Wednesday, January 29, 2003

City council steps back from underground drain project due to cost

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The costs of a proposed underground project came in simply too high for the city budget, with the Lowell City Council asking how much it would be for further studies.

Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, presented the city council with a study in the area of Faith, Carol Lynne and Jane Ellen drives in the Valley Vista subdivision concerning the possibility of a proposed underground drain to help the residents with water in their basements.

The cheapest way was to do nothing at a cost of nothing ... to the most expensive which would cost \$186,000 drain that ran from Jane Ellen Drive to Carol Lynne Drive, connecting to an existing underground drain behind Roberta Jayne Drive. The high costs also meant the project would not be consid-

ered for Community Development Block Grant funding, at least for this year.

The cost left the council with little say especially when Austin responded from a survey sent out. About 30 questionnaires were sent out with 17 homes responding; nine homes indicated they had water problems in their basements.

Austin said the study did not do any additional soil testings, but relied on existing data, the questionnaires, and a look at what took place at Creekside Park. The homes were constructed in the early 1970s and from the data that existed, it can be determined that the area already had a to install an underground high groundwater table, Austin explained. Creekside Park was added in 1986. However, from his studies, he said he could not state that the work to create Creekside Parkand the current underground sprinkling, which was added in 2002, were contributing to the current water problems in the

One resident at the meeting, however, adamantly disagreed with that. Dan Duram, of 1450 Carol Lynne, said he went from having no water to some water when the park was constructed, to now a constant stream of water since the sprinkling system was put

A problem for the drain is being able to put it at an adequate depth to help relieve the water in the area, Austin said, adding that finding a connection deep enough is the other tricky part. There is an existing storm sewer on Elizabeth Dean Drive that would work, cutting the project to \$167,000 and servicing about 23 homes, or the city would have to go to Roberta Jayne's underground drain, servicing about 30 homes. Either way,

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Troy Gillan, the Gentleman Caller (Jim) and Laura (the daughter) make up half the cast of "The Glass Menagerie."

"The Glass Menagerie" opens at the LPAC Thursday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will bring to life Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" on three consecutive nights at the Lowell Performing Arts Center beginning Thursday (Jan. 30).

"It's a change from what we've done in the past, in that it's not a comedy. It's a drama about a man looking back on the shortfalls in his life," said director, Patrick Hobbs.

The young cast, all first-time actors in a Thebes Players production, help bring a new, vibrant energy to the performance.

"They are young and bring a lot of energy to the stage. They have provided me with a lot of latitude because they are willing to try anything," said Hobbs, directing his third Thebes Players production.

As one of the most famous plays of the modern theatre, "The Glass Menagerie" is a drama of great tenderness, charm and beauty.

"It's wistful. It has to be because it is not reality. The characters are all exaggerated," Hobbs explains.

The play will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 1 at 3 and 8 p.m.

General tickets are \$8 with admission for students, seniors and LAAC members \$6.50. The cast members are Jen Rashleigh, the mother (Amanda); Daniel Falicki, her son (Tom); Lara VanderHeiden, her daughter (Laura); and Troy Gillan, the gentleman (Jim). Amanda Wingfield is a faded tragic remnant of southern gentility who lives in poverty

in a dingy St. Louis apartment with her son, Tom and her daughter, Laura. Amanda strives to give meaning and direction to her life and the lives of her children. Tom is driven nearly to distraction by his mother's nagging and seeks escape in alcohol

and the unrealistic world of movies. Laura also lives in her own illusions. She is crippled and this defect, intensified by her

mother's anxiety to see her married, has driven her more and more into herself. The crux of the action occurs when Tom invites a young man of his acquaintance to take dinner with his family.

For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

Cable rate increase effective come March

••• Rising licensing fees force cable rate hike.

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Increases in licensing fees have forced the Lowell Cable Television to raise its rates.

At the last week's Lowell City Council meeting, Lowell Cable Television general manager, Tom Richards presented the council with an increase in rates for both basic and digital, along with a new underground installation fee.

The Board of Cable Television recommended, and the council unanimously approved, increasing the basic rate, which includes 49 channels, from \$26.80 to \$28.30 per month. Digital Cable rates for entry

level would go from \$12.95 to \$14.25 per month. After notification, the increases would be effective in March.

The increases are a direct result of increases in the licensing fees for basic cable which has gone up \$1.44 per subscriber. Richards said. Similar increases have occurred for network programming, which is up about \$1.20 per subscriber.

Even with the increases, Richards said Lowell Cable Television's rates are still well below others, which range from \$40 to \$46 per month for basic cable and \$10 to \$19 per month for digital, depending on the number of channels offered.

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Block grant funds' vote delayed by project

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Charter Township's board delayed voting on disbursement of its Community Development Block Grant funds until February.

The township has \$13,685.44 available in funds for the 2002/03 fiscal year after \$15,000 has been set aside for the township hall handicap accessibility project.

The board did not feel comfortable allocating the funds until it had determined how much will be needed for the

The remaining funds will be used toward North Kent Transit Service and Rockford Ambulance.

Only six months through its fiscal year, township clerk, Linda Regan reported that it appears North Kent Transit will

use all or more than the \$3,000 allocated by the township last year. Regan explained that the township will probably need to make an adjustment for the remainder of this year and also allocate \$3,000 for the following year.

A Rockford Ambulance representative was on hand to ask the township for an allocation of \$5,000 toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

It would replace a 1993 ambulance, with over 200,000 miles, currently used as a backup. A new ambulance will cost \$60,000 with the equipment from the old ambulance installed into the new one.

"I think both North Kent Transit and Rockford Ambulance are good uses of the block grant funds. I just think we should wait until the cost for the handicap accessibility project is determined," board trustee Paula Blumm said.



OBITUARIES

DILLY - Mr. Robert A. Dilly, aged 71, went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 24, 2003. Bob was a 1949 graduate of Lowell High School. He courageously served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Bob was selfemployed in the floor-covering business before his retirement. He is survived by his wife Gertrude; his children Robert and Marcia Dilly of Dallas, TX, Jacklyn and Daniel Williams of

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Jackson, Jane and Ronald Parsley of Newaygo, Thomas and Gina Dilly of Rockford, and John and Kimberly Dilly of Vicksburg; his grandchildren Christina Dilly, Matthew Dilly, Sheri and Jeff Senk, Sara Williams and fiancé Christopher Ahlers, Kelli Williams, Maria Parsley, Lauren Dilly, Jacob Dilly and Nicholas Dilly; his brothers and sisters Marilyn and James Kelley of Dade City, FL, Richard and Mary Dilly of Grandville, Barbara and Reginald Nelson of Kingsville, MO, Donald and June Dilly of Lowell and Donna and Gary Laux of Lowell; and many nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Dilly was offered Tuesday at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Rockford with Father Anton Tran presiding. Interment Rockford Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Holland Home.

EASH - Beryl A. Eash, aged 87, of rural Freeport, passed away Friday, January 24, 2003 following a lengthy illness. She was born in Grand Rapids on December 16, 1915, to George and Michigan. Estella Heller. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Clare; children Patricia Sage of Wintergarden, FL, Nancy and Jerald Cook of Wolverine, David and Peggy Eash of Alto, Georgia, John and Nancy Eash of Gun Lake, Judy and Ron Bjork of Clarksville, Susan and Fred Fulsher of Morrison Lake; 19 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren; three great-

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great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Owen Eash; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Beryl were held Monday at Hope Church of the Brethren with Rev. Doug Reichenback officiating. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to your local Humane Society or the National Lupus Foundation.

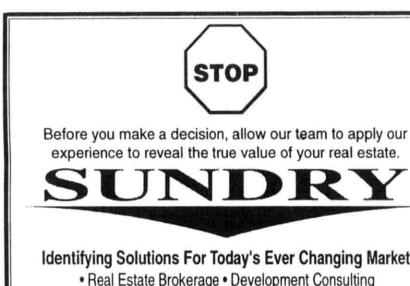
HIGBEE - Ellen Virginia Higbee, aged 72, of Greenville. passed away Sunday, January 26, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard. Mrs. Higbee is survived by her children Lillian Marie (Richard) Tiffany, Walter (Bing) Higbee. Virginia L. Cope, Howard Jay Higbee, Thomas (Patty) Higbee: brothers Walter (Nancy) Mercer, Clifford (Mary) Mercer. Henry Lee Mercer; sisters Ethel Mae Niewiadomski, Leatrice Lou (Richard) Burke, Eunice Phillips; 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of

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Van Tatenhove is a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School



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Sundry hopes to get project through planning commission in February

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Until a few days ago, Sundry representatives thought they were on the final leg of their journey to develop a 23-arce parcel at 751 Grindle. A letter from the city's attorney, however, informed them differently

Planning commission chair, Clark Jahnke asked city staff to review where the city and Sundry were at with the Highland Hills Planned Unit Development which is scheduled to be placed on the property once owned by the Leeman family. Jahnke said he asked for the review since he became concerned there was some confusion over the procedure the city takes.

City attorney, Richard Wendt said it was his opinion that the planning commission was still in the preliminary site plan review and that no site plan had been approved by either the commission or the city council. From his review of the minutes, in his letter, Wendt said the city only approved the PUD with the change in zoning from suburban residential to R-1 residential, which reduced the lot sizes and allowed for the proposed 52 homes on the property.

to do a complete design for the project," said Jahnke, adding with the rezoning request would go through

impression that the company had fulfilled the requirements of the preliminary site plan and until receiving the letter from the attorney, did not even know where they were in the process. Regardless, he said his company wants to continue to move forward with the project and work with the city so that Sundry can begin development.

After a quick review of comments from Williams and Works, the engineering company used by the city, and responses from Sundry, the planning commission decided to have another work session on the development Feb. 10 at 7 cars. p.m. at the Englehardt Library.

At the work session, the commission plans to have Williams and Works there to go into detail on the development. Rude said he plans to have his engineers there as well.

Planning commission member, Debra Hinton also made a

Chamber adding another link to its marketing program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, calls it an important piece to the Lowell marketing puzzle.

Baker and the chamber's merchants committee will use a collective advertising campaign to further promote Lowell

"We think it will have a greater impact and help bring more people into Lowell to do business," Baker said

The advertising campaign will use various media to accomplish its goal. "We want to have advertising for Lowell on an ongoing consistent basis," Baker said. Some of the advertising vehicles the merchants commit-

tee will use include local newspapers, WTRV, WFGR and a monthly half page ad in Ionia's daily newspaper. Other marketing programs implemented by the chamber

include a Lowell brochure, a website, a group community calendar and the Lowell Expo, and coming soon a community directory for newcomers to the Lowell area.

A marketing idea being considered for the future is "First Friday Fever." With this concept, Lowell businesses would be open until midnight one Friday each month.

"This marketing strategy has been very successful in Grand Ledge over the last three years," Baker explains. "Grand Ledge merchants have experienced high traffic and increased sales."

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, February 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

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

417 Howard-Candice and Chris Fleszar-Smith has petitioned to construct a 4 1/2 foot high fence in their required front yard at 417 Howard. Under Section 4.07B of the Zoning Ordinance, fences in the required front yard are limited to three feet in height.

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



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

Businesses currently signed up to take part in the collective bargaining campaign are Cousins Hallmark, Chimera Design, Dream Pieces, Larkin's, Modern Photographics,

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"It was my understanding at the time that you did not want motion and it was agreed by a 5-2 vote to set a public hearing on the project at the planning commission's next regular that he thought the developers wanted to first see if the PUD meeting in hopes of having a formal site plan ready for its approval and to be sent on to the city council. Jahnke, who Sundry official, Kevin Rude said they were under the along with commission member, Barb Schmaltz voted against the public hearing, said he thought the move was a little

> The city council will then need to review the site plan and hold another public hearing.

> Sundry official, Les Cole said they had tried to address all the concerns from the last work session which included the parking issue. At the request of councilman, Jim Pfaller, Sundry has added 29 parking spaces to the development and has allowed the individual driveways to be expanded to three

> Still, Jahnke said parking is probably going to be a hot issue. Originally, Sundry contended that extra parking could be on the shoulder of the one-way street; however, Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, said it is his company's opinion that in emergency or winter conditions, parking arrangements would not work on a one-way street with one access point.

> The development, however, did get a positive in its favor. Rude said he did call the Lowell Area Schools' parking garage and was informed that the buses would service the development with two stops as well as pick up students at the corner of High and James streets. Currently the students from High and James must walk to M-21 (E. Main) to catch a bus for



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> Chapter 5 Special Exception Uses, Section 201.502

The proposed amendments are to clarify language and application procedures, clarify reviewing and approving body, describe unclassified special use procedures, add application submittal deadlines, describe the public hearing and violation process, and add a major and minor modifications process to approved permits.

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

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

Of Faith

Dean Bailey, pastor Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches

"And the people of Nineveh believed God; they one, great and small, put on sackcloth." Jonah 3:5 (NRSV)

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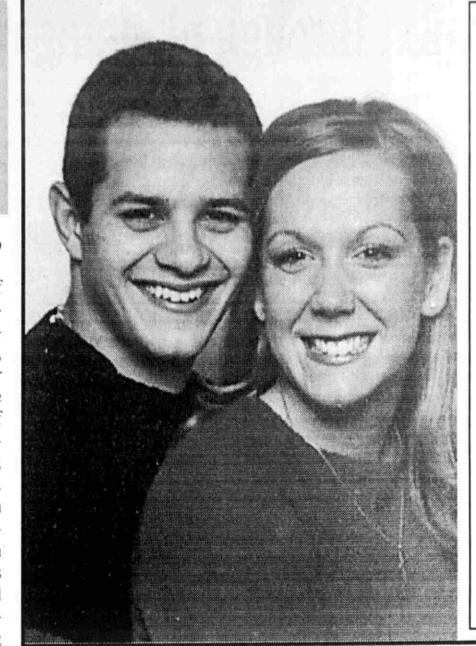
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Sobie/Casarez

Melissa Sobie, of Lowell, and Jeremy Casarez of Lake Odessa are engaged and planning a June 21, 2003 wedding. The bride-to-be is the daughter of David and Jennifer Sobie of Lowell. She is a graduate of Lowell High School

and Olivet College. The future groom is the son of Jan and Jerry Casarez of Lake Odessa. He is a graduate of Lakewood High School and Grand Valley State University.

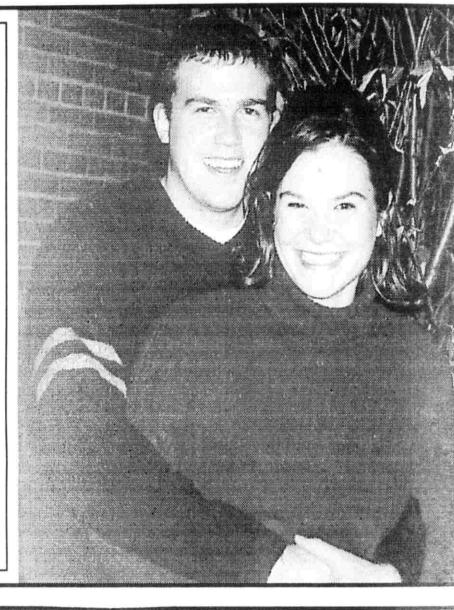
Emig/Wilcox

Mr. and Mrs. John Emig of Farmington Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wilcox of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Michele Emig and Chris

The future bride and groom are 2002 graduates of the Michigan State University School of Engineering and spent a portion of their senior year studying in Aachen,

The couple, both employed as engineers at the Whirlpool Corp. in St. Joseph, are planning an August 2003 wedding in Farmington Hills.

They plan to reside in St. Joseph.



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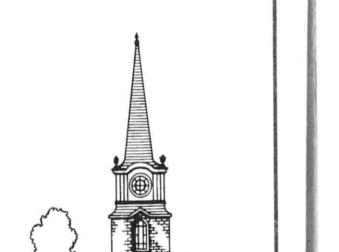
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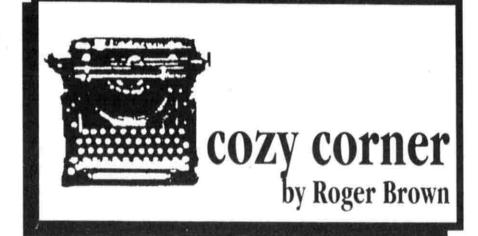
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Viewpoint...



I have this affliction called "plantar fasciitis." That's Latin doctor-talk for, "hurts like childbirth when you put weight on your foot in the morning."

Some people call the affliction a heel spur. I can understand that terminology. It feels like a rough and tough old cowboy buried a spur in my heel. Whatever you call the affliction, I've been suffering with it in my right foot for three or four years. Just add it to the list of ailments that seemed to keeps the arch of the foot from relaxing. With the tendons in decorations. I aggravated my injury and then some. The boot kick in on or about my fiftieth birthday.

At night, in bed, when there is no weight on my foot the tendon first step, bringing tears to my eyes as I limp to the bathroom. boot. The injured foot hurts and throbs for the rest of the day, but I step in the morning.

into a retired podiatrist at a fly-in who gave me some pointers. strapped into it.

I've done most everything except actually go to a doctor.

To actually heal the thing, you have to stay off your feet for attempt to keep the straps from digging into my shin and the about three weeks. That's a big, "Yeah, right!" for a self-top of my foot. I've added a folded towel for the same purpose. employed salesman. Better shoes, arch support insoles, never My foot measures an EEEE; the boot is a standard C width. I walking barefoot, avoiding ladder work, etc., all help, but heated the plastic boot over a burner on the stove to stretch and don't cure the problem. A couple of guys I talked to had a re-shape the thing where it gouged into the ball of my foot. I doctor with a huge needle put a big shot of cortisone right up wear a gauze pad where it gouges into the ball of my foot. I in where it hurt. The drug eased the pain until the heel got a swear it took me less time to get taped and dress in full pads for little better on its own. They both said the cure was worse than a football game than it does to get ready for bed these days.

unrelated to my foot. While I was there I pulled one of those, times in the night. Also, when I get up in the middle of the night "Oh, by the way ..." things on him. I cringed and waited for him for a trip to the bathroom, (another affliction that comes at to get out the big needle.

with his guaranteed cure. Instead of a long needle, he had what like this. The boot, when properly strapped on before bed, I'm told the cause is a torn tendon in the arch of my foot. healing will eventually take place. The theory made sense to me, and since I wasn't looking forward to that big needle in the the plantar fasciitis is as bad as ever. attempts to heal. When I get up, I re-injure the thing with my arch of my foot, I cheerfully shelled out the \$215.00 for the

hardly notice because the pain pales in comparison to that first in place. I don't think I slept for an hour before waking up in with some big shadowy hulk "clunk, clunk, clunk, clunking" around excruciating pain. I had the straps too tight and my entire foot the house. They'd have nightmares for months. Typical of me, I have been suffering with this thing off and lower leg were alive with pain. I tore at the Velcro straps and on, mostly on, without seeking medical attention. My and of course woke my wife up. The rest of the night was spent it's time to get the boot down from the shelf and give it another diagnosis has come about from talking with friends and in short periods of fitful sleep interrupted by bouts with that try. Hopefully I can get through the healing process before my customers with the same problem. I've read ads in the back of cursed boot. I was ready to throw the thing out the window. My wife files for divorce on grounds of sleep deprivation. I'll let magazines touting various cures for plantar fasciitis. I even ran wife was ready to throw it out the window with me still you know in a few weeks how things turn out.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER

JANUARY 29, 1903

Light plant and of West Michigan Electric company rights,

will start building a \$250,000 dam and electric plant north of

Lowell, to be completed this year. Church and McDannell had

planned the project earlier, but were stopped by the Panic of

Mathewson, who settled at Fallasburg in 1844 and ran a

cooper shop, then the sawmill before he went into law practice

money by laying it on a marble surface and using soap, water

The Lowell Granite and Marble Works has \$5,000 worth

Civil War veteran Robert B. Boylan has operated Boylan's

Hardware in Lowell since 1892; it was formerly the John C.

SOLO

The Kent County Bar Association honors the late John

A treasury official suggests that banks clean dirty paper

Grand Rapids Edison Co., owner of the Lowell Water and

Successive sleepless nights brought about various modi-I learned a lot of stuff about heel spurs from my sources. fications to the boot. I put on multiple layers of socks in an

It's hard to tell who hates the boot more ... my wife, or me. Finally, a few weeks ago, I went to a doctor for something Even with the modifications, I'm tearing at that Velcro several about age 50) my ski boot, "clunk, clunk, clunks" on the tile The doctor did leave the exam room, and soon came back floor all the way to the John and back.

Despite my problems with it, I wore the boot religiously looked like a ski boot in his hand. His theory with the boot goes for about ten nights. Just when I thought my foot might be getting a little better, I fell off a ladder putting up Christmas the arch stretched all night, as they are during the day, proper went on the shelf in the closet and has stayed there. My foot seems to have healed from whatever I did to it in the fall, but

Another reason I haven't gone back to wearing the boot is the grandkids were visiting. They were here for nearly two That night I went to bed with my big old ski boot strapped weeks and I didn't want to wake them in the middle of the night

Our grandkids have left, and as much as I hate to think so,



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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JANUARY 30, 1878**

The Journal needs the wood now that has been traded for

"What we most need in Lowell is a week with about 14 evenings. The post office will not accept for mailing edged tools,

ground grains, or shoe blacking or salves. Commencement exercises at Michigan University have

been abolished. Be sure to clean you cistern if your use water from it for

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itchy. Internal hemorrhoids are not typically painful unless

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO

and a small brush.

Scott Hardware.

FEBRUARY 2, 1928

of cemetery work booked for spring delivery.

Maude MacTavish of Lowell Township reminds dog owners to get their licenses before March 1. H.L. Shuter shoe store advertises a bankrupt sale.

It's a good idea to keep a set of tire chains in the car for those icy roads.

Don't hang rungs on the line to beat them; place them facedown on the lawn.

Stockholders of the Lowell Building and Loan Association are to make payments at the Lowell Cleaning and Dyeing Works until further notice.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 29, 1953

Thirteen cartons of medical supplies for use in Civil Defense have been received and stored at City Hall

Cold weather and ice underfoot prove hazardous and cause at least two injuries before things warm up Tuesday.

The "all clear" Civil Defense warning signal will be sounded throughout Kent County at the same time, Thursday evening at 7 p.m.

Fire Chief Dave Clark reports unusually high 1952 fire losses (the municipal plant was the big one) and warns that improper installation of stovepipes and chimneys is the most dangerous factor.

Michigan is now the fourth in the nation with tree farms, more than 300.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **FEBRUARY 1, 1978**

The "worst blizzard in history" struck Wednesday night, collapsing a ceiling in the middle school, closing down all east-west streets and engaging superhuman efforts by almost

No mail is received by the Lowell post office for four days. In-town mail carriers showed up for their walking routes, and Bill Condon got to town on his farm tractor, but no rural delivery for four days.

Sky High React group borrows farm, logging and towing equipment and snowmobiles to rescue freeway travelers and others, housing them at the Bowne Township Hall.

People are warned to clear around fire hydrants, check their gas dryer outlets, and leave phone lines clear for emer-

MSU closes down for only the third time in 123 years.

The symptoms of hemorrhoids are usually intermittent, but occasionally may cause prolonged symptoms and complications. These complications include thrombosis (clots), persistent itching, incontinence, protrusion requiring manual replacement, infection or ulceration.

Hemorrhoids typically will improve with proper care.

Treatment is aimed at individual symptoms. Increasing dietary fiber, fluid intake, and stool softeners will help constipation. Sitz baths and steroid suppositories aid in improving pain and itching. Occasionally, hemorrhoids will persist and require surgery. Surgical treatments include banding, sclerotherapy, laser or surgical excision.

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 250 words.

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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.

North Hudson and Foreman Road get sidewalks via CDBG funds

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The high cost of the proposed underground drain system and toward the North Kent Transit program. for the Valley Vista subdivision pushed it off the list of projects of this year's Community Development Block Grant

Since the estimated \$24,701.78 would only cover a small cost of the proposed \$186,000 for the underground drain project which would have helped elevate water problems for homes on Carol Lynne and Jane Ellen drives, Lowell City Manager, David Pasquale recommended the city council instead allocate the money for sidewalks on the east side of North was reviewed. It seems that some of our neighbors are located Hudson Street and on the north side of Foreman Road along in an area with extremely high groundwater. These homeowners monetary relief provided could, perhaps, give homeowners a with money toward the North Kent Transit program.

The council held a public hearing on the matter and unanimously agreed with \$20.701.78 going toward the sideriders.

money for a variety of city projects. The money is handled would have to be levied on those affected in order to pay for the what good neighbors do. through the county. For the past three years the city has installation of an underdrain. Hence, the issue is dead and received almost \$154,000 from the program using it for items buried as far as the commission is concerned.

such as the watermain project on North Hudson, the sidewalk project on Bowes Road, rehabilitation of the Graham building,

Since 1994, the city has mainly used the money on sidewalk projects. In 1997, the city started allocating money toward the North Kent Transit program.

TO THE EDITOR

At the Jan. 21 city council meeting, an engineering study contend there are frequent floods in their living spaces.

The "Underdrain Study" presented some solutions for these beleaguered citizens. However, the city commission walk project and \$4,000 to the North Kent Transit program decided the solutions would be too expensive to undertake and which provides assistance to senior citizens and handicapped furthermore, it was not really the city's responsibility (aren't why should they have to? They have suffered many years with building permits issued by the city?).

CDBG is a federal program that allows the city to use

The commissioners suggested that a special assessment

Okay, but it seems to me, that the property values of homes thus afflicted would be significantly less than comparable homes without high groundwater. What if the city commission extended a neighborly hand to those affected homeowners in the form of a special assessment that provided a property tax relief? It is clear that the market values of these homes are depressed. This assessment would reflect this reality. The means to cope with the problem better.

Of course, individual homeowners have the right to seek lowered assessments in front of the local tax board, but, given the time, trouble and uncertainty of a case-by-case outcome. this; why not ease their burden? Compassion is a city Core Value. Come on, commissioners, lend a helping hand. That's

Peter Vanderhorst



ROTARIAN RECOGNITION

The picture shows members of the Lowell Rotary Club between the years of 1935-1940. The picture was taken in front of Richmonds' Cafe (Larkin's) where Rotary met for lunch and meetings. The Lowell Area Historical Museum is having a contest to see who in the area can name all of the members shown in the picture. The person who names the most will receive dinner for two at the newly opened Flat River Grill. The restaurant has graciously donated this prize to the winner. The contest will run until Feb. 15. In case of ties, the earliest postmark on the entry will be the winner. All entries should be sent to: Lowell Area Historical Museum, P.O. Box 81, Lowell,



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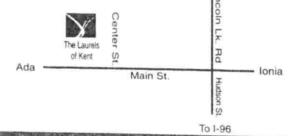
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POP CAN DRIVE FOR SOCCER PROGRAM

There will be a can drive for the Lowell varsity boys soccer team on Saturday, Feb. 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cans may be left on your door step to be picked up or dropped off at the high school parking lot during that time.

TRIBUTE TREE NEEDS NOMINEES

nominees for the annual "Tribute Tree" celebration during the underground installation fee poles. This involves digging Spirit of Community program this spring. To honor a community member who has improved the school system, call Rose areas where the utilities are cable, Richards said. at 897-8415.

be summarized as follows:

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matters

during Township office hours.

Dated: January 22, 2003

Heffron Street and legally described as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on January 13, 2003, the

Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan,

of Grattan, so as to approve the Big Pine Preserve Planned Unit

Development. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can

Unit Development (PUD) covers lands located at approximately 12462

Government Lot 4 and the North 40 rods in width of Government

Lot 5, Section 3, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County,

Michigan. Said parcel may also be described as: Part of the

South 1/2 of Section 3, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent

County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4

corner of said Section; thence South 88°24'57" West along the

East-West 1/4 line of said Section 1355.03 feet to the East line

of Government Lot 4 and the Place of Beginning; thence South

00°21'17" West along the East lines of Government Lot 4 and

Government Lot 5 a distance of 1983.63 feet to the South line of

the North 40.00 rods of said Government Lot 5; thence South

88°33'00" West along the South line of said Government Lot 5 a

distance of 2040 feet more or less to the water's edge of Big

Pine Island Lake; thence Northerly along the water's edge of Big

Pine Island Lake to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section

thence North 88°25'29" East along the East-West 1/4 line of said

Section 637 feet more or less to the Center of said Section thence North 88°24'57" East along the East-West 1/4 line of said

Land Use. The planned unit development (PUD) must be

developed only in accordance with the Final Development Plan, which

consists of 29 site condominium units, for one single-family detached

public sanitary sewer system and private individual water wells

5. Other Provisions. The amending ordinance contains other

provisions concerning streets and drives; surface water drainage

landscaping: utilities, soil erosion and sedimentation control; wetlands

common open space; docking regulations; provisions limiting lake

access; fertilizers and pollutants; buffers/tree clearing; and other

6. Effective Date. The ordinance will become effective February 5.

2003. A copy of the ordinance may be examined or purchased at the

Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township,

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Access. Access to the Development shall be from Heffron Street

Utility Services. Each lot in the Development will be served by

Section 1355.03 feet to the Place of Beginning.

approved by the Kent County Health Department.

Planned Unit Development. The Big Pine Preserve Planned

adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township

"BACKGROUND ON THE MIDDLE EAST" PROGRAM

Lowell Congregational Church is hosting a program "Background on the Middle East," presented by Steve Kampfschulte, social studies/history teacher at Lowell High School. It will be on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9:30 a.m. The public is welcome to

ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

There will be an LHS alumni hockey game Saturday, Feb. 3 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Patterson Ice Center. All alumni are

FAMILY FLY TYING

Wittenbach Center will offer a free family fly tying workshop on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. RSVP to Tammy at 987-1002. Space is limited.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

The Wittenbach Center is looking for volunteers to share their expertise for the Maple Syrup Festival Feb. 28- March 2. School groups will be on Friday; community groups on the weekend. Learn maple syrup collecting techniques. Call 987-1002 for information or to volunteer.

Underground Project, cont't... From Page 1

to have problems, Austin said.

"Even if an underground drain is put in, you can't guarantee even at an adequate depth this will solve the problem," Austin said, adding that it worked on Roberta Javne, but that did not promise it would work again.

The council decided to see how much it would cost for further surveys including a review of Creekside Park. Austin said those studies such as an extensive hydro-geological

it would only help about nine homes (from the survey) known review probably won't determine much more than what has already been discovered.

"There doesn't appear to be an easy solution or an affordable one," said Mayor Jeanne Shores.

Another option would be for residents with a problem to install their own underground drain system which, with excavation and footing drains, is not cheap either, coming in at about \$9,000 to \$15,000.

Cable Rates, cont'd... From Page 1

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation is seeking also wanted to create a new costly than placing them on Television is stable right now underground, the cable company must also place its cables

Richards said the board underground, which is more of \$40 to cover those costs. In up the area and installing the ment, Richards said.

Overall, Lowell Cable with some potential develop-

Bryant, Cassandra Thomas.

FEBRUARY 4: Jo Hill,

FEBRUARY 5: Ann Mulder,

The last time the cable rates were increased was about a year and a half ago in September of 2001.

Kenneth Gregersen Sr., Joe

Barnes, Colleen Myers,

Mandy Schneider.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Kelsey Scheider.

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Airport gets funding help for new sign

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

eventually replace the sign marking the entrance to the airport. utilize the Lowell Airport for its programs. "It was brought to the forefront when someone ran into it

and brought it down," said Jim Serne, an airport boardmember offered to provide the planter, footings and sandstone cap for who attended last week's Lowell City Council meeting.

During the first snowfall earlier this year, when the roads

With that in mind, the board decided now was the time to look at a new sign for the entrance. It is a goal to have the general fund that could be used for this project. something similar to that of the city signs. It would be a wood sign on two posts mounted in masonry work. The top part and it will be placed a little further from the road to avoid any would have Lowell City Airport with an old-fashioned air- further damage.

'HARDT HAPPENINGS

R. Brian Berkey, a local author, will visit the Englehardt

Library on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. He will discuss the

writing of his murder mystery novel, Morning Drive, set in

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Grand Rapids and revolving around the radio industry. Copies

Berkey has worked with numerous radio stations through

plane. The bottom part would mark the home of the School of It was always the intention of the Lowell Airport Board to Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT), which pays to

> Since the sign would include SMAT, that organization has the signage. This is a \$3,200 donation.

That left about \$3,800 of the original \$7,000 cost, which were slippery, it appears someone attempted to enter the was too much for the airport board's budget to handle. Serne airport via Lincoln Lake. From the track marks, it looks as came to the council meeting to see whether the city would chip though the driver made too wide a turn and in the process in about half (\$1,900) of the cost of the sign which, after some brought down the sign, Serne said. The driver has never been discussion on where the money would come from, the council unanimously agreed to do.

City manager, David Pasquale said the city has money in

Work on the new sign will begin after the weather clears

personalities drawn to it. He remains connected to the broad cast business by currently doing play-by-play of the West Michigan Whitecaps and college basketball. He is currently

writing his second murder mystery novel. If you would like more information about the R. Brian Berkey program, call the Englehardt Library at 647-3920.

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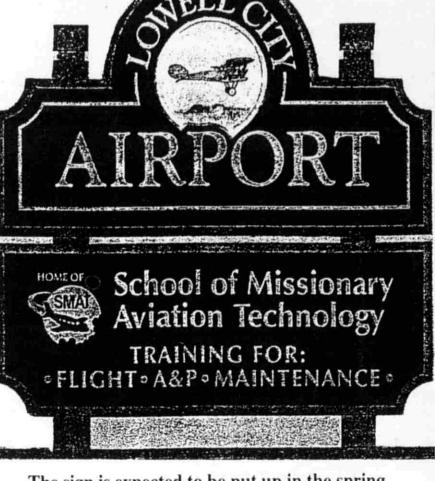
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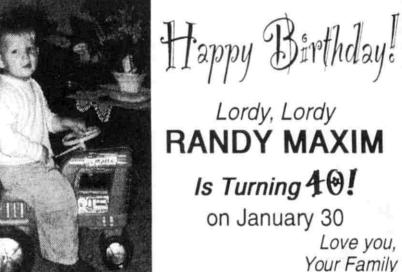
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Rotary dials up PhoneRaising program

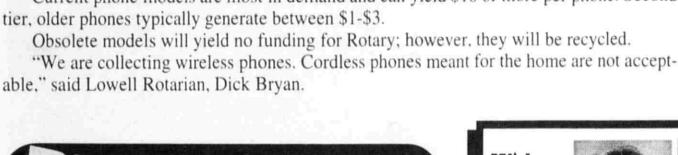
Beginning in February, Lowell Rotary Club will embark on a "Donate a Phone" fundraising campaign.

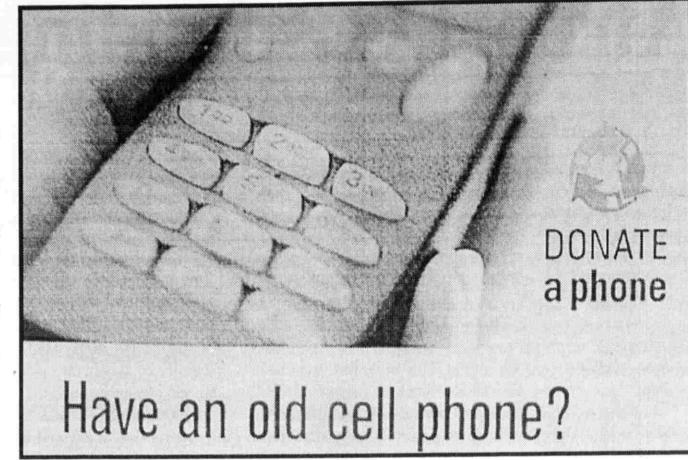
Over a 90-day time period, Rotary will collect used cell phones lying idle in Lowell's closets and drawers in need of reprogramming, refurbishing or recycling. The Donate a PhoneRaising program is a new approach to fundraising. It is designed to help

raise funds by collecting old cell phones. It was developed by the CITA Wireless Foundation and ReCellular Inc., the philanthropic organization for the country's wireless industry. Beginning Feb. 1, Huntington Banks, Lowell YMCA, Fifth-Third Bank, Ionia County

National Bank, Chapman State Farm Insurance, Speerstra Insurance, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Lowell Area Arts Council will be wireless phone dropoff sites. Current phone models are most in demand and can yield \$10 or more per phone. Second

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 5, 2003 at 7:00

p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a

public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road,

within the Township, concerning the application of Ed DeYoung for a

special land use for a private road to serve four parcels of land in the

R-L Lake Residential District and also a special land use to permit the development and use of one or more parcels of land in the R-L District

that would have a reduced lot width, but not less than 150 feet of lot width, all of such lands being located at approximately 12445 Belding

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West by 300 feet North and South in the Southeast corner thereof; Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land uses. Written comments may be

submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old

Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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This is the second article runners of good coping skills in a series of six articles on the which are critical for the infant from 0-3. This article child's mental health. These will look at how the infant coping skills are needed when develops self-comforting the child faces school chalstrategies. Most often self- lenges and other life chal-

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Shirley Zeitlin, Ed.D., and

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Intolerance of movement best is the slow, regular intro- coping skills. Next month, we duction of sound, movement will discuss how the infant and other sensory stimuli that communicates, "I have is based on the infant's ability needs."

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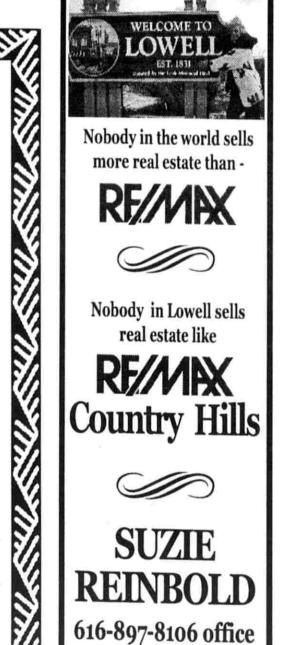
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Red Arrow gymnasts make statement at Mona Shores

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The significance of Lowell gymnastics team's performance at Mona Shores Saturday far outweighed its 136.8

In placing second to Traverse City, Lowell bested Forest Hills, a team it lost to by three points a week earlier.

"Their performance should make the girls a pretty confident team going into a key stretch of meets," Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said

The first of which is an O-K Rainbow dual meet with Rockford on Wednesday (Jan. 29). Home meets against Holland and Kenowa Hills proceed in upcoming weeks.

Traverse City won the Mona Shores Invitational with 137.8 points followed by Lowell 136.8, Forest Hills 136.425, Rockford 132.225, Kenowa Hills 128.45, Mona Shores 128.275, Cadillac 116.95, East Kentwood 113.625 and EGR

Saturday was also significant in that it provided a stage for "Rebecca has been a shining and pleasant surprise." Lowell senior, Holly Plattner to display her wonderful gymnastics talent.

Plattner took three firsts and a sixth to win the all around in Division II. Included in that was a school record-setting been recovering from surgery on a middle finger. She returned score of 9.35 on the balance beam.

also accomplished one of her goals by winning the all around created so much team excitement." (35.850)."

Melissa Neubecker, second to Plattner in the all around (34.5), recorded an 8.85 on the beam, placing third overall. Krystal White earned an 8.4 and Rebecca Underwood and Carisa Sayer each tallied an 8.1.

"Melissa did not get a first or second and still finished second in the all around. She is so balanced and such a good gymnast in all four events. She has been that way for four years," DeHaan explained.

Plattner's 9.25 was the day's top score on the vault. Neubecker was third overall with a personal best vault of 8.9. White was fifth with an 8.7 and Jenna Dickerman scored an

In the floor exercise, Plattner was again first, earning a 9.025. White was second at 8.825, Neubecker, third with a score of 8.625 and Carmen Datema tallied an 8.275.

Lowell's top four scores on the uneven bars were Plattner (8.175), White (8.15), Neubecker (8.125) and Dickerman

Lowell 125.15 EGR 111.2

Two things were accomplished by the Red Arrows at East Grand Rapids Wednesday night: their second conference win and an opportunity for girls other than the top gymnasts to record regional qualifying scores.

"It was a fun meet in that girls were able to compete who might not otherwise get a chance," said Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan.



Lowell's gymnastics team placed second at the Mona Shores Invitational

Individual highlights included the performance of freshman, Rebecca Underwood.

"She just keeps getting better and better," said DeHaan.

Underwood's scores were used in three of four events (vault, beam and floor).

DeHaan also recognized freshman, Alicia Weeber. "She's against East for the first time and scored a 7.0 on the beam. She "I think it was Holly's best day ever," said DeHaan. "She has worked so hard to get back to competing. Her routine

Holly Plattner 8.9 Krystal White 8.55 Melissa Neubecker 8.55 Jenna Dickerman 8.15

Balance Beam

Melissa Neubecker 8.45 Holly Plattner 8.1 Jenna Dickerman 7.75 Brianna Kinney 7.5

Uneven Bars

Melissa Neubecker 8.2 Krystal White 8.05 Holly Plattner 7.85 Jenna Dickerman 7.65

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Lowell needed a good performance to get past a West Catholic squad, minus one of its top gymnasts

"I thought the girls had a good meet. We're adding some twists to our fly aways on the bars and I think our beam routines are improving."



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Lowell wrestlers rebound with convincing string of wins

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

what transpired at the Gary three pins to take a 28-10 ad-Rivers Memorial Tourna- vantage. ment, Lowell vented its displeasure Thursday night ended Tom Grimm 19-6; against Hudsonville.

The Red Arrows showed Steve Prescher at 1:49 of the up with their A-game as they first period; Brandon Kinney pounded Hudsonville 52-17.

"The boys have learned 3:18 of the second period; and that they are no longer the best Matt Kilmartin, in his first team anymore," said Lowell match of the year, pinned wrestling coach, Dave Strejc. Preston Pepper at 1:53 of the "They are the only ones that first period. can change that. They may have been guilty of resting Lowell through school of their laurels and ranking."

Lowell won 10 of 14 wrestle until the start of secmatches, seven via the pin.

"It was nice to finally get "I think we were the victims of a good wrestling team out there. I've been chomping venting some anger," said at the bit," Kilmartin said. Hudsonville wrestling coach, "Coach has been training us Jeff Henderson. "It was an pretty hard, so I felt pretty old-fashioned spanking. It's good. It's a lot more fun being hard to judge whether we able to wrestle than just pracdidn't wrestle as well as we ticing and then watching." Leading 28-14 after Beau have been or that Lowell was very sharp and stepped it up Wilder (135) dropped a 12-3 decision, the Red Arrows ran

with Eagle Dan Stapf defeat- by way of pins. ing Ben Barle 12-3.

Jordan Moore, in just his pinned Jason Rangel at 1:15 second match of the year, gave of the first period. Lowell a 6-4 advantage with a pin against Will Huisman at and Braton Fredline (152)

1:50 of the first period. Lowell gave up six and found Fredline at 3:45.

itself behind (10-6) again. The Red Arrows then

(160) edged Zack Loew 9-7. strung together four wins in a Frustrated and angry with row - a major decision and did a good job of refocusing during the match and kept control," Strejc explained. Joe Mendez (112) up-

Kilmartin, a student at

Kevin Frazier (140)

choice, was not eligible to

ond semester (Monday).

Ryan Dykhouse, 171 decisioned Jake Tracy 11-4. David Kropf (119) pinned giving Lowell a 52-14 advan-(125) pinned Eddie Diaz at

In the final match of the night, Pete Serne (189) lost 5-3 to David Teusink.

In the most competitive

"Loew is a tough kid. J.J.

match of the night, J.J. Wilder

"I was pleased with the team's performance tonight.' Strejc said. "They worked hard this week."

Lakewood Invitational

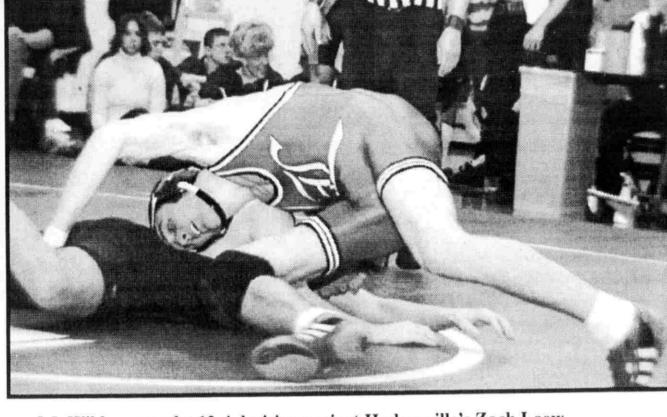
Lowell, who has been bounced around once or twice at the lakewood Invitational. did the bouncing Friday night. as it swept, Saginaw heritage, Middleville and Lakewood in convincing fashion.

The most impressive of the three came against Middleville, the 2002 Division II state runnerup.

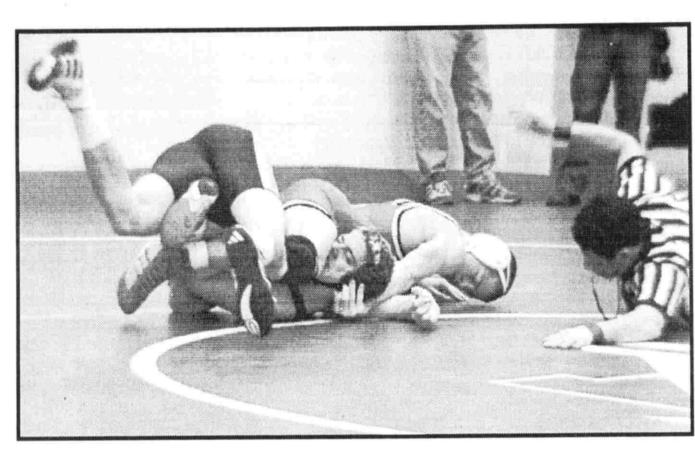
The Red Arrows ham-The match started at 215 off five straight wins - three mered th Trojans 49-16. Lowell won the opening

four matches and nine of the first 10 as it built a 40-10

Bobby Gingerich (145) five pins against Middleville. and Jordan Moore (215). responded with second period The pins were handed in by Minus a wrestler at 103, pins - Gingerich at 3:16 and Joe Mendez (112), David Brandon Kinney, 125 pounds, Kropf (119), Jamie DeLiefde



J.J. Wilder earned a 12-4 decision against Hudsonville's Zach Loew.



Bobby Gingerich pinned his Eagle opponent in 3:16 of the second period.

The Red Arrows recorded (145), Bobby Gingerich (152)

Decisions were posted by

6-4; Matt Kilmartin, 130, 11- Rash, HWT, 8-6. 8; Kevin Frazier, 140, 5-3; Lowell defeated Heritage Ryan Dykhouse, 160, 3-2; J.J. 54-18 and a shorthanded Wilder, 171, 12-4; and John Lakewood squad 49-21.

Lowell basketball team splits pair; loses star point guard

East Grand Rapids used a strong third-quarter effort to Red Arrows 68-59 in an O-K White tussle.

The loss dropped Lowell to 3-3 in the O-K White, but more importantly it cost Lowell the services of its leading scorer, Sam Oberlin.

The junior broke a bone in his left hand in the final four respectively. minutes of Friday's game against East Grand Rapids. Oberlin is scheduled for surgery this week (Wednesday) and is expected to be out for at least three weeks.

"It's going to be a huge challenge. We count on him for so much," said Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald.

Lowell trailed 15-14 after the opening eight minutes. East Mike Koster added 11. built its lead to five with a 17-13 advantage in the second

Trailing 32-27 at halftime, the Red Arrows were outscored build on a five-point halftime lead as the Pioneers upended the 8-0 in the opening 90 seconds of the second half as the Pioneers opened a 12-point lead (48-36) after three quarters of play.

Jamie Smalligan led the Pioneers in scoring with 23 points and added 17 rebounds as he controlled play in the paint. Kyle Cunningham and Brandon Teets netted 15 and 13 points

6'11" and surround him with 2-3 players who can shoot and

that makes for a tough matchup," McDonald explained. Oberlin led all scorers with 25 points for Lowell. He was 15-of-17 from the foul line. Andy McQueen poured in 12 and

Lowell travels to Northview on Friday

Lowell used a strong opening eight minutes to separate itself from Belding en route to a 48-27 nonconference win.

The Red Arrows netted 16 first-quarter points in building a seven-point lead. Lowell, then, outscored the Redskins 13-4 in the second quarter to build a 29-13 halftime advantage.

"We were able to get off to a quick start (12-2) and that's important for us," said Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald. "The "Smalligan is a really improved player. You put in a guy boys showed well in the first half but not so well in the second half. We can't pick and choose when we're going to play."

Sam Oberlin led all scorers with 13 points. Mark Catlin added nine, Shane Stokes scored eight and Craig Carpenter finished with seven points for Lowell.

The Red Arrows, 6-4, outscored Belding (2-8), 18-15 in the second half in recording a 19-point victory.

Financial Focus culprits are the long bear market 3/4 which reduced seniors'

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Unfortunately, for many seniors right now, debt is a big problem. How big? Consider this: Seniors filing for bankruptcy carry twice as much credit card debt as filers in their forties, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute. And before they reach bankruptcy, more and more seniors are visiting credit counselors. Money Management International, a network of counseling agencies, reports that its 75-and-over client base rose 28 percent in 2002 over 2001.

What's behind these daunting figures? Two of the chief

retirement savings 3/4 and rising medical costs, particularly the escalating prices of prescription drugs.

Will conditions be different when you're retired? No one more you do now to prepare yourself financially for retirement, the less you'll have to worry about debt when you get

So, what steps should you take? Here are a few to consider: • Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle - What do you plan on doing during retirement? Will you travel the world? Open a small business? Play golf and spend time with never want to take. your family? Once you've articulated a retirement life-style, you can begin to estimate how much it will cost. And by knowing about how much you'll need when you retire, you can start making plans so that you won't get caught short.

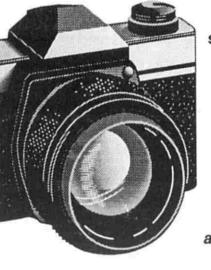
 Get the most out of your tax-advantaged retirement plans - To build the resources you need when you retire, you'll want to take full advantage of your tax-favored retirement plans, such as your IRA and 401-(k). Contribute as much as you can afford to these plans - and keep in mind that you'll need your money to grow. Consequently, you'll want to have some exposure to stocks. While it's true that stock prices will always fluctuate, it's also a fact that, over the long term, stocks are the only asset class to significantly outpace inflation. As you get nearer to retirement, you may want to shift some - but certainly not all - of your investment dollars into income-

· Avoid overusing credit cards - Sometimes, you may need to use credit cards because you have no alternative. However, in many instances, paying with a credit card is just

a habit - and it can be a hard one to break. So if you don't want to use credit cards extensively when you're retired, don't get too comfortable with them now.

• Establish an "emergency fund" - To avoid tapping into can predict the future, of course, but one thing is certain: The your investments or relying on credit cards, establish an emergency fund containing between six to 12 months worth of living expenses. Keep the money in a liquid account, such as a money market account. And when you retire, you may want to build an even bigger cash cushion. By following these suggestions, you can reduce the possibility of descending into debt during your retirement years. And that's a tumble you

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EVERY MONTH: Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters ?'s call 897-2760. Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

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. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg His-Public invited, 897-7161.

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

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

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

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

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

MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

1ST MONDAY OF THE

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

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m.(at Schneider Manor until further notice.)

EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY OTHER WED .: ing Events" are free of charge Troop 102: boys 11 & up or 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Chrisin the Lowell, Ada, Alto & meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at tian Reformed Church. Scout Cabin on N. Wash-

> 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at EVERY OTHER SUN: Plainfield Senior Center, EVERY WED.: Rotary 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at 285-0621.

868-6481.

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile tion? Call Pat 897-7842. Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. **EVERY WED.:** Lowell

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

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1ST TUES.: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; pro- 725 Bowes Rd. gram meetings/even mos.

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln

SECOND TUES .: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more in-

EVERY 1ST & 3RD 1/2 hr. before meetings. TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults w/ AD/HD Issues Group meeting: Calvin College #206 of the Commons. Connie 942-6887.

Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congre gational Church upstairs.

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transporta-

Church of the Nazarene TUES .: Flat River Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED. **1ST TUES.:** Adults with Kent County Youth Fair AD/HD at Calvin College. Board meets at 7:30 p.m. Call 897-6050.

EVERY SECOND WED. Lowell Women's Club p.m., in Board Room at meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor.

EVERY FOURTH WED.: EVERY SECOND & Elderly volunteers needed FOURTH TUES.: Knights for Intergenerational proof Columbus #7719 meets gram w/school children St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m. from Lowell in activities.9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at 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, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

> THURS.: Weight Watch ers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

> **EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis

pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. -3p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8

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

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at a new location: Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice).

EVERY THIRD THURS.: Parents Supporting Parmonthly board meeting at 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary at King Memorial Youth ents group at Franciscan Engle at 897-6325 or 248- Center at the Fairgrounds. Life Process Center: dischildren. Call 897-7842.

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

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

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

SECOND SAT. OF EV-**ERY MONTH**: Ada Historical Society at 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada. 7144 Headley.

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

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

LOWELL AREA HIS-TORICAL MUSEUM HOURS: - Tues., Sat. & Center, 402 Amity St., non- Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8

p.m. Families: \$10; indi- SAT., FEB. 1: Registraviduals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH Center (Sept. - May). Call MINISTRIES THRIFT 897-7842 for more infor-SHOP HOURS: Wed.-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main MON., FEB. 3: Lowell St. 897-2037 Athletic Booster Club regu-

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY p.m. in high school staff HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 - lounge. 8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. **SAT., FEB. 8:** LHS alumni - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe hockey game from 7-8:30 St. 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS welcome. COUNCIL: Open Tues. Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; SAT., FEB. 8: Free family Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., fly tying workshop from 9-1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. noon. RSVP to Tammy at

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FEB. 1: LAAC Thebes Players "The Glass Menag- THURS., FEB. 13: Lowell erie" at LHS Performing Freestyle sign-ups at Arts Center 3 & 8 p.m. \$8 Cherry Creek Elementary general admission; \$6.50 from 6-8 p.m. Must bring a for LAAC members/se- copy of youth's birth certifiniors/ students.

SAT., FEB. 1: Lowell var- COMING EVENT - Lowell cussion for parents of orleave them on your door-information. step to be picked up.

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TUES .: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Noodland Mall. 1 p.m. Bible Study.

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

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk

Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

Shop at the Malls: 9:30

WED., JAN. 29: 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop G.R.

THURS., JAN. 30: 12:00 p.m. Dance.

FRI., JAN. 31: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.



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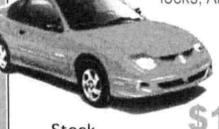
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