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Sundry given okay from council to move ahead on Highland Hills project

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Despite the residents' opposition, the Lowell City Council approved, in a 3-1 vote, a development that would place 52 homes on a parcel located in some of the city's last remaining suburban residential lots.

Monday night, the council gave the go-ahead to Sundry Development, Inc. to construct a Planned Unit Development on the Leeman property (Highland Hills). The project, which was rezoned with the PUD to residential, would have a single entrance and exit near the corner of High and James streets.

The decision met with much disappointment from the residents of the area, who expressed just that, as they left the council room with comments including shock that the city attorney wasn't present during the final decision. Earlier in the meeting, the residents presented the city with a petition signed by 60, opposing the project for several reasons: that the property is a natural setting, it is one of the few left in the city, and the financial issues the city of Lowell could end up paying.

"It's too many houses," said Blair Armstrong, who added that he felt the city would be left 'holding the bag' when those houses don't sell as expected."

"No! We don't want this," said Lynn Dawson. "It is your duty to listen to us."

The council did express that after months of negotiating with the developers, the city had come to a reasonable solution for the property. Even with that said, the council members did feel there were some issues that still needed to be addressed, and added a few contingencies to the project.

"I supported going with a PUD for this property because it gave us the most control over the project and having said that, I think it would be shortsighted of us to go forward with this without the looping (of the watermain) in place," said councilman, James Pfaller.

The developers argued that they were already providing

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Got Eggs!

Children ages one to nine searched for over 7,000 colored Easter eggs Saturday at Creekside Park during the 12th annual Lowell Moose Easter Egg Hunt. The egg hunt was sponsored by Moose Lodge #809 and the Women of the Moose #1388.

Greinke pleads guilty to bank robbery

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Kristen Cole Greinke, 22, of Newaygo, pled guilty to one count of bank robbery in federal court last week.

Greinke was the only one of three suspects formally charged in the robbery at Ionia County National Bank back on March 5.

Greinke's sentencing will be July 14 at 1 p.m. in the Grand Rapids Federal Court House. Judge Robert Holmes Ball will preside.

Of the three suspects picked up in connection with the robbery, Greinke was the only one who entered the bank.

He was later arrested at the Ada-Lowell 5 Theater by Lowell police officer, Steve Bukala.

The other two suspects (two high school students), who were arrested in the nearby Meijer parking lot, have still not been officially charged in the case.

The bank robbery remains under investigation.

Ionia County National Bank opened its branch in Lowell in 1997. It is one of eight branches in the West Michigan area. The robbery marked the third time one of the branches had been robbed. The other two were Sunfield and Woodland.

Preliminary budget indicates tight year for city

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Citing the loss of the Attwood plant, downed sales taxes, and losses from state grants, the city of Lowell is looking to cut its fund balance by a third for the 2003 - 2004 year to help keep everything on track.

City manager, David Pasquale presented the Lowell City Council with a preliminary budget for the 2003 - 2004 year. The proposed budget is expected to be presented in a few weeks.

"This gives you an idea of what we are looking at," Pasquale said.

What the city is looking at is to hold the line on its current expenses while facing falling revenues. Property taxes are expected to drop by 5.14 percent - to just under \$1.5 million. The biggest loss in those taxes is personal property, which shall decrease by 48.1 percent - to just over \$115,000. Several commercial and industrial firms have reported losses totaling more than \$7.2 million, which is another \$100,000 loss in revenue for the city, Pasquale explained.

The taxable value will be around \$91,418, 330, which is about \$4 million less than last year.

Rotary auction to benefit area organizations

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An Orlando vacation, Lake Michigan cruises and a one-day class in the Richard Petty Driving School are just a few of the 30 items which will be available at the fifth Lowell Rotary Spring Auction.

The community event will be held at Crystal Springs Country Club, 7200 Kalamazoo Avenue in Caledonia on Saturday night.

Social hour and the silent auction will run from 6 until 7 p.m. with dinner following; the live auction begins at 8:30.

Throughout the evening tickets will be sold for the Rotary raffle with the winner having a choice between \$2,500 cash or an all-expense-paid cruise.

A ticket for the event is \$35. Seating is still available.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Betty Morlock at Lowell City Hall.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office, Chapman State Farm Insurance, Speerstra Insurance, Lowell City Hall and the Lowell Ledger office.

Proceeds from the auctions and raffle will benefit the Lowell YMCA, Lowell Area Arts Council, Rotary International and the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

The sit-down dinner will consist of chicken, beef tenderloin, redskin potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and drinks.

The event has been organized by Lowell Rotarians Will Welsh, Lorain Smalligan, Judy Straub, John Gabrion and Roger Chapman.

Welsh said this year's goal is \$40,000.

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OBITUARIES

DORAN - Donald Doran, (William) Marchido and Robert (Kathleen) Doran; grandchildren Robert (Kimberly), Michael (Ashley), Douglas (Carrie), Daniel, Cory, Lauren, Bailey, Nicole and Miner; two great-grandchildren Kalina and Ryan; brother

Robert (Lenore) Doran; sisters Bernadette Willette and Virginia Albert. Lt. Doran was a B-17 pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was deeply loved by his family and friends. "Buzz" played baseball for the Gas House Gang (Cannonsburg), was an avid golfer and fisherman. He had been a longtime member of St. Thomas Church, Grand Rapids. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity St., Lowell, Fr. George Fekete, Celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Parnell. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

HOUWELING - Anna C. Houweling, aged 72, of Wyoming, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, April 18, 2003. Surviving are her husband John; her children John and Deb Houweling Jr. of Alto, Nellie and Jack Corey of Highland, Etie and Scott

Scheerhorn of Middleville, Connie and Tim Sikma of Highland; niece Miranda and Norm Martin of Wyoming; 12 grandchildren; two sisters in the Netherlands; brothers-in-law in British Columbia and Australia; five brothers-in-law and three sisters-in-law in the Netherlands. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraff Funeral Home (Grandville), with Dr. Douglas Kamstra officiating. Interment Grandville Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Holland Home or Alzheimers Association.

Shade of AZ, Lily Johnson Bencker of Alto; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, Rev. Gordie Barry of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

SHERMAN - Stella Sherman, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Lester. She is survived by her children Gary (Anne) Sherman, Cheryl (Ron) Piercefield, Mike Sherman and Scott Sherman; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister Clara Blazo. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Vance Dimmick officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

TEESDALE - Mr. William H. Teesdale, aged 79, passed away at his residence, surrounded by his family, on April 17, 2003. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 47 years, Nancy W. Teesdale. Surviving are his wife Dorothy Teesdale of Lowell; three children Anne Zukowski of Charlevoix, Sally (David) Lowe of Grand Rapids and Scott (Debra) Teesdale of Wyoming; two stepsons Frank (Laura) Leasure of Lowell and Scott (Jocelyn) Leasure of Walker; 13 grandchildren; his brother Rufus (Joyce) Teesdale of Grand Rapids, William was a Navy pilot during World War II and a graduate of the University of Michigan. He was an avid hunter and fly fisherman. His memberships included the Grand Rapids Audubon Club and he was a 46-year member of the Kent County Conservation League. Memorial services were held Tuesday in St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church with Father Gerald McGovern officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Peripheral Neuropathy Association of Grand Rapids, c/o St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church or the Kent County Conservation League.

In the modern world of business, it is useless to be a creative original thinker unless you can also sell what you create.

David M. Ogilvy

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SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MARCH 31, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the March 17, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the resolution to consolidate three outstanding loans totalling \$671,487.10 of Lowell Cable Television to Lowell Light and Power to be paid over the next twelve years at 4 percent interest.
- Motion to approve the expenditure of \$5,600 but not to exceed \$11,200 for Pierless Midwest, Inc. to carry out the first phase of a three year Wellhead Protection Program to be allocated from the Water Fund.
- Motion to approve by resolution the cemetery rates and charges for Oakwood Cemetery.
- Motion to approve the design and survey services for the Foreman Road sidewalk project provided by Williams and Works at a cost of \$3,900 being allocated from the Sidewalk Fund.
- Motion to establish a public hearing for April 21, 2003 to consider the final site plan for the Highland Hills Planned Unit Development.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, April 21, 2003.

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

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Lowell FFA members among the leaders in leadership

Senior, Katie Clements and Lowell FFA president led the charge in leadership and career development competition over the past months within the Lowell FFA chapter.

She returned from the state contest with the second prepared public speaking title in the Lowell FFA's history. Jaime (Cook) Frain won the first title in 1987. Clements presented her speech titled "Milk - Do You Really Need That Mustache?" in front of over 3,000 people in Wharton Center at Michigan State University.

Practices began in November for the students competing. After many weeks of practice, 53 members performed in the district leadership contests held on Feb. 10 at Lowell High School. The purpose of the contests is to promote leadership and personal growth through a number of different career and leadership development events.

Two teams from the district were selected to compete in the regional level of competition on Feb. 19 at Cedar Springs High School. Teams were rated as gold or silver. After regionals, the next level of competition was the state finals held during the Michigan FFA convention at Michigan State University.

Lowell FFA co-advisor John Schut said, "I am pleased with the students. They worked together to perform well and represented our community well." Co-advisor Dan Young shared, "We were excited to see so many students participate and learn about leadership skills."

In preparation for the contests, members of the Lowell Agricultural Supporters such as Jaime Frain, Kerry Nugent, Mary Nugent, Teresa Leasure, Kara Schut, Matt Oesch, Kate and John Feurstein and Dr. Paul Bienenman mentored students and offered constructive feedback. Of the 22 teams advancing to regionals from the district level, 12 were from Lowell. Of the 12 teams advancing to regional competition, six advanced to the state contests.



Lowell FFA members gather outside the Wharton Center at Michigan State University during the leadership and career development state convention.

The results are as follows: Prepared Public Speaking - Bryan Posthumus earned gold and alternate to regionals. Katie Clements won the state contest and will advance to national competition in October.

Extemporaneous Public Speaking - Melody Democour earned gold and advanced to regionals. Matt Smith earned gold and was alternate to regionals.

Greenhand Public Speaking - Louie Glinzak earned silver at regionals and was alternate to state. Amanda Rau earned silver at districts and was alternate to regionals.

Creed Speaking - Nathaniel Clements earned silver at regionals. Ben Ritzema earned silver at regionals and was alternate to state.

Middle School Public Speaking - Jenny Humphries earned a silver award at the state contest. Ian Blodger earned a third place gold at the state contest.

Job Interview - Katelyn Bush earned a fourth place silver award at state. Megan Stubbs earned a gold award and was alternate to regionals.

Demonstration - Nathaniel Canfield, Tim Zook, Ryan Ward and John Rasch earned a silver award at districts. Patrick Doyle, Brandon Gessler, Colin Walsh, Bruce Langlois and Mike Shinaberry earned a silver award at districts.

Parliamentary Procedure - The team of Bryan Hoekstra, Holly Young, Heather McCready, Jessica Kincaid, Cassy Wheat, Andy Hewitt, Justin Peterson and Patty Leasure earned silver at regionals.

Conduct of Meetings - The team of Caleb Shores, Hannah Knudstrup, Megan Vaught, Missy Blough, Andrew Wilterink, Adam Baker, Caleb Baker and Amy Junewick earned a fifth place award at the state contest.

Middle School Conduct of Meetings - The team of Katie Rottier, Nick Canfield, Kara Rasch, Logan Brenk, Thomas Jeffrey, Ben Canfield, Cheyenne Brown and Jim Crosby earned a silver award at regionals and were alternates to state.

Agricultural Issues - The team of Marie Wade, Katie Serne, Pieter Serne, Shelly Wernet, Katie Ward, Kelly Foote, and Julie Dunn earned a fourth place gold award at the state contest.

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Reflections Of Faith

Rev. William Renkema
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Another man near him had a gun trained on me. I slammed on the brakes.

The two soldiers asked me to get out of my vehicle. They were looking for weapons. This road was used by arms trafficking between Nicaragua and El Salvador where civil wars were underway. There was also a fledgling guerilla movement in Honduras, near where I lived.

I knew I had nothing to worry about...or thought that was the case. Suddenly the private who was checking my glove compartment shouted out, "Sergeant! Come here.

It was a dark night on the road to Catacamas, Honduras. I was on my way home. The road was recently paved, and the bridges over the rivers were now all in. I would not have to worry about driving through rivers that were sometimes too deep for my International Scout to get through. The main danger was cows and horses in the areas of open range along the highway.

Suddenly I saw a man in a uniform waving his arms.

This gringo is armed!" "He must have planted a gun there because I'm a gringo." I thought, until I saw the faces of the two soldiers. They were smiling at me and holding my Bible. The sergeant said, "Don't worry, it's only your sword."

Only my sword? In my nervousness I was a bit slow on the uptake. Then I remembered Ephesians 6:17, "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Both soldiers were Christians.

It is still the Bible that unites all believers. Because it is not always easy to interpret, Christians from different churches have differing nuances on certain doctrines, yet the basic message of repentance, salvation and love is clear to all who read it.

Bible study and memorization give Christians the spiritual power they need to live for their Lord.



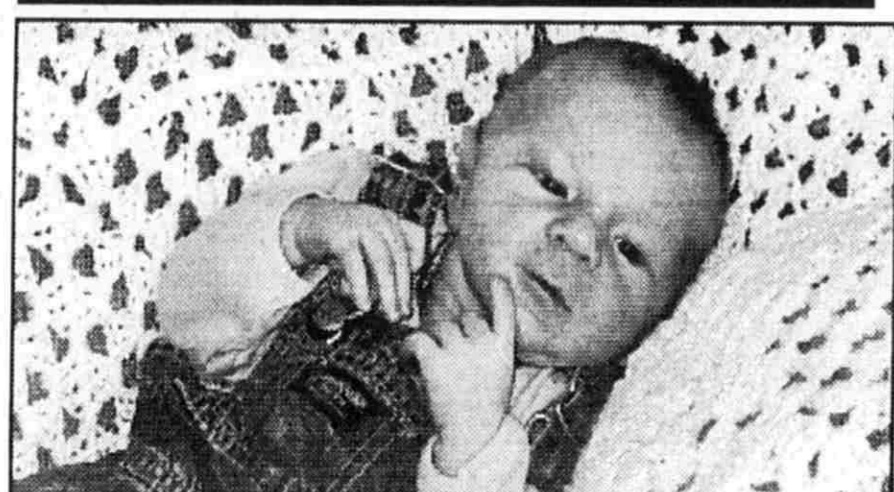
Huizenga/Bailey

Tina Huizenga and Aaron Bailey, both of Lowell, are engaged to be married.

The future bride is a graduate of Lowell High School and Chic University of Cosmetology, and is now attending Grand Rapids Community College. She is the daughter of Dan and Vickie Huizenga.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Treadwell High School. He is the son of Deborah Bailey of Horn Lake, MS, and ReenAlan Bailey of Memphis, TN.

AREA BIRTHS



Roger and Melissa (Anderson) Pate are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Roger on March 19, 2003. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches long.

Welcoming him home are grandparents Daryl and Barb Anderson of Lowell, Kathleen Pate of Sterling Heights, and Charles and Robin Pate of Metamora; great-grandparents Kenneth Anderson of Lowell, Charles and Jean Pate of Harrison Twp., and Cecilia Raska of Sterling Heights, as well as many aunts and uncles.

Mattison/Rosenberger

Rev. Tim and Dawn Mattison of Columbus, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Mattison to Lucas Christopher Rosenberger of Lowell.

The bride to be is a graduate of Baptist Bible College in Clark Summit, Pa.

The future groom will be graduating in May from Baptist Bible College. He is the son of Mark and Judy Rosenberger of Lowell.

The couple are planning a May 31, 2003 wedding.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Audrey Bailey, Jonathan Christiansen.

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APRIL 27: Janice Ryder, Dennis Pretzel, Debbie Burrows.

APRIL 28: Terese Brown, Tim Vezino, Shawna Austin, Kattie Hildenbrand.

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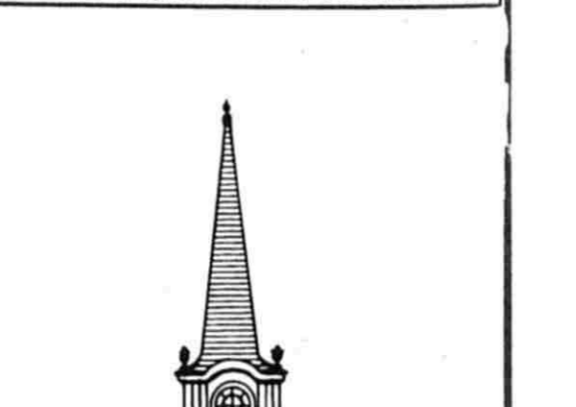
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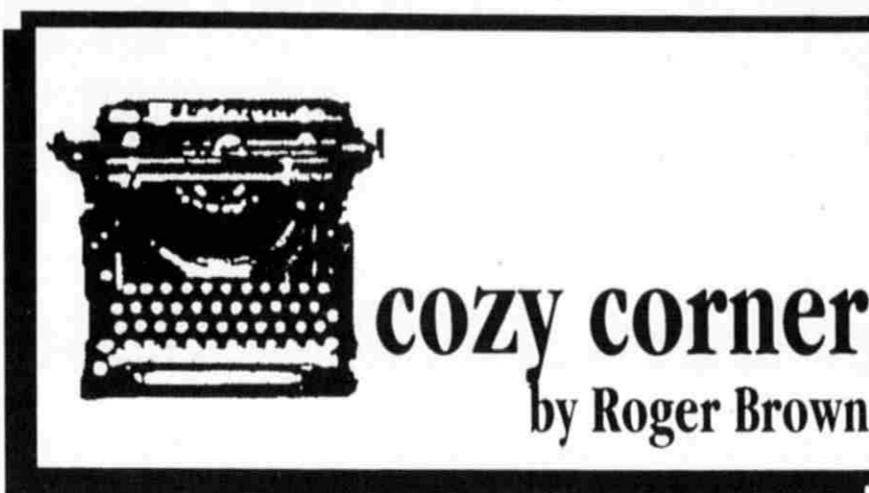
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cozy corner by Roger Brown

I ran into a state employee a few days ago. He was a gun and badge employee. He drove a car with lights on the roof and a shield on the door. No, I'm not in trouble with the law again.

The young man was a fish and wildlife officer. He had stopped along the road to take some notes as he talked on his cell phone. I was walking the dogs. Tito jumped up to his open window and tried to give him a big kiss. He left muddy paw prints on the shiny cruiser. Dogs ... you gotta love 'em.

I apologized for Tito's advances. Since Tito had broken the ice, we began to talk. We had a pleasant conversation. Not at all like most roadside encounters I've had with law enforcement officers.

We mostly talked about his job. I was interested because my son has, at times, expressed an interest in law enforcement. I inquired about training, education, pay, benefits and experience requirements. The officer was very forthcoming. Okay ... I admit it. I was trying to make a positive impression ... just in case he pulled up alongside when I'm out fishing with an expired license or something.

As we got ready to part, I stuck out my hand and introduced myself. As we shook hands, the handsome young officer, resplendent in his uniform, gun and gear, mumbled that his name was Rama.

Of course I wiped out any positive impression I may have made as I furrowed my brow and asked, "What did you say your name is?" With a slight hesitation, he repeated it, "Rama." "How do you spell that?" I asked. He obliged me and spelled out, "R-a-m-a." I may as well have blurted out, "What kind of goofed up handle is Rama?"

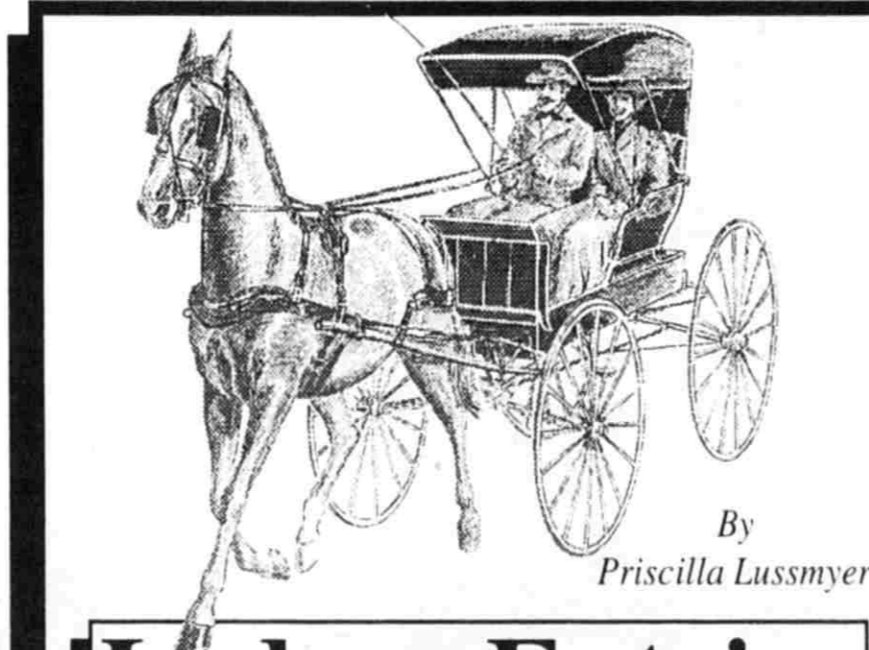
I must have still had a quizzical look about me. After a short pause he added a brief explanation for his uncommon name. "My parents were hippies," he said. I responded with a knowing chuckle.

Since my gray hair indicates I am obviously from the "hippie" generation, Rama knew that would be a sufficient response. In fact, Rama would probably not be surprised if I told him my son's name was Moonog, or Hemp, or Flower, or Microbus, or some such hippie inspired moniker.

Fortunately for my son, his parents were not overly involved with the hippie counter-culture. Though, he may have preferred Moonog to Casey.

So, yet again I have opened mouth and inserted foot. Now I'm just waiting for the day when Rama pulls me over out on the water and asks for my fishing license. "Roger??? What kinda goofed up name is that? Roger ... over and out? Roger-the-Dodger? Roger Rabbit? Roger, you old codger? Roger Ramjet?"

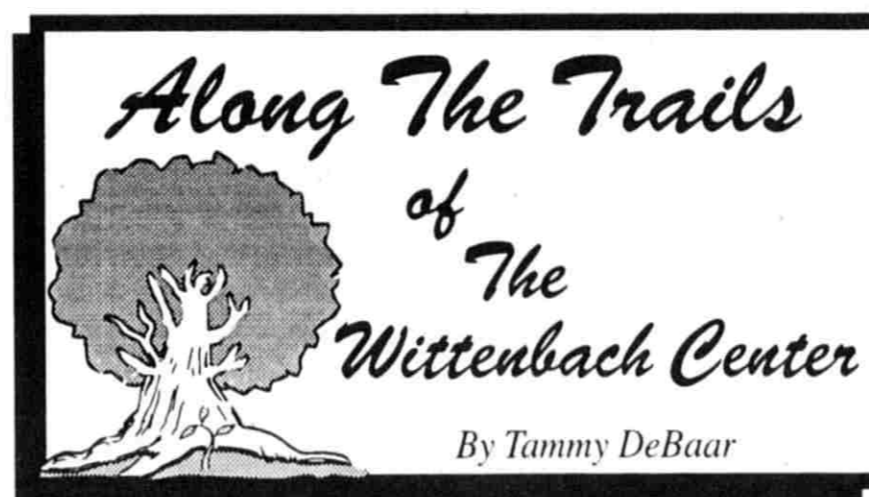
I guess I'd have it coming.



Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS
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I recently had the wonderful opportunity of attending the "Select A Taste Of Michigan" kick-off with keynote speaker, Gov. Granholm. This conference was sponsored by groups such as Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Integrated Food and Farming Systems, the Greater Grand Rapids Food Systems Council and the Michigan Land Use Institute.

What do all of these groups have in common with each other and with the Wittenbach Center? A goal of bridging wide land use, farm preservation and food security.

Locally grown food was served and I was surprised and impressed by the locally grown and processed option! Many of the groups/companies participating can be recognized by reading the labels in any grocery store.

While the blueberry juice was fantastic, the information presented was even more inspiring!

- Small farms own 43 percent of the state's farm land. Most farms are small (grossing less than \$100,000 annually).
- In 2000-01, Michigan lost 1,000 of its mid-sized farms. (\$250,000 annually).
- Michigan consumers spent 25.7 billion on groceries and eating out in 2001!
- The average food item travels 1300 miles from farm to table.

• Only about 10 percent of that food comes directly from Michigan growers. What does this mean for us?

Capturing just five percent of the above market by buyers purchasing local Michigan meat, eggs, onions, apples, beans, potatoes, juice, etc., can assist the local farmers to stay in business, preserve farmland, and keep the local economy active.

This five percent adds up to 9.3 million dollars annually and up to 70 new farm jobs, not including jobs linked to transportation! So the next time you shop, read the label and select Michigan!

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 23, 1903

President Angell of the University of Michigan notifies Lowell's Prof. Thomas that the high school has been placed on the list of diploma schools. Graduates now can enter the university without examination.

A Sunday excursion to Detroit and back will cost \$2.10 for the round trip.

The slab saw at the Carey mill has claimed a life, an arm and three fingers in separate accidents.

The U.S. Senate discusses the possibility of nomination of senators by direct vote. This has been up to state governments. Boys stealing scrap iron from persons or dealers and selling it to other dealers is a problem.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 26, 1928

Eighty inmates from Ionia, working on the M-21 paving, are housed and fed in barracks erected at Foxes Corners, Lowell deputy Pat Bowes is the night guard.

The Strand Theatre is getting a "handsome new electric sign" and the bank building a new facade.

The Ledger will have several hundred Michigan community newspapers on display at the offices each Saturday in May.

Moseley and Parnell farmers finance an electric line from the Flat River power plant.

The county Road Commission completes the purchase of Fallsburg Park acreage. A 200-foot-wide boulevard a mile long through the park is planned.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 23, 1953

The Lowell post office goes to first-class on July 1, announces PM George Hale, because sales exceeded \$40,000 in 1952.

Boy Scouts start construction of the scout cabin at the end of Washington Street.

An informer leads to the arrest of two Ionia Reformatory trustees who were planning on robbing the Lowell bank Monday morning.

Seven fire departments plus men from factories are fighting a grass fire on several hundred acres northeast of Lowell near the dump as the Ledger goes to press.

Dr. D.H. Oatley is appointed to village council to fill the vacancy created by W.A. Roth's election as village president.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 26, 1978

The Athletic Boosters Club seeks new ideas for fundraising events.

Mark Armstrong, working for Bud's Ambulance, wins the Certificate of Merit from the Red Cross for saving a traffic accident victim's life.

The annual City Cleanup, with free pickup of trash, will be next week.

Singer Vic Damone is signed for Showboat.

The Jaycees sponsor a 20-mile Walkathon this Saturday from the fairgrounds to Three Mile; the longest walks raise the most money for local family-centered projects.

Health



LACTOSE INTOLERANCE

Lactose intolerance is a condition that is often undiagnosed. This condition is most common in Asians, American Indians, Hispanics and Blacks.

People with lactose intolerance experience disturbing GI symptoms after drinking milk or eating dairy products. These symptoms include stomach cramps, bloating, diarrhea and gurgling or churning stomach sounds. If you have lactose intolerance you have trouble digesting milk, cheese and ice cream. In order to digest these dairy products, your body uses

an enzyme called lactase which helps break down the sugar (lactose) in these foods.

Many people with lactose intolerance can drink small quantities of milk without symptoms while others must avoid milk totally. Problems with lactose intolerance usually begin after age two. Patients with lactose intolerance usually don't have trouble eating yogurt if it has an active culture (an enzyme that breaks down the lactose). Check the label to make sure an active culture is included. Ice cream, milk shakes and hard cheeses are usually easier to digest than milk.

Lactose intolerance is treated by avoiding milk in the diet. Some lactose intolerant individuals can have small amounts of milk with meals which helps slow the digestive process and avoid symptoms. Lactose reduced milk is also available in most grocery stores. You can also add the lactase enzyme to regular milk. The enzyme is available over the counter at the pharmacy.

If you are lactose intolerant and avoiding dairy products, you should take a calcium supplement and increase your intake of foods high in calcium such as shrimp, leafy greens, broccoli, brussel sprouts and orange juice with added calcium.

More information can be obtained by contacting the National Digestive Disease Information Clearing House at 1-800-891-5389 or on the web at www.niddk.nih.gov/health/digest/niddie.htm.

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: ledgerb1@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.

Two Lowell FFA chapter members named state proficiency winners

Lowell FFA members Brian Rasch and Kirk Johnson were recognized at the state level for their exceptional accomplishments and excellence in career development through a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) program.

SAE programs are out-of-class experiences that relate to students' career interests and encourage the development of career skills and education.

There are two types of proficiency awards: placement and entrepreneurship. "Placement" is work or experience either paid or unpaid and "Entrepreneurship" involves ownership of an agricultural production or an agribusiness enterprise. There

are 40 proficiency award areas in which students may apply to receive state recognition.

Kirk Johnson won the Equine Science Entrepreneurship award. He owns a farrier business that services over 100 horses on a regular schedule and plans on pursuing a career in veterinary medicine specializing in equine care. Johnson was a member of the 2000 state champion equestrian team.

Brian Rasch won the Diversified Horticulture Placement award. His duties include all aspects of production including scouting for harmful insects. Rasch works with the family farm that produces fruit and vegetables that are marketed locally and in

Lansing. He was a member of the FFA agricultural issues team and earned his state FFA degree in 2002.

FFA members are judged on their proficiency application which evaluates their goals, skills, experiences and career plans. They are ranked against other FFA members from the state competing in the same proficiency area.

FFA members receive a gold or silver rating, and the top individual from each award area is named the state proficiency winner. State winners compete nationally through an evaluation process that eventually names a national winner in October.

The two earned a \$100 cash award and plaque. Their applications will be forwarded

for national competition this summer.

Other members of the Lowell chapter were also recognized. Becky Bosserd received a gold award in the area of Sheep Production. Bosserd raises and shows Suffolk breeding stock and market lambs at the Kent

County Fair. She will pursue a career in veterinary science.

Brian Zook won a gold award in the Agricultural and Mechanical Systems - Construction and Fabrication area for his placement work at Zook Farm Equipment.

Laura Rasch received a

gold award in the area of fruit production for her placement experience working with the family farm and marketing experience at the Lansing Farmers Market. These members were honored at the State FFA Convention at Michigan State University.

Open Space ordinance to be discussed at Wittenbach Center

The Open Space Citizen Committee for Vergennes Township will host its annual spring educational forum on Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Wittenbach Center.

The evening titled "Discovering the Options: A Win-Win Future," includes presentations that will assist landowners, developers and realtors in understanding the newly-passed Open Space Ordinance and how it can help maximize open space preservation in the face of inevitable development.

Speakers include Jay Kilpatrick, Vergennes Township's planner, and Mike Bosgraaf, a developer whose company has won awards for attention to open space preservation. Anyone interested in open space - regardless of where they live - is encouraged to attend.

The event is free and refreshments will be served.

Budget, cont'd... From Page 1

For next year, Pasquale said he was recommending keeping the city millage at 15.83 with the added millage of .25 for the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

To help keep costs down, a proposed \$1 increase in trash and yard waste bags to a one-percent increase in salary for all city employees with no merit increases is being considered. There also would be no new major capital expenditures proposed, Pasquale said.

Money is being sought from the Downtown Development Authority, \$100,000; Look Memorial Fund, \$25,000; the Lee Fund, \$10,000; and the city's unallocated contingency,

\$100,000; to help with the Building Authority Bond payment for the new City Hall/ police station.

Even with all of that, the city would have to cut its fund balance by a third, from about \$300,000 to \$205,972, to maintain services at the current levels.

In other city departments, no street improvement projects are being planned, although the city is seeking federal funding for the reconstruction of Foreman Road. Currently there is \$88,664.56 in the major street fund and \$50,440.63 in the local street fund.

The Wastewater Fund shows an increase in readiness to serve from \$11 to \$11.50 per month. That budget includes

\$20,000 for rebuilding manholes and \$50,000 for sewer maintenance.

There is also a proposed debt serve increase from \$18.25 to \$18.75 per month for water services. The consumption charge of \$1.68 is not expected to increase. The water fund shows expenditures for the Wellhead Protection Program, \$11,200; security cameras, \$8,500; clarifier repair, \$60,000; and replacement of a storage building, \$25,000.

While the city sees a shortfall, the Downtown Development Authority can expect an increase in its revenue of about 5.3 percent, a total of \$12,590,453.

Highland Hills, cont'd... From Page 1

the easement and more than 2,000 feet of piping to accommodate water flow from the north and south. For this reason, they felt this should meet the requirements for the water system. Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, the city's engineering firm, said the project would not be held up on the issue of looping the watermain; it could, however, cause problems for the city in the future. If the line should break, there would be no alternative route for water to reach the development, Austin explained.

"Just as the road would only have one ingress and egress, the water would only have one ingress and egress," Austin

said, adding the looping would provide a 'back door' for the system to provide continuous service.

Since looping the watermain would primarily benefit the development, it was decided the developers and the city would need to look at looping the system, which could cost about \$82,000 depending on the option the group settled upon. City staff was authorized to settle on a design and bring it back to the council for cost issues.

Other contingencies added included the following: No parking; police enforcement would be in the site condo bylaws and an agreement worked out with city staff; snow

removal issues worked out; financial guarantees would be in place; an on-site city representative would ensure significant development requirements with the developer picking up that cost; and bonding for Grove-High improvements would be provided. There were several other recommendations added by Williams and Works, such as grading, bylaw review, and soil erosion that would need to be taken care of before any building permits would be issued.

One issue remaining was the width of the road, in which Mayor Jeanne Shores, the only no vote, said she still had concerns. Under the current project guidelines, the road would be 15 feet with a two-foot shoulder. While Austin didn't think that was wide enough, the city's fire chief said it was fine. The council decided not to change the road width.

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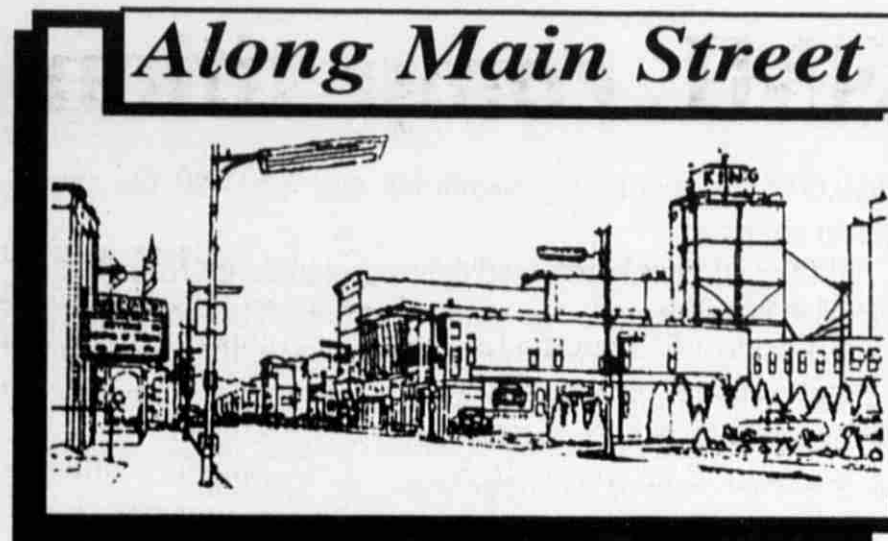
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ATTENTION ALL VARSITY SOFTBALL ALUMNI
There will be a varsity softball alumni reunion on Thursday, May 15 at the varsity field. Past players will be introduced between the Lowell/Caledonia games. In case of rain, meet at

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the high school at 6 p.m. Following the doubleheader, join former players and coaches for food and drink. 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 (FHS) is offering a painting class on April 24 and May 1 from 6:30-9 p.m. in the Fallas House Museum. \$15 per class plus materials. To benefit FHS. Call Kerry at 897-7161 to sign up.

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.

TOTS "ALMOST NEW" SALE
Community Service Project "Almost New Sale" Saturday, April 26, 9-12 p.m. at 300 High St. (gym). 26 families participating.

EDUCATIONAL EVENING AT WITTENBACH CENTER
The Open Space Citizen Committee for Vergennes Twp. will offer the program "Discovering the Options: A Win-Win Future." Wed., April 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center. Open to landowners, realtors, developers, interested people. Call 897-5671 (Vergennes Twp.)

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEK!
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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.

CROP WALK - SOON!

The Lowell Area Crop Walk is Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Call 897-5936 for walking papers or to sponsor. Walk 2 or 6 miles... to help raise money for worldwide hunger.

WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT AT HUNTINGTON

The Lowell Area Arts Council is sponsoring a watercolor painting exhibition by Ardie Post at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main now thru May 6 during regular business hours.

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

The third annual Spirit of Community will be held at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 2. Appetizers and desserts will be served from 7-8 p.m. in the cafeteria; awards begin at 8 p.m. Call 897-9161 for more information.

LOCAL MUSEUM TOURS

Some of West Michigan's finest museums will be open on May 3 and 4, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., for a "Spring into the Past" tour. \$10 adults; \$5 children (under 18) includes all museums on 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.

GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE

Cherry Creek Elementary School will be the drop-off site for a Goodwill donation drive May 5-9. Drop off those items from your basement, closets and attic that you don't need anymore. A Goodwill truck will be parked in the parking lot.

BOATER SAFETY CLASSES TO BEGIN

Lowell Community Ed is offering a Michigan Boater Safety class June 2 and 9 from 6-9 p.m. (free of charge). Social dancing classes will also begin Friday, June 6 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-8235 to register.

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LHS junior 2nd in community college SML competition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Pursuing an engineering degree at a four-year university, whether it's civil, structural or architectural, requires a lot of math.

Unless, of course, a student has been there and done that before he/she has arrived on campus.

That will be the case when Lowell junior, Tim Vezino enrolls at the University of

Michigan in the fall of 2004.

Through Lowell High School's Dual Enrollment program, Vezino will have successfully completed calculus III and IV. The junior earned an A- in calculus III and currently is on track for an A in calculus IV.

In his freshman and sophomore years at LHS, Vezino garnered A's in calculus I and II.

Recently, with the coaching of his Grand Rapids Com-



munity College professor, Vezino decided to take part in the Student Mathematics League competition.

It consists of three written multiple choice tests administered at a participating community college over the course of the academic year. The level of the tests is precalculus mathematics.

The individual with the highest score from the three tests receives a \$3000 scholarship to continue his/her edu-

cation at an accredited four-year institution.

Vezino (47.5 points) finished second behind Peter Holtrop's 55 points. Amber Lass was third with 40.5 points.

The Lowell junior received \$300 for his effort while Lass earned \$150.

Vezino took first in the high school level competition as a freshman. There is also a four-year university competition in which he intends to compete.

"I didn't get nervous about competing in the community college competition," Vezino explained. "At least, not when it involves math."

The Student Mathematics League, organized by the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges since 1981, was founded in 1970 by Nassau Community College in New York. Since then, the league has grown to include 120 colleges in more than 20 states.

Cherry Creek students raise over \$7,900 for St. Jude's Hospital

Over 200 students attending Cherry Creek participated in this year's St. Jude's Math-A-Thon. Combined, the students raised \$7,971.

The elementary students raised the money by receiving pledges for over 200 grade-level math problems that they solved. All of the money will go to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Math-A-Thon allowed Cherry Creek students to put their character word, compassion, into action.

Pictured, left to right, are the top five pledge raisers: Hope Stepek (\$229), Ross Finnie (\$344.25), Madelyne Brower (\$211), Jacob Pitsch (\$473) and Chloe Renzema (\$200.)



If you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.

Anonymous

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COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 7, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold two public hearings at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

The purpose of the public hearing s will be to consider two applications made by AT&T Wireless for special land uses under Zoning Ordinance Section 13.26 to permit wireless telecommunications facilities in two separate locations.

AT&T Wireless has applied for a special land use for a wireless telecommunications facility on lands owned by Grattan Township, located off Lincoln Lake Road, north of M-44, which lands are currently zoned rural residential and are legally described as follows:

The North 400 feet of the West 1320 feet of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Kent County, Michigan.

AT&T Wireless has also requested a special land use for a wireless telecommunications facility on lands owned by John and Barbara Stein at the corner of 4 Mile Road and Parnell Avenue, which lands are currently zoned agricultural and are legally described as follows:

The Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearings and comment upon the requested special land uses. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, at the above stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: April 17, 2003

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First geography bee whets Olin's appetite for 2nd attempt

Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-grader. Dylan Olin was one of over 100 Michigan fourth- through eighth-graders who competed in the 15th annual Michigan Geographic Bee at Central Michigan University.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society and ING Financial Services. Students from more than 400 schools competed in school-level preliminary bees in January. Winners of the preliminary round completed a written qualifying test administered and evaluated by the

National Geographic Society in Washington D.C.

The Cherry Creek Elementary geography bee winner was one of just two fifth-graders to compete at the state meet.

Olin correctly answered six of eight questions presented to him.

He was eliminated from the state competition with the question - Which Chinese Island in the Philippines means beautiful land? The answer is Taiwan.

One of the questions Olin answered correctly was - Which river separates Ind-

iana from Kentucky? The correct answer was the Ohio River.

Each student was asked a minimum of eight questions during the preliminary round with 10 students advancing to the final, double-elimination competition.

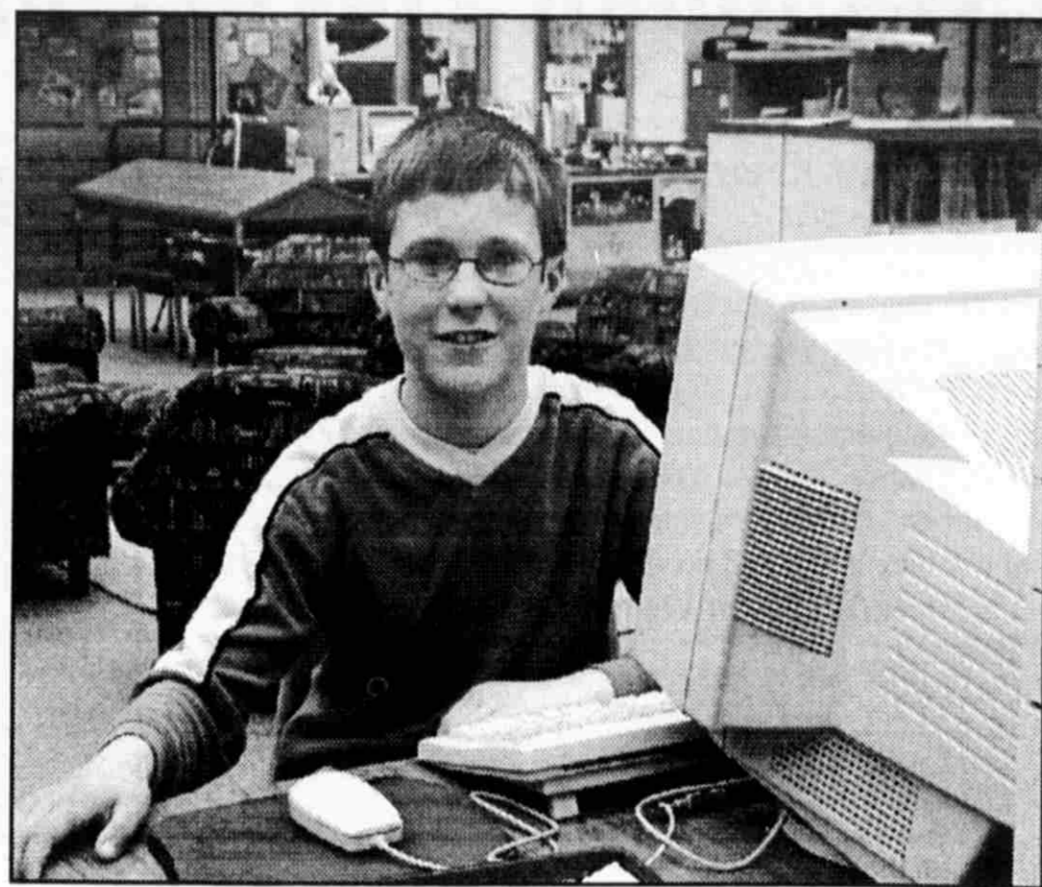
Olin advanced to the state meet by finishing in the top one percent on the regional exam.

"It's the first time I've competed in the geography bee," Olin said. "I would like to compete again next year." He read from an atlas and gathered information from the

National Geographic web site from his computer in the month leading up to the competition in preparation for the geography bee.

The state winner received \$100 and a National Geographic globe, along with an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C. for the national finals.

Michigan has had four national first-place winners and one third-place winner.



Dylan Olin competed in his first state geography bee at Central Michigan University. Answering six of eight questions correctly, he narrowly missed advancing to the finals.

Communication organizations honor Bleke

Two West Michigan communication organizations recognized former Lowell superintendent, Bert Bleke for his communications excellence in his approach.

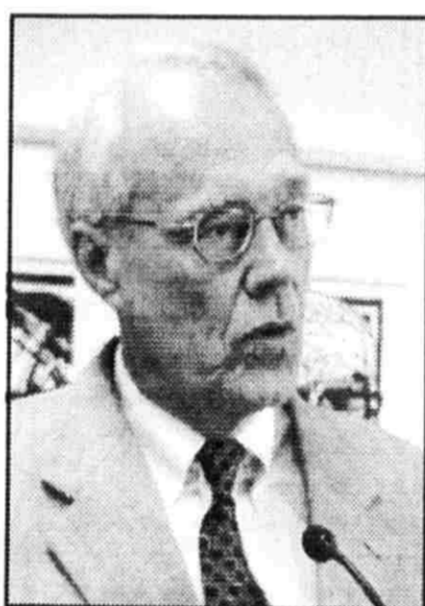
Interchange, the Association of West Michigan Communication Professionals, honored Bleke as its Communicator of the Year at its year-end banquet held in the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College on Wednesday.

Jim Davis, Interchange board member and special project coordinator at the Grand Rapids Press, presented the award to Bleke.

Davis explained that Bleke took a job (superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools) that is embedded with seeming insurmountable challenges.

"He has discharged his

responsibilities with good humor, an open ear and mind, and the resolute desire to strengthen the Grand Rapids school system for student, parent and teacher," Davis said.



Bert Bleke accepts Interchange award.

In his first year, Bleke has demonstrated commu-

nications excellence in his approach by: obtaining overwhelming community support for the district's 10-million renewal request, gaining Grand Rapids Board of Education adoption of a new facilities plan, and introducing the theme "Grand Rapids Public Schools: Stronger/Better/Together."

The award annually recognizes a West Michigan community leader for outstanding communications practices that exemplify good public relations.



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 NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerk's offices must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

The Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Patrick Nugent
 Secretary, Board of Education

ADDENDUM

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.

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Red Arrows 3rd at Lowell Inv'tl

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys tennis team knows just how good tennis is in the West Michigan area.

Saturday it learned just how good high school tennis is in the southwestern lower Michigan area.

Buchanan, a team with a legitimate shot at a state title in Division IV, jumped at a chance to play in the Lowell Invitational when Greenville bowed out.

The Bucks scored 32 points, easily outdistancing Saturday's field.

Alma placed second with 19 points followed by Lowell 16 and Big Rapids 13.

"Buchanan is an excellent tennis team that is well coached. It's a program that

has had stability in its coaching," Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall explained. Buchanan took first at all eight flights.

Sean Jesse defeated Lowell's Kyle Wittenbach 6-4, 6-0 in the finals at third singles.

Red Arrows' Brendan Harden and Dustin Pedley, playing in the finals at second doubles, lost to Buchanan's Flood/Gordon 6-0, 6-1.

Justin Quist and Brandon Lawrence were 6-1, 6-2 victims to Buchanan's Summers/Otwell in the third doubles final. "Quist and Lawrence are carrying on and getting stronger with each match," Wall said.

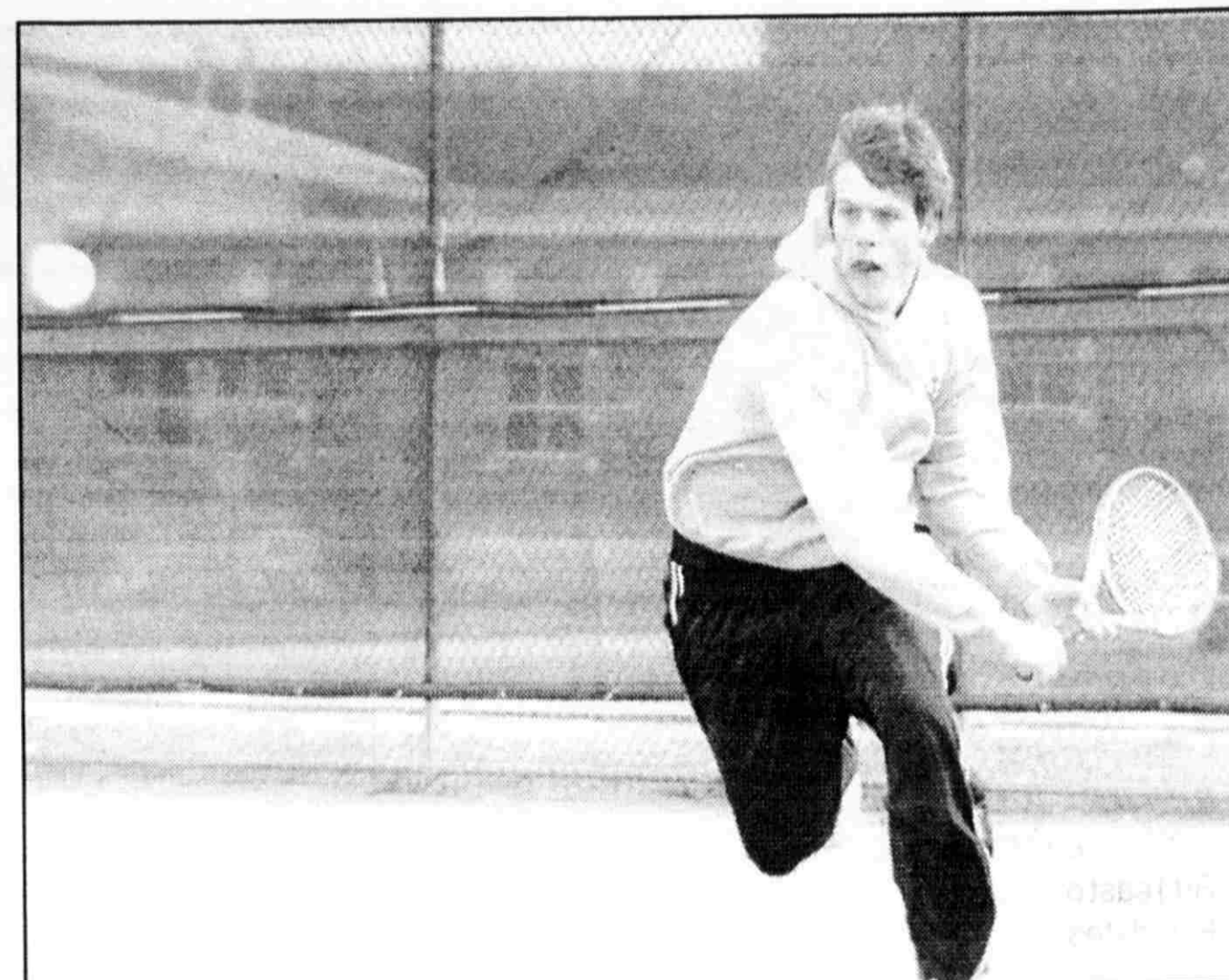
The Lowell coach also recognized the play of David

Maylone and Jacob Kenworthy at number one in doubles. "They did a nice job of moving up to the net," Wall said. "We lost three tiebreakers today and that was the difference between a second and third place. Our team is young and will keep working on improving."

Earlier in the week, Lowell managed just one win in a 7-1 loss in an O-K White match.

The Red Arrows' only win came at second doubles in which Harden and Pedley won in three sets 4-6, 7-6, and 10-7 in the tiebreaker.

"They have a nice record (5-2) going," Wall said. "Dustin was superb at the net and Brendan displayed a good baseline forehand."



Shaun Koning catches up to a return of serve in action against Northview.

Red Arrows struggle on mound and in field during losing streak

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A combination of light hitting, walks and errors made for a disastrous week of baseball for Lowell boys baseball team.

The Red Arrows 11 walks and seven errors at Rockford on Wednesday resulted in an 18-5 defeat at the hands of the Rams.

Similar type play on Saturday against Plainwell in the first of two games in the Lowell Invitational brought similar results as Lowell fell 23-5.

Lowell recovered in game two against Byron Center, an 11-1 loser to Grandville.

The Red Arrows got six great innings of pitching from Bryan White before he tired in the seventh, opening the door for a Bulldog rally.

"Bryan dominated over the first six innings," Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel explained.

Three walks and a Bulldog single to start the seventh inning was the beginning of the end for the Lowell hurler.

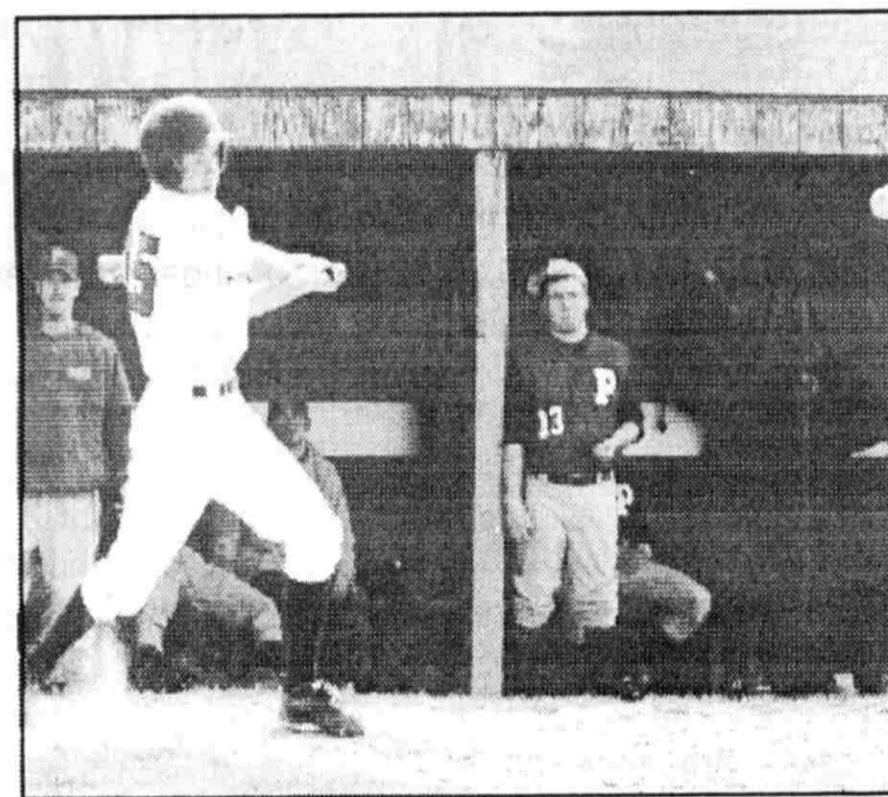
"Give Byron Center credit - they hit the ball, something they hadn't done the entire game. Our pitching was better and the boys played better defensively," Antel said. "We've got to get the bats going though; I think the boys need to be more aggressive at the plate."

Two Red Arrows who have displayed consistency at the plate are Dan Palasek and Jake Brower.



Andy Benedict throws to second for the force out during Saturday's game with Plainwell.

Lowell's team batting average is below .200. "I'm going to have to shuffle players around until I can find some more hitters," Antel said. Lowell finished the week at 4-3.



Matt Scheider lines one foul down the third baseline.

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Lowell JV soccer team takes two of three

Lowell JV soccer team's winning streak continued with a 1-0 win over Middleville.

The first half of the game was uneventful with Lowell winning many 50-50 balls, but not being able to establish the possession game nor finding the net on the eight shots they took.

Lowell controlled much of the second half with many consecutive passes and 14 more shots on net.

The Red Arrows finally got on the board when Keegan Geldersma picked the pocket of a Middleville player and passed the ball inside to midfielder Nicole Shepard who fed a perfect pass to Becky DeLiefde who nailed the shot.

Sarah Smith and Maliree Trierweiler ran down every thru ball attempt by Middleville and continually transitioned Trojan attacks to allow only seven shots on net, all of which Taylor Verdon saved.

This was Verdon's third shut-out for the current season.

Lowell's junior varsity girls soccer team used an aggressive offense to defeat Caledonia 7-4 Monday night.

Despite a favorable time of possession advantage, and excellent transitioning off Pioneer attacks, Lowell found itself on the short end of a 2-0 score against East Grand Rapids.



The month of April gets its name from the Latin *aperire*, meaning "to open," as do the flower buds that month.

COMING EVENTS

NOTICES IN THE LEDGER'S "COMING EVENTS" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 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 the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life

Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND SAT. OF EVERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

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EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum

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FRI., APRIL 25: Saranac Area Musicians & Singers presents "On Broadway" at 7 p.m. at Saranac High School Cafeteria. Adults: \$5; seniors \$3; children over 5 \$2.

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.

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WED., APRIL 30: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

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SAT. & SUN., MAY 3 & 4: Spring into the Past museum tours, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission to 6 museums - \$10 adults; \$5 children under 18. Call Lowell Area Hist. Museum (897-7688) for more info.

SUN., MAY 4: Lowell Area Crop Walk at 1st United Methodist Church, starting at 1:30 p.m. Call 897-5936 for walking papers or to sponsor a walker.

WEEK OF MAY 5: Goodwill donation drive at Cherry Creek School with Goodwill truck in parking lot for any items you wish to donate.

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-Stephen Budiansky

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

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MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9 a.m. Walk/Shop Mall; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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

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

THURS., APRIL 24: 9 a.m. Horrock's Garden & Crafts Center; Bed, Bath & Beyond, Lunch at Steak & Shake.

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

FRI., APRIL 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

Defending O-K White champions off to a fast start

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls first dual track meet was not highly competitive, but it proved informative.

What Lowell's 104-33 win over Northview indicated is that an already strong Lowell track team may have some new faces helping out in new places.

Red Arrow girls track coach, Kathy Talus, looking for some depth and balance in the high jump, was pleasantly surprised by the performances of freshmen Mary Calvi (4'10") and Malley Cahoon (4'6"). Their efforts were combined with that of senior Nicole Gillikin (4'8").

Another freshman, Brittany Dietz was splendid in the 800-meter run. She came home in 2:41 finishing behind all-conference runner, Lisa Wojciakowski (2:39).

Dietz also had a leg in Lowell's winning 1600-meter relay victory. She joined Natalie Kent, Wojciakowski and Krystal White, stopping the clock in 4:28.1.

Holly Plattner, running her first 300 low hurdle race, placed second to White in a time of 50.13. White came home in 49.42. "Holly looked as though she's been running the race for four years," Talus said.

Generally, the Lowell girls track team has done quite well at the Hastings Relays.

Saturday was no exception as the Red Arrows finished second to Grand Ledge in the 16-team field.

"It has some different type of events and everything is in a relay format," said Talus. "It was a pretty strong field and we will see Grand Ledge in our regional."

One of the Red Arrow highlights were freshmen Malley Cahoon and Mary Calvi, placing fifth in the high jump relay with a combined height of 9'5".

The team of Krystal White, Heather Becker, Holly Plattner and Natalie Kent won the shuttle hurdle relay in a time of 1:08.01.

Lowell's team of Cahoon, Kim Huyser, White and Kent took top honors in the medley relay, stopping the clock in 1:55.17.

Talus also recognized Sarah Swab for her times in the 6400 relay and the 3200 relay.

Northview thinclads edge Red Arrows

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It was as good and as close as one could hope for in Lowell boys track team's conference opener against Northview.

The meet came down to the day's final event, the 1600-meter relay. With the teams tied at 66-66, Northview earned the victory by defeating Lowell in the relay. The Wildcats stopped the clock in 3:54.06.

Northview and Lowell split the relay events with the Wildcats winning the 1600- and 3200-meter relays. Lowell won the 400- and 800-meter relays.

Jordan Moore, Nate Parnofiello, Neal DeVoid and Kreig Brown came home in a winning time of 1:37.77 in the 800 and won the 400 with a time of 46.07.

Andrew Min's time of 12.3 earned him top honors in the 100 dash and he took a second in the 200 dash.

Andy Roberts continued his stronghold in the hurdles as he won the 110 high hurdles in a time of 15.71 and came home in second in the 300 hurdles, crossing the finish line in 46.41.

Steve Ellison claimed top honors in the 800-meter run, coming off the track in 2:13. The Red Arrow was second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:53.41.

In the field events, Mike Koster won the long jump with a distance of 19' 1/2". The Red Arrow was second in the high jump at a height of six feet.

DeVoid's mark of 39' 4 1/2" earned him a second in the shot put while Dave Hefferen threw the discus 121' 11" to finish second in the discus.

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LHS softball reunion slated for May 15
 There will be a varsity softball alumni reunion at the varsity field (behind Cherry Creek Elementary) on Thursday, May 15. Between the Lowell/Caledonia doubleheader, past players will be introduced. In case of rain meet at Lowell High School at 6 p.m. Following the second game, food and drink will be served. Come out and see former teammates and coaches. Please RSVP to brodenhouse@lowellschools.com or 897-4125 or Amy Stauffer: Amy@funpromotions.com or 498-7689.

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Lowell girls sweep EK Invitational; run record to 9-0

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

With all of the talk about the pitching of freshman Becky Plummer, Lowell hitters were heard from on Saturday at the East Kentwood Invitational.

Key hits from five different Red Arrow hitters sparked Lowell to victories over East Kentwood 10-0 (6 innings), Wyoming Park 2-1 and Byron Center 5-3.

"The girls played outstanding ball against quality softball teams," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse.

A two-run double in the second inning off the bat of Courtney Phillips broke open the Red Arrows' opener against the Falcons.

Lowell roughed up East Kentwood for four runs in the first and second innings en route to the lopsided victory.

Along with Phillips, Andrea Dewey and Jacque Benedict also collected two hits apiece.

Plummer was her dominating self as she struck out 12 and didn't walk a batter.

The freshman followed that up with a two-hitter against Wyoming Park. Plummer walked one Viking and struck out nine.

Park scored its only run in the third inning on a Lowell error, a stolen base and an RBI single.

Trailing 1-0, Lowell tied the game in the fifth, when Phillips got aboard on an error, a sacrifice bunt, a steal of third and then scored on a Heather Green one-out bunt.

The Red Arrows scored the winning run in the sixth inning when Benedict ripped a one-out triple and scored the winning run on Plummer's two-out RBI single.

In Lowell's final game of the day, the Red Arrows, trailing 3-2, tallied three runs in the fifth to beat Byron Center.

Rodenhouse praised the effort of designated hitter, Amber VanSpronson. "Amber had a hit in each of the

games. Also, Courtney Phillips was outstanding."

Benedict started against Byron Center. She pitched six innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. Plummer came on in relief in the seventh to nail down the victory.

The victories pushed Lowell's record to 9-0 with games against Portland, Zealand and Northview this week.

Lowell 5 Rockford 2

A three-run sixth inning helped the Red Arrows rally past the Rams 5-2.

The big hits in the inning were a two-out run-scoring triple by Jacque Benedict and an RBI single by Becky Plummer.

"The other key play came in the fourth inning when Courtney Phillips beating out the throw to first on her ground ball and then we went on to score two runs" said Lowell softball coach, Bob



With wins over Rockford, East Kentwood and Wyoming Park, Becky Plummer improved her record to 8-0.

Rodenhouse. "Actually, it may have been the biggest play of the game."

Becky Plummer pitched seven innings, allowing Rockford two runs on five hits while walking three and striking out seven.

"Becky was a little wild to start but she settled down and came back and pitched well," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell 3-16 Middleville 0-0

Through six games Becky Plummer and her Red Arrow softball teammates were a perfect 6-0.

Knowing who lies ahead prevented Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse from getting too excited.

"We have Rockford, the East Kentwood Invitational, Zealand and Northview next," Rodenhouse explained. "That will tell us if we're any good. We could be 6-10 in a heartbeat."

In its third nonconference doubleheader of the year, Lowell swept past Middleville 3-0 and 16-0.

Plummer no-hit the Trojans in the opener. A Lowell error in the sixth inning dashed any hopes for a perfect game.

"Becky just overpowered them in the first game," Rodenhouse said.

The freshman faced one batter over the minimum (22) and struck out 12 Middleville hitters while not walking a batter.

Lowell plated single runs

in the first, fourth and fifth innings.

Jacque Benedict was 2-for-2 including an RBI triple in the first, scoring Tara Kimble from first base.

Plummer was 1-for-3 with an RBI single in the fifth inning.

Plummer allowed no runs on one hit in the second game while striking out six and walking four.

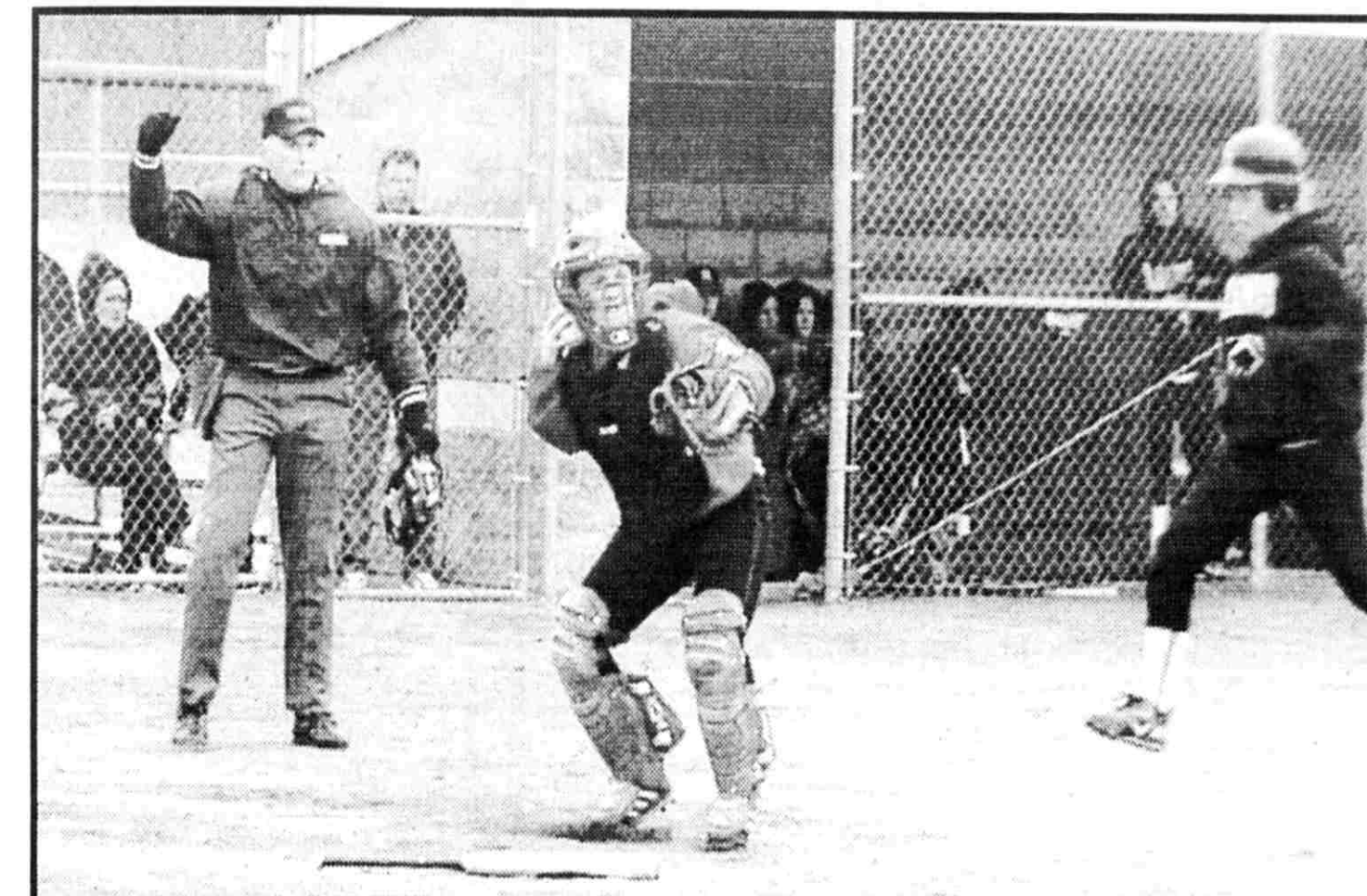
"Becky wasn't as strong or smooth in game two but still in control," Rodenhouse said.

The freshman also got a ton more run support. Lowell tallied 16 runs on 17 hits. The Red Arrows scored five in the first inning, seven in the second, one in the third and three in the fourth.

Courtney Phillips was 3-for-3 with four RBI and two runs scored.

Noelle Dewey was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBI; Benedict was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and a run batted in.

Ashleigh Inman had two hits with an RBI and scored a run.



Lowell catcher, Noelle Dewey tagged home plate and contemplates a throw to first at Rockford on Wednesday.

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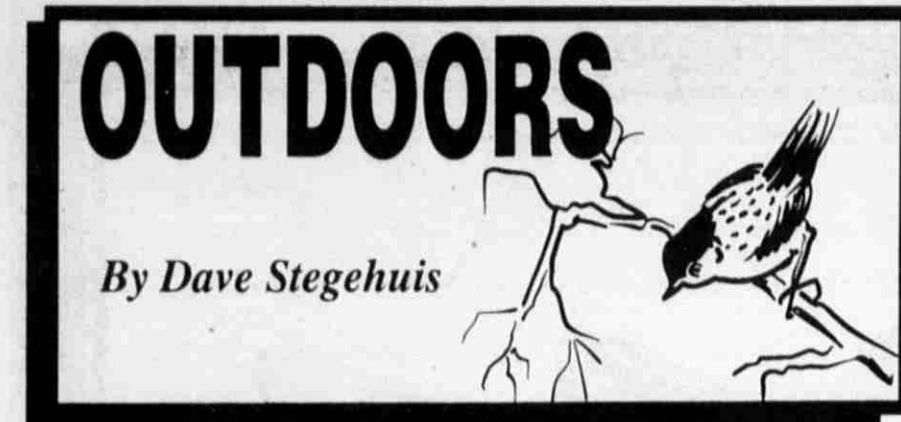
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TALKING TURKEY

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The re-establishment of wild turkey populations across our country represents one of the most successful conservation

efforts in recent times. At the beginning of the 1900s, wild turkeys were absent from the woods and fields of Michigan.

When the decision was made to bring them back, birds were trapped in other states and released in a few areas with suitable habitat. By the 1960s, the number of birds had increased to where limited hunting was allowed. Today, thousands of turkeys reside in Michigan and can be found in almost every county.

Each year more people are discovering the challenge and thrill of hunting these wary creatures. To those who only observe turkeys hanging around a backyard bird feeder or pecking and scratching along the side of the road, it would seem that the turkey would be easy game to bag. Anyone who has attempted to legally harvest a wild turkey knows that this just isn't true. With any type of hunting it is possible to get lucky, but consistently bagging a tom turkey will require knowledge and patience.

The objective of the hunt is to get within about 30 yards of a bird for a clear shot with a shotgun. Pre-season scouting is necessary to find the flocks and determine daily routines like feeding habits and roosting locations. Fortunately, a turkey's sense of smell is not well developed, but they do have excellent

eyesight and hearing, so getting close without being busted is difficult.

To get past their defenses it is necessary to blend in with the surrounding and restrict movement. Head-to-toe camouflage clothing is helpful in solving this problem. Turkeys tend to talk a lot and respond to each other with clucks, yelps, and gobbles. A turkey call in the hands of a practiced hunter can mimic these sounds and lure a gobbler into shotgun range. Tom, hen, and jake (young tom) decoys can add realism to the deception.

So, the plan is to find some turkeys, hide near the flock, and then call one into gun range. Sound simple? Just try it sometime. Sitting in the spring woodlands and hearing the booming gobble of an approaching tom turkey is one of the most exciting experiences I have had in years of hunting many species of big and small game.

The turkey was once a candidate for our national bird but, of course, the eagle won out. The eagle certainly is a grand raptor, but the turkey still deserves more credit than it receives. Turkeys can feed on a wide variety of plants and insects, are difficult prey, and can survive in diverse habitats. The wild turkey has established itself as a respected member of Michigan's wildlife community.

Lowell's Hook chosen as state finalist in Jr. teen pageant

Jesi Hook, 13, daughter of Jeff and Connie Hook of Lowell, has been chosen as a state finalist in the Miss Michigan American Jr. Teen Pageant to be held May 26 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The winner of the pageant, for girls ages 13-15, will receive a \$500 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World in Florida. Other pageants are held for the state to include girls of other ages.

Thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships, trophies and prizes will be awarded during the state pageant weekend. According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss

American Coed Pageant System has awarded more than 10 million dollars in scholarships and awards to deserving young ladies. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The pageants are for "Tomorrow's Leaders." They are open to girls with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation and an "All-American spirit for

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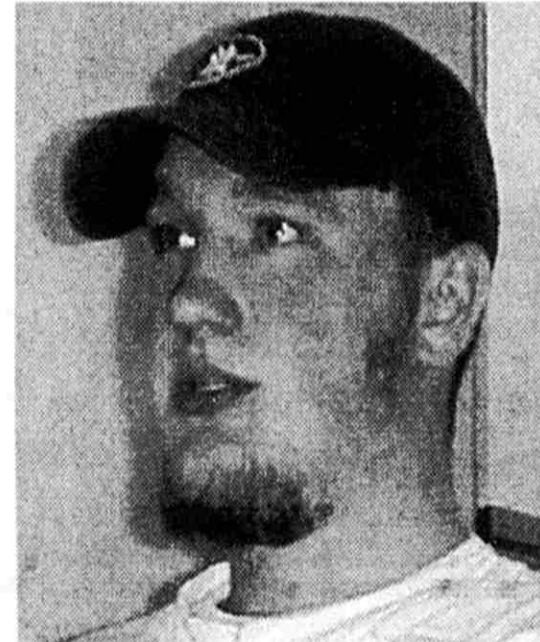
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Did you know my heart is still broken, but what can I say,
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