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Groundbreaking beginning for new elementary school



Highland Hills project headed to city council for final site plan approval

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

It was a rocky beginning for developers of a proposed planned unit development (PUD) with issues such as drainage, traffic and permits being raised over a second development.

In the end, Sundry got the approval it was seeking for its final site plan from the Lowell Planning Commission. The plan now moves to the city council for its approval on April 21.

Following a discussion about recent flooding problems on the Phillips property (land Sundry is working to develop north of the proposed Highland Hills development), and overall traffic issues for the area, the planning commission approved the final site plan to place 52 homes on the property in a neo-traditional style layout. This layout has most of the houses facing a central greenspace area in the middle with the back of the houses facing a one-way road.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A lifelong Lowell tradition will soon be wrapped in a new 56,000 square foot edifice at the corner of Alden Nash and Lally.

The community of Lowell broke ground for the Murray Lake Elementary School Monday afternoon.

City, township and school officials were the backdrop as they joined four elementary students in shoveling some of mother's earth at the site of the new elementary building.

"This is a school which is being designed with little kids in mind," said Jim White, Lowell assistant superintendent for instruction and curriculum.

Eventually the 400-student capacity building will house kindergarten through fourth grade, but for now school officials will tweak its use to fill its most urgent need.

"While there will be new desks, bookcases, supplies and playground equipment, an important tradition at Lowell will be carried on - that's a quality education," said Lowell school board president, Nancy Hopkins. "That will be delivered by a quality, caring staff." Lowell elementary students along with Lowell superintendent, Shari Miller and assistant superintendent, Jim White took part in the Murray Lake Elementary groundbreaking ceremony on Monday. Pictured with Miller and White, from left to right are: Kyle Acker, Grant Peterson, Megan Hofman and Caleb Flentje.

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Change in job leads to Brubaker's resignation from Council

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

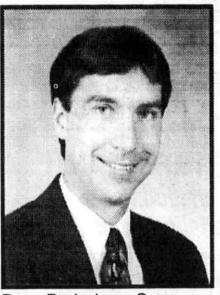
While a big part of the "Lowell Guy" wanted to stay, Lowell City councilmember, Dan Brubaker informed the city council Monday night that he would resign from his position effective April 21.

His decision came on the heels of accepting a position as a Supreme Court commissioner which will end his 11-year tenure with Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones, PLC.

"I don't want to start the new job on the wrong foot. To some Supreme Court justices, remaining on the council would appear to be improper... even if there was no conflict," Brubaker said.

His new job will require Brubaker to review applications for leave to appeal. "I'll write reports and recommendations to the justices on the applications. The court only takes up five-10 percent of applications recommended for review."

In announcing his resignation, Brubaker poignantly reflected how proud he's been to serve on the council and what a wonderful community Lowell has been for his family to live in.



Dan Brubaker: Supreme Court Commissioner.

"Going into the interview with the seven Supreme Court justices, my heart was just

pounding; however, elaborating on what a wonderful place Lowell has been for me and my family and about a community full of active and caring individuals put me at ease," said Brubaker.

He was appointed to the council in September of 2000. His current term is up at the end of the year. The council will advertise for and then appoint someone to fill his seat subject to an election in November.

Prior to serving on the council, Brubaker served six years on the Lowell Planning Commission.

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Dan Brubaker

The planning commission approved the final site plan with conditions recommended by Dave Austin of Williams and Works, the city's engineering firm. Austin said the conditions were designed so that one has to be met before moving on to the next.

Those conditions included the following: that the final site plan and site and grading plan be resubmitted for staff review; the city attorney reviews the community bylaws and the site plan wording to make sure items match; a licensed surveyor reviews the drainage course and contours at the southeast edge of the development; formerly recorded easements are granted to the city for the watermain as well as with sewer, private utilities and drainage facilities on the property; a financial guarantee is established between the developer and the city attorney; final grading plans and proof of adequate soil erosion and sedimentation permits are presented; and prior to the construction of the watermain and sewer, the city reviews the plans with all necessary permits obtained.

Austin said before the meeting, he was presented with a new site plan which included a retention wall on the southeast corner - that appears to be the only change. With those conditions he felt the commission could move forward on the site plan.

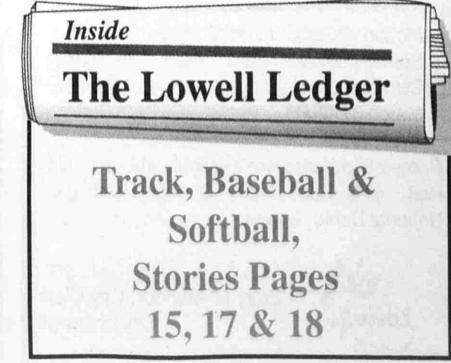
However, the residents didn't want anything done until issues such as flooding were resolved.

"My road is flooded," said Tim Long, of 810 Grindle St. "I'm pretty upset about the whole thing."

Traci Mullins, of 981 Grindle, said the area was "boat city," with water coming up over the property and filling the street. What had taken place on the Phillips property created a pool with the natural ravine being filled in. Grindle Street had about two inches of water that "a small car could have been stalled out there."

Kevin Rude, of Sundry, said his company followed all of

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OBITUARIES

Grand Rapids. He was born Gladys Bowen of Saranac, Mildred Rittersdorf and she Swiger; and brother-in-law survives along with their chil- Bruce Moore. Mass of Chrisdren. Ruth and Sam tian burial was offered Friday Lombardo of Saranac. Leo at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Saranac. Roger and Jill Nevins as celebrant. Inter-Robert Bowen of Lowell. Cemetery. Memorial contri-

BOWEN-EverettL.Bowen, Betty and Tim White of aged 85, of rural Belding, Gowen. Everett is also surpassed away Tuesday, March vived by 19 grandchildren; 25, 2003 at Spectrum Health- 25 great-grandchildren; his Butterworth Campus in brother and sisters, Emery and on September 15, 1917 in Donald and Joan Bowen of Saranac, the son of Howard Plainwell, Elsie Moore of and Sable Pinkney Bowen. Saranac, Doris and Bob Everett was a lifelong farmer, Harding of Kalamazoo and member of St. Mary Catholic brother- and sister-in-law Jay Church, former member of and Shirley Swiger of Lowthe Michigan Farm Bureau ell. He was preceded by his and served on the Board of parents and his sisters and Education at the old Marble their spouses Eula and Ed School. He was married on Sullivan, Winona and Manley November 23, 1937 to Nummer; his sister Bernice and LeeAnn Bowen of Belding, with Father Troy A. Bowen of Lowell, Ernest and ment in St. Mary Catholic Keith Bowen of Belding and butions may be given to St.

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL **MARCH 17, 2003** 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the March 3, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

Jane Aronson. Manager of the Englehardt Library presented the Strategic Plan Annual Report for the Lowell Branch of the Kent **District Library**

Perry Beachum, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman and Alan Halbeisen of H&H Engineering gave a presentation of the proposed Lowell Community Trail.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to recommend approval of raffle request to the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association to the State Lottery Commission for 50/50 raffles to be held during the two three-day blue grass music events scheduled for May 16 through May 18 and September 19 through September 21, 2003.
- Motion to authorize the purchase of a 48" deck lawn mower for Oakwood Cemetery from Tailored Lawn and Turf Equipment Inc. for a total of \$5,466.74.
- Motion to support Change Order No. 4 inclusive of Bulletins #5 and #6 from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber in the amount of \$38,207.16 for the City Hall - Police Station project.
- Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Due to Spring Break, the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, March 31, 2003.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 414 East Main Street (Huntington National Bank), Lowell.



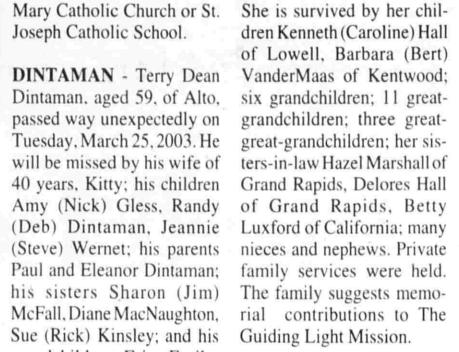
Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell

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Joseph Catholic School.

Sue (Rick) Kinsley; and his Guiding Light Mission. grandchildren Erin, Emily, Pete, Sam, Paul, Maggie, T.J., KELLEY - Dewey James Mary, Tyler, Philip, Thomas, Kelley, aged 76, of Dade City, Stephen and Theodore, as well Fla., died Friday, March 28, as a large and very dear ex- 2003 at Pasco Regional Medifor the outdoors, friendly con- ago after living in Grand Rapdonation in Terry's memory chapel of Oakley Funeral search Foundation, or the Alto tor George White officiating. Fire Department.

HALL - Mrs. Ruth E. Hall, aged 89, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, March Rapids; a daughter Terri Lynn 25, 2003. She was preceded and husband Mark Grinwis in death by her husband Frederick, who recently Patrick Kelley of Carmel Valpassed away on February 1, 2003; and grandson Bruce. James Kelley of Grandville



He is survived by his wife Marilynne of Dade City; a Deborah Kelley of Grand of Grandville; a son Kevin ley, Calif.; a son Michael Beach, Florida 33407.



and husband Dorrell Priest of Interment Oakwood Cem-Lowell. He is also survived etery. Memorial contributions by seven grandchildren. An- may be made to Hospice of other memorial service will Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE. be held in Grand Rapids at a Grand Rapids, MI. later date. MILLERING - Beulah

will be missed by his wife of ters-in-law Hazel Marshall of LEECH - James Clifton DuMae Millering, aged 81. Leech, aged 82, died at his_ of Lowell, passed away home in Boynton Beach, Fla., March 26, 2003. She was preon Monday, March 24, fol- ceded in death by her daughlowing a short illness. James ter Carol Ann and grandchilwas born in Grand Rapids on dren Joey Laban and Jennifer January 2, 1921. For most of Stinchcomb. Mrs. Millering his adult life he was employed is survived by her husband of by the Michigan Bell Tele- 64 years, Delmar; children phone Company, from which Bonnie (Kelly) Kalkofen of he received an award for valor Newaygo, Darla (Jack) Hoag in saving a life in the course of Gowen, Janet (Terry) of duty. James was also a VanStee of Grand Rapids. World War II veteran. Mr. Barbara (Bill) Ward of tended family. Terry also cal Center. He was born in Leech is survived by his wife Kentwood, Yvonne (Ed) leaves behind countless Cowley County, Kansas and Cecile DeGroot Leech and Lewis of Dorr, Gail (Jack) friends who shared his love moved to Florida 10 years by three children and their Thomet of Lowell, Judy spouses: son David Leech and (Dennis) Castor of Newaygo, versation or a rousing game ids. He was a retired co- wife Toni of Vero Beach, Fla., Kathy (Bill Hayes) Friesner of cribbage. We're richer for owner/operator of a security Gregory Leech and wife of Gowen, Allan Millering having known him. A wake firm, a member of the Moose Diane of Hudsonville, and (Stacy Goodman) of Ionia, was held to celebrate his life Lodge in Lowell and the daughter Cynthia Manne and Jeffery (Brenda) Millering of Friday at Larkin's Other Place American Legion in husband Clay of Alto. He is Holland, Michael Millering in Lowell. In lieu of flowers, Grandville. A memorial ser- also survived by his sister Ella of Lowell; good friend Mary the family would appreciate a vice was held Monday in the Schuhardt and sister-in-law Pifer of Grattan; sister Mar-Elva Lanowick both of garet Bowman of Grand Rapto the Juvenile Diabetes Re- Home in Dade City with Pas- Boynton Beach. He is also ids; several brother- and sissurvived by seven grandchil- ters-in-law; 31 grandchildren; dren and two great-grandchil- many great-grandchildren dren. A memorial service will and great-great-grandchilson Kenneth Robert and wife be held in Michigan at a later dren. A memorial service was date. In lieu of flowers, con- held Saturday at Roth-Gerst tributions in memory of Mr. Chapel in Lowell, Rev. Leech may be made to Hos- Gordie Barry of the First pice of Palm Beach County, United Methodist Church of 5300East Avenue, West Palm Lowell, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart

and a daughter Kimberly Sue McCORMICK - Patrick W. Association. McCormick, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away March 30, SEELEY - Dorothy I. Seeley, 2003, after a courageous aged 82, of Howard City, battle with cancer. He was a passed away March 27 at her devoted husband, father and residence. She was born Ocgrandfather. He was blessed tober 28, 1920, in Reemer with the love and support of Twp., Minnesota, the daughfamily, relatives and friends, ter of Edward and Florence He retired from Ameritech Taylor Caverly. During her after 41 years of service. His working years, she was emgreat pleasures were golf and ployed by General Motors for his rose garden. He was a 30 years before retiring in member of the Ameritech Pio- 1981. She was a member of neers, Knights of Columbus the Morley American Legion and Lowell Moose Club. He Ladies' Auxiliary Post #554. was preceded in death by his Surviving are three sons: father Jim, mother Carole and Jerry (Sandy) Wilson of brother Bob. He is survived Howard City, Ron Wilson of by his wife of 52 years Big Rapids, Marvin Wilson Marlene; children Pat of Grand Rapids; two daugh-McCormick, Tim (Laurie) ters Kathy (Maxine) White of McCormick, Ann (Dan) Grand Rapids, Christine Geelhoed; grandchildren Seeley of Sparta; 10 grand-Kelly, Taylor, Patrick children and 10 great-grand-McCormick, Jeff Geelhoed, children; four stepchildren; Mike Geelhoed, Jim Bill Wilson of Lansing, Jim McCormick, Andrew Wilson of Alma, Alan Seeley McCormick; great-grand- and Shirley Peckham of Lowdaughter Amanda Jo Taylor; ell; one brother Jack Caverly sisters-in-law and brothers- of Calif., one sister Ina Reese in-law Cleone McCormick, of Hastings; several nieces Jane and Jerry Comp, Orison and nephews. She was preand Addie Abel, Terry and ceded in death by her hus-Gerre Abel, Doug and Terrie band Cecil; one son, one Abel; many nieces, nephews daughter, six brothers, one and cousins. Mass of Chris- sister and a grandson. Funeral tian burial will be held services were held Tuesday Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. at the Heckman Funeral Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. Home with Pastor Ben Lester George J. Fekete, celebrant. officiating. Burial in Rosedale Memorial Park.



647-3920.

KDL News & Notes

Tim Fairman, chef at the Flat River Grill in Lowell, will be giving a demonstration on molten chocolate cake as well as discussing the uses of chocolate in recipes. He has been in the restaurant business for about 30 years.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Friends of the Englehardt Library, will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 22 at the Flat River Grill, 201 E. Main St. The restaurant, one of the Gilmore properties, opened in Janu-

For more information, call the Englehardt branch at

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Newest gallery in Lowell features movie pictures

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

In the next few months, the city of Lowell may see the construction of a new building on Main Street - a new building that will house a proposed video store.

Movie Gallery, via Chicago Diversified Foods, asked to construct a 4,013-square-foot building at 1975 W. Main, next to the current Taco Bell which is owned by Chicago Diversified Foods.

"Basically, Movie Gallery likes small communities and sees Lowell as a good fit for it," said Mark Basile, vice president of development for Chicago Diversified Foods. The retail space, which will use the same curb cut as Taco

using the other half. City manager, David Pasquale said the project would

bring in about \$75,000 worth of improvements to the city in lighting and landscaping

withstand high winds.

Concerning lighting, planning commissioner Clark Jahnke said he would like to make sure the amount of light coming

Michigan officials advise citizens to be storm-ready this spring

Of the estimated 100,000 thunderstorms that occur each year in the U.S., about 10 percent are severe, with strong tures. winds, possibility of hail and other events that could wreak major damage to your dwelling if you are not prepared, says installing: AAA Michigan.

Michigan averages 16 tornadoes during the typical April to August season. In 2002, 12 were reported. The peak occurs in May and June.

Make all family members familiar with your community's with plastic. severe weather warning system and what to do and where to meet if a warning sounds. Follow these steps to help you plan, each year. advises AAA:

• Designate a family shelter. In stick-built homes, it should be near the centermost portion of your home, preferably a basement.

Avoid doors and windows. It should be under something sturdy such as a staircase, workbench or temporary shelter space with overhead protection. As a rule of thumb, if you don't have a basement, put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible. If you are in a mobile home, designate a shelter in a permanent structure.

 Prepare a severe storm and disaster safety kit for your shelter area. It should include basics such as: a portable weather radio, flashlights and lanterns and spare batteries for each; a basic tool kit, emergency cooking equipment and canned or boxed food you don't have to refrigerate or cook; a three-day supply of drinking water; gloves, prescription medications, credit cards and cash; extra car and house keys and important documents, and an annually updated photo or video record of each room for your homeowner's insurance coverage. Blankets, sleeping bags or other items also can protect against flying debris, which causes most injuries and deaths.

• If you are in a mobile home, seek shelter immediately, such as a ditch. If there is no time, use the bathtub. Homes with tie-downs provide some protection, but because of their light construction, they are vulnerable to high winds and flying debris.

 Make a habit of removing items that can become flying debris from your vard if a tornado watch is announced. • Opening your windows to reduce "pressure" is a myth.

Tornadoes don't cause a house to "explode" and this will only allow wind and rain to damage the interior.

• If you are in a car when a tornado is imminent, leave your vehicle and find the best available shelter such as ditches,

CITY OF LOWELL **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 4.9 of the City Charter, when a Council vacancy occurs in mid-term, the City Council shall appoint a person until the Monday following the next regular City Election. The City is seeking letters of interest for this Council position. City residents who are registered to vote in the City and are interested in serving on the City Council should submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk, Lowell City Hall 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 by Thursday, April 17, 2003.



Betty Morlock, City Clerk 616-897-8457

Lowell Moose Lodge #809 & Women of the Moose #1388 will be having an **OPEN HOUSE** at the lodges' Social Quarters **SATURDAY, APRIL 5** Hours will be from 12 to 4 PM Curious? Ever wonder what the Moose was all about? NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT AT: Lowell Moose 2101/2 E. Main St. Downtown Historic Lowell We look forward to meeting you! € BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3) **OPEN APRIL** 6 & 13 € 【 12 - 3 PM **S** 3 4 Br, 3¹/₂ bath, paved drive and road, wooded, landscaped setting. MFU, all appliances stay. Hardwood floor, bay window, French door, 2 decks, 2½ stall garage, central air, fully finished S basement, kitchen area. Daylight windows, oak woodwork throughout 3 home. Located 5 miles from expressway, between Lansing and Grand Rapids.

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selling candy and popcorn. Basile said the concept is similar to that of the national video chain, Blockbuster Video. Planning commissioner Jim Hall said when the Taco Bell

was approved, it was with the intention that another business would share the property. Basile said currently the Taco Bell uses about half the property with the proposed video store

Bell, would rent movies, DVDs, and video games along with from the additional lighting does not have any effect on the Veen Observatory. Also, the planning commission pointed out that the dumpster needed to have masonry work around it with a private fence.

> Pasquale said the site plan for the building met all city requirements. With little discussion after the initial review, the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend to the city council that the site plan for Movie Gallery be approved

> The project will next move to the City Council meeting for its approval.

culverts and uppermost freeway overpass steel superstruc-

When remodeling or building a new home, consider

• A study "safe room" in the lowest portion of the home. • Roof trusses and other structural supports designed to

• Impact-resistant windows and replace glass door panels

On average, lightning kills more people than tornadoes

If you are caught in the open in a thunderstorm:

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.

Henry David Thoreau

Minutes of the February 17, 2003 Regular Meeting and February 26, 2003 special Meeting were approved. A list of invoices was also approved. A Public Hearing was held regarding the proposed 2003-04 Budget. Motions approved: Motion to amend the 2002-03 Budget Motion to adopt the 2003-04 Budget Motion to allocate \$3,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Lowell Senior Neighbors Motion to amend contract with Winter-Troutwine Associates for Alton CDBG project Motion to approve contract with Mugen Construction for the Alton CDBG project Motion to allocate additional funds in the amount of \$2,108.50 for the Alton CDBG project Motion to amend the Hope Network CDBG contract for an additional \$1,000 for 2002-Motion to send Cell Tower Ordinance to Planning Commission for amendment consideration Motion to assign Star Palasek to the Assessing Clerical position Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennestwp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is April 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

Move indoors or into a hardtop car. Avoid towers, fences,

telephone poles and powerlines. Don't touch metal. If in the water, get to land immediately.

• No shelter? Find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles but not in an area subject to floods. In the woods, find shelter under the shortest trees. If your skin tingles or hair stands on end, don't lie down. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet to limit ground contact.

• Indoors - unplug major appliances to avoid damage from lightning power surges and use the phone only in an emergency.Don't take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm. Listen for severe weather alerts or warning sirens.

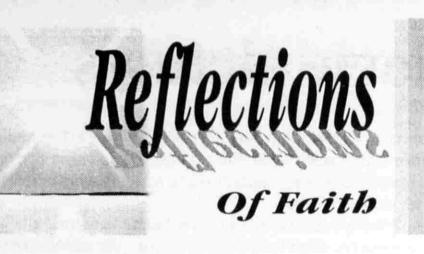
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE

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TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 10, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.



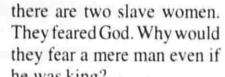
Rev. William Renkema Calvary Christian **Reformed Church**

Exodus 1 tells of when the King of Egypt ordered Hebrew midwives to kill all the baby boys born to God's people. "The midwives, however, feared God and did not because the midwives feared do what the King of Egypt God, he gave them families had told them to do; they let of their own." the boys live."

abused women. Men gave the obey in order to be rewarded. these were Hebrew midwives. feared God. They were com-The Hebrews served the the midwives were Shiphrah right thing to do. and Puah. These women were committed to obeying God at any cost. Being women or being slaves would not keep them from doing what God called them to do.

There was the King of Egypt, the Pharaoh, supposedly descended from the sun god, Atum. He ruled a mighty nation. He wasn't the kind of person who you disobey. And

It's time to plan a new



They saved the lives of Hebrew boys, "so God was

Shiphrah and Puah had These women lived in a no idea that God would bless society that often used and them in this way. They didn't orders. Women obeyed. And They obeyed because they mitted to Him. They did what Egyptians as slaves. Two of was right because it was the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 3: Hayleigh Borton, Jamie Barnes. ARPIL 4: Troy Pethers.

APRIL 5: Doug Klahn, Esther Clemenz.

APRIL 6: Carol Hovinga, Brad Yonker, Fran Clouser, Connie Vaughn, Pearl Peckham, Malley Cahoon, Cheryl Foster.

APRIL 7: Rick Sauber. Lindsey Thaler, Kenneth Dalga, John Henderson, Mary Kimble, Corey Vollink, APRIL 8: Jay Vezino, Sandy Converse.

APRIL 9: J.R. Guastavino.

Funding secured for Grand River bike path's third phase

The third and final phase which will extend the Grand bike path from Snow Avenue to Bewell. River Drive bike path from Bewell to Division St. is scheduled to start in mid-June.

Phase III will cost \$1.1 million and is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1. Federal participation for the \$700,000 bike path extension project will be \$350,000.

The Kent County Road Commission (KCRC) will pick up the other \$350,000 plus the additional cost to resurface the relocate power lines further back from the road two-mile stretch of Grand River Drive.

stretch.

Avenue; Phase II, which was completed in 2001, extended the substantial amount," he said.

"The first phase did not require as much widening of the shoulders," said KCRC director of engineering, Wayne Harrall. "The third phase has more trees on the edge of the shoulder. There is a significant number of trees on the north side which will need to be removed."

even more numerous. And because the midwives feared "Found Treasures" at LAAC through April

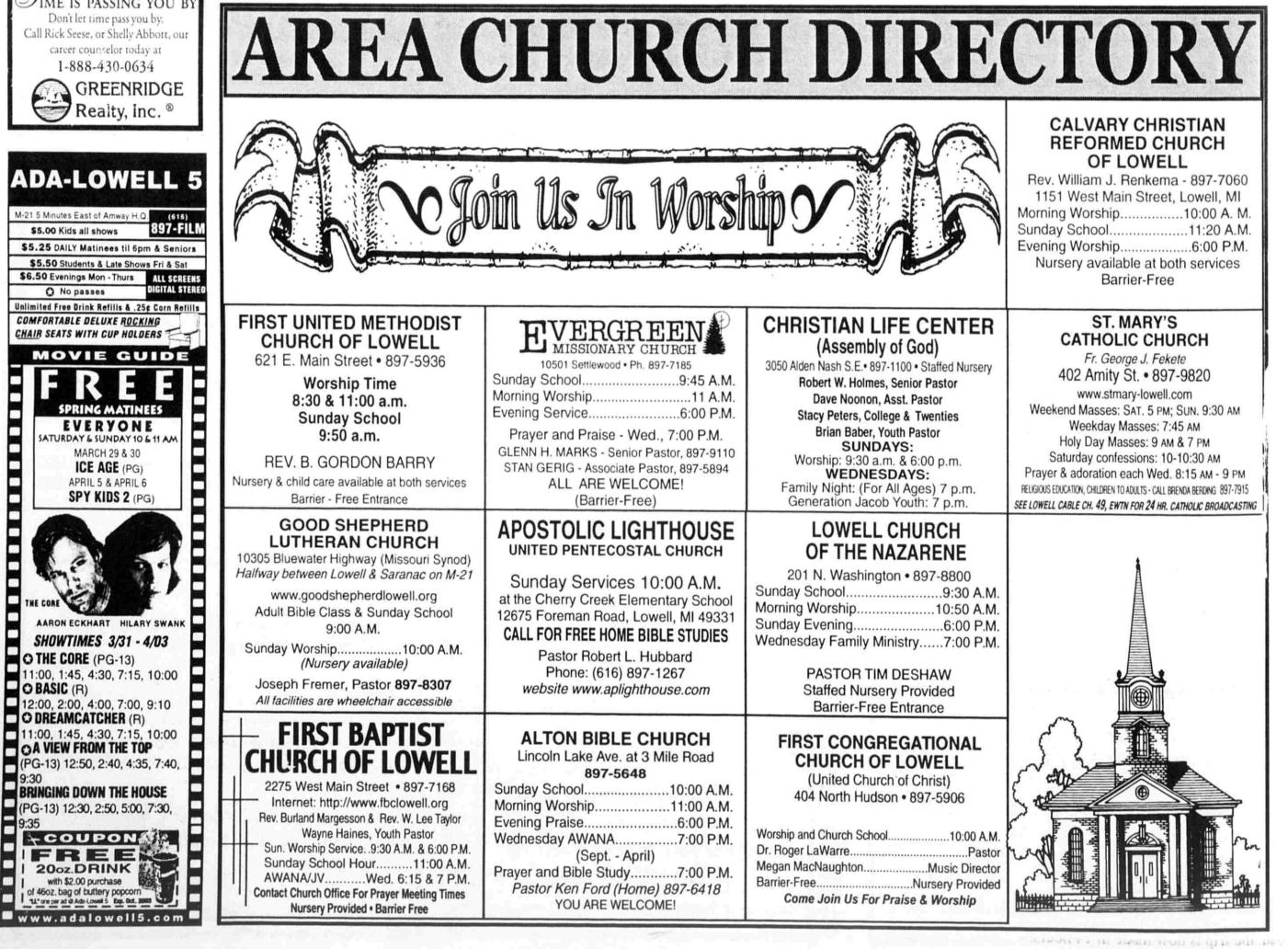
The Lowell Area Arts Council will host the Rivertown Artists Guild's "Found Treasures" exhibit from March 30 -April 30.

This exhibit invites artists to take something basic and make it beautiful. "Found treasures could mean so many things to different people. For instance, a treasure could be a highly prized possession, or something of great value. For artists, a found treasure is anything one finds that makes their work of art complete. It is the element that transforms the

paint, the paper, the glass, the clay the metal ... into a work of art." said Dixie Olin, Rivertown artist. For more information on the exhibit, call 897-8545.

Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught. -Winston Churchill







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In addition, Lowell Light & Power will be asked to Currently, the power lines are 16-20 feet from the center

KCRC will cover the cost to resurface the two-mile line. With the relocation, they will be as far back as 25 feet. The work will run Lowell Light & Power thousands of Phase I (1996) extended the path from Buttrick to Snow dollars, according to LL&P's Jeff Mullins. "It will be a

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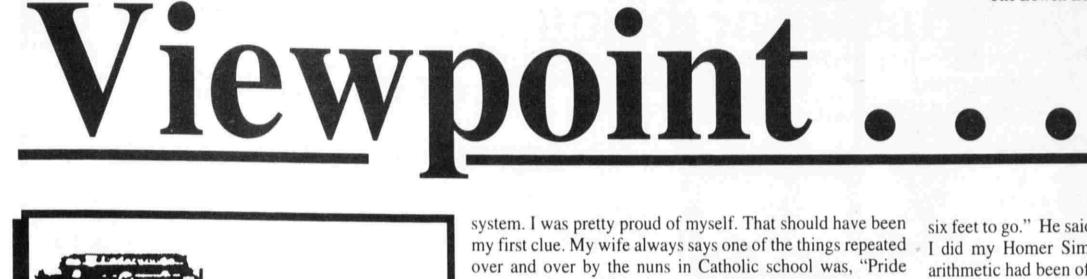
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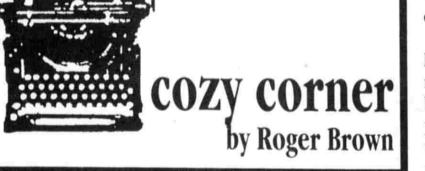
SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWIN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

Morning Worship

Sunday School.

Evening Worship.





I began this "Bob Villa's Evil Twin" series of homeowner blunders a few weeks ago. It soon occurred to me that the series could go on for a long time, given the number of projects I've screwed up over the years.

Just last Friday I had another revelation. Having spent the our house, I realized I'm bungling projects faster than I'm writing columns. This series could go on forever!!!

concrete job ... like it or not. The project involved an area under our front steps about eleven feet by thirteen feet and a curved approach that widened the existing walkway. No big deal. Once again I succumbed to the "Evil Twin" telling me to go for my tools instead of the telephone.

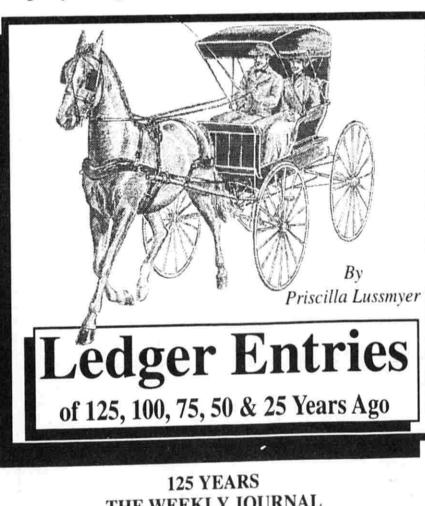
Instead of doing something fun, I spent a weekend working up blisters with a pick, shovel and rake gouging out the area to be poured. I formed the area with two by fours and plywood in board, sparing my wife the backbreaking effort I'd coerced her drainage. Thinking ahead, I even installed electrical conduit and a water line for eventual landscape lights and a sprinkler Not wanting to believe the worst, I said, "No, we have five or

120 The Vision 10 SHARI MILLER owell Schools Superintender

Our top priority is the safety of our children. We want to assure you that Lowell Area Schools has taken appropriate steps to prepare for potential emergency situations. Our district has developed emergency procedures for all hazards that may endanger students while in school.

Our administrative team met several weeks ago with Lt. Jim Van Bendegom from the Kent County Sheriff Department, a regional expert in the area of emergency preparedness to learn firsthand the steps that we ought to be taking. Lt. Van Bendegom shared this information at a parent information meeting held on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafetorium.

Our safety planning now includes the terrorism alerts issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the state of Michigan. Our district will be in direct contact with emergency management officials in Kent County to coordi-



THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 3, 1878**

The Ladies Waltz Club has the last party of its season. The Union School closed Friday with rhetorical, literary and musical exercises.

The new silver dollar has already been counterfeited; it is slightly smaller than the real thing.

University of Michigan now has 25,000 volumes in its

With new steel rails on the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, the trip is now made in 14 hours.

system. I was pretty proud of myself. That should have been my first clue. My wife always says one of the things repeated over and over by the nuns in Catholic school was, "Pride cometh before the fall." So far, I haven't gotten the message.

The next step was ordering concrete. First you have to know how much you need. Figuring the square feet in the rectangular portion was easy enough. I got out my little black book to help me figure the area of an oblique triangle. Once you have the total area it's then a simple matter of multiplying that number by the depth. Problem is, you have the area in feet, the depth in inches and the concrete company wants to know

'vards. I got on the concrete with my float fashioned from a plank I'm sure Bob Villa has a simple formula for all of this. For with a pipe handle. The concrete was almost too far-gone in his "Evil Twin" there is a fair amount of deciphering involved places to work up with the float, but with some persistence I ... all of which is highly susceptible to simple error (eight plus managed to save it. I tried working the edges, but they were five carry the two). I ordered two and one half yards. definitely too far-gone. My little miscalculation had put me I couldn't find my edging tool, so that was a good excuse behind at every stage of the project. I went right from the float to the trowel.

day battling with a small concrete job at the front entrance to to go to the big handyman's candy store. I bought the edging tool, a new trowel; some rubber boots and almost sprung for a About two hours and a half dozen blisters later, I was \$200 magnesium float. The theory here is that I was saving at done. I wasn't done because I was completely happy with my Since it's fresh in my mind, you're going to hear about my least the cost of the float in labor by doing the project myself work. I wasn't done because I was ready to collapse (though and I would acquire a nice tool ... free! The reality is, by that was a very close second). I was done because the concrete expending the same effort selling advertising (my real job) I said so. It was as hard as the Evil Twin's head. could have paid the labor plus an easy two hundred bucks. I "How does it look?" you're wondering. Let me put it this could spend that on a fishing rod. Ah, but that is not the way way. If I'd hired it done I would have paid the guy, but the mind of "Bob Villa's Evil Twin" works. probably wouldn't use him on the next project.

The big day came and with it came the concrete truck. The The concrete looks ... just okay. Too bad it's the front driver was really helpful and pulled the other end of the screed entrance to our house. I should have practiced somewhere else first. My saving grace is we plan to tile the area someday. Of the curved portion, making certain everything sloped for into. Things were going great! We were only five or six feet course, that will no doubt be another installment in the "Bob from the end of the walkway when the driver said, "That's it." Villa's Evil Twin" series.

> nate planning if an alert is issued. Specific plans are in place for each school building. For the most part, these plans are very similar to our tornado alerts.

3. Tune in to local radio and television. We will use local While our district is prepared to take appropriate action in media to update information as it becomes available. the event of any potential hazard, we have developed specific safety procedures in response to the highest level of terrorism We appreciate parent and community support during this time. Working together, we can maintain a safe environment alert, which is Severe Threat-Red Level. Severe Threat-Red Level means a terrorist attack has occurred in some location. for our children. or officials believe a terrorist attack is likely. A national Severe Threat-Red Level may not signal the same level of Your comments about this concern or any issue alert in Kent County, if emergency management officials do not believe our area is targeted for terrorist attack. would be greatly appreciated. Send to Shari Jo In the event emergency management officials notify our Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, schools of a Severe Threat-Red Level for Kent County, we MI 49331 or smiller@lowell.k12.mi.us (check will: out our Web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us or call **REMAIN OPEN during normal school hours until** 97-8415.

regular dismissal and provide regular transportation unless otherwise directed by emergency management officials. Our school buildings may be the safest place for children. All after-school activities and events will be canceled. If schools must be closed, we will follow established procedures for school closings. Please note in the event of a Severe Threat-Red Level, access to our schools may be restricted for a variety of reasons beyond our control.

How can parents help?

1.Report any recent changes in your child's emergency contact information to your school's secretary.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 2, 1903**

Dr. McDannell has acquired an X-ray machine and will help you see your bones. He also has a standard galvanic machine and a fradic outfit as part of his up-to-date electrical equipment.

A Chicago preacher asks companies to pay employees in cash rather than checks, as saloon keepers are eager to cash the checks.

The Detroit Free Press March 29 issue contained 70 pages. Ad by D.G. Look: "Open the door, Let in the air, The winds are sweet, The flowers are fair, Joy is abroad in the world for me, Since taking Rocky Mountain Tea."

Mr. Garfield, the new miller at Alton, is increasing business at a pace that may require installing a gasoline engine.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO **APRIL 5, 1928**

The Ledger discontinues its ready-print pages and goes to an eight-page all printed at home newspaper The Foreman Hatchery has shipped 78,000 chicks, including a batch to Florida.

The boys in the high school agriculture department are learning to judge stock again, for the first time in several years. Some German cities have installed detour and other road

hunters coming out to shoot the birds.

Brian Raymor and Pat Von Ehr are Valedictorian and signs that are clearly visible at night. Salutatorian of the Class of '78. The Fallasburg correspondent complains that the offers of pheasant eggs to hatch will just result in more Grand Rapids People living outside Lowell have been bringing their

six feet to go." He said, "Maybe, but that's all the concrete." I did my Homer Simpson, "DOOOOE!!!" Obviously my arithmetic had been off about a quarter yard.

I made a panic call to the dispatcher at the concrete company .. No dice! I left my wife to settle up with the driver and jumped in my truck for a low-level flight to the lumberyard. I was back in thirty minutes with ten bags of bag mix concrete. It took seven bags, mixed by hand in a wheelbarrow, to finish the job. I was exhausted, and even though it had been a long time since I'd worked a piece of concrete, I knew there was a lot of work ahead of me.

2. In the event of an emergency, please do not call the schools. School phones lines must remain open for communication with emergency management officials.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 2, 1953**

The lighted cross on Reservoir Hill has again been put up for Easter.

Lowell's Ground Observers may be the only ones in the state with medical service readily available. Dr. B. H. Shepard has volunteered to be on call for watchers of the sky. Charles Hill is the new president of the Board of Trade.

Public fishing sites are OK'ed by the Conservation Commission at Lincoln Lake, and the Grand/Thornapple confluence at Ada.

Remember to vote next Monday for township officers and state judges and commissioners.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **APRIL 5, 1978**

Hundreds of kids show up for the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the East Kent Community Center and the Jaycees.

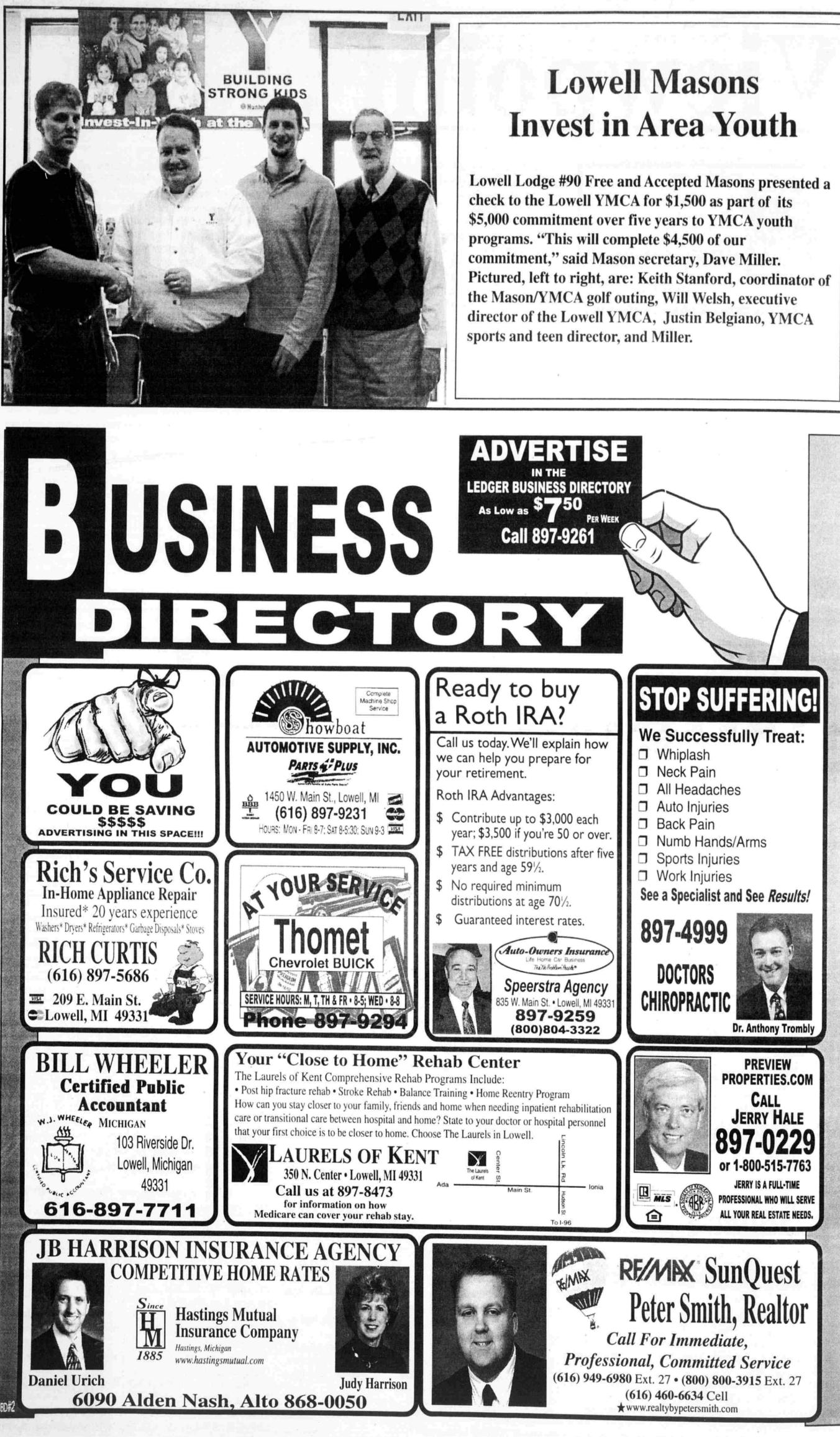
Declining participation in immunizations prompts this year's requirement that children get their shots or face exclusion from school.

The Honey Creek Christian Homes for Boys celebrates its 10th anniversary.

trash to town for free pickup. Several have been billed, from mail found in their trash.

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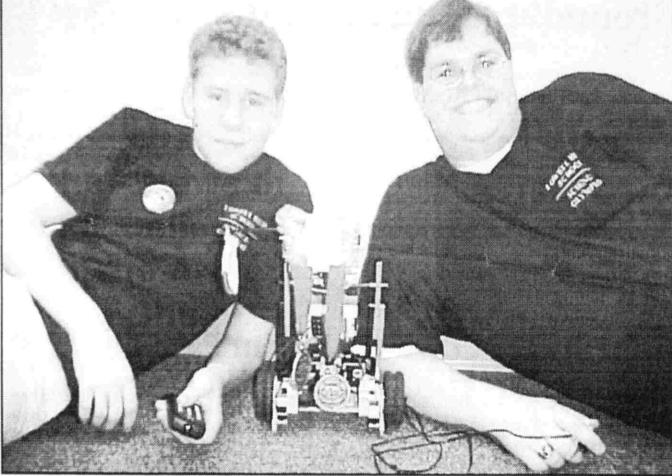
Lowell Science Olympiad team earns four medals



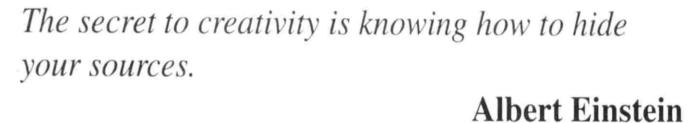
Lowell High School's Science Olympiad team sitting, left to right, are: Coach Mike Lincolnhol and Chris Lechner; second row: Nicky Freeburg, Brian McCaul, Matt Smith, Joe Blumm and David Blair; third row: Adrianne Green, Samantha Collins, Brandon Herring, Dustin Pedley, Jared Huffman, Scott Cooper, Eric Cooper and Adam Ingraham.

West Ottawa.

the state level.



Matt Smith and Brian McCaul earned a second in the Robot Ramble competition. They are pictured with Trogdor the robot.





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By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

vance were Grand Haven, ing." Grandville, Forest Hills Cen-

30 schools vying for a spot at our Gifted and Talented pro- the Stars. gram. The top teams have it as The top five teams to ad- a class and get a lot of fund-

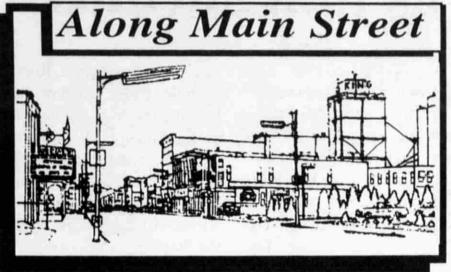
tral, Plymouth Christian and earned medals were:

Matt Smith and Brian music

Lowell placed 15th."Con- McCaul, second place, Robot sidering the late start and lim- Ramble; Chris Lechner and ited time these kids had to David Blair, fourth, Science The Science Olympiad re- prepare, I thought they did an of Fitness; Joe Blumm and gional competition for high excellent job," said Science Adam Ingraham, fifth place, schools in Kent and Ottawa Olympiad coach, Mike Practical Data Gathering; and counties was held at Grand Lincolnhol. "For us it's a Nicky Freeburg and Joe Valley State University, with club sport sponsored through Blumm, fifth place, Reach for

> Olympiad events include academic challenges in the general science areas of biol-Lowell teams which ogy, physics, chemistry, earth science, physical science and

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"FOUND TREASURES" EXHIBIT AT LAAC The Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson St. is hosting the Rivertown Artists Guild's exhibit now - April 30. Call 897-8545 for more information.

class trip is Thursday, April 3. Make checks payable to Lowell Senior Parents - drop off at LHS office. Photos for senior video: drop off in media center thru April 3. Candy money is due now. Donations of raffle gifts and food, volunteers for Van Andel are still welcome. Call Carol with questions at 897-8785.

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time and being within budget.

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Merryweather concluded.

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business,'

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

DEADLINE FOR SENIOR CLASS TRIP

Final date for reservations and payments for the senior

Due to spring break, the regular business meeting will be eld on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the staff lounge.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Alto and Bushnell Elementary schools will have kindergarten roundup on Tuesday, April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the schools.

The annual "Evening of Jazz" sponsored by Lowell middle and high school jazz bands will be held Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$3 students and seniors/\$4 general admission. Sold at the schools or at the door.

PRESCHOOLERS EDUCATIONAL SCREENING Schedule your 3- 4 1/2 year old preschooler for an educational screening at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Carol at 897-8415 to make an appointment.

Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center will have a spring sale on Saturday, April 26 from 9-noon in the gym, 300 High St. Call Kathy at 897-1232 to reserve space. Free to participate!

Groundbreaking, cont'd... From Page 1

The anticipated opening of Murray Lake Elementary building fits with the landis for the fall of 2004.

It will house 18 classrooms, two special education classrooms, a family links room, art, music and physical education rooms, a media center, computer lab, day care room, small stage, gym/cafeteria and four group rooms.

"I think the design of the thought the company's sucscape and the district's needs," said Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. project manager, Larry Merryweather

Over the decade Owen-Ames-Kimball has garnered its share of school construction market.

"Merryweather said he

Brubaker, cont'd... From Page 1

"Dan has been an invaluable councilmember. He's someone I've been able to rely on and he's never been too busy to take questions and do research," Lowell city manager, Dave chair, Clark Jahnke said he Pasquale said.

Mayor Jeanne Shores added she'd miss him, was happy for him and glad he and his family would be staying in Lowell.



Sundry, cont'd... From Page 1

ing culverts placed on the property and has followed all the property soil erosion management practices that were required. There was some concern as to whether a private road permit had been issued for the property: Rude on Grove and High streets said his company has filed so much paperwork with the city he couldn't say whether they had or not

Planning commission chose to set the issue aside for now, viewing it as a possible customers. Commission misunderstanding on what member, Jim Hall said he was needed. But other issues was not certain the developer

the city's directions on hav- were raised. Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine questioned whether the trucks for the project should be allowed to use James Street. Valentine, through commission member, Al Mathews, said he would only allow trucks with the developer being bonded to help cover any repair work needed.

> An issue was raised about the watermain - that it needed to be looped to help prevent disruption of service to the

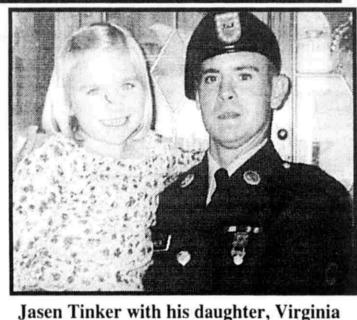
U.S. Army PFC Jasen Tinker completed boot camp at Fort Benning, Georgia. He completed training with a 25mile road march in 90 degree heat with

90-pound ruck sack on his back, in 5 days in the woods while battling pneumonia. Tinker qualified as a certified marksman before completion of boot camp and

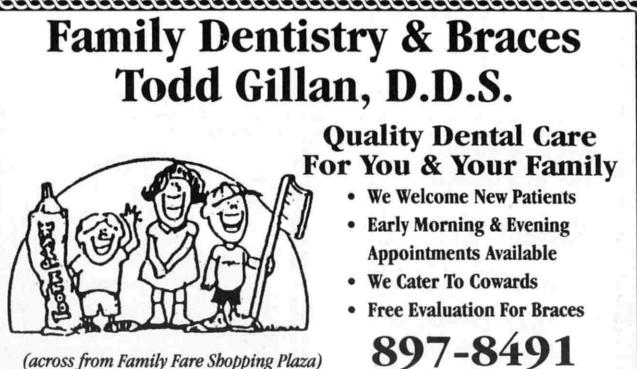
was sent on to his first duty station at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. While there he qualified as master marksman, a top qualifier with a grenade launcher and a saw gunner. He has been recommended for a unit award by his commanding officer and was seected for and completed medic training.

Tinker is now at Fort Polk, Louisiana in urban assault training.

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AN EVENING OF JAZZ

TOTS "ALMOST NEW" SALE

should be forced to do that since the current proposal adequately provides water for the development and the city has usually helped in loopbenefit to the city.

PUD, at 751 Grindle, approved first and started.

ing systems because it is a Rude explained those issues were something he wanted to bring up when they brought the Phillips property back to the planning commission for review. He said Sundry was not able to go any further on that project because it needed to get the

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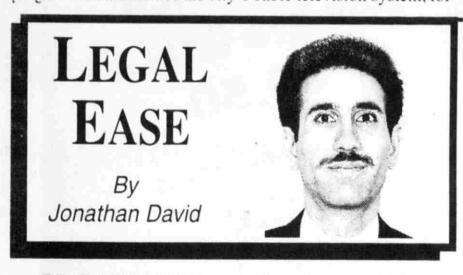
Consolidation lessens Cable's annual debt reduction commitment

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It is just one more step in the right direction for Lowell Cable Television

Lowell's City Council, at the recommendation of the Lowell Light & Power Board, adopted a resolution which the consolidation, the outstanding balance would be repaid allows for the consolidation of interdepartmental loans from the department of LL&P to the Cable Television Department.

The three loans allow for the initial construction, equip- \$5,879.06. ping and installation of the city's cable television system; for



DEAR JONATHAN: I am single and have no children. As a result, my beneficiaries are primarily my nieces and neph-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 13A M-50 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT

Public Notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended).

The proposed amendment would add a new Article 13A - Corridor Overlay District to the Zoning Ordinance.

This Article 13A establishes an M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone applicable to all lands with frontage along M-50 between 60th Street and the south section line of Sections 3 and 4, to a depth of 500 feet. The purpose of the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone is to promote a balance between the various functions of this corridor and to create an attractive entry image into the community. The regulations of Article 13A apply in addition to, and simultaneously with, other applicable regulations of the Zoning Ordinance provided, however, that the regulations of Article 13A supersede any conflicting regulations of the underlying zoning district.

The proposed amendment contains the following provisions:

13A.01 Purpose: This Section describes the purposes and objectives of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District.

13A.02 Applicability: This Section describes the application of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District to the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone described above.

13A.03 Right-of-Way Preservation and Setbacks: This Section establishes an assumed right-of-way of 50 feet from the centerline of M-50 and requires a front setback of buildings and structures of 100 feet from the assumed right-of-way provided that the

digital cable expansion of the city's cable television, and for \$259, 286.90 from the initial cost of \$914,113.00. the correction of accounting cost allowances required by the change in the federal Energy Regulatory Commission system the initial cost of \$165,000. of accounts.

The balance of the three loans totals \$671,487.10. With over 12 years at a four percent interest rate. Payments will begin in April with a monthly payment in the amount of

The balance for the installation of the cable system is

ews, of which I have several. I have a lot of collectibles and I items to those persons at the time of your death, that the have specific ideas as to what items I want going to my various personal representative named in your will shall deliver those nieces and nephews. Is it best to put this in a will, or can I simply put tags on each item indicating who is to get what?

last will and testament, as well as a written statement which have to amend your will every time you amend that statement. sets forth those items of tangible personal property you want In other words, if you were to dispose of these various items going to specific nieces and nephews. In your will, there of personal property through your will and not pursuant to a should be a provision that deals with the disposition of your written statement outside of your will, then any time you want indicate that you have prepared a written statement outside of codicil to your will. This takes time and costs money. By the will which disposes of certain items of your tangible having a separate written statement outside the will you avoid personal property and that if you have not already given those having to amend the will every time you modify your written

Planning Commission may reduce the front set back to 50 feet if certain standards are met This Section also requires a front setback for off-street parking lots of 25 feet for uses other than one- and two-family dwellings.

13A.04 Access Standards: This Section establishes requirements for access points and driveway spacing for parcels within the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone. This Section also regulates shared driveways, frontage roads, and service roads.

13A.05 Pedestrian Access: This Section establishes requirements for pedestrian access and pathways for parcels within the Corridor.

13A.06 Landscaping and Site Design: This Section requires a landscape plan and establishes requirements for landscape buffers, planting requirements, parking area landscaping, minimum standards for plants and maintenance of plants.

13A.07 Lighting: This Section establishes lighting requirements including general requirements and requirements for outdoor light fixtures, parking lot and access drive lighting, canopy lighting, security lighting, illumination of building facades, and night lighting.

13A.08 Signs: This Section establishes specific regulations for signs within the Corridor, including general requirements, and regulations of signs in residential districts, commercial districts, and industrial districts.

13A.09 Building Facades and Design: This Section establishes requirements for architectural design features in building facades.

13A.010 Submittal Requirements and Review: This Section provides that all uses in the Corridor (except one- and two-family dwellings) are subject to site plan review in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance and all requirements of Article 13A.

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

> March 19, 2003 Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk Bowne Township

The balance for the digital expansion is \$152,583.67 from

LL&P board member Dave Austin said the current cable rates are more than adequate to cover the amount. "The annual commitment is actually less due to the length of the term (12 years)," he said. "Lowell Cable is heading in the right direction. We no longer have the large negative incomes."

items at your death.

The advantage of preparing a written statement outside of JONATHAN SAYS: I recommend that you make both a your will and simply referring to it in the will is that you don't tangible personal property and in that provision you would to update that provision you would have to do so by writing a statement.

> In order for that written statement to be enforceable, it must describe the items you are giving away and the beneficiaries of those items with reasonable certainty, and you must sign that statement. I also recommend that you date that statement.

Your written statement can be prepared at any time, before or after you sign the will, and you can amend it at any time.

I recommend, however, that you have an estate planning lawyer draft the last will and testament on your behalf to make sure it is prepared properly and that it properly refers to the written statement you are going to make outside of the will.

DEAR JONATHAN: It is my understanding that the only assets which need to be probated when someone dies are those assets titled in that person's name alone. Other assets such as jointly titled property or assets owned by a trust do not have to go through probate If this is correct, then what do you advise people who don't have any assets in their name alone other than motor vehicles? Do you recommend those cars be held in joint names so they don't have to go through probate?

JONATHAN SAYS: No. I never recommend putting a motor vehicle in joint names because all joint owners would be liable for the actions of the other joint owners. A car should be titled in one name only.

You are correct that assets titled in a person's name alone at the time of his or her death have to be probated. However there is an exception for motor vehicles. As long as there are no other probatable assets and the value of the motor vehicle(s is not more than \$60,000, then probate can be avoided and the title(s) to the motor vehicle(s) can be transferred through th secretary of state's office.

If, on the other hand, you have other probatable assets then the motor vehicle(s) will also be subject to probate. DEAR JONATHAN: I know the exemption again

schedule to go up?



federal estate tax is currently at \$1,000,000. When is th

JONATHAN SAYS: Next year, in 2004, the exemption currently scheduled to be increased to \$1,500,000.

Friendly discussion between neighbors coaxes another to make community commitment

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Discussion between two neighbors has led a third becoming the newest Lowell Planning Commission member.

In February, Sherry Grimm was sworn in as a member of the group. She replaces Elizabeth "B.J." Thompson who resigned last year.

between her longtime neighbor, mayor Jeanne Shores and another resident about the planning commission.

"She was talking that there might be an opening on the planning commission and he was voicing his opinion," Grimm said. "[Shores] asked him if he would join, and he said, 'No.""

Shores then mentioned the opening to Grimm and her goal to add another woman to the group, Grimm explained. "I thought about it for months," Grimm said. "When there for her to be gone a few hours a month. became an opening, I applied."

A department assistant for Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, Grimm said she has worked with a number of people who have worked with planning commissions like the Her decision to join came after she heard a discussion one in Lowell. She believed joining the Lowell group would give her a better insight into its works as well as a chance to serve her community

Grimm joins the group as it works toward a resolution on the Highland Hills project, located near the corner of James and High streets. "I always tend to jump right in," Grimm said

LHS April Students of the Month

pleased to announce the April class and is professional and says she is a very diligent excellence and her determi-Students of the Month. These students are being honored because of their expertise and interest in a particular area.

Katie Timpson, a senior, was selected by the Life Management Department. She is the daughter of John and Colleen Timpson of Lowell. Katie's extracurricular activities include Leader's Club, Lowell Women's Club and a member of the basketball, softball and volleyball teams. She is employed at the YMCA Wellness Center. The senior plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College next year to study Special Education. Her teacher nominator says she does exceptional

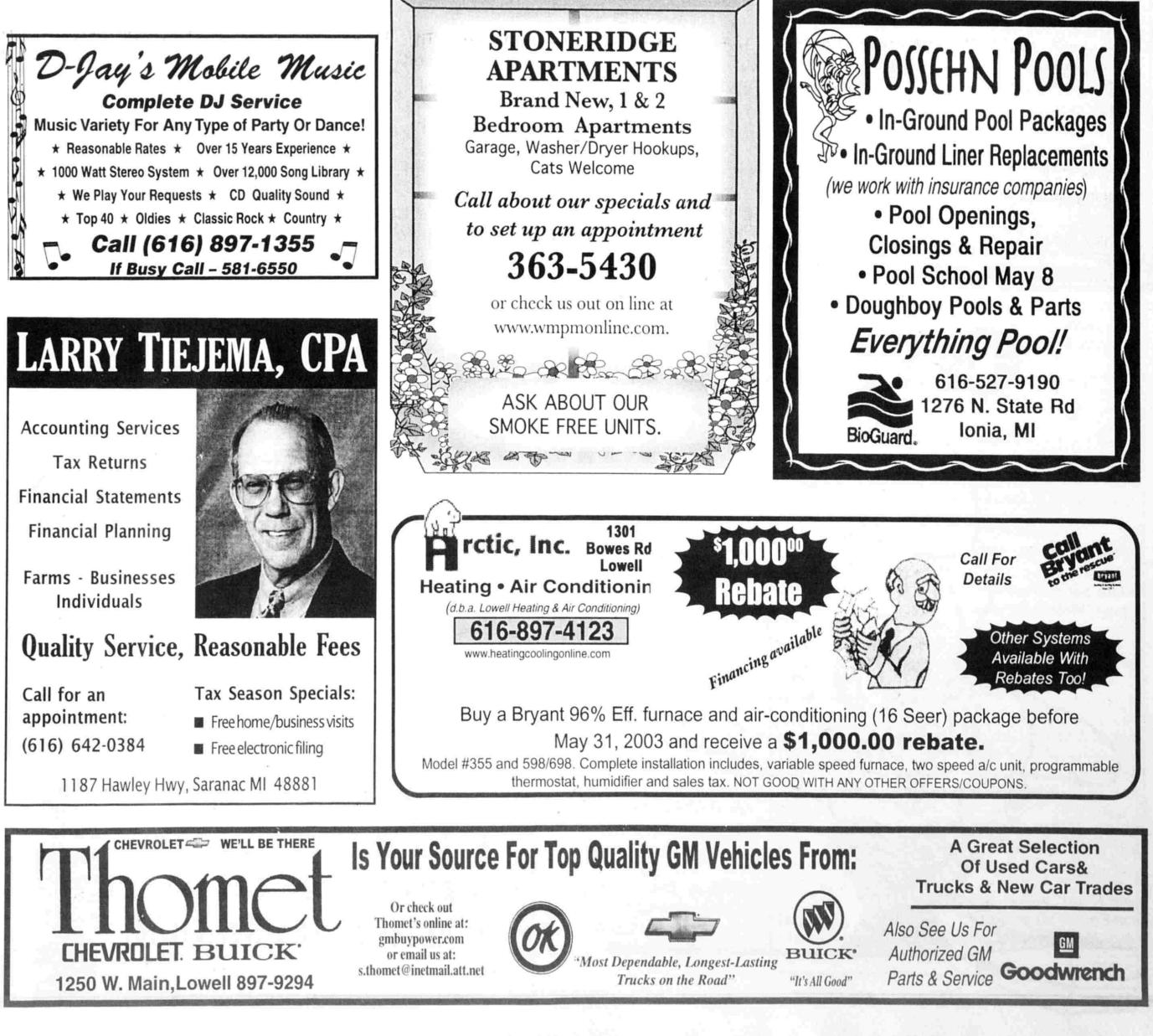
character trait of responsibiland follows through.

nior, was chosen by the Sci- time and she can be counted daughter of Ken and Peggy class. Hoogewind of Lowell. At Western Michigan Univer- at Panera Bread. Her teacher UN competition.

Kim Hoogewind, a se- ity work 100 percent of the sibility for her learning.

Lowell High School is workinher Teacher Practicum sity. Her teacher nominator nominator says her drive for confident in working with worker who puts forth maxi- nation to understand concepts children. She exemplifies the mum effort on all assign- are second to none. She also ments. The character trait she demonstrates the character ity because she can be trusted best exemplifies is responsi- trait of responsibility because bility because she does qual- she takes 100 percent respon-Eric Moulton, a senior,

ence Department. She is the on to set the standards for the is being honored by the Social Studies Department. He Jacqueline Vos, a jun- is the son of Craig and Karyn LHS Kim is active in gym- ior, was the choice of the Math Moulton of Lowell. He is the nastics, National Honor Soci- Department. She is the daugh- captain of the LHS Model ety, LAS Outreach and tutor- ter of Tom and Carol Wareck UN team. Next year his plans ing. In addition, she helps of Alto and Clarence Vos of are to attend Calvin College teach gymnastics through Vancouver. Jacqueline's ex- in pursuit of a degree in Po-Lowell Community Educa- tracurricular activities in- litical Science. His teacher tion. Hoogewind's plans for clude Prayer Zone, Math nominator says his skill and next year are to attend either League and National Honor determination led to a first Michigan State University or Society. She is also employed place at the statewide Model



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with a laugh, but in her case she knew she could not make such a commitment without first making sure her family was ready

A resident of Lowell for the past 25 years, Grimm comes from the Lakewood area. She resides with her husband Tom and daughter Miranda in Lowell.

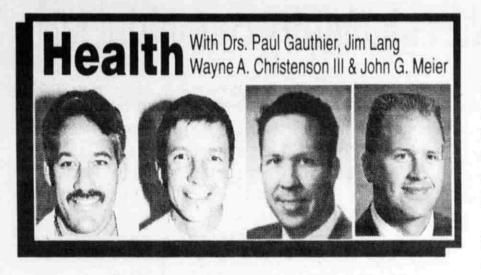
"I look forward to an educational experience and getting to know more about the community," Grimm said, who is serious about the educational part with plans to take classes in planning very soon.

There is still one opening left on the planning commission. Anyone interested should contact City Hall.





Pictured, left to right, are: Eric Moulton, Kim Hoogewind and Jacqueline Vos. Missing from the picture is Katie Timpson.



AUTISM

Autism is a syndrome that is getting more attention in the lay press lately. It is a brain disorder that causes poor development of language and social skills. People with autism may also have mental retardation, seizures or other mental disorders (i.e., depression and anxiety). It is estimated that about one third will be able to achieve some degree of independent living as adults.

The cause of autism is unknown. It is not caused by mmunizations or bad parenting. In some cases, autism is thought to be inherited, or may be caused by lead poisoning.



SEP IRA OFFERS TAX BENEFITS. HIGH LIMITS AND MORE

If you're self-employed, and you've already established an SEP IRA retirement account, you've still got until April 15 to fully fund your plan for the 2002 tax year. If you haven't set up an SEP IRA, you might want to think about opening onebecause it can help people like you build significant resources

(If you don't have an SEP IRA yet, you can still establish and fund one for 2002, as long as you do so by your tax-filing



autism if your child

-doesn't use two-word phrases by 24 months of age. Treatment of autism is primarily behavioral, and is usually administered by a psychologist or psychiatrist. No medicine has been found to treat autism, but some medicines may help to treat a child with seizures, hyperactivity or depression.

have a different deadline.)

An SEP IRA offers you some key advantages. First, of course, are the tax benefits. Your contributions are tax deductible and your earnings grow tax deferred, which means your money will grow much faster than it would if placed in an account on which you paid taxes every year. Furthermore, the SEP IRA's relatively high contribution

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

EVERY OTHER SUN: ?'s call 897-2760. 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.

FOURTHMON. 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 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.

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 Masonic Temple. 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 Garv Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 EVERY SECOND WED .: 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.

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.

TUES .: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. 315 S. Hudson St.

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

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.

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 activi-EVERY SECOND TUES .: ties.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. Washing-EVERY 1ST & 3RD ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS .: Saranac EVERY 3RD TUES .: 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., nondenominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. -3p.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.

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 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Church, 2700 E. Fulton,

EVERY 3RD THURS .: THURS., APRIL 3: Dead-Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 and to complete payments p.m. Create cards, scrap- for Senior trip. Checks paybooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS. iary: 3 p.m. at Schneider Vergennes Cooperative at Wittenbach Center. Call Manor (until further notice). Club will meet at 1 p.m. at 987-1002 for information

EVERY THIRD THURS .: ents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

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

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

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

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 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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LOWELLAREA HISTORI-CAL MUSEUM HOURS: -Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

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> LOWELL AREA ARTS FRI., APRIL 25: Free COUNCIL OPEN: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., Call 897-8545.

line to make reservations able to Lowell Senior Parents. Call Carol with guestions 897-8785.

VFW #8303 Ladies Auxil- THURS., APRIL 3: Unlimited Junior 9-2 p.m. Schneider Manor. Program: Curtain Time Players. Bring Parents Supporting Par- items for Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. Hostesses: Julia Hurley, Aileen McCabe & Alice Bauer. Sponsor: Phyllis Lessens.

WED., APRIL 9: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a family turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; children 5-12: \$2.

MON., APRIL 14: Athletic Boosters regular business meeting 7 p.m. in LHS staff lounge.

TUES., APRIL 15: Kindergarten Roundup begins at 6 p.m. for Alto and Bushnell elementaries. Call the school for more information.

THURS., APRIL 24 & educational screening for preschoolers 3-4 1/2 yrs. old. 9-3 p.m.Bright Beginnings, 300 High St. Call Carol at 897-8415 to schedule an appointment

SAT., APRIL 26: Early Settler Activities workshop 8-3 p.m. Put on by Lowell Area Historical Museum Call Judy at 897-7688.

SAT., APRIL 26: Trout

SAT., APRIL 26: TOTS Spring Almost New Sale. 9-12 p.m. Bright Beginnings Center gym Free to participate. Call Kathy at 897-1232 to reserve space.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., APRIL 2: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure: 12:45 o.m. Shop Lowell Meijer.

THURS., APRIL 3: 12 p.m. Dance at West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 4: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; Bingo.

MON., APRIL 7: 12:45 o.m. Treasured Memories.

TUES., APRIL 8: 9-11:30 a.m. Tax Assistance: 12:45 p.m. Shop at Ionia K-Mart & Save-A-Lot.

WED., APRIL 9: 8:30 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 12 p.m. Movie in G.R.

THURS., APRIL 10: 11a.m. Ann's Home, Lunch/Live Music of 50's.

Shop at the Malls: 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk at Wood land Mall.

FRI., APRIL 11: 12 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch and Center Shower.

MON., APRIL 14: 12:45 Travelogue p.m. "Bellingrath Gardens featuring azaleas.

TUES., APRIL 15: 7:15 Rockford McDonald's for Breakfast and Music.

WED., APRIL 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12 p.m Volunteer Appreciation Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Shop Lowell Meijer.

THURS., APRIL 17: 12 p.m. Dance at West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 18: 11 a.m. Podiatrist Dr. David Smith discussion; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

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Young Lowell boys' track roster could author some surprises in 2003

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Third-year Lowell boys track coach, Russ Stevens expects surprises as the 2003 season unfolds.

"We're going to need some big things from younger guys," Stevens explains. It's a good bet that will happen because much of the 50-plus roster is dotted with

underclassmen.

explains. "There are big numbers from the see him be something." freshman and sophomore classes.'

Parnofiello, Jordan Moore, Andy Roberts and Neal DeVoid. "These guys are good Mike Shinabery. leaders and good role models," Stevens explains.

The Red Arrow coach can point to individual strengths in a good many events, but the numbers are not there. "You have to have more than one person to score points," Stevens

Case in point: Lowell's Steve Ellison will be one of the league's best distance runners; however, the Red Arrows lack depth. Stevens will count on the untested Paul Despres and John Riddle to provide support for Ellison. Seniors DeVoid and Craig Brown, junior

Jeff McPherson and freshman Gabe Delnick Northview on Tuesday, April 15.

will anchor a depleted sprint crew. "There are others (e.g., Hank Westerhuis and Andrew Min) who could pop out and help us out. It's early and I just haven't seen enough of them yet to know what to expect," explained Stevens.

It is much the same story in the middle distance events. Depres, Matt D'Agostino and Curt Wernet will be the crew's core.

Wernet, a freshman, will also be valuable to Lowell in the long jump and 1600-meter "The numbers are the best I've had in the relay. "Curt has the body and build of a track three years that I've been coach," Stevens man. Before he's done, I think, you're going to

Big things are expected from senior Dave Working with them will be seniors, Nate Hefferan in the shot put and discus. Joining Hefferan will be juniors Corey Scudder and

DeVoid will also be a force in the shot put. The hurdles will feature senior Andy Roberts. The Red Arrow qualified for state in the high hurdles as a junior. "Andy is physically much stronger this year," Stevens said.

Freshman, Adam Ingraham will also be a

"I want the boys to have fun and enjoy some individual achievement," Stevens said The Lowell coach says defending champion, Forest Hills Central should be the favor-

ite again this year. Lowell opens its league season against

The numbers are the best I've had in the three years that I've been coach. There are big numbers from the freshman and sophomore classes.

Russ Stevens Lowell Boys Track Coach



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ior at Aquinas College, has Gary and MaryAnn Alsgaard 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale. received dean's list recogni- of Lowell. tion with a 3.5 grade point average for fall semester 2002.

The 2000 Lowell High

Evening of Jazz, April 15 at LPAC







COLLEGE NEWS

Ashley Rickert of Low-Northwood University.

Rickert is the daughter of Jeffery and Julie Rickert of Lowell, Reimann is the daugh ter of Charles and Lynne Reimann of Alto.

To achieve dean's list rec-Aaron Alsgaard, a jun- School graduate is the son of ognition, students must earn a Northwood University is

a private, accredited university specializing in manage Alsgaard plays varsity ell and Miranda Reimann of rial and entrepreneurial edu basketball for Aquinas. The Alto have been named to the cation offering two- and fourteam finished its season 18- dean's list for winter term at year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields.

The annual "Evening of Jazz" sponsored by Lowell middle and high school jazz bands will be held in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. This year the jazz concert will feature the Grand Valley State University Jazz Band under the direction of Kurt Ellenberger.

Tickets are \$3 for students and seniors and \$4 general admission. They are available at ither school as well as at the door.

The concert will open with the Lowell Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Dale Latva followed by the Lowell High School Jazz Band under the direction of Bob Rice. The GVSU Jazz Band will conclude the program.

CITY OF LOWELL Waste Management Yard Waste Program For 2003 Yard Waste Pickup will be the same day as recycling pickup.

TUESDAY RECYCLING PICKUP April 8 & 22; May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17; July 8 & 22; August 5 & 19 & September 2 & 16.



Lions dribble into Lowell with eye on mini camps and new start under the direction of Mariucci

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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Cory Schlesinger has played for five head coaches during his nine-year tenure with the Detroit Lions.

They have all brought with them a sense of excitement and various degrees of experience. The hiring of Steve Mariucci added an element - a winning

tradition. "Coach Mariucci knows what it takes to win. That's

contagious." Schlesinger said. A fourth-year University of Michigan graduate and Lions defensive end, James Hall came away impressed from his first meeting with Mariucci.

"He's a classy guy and a great coach," Hall explained. "Now we have to come together as a team."

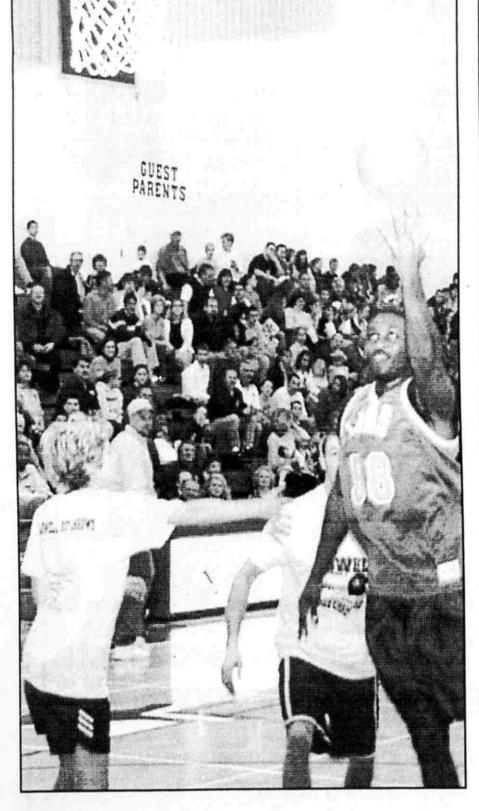
Chris Claiborne will not be part of that reunion. The linebacker left Detroit in the off season for Minnesota.

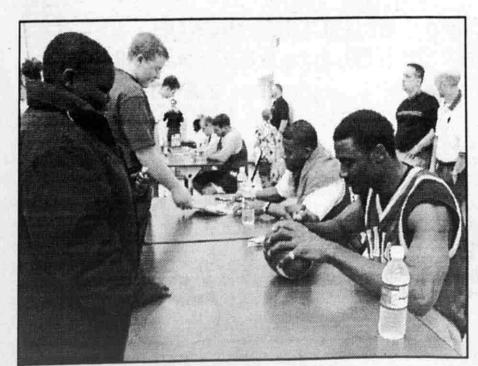
"It's disappointing to lose a great player and a great person," Hall explained. "But Chris has to do what's best for him and his family."

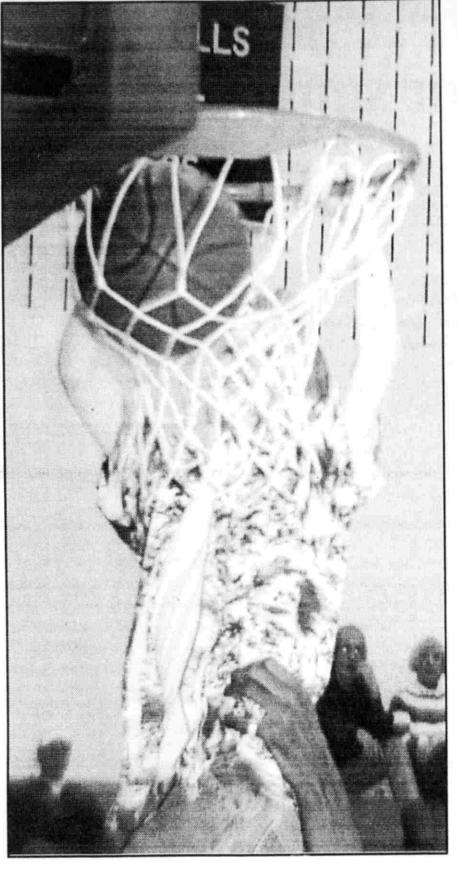
Lions center, Dominic Raiola says the addition of Mariucci represents a change for the better. "I think this heads us in the right direction. Now we have to focus on getting better as a team.

Raiola, Schlesinger and Hall joined Kalimba Edwards, Chris Cash and Rafael Cooper in a hoops exhibition against Lowell All Stars on Thursday night at Lowell High School.

Lowell's all-star roster included Mike Fillman, Steve Bukala, Ryan Graham, Brent Noskey, Scott Hall, Deb Greenhoe, Chris Stacey, Brooke Gallert, Breanne Gallert, Brady Foster, Kevin Brown, Steve VanLaan and Pete Frommeyer.







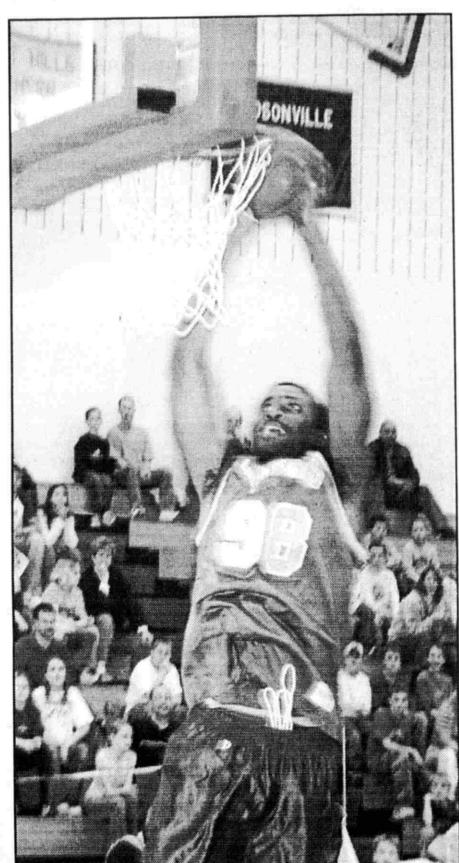


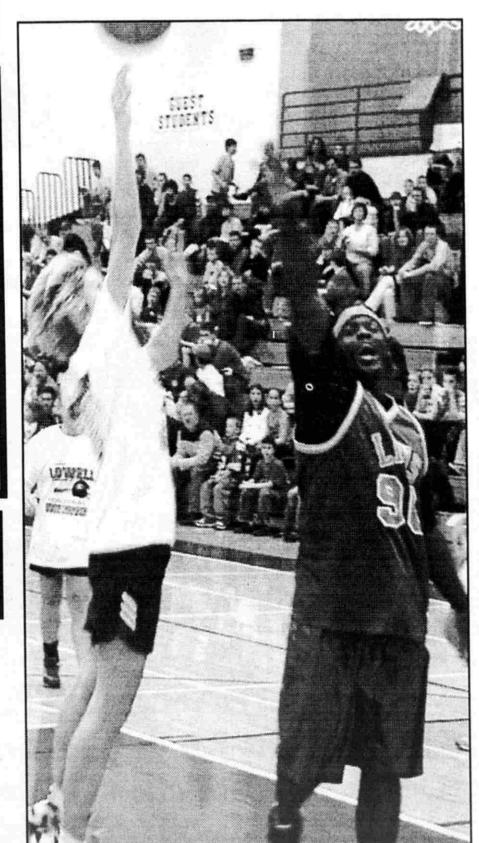


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Lowell's freshman pitcher may be a hit, but will their bats?

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With two-thirds of his bases covered, the only question batted .253. After that, the batting averages fell off the table. remaining for Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse is whether his Red Arrows have the bats to bring them home. "Our strength should be our infield play - and that should spend some time at third.

be very good," Rodenhouse explains. a year ago to be better, based on the fact the pitching will be ground balls

greatly improved. mound. "I believe she is as good as any pitcher we faced last year," the Lowell coach said. "She has great control, throws hard and will strike people out."

The unknown is how well Lowell will hit league pitching. The Red Arrows were 2-10 in the O-K White last year and 12-8 in nonconference games. "The pitching in this league is phenomenal. Hitting will be difficult," Rodenhouse explains.

Lowell's leading hitter last year was Jacque Benedict. The senior batted .511. Noelle Dewey hit .313 and Tara Kimble

catching for Plummer during the summer. The senior may also

Andrea Dewey in right and Katie Callahan, Amber Lowell's second/shortstop combination of Kimble and VanSpronsen and Larinda Marker vying for the left field spot. The Lowell coach expects the solid play of his infielders of Benedict should sweep up the plethora of Plummer-induced Other members of the 2003 Red Arrow softball roster are Lyndsey Trierweiler, Jamie Cardani, Heather Green and Anna

"With Plummer's pitching, I think Kimble will be fielding Boruta. Rodenhouse will send freshman, Becky Plummer to the a lot of ground balls," Rodenhouse said. "I hope to get Tara's stick going."

> Benedict is coming off a junior year where she was alleverything. The senior earned conference, district, region and state honors. And there is no reason to believe that things will the league. be any different in 2003.

defensively," Rodenhouse said.

2003 baseball team long in the arms; short on experience

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It's an exciting time for Lowell fifth-year baseball coach, Tim Antel.

season being less than a week away.

No, Antel and his wife, Joyce have a new baby (Joseph Cal) at home. "Cal is after the hardest working man (Cal Ripken) in

baseball." Antel said.

With a roster predominantly filled with juniors, it will be third in the rotation. take hard work to remain in the upper echelon of the tough O-K White.

"There was a time you could split the league into the top four and bottom four," Antel explained. "That line has really been blurred because so many of the programs have greatly in stolen bases.

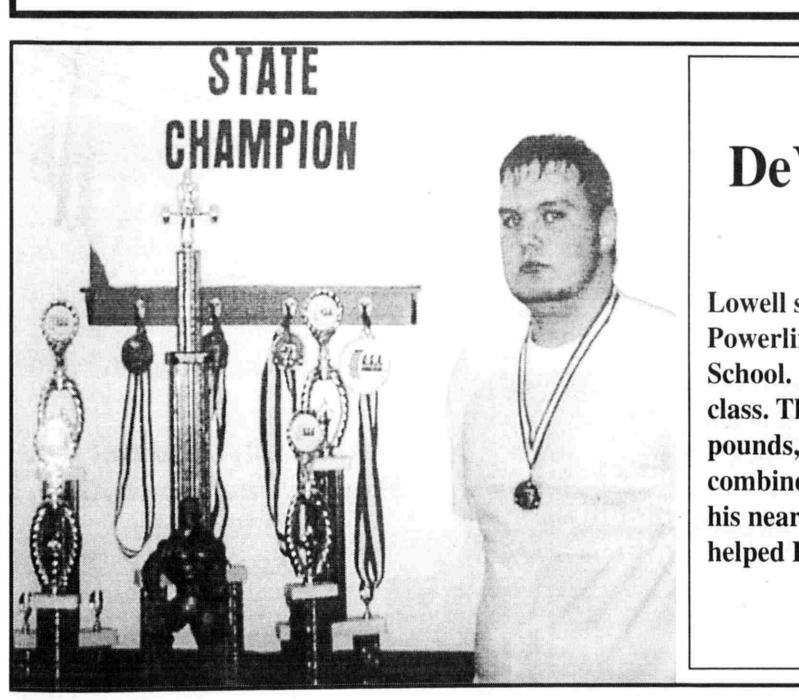
Improved is what Antel believes his Red Arrows will be record of 47," Antel explained.

"I think defensively we will be better, as well as offensively," Antel said. "One through nine, I think our pitching is Sloan. "Both are hitting the ball well in the preseason," better. We have three pitchers who will throw a significant Antel said. "It's likely that both could also see time in the And it has nothing to do with the start of the baseball amount of innings, but all nine pitchers will throw some outfield." throughout the season."

Antel has anointed Ryan Nugent as the ace of the staff. He was second on the staff in earned run average last year at 3.96. Bryan White will be the number two starter and sophomore Tim Droese, who has looked good in the preseason, will

Relievers will include Kyle Rozema, Larry Kuzmin, Jake Vying for positions in the outfield are Dan Harrison, Brower, Alan Nugent, Luke Tomczak and Dustin Osborne. Mike Jansma, Nate Junglas, Sean Meyers, Rozema and Andrew Benedict will be the kingpin of the infield. The Osborne. shortstop batted .317 as a sophomore and led the Red Arrows

"He has a chance of breaking T.J. Thayer's single season White alignme Lowell opens the season at Belding on Wednesday (April 2).



JV soccer team splits games with Jenison and West Catholic

Lowell's JV soccer team opened its season Thursday night against Jenison. The Wildcats defeated the Red Arrows

Lowell's Brook VanEck scored the first goal in the game by beating two Jenison players and cranking a rocket past Jenison's keeper.

However, after another 10 minutes of play and no more shots by Lowell, the team fell off their game plan while Jenison creased the net three times.

Lowell controlled the second half with great transitions by Sarah Smith and Lerin Bommarito, and seven saves by keeper, Taylor Verdon. Lowell was shooting strong, but their shots did not find the net.

JV soccer team came off a disappointing loss to Jenison to beat West Catholic 7-0 in Monday night's match-up. Becca Underwood was fierce in winning balls and tallied one goal and two assists. Nicole Shepard continually crossed strong balls in from the outside which resulted in her assist and

Emily Timpson crashed the net and blasted a rebounded ball into the back of the net .Tara Ormiston played striker, and strike she did tallying two goals and one assist.

Becky DeLiefde also played outside midfielder and crossed several perfect balls to rack up three assists and score on two strong drives past Catholic's keeper. Due to the strong defense of Lerin Bommarito, Laura Crimmons, Cassie Oracz, and Sarah Smith, the only balls keeper Taylor Verdon got were passes back by her own defense. Lowell is now 1-1.

Making the switch from right field to first base will be senior Courtney Phillips.

At the other corner (third base) will be Ashleigh Inman. Dewey will spend her second year behind the plate after The sophomore may also log some time behind the plate. The outfield will have junior Rachelle Nawrocki in center,

> Lowell's schedule includes nonconference powers, Rockford and Portland.

Central, Northern and Northview return strong pitching staffs. The Wildcats, however, are Rodenhouse's pick to win

"Northview returns everyone but their catcher. I think they "I expect great things from Jacque both offensively and have a legitimate shot at a state title," Rodenhouse concludes.



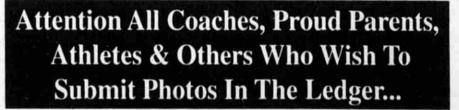
Third base duties will be shared by Tomczak and Nate

You've heard of bullpen by committee. At least to start the season, Antel will have second basemen by committee. The names vying for the starting spot are Jake Brower, Matt Scheider, Ryan Nugent, Jake Kulhawik and Alan Nugent. Droese and White will flip flop from the mound to first base.

Antel has labeled Forest Hills Central and Hudsonville as the teams to beat in the final year with the current O-K

DeVries Delivers at State

Lowell senior Mike DeVries placed first in the State Powerlifting competition held at Muskegon High School. DeVries competed in the 275-pound weight class. The senior squatted 585 pounds, dead lifted 500 pounds, and benched 405 pounds, giving him a combined weight total of 1,490 pounds. He defeated his nearest competitor by 90 pounds. Nate Parnofiello helped DeVries train for the event.





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Red Arrow girls look to three-peat as White champions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

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Arguably it is the best class of girl athletes to ever come through Lowell High School.

"You had Gowen, Arnett, Beute and Murphy in the early 90's," recalls Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus. "This group of senior girls, however, has been incredible since the time they arrived as freshmen."

Talus should know... the Lowell track program has benefited from the lofty performance standards set by Natalie Kent, Krystal White, Lisa Wojciakowski, Nicole Gillikin, Kim Huyser, Holly Plattner and Sarah Swab.

"They have combined athletics, academics and leadership," Talus explains.

These Red Arrows are also the reason Lowell is a heavy favorite to win its third straight O-K White Conference title in 2003.

"We won it last year, but it wasn't easy. A point or two determined things," Talus said. "East Grand Rapids really pushed us."

The Red Arrow coach believes her club is stronger this year than last year.

"Obviously our goal is to win another conference title. We expect East to be right there breathing down our backs," Talus explained.

A staple of Talus coached teams has been in her approach. "Many schools call it their track team. I've always referred to it as Lowell track and field. I've always emphasized field events because I believe that's what makes a total 1:00. team.'

The Red Arrow field events will be bolstered by return- in the middle distance events.

ing discus (all conference) and shot putter, Heather Becker. The junior should also provide some depth in the high jump.

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> Kathy Talus meter runs Lowell Girls Track Coach sprint relays) will be senior Huyser.

Kent, last year's MVP, scoring leader, school recordholder and all state performer in the high hurdles, heads the list of returning seniors.

"She looks great. Natalie cleaned up at the Grand Valley State University indoor meet and she was doing it against Division I schools

Kent took first in the 50-meter and had the last leg in the Red Arrows' winning 1600-meter relay team.

Last year, Kent set the school record in high hurdles with a time of 15.14 and she may very well surpass the record (58.9) set by Christie Johnson in the 400. Kent's best time to date is

Three-year captain, Wojciakowski will be Lowell's force two-mile last year.

leadership and dedication," Talus said.

relay. White may be the best athlete of this year's seniors. "She is such an athlete and so strong," Talus said. "Krystal's beat up a little from gymnastics, but that isn't going to slow

her down."

Lowell's top sprinter (100- and 200-meter run and Gillikin, the school recordholder in the pole vault (9'7 1/2"), returns as one of the league's top vaulters. The senior

varsity letters. Stouffer in 2001

"She asks me every year, 'Where would you like me to run? Where can I help the team," Talus said. "Holly's not only a good athlete but a great role model and always has a smile.

Lowell opens its league season on Tuesday, April 15 at home against Northview.



"Lisa's our silent leader. The girls look up to her for her

Wojciakowski set the school record last year in the 800meter run with a time of 2:25. Talus plans to also use the senior in the 3200-, 1600- and maybe even the 800-meter

White will be used in the hurdles, the 400- and 800meter relays and maybe occasionally in the 800- and 1600-

will also be thrown into the 300 hurdle mix. With the completion of this year's track season, Plattner

will become the first Lowell girl athlete to ever earn 12

The last Lowell athlete to accomplish that feat was Bill

Another determined athlete, Swab will help anchor the distance events. She placed third in the conference in the

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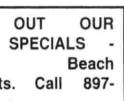
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