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Group unveils trail plans, reaches out for community support

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

At the Monday night Lowell City Council meeting, plans for a Lowell trail system were unveiled to the public for the first time.

Perry Beachum, a member of the Lowell Recreation Authority, presented the study results for the Lowell Area Trailway. The study was funded by the Lowell Area Community Fund.

The Lowell Recreation Authority, which is made up of the

townships and the city, has been working on developing a trail system that would be usable for non-motorized activities such as walking, biking, roller blading and, in the winter, cross country skiing.

Beachum said through the study, the group was able to put together a first phase plan. The first trail would start at the Wittenbach Center, go through the Lowell Area High School, then down to Cooper's Woods over to Cherry Creek and end at Creekside Park. The trail would be 3.2 miles and cost about \$1.1 million to construct.

Another area would be from Creekside Park through Valley Vista subdivision, down through Stoney Lakeside Park with a foot bridge over the Grand River and then ending at Grand River Riverside Park. This trail would be 1.9 miles in length, and cost \$656,310 for the trail and about \$1 million for the foot bridge.

The third area is a loop through city property into the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds; cost would be about \$636,678 for the path and another \$700,000 for a foot bridge.

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Outside the Burger Palace is the setting for this encounter between Frenchy (Alex McMahon), and Kenickie (Josh Middleton), Sonny (Chad Drenth) and Doody (Jay Eldridge).

LHS students to deliver high energy musical ... Grease

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Soda shops, hot rods, poodle skirts and leather jackets define the 50's and are an integral backdrop to Jim Jacob's and Warren Casey's stage adaptation of "Grease."

The 1978 hit movie is the choice for Lowell High School's 2002-03 spring musical which opens on Thursday (March 20).

Evening performances (7:30 p.m.) will also be presented on March 21st, 22nd, 28th & 29th with a matinee on March 29th (1p.m.).

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Under the direction of Tod Nyson, the 40-member cast will

be challenged on stage by song and high energy dance routines.

Off stage, Nyson has had to respond to community concerns about content.

All the language in question has been removed and the way the play delivers Rizzo's pregnancy is done in a "respectful way," according to Nyson. "We've made an adjustment in the script. There is a scene where Rizzo delivers the concerns and challenges that come with high school pregnancies," Nyson explains.

In addition to the actual play, musical patrons will also have an opportunity to participate in the pre-show dinner theater.

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Leading Roles:

- Danny ... Tom Eldridge
- Sandy ... Megan Nyson
- Kenickie ... Josh Middleton
- Rizzo ... Jennifer Durkee
- Johnny Casino ... Jordan Whitman
- Frenchy ... Alex McMahon
- Roger ... Tyler Nethercott
- Marty ... Jennifer Adams
- Doody ... Jay Eldridge
- Jan ... Lena Dhayni
- Sonny ... Chad Drenth
- Patty ... Kacy Kilgore
- Vince Fontaine ... Joe Mull
- Cha Cha ... Angela Harvey
- Eugene ... Tony Cozzaglio
- Miss Lynch ... Kristen Lee

EXPO delivers awareness of area products and services

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

To help ensure that patrons of the seventh annual Lowell Community EXPO don't miss a thing, Red Arrow signs will be erected to guide visitors through the maze of 123 vendors.

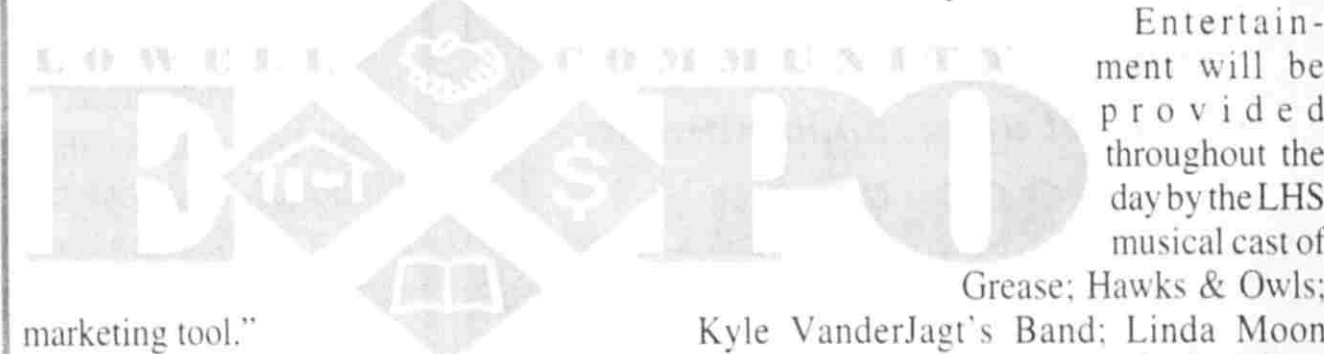
Based on sheer numbers alone, it is the biggest and best EXPO yet, according to Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker.

"Other businesses promoting the EXPO have really made a difference this year," Baker said. "Our chamber members have been our best EXPO

3:30 p.m. on Saturday (March 22) at Lowell High School.

"It's an excellent opportunity for the community to increase its awareness of the products and services provided and/or manufactured in the Greater Lowell Area," Baker said. "Exhibitors also gain the opportunity to develop sales, leads and customer contacts."

Visitors will be able to surf the web, using the high speed wireless internet provided by WIFnet while having lunch prepared by Lowell's food service program. "We're calling it our internet cafe," Baker explained.



marketing tool."

It will also provide an opportunity for area residents to tour the new freshman wing at the high school which is scheduled to open in the fall.

The EXPO will run from 9 a.m. until

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day by the LHS musical cast of

Grease; Hawks & Owls;

Kyle VanderJagt's Band; Linda Moon School of Dance; and Annie Charles' first-grade class performing the Character Trait song.

Also in attendance throughout the day

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Associate principal position nixed in school's work to trim budget

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cuts in a handful of areas have been identified which will enable the Lowell School District to trim roughly \$262,000 from its 2002-03 budget before June.

The reduction in spending will include eliminating one of the two co-associate principal positions at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Mary Burton will return to the classroom. Rebecca Cutler will return as an associate principal, but her contract was not extended beyond June 30, 2004.

The district has also notified Lowell Middle School counselor, Jim Harden that it will consider a non-renewal of his administrative contract due to a lack of requisite certification.

The district announced it will also delay a \$100,000 textbook purchase; will not replace two employees called to active military duty; will only partially replace a middle school office assistant (funded by reduction in hours of employees at other build-

ings); will put into place a five percent reduction in building and department budgets; will reduce heat to 68 degrees in school buildings; and other miscellaneous cuts yet to be finalized.

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OBITUARIES

CHRISMAN - Cecil E. Raymond and Wilda Chrisman, aged 65, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 12, 2003. He was born to

Raymond and Wilda Chrisman in Lake City, Mich., on January 18, 1938, who preceded him in death. He married Hazel "Marty" (Martin)

Chrisman in Ionia on August 22, 1958, who survives. He worked for Smith Industries for over 42 years. He proudly served in the Army from 1955-1958. Mr. Chrisman is also survived by his children Patricia (Bruce) Stine of Cedar Springs, David (Connie) Chrisman of Greenville, Sue (Dan) Heinicke of Lowell, Daniel (Michelle) Chrisman of Lowell; grandchildren Rachel, Jessica, Rebecca, Ashley, Joshua, Renae and Jacob, David and Melissa Stine and their son Jason, Jan Stine and sons Anthony, Jermel and Jeremy; brother Robert (Virginia) Chrisman of Ionia; sisters Jackie (Keith)

Meayers of Belding, Kathleen (Norman) Denny of Saranac, Sharon (Jeff) Meyers of Saranac; and many other family members. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid hunter, reader and woodworker, and will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordie Barry, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association or Kent County Honor Guard c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The residents of Vergennes Township will hold an Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. There will be opportunity for residents to comment on any issue regarding the state of the township. The 2003-04 budget will also be reviewed.

The Annual Meeting will be held at the township offices located at the intersection of Bailey Drive and Parnell Road, address of 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

F.R.O.M. joins "Feed the Hungry" campaign

Flat River Outreach Ministries is conducting a "Feed the Hungry" campaign during the months of March and April. The Alan Shaw Feinstein Foundation of Rhode Island is offering a portion of a \$1 million grant to those nonprofit organizations participating in the "Feed the Hungry" mission. Food and funds raised locally will allow Flat River Outreach Ministries to receive a portion of monies based on its total collection.

This is Flat River Outreach Ministries third year of involvement in the mission, however, it is the first year it has asked the community at large to join in making the mission a success.

Food collection barrels and donation envelopes are available at the following locations: Huntington Bank, Springgrove Variety, Rite Aid, Brenda's Hair Design, YMCA and Fifth Third Bank.

Donation envelopes are also available at Ionia County National Bank and the Flat River Outreach Ministries Thrift Shop.

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.
—Doug Larson

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 4.2.7 B. of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendment would read as follows:

4.2.7 B. Parking, Storage, or Use of Major Recreational Equipment -

For purposes of these regulations, major recreational equipment is defined as including boats and boat trailers, recreational trailers, pickup campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles or chassis), self-propelled dwellings, tent trailers, and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment, whether occupied by equipment or not. No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored in any front yard of any property in a residential district for more than 24 hours and then only for the limited purpose of loading or unloading such major recreational vehicle. With respect to any other location on such a residential lot, no major recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored for more than 14 consecutive days, or a total of 30 days during any calendar year, if it is being stored for living, housekeeping or for sleeping quarters.

The hearing will be held on:

Monday, April 14, 2003, 7:00 p.m.
Lowell Charter Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE
Lowell, Michigan 49331

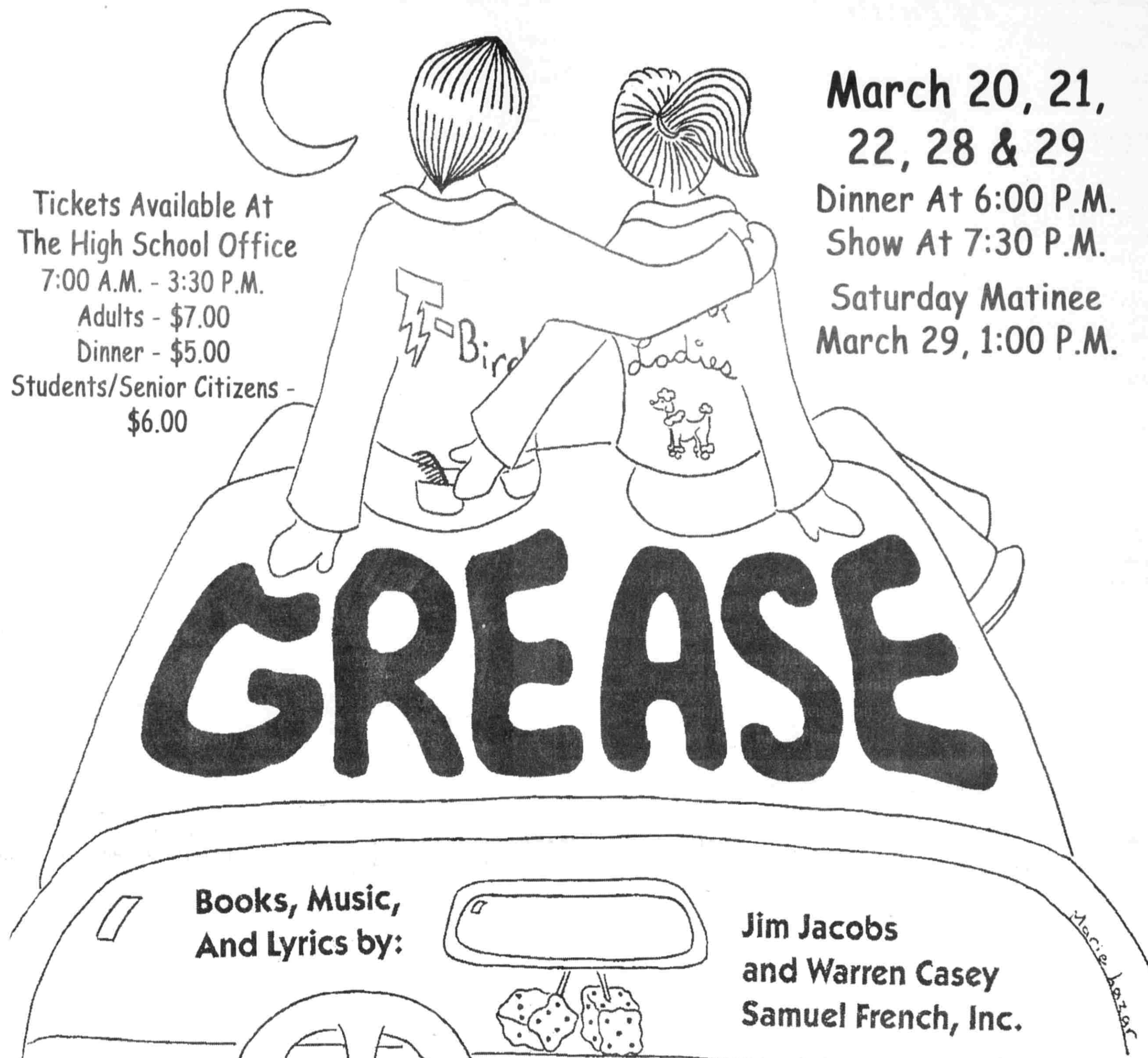
The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk

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Of Faith

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"PRINCE OF PEACE"

Peace, the word that seems to be on everyone's minds lately. Peace, one of the most sought after, and yet hardest to find of life's treasures. The cry heard around the world is for peace. Many world leaders and diplomats have spent their lives in the pursuit of peace. Looking back through history, it seems very obvious, how very few

years we have enjoyed peace. One historian wrote, "There have been 3,130 years of war to only 227 years of peace." Doing the math, the world has seen 13 years of war for every year of peace.

Nuclear destruction, poisonous gas, lethal bioweapons, smart bombs, unmanned drones, cruise missiles, mobile skud rocket launchers, and other weapons of mass destruction all have become part of our vocabulary and our lives. Humanity is also having our peace and security drained away from within. The inner fears and anxieties of our lives run from A to Z: Acrophobia (the fear of heights) to Zoophobia (the fear of animals). What are we to do? Will the world ever know peace?

The prophet Isaiah introduces us to the answer when he writes: "And He will call mighty Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the

increase of His government and peace there will be no end." (Isaiah 9:5)

Henry Gariepy writes, "The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart. Peace is not so much an external climate as it is an inward experience. It gives inner equilibrium to the life amidst the disquietude without."

Jesus freely gives to us His peace, which affects our lives in three different areas. First, Jesus enables us to have "peace with God." His death on the cross built a bridge back to restore a relationship with our Creator. Secondly, Jesus' actions enable us to have "peace with ourselves." No longer will anxieties, inner conflicts and selfish motives rob us of our serenity. If we allow Him, He will set us free.

Finally, as our relationship with the Creator and with ourselves comes into balance, we will finally be able to reach out to our brothers and sisters all around the world. When we start to listen to the words of the Wonderful Counselor, when we trust in the power of the Almighty God, then and only then will we be able to know the Prince of Peace. Only after we center our lives in His Kingdom will our hearts, minds and world know true Peace.



Pictured, left to right, are: Sally McAlpine, Mark Hyzer, Anthony Pedley, Amanda Oracz, Kelsay Myers, Kristen McAlpine and Katie McAlpine; standing in back is Andy Hewitt.

LHS' D.I. team advances to state

Lowell High School took two teams to Grand Haven High School for the Regional Competition in the Destination ImagiNation competition.

The Video Adventure team, coached by Sally McAlpine and Shirl Oracz, took second place, advancing them to the state level competition in Mt. Pleasant on April 12. This will be the team's third year in a row to advance to the state level.

This year's problem required a team to research current events in a given time span, involving three countries of their choice. They, then, had to create a video game representing the natural resources of the country, portray the current event they researched for each country and integrate them into an overall story line to form a conclusion.

Judges described their performance as engaging and loved the integration of scenery and acting. They also included special effects such as a 3-D window showcasing an

active volcano in the Philippines, a water gushing mine in Quecreek, Pa., and an avalanche in the mountains of Austria.

The freshman team also made a good first showing at the competition and took fifth place overall. They received an honorable mention. Their problem, "Once Improv a

Time" was very challenging, requiring them to research a variety of potential topics and characters from history or literature. On the day of competition, they receive their topics and characters, and then have 30 minutes to prepare a skit complete with improvised props before presenting it to the judges.



Kids will have the opportunity to build a birdhouse at their library in April.

Kids, ages six and up, will construct the wooden birdhouses and be able to personalize them with a family name or address. Bring your hammer and a parent! Registration and adult supervision are required.

The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Call 647-3920. For other locations and dates, call 784-2007.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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- MARCH 21: Terry Raymor, Ardis Barber, Gary Yeiter, Molly Clark.
- MARCH 23: Brian Gabrion, Richard King.
- MARCH 24: Joe Vezino Jr., Candy Speerstra, Isobel Edwards, Angela Titcombe, Marian Rutherford.
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- MARCH 26: Margaret Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Maynard.

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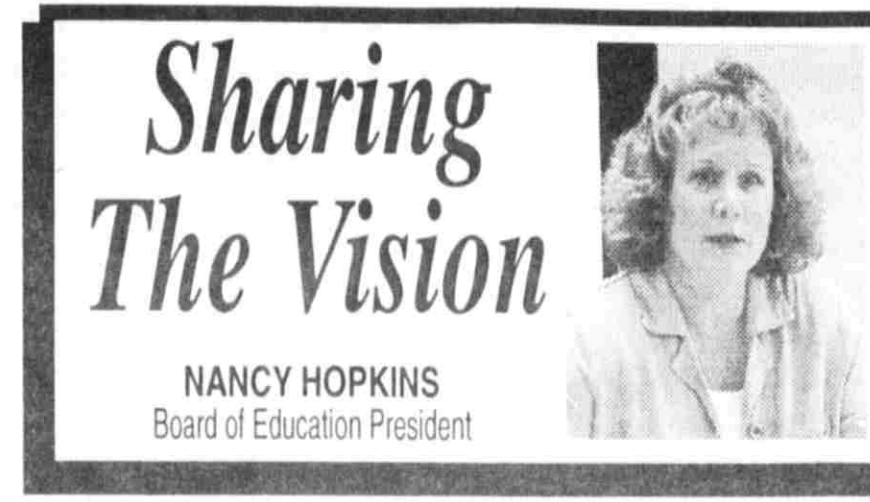
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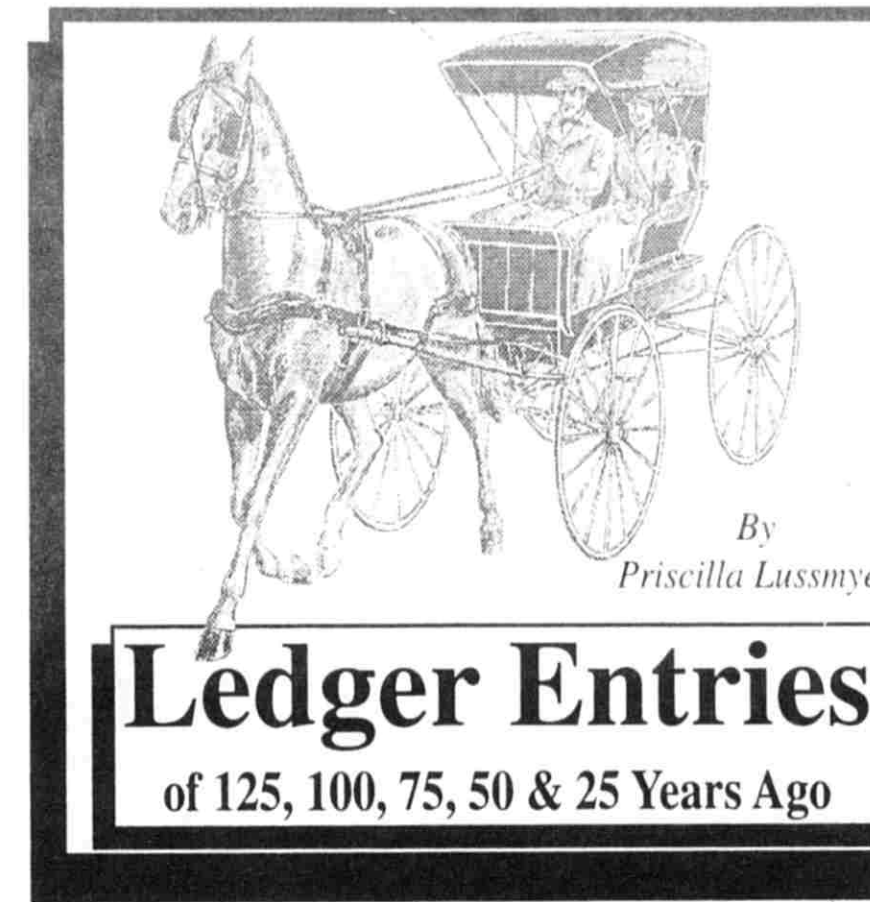
Accountability is one of public education's highest priorities. As an elected group of public officials who annually oversee a district's budget, set policy affecting the future of students, and make decisions that impact the cultural and economic life in a community, the same accountability applies

to local boards of education. So as is traditionally done, at the beginning of the school year, the Lowell Board of Education identified goals that support the vision and the advancement of our district's educational goals. This year, in addition, the board established a process of periodically reviewing its own progress in reaching those goals. In effect, the board determined that it must be accountable for its own goals.

Every month the board identifies activity in each goal area. Then, at its March workshop (and again at the end of the school year), the board will review the goals and progress in achieving them. For example, for the board goal, "Establish a community-supported process for monitoring demographics, situating new schools, assigning students to buildings, and developing transitions for smooth opening of new facilities," activity includes a demographics (census) presentation at a board workshop and planning for a new demographics committee this spring. An "Emerging Leaders MSU Conference"

and revising testing procedures for current and new staff are activities that fall under the goal. "Review the district-wide processes of hiring, developing and remaining the finest staff possible." A board/superintendent governance workshop and board leadership training (planned for 2003-04) are steps being taken toward fulfilling the goal. "Improve Board of Education leadership, knowledge and skills."

The Lowell Board of Education is committed to continuously becoming more effective and future focused in education. Calling upon itself to be accountable to its own goals allows the board to know and understand its strengths, weaknesses and best approaches to decision-making and problem-solving. As the board explores solutions within the framework of the district's vision and educational goals, as well as its own board goals, and charting progress toward those goals, the most relevant, creative and fiscally responsible outcomes will result.



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MARCH 20, 1878
The Hon. E. G. D. Holden, Michigan's Secretary of State, was the guest of Journal editor Hine. The telegraph company will run wires from the depot to a building downtown for \$200. The D&M Steamboat Express runs from Detroit to Grand Haven, connecting with the Milwaukee boats. E.W. Dodge received 20,000 white fish minnows and put them in Nagle (now Murray) Lake. He expects to receive 15,000 eels for the Flat River. There is much discussion of the "honest money" men vs. the Greenbackers party.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 19, 1903
A vote will determine if the new North Park bridge will be charged to Grand Rapids or the county. Lowell, having built two steel bridges recently by itself, objects strenuously to the latter. Frosts have badly damaged peach buds, except for the Oceana and Chili varieties. Pictures and profiles of several old Lowell residents are a feature this week, from the annual Old Settlers meeting in the hotel parlor, which had to turn away many for lack of space. Deliveries of the Ledger to other towns are often late. The Postmaster General is being consulted. Roads are awful again this spring and the editor advocates government help instead of individuals "working out the road tax."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MARCH 22, 1928
Students Helen Kyser and Albert Butterfield star in the high school operetta, "The Gypsy Rover." "The Ward of Robbers' Roost" is the serial starting in this paper next week. The Southern Michigan Light and Power Co., a subsidiary of Consumers Power, may extend power lines to Lowell Township, Alto, Bowne and farms in between. It's a good idea to inspect your headlights once a month. French scientists are offering \$200 for the most interesting proposition for interplanetary navigation.

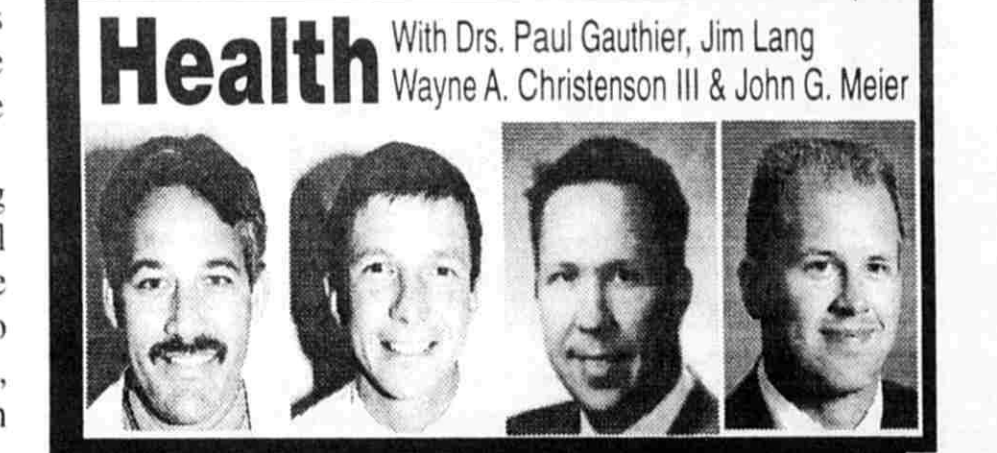
50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 19, 1953
A 9 x 27 ft. addition atop the King Milling warehouse will be a testing laboratory and kitchen for proving King products. The ground observation post building is moved to a site with better visibility on the 4-H grounds. Protests about the new higher sewer rates slated to build a new system result in dropping the increase until alternate financing is studied. The high school choir sponsors a round and square dance at City Hall to raise money for new robes. Village Council asks the State Highway Department to widen and curb M-21 to 46 feet inside village limits (to match Main Street width).

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MARCH 22, 1978
The Rummage Bin below Dr. Reagan's office, sponsored by First Congregational Church, will have its dollar-a-bag special Saturday. The Community Awareness workshop next Tuesday evening at the high school will include sections on substance abuse, parent-child communication, spouse abuse and child abuse. MSU ag engineers develop a huge "mechanical device" to harvest 6,000 bushels of apples a day, plus pruning and spraying the trees. Top corn growers of Michigan are recognized by DeKalb "Yieldmasters Club." Lewis Gasper of Belding and Gordon Marsha Wilcox of Lowell are honored. An article outlines several ways in which people can cut use of electricity by 25 percent.

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
When a section of our neighborhood is unsafe, it affects everyone. The county did a nice job when they repaved Vergennes Rd., but walk space at the shoulder was reduced substantially. For this reason, I fear for the safety of pedestrians. This area contains three relatively new subdivisions or private roads that average 15 residences on each within 600 feet of Lowell High School. Residents often walk to the campus to enjoy the beautiful atmosphere. People also make use of the tennis courts or track to exercise. Many students walk to school daily, and several others use Vergennes as a part of their running route at athletic practices. The Wittenbach Center has become a focal point along the road. Many students make daily trips to the Wittenbach Center from the high school as part of their classroom requirements. Many more students are bused in from the middle and elemen-

tary schools to make use of this valuable resource. The trails in back of the Wittenbach Center attract many athletes from the high school, as well as residents of the area who enjoy the beautiful scenery and fresh air. It has also been brought to my attention that if a walking path or wider shoulders were installed, as I propose, the natural habitat of wildlife in the area would be affected. I agree that the destruction of trees should be avoided if possible, but I also believe that if something is not done to fix this problem now, we may experience another fatality that could have been prevented. I believe that a bike path along this widely traveled area would ease the minds of those who use this stretch of road. Athletic teams would no longer be forced to run in the lanes, but would be able to take a safer route. Outdoor exercise would be easier for residents and more people would get to experience the beauty of the Wittenbach Center, if only pedestrians felt more secure. If you would like to learn more about this issue or express your opinion on it, please consider attending the open citizens meeting on March 26 at 7 p.m. at Vergennes Township Hall.



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

CELIAC DISEASE
Celiac disease causes your intestines to become swollen and to react badly to a dietary protein called gluten. Gluten is found in wheat, barley, rye and oats. Celiac disease is also called celiac sprue and gluten-sensitive enteropathy. It is thought that a "trigger" sets off celiac disease in certain people. A trigger might be a virus, major surgery, or extreme stress. Patients with celiac disease may have a close relative with it (i.e., brother, sister, parent). Gluten sensitivity is not the same thing as wheat allergy, although some people have the same conditions. The diagnosis of celiac disease in the pediatric population is heralded by diarrhea, abdominal bloating, irritability and poor weight gain. In the older age group, it manifests with chronic diarrhea, gas, abdominal bloating and maybe weight loss. The diagnosis is made with special blood tests, but is usually confirmed with a small bowel biopsy done through a scope inserted into the GI tract via the throat. Treatment of celiac disease revolves around strict avoidance of all foods with gluten. Flours, which are acceptable, are rice, corn or soy flour. Until research leads to other insights, the celiac patient must stay on a gluten free diet for life.

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

In the northern part of the Lower Peninsula lie thousands of acres of forests, swamps and meadows. Here, the Pigeon and Black rivers carry clear cool water from spring-fed ponds through a region known as The Pigeon River country which is home to the only free ranging huntable population of Rocky Mountain Elk east of the Mississippi. One fall, my wife was one of 200 hunters out of 40,000 applicants to draw a Michi-

gan elk license. Most of the lucky hunters hired a local guide to locate game on private land. Being somewhat naive and probably not fully appreciating that this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, she chose to hunt public land on her own.

The strategy was to spend two weekends prior to opening day scouting the area. The Pigeon River country is a protected wilderness area and therefore has only a few open roads to interrupt the heavily wooded landscape. The plan was to spot and stalk the animals. By walking many miles of trackless back country the hunt ultimately produced a fine Michigan elk.

Getting off the pavement when hunting, hiking, bird watching, or picking mushrooms can be a rewarding activity, but the nagging thought of getting lost can diminish the experience. A simple magnetic compass, however, can provide safety and confidence while traversing unfamiliar terrain. The compass is dependable, inexpensive and, when used with a map, an effective method of finding your way in the outback.

A compass will always point to magnetic north while a map is based on true north. Magnetic north is located near the North Pole and true north is at the top of the map. In most locations on the globe, the difference between the two (called

declination) must be added or subtracted for accurate navigation. Magnetic north and true north are so close in Michigan that the difference can be generally ignored when traveling relatively short distances on foot. As an example, if you parked your vehicle on a road that ran approximately north and south, then traveled east from the road on the way in, you would need to walk west to return to the road and your vehicle. It is just that simple.

An orienteering compass has features that allow for more accurate backcountry travel. The baseplate has a direction arrow that is lined up with the intended direction of travel on a map, then without moving the compass the dial is rotated so the inscribed arrow on the dial lines up with true north. The direction of travel in degrees (bearing) is read where the degree marks on the dial line up with the direction arrow on the baseplate. Finally, rotating the compass until the magnetic needle lines up with the arrow on the dial will indicate the direction of travel.

With practice, a compass can open up areas far from the trappings of civilization where you can explore and enjoy your favorite outdoor activities in solitude.

City gives Bluegrass Festival approval to apply for lottery license

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

It is the hope of music festival organizers that by moving its event to Lowell, it will attract far more attendees.

The downside to this is that for the group to sell tickets to its 50/50 raffle, the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association has to have a lottery license from the State Lottery Commission.

"In the past, the event was small enough that we always met the minimum requirements, but with our hope of drawing more people, we needed to apply for the lottery license," said Terry Donaker, president for the WMBMA.

For nine years the group has hosted two festivals each year. The group had been holding the events in Bailey, between

Newaygo and Grand Rapids. Donaker said they had been looking for a place to move and received a call about the Lowell Youth Fairgrounds. After the board took a look, the group decided to sign a five-year contract with the grounds.

"Because the event was North, it was hard to get people up there," Donaker said. "We are hoping by having it in Lowell it will not only get the Grand Rapids folks, but those in Ionia and other areas as well."

The three-day event, which this year is May 16-18, usually brought in about 100 campers and about 150 walk-ins on Saturday. Donaker said the camping facilities at the fairgrounds are smaller, but that the group is hoping it will double

its Saturday walk-in traffic, making up for the loss in campers.

"I've heard nothing but good things about your Bluegrass Festival," said Lowell mayor, Jeanne Shores. "I have a friend who won't miss a one."

The council unanimously approved the lottery license request, which will be forwarded to the State Lottery Commission for final approval.

Donaker added he has received fantastic response from everyone in Lowell about the festivals coming to the city.

The first festival is in May and the second one is scheduled for Sept. 19 and 20.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: What is the difference between a grantor and a settlor in conjunction with a trust? I have seen both terms used.

JONATHAN SAYS: The terms "grantor" and "settlor" mean the same thing. This term refers to the person who created the trust.

DEAR JONATHAN: A few years ago I created a trust so that my assets would not have to go through probate upon my death. I prepared it on my own and I feel pretty confident that I did it right because I had plenty of resources to follow and I spent a lot of time researching different types of forms. What happens if I die before I move all of my assets into the trust? Although, right now, I believe my trust owns everything I have, there is always a chance that I might have missed something or that I might acquire assets later on and forget to

put them in the trust. For example, I recently sold my home and purchased a new one, and when I closed on the new home, I forgot to tell the title insurance company to place the title of the home in my trust. Consequently, I now have to prepare another deed to transfer the house to my trust. What happens if something happens to me before I get that done?

JONATHAN SAYS: If you die owning any assets titled in your name alone, then those assets will have to go through probate prior to passing to your trust, assuming you have prepared a last will and testament which names your trust as the beneficiary of those assets. If you do not have a last will and testament and something happens to you, then upon the completion of probate, your probate assets will pass pursuant to state law and as a result will never end up in your trust. So if you don't already have a last will and testament in place, you are going to want to prepare one.

You stated in your questions that you believe your trust owns everything you have. I assume when you say that, that you are not referring to assets such as life insurance, IRAs, 401k plans and other tax qualified plans. With those types of assets, you don't transfer ownership to the trust; instead, you might name your trust as a beneficiary, primary or contingent, depending upon your specific circumstances. So be careful about this.

You also indicated in your questions that you prepared your own trust and you felt confident that you had done a good job in doing so. I am not a big fan of "do-it-yourself" documents and I am not simply saying that because I am a lawyer.

I am saying that because estate planning is a very complex and technical area, and it is too easy to make mistakes while preparing those documents. Every time I have been asked to review "do-it-yourself" estate planning documents, I have found that the forms have not been prepared properly in many different respects. Many times the wrong type of form was used for what the client was trying to accomplish or the client attempted to take parts of various forms and make them into one form that works - which usually does not work.

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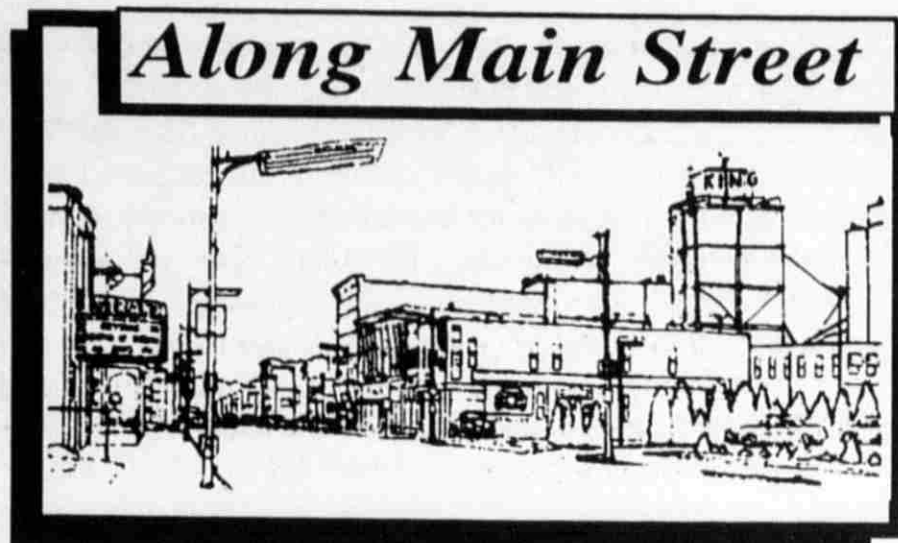
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CLASS OF '83 PLANS REUNION

Lowell High School class of 1983 is looking for classmates to help plan their 20-year class reunion. Call Kristi (Dine) Alguire at 897-1777 ext. 247.

TROUT UNLIMITED JUNIOR

Meet at the Wittenbach Center on Saturday, March 22. Leave at 9 a.m. for a trip to the Grand River in Grand Rapids. Call 987-1002 with questions.

CHERRY CREEK STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP

If you would like to get rid of your old phonebooks, you may drop them off at Cherry Creek Elementary or give them to a Cherry Creek student. They are participating in a recycling challenge with other area schools and collecting them to be recycled into insulation for "Habitat for Humanity homes."

LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO

Visit the Expo at Lowell High School on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Learn about the many businesses, clubs and organizations in the area. Free admission; door prizes. Call 897-9161 for more info.

FREE PRESCHOOL

Lowell Head Start is now enrolling for fall 2003. Call 897-7920 to find out if you qualify for this free preschool for ages 3 and 4.

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Lowell Institute for Volunteer Excellence is looking for donations of diapers/wipes/formula for the St. Mary Pregnancy Center. Drop off at Lowell Leadership booth at the Expo (March 22) or at the chamber. Call Marcia 897-5205.

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS NIGHT

TOTS Wiggles and Giggles will have a gymnastics night on Thursday, March 27 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center Gym, 300 High St. Older siblings and grandparents are welcome. \$1 donation per family.

LOOKING FOR EXHIBITORS

Grattan Family Friends & Neighbors and the Bridge Walk Committee need exhibitors for Crafts and Collectibles Monday, May 26, Memorial Day. Call Dianna 691-6504 or email: forcecrank@aol.com

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT FIRE STATION

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

HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN WITH TV

TOTS will have a special guest speaker, Joyce Irvine, from GVSU Public Television, on Thursday, March 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. talking on fun ways to help your preschooler learn with television. Free program, childcare and parent materials. Call 897-1232 for reservations. Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St., Lowell.

"GREASE" - THIS WEEK!!!

Lowell High School musical "Grease" in the Performing Arts Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30; also March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 1:00 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner (\$5 at 6 p.m.) available before 7:30 p.m. shows. Musical: \$6 (students/senior citizens), \$7 adults. Get your tickets at high school (897-4125). Dress in a '50s costume!

EHLERS TO SPEAK ON WAR IN IRAQ

The Lowell Ministerium will sponsor "War in Iraq - a Moral and Christian Perspective" at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell, on Friday, March 21

Grease, cont'd... From Page 1

When ticket holders enter the high school, they will walk directly into the soda shop, where those who have made dinner reservations (dinners are \$5) will enjoy hot dogs, sloppy joes and root beer floats.

The audience is encouraged to arrive in a 50's outfit. Each night prizes will be awarded to the "best dressed." Nyson, directing his third LHS musical production, and a big Alfred Hitchcock fan, will offer the audience a surprise during each presentation.

"These are great kids. I've worked with most of them for four years," Nyson explains. LHS' musical success can best be measured in numbers. This year, 120 students tried

out for a part in the cast-of-40 are not on stage to still take part in the production." Nyson concluded. Assisting Nyson this year will be Megan Thompson.

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Trail, continued... From Page 1

Beachum said he was not there to solicit money for the projects. Rather, the goal is to raise the money privately through grants and other funding, and to go after state and federal matching grants. He said what would help is if the city and the other municipalities involved would make a commitment toward the maintenance of the trails.

Beachum said he has set aside \$5,000 per year, Beachum said. The Department of Natural Resources estimates \$5,000 per mile for maintenance of a trail which includes supervision and other factors. "Through our master plan we encourage a walkable environment and this is an example of that plan," said councilman, Mike Blough. "It outlines the goals and objectives to do this." Beachum said right now the Recreation Authority is

working on community support for the project. He plans to be at the Lowell Expo Saturday to get feedback from residents and present information to them about the trails. Even if funding comes through and everything for the trails works out, it could take up to two years before one is completed, Beachum said.

EXPO, continued... From Page 1

will the mascots of the Rampage, Griffins, Whitecaps, RE/MAX Country Hills, Two Men and a Truck, and the Lowell Riverwalk Duckie.

hard time remembering the name of a vendor can call the website www.lowellexpo.org to find a list of all the vendors in attendance.

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For more information, contact Baker at the Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161.

Basement damaged, dog killed in weekend fire

Tom and Ellen Fisher, 730 Hillside Court, incurred substantial damage to their home in a Saturday evening fire.

The fire started in the basement at approximately 11:30 p.m. Lowell fire chief, Frank Martin said it appeared to have started in the ceiling of the basement, but the cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

Ellen Fisher was sleeping when awakened by a fire alarm. She exited the home and went to a neighbor to call 911.

While the fire was contained to the basement, the rest of the home incurred smoke damage.

Martin estimated fire damage to be approximately \$70-\$80,000. Martin the Lowell firefighters returned to the Fisher residence on Sunday afternoon when the fire rekindled while the family was going through some of its belongings.

Lost in the fire was the family dog.

Budget Cuts, continued... From Page 1

Connie Gillette, assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, said there was a possibility of additional reductions after the May Revenue Consensus Conference. With the Governor's proposal, Gillette said the budget projection for 2003-04 shows a \$1-\$2 million deficit. Some assumptions used in making

that projection include the step-only salary increase, a 30-50 student enrollment increase, a \$6,700 foundation allowance, a reduction in categorical funding and a 15 percent increase in health insurance benefits at an approximate cost of \$450,000.

"Our goal remains maintaining fiscal integrity of the district," Gillette said.

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Leadership Institute class lends St. Mary's Pregnancy Center a helping hand

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Last year St. Mary's Pregnancy Center dispersed \$1,600 more in materials than it took in. That's a difficult way for a nonprofit organization to serve a community.

The news that the third class of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Institute was making the pregnancy center the beneficiary of its community project was most welcomed.

The center helps needy mothers and families from the Lowell, Ionia, Saranac, Ada, Alto and Clarksville areas.

It provides clothing, diapers, formula, baby food and wipes.

"We're helping about 130

mothers/families a month," said Ruth Collar, founder of St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. "Right now we're helping a lot of people who are out of work."

Marcia Roth, one of 12 members of the Lowell Leadership Institute class, serves as the project spokesperson.

"We asked Liz Baker (chamber executive director) if there was an organization which had a need. She thought St. Mary's Pregnancy Center's need was the greatest," Roth said.

Through the month of March, the leadership class is placing collection cans at area stores and businesses, soliciting funds from area organizations and grant monies from corporations.

- Lee Morris/Hallmark Cards donated teddy bears and videos as prizes which children can win at the Expo (March 22).

- Lak's Industries donated \$500.
- David Simmonds secured 500 bib combos (bib, passifier and bottle) from

Sassy Baby Products. Roth said the class will make a check presentation to Collar in April. "Anyone can take the

Leadership Institute class. It's a wonderful opportunity," Roth said. "You learn of all the resources and opportunities in the Lowell area."

McMahon wins Knights' Free Throw championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Brett McMahon has been playing basketball since the first grade; he didn't, however, enter his first free-throw shooting contest until the seventh grade.

Based on his performance in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart, McMahon may be returning for a second shot sooner... rather than later.

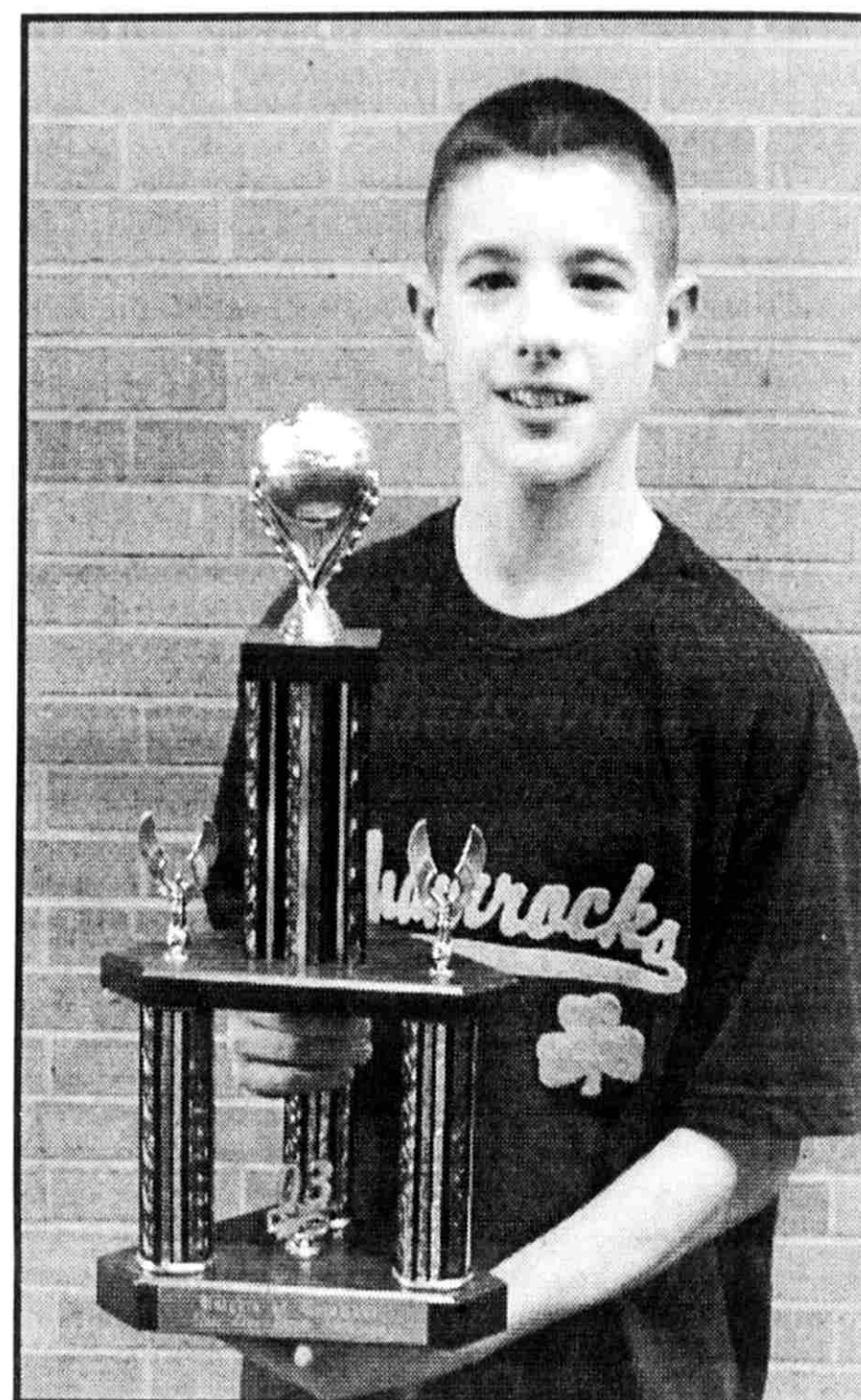
Competing in the 12-year-old division, McMahon netted 23 of 25 foul shots to advance into a five-shot play-off in which he sank five-of-five shots to win the championship; his competitor sank four-of-five.

McMahon competed against six lower peninsula and seven upper peninsula-region champions.

"I was a little nervous. It was the first time I've competed in that tournament. I

took a few deep breaths to help calm my nerves," McMahon explained. The Lowell Middle

School student received a championship trophy and certificate for his foul-shooting prowess.



Brett McMahon holds his Knights of Columbus Free Throw championship trophy.

Cheerleaders compete at state competition in Saginaw

Competing for just the third time in the Michigan Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championship, Lowell's cheerleading team placed 20th with 535.5 points.

Utica won the state championship with 607 points edging out Romeo and Utica Eisenhower with 606 points. Henry Ford II (603) placed fourth and Waterford Mott finished fifth with 596 points.

The Red Arrows were one of 28 schools to compete in the state tournament at Saginaw Valley University over the weekend.

"There are no 'What ifs' - the girls gave it their all," said Lowell coach, Amanita Fahmi. "This is only our third time to compete in a state meet."

The Red Arrows scored 240 points on their flat cheer and



The largest fish is the whale shark. It weighs up to 15 short tons—more than twice as much as an African elephant.

garnered 295.5 points for their stunt cheer.

"The stunt cheer was crisp, clean and performed close to perfection," Fahmi said. "We took 88 percent of the first-place team's (Utica) points."

Lowell advanced to the state competition by placing second at the regional in Hastings, finishing behind Grand Ledge.

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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of March 10, 2003

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Tom Eldridge, President of the Junior Class, presented the Student Council Report in Matt Tomko's absence. Tom reported that the musical *Grease* will be held at the high school on March 20-22 and 28-29. Student Council members will be participating in leadership training dealing with bullying. The Academic Dessert will be held on March 24, and there will be another Student Council-sponsored blood drive at the high school.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the outstanding achievements made by the following students/groups:

Varsity Football Team - 2002 State Champions
Middle School Dignity and Respect Award - Logan DeClercq, a 6th grader
Cherry Creek Dignity and Respect Award - Bob Schreuer, a 4th grader
Lowell FFA Chapter - Outstanding Achievement for School Year 2002-2003

MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Nancy Hopkins, Board President, announced that Sally Gunberg is the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. The formal presentation will be made at the Spirit of Community Celebration on Friday, May 2 at Lowell High School.

STUDENT REPORTS - Alto - School Improvement and Professional Development - Mary Ann Schramm, Alto Principal, presented the Alto School Improvement and Professional Development Plan. As part of the report, Kay Wisner, kindergarten teacher, brought several of her students to demonstrate "Zoo-Phonics."

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
• Kate and Melody Dernocoeur donations of cast iron horse head valued at \$60 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
• Tom Lancaster (student) donation of boa constrictor and cage valued at \$100 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
• Tim Dimmick donation of file cabinet, 2 wooden chairs, 5 shirts and play swords valued at \$175 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools Drama Department.

- Roark Landscaping assistance in funding the last two newsletters for Wittenbach Center valued at \$500.
- Majinska Family donation of a red tail hawk to be used at the Wittenbach Center.
- TRIAD Performance Technologies donation of 3 dry erase easels and various office supplies valued at \$1,700 to be used by the Unity Alternative Ed High School.
- Tim Dimmick donation of 3 child car seats valued at \$90 to be used by the High School Health program.

Adopted a resolution notifying Jim Harden that consideration is being given to the non-renewal of his administrative contract due to lack of certification for the counselor position.

Adopted a resolution notifying Mary Burton and Rebecca Cutler that their existing administrative contracts shall not be extended beyond June 30, 2004, and that a written lay-off notice will be issued to Mary Burton due to economic concerns.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- February 10, 2003 Special Meeting, February 10, 2003 Regular Meeting Closed Session, February 10, 2003 Regular Meeting, February 10, 2003 Regular Meeting Closed Session, February 24, 2003 Special Meeting, February 24, 2003 Workshop Session.
- The following payment of bills for February 2003:
GENERAL FUND \$961,900.19
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund \$65,277.17
B. Athletic Fund \$5,358.34
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND \$294,132.76
TRUST & AGENCY FUND \$37,122.18

- Approve Child Care Leave extension from Pam Kinnucan - Cherry Creek 5th Grade - 2003-2004 school year.
- Amend Board Policy #8670 Administration of Medications.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the tile floor in the new wing at the high school is going in and that the heat is on with painting complete. Community members will have a chance to view the new wing at the high school during the Lowell Expo which is Saturday, March 22. A groundbreaking ceremony for Murray Lake Elementary will be held on the corner of Lally and Alden Nash on Monday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette presented the current budget concerns and considerations for the 2002-2003 school year and explained how the district is dealing with the 2003-2004 budget issues.

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS - Scott Vashaw reported on several additional programs at the high school that are offered outside of the normal classroom. For those students attending off campus programs, the high school offers: Dual Enrollment (college classes), Kent Career and Technical Center classes, School to Work/Community Based Instruction, and Teacher Practicum. On site at the high school, students can also take on-line courses (Michigan Virtual High School), and Advanced Placement classes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller introduced and welcomed George Hommowun, the new Performing Arts Director. Model U.N. competition went very well. Dylan Olin, Cherry Creek's Geography Bee Winner, will be going on to the State competition and the district wishes him well. Congratulations to the following: Lowell Wrestlers at the recent State Competition: Joe Mendez, Brandon Kinney and Bobby Gingerich who took first place, JJ Wilder who took 3rd, Matt Kilmartin who took 4th, and Beau Wilder who took 8th. Also congratulations to Holly Plattner who was Gymnastics State Champion on the vault. Holly also placed 5th in the floor exercises. Shari offered congratulations to Sally Gunberg for being chosen the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, and announced that March is Reading Month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Special Board Meeting followed by a Board Workshop
Mon, March 31, 2003 - 6:15 p.m.
Runciman Admin. Bldg. - Board Room

Regular Board Meeting
Mon, April 21, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.
Runciman Admin. Bldg. - Board Room

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What types of questions should you be posing to yourself? Here are a few to consider:

- **What's my "vision" for retirement?** - We all envision different retirement lifestyles. You may want to work until 65 and then open a small business. Your neighbors, on the other hand, may want to retire early and spend their time traveling the world.

Because we all have our own unique retirement visions, we'll also end up with different financial needs during retirement—which means we need to create personalized savings and investment strategies.

- **Where will my financial resources come from?** - Most people get their money for retirement from three sources: Social Security; company-sponsored plans, such as 401(k)s; and personal savings and investments. Because everyone's situation is different, there's no one "formula" for determining the percentage of your retirement income that must come from each of these sources. However, it makes sense for you to do all you can to build your resources in all three areas.

- **How much can I withdraw each year of my retirement?** - Thanks to ad-

vances in medicine and a growing awareness of the importance of healthy lifestyles, most of us can probably expect to spend between two and three decades in retirement. That's a long time—and you certainly don't want to outlive your resources. Consequently, you'll want to estimate how much you'll have to live on during retirement, and how much you can afford to withdraw each year.

- **Am I protected against inflation?** - If inflation heats up again, your purchasing power could be seriously diminished during your retirement years. That's why you need to build a retirement portfolio that contains a sizable amount of growth-oriented investments which also meet your needs for diversification and personal tolerance for risk.

- **Will I face big tax bills?** - Many people assume that their tax obligations will automatically drop when they retire, but that doesn't always happen. Your income from investments could easily keep you in the same tax bracket, or even push you to a higher one. To prevent this from happening, you'll want to consistently keep taxes in mind when you invest. You may want to explore tax-free options, such as the Roth IRA. Tax-deferred

vehicles, such as your 401(k) or traditional IRA, are also valuable but, sooner or later, taxes will be due. One key to preventing these taxes from overwhelming you is to plan your withdrawals carefully, so that you're not taking out more than you need.

- **Can I maintain my financial independence?** - If you were to ever need some type of long-term care, such

as an extended stay in a nursing home, you could face catastrophic costs. In fact, the average cost of a year's stay in a nursing home is about \$50,000—and these costs could rise tremendously by the time you're retired. To help protect your financial independence, you may want to invest in a long-term care policy, which transfers the

risk of paying for long-term care from you to an insurer. By thinking of these and other retirement-related inquiries, you'll motivate yourself to take action that can help ensure the type of retirement you want. If you're diligent, asking the right questions can lead to finding the right answers.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 2003-3, amending General and Special Regulations, Section 201.430 Home Occupations, 201.431 Home Based Businesses, and 201.431A Rental Storage, was adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board held on March 10, 2003. The following is a summary of the text amendments:

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.430 Home Occupations, 201.431 Home Based Businesses, 201.431A Rental Storage

The amendments for all of the sections clarify language and amend the effective date for existing businesses. Section 201.431 Home Based Business amends the application procedure by requiring a zoning permit issued by the zoning administrator instead of a special use permit and also amends the application procedure section. Section 201.431A, Rental Storage, has been removed from Chapter 3 as a special use permit and added to Chapter 4 as a type of home occupation permitted in the RA District using existing farm buildings upon application for a zoning permit issued by the zoning administrator. Section 201.430 is a home occupation section with and without an accessory building and has been amended for clarification of procedures and language. The current requirement for a zoning permit is still in effect.

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The definitions of home occupations and home based businesses have been amended to clarify the meanings.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Various portions of sections 201.304, 201.305, 201.306, 201.306A, 201.3075 have been amended to coordinate with the above amendments to change rental storage and home based businesses from special use permits to zoning permits and to add home occupations and home based businesses to the Lake Residential District.

The complete text of Ordinance 2003-3 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website (ordinance amendments) at www.vergennestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY GROUNDBREAKING

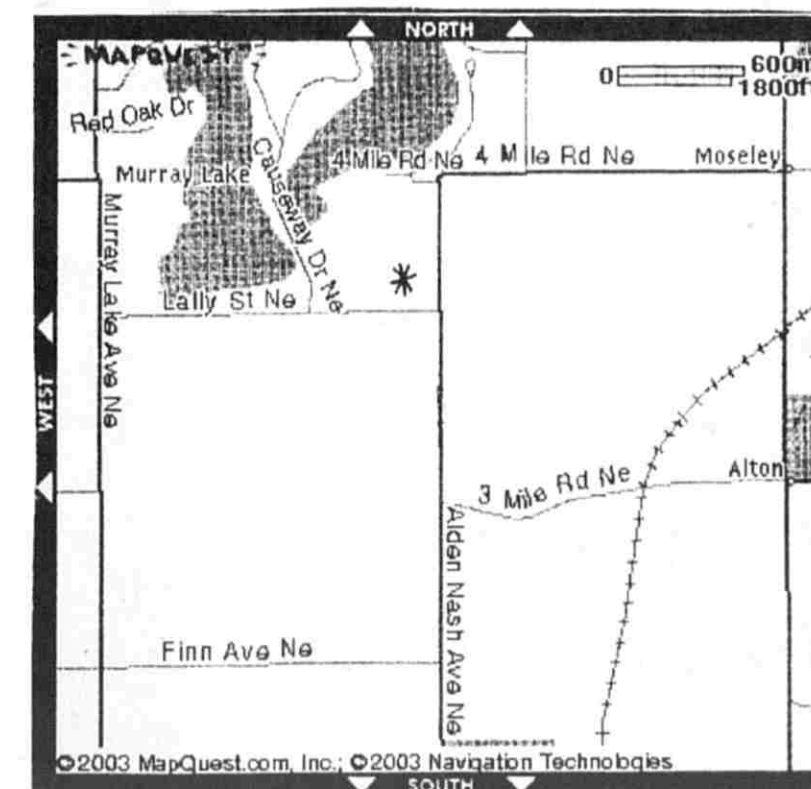
Groundbreaking for the new Murray Lake Elementary School, part of the Lowell Area Schools, will be held on March 31, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. The 400-student school, located at the corner of Lally and Alden Nash Avenue in the northern section of the district, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2004.

Construction of this new school is the third major project from the district's successful 2000 bond issue projects list. The Murray Lake School will provide much needed space for elementary students. The increased numbers of students moving to our community and coming to the Lowell Area Schools have created large elementary and middle schools in the district and stretched the capacity of our current facilities.

The increasing student population was addressed by the district's Demographic Committee in their report to the Board of Education in 1999. This group of citizens and district staff studied growth throughout our area for over two years and looked at many different ways to accommodate this increasing number of students. Their recommendations included the construction of two new elementary schools, an addition to the high school, changing Cherry Creek to a 5th and 6th grade school, maintaining 7th and 8th graders in the current middle school, and creating K-4 elementary neighborhood schools at Alto, Bushnell and the two new elementary buildings.

This plan, approved by the Board of Education, provides for continued growth throughout the district. The Board has been appreciative of the proactive thinking provided by this committee and is forming a new Demographics Committee to determine the boundary lines for Murray Lake Elementary as well as to study again the growth in our area in preparation for the second elementary school.

The Board of Education and district leadership appreciate the continued support of the community in providing appropriate facilities for our children.



Lowell continues to be the model from which success is measured at Hope College

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Eric Moulton calls it the most challenging thing he's undertaken in high school.

Lowell Model U.N. director, Steve Kampfschulte says it is expected that Model U.N. students will work hard.

The hard work of Moulton and his partner, Cori Drenth matched the challenge presented by the International Court of Justice competition as they took first in the case of North Korea vs. the United States on the topic of "The Doctrine of Pre-Emptive Strike."

Drenth and Moulton earned one of five firsts garnered by Lowell.

Overall, the Lowell

Model U.N. team collected 17 awards (two short of its record 19 last year).

"The awards were spread throughout all areas offered in the competition - nearly 40 percent of the awards went to Lowell students," Kampfschulte explained.

The results, while impressive, can no longer be called surprising. Lowell has participated in the competition for 11 years. This year marked the ninth time Lowell students have earned the highest number of awards among the 45 schools participating from four states.

Over 1,000 students participated. 66 of them from Lowell.

"We now have younger



Advanced General Assembly: Seated, left to right, are: Karl Bouwhuis, Paul Schellenberger, Christy Getz, Anne Gaelle-Dosne and Tony Pedley. Back row, left to right, are: Sam Girwamuth, Chris Bradley, Joe Mill, Johannes Scheidle, Matt Smith and Josh Spencer.

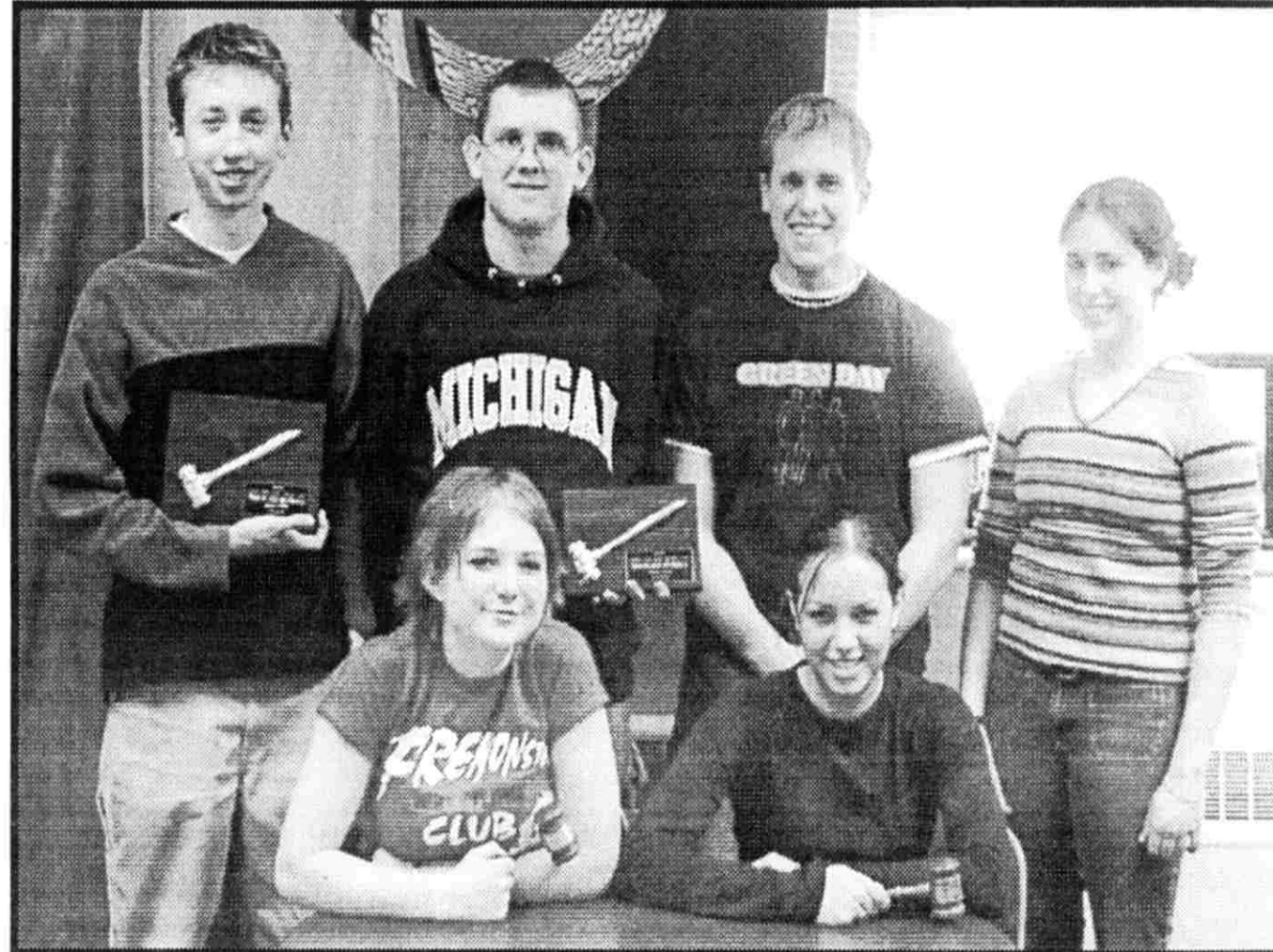
brothers and sisters wanting to be a member of the Model U.N. team when they get to the high school."

Kampfschulte said. "It's no different than our football and wrestling programs... winning begets winning."

This year's winning was significant in that there was a large influx of freshmen who stepped up.

The breakdown of awards earned by Lowell is as follows:

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Economic and Social Council: Seated, left to right, are: Kate Willits and Melody Democour. Standing, left to right, are: Eric Gillman, Justin Peterson, Collin Moore and Roya Eshragh.

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Introductory General Assembly (Terrorism and Global Water Crisis):

Louis Glinzak and Chad Drenth (Global Water Crisis) were first; Nicole Shepard and Brooke Van Eck (Terrorism) was first; Shepard and Van Eck (Overall) were second; Glinzak and Drenth (Terrorism) were third; and Samantha Collins (Global Water Crisis) was third.

Advanced General Assembly (Weapons of Mass Destruction and Sustainable Development):

Tony Pedley and Paul Schellenberger (Sustainable Development) were first; Christie Getz, Chris Bradley, Emily Gerard and Joe Mull (Overall) placed second; Sam Girwamuth and Karl Bouwhuis (Sustainable Development) were third; Matt Smith, Josh Spencer, Anne Gaelle-Dosne and Johannes Scheidle, (Overall) were fourth.

"I've enjoyed Model U.N. because it's competitive and hectic. It also requires you to think on your feet and try to come up with information that most others won't," said Getz.

Economic and Social Council (Status of Women and Global Health Care):

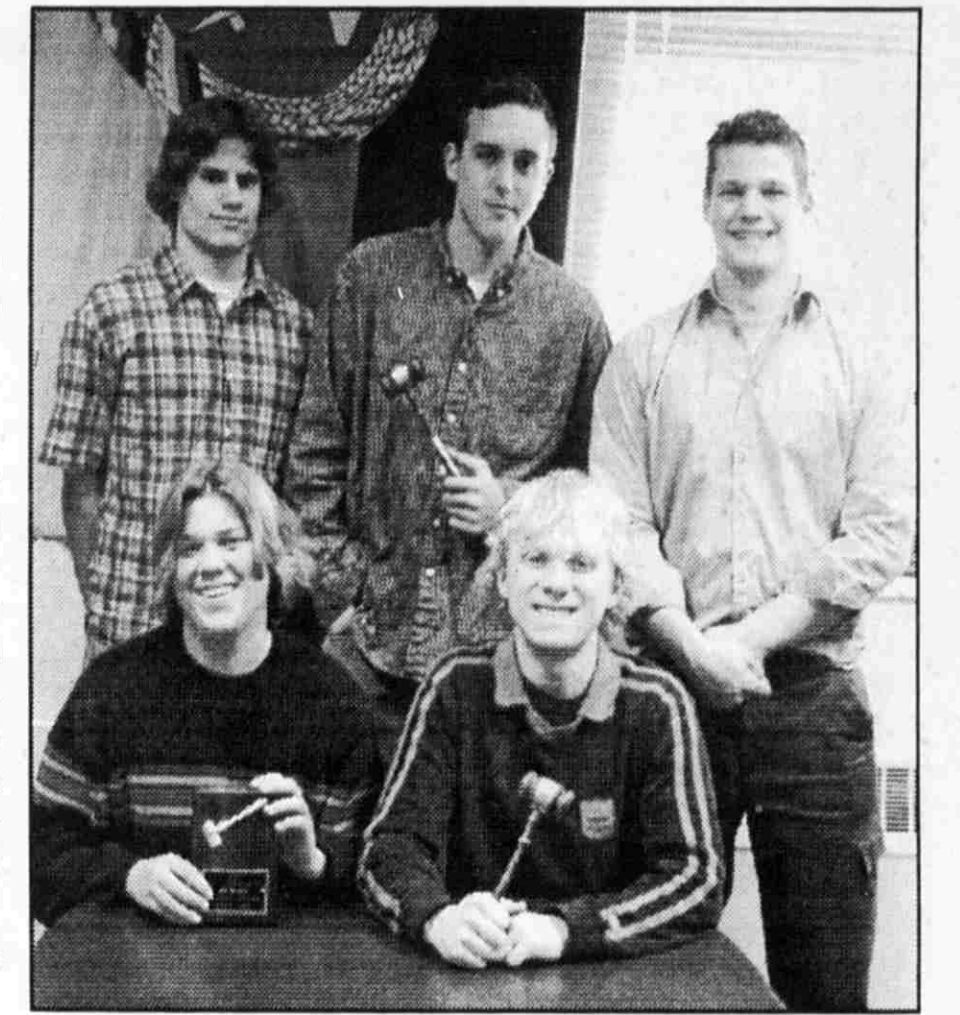
Eric Gillman and Katie Lum (Overall) were second; Kelly Umlauf and Katie Willits (Global Health) were second; Justin Peterson and Collin Moore (Overall) were third; Roya Eshragh and Melody Democour (Status of Women) were third.

Security Council:

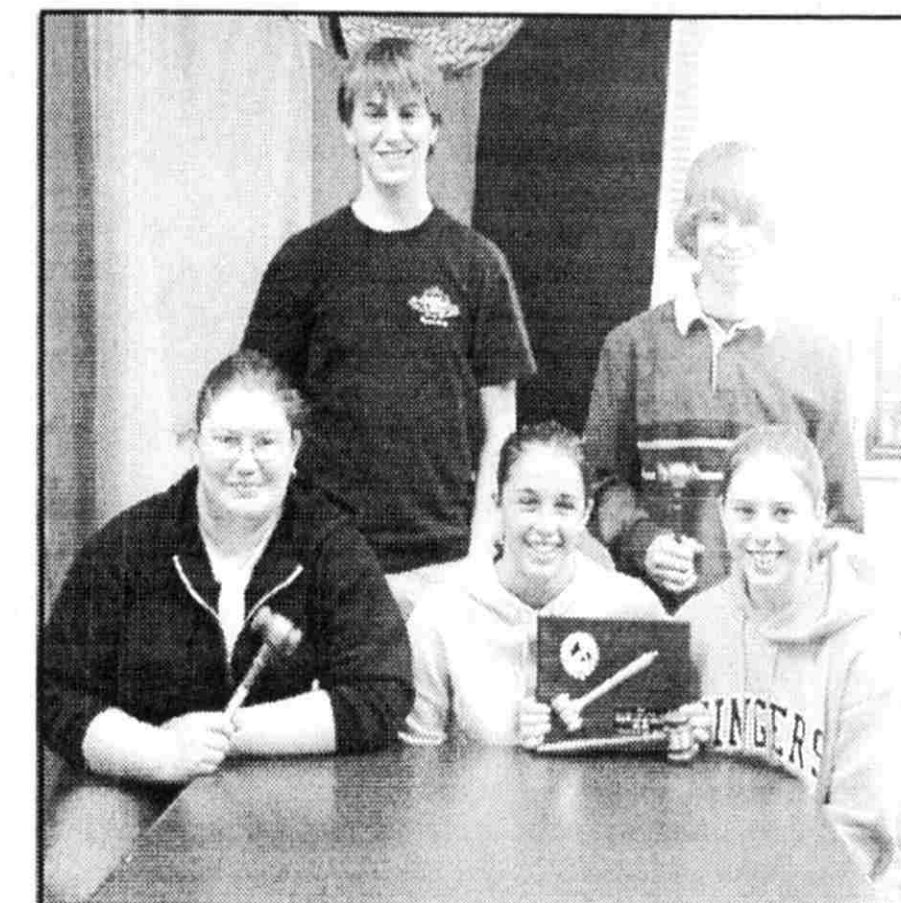
David Blair and Matt Hansen (Kasmir Crisis) were first; Jordan Nawrocki and Charles Roelofs (Columbia Crisis) were second; Tyler Nethercott and Bryan Posthumus (Iraq Crisis) were third.

"The students must be commended for not only their ability, but their willingness to pry into and explore such challenging topics which are considered difficult at the college level," Kampfschulte explained. "We feel our students have gained an insightful appreciation and knowledge of the problems facing the world around them, along with a better understanding of the role the United States plays in regards to these issues."

Assisting Kampfschulte and the Model U.N. students are Jack Ogle, Sue Sutherlin and Nate Fowler.



Security Council Winners: Seated, from left to right, are: David Blair and Tyler Nethercott; back row, left to right, are: Jordan Nawrocki, Charles Roelofs and Bryan Posthumus.



International Court of Justice: Pictured from left to right are Cori Drenth and Eric Moulton.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 3.7 of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendments would provide new regulations for Commercial Planned Unit Developments (CPUD). The proposed regulations would require a minimum of 5 acres for a CPUD, delete the allowance for residential uses in CPUD, stipulate design standards, and allow the Planning Commission to modify these standards. The amendments also provide procedures and standards for review.

The hearing will be held as follows:

Monday, March 24, 2003
7:00 P.M.
Lowell Charter Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E.
Lowell, Michigan 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

In Memoriam

In loving memory of our father/grandpa, **Frederick A. Probst**, who passed away March 14, 2001. You are thought of everyday, sometimes with tears, sometimes with a smile, always with our hearts full of love.

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Are memories we hold dear.
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It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone.
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God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Missing you,
Todd, Deb & Breanna

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A public hearing to discuss the draft update of the Grattan Township Parks and Recreation plan of (2004-2008) is scheduled as part of the regular township board meeting on March 31, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Recreation Room. Public comment can be presented at that meeting or before the hearing, and/or 10 days after the hearing date.

An updated, current 5-year recreation plan of (2004-2008) is required by the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources to become eligible for Michigan Land Trust application and funding.

Copies of the draft plan can be viewed at the Grattan Township Offices at 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809, during normal business hours M-T, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lana F. Green, Clerks Office
Grattan Township 616-691-8450



St. Patty's Day of Hoops

The second annual Lowell YMCA St. Patrick's Day Basketball Tournament was held on Saturday at Cherry Creek Elementary. There were 30 teams divided into six divisions. Champions in each division were as follows:

Girls 10 & Under - "Black Hawks" - Kaitlin Drudy, Gina Giuliano, Kait Cummings and Lauren Ferguson.

Boys 10 & Under - "Leggo Maniacs" - Zach Noskey, Josh Spratt, Austin Packman and Isaac Tawney.

Boys 11 & 12 - "Yao Team" - Tim Hettinga, Patrick Misner, Brandon Lee and Jesse VandenBoch.

Boys 13 & 14 - "Swish" - Erin Bronkella, Michael Lang, Dan Stoffer and Richard Martinus.

Boys 15 & 16 - "Lightning" - Michael Fosburg, Sean Pullen, Mark Biener and Justin VanSpronson.



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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, reviewing and adopting the annual budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2003 in the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 7:00 p.m.

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."

All interested parties are welcome. A copy of the proposed budgets can be viewed at the Township Hall prior to the public hearing.

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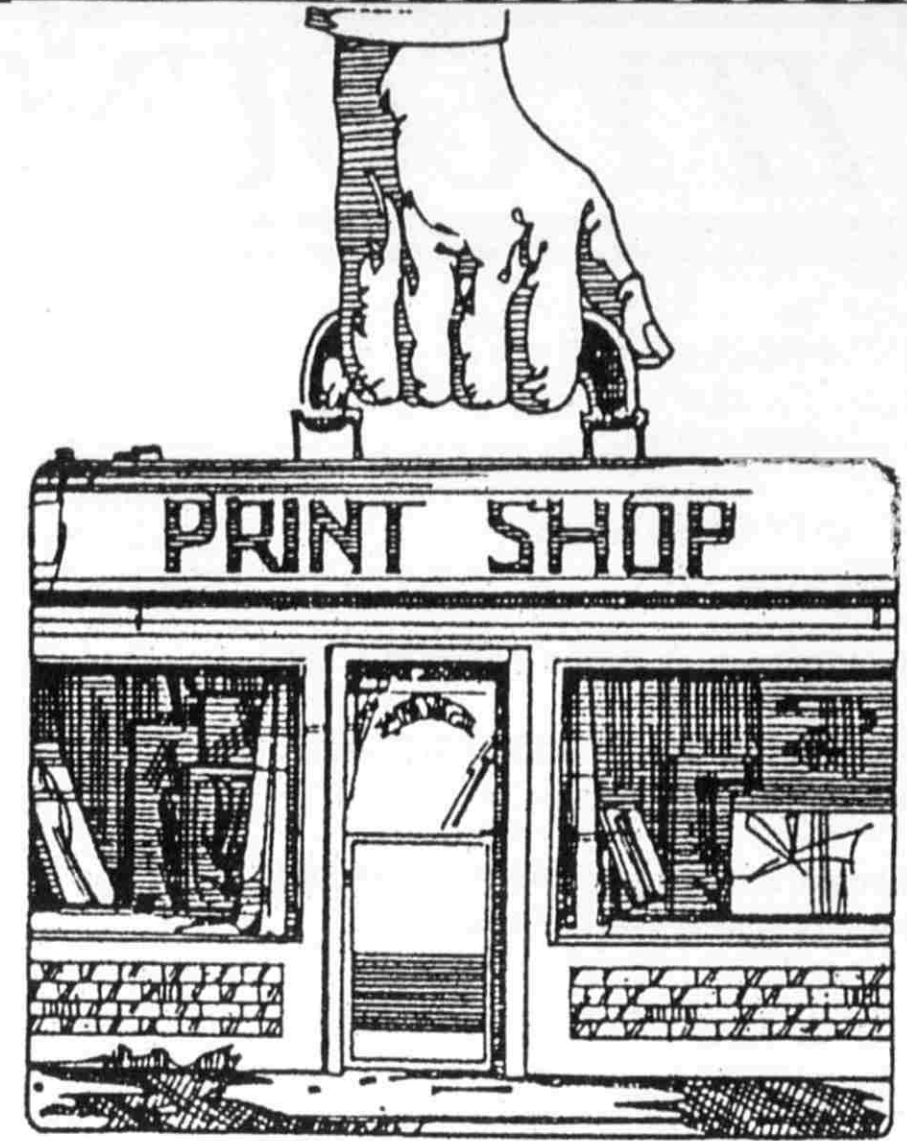
FOR WHOM: If you are part of a nonprofit group, who has unanswered questions about the Lowell Area Community Fund, this workshop is for you.

BY WHOM: The workshop is sponsored by Lowell Leadership.

WHERE: March 27 at 7:00 PM at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office, 113 Riverwalk Plaza, Lowell, Michigan.

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CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003

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

Present: Councilmembers Blough (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), Brubaker, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Dave Pasquale, City Clerk Betty Morlock, Police Chief Jim Valentine, Planning Commission Chairman Clark Jahnke and Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan.

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 MYERS that the minutes of the February 18, 2003 regular meeting be approved as corrected.

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 (03/03/03)	
GENERAL FUND	\$114,227.80
MAJOR STREET FUND	1,710.94
LOCAL STREET FUND	858.74
DDA FUND	992.69
BUILDING AND SITE FUND	43,880.00
AIRPORT FUND	2,900.00
WASTEWATER FUND	19,259.48
WATER FUND	205,528.77
DATA PROCESSING FUND	580.50
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,146.56
CURRENT TAX FUND	599,623.12

Item #1. **CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH NORTH KENT TRANSIT.** The City Council had previously approved an annual subsidy for North Kent Transit utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds to handle senior and handicapped 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). At the end of December, \$4,880 has been spent for City of Lowell riderships (305 riders).

Tom Tilma of the Kent County Community Development Department recommended the contract with North Kent Transit be raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000 to handle the increased costs. These monies would be allocated from Federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

Councilmember Pfaller inquired if there was enough in the Community Development Block Grant Fund to handle the increase. City Manager Pasquale responded yes.

Councilmember Brubaker wanted to confirm the increase would not cut into any other dedication. Pasquale responded it would not.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the increase in the contract amendment of \$7,500 to \$10,000 for North Kent Transit subsidizing senior and handicapped riderships utilizing Community Development Block Grant funds.

Mayor Shores confirmed these were rides within the City

Pfaller questioned if the increase was due to a ridership or cost per ride increase. Pasquale stated the cost is the same as last year. However, there are more riders. Pasquale noted many of the ride requests come from residents of Laurels of Kent. All rides originate within the City.

Shores inquired if the residents or Laurels of Kent pay the ridership fee. Pasquale was unsure.

Shores questioned if Laurels of Kent should provide this service to their residents. Pasquale stated he would check into this.

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

Item #2. **PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT AGREEMENT - MAINTENANCE INSPECTION OF 500,000 GALLON RESERVOIR - DIXON ENGINEERING.** Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan explained every five years he is required to do an inspection on the interior of the water tank behind the plant.

Regan explained Dixon Engineering is the only qualified firm in the area for what the Water Treatment Plant is using. The inspections will involve a diver entering the tank with an underwater camera. This will be done in conjunction with the township tower.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned how the coating sample would be collected and what kind of paint was used. Regan explained the tank has an epoxy coating. However, in 1988, the tank had lead-based paint. Pfaller was concerned about the surface being scraped and exposing metal. Regan stated any scraping would be done above the water line.

Councilmember Myers inquired if monies would be spent above the base bid. Regan explained Dixon would charge a destination or travel charge if they arrived on site, but were unable to perform the task.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by BRUBAKER to approve the bid of \$2,075 from Dixon Engineering of Lake Odessa for the maintenance inspection of the 500,000 gallon reservoir tank behind the Water Treatment Plant.

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

Item #3. **YOUTH ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT GRANT.** Police Chief Jim Valentine stated Kent County has been selected to participate in a law enforcement grant, which would focus on under age drinking. This grant was established by the Kent County Sheriff's Department and includes Sparta Police Department as well as the City of Lowell Police Department. The two operations will be called "Operation Look Out" and "Operation Spot Light." The grant reimburses the communities for any overtime needed in order to target under age youth drinking as well as adults who supply the alcohol.

The City of Lowell has run several sweeps the past few years targeting the businesses. An under age decoy is sent into the store to see if proper identification is shown before the purchase of the alcohol. If not, the employee and business are cited and referred to the Liquor Commission.

The main focus of "Operation Look Out" will include plain clothes officers from another community. These individuals will target businesses who sell alcoholic beverages. The main focus is to determine if teens try to or obtain alcohol under age. The Police will also target those who the teen contacts to buy alcohol. Officers will also be present at dances or festivals where alcohol is served.

The project is set to start in late April or early May. The enforcement aspect will begin with educating the community.

Councilmember Pfaller questioned the length of the program. Valentine stated the program is set to run through the fiscal year of 2004.

Councilmember Brubaker inquired regarding what the grant provides. Valentine stated the grant reimburses communities for the overtime and manpower cost.

Brubaker asked how the City of Lowell became involved with the project. Valentine said the City was invited by the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

Shores asked if this was a new program. Valentine said the program has been ongoing throughout the State. Similar programs also operate within the metropolitan area of Grand Rapids. No further information was provided.

Item #4. **PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING "ATHLETES WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES WEEK."** Mayor Shores read the proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS, the annual Michigan Victory Games impact the fundamental values that are essential not only to the performance of physically disabled athletes in competition, but also to achieving their future personal goals; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Victory Games showcase the joy, confidence, and pride of the athletes who participate in them; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Disability Sports Alliance hosts the Michigan Victory Games for athletes with physical and/or visual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lowell and the citizens of Lowell wish to recognize and honor all of our community's physically disabled athletes for their commitment and dedication to sports and to the sense of well-being and determination it fosters, and to express our support for all citizens with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor of the City of Lowell, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11 - 17, 2003, and every third week in May, as

ATHLETES WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES WEEK

In the City of Lowell, and call upon all of our citizens and guests of our community to join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions made by athletes with disabilities to our City, State and Nation.

Further, to thank the Michigan Disability Sports Alliance for providing such a fine venue for athletes to participate in!

C. Jeanne Shores, Mayor
City of Lowell

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to recognize Athletes with Physical Disabilities Week during the third week of May.

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

Item #5. **SANITARY SEWER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS - PROGRESS REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale read the following report from Public Works Director Dan DesJarden into record:

There was one sewer main event since the last City Council meeting. It took place in the 100 block of West Main Street. The event was caused by a frozen sewer main which caused three laterals to back up and freeze. With cooperation of the property owners, the City opted to re-route the sewer line to a new location and abandoned the old main under the dam.

The Department of Public Works would like to thank the affected businesses for their cooperation and understanding.

By consensus, the City Council agreed to proceed with the Information Packets regarding sewer backups as provided by DPW Director DesJarden.

Item #6. **LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION - RESOLUTION - NEW OUTDOOR SERVICE BERGIN BUILDING MANAGEMENT - 201 E. MAIN.** City Manager



Lisa Johnson

Johnson wins essay contest

Lisa Johnson, an eighth-grade student at Lowell Middle School, has been named a local winner in the 34th annual America & Me Essay Contest.

Lisa will receive an award certificate for the achievement and her name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school. Her first place essay now advances to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected in April. They will receive plaques, cash and U.S. savings bonds valued from \$500 to \$1,000 as well as be honored at a banquet in Lansing.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 525 Michigan schools participated in the 2002-03 contest. The topic was "My American Hero."

Lowell Middle School's participation in the contest was sponsored by Mark Johnson, agent of Farm Bureau Insurance of Grand Rapids.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Pasquale stated the Liquor Control Commission has requested a resolution be adopted for providing a Class C license with Dance - Entertainment Permit and new outdoor service to the Flat River Grill. Permission has been previously granted to provide an outside dining area by the City. The Council approved a license agreement during the May 6, 2002 meeting. The resolution is a requirement of the Liquor Commission, which would specifically allow new outdoor service to be located on the City Riverwalk with a Class C License Business.

Councilmember Brubaker indicated he has a conflict with this particular issue and would not be participating in discussion.

Councilmember Myers stated the City had an agreement with the restaurant in which the area would be secured and the only access would be from inside. It was noted this is an LCC requirement.

IT WAS MOVED BY PFALLER and seconded by MYERS to approve the resolution for Bergin Building Management allowing a Class C Liquor License with a new outdoor service at 201 East Main Street.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSTAIN: 1. (Councilmember Brubaker)
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Peter VanderHorst of 920 Beech Street commented on the information packet and presented several statistical charts noting some desired changes.

Marilyn Branham of 280 Roberta Jayne suggested the first sentence of the packet state, "In the event that a sewer backup should occur, we have prepared this information brochure to assist you."

Branham also suggested instructions be included on how to dispose of contaminated material.

She noted her son is involved in hazardous material cleanup in another state. He is preparing information

Council considers time limit during public comment

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Looking to add more structure to its public comment time, the Lowell City Council discussed whether a time limit should be imposed.

Mayor Jeanne Shores brought up the issue at the council's regular Monday night meeting after reviewing the city of Coldwater's policy that places a five-minute time limit on people wishing to speak during public comment time. Shores suggested a similar limit with two minutes for councilmembers to ask questions and get responses.

Several of the councilmembers had mixed feelings about such a move, explaining it might discourage people from communicating to the council their thoughts and concerns. Several audience members also joined in with their opposition, saying they already felt restricted and that the limit would create another barrier for them.

After some discussion, councilman, Mike Blough re-pealed the proposal pointing out that the time limit was not intended to stifle anyone from speaking, but rather to keep things rolling along.

"I can see when you have a short meeting - 30 minutes of comment time doesn't seem so bad," said councilman, Dan Brubaker. "But when you have had a long meeting, then 30 minutes seems hard."

Blough said he could support the time limit as long as there is a rule allowing another resident to yield the floor to someone who is speaking. Several of the councilmembers agreed that would be a good alternative. Shores said if a person has a presentation to make to the council, they should request to be put on the agenda for a longer length of time.

Shores said that during agenda items, if a person is recognized by the chair, that person can come up and make comments - something many of the residents were not aware of. Resident Perry Beachum said he thought it would help if the council let the public know that when the meeting started.

"I just learned something," Beachum said. "I would see something on the agenda or something would be discussed and I always thought I had to wait until public comment time to say anything."

regarding this. She will forward it to the Council.

Sandy Johnston of 1201 Sibley commented on the flier which would be handed out to individuals when a sewage backup occurs. She disagreed with the statement, "Within the City of Lowell, sewer system backups are rare." She wanted to know what the definition of rare is. She received a flier from Kent County Health Department, which indicated the removal of all highly absorbent materials such as carpet and padding. The materials should be bagged in plastic and labeled contaminated with sewage and disposed of properly. The flier also indicated several diseases, which can be caught.

Johnston went on to review the backups, which have occurred throughout the City.

Dan Duram of 1450 Carol Lynne Drive stated the catch basin in Creekside Park leaks ground water. The City's survey indicated the catch basin should take care of two soccer fields, a football field and two parking lots. Duram noted the basin is 150 feet from his house. He also mentioned a nearby storm drain which has ground water leaking into it. Despite what the engineer had stated, Duram believes the sprinkler system in the park has raised the water table. Since the installation of the sprinkler system, water enters his basement continually.

Item #8. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Pfaller asked Water Treatment Plant Superintendent George Regan about the status of the Wellhead Protection Program. Regan responded the plant is in the process of laying the final foundation with Peerless - Midwest, Inc., of Ionia.

Pfaller asked who has oversight of the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Pasquale stated the museum is a separate organization. Pfaller commented Judy Straub had made the statement City residents do not have to pay to visit the museum. Councilmember Brubaker believed Straub was reviewing a proposed discount to City residents.

Councilmember Blough apologized for his tardiness. He was out of town.

Brubaker questioned whether the city had any rules governing public comment time. City manager, David Pasquale responded no. Shores said from time to time the council has limited discussions to help keep the meeting moving, though there is nothing in writing.

Recognizing that not having any rules about public comment time could also be a problem, the council tabled the matter with staff planning to take a look at which other municipalities have rules and what those rules are.

Councilman, Jim Pfaller, who originally was against any time length, agreed that having no rules could create a problem.

"The problem is you could have one person monopolize the time," Blough said.

Currently, the Lowell Board of Education requires people to sign in and does have a five-minute limit during public comment. The Kent County Board of Commissioners also has a five-minute public comment limit.

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Blough commented on the July 12, 2003 date for both the Riverwalk Festival and the opening of the City Hall/Police Station. It appears the project is still on schedule. Blough asked for support to establish a committee in order to plan festivities.

The subcommittee consisted of Councilmembers Blough and Brubaker, City Clerk Betty Morlock, City Manager Pasquale and Mayor Jeanne Shores.

Mayor Shores stated the Chamber of Commerce had a nice dinner.

Item #9. **MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. The following boards and commissions meetings minutes are provided:

- Downtown Historic District Commission meeting of December 18, 2002
- Chamber of Commerce meeting of January 17, 2003
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of January 23, 2003
- Grand Valley Metro Council - Transportation Policy Committee meeting of January 16, 2003
- Planning Commission meeting of January 27, 2003 and worksession February 10, 2003

2. Please remember to attend the Lowell Community Expo on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Lowell High School.

Item #10. **APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Shores stated there is one opening on the Planning Commission.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 17, 2003

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

Planning commission set to review final site plan for Highland Hills PUD

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

First thing this past Monday, Sundry representative Les Cole personally dropped off packets to the Lowell City Hall. Not just any packets, but the ones that contain the final plans for a planned unit development at 751 Grindle.

The development is better known as the Highland Hills project, which under the PUD guidelines will place 52 homes on the property located in the suburban residential area. The property was rezoned residential R-1, tied to the PUD last year.

It has been a long trek for Sundry to get to this point. Cole said he first sent in his company's ideas for developing the Leeman property and the Phillips property, located just north, only a few days after the Sept. 11 tragedy. The city has it on record that the first discussions on the project at a public meeting took place in December 2001.

The Lowell Planning Commission is expected to remove the item from the table and reopen the public hearing to accept letters and other comments.

"This has been a very important issue," said planning commission chair, Clark Jahnke. "They are asking to do a

lot. The public brought a lot to the forefront and you have to take a look at that as well."

Last year, Sundry decided to split the two properties into separate developments. The Phillips property would be developed under the suburban residential guidelines, which did receive approval from the city. A neo-traditional housing project was proposed for the Leeman property which would feature many of the homes facing a common green space area and a one-way road around the entire project for entry into and out of the project. The project did not meet with much support from residents who opposed any of it being rezoned. Other issues included drainage from the property and increase traffic.

"It looks like they have worked out the details," Jahnke said. "If we get the new drawings, it's possible it could get approval."

Even after a three-hour work session March 10, there were still concerns over the roadway connecting the property to James and High streets, which Cole said has been addressed in the new plans. It contains a typical cross section for the roadway, he explained.

"We're excited about the upcoming meeting," Cole said.

"We are looking forward to it and hope the planning commission will make the recommendation."

The last piece before construction can begin is getting Sundry through the approval process with the city. Cole said they have met with the Department of Environmental Quality and there are not regulated wetlands on the land. As for drainage, the development is required to meet all standards required by the county, he said.

But whether the planning commission will give its OK is still uncertain, Jahnke said. The roadway leading into the property could hold it up another month if it doesn't meet the city's needs, he explained.

"There were a lot of issues," Jahnke said. "There are probably one or two people who are not happy with it entirely, but when looking at the individual items, they wouldn't disallow them either."

If the planning commission does approve the final site plan, it then goes to the city council for its approval, which Cole said is the last piece before construction can get started. Sundry would like to have homes available in the fall, he concluded.

YMCA's Invest-In-Youth program at 40 percent of goal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For Jourdan Westdorp and Denny Denton, attending the YMCA Teen Center after school is far better than sitting home alone.

Westdorp, a Belding native, rides the school bus to the Teen Center after school, where she remains active with her homework, activities and friends until her father, Paul picks her up.

Denton's home is a two-minute walk or 30-second bike ride from the Teen Center. "The Teen Center is a cool place where you can do tons of stuff. When I am here I can think through things," Denton said.

Both Lowell teens began attending the Teen Center on a scholarship received through the DARE program. Since its expiration, they have benefited through the financial assistance of an Invest-In-Youth scholarship.

"When the Lowell YMCA was a program branch, Invest-In-Youth subsidized programs so that kids could participate," said Lowell YMCA executive director, Will Welsh. "Now that we're a facility, Invest-In-Youth subsidizes memberships."

A teen membership is \$17 per month. Add to that the membership fee, and the annual cost for a teen is over \$200.

"Invest-in-Youth is critical - it allows us to serve all kids in need of assistance," Welsh said.

Now three weeks old, this year's Invest-In-Youth campaign has raised \$20,000 of its \$50,000 goal.

Harold Zeigler Ford's Lowell branch announced that during the week of March 22-28, it will donate \$100 to the Lowell Y for every car sold.

The YMCA also sponsors family, senior and military memberships.

"For many seniors, the Y represents a key social activity," Welsh explained.



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EVERYMONTH: 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/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg 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.: VFW #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.

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

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

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FRI., MARCH 21: Lowell Ministerium will sponsor "War In Iraq" at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, at 7:30 p.m. Congressman Vern Ehlers will speak.

SAT., MARCH 22: Lowell Community Expo held at Lowell High School from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Learn about businesses, clubs & organizations in the area.

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., MARCH 19: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 Shop Lowell Meijer. **WED., MARCH 26:** 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast.
THURS., MARCH 20: Noon Dance at Westside Complex. 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Ask the Lawyer. **THURS., MARCH 27:** 12:45 p.m. Tour Lowell Historical Museum.
FRI., MARCH 21: Noon Birthday/Anniversary Celebration. **FRI., MARCH 28:** 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Shop at Woodland Mall.
MON., MARCH 24: 12:45 Syl Mosher discussion. **SUN., MARCH 30:** Lawrence Walk Orchestra at Devos Hall, \$39.
TUES., MARCH 25: 9:30 a.m. Tax Assistance; 9 - noon: Free Comprehension. **MON., MARCH 31:** Bible Study.

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Other times, critical tax planning provisions were misused, improperly worded or not used at all. For these reasons, I highly recommend that you have an estate planning attorney review the trust you prepared to make sure it says what you think it says and that it was prepared properly. At the same time you may want to have that attorney review the titles to the

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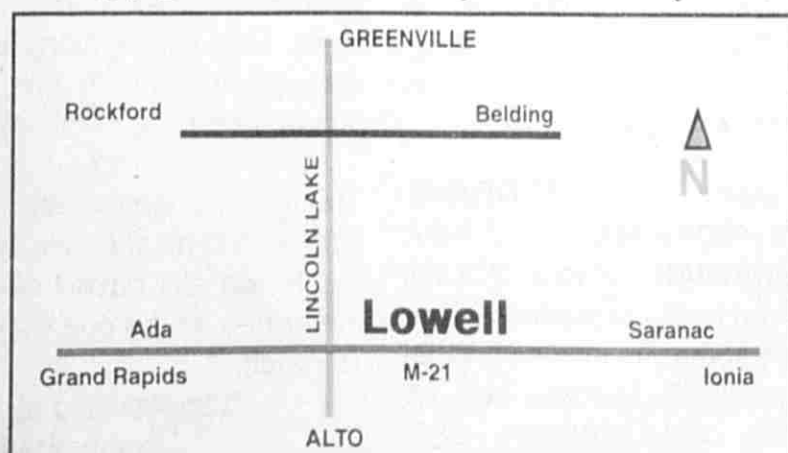
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