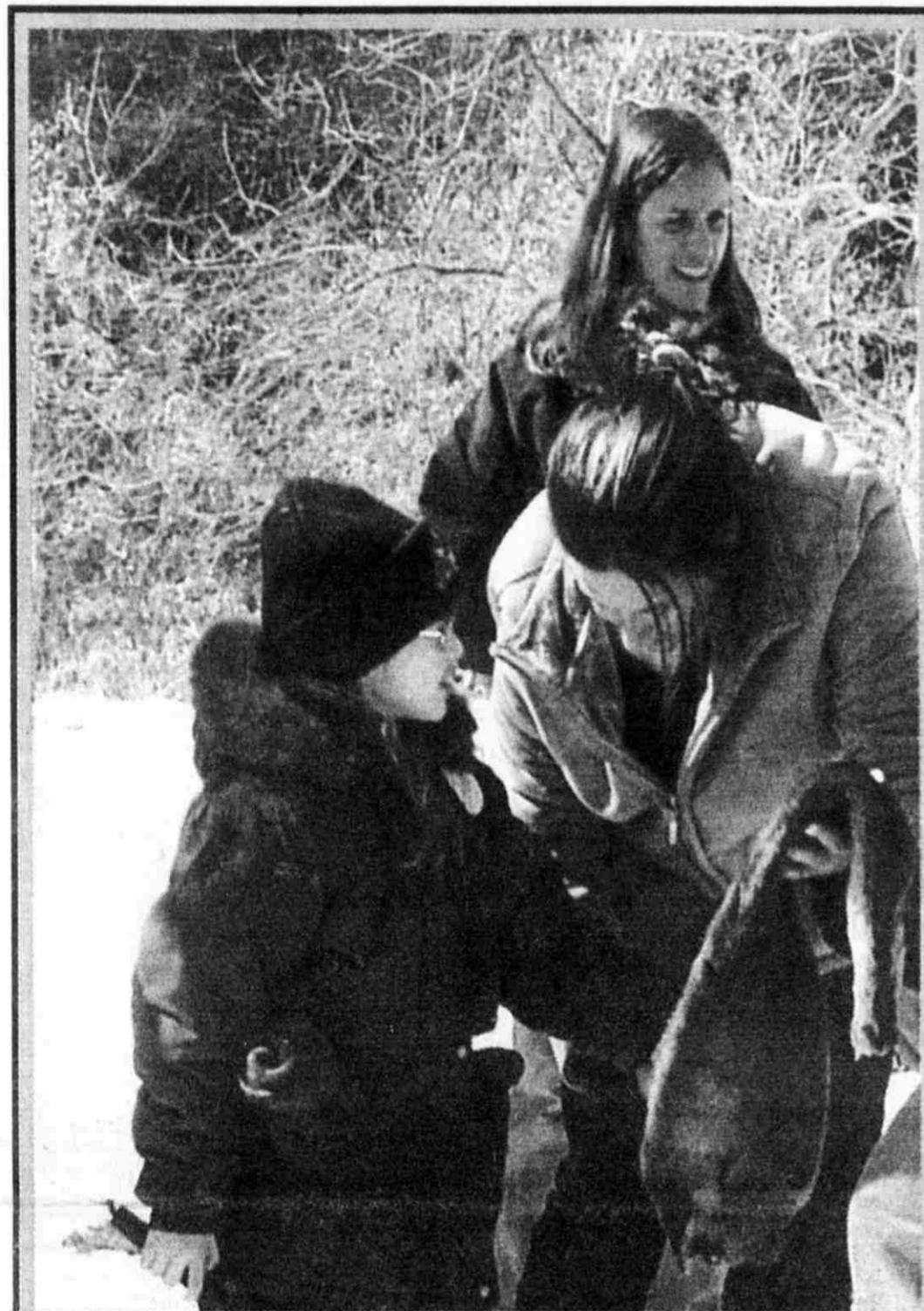


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## THROUGH THE EYES OF A TOUCH

Unity High School senior, Monique Colon holds a muskrat pelt as Renee VanderCook, a visually impaired student from Ken-O-Sha touches and pets the fur. Colleen Klessmith, a teacher at Ken-O-Sha for 27 years, and four of her students visited the Wittenbach Agri-Science and Environmental Center on Friday. Their visit included demonstrations that showed how Native Americans, settlers and pioneers used processed maple syrup. The tour and activities for the special needs students were all a part of the second annual Maple Sugar Festival held at the Wittenbach Center on Friday and Saturday. More pictures on page 9.

## Council increases North Kent Transit subsidy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Increasing ridership drove the Lowell City Council to amend its contract with North Kent Transit.

This year's contract called for the city to pay a \$7,500 subsidy to handle senior and handicapped ridership.

At the end of December, halfway through North Kent's fiscal year, the city has used \$4,880 of its \$7,500, leading Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Department to recommend that the city increase its subsidy to \$10,000 to handle the increased cost.

Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale said Kent County Community Development Department tracks the dollars spent for the service; therefore, it is the one that makes the recommendation as opposed to North Kent Transit.

The council approved increasing the contract with North Kent Transit from \$7,500 to \$10,000. The city uses Community Development Block Grant funds to handle the cost of ridership.

Currently, \$16 is being paid per ride. Each senior and handicapped rider must pay \$3 per ride in the North Kent service area and \$6 per ride outside of the area (e.g., Grand Rapids).

## Y offers free memberships to activated service families

Lowell and Grand Rapids Metropolitan's other full service branches (Downtown, West, Southeast and Visser Family) will offer free "military family memberships" for spouse and children of military personnel who have been called to active duty.

The memberships are good from deployment through the duration of a service person's active duty.

Military memberships will allow families ac-

cess to all YMCA branches, as well as program participation (youth sports, teen center, aquatics, etc.).

"The YMCA understands the dramatic emotional and financial strains these families face, and want to offer YMCA facilities to these families as a safe place where they can participate in structured activities during these critical times," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh.

For registration and more information, families can call the YMCA military family hotline at 616-456-0816. The hotline was activated on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

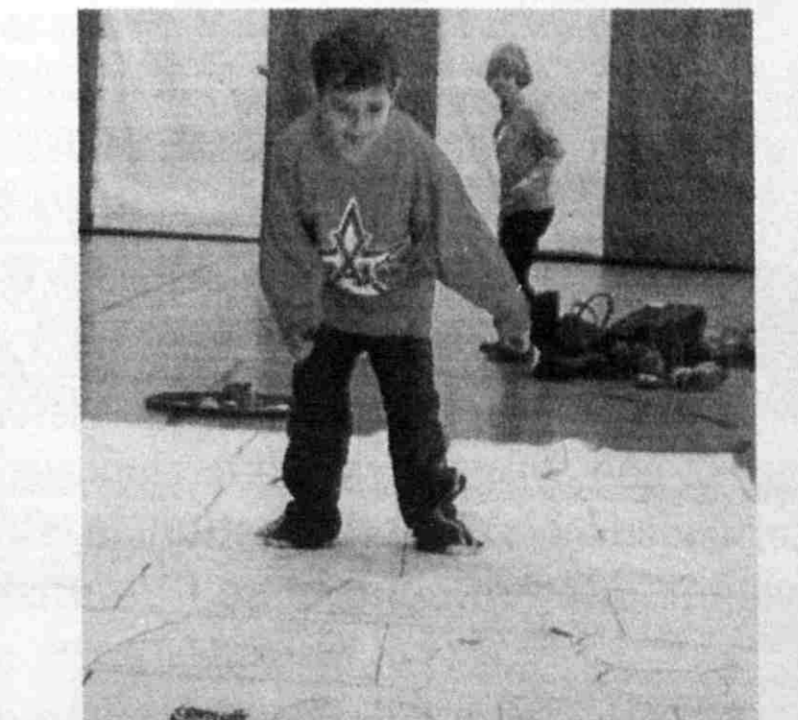
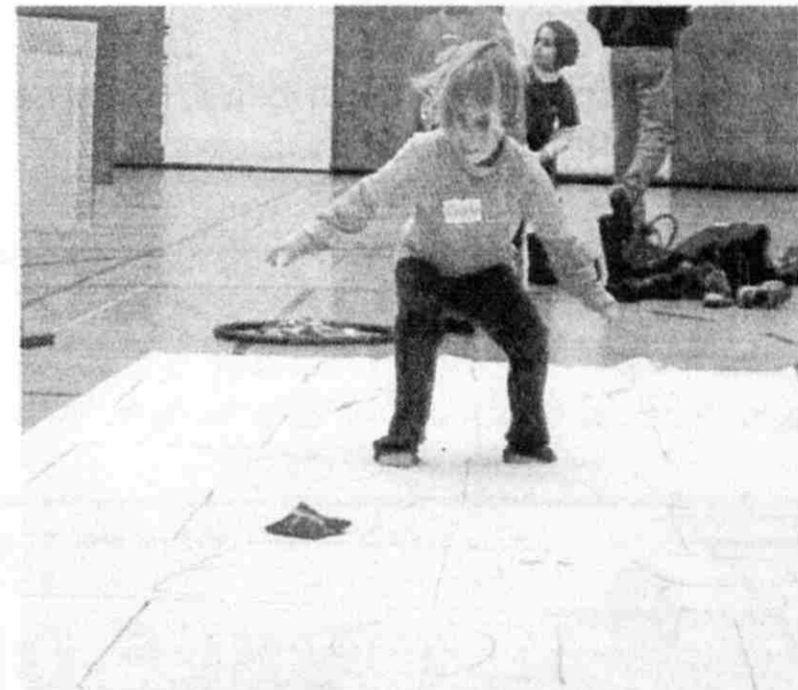
## Read Across America



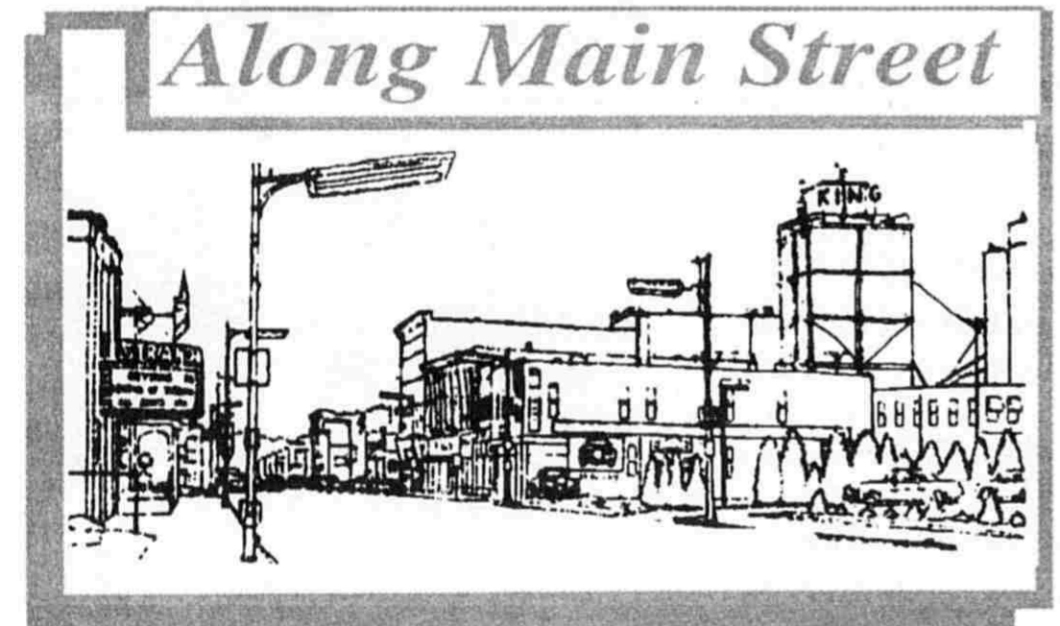
Cherry Creek Elementary hosted its sixth annual Read Across America Monday night. The celebration was in recognition of National Reading Month (March).

Students and parents were given the opportunity to learn about Louis Braille; discovered and played the different variations of hopscotch from around the world; learned to read a new language; had an opportunity to trade an old book for a new book; made information cubes, and were taught how to do the Pledge of Allegiance in sign language.

The event was coordinated by Lowell teachers, Jackie Tousley, Kim Lum and Martha Hayden.



Pictured (clockwise) in the upper left corner are Matt Rose and his daughter Shannon, working together on an information cube; Charlie Hayden (upper right) and Tyler Cornett (lower right) playing hopscotch; and Jorie Walsweer, Bailey Loughlin and Bryleigh Loughlin petting "Freedom" (a seeing eye dog).



## Along Main Street

### F.R.O.M. DISTRIBUTES FOOD

The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds on S. Broadway, Saturday, March 8, 10-noon. Bring box or bag; available to everyone.

### SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS . . .

Senior trip payments will be accepted during lunch hours in the cafeteria March 6 and 7 and during conferences March 10-11. Get answers to your questions, turn in candy money, volunteer! Last chance to turn in pictures for the Senior video are March 6 and 7.

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Lowell High School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, March 10 from 5-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 11 from 3:30-7 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information call 897-4125.



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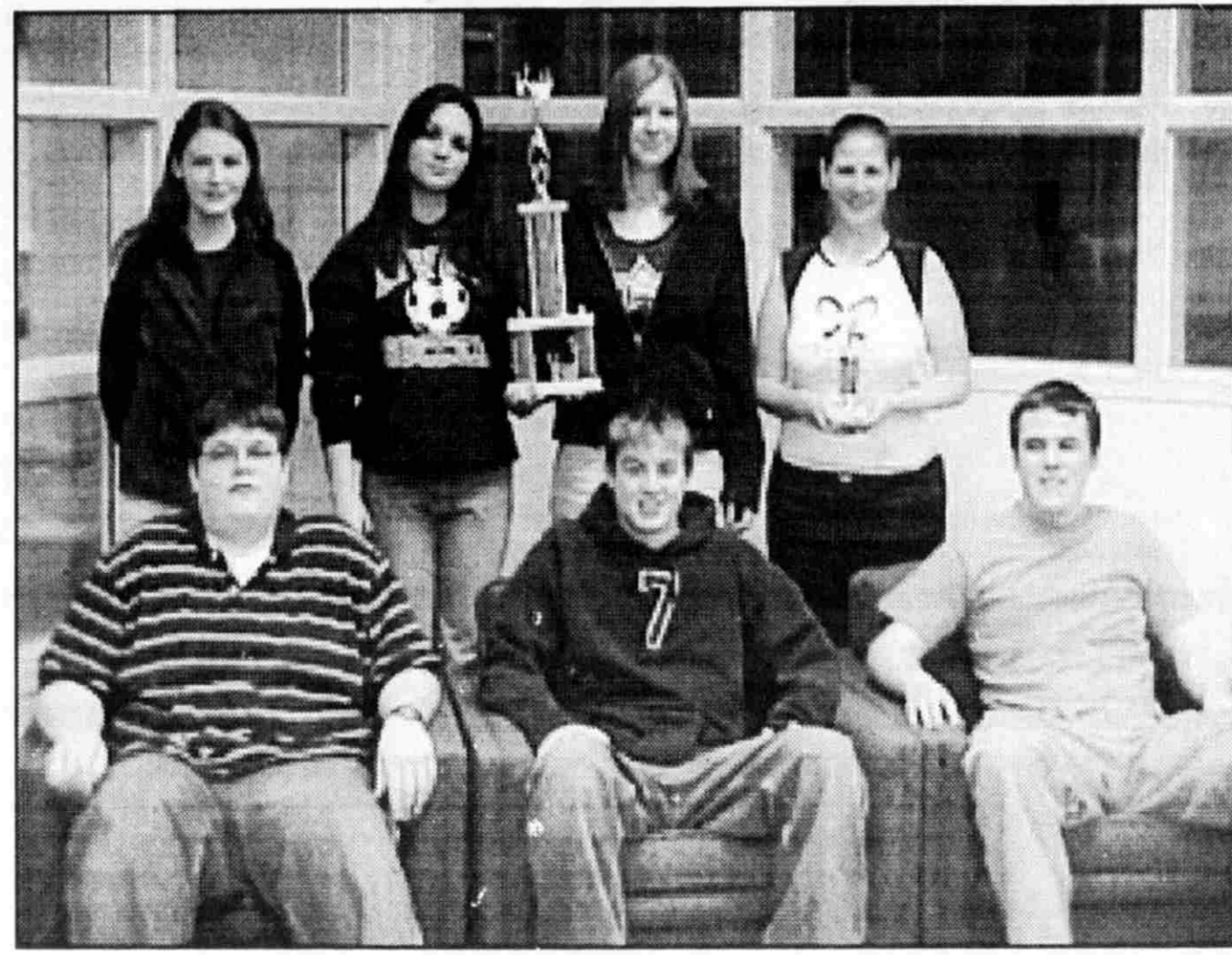
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## Forensics team 3rd in opening meet

The Lowell High School Forensics team scored big in the first tournament of the season, winning the third place sweepstakes trophy from a field of 32 schools at the Grand Rapids Christian High Eagle Tournament on Saturday, March 3. Competitors came from as far away as Cadillac, Kalamazoo, and Midland to participate in one of Michigan's toughest tournaments.

The multiple reading of "The Guys" took third place in its category. The selection is about a NYCFD captain who lost most of his company in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack against the World Trade Center. The captain is overwhelmed when he has to give the eulogies for his men. He is helped by Joan, a professional writer. The team of this year's multiple includes Christie Getz, Chris Corlette, Matt Hansen, Shannon Alger, Jacob Kadwell and Keegan Geldersma.

In the poetry reading competition, Katelyn Zuiderveen reached the semifinal round with her interpretation of two



Top row, left to right: Katelyn Zuiderveen, Keegan Geldersma, Shannon Alger and Christie Getz; bottom row, left to right: Jacob Kadwell, Chris Corlette and Matt Hansen.

poems about the school shootings at Columbine High School. A student who was a victim of the tragedy describes her terror in the choir room that fateful day.

Forensics involves competitive public speaking and the oral interpretation of literature. "Some of the top competitors in the state were

present at this tournament," said coach, Jane Gillespie. "Our team should be proud of their accomplishment."

## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

### BE SAFE

Outdoor recreation can be as safe as any other activity. Bird watching is certainly a reasonably safe pastime when compared to downhill skiing or rock climbing. Any activity, however, has the potential for disaster unless certain rules are followed to reduce the likelihood of trouble. Snowmobiling, boating, hunting and ATV operation can

be particularly hazardous if participants lack proper training because of the use of potentially dangerous equipment. Remember we are talking about only the potential for death or injury to occur while pursuing these activities... disaster is not inevitable. For example, a gun is considered by many to be extremely hazardous to use or just be around. In fact, there are sportsmen's clubs and gun ranges across the state where thousands of rounds of ammunition are fired year after year without any problems. That is because the ranges post rules for handling firearms, and the rules are strictly followed. Another example is how hundreds of power company employees spend years working with high voltage lines every day without injury because of adequate training and adherence to safety policy. Snowmobiling, hunting, boating and ATV operation can be just as safe if the participants receive proper training and safety instructions. Safety education is provided by the state to help make these activities safe and enjoyable. Hunter safety is required of persons born after Jan. 1, 1960, to purchase their first hunting license. Persons at least 12 but less than 17 years old must have a snowmobile safety certi-

## Along The Trails of The Wittenbach Center

By Tammy DeBaar

### WINTER LIFE

It seems as though winter is a time of death... plants and animals die. However, when one observes closely one can find many ways in which winter is a time of rest and renewal, while business still exists. For example, many birds and butterflies travel to warmer places (as do we, if we are lucky). Because a butterfly's body temperature needs to be between 82 and 100 degrees, butterflies and many birds have traveled to Mexico for their wintering area though we still have many birds at the feeders here at the Wittenbach Center. The colors of the cardinals, blue jays and the downy woodpecker, black-capped chickadee, and a tufted titmouse are made even brighter in reference to the snow. "Weeds" are out in abundance as well... dropping even more seeds for new growth in the spring - perhaps the most important stage in its lifestyle and attempt to reproduce. If you wander through the prairie and wildflower area (to the west of the parking lot), look for the following...  
 • Thistle which has thorns (grows 2-4 feet tall)  
 • Burdock, which has burrs and is commonly attached to your pet or socks (3-6 feet tall)  
 • Mustard which has translucent seed pods like little sweet

peas (1-3 feet tall).  
 • Golden rod and yarrow with branching stems at the top (2-4 feet and 1-2 feet tall).  
 • Teasel and milkweed - milkweed (2-4 feet) hosts its fluffy seed pods bursting out of its thick gray shell; teasel has large, sharp heads surrounded with a collar like a branch of leaflets.  
 The mammal life abounds as well with whitetails, fox, opossum, raccoon, coyote and turkeys apt to be seen. The new Interpretive Trails offer many trees. Jenna McIntyre, a girl scout, developed the trail and trail guide which identifies some of the basic evergreen groups.  
 If the tree has needles instead of leaves, it is a conifer (gymnosperms, meaning naked seeds). Most conifers produce cones with some exceptions such as the yew.  
 If the needles are long and thin, and grouped in clusters of five, three and two, it is a pine tree. If not, you are likely to have a spruce or fir. A spruce needle has four sides and rolls; a fir tree has flat needles and only two sides. If the needles are flat

cate to operate a machine without the direct supervision of a person 21 or older. A person who is 12 but less than 14 may operate a personal watercraft if he or she obtained a boating safety certificate before Jan. 1, 1999. Persons born after Dec. 31, 1978 may not operate a personal watercraft unless they have a boating safety certificate. Persons under the age of 16 are required to have an ATV safety certificate. Information on safety training programs can be found by contacting the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at www.michigan.gov/dnr. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron also offer comprehensive boating instruction to all boaters. Of course, all the training in the world will not make a difference if rules are not followed at all times. For example, the majority of automobile drivers today are graduates of a driver training program, but when was the last time you saw someone actually stop at a stop sign. Comprehensive training, adherence to rules, and a giant dose of common sense can make potentially hazardous activities as safe as bird watching.

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# Reflections Of Faith

Pastor Tim DeShaw  
Church of the Nazarene

How would you feel if you found yourself in a smelly dark damp prison filled with the darkness of human misery and suffering? What would be your first reaction to your circumstances? Would it be to blame someone else? Would it be to declare your innocence to all who would listen? Would it be to turn bitter and caustic to all those around you? The apostle Paul had quite a different reaction when he was thrown into prison. In a letter to some friends in the city of Ephesus he wrote:

"My response is to get

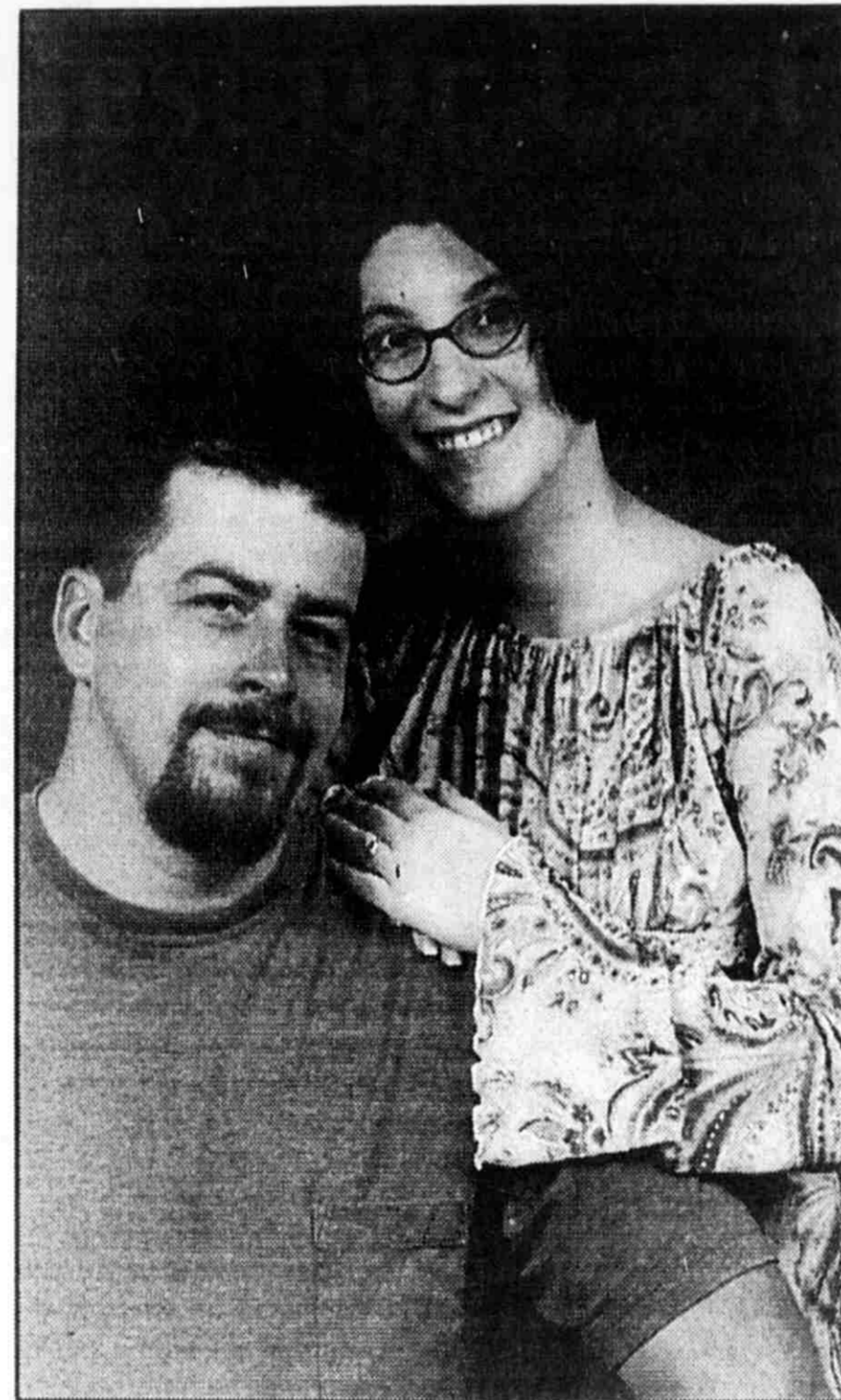
down on my knees before the Father ... I ask Him to strengthen you by His Spirit - not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength - that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in. And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in ... the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God." (Eugene Peterson, The Message)

In Peterson's translation of this passage of Scripture, we can see how Paul is not interested in his own condition but is reaching out to those around him. Paul's desire is for them to understand how large and inclusive God's love is. God's love is Wide,

Long, High and Deep. It is Wide enough to cover all our life and continue to reach out to the whole world. His love is Long enough to continue through our entire lives and on into eternity. God's love is High enough to reach up to the heights of our celebrations in life. His love is also Deep enough to reach down to the depths of our discouragement, despair, and even when death touches our lives. Paul is not afraid of any of life's circumstances because he already has experienced the love of God. You may find yourself saying, "That is fine for this Paul fellow, but my life is so mixed up." Paul concludes by writing:

"God can do anything, you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around, but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us." (Peterson)

During the next few weeks before Easter, during this time of preparation, I'll share more of how the Love of God can change our lives immediately, powerfully, and eternally.



## Scott/ Allen

Pamela Gayle Allen and Joseph Jerry Scott were united in marriage in early autumn at the historic Little Church of the West in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The couple's parents are Bryan and Pat Allen of Caledonia and Jerry and Madeline Scott of Alto.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Paula Porter. Best man was the groom's brother, David Scott.

Their parents were present at the wedding in the beautiful stained-glass church.

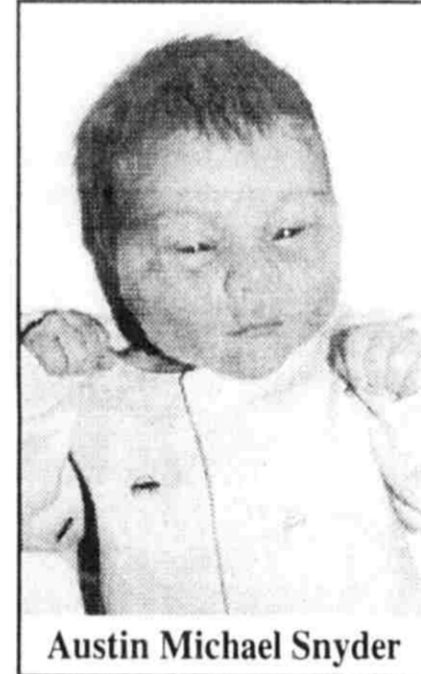
The newlyweds honeymooned for a week at the Luxer Hotel and now reside in Grand Rapids.

## AREA BIRTHS

Anthony and Amy (Alderink) Pearson are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Katherine. She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ronald and Katherine Alderink of Lowell and Herbert and Audrey Pearson of Minneapolis, Minn.; great-grandmother is Helen Alderink of Lowell.

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The world is as good as you are.  
—Steve McQueen  
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Austin Michael Snyder

Samantha and Aaron Snyder are happy to announce the birth of their son, Austin Michael. He was born on December 16, 2002 at 12 p.m. at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 19 inches.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- MARCH 6: Pat Covell, Darlene McClure.  
MARCH 7: Carrie Metternick, Marshal Mooney, Michael Barnes, Shirley Canfield.  
MARCH 8: Amber Rittersdorf, D.J. Main.  
MARCH 9: Bob Vezino, Marsha Roudabush.  
MARCH 10: Daniel Miller, Randy Kuiper.  
MARCH 11: Pat Ball, Kim Barnes, Renee Nugent, Larry Martin.  
MARCH 12: David Baird, Lisa Homrich, Laura Horsley, Julie Idema.

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# Viewpoint . . .



In last week's column we showcased my mechanical ineptness. I told you about my attempt to repair the brakes on an old car. The second batch of parts has arrived, but my enthusiasm for the project has departed. I'll let you know if I get the car back on the road or if I have to get a mechanic to bail me out.

Lacking any recent pratfalls to write about, I've decided to stay in this "all thumbs" vein and tell a little story about my electrical inability. Perhaps I can stretch this into a series covering carpentry, plumbing, heating and a host of other skills at which I'm absolutely no good. I have stories for all these categories. I can grow a beard and become Bob Villas' evil twin.

This particular electrical nightmare happened on my boat. My boat is a 1986 model, and that is old, very old, when treated the way I treat a boat. I bought the boat, used, ten years ago, and every electrical accessory on it is now either non-functional or has been replaced at least once. The boat was originally owned by an electrician, and was cluttered with electrical devices. Seriously, I could devote an entire column

to listing the electronic doo-dads I've ripped out and thrown away as they've steadily corroded and fried. To say my boat is now electrically "bare bones" would be something of an understatement.

The latest doo-dad to go was my trim tab motor. I replaced it once a few years ago. The trim tabs on my boat are aluminum plates mounted just below the water line on port and starboard at the stern. (That's left and right at the back end.) Through some miracle of science, the helmsman (driver) can push a button and run the tabs up or down to change the boat's angle of attack into waves. This smoothes out the ride, and in the case of this helmsman, who already has a bad back, he can keep from compressing his spine even further.

Since the two tabs and each goes up or down independently. As we all learned in second grade, two plus two is four and sure enough, there are four wires running from the dash to the motor. I figured out how to set my tester to check for twelve-volt DC current. I then had my wife depress the switch positions. I showed a solid twelve volts at every lead where the wires connect to the motor. Not even a hum! I tested for ground. I double-checked an in-line fuse. I checked everything and determined the motor was toast.

For some reason I had saved the old motor from the last replacement. It was in the box the new motor had been in. The sticker on the box was from Boater's World and the price was \$189.95. Ouch! They say "boat" is an acronym for Break Out Another Thousand.

Mrs. Degraw, formerly of Smyrna, has opened a dress-making shop in Alton.

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 5, 1903

The Citizens' Caucus and the People's Caucus nominate identical slates except for president and one trustee.

After an all-night session the jury finds Bailey Kerekes not guilty.

A man named George Hopkins believes he may have found a cure for cancer, having had success with X-rays on a skin cancer.

Ledger editor Johnson accuses the Journal editor, after investigation, of using material under his name, but written by a patent attorney in return for publishing the attorney's ads.

All unmuzzled dogs in Grand Rapids are to be killed, as hydrophobia is widespread in the state. Lowell should do the same.

## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 6, 1928

Shredding cornstalks provides both feed for cattle and death for corn borers (from the farm page.)

Candied popcorn "Crispettes" are available at Borgerson's, Cole's, Lally's, Hodges', Beebe's, White's, and Allen Lasby's.

The Ada Glee Club will present "Lady Frances" at Oddfellows' Hall in Ada tonight.

S.S. Lee, H.P. Gofredson, B.H. Shepard and Glenn

I made a flying trip to Boater's World. There I found that they don't carry "Bennett" trim tabs or parts anymore. Probably too many complaints from fried motors. West Marine showed they had three in stock, but they were re-setting the store and a lengthy search didn't turn any of them up. As a last ditch effort I tried a little hole-in-the-wall marine store. They had one, and it could be mine for a mere \$259.95 plus tax. Double ouch!

Back at the boat I made the installation and hit the switch. You guessed it ... nuttin'. After hours of froggin' around I could make the motor work if I jumped power from a different source to the switch. Yeh, the old motor worked just fine as well, but I'd already filled the new motor's pump reservoir with oil, clipped the wires and installed crimp-on fittings. I doubt the guy would take it back. I now have a spare.

After spending an entire day on this project, I finally discovered that the spring in the in-line fuse connector had rusted and broken. The poor connection at the fuse allowed voltage through but wouldn't carry enough amps to drive the motor. If you know the difference between a volt and an amp, you're one up on me. I'm certain that my new tester will read amps, if I just knew how to use it properly. I installed a new eighty-nine cent fuse connection and everything worked just fine.

The moral of this story is whatever you want it to be. A fancy electrical tester is only as good as the person using it. The happiest days in a boat owner's life are the day he buys it and the day he sells it. Have a garage sale for all your tools ... then put only a copy of the Yellow Pages and a phone in your workshop.

Next week, more from Bob Villas' evil twin. Plumbing maybe ... that's always good for a laugh.

Towsley are the MD's in town. L.V. Mathews and R.V. Gladiueux the osteopaths.

R.D. Stocking has only one Radiola No. 25 left, no aerial or ground wires needed, \$100. (Note: \$600 would get you a car.)

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 5, 1953

The Michigan Conservation Department tests deer repellents in the effort to protect farm crops.

A rig that takes soil cores made the rounds of the village last week for the companies bidding on building water and sewer mains.

Meijer supermarkets offer free dolls of many nations with \$39.50 purchases.

The new Catholic grade school on Amity Street will be started this month and should be ready this fall.

Police Chief Frank Stephens threatens to issue many tickets if motorists keep on violating parking rules.

## 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 8, 1978

The basketball team takes the District 51 Class B championship in a 60-57 game with the Northview Wildcats.

Meanwhile, the Saranac Redskins beat the Fowler Eagles for the Class D District Championship.

It may be approaching spring, but there's still lots of snow, with drifts up to four feet.

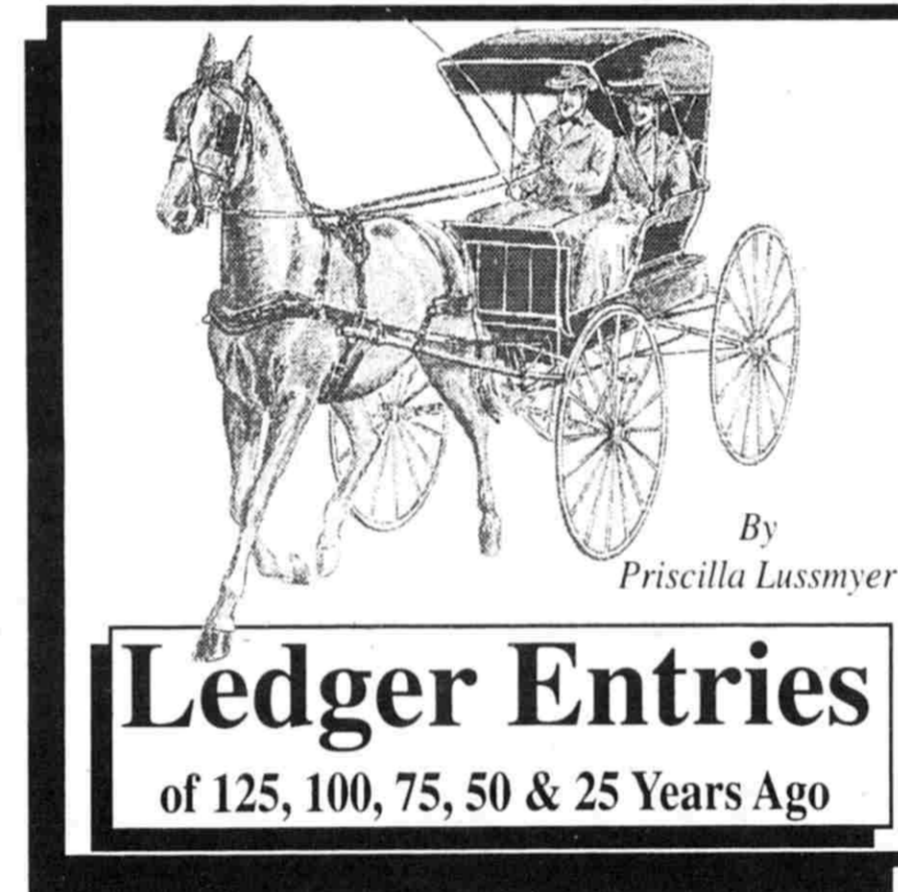
Council buys the Clare Brown property on South Hudson for a future DPW building and expansion of Recreation Park. Land between Gee Drive and M-21 is also purchased, for an eventual connector street.

The latest telephone-sales scam is copy paper from a "large cancelled order."

## TO THE EDITOR

Ledger:  
Why is the city concerned about putting sidewalks along N. Hudson and part of Foreman when the ordinance to clear your sidewalks within 48 hours of a snow storm is not enforced now unless you, as a citizen, phone the police department? Doesn't make sense. It would be nice and considerate of dog-walking people to carry a plastic bag to pick up the manure, especially large dogs that leave a pile.

Just a resident  
of a nice city,  
Phyllis Lessens



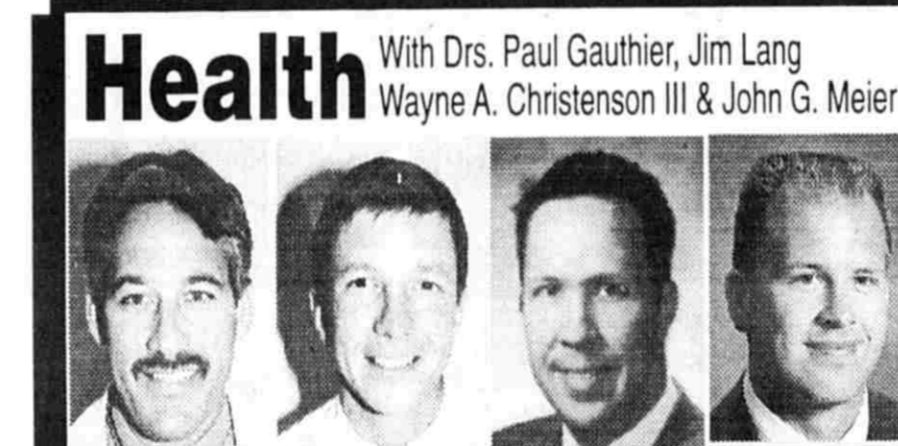
## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 6, 1878

Spring elections will bring out the Democratic, Republican and National parties.

Beautiful warm sunshiny days lately.

George B. Balcom will open a watch repair shop this week in Goodrich Kopf's store on the bridge.

There were 57 students who took examinations to enter the freshman class at Michigan Agricultural College at East Lansing last week.



## COLORECTAL CANCER: HOW TO DETECT IT EARLY

Since March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, it seems appropriate to discuss what colorectal cancer is, and how to detect it. Colorectal cancer is the third most common type of cancer in the body. Every person has approximately a six percent lifetime risk of developing colorectal cancer. Fortunately it can be treated and, in most cases, cured if you catch it early.

Most colorectal cancers begin as a polyp. Polyps start out as a small growth on the colon or rectal wall that can take years to develop into a cancer that grows and spreads. You should

see your health care provider if you have any of these warning signs: bleeding from the rectum, blood in your stool or in the toilet after you have a bowel movement, a change in the shape of your stool, cramping pain in your lower stomach, or a feeling of discomfort or urge to have a bowel movement when there is no need to have one.

Colorectal cancer is more common in older individuals, so health care providers usually begin screening people after the age of 50. Those individuals with a family history of colorectal cancer should begin their screening at an earlier age.

Screening for colon cancer involves a yearly digital rectal exam and one or more of the following tests: Yearly Fecal Occult Blood Tests (tests stool for blood you can't see), Flexible Sigmoidoscopy every five years (a tiny camera that views the lower 1/2 of the colon), Double Contrast Barium Enema every five years (X-rays to detect abnormal spots in the colon), or Colonoscopy every 10 years (a tiny camera that views the entire colon).

Talk to your health care provider about your potential risk of developing colorectal cancer, and when you should begin testing for it.



## Financial Focus

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### DON'T TEAR UP THAT 401 (K) STATEMENT

If you have a 401(k) plan, reviewing your statement may not always be pleasant. During prolonged market slumps, your balance could drop month after month. And, since your 401(k) represents part of your retirement savings, you might start to have real worries about your future. Is there anything you can do to avoid getting all shook up by your 401(k) statement?

You could, of course, just ignore it and throw it in a big pile of other neglected papers. Or you could use it to make paper airplanes or to line your cat's litter box. However, these actions, while temporarily satisfying, are not really solutions.

Instead of mutilating your 401(k) statement, take a closer look at it. Once you get beyond the bottom line, you may find sections that are particularly useful to you in helping you maximize your plan.

One important area to look at is your asset allocation. This is the section that shows how your investment dollars are divided between stocks, bonds, money market accounts and whatever other options you may have in your 401(k). Ideally, your asset allocation should reflect your investment personality. That is, if you consider yourself an aggressive investor, and you're willing to take greater risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, you may want to weight your 401(k) more heavily toward stocks. On the other hand, if you feel you're conservative in your investing, you might want a 401(k) portfolio that's tilted more toward bonds and government securities. (Keep in mind, though, that a 401(k) is a long-term vehicle designed to help you build resources for retirement;

even if you're a conservative investor, you will still need some stocks in your portfolio.)

Over time, your asset allocation can change - even if you had nothing to do with it. For example, if the stock market has been down for some time, the equity accounts in your 401(k) may have lost value. At the same time, you might have some bond-based accounts that have done quite well. Consequently, your 401(k) portfolio may now be weighted more heavily toward fixed-income investments - and that can be cause for concern if you're investing for growth. Conversely, a long bull market can inflate the overall percentage of equities in your 401(k) holdings causing you to inadvertently take on more risk

than you'd like. In short, you need to review your 401(k) statement's asset allocation every so often - and make adjustments when necessary.

What else should you look for on your statement? You may want to pay attention to the investment summary, which shows the annualized total returns of your individual holdings over various time periods, such as one, three, five and 10 years. This historical perspective should be of interest to you, even though past performance won't guarantee or predict future results. By having a track record to look at, you can at least see how various investments have done in different economic environments. If you see a pattern of consistent under-performance, in all types of markets, then you may need to evaluate whether you could find better opportunities for your money in other investments.

When you get a 401(k) statement, and you don't like what you see in the account balance, don't reach for your document shredder. Instead, keep on reading. You may well find some information that you can use to speed your progress toward your retirement goals.

### LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-175-166-DE

Estate of DALE H. ALTENA, deceased  
SSN: 371-30-5115

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DALE H. ALTENA, who live at 834 Arlington, NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 1-30-03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless

presented to DEBORAH L. MERRILL, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Avenue N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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## Sharing The Vision

SHARI MILLER  
Lowell Schools Superintendent



The Lowell Area Schools' Vision is built upon the foundation of family and community involvement. Several recent activities have caused me to reflect upon the meaning of community and the spirit of the Lowell Community.

Most recently, Ned and I attended the Wittenbach Center Maple Syrup Festival. What a treasure the Wittenbach Center and the Wege Natural Area are for our schools and our community. It was humbling to learn about the living conditions of Native Americans as they prepared their sugar camps. This time of year was known as the moon of starvation for the Native Americans. The women often carried packs of 180 pounds as the people moved from area to area. We also learned about the work of early settlers in changing sap to maple syrup

and sugar. The work and challenges faced by those early people led to the development of the early communities and spirit of community in the Lowell area.

We also attended the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner and learned about past and future projects. Many of those attending the chamber dinner support the work of the Lowell Area Schools through partnerships and collaborations. The upcoming Expo on March 22 is an excellent example of the chamber and the local businesses it represents working with the school district to share with the public the great things that are happening in our community. Individuals attending the Expo will also have the opportunity to tour the new 9th Grade Center at the Lowell High School.

The third activity we attended was facilitated by the Lowell Leadership. We participated in an interactive discussion on the topic of Ethics. Our group reflected upon the legacy that we want to leave for future generations - certainly, the spirit of community that we witness on a regular basis in Lowell is an important part of that legacy.

Like other school districts across Michigan, we are facing challenges in the next weeks and months in our school district due to reductions in state funding. We will communicate regularly, ask for your input, and share with you the changes that we will need to make. We are committed to a quality

education for all of our students and to maintaining the fiscal integrity of the district.

The Board of Education and I very much appreciate your ongoing support, your encouragement, and the spirit of community exhibited in Lowell. Family and community involvement contribute greatly to the solid foundation of the Lowell Area Schools.

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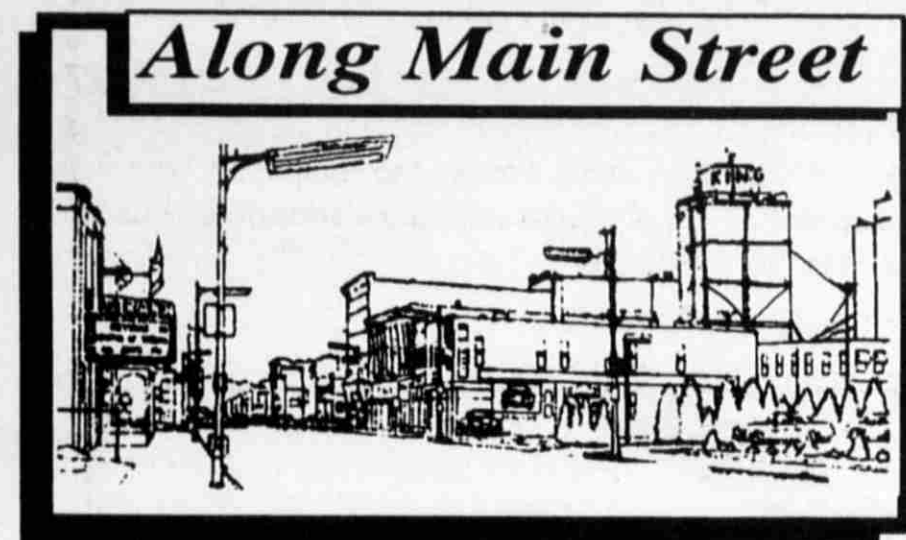
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**GET READY FOR THE CROP WALK**

Come to the First United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m. to pick up pledge sheets, promotion materials, etc., for the May 4 Crop Walk. Call 897-5936.

**KINDERMUSIK CLASS**

Bring your baby to the Englehardt Library for a musical journey through a beautiful garden of dewdrops. Music, motion and multi-sensory activities will be offered by instructor.

Becky Reagan. Ages: newborn - 1 1/2 years old. Saturdays, March 15 - May 17 from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Pre-registration required; call the LAAC at 897-8545.

**"GREASE" - LHS MUSICAL**

Lowell High School musical *Grease* will be presented in the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, March 20; Friday, March 21; Saturday, March 22; and Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Also on Saturday, March 29 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner is available at all 7:30 p.m. shows. Dinner tickets \$5 each; musical tickets \$6 for students and senior citizens, \$7 for adults. Tickets available in high school office. Call 897-4125 for more info. Come in a '50s costume if you would like.

**FIRE DEPT. PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

There will be a Lowell Area Fire Department pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 22 at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice will be served from 7-11 a.m. Donations at the door.

**LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO**

Come to Lowell High School on Saturday, March 22 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and visit the Expo. Check out the many businesses, clubs and organizations in the area. Free admission; door prizes. Call the chamber at 897-9161 for more information.

**FUNDRAISER FOR ST. MARY'S PREGNANCY CENTER**

The Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence is sponsoring a fundraiser for the St. Mary Pregnancy Center. Donations of diapers, wipes and formula may be brought to the Lowell Leadership booth at the Expo on March 22 or dropped off at the chamber office. Call Marcia at 897-5205 with any questions.

**WANTED: CRAFT EXHIBITORS**

The Bridge Walk Committee of Grattan and Family, Friends and Neighbors Committee are looking for exhibitors for the Craft and Collectibles Market Monday, May 26 at the Grattan Academy. Call Dianna Force at 691-6504 for info.

**Chamber accepting nominations for "Person of the Year"**

The Person of the Year award has been a Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce function since 1986. This special award is given out at the Spirit of Community Celebration and "Essence of Lowell" to be held on May 2.

Recipients qualified for this honor can be nominated by the following guidelines:

- Over time, the candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church or humanity. This is over and above the demands of their regular profession.
- The community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate.
- The candidate positively promotes the community in

both word and action.

- The candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community.
- The candidate cannot be a chamber boardmember at the time of nomination.

The nominations are given to the selection committee which is comprised of the last five years of recipients receiving the Person of the Year award.

If you know someone who is deserving of this honor, please submit in writing your nomination to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331. Deadline is March 12.

**Madame LaFramboise visits area libraries**

Berta Dykhuis will be visiting several libraries in celebration of Women's History month. She will "become" Madame LaFramboise through costumes and props.

Madame LaFramboise was a woman of French and

Native American background married to a French fur trader who was among the first to settle in the Lowell area. Dykhuis will lead a lively discussion of Madame LaFramboise that includes her role as an educational pioneer living on Mackinaw Island.

The program will be at Englehardt branch on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. and again at the Alto branch on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m.

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—T. Higginson

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review of Lowell Charter Township will meet at the Lowell Charter Township Hall on:

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003**  
Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003**  
Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1) To appear at the Board of Review, call on Tuesday or Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., (616) 897-7600, to schedule an appointment.

2.) By letter addressed to:  
Lowell Charter Township  
Debbie Rashid, Assessor  
2910 Alden Nash S.E.  
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\* Must be received prior to March 7, 2003

Linda Regan  
Lowell Charter Township Clerk

**VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW**

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF VERGENNES TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP HALL 10381 BAILEY DRIVE LOWELL, MI, 49331 ON

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003**  
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You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

To appear at the Board of Review, call 897-5671 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an appointment to appear in person.

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Mari Stone  
Vergennes Township Clerk

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW**

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF GRATTAN TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HALL 12050 OLD BELDING ROAD BELDING, MICHIGAN ON;

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**LEGAL EASE**

By Jonathan David

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am a widow and my only child, my daughter, has been bugging me to make out a will. I really don't have anything other than my house and a small bank account. Wouldn't it be easier if I just put my daughter's name on the bank account and the house. That way she will end up with everything and I save the cost of having a lawyer prepare a will for me. Also, isn't it true that if I put my daughter's name on the title of my assets that no probate will be necessary? What do you think?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** You are correct that if you put your daughter's name on the title to your house and your bank account, and the title indicates that she is a joint owner with survivorship rights, that she will automatically own those assets upon your death and no probate will be required of those assets. So in that sense, it would seem that putting your daughter's name on the title to those assets would be the smart thing to do. However, there are some disadvantages in creating joint property as a will substitute and as a means of avoiding probate. Some of those disadvantages are set forth below:

• If you happen to survive your daughter, then you will own those assets again in your name alone, and upon your death, they will have to go through probate. Further, without a will, you cannot

control who you want to receive those assets upon your death.

• If your daughter's name is put on your bank account as a joint owner, she will have full access to that bank account and could, potentially, use it inappropriately. Although, I am not suggesting that she might do that, you need to understand that she would have the legal right to access that account without your consent or knowledge.

• If your daughter ends up going through a divorce, your assets could get entangled in her divorce proceeding since her name is on the title to those assets.

• By placing your daughter's name on your assets, you are in effect gifting her one-half of the value of those assets, i.e., the house and the bank account, and if the value of that gift exceeds the sum of \$11,000, then you will have in effect made a taxable gift to her, which will require the preparation and filing of a gift tax return.

• By placing your daughter's name on the title to your home, if you want to sell the home while you are alive, you will need to get her to agree to that sale. Also, she will be entitled to one-half of the profit realized upon that sale and she will be responsible for one-half of the capital gains taxes which are incurred on that sale since she is the owner of one-half of that property.

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**TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO SEWER CONNECTION, USE AND RATE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, held on February 24, 2003, the Township Board adopted an ordinance amending the Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance (the "Ordinance"). A summary of the Ordinance is reproduced in this newspaper below.

A true and complete copy of the Township Ordinance can be inspected or obtained as follows:

Township of Grattan  
Ordinance No. 03-02  
12050 Old Belding Road, N.E.  
Belding, MI 48809  
(616) 691-8450

Township of Grattan  
Lana F. Green, Township Clerk

**Section 5. Amendment of Section 802.**

Section 802 is amended to rename existing accounts established for the deposit of sewer revenues and to create new accounts for the deposit of sewer revenues.

The "Contract Payment Fund" is renamed the "Debt Service Fund." Funds deposited within the Debt Service Fund are used solely for the repayment of the Township's installment purchase agreement obligations.

The "Replacement Fund" is renamed the "Major Repair Fund." Funds deposited within the Major Repair Fund are used solely for the purpose of paying for major repairs to the Public Sewer System if needed.

The "Improvement Fund" is renamed the "Expansion Fund." Funds deposited within the Expansion Fund are used for the purpose of making extensions and enlargements to the Public Sewer System.

A new fund, entitled the "Service Capital Improvement Fund," is established for the purpose of making improvements in the efficiency of the Public Sewer System through the use of new technology and the replacement of obsolete or inefficient components so as to prevent overburdening of or failures in the Public Sewer System.

A new fund entitled the "System Line Cleaning and Administration Fund" is established for the purpose of paying for the cleaning of the lines and the components within the Public Sewer System.

**Publication and Effective Date.** The Ordinance takes effect immediately upon publication of this notice. The publication of this summary was authorized by the Grattan Township Board.

**Adoption of Ordinance by Grattan Township.** The Ordinance, upon Motion by Member R. Herweyer, and seconded by Member P. Knoerl, was approved upon Roll Call vote as follows:

YEAS: R. Herweyer, M. Bajema, P. Knoerl  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: D. Heffron, L. Green

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS, MINIMUM LOT AREA, WIDTH AND SETBACKS AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS IN THE AG DISTRICT AND R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AND MINIMUM LOT WIDTH ON CUL-DE-SAC LOTS

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended).

The proposed amendment would amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

#### 1. Accessory Buildings on Waterfront Lots

- Amends Section 2.50.A. to provide that in case of a waterfront lot, the front lot line is the lot line on the waterfront.
- Amends Section 3.02.D. to provide that on a waterfront lot, not more than one (1) accessory building shall be located between the dwelling and the street and to repeal the provision that accessory structures and uses shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from any public or private road right-of-way line.
- Amends 3.02.G. to provide that on a waterfront lot, one (1) accessory building may be located between the water and the principal dwelling provided that it is not larger than 24 square feet and 8 feet in height.

#### 2. Number and Size of Permitted Accessory Buildings

- Amends Section 3.02.F. to provide that within any Residential District or in connection with any dwelling, no more than two (2) accessory buildings (except those used in farming) shall be permitted on a lot. The aggregate gross square footage shall not exceed:
  - For lots of one (1) acre or less: 720 square feet
  - For lots greater than one (1) acre and less than three (3) acres: 1,000 square feet
  - For lots of three (3) acres to five (5) acres: 1,500 square feet
  - For lots of more than five (5) acres: 2,000 square feet.

#### 3. Single-Family Dwelling Floor Area Requirements

- Amends Section 3.10.A. to provide that all single-family dwellings shall have a Gross Floor Area of 1,100 square feet, with at least 720 square feet on the ground floor for dwellings of more than one (1) story, provided no less than 380 square feet shall be provided on the second story; or shall have a total of not less than 1,100 square feet in a split-level family dwelling.

#### 4. Minimum Lot Area, Width, Setback and Maximum Residential Lot Area - Agricultural District

- Amends Section 4.08, the Schedule of District Regulations, and Section 5.05.A. to require the following in the Agricultural (AG) District:

Minimum Lot Area:	3 acres
Minimum Lot Width:	330 feet
Side Yard Setback:	25 feet
Rear Yard Setback:	70 feet

- Repeals Footnote 10 of Section 4.08, Schedule of District Regulations to eliminate parcels of less than ten (10) acres in size as special land uses in the Agricultural District.
- Repeals Section 5.04.J. and 14.05.S. to eliminate parcels of less than 10 acres as special land uses in the Agricultural District.

#### 5. Minimum Lot Area, Lot Width - R-1 Rural Residential District

- Amends Section 4.08, Schedule of District Regulations, to require the following in the R-1 District:
 

Minimum Lot Area:	2.5 acres
Minimum Lot Width:	250 feet

#### 6. Cul-de-Sac Lots; Minimum Width

- Amends Footnote 9 of Section 4.08, Schedule of District Regulations (applicable to the Agricultural District, R-1 District, and R-2 District), to provide that lots on cul-de-sac turnarounds shall have a minimum lot width equal to 1/2 of the required lot width for the District and shall have at least 50 feet of frontage along the road right-of-way line.

The proposed amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays or Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

February 19, 2003

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
Bowne Township



Lowell police chief and assistant city manager, Jim Valentine speaks at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting.

Photo Courtesy, Bruce T. Doll

**Valentine: There is a bright horizon for the city of Lowell.**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The closings of a significant portion of Attwood, Family Fare and Newell Manufacturing gave reason for a bleak outlook.

Not so fast noted Lowell police chief and assistant city manager, Jim Valentine at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting. A close look indicates bright horizons for the city of Lowell.

"The state government and its budgeting problem affects us. The economy is cyclical and everything continues to move forward," Valentine said.

While there are buildings with hundreds of thousands of empty square feet in Grand Rapids, Valentine indicated there is movement/growth taking place in Lowell.

"The impression people have is things are drying up, but I think Lowell has so much going for it," Valentine said. "West Michigan hears that Gilmore opened a restaurant in Lowell. That makes the entire West Michigan area look at Lowell and ask what's going on in Lowell that Gilmore opened a restaurant?"

That isn't all... according to Valentine. He points to Meijer coming to town and the recent announcement that PUR forms will close its building in Grand Rapids and move its business into Lowell.

"I truly believe this indicates Lowell has a lot going for it. In addition, there are a number of specialty shops, a new jewelry store, and a specialty toy store," Valentine concluded. "The horizons are bright for Lowell."

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## Miller promises a thoughtful process when determining possible cuts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The difficult economic times facing school districts, while not unchartered, are troubled.

Superintendent Shari Miller will navigate the Lowell School District through its funding affliction using two guiding questions: Are the decisions we make educationally sound and are they fiscally responsible?

"Our goal is to provide comparable or better services but just in different ways. Times like these challenge your way of thinking," Miller said.

Talks of a \$2-\$3 million cut in the school's budget for the 2003-'04 school year will challenge the district's way of doing business.

"We won't begin to identify possible cuts for next year until after the May revenue consensus hearing," Miller said. "In March we will get an indication of what the hearing may hold when Gov. Granholm comes forth with her budget."

Miller added that it will be difficult to implement cuts without looking at staffing. "Remember, 80 percent of our budget is staffing. It will be done through attrition," she says.

"Our top priority will be the children's education. I'll work extremely hard to continue to educate kids without stepping back. This district will use the resources and its strengths to minimize the impact on a child's education."

One thing the district has already begun to do is meet with community and parent groups.

Last week, Miller spoke at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting held at Deer Run Country Club. She discussed budget cuts, future plans and facilities.

It is apparent that Miller believes one of the key variables in getting through the difficult times will be communication. "The district will make a strong effort to reach a wide variety of the community members to present the situation, gather input and share information," Miller said. "Decisions will be made in a thoughtful way."

Miller, having completed her initial 100 days, says community support has been great.

"With the position of superintendent comes accountability. The buck stops here. In Lansing I was only acting superintendent on a temporary basis-now it's full time," Miller explained.

When asked what's missing from a child's education in Lowell, the Lowell superintendent said she felt students in the district were well prepared academically.

Community groups, however, have identified the need for a strings (music) program and to begin teaching foreign language at an earlier age.

Miller also identifies the need for a continued emphasis on literacy and building vocabulary skills through an understanding of the language.

"We must also make sure all students are prepared for algebra by the ninth grade," she says. "We're more informed on how children learn and we must continue to revise what we do."



Lowell superintendent Shari Miller speaks to Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce members at the annual meeting held at Deer Run Country Club.

Photo Courtesy - Bruce T. Doll

## Rotary Auction to spread richness throughout Lowell

Lowell Rotary's fourth bi-annual auction will benefit three area organizations - Lowell YMCA, Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Two years ago, the auction raised money to help benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"This year we've chosen three organizations because we'd like to impact a much larger group of individuals," said Rotary president, Dale Triplett.

The dinner and auction will be held on April 26 at Crystal Springs Country Club beginning at 6 p.m.

Will Welsh, Lowell YMCA executive director, said the portion of the proceeds designated to the YMCA will be used to assist in expanding programming to the most neglected group (middle school teens) of youth in the Lowell community.

"If kids who have participated in sports all through elementary school do not make the team, they have little or no athletic opportunity to participate," Welsh said. "We want to offer intramural sports as well as additional nontraditional programs and activities."

The funds designated to the Lowell Area Arts Council will help meet expenses for the Butterfly Sculpture program being carried out in collaboration with the school.

"Up to 40 butterfly sculptures have been created with an artist in residence and will be a focal point in the LAAC's 25th anniversary celebration," said LAAC executive director, Lorain Smalligan.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum will designate its portion of the funds toward phase II of the museum's expansion.

"Currently, the museum occupies the west side of the Graham building and when the city completes its City Hall/police station expansion project, the museum will begin renovating the east side of the Graham building," said Lowell Area

Historical Museum executive director, Judy Straub. "The future plan is to have a rotating exhibit that individuals can become immersed in."

Triplett concludes by acknowledging that all three organizations are important to the quality of life in Lowell.

"Rotary is proud to be able to impact so many people. Our community is great because we work together for each other to help everyone experience the richness of Lowell," Triplett said.



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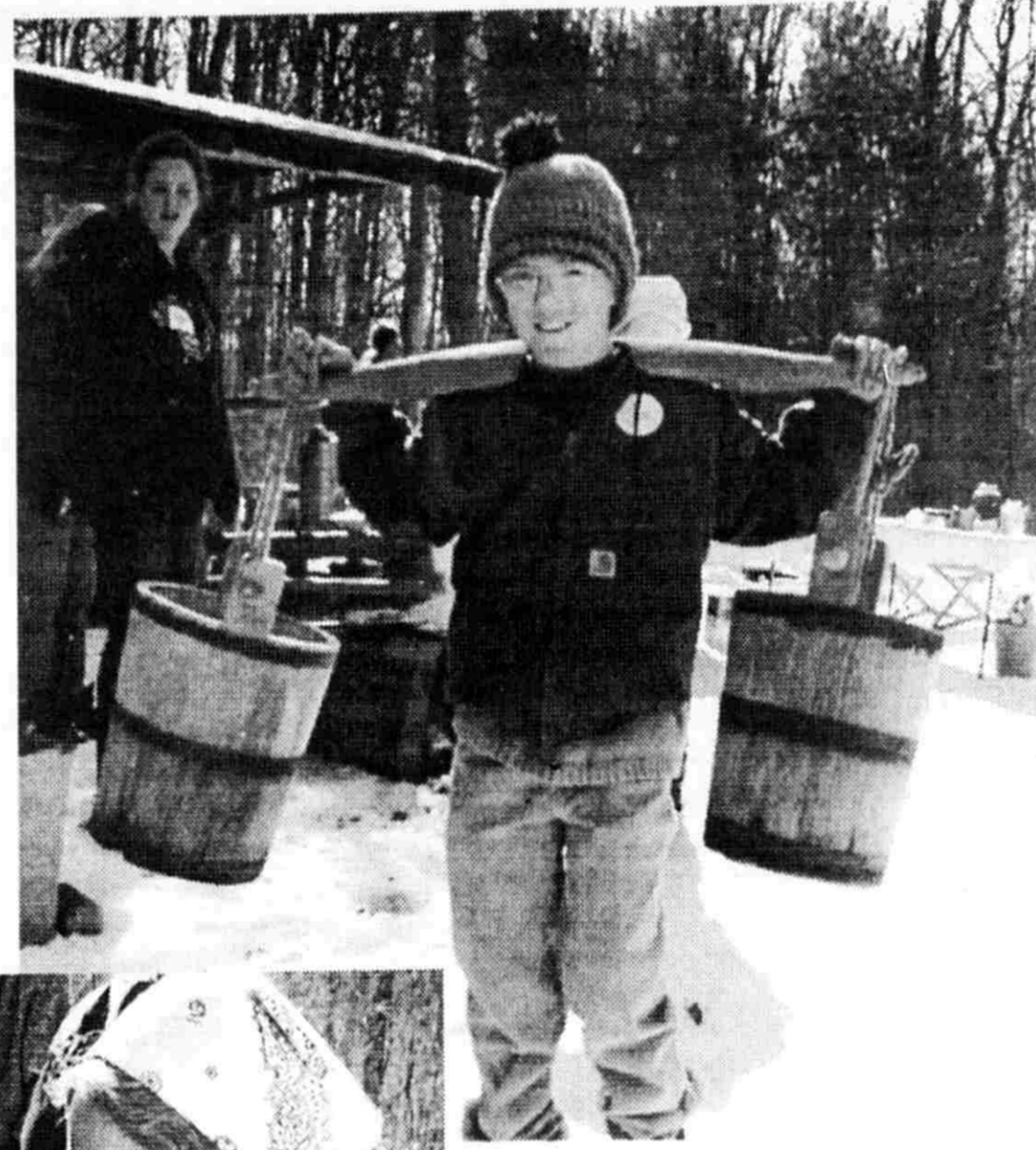
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Devin Jones examines a pelt.

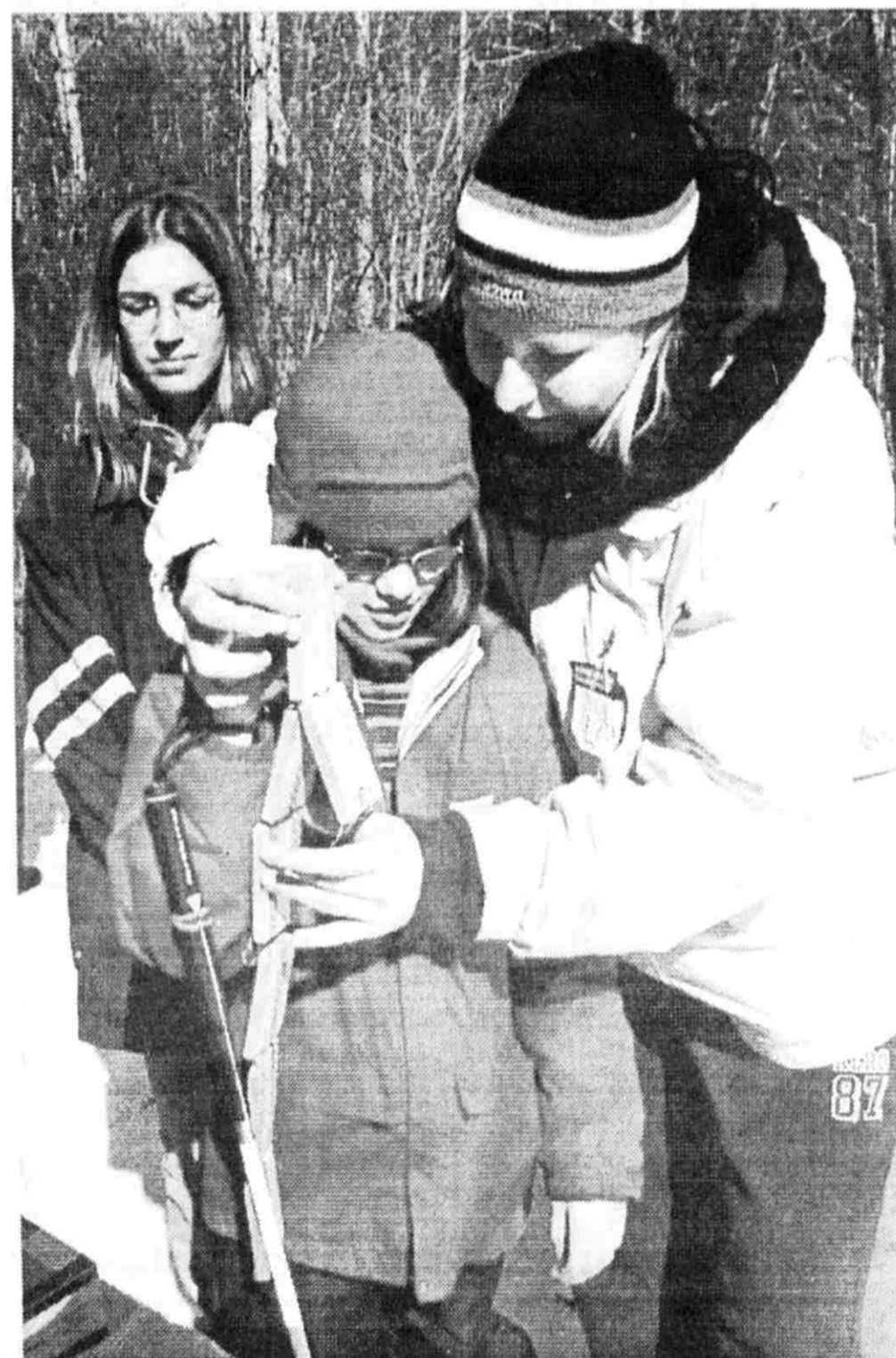
## Maple Sugar Festival: A Sweet Learning Experience



Devon Prenger, 10, experienced what it was like for settlers to carry around a wooden yoke while gathering syrup.



Luanne Kaeb fixes up a maple syrup snow cone for Devon Prenger.



Raelyn VanderCook is assisted with Jacob's Ladder.



Renee and Raelyn VanderCook get situated for a ride to the next location along the Maple Syrup Festival trail.



Renee VanderCook is served a hot cup of cocoa by Monique Colon.

# COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & 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:** Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

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

**EVERY MON.:** Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

**SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH:** Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. 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 MON. OF EACH MONTH:** American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

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

**THIRD MON. 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 Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481.

**EVERY TUES.:** Scrapbook Club at LMS after school. Contact Kris Gallagher at 897-9222.

**1ST & 3RD TUES.:** Diabetic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m. ?'s call 897-2760.

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

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

**1ST TUES.:** WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

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

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

**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 information.

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD 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. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY WED.:** "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan Life Process Center: 1-3:30 p.m. \$10/wk. Transportation? Call Pat 897-7842.

**EVERY WED.:** Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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

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

**EVERY FOURTH WED.:** Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children 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 Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. 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 Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.**

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

**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.:** VFV #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Manor (until further notice).

**EVERY THIRD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. 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 EVERY MONTH:** Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

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

**LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOURS:** - Tues., Sat. & Sun.: 1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

**FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS:** Wed-Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037.

**ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS:** Mon.- Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe St. 647-3920.

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Open Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon - 7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

**THURS., MARCH 6:** Vergennes Cooperative Club 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Bingo. Bring wrapped Bingo prize not over \$3; also items for Flat River Outreach Ministries. Hostesses: Norma Noall, Phyllis Bieri and Jeanne Shores. Sponsor Phyllis Bieri.

**THURS., MARCH 6:** Commodities distribution at

Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 8 a.m. - ? Bring your new benefit amount with you for 2003.

**SAT., MARCH 8:** Bowne Center United Methodist Church, Boneless Pork Dinner, 5-7 p.m. Adults: \$7; children \$3.50. Corner of 84th and Alden Nash.

**SAT., MARCH 8:** Foodmobile at 4-H Fairgrounds, 10-12 p.m. Anyone bring box/bag for free distribution by FROM.

**MON. & TUES. MARCH 10-11:** LHS parent teacher conferences. 5-8:30; 3:30 - 7. Call 897-4125.

**THURS., MARCH 13:** Crop Walk Rally at 1st United Methodist Church Education Wing at 7 p.m. Send a rep for pledge sheets and promo materials; call 897-5936.

**SAT., MARCH 22:** Lowell Community Expo at Lowell High School. Observe local businesses, clubs & organizations, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**SAT., MARCH 22:** Trout Unlimited Junior, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call Tammy at the Wittenbach Center 987-1002 for more information.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

**MON.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

**TUES.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

**WED., MARCH 5:** 9:30 Blood Pressure; 12:45 Shop at Lowell Meijer.

**THURS., MARCH 6:** Noon Dance at Westside Complex.

**FRI., MARCH 7:** 12:45 Bingo.

**MON., MARCH 10:** 12:45 Travelogue; 1:30 George Lessens, Channel 13 Weatherman.

**WED., MARCH 12:** 8:30 Co-ed Breakfast; Noon Movies in Grand Rapids.

**THURS., MARCH 13:** 4:30 Saranac High School St. Patrick's Day Dinner \$6.

**FRI., MARCH 14:** 8:30 Tour Clark Retirement Community; Back To Lowell For Lunch. 12:45 Bingo.

**MON., MARCH 17:** 11 St. Ann's Home Grand Rapids Lunch and Live Irish Music \$3.

**TUES., MARCH 18:** 12:45 Stop Target and Wal-Mart.

**WED., MARCH 19:** 10 Advisory Council; 12:45 Shop at Lowell Meijer.

**THURS., MARCH 20:** Noon Dance at Westside Complex. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ask the Lawyer.

**FRI., MARCH 21:** Noon Birthday/Anniversary Celebration.



# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2003.**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Shores and the City Clerk called Roll. Present: Councilmembers Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores. Absent: Councilmember Blough. Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Public Works Director Dan DesJarden, Planning Commission Chairman Clark Jahnke and Planning Commissioner Alan Mathews.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to excuse the absence of Councilmember Blough. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER that the minutes of the February 3, 2003 regular meeting be approved as written. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by MYERS that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (02/18/03)	
GENERAL FUND	\$119,361.62
MAJOR STREET FUND	266.17
LOCAL STREET FUND	243.93
DDA FUND	19.56
CITY HALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	335,809.59
AIRPORT FUND	16.15
WASTEWATER FUND	26,913.07
WATER FUND	1,110.14
DATA PROCESSING FUND	57.50
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,303.85
CURRENT TAX FUND	164,963.12

**Item #1. OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING.** As discussed at the last meeting, Act 179 of the Public Acts of 2001 requires Michigan cities which have adopted zoning ordinances having a population of 1,800 or more and having undeveloped land for residential development at a certain density must adopt open space preservation provisions at the option of the land owner.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne questioned the definition of building envelopes. Councilmember Brubaker stated the building envelope is the land which can be built once the setbacks have been met.

IT WAS MOVED BY BRUBAKER and seconded by PFALLER to adopt the Open Space Preservation Ordinance as proposed from the Planning Commission. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. AMENDMENTS OF THE SR AND R-1 DISTRICTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING.** After several months of review by the Planning Commission, the SR and R-1 Districts were amended as follows:

- In the SR District
  - reduce the front yard setback from 40 to 30 feet
  - increase the rear yard setback from 25 to 35 feet
  - decrease the minimum lot size from 35,000 to 23,000 square feet
  - decrease the minimum lot width from 165 to 125 feet
  - adjusted the minimum dwelling unit floor area previous: 1,500 square feet UFA proposed:
 

Single Level	Ranch 1,200 square feet main floor with attached garage
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Multi Level 780 square feet main floor 1,400 total square feet

In the R-1 District - adjusted the minimum dwelling unit floor area previous: 1,500 square feet UFA proposed: Single Level 1,200 square feet main floor living area 780 square feet main floor 1,400 total square feet

The purpose of these changes is to allow greater flexibility for housing to be developed in these districts.

Candice Fleszar-Smith of 417 Howard Street believed many of the homes recently constructed within the City limits should have been built on larger lots. This would be a benefit to the City.

She questioned if new homes would place additional stress on the sewer system. Fleszar-Smith also suggested the City concentrate on ways to get individuals to improve their homes.

Mark Baughman of 410 James Street inquired how the ordinance change would relate to the proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) on the east side of the City. Pasquale explained the developer has proposed to proceed with a PUD consisting of 1500 square foot homes. The density is R1. Therefore, the ordinance would not change.

Baughman inquired why a change was necessary. Councilmember Pfaller stated the issue arose a few years ago. There was concern about the affordability of homes in the area. The SR District has a limited amount of land. The proposed changes compare to similar sized communities.

Councilmembers Myers noted the tax base is also being increased by additional properties.

Susan Stevens of 610 N. Jefferson believed the R2 and R3 districts provided for this change.

John VanderWilp of 1264 Fun Street stated a 1/2 acre still provides enough open space. The change proportions the homes with the lots. He also noted many of the homes in the SR district have a well and septic system.

Alan Mathews of 1822 Grindle Drive mentioned the Commission has spent much time assembling data from other cities.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to approve the zoning ordinance amendment with the changes as submitted to the R1 and SR zoning districts.

Pfaller stated there has been much discussion on this. Part of what drove the amendment is the number of variances which came before the Planning Commission.

Brubaker believed the requirement for one acre in the SR district was a bit much considering there is very little SR land left. He felt this was a good adjustment. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. PURCHASE OF CONCRETE SAW.** The Department of Public Works utilizes a concrete saw to cut into sidewalks, curbs, streets and pipes. The saw (a 1989 XL986) currently used by the department is in disrepair. No replacement parts can be received. Thus, quotes were sought as follows:

- LA Rental (Lowell)	\$1,376.50
- Municipal Supply (Portland)	\$1,371.25
- United Rentals (Grand Rapids)	\$1,181.81
Budget - \$1,500 (Equipment Fund)	

DPW Director DesJarden recommended the purchase of a concrete saw from United Rentals at a cost of \$1,263.57 (which includes \$131.76 for ten blades and a \$50 credit for the old saw).

DesJarden stated \$1,500 has already been budgeted in the Equipment Fund.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned how often the saw is used. DesJarden stated last week it was used quite often for sewer repair.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER

to approve the bid to purchase a concrete saw from United Rentals for \$1263.57 as proposed. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT.** Public Works Director DesJarden stated on February 11, 2003 there was a sewer complaint. After investigation, a backup was found in the 400 block of Howard Street. A jetter had been brought to clean the area. However, the jetter ended up getting stuck. In turn, another crew was called to televise the area from both ends to determine the problem. The cameras indicated six to eight inch rocks along with sand which entered the pipe. A vac truck was then requested to vacuum the sewer line and the main hole upstream. A total of five customers were affected. DesJarden noted services from Lee's Trenching were also requested due to having forty inches of frost to penetrate.

The cause of the problem was found to be from the repair of two laterals approximately in 1972. The cement from the repair eventually wore off. The homeowner who reported the problem received a claim form. However, there was very little sewage damage. The owner had a Michigan basement.

DesJarden stated the repair was very costly. He appreciated how understanding the involved individuals were.

City Manager Pasquale stated the Department of Public Works should be congratulated. Much work was involved.

DesJarden referred to the discussion during the last meeting with regards to drain floats being offered to homeowners with sewer backups. DesJarden reported since 1997 there has been a total of 108 complaints from residents. Of those, 17 residents called twice, while two residents called three times.

DesJarden also presented a second report, which showed seven customers called regarding sewer backups in 1997. Five of those calls resulted in the problem being associated with the individual's plumbing, while two were associated with a problem involving the City. From 1997 to 2003 there was a total of 108 residents with complaints. Of those 108, there were 130 events called which resulted from the homeowners or the sewer main itself. Of these, 32 were caused by sewer maintenance blow backs, broken pipes or root buildup and four were caused by improper discharge into the City sewer system. The remaining 94 events were due to internal plumbing or sewer lateral defects.

DesJarden stated a four-inch drain float cost \$9.21, a three-inch drain float \$8.48 and a two-inch drain float \$11.88. He recommended the Council budget \$500 for the floats. DesJarden suggested the City offer one drain float to individuals, if the backup was caused by the City. Information can then be provided as to where one can purchase additional floats, if necessary. Residents should purchase their own drain floats, if the backup involves their individual sewer system or lateral.

DesJarden suggested offering a drain float to the 36 individuals who have had problems due to the City's system.

Brubaker considered the idea of offering a drain float each time a call was received, rather than having to return because a lateral keeps backing up. This may save time and funds in the long run for the City.

Councilmember Myers believed DesJarden's suggestion showed a good faith effort to help the homeowner resolve the problem.

DesJarden stated an information packet could be provided to all individuals.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by PFALLER to establish a policy, for a period of one year, to provide one float drain to residents who have received a back flow problem caused by a sewer main backup. YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

DesJarden referred to a statement in the second to the last paragraph which refers to the backwater valve and

# First POW/MIA Cage Walk scheduled for March 15

The Michigan Chapters of Rolling Thunder, Inc. will conduct its first Prisoner Of War/Missing In Action Cage Walk. The walk begins on Saturday, March 15 at 1 p.m. from the state of Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lansing, Mich., and ends on Friday, May 23 at the Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.; in time to participate in the Rolling Thunder XVI "Ride for Freedom" over Memorial Day weekend. The walk supports all veterans and Prisoners Of War/Missing In Action.

The public is welcome to participate in this event or by making a monetary donation via check which will be utilized by Rolling Thunder, Inc., Michigan Chapter 2, P.O. Box 295, Saranac 48881-0295. Checks may be earmarked for various areas such as gasoline for the chase vehicle in the POW/MIA cage walk; return of POW/MIA's; education; homeless veterans. The charge of the walk is to:
 

- Bring to the forefront the need to improve the Veterans Administration's health care system.

- Honor veterans who were killed in action, including those who were victims in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack; veterans and those who physically have not returned home but remain lost or missing in action.
- Honor mothers and father, brothers and sisters, who had their loved ones taken unexpectedly due to hostile or unfriendly forces.
- Help citizens recognize their freedoms are due to veterans of all race, color and creed.



## Bailey 1st in Karate championship

Lowell YMCA students of the Roken Karate program brought home a first, second and third at the Great Lakes All-Star Open Karate Championships hosted at Creston High School.

Sensei Aaron Bailey finished first in the black belt division for lightweight sparring. Keith Williams placed second in the novice division (ages 10-11) for sparring and finished third for form.

Williams is one of the first students from the Lowell class to graduate from a white belt to an orange belt.

There are currently 27 youth, teens and adults in the Roken Karate program. Children interested in joining the karate program may call 897-8445 for more information or stop in at the center to pick up a flier.

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—Anonymous

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drain floats. He suggested this to state, "offer a drain float at no cost to residents who experienced a backup due to a sewer main event."

DesJarden also stated the information packet includes what to do when a sewer backup occurs. Most of the information was obtained from the Kent County Health Department.

Brubaker suggested the sewer ordinance be included in the packet.

By general consensus, the Council agreed the packets were complete and could be handed out.

**Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS.** No comments were received.

**Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley received several different opinions from plumbers regarding the effectiveness of the back float device. She believed it was a good idea for the City to offer it. However, she urged the resident to contact a plumber for an opinion.

Johnston asked if the City was able to determine potential problems with laterals during the televising of the lines. DesJarden stated this determination could only be made if the roots were at the main. The video tapes need to be reviewed.

Johnston also inquired if it was a true statement the City could go to a homeowner's lateral and find some degree of tree roots. Mayor Shores stated her problem stopped after she had a tree removed. Councilmember Pfaller stated he had PBC pipe installed, which has eliminated the problem.

Johnston questioned the idea of installing a sleeve into the lateral. Pfaller asked if the installation of the sleeve

would maintain the integrity of the pipe as far as meeting the size of what the City requires on the lateral.

Alan Mathews of 822 Grindle wanted the Council to consider the fact Sundry wants the proposed PUD to have access onto James and High Streets. He did not believe these streets could handle additional vehicles. The roads are not wide enough nor are they up to grade.

John VanderWilp of 1264 Fun Street referred to situations he ran into with water in basements when dealing with FHA and VHA homes.

Johnston commented on carpet being cleaned, sanitized and deodorized after a backup as noted in the brochure. Shores recommended she contact the Kent County Health Department.

Jordan Catway of Oberly Drive inquired if there was any type of group available to clean the water in the nearby rivers before it flows into Lake Michigan. City Manager Pasquale explained the City ensures the water, which is discharged back into the river from the Wastewater Treatment Plant, is to State standards. However, much run-off occurs in rural areas due to erosion, which the City has no control over. This is much more difficult to regulate and control.

**Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Mayor Shores was happy to see the skating rink open at Richards Park.

**Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following meetings minutes are provided for your information:
  - Airport Board meeting of January 7, 2003

• Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of January 11, 2003

2. The Board of Review will meet:

Wednesday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. to receive and review the various Assessment rolls.

Wednesday, March 12 to hear appeals 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. if necessary

3. Teresa Mundt has been recently appointed as Police Clerk-Dispatcher.

4. The Department of Public Works Garage furnace went out last Thursday. The cost to repair is more than half of what a new furnace would be. Further, parts need to be ordered.

Because of the emergency, Pasquale approved the purchase of a new 3 ton, 90,000 btu furnace unit from Canfield Plumbing and Heating, Inc. at a cost of \$3,695.

**Item #9. APPOINTMENTS.** By general consensus, the Council appointed Sherry Grimm to the Planning Commission, which fills BJ Thompson's vacancy, with a term expiring June 30, 2003.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:56 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 3, 2003

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



## Teft 6th at conference

Forest Hills Central/Lowell swim team finished seventh in the O-K White Conference at East Grand Rapids on Saturday. Zealand won the league meet in easy fashion with 518.5 points. The Chix were followed by Northview 422.5; EGR 389; Forest Hills Northern 271; Hudsonville 223 and Central 141.

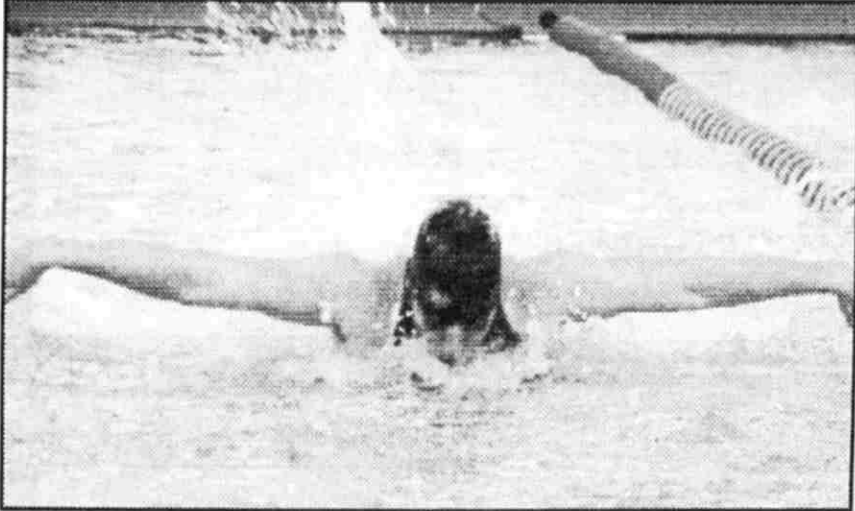
Only four Rangers qualified for the finals on Saturday. Two of those were divers.

Mac Russell, the favorite, won the diving competition with 397.05 points, defeating his closest competitor John VanderPorflecht who finished with 379.40.

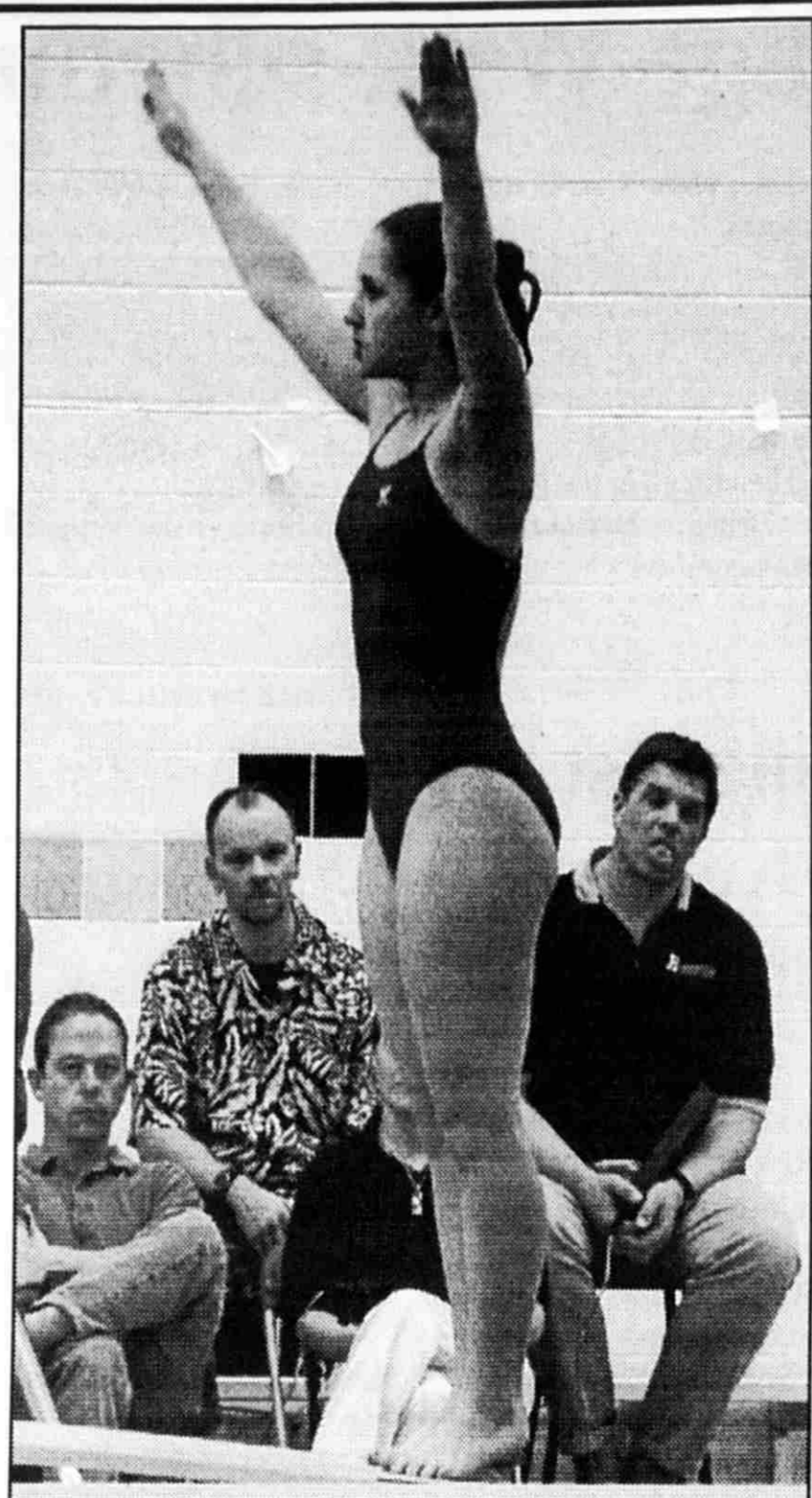
Russell's teammate Cara Teft placed sixth with 329 points. Luke Baker, 50 freestyle, and Jeff Porth were the only Ranger swimmers to compete on Saturday.

Porth came home in third in the 100 breaststroke in a time of 1:04.46. Justin Barkel of Zealand was the meet champion as he stopped the clock in 1:00.70.

"Absolutely I was pleased. Our overall times dropped and I think this serves as motivation for these kids to work hard to get better for next year," said Forest Hills Central first-year coach, Andrew Klipa.



Lowell's Luke Baker competes in the 100 butterfly.



Cara Teft prepares for her final dive Saturday at East Grand Rapids.

## Oilers slip past Red Arrow spikers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls volleyball team was tipped out of the district on Saturday by Mt. Pleasant.

The Red Arrows, who matched up with the Oilers in the opening round, lost in three competitive sets 12-15, 15-12, 8-15.

Tied at one game apiece, Lowell jumped out to a 4-0 advantage to start game three. All that starts well didn't always end well as was the case Saturday.

Trailing 4-0, Mt. Pleasant went on a 9-1 run to take a 9-5 lead against Lowell.

Lowell lost the first game of the set after leading 7-3. In game two, the Red Arrows trailed 6-3 before rallying for the win.

The Oilers outscored Lowell the rest of the way 6-2 for the victory and advanced to play Owosso where they lost 18-16, 15-5.

St. Johns eventually won the district with a 15-12, 15-9 win over Owosso in the district championship game.

St. Johns advanced to the finals with a 15-7, 15-1 win over Greenville in the semifinals.

"We came in with the idea of winning the district," said a disappointed Lowell volleyball coach, Connie Black.

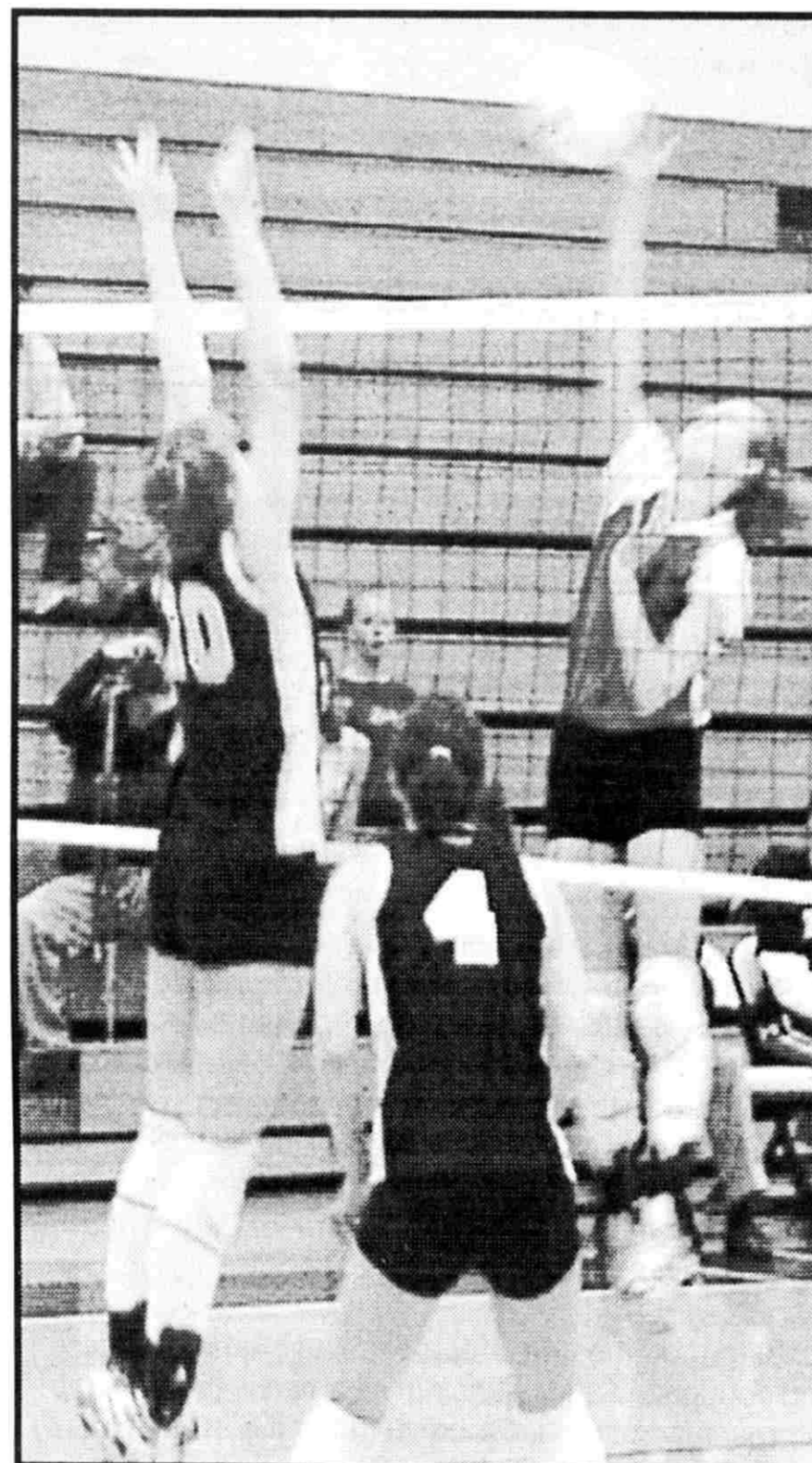
Lowell entered the district with wins over Coopersville 15-10, 7-15, 19-17 and Union 15-17, 15-9, 15-10 and gave a good showing at the O-K White Conference meet in losses to Forest Hills Central and Northview.

Black recognized the strong play of senior hitters Courtney Phillips and Cori Drenth.

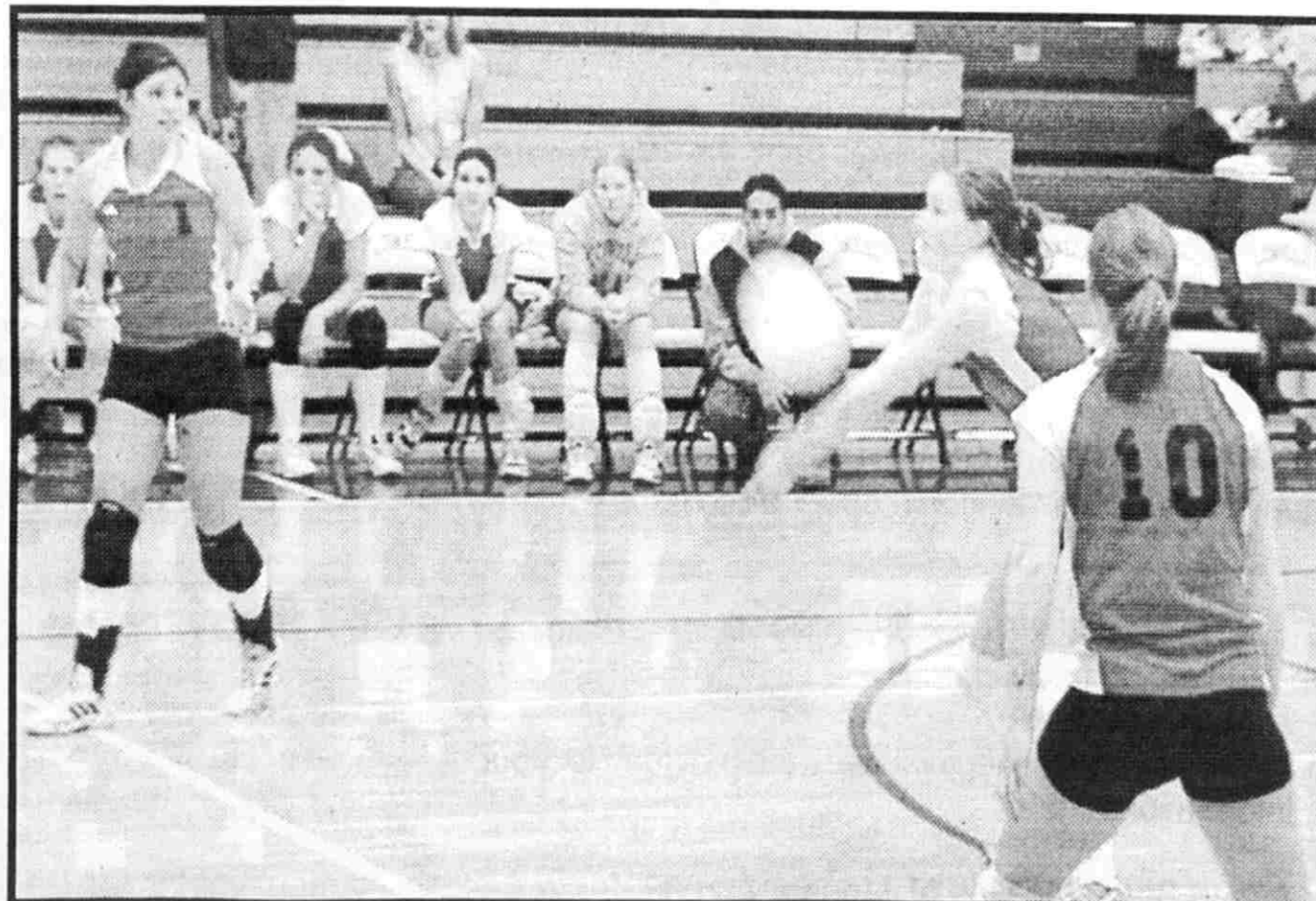
"They are smart players who stayed the course. Both played good games today," Black said.

Lowell ends its season with a record of 15-22. The Red Arrows split eight tournament matches.

"With the kids coming up through this program and AAU volleyball, we're going to grow," Black concluded.



Cori Drenth reaches high to slap one past a Mt. Pleasant defender.



Courtney Phillips executes a successful serve receive in Lowell's district game against Mt. Pleasant.

## Lowell bounces Portland; struggles against East

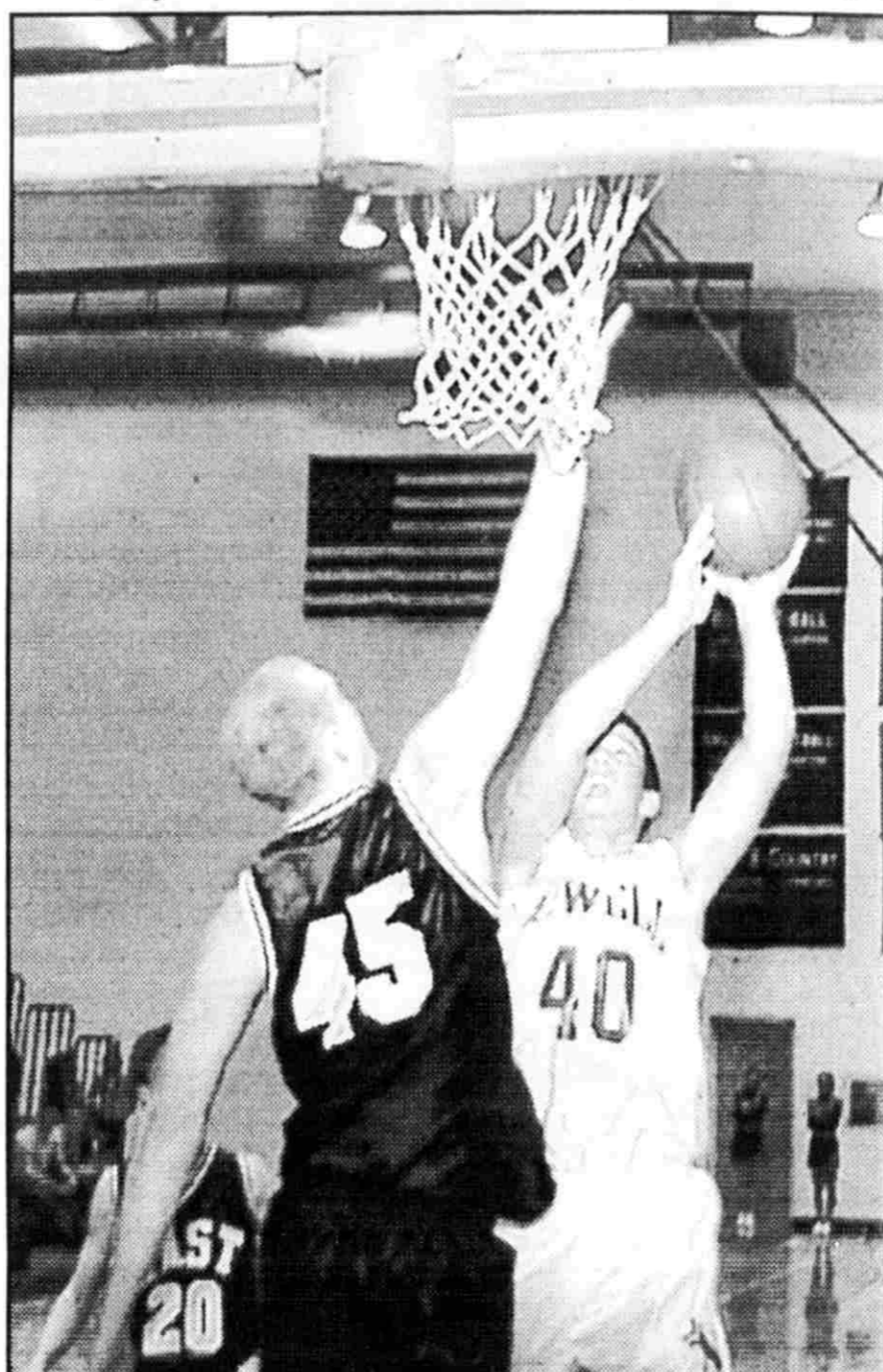
By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A long February (2-10) ended much the way it began for Lowell boys basketball team.

The Red Arrows' jump shots did not find the net as Lowell fell to East Grand Rapids in the final regular season game of the year, 66-48.

Lowell shot 30 percent from the field and was 4-of-19 from the three-point arc.

"Every time a team shoots and misses, it deflates them a



Andy McQueen netted 22 against Portland in Lowell's 21-point victory over the Raiders.

little more," said Lowell coach, Jeff McDonald. "Poor shooting demoralizes a team and leads to poor defensive play. When you're hitting your shots, just the opposite occurs - you play better defense and with a greater amount of energy."

With little shooting success from the outside, Lowell (8-12, 3-9) tried driving to the hoop, but could not successfully shoot over 6'11" Pioneer center, Jamie Smalligan.

Sam Oberlin led all Lowell scorers with 12 points and Mike Koster netted eight.

Mark Catlin pulled down a team-high eight rebounds while Craig Carpenter had 13 assists.

Smalligan, dominating the game at both ends, poured in 30 points and snared 17 rebounds.

Kyle Cunningham added 15 points.

"If we're not physically overwhelmed, we generally play well," said EGR coach, Ed Crissman. "An 18-point win on the road in this league - I'll take it."

With the win, East improved its record to 12-8 and 9-3 in the league without the services of starting guard, Brandon Teets.

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Sam Oberlin struggles to get a shot off against three Pioneer defenders.

## Sayer Saves Best for Last

••• In her final O-K Rainbow balance beam routine, Lowell senior, Carisa Sayer handed in a career best mark of 8.75, qualifying her for the state meet in Plymouth on Saturday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Carisa Sayer didn't know whether to break out a big smile or cry following her best high school career per-

formance on the balance beam Saturday at the O-K Rainbow Conference meet in Holland.

So, she did both!

"My warm-up was real good and I thought that was a good sign. So I allowed my-



Lowell's Jenna Dickerman executes a hand stand on the balance beam at Saturday's district meet in Holland.

self to think that it would be a good day," Sayer said afterwards.

Her 8.75 score was not only a personal best for the senior but it placed her fourth in the conference meet and qualified her for the state gymnastics meet for the very first time in her career.

"I've been competing a very long time. This is by far my best day," Sayer said. "I think learning how to focus and channeling my nerves have really helped turn things around for me."

After successfully executing the challenging segment (front walkovers) of her beam routine, Sayer says she reminded herself to breathe and to focus so that she could finish without error.

"I'm not sure if Carisa would tell you this, but I brought in a sport psychologist this year to work with the girls on the mental part of gymnastics," Lowell gymnastics coach, Michele DeHaan said. "While she was skeptical at first, I think she learned from him and hopefully it helped push her over the top."

Also qualifying for the state meet was senior Holly Plattner.

The Lowell gymnast won the Division II vault championship with a score of 9.25, and her mark of 8.65 qualified her for the state meet in the floor exercise.

"Our floor scores were a little disappointing," said

DeHaan. "It's been a bitter-sweet day."

Both Krystal White and Melissa Neubecker qualified for state in the floor exercise last year, but just missed this year. White scored an 8.625 and Neubecker recorded an 8.525.

Plattner was the eighth and final gymnast to qualify at 8.65.

The top three teams qualified for the state tournament at Plymouth Canton on Saturday. They were Grand Ledge 147.275, Portage 142.35, and Holland 139.075.

Other area schools to finish in the top 10 were Forest Hills Central, fourth with 138.925, Rockford, fifth at 137.225; and Lowell seventh with 135.225.

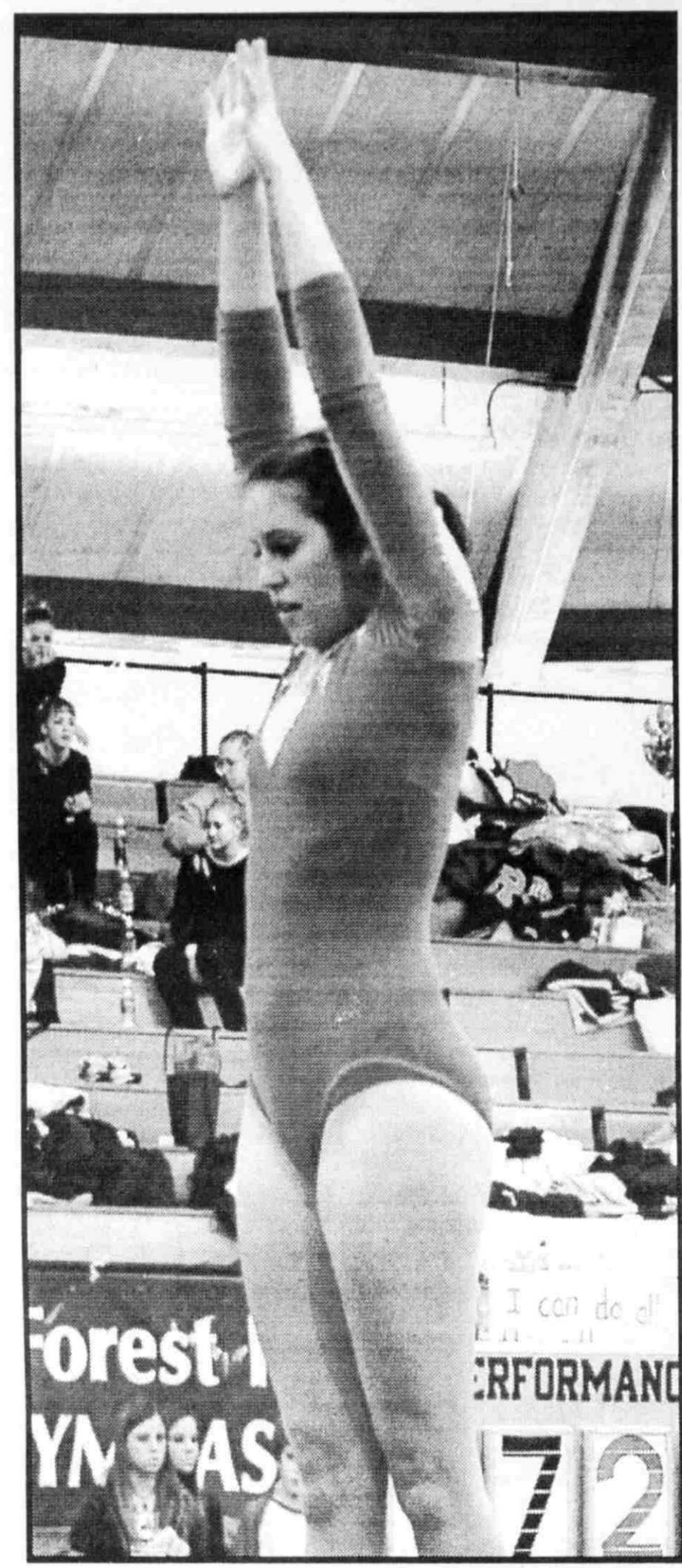
Lowell's Individual Scores:

**Vault:**

(1st) Holly Plattner 9.25  
Krystal White 8.55  
Jenna Dickerman 8.5  
Carmen Datema 8.45  
Melissa Neubecker 8.2  
Nicole Gillikin 8.15  
Rebecca Underwood 8.0  
Amanda Rau 7.9  
Leanna Seese 7.85  
LynnAnn Bell 7.8

**Uneven Bars:**

Plattner 8.5  
White 8.425  
Neubecker 8.15  
Dickerman 7.7  
Gillikin 7.45  
Bell 7.4



Carisa Sayer's 8.75 placed her fourth at the league meet and qualified her for the state tournament.

Seese 7.35  
Sayer 7.05

White 7.25  
Kim Seaman 6.3

**Balance Beam**

(4th) Sayer 8.75  
Neubecker 8.5  
Underwood 8.25  
Plattner 7.95  
Dickerman 7.8  
Brianna Kinney 7.55  
Kim Hoogewind 7.45

**Floor**

(8th) Plattner 8.65  
White 8.625  
Neubecker 8.525  
Dickerman 8.45  
Datema 8.3  
Gillikin 8.3  
Seese 8.15  
Underwood 7.75



### SMILE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Years of hard work and dedication culminated in a gratifying moment for Lowell's Carisa Sayer. The senior, in her final league competition, authored her best performance on the balance beam. Above, she shares the moment with fellow teammate, Krystal White.

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# Seniors can choose from a wealth of local scholarships

Lowell High School seniors will vie for over \$60,000 in scholarships this year.

"Every year there are additions to that list," said Lowell High School counselor, Barb Pierce.

This year that would include the Cherry Creek Classic 5K Run and Walk. Coordinators (Terry VanderWarf and Thad Kraus) will award two, \$250 scholarships to high school cross country seniors.

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will award scholarship(s) to juniors or seniors for use toward a summer theater camp.

There are over 55 scholarships available to students. Pierce said they may begin applying on March 3 with March 21 being the deadline for returning applications.

"The scholarships cover a wide range of talents (art, athletics, academics, extra-curricular, leadership and curriculum)," Pierce explained.

Scholarships available to Lowell students are: Edwin F. Doyle (10 scholarships are awarded); Peter & Evelyn Speerstra (10); C.H. Runciman \$500; Lowell Women's Club Scholarships (3-14); Geff Renke; Louise Harper Memorial; Kathie Quada Memorial; Carol (Chris) Burch; Mandy Tichelaar;

Ernie Blasher; David Dombak Memorial; Ray Quada; Margaret Court Memorial; Margaret McMahon; Wytjes Medical (3-4); Stephen F. Idema Memorial; Earl Posthumus Memorial; Englehardt Scholarships (4); Southwell Scholarship; Gary Rivers; Gumser Memorial; James Edward Hale; Bryne Family; First Congregational Church; Scholar Athlete/Bowling (2); Lowell Education Association \$1,500; Thaler Family; Cherry Creek Classic; and The Rotary Club of Lowell.

Some of these scholarship funds are awarded to a student over a four-five year period.



## College Fair, March 13

Olivet College will be one of over 130 colleges represented at the College Fair on Thursday, March 13 at Lowell High School.

The fair will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each booth will have materials available for students and parents.

Sessions will also be offered on financial aid and other important college information.

Eighth- through twelfth-grade students and parents in southwest Michigan have been invited.

The military services will also be represented.

Admission is free. Pictured is Lowell High School graduate and Olivet College student, Melissa Sobie.

## Lions hooping it up in Lowell, March 27

For the fourth time in 10 years, the Lowell football program will host a Detroit Lions basketball fundraiser.

This year's charity game will be held on Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School.

The game will feature members of the Steve Mariucci's new-look Lions as well as former Lowell football players (e.g., T.J. Thayer and Steve VanLaan; and Western Michigan University women basketball stars Brooke and Brienne Gallert.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the football program (all-levels). Free autographs and drawings of autographed items will be available for elementary age fans.

There will be a number of 50/50 raffles throughout the evening for adults.

Tickets are \$5 per person and are available at all Lowell Area Schools.

Central Michigan University's fall honors list includes the following students from the Lowell area: Courtney J. Baker, Nathan J. Brandner, Jason M. Grover, Emily D. Hovinga, Joseph R. Patterson, Jenny M. Stever, Nichole M. Straub, William R. Wiering

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and Jennifer M. Wisner. From the Alto area are: Sarah M. Claire and Kami L. Pentecost.

To qualify for the dean's

list, a student must have earned a 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher grade point average. The fall semester ended in December.

*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.*

Edmund Burke

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF BOWNE TOWNSHIP WILL MEET AT THE HISTORIC TOWNSHIP HALL - 8240 ALDEN NASH SE., ALTO ON:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (Appt. Only)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003  
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE TAX ROLL AND HEARING ALL CLAIMS. YOU MAY APPEAL YOUR ASSESSED VALUATION ONE OF (2) WAYS: BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND RECEIVED BY HIM PRIOR TO MARCH 8. OR BY APPEARING IN PERSON ON ONE OF THE DATES THE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS.

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BY MAIL

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BY FAX

616-897-4809

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105 N. Broadway, Lowell

DEADLINE

Mondays at 5 p.m. for Wednesday publication

## FOR SALE

**BELLAMY ACRES** - West of Ionia. Plat on corner of Bellamy Rd & Bradford, Ionia. We have 1 parcel left. 4.28 acre parcel. Perked. Located on new road in plat, Enterprise Dr., Lot K. For further information call Phil, 616-367-4900.

**1992 DODGE 3/4 CLUB CAB** - pickup, long bed, Cummins Turbo Diesel, Automatic, loaded, fifth wheel, looks & drives great! 897-8451 or 897-9167.

**QUEEN SLEIGH BED** - w/pillowtop mattresses, bought never used. Cost \$1,000. Sell \$195. Call 989-626-7089.

**1998 CHEVY EXPRESS PASSENGER VAN** - fully loaded. 57,000 miles, 350 engine, 3/4 ton, \$12,500 obo. Call 897-2601.

**BEDS** - Black wrought iron canopy, cherry sleigh beds, headboards, frames, and more. From Parade of Homes displays. 682-4767/888-682-6602.

**1994 INFINITI Q45** - loaded, 140,000 miles, runs & looks fantastic, pearl white/tan leather. \$7,000 See at 10645 Foreman. Call 897-4385.

**QUEEN LOG BED** - Includes plush mattress set (2 months old, still in plastic). Cost \$1,000, sell \$185 obo. Call 517-719-8062.

**DIRECTV** - Mini-satellite dish. 1 receiver for \$1 or 2 receivers for \$19.99 w/free install. Local channels available. We beat all advertised prices. New subscribers only. Call for details, 1-800-405-9824 K-20.

**MATTRESS/BOX SPRING** - Twin, queen or full "New" We deliver too! \$39 each, \$69 per set. Dennis Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

**AIR BED** - Fully adjustable, dual chambers, wireless remote. Never used, w/warranty. Cost \$1,200 sell \$600. Call 682-4767/888-682-6602.

**1989 MAZDA 626** - 1 owner, well maintained, 4 door, dark grey, air, power package. Dependable car. \$1,995. 897-8464.

**WASHER, DRYER FOR SALE** - Good running shape. \$67 each. Guaranteed. Dennis Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

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**DOORS FOR SHELVING** - Also bicycles for sale. Be ready for Spring. Schwinn, lt. wt racer, ladies touring mt. bike & others, low prices. Roper range, best offer. 897-0099.

**(8) AKC GERMAN SHEPHERD PUPS** - shots, wormed, \$225 for black/tan and \$250 for sable. Call for more information 989-328-3027.

**OAK BUNK BEDS** - Solid, w/mattresses. \$99 complete. Dennis Distributing, 315 N. Lansing, St. Johns, 989-224-4822.

**FOR SALE** - Green leather sofa, chair & ottoman, \$450; 2 Lay-Z-Boy recliners, \$100 each; home gym, \$250; 100 gal. fish tank w/stand, \$100. Call 897-7001.

**FOR SALE** - Motorcycle, 2002 Yamaha V-Star 1100 classic, mint condition, 1,700 miles. Some extras. 65 miles per gal. \$7,500 or best. 897-9515.

**1995 GMC SAFARI VAN** - AWD, 8 passenger, dual air/heat, custom chrome wheels, fiberglass running boards, looks & drives great! 897-8451 or 897-9167.

**APPLIANCES** - washer & elec. dryer, working, matched, super capacity set, almond, \$275/set; dishwasher, GE Potscrubber, black, works! \$85. Call 897-8464.

**MATTRESS SETS** - All sizes, name brands, w/warranty. No 2nds or recycles. Don't be lured into low gimmick Sale prices. Fence post Log Beds, or fake Pillowtop mattresses. Call R.C.D. Direct wholesalers. 616-682-4767, 1-888-682-6602.

**FOR SALE** - Electric guitar, black, Dean Playmate strat, paid \$275 new, asking \$125. Dean M-16 watt amp, paid \$100 new, asking \$60; Behringer Blue Devil GX 112, 60 watt amp, guitar workstation, asking \$125. Call 527-7796.

**GERMAN SHEPHERD / BLACK LAB MIX** - puppies. 5 left. Asking \$50. Call 989-328-3027.

**FOR SALE** - 1993 Ford Explorer Sport. Looks good, runs good. Must sell. \$3,000 obo. 890-6660.

**MATTRESS SETS** - Brand names w/warranties. Never used still in plastic. Twins, \$130, full \$150, queens, \$200, kings, \$375 & up. 682-4767 or 888-682-6602. Can deliver.

## HELP WANTED

**LOCAL COMPANY GR BASED** - looking for management trainee, shampoo dept. \$400 a week. Call now! 616-245-7400.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE** - Quality for \$1000 productions bonus. Average \$500/wk to start. Local factory outlet has had a huge increase in business. This has created new openings in company workforce. These are permanent positions with no strikes or layoffs projected. Since there are several positions to fill, the human resources manager will discuss the hours, pay scales & bonuses at a one-on-one interview. For interview call 616-243-9132.

**PART TIME CLEANING** - in Saranac. 1 hr. per night, Mon-Fri. Only serious and dependable need apply. Call Buffy at 822-0597 between 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. weekdays only.

**THE LAURELS OF KENT** - (an agency free facility) has limited full & part-time positions available for RN's/LPN's/CENA's. We offer choice & flexibility with scheduling along with an excellent benefit package & a great group of people to work with. Additionally we also have opportunities for casual employment. Call SANDRA NORRIS RN/SDC @ 616-897-8473. The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

## FOR RENT

**SINGLE FAMILY HOME** - \$850/month plus utilities (gas, phone, elec., cable) - Alden Nash Road. Appliances incl. Newly remodeled. Sec. Dep. \$1,200. References a must. Call 443-6959.

**SHARP 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** - No pets; references. \$600 plus deposit. Available immediately. Call 897-8707.

**FOR RENT** - Large 1 bedroom in Lowell. \$575. Includes water, electric & trash. Call Ben 897-0420.

**CHECK OUT OUR WINTER SPECIALS** - Pebble Beach Apartments. Call 897-6880.

**FOR RENT** - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

## FOR RENT

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - 3 bed., 2 bath, 6 acres on Flat River, 2-stall attached garage, unfinished walk-out basement, paved drive. Low heat bills. Brand new remodeled. \$1,050 per mo. Lease deposit, no pets. Call 897-9090.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** - Grattan Twp./Hart Lake, 3 bedroom ranch, newly remodeled, 2-stall garage, lawn care optional. \$1,050 per month. Call 364-7344.

**HOME FOR RENT** - Nice clean 3 bedroom. Lowell Schools. In country. 7 min. from Lowell, 6 min. from Ada. No tobacco. No pets. 897-7203.

## FREE

**FREE GRANTS** - Never repay. Acceptance guaranteed. Government and private sources. No limit on funding. Education, home repairs, home and business, non-profits. Phone live operators 9 AM. to 9 PM. Monday thru Saturday. 1-800-339-2817 ext. #48.

## WANTED

**WANTED "WHEELCHAIRS"** - Did you know that your local VFW tries to keep a good inventory of medical equipment to loan out to those in our community? Right now we need more wheel chairs in good condition. Please call or FAX John @ 897-3010.

## EVENTS

**Be sure to check out the school lunch menu in this issue of the Ledger.**

**ANTIQUE SHOW** - March 8 & 9, Barry County Fairgrounds Expo Complex. Located just 20 miles south of Grand Rapids. Take M-37 south from 28th Street past Middleville. Sat. 10-6 p.m.; Sun. 10-4 p.m. \$2.50 adm.

**LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO**  
Sat., March 22  
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## PERSONALS

**SINGLES SEEKING SINGLES** - Free Personal Ads. www.rivercityclassifieds.com

## SERVICES

**FIREPLACE SALES, SERVICE & INSTALLATION** - Licensed & Insured. Gas or Wood. Call M.E.O. Fireplaces Ltd. 897-7851.

**DRYWALL REPAIR** - Damage Repaired. Also new installation. Free Estimates. Stoney Hill Service 897-4010.

**RESIDENTIAL PLUMBER** - Service or new construction, reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

**UPS SHIPPING** - at the Lowell Ledger office, 105 N. Broadway. Daily pickup at 4 p.m.

**SENIOR CARE & CLEANING** - Loving, responsible & references. Call 616-794-7470.

**CARPET CLEANING** - 17 years of experience. Stoney Hill Service, 897-4010.

**TOWING** - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker. Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 446-5909.

**JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING** - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.

**PAINTING** - Interior or Exterior. Insured & bonded. Free estimates. Stoney Hill Service 897-4010.

**LITTLE CHERUB CHILD CARE HAS OPENINGS** - Safe, Christian environment. Plenty of structured activities. Call Melonie at 897-3133 for an interview.

**TUTORING** - Could your child use some one on one time with a certified teacher? Call 897-3001.

**BRENDA B'S LICENSED CHRISTIAN DAY CARE** - has full or part-time openings. Infant - 6 years old. Food program. Please call 987-9351.

**SNOW REMOVAL** - Driveways, roofs, sidewalks, etc. Reasonable rates. Call Uhen Construction 299-1249.

## SERVICES

**PAYRO L.L. & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE** - by certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

**GRANT PROGRAMS AMERIDREAM, HART, NEHEMIAH** - 3 nonprofits will gift up to 7% to purchase your next home. No income restrictions. Call Michelle at CTX (616) 464-1348/(800) 282-0325, ext. 313 for more info. CTX is an Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.

**WEDDING INVITATIONS** - Stop by & check out a book over the weekend! The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway.

**HANDYMAN SERVICE** - Need help or repairs around your house? We repair, paint, patch, haul or clean. We also powerwash and are experienced in carpet cleaning. Insured and bonded. Call today Stoney Hill Service, 897-4010.

**ALTO AREA DAYCARE** - has 2 full time openings for infant - up, accepting FIA, licensed; food program, large fenced-in back yard. Call Amy at 868-0752.

**THINKING ABOUT REMODELING?** - Adding an addition or fixing that old roof? We also do siding, windows, kitchens & baths, ceramic tile, pole barns, decks, concrete, waterscapes & much more. Call the experts - JLS Contracting, Inc. Licensed & Insured. One call does it all. Call Gary 299-6989.

**GERT'S DAYCARE** - Christian environment, needs 1 full-time infant - 4 years. Located between Ada and Lowell. Call 682-8318.

**DISCOUNT MANUFACTURED HOMES** - Repossessed, late model homes offered at discount prices. Double- & single-wides. Some like new. Some fixer uppers. Financing available. All offers considered. North Harbor Homes 800-824-9811.

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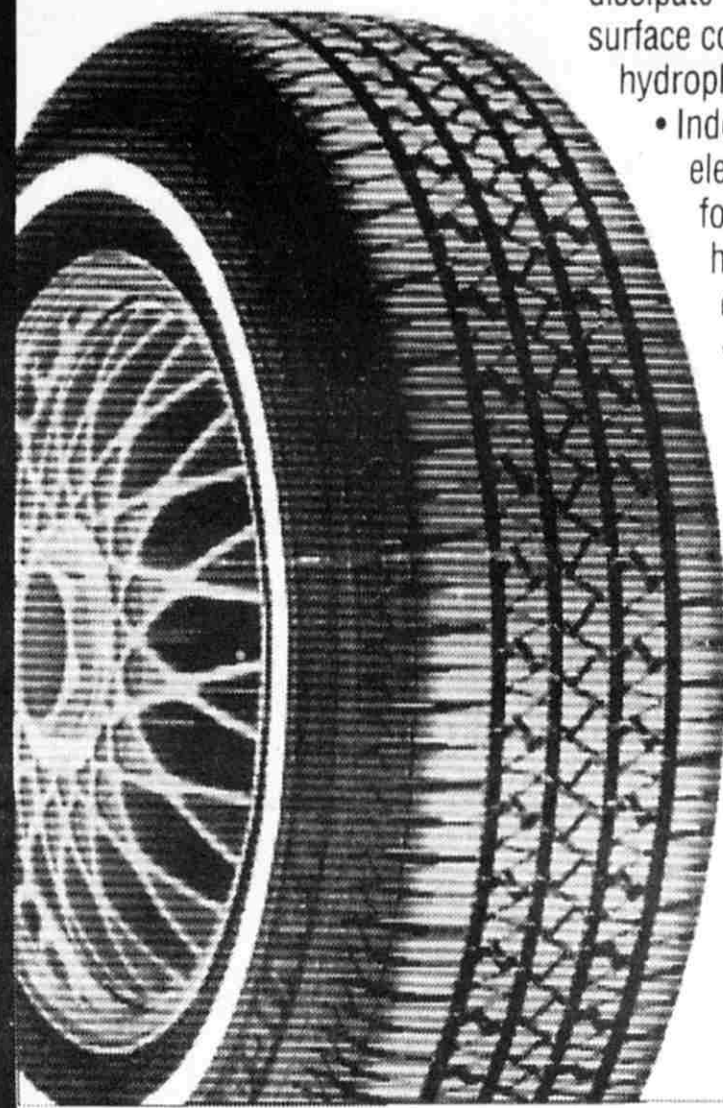
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P155/80R13 79S.....	\$49.70
P205/75R14 95S.....	\$64.45
P175/70R13 82S.....	\$53.82
P175/70R14 84S.....	\$53.60
P215/70R15 97S.....	\$69.35
P175/65R14 81S.....	\$54.65
P205/65R15 92S.....	\$63.72
P215/65R14 91S.....	\$68.88
P215/60R14 94S.....	\$80.55
P225/60R15 97S.....	\$83.36

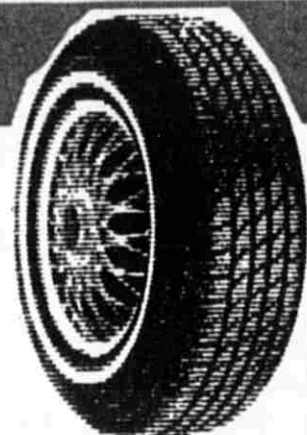


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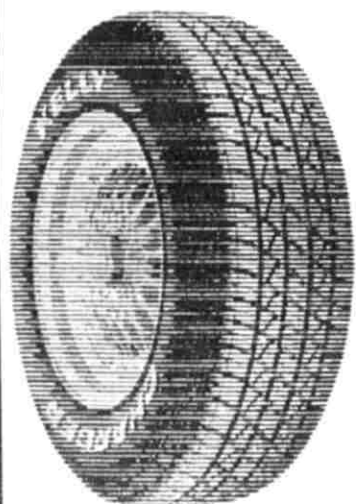


**P165/80R13**

- 40,000 mile limited warranty by Kelly
- Isolated tread elements, full-slotting and blading provide superior all-season traction
- Two steel belts stabilize tread for good handling and grip

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**RAISED WHITE LETTERS**

P215/60R14 91S.....	\$63.40
P225/60R14 94S.....	\$66.63
P235/60R14 96S.....	\$70.27
P245/60R14 98S.....	\$75.84
P235/60R15 98S.....	\$79.48
P245/60R15 100S.....	\$83.76
P255/60R15 102S.....	\$86.67
P275/60R15 107S.....	\$96.11

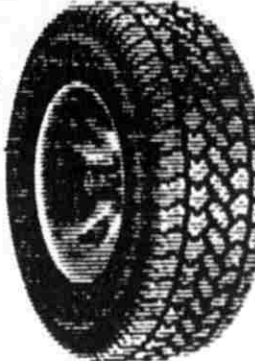
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P185/60R14 82S.....	\$62.39
P195/60R14 85S.....	\$63.59
P195/60R15 87S.....	\$66.81
P205/60R15 90S.....	\$68.08
P215/60R15 93S.....	\$72.67
P225/60R15 95S.....	\$64.68
P215/60R16 94S.....	\$82.29
P225/60R16 97S.....	\$85.18

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P215.....	\$72.64
P225.....	\$76.39
P235.....	\$80.02
P26515....	\$83.75
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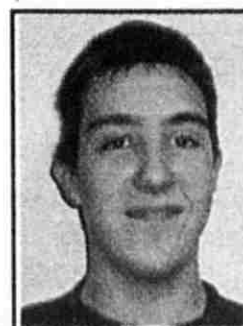
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