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Dinner to nurture its guests and enhance awareness for Foundation's mission

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Breakfast has always been identified as an important element to a student's school day.

With food in mind, the Lowell Area Education Foundation is hoping the Friends of the Foundation Fall Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 5 will become an annual element for establishing friendships and community awareness.

It's that awareness and those friendships which the foundation hopes will help nurture and enrich the educational lives of students in Lowell Area Schools.

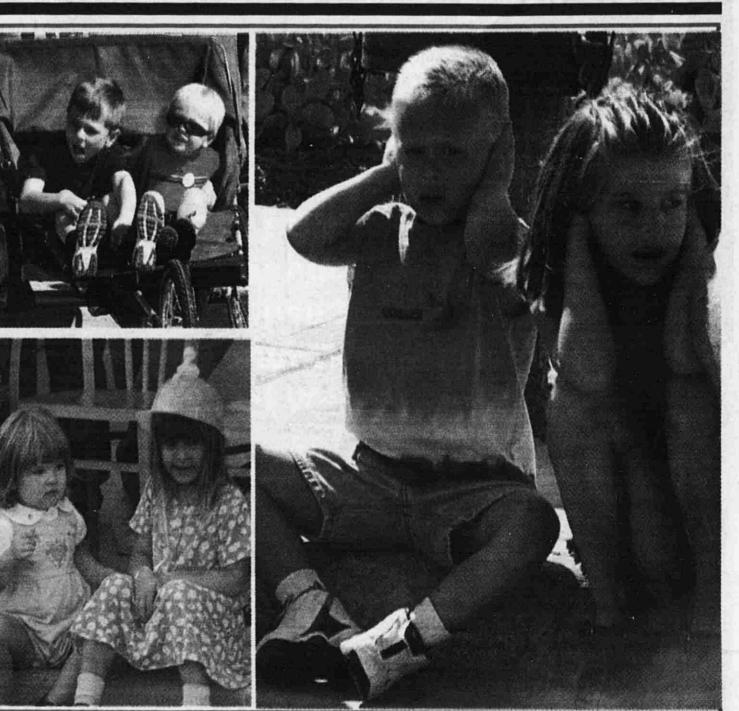
"It's a unique idea which allows us to meet new friends in and outside of the district and to feed them well," said Lowell Area Education Foundation president, Marsha Wilcox.

The idea was born from Grand Rapids Foundation vice president, Dave Thompson. As a member of the Opera Grand Rapids Board, he helped establish a similar event in Grand Rapids six/seven years ago.

"It is a great way to draw people together - and nothing draws people together like great food," Thompson said.

Sitting Along the Parade Route

Pictured to the right, clockwise, are Brayton and Parker Grant; Lance and Ashley Huber; and Emily and Katie Haefner.



DINNER SITES:

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1. Nick & Ann Byars 11407 36th St. SE Lowell Australian Dinner Serves - 20

2. Norman & Rosemary Byrne 2736 Honeycreek N.E. Ada Irish Dinner Serves - 8

3. Floyd & Kathy Chase 13400 Beckwith NE Lowell Italian Seafood Dinner Serves - 8

4. Jim & Sally Gunberg 7616 Knapp NE Ada British Dinner Serves - 10

5. Rolio & Jenny Lubbinge 11505 Cascade Rd. Lowell Hidden Garden Fall Gathering Serves - 8 Jim & Mari Stone 14024 Thompson Dr. Lowell Taste of Italy Serves - 8

David & Janice Thompson 14100 Thompson Dr. Lowell All-American Serves - 8

o. Jim & Bobbi White 4169 Bedaki Lowell Little Mexico Serves - 8

Gordon & Marsha Wilcox 9654 Bailey Lowell Harvesters Dinner Serves - 8

To make a dinner reservation at one of these nine locations call 616-897-8375.Please leave a name, phone number, address, the number of tickets and choice of dinner location. Reservations are not official until payment is received.

Friends of the Foundation Fall Dinners will incorporate nine area homes. Each home will have an ethnic flavor.

Dinner will start at 5:30 preceded by a social hour. At approximately 7:30 the dinner guests will depart to the Lowell Performing Arts Center (high school) for an evening of entertainment by the "Marvelous Wonderettes" at 8 p.m.

Dessert will be served at intermission of the performance.

The dinner, dessert and performance will cost \$75 per person.

Hosting a dinner are: Nick & Ann Byars, Norman & Rosemary Byrne, Floyd & Kathy Chase, Jim & Sally Gunberg, Rolio & Jenny Lubbinge, Jim & Mari Stone, David & Janice Thompson, Jim & Bobbi White, Gordon & Marsha Wilcox

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Behind the walls at City Hall

City Hall was constructed in 1909. So, when the City Hall walls fell prey to the renovation movement, many were anxious to see what might be found behind the walls.

What they learned was the city was prompt with its payments to Chicago Electric. Rick Rutherford, Walsh Construction foreman, came across a postcard which was postmarked 1907, thanking the city for its recent payment of an electric bill. The postcard was found lying atop the city vault.

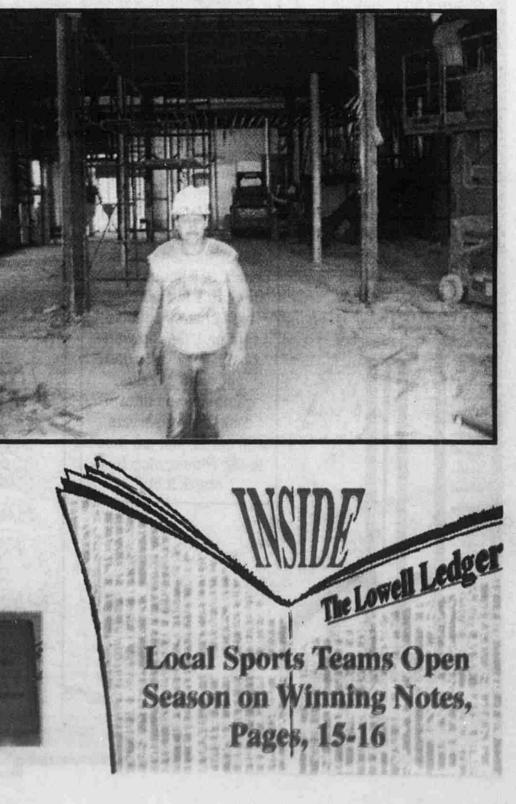
Also uncovered was the city's City Bank checkbook. A check stub denotes that the last check written from that book was dated Nov. 30, 1907 to M.B. Austrio Co. for an amount of \$161.65

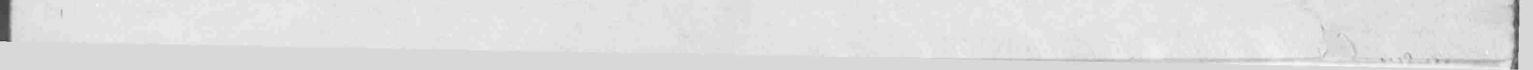
For contractors' reading enjoyment there was a copy of the Oct. 6, 1916, edition of the Lowell Journal. It was uncovered upstairs behind a wall near the balcony.

Walsh Construction was contracted for the demolition part of the renovation. The general trades package (handling of special items) is being carried out by Nugent Builders.

Rick Rutherford, right, foreman of Walsh Construction, has overseen the demolition of the inside of City Hall. Pictured below is the postcard and checkbook found behind the walls of City Hall. "With the construction that's going on inside, I don't go in there everyday, but I do drive by it several times during the week and take a look," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "It's a different feeling in there with all the offices having been gutted. When completed, it will have a completely different look and feel."

In June, Lowell City Council approved a base bid for the City Hall-police station project with the City Hall's second floor and the new roof; total cost: \$4,273,951.





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OBITUARIES

ARNETT - Boyd Arnett, by his wife Edith; sons Alan Stars, American Defense Seraged 87. of Lowell, born Janu- (Susan) of Belding, David ary 19, 1915, passed away (Pamela) of Belding, Kevin Aug. 29, 2002. He is survived (Maureen) of Lowell; 10

grandchildren; six great-

grandchildren; several nieces

and nephews. Mr. Arnett was

a veteran of WWII receiving

an Asiatic Pacific Theater

Ribbon with four Bronze

vice Medal, Philippine Lib-

eration Ribbon with Bronze

Star, a Purple Heart, and a

Distinguished Unit Citation.



March 24, 1916, in Belding. She was preceded in death by her parents John James and Lucia Chickering Lind, and siblings Lucille I., Harold G., Helen E., James and Donald. She is survived by her sister Marjorie M. Sullivan, who resides at Porter Hills Retirement Village in Grand Rapids. She is also survived by a brother-in-law Edgar Arend of Niles and a sister-in-law Dorothy Theros of Lancaster, Pa. She has many nieces and nephews. The family moved to the farm on Sparks Rd., two. She was a graduate of Lowell High School and sometime later moved to Holland and worked at Hart and Cooley. Her husband Lester Hoover Blvd., Holland, MI cer Society.

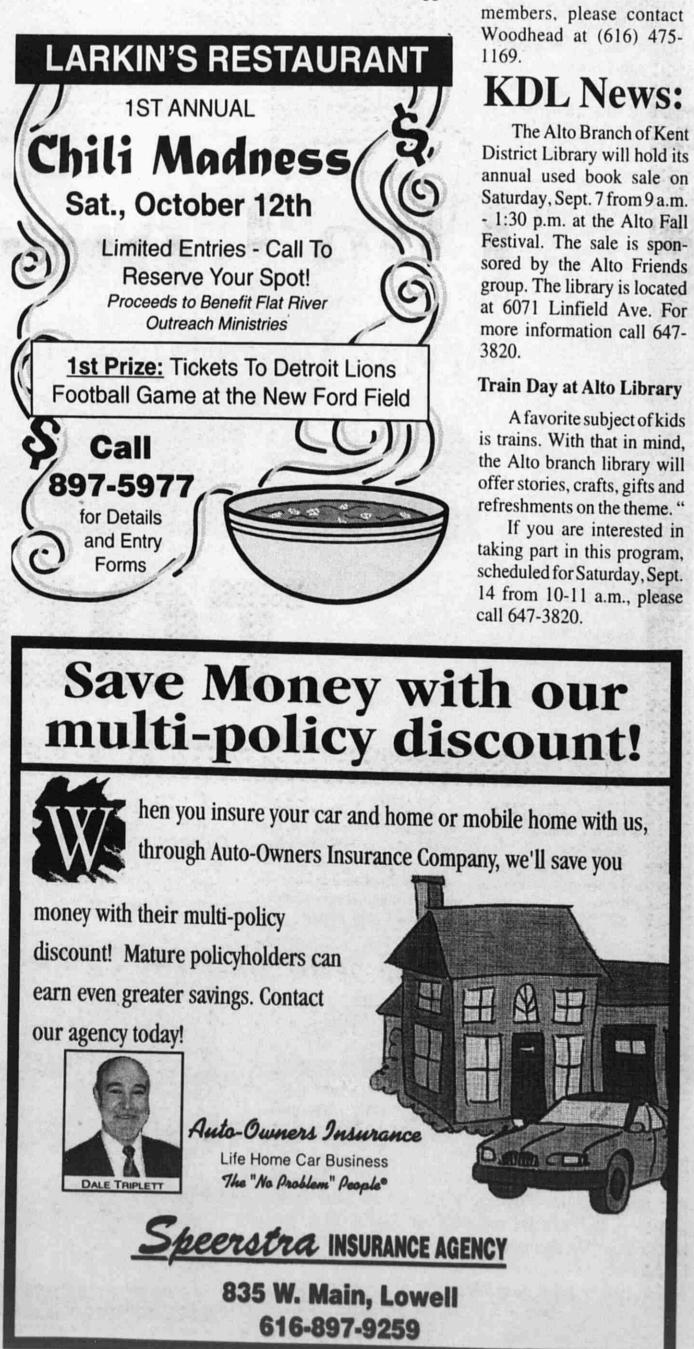
dent of Freedom Village of Holland and attended Christ Memorial Church of Holland. She loved golf and bowling. etery in Holland at 10 a.m., lowed by a memorial service at Freedom Village auditoing. Those desiring an expression of sympathy may consider Hospice of Holland, 270

Class of '82 20th reunion Sept. 21

beginning at 7 p.m. The reunion is planned by Ann Woodhead-Berman, Meredyth Althaus, Heidi Elzinga and Kelly Byrnes. 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, John Russell, Elmer Lisa Gless, David Hayes, Scharswak, Ramona Hayes, Todd Schoenborn, Scott Seeley, Hendrick, Christensen, Julie Thompson, Kim Larabee, Ray Marshall, Steve Martinez, Joan Miller, Shannon Mouton, Tom Myers, Julie Olson, Richard Onan, Philip Palmer, Judy Videan, Bryan Rector, Maria Vicki Rojas, Dan Ruesegger,



death in 1986. She was a resi- OSBURN - Freda Marie Osburn, aged 77, of Lowell. passed away August 30 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Mark Her vivacious spirit and her LeRoy and her son Clare. laughter will be missed by She is survived by her chilfamily and friends. Cremation dren James Wert, David has been cared for by Avink Michael (Marilyn) Wert. Funeral Home - Cremation Frances Mary Lee, Roseanna Society of Michigan. Marie Osburn, Mark Lee Graveside services will be Roy (Susan) Osburn Jr., all held at Pilgrim Home Cem- of Lowell; her sister Elaine (Frank) Moore of Grand Wednesday, September 4, fol- Rapids; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday. rium at 11 a.m., with Rev. Sept. 3 at Roth-Gerst Fu-William Brownson, officiat- neral Home, with Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to American Can-

Marie Wendy Rick Serne, Nikki Shelley, David Strouse, Jim Valentine, Chris VanCamp, Quentin VanKooten, Pam Walters, Bob Yakes, Sue Yakes.

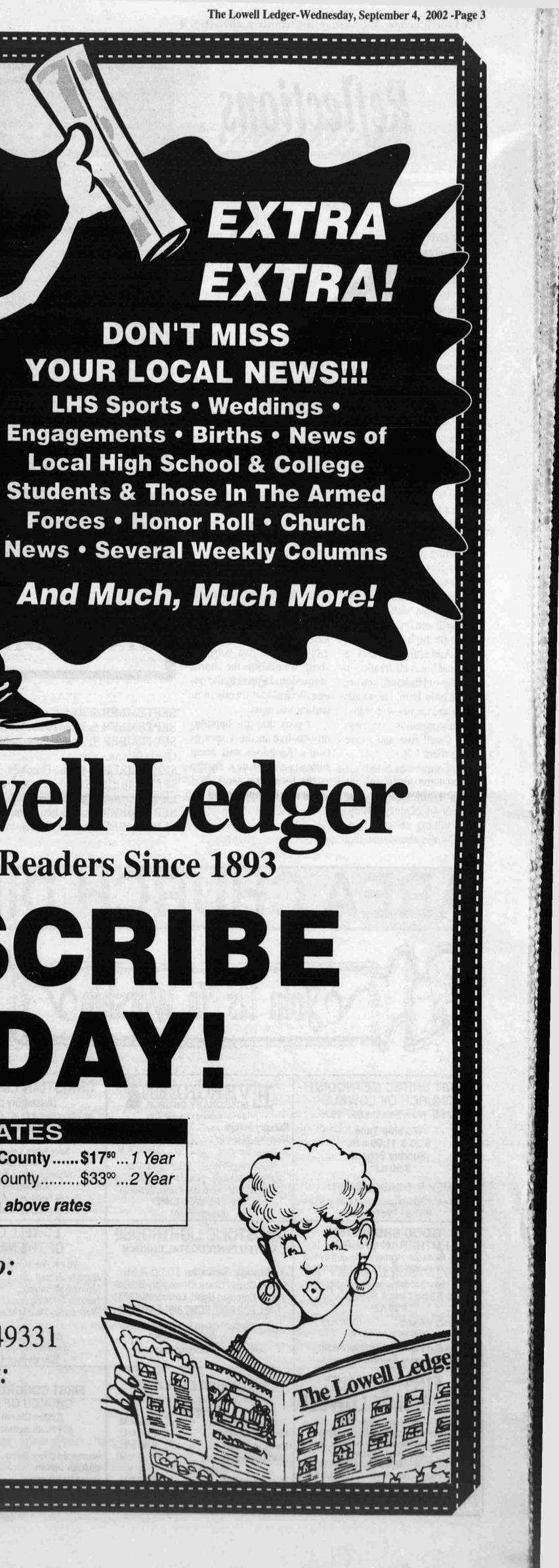
If you have information regarding the whereabouts of the aforementioned class Woodhead at (616) 475-

District Library will hold its annual used book sale on - 1:30 p.m. at the Alto Fall Festival. The sale is sponsored by the Alto Friends group. The library is located at 6071 Linfield Ave. For

A favorite subject of kids is trains. With that in mind. the Alto branch library will refreshments on the theme. " If you are interested in 14 from 10-11 a.m., please

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Roger LaWarre, pastor First Congregational Church

There is a quote that I want to share with you. "Know to what extent the creator has honored you above all the rest of creation. The sky is not an image of God, nor is the moon, nor the sun, nor the beauty of the stars, nor anything of what can be seen in creation. You alone have been made the image of whole heaven with His span. in you and moves within you and moves in us. without constraint, for He has among them.' '

(2 Corinthians 6:16) comes from Gregory of world that occupies you. Nyssa, a 4th century bishop. He is talking about "abundance" - the abundance that

is already ours. He understands this abundance in terms of our "greatness" in God, who "dwells" in us and "moves" within us and among us.

This quote is important for us to read and understand because it reminds us of why being the Steward of God is so critical to living in the image of God. God is a giver. We know this from, if no other story, the story of Jesus and the reality that transcends all the young woman, Mary, who understanding, the likeness of is Jesus' mother. God is givimperishable beauty, the im- ing "God's self" - his Son - to print of true divinity, the re- bring new life and hope in a cipient of beatitude, the seal world that knows too little of of the true light. When you peace and justice, too little of turn to Him you become that salvation. So, being made in which He is Himself ... There the image of God we "beis nothing so great among come that which He is." We beings that it can be com- become those who sacrifice pared with your greatness. for the ways of justice and God is able to measure the peace. We become those who give from the abundance of The earth and the sea are en- our lives so that others would closed in the hollow of His know God with them in tanhand. And although He is so gible and positive ways. In great and holds all creation in short, we become the church the palm of His hand, you are in mission, faithful to the imable to hold Him, He dwells age of God that dwells in us

I pray that this opportusaid, 'I will live and move nity to live in the vision of God's Kingdom will bring enthusiasm and new energy This particular quote to the everyday work and



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 5: Barb Vezino, Kohlton Scott Clouser. SEPTEMBER 6: Brian Haan, Mitch Mercer. SEPTEMBER 7: Chuck Barnes, MacKenzie VanderWarf, Gloria Morris.

SEPTEMBER 8: Wilma Fairchild.

SEPTEMBER 9: Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Mahalic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee.

SEPTEMBER 10: Brecken Hendrick, Chris Gerard, SEPTEMBER 11: Sean Ellis, Susan Barry, Justin VanDyke.

Volunteer tutors needed

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session for Monday, Sept. 9 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at Schuler Books and Music in Grand Rapids at 6:30 p.m. and lasts one hour. It allows people interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

AREA	CHURC	H DIRE	CTORY
2003	oin Us In Worst	b9	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship Time 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:50 a.m. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance	EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)	CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E.* 897-1100 * Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor Stacy Peters, College & Twenties SUNDAYS: Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 9 PM Religious Education, children to adults - call Brenda Berding 897-7915 See Lowell Cable Ch. 49, EWTN for 24 hr. Catholic broadcasting
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Adult Bible Class & Sunday School 9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship	APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday Services 10:00 A.M. at the Cherry Creek Elementary School 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com	LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School	
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. Burland Margesson & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour	ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School	

Bloughs celebrate 65th anniversary

Lester and Beulah (Fahrni) Blough celebrate 65 years of marriage on Wednesday, September 4.

The couple are the parents of Richard and Diana Chaterdon, Terry Blough (deceased), Sandra Darling, Jake and Alice Blough. Norm and Donna Dawson, and Roger and Tammy Blough. They have 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a nonprofit United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need t o speak another language to tutor ESL.

For information on the session or to register, call 245-7962.

*** With fame I become more and more stupid, which of course is a very common phenomenon. -Albert Einstein ***

Life consists not in holding good cards, but in playing well those you do



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In last week's column I informed you of my father's passing. Dwight C. "Brownie" Brown would have been 77 on Monday, Labor Day. As a tribute to him, and those of his 82 days generation, I am attempting to briefly chronicle his life in a few of these columns.

the context of his peers, who all grew up during the Great Depression, fought in WWII and went on to build careers and families, he's just another guy, or gal. When the going got down a covering fire on the position while riflemen (the guys tough, no problem, they were tough themselves.

childhood. As he grew into his teens, Blanchard, Michigan had to say the least. Brownie's unit suffered 180 percent casualties become home. Many lasting friendships were developed there. during the 82 days. He came through without a scratch. Saved One of those relationships eventually became a 55-year mar- by a stubborn left eye. riage to Phyllis Reynolds.

Blanchard family that had taken Brownie into their home experienced, nobody held out much hope of making it home during part of his youth. The card contained two old photos of Brownie and a letter he'd written them from China, where he official surrender was signed on Brownie's 20th birthday was stationed after the war ended. I'll get to the letter later.

In one of the photos Brownie was 16, tall and lean. He was dressed in a terribly ill-fitting suit and had a felt dress hat was sent to Tinsien, China, with occupational forces there. He someone of that age can conjure up. My mother said the photo a place where a nickel would buy you a good meal, a bottle or was taken at a wedding they had both attended. They ended up other diversions. leaving together. It was sort of their first date. Needless to say, she will treasure the photo.

Brownie enlisted in the Seabees and got as far as the induction experience. "Tinian was tough, but nothing like Okinawa. I center in Detroit before it was discovered he'd lied about his age. He went back to his Huck Finn lifestyle in Blanchard.

When Brownie was 17 he dropped out of school and joined the Marines with a buddy. The buddy was one of the Grim boys discharge paper while helping my mom get things in order whose family published the Blanchard Banner. That connection would prove to be life altering in a few years. Brownie to service. Brownie filled in "driving a one and a half-ton truck never did go back to school.

had trouble qualifying with a rifle. It seems a genetic quirk wouldn't allow him to wink his left eye closed. The Drill Instructors wouldn't let him put his cheek over the stock and sight with his left eye (he could wink his right eye closed). They made him wear an eye patch for days, but it didn't help. His problems with a rifle caused him to be sent on to machine gun school after boot camp. Apparently you can sight a heavy died while he was in the Marines), no money, no job, a 10th machine gun with either eye.

Following training Brownie was sent immediately over- thought about re-enlisting. seas without a furlough. He wound up as a replacement in the 1st Marine Division. They were rebuilding the division in Hawaii after the decimating campaign fought for Guadacanal.

Brownie had fond memories of those months on Kawai. Camping out, eating fresh fruit and getting to town on occasion. Who wouldn't like that lifestyle? The war began for Brownie with the invasion of Tinian in

the Marianas islands. It was a short, but sharp fight to wrest the island from the Japanese. Next stop, Okinawa.

Before the Marines even got ashore they had Japanese Kamikazes to deal with. Brownie said they felt safe on their little transport thinking the suicide planes were after bigger ships. He said that rationale went out the window when a Kamikaze slammed into the transport next to them.

The landing took place on April Fool's Day, also Easter Sunday, 1945. The island wasn't considered secure for another

The Japanese were burrowed deep in caves and bunkers. When advancing soldiers and marines encountered one of Brownie's life seems remarkable to me. But when put in these strongholds, there was a routine for taking it. The machine gun squad sat up their gun. In Brownie's squad it was a Browning .30 caliber water-cooled machine gun. They laid who could wink their left eye closed) crept up on the bunker Last week's column hit the high spots of Brownie's opening with explosives and flame-throwers. Dangerous work,

When Okinawa was secure, preparations began for the After the funeral my mother received a card from a invasion of Japan's home island. After the fight they'd just alive. But, the A-bombs were dropped, the war ended, and the September 2, 1945.

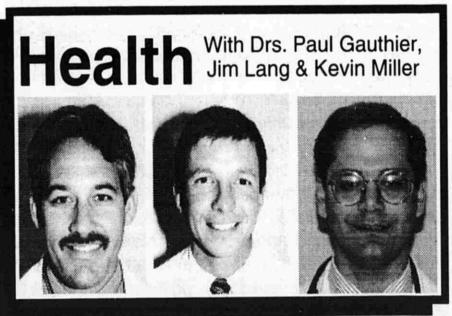
The floor of J. C. Train's storehouse on the bridge broke the other day, dumping 400 pounds of maple sugar and 150 Brownie didn't have enough points to rotate home, so he bushels of wheat into the river. Most of the wheat was recovperched on the back of his head. He was wearing a grin only was there about six months, living largely on corporal's pay in ered. **100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER**

While in China he wrote the letter I mentioned earlier. It A combined good roads meeting and farmers picnic will be was a chatty little note asking about everyone's health, wishing held at Island Park a week from today, with ball games, free About the time the above-mentioned photo was taken, the all a Merry Christmas and guessing about when he might be beef barbecue and state speakers. Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The nation went to war. sent home. In one short paragraph he summed up his combat There were 15 carloads, about 4500 bushels, of yellow peaches shipped from Lowell Monday, prices from 30 cents to sure hope I never have to go through anything like that again. \$1.25 a bushel. Buyers from Boston and Rhode Island are Amen! reported to be in town.

Brownie finally did get home. I ran across his DD214 George W. Rouse attended the State Association of Master Horseshoers in Grand Rapids Monday. after the funeral. The form listed occupational experience prior Devastating forest fires are reported in the area around Lake Linden in the Upper Peninsula. for the Michigan Bean Co. on trips up to 70 miles." That's it. Thomas Edison predicts that electricity will displace loco-At Marine boot camp in San Diego, California, Brownie Military training included machine gun school. In the space for motives within 30 years. occupation following service he had entered "undetermined". In the space for occupational training preferred he also listed **75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND** "undetermined". In a space asking for locale of residence **THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 8, 1927** following service he entered "unknown".

The DD214 pretty much sums up Brownie's situation in of Trade will resume Monday. the spring of 1946. Throw in no family (his grandparents had "Evidence of unusual prosperity" leads to a raid on an Ada farmer, where a still and mash are found. grade education and you have a recipe for despair. He seriously The spare tire on the front of a truck makes a useful bumper Next week we'll get into Brownie's break in finding a

trade, getting married, having young-uns, etc.



PROSTATE CANCER

preceded only by skin cancer. Prostate cancer is found in 120,000 men annually, most of them over the age of 55. This disease causes an estimated 34,000 deaths per year. The risk of on the stage of the cancer, your age, and general health. prostate cancer increases with age. Blacks and men with a family history of prostate cancer are at higher risk than the with proper treatment. See your physician or other health care general population.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

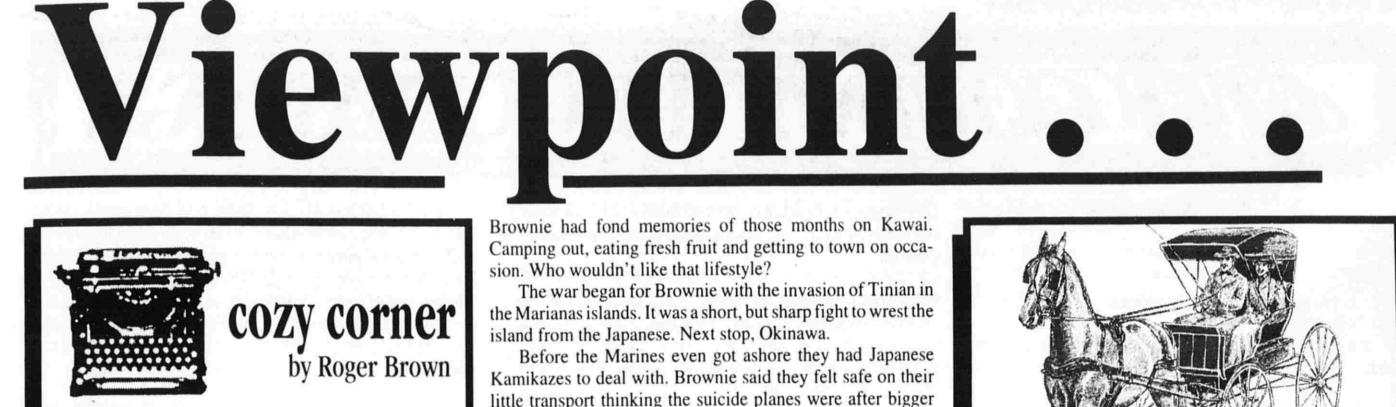
this is why the American Cancer Society recommends routine screening to detect the disease, when treatment is effective. Many men will have enlargement of the prostate leading to urinary symptoms. This is called benign prostate hyperplasia and is not prostate cancer.

Weaver's Market closes after 27 years in business, due to Prostate cancer is detected by having an annual digital Mr. Weaver's ill health rectal exam beginning at the age of 40. We also recommend an The Showboat Garden Club's petunia tubs are flourishing, annual lab test called PSA (prostate specific antigen) be but the south side of the bridge and the library yard need performed annually in men starting at age 50. Men with a attention family history of prostate cancer should get the PSA test The Kent County All-Star 4-H Softball team wins the state starting at age 40. If an abnormality is found on the rectal exam championship for the second year in a row. or PSA, a prostate ultrasound and biopsy is performed to make **25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEP**the diagnosis.

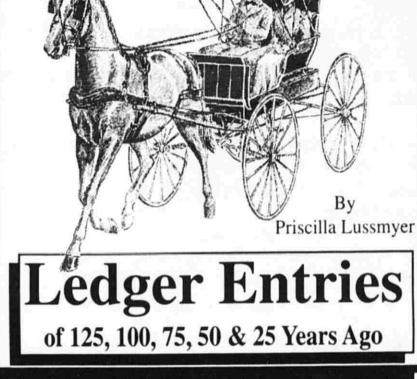
If prostate cancer is found, there are many different options **TEMBER 8, 1977** Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer in men for treatment including surgery, hormone medication, radia-Amway and 126 other detergent manufacturers file suits tion, and anti-cancer drugs. In some very slow growing canagainst the federal ban on phosphates, saying that they will cers, no treatment is needed. The choice of treatment depends face irreparable financial losses. Norton Avery receives a Certificate of Merit on Old

Prostate cancer, if found early enough, can often be cured Timer's Day at the Michigan State Fair for his preservation of cultural resources through photography. provider for your annual check up. The Kent County Library starts a Mail-a-Book program

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Early on, prostate cancer is usually without symptoms and



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 5, 1877

It's time to inspect your stovepipes. Watermelon thieves have been busy.

People harvesting potatoes should be careful about the Paris green spread on plants to kill potato bugs; it is poisonous. Prof. Jay A. May, the new high school principal, arrived last week and is boarding at V.D. Young's.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1902

The regular bimonthly noon dinner meetings of the Board

A Ford airplane is coming out that can carry 20 passengers. Do not use petroleum or mineral oil for harness; they may rot the leather.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 4, 1952

Frank's 5c to \$1 store gets new vented aluminum awnings. Tom Kehoe and Glenn Rondot are hired to initiate night patrols for the village.

with paperbacks for rural route boxholders and homebound persons.

Christoff's is building a storage building and a warehouse, and King Milling plans two more steel storage bins.

Valley Vista Village is now renting various sizes of mobile home lots.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF **CITY COUNCIL** OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, AUGUST 19. 2002.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Brubaker, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: Councilmember Myers.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk believed an Assistant City Manager would be good for is to install a new foundation next to these walls and go Betty Morlock, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden. Police Chief Jim Valentine and Police Officer James Hinton.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by PFALLER that the minutes of the August 5, 2002 regular meeting be approved as written. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4.

NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

> BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (08/19/02) GENERAL FUND \$00 642 40

GENERAL FUND	\$99,643.40
MAJOR STREET FUND	
LOCAL STREET FUND	30,980.49
DDA FUND	26,734.06
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FU	and the second
BUILDING AND SITE FUND	
WASTEWATER FUND	1,270.87
WATER FUND	32,307.69
DATA PROCESSING FUND	271.38
EQUIPMENT FUND	14,610.33
CURRENT TAX FUND	245,852.61

Item #1. APPROVAL OF MOTORCYCLE TOY RUN AT FAIRGROUNDS. As held during the past years, the Motorcycle Toy Run is scheduled for Sunday, September 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. ending at the Fairgrounds. This event has been well received.

Motorcycle Toy Run Representative David Stevens stated this will be their 8th annual toy run. He noted toys are collected for children who are in the surrounding hospitals.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired how many bikes participate. Stevens responded approximately 500 motorcyclists. However, during the last few years, the weather has been rainy.

Pfaller confirmed there has been coordination with Fairgrounds Director Ron Wenger. Stevens responded yes.

Police Chief Jim Valentine saw no problem with the event.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the Motorcycle Toy Run at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, September 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. APPOINTMENT OF JIM VALENTINE AS **ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER - CONCURRENCE OF** CITY COUNCIL. Jim Valentine has served the City since January 1983 as a Police Officer. Prior to this, Valentine held law enforcement positions with the Village of Lake Odessa from 1974 - 1983. Since July 1, 1994, Valentine has been Police Chief, a position he has held with distinction.

In an effort to provide greater responsibilities and an opportunity for career development, City Manager Pasquale proposed Valentine be appointed Assistant

City Manager, in addition to the position of Police Chief. His duties are outlined in a job description provided to the After reviewing these bids, DPW Director Dan DesJarden Council.

nix to complete his Bachelor's degree. He is encouraged to eventually undertake and finish a Master of Public Administration degree. Valentine recently completed the parking lot to ensure safety from any falling bricks. FBI Academy program.

pointment.

Councilmember Blough concurred with Pasquale and the City of Lowell.

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by be another interior brick wall for a firewall. BRUBAKER to endorse the appointment of Jim Valen tine as Assistant City Manager.

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

BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT. Public Works walls at \$45,500. Director Dan DesJarden stated there were four sewer were due to roots in the homeowners' sewer laterals. PFALLER to approve the proposal from Architectura These back ups took place at Shepard Drive, Sibley and Building Restoration, Inc. of \$45,500 for the VFW Build North Monroe.

The Department has requested engineer proposals at NAY: 0. this time concerning water in the basements of homes in ABSENT: 1. the Valley Vista development. This will involve a study of MOTION CARRIED. the entire area to find out where the ground water is.

drain, it appears as though this will help the residents a cost of \$45,500. along Carol Lynne.

Councilmember Brubaker noted he spoke with some ABSENT: 1 residents after the last Council meeting. He asked MOTION CARRIED. DesJarden if any of these residents had contacted him stated he received no calls.

No further action was taken.

CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT COURT, 17TH DISTRICT. running for Circuit Court. The first is for experience and to the City for assistance. judicial philosophy. This is a very powerful position and he would be dealing with families, properties and sending Mayor Shores did not believe the City could take blame individuals to jail. The Circuit Court deals with civil cases which are \$25,000 or greater, and felonies. The Circuit Court also has involvement with family court situations such as domestic relations, divorce and juvenile cases.

Zemaitis has worked in the circuit for approximately 20 tree roots. years and has served as magistrate for the Cities of Wyoming, Walker and Grandville for the past twelve years. He understands how to deal with the criminal side of up to \$3,000.

Zemaitis has a judicial philosophy of treating individuals. as he would wish to be treated if he were in the same position. He tries to do it firmly and properly.

Zemaitis noted a forum will be held in the City of Lowell in mid September and everyone is invited to attend.

BUILDING). The City purchased the VFW Building and the City Hall - Police Station project. With construction now underway, the building was advertised for bid. On residents for reasonable losses. Tuesday, August 13, the following were received:

an alternate, restore the exterior walls of new parking lot between Lowell Auto Body and Tummino & Tummino.

Gregg Hovey \$25,300

and Pasquale recommended the purchase of 307 East Main Street to Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. for Valentine is currently enrolling at the University of Phoe- a price of \$45,500. Further, it was recommended the Council consider the trade for work to restore the walls (previous guote \$57,375). This is a necessary part of the

Councilmember Pfaller asked if the City would be better Pasquale requested Council concurrence of this ap- off removing the wall. He stated the wall is serving no purpose. DesJarden said the problem is eliminating a building in between each other. The bricks being seen are interior bricks, not exterior. What is being proposed straight up with an exterior brick on the outside. DesJarden stated the bricks could be removed. However, there will

As Councilmember Blough understood, one of the recommendations made to the Council is essentially a barter situation. He was a little uncomfortable with a barter and would rather prefer the issues be approached from two distinct separate contracts. One contract would set the selling price for the VFW Building at \$45,500 and Item #3. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER the other contract would be for the restoration of the two

back up calls within the past two weeks. All back ups IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by ing at 307 E. Main Street. YEA: 4

IT WAS MOVED BY BLOUGH and seconded by City Manager Pasquale explained there may be a need BRUABKER to approve the bid from Architectural Buildto place an under drain in the Creekside Park area. If one ing Restoration, Inc. to repair the two walls as proposed is warranted and the City proceeds with such an under between Lowell Auto Body and Tummino & Tummino at YEA: 4. NAY: 0.

concerning the review of their backup records. DesJarden Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Peter VanderHorst of 920 Beech had a sewer backup occur on approximately Item #4. PRESENTATION BY DANIEL ZEMAITIS, June 30. He reported the case to the City and it was denied. VanderHorst was concerned with the dangers of Candidate Daniel Zemaitis explained his reasons of having raw sewage at his residence. He was appealing

> for all sewer backups. Not every sewer backup is the City's fault.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned what caused the backup. VanderHorst responded sludge buildup and

VanderHorst was asking the City to address and resolve the issue and pay for the damages caused by sewer and hearings. He also has experience with small claims backups from the City's sewer system, formulate and revise a resident friendly and helpful City policy on handling these related backups. He said the City must: (1) Formulate and adopt a set of reassuring helpful, timely and friendly procedures to aid the stressed homeowners when necessary. (2) Assign and train responsible City representatives to carry out this policy during homeowner emergencies. (3) Proactively educate the citizens of Lowell on new procedures and policies which may affect them. (4) Solicit feedback from Item #5. SALE OF 307 EAST MAIN STREET (VFW the public before a Public Act is adopted. (5) Review present maintenance frequencies and practices and parking lot in February, 2000 (total cost: \$177,994) for change if necessary so homeowner protection against sewer backups is maximized and reimburse affected

Mayor Shores sympathized with individuals who have Architectural Building Restoration, Inc. \$45,500 or as had a sewer backup. However, the City does have very good employees working in the sewer and water department. All are very qualified. The Council is trying to do what is best for all citizens of Lowell. Every two weeks the Council will receive an update concerning recent back-UDS.

CITY COUNCIL PRO

Gene Sturgeon of 225 Elizabeth Dean inquired where the waste should be placed if a backup is experienced. but unable to pay a company for the cleanup. Shores stated individuals should contact the City as soon as a backup occurs. DesJarden added a City employee is usually on site within a half-hour. However, because the City does not have its own equipment, outside companies must be called, which can delay the process a few hours. Once the line is unplugged, the sewer line can be used again to dispose of what is in the basement.

Allan Hull of 201 Donna Drive guestioned what a lateral is and if there is one for each home. DesJarden explained the term "lateral" means the pipe which is actually extending from an individual's home to the main. Hall questioned why more than one lateral backup occurs at the same time. DesJarden explained a back up could occur if there is a plug in a main which backups into the sewer main itself. Also, a backup can be caused by the lateral itself being laid to the house to flat extending to the main.

Councilmember Blough stated there was a suggestion made during the last meeting that concerned citizens sit down with DesJarden and discuss some of these issues. Blough invited residents to discuss the specifics with City staff in order for these issues to be addressed.

Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley did not recall the suggestion of talking with City staff. She spoke with Public Works Director Dan DesJarden several times prior to the DesJarden. last two weeks. However, she felt nothing had been accomplished.

Johnston reviewed some questions, which were reviewed at the last meeting and read the following:

- Has there been any monitoring on Litehouse, Inc. to find out if the company is maintaining its lines?
- It was brought up at the last meeting that Laurels of Kent is still to date experiencing weekly back-ups within their facilities. Has the City checked into this since the last meeting?
- It was asked why the citizens of Lowell received no notification of the changes in Legislation, even while a sewage back up was in effect, they were not informed. Dan DesJarden implied that a short section of PA222 was posted in the Englehardt Library. She stopped at the Library the next night and asked the two librarians if they knew anything or could recall any such posting. The impression received was those two librarians who work there were quite aware of all which goes on in this library and neither even knew about the notice. Once it was explained to them, their first response was, "That would have been posted in the Ledger." Again, the guestion was asked: "How were the citizens of Lowell informed of the legislation?"
- The question was asked, "Since the City was always able to determine immediately what the cause of the blockage was and who the responsible party was prior to PA222, why can they not make the determination now?" "What caused the block up?"
- The denial letter to our claims stated it was due to "grease". DesJarden stated at the last meeting, there was not enough grease to warrant a back up. Well, there was a back up. Four houses had sewage come in their basements. If it wasn't grease, what was it then? And why was that the reason stated on our letter of denial?
- One of the Councilmembers asked that DesJarden bring copies of his records on sewage backups, not necessarily limited to just the Valley Vista area. Did DesJarden bring these with him tonight? Did he bring a copy of the investigation report of their findings Johnston asked for repeatedly on the back up on May 12? The one which was the basis for their denial of the claim?
- The topic of back flow preventors being installed at the homeowner's expense was discussed. Again, Johnston posed the question, "If we install one of these devices, which could possibly cause the homeowner's own sewage to back-up, doesn't that completely eliminate any recourse of liability on the Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Mayor Shores re-

City's part, simply because we have a back f device?"

- DesJarden stated the main sewage lines are c stantly monitored. How often is "constant," and h often is it required to be done?
- Due to settling of the lines, do the main lines run fla Is there enough drop to keep them flowing?

New Questions:

- If all back-ups are televised, is this done before or a the blockage is flowing again?
- How is a blockage un-blocked?
- What happened to the light at the end of Sibley Str near Ridgeview which flashed whenever there was blockage in the lines?

Johnston had asked Pasquale if some kind of comp mise could be worked out and his answer was "r Pasquale stated any payments made by the City wh would be over and above what the insurance compa provided would require a City Council action.

Johnston did not feel she could get any information fr the City. Shores explained information could be received if she was willing, as earlier suggested, to sit down w

Blough noted the meeting minutes (official record) s gested a report be provided to the Council whene there is a back up. He also said the minutes do indicate it was necessary for DesJarden to bring records.

Blough stated the issue would appear on the agenda a regular item over the next several months.

Brubaker asked if DesJarden could acquire the resul the investigation which was submitted to the insu DesJarden responded yes.

Brubaker commented on the discussion held in library parking lot after the August 5, 2002 meeting was mentioned that Johnston should have a meet with DesJarden. If a problem occurred, Brubaker sta Johnston should then contact a Councilmember or Manager Pasquale to assist in establishing such a me ing. Johnston recalled the conversation. During conversation, she noted her conversation with DesJan which consisted of a request to receive a copy of investigated report. DesJarden explained he direct Johnston to Tracy at Meadowbrook Insurance.

Johnston inquired if any Councilmembers have ever a sewer backup. Brubaker stated he had two se backups when he first moved into his home. He has had one since.

Blough suggested the sewer backup issue be pla near the end of the upcoming agendas, near Pu Comments.

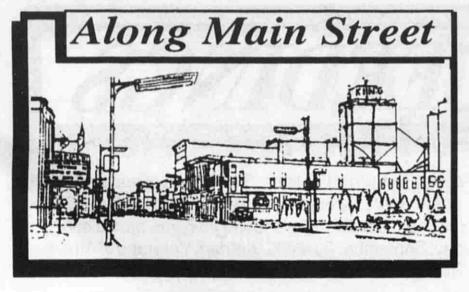
Shores suggested Johnston and VanderHorst estab a day to meet with City representatives. Shores quested she be notified of the date.

Dan Durham of 1450 Carol Lynn Drive was happy to hear The Riverwalk Festival is scheduled for Saturday, a study will be conducted concerning the ground water August 31. problem near Creekside Park. He inquired if the sprinkler system was turned off on the fields to ease the problem. On Tuesday, August 13, the Michigan Legislature DesJarden responded no. There is a drain center, which overrode the Governor's veto restoring state-shared tells the sprinkler to turn off. The added water is actually revenues. This means \$214,513 to the City of Lowbringing the ground water down because the old well ell. This past Tuesday (August 12), I had the opportunity to address Reps. Hart, Jansen and house is being used. Durham guestioned why his Kooiman stating Lowell's need for these revenues basement went being wet occasionally to being wet constantly. DesJarden explained this is why such a study is going to be conducted. Because of the Labor Day holiday, the next Council 9.

Durham commented on the pipe above the catch basin which runs off to the storm sewer. He noted the catch IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. basin is full most of the time. Durham questioned the DATE APPROVED: Tuesday, September 3, 2002 possibility of the catch basin leaking. DesJarden responded he would investigate the problem and get back C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor with him. Betty R. Morlock, Clerk

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	"]	EEDINGS	
flow con-	Sept Liter day,	ed two proclamations. The first involves proclaiming tember Literacy Action Month from the Kent County racy Council. The second involves proclaiming Fri- September 20, 2002 Vietnam Veterans of American ognition Day.	
lat?	By concurrence, the Council agreed to each proclama- tion.		
after	Also, the last summer concert occurred. Mayor Shores said the concerts were a success and there was good weather. This is a very positive event for Lowell. The Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council and volunteers have done a great job.		
		#9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale orted on the following:	
pro- no." hich	1.	Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan approached Pasquale concerning the Well Head Protection Program. He is in the process of forming a committee and wishes to have a Council representative. By General Consensus, the Council agreed to ap-	
any		point Jim Pfaller as Council representative.	
rom ived with sug- ever not his	2.	Tom Smith of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber (FTC&H) stated as part of the City Hall/Police Sta- tion project, the City is required to have Builders Risk insurance. Previously they reviewed the cost of acquiring it directly or having FTC&H Construction Management purchase it. It was discovered that FTC&H can acquire the insurance at a lesser amount, saving a few hundred dollars. Smith noted a change order has been submitted.Pasquale noted the amount is \$8,641.50.	
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ated City eet-	3.	A ground breaking ceremony for the City Hall-Police Station project was scheduled for September 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.	
this rden the cted		Smith noted many walls are now gone from inside City Hall. This morning the vault door was dis- lodged. Much of the demolition is done and the foundation for the addition is approximately 50% complete.	
had ewer	4.	The following meeting minutes were provided:	
s not		 Airport Board meeting of July 2, 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of July 20, 2002 	
aced ublic	5.	A Lowell Youth Football schedule was provided.	
blish s re-	6.	The City Hall and Police Department offices have moved to the Huntington Bank building. Pasquale thanked the staff, particularly the DPW employees, who helped make this a successful move.	
hear	7.	The Riverwalk Festival is scheduled for Saturday,	

meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3.



SUPERFAN/FOOTBALL TICKETS

SuperFan and Football season ticket applications are available at the Lowell High School athletic office or on the school's website (Lowell.K12.MI.US). Adult or student SuperFan tickets are \$55/\$40 respectively. Adult or student season Football tickets are \$20/\$15. There are reserved seats available.

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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL PICTURES

Lowell High School pictures will be taken on Friday, Sept. 6. Retake pictures will be taken on Thursday, Oct. 10. Seniors must have their pictures taken for ID cards only.

WITTENBACH CENTER ANNIVERSARY **CELEBRATION FRIDAY, SEPT. 6**

The second anniversary celebration of the Wittenbach Center will include a Farmers Market (8 a.m.- 7 p.m.); draft horse demos, blacksmithing and pottery throughout the day; nature hikes held at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.; country cookout and live music: 5 - 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. Questions? Call Tammy at 987-1002.

LHS OPEN HOUSE

Lowell High School will have its annual open house on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. A picnic will be held at 6 p.m.

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.

FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES TO START

Sessions will begin Sept. 16 with 3 classes per session: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Register at Lowell Middle School with Theresa at 897-9222. \$10 registration fee; must be 12 years old upon completion of session.

FREE WINTER COATS AND JACKETS

Pick up a ticket at the Foodmobile on Sat., Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring it to Flat River Outreach Thrift Shop Wednesday-Friday, noon-6 p.m. or Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and select a winter coat or jacket (for children and adults.)

CAMP FIRE INFO. MEETING

An informational and recruitment meeting will be held for Camp Fire boys and girls on Wednesday, Sept. 18 in the Cherry Creek Elementary music room from 7-9 p.m. Call Kathy (897-6346) after 7 p.m. with any questions.

Foundation Dinner, cont'd... From Page 1

leave a name, phone number, address, the number of tickets and choice of dinner loca-

Money for the dinner and /or ticket to see the Marvelous Wonderettes may be brought or sent to Lowell Schools Administration Building, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

only the performance and dessert may purchase a ticket for \$10 apiece or \$25 per Ledger office.

mentioned number. Reservations are not of-

ficial until payment is received. "This is a casual, com-

fortable event," explained cochairperson, Jan Thompson "This is about fellowship, food, fun and fund raising."

Tickets for the Marvelous Wonderettes perforany of the district school buildings and The Lowell

ball team will provide a babysitting service for all who attend the dinner and/or performance.

call 616-752-8375. Please family by calling the afore- ing grants for enhanced educational programs and innovative learning since 1995.

> This year, it projects awarding \$24,000 in grant monies to the following six projects:

Kids Bright Ideas, \$2,000; staff innovative grants, \$6,000; enrichment classes - community education and elementary foreign language/culture, \$5,000; sci-

Y's Family Fest, Sept. 14

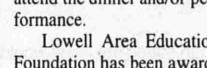
By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell YMCA cel-



Those wishing to attend mance may be purchased at

The Lowell girls basket-



Building on Sat., Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring your own box/bag. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

> ence robotics, \$5,000; technology/video production. \$3,000; tutoring, \$3,000.

Projects which have been funded through the foundation in the past include after school desktop publishing, speaker on Thomas Edison Flat River Ecology, Fallasburg Schoolhouse, accelerated reader books, and disability awareness (K-4).

ebrated its 40th birthday two years ago.

It did so by throwing a community party.

"The idea was to say thank you to the community of Lowell for its support," says Lowell YMCA community development director, Andy Retburg.

Lowell YMCA will take the opportunity to thank the community again at this year's Family Fest on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 4 until 8 p.m. The event will be held at Creekside Kingdom.

In case of rain, the event will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

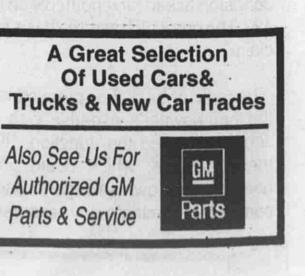
Family Fest will include an inflatable maze and caterpillar, moon walk, arts and crafts, old-fashioned picnic races, cotton candy and popcorn, balloons and raffle prizes.

Tickets may be purchased at the YMCA and all YMCA child care centers for \$5 per adult and \$3 per child (under 12). On the day of the event, tickets are \$6/adult and \$4/ child.

Each ticket purchased will include four free carnival rides.

All patrons will enjoy a pig roast, chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, cookies and drinks.

"The day is all about family fun," Retburg said.







Lowell community volunteer, George Mickel, stands with his granddaughters Courtney Cayer (left) and Alex Cayer. Lowell's **Velma Perry** finds a few items to her liking

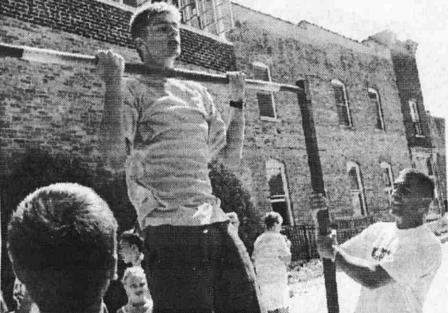


201 East Main fired up some pizzas at Saturday's Riverwalk Festival.



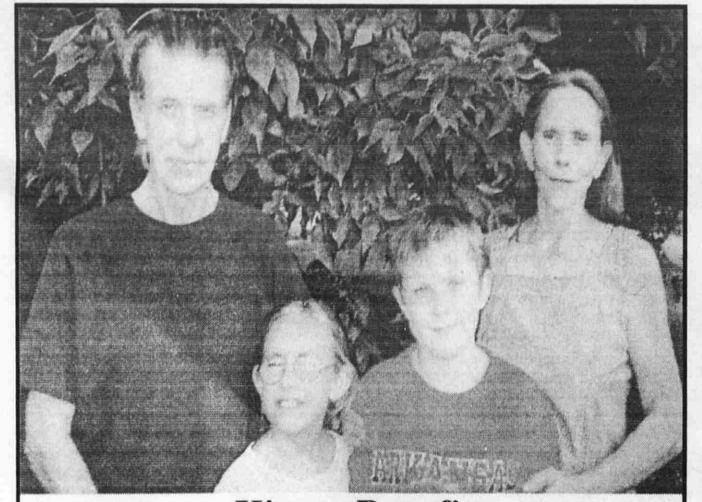
Taking Note of the Festival





Lowell's Ben Schloop gives them 16 pull-ups.

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Kinsey Benefit

Friends and family of Joy Kinsey Dorsey will hold a benefit in her honor on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 2 until 6 p.m. at the new Riverview at 14043 Fulton St. E. in Lowell. Dorsey was diagnosed with terminal cancer in July of this year. The benefit will include food, nusic, a live auction and a bake sale.



Nugent, Clarksville resident and Lowell native, was promoted to director of the Michigan Farm Bureau Field Operations Division, effective Aug. 26.

As Field Operations Division director, he is responsible for the design, implementation and administration of field support to county representative for the

Farm Bureaus and the management of regional field staff and the Member Services, Membership, Promotion & Education, Young Farmer and County Administrative Services departments.

Nugent began his Farm Bureau career in 1992, when he was hired as a regional

Never discourage anyone...who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.



Saginaw Valley. In 1995, he was appointed associate editor of Member Publications. He most recently served as manager of the Member Services Department, a position he had held since 1998. A 1992 Michigan State

science degree in agriculture and natural resources communications and agricultural economics. Based in Lansing, the Michigan Farm Bureau is the

Jniversity graduate, Nugent holds a dual bachelor's of

state's largest general farm organization, representing approximately 45,000 farm families across the state.

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Lowell Area Historical Museum earned first place for best float in the Riverwalk Festival parade on Saturday.

TOP FLOATS



Lowell's YMCA placed second in the float contest.



Courting Royalty

Court representatives from the Kent County Youth Fair royal court, Pulaski Days, and the St. John's Mint Fest all took part in Saturday's parade.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

With much appreciation to Lowell EMTs, firefighters & police

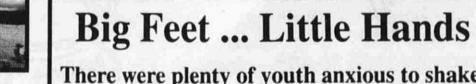
- · For responding to the call of strangers in peril and, in the process, placing your own life in peril time after time.
- For seeing sacrifice as simply "duty" and heroism as only "a day's work."
- · For allowing your community to work and play and sleep in peace, by being a tireless watchman on the city walls.

You deserve this tribute we gladly give. You deserve the prayers for safety we pledge. You deserve our genuine and lasting thanks!

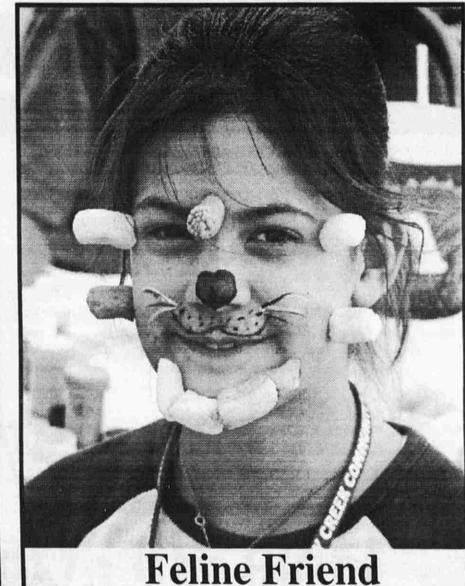
The Family of First Baptist Church of Lowell

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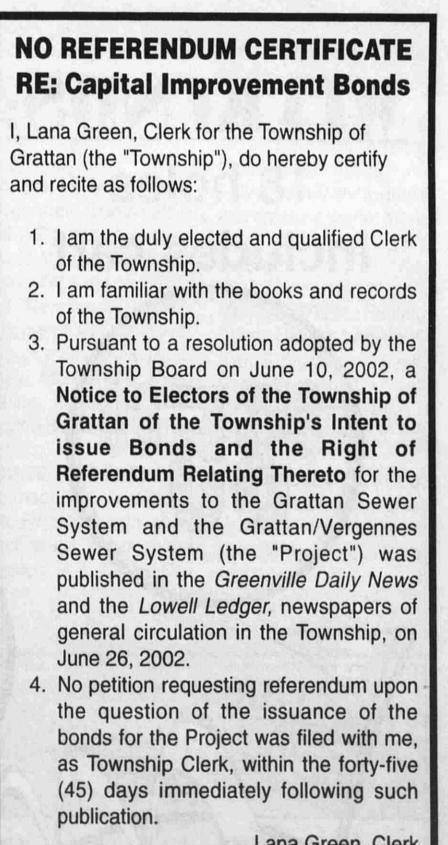




There were plenty of youth anxious to shake hands with the Riverwalk parade clown.



Wyoming's Sarah Piell had that "purrfect" look.



Lana Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

Dated: August 26, 2002



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowel **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 Ha 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. Call Linda 874-5662; teen D, 725 Bowes Rd. at 8 p.m. group call Sarah 281-6588.

THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults EACHMONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Connie 942-6887 Post #8303 (men only) V.F.W. meets at Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell, 7:00 p.m.

Troop 102, for boys 11 & up or completing the 5th- EVERY WED .: Pioneer grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. during school year in Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Enjoy hiking/camping. dren ages 4 thru 7th grade. Call Terry Cavanaugh, 868-6481

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mo-Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

TUES: Walking-exercise program at 9 a.m. in 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.527-2345/897-7020.

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.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE (& E. Beltline) at 7 p.m.

COMINGEVENTS

with AD/HD Issues Group meeting at Calvin College Rm. 206 of the Commons bldg. For information call

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

> Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlewood Dr. Chil-Call 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON TUES.: Take Off Pounds meets at Lowell Congregational Church basement.

bile Home Park Community **EVERY WED.**: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: The "Peppers" (senior adults) meets Grattan Twp. Hall, 12050 at Franciscan Life Process nity Room beginning Sept. 8 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri.: 9:30 Center from 1-3:30 p.m. \$10 per week. Transportation available. Call Pat at 897-7842.

> EVERY SECOND WED .: Franciscan Life Process Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. 7842. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED .: Royal Arch Masons regu-Knitters Club meets at the Lowell Masonic Cen-Kentwood Library, 4799 ter, 119 Lincoln Lake, 1ST TUES .: Adults with Kalamazoo Ave. - 1 p.m. Sara Coates 365-1247 or Bette Frieswyk 949-8655. EVERY THIRD THURS .:

> G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's p.m. for socializing; meet-Club meets at noon in comrnunity room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

> EVERY FOURTH WED .: Ada church. Call 752-8300. Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program with school-age p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the 897-9948 Lyle. Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Par- ers at Lowell Nazarene seum of Ada 7144 ents of children w/AD/HD Church, 201 N. Washing- Headley. Issues Group meeting at ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m.

Registration begins 1/2 hour before meetings New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS. - St Center, 402 Amity St., nondenominational help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school: 11 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

room. 897-1502 after 5 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346. p.m.

THURS.: The Alto Lions Club meets at Bowne Cen-Nash) at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 3RD THURS .: available. VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary meets at 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor Commu-

EVERY THIRD THURS. Center offers topics/ discussion for parents of children all ages. 897-

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Grand Rapids Machine lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

LaLeche League of Ada, EVERY SECOND WED .: Cascade & Lowell 6:30 ing 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome.

THIRD FRI.: All players & listeners: Join Nick & Patti children from Lowell in at The New Riverview, Mactivities. Times: 9:45 to 21 E. of Lowell, for a "Folk 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 Music" session, 7:30 p.m. - ? Call 897-0099 Nick or

> 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 EV-MONTH:Ada ERY Historical Society meets THURS .: Weight Watch- p.m.at Averill Historical Mu-

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

Mary's Pregnancy Crisis SECOND SAT .: Lowel Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social gathering: 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

FIRST THURS .: 4-H EVERY FRI. & SAT .: drama club meetings at Averill Historical Museum Lowell Middle School choir of Ada,7144 Headley 1-4

LOWELLAREA HISTORI-FIRST AND THIRD CAL MUSEUM HOURS: Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4 p.m.: Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: ter Fellowship Hall, corner \$10; individuals \$3; ages of 84th & M-50 (Alden 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

> FLAT RIVER OUTREACH SHOP HOURS: Wed. - Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 897-2037.Fall & winter fashions are now

> ENGLEHARDTLIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 a.m.-5p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m. Call 647-3920.

Parents Supporting Par- LOWELL AREA ARTS ents-support group at COUNCIL: Open Tues. Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

> 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 will meet at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Marcia Roth of Lowell Senior Neighbors. Please bring items for 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 practice at 7:30 p.m. Call

Kathy at 897-5981 for more information.

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 second anniversary celebration. Farmer's market: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; draft horse demos, black smithing, pottery; nature hikes: 10 a.m., noon & 2 p.m.; country cookout & live music: 5 - 7 p.m. (\$6); volunteer recognition at 5:15 p.m.; trail sculpture dedication at 5:30 p.m.; 5k run/walk: 6 p.m. /1 mile fun run at 6:30 p.m. Questions call Tammy at 987-1002.

MON., SEPT. 9: Picnic (6 p.m.) and annual open house (7 p.m.) at Lowell High School.

TUES., SEPT. 10: Diabetic Support Group meeting at 1st United Methodist Church, lower level, at either 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. For persons of all ages. Call Ann Mulder at 897-2760 if you have any questions.

TUES., SEPT. 10: Cub Scouts info. 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.

WED., SEPT. 11: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style turkey and dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults, \$7; 5-12, \$2.

MON., SEPT. 16: Hunting Safety classes begin, 5-9 p.m. 3 nights per week. Call Theresa at Lowell Middle School 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

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

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

Student involvement helps nurture community pride

advantage of an opportunity to learn about involvement and pride in one's own town.

Students helped Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker clean up the Showboat

Susanna Welch

Keith Boeve's Community Based Instruction class took Amphitheatre in readiness for the Riverwalk Festival held on Labor Day weekend. They also spruced up Riverwalk Plaza and Main Street.

Helping Boeve supervise the class's community learning service project was employment training specialist, Rose Bruinsma

"The purpose of the project is to encourage students to be involved and to take pride in their community," Bruinsma said. "It's also a way for them to hone their job skills."



Susanna Welch, Erica Kline, Jamie Schafer and Bobbi Young



Lowell agriscience program earns national award

The National Association for 2002. Lowell's applica- representing different areas of of Agricultural Educators se- tion was selected as the state the nation were named. The and environmental education lected the Lowell Area winner and was forwarded to Schools Agriscience Program the national level for compeas the Outstanding Program tition. Six regional winners

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The Lowell agriscience



ELEMENTARY

MON: Chicken patty on bun fish nuggets w/breadstick, smooth applesauce, mixed vegetables.

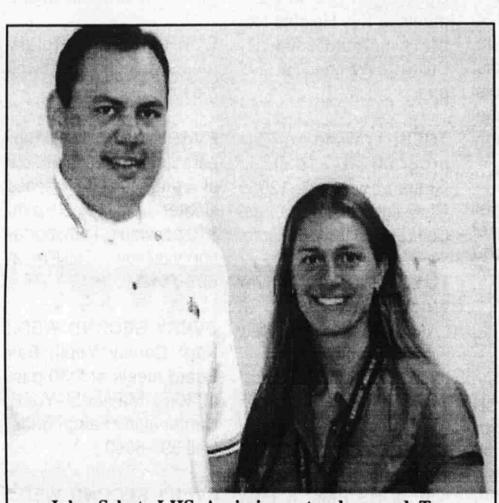
TUES: Macaroni & cheese or ham & cheese sub on bun, dried fruit, crispy tater tots, cinnamor

WED: Cheesy pizza or sloppy joe on bun, peaches, green beans.

THURS: Chicken sticks and roll or beefy burrito w/nacho pieces, cinnamon apple slices, veggies &

FRI: Spaghetti w/meat sauce and breadstick or fish & cheese on bun, pears, Calif. blend vegetables, ice cream sandwich.





John Schut, LHS Agriscience teacher, and Tammy DeBaar, Wittenbach Agriscience Center director.

award evaluates a program struction, youth development, experiential learning, partnerships, and marketing. The award program is sponsored by Case International Company.

program has a different focus on the following areas: in- at the various levels in the school district. The high school program serves over 150 students in courses such as animal and plant science,



landscape horticulture, natural resources and leadership. The FFA chapter has 135

members who serve in

leadership roles in the

community. The

middle school FFA has

35 members involved

in many leadership and

community service ac-

tivities. At the elemen-

tary level, the PALS

program connects high school students who serve as mentors to elementary students. A unique component of agriscience in Lowell is the Wittenbach Agriscience Center and Wege Natural Area. The center serves over 10,000 stu-

dents annually, teach-

ing the essential con-

cepts of agriculture's

dynamic relationship

with the environment.

The center has many aspects such as over 100 acres woodland, a trout pond. animals such as sheep and beef cattle, community gardens and 20 acres of grassland as well as many other experiential learning activi-

Oberlin opens up eyes in Lowell win



Amy Oberlin brought her A-game in Lowell's game against Kenowa Hills.

••• Sophomore Amy Oberlin poured in 19 points as she led the Red Arrows to a 13-point win over Kenowa Hills.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

senior-laden basketball team when it took the floor against Kenowa Hills Wednesday night, yet it was two sophomores who led the Red Arrows to a 41-28 non-conference win over the Knights in the Labor Day Tip-off Tournament.

Seven seniors dot the Red Arrow roster, yet Lowell fans and opponents got a good look at Lowell's future ... and it looks fortuitous.

During several stretches of the game against the Knights, Lowell had two sophomores and a junior on ball," Crowley explained. the floor. That oftentimes resulted in a fastbreak outlet pass from sophomore Kendra Gallert to junior Vallen VanZyll; or a pass in the post from Gallert to Amy Oberlin.

Lowell may have lost its all-state basketball player (Leslie Crowley) for the year, but Wednesday night in Belding it unveiled a super sophomore in Oberlin

"I told you she is a player. Amy is a different type of player than what teams are used to seeing from us," said Lowell coach, Dee Crowley. "She gives us a different look. Amy has a quick first move and drives hard to the basket.'

The sophomore looked as though she's played the post for four years instead of four quarters. "Oberlin at- least amount of mistakes. We didn't

tributes her early success to summer ball (AAU) with Gallert. "I played Lowell was the experienced and AAU with Kendra and that has helped me become comfortable in the post."

> Oberlin scored eight of her teamhigh 19 points to start the fourth quarter. Lowell opened the quarter with a 15-3 run, extending a six-point lead to 18 at 41-23 with four minutes to play

Lowell led 13-9 at half, but tweaked its press, in opening up the lead to 10 in the early minutes of third

"I thought we did a good job of denying their two best players the

For as smoothly as things appeared in the second half, the first half was a struggle.

"We missed open passes, open shots and didn't defend the three very well," Crowley explained.

Gallert, who runs the Red Arrow offense, clearly controlled the flow of the game, especially in the second half. "I still say she is the best guard in Grand Rapids," Crowley said. "Kendra has had a tough week (with the death of her cousin) and came out tonight and played well."

Kenowa Hills coach, Dick Chlebek said his club saw exactly what they anticipated from Lowell. "I told the girls before the game, it would come down to who made the

Crowley adjusting to new role

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the two-time defending O-K White champion and its seven seniors, the 2002-03 basketball season on the Red Arrow hardwood was expected to be a coronation of a marvelous tenure.

Those expectations could get diluted with the news that its all-state forward, Leslie Crowley will miss her entire senior year due to complications from knee surgery last June.

The high school girls' basketball prep star, who verbally committed to the University of Michigan earlier this year, will have to adjust from being Lowell's top player to becoming its biggest fan.

"At first, Leslie was disappointed and then she got angry; now she's trying to get to

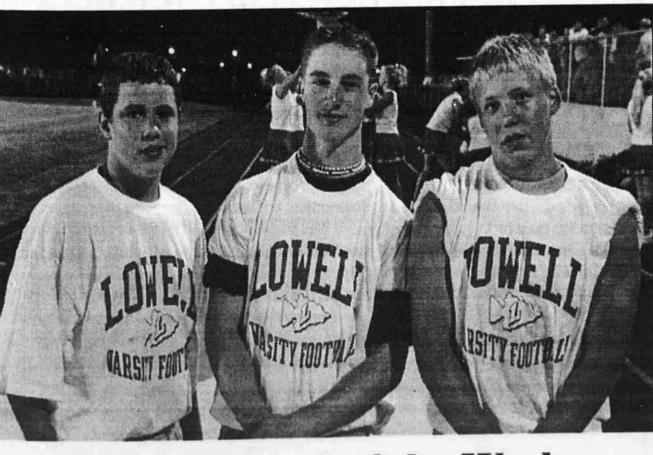
a resolution," said Lowell basketball coach mom, Dee Crowley,

The first surgery in June of 2001 re moved a bone chip (the size of a half dollar from the bottom of her femur.

"The bone chip was bigger than most, Crowley explains. "Leslie kept low this pas spring and didn't start to play basketball until June.'

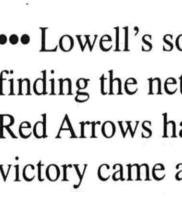
That's when the senior's knee incurred swelling. Doctors told her that to play now would cause too much damage and jeopardize her chances of playing college ball.

"It's been difficult for me as a parent, but as a coach I have to separate that difficulty from my responsibilities to this team, Crowley said.



78'ers Players of the Week

Lowell 78'ers players of the week, pictured from left to right, are: Sam Hopkins, defensive end, Red Team; Andy Oesch, running back, Black team; and Michael Crain, running back, Red Team.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It appears that the learning curve for transitioning from a marking system to a zone system is three games.

"I changed our approach because I wanted to gain more offense - move more people forward," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge.

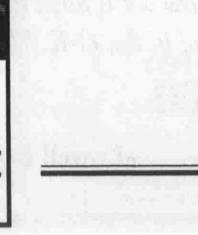
If offense is what he wanted, offensive is what the Red Arrows have been. Lowell has netted 19 goals in three games

against the likes of Mona Shores, Greenville and Cedar Springs. "I think it's been a combination of the new

system and our opponents being a little weak,' Legge explains. "The boys have become comfortable with it and thus have gained confidence."

Sam Oberlin and Shane Stokes have led the offensive brigade as they've both netted six goals and dealt out six assists.

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action in the second half. shoot or pass well tonight and against Lowell's press." we didn't take care of the ball



••• Lowell's soccer team has had little trouble finding the net in its opening three games as the Red Arrows have tallied 19 goals. The most recent victory came against Cedar Springs, 7-0.

> In Lowell's 7-0 win over Cedar Springs, Oberlin creased the net three times and Stokes twice; Jaime DeLiefde and Kevin Gillman each scored once.

"We've had six different players score goals for us in the opening three games," Legge said. "We've spread out the scoring opportunities.'

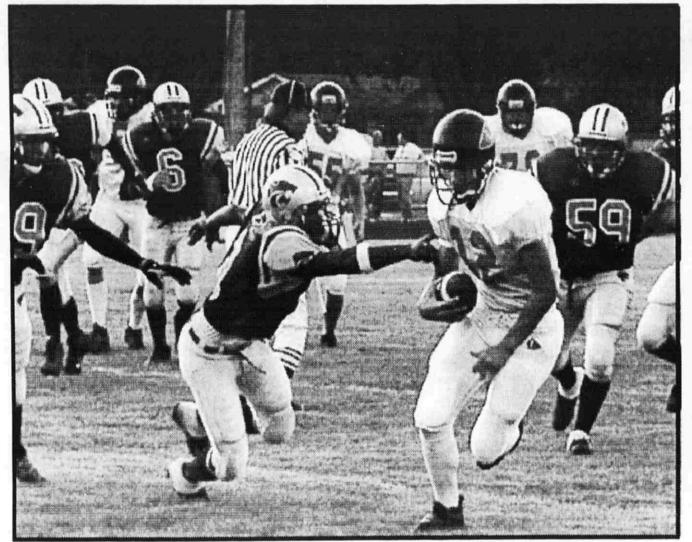
Lowell's defensive play has been satisfactory thus far, according to Legge. "I'm happy with the defensive play. With the change, I've asked a number of players to make adjustments in what they have been accustomed to doing." Legge recognized Ben Hanson and Pat

Vogel for stepping up their play. The 3-0 Red Arrows will be tested this

week when they travel to East Grand Rapids and then host Petoskey on Saturday.

> Paul Legge **Lowell Soccer Coach**

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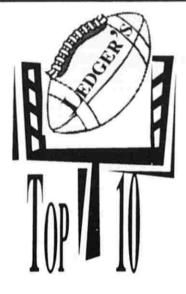


Mike Koster avoids a tackle after catching a pass from Lowell QB Mark Catlin

Lowell throws out new look in 17-12 win over Three Rivers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

weapons and barely enough



1. Jenison -This 2001 state finalist. coming off an 11-3 season, spanked City league favorite, Catholic Central 40-0.

2. Rockford - Holder of the best record (49-11) over the last five years. Coach Munger's Rams off to good start, quality win (24-21) over Brighton.

3. East Grand Rapids - The Pioneers did what the defending O-K White champs were supposed to - beat up an undermanned

Caledonia squad (49-0). 4. Hudsonville - The young Eagles of 2001 are now a year older and stronger. While East gets all the clippings, Coach Dave Durham's squad shouldn't be forgotten (41-16 over the last five years). Hudsonville opened with 17-0 win over Grandville.

5. Coopersville - Broncos (10-2 last year) never seem short on talent. Broncos defeated Kenowa

Hills 33-0. 6. Lowell - Opened with a 17-12 win over tough Three Rivers squad Young squad, new offense, Red Arrows have little time to grow East (Sept. 13) is first up in the White.

7. Forest Hills Northern -Looking to make a deceptive run at White title. Huskies opened with a 37-26 win against Orchard View (not that close).

8. Creston - Clobbered Muskegon Heights 56-6. Will battle Catholic Central for City League title. 9. Grand Rapids Christian Made a good first impression with a 21-13 win over South Christian. 10. Belding - Hasn't quit dancing since its 41-0 drubbing of Greenville.

nonconference win at Three Catlin's hands, but he sur-Rivers.

The Red Arrows officially Lowell had just enough unveiled their new look. spread offense, against the rhythm in Friday night's 17- defending Wolverine conferseason-opening ence champion Wildcats. "We had some missed

portune penalties - one cost us a touchdown: the other turned a fourth and inches into a fourth and a six," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean.

seemed pleased, though, with his young club's performance. and a number of sophomores and juniors playing this year. It's a cross curriculum we teach." Dean panned.

Lowell has a pretty good quarterback leading the class. That kid (Catlin) is a great athlete," said Three Rivers coach, Scot Shaw, "I was worried about Lowell back there in the shotgun with the field spread and the ball in

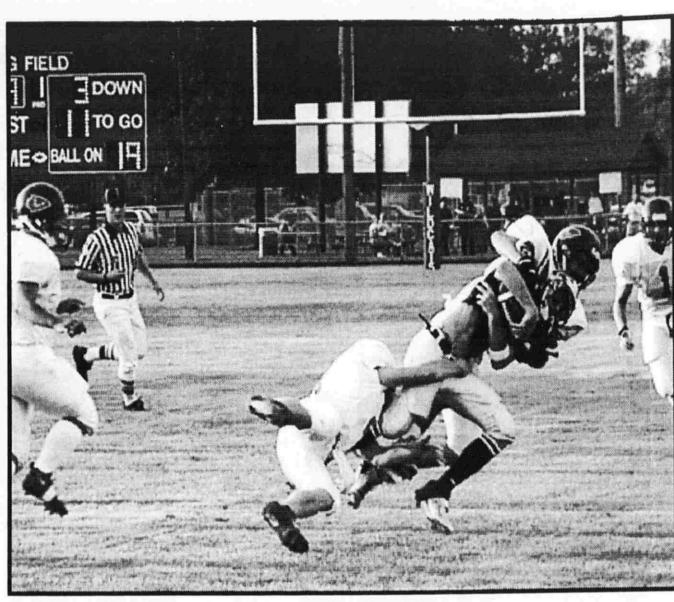
prised me with his passing. He's very hard to defend and one of the better quarterbacks I've seen.

Trailing 6-0 in the first quarter, Catlin led Lowell on an eight play, 66 yard drive. opportunities and some inop- The big plays of the drive were completions of 21 and 26 yards to Mike Koster, a 15yard run by Catlin, and Dustin VanLoon's eight-yard touchdown run

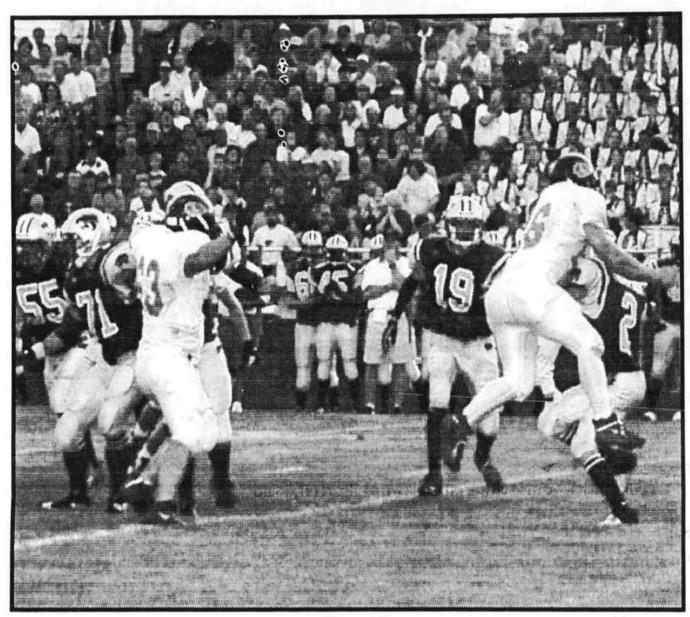
Early in the second quar-The eighth-year coach ter, Lowell extended its 7-6 lead when Catlin connected with speedy sophomore, Matt "We have 11 solid seniors D'Agostino for a 32-yard scoring strike.

the Red Arrow touchdown with one of its own minutes later when quarterback Nic Thompson tossed a 31-yard tion of new offense) gets bettouchdown pass to wide re- ter, we'll get better," Dean ceiver, John Williams, cutting the deficit to two at 14- to run the offense. Right now, 12.

The lone score of the second half came on a 43-yard



A diving tackle brings down Wildcat receiver John Williams



Lowell's Jordan Moore comes down on Three Rivers' quarterback Nic Thompson.

Three Rivers answered field goal midway through the third quarter by Lowell's Matt Foster.

"We think as it (execusaid. "We have the weapons our rhythm is off."

Through the air, Catlin

was 8-of-22 for 122 yards with a touchdown and one interception.

Koster was on the receiv ing end of six of those passes, totaling 97 yards. On the ground Catlin

rushed for 57 yards on 17 carries.

The Wildcats scored the

Red Arrow golfers find success in nonconference openers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It wasn't the O-K White, but putting together depth this year.' three straight wins has been a long time coming for the Lowell boys golf team.

Lowell (3-0) opened its dual season with wins over Ionia (211-217 - eight played and five scores were counted), Greenville (168-178) and Belding by Nick DuBois 41, Chris Lechner 42, and Matt and how important it is to stay with it," Ogle said (166-183).

"It's not been a bad start," Lowell coach, Jack Ogle said. "We have more kids and more boys are working at it," Ogle said." Now we'll

In two meets at Deer Run last week, the Red O-K White.' Arrows upended the Yellowjackets and Redskins. Greenville, carding a 39. He was followed home

Scheider 46.

I'm real pleased with what I'm seeing. The boys are working at it. Now we'll have to see what we can do one final time in the O-K White.

> **Jack Ogle Lowell Boys Golf Coach**

Ogle believes it will take four scores of 38-39 Luke Tomczak led the attack against to compete with the top teams in the league. "The boys understand that every stroke counts

> job on the same day." 43s.

lose," Ogle explained. Northern.

h	game's first touchdown when
-	Thompson connected with
	Williams on a 13-yard first-
-	quarter touchdown pass.
	Three Diversity with a l

Three Rivers' tailback, Josh Myers led all backs with 81 yards rushing.

Lowell, winner in 20 of its last 21 regular season games, hosts Greenville Fri-

"I'm real pleased with what I'm seeing. The have to see what we can do one final time in the

"This is a team thing - they all have to do a good Lechner led all Lowell linksters against

Belding with a round of 38. Tomczak followed with a 42. DuBois and Dave Maylone both carded

"This is a competitive team, they don't like to

Lowell opens up play in the O-K White at Egypt Valley against Zeeland and Forest Hills

Tea time at Dot's ... much to do about fun as fashion

By Thaddeus J. Kraus lowell Ledger Editor

Marie DenHouter began singing and playing the guitar a

the age of 15. She's now 87 and is still playing the guitar and singing. DenHouter was one of 21 friends of Dot Lacic who

attended Lacic's annual tea party. It's more than just a tea party though ... it's a fashion show.



The guests are all attired in early 18th century dress and many modeled jewelry of the early 1900s.

"My niece invited me to a tea party in Hudsonville about five years ago. It was my first one and it was so much fun that I decided to have one," Lacic explains.

The Lowell Township resident held her fourth annual tea party on Wednesday.

Along with the socializing, teas, music and games, Lacic treats them to lunch.

> "There's too much to eat," says Marie Graham. "This is the second tea party I've attended and I just love it - the people and all the dresses and hats."

For Shirley Lysdahl of Caledonia, Wednesday was the third Lacic tea party she's attended. "I know most of the ladies here because I play bingo with them at the Meijer Cascade store." Lysdahl wears a picture hat with flowers sprouting out the top. "These are fresh from the pot I took them out of at home," Lysdahl explains.

She also had some 1920 jewelry draped around her neck showcasing a rose pendant.

Plainfield Township's Dorothy Morley also

porary standard. She sings Garth Brooks' "If Tomorrow Never modeled a picture hat with roses and forget-me-Comes." As for DenHouter, she spent much of the The tea party isn't the only venue for her music. DenHouter afternoon sitting at a table covered by afternoon entertains roughly 150 seniors on Thursdays at the community shade, playing her Hawaiian guitar and singing on aging building. country music tunes from the 1930s. Her favor-When she's not entertaining, "I mow my own three acres," ite song from that era is "Chime Bells." DenHouter adds. DenHouter does break tradition for one contem-

Dot Lacic held her fourth tea party for friends and fellow bingo players.

Concert series continues to be a work in progress for Chamber and LAAC

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Aesthetics are beautiful; the community adores the event; and the artists love the exposure.

Those are three pretty good reasons why the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will live for a third year.

"People just love the setting on the lawn by the river," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker.

Baker's theory is supported by the fact that when weather permitted, and the music style was to the public's liking, the summer event drew capacity crowds of 700 people.

The event's charge from year one was to offer an aware-

ness of diverse musical styles to the Lowell community. Area Community Fund and \$7,000 through the Downtown "We will continue to do that, but will focus in on the Development Authority. handful that bring in the largest crowds," said Lorain Through the sale of merchandise, food, and patron dona-Smalligan, executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Countions, the concert series brought in roughly \$5,000, leaving the event about \$4,000 short of its budget. The balance is being Both Smalligan and Baker agree that weather and the covered by the chamber and arts council. economy may have hindered expectations in year two. The increased budget for year two can be mainly attributed Rain and cold hurt the events during the first two weeks to the sound system. and extreme heat also helped to shrink crowds. "The improvement in the sound was a real difference,"

"The city of Lowell had two companies move out and a Smalligan said. It also showed up in cost, as it added \$4,900 in third reduce production," Baker explained. "That creates a expenditures to the budget. crisis in a town the size of Lowell." Between now and next year Baker and Smalligan will

The budget for this year's concert series was \$26,000. Of discuss the many issues that arise with such an event and how that, \$10,000 was provided through Englehardt's Lowell to improve things in year three.

Book club brings mothers and daughters together to talk and listen

Englehardt Library's Mother-Daughter book club makes it fun to discuss important issues such as popularity, ethics, race relations and independence.

"It's a safe environment for kids to talk with their moms where it's not just one on one," said children's librarian, Sue Vanderveen. "Even kids who don't talk a lot listen. They're eager to read the books, so obviously they're getting something from it."

The mother-daughter pairs read the designated book, then come together at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month to talk. The genre varies from historical to science fiction to the

classics. "Contemporary fiction is probably the favorite," Judy Clowney, of Rockford, noted. Vanderveen said, adding that the girls frequently suggest Esther, her daughter, added she liked hearing other people's books for the group to read. opinions. "Otherwise, I just put it down and don't think about "I read books I ordinarily wouldn't pick up. 'Kissing it as much." she said.

Doorknobs' sounds dorky, but I liked it. There are books didn't even know were on the shelves," commented April Hendrix, of Lowell.

"I like the excuse to read these young adult books. These books tend to be about adolescents. I have kids and it's fun to see into their world from an author's point of view. It's a whole unexplored genre I otherwise wouldn't be reading, "



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Marie DenHouter played many of her country music avorites from the 30's.

"Sometimes you don't know what it was you did or didn't like until you start talking. You recognize different aspects of books you might not look at alone," Vanderveen added.

Even books nobody likes become fun. "We read one about whales which was interesting but we didn't like it," said Vanderveen. "We had great fun tearing that book apart. There Book Club, cont'd page 18 "Be Aware of

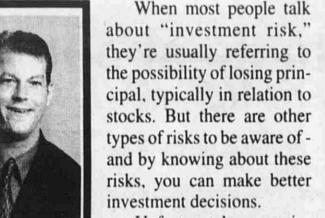
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Unfortunately, many investors place far more weight on the risk to principal than on other types of investment risk. It's not hard to see why

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investing in the stock market, you'd be much "safer" if you purchased fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), corporate bonds, municipal bonds and U.S Treasury securities. After all, your principal will be preserved - provided you hold the vehicle until maturity and the issuer remains solvent - and you earn a fixed rate of return. You'd think there couldn't possi-



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As you may be beginning to suspect, every type of investment has some type of risk associated with it. As an investor, you have to find ways to minimize these risks. The best risk-reducing technique is diversification. It's never a good idea to own all stocks, or all fixed-income instruments. By owning just one type of asset, you expose yourself to the full force of the risk associated with that particular investment. But by building a diversified array of investments, you'll capture some of the growth potential of stocks and some of the relative stability of fixed-income vehicles.

You can even diversify within individual investment categories. Look at many stocks, representing a variety of industries. Consider building a "bond ladder" consisting of bonds of varying maturities. Study the whole range of fixed-income securities.

You can't make investment risk go away. But by diversifying your holdings, you can lessen the impact of many types of risk - while boosting your overall prospects for success.

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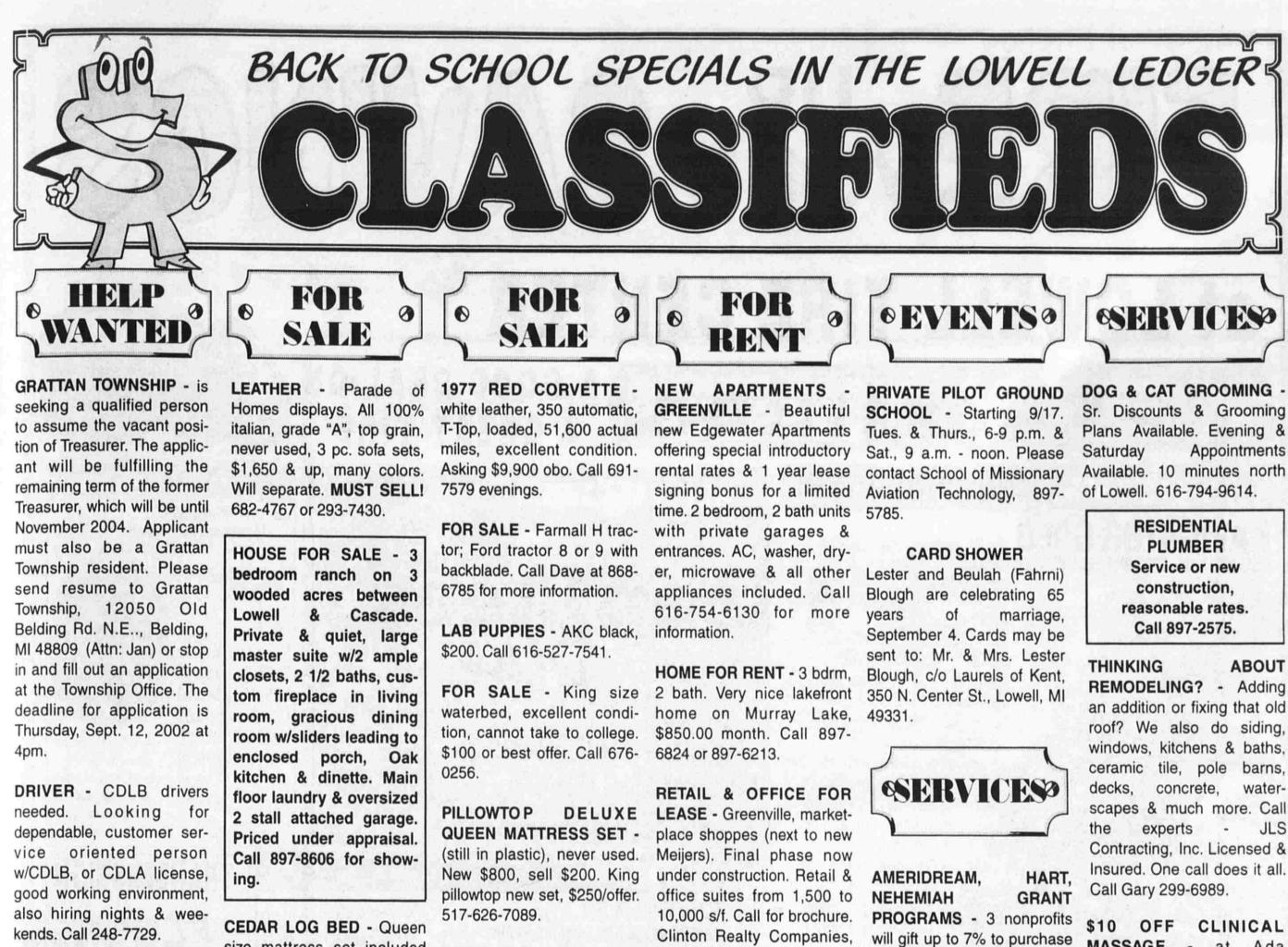
have been a couple of others the girls didn't like, but once we discussed them, they changed their minds."

To join, girls need to be 11 or older. "We want to make sure the content is appropriate for the girls, so even if there are very good readers who are younger, they need to wait," Vanderveen explained.

Vanderveen orders several copies of each month's selection (including the book on tape, if available.) These can be easily picked up at the checkout desk. "You don't have to come every month to be a part of this. We realize people are busy, and we try to make each meeting a special occasion by recognizing birthdays and such," Vanderveen said. "If anyone wants to know the month's selection, they can call the Englehardt Library at 647-3920.

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