trim, central air, deluxe appliances, many extras. Beautiful corner lot. Bought new 2 years ago and has over 2 years left on the 5 year extended warranty. \$35,000. (616) 975-9988.

LAND FOR SALE - Lowell, 5.42 acres w/pond, partially wooded, \$69,900 obo. Call 897-1424.

1985 SNAPPER 1650 LAWN TRACTOR - 16.5 hp engine (new), 48 inch mower deck, 42 inch SS snowblower. 897-8970.

'94 "FORMULA" FIREBIRD - (new body style) loaded w/all options including leather. T-tops for summer. LT-1 engine w/performance transmission. Strict regular maintenance. Lady-owned & driven from day one. 113,000 gentle miles. Looks & runs excellent! Must sell, have new baby on the way. Asking \$5,900. Call Barb, 897-6973.

AMISH KING LOG BED - (mattress in plastic), 2 mos. old. Cost \$1,200, sell \$195. 517-719-8062.

DIRECTV MINI-SATELLITE DISH - 2 receivers \$19.99 or 1 receiver FREE w/free install. We beat all advertised prices. New subscribers only. Call for details. 1-800-459-7357 K-20.

HOUSE FOR SALE - Ranch style, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, full basement with daylight window, new well & many more updates. Vergennes township, Lowell schools. Asking \$139,900. 897-5654.

DISCOUNT MANUFACTURED HOMES - Repossessed, late model homes offered at discounted prices. Some like new. Some fixer uppers. Financing available. All offers considered. North Harbor Homes, 800-824-9811 or 616-822-2318.

PILLOWTOP QUEEN MATTRESS - Luxury plush, 2 mos. old (Bought, never used) Cost \$800, sell \$225. 517-204-0587.

KAWASAKI - 1998 1100 STX jet ski, w/Karavan double trailer, includes cover. Excellent condition. \$5,300. 868-1345 or 616-292-0678.

LOCAL CHANNELS - Now available on Dish Network. Get top 50 channels & 7 local channels for only \$28.98 per month. Call for details. Tom's Satellite Systems, 897-2016.

GEHL HAYRAKE FOR SALE - Call 616-795-4666.

LEAFVAC, CHIPPER, BAGGER - Used once, Sears, 2001 model, \$250. Call 691-9899.

1987 BASS BOAT - 200 h.p., 19 ft., \$4,500 obo. Call 897-1597.

KEY HEIGHTS - 1998 Fleetwood 16x80, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, great floor plan, Thermo windows, low down, low payment. North Harbor Homes, 1-800-824-9811.

FOR SALE SCHNORKIES - Shi-Tzu, Yorkie mix, cute, loveable, home raised, non shedding, 1st shots and wormed, males \$300; females \$325. Call 616-527-0661.

MOTORHOME - 1997 Southwind Storm 34ft. with slideout, very clean, well maintained, 40,000 miles, 454 Chevy Vortec, \$47,900. 897-1788.

LOWELL - New 3 bedroom, 2 bath condos overlooking woods. Starting at \$129,000. Call The Hanson/Breuker Team at Grand Rapids Real Estate at 878-7170.

PONTIAC GRAND AM GT - black, 4 dr, loaded, sunroof, 70,000 miles, warranty, \$11,300 obo. 676-9878.

BOOKS FOR SALE - over 200 selections, magazines also. Daily 1-5 pm., 13416 Grand River Dr.

LARGE DOGHOUSE - fair shape; cardio exercise equipment, excellent shape. Best offer or free. Call 897-9879.

TRACTOR PARTS - Tires, transmission, misc.; electric dryer; Steelcase desk; wedding dress, Size 16 with 9ft. train, bought \$800 selling \$300. Call 616-693-2206.

LOTS FOR SALE BY OWNER - Between Ionia & (Saranac Schools), M-21 to Johnson Rd., North to Sayles, left 1/8 mile. Ideal for walkout. Perk tests are done. Lot A 5.89 - \$40,000; Lot B 6.61 - \$42,000; Lot C 7.29 - \$44,000. Phone 616-642-6767 or 616-642-9694.

HORSE FOR SALE - Gelding Paint, approximately 15 years old, 16 hands, excellent for experienced rider and a gentleman. 897-7843.

FOR SALE - Pull behind lawn roller, \$150; Craftsman 10 inch radial arm saw, \$250. Call 897-5629.

FOR SALE - Riding mower, \$300. Needs tune-up. Call 676-3755.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Grattan Fire Dept. Auxiliary will be hosting a memorial Day Pancake Breakfast from 7-11 a.m. at Grattan Harbor Homes, 1-800-824-9811.

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, May 26. One Million Antiques. 400 exhibitors. Food, picnic areas. Show rain or shine. 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$3.00 admission. Free parking at the fairgrounds, right in Allegan, Michigan.

IONIA COUNTY 4-H OPEN HORSE SHOW - May 26, 2002. Scoot-N-Boots Arena 9:00am sharp. Judge: Linda Schuberg. Any questions? Call Jackie Foster 868-6766.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR JIM BLODGETT - Wednesday, June 5, 4:30 - 6:30 at Cherry Creek Elementary. If you were or are a student of Jim Blodgett's, or a parent of one of his students, or a co-worker, or a friend, you are invited to a Retirement Open House, honoring and celebrating his many years of teaching, and his impact on so many young lives.

FREE - Government & Private Money You Never Repay! Grants for housing purchase/repairs, education, business, musicians, writers. Phone 9 am. - 9 pm. CST Monday - Saturday 800-339-2817.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME - Australian Shepherd, 2 year old male. Call 897-8276.

FREE

FREE - Government & Private Money You Never Repay! Grants for housing purchase/repairs, education, business, musicians, writers. Phone 9 am. - 9 pm. CST Monday - Saturday 800-339-2817.

CARD OF THANKS

SALES

EAST CENTRAL KENT CO. - Fantastic Real Estate Auction 6/11. 370 acres in 23 parcels. Wooded parcels, great building parcels, hunting parcels. Investment possibilities. Super location! Call for details! Belcher-Dingman-Spaulling Auctioneers, 888-810-6711. Exit Realty-Stout Group, 616-866-3300.

NEW DAYCARE OPENING IN ALTO - June 17. Accepting infants to school-age, part-time or full-time. Structured environment, licensed, food program. Call Amy at 868-0752.

RIDE NEEDED - 1st shift from Lowell to Patterson/Airport area. Will pay for gas. Call 897-1160 or 361-6456.

ROOMMATES WANTED - Call Lena @ 897-1298 or 987-0123.

WANTED - House to paint this early summer. Experience, free estimate & references available. Call 676-2525.

LOOKING FOR PORCELAIN DOLL CLASSES - Anyone teaching them please call Debbie at 897-9082.

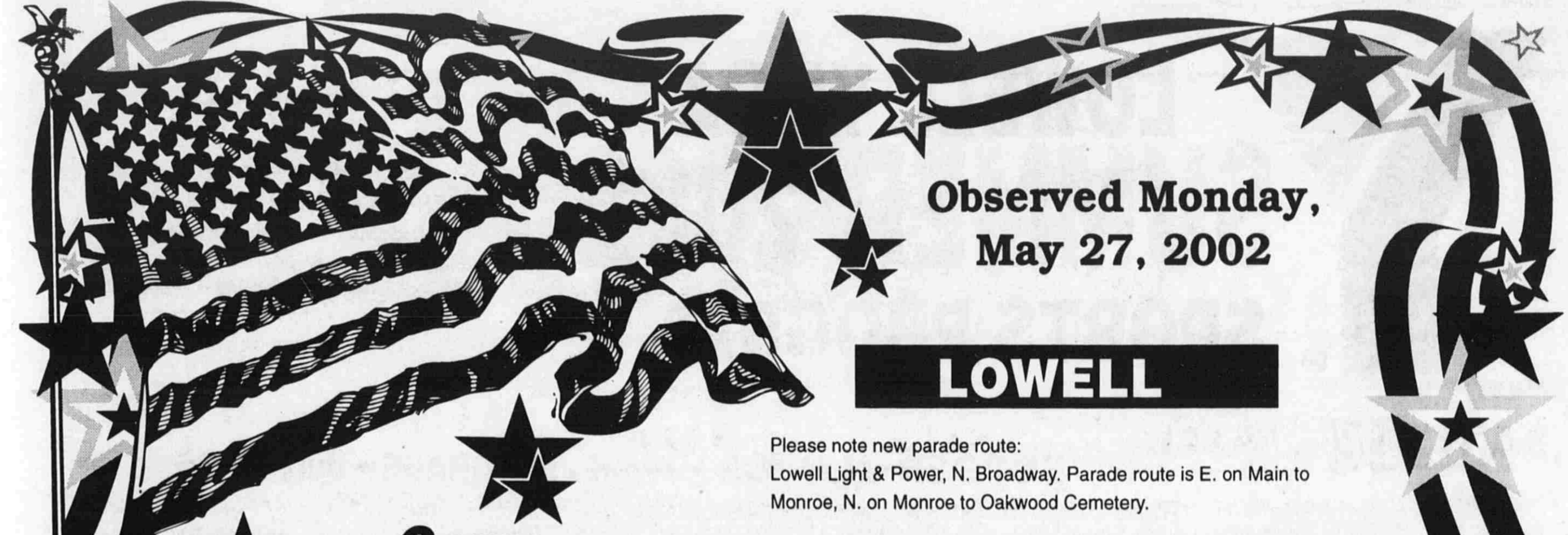
IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD C. BEACH who was taken from us suddenly in a car accident 20 years ago on May 23, 1982.

Your presence among us cut short by surprise. The ultimate sadness brought into our lives. Your spirit, your style, the sound of your name, Please know that we miss you, It's just not the same. We share the memories, We share the tears, too, for the rest of our lives We'll remember you. Lovingly, Your family

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express a special thank you to all our family and friends for all the calls of concern, cards, gifts, meals and for taking care of all the extra things that needed to be taken care of while Troy was in the hospital. We are so lucky to have family and friends like you! Your thoughtfulness means so much to us. P.S. Papa & Bonna, your grand-dog Nikki says she is sorry for digging those holes in your yard during her stay with you that week. Love, Troy & Angie Sloan



Observed Monday,
May 27, 2002

LOWELL

Please note new parade route:
Lowell Light & Power, N. Broadway. Parade route is E. on Main to Monroe, N. on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery.

PARADE STARTS AT 9:30 A.M.

PARADE MARSHAL: Gordon Marshall, V.F.W. Post 8303. Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

FLOATS ARE WELCOME BUT NO CANDY TOSSING PLEASE! Floral tributes by civic organizations and clubs are encouraged. All veterans, uniformed or not, are invited to participate.

BOWNE CENTER

8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

14th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute. 7:00 - 10:30 a.m.: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast 11:15 a.m.: Memorial Day Tribute & Bridge Walk ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

Come
Join The
Celebration!
SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at Erv Taylor Avenue at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a program at the cemetery. Speaker: Fred Morris, Campbell Township Trustee. FREE BREAKFAST for parade participants at the American Legion prior to parade.

ALTO MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Sunday, May 26 @ 2 p.m. Speaker: Rev. Gary Dougherty.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

105th Meeting, noon at South Boston Bible Church. Potluck following service at Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Pastor Ron Tuinstra

THIS AD IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES:

Hahn Hardware
207 E. Main, Lowell
897-7501

Speerstra Insurance Agency
835 W. Main, Lowell
897-9259

Huntington Bank
414 E. Main, Lowell
897-4153

State Farm Ins. Roger Chapman
217 W. Main, Lowell
897-9237

Ionia County National Bank
2601 W. Main, Lowell
897-6171

Family Fare Supermarket
2153 W. Main, Lowell
897-4106
Pharmacy 897-0516

Vennen Chrysler-Dodge-Plymouth
930 W. Main, Lowell
897-9281

Keiser's Kitchen
700 E. Main, Lowell
897-8455

Buyers Guide
105 N. Broadway
Lowell
897-9555

Touch of Country
96 W. Main, Lowell
897-0329

JB Harrison Insurance Agency
6090 Alden Nash, Alto
868-0050

Sneakers
211 E. Main,
Lowell
897-6746

Lowell Granite Co.
306 E. Main, Lowell
897-7191

Larkins
301 W. Main, Lowell
897-5977

Showboat Automotive
1450 W. Main, Lowell
897-9231

L & A Rent-All
2401 W. Main
Lowell
897-8451

Thomet Chevrolet-Buick
1250 W. Main, Lowell
897-9294

Lowell Tire Center Ronda Tire
746 W. Main, Lowell
897-6200

Roth Gerst
305 N. Hudson, Lowell
897-7101

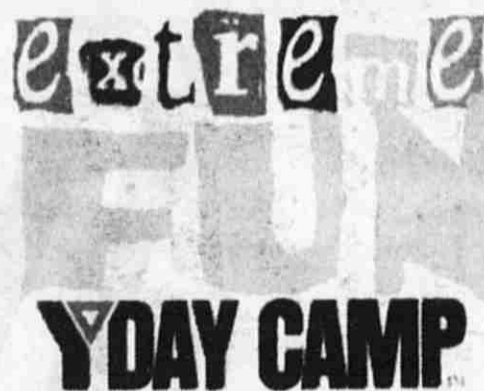
City Of Lowell
301 E. Main, Lowell
897-8457

LOWELL YMCA SUMMER 2002 SPORTS PROGRAMS

Kids Night Out

Friday night fun just for
boys and girls ages 5-12

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY
FRIDAY, MAY 24 • 6:30-9:00 P.M.
Snacks • Games • Contests • Dancing
Movies • Gym Activities • Arts & Crafts
Member: \$12 • Program Member:
\$15 • Non-Member: \$18



SOCCER CLINICS • Pre-K - 5th GRADE • July 22-26

These camps will focus on developing the fundamentals of soccer. Four and five-year-olds will work on basic skills, start to learn teamwork and make new friends. Kindergarten and first graders will focus on improving skills, learn positions, terminology and rules; and our camp for second through fifth grades will go deeper into game play, strategies and refining of skills. Seasoned YMCA coaches will lead all camps.

4&5 YEARS OLD • Monday/Wednesday/Friday • 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Member: \$10 • Program Member: \$20 • Non-Member: \$30

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE: Monday-Friday • 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Member: \$15 • Program Member: \$30 • Non-Member: \$40

2ND-5TH GRADE: Monday-Friday • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Member: \$25 • Program Member: \$40 • Non-Member: \$50

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY

JUNE 17 - AUGUST 26

- Weekly Field Trips • Swimming
- Camp Manitou-Lin • Arts & Crafts

Any child who has completed kindergarten up to 12 years old is able to come and join the fun!

Member: \$135/week • \$28/day

Program Member: \$150/week • \$32/day

Non-Member: \$160/week • \$34/day

T-BALL PROGRAM

3-6 Year-Olds

BIRCH FIELD

June 25-July 30 • Tuesday Nights

(Registration Deadline: June 20 • \$5 late fee)

3 & 4 Year Olds: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

5 & 6 Year Olds: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This program will teach the basic fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and running the bases. We will work on group skills and following directions as well as having a lot of fun!

Member: \$24

Non-Member: \$38

KARATE

Mondays: 7:00-8:45 p.m.

(Families welcome)

Tuesdays: 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

(Adults only)

Thursdays: 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

(Youth only)

Have fun learning the Roken style of Karate while gaining self-discipline and respect.

Sensei Aaron Bailey uses his 12 years of experience to make the class challenging and fun.

Parents! - Learn the art of Karate with your child! Mondays are family nights, where both adults and youth learn together.

This is a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child.

Member: \$35/mo.

Program-Member: \$40/mo.

Non-Member: \$50/mo.

HOCKEY CLINICS • For 2ND-7TH GRADERS

All clinics will be held at Cherry Creek.

Offered in collaboration with Lowell High School Men's Hockey Program, this summer's Hockey Camps promise to offer high quality hockey instruction for your child. All clinics will focus on skills development, conditioning and safety. Each clinic will have game play. Required equipment includes: Hockey stick*, roller blades and knee pads.

Recommended equipment includes: elbow pads, gloves and shin guards.

*The YMCA will supply all helmets, pucks, balls & nets and make available some sticks.

SESSION I (June 24-28)

4th & 5th graders (*Roller Hockey) • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Member: \$33 • Program Member: \$38 • Non-Member: \$48

6th & 7th graders (Roller Hockey) • 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Member: \$38 • Program Member: \$42 • Non-Member \$52

SESSION II (July 8-12)

2nd & 3rd graders (Floor Hockey) • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

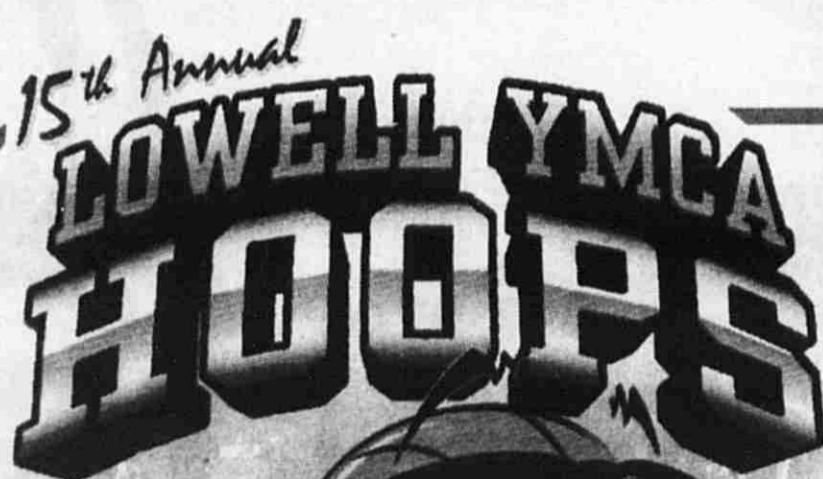
Members: \$33 • Program Member: \$38 • Non-Member: \$48

4th & 5th graders (*Roller Hockey) • 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Member: \$33 • Program Member: \$38 • Non-Member: \$48

6th & 7th graders (Roller Hockey) • 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Member: \$38 • Program Member: \$42 • Non-Member: \$52



3rd 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

YSPORTS.

JUNE 28, 29, 30

Age Brackets 8-18 Years
For Boys & Girls

LOCATION:

Cherry Creek Elementary
School Parking Lot • 12675 Foreman Rd.

FREE 3-POINT SHOOT OUT

Friday night - approx. 7:15 p.m.

Sign up at tournament site.

TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS!

\$78.00 per team

All entrants (girls & boys) must be 18 or under.
Age brackets for kids as young as 8 years old.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

By Phone: Call 897-8445

**In Person: Stop in at our Wellness Center
1335 W. Main
Lowell, MI**

Financial Assistance available to those who qualify.

YMCA MISSION:

To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.