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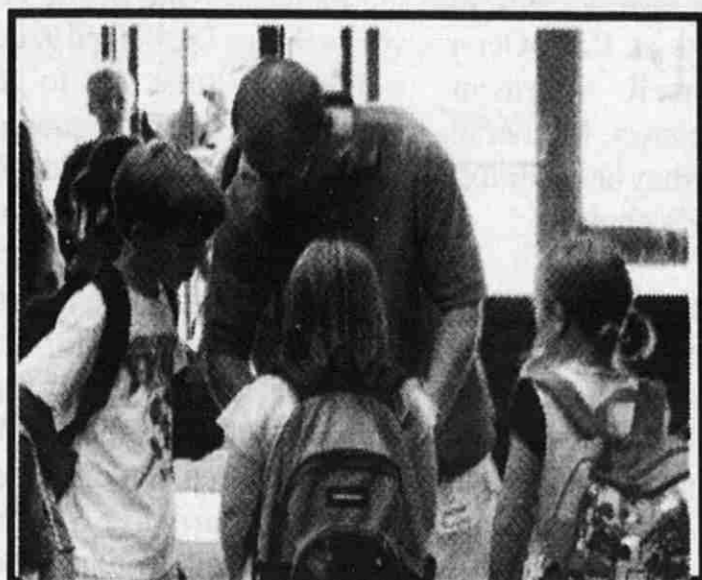
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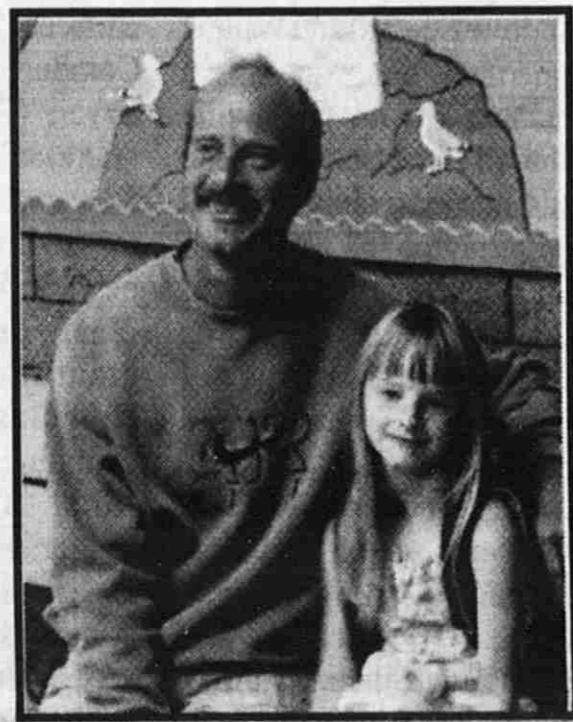
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Wednesday, August 28, 2002

HUDDLE UP!



Cherry Creek Elementary's doors opened to 860 smiling faces Tuesday morning as students gathered around parent volunteers for information and directions to classrooms. Pictured to the left (top and bottom), parent volunteer Paul Young helps students as they arrive for day one of the new school year. Pictured below, David Baird sits with his daughter, Shelby, prior to the start of school.



Public hearing set for central business sign ordinance

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

A sandwich board, a stand-alone sign, or a flag/pennant: Downtown merchants may soon be able to put one of these up to attract passersby to their businesses.

At its regular Monday night meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission unanimously voted to move forward on a sign ordinance for the central business district, first proposed by Lowell Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. The planning commission has set a public hearing on the ordinance change for its next meeting, Sept. 23.

The new ordinance would allow business owners in the central or historic business district to use ground signs, sandwich board-type signs, or flags/pennants to help advertise sales or publicize that business is open. The owner would have a choice

of one, with the sign not being larger than 12 square feet, no greater than four feet in height and three feet in width.

The change did meet with some objection from building inspector, Doug Hopkins. Co-worker, Brian MacCartny from Imperial Municipal Services, was there to represent Hopkins who was absent. He said their concern was over the flags, explaining they could be a distraction to drivers, block the sidewalk and generally create clutter.

Baker and several of the commission members, however, noted the flags would not be any larger than the American flags put out on the street by the city and could find no reason to prevent the use of them.

"One concern is that especially on the south side of the street where vehicles park in front of the building, people might not be able to

see a ground sign," Baker said, adding that a flag on a pole above a car would be visible.

"I don't see why if they have the American flags out, they can't have the 'open' flags as well," said planning commission member, Dan Pipe, who also said the Downtown Historical Commission agreed with the businesses that the commission did not need to review the design of these signs.

"We are limited to the building themselves," Pipe said.

In the end, with some minor adjustments in verbiage, the commission decided to move forward with the proposed changes, which include that such signs be taken in during non-business hours.

A concern was also raised over what would be on the signs; Baker said the signs would probably be more of

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Things in place for Saturday's Riverwalk Festival

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Downtown Historic Lowell will play host once again to the annual Riverwalk Festival on Saturday.

Festivities for the annual Labor Day weekend celebration begin at 10 a.m. with arts & crafts, food booths, a Lowell Community Health Fair and chainsaw sculpture.

The parade starts an hour later (11 a.m.) along Main Street featuring the Riverwalk Duck ... this year Bushnell Elementary principal, Karen Burd.

Live entertainment at the Showboat Amphitheatre begins at noon with Lowell Music Ensemble. Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Society takes the stage at 1 p.m. followed by Town Play at 2; The Proulx Brothers Kingston Trio Tribute at 3 and Vanishing Point at 4 p.m.

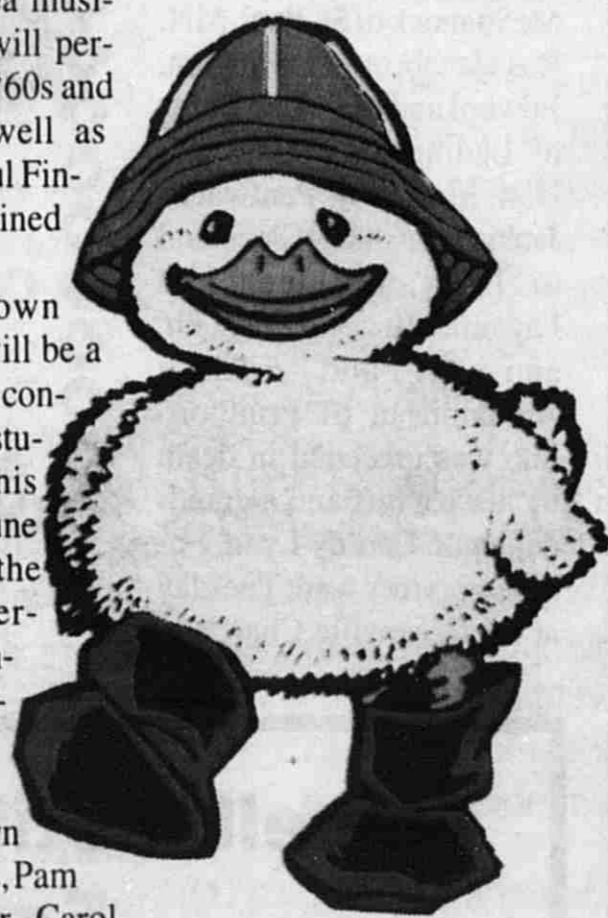
Town Play, community

pop/rock/country band comprised of Lowell area musicians and singers, will perform songs from the '60s and current songs, as well as "Jimmy Mack," "Soul Finger" and "Tear Stained Letter."

Following Town Play's music there will be a Scream It or Sing It contest for high school students and staff. This year's classic rock tune "Wild Thing" by the Troggs will be performed by willing contestants. For more information call 897-5069.

Members of Town Play include vocalists, Pam Jones, Sylvia Taylor, Carol Briggs, Stephanie Hicks, Marina Jones, Aly DeCenzo, and musicians Dave Jones, Ken Gregersen, Chris Collins, Jack Misner and Ryder Jones.

Music at the festival is



being sponsored by Fifth-Third Bank.

The duck race, on the Grand River, will leave the starting gate at the Division Street bridge at 5:30 p.m. This year's race is being sponsored by Huntington Bank and State Farm Insurance.

Area residents can sponsor a duck for \$5, giving them a chance to win \$1,000 (1st), \$300 (2nd) and \$200 (3rd) in cash prizes.

Other attractions at the festival include candy bar bingo (from 1-2 p.m.), an antique tractor display and the Englehardt Friends of the Library Used Book Sale.

Accident takes life of Vergennes boy

Ten-year-old Brandon Malling was killed Saturday after being struck by a car while retrieving the family's newspaper.

Malling was hit on Vergennes near Cumberland Avenue at approximately 12:30 p.m. He was struck by a westbound vehicle driven by a 31-year-old Lowell man who was driving himself to the hospital, suffering from abdominal pain.

The accident remains under investigation, according to Kent County Sheriff's Sgt. Warren Bender. The sergeant noted that it was unclear whether the medical condition contributed to the accident. He added that some things were still up in the air that would be uncovered in the investigation.

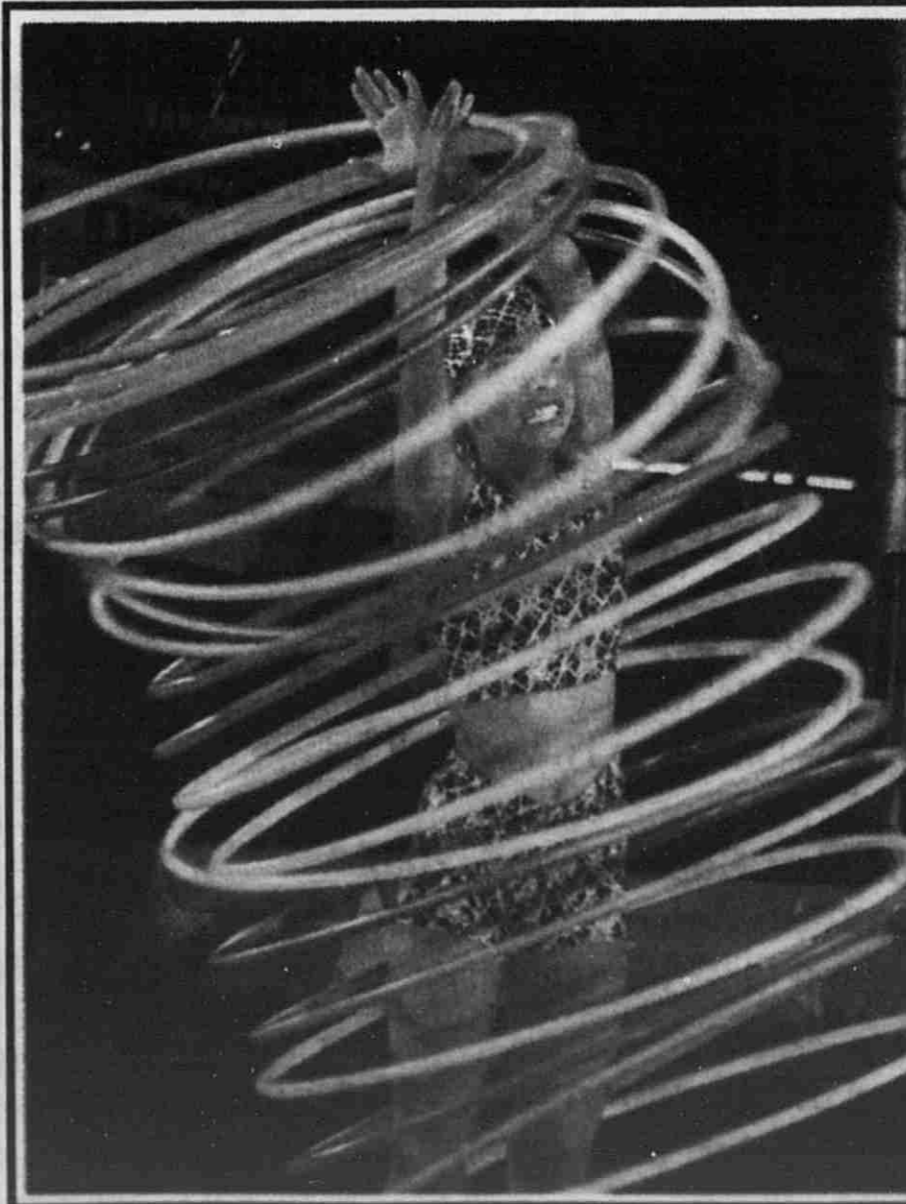
Malling's death delayed the start of school at Our Sav-

ior Lutheran School by a day so that friends could attend his funeral which was held on Tuesday.

The young Malling enjoyed baseball and basketball.

He was one of five children of Curtis and Cheryl Malling.

The family had recently purchased a home and moved into the Vergennes Township area.



Circus Hoopla

The Kelly Miller Circus, celebrating its 64th year, performed two shows on Sunday (2 and 4:30 p.m.) at the Lowell Fairgrounds. The shows were sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club. They featured elephants, horses, and a cast of international circus stars under the big top.



OBITUARIES



BROWN - Dwight (Brownie) C. Brown passed away at his home in Saranac, August 21, 2002. He was born in Deer Field Center, September 2, 1925, the son of

Hugh and Katherine (Haney) Brown. He married Phyllis Reynolds September 4, 1947, in Six Lakes. Brownie served as a Marine in WWII first Marine division in Okinawa and Tinian. He learned his printing trade after WWII on the GI Bill. He began printing in Mt. Pleasant and Belding before coming to Saranac in 1959. He purchased the Saranac Advertiser in 1958 and operated it until the last edition in 1970. In 1968 he had the idea of starting a classified ad newspaper - The Ionia County Shoppers Guide which he owned and operated until 1990. He was a

member and past commander of the Saranac American Legion, member of the Saranac VFW, Masonic Lodge, Cooties and also was instrumental in founding the Historical Color Guard. He was a past Ionia County Commissioner and past chairman of the board of the commissioners. He enjoyed antique cars, woodworking and his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Phyllis Brown of Saranac; sons Roger and Terese Brown of Florida Keys, Ed and Deb Brown of Ionia and John and Frances Brown of Saranac; daughters, Cathy Avery of Saranac and Shirley and Gary Christiansen of McBride; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, August 23 at Lake Funeral Home in Ionia with Rev. Ken Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to Hospice of Michigan or Saranac American Legion.

DROESE - Terry Alan Droese, aged 45, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, August 25, 2002. He was preceded in death by his mom, Dena Droese. Terry is survived by his wife Sharen; his loving children Sara and Tim who were also his best friends; brother Robert

(Marsha) Droese of Grand Rapids; sister Billie (Tom) Raczowski of Sacramento, CA; parents-in-law Irene and Carl Smestad of Grand Rapids; brother-in-law Jim (Vonda) Smestad of Grand Rapids; sisters-in-law Helen (Wayne) Sherwood of Kentwood, Barb Faluso of Lowell, Karen (Al) Krulek of Grand Rapids; and pets Annie, Davis, Coley; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Terry loved fishing, coaching and being with his children. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Rev. Dennis Smith of Faith Lutheran Church, officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made for Sara's and Tim's education fund.

MORSE - Eleanor Elizabeth Morse, aged 83, of rural Belding, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Sunday morning August 25, 2002 with her family at her side. She was born on January 9, 1919, in Ludington, the daughter of Andrew Edward and Winnie Lincoln Dains. She was a member of the Greenville Church of the Nazarene. She was married on July 27, 1940 in Ludington to Lester William Morse and he survives along with their children Eldon and Karen Morse of Nesbitt, MS., Marlene and Nick Zigterman of Lowell, Darleen and Jerry Krueger of Sparta, Joyce and Paul Stinger of Fruitport, Ivan Morse of Gowen, Eva and Bill West, Sharon Tallady and Rick and Jean Shook all of Texas. Eleanor is also survived by 30 foster children that she and Lester raised through the years, 28 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters Gilbert and Ada Dains of Ludington, Ethyl McShanock of St. Paul, MN, Rose Jacobson of Ludington, Edward and MaryLee Dains of Ludington, Flossie and Don Miller of Pentwater, Jackie and Chuck Cleveland of Irons, Kathleen and Lawrence Burns of Fountain, and Pat and Edward Archambeau of Fruitport. She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter Tammy Lynn. Funeral services were Tuesday at the Greenville Church of

the Nazarene with pastors John Barker and Udell Moss officiating. Interment in Otisco Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenville Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

MURPHY - Kathryn G. Murphy, aged 102, formerly of Lowell, passed away August 21, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo (Ted) and son Richard. Mrs. Murphy is survived by her children Jacqueline (Edward) Dauw of Lake Angelus, William (Barbara) Murphy of Pittsburgh, Pa; brother Samuel (Babe) Wingeier of Lowell; 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

ROTH - Richard Bruce Roth, aged 66, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wesley and Ruby Roth and brothers Jerald and Don. Mr. Roth is survived by his children Rick, Vickie (Orin) Comdure, Mike (Sandy) Roth, Bryan (Roxann) Roth, Lisa (Jake) Callier, Lori (Greg) Bowers, Mari (Rick) Onan; sister-in-law MaryLou Roth; nephew Wesley Roth; nieces Candy Speerstra, Stevie Fos; grandchildren Ryan Roth, Nicholas and Chelsea Comdure, Kelly and Emily Roth, Bryan Roth, Jacob Callier, Jesse and Nick Onan; and great-grandson Kaiden. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, Pastor Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Nazarene Home for their compassionate help during Dick's illness. He is survived by his wife, the former Laurene Ginter, whom he married on November 23, 1943; children Sandra Jean Smith and Larry Lee Snyder both of Lowell, Mitchell and Sandra Ruble of Lowell, Ohio, Mark and Charlotte Ruble of Marietta, Ohio, and Lorri Miller of Naples, Fla; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and special friends, Glenn and Florence Lyons. The service for Dick was Friday morning at Bostwick Lake Congregational UCC, Rockford, with Ila Flo Barfuss, minister of outreach, officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. Military Honors under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Holland Home.



LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**ORDINANCE NO. 2002-1
ADOPTED: August 19, 2002
EFFECTIVE: September 27, 2002**

An ordinance to secure the public health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and property owners of Lowell Charter Township, Kent County, Michigan by the regulation of noise within said Township and to prescribe the sanctions for the violation thereof.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL ORDAINS: SECTION I ORDINANCE TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as "The Lowell Charter Township Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance".

SECTION II DEFINITIONS

The following terms used in this Ordinance are defined as follow:

- (a) **DAYTIME HOURS:** The hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. local time.
- (b) **NIGHT HOURS:** The hours between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., local time.
- (c) **LOUD NOISE:** Sounds that can be heard at a distance greater than twenty five (25) feet during the night time hours or greater than fifty (50) feet during the day time hours

SECTION III ANTI-NOISE REGULATIONS

(a) **GENERAL REGULATION** No person, firm or corporation shall cause or create any unreasonable or unnecessarily loud noise or disturbance, injurious to the health, peace, or quiet of the residents and property owners of the Township.

(b) **SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS** The following noises and disturbances are hereby declared to be a violation of this Ordinance, provided, however, that the specification of the same is not thereby to be construed to exclude other violations of this Ordinance not specifically enumerated:

- (1) The playing of any radio, phonograph, compact disc, television, or other electronic or mechanical sound producing device, including any musical instrument in such a manner or with such volume as to unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons from nearby residential property.
- (2) Yelling, shouting, hooting or singing on the public streets between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. or at any time or place so as to unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity.
- (3) The emission or creation of any excessive noise which unreasonably interferes with the operation of any school, church, hospital or court.
- (4) The keeping of any animal, bird, or fowl, which emanates frequent or extended noise which shall unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity; such as allowing or permitting any dog to bark repeatedly in an area where such barking can be clearly heard from nearby residential property.
- (5) The operation of any automobile, motorcycle, snowmobile, all terrain vehicle, off road vehicle, watercraft, remote controlled hobby airplane, or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other unreasonable noise

including the noise resulting from exhaust, which is clearly audible from nearby properties and unreasonably disturbing to the quiet, comfort, or repose of other persons. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine, or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.

- (6) The sound of any horn or other device on any motor vehicle unless necessary to operate said vehicle safely or as required by the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code.
- (7) The discharging outside of any enclosed building of the exhaust of any steam engine, internal combustion engine, motor vehicle, or motor boat engine except through a muffler or other similar device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine, or the failure to maintain same so the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.
- (8) The erection, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or premises in any part of the Township, and including the streets and highways, in such a manner as to emanate noise or disturbance unreasonably annoying to other persons, other than between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and sundown on any day, except in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety. In such case, a permit shall be obtained from the Ordinance Enforcement Officer of the Township, which permit shall limit the periods that the activity may continue.

(9) The creation of a loud or excessive noise unreasonably disturbing to other persons in the vicinity in connection with the operation, loading or unloading of any vehicle, trailer, railroad car, or other carrier or in connection with the repairing of any such vehicle in or near residential areas.

(10) The use of any drum, loud speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention to any performance, show, sale, display or other commercial purpose which, by the creation of such noise, shall be unreasonably disturbing to other persons in the vicinity.

(11) The operation of a loudspeaker or other sound amplifying device upon any vehicle on the streets of the Township with the purpose of advertising, where such vehicle, speaker or sound amplifying device emits loud and raucous noises unreasonably disturbing to nearby residential property.

(12) The operation of any machinery, equipment or mechanical device so as to emit unreasonably loud noise which is disturbing to the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person.

(c) **EXCEPTIONS** None of the prohibitions hereinbefore enumerated shall apply to the following.

- (1) Any police vehicle, ambulance, fire engine or emergency vehicle while engaged in necessary emergency activities.
- (2) Excavation or repair of bridges, streets or highways or other property by or on behalf of the State of Michigan, Lowell Charter Township or the County of Kent, between sundown and 7:00 a.m. when the public welfare, safety and convenience render it impossible to perform such work during other hours.

- (3) Warning devices emitting sound for warning purposes as authorized by law.
- (4) Any agricultural equipment while engaged in normal agricultural activities including but not limited to planting, cultivation, irrigation and harvesting of crops.
- (5) Noises occurring between 7:00 a.m. and sundown caused by construction, repairs or demolition as long as a valid building permit has been issued by the Township and is currently in effect, and provided, such noise is not unduly excessive.
- (6) Noises occurring between 7:00 a.m. and sundown caused by maintenance of grounds, provided, such noise is not unduly excessive.
- (7) Noises emanating from the discharge of firearms are excluded, providing the discharge of firearms was authorized under Michigan Law and all local Ordinances.
- (8) The Lowell Charter Township Board may issue a permit, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of an application thereof, for a variance from this Ordinance for the purposes of a public or private meeting, concert, parade or other similar event. Application must be received by the Township Clerk at least forty-five (45) days prior to the event.

SECTION IV PUBLIC NUISANCE REGULATIONS

No Person, firm or corporation shall create, cause or maintain any public nuisance within the Township by the unreasonable emission of dust, smoke, fly ash or noxious odors which are offensive or disturbing to adjacent property owners and residents or persons in the area.

SECTION V FARMING OPERATIONS

No noise, emission or noxious odor resulting from normal and reasonable farming operations which otherwise comply with the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance shall be prohibited by any provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI SANCTIONS

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be responsible for a municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statute which shall be punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$500.00 along with costs which may include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the Township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction. In no case, however, shall costs of less than \$9.00 nor more than \$500.00 be ordered. A violator of this Ordinance shall also be subject to such additional sanctions and judicial orders as are authorized under Michigan Law. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance. The sanctions herein provided for shall be in addition to any injunctive or other relief, which might be available or appropriate under the circumstances.

SECTION VII SEVERABILITY

The several provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be separate; if any court of law shall hold that any section or provision thereof is invalid, such holding shall not affect or impair the validity of any other section or provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following publication, following adoption. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Linda Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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AWANA

First Baptist Church of Alto AWANA clubs meet every Wednesday beginning September 4th at 6:30 p.m. For boys and girls ages 3 thru 8th grade

Programs are aimed at specific age groups as follows:

- Cubbies - 3 and 4 year olds
- Sparks - Kindergarten thru 2nd grade
- T&T - An exciting new program for 3rd thru 6th grade
- JV - 7th and 8th grade

Parents are invited to come along and register your children for club and receive all the necessary information on September 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Call the church at 868-6403 or Kurt Roudabush at 897-9468



ELEMENTARY

MON: Labor Day!!!

TUES: Hot dog on bun or hot pretzel & cheese with ham slice, berry applesauce, garden salad.

WED: French toast sticks or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, juice choice, potato smiles.

THURS: Beefy soft shell taco with lettuce and cheese or pork ribBQ on bun, pears, baked beans, homemade cookie!

FRI: Pizza pocket or BBQ chicken on bun, apricots & cherries, golden corn.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

The public is invited to attend any or all of the Superintendent Interviews:

Tuesday, September 3, 2002
5:00 P.M. - Dr. Michael W. Radke
7:00 P.M. - Robert C. Currie

Wednesday, September 4, 2002
5:00 P.M. - Dr. Michael R. Lindley
7:00 P.M. - Dr. Tyrus R. Wessell, Jr.

Thursday, September 5, 2002
5:00 P.M. - Mark E. Shelling
7:00 P.M. - Shari Jo Miller

Runciman Board of Education Office - Board Room
300 High St., Lowell

Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence

The "Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence (L.I.V.E.)" has openings for its leadership training class beginning September 21, 2002.

This is the 3rd year for the Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence which trains community members on how to sharpen their leadership skills, learn more about the Lowell area, expand understanding of community issues, organizations, and volunteer opportunities.

If you are interested in this 8-session program and would like to know more, please call Liz Baker at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161.

Reflections Of Faith

Fresh water

Bob Roush, pastor
Friendship Country Chapel

When I was much younger, my friend and I decided to become backpackers. We bought all our gear and "boned up" on how to do backpacking. Our first outing began at Interlochen with a destination of Gerry Lake, about 15 miles. One of the great mistakes we made was disregarding all the rules of backpacking. We felt we could carry much more than the recommended weight ratio that professionals use. This turned into a nightmare disaster of epidemic proportions.

The trail was far more rugged than the smooth black-top surface we had been practicing on, and we found that 10 miles of "real" trail were more like 100 miles. We lost the trail, ran out of water and when we finally reached Gerry Lake, our feet were blistered, our backs breaking and our pride seriously damaged. Along that trail we began burying things we simply could not carry any longer and could survive without. Our second day out, panic gripped us as we ran out of water.

Suddenly I heard Warren yelling, "Bob, water, up here." As I approached, there was this green swamp with mosquitos the size of my little

ter. So she was interested and thus replied, "Sir, give me this water so that I will never have to come back here again." Jesus went on to explain to her that she had a spiritual thirst and the water he was speaking of was spiritual in nature and would quench that emptiness in her heart.

The interesting thing about the story is that in the society in which this woman lived, she was the most undesirable person you could possibly imagine, yet Jesus took time to stop by and offer her a chance to unload her sin. She did that and then went back to the city telling everyone she knew about a man who had told her everything she had ever done and then offered her a chance to drink from the fountain of life.

There are no boundaries with Jesus, his love transcends all lines and reaches into the darkest hell of life to redeem those he came to die for so that rather than drinking swamp water we can drink from the fountain of eternal life. Safe drinking.

finger nail and a slim film on top at least half an inch thick. I flatly refused to drink that stuff but he said, "I don't care, I can't go any further." I decided to walk up to the top of a near ridge and see if I could relocate the trail. As I ascended the top I looked behind me to see Warren with his canteen tipped upward guzzling swamp water as fast as he could. In the direction ahead of me was a 4 by 8 foot piece of plywood with giant letters - "Gerry Lake Camp Ground Fresh Drinking Water 500 Ft." Sometimes while sitting around in a coffee shop Warren would say to me, "You know, I should have died from drinking that swamp water," and we would both laugh.

In John chapter four, Jesus met a woman one day at a well who had been drinking, as it were, swamp water most of her life, meaning that her life was pretty much out of control and a mess, her soul was parched and dry. Striking up a conversation with her, Jesus said, "You know, if you drink from the water of this well, you will thirst again, but if you drink from the water that I will give you, you shall never thirst again."

That was good news to this woman because she had been coming out to this well in the hot arid temperatures of Samaria all her life to get wa-



Class of '36 Reunites for 66

Lowell High School class of 1936 met July 12 at Schneider Manor for their 66th reunion. Pictured, back row, left to right: Gerald Rollins, Irene Speerstra Osborne, Pauline Christoff Eskes (class of 1937), and Michael Hoover; front row, left to right: Marian Monks Rutherford, Pauline Kyser LaDue and Barbara Fletcher Rivette. Also attending was Elinor Rollins. They are planning next year's potluck at Schneider Manor and will include graduates from 1934 through 1938.

LMS Fest scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 5

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Parents attending the annual Lowell Middle School open house and orientation will be fed as well as informed.

Open house/orientation will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 5 with the Middle School Fest starting at 6 p.m. at which time students and their parents will be able to enjoy a free hot dog meal and a Coke.

Orientation will provide time for students (6th-8th-grade) and their parents to tour the building and to introduce themselves to the teachers.

Middle School Fest will also give families an opportunity to visit approximately 18 booths manned by representatives from school and community organizations such as the Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area His-

torical Museum, Wittenbach Agri-Science Center and Future Farmers of America.

"The goal is to increase the triangular partnership between school, home and community," said Lowell Middle School assistant principal, Cindy Geiger.

Lowell School District anticipates roughly 930 middle school students walking the halls during the 2002-03 school year.

"You build strong, healthier, larger communities by bringing these three cultures together, thus building a more efficient, effective community," Geiger explained.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 29: Roger Nead, Donna Jean Hathaway, Betty Heaston.

AUGUST 30: Jim Austin, Herb Swan.

AUGUST 31: Amy Vezino, Scott Wolfe.

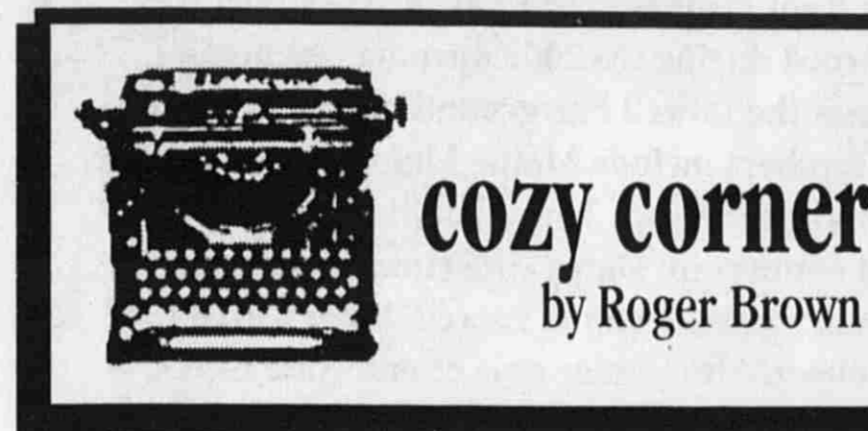
SEPTEMBER 1: Jerry Bellah, Todd Mahalic, Chuck Myers.

SEPTEMBER 2: Eric Elzinga, Whitey Tubergen, Virginia Conner, John Stevens.

SEPTEMBER 3: Bailey Allen.

SEPTEMBER 4: Mark Smith, Ron Merriman, Theresa Engle.

Viewpoint . . .



I lost my father last week. Dwight C. "Brownie" Brown was just a few days away from his 77th birthday. He died during that one month window every year when he joked that my mother was three years older than him. In this case he would say, "I was 75 on my last birthday, Phyllis will be 78 on her next birthday, that makes her three years older than me."

He died of pancreatic cancer, though a diagnosis wasn't made until three days before his death. His health had been declining since a fall and head injury last spring. That injury was likely not related to his real problem, and only served to confuse the doctors. Never having much use for doctors, I'm sure he would have a chuckle about the missed diagnosis. His charade may have saved him a lot of pain and suffering in the form of treatment. He never knew he had cancer. As Martha Stewart would say, "And that's a good thing."

Brownie was hospitalized only a few days prior to his death because he suddenly became very disoriented. One of my brothers took him to the emergency room to be checked out. When he was admitted, instead of being sent home, Brownie told my brother he would never get in a car with him again.

Brownie never complained of pain. He did not linger with his illness. He died at home. The old guy would have been pretty happy with his exit, though he was often heard to say, "There's a lot to be said for a good heart attack."

Brownie's passing hit the family hard. I can't speak for them all, but I wasn't prepared for the pain of losing a parent. It has been much, much more difficult than I had imagined. The funeral was the big hurdle, now each day becomes a little less tearful. Each day brings a few more laughs at Brownie's expense.

As the oldest child, I seriously considered delivering a eulogy at the funeral service. When I continuously broke down while merely giving the minister a few details of Brownie's life, I decided I would leave things to the pro. The minister did a great job, and I sobbed all the way through the service. Those in attendance don't know how lucky they are not to have been subjected to my blubbering, quivering mass at the podium.

Brownie was raised in the Depression, fought his way across the Pacific with the 1st Marine Division in WWII, married, raised a brood of baby boomers and became a reasonably successful businessman. He easily could have been a chapter in Tom Brokaw's, "The Greatest Generation." Since he wasn't, I'd like to take what remains of this week's space and perhaps the next week or two, to chronicle his life.

What you'll read won't be my usual, mindless stuff. It won't be slapstick. It will have some humor. It may bring a tear. What I hope to impart are a few lessons for us all.

Brownie was born at home in Deerfield Center, Michigan... wherever that is. The date was September 2, 1925. Just after his second birthday his mother died of pneumonia. His father soon re-married and the stepmother had little use for Brownie. Because of neglect and mistreatment, he was taken away by the courts and given over to the custody of his paternal grandparents. He was only four years old. They were nearly seventy and poor. The stock market had just crashed, signaling the start of the Great Depression.

If you wanted to write a Horatio Alger-like rocky start to a life, you couldn't do much better than that.

The little family moved around a lot. Probably in an attempt to simply keep a roof over their heads. They lived in Lansing, Alma, St. Louis (Michigan), Pleasant Valley, two more places in St. Louis and finally Blanchard when Brownie was twelve. My mother lived on a farm near Blanchard and they went to the same school. Brownie said he was "sweet on her" even back then, but never felt he had a chance with her given his standing in life.

Brownie's grandparents, now nearing their eighties, had little control over the boy as he grew into his teenage years. The stories he told make me believe he led a Huck Finn-type existence with little time for school and an inclination toward mischief.

the school year starts, we are often asked to evaluate whether a student is affected with this disorder.

Unfortunately, with ADHD there is no lab test or X-ray that can diagnose the condition. Parents and teachers really are the ones that help make the diagnosis by reporting on the child's behavior. Often rating scales are used to objectively view a child's behavior at home and school. The physician will often perform a physical exam to rule out other causes of behavioral problems. Because some children with ADHD will also have emotional disorders, your physician may recommend a referral to a psychologist for further testing.

Children with ADHD show signs of poor attention, inability to concentrate and hyperactivity. They usually have trouble completing tasks or following directions. If they have hyperactivity, they will fidget, talk too much, interrupts often, and disrupt the classroom. Often children with ADHD have trouble getting along with their peers and obeying rules.

All children will exhibit some of these behaviors at some

I believe two things shaped Brownie's character more than anything in those years. One was living in poverty. If he wanted money, he had to earn it. He did earn money, through back-breaking labor. He unloaded coal cars with a shovel for pennies a ton. He picked up potatoes for pennies a bushel. He manhandled 100-pound sacks of beans for pennies per truckload. Being young and strong he often made much more than grown men were making, but nobody was making much. He learned how to work!

The other important impact on Brownie's early years was something his grandmother said, and said often. She was a staunch Baptist who went to church twice on Sunday and wouldn't swear if her life depended on it. She did tell Brownie every time the occasion arose, "Can't never did anything but @#%* his pants"! I'm sure you can guess at the missing word. That phrase was repeated to me thousands of times. My kids have heard it thousands of times. My grandkids are on their way to hearing it thousands of times.

If you hear it often enough, you tend to believe it. Consequently, "can't" was not allowed in his vocabulary, or ours. There are lots of things Brownie didn't do, but I honestly believe he thought he could do anything he put his mind to. At least some of that "can-do" spirit lives in my siblings and our offspring.

During the summer Brownie was sent off to Remus to live on the farm with Grandpa Haney, his maternal grandfather. Two aunts, his mother's sisters, took care of him. At the end of each summer Grandpa Haney bought Brownie two chambray shirts, two pairs of jeans and a pair of shoes. He then took him back to his other grandparents for the school year.

Brownie often told this story about Grandpa Haney. The name Haney had derived from Heinig, and the old man was not proud of his German lineage. Brownie said he once asked what nationality he was. The huge, bearded old farmer brusquely told the young boy in no uncertain terms that he was a "such-and-such (guess at the real words) Yankee, and he'd better not ever forget it!" This incident may help account for Brownie's undying patriotism.

More next week . . .

time, but in children with ADD, this type of behavior is more prominent and more severe.

Treatment of ADD ranges from behavior modification, changes in the physical setting of the classroom, counseling and medication.

The most common medication used to help ADD are Ritalin, Adderall and their extended release forms. These medications seem to help children focus better and become less hyperactive. If used properly, after appropriate diagnosis, these medications are safe and effective. Several studies have led scientists to conclude that there are no serious side effects from taking these medications. Use of these medications does not cause drug abuse or increase the chance of future drug abuse.

For more information about ADD, see your physician, school counselor or teacher or contact: CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), 1-800-233-4050 www.chadd.org.

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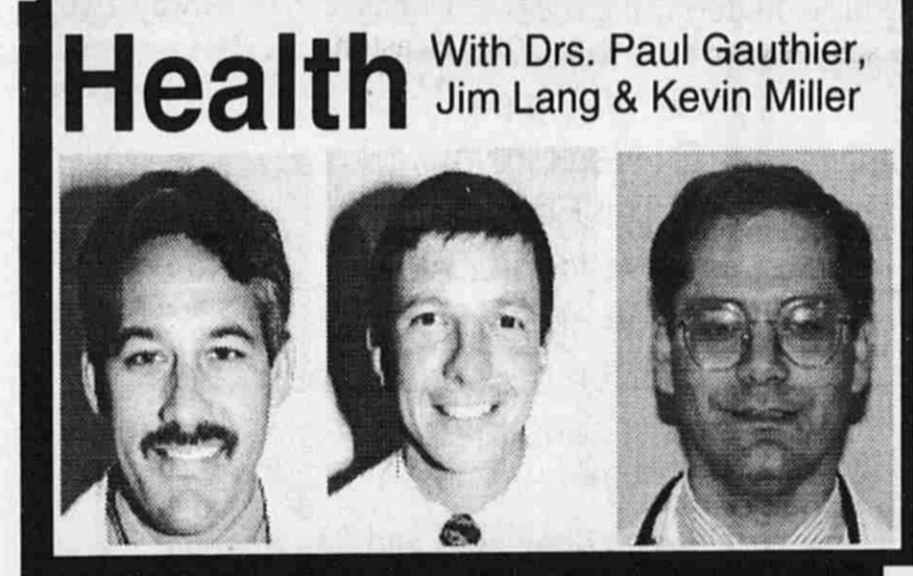
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ADD stands for attention deficit disorder. It is also known as ADHD, attention deficit hyperactive disorder. About 9-10 percent of school-aged children suffer from this disorder. As



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUG. 29, 1877
Many sidewalks have been repaired this summer; just a few holes left on the bridge, so step carefully.

The M.E. church installs a "very sweet-toned" bell of just under 900 pounds in the steeple.

Montgomery Queen's Great Show of California (circus) will be here Friday with lots of acts, a big menagerie and no side shows or midway. Well worth seeing. 50 cents.

Samuel Joslin is opening a watch-repair shop in Severy's tin store.

The drought has eased, but there is the usual amount of sickness in town for this month.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 28, 1902
Clifford Gibson and Ira Perry, hod carriers, escape serious injuries when a scaffold falls in the new Train building and they fall two stories to the basement.

The Village Council votes to have electric meters installed so patrons pay for the lights they use. It is estimated that a third more customers can be serviced than under the old flat rate.

Continuing the "loose stones on roads" theme, the editor reminds pathmasters that they must remove stones by law, as well as make sure farmers mow noxious weeds by July 1 and Sept. 1.

The canning factory has about 60 employees now with 30 more women and girls needed.

The average longevity in the U.S. in 1900 was 35.2 years.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 1, 1927
The State Fair will run from Labor Day through Saturday with agricultural and industrial exhibits, parades, races, airplanes, vaudeville and all the trimmings. Admission 25 cents, autos 25 cents.

The West Michigan Fair Sept. 19-23 will feature a spectacle, "The Destruction of Belshazzar and His Kingdom", as well as the usual exhibits.

The Republican barbecue at Ramona Sept. 1 will feature Gov. Green.

The County Road Commission plans to set up a boulder memorial to Rix Robinson's trading post, west of Ada on M-21.

The Strand Theatre will feature a big double show next Tuesday and Wednesday: the Dempsey-Sharkey heavyweight fight, and Clara Bow in "It."

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUG. 28, 1952
Daniel Goldner, 17, will exhibit his Grand Champion Holstein cow at the State 4-H Club show at MSC next week. He also took first place in the tractor plowing contest at the 4-H Fair here.

Chief of Police Frank Stephens reports a record day Aug. 18, with 35 driver licenses and 14 road tests, duplicate licenses, chauffeur licenses, etc. Remember to renew your driver license when you change your address, he says.

Charles Young and Ray Cornell traded houses Tuesday, each moving into the other's former home.

School bus routes will be the same as last spring for a few days, until demand for service is known.

Elementary grades four and up are assigned to the high school building. Enrollment is up and the Whites Bridge area will be included in the school system again.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPT. 1, 1977
John F. Gilmore of Grand Rapids proposes to build the Thornapple River Inn in his Thornapple Village shopping mall in Ada.

People will be able to dial their own long-distance calls after Sept. 3, says Michigan Bell. An operator will still be involved, but the process will be speeded up.

Vergennes Township Cemetery Association offers a reward for the arrest of vandals who hit the Bailey Cemetery in August.

With the new water plant operating, users are reminded that flushing the main will take place at 8 a.m. next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

School begins next Tuesday, and details are given in a two-page spread.

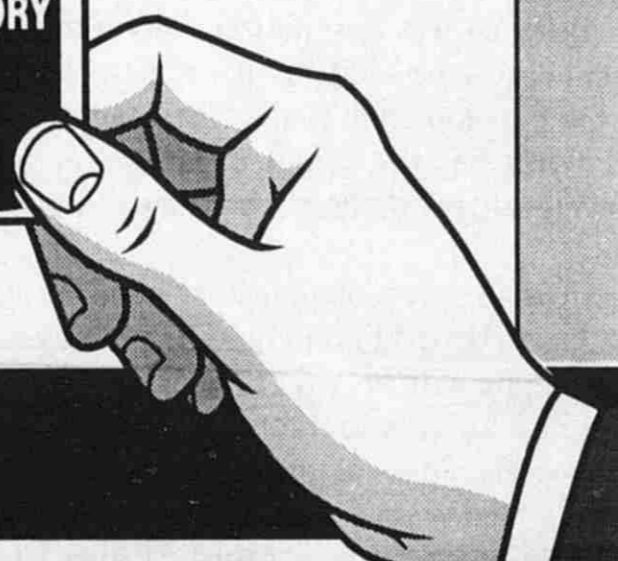


COURT OF ROYALTY

The Kent County Youth Fair Royal Court was crowned during the 2002 opening ceremonies held at the Lowell Fairgrounds on Sunday, Aug. 4. Members include Mollie McLellan, Sand Lake, second runner-up; Jenny VanSingel, Kent City, first runner-up; Darcy Alderink, Clarksville, queen; Steven Koning, Lowell, king; Christa Reinhart, Alto, junior queen; and Nate Geers, Grand Rapids, junior king. Each court member is involved with their local 4-H club and participates in many project areas. This year's court will be involved in promoting the Kent County Youth Fair with parades and community service activities for the next 12 months.

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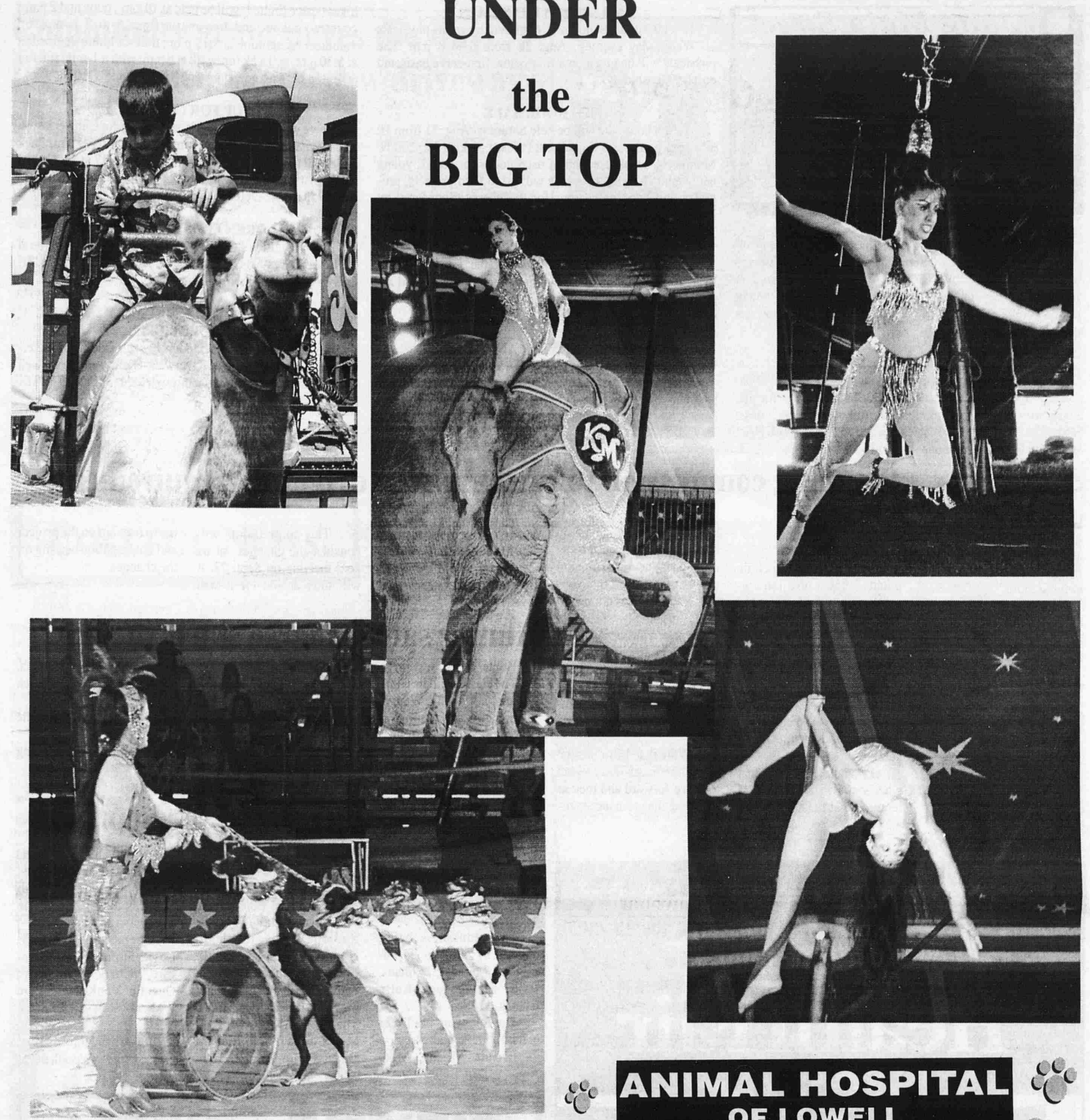
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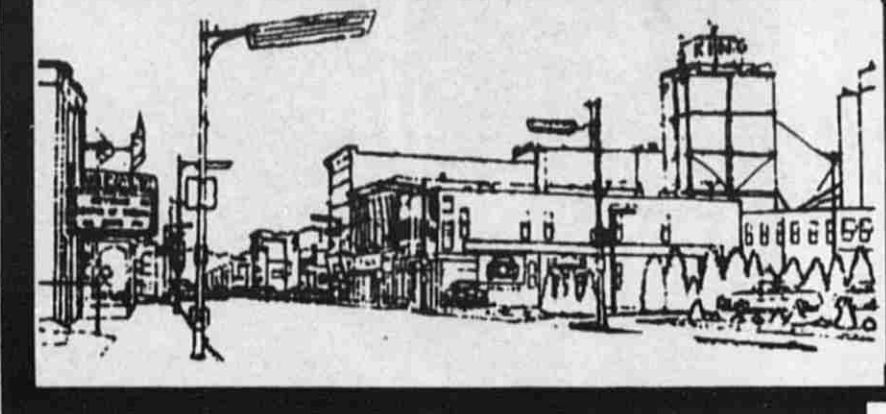
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LOWELL HEAD START

Head Start is a free preschool program accepting applications for 3 and 4 year olds whose families meet their income eligibility guidelines. If you have a child who will be 3 on or before Dec. 1, 02 or who is 4 years old, stop in at: Lowell Head Start, 300 High St. or phone 453-4145.

Signs, cont'd...

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an indicator that the business is "open... we're here, stop-nothing more."

Baker said, "They have to keep it simple. Driving by, it has to be short, sweet and to the point."

Plus most standard flags simply say "open" or "sale," Baker added.

If the planning commission gives the changes its final blessing at the Sept. 23 meeting, the changes will then go before the Lowell City Council for final approval.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

There appears to be a little glitch concerning requirements as to who has to pave their driveways in the city of Lowell.

After doing some research, city manager, David Pasquale said staff could not find any reference requiring a homeowner to pave his driveway when constructing a new garage.

Pasquale explained that when building a house, it is required that the homeowner

have sidewalk put in and the driveway paved; nothing is required for new construction on a garage.

"I think this is quite necessary in the city where you have paved driveways and then others that are washing out in the street which become an issue for the city and other residents," said planning commission chair, James Hall.

With that in mind, the planning commission decided to move forward and look at changing the ordinance to re-

LMS SPORTS PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School will be providing sports physicals on Wednesday evening, Aug. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The physicals will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis and cost \$10 (cash only).

USED BOOK SALE

A used book sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Englehardt Library parking lot, 200 N. Monroe. A great selection of used books for adults, young adults and children. Proceeds will go to fund projects, programs and book collections for the library. Sponsored by Friends of the Englehardt Library.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities to be distributed at the Lowell Moose Recreational Building on Thursday, Sept. 5 are: canned asparagus, mixed fruit, peas, pumpkin and salmon; fruit nut mix, macaroni and ground beef.

WITTENBACH CENTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

During the Wittenbach anniversary celebration there will be a Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and draft horse demos, blacksmithing and pottery throughout the day; nature

hikes (space limited) will be held at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.; country cookout and live music from 5 to 7 p.m. (\$6), volunteer recognition at 5:15 p.m.; trail sculpture dedication at 5:30 p.m. and a 5k run/walk at 6 p.m. with a 1-mile fun run at 6:30 p.m. Any questions call Tammy at 987-1002.

SIGN UP FOR CUB SCOUTS

There will be an informational meeting for Cub Scouts on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Cherry Creek from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Pack 3188 will begin their den meetings on Sept. 17 at 1st United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Call Gary for more info. at 691-7753 or 248-9603.

OREN FROST EXHIBIT

A display titled "Oren Frost's Apple Orchard" will be at the Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery now through Sept. 21. Call 897-8545 for more information.

RIVERWALK GALLERY WATERCOLOR DISPLAY

Lowell artist, Jerri Teelander has an exhibit of watercolor and mixed media at Riverwalk Gallery in the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce through Sept. 3. Call 897-9161 for viewing.

Planning commission to review paved driveway requirements

quire that any new construction, including a teardown and rebuilding, would mean the driveway would need to be paved.

The commission will consider the changes at its next meeting on Sept. 23. It will then decide if it will

move forward on the project and hold a public hearing on the changes.

Hunter safety course starts in Sept.

Hunter Safety sessions begin Sept. 16 at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. The classes will be taught by Lynn Seese. There will be three classes per session with each session on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5 until 9 p.m.

Students are required to attend a complete session. Call Theresa at the Lowell Middle School (897-9222) to register.

Students must bring a photo copy of their social security card and birth certificate along with a registration fee of \$10 to the first class.

Students must be 12 years of age upon completion of the first session.

'82 class reunion slated for Sept. 21

Lowell High School's Class of 1982 will hold its 20th class reunion on Sept. 21 at Cannonsburg Ski Lodge beginning at 7 p.m.

The reunion is being planned by Ann Woodhead-Berman, Meredyth Althaus, Heidi Elzinga and Kelly Byrnes.

The following is a list of names with no addresses:

Brenda Allison, Mike Amelia, Dan Bailey, Diana

Bock, Laurie Churchill, Tom DeLong, Steve DenBoer, Lori Drayton, Mark Dunning, Adela Esparza, Edie Evans, Lisa Gless, David Hayes, Ramona Hayes, Todd Hendrick, Wendy Christensen, Julie Thompson, Kim Larabee, Ray Marshall, Steve Martinez, Joan Miller, Shannon Mouton, Tom Myers, Julie Olson, Richard Onan, Philip Palmer, Judy

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If you have information, please contact Woodhead at (616) 475-1169.

Community grant paves the way for senior neighbors' new driveway

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If you've pulled into the Lowell Senior Neighbors driveway recently, you may have noticed that newly poured cement has taken away any of the dust and bumps.

If you've had lunch at the senior neighbors center recently, you may have noticed the added comfort provided by the new chairs.

Cost for the cement driveway (\$12,000) and new chairs (\$4,000) totaled \$16,000, a bill which was covered by the Englehardt Lowell Area Community Fund.

The labor to pour and spread the cement was do-

nated by Gordy, Sid and Dan DeHaan, sons of John and Gert DeHaan (clients at the center).

"The Englehardt fund has been a blessing," said Lowell Senior Neighbor Center director, Marcia Roth. "Without it, many of the improvements we've made over the last couple of years would not have been possible."

In fact, last year a grant from the community fund paid for the renovation of the center's kitchen and bathroom, and the purchase of air conditioning for the house.

The senior neighbors center has also received \$10,000 in funds through the

Verdennes Township block grant fund.

Those monies were used for a new rug, new windows and paint.

There are roughly 75 area residents who use the services provided by the center.

"The numbers have increased so much," Roth said. "Two of the five days we fill all five tables for lunch. We also have roughly 40 people who play bingo every week and 30-35 residents who play euchre every week."

"We've managed to complete a lot of home improvements for the seniors," Roth concluded.



John and Gert DeHaan's three sons volunteered to pour and lay the cement. The driveway at the Lowell Senior Neighbors Center was completed last week.

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its 2002-2003 scholarships for new and transfer students.

From the Alto area is Renee M. Owen, daughter of David and Jane Owen. She received the Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship.

Calvin is considered one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges. In fact, this past fall Calvin was honored by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the best regional universities in the Midwest. In addition, *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* selected Calvin as one of its 23 "Best Buy" private colleges.

Calvin's financial aid program helps keep the school

a good value. Last year Calvin awarded almost \$40 million in financial assistance to 4,000 of its 4,300 students. About 62 percent of that are scholarship and grant programs, 32 percent are student loans and six percent are on-campus work studies. The average unmet need of needy Calvin students this past year was just over \$2,400 per student.

Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Calvin will have a 2002-2003 enrollment of over 4,300 students. Tuition will be \$15,750, while room and board will be \$5,485 for a total of \$21,235.

Calvin vice president, Tom McWhertor notes that

with 85 percent of its \$70-million budget coming from tuition and room and board, Calvin continues to balance staying affordable and having the financial resources to offer a superb academic education.

"We're one of the top-rated schools in the region, yet we also get named a best buy or a best value by many different college guidebooks," says McWhertor. "That's for a couple of reasons. One is that our tuition and room and board charges are well below the national average for four-year private colleges, even more so when you look at schools that are comparable to Calvin academically. Second, we have a strong financial aid program which serves our students and their families well."



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MODELING FASHION AT LHS IN '02:

"A lot like last year"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A study conducted by Myvesta, a financial health center, indicates that Americans spent less on back-to-school shopping sprees for a second consecutive year.

The average family spends between \$500-\$600 on back-to-school clothing.

According to Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta, with a crawling economy and job uncertainty on the minds of many Americans, it's not surprising that most people are spending less this year on back-to-school expenses.

While the dollars spent may be down, the emphasis on comfort, self-expression and clothing style remain high among high school students.

"I think style is probably the most important of the three. But it's not like there is just one style for the whole school," said Jeremy Goff. "Every-

body is free to find their own style."

The senior adds that none of the fashion styles are outrageous and all are comfortable fitting.

"There's nothing out there that I'd like to wear that my parents won't allow. They are pretty accepting of today's fashions," added Goff.

What's new for 2002 high school girls? According to Lowell High School senior Lauren Vashaw, fashion for the new school year "is a lot like last year."

Bell-bottom jeans with a faded look and Capri jeans (pants that come down just below the knee) are still in as well as low rider jeans.

"There are a lot of jeans out there to pick from," Vashaw confirms, but adds Lucky Jeans, Silvers and Mudd are among the more popular brand names.

As for shirts, the hippie, lacey, bell-bottom type sleeves

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Arriving in their opening day "digs," from left to right, are Jeremy Goff, Blair Meyer, Lauren Vashaw and Evan Dorough.

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are in as well as the white material blouses with sheer, see-through sleeves.

Knee length and short length skirts will also catch glances this fall.

Bandannas used as head bands for the hair will be a common look.

Senior Blair Meyer adds that warm, earthy colors are in as well as big belts around the waist.

"I'm not one to spend \$60 on a pair of jeans," Meyer explains. "I tend to wear the cheaper clothes. Fashion to me is a combination of self-expression, comfort, style and who you are."

For the guys, Goff says jeans faded in the front, tattered at the bottom and seams on the pockets and bottoms are in. The popular brand names are Structure, American Eagle and Abercrombie and Fitch.

The newest thing in for 2002 is also the old look. "Denim jackets are in and they are the newest fashion which is coming back from the '80s," Goff explains.

Layering will be a popular theme for guys' shirtwear. "T-shirt-like tops with either polo or button-up shirts over the top will be in," Goff said.

Following the trend is not the path for all. "I don't like the rugby look - the normal stuff," says senior Evan Dorrough. "I

like the unique ... the button-up shirts with different patterns."

Dorough adds that fashion is about expression and being comfortable. "I'm fortunate that my parents are accepting and allow me to wear what I want."

Scott Vashaw, Lowell High School principal, says school dress code will focus on emphasizing appropriate dress wear which promotes the proper attitude.

"I don't believe it will be overly restrictive or restraining," Vashaw explains.

The three things sought through the dress code will be enabling students to express themselves individually, to be comfortable, and dressing in a safe manner which is not distracting or offensive, and does not disrupt the educational process.

"The television media has not done schools any favors. It encourages students to dress in a revealing and provocative fashion," Vashaw says. "As a parent of a teenage daughter, it's difficult to find a variety of school clothing. I am very sympathetic to parents of high school students."

The high school principal denotes students began pushing and testing the guidelines last year. "School is a serious place, and dressing appropriately promotes attitude while students are here. Unfortunately teen idols and fashion do not always dress in a manner that complies with school expectations," he

explains.

Examples of that include short tops, low rider pants (below the waist), pajama wear, pants with holes/tears in inappropriate places, T-shirts which promote drugs and alcohol or portray women in an inappropriate fashion.

Vashaw is quick to point out that two administrators cannot monitor whether 1200 plus students are following the dress code.

Help is needed to reinforce expectations from parents understanding the dress code: a more clearly defined code, separate meetings with each class to go over the dress code, and enlisting the support of all teachers. Newsletters, which review the code, have also been sent out and there will be an open house on Monday, Sept. 9 at which time the dress issue will be discussed.

"Once students arrive at school, we do not have many options," Vashaw points out.

If a student has other clothes with them they can be asked to change; clean, alternative clothing can be offered by the school, a parent may be called and asked to bring new clothing, or the student can be sent home.

How reasonable the dress code is depends on the situation, according to Meyer. "I think the dress code is mainly for girls. I may have a nice dress that I may want to wear that isn't offensive, but can't because it has spaghetti straps."



Local Troop Grows with Plantings

Lowell Brownie Troop 1824 planted three Bradford Pear shade trees at Bushnell Elementary playground on Saturday as part of its community service project. The 17-member troop and its leader, Angie Denison were able to carry out the plantings with the help of Todd Lyonnais of Lyonnais Landscaping.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m.

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD Issues Group meeting at

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Bellline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 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/discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-7842.

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 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 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.

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.

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.

SAT., AUG. 31: Used book sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Englehardt Library parking lot, 200 N. Monroe. Books for everyone. Sponsored by Friends of the Englehardt Library.

THURS., SEPT. 5: Commodities at Moose Lodge Recreational Building: canned asparagus, mixed fruit, peas, pumpkin and salmon; fruit nut mix, macaroni and ground beef.

THURS., SEPT. 5: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Marcia

Roth of Lowell Senior Neighbors. Please bring items for the Flat River Outreach Ministries. Hostesses: Marsha Wilcox and Pauline Burtle. Sponsor: Pauline Burtle.

THURS., SEPT. 5: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers begin choir practice at 6:30 p.m.; band at 7:30 p.m. Call Kathy at 897-5981 for more info.

FRI., SEPT. 6: St. Mary's mobile mammography unit at Grattan Twp. Hall. Call 752-6266 or 1-800-639-6266 for appt. There is a charge/insurance information is required.

FRI., SEPT. 6: Wittenbach Center 2nd anniversary celebration. Farmer's market - 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; draft horse demos, black smithing, pottery throughout the day; nature hikes (space limited) at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.; country cookout and live music from 5 to 7 p.m. (\$6); volunteer recognition at 5:15 p.m.; trail sculpture dedication at 5:30 p.m. and a 5k run/walk at 6 p.m. with 1 mile fun run at 6:30 p.m. Questions call Tammy at 987-1002.

TUES., SEPT. 10: Cub Scouts informational meeting at Cherry Creek from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Pack 3188 den meetings start Sept. 17 at 1st United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Call Gary at 691-7753 or 248-9603 for information.

MON., SEPT. 16: Hunting Safety classes begin, 5-9 p.m. 3 nights per week. Call Theresa at 897-9222 to register or for info.

THURS., SEPT. 26: Edward Jones hosts market update seminar, 6:30 p.m. For information call Barb, 987-9515.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p>	<p>THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at the Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.</p>
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SPECIAL EVENTS

<p>TUES., AUG. 27: 9 a.m. Tour Douglas and Saugatuck; Lunch on your own, Bus \$5.</p> <p>WED., AUG. 28: 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Women's Breakfast: 12:45 Shop Family Fare.</p> <p>THURS., AUG. 29: Noon Dance, West Side Complex; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p>
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Proposed shelter for students stalls in approval stage

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The efforts of a good Samaritan to construct a bus stop shelter for students at Valley Vista may "die on the vine," according to the Samaritan.

Todd Wood, of 925 S. Hudson, came up with the idea of constructing the shelter after passing by Valley Vista Dr. on Boves Road and seeing several children standing in the rain waiting for the school bus. He presented his idea to the Lowell Planning Commission last month and quickly got support for it with people volunteering, along with estimates on materials. Wood even got a letter of support from Larry Mikulski, director of transportation and operations for Lowell Area Schools, who stated the district picks up about 25 to 32 students at the stop.

"I talked to Chateau Communities (which owns Valley Vista) and it seemed like everything was a 'go', but now it appears the project has been tied up in corporate bureaucracy," Wood said, adding that Chateau Communities has

turned the project over to its corporate offices to determine if it will proceed.

"My hands are tied at this point," he said. "At this point, I would love to get some encouragement as to what to do next."

Unless Chateau gives its okay or the city becomes proactive in the project, Wood said he does not know whether it will be completed.

Wood does believe the city could become more involved in the project by talking with Chateau officials or even helping to find an alternative location for the shelter. One suggestion raised at the meeting was putting it across the street on city property.

Wood said Boyne City has built several shelters for students, adding a lot of character to the city as well as providing a safe haven for the students waiting for the bus.

His proposal called for the construction of an 8- by 10-foot structure with bleacher-style seats. Three of the walls would come up about 48 feet and there would be no doors, providing added safety for the students. The back wall would be a full wall. The roof would be a standard trussed roof with asphalt shingles.

Planning commission members did not comment on whether or not the city could get involved, though Lowell mayor, Jeanne Shores, who was at the Monday night commission meeting, did speak to Wood about the project afterwards.

Wood said without some action soon he didn't know if he could keep the momentum of the project going, much less commit any more time himself which means his good idea may just remain that ... a good idea.



By Dave Stegehuis

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

In 1994, a whitetail deer in the Alpena area was found to be infected with bovine tuberculosis. Since then, extensive testing has found 341 deer to be infected with T.B. Over 94 percent of the animals came from Alpena, Alcona, Mountmorency, and Oscoda counties. Strategies being used to control the disease include eliminating baiting and feeding, and removal of large numbers of deer from the core area in northeast Lower Michigan.

If that isn't scary enough, last fall three deer killed in southwest Wisconsin were infected with chronic wasting disease (CWD). Before this discovery, the disease had not been found east of the Mississippi River. Wisconsin game managers

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responded by banning all supplemental feeding of deer throughout the state and attempted to destroy all deer in a 361-square-mile area near Madison.

Chronic Wasting Disease belongs to a group of fatal neurodegenerative diseases. CWD has occurred in captive and free-ranging whitetail deer, mule deer, and elk in

parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, and Saskatchewan. Signs of CWD include emaciation, excessive salivation, and uncoordinated movement. There is no treatment for CWD, so infected animals are destroyed to slow down the spread of the disease. Transmission of CWD between deer and elk occurs through animal-to-animal

contact, feed contamination, and adult to offspring contact. There is no evidence, at this time, that CWD can be transmitted to humans or to animals other than deer and elk, but caution is advised.

Because CWD mysteriously showed up in Wisconsin, it would seem likely that it could also occur in Michigan. In response to this threat,

the Michigan Natural Resources Commission has banned supplemental feeding in Gogebic, Iron, Monominee, and Dickinson counties which all border Wisconsin. All feeding and baiting will be banned if the disease is found within 50 miles of the Michigan border. Also, the

importation of deer and elk from Wisconsin has been banned. If CWD does infect Michigan deer, plans are being made to remove deer from within a five-mile radius of the discovery point and closely monitor the herd in a 15-mile radius.

Michigan has been fo-

cused on the health of our deer and elk for years because of T.B. and the possibility of CWD. This should be an advantage in getting on top of a CWD problem should it occur. Hopefully it won't happen; we don't need double trouble.

Mobile mammography unit at Grattan Twp. Sept. 6

Saint Mary's Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd., on Friday, Sept. 6.

Early detection of breast and cervical cancer could save your life. Saint Mary's Breast Center affirms the following guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society: women would have their first mammogram at age 35; women 40 and over should have a mammogram every year.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 02-0819 amending Section 3.4 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment will rename Section 3.4 as Open Space Planned Unit Developments. The regulations require a minimum amount of land be preserved permanently as open space; require standards for open space; base the density on the Master Plan; allow the Planning Commission to establish building setbacks and lot sizes; and provide procedures and standards for review. The existing standards for stormwater management will be retained.

This Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days from the date of publication.

A complete copy of the Ordinance amendment is available at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP REZONING HEARING

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

Monday, September 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell.

The following changes of zoning will be considered:

Magic Real Estate LLC has requested rezoning of property located at 10451 Cascade Road (PP#41-20-20-300-001) Lowell, Michigan, from the current zoning classification of Prime Agriculture (Ag-1) to Rural Agriculture (Ag-2).

The original application and the Township zoning map may be examined at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 4, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Ryan and Leigh Kennedy for a special land use for a recreational facility consisting of a public stable and indoor horse riding arena, together with off-street parking area, on a parcel of land in the A Agricultural District, under the terms of Sections 6.02E and 13.11 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, such parcel of land being located approximately at 8200 Nugent Avenue and legally described as follows:

That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing in the Northwest corner of said section; thence South 00°25'26"E 2093.30 feet along the West line of said Section to the place of beginning; thence N89°55'12"E 1310.48 feet along the North line of the South 1/2 of said Northwest 1/4; thence S00°11'45"E 927.78 feet; thence S89°54'36"W 1306.78 feet; thence N00°25'36"W 928.00 feet along said West line to the place of beginning, said parcel comprising about 27.88 acres; Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: August 26, 2002

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11260 Bailey Rd., Fri. Aug. 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Many children clothes, 3 mos. to 3T, toys, household items, antique oak dresser w/mirror, etc. (Fresh cut flowers)

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Aug. 29, 30, 31, 9-5 p.m. Household goods, furniture, baby clothing, too much to mention. 10079 Centerline, Lowell.

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8/24 to 8/28, 9-5, 10546 Sayles Rd., Lowell. 291-9116.

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Sept. 7th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Alto Fall Festival, 6059 Linfield, Alto. We will be taking donations on Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Linfield address. Receipts will be issued to those who wish them. Donations and funds raised go to The Bowne Township Historical Society. Call 868-6846 Wed. or Fri. for more information.

GARAGE SALE

Many items, 47 Lincoln Lake NE, Aug. 29, 30 & 31, 9-5 p.m.

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Kids clothes, toys, games, books, Beanie Babies, baby supplies, furniture, household goods, this & that - we are downsizing. Aug. 29 & 30 from 9 to 5, 241 Donna Dr., Lowell.

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Labor Day & Sat., Aug. 31. Most antiques, collectibles. 421 N. Washington, 10-3 p.m.

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Lowell opens soccer season with pair of wins

Red Arrow Kevin Gillman (#22) slips one by the Mona Shores goalie in their 7-2 win against the Sailors in the season-opener on Friday. On Monday, Lowell traveled to Greenville where the team defeated the Yellowjackets 5-1.

Picture Courtesy Bruce E. Doll

Loss of Crowley does not diminish Red Arrows' focus in '02

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls basketball team had not yet practiced or played a game, and an injury has already changed a few things.

Out for the season is its all-state player, Leslie Crowley. "We still have seven of our top eight players coming back," said Lowell girls basketball coach, Dee Crowley. "Our philosophy has always been 'teams win.' We have plenty of players who can take up Leslie's 10-12 shots per game and her rebounds."

Crowley's absence won't change dramatically the way Lowell plays defense and offense.

"From an athletic and defensive standpoint, I think we're a faster team. We have more speed," Crowley explained. "We're going to play the whole 94 feet - the whole court."

Those outside the program may have lowered expectations for Lowell, but Crowley and her two-time defending league champions have not.

"Our goal is to win a third straight conference title and to make more of an impact in the post-season tournament."

Lowell's third-year coach explains. "The girls will not be content with conference and district championships. They want to establish a tradition."

Directing the Red Arrows through their 2002-03 journey will be arguably West Michigan's best point guard, Kendra Gallert. The sophomore will be Lowell's quarterback/director on the floor.

"Kendra's play has been phenomenal. I believe she's the best point guard in the Grand Rapids' area and one of the top three in the state," Crowley says. "She's quick, strong and has a great floor sense/awareness."

Her backcourt partner will be senior, spot-up shooter, Becky Bosserd. The two are interchangeable at the point guard position.

When Bosserd or Gallert are on the bench, they will be spelled by junior, Valen VanZyl. "Valen is a much improved defensive player. She played a lot of minutes in summer ball," Crowley notes.

With the loss of Crowley the frontline loses some of its size.

Seniors Courtney Phillips and Lauren Vashaw, however,

return and will be aided by the physical play of sophomore, Amy Oberlin.

"Amy will be an impact player. She's the best athlete on the team. She's aggressive, plays well on the inside and can rebound," Crowley explains.

Vashaw, at the off guard/wing position, crashes the offensive boards as well as any Red Arrow, and Crowley labels her the club's best defensive player.

"Lauren has worked more on being a set shooter and has worked on driving to the bucket," the Lowell coach says.

In the absence of Crowley, senior Blair Meyer will see a little action in the post, but is most comfortable and at her best facing the basket.

"She's now our biggest player and Blair has a deadly shot from the elbow area," Crowley said.

Phillips, much improved, will provide relief in the four and five positions.

Others who will provide quality minutes off the bench are seniors, Nicole Gillikin and Jenell Gemmill and juniors, Kristen Lee and Heather McQueen.

Lowell's first game is Wednesday, Aug. 28 (today) at the Tip-off Tournament in Belding.

Lowell soccer team eyes top spot in final year of O-K White

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Finishing its Thursday afternoon practice with a two-goal shooting exercise, Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge exhorted his players to take good shots in their attempt to put one past him.

Sophomore Kevin Gillman, off one touch, drilled the ball past Legge into the left corner of the net.

That was followed with a chorus of, "Is that good enough, coach?"

Anything less than a first or second in the O-K White will not be good enough for Legge and his Red Arrows in this, the final year of the current league arrangement.

"The league, as it is now, is very competitive and preps us for the post-season," Legge explains. "I don't think the new league will be as competitive, but it will allow us to bolster our nonconference schedule."

Lowell's coach has already begun manipulating the nonconference schedule. "I'd prefer to lose 1-0, 2-1 to a quality soccer program than win 6-0 against a lesser team," Legge said.

With that said, Lowell has added Grandville, Fruitport and Petoskey to its nonconference schedule.

Fans will not see better quality opponents in 2002, but Legge predicts the Red Arrows will provide a better brand of soccer. "Our game will be more fluid than it has been in my first two years."

He credits improved play at the varsity level with the work of the LASSO program.

"LASSO keeps getting stronger and stronger. Because of that, players are coming into high school with a much higher technical level," Legge said.

Anchoring this year's team will be Craig Carpenter (central back) and Matt Foster (outside back).

"Craig was all league, district and region. Matt played a new position last year that he was not comfortable with, but did an outstanding job and ended up being our MVP," Legge explained.

LASSO keeps getting stronger and stronger. Because of that, players are coming into high school with a much higher technical level.

explained.

At the offensive end will be Sam Oberlin. As a sophomore he earned all state honors and set a single-season school scoring record with 24 goals. "He's better than last year," Legge says.

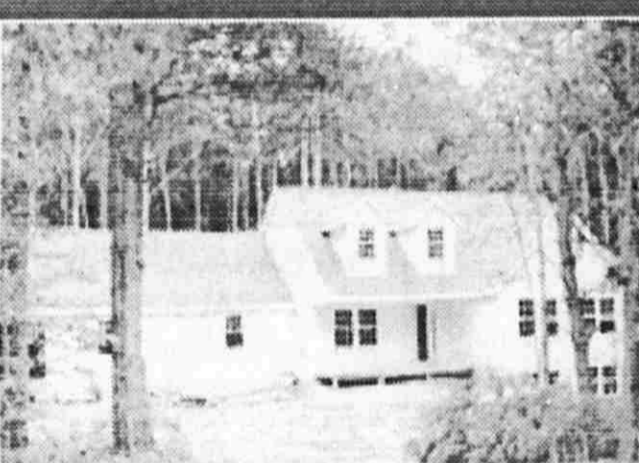
In the net will be all district goalie, Josh Anderson. The junior is quicker and spent the off-season working with an English keeper.

Playing at center midfield will include sophomores, Travis Gillan and Gillman, who netted 16 goals on the junior varsity a year ago.

Other underclassmen to watch in 2002 are sophomore forward, Shane Stokes; freshman outside midfielder, Ben Hanson; sophomore outside back, Ramsey Charrouf; and central back, Pat Vogel.

Paul Legge
Lowell Soccer Coach

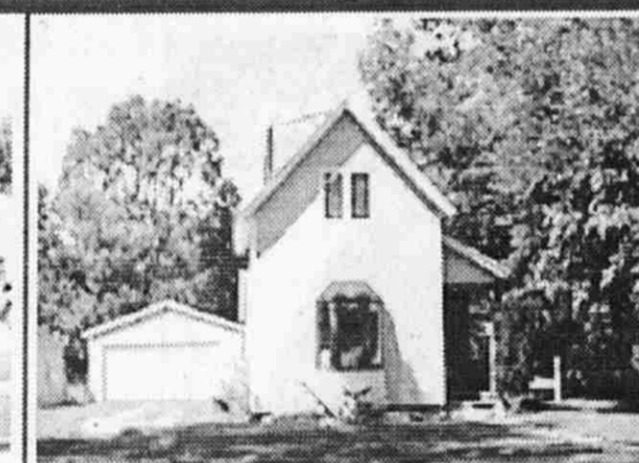
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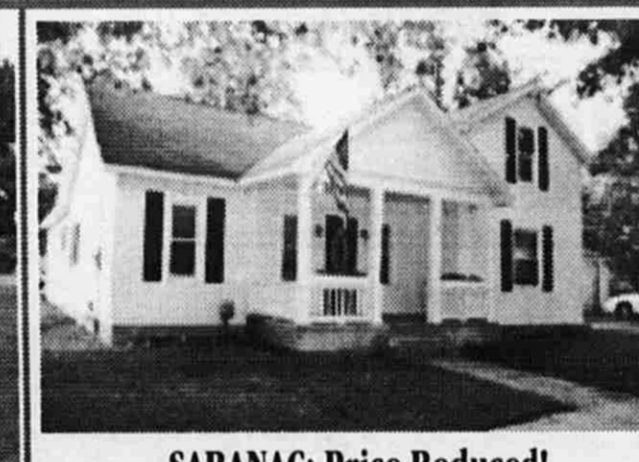
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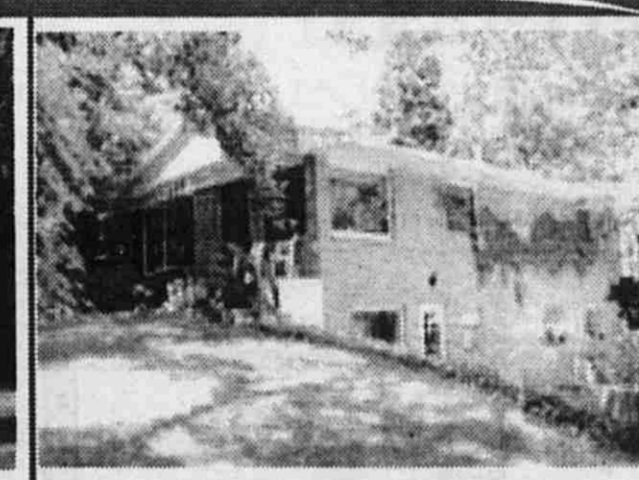
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Lowell hopes to maintain winning ways while changing approach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Over the last two years, Lowell has posted a 12-1 record in the O-K White.

Over the last six years, it has the winningest record in the O-K White (32-9).

So, entering the 2002 season, confidence shouldn't be a problem?

"I'm not sure why anybody on this team would have a lot of confidence. We return only two seniors to skilled positions. We're replacing 18 starters from a year ago and we will start six sophomores," bemoans Lowell football coach, Noel Dean, in his seventh year at the helm of Red Arrow football.

One of those two seniors, though, is quarterback Mark Catlin. All he did last year was rush for 1,244 yards and 19 touchdowns, while throwing for 932 yards and 10 touchdowns.

"I shouldn't have to say this anymore. Mark is a better football player than anyone I've had," Dean says. "There may be some players who work as hard as Mark does in practice, but no one outworks him."

As to the coach/player relationship Dean and Catlin have

built over the years, the varsity coach says, "Some of that has to do with Mark being around more. He played varsity football as a freshman. He could have played as an eighth-grader. When he was young I thought Mark was cocky, but he just didn't talk much. Now, we get in one another's stuff a little more. The bottom line is Mark plays the game of football very well."

Those passing numbers Catlin produced last year could grow this year. "We're going to change our approach some-by throwing to set up the run," declares Dean. "If our offensive line, running backs and sophomores step up and contribute, the numbers Catlin puts up will flabbergast people."

The only other two offensive positions Dean will concede are J.J. Wilder at receiver and Dave Hefferan at the offensive tackle position.

As to the things his players can control - work ethic, effort and attitude, Dean says the club is right there.

"These kids are proud of their work ethic. Their attitude and effort in the off-season have been outstanding," Dean said.

On defense, Dean's best linebacker will be his senior inside linebacker, Jordan Moore. "He will be very good; I

think the best."

It will be turnovers, though, that determine how good a football team Lowell is in 2002, according to its leader. "We have to create turnovers on defense and not on offense. Last year, we provided too many good opportunities to good football teams."

Dean labels defending champion, East Grand Rapids as the favorite in the O-K White. "There is not another team that has the talent comparable to what East has," Dean explains. "They also have the best coaching."

After the Pioneers, Dean believes Forest Hills Northern and Northview are part of the elite mix.

As for his Red Arrows, Dean explains, "We need to shut our mouths and work hard."

Lowell will open its season on Friday, Aug. 30 at Three Rivers.

"They were tough last year and Three Rivers will be much better this year. We'll be traveling into a hostile environment," Dean concludes.

Lowell's first home game will be against Greenville on Sept. 6 with its first league game at East Grand Rapids on Sept. 13.

Red Arrow netters open season on a confident note

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Stronger and improved play from its doubles teams helped lift Lowell to a championship at the Ionia Tennis Invitational over the weekend.

The Red Arrows led the four-team tournament with 14 points followed by Middleville, nine; Ionia, five; and Charlotte, four.

Lowell won six of the eight flights, winning three of four flights in singles and doubles play.

"Our doubles play was much stronger. We're getting good consistency and placement," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall. "We continue to work on strategy and defensive position."

Lowell's number one doubles team of Kristi Noall and Shannon Levingston straight set Middleville's Amber Steorts

and Emily Porter 6-2, 6-0.

"Kristi has strong, intimidating play at the net. She also has a good backhand," Wall said. "Shannon brings driving ground strokes to the court and she moves extremely well."

In second doubles, Katie Huver and Rachelle Levingston upended Charlotte's Angela Ackerson and Anna DelGorino 6-3, 6-1.

Red Arrows' Amanda Grochowalski and Julie Geelhoed were defeated by Michelle Raetry and Melissa Potts 6-1, 3-6, 7-5 (tiebreaker).

Fourth doubles team of Sandrine Shanghai and Haley Irwin straight set Middleville's Molly Jazwinski and Sarah Johnson 6-3, 6-0.

Earning wins in singles play were Jenny Gunberg, Heather Geelhoed and Stevi Thompson.

Gunberg bested Ionia's Beth Mason 6-2, 7-5. Heather Geelhoed defeated Ionia's Kristina Wandel 6-2, 6-0 while Thompson upended Middleville's Jen Burks 6-7 (3), 7-3, 7-4 (tiebreaker).

"Stevi has one of the best serves on the team. She worked hard in the off season and has shown tremendous improvement. Last year she was our 13th player, this year she's playing fourth singles," said Wall.

Mandy Gunberg lost her finals match to Middleville's Cary Middlebush 6-7 (3), 6-2, 7-5 (tiebreaker).

Earlier in the week, Lowell won 8-0 over Grand Rapids Union. The Red Arrows won each flight in straight sets.

"The girls are playing well and have gained some confidence," Wall said. "This week's match against Grand Rapids Baptist will give us a good idea as to where we're at."

Lowell girls take first at Wayland; boys finish 3rd at East

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Results from Lowell girls cross country team's opening week were a mixed bag.

Disappointing times produced disappointing results at the Pioneer Classic on Thursday, while improved performance produced similar results at Wayland over the weekend.

"The girls were bummed about finishing behind Forest Hills Central and Northern at East Grand Rapids," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "However, the course was sloppy, muddy and slick, and the girls were cautious and did not attack it."

Despite that, Lowell, without the services of Holly Plattner, placed four runners in the top 10.

Sarah Swab led all Red Arrow harriers with a time of 21:59 and finished fifth. Lisa Wojciakowski was sixth at 22:12 followed by Abbie Blanding, eighth, 22:22; Natalie Kent, 10th, 22:37; and Rebekah Woods, 19th, 24:18.

Running but not figuring in the scoring were Emily Gerard (24:46) and Katie Clements (25:22).

Central won the invitational with 35 points. Northern was second at 42 points and Lowell placed third with 48.

At Wayland on Saturday, Lowell was first in the 15-team field with 32. Middleville, defending Division III state champion, was second at 50 and Plainwell was third with 97.

"Times were helped by a finish which had a downhill grade," said VanderWarf.

Wojciakowski led all runners with a time of 21:37. Teammates Swab (21:48), Blanding (22:04) and Kent (22:07) finished third, fourth and fifth respectively; Gerard was the fifth Red Arrow in at 23:31.

Running but not figuring in the team score were Woods (23:37) and Clements (24:01).

"I'm not sure we've ever beaten Middleville, so that's a nice confidence booster," VanderWarf concluded.

A third-place finish at the Pioneer Classic boosted confidence and with it got the Lowell boys cross country team off on the right foot.

"The track conditions were sloppy, but finishing third is good for a young and improving squad," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "This is a boost of confidence for them."

Sophomore Steve Ellison led all Red Arrows, stopping the clock

in 18:23 and placing sixth.

Scott Riddle (19:15), Mitch Solon (19:17) and Eric Schumm (19:23) finished 12th, 13th and 14th respectively.

Jon Riddle came home in 19:42 and placed 18th.

Running the race but not figuring in the scoring were Nate Clements (21:37) and Bobby Gingerich (22:19).

Forest Hills Northern won the invitational with 33 points. Forest Hills Central was second with 48 and Lowell was third at 63. The top three were followed by Jenison 97, Hudsonville 108 and Kenowa Hills 116.

At Wayland over the weekend, the Red Arrows were fourth in a 15-team field.

Allegan won the event with 59 points followed by Wyoming Park, 80, Lawton, 104; and Lowell, 117.

Ellison again led all Lowell runners, finishing in eighth place with a time of 18:09.

Scott Riddle was 19th overall, coming home in 18:46. He was followed by Solon, 21st, 19:09; Schumm, 30th, 19:30; and Jon Riddle, 35th, 19:45.

"I'm very happy with their performance," VanderWarf

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