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Essence of Lowell serves as the appetizer to Friday's main event

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It has always been about service to one's community, education and the arts.

The Spirit of Community Celebration will keep that approach, but tweak its format for the third annual event on Friday, May 2 in an effort to bring business, service groups and community together to celebrate the volunteer services bestowed upon the community by the honored guests.

Instead of a big sit-down dinner prior to the awards presentation in the Lowell Performing Arts Center, the evening will begin

Golf Course, Double R Ranch, Flat River Grill, Frozen Creek, Gordon Food Service, Hunan Garden, Jimmy's Grill, John's Java Expresso, Keiser's, Larkin's, Litehouse, Inc., Little Caesar's Pizza, Meijer, Pizza Hut, Quail Ridge Golf Club, Subway, Tastefully Simple and The Pampered Chef.

The awards presentation starts at 8 with recognition of Character in Action recipients presented by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Lowell Area Schools and The Lowell Ledger.

Following will be the Tribute Tree Recognition presented by Lowell Area Schools Edu-

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Liz Baker

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

with the "Essence of Lowell" - a social hour highlighting area restaurants and food specialists in the Lowell High School cafeteria.

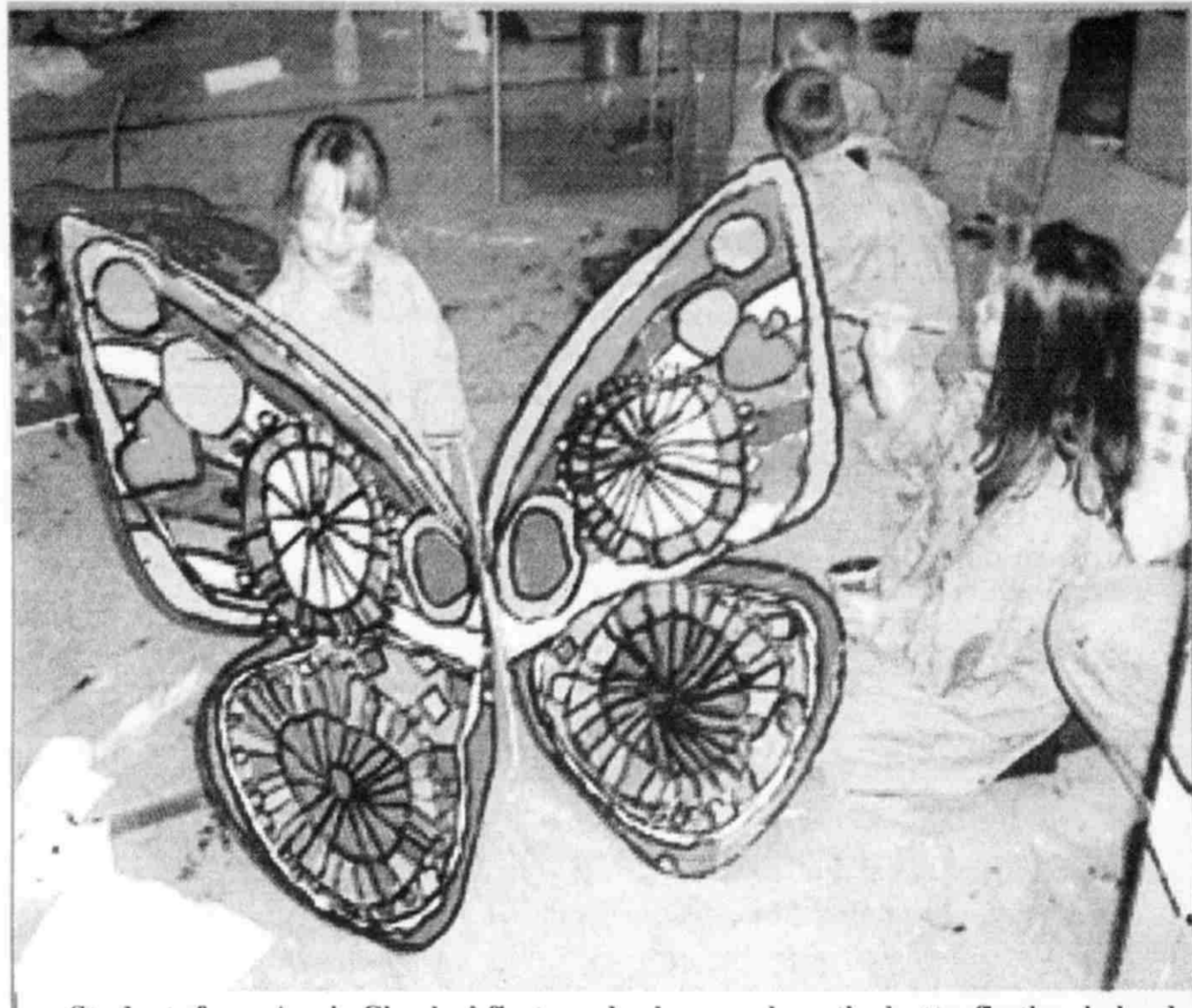
"This will give the community an opportunity to experience the essence of art," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. "By bringing business, service groups and community together, I believe this will really be the Spirit of Community."

Presenting appetizers, desserts and beverages for patrons (beginning at 7 p.m.) are Annalaines, Ball's Softee Creme, Deer Run

cation Foundation, the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award to Sally Gunberg by Lowell Area Schools and the Arty Award to David Davis by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The evening will conclude with the chamber's presentation of the 19th annual Person of the Year Award to Jim Doyle.

The Spirit of Community Celebration was inspired by the life of Ray Quada, a longtime Lowell resident who gave countless years toward the enrichment of the Lowell area through his volunteerism and government service.



Students from Annie Charles' first-grade class work on the butterfly they helped create with the assistance of artist-in-residence, David Davis.

Fancy Flight

••• Lowell Area Arts Council's Butterfly Project Auction is scheduled for Saturday, May 3 at Lowell High School starting at 2 p.m. with bidding beginning at 3:30.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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The Butterfly Project brought kindergarten, first-, second-, third-, and fifth-grade students from Lowell Area Schools the opportunity to work with 16 artists from Lowell and the Greater Grand Rapids area in designing and creating larger than life butterfly sculptures.

As a group project, each classroom created one butterfly sculpture utilizing ideas from all of the students.

A total of 32 butterfly sculptures were created as part of the program which ran between November of last year and February.

In March, the butterfly sculptures were released and displayed at 24 public venues including Lowell Area Schools, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

On Saturday, May 3, at a celebratory event, all 32 butterflies will be showcased

and sold at a public silent auction at Lowell High School. The butterflies have a four-foot wingspan and are mounted on a three-foot-high pedestal. They are suitable for indoor and outdoor display.

Children's art activities will run from 2 until 3:30 p.m. with the butterfly sculpture silent auction starting at 3:30.

Funds raised through the auction will be designated for art programs and artists-in-residence programs supplied by the Lowell Area Arts Council for students in Lowell Area Schools.

"If people don't intend on bidding, they should just come out and see the work that the kids have done," said Lowell Area Arts Council executive director, Lorain Smalligan. "It is bigger than even I envisioned. The auction will be a celebratory conclusion of the whole program."

Live from Lowell - It's Friday Night

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

"During tough economic times, one must be committed to a business to succeed," said Julie DeVoe, co-owner of Chimera Design, LLC.

DeVoe and Cliff Yankovich, new to Lowell's historic district, have brought an energy to their approach.

"I think it's all about consistency," DeVoe said.

The exact quality she believes will make the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Friday Night Live" marketing approach successful.

Actually, Yankovich is the Lowell merchant who shared the idea with chamber executive director, Liz Baker.

He was introduced to the old moonlight madness-like promotion in Grand Ledge. It has also met with success in the communities of Trenton and Marshall.

"We want people to view Lowell as a destination point. A place to check out - to shop, walk and eat at one of the many businesses and restaurants," Baker explains.

Lowell's Friday Night Live promotion will kick off on May 2 and will continue thereafter on the first Friday of each month.

The special sale event will run from 7 until 11 p.m. with 18 local merchants participating. They are: Springrove Variety, Rollaway, Forever Yours, Hahn Hardware, Chimera Design, Touch of Country, Bookabout, Dream Pieces, Rare Finds, The Dam Store, Cousin's Hallmark, River Hollow, Larkin's, SandCastle, Flat River Antique Mall, BalloonAttics, Flat River Grill and Sneaker's.

Many of the merchants will have specials and/or sales.

Mike Sprenger (Springrove Variety) will offer customers a progressive sale: 10 percent off during the first hour; 15 percent during the second hour; 20 percent during the third hour; and 25 percent during the fourth hour of Friday Night Live.

"It's another effort to try to better market Lowell," Baker explains.

Sprenger adds, "I think it could be fun and it's a way for the community to come together. It reminds me of the old moonlight madness sales."

Barry this year's CROP Walk marshal

This is the last week to get pledges for the 9th annual Lowell area CROP Walk. Twelve area churches and organizations, with over 300 walkers, will hit the streets Sunday, May 4 at 1:30 p.m. to raise money to support relief for worldwide hunger. If you need "walking papers" or just want to sponsor someone, call 897-5936.

General contributions can be made to Church World Services, and may be sent to Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk, c/o First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

This year's grand marshal, Gordie Barry, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will lead the 6 mile walk. There is also a shorter 2 mile route available.

The walk will begin at First United Methodist Church. Two of the Lowell area recipients of proceeds from the walk are Flat River Outreach Ministries and Senior Neighbors.

The CROP walk lost one of its most enthusiastic fundraisers last week upon hearing the news of the passing of Rosalie Lewis. Friend, Jan Kraus, will walk Sunday to make good on the pledges Lewis collected leading up to the walk. Lewis was a 30-year employee at Root-Lowell.

OBITUARIES

DE BRUYN - Mrs. Ella DeBruyn, aged 90, of Belmont, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 25, 2003. For many years Ella was a regular attendee of Calvary Church. She was a fantastic cook, providing nourishing and delicious meals for the 11 people seated around the family table, and had the best looking garden in the community. In her later years, watching the birds from her kitchen window gave her great enjoyment. Preceding her in death was her husband Richard. Ella is survived by her

children Joan and Gordon Campbell of Lowell, Mary and Melvin Eggleston of Ada, Richard and Deborah DeBruyn of Belmont, David and Nancy DeBruyn of Jenison, Martin DeBruyn of Rockford, Katherine and Rev. James Munson of Minnesota, Barbara and Steven Dinger of Jenison, Patricia and John Fynewever of Byron Center and Ruth and Stephen Adams of Greenville; 21 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. The service for Ella was Tuesday at Pederson Funeral Home.

Rockford, with Dr. Edward Dobson officiating. Burial in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Big Rapids, 400 Perry, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

DEN HOUTER - John A. Den Houter, aged 89, of Cascade, went to be with the Lord on April 26, 2003. He was a successful farmer and owner of Outdoor Storage Inc. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Edith; his son Leonard (Kathryn) Den Houter of Lowell; daughter Joy Den Houter (Paul Pratico) of Roanoke, Ind.; grandchildren Jonathan, Jennifer, Jessica, Benjamin, Noel Den Houter and Lilly Pratico. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Metcalf and Jonkhoff Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Dr. Robert Schuler Hour of Power.

HALL - Thomas S. Hall, aged 76, of North Hollywood, CA, died at Northridge Hospital, Van Nuys, CA, on April 17, 2003 after a short illness. He was born May 30, 1927, in Minneapolis, MN, and grew up in Lowell where he graduated from high school in 1945. Tom joined the Navy after which he attended Michigan State University where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He worked on and off in the family business

in Lowell, and after his parents moved to California in 1955, in Clinton Hall Real Estate in Burbank. He was a longtime member of the Bridge Academy in Tarzana, often taking first place honors. Surviving are his brother Dr. Robert C. Hall of Fort Wayne, Ind., and his sister Betty Hall Tuttle of Lansing, also graduates of Lowell High School. No memorial service.

LEWIS - Rosalie May Lewis, aged 62, of Lowell, passed away April 25, 2003. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Nellie Lewis and sister Dolly Loy. Rosalie is survived by her brothers Warren (Janet) Lewis of Lakeview, Gene (Karen) Lewis of Grattan; sisters Marilyn (Theodore) Hill of Otsego, Beatrice (Edward) Hill of Otsego; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Rev. Thurlan Meredith of Snow United Methodist Church, officiating. Inurnment Ada Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

LILLIE - Harold Lillie, aged 88, of Saranac, passed away April 28, 2003 in Grand Rapids. He was born February 10, 1915, in Keene Twp., the son of James and Blanche (Castle) Lillie. He was a graduate of Union High School in 1932. He married Helen Bresnahan in 1941. Harold was an Army WWII veteran, worked at Mitchell Bentley General Tire in Ionia from 1953 until 1977 and was a member of Saranac American Legion. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Helen of Saranac; sons James and Carol Lillie of Parnell, Jerry Lillie of Saranac; grandchildren Michael and (Jennifer) Lillie of Parnell, Jeffrey

and (Kerri) Lillie of Parnell; great-granddaughters Jasmine, Jordan and Isabel. He was preceded in death by two brothers. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 1 at St. Anthony's Church with Rev. Tom Boufford celebrant. Interment Saranac Cemetery. The family will receive friends and family Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. with Rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Anyone wishing may make a memorial contribution to St. Anthony's Building Fund or American Diabetes Association.

PHENIX - Kenneth Allen Phenix, Sr., aged 57, of rural Lakeview, passed away early Monday morning, April 21, 2003, at his home under the loving care of his family and Hospice. The son of Grandville and Charlotte Phenix, he was born on May 3, 1945, in Belding. A veteran of the Vietnam Conflict, he served in both the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps. On Feb. 25, 1984, in Lowell, he married the former Sharon L. Merritt-Rash. Ken was employed at Frigidaire

Home Products in Greenville, was an avid hunter and also farmed. He was preceded in death by his father Grandville Phenix; a son Kenneth Allen Phenix Jr. on Aug. 21, 2001; and a daughter Jodie Rash. Surviving are his wife Sharon L. Phenix of Lakeview; his mother Charlotte Phenix of Belding; children Jeff Rash of Lowell, Sharon Webster of Detroit, Criss and Kenny Kaminski of Lowell, Denise Phenix of Cedar Springs, Janette Rash of Lowell, Jim and Dana Phenix of Edmore, and Carol Phenix and Scott Leech of Six Lakes; two brothers Paul and Rose Phenix of Belding and Don and Deb Phenix of Turk Lake; siblings-in-law Lois Johnson of Tennessee, Dorothy Spickler, and Kenneth Merritt of Lakeview; several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held April 23 with Rev. Curt Mudgett of Trinity Free Evangelical Church, Stanton, officiating. In honoring Ken's wishes, cremation followed the service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to either Heartland Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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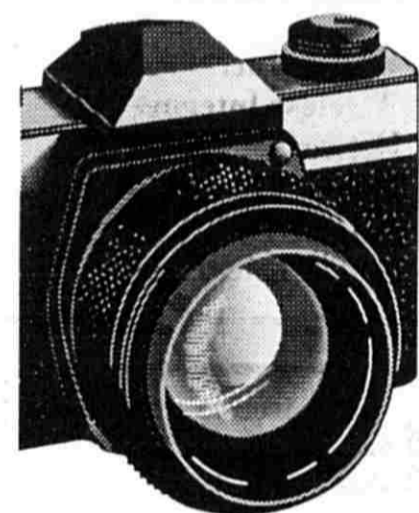
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All group pictures should be taken WITHOUT caps, visors, etc.

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



FREEDOM RIDING

The Operation Enduring Freedom Bike Ride from Grand Rapids to Lansing thundered through downtown Lowell Saturday around noon. There were two miles worth of bikes riding in support of U.S. Troops, President George W. Bush and in memory of Michigan troops (a total of seven) including Jason Plite. The bikes were greeted by Lowell Post #8303 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN 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 a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider an application made by AT&T Wireless for a special land use under Zoning Ordinance Section 13.26 to permit a wireless telecommunication 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 hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, at the above stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: April 22, 2003

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of April 21, 2003, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 02-2003, an amendment to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amendment is as follows:

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

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

The complete text of the ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331.

This ordinance takes effect 7 days after publication.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
 Lowell Charter Township

Accident leaves LHS junior in critical condition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A Lowell High School student remains in critical condition at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital following an accident late Saturday morning on Alden Nash/M-50 in Alto.

Christopher Michael Raimer, 17, and friend and fellow track teammate Benjamin Lemke were returning home from a track meet in Caledonia when the accident occurred.

Raimer, who was driving, was northbound on M-50, at approximately 11 a.m., when he slowed to turn into Alto Marathon. The LHS junior turned left into the path of a pickup southbound truck, according to State Police 1st Lt. Shirley Razmus.

Raimer was transported to Spectrum Health Butterworth by Life Ambulance, and Lemke, suffering life threatening injuries was taken via Aero Med to Butterworth.

Both Raimer and Lemke remain at the hospital. Lemke is in the intensive care unit after suffering a severe laceration to the head, broken pelvis, and lung and liver injuries. On Tuesday, Lemke's parents reported that their son was improving and that they remain optimistic. Raimer was being kept another couple of days for observation.

The driver of the truck, Joseph Quisenbery, of Rockford, incurred no injuries.

Darcy Quisenbery, a passenger in the truck, incurred injuries and was transported to Metropolitan Hospital.

Thank You

St. Mary's Pregnancy Center
 and I would like to express our most sincere "Thanks" to the Lowell Leadership graduating class of 2003:
 Julie DeVries Bass, Patty Brechbiel, Kathy Horsch, Sheryl Laird, Kurt Lardie, Carolyn Medendorp, Lee Morris, Karyn Moulton, Marcia Roth, Dave Simmons, Donna Simpson & Liz Baker for all their time, effort and hard work in putting together a program to raise funds for the St. Mary's Pregnancy Center.

- Ruth Collar

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Reflections Of Faith

Rev. William Renkema
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Only a shirt. That's all I wanted, all I asked for. So why was the man behind the counter pulling out a revolver and placing it on the counter top? "We have no guayaberas for 'yanquis' here. Here we only have bullets for 'yanquis.'" (Guayaberas are Spanish style formal shirts.

Yanqui means citizen of the USA.)

OK, all right, I can take a hint. He didn't want to sell me a shirt. I would take my business next door. After all, most Nicaraguan merchants went out of their way to attract customers, even American customers.

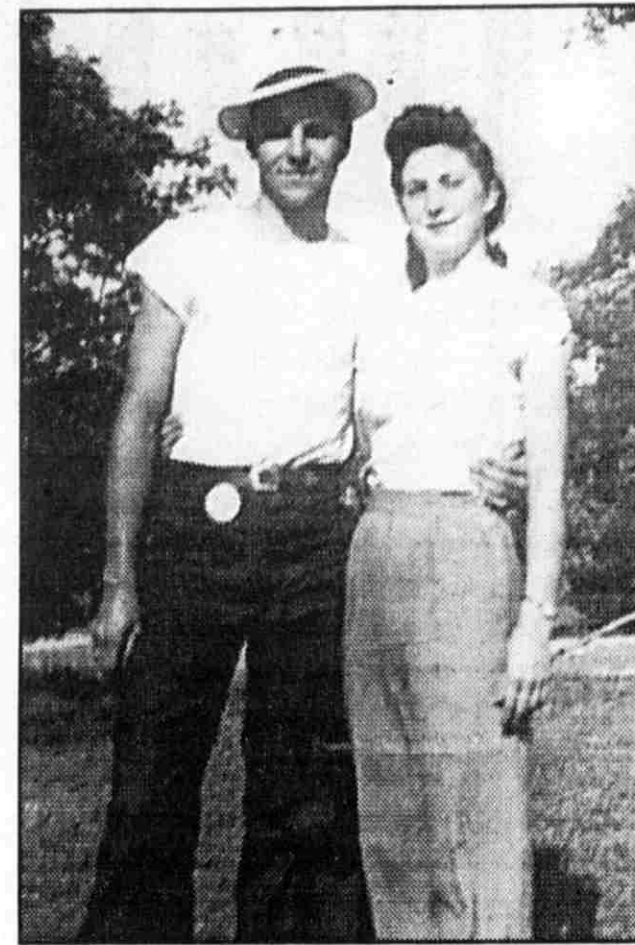
I should have known that this trip into post-revolutionary Managua, Nicaragua was going to be different. "Uncle Sam," hanging with a noose around his neck from many traffic lights should have been a dead giveaway.

People often make assumptions about other people. I was tall, blue-eyed, and spoke Spanish with a bit of an English accent. Those characteristics meant that many Nicaraguans saw me as a representative of the U.S. government, which they hated. They might have preferred to see a noose around my neck, or a bullet in my heart.

Some ... not all. There were others who knew that I came as a representative of Christ, not of the U.S.A. They welcomed me, made me feel at home, invited me to teach and to preach. Many of them had no more love for my country than did the man behind the counter, but they did have a love for Christ and for all who serve Him.

Faith in Christ breaks down barriers between people. It draws them into a kingdom, not of this earth, a spiritual and heavenly kingdom. It unites them into the spiritual body of Christ so that they judge people by their relationship to Christ before any other characteristic. It helps them see past the superficial differences that exist between nationalities, races, genders, socio-economic class, to a deeper truth - that one's real identity is defined in relationship to Christ.

By the way, I did get my guayabera at the shop next door.



Al and Dot (Hanes) Lacic were married on May 7, 1949



Then & Now

Al and Dot (Hanes) Lacic of Lowell will observe 54 years of marriage on May 7, 2003. A family dinner at Brann's is planned.

The Lacic children are: Adeline Brower, Arthur Lacic, Dorothy House, Russell Lacic, and Jim and Mary Dillree. They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Training program to assist displaced workers

Seeking to provide assistance to workers displaced by the closing of the Newell Manufacturing Corp. plant in Lowell last year, the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a \$261,991 grant to a Michigan training program.

U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao noted that the Michigan Department of Career Development will receive a Title I Emergency Grant under the federal Workforce Reinvestment Act. The grant is expected to service approximately 25 of the former 113 workers who were laid off in March and

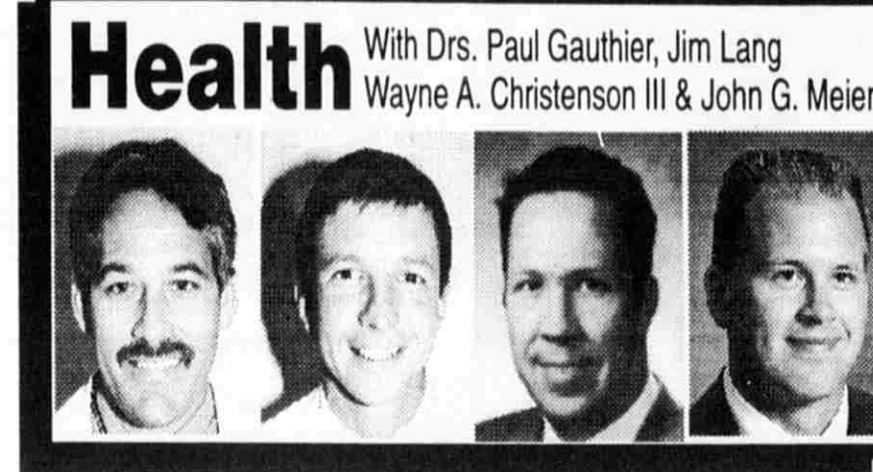
April 2002 due to the closing of Newell Manufacturing Corp. in Lowell. Newell had produced a variety of products, most recently auto parts, in Lowell since the 1940s.

The grant funds will provide assessment, outreach and retirement, employment counseling, job search skills assistance; job development and placement; labor market information; basic and remedial training; literacy training, including English as a second language instruction; class-

room vocational and occupational training; and out-of-area job search. It will also provide supportive services such as needs-related payments, transportation, and other job-related expenses.

"I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Labor is giving these workers assistance in training and finding new employment, especially in these turbulent times," said Vern Ehlers, Grand Rapids congressman.

Viewpoint . . .



Vitamin B-12 is a vitamin that we normally get from the food we eat every day. It is found in most meat and dairy

products. Vegetarians that avoid these foods have a higher risk of developing a vitamin B-12 deficiency. Vitamin B-12 is an important factor in the production of red blood cells and proper nerve cell function.

If the vitamin B-12 levels are too low, you can develop anemia and problems with the nervous system. Most people that have low B-12 have trouble absorbing the vitamins from the GI tract. This can be due to a disease called pernicious anemia, where the cells lining the GI tract become damaged and are unable to absorb proper amounts of B-12. Some people that take long-term medications for ulcers or gastroesophageal reflux also can have trouble absorbing B-12. People who have had part of their stomach or small intestines removed may also be at risk for developing B-12 deficiency.

Vitamin B-12 deficiency is easily detected by drawing a simple blood test. If the level is low, a search for the cause

should be undertaken. Usually there are very few symptoms of vitamin B-12 deficiency, especially early in the clinical course. Some people will experience fatigue, tiredness, generalized malaise and occasionally some incoordination or tingling in the extremities.

Vitamin B-12 deficiency is successfully treated by replacing B-12 through oral intake or by injection. Shots of vitamin B-12 are given frequently at first to restore your vitamin stores and then monthly thereafter. Most people can also be treated by taking high doses of vitamin B-12 daily by mouth. Multiple vitamin pills do not contain enough vitamin B-12 to overcome the poor absorption of vitamin B-12 in most patients with the disease, so higher doses are prescribed. If you are diagnosed with B-12 deficiency, you will have to take this vitamin for the rest of your life to prevent clinical problems.

School Menus
Week of 5/5 - 5/9

ELEMENTARY

MON: Taco in crunchy shell w/lettuce & cheese or pork ribbQ on bun, fresh fruit choice, baked beans, churro.

TUES: Hot dog on bun or hot pretzel & cheese with ham slice, corn, cherry icy juicee.

WED: Pancake dippers or assorted cereal, scrambled eggs, juice choice, hash brown wedge.

THURS: Chicken sticks & freedom bread or turkey & cheese on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, rainbow apples.

FRI: Italian dunkers with meat sauce & cheese stick, burrito and roll, sweet peas, cling peaches, Pyramid Pete eraser.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 1: Dennis Anchors, Rick Roth, Mark Christiansen.
MAY 2: Madison Briggs, Melinda D'Agostino, Glen Bryant, Bertha Jessup, Tim Mastenbrook.
MAY 3: Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell.
MAY 4: John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.
MAY 5: Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Scott Carpenter.
MAY 7: John Schalow, LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 1, 1878

A sturgeon weighing 207 pounds is caught in the river at Grand Rapids.

The sidewalk in front of the post office settled suddenly last week, as a team of horses passed over it.

Lightning struck Gulliford's blacksmith shop last Wednesday while the men were in it; very exciting with flying slivers, but nobody hurt.

Vegetation is about a month ahead, thanks to last week's seven days of rain, including hail on Saturday.

Hundreds of fish have been caught below Flat River dam in the past week.

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50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 30, 1953

There were 16 lynchings in seven states in 1927, compared to 30 lynchings in 10 states in 1926.

Adaptors are available for direct current battery radio sets so they can be plugged into house lines.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 30, 1953

The Lowell Junior Band wins a first Division rating at the state band festival in Lansing in Class D.

Thirty eight high school students are named to the Honor Roll for this period.

The block foundation for the new scout cabin nears completion by volunteers.

The Alto fourth grade travels to Grand Rapids by streamliner (train) and visits the museum.

"Bonzo Goes to College" is the feature at the Saranac Theater.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 3, 1978

Council ponders sale of nine acres between the middle school and railroad tracks for a machine shop.

Young members of scouts and churches do a massive roadside cleanup of Ada Township during the annual Ada Cleanup Day.

King Milling closes its feed mill operations due to age of the facilities and changing governmental standards.

Jim Topp and Chris Burch organize a Duffers Golf Day for Mondays at the Arrowhead Golf Course.

Saturday night Showboat tickets are already getting scarce.

Financial Focus

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LOOK FOR CREATIVE WAYS TO FUND RETIREMENT PLANS

If you have an IRA or an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or 403 (b), you've already taken a big step toward achieving the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But if you're not fully funding these tax-advantaged accounts, you're missing out on a chance to accelerate the progress toward your goals.

Just how much money can you put into these plans? For 2003, you can contribute \$3,000 to a Traditional or Roth IRA; if you're 50 or over, you can put in an extra \$500. You can also put in up to \$12,000 to your 401(k) or, if you work for a nonprofit organization, to your 403(b). And if you're 50 or over, you can contribute an extra \$2,000 to these plans.

Of course, for most of us, these are good-sized sums of money—and it may seem hard to come up with the full amounts. After paying your monthly bills, you might not think you can afford to put away more into your retirement accounts. But there may be steps you can take to uncover, or at least redirect, financial resources you can apply to your retirement savings.

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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.

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The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Coalition for clean forests holds national Earth Day trash out event

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources sponsored a cleanup of Lowell State Game Area as part of their "Adopt-A-Forest" program.

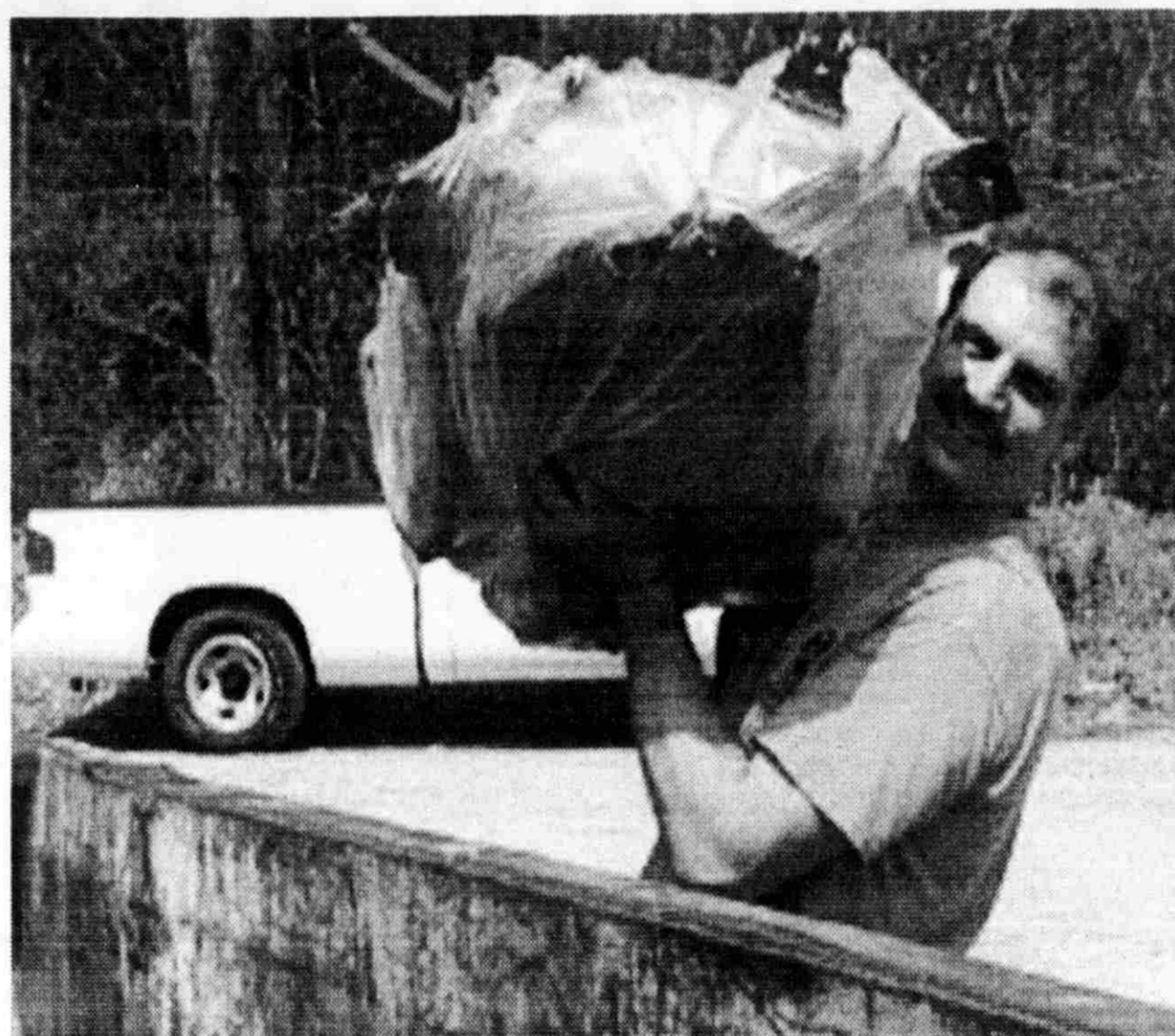
Michigan Geocaching Organization (MiGO) organized a Cache In-Trash Out day with assistance from the DNR and Magellen Corporation. Approximately 50 Geocaching enthusiasts participated. Members attending were from Lowell and other points of Michigan.

MiGO members assembled at the Fallsburg open shelter with a forestry stewardship mission to clean the Lowell State Game Area parking lots. The DNR targeted 15 sites in need of attention.

Armed with trash bags, gloves and maps, the group set out to clean up these sites. They found an abundant supply of shotgun shells, bottles, tires and a few old bedsprings. By the end of their three-hour stint, they had filled a dumpster provided by the DNR.

"There seemed to be a lot of trash on this parcel of land," said MiGO member, Carol Foerch. "Fifty people split up into five teams to clean the Lowell game area designated by the DNR. The project was undertaken in conjunction with Earth Day (April 23).

MiGO participants returned to the open shelter for a dinner, provided by members of the group. If you would like to participate in MiGO, log onto: <http://www.mi-geoching.org>.



Ken DeJonge, from the Earth Day Clean Forest project, was one of 50 volunteers to help clean up land in the Lowell game area.

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MiGo member, Carol Foerch

Leader Appreciation

The 2003 Lowell Leadership class presented its leader Liz Baker with a plaque and a special gift in appreciation of Baker's willingness to do more than what is asked of her - to take that "extra step." Presenting the plaque to Baker is Kay Jones.



The third Lowell Leadership graduating class presents a check for over \$2,300 to the St. Mary's Pregnancy Center. The money was raised through a year-end class project. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: David Simmonds, Donna Simpson, Ruth Collar, Patty Brechbiel, Kathy Horsch, Marcia Roth, Liz Baker and Julie Bass-DeVries. Back row, left to right, are: Kurt Lardic, Carolyn Medendorp, Lee Morris, Karyn Moulton and Sheryl Laird. Not pictured is Kerry Schubach.

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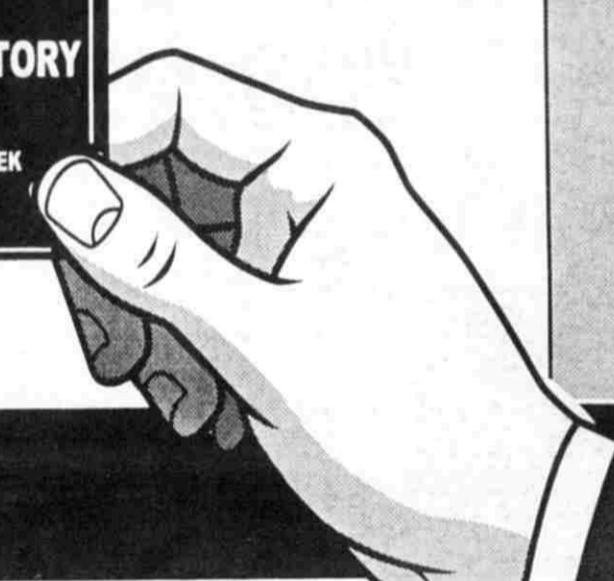
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EDUCATIONAL EVENING AT WITTENBACH CENTER
Open Space Citizen Committee for Vergennes Twp. will offer the program "Discovering the Options: A Win-Win-Win Future." April 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Wittenbach Center. Public invited. Call 897-5671 (Vergennes Twp.)

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY
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.

STUDENTS' ART AT LAAC
On display at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, are artworks created by students from Lowell Area Schools. Middle and high school exhibits: May 1-13; elementary school exhibit: May 17-31. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri. 12-5:30; Sat. - Sun., 1-4 p.m.

CROP WALK - SUNDAY!
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 exhibit by Ardie Post at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main now thru May 6 during regular business hours.

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY
The 3rd annual Spirit of Community will be held at the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 2. Appetizers / desserts served from 7-8 p.m. in the cafeteria; awards begin at 8 p.m. Questions: call 897-9161.

LOCAL MUSEUM TOURS
Area 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). Call Lowell Area Historical Museum (897-7688) for participating museums.

GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE
Cherry Creek Elementary parking lot 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 to the Goodwill truck.

FOODMOBILE - FREE FOOD
The Foodmobile will be at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., on Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. - noon. Bring own box or bag. Available to anyone - distributed by F.R.O.M.

WITTENBACH CENTER WALK
There will be a family wildflower walk from 9 a.m. - noon at the Wittenbach Center, Vergennes St. on Saturday, May 10. Questions: call 987-1002.

ANNUAL PRESCHOOL FAMILY CARNIVAL
TOTS will have a family carnival on Tuesday, May 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 300 High St. Preschool games, prizes, balloons, face painting, crafts and ice cream! \$2 per family.

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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(2 from Cascade area) Women Plus size & assorted sizes. Boys (& young men's) clothing, girls' teen and some smaller sizes. Console TV - Just like a moving sale but better! Kitchen, glass knick-knacks, bathroom accessories. Don't miss this sale. Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd, 8-6, 10807 Woodbushe (way up street).

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West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Sat., May 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$1 adm. 180 booths! Luncheon. Proceeds go toward "Project Falcon."

GARAGE SALE
Saturday only, 9 am - 4 pm., 10881 Woodbushe. Waterbed, golf clubs, many golf balls, 8hp engine, Beanie Babies & Buddies. Lots of misc. items. Refreshments.

GARAGE SALE
Lowell, Friday May 2, Saturday May 3, 9-4. Furniture, gas grill, lawn mower, organ, clothes, misc. 2058 Woodrun (off Settlewood).

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 3, at the former Family Fare Parking lot (tent for cover in case of rain). Sale starts at 8:30 a.m. Items for sale: Appliances, lawn & garden equipment, tools, furniture, clothes, toys, housewares, many other items too numerous to list! Proceeds to sponsor Lowell High School Boys' Varsity Soccer Team Summer Trip!

GARAGE SALE
Friday & Saturday, May 2 & 3, 9-? All sorts of odds and ends, including some household tools and yard tools. 321 Donna, Lowell. Watch for signs.

GARAGE SALE
Collectibles, furniture, pottery, glassware, ladies large size clothing, misc. May 2 & 3, 9-5 p.m. 3277 and 3333 Segwun.

GARAGE SALE
Lots of household, books, furniture, clothes (kids - adults) May 2 & 3, Fri. & Sat., 8-? 13507 Forest River.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Closed daycare items, household, computers and parts. Lots of goodies. Thurs. & Fri., May 1 & 2, 9-?, 527 N. Lafayette, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
Good prices on clothes, misc. and lots of stuff. May 1 & 2, 8-5, 179 Liberty St., Saranac (behind Roundys)

GARAGE SALE
Furniture, lots of baby clothes sizes infant and toddler; movies, CDs, Beanie Babies. Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 8-? 6007 Riverside, Saranac.

GARAGE SALE
Lots of new & like new clothes. Sat., May 3, 9-? 13224 Vergennes St.

GARAGE SALE
1631 Stonewood, Friday, 9 - 5, Saturday 8 - ? Whole new sale no repeat items from last year. Maternity and women's clothes, baby items doors, microwave...

GARAGE SALE
Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If raining cancel. Kids and adult clothing, ill bit of everything, 9540 Bailey, close to Parnell Ave.

Demolition, renovation make room for Church's Sept. opening

A little over a year after the Lowell Wesleyan Church closed its doors due to declining attendance, the West Michigan District of Wesleyan Church announced that it will be reopened.

IMPACT: A Wesleyan Church will open in the fall at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Struckmeyer.

"It will be a more contemporary style of building and ministry," Struckmeyer

said. "We've (the launch team) been working to reach the unchurched people in hopes of gathering support."

The actual physical structure of the church is currently under renovation. It will include the removal of pews, enclosing the pavilion for storage, and maintenance.

Struckmeyer previously served as a pastor at a student ministries in Battle Creek.

"IMPACT will be similar

in the sense that the services will be relevant to the other six days of the week," Struckmeyer explained.

Recently, Affordable Abatement of Ionia removed a 35-40 year old building from the property. The space will be filled with a playground and park area.

Struckmeyer says it will take two years to build Wesleyan into a self-supporting, self-sustaining church.



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Details hang up site plan for Lighthouse addition

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The devil is in the details ... at least that is what one local business learned at the Lowell Planning Commission meeting Monday night.

Lighthouse, Inc., which came before the planning commission seeking approval of a site plan to construct a 30,000-square-foot cooler addition, got turned down because informa-

Students test their knowledge in Academic Track Meet

Lowell Middle School competed against Caledonia Middle School in an Academic Track Meet. The academic competitors tested their knowledge in a variety of subjects while art competitors had 40 minutes to complete a drawing. Performance competitors prepared and presented dramatic and interpretive readings, instrumental and vocal pieces, and improvisational skits.

The students learned to reach outside their comfort zones and stretch their knowledge and skills to a competitive level, giving them valuable learning and growth experiences.

Following are a few of the highlights and placements of the Lowell students:

Arithmetic: Lindsay Aiken, 1st place; Biology: Dominic Doyle, 2nd; Kara Schloop and Adam Schollaart, 3rd (tie); Geography: Culver Redd, 1st; Austin Foster, 3rd; U.S. History: Brad Norman, 1st; Steph Kempker, 2nd; Music: Mallory Hines, 1st; Megan Zinke, 3rd; Trivia: Colin Rich, 1st; Rob Alguire, 3rd; Work-o-Clock: Nick Abdo, 1st (tie); Lindsey Welch, 3rd; Kaitlin Schramm, 4th; Art (black & white): Coleton Webber, 2nd (tie); Art (dry color): Jessica Nelson, 1st; Hayley Getzen, 2nd; Math Story Problems: Brad Norman, 2nd; Physical Science: Terrah Tawney, 2nd; Adam Schollaart, 3rd; Earth Science: Hollie Gunderson, 2nd; Allen Hunter and Katrina Wheeler, 3rd (tie); Ancient History: Marissa Garza, 2nd (tie); Michael Nichols, 3rd; Speech & Theater: Brooke Liu, 2nd; Sapna Patel, 3rd; Samantha Lambert, 4th; Spelling: Culver Redd, 1st; Cody Herring, 2nd; Communication Arts: Rob Alguire, 1st; Potpourri (team) Event: Lowell, 1st; Interpretive Reading: Heather Walendzik, 1st; Dave Hoffman, 3rd; Vocal Solo: Samantha Lancaster, 4th; Dramatic Reading: Gary Kilgore, 2nd; Teresa Sturgeon, 4th; Skits & Improvisation: Lowell team, 1st (tie); Instrumental Solo (non keyboard): Adam Schollaart, 4th; Instrumental Solo (keyboard): Debbie Reinhold, 1st; Andrew Gerrig, 4th; Instrumental Group: Lowell Jazz Band, 1st (tie).

tion on the site plan did not meet all the requirements set forth in the city ordinance.

"For such a nice looking facility as Lighthouse has, I was surprised the site plan was lacking in the required information," said planning commission chair, Clark Jahnke.

When asked why, representatives from the company said it was because Lighthouse needs to have the facility in place by fall. If Lighthouse were to wait until the June meeting, it would not have been able to get the building up in time, according to Lighthouse officials.

But the company is going to have to wait, at least two weeks, for any approval from the planning commission. The company is paying a \$250 fee for a special meeting on May 12 for the planning commission to review completed plans and

hopefully get approval for the project.

"We need to make sure that the facility is according to code, and we don't have any documentation to prove that," said commission member Barb Schultz, who made the recommendation to deny the site plan based on insufficient information.

Lighthouse officials felt they could have the plans redone, fulfilling city specifications within the two-week period.

Other concerns by the commission included lighting, front elevation, and landscaping. There was a question on the need for a berm to hide the parking lot, but after some discussion it was learned that such a berm is required in the industrial zone, which is what Lighthouse's property is zoned.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of April 21, 2003 the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 01-2003, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The following is a summary:

3.7 Commercial Planned Unit Development "CPUD" Zone -

The amendments would provide new regulations for Commercial Planned Unit Developments (CPUD). The proposed regulations would require a minimum of 5 acres for a CPUD, delete the allowance for residential uses in CPUD, stipulate design standards, and allow the Planning Commission to modify these standards. The amendments also provide procedures and standards for review.

The complete text of the ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, Lowell, MI 49331.

This ordinance takes effect 7 days after publication.

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• **Set up a bank authorization**—If you have a 401(k) or 403(b), you are probably automatically deferring part of your paycheck into your retirement plan. And you can follow the same basic mechanism to fund your IRA. By setting up a

"bank authorization," you can have money moved directly from your checking account to your IRA each month. When you "pay yourself first" through this type of arrangement, you won't have a chance to spend the money on other things.

• **Put your raises to work**—If you receive an annual salary increase, consider raising the percentage of your 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. At the very least, increase your contribution enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. By not putting in enough to gain the match, you are literally walking away from "free" money.

• **Consider methods of "freeing up" funds**—If you can consolidate your high-rate credit cards into one lower-rate one, you may be able to free up money each month that can then go to your IRA. Also, if you're refinancing your mortgage, you may also come up with funds that can then go to your retirement accounts.

• **Get help from your Uncle Sam**—Depending on your income level, you may be able to receive a tax credit for contributing to your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b). If you're married and file jointly, and your adjusted gross income is \$50,000 or less, you may be able to claim a tax credit ranging from 10 percent to 50 percent of your IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) contribution. (The maximum contribution available as a basis for the credit is \$2,000). If you qualify, you can claim this credit in addition to any tax deduction you receive from your employer-sponsored retirement plan or Traditional IRA. To determine your eligibility for this tax credit, consult with your tax adviser.

By taking these steps, or others you may discover, you can put more money to work for you in your tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Take action soon—because the more time you have to build your savings, the better off you can be.

COLLEGE NEWS

Approximately 2,800 students were among the December graduates at Central Michigan University.

From the Lowell area were **Shelly M. Hoogewind**, who graduated with a BS degree, and **Jessica A. Rollins**, who graduated with a BSED.

Tara Cariano, a senior at Lowell High School, has been awarded a Regent's Scholarship valued at \$10,000 from Concordia University, Seward, Neb., beginning in the fall semester of the 2003-04 academic year.

The \$2,500 per year scholarship, awarded for academic achievement, is renewable for up to four years.

Concordia University enrolls over 1,400 students and is one of 10 academic institutions belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Rebecca Pfaller was inducted into the Delta Pi Alpha Honor Society at Grand Rapids Community College on April 16. Students in this honor society represent the top five percent of their graduating class. Upon completion of the present term, Pfaller will graduate with an associate degree in liberal arts.

She will transfer in the fall to Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. She is the daughter of Jim and Beth Pfaller of Lowell.

LHS grad competes to create high-mileage, low emissions truck

Becky Trierweiler, a graduate of Lowell High School, is among more than 60 Michigan Technological University students taking part in the national FutureTruck competition.

Michigan Tech is among 15 top North American universities competing to re-engineer a sport utility vehicle to improve gas mileage while reducing emissions. The FutureTruck competition, organized by Ford Motor Company and the U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory, will inspire the best and brightest engineering students with a real-world application of their skills while bringing recognition to their universities.

FutureTruck is a joint government-industry project created by DOE to explore alternative propulsion systems and fuels through student competition. The program's goal is to help raise the environmental performance of the SUV segment while keeping the amenities and features that have made it so popular. Ford has taken over the program from General



Motors Corp. as the automotive manufacturer sponsor, joining more than 17 other government and industry sponsors who will support the final two years of the four-year program.

FutureTruck 2003 is scheduled for June 2-12. Events will be held at Ford Michigan Proving Grounds where vehicles will be judged in events that evaluate their technical performance (acceleration, trailer towing, off-road handling, and on-road fuel economy) and design (consumer acceptability, engineering design review, and oral presentations).

Pictured left to right: Mike Clark, Chris Westra, Becky Trierweiler and Lee Wells are taking a good SUV and trying to make it better as members of Michigan Tech's FutureTruck team. The goal of the nationwide competition is to improve the mileage and reduce the emissions of this 2003 Ford Explorer while keeping amenities that customers won't do without.

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APRIL SMILE OF THE MONTH:

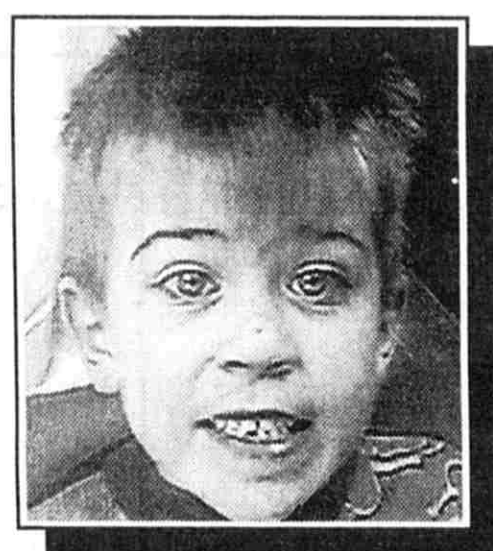
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SECTION 28 FROM AG AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO R-1 RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the Historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding the rezoning requested by Tim Zych from AG Agricultural District to R-1 Rural Residential District for the following property:

9727 Alden Nash Avenue SE

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, T5N, R9W, Bowne Township Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner Of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East along The East line of said Section 509.17 feet to the place of beginning of this Description; thence South 89 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds, West, a Distance of 1658.13 feet; thence South 0 degrees 29 minutes 40 seconds East, a distance of 8.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 38 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 981.21 feet; thence North 0 degrees 36 minutes 56 seconds West; a distance of 1069.67 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 983.50 feet; thence South 14 degrees 24 minutes 46 seconds East 525.62 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 58 minutes 00 seconds East 1531.72 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to highway rights over the East 33.00 Feet thereof.

Permanent Parcel #41-24-28-400-020 45.53 Acres

The proposed rezoning amendment may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan on Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

April 24, 2003
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

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

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg 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 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND TUES.: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

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

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

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at 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 THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School, Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./band: 7 - 8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FRI. & SAT.: Averill Historical Museum

of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346.

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

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

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

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

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 p.m.; Thurs. 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Fri., 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat., 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; Sun. 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon. & Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. Located at 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

THURS., MAY 1: Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor, 1 p.m. Program: "Mayday!

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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

THURS., MAY 8: 8:30 Walking; 11 St. Anne's Home, Luncheon in Honor Of Mothers.

THURS., MAY 1: 8:30 Walking; 11 a.m. Dead Sea Scrolls Trip.

FRI., MAY 2: No Walking; 10 a.m. Holland Evergreen Commons, Tulip Parade Dress Rehearsal; 12:45 Bingo.

FRI., MAY 9: 10:30 a.m. Bingo; 12:45 Kentwood Comedy Players.

MON., MAY 12: 12:45 Travelogue by Fern Lamb.

TUES., MAY 13: 12:45 Sam's Club & Wal-Mart.

WED., MAY 14: 8:30 Coed Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie at the Center.

THURS., MAY 15: No Walking; 10 a.m. Allendale Fire Barn (Donation) Lunch at Country Cupboard.

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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, 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.

SAT., MAY 10: Foodmobile at 4-H Fairgrounds, 10-noon. Mostly produce, bring own bag or box. (F.R.O.M.)

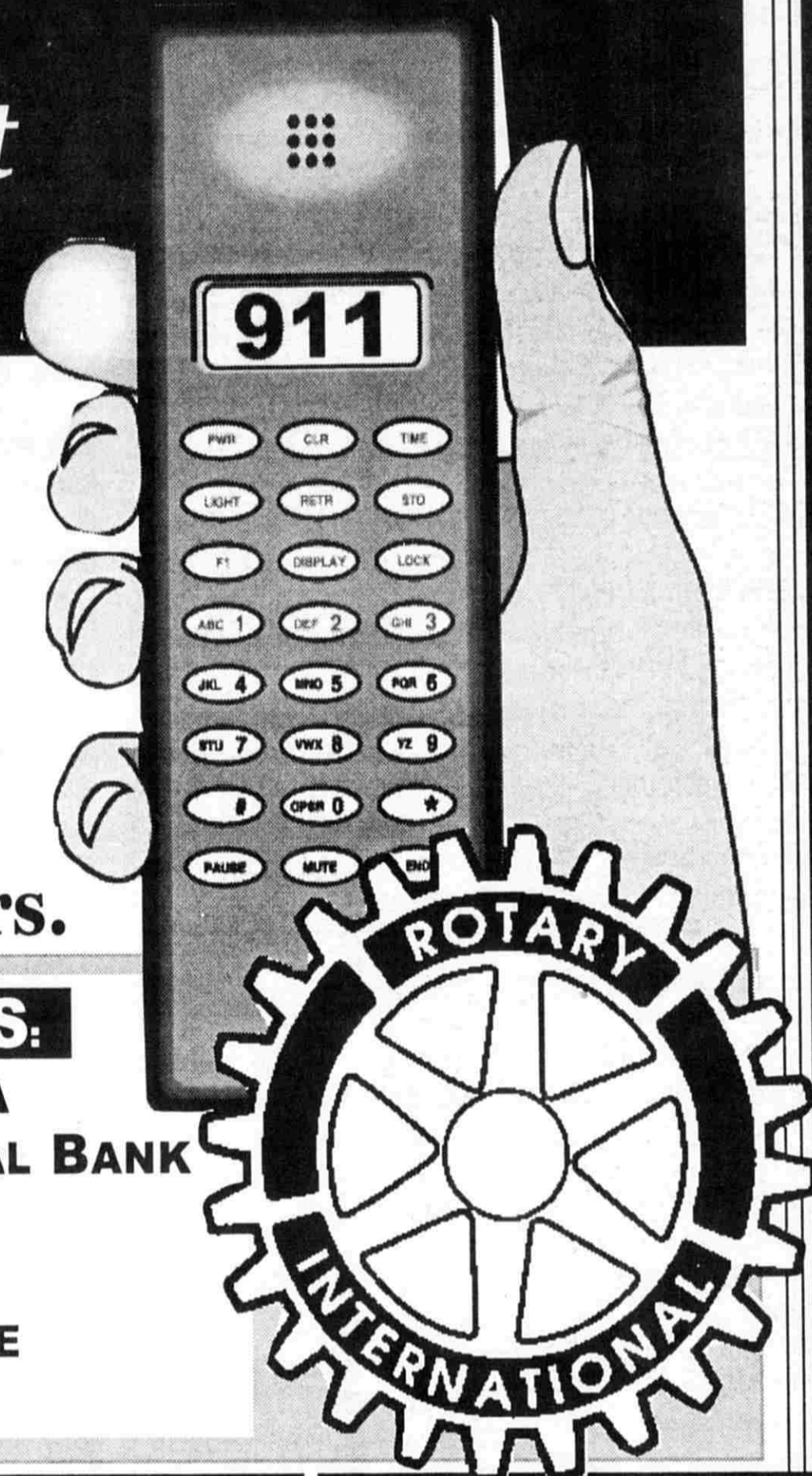
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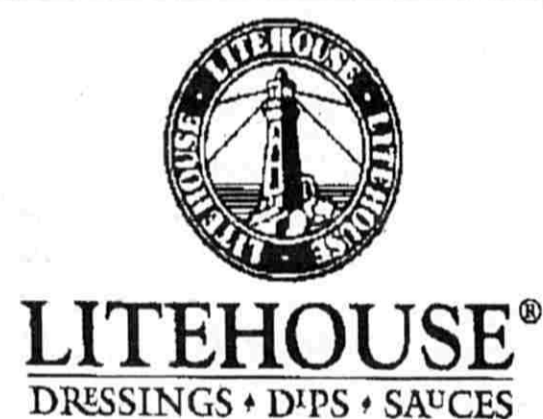


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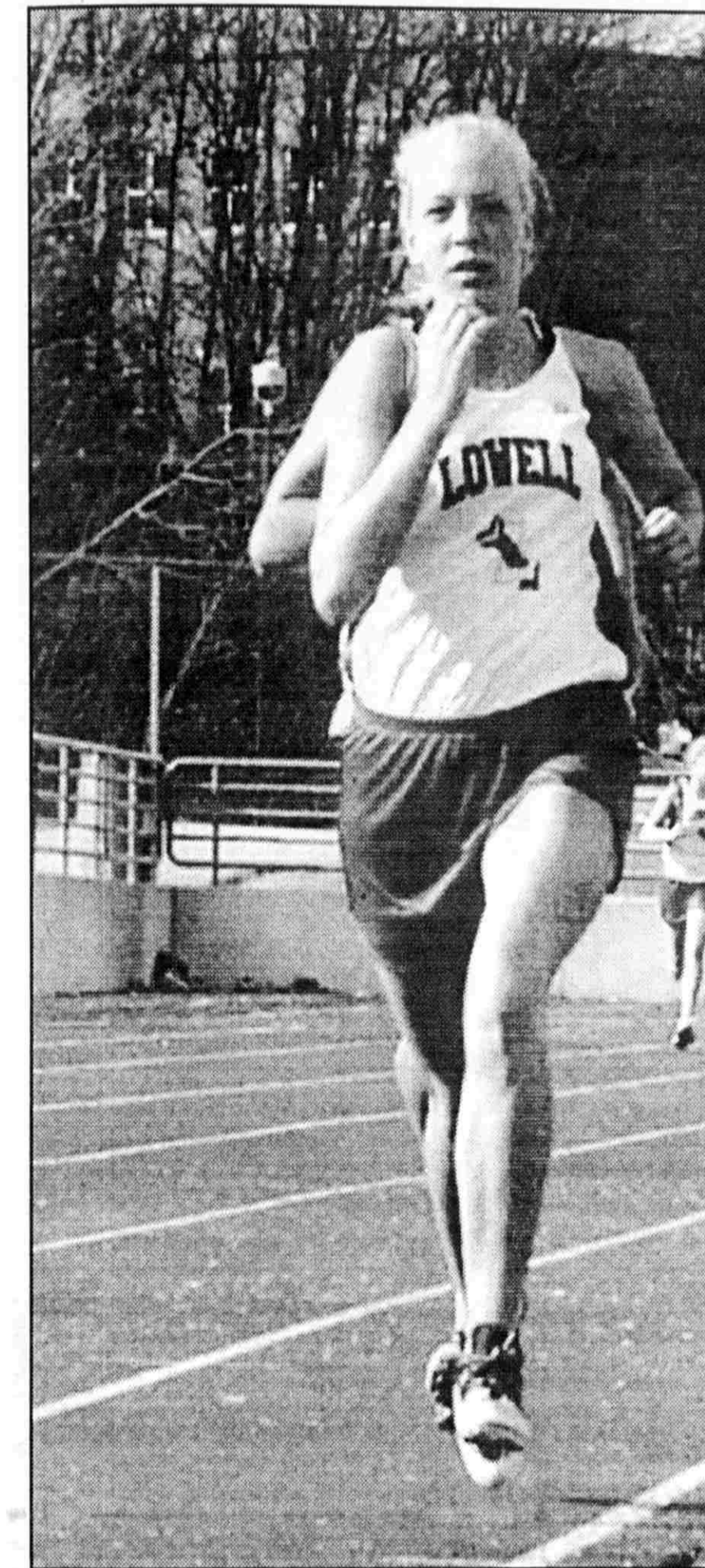
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Lowell girls answer challenge from Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Sarah Swab sets the early pace in the 1600-meter relay.

When a team hasn't lost a conference dual meet in over two years, others shoot to topple the top bird.

Hudsonville came closer to shooting down Lowell than Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus would have liked, before the Red Arrows prevailed 75-62.

"Other teams are getting better, and give us their best shot, therefore we must continue to get better," Talus warned.

Lowell led 67-61 with one event (pole vault) still to finish. Adding a little drama to the event was Lowell's number one vaulter, Nicole Gillikin, who passed up to eight feet. She, then, proceeded to miss on her first two attempts before clearing the height.

The senior went on to win the event with a height of 9'6". Teammate Rebekkah Woods was second, clearing 8 feet.

Lowell received strong one-two finishes from Heather Becker and Kristi Noall in the shot put and discus.

Becker was first in the shot put with a distance of 31' 1" and took top honors in the discus with a throw of 98' 4 1/2".

Noall finished second with a throw of 29' 11" in the shot put and 85' 1" in the discus.

Natalie Kent, already very good, continues to get better and better, according to Talus.

Kent easily took first in 100 hurdles with a time of 15.89 and came home in a winning time of 1:00.8 in the 400-meter run.

The meet belonged to Krystal White, though, as the senior won the 300 hurdles and had a leg in three winning relay events.

White had the final leg in the 1600-meter relay where, in a gritty performance, held off her Hudsonville counterpart by one second. Lowell came home in 4:16.

White stopped the clock in 48.10 to win the 300 hurdles. White teamed with Lisa Wojciakowski, Kent and Kim Huyser to win the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:50.30.

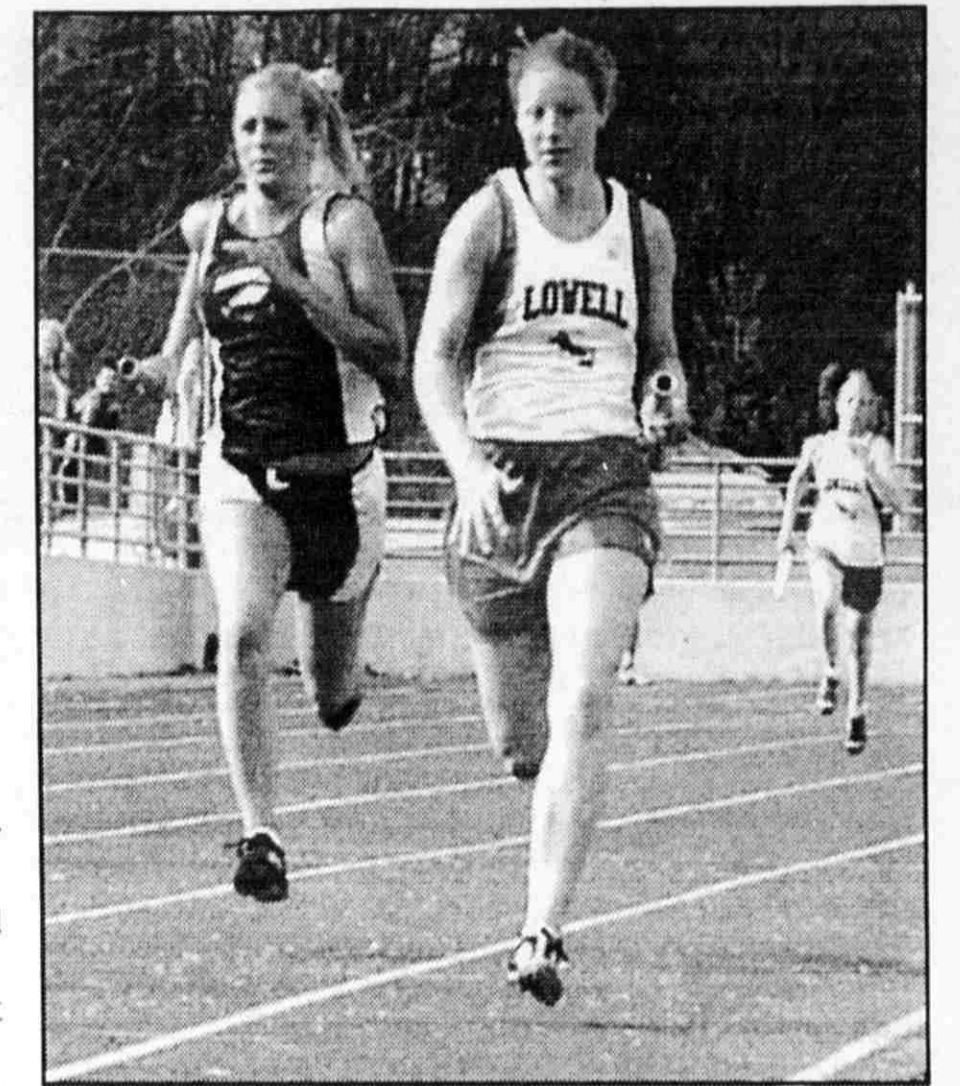
In the 400-meter relay it was White, Malley Cahoon, Amanda Grochowalski and Huyser coming home in a winning time of 52.82.

Other firsts handed in by Red Arrows were Sarah Swab (12:36) in the 3200-meter run and Huyser (13.55) in the 100 dash.

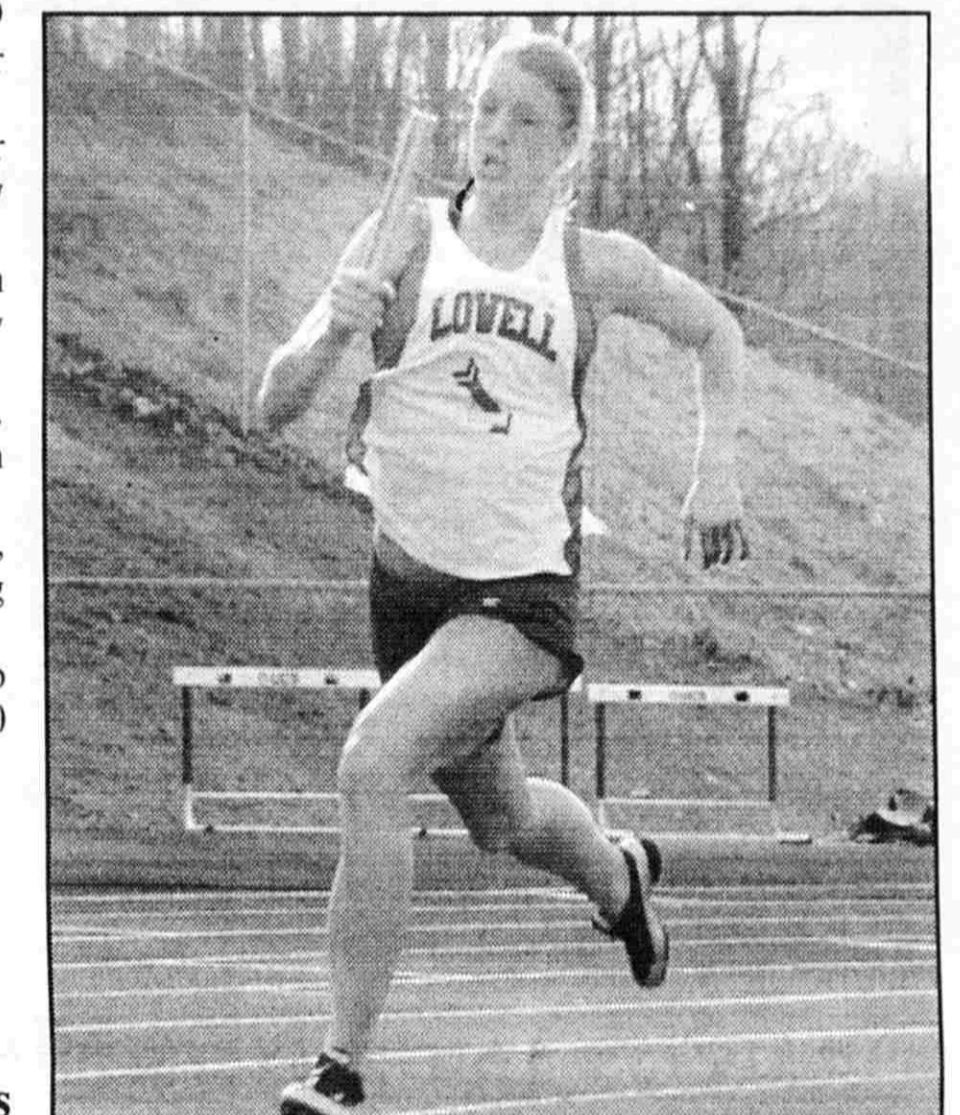
Lowell finished the week 2-0 in league meets.

Other teams are getting better, and give us their best shot, therefore we must continue to get better.

Kathy Talus
Lowell Girls Track Coach



Kim Huyser is the first runner home in the 100 dash.



Malley Cahoon runs the first leg of the 400-meter relay.

Details missing during Lowell's baseball skid

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's temporary loss of confidence has stemmed from losing sight of the game's details.

"It's nothing that can't be corrected by a good solid outing," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel. "We're just not paying close attention to the details of the game. The boys are not hitting the cutoff man and not keeping the trail runners out of scoring position."

What Antel thought would be a deep and solid pitching staff has also been hurt by numerous errors in the field.

The good news is, through this bad stretch, Lowell has begun hitting the ball. "The boys are being aggressive and the sticks are beginning to come around," Antel said.

The good hitting has most noticeably come from the bats of Alan Nugent, Ryan Nugent, Jake Brower and Kyle Rozema.

Rozema was 2-for-2 with a triple in Lowell's 10-6 loss to Northview.

Brower had a hit and three RBIs while Ryan Nugent collected two hits and Alan Nugent went 3-for-3.

Lowell committed five errors in game two as

Northview merced the Red Arrows 17-2.

The Wildcats opened the game with a five-spot in the first inning as they chased Lowell's starter. They added a single run in the third and then put the game away with eight in the fourth.

"Kyle (Rozema) relieved in a tough situation in the first and was one pitch away from getting us out of the inning with only three runs scored," Antel explained. "I thought he did a great job under the circumstances."

Luke Tomczak, who followed Rozema, allowed a run in the third and then was hit for eight runs on six hits in the fourth inning.

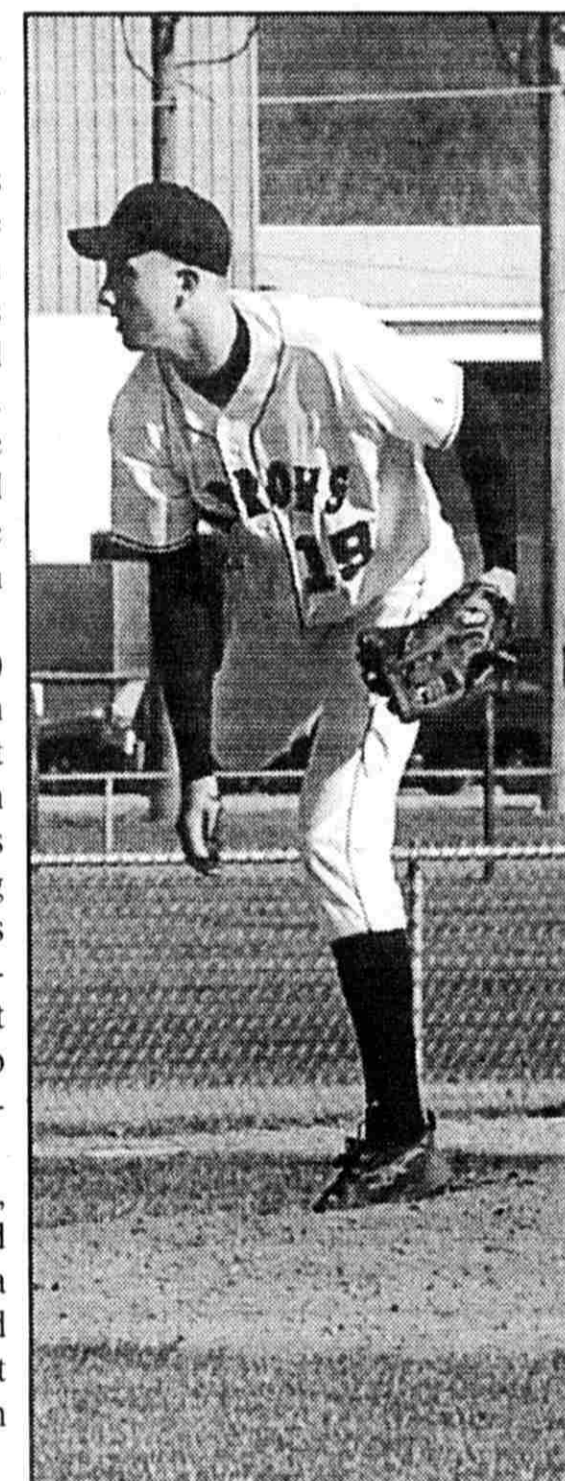
Zeeland 15
Lowell 1

The Chix took advantage of seven Lowell errors as they blasted the Red Arrows.

Zeeland led 3-0 going into the fourth inning when the game got away from Lowell.

The Chix scored seven times in the fourth and five more runs in the fifth inning to hand Lowell the lopsided loss.

Lowell finished the week at 6-6.



Kyle Rozema pitched a couple of innings in relief in Lowell's 15-1 loss to Zeeland.

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Lowell holds off Zeeland; shut down at Northview

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's softball team jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and then needed to cut down the tying run at third to hold off Zeeland 5-4.

"It is a pattern that has been repeating itself. We score early and then we seem to stop playing - to relax," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse said. "Zeeland's got a good club. They battled back and made a game of it."

Behind some early inning hitting by Ashleigh Inman and Becky Plummer, Lowell built its 5-0 lead.

Plummer's two-run single

in the first inning plated Tara Kimble and Jacque Benedict.

Inman doubled in a run in the second and later scored Lowell's fourth run of the game. The Lowell sophomore was 3-for-4 with two doubles; Plummer went 2-for-3.

Zeeland battled back in the sixth and seventh innings. The Chix scored three times in the sixth on a walk, two singles and a two-run triple.

A two-out run-scoring double pulled Zeeland to within one at 5-4, but the Chix were cut down at third trying to stretch the double into a triple to end the contest.

"It took us a while to get the bats going. Plummer is the hardest throwing pitcher we've seen so far. You can't simulate that velocity and delivery in practice," said Zeeland softball coach, Eric Rozema. "The girls played well and kept battling against a good ballclub."

Northview 3-2 Lowell 0-0

Lowell traveled to Northview Thursday to play one of the best softball teams in the state.

The Red Arrows were just a couple timely hits away from

making things really interesting for the Wildcats.

"Rode (Bob Rodenhouse) has a real nice club," said Northview's longtime softball coach, Tom Judson. "They put the ball in play, play good defense and that freshman pitcher (Becky Plummer) does what my Lindsay Brown has made a high school career out of - that's pitching inside and tight to good hitters."

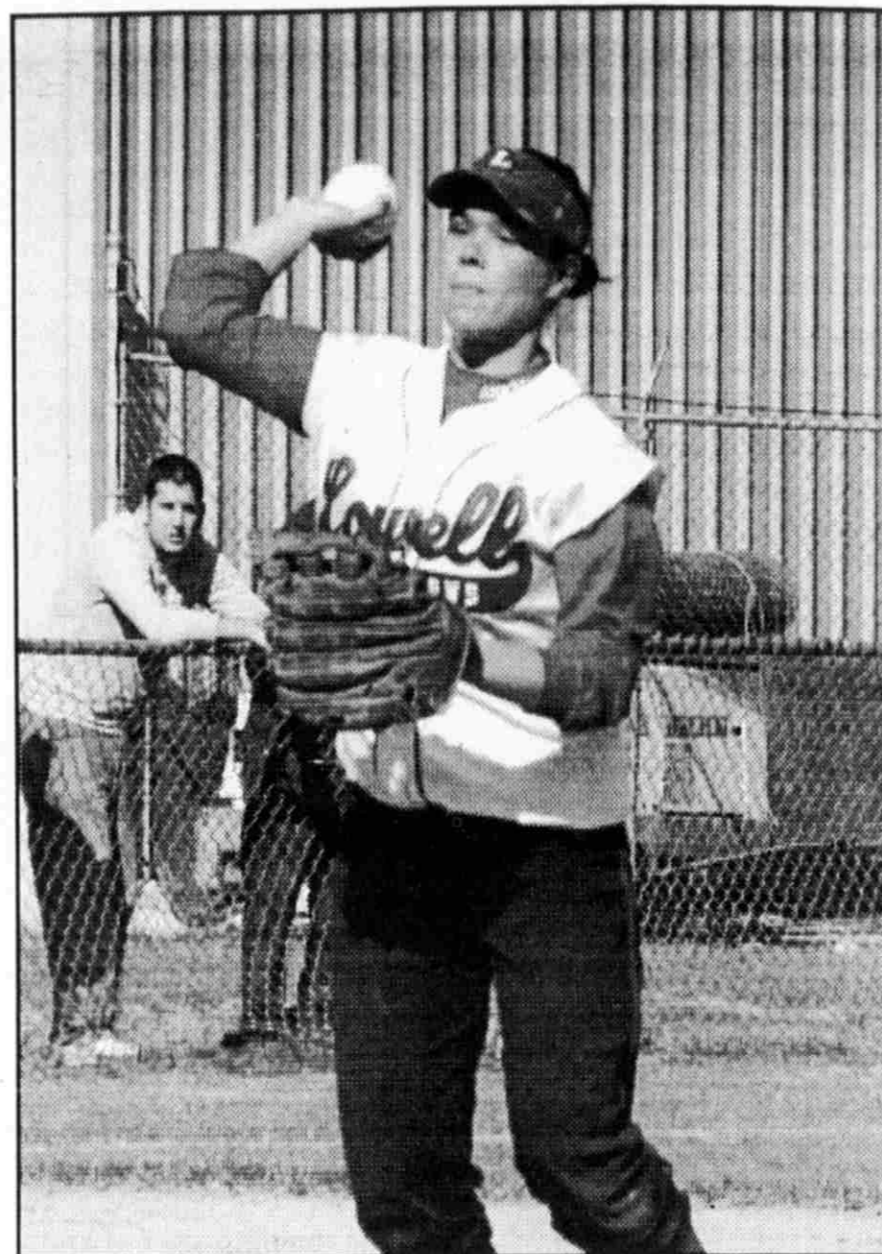
In the opener, Northview tallied single runs in the first, third and fifth innings against Plummer. The Red Arrow hurler held the Wildcats to four hits while walking three and striking out five.

On five occasions in game one, Lowell had a runner as far as second base but could not come up with the hit to bring her home.

Candace VanderVeen shut Lowell out on three hits by Tara Kimble, Andrea Dewey and Courtney Phillips (double).

In game two, Brown held Lowell scoreless on five hits while walking six and striking out four. Lowell was shutout on five hits. Inman and Phillips had two hits and Plummer added one.

"We were never able to get that hit to make things interesting," Rodenhouse said. "I said it before the season started - I think Northview is good enough to win a state championship."



Lowell's Jacque Benedict picks and throws to first during doubleheader action on Thursday at Northview.

Hudsonville thinclads cruise past Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With few exceptions Hudsonville dominated Lowell in the boys track meet on Thursday, 101-36.

The Red Arrows managed three firsts and seven second place finishes against the Eagles.

Dave Hefferan continued his strong showing in the discus. The senior took first with a distance of 129' 3 1/2". Teammate

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Freshmen netters shine at Sparta and against Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The progress is agonizingly slow at times for Lowell boys tennis coach, Bonnie Wall, but it is the improvement she continues to see from her young club that makes the future bright.

"Progress is being made inch by inch, but we are seeing improvement and that is what we're looking for," Wall said, following a week in which wins were difficult to grab onto.

The Red Arrows got off to a slow start in their non-league tussle with Kenowa Hills, but rallies at single flights' one, two and four staved off defeat and earned Lowell a 4-4 tie with the Knights.

Kyle Wittenbach, playing at third singles, was the only singles netter to have a quick match. The freshman won 6-0, 6-1.

Shaun Koning, number one singles, trailed 5-1 in the first set before rallying to win the next games to earn a 7-5, 6-0 victory.

Chris Gallagher, second singles, lost 6-2 in the first set before rebounding to take the next two sets 7-6, 6-1.

Brett Hobrla, fourth singles, lost the opening set 6-0 and then won the next two sets 6-4, 6-3.

Hobrla was the only Red Arrow to claim a victory in Lowell's 7-1 league loss to Hudsonville. The freshman won 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

"Brett is really coming along strong. He's moving to the net well and seizing opportunities to take the point," Wall said. Lowell had a number of other opportunities at other flights before losing in three sets.

Wittenbach lost 7-5, 6-7, 6-3. Gallagher fell 6-1, 3-6, 6-0 while the third doubles team of Nathan Huisman and Brandon Lawrence were 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victims.

"We had chances in all of our singles matches and a couple of our doubles matches. We're just not quite there yet," Wall said.

At the Sparta Invitational on Saturday, Lowell finished in third place with eight points.

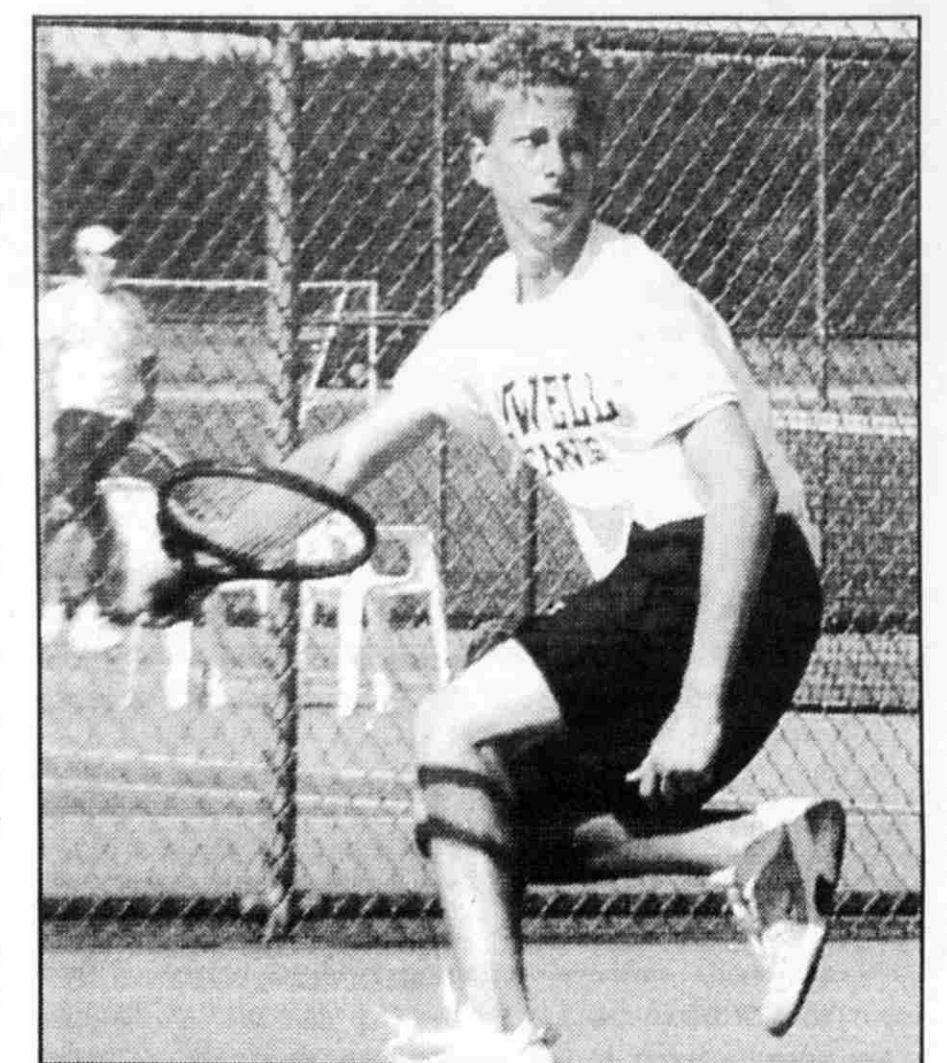
"We could have played better and should have won several more matches," Wall said.

Gallagher was the only Red Arrow to win a championship in his flight.

"Chris keeps getting stronger and you always get 100 percent from him. He made some good shots, but he also needs to continue to work on playing under control and getting set for his shot," Wall said.

Hobrla placed second, losing in the finals at fourth singles. The fourth doubles team of Huisman and Lawrence also garnered a second-place finish. They were down 6-1 in an eight-game pro set, before rallying for a 9-8 win.

"It was an incredible comeback," Wall said.



Kyle Wittenbach looks back at his shot in tennis action against Hudsonville.

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Jeff McPherson placed third with a throw of 113' 1".

"Dave continues to do well in the discus. Throwing 129 at this time is good. It is also nice to see another thrower (Jeff McPherson) come along and begin to place," said Lowell boys track coach, Russ Stevens.

Steve Ellison showed once again that he is among the best middle to long distance runners in the O-K White.

The Red Arrow finished second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:42.22. Ellison also placed second in the 800-meter run, stopping the clock in 2:10.26.

"That was a good time in the half mile," Stevens said. "Steve continues to work hard and keeps improving on his times."

A Hudsonville DQ handed Lowell a victory in the 800-meter relay. The team of Kreig Brown, Neal DeVoid, Nate Parnofiello and Jordan Moore came home in a time of 1:35.02.

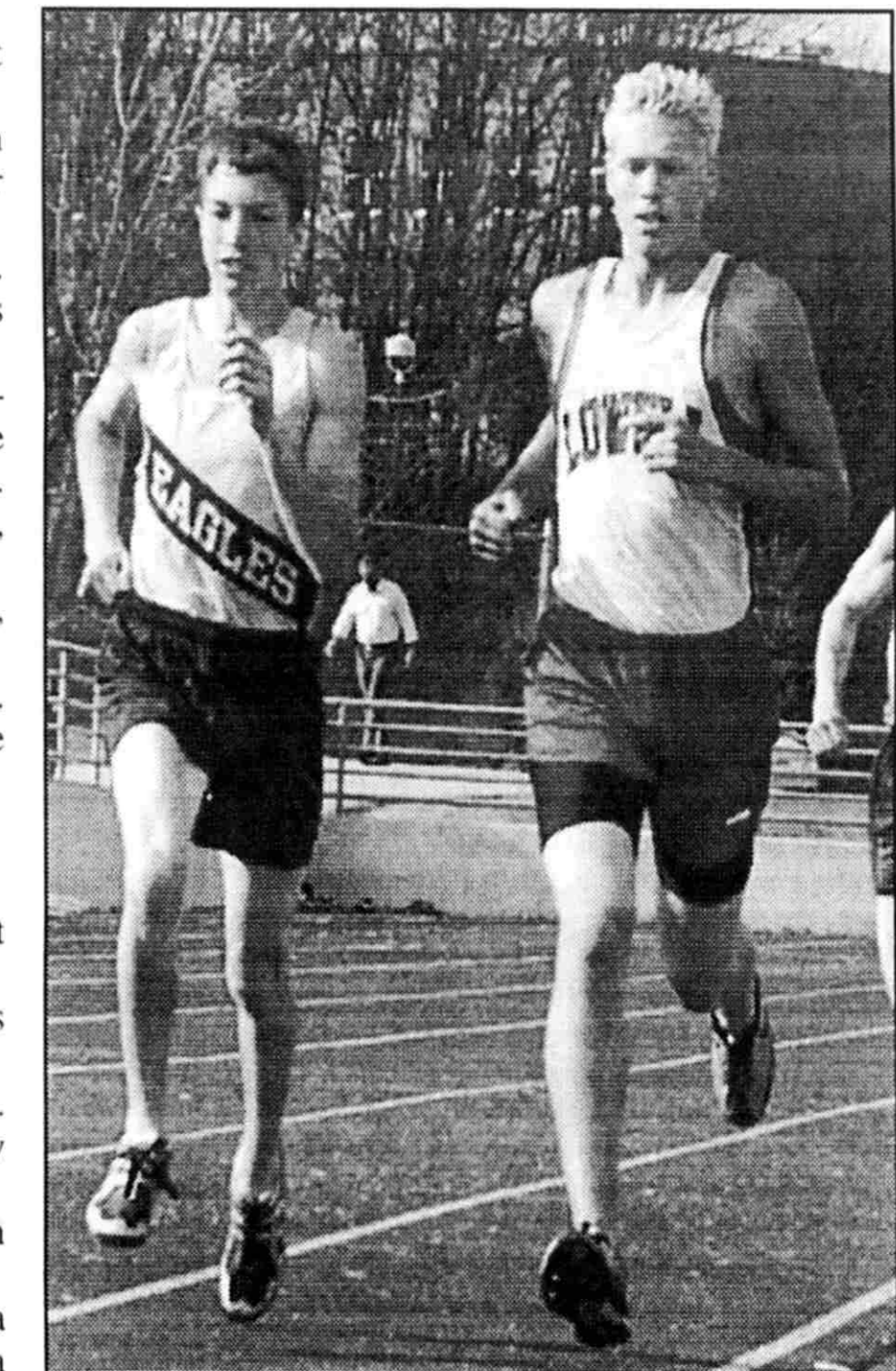
"DeVoid had a good day. He looked good in the shot put, 100 dash and in the relays," Stevens said.

Lowell's Andy Roberts placed second in the 300 hurdles, coming home in 44.29.

Andrew Min finished third in the 200 with a time of 23.9. Nick Duley scored his first varsity points with a third-place

finish in the 400 dash (57.47) and he ran a leg in the 1600-meter relay.

Duley teamed with Tyler Nethercott, Ellison and Adam VanderPol to record a winning time of 3:40.



Lowell's Steve Ellison was second in the 1600-meter relay against Hudsonville.

JV soccer team splits a pair

Lowell's junior varsity girls soccer team lost to Forest Hills Central 4-0 Monday night.

The Red Arrows trailed 1-0 at half, before the Rangers netted three second-half goals.

Lowell goalie, Taylor Verdon collected seven saves. Nicole Shepard attempted two shots on goal and Emily Timpson took one shot.

In an aggressive offensive display, Lowell won its fourth game of the year against Caledonia 7-4.

Shepard tallied an assist and goal. Tara Ormiston had a goal. Melodie Dernocoeur assisted with two goals, Rebecca Underwood racked up two assists and a goal. Perdia assisted on a goal. Van Eck grabbed two goals and Becky DeLiefde put away two goals and assisted on a third.



Lowell High School's crew team placed fourth in the women's novice eight heat race at the Hebda Memorial Challenge Cup Regatta at the Wyandotte Boat Club. Members of this year's team are Jamie Clark, Katie Huver, Kelly Koning, Kristen McAlpine, Wendy Seif, Emily Shepard, Katie Shepard, Ashley Slater and Stephanie Wagner. The team is coached by Missy Harrison and Marc Fryling.

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Regular Meeting of April 21, 2003

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Tom Eldridge, President of the Junior class, presented the Student Council Report in Matt Tomko's absence. Tom reported that prom will be held on May 2 at Meijer Gardens. Students will be taking MEAP this week. The Student Council will be doing an outreach with fellow students during seminar to talk about school issues in an effort to improve the school setting.

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

Business Professional Association - State finalists: Nate Vos, Katie Clements, Karly Batt, Ryan Curtis, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Jean Kimberlin and Katie Lum.

Wrestling State Champions - Joe Mendez, Brandon Kinney and Bobby Gingerich

Gymnastics State Champion - Holly Plattner - Vault Exercise

Model UN - Lowell team earned 17 awards

Top ACT Scores - Katherine Clements, Leslie Crowley, Joshua Fisher, Tim Freed, Eric Gillman, Jeremy Goff, Katie Hettinga, Jared Huffman, Natalie Kent, Katherine McAlpine, Nathan Parnofiello, Kayla Ritenburgh, Aaron Benmark, David Blair, Chris Lechner and Jacqueline Voss

Middle School Dignity and Respect Award - Jeanette Griner, a 7th grader

Cherry Creek Dignity and Respect Award - Jelena Petricevic, a 3rd grader

WITTENBACH CENTER RECOGNITION - Tammy DeBaar announced the following awards: **Conservationist of the Year Award**: Awarded by Isaak Walton League for an organization or individual who shows this trait. It was given to the Wittenbach Center and the actual award was given to Bert Bleke for pulling all the pieces of the Wittenbach Center together. **Silver Trout Award**: This award is the second highest in the Nation and is given by Trout Unlimited National. The Wittenbach Center received this award for fishing conservation/education, primarily for the establishment of the Trout Unlimited Junior group.

STUDENT REPORTS - Bushnell - School Improvement Plan - Bushnell School Improvement Team members along with several Bushnell students presented their School Improvement Action Plans. Community Education Spanish

Class - Rochelle Cummings, along with several of her students, demonstrated what they have been learning in the community ed class "Let's Learn Spanish."

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
- Cathleen Nofke donation of toys and books valued at \$50 to be used by the TOTS program.
- Paul Seese of Altacor, Inc. donation of computer equipment valued at \$4,556 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools Tech Dept.
- Veronica Blough donation of a Snowglobe display valued at \$200 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
- Ed and Carol Webb donation of a new universal gym valued at \$350 to be used by Lowell Area Schools.
- Tom Lowande and Lori Miller donation of 2 Pioneer speakers valued at \$100 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Band.
- VanderZiel Machine Sales donation of \$500 to be used by the High School Technology Education Department.
- Adopted a resolution naming May 6 as Michigan Teacher Day.
- Adopted a resolution notifying Jim Harden that his existing administrative contract will not be extended beyond June 30, 2003 and that he will be returning to a teaching position.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- March 10, 2003 Regular Meeting, March 10, 2003 Closed Session, March 31, 2003 Special Meeting, March 31, 2003 Closed Session, and March 31, 2003 Board Workshop Session
- The following payment of bills for March 2003:
 - GENERAL FUND.....\$858,620.35
 - SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 - A. Food Service Fund.....\$51,776.23
 - B. Athletic Fund.....\$14,832.62
 - 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$177,326.98
 - TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$32,691.26
 - Scholarship Fund.....\$200.00
- Child Care Leave request from Tammi VanBuren - Bushnell 1st grade - 2003-2004 school year.
- Annual Election Resolution setting matters to be voted upon. The election will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.
- Shared time program at St. Patrick School for the 2003-2004 school year.

- Authorization of the following administrators to represent the District in negotiations for contracts ending this school year: Connie Gillette, Chief Spokesperson; James White; Pam Thomas; and Scott Washaw.
- Vacuum system bid for Murray Lake Elementary School.
- Additional overnight student trips.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the cafeteria floor in the new wing of the high school is near completion, floor coverings in other new rooms are going in, and the sidewalks are 2/3rds completed. The Murray Lake project is behind schedule due to the frost in the ground earlier this spring. The process for executing contracts for the smaller renovation projects at Bushnell and Cherry Creek for this summer are underway.

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette explained that more will be learned regarding state funding following the May 13 Revenue Consensus Conference in Lansing. At this point the district is still facing approximately \$1 million in cuts.

ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT - Jim White shared information regarding the Adequate Yearly Progress Report for Lowell Area Schools and that the elementary schools and the middle school recently received notification that they had achieved adequate yearly progress.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller complimented the top ACT students for their excellent scores. Kindergarten Round-up has taken place at Alto and Bushnell. The district recently held two excellent music productions: Grease and the Middle School/High School Jazz Concert. Shari continues to meet with students during seminar time and enjoys the discussions. On May 19 trees will be planted at each of the buildings on behalf of teachers in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Day which is May 6.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2003
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2002 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR CITY OF LOWELL AND LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Lowell and Lowell Township Water for the calendar year 2002. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2002. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant. The State will be performing an assessment of our source water by 2003. We will inform you on how to get a copy of the assessment report when it becomes available. At this time we are in the process of developing a wellhead protection program.

- Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

- Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - Microbial contaminants,** such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - Inorganic contaminants,** such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - Pesticides and herbicides,** which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - Radioactive contaminants,** which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - Organic chemical contaminants,** including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2002 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2002. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

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- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
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- N/A:** Not applicable. **ND:** not detectable at testing limit. **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter. **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter. **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Water Supplier: Fill out the table with only detected contaminants. Delete rows that don't apply. Add rows if needed. See more instructions next page.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.9		7/24/02	No	Run off from fertilizer use and erosion of natural resources
Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	0.080	0.080	0.0019		7/24/02	No	Organic and chlorination by-products
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.0		7/24/02	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	0	<3		10/31/00		Erosion of natural deposits
Beta (pCi/l)	5	0	<4		7/23/97		Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminant **	Average Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Typical Special Monitoring and Source of Contaminant	
Chloroform (ppm)	Trace		7/24/02	Organic and chlorination By-products	
Bromodichloromethane (ppm)	0.0008		7/24/02	Organic and chlorination By-products	
Dibromochloromethane (ppm)	0.0005		7/24/02	Organic and chlorination By-products	
Bromoform (ppm)	0.0006		7/24/02	Organic and chlorination By-products	
Sodium (ppm)	8		7/24/02	Erosion of natural deposits	
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	90% of Samples ≤ This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	3	6/01	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.039	6/01	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements: The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2002.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Township Hall. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact George Regan at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.



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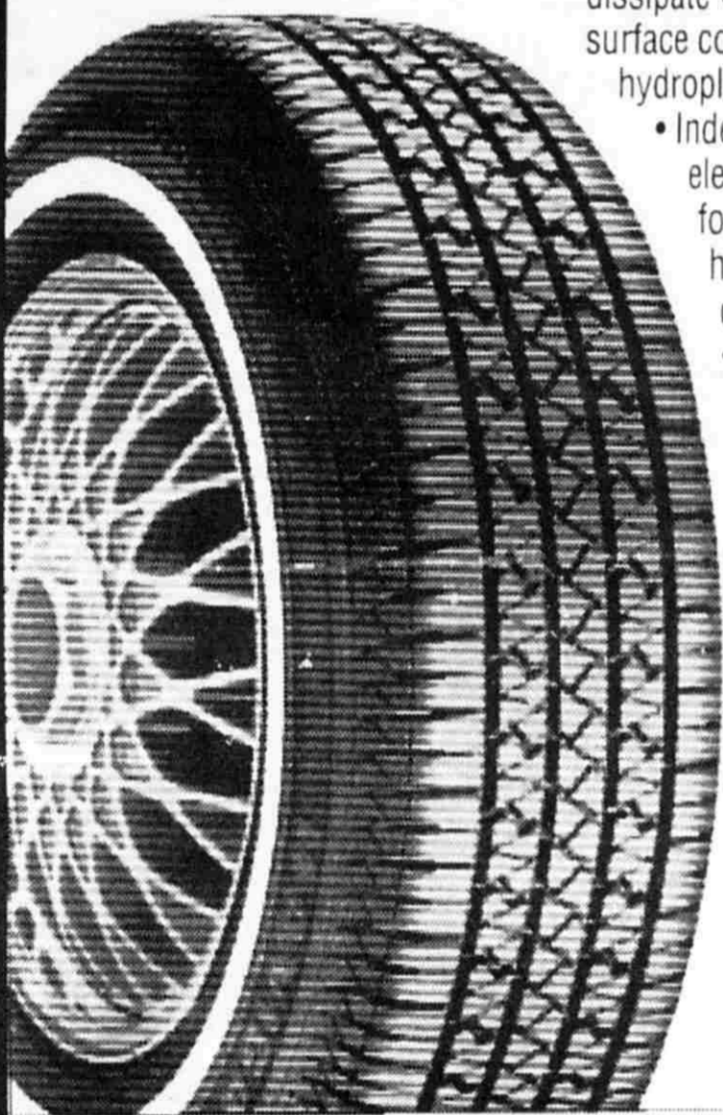
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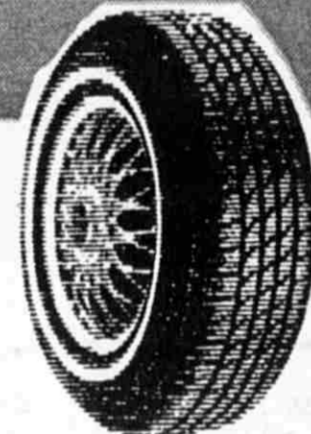
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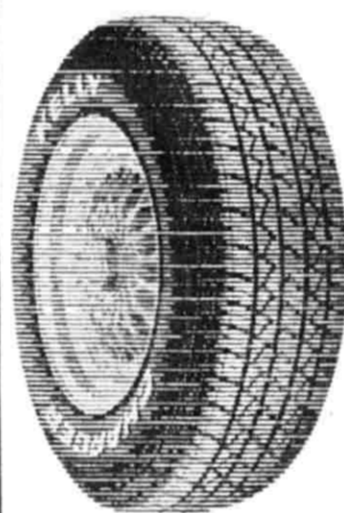
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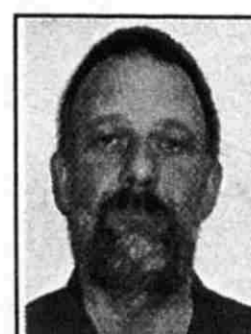
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