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Township amendment recommendation will limit visitation to 30 days

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

After 18 months of discussion and deliberation, the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission determined that having two residents on one lot went against the definition of single family zoning.

The planning commissioners will send a recommendation to the township board proposing an amendment to the RV ordinance which will forbid that any major recreational equipment be parked or stored in any front yard of any property in a residential district for more than 24 hours and then only for the limited purpose of loading and unloading the major recreational vehicle.

With respect to any other location on such a residential lot, no major recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored for more than 14 consecutive days, or a total of 30 days during any calendar year, if being used for living, housekeeping or sleeping quarters.

The issue surfaced when the neighbors of Dave and Lori Rash, of 3305 Bewell, complained that Rash's parents were living on the property in their recreational vehicle and were not paying taxes.

"Their relatives were living on that property for up to six months to a year and not paying taxes," said Jack Boss, of 3210 Bewell. "The ordinance now addresses that and I'm in favor of the amendment."

Cliff Bonn, of 3385 Bewell, felt the proposed new amendment is more lenient than the way the original ordinance was written.

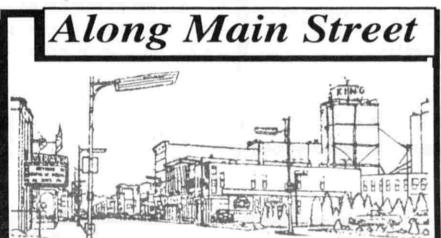
"Now, it allows for 30 days for visitors to stay. The original ordinance said no living," Bonn explained.

Lori Rash said she and her husband went through the correct channels and got permission from the township.

Which is why in the proposed revision, the phrase "or in any location not approved for such use" was taken out.

John Tomkins, of 3360 Bewell, said he opposed Rashes request of putting the statement back in the ordinance. "It could sway the determination and allows for a grey area," he said.

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Proposed cellular tower would liven up "dead zone"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

zone.

Township Planning Commission, Dean Alger will go before the township board on Monday night (April 21) asking for its blessing.

The tower will be located on Alger's property, with the bottom 100 feet of the tower and a 37 foot base hidden in the middle of the woods on

The cellular tower will be able to serve five-seven cellular companies. Alger says he already has one.

David YomToob, will use the tower to offer area residents Wireless Internet Fast Network.



DONATE YOUR USED CELL PHONES

Lowell Rotary Club is still collecting cell phones & charges to be programmed to dial 911 and given to abuse victims & seniors. Drop off sites: Huntington Banks, Lowell YMCA, Fifth-Third Bank, ICNB, Chapman State Farm Ins., Lowell Chamber and Lowell Arts Council.

ATTENTION ALL VARSITY SOFTBALL ALUMNI

There will be a varsity softball alumni reunion on Thursday, May 15 at the varsity field. Between the Lowell/Caledonia games, past players will be introduced. In case of rain, meet at the high school at 6 p.m. Pass the word and join former teammates and coaches for food and drink after the second game. RSVP to brodenhouse@lowellschools.com or call 897-4125 or Amy Stauffer at Amy@funpromotions.com or 498-7689.

ONE STROKE PAINTING CLASSES

The Fallasburg Historical Society will offer a painting class on Thursdays, April 17, 24 and May 1 from 6:30 -9 p.m. in the Fallas House Museum. \$15 per class plus materials. To benefit Fallasburg Historical Society. Call Kerry at 897-7161 to sign up.

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.

TROUT UNLIMITED JUNIOR

The Wittenbach Agriscience Center will have their Trout Unlimited Junior program on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call 987-1002.

EARLY SETTLER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum and Lowell Area Schools Wittenbach Center are hosting an Early Settler Activities workshop for 8-12 year olds on Sat., April 26 from 9-2 p.m. Cost: \$7/includes Pioneer lunch. To register or for more info., call Judy at 897-7688. Deadline is April 17.

TOTS "ALMOST NEW" SALE

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!

The addition of a 260foot cellular tower at Three Mile and Lincoln Lake could soon have a multitude of cellular transmissions dancing through the air waves.

Cellular phone compa-

nies refer to it as the dead

Having already received the okay from the Vergennes

The planning commission's approval came with a couple of contingencies: That the boring test indicate the soil is strong enough for such a use, and that a removal agreement is in place if the tower is abandoned.

his property.

"It's a substantial project. It's a huge foundation and it will take a special crew to put in the tower," Alger said. "If approved by the township board, I believe it can be up by June or July."

"This will be a real plus to the community," Alger says.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday

Roughly 1,000 colored Easter eggs will glitter the grounds at Creekside Park on Saturday morning for the annual Lowell Moose #809 Easter Egg Hunt.

Egg hunts will be held in four age divisions: one-, twoand three-year olds at 11 a.m.; four-, five- and six- year olds at 11:45 a.m.; with seven-, eight-, and nine- year olds scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The top prize in each age group will be \$25. In attendance to meet and greet the children will be the Easter Bunny and a clown.



Star banners offered in honor of Armed Forces

Created in 1917, Blue Star Service Banners were a common site during WWI and WWII.

Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, a Blue Star banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces.

A Gold Star banner is displayed to show that a family member died while serving.

Lowell American Legion Clark-Ellis Post #152 will be giving away banners for families with loved ones serving in the Armed Services.

Past American Legion Commander, Dave Clark said Post 152 has red and white banners with a blue star and red and white banners with a gold star.

Families interested in attaining a banner may call Clark at 897-7104 or may mail the form to Dave Clark at 323 N. Jackson, Lowell, MI 49331. There is no cost for the banner.

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OBITUARIES

ceded in death by her husbands, Leon Vaughn and Carl Seese. Mrs. Kline is survived by her brothers Phil

KLINE-VadaE. Kline, aged Allchin, Bernie (Etta) 88, of Lowell, passed away Condon, Deb (Fred) Peasley, April 13, 2003. She was pre- Teri Hostler; 11 great grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; many nieces Herman (Pop) Kline and son, and nephews. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the First United (Lois) Seese of Alto, Orton Methodist Church of Lowell, (Phyllis) Seese of Lowell; sis- 621 E. Main. Rev. Gordie ter Ellen Host of Mobile, Ala.; Barry officiating. Inurnment grandchildren Richard Oakwood Cemetery. Memo-(Robin) Seese, Judy (Greg) rial contributions may be





made to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.

STORY - Alexander Scott Story and Ryan Stephen Story, twin sons of Krystina Story and Brian Lambert, Dee Story and Brian and

passed away April 9, 2003. They are also survived by their grandparents Scott and

Board to review budget and goals

Lowell Board of Educa- the-month time slot. tion will spring into its April meeting a week later than its pushed back a week due to

The April meeting,

normal second Monday- of- spring break, will be held on

the 21st at 7 p.m. The meeting will include a Wittenbach Center recog-

Benefit skate for Jodie Mellem

money for Jodie Mellem's observe. cancer treatment will be held

A benefit skate to raise to skate and \$4 per person to still taking donations for the The benefit will include a

auction

Proceeds from the benefit auction will be used to help with medical expenses. Persons with items they wish to donate for the auction

may contact Raymond at 897-

Joe Fremer, Pastor: 897-8307

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Carol Lambert of Lowell. Interment Graceland Memorial Park.

nition, student reports on the

community education Spanish class. Action items on this month's agenda for the board are gifts to the district, Michigan Teacher Day recognition

Bushnell school improve-

ment plan and professional

development, as well as the

and non-renewal of administrative contract. Information items that the board will deal with are a construction follow-up and a budget update.

The loan discussion item will concern a board goals review.

The goals are reviewed periodically throughout the year to determine if the anticipated/desired results are being achieved.

There will also be a report to the board on the yearly progress report.

cation meetings include a board workshop on Monday, April 28, in the administration building at 5:30 p.m. and the regular May board meeting on Monday, May 12 at 7



Racing Near the Top

The 2003 Apollo District Pinewood Derby was held in Ionia on Saturday, April 5. Area scouts who placed in their divisions were Alex Herrington (left), Troop 3106 St. Patrick's, third place Webelos Division; and Michael Blake (right), Troop 3188, second place in the Tiger Division.

An evening with "Harry"

"An Evening with Harry Truman" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Gerald R. Ford Museum auditorium.

The program is free of charge.

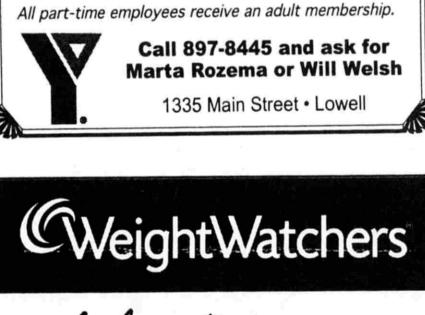
Truman will be portrayed by nationally recognized Truman authority, Neil M. Johnson, Ph.D. Since his retirement in 1992, Johnson has appeared in several hundred programs as Harry S. Truman. Prior to his retirement he was a public school teacher, defense department historian and, from 1977 until his retirement, an archivist and oral historian at the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo.

The program is co-sponsored by the Gerald R. Ford Museum, Lowell Area Historical Museum, and the Benjamir Morse Society of the Lowell Middle School.





Wellness Center Floor Staff - \$7.00-\$8.00 per hour. Must be knowledgeable about and have experience in Cybex wellness equipment and free weights. An understanding of basic workout programs a plus and an outgoing personality and willingness to be YMCA trained a must. AM and PM shifts.

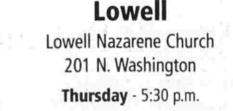






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Meetings also in Ada, Cascade and More!

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The Lowell Ledger - Wednesday, April 16, 2003 - Page 3 Lowell FFA : One of **Michigan's leading chapters** When the Lowell FFA The top five chapters in members earning the Out-

chapter delegation attended the state convention, they were recognized in the chapter competition with a third place finish. This recognition is through the National Chapter Award program sponsored by the Cargill Company and the National FFA Foundation. The award is given to chapters who complete a 20page application on activities that promote member, chapter and community development. The top 10 percent of the chapter applications received by the state association are sent on to the national level for judging. The Lowell FFA is a part of this elite

Upcoming board of edu-

Michigan gave a 15-minute presentation to a panel of judges at the state level who ranked the chapters first through fifth. Lowell FFA members were recognized with a plaque for third place petition. during a special session of the state convention in March.

The National Chapter Awards are evaluated by a panel of experts at Michigan State University. The chapter also had many individual awards with 21 members earning their state degree, 14

standing Junior Award, five members earned state proficiency awards, 15 seniors earned academic recognition and two members were finalists in an agriscience com-

The Lowell FFA was chartered on Dec. 31, 1929. Over the past 74 years, hundreds of young people have developed leadership and agricultural skills through agriscience education. Today, the chapter is 160 members strong between the high school and middle school.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 17: Elsie Franks, APRIL 19: Heidi Barber. Heather Vezino, Roger Teale, Dennis Ryder, Joe Merriman, Jill Harris, Lucille Erickson, Betty Erickson.

APRIL 18: Rick Warner, Angela Vezino, Doug Anchors, Jon Kinsey

Ruth Harris, Karrie Akers, Krissie Akers, Shaun Thompson, Lisa Allchin, Sharon Michelle Bowden, Billingsley.

APRIL 20: Jim Hodges, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna

AREA BIRTHS

pleased to announce the birth on March 15, 2003.

Trent and Julie Raab are of their daughter, Skylie Paige



ELEMENTARY

MON:Spaghetti with meatballs and soft breadstick or chicken parmesan on bun, garden salad, Italian flag apples, lemon ice.

TUES: Beef taco w/lettuce & cheese or chicken fajita. nacho chips & bean dip, Spanish rice, pineapple tidbits, churros (Mexican pastry).

WED: Croissant w/ham & cheese or cheese omelet & muffin, French cut green beans, cherries w/whipped cream, mini cream puff.

THURS: Chicken stir fry w/ rice or sweet & sour pork with rice, dinner roll, oriental blend vegetables, orange wedges, fortune cookie.

FRI: Hot dog on bun or cheeseburger on bun, oven fries, watermelon wedge, chocolate chip cookie.

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Peterson, Kendra Merriman

VanderWarf, Tim Hill, Mackenzie Hacker, Sharon Potter APRIL 23: Nathan

Roudabush, Jonathan Dixon, Karen Merriman, Nicole Cummings, Brandon Short.

She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 18 inches long.

Welcoming her home are big sister Savannah, grandparents Lloyd and Robbie Mutschler of Clarksville and Liz Raab and Jim Momber of Lowell, and great-grandmother Joyce Stormzand of Lowell.





LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDI-TORS **Decedent's Estate**

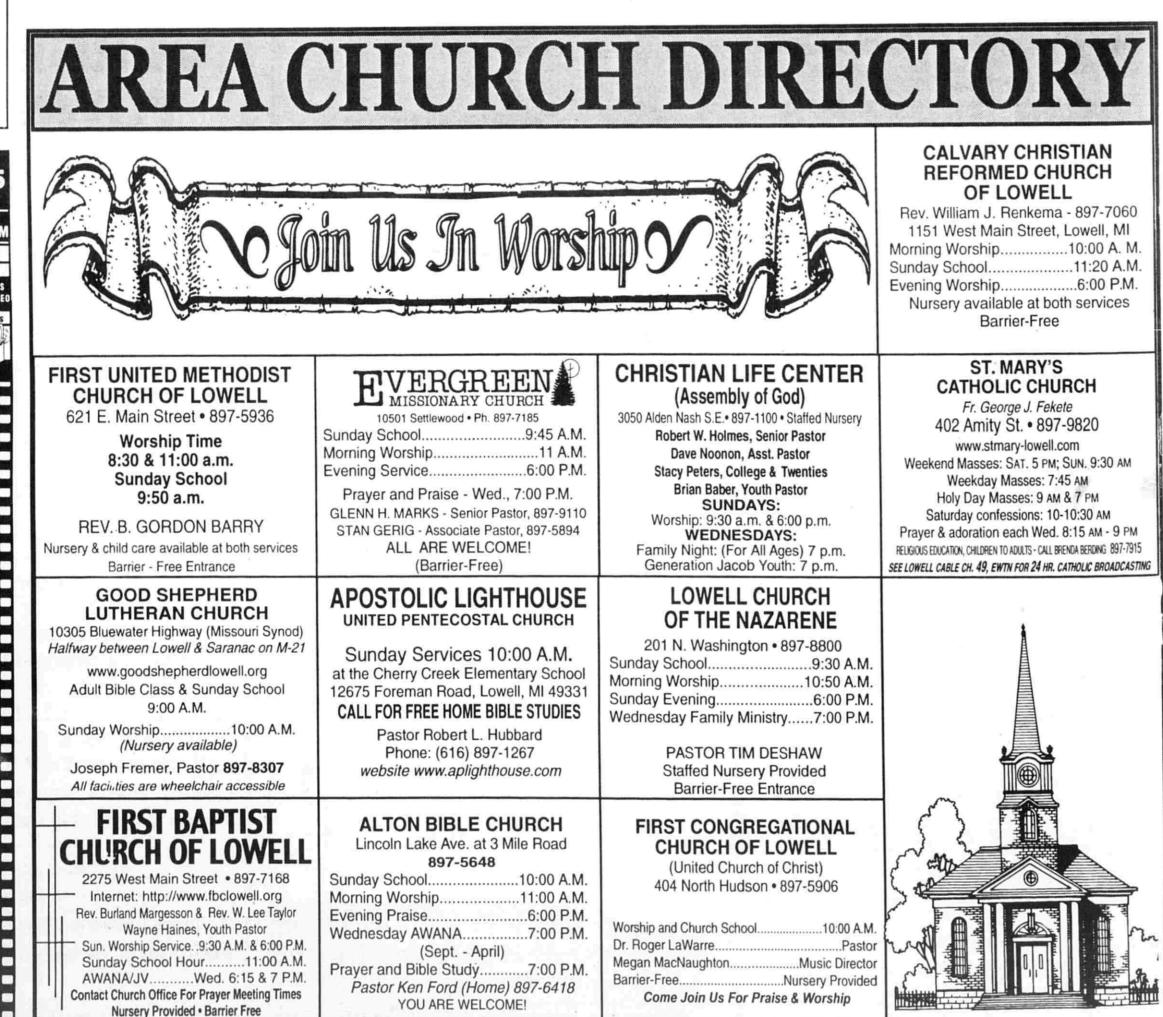
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Estate of PHYLLIS MUSZKIEWICZ, Deceased

Date of birth: 1-14-1915

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDI-

TORS: The decedent PHYLLIS MUSZKIEWICZ, who lived at 149 Baynton N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 3-2-03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to PHYLLIS ANNE TISDALE, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the



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Bay/Saylor Engaged

Alan and Jerri reelander of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacquie Bay to Scott Saylor of Homer.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University and is employed by Project Rehab.

The future groom is a graduate of Homer High School and Olivet College and is employed by Michigan State University. His parents are Rodger and Kate Saylor of Homer. A June 20, 2003 wedding is planned.

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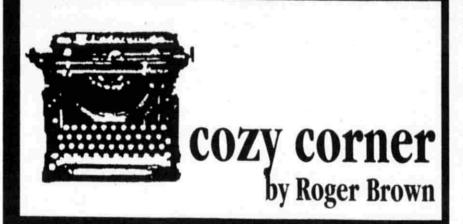
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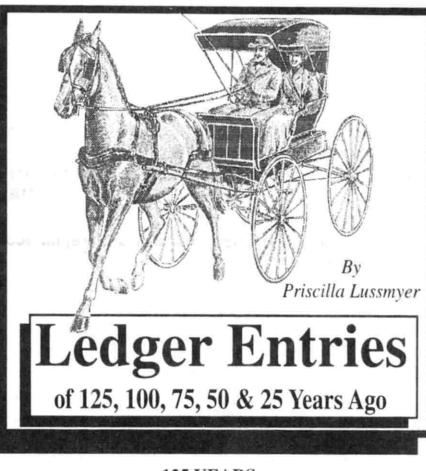
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Typically, this column is an attempt to put a humorous spin on things that happen to me along life's highway. Metaphorically speaking, speed bumps, fender benders, traffic citations, mechanical breakdowns and the like get top priority as subject matter. Cruising along in the sunshine with the top down just isn't funny.

One such road hazard was a routine colonoscopy I endured about two months ago. I guess I wanted the episode a little smaller in the rearview mirror before I tried to sort the humor out of it.

I turned fifty-three in December, and believe me, it hurts to see that statement in type. About the time I turned fifty, Katie Couric began her campaign to arm wrestle everybody into a proctologist's office for a colon cancer screening. The suggested age was fifty. The suggested procedure was the colonoscopy. Katie described the colonoscopy as "the gold standard" of colon cancer screening procedures. Unfortu-



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 17, 1878**

The village of Rockford was nearly destroyed by fire last week. Many people are homeless.

Pigs have rooted out nearly all the turf along some streets in Lowell.

Prof. Flowers will lecture and publicly examine a dozen heads both phrenologically and physiognomically at Train's crops in this area. Hall Friday

A log train runs between Hemingway Lake and Ionia, dumping the logs into the Grand River for their trip to Grand Haven.

Hastings has lost 20 out of 27 saloons in the past two years



Spring is here (really) and it's hard to believe that the school year is near its end. Commencement is less than two months away. Behind the scenes planning for graduation has been underway for several months. Graduating seniors may find this a good point to sit back and contemplate your time at LAS and how your education will serve you in life. Indeed, all of us may wish to spend a few moments examining our experiences over the school year.

Two thoughts come to mind that characterize both our district vision and culture. Spring finds construction at the high school's new 9th grade wing nearly complete and opening plans progressing. Administrators and teaching staff are working hard on academic planning. The new center, which opens in the fall, will heighten educational opportunities for incoming freshman classes. Groundbreaking ceremonies have

nately there is a direct correlation in cost and the term "gold standard."

spewing on the Today Show. Procrastination should have been my middle name. Last year, a customer of mine was diagnosed with colon cancer. He was really put through hell as he was subjected to radiation and chemotherapy treatments, surgeries, horrific monetary costs and endless time spent fighting the noon. It has to be gone in four hours. Don't plan on entertainover the edge.

have to see your family doctor. The doctor will likely order a you have to be at the hospital real early. series of tests to include blood work and a three-day fecal sampling you have to do at home and mail in. (And we wonder it was my wife, takes you to the hospital. You check in, why postal workers sometimes go off the deep end.) You will probably have another visit with your family doctor to review the results. Then you will be passed off to a proctologist. Like how your laxative regimen went, puts an I.V. in your hand and most Americans, my only knowledge of proctology comes wheels you off. Pretty soon the anesthesiologist sends you off from crude jokes I've heard over the years.

The proctologist will review the findings of your family a muffin and enjoying a cup of coffee. Piece of cake! doctor's tests, ask you a lot of questions, conduct an exam, then standards" in the bank.

There will likely be one more trip to the proctologist's

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 16, 1903

The editor, along with "100 newspaper people", travels by way of the Wabash Railway to the 1904 Universal Exposition at St. Louis, at remarkable speed (60 m.p.h., sometimes 80).

(He writes) The poor farms in northeast Indiana give way o oil fields and better farms, while in Illinois, farmers are burning huge stacks of cornstalks left from last year's crop. The new World's Fair Administration Building will be

turned over to the University of Missouri after the fair. This is the biggest fair yet, spread over 1180 acres.

Tours of the Anheuser-Busch brewery and Inland Type constructing an addition to the schoolhouse. foundry are interesting, but a great deal of child labor is used in them.

The weather gets its mention; it is spring in full bloom in club member Hulda Fineis lives. St. Louis.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 19, 1928

The county is routing traf- fic over US-16 instead of Vergennes Road while Ada-Lowell M-21 construction is underway because it would have to pay maintenance on the Vergennes route.

Freezing weather has destroyed 20 to 90 percent of fruit classroom space.

The editor, "Uncle Marcus", will pay \$1 for the best copy of the Lowell Ledger of June 1893, Vol. 1, No. 1. Harry Watters broke his wrist while cranking his truck Saturday.

The Department of Agriculture's 10-minute talks on controlling corn borers will be broadcast weekly on radio this second term in the U.S. House of Representatives. month

taken place for the new Murray Lake Elementary School, a quality learning community. For teachers and staff, it valifacility that will help meet the increasing demands of our dates that their efforts are having a positive impact on the lives growing district. of students. Spring also brings with it student academic achievement Yet, there is much to be done in the remaining weeks of

high school "Academic Dessert" or an elementary "Spring Fling," the looks of the faces of parents and students will make sense of accomplishment that each student feels are vivid school year. reminders of the reason for our on-going commitment to a

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its 'Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or

invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



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notice

4/4/03



office for test results and to set the date of the procedure. There is also a meeting at the hospital for "pre-admission." Can you For three years I lived with the guilt Katie is forever say, "ability to pay?" You will also make a trip to the pharmacy for your pre-procedure cocktail ingredients. That's about it. Now you just wait for the date to roll around

The day before the procedure you begin to drink your gallon of really yummy laxative concoction about mid-afterdisease. When he told me to get a colonoscopy, I made a phone ing! Your diet for the afternoon and evening is Jell-O and call. Nothing like a little outright fear to push a procrastinator bouillon. At bedtime you will take, and I'm not kidding here, a powerful laxative! Don't plan on sleeping much. It's a good The worst part of the procedure is getting to it. First you thing you aren't counting on a good night of sleep, because

> Now comes the easy part. A designated driver, in my case disrobe, put on one of those gowns (also popular in crude jokes) and get on a gurney. A soothing nurse asks you about to "la-la land." The next thing I knew I was in recovery eating

On the way home we stopped for lunch. I ate a lot! I even order a bunch of further tests to see if you are up for the had a slice of pie. Later that day the proctologist called with procedure. The procedure is performed in a hospital operating good news. I had checked out fine. He hadn't even found a room and anesthesia is used. In this day of over-litigation, a polyp to send off for a biopsy. And, the best news of all ... he good proctologist can not be too careful ... he has a lot of "gold didn't recommend another colonoscopy for ten years! To a procrastinator like me, that means thirteen or fourteen years. Now I can watch the Today Show without feeling guilty every time Katie Couric comes on the screen.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 16, 1953**

Gerald R. Ford takes his first vacation since going to Congress, so the staff writes a column about strange requests in his daily mail.

Forrest Buck, manager of the A&P, manages to flee from the store when armed robbers accost him at closing time. They too flee and so far have not been caught.

Deer Forest at Coloma offers free outings to Kent grade school classes this spring. Waters School in Vergennes Township takes bids for

The Showboat Garden Club meets at the high school

projection room to see movies of Clermont, Florida, where

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER **APRIL 19, 1978**

School buses will make their usual runs, this time in the evening to pick up parents and others for a special program on bus safety.

The Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music receives a small addition of airport land from the city for more office and

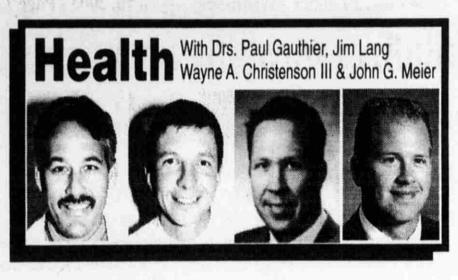
Plans for a Westend Mall are presented to council, on the south side of West Main between Thomet Chevrolet and Curtis Laundromat.

The former Valley Vista Inn will reopen as the Vista Inn, its specialty the "Duke Burger."

Congressman Hal Sawyer announces that he will try for a

and recognition activities at all grade levels. Whether it's at a school. On the practical side we know that these weeks of spring will pass quickly, but this is an important time for students. We must remember to help our students keep lasting memories. The pride, the personal satisfaction and the focused and encourage them to successfully complete the

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SAW PALMETTO

A few months ago we discussed benign prostatic hypertrophy (BPH), a nearly universal result of aging in men, where the prostate gland gradually enlarges leading to obstructive voiding symptoms. Other symptoms of BPH include urinary frequency, diminished urinary stream, and getting up frequently at night to urinate.

Saw palmetto is an herb that is commonly used to treat the Weather Fame, Michigan! symptoms of BPH. The extract of saw palmetto is taken from Our store was packed with the dried fruit of the American dwarf palm tree found along the local residents who were try- amazed at how fast our local coastal regions of the Southern United States.

Investigators have reviewed studies that looked at the tions. Most of them were deal- sis. I can remember when one effectiveness of saw palmetto compared with placebo and ing with power outages. In of the main transformers other drugs. Saw palmetto has been shown to be more effective these cases I tried to ask each caught fire several years ago. than placebo in controlled, randomized studies and has similar victim who supplied their As I stood on the post office

efficacy to the most frequently prescribed medications for BPH. Adverse effects of saw palmetto were mild and comparable to placebo. The most common side effect is gastrointestinal distress which is usually mild and can be minimized by taking the herb with food.

Saw palmetto is believed to be very safe. There was some concern that saw palmetto could mask prostate cancer by lowering PSA levels (a test used to detect early prostate cancer). Recent studies, however, have shown that the herb

TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern,

weekend was a memorable Power. weather event in the Hall of ing to overcome the condi-

electricity. Every single cus-As we know, this past tomer replied, "Consumers

> Lowell Light and Power is truly a blessing during these nature outbursts. I'm always utility reacts in times of cri

did not demonstrate this effect on the PSA level. There are no known drug interactions with saw palmetto.

The usual dose of saw palmetto is 160 mg twice daily and costs between \$6 - \$20 per month, significantly less expensive than prescription drugs. In summary, saw palmetto is a safe alternative for treating

symptoms of BPH. It is as effective as the most commonly prescribed medications for BPH and appears to be better tolerated and less expensive.

steps watching the blaze, I can recall thinking I better buy the biggest generator available. Three hours later while I was attempting to install this monster, the power was restored.

While some of our affluent neighbors tend to look askance at us Lowellites, we once again smiled, flipped the channel (Lowell Cable), checked the microwave popcorn and adjusted the thermostat in our well-lighted warm homes.

Bigger is better? Not in Lowell, thanks to our locally



owned and operated utility. Lowell Light and Power. The Staff at

and well-deserved public

thank you to all the people of

our Lowell Light and Power

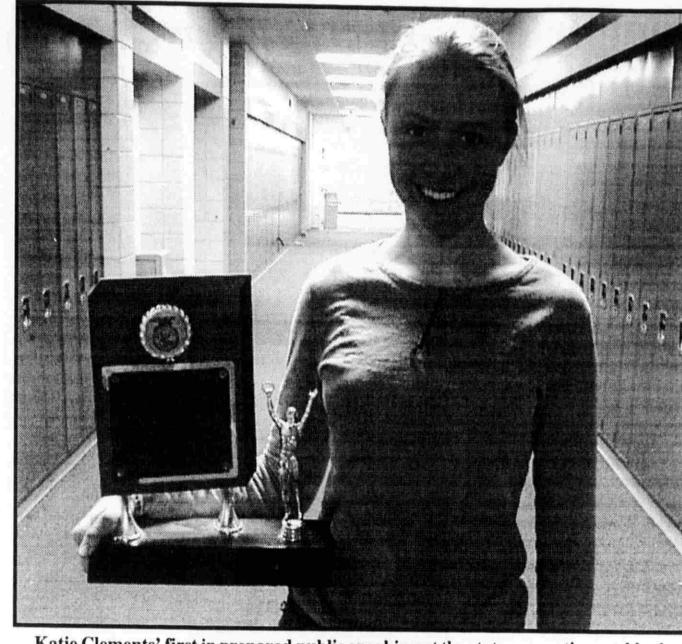
and Cable companies. In

Bernard's Ace.

To the Editor, I'dlike to express a hearty

these days of bad news and worse headlines, we may tend to take much of the good in our lives for granted.

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Katie Clements' first in prepared public speaking at the state convention enables her to compete at the national convention later this year.

DI team 4th at state in video adventures

Destination Imagination team sen problem, Video Advenattended the state competi- tures. Four of the five gradution over the weekend at Central Michigan University.

The Lowell High School place in the state in their cho- Tony Pedley, Mark Hyzer and ating seniors have been together since freshman year The team took fourth and include Katie McAlpine,

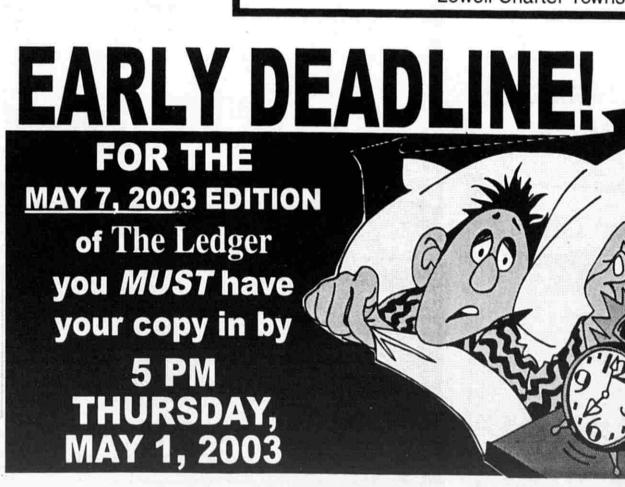


Pictured bottom to top: Katie McAlpine, Kelsay Myers, Amanda Oracz, Tony Pedley, Kristen McAlpine, Mark Hyzer and Andy Hewitt.

TO THE EDITOR

We all experienced downed trees, power outages, etc., during the past ice storm. While many were still without power, those of us with Lowell Light & Power were quickly back to normal, thanks to their diligent efforts. I've experienced this several times in my recent years back in this community and am always so grateful to have their services.

> Thank you, Peggy Covert



The Lowell Ledger - Wednesday, April 16, 2003 - Page 7 **Clements capitalizes on skills in earning** state title in prepared public speaking

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Montague, John Schut watched as one of his students competed against a freshman from Lowell in Greenhand Public Speaking.

He saw in Katie Clements then, what the senior displayed in March at the state convention at Michigan State University.

"Katie displayed excel- speech. lent speaking and communication skills," Schut said. With the help of teach-

ers, alumni and her Godgiven ability, Clements developed into a state FFA champion in prepared public speaking.

It's a feat that has only been accomplished once before by Jamie (Cook) Frain back in 1987.

"Katie has a strong work ethic and dedication. Whatever she starts she completes fully," says Lowell FFA coadvisor, Dan Young. "She just blew people away at the tate convention."

Clements says she is proud of taking first at the state convention in prepared public speaking, but is also equally proud of being elected the FFA chapter president. When asked about her work ethic and dedication, Clements responded that she

LOWELL **CHARTER** TOWNSHIP

Amanda Oracz. The fifth se-

nior, Kelsay Myers joined the

(sophomore) was added to the

mix and this year's newest

Last year, Andy Hewitt

team two years ago.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the first of two required meetings for the year on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2003

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

On the agenda is any and all business which may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

> Linda S. Regan, Clerk Lowell Charter Township

is passionate about the things she loves, which include the As the FFA advisor at FFA, helping others reach their goals and learning new things

> As an employee at a health food store for the past two years, Clements has heard conflicting reports about milk

This spawned her decision to have milk be the subject of her state convention

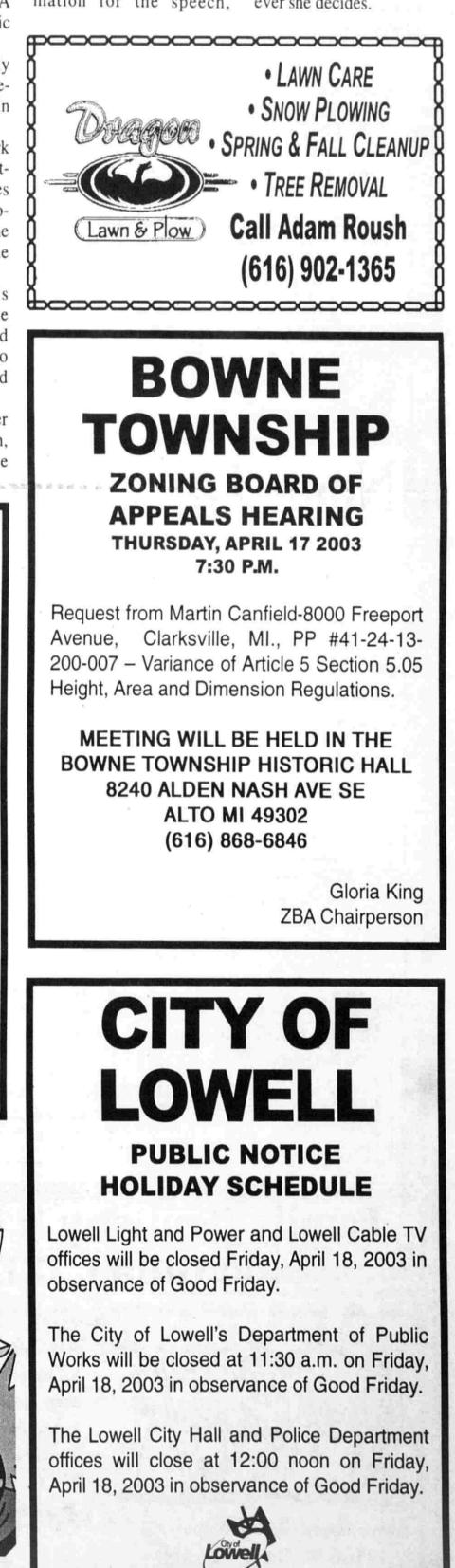
"I used to drink milk sometimes, but it was really never a part of my daily routine," Clements said.

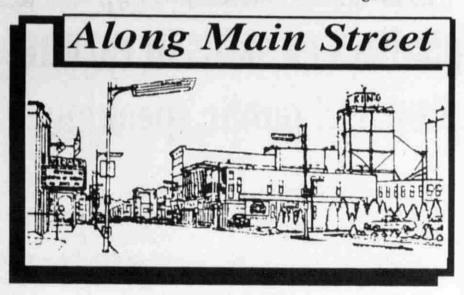
After researching information for the speech. Clements admits knowing more about milk has led her to drink a little more.

Clements will deliver her milk speech at the national convention later this year.

The senior hopes to stay involved with the FFA following her high school years. "I'm not sure what role, but I'd like to work with others on leadership," Clements said. "Mr. (Pete) Siler got me hooked on the FFA and the opportunities it provides for leadership and meeting new people.

Schut is sure Clements' future will be great ... whatever she decides.





BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!!!

The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood-program on Wednesday, April 30 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson St.

PLAN NOW FOR THE CROP WALK

The 9th annual Lowell Area Crop Walk will be Sunday May 4 at 1:30 p.m. starting at the First United Methodist Church. If you need walking papers or would like to sponsor someone, call 897-5936. There are two routes: a 6 mile or 2 mile walk. Help raise money to support relief for worldwide hunger.

TRI-RIVER HISTORICAL MUSEUM NETWORK

Some of West Michigan's finest museums will be open for a "Spring into the Past" tour on May 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. -5 p.m. Donation of \$10 for adults; \$5 for children (under 18) to all museums on the tour: Averill Historical Museum of Ada. Bowne Township Historical Museum, Boston-Saranac Historical Museum, Fallasburg Historical Village & School House, Ionia Historical Society- Blanchard House and Lowell Area Historical Museum.

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APARTMENTS

Brand New, 1 & 2

Bedroom Apartments

Garage, Washer/Dryer Hookups,

Cats Welcome

Along Main Street Art work complete with personal treasures

Kendra Postma has tried unsuccessfully for years to transforms the paint, paper, West Michigan Regional Arts Competition at the Lowell artist, Dixie Olin. Area Arts Center.

become a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council."

That won't be necessary. As a member of the Rivertown Artists Guild, Postma's work is represented sures" exhibit now on display through April 30 at the LAAC

ists to take something basic and make it beautiful. "Found Treasures" could mean many treasure could be a highly thing of great value.

sure is anything one finds that Rivertown Artists Guild. makes their work or art complete.

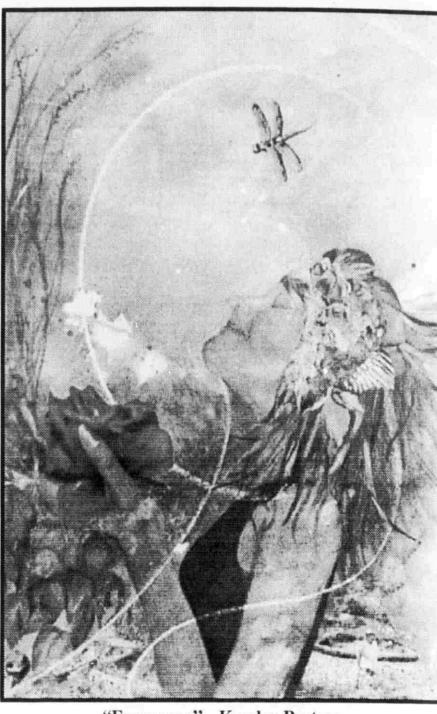
"It is the element that get one of her paintings in the glass, clay and metal into a work of art," said Rivertown

For Postma, her treasure "They just won't let my has always been framed by work in," Postma says in a nature. "I've always been a wry tone. "Maybe I need to nature person. That's where many of my ideas come from," she says.

Her watercolor/collage which can be viewed at the LAAC is called "Fragrance." It is a self-portrait of in the guild's "Found Trea- Postmataking in the fragrance of a rose in her garden.

"I've been involved with watercolors for 13 years and The exhibition invites art- it's just within the last year I started working in collage," Postma explains.

The Grand Rapids resithings to different people. A dent learned of the guild through watercolor classes prized possession or some- she took with Loretta Sailor. The artwork was created For artists, a found trea- by the active members of the





The American Red Cross of West Central Michigan (per a request by the U.S. Military) is temporarily suspending generic packages and letters being sent to the service persons program due to an overwhelming response by the public. "We are still accepting packages sent by families with loved ones over in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan," said director of communications for the West Central Michigan American Red Cross, Kelly Campbell.

FayeMary Nicholson, Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services assistant director, adds, "What we are hearing is that the public, being so generous, has responded so well to the program that currently there is a backlog of items waiting to be sent to the troops.

It is expected that the program will resume once the backlog of packages and letters has been delivered. Campbell believes that will be at least a month



"Fragrance" - Kendra Postma

Lowell Forensics team finishes third at Christian tourney

Forensics team scored big in the first tournament of the season, winning the third place sweepstakes trophy from a field of 32 schools at the Grand Rapids Christian High Eagle Tournament in March. Competitors came from as far against the World Trade Cenaway as Cadillac, Kalamazoo and Midland to participate in whelmed when he has to give

The Lowell High School one of Michigan's toughest is helped by Joan, a profestournaments.

> "The Guys" took third place Corlette, Matt Hansen, Shanin its category. The selection is about an NYCFD captain who lost most of his company in the Sept. 11 terrorist attack ter. The captain is overthe eulogies for his men. He

RV Ordinance, cont'd... From Page 1

Rashes were not the only residents in attendance Monday night who felt if something is allowed by the township, it should then be allowed by right.

Jay Hobbs, of 12149 36th St., said he felt the township was practicing spot enforcement and pitting neighbor against neighbor was not a good idea.

The Lowell Charter Township Board will get its chance to weigh in on the proposed revision to the RV ordinance on Monday (April 21).

sional writer. The team in-The multiple reading of cluded Christie Getz, Chris non Alger, Jacob Kadwell and Keegan Geldersma.

In the poetry reading competition, Katelyn Zuiderveen reached the semifinal round with her interpretation of two poems about the school shootings at Columbine High School. A student who was a victim of the tragedy describes her terror in the choir room that fateful day.

Forensics involves competitive public speaking and the oral interpretation of lit erature. "Some of the top competitors in the state were present at this tournament,' said coach, Jane Gillespie. "Our team should be proud of



Matt Hansen.



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Students pictured are, top row, left to right: Katelyn Zuiderveen, Keegan Geldersma, Shannon Alger and Christie Getz; bottom row are: Jacob Kadwell, Chris Corlette and

Young, tenacious Red Arrows enter season with drive and focus

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A new tactical approach, new concepts and a new coach will all take some adjustments, but a young talented Lowell girls soccer team is expected to persevere and flourish

"This is one of the first girls' teams that reflects the progress of our LASSO program," said Lowell first -year coach, Paul Legge. "And it's year's squad. apparent in their play. There

have been big strides in this varsity program.'

Legge, in his first girls' coaching position, has been impressed by their drive and focus. "They want to do well.

They want to be successful," Legge explained. At the core of that deter-

mination is senior sweeper, Becky Bosserd. Legge calls her the nuts and bolts of this

"Becky's skilled, athletic,

Lowell blasted Hastings 6-1 in a nonconference game

fast, hard-nosed and just won derful to watch," Legge said. Other seniors who will

have a role in any Lowell success are outside backs, Kelsey Capps and Kayla Rittenburg

forwards, Abbie Debiak and young Jessica Visser; sophomore midfielders, Emily Gerard and Amy Oberlin; and sophomore outside back, Amanda

has seven underclassmen.

"Because of our youth ames that maybe we houldn't and lose some games that maybe we shouldn't," Legge explained.

A key element in the mix will be the play of freshman goalie, Chelsea Smit. "Chelsea is hard-nosed and comes off the line well," Legge said

Erin midfielder, is another freshman expected to leave her mprint.

Legge labels the two-time defending state champion, East Grand Rapids as the team

"East has a very good program and Forest Hills Central was also a highly Complementing ranked team last year," Legge Bosserd's play are sophomore said. "We have talent but it is

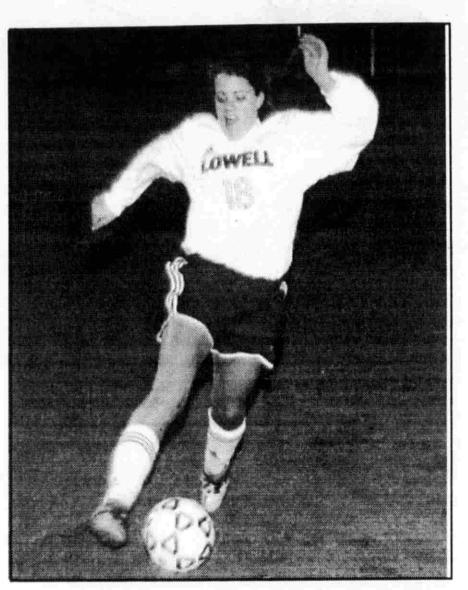
> The Red Arrows opened their season with wins in two of their first three games.

The victories came against West Catholic (9-0) Lowell's starting lineup and Hastings (6-1). Lowell's loss came to Jenison 3-1.

Netting goals against the we're going to win some Saxons were Visser and Debiak - two apiece; Oberlin and Gerard each scored a goal.

"Our opening game against Jenison was a little shaky but the girls' play against West Catholic and Hastings was crisp. They executed, and moved well off the ball," Legge said.

Lowell's youth will get Beddows, tested when it faces the Pioneers following spring break.









Youth making a difference in future of Lowell boys tennis

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For Bonnie Wall, tennis is a game for a lifetime.

The addition of young players, who have grown up playing the game, into the boys tennis program is viewed as a difference maker.

"When you're teaching the game to freshmen for the first time, it's really tough," Wall said.

Enter freshmen Brett Hobrla and Kyle Wittenbach whose tennis history includes tennis lessons and youth summer camps.

Both will make an impact on a vastly improved Lowell tennis team

Wittenbach has been penciled in at number three singles and Hobrla will team with senior David Maylone at number one doubles

"Kyle played when he was younger, but just decided in January to come out for the team. He's picked things up quickly," Wall said. "Kyle is a tenacious player, with strong

Hobrla also possesses fine ground strokes. Wall says he is a perfect match for Maylone, a seasoned athlete with a strong mental toughness.

The program's iron horse is senior Shaun Koning. Lowell's number one singles player started playing as a freshman and has spent timeless hours on improving his game.

"Shaun is a real good example for the younger players. He has worked hard to elevate his game and to develop his strokes," Wall said.

Holding down the second singles position will be Chris Gallagher. Wall is also impressed by his tremendous improve-

"Chris is a real good athlete and competitor. He put in a lot of time over the summer on his tennis game," Wall said. Playing fourth singles will be Jacob Kenworthy. "Jacob competes. He's showing more consistency and has an excel-

lent serve," Wall said. The remaining doubles teams consist of Dustin Pedley

and Brendon Harden at second doubles, Justin Quist and

Raquel Pereira

Katie McAlpine maneuvers around a Hastings

Attention All Coaches, Proud Parents, Athletes & Others Who Wish To Submit Photos In The Ledger...



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All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

Photos will no longer be accepted if faces are too dark.

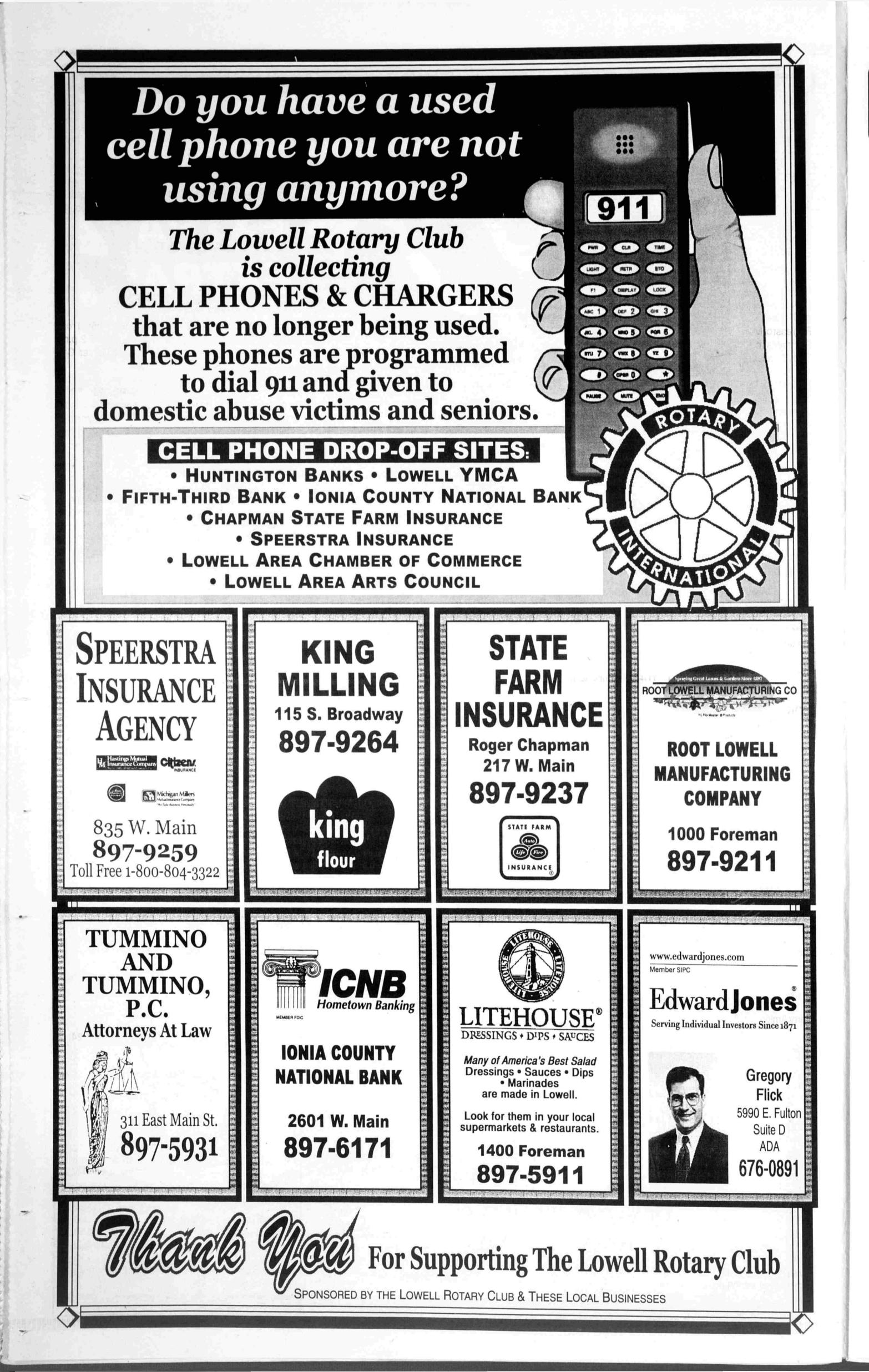
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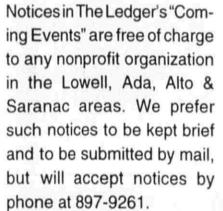
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EVERYMONTH:Flat River school. Contact Kris Snowmobile Club meets at Gallagher at 897-9222. clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

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 EVERY 1ST TUES: Troop 102: boys 11 & up or completing 5th-grade. meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin on N. Washington St. Call Terry 868-6481

EVERY TUES .: Scrapbook Club at LMS after

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 285-0621

TUES .: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 (Sr. adults) at Franciscan meets Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community p.m. \$10/wk. Transporta-Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

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

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

1ST TUES .: WINGS Par- Call 897-6050. ent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at EVERY SECOND WED. 300 High St. Business Lowell Women's Club meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln ter Colleen F.S.E. at 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.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call 8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981 Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281- Tunes." 6588

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 the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

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

EVERY WED.: "Peppers" Life Process Center: 1-3:30 tion? 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.

meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities.9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sis-Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

THURS .: Weight Watch ers at Lowell Nazarene EVERY 1ST & 3RD Church, 201 N. Washington, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

> **EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -Concert: April 25, "Show

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. 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 Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURS .: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of & 25: Free educational children. Call 897-7842

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

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

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

SECOND SAT. OF 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.

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.

- 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP OPEN: Wed.- Fri.: 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY FIRST AND THIRD HOURS: Mon. - Wed., 12 - 9-noon. Bright Beginnings 8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 Center Gym. Free to para.m.-5p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. ticipate. Call Kathy - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe 897-1232 for space. St. 647-3920

> LOWELL AREA ARTS Area Fire Dept. blood drive COUNCIL OPEN: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Fire Station, 315 S. Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., Hudson. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson Call 897-8545.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon.12-1 & 8-9 p.m.: Tues.12-1, 4:30 - 5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Wed., 12-1, 8-9 18. Call Lowell Area Hist p.m.; Fri., 12-1, 4:30-5:30 more info. &8-9 p.m.; Sat., 10-11 a.m. Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. Located United Methodist Church. at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

THURS. & FRI., APRIL 24 pers or to help sponsor.

screeningfor preschooler 3-4 1/2 vrs. old. 9 a.m.- 3 Bright Beginnings p.m. 300 High St. Call Carol at 897-8415 to schedule an appointment.

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

SAT., APRIL 26: Trout Unlimited Junior 9-2 p.m. at Wittenbach Center, Call 987-1002

SAT., APRIL 26: TOTS Spring Almost New Sale

WED., APRIL 30: Lowel 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial

SAT. & SUN., MAY 3 & 4: Spring into the Past museum tours. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to 6 museums - Donation: \$10 adults: \$5 children under EVERY 3RD THURS .: p.m.; Thurs. 12-1 & 8-9 Museum (897-7688) for

> &8-9 p.m.; Sun. 10-11 a.m. SUN.. MAY 4: Lowell & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon. & Area Crop Walk at 1st starting at 1:30 p.m. Call 897-5936 for walking pa-

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

Shop Mall; 9:30 Crafts; p.m. Euchre.

FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk Woodland Mall

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

p.m. Dance: West Side p.m. Bingo. Complex.

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

MON., APRIL 21: 12:45 SvI Mosher discussion

WED., APRIL 23: 12:45 Meijer Gardens Butterflies and Glass Show, \$7 payable in advance.

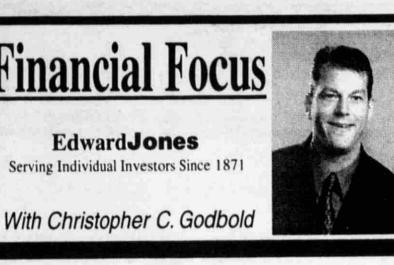
THURS., APRIL 24: a.m. Horrock's Garden & Crafts Center; Bed, Bath & Beyond, Lunch at Steak & Shake.

THURS., APRIL 17: 12 FRI., APRIL 25: 12:45

MON., APRIL 28: 12:45 p.m. Shop at Grandville **Rivertown Crossing Mall**

TUES., APRIL 29: 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

WED., APRIL 30: 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Health Screening. Opera Dress Rehearsal



HOW LONG SHOULD **YOU "PARK" YOUR** MONEY?

The stock market dropped every year from 2000 through 2002. And today, with increased global tensions, a struggling economy and mixed reports on corpo-

look remains uncertain. Consequently, you may have taken a time out from investing and "parked" substantial too long. Why? Because you amounts of your assets in CDs, could run into problems you money market accounts or other investments in which your principal is generally protected. But how long

rate earnings, the market out-





The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room. 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To review the final site plan for the Highland Hills Planned Unit Development.

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



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk 616-897-8457



April 10 & 24; May 8 & 22; June 5 & 19; July 10 & 24; August 7 & 21 & September 4 & 18.

should you keep this "parking spot?"

You may feel that putting your money in these kinds of vehicles is a safe way to "ride And, in the current political and economic environment. the stability of principal offered by CDs and money mar- kets. kets is indeed a factor to con-

careful not to keep too large a percentage of your funds in these types of investments for may not have considered

To begin with, keep in mind that the longer you park your money, the less safe it is from the threat of *inflation*. In today's low-interest-rate environment, many fixed-income vehicles offer returns that barely exceed the inflation rate—if they exceed it at all.

Your first thought might be that inflation isn't much of a threat today. And it's true that, over the past several years, inflation has been quite Grand Rapids mild, especially in contrast to Winter Sprints the period of the late 1970s and early 1980s. However, al- at Forest Hills though inflation has been low, it hasn't disappeared entirely-and, over time, even a low rate of inflation can add up, eroding your purchasing power. For example, in just 20 years, an annual inflation rate of four percent would drive the value of a dollar down to \$0.44.

Clearly, you can't afford to tie up too many of your investment dollars in vehicles that won't keep you ahead of inflation. But there's also another danger of "parking" your money for too long-the "opportunity cost" you pay for staying on the investment sidelines. Every "bear" market in history has ended, sooner or later-and the biggest gains in stock prices have usually been recorded in the first few months of a recovery. (However, you must remember that what's happened in the past doesn't necessarily indicate future results.) If you are still parked in money market accounts and CDs when the stock market turns around. you might miss out on growth opportunities.

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So, given the dual needs of staying ahead of inflation and staying invested in preparation for a recovery, when should you think about pullout" the turbulent markets. ing out of the parking lot? After all, neither you nor anyone else can predict the future course of the financial mar-

park-diversify. By keeping And yet, you'll need to be your investment dollars in a to keep too large a percentage wide range of high quality stocks, bonds, money market rate vehicles. To achieve your

rew Season **Begins**

Lowell's Wendy Seif took second in the novice ergregatta division, competing against 173 other rowers at the which took place Central High

accounts, CDs and government securities, you can reduce the effects of market volatility and give yourself more chances to succeed. Of course, your exact mix

of investments should be based on your risk tolerance, your long-term goals and your time horizon. But even if you Here's the answer: Don't are, by nature, a conservative investor, you still won't want of your assets stuck in fixed-



School on March 17.

Crew teams from Lowell, Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, Northview, East Grand Rapids and Rockford as well as teams from the Detroit area and outside of Michigan will compete in the rowing season-opener, Grand Rapids Regatta on Saturday at Riverside Park.

Crew members will showcase their strength, unison, and determination on the Grand River in this ninth annual event.

Attendance and parking are free. Racing begins at 8 a.m., with the finals starting approximately at noon.

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Brandon Lawrence at third doubles, and Nathan Huisman and Justin Peterson at fourth doubles. Ben Schloop and Alden Nyson will also challenge for a spot at fourth doubles.

Wall said her doubles play should be strong this year. Her Red Arrows demonstrated that in their opening match of the season with a 6-2 win over reston.

All four Lowell doubles teams earned two-set victories. Maylone and Hobrla won 6-3, 7-5; Harden and Pedley won 6-2, 6-3; Quist and Lawrence vere 6-2, 6-1 victors; and Huisman and Peterson won 6-1, 6-1.

"Both Quist and Lawrence played on our junior varsity teams last year. They were also active in our summer programs. Their games have really picked up," Wall explained.

Winning singles matches were Gallagher and Wittenbach. Gallagher won in three sets 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 and Wittenbach won in straight sets 6-3, 6-3. The Red Arrows had their chances for victory against Middleville but, instead, had to settle

for a 4-4 tie. Koning won his singles match in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 and Wittenbach took three sets before

winning 3-6, 6-1 and 6-4 at number three singles. In doubles play, Maylone and Hobrla wrapped out a 6-1, 7-6 win, and Lawrence and Quist earned a 6-1, 6-3 win.

"The boys are competing and we're ahead of last season," Wall said. Lowell will get a good measure of how improved it really is when the team plays Forest Hills Central following spring break.



long-term objectives, such as a comfortable retirement, you will unquestionably need some exposure to stocksthe only asset class that, over time, has significantly outperformed inflation.

So, look over your investments carefully. Make changes when you need to keep your portfolio properly balanced, according to your needs and goals-but don't get stuck in "park."



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