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## Reimbursement dollars fuel district's look at new system to deliver transportation for special education

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The economic crunch in Lansing will bring about large cuts to school budgets for the 2003-04 school year.

For Lowell, it will mean roughly \$1 million. That number could be lowered if the district can find more efficient ways to

deliver services or find additional revenue sources.

Back in February, districts around the state, in anticipation of cuts in education, began putting into place proposed programs to raise private dollars so that the transportation of 900,000 children across the state does not become unduly affected.

Lowell school officials announced Monday that the local

district, along with 12 other members of the Kent Intermediate School District, are looking at an alternative option of delivering safe, caring and efficient transportation for special education students through a collaborative effort.

The plan calls for the KISD to provide special education transportation and to employ local district drivers.

The KISD and Grand Rapids Public School are currently contracted in a similar fashion; however, the KISD runs the transportation program for Grand Rapids Public Schools.

The proposed plan does not call for the KISD to do that for the 13 Region I and II schools. Instead, KISD would contract Dean Transportation to manage the special education transportation system.

Lowell assistant superintendent for finance and personnel, Connie Gillette likens it to the contract made with Chartwells Management in 1999 to provide day to day management and supervision for its food service program.

Critics call it privatization; school officials argue it isn't because Dean would only manage and local drivers would be employed.

How would this benefit the 13 school districts? It would enable them to regain reimbursement for special education expenses and transportation.

If operated by the KISD, reimbursement funds for special education transportation could be received.

One road bump in the plan is that Lowell's current transportation union is independent and not a member of the Kent County Education Association. It is likely that it would have to become a part of the KCEA because the majority of the other districts are affiliated with the union.

Existing local unions would work with the KISD to negotiate the terms and conditions of employment with local district representatives on the bargaining team.

The location and the number of runs needed would be determined in May, and then be communicated with employees and parents.

Local districts would be asked to provide board resolution in late May with continual discussions on terms and conditions of employment leading up to that.

Dean Transportation would purchase buses from local districts and then lease back to KISD. The sale of Lowell special education buses would generate roughly \$100,000 for the Lowell School District.

Gillette said jobs for any current special education drivers will most likely be available for any current driver who wants one. If through consolidation, jobs are pared back, Gillette said drivers would have the option of bumping on the regular bus routes.

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Running the Walk

The walkers in this year's Crop Walk were treated to a beautiful day and a great tour of Lowell along with helping local and worldwide charities. Rev. Gordie Barry (this year's Grand Marshal), along with (l to r) Emily Timpson, Tara Ormiston and Lerin Bommarito must have thought it was a Crop Run ... not a Crop Walk! Over 200 participants took the walk on Sunday, May 4. When all pledges are in and accounted for, the total is expected to reach \$30,000. Lee Watterworth and Barry were the event's co-chairpersons.

## Times Up!

••• Lowell City Council votes to place a five-minute limit per person during public hearings or public comment time.

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Looking to manage its meetings better, the Lowell City Council decided to put a time limit on the length citizens can speak during public comment time.

The council unanimously voted to accept a new "rules of procedure" policy which places a five-minute limit per person during a public hearing or public comment time. A person representing a group would be allowed up to 10 minutes.

"I feel it is giving everyone a chance to speak," said Mayor Jeanne Shores, who proposed the idea several months ago. Former council member, Dan Brubaker worked on the proposal which was finalized by staff and presented to the council at its last meeting.

"If it is a reasonable amount of time, then everyone knows they are going to get a chance to speak," said  
Time Limit, cont'd. pg. 8

## Auction patrons net most creative butterflies

Ever try to catch a butterfly? It can be a difficult task at best. On Saturday (May 3rd), at Lowell High School, however, it was easy to catch the most creative and beautiful butterflies ever.

The Butterfly Project, a public art program provided by a partnership with Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Area Schools, auctioned off the 32 butterflies created during the program. A total of 32 classrooms at Bushnell and Alto Elementary schools participated in the program along with 15 local artists.

Each of the unique larger-than-life butterflies were created by the children with the help of one of the artists. All of the butterflies are waterproof and were designed to be placed outside in the garden. Over \$7,000 was raised in the silent auction to benefit the artists-in-residency program fund. The fund is designated for arts programs and artist residencies provided by Lowell Area Arts Council for the Lowell Area Schools.



Artist Dixie Olin is joined by six-year-old Leah Brogger from Susan Barry's kindergarten class at Bushnell Elementary. Leah and her classmates worked with Olin to create a beautiful butterfly.



## OBITUARIES

**BURCH** - Helen A. Burch, aged 98, of Lowell, was reunited with Chris, her loving husband of 60 years, upon her death May 10, 2003. Mrs. Burch started and developed the Lowell School lunch program early in the 1940's as well as washing athletic uniforms. She was an avid flower and plant lover. Much of her joy came from her grandchildren and church attendance at Vergennes United Methodist Church. She is survived by her daughter Carole G. (Sidney) Kerr; grandchildren Richard (Mary Jo) Kerr, Karen (David) Pedley, Beverly (Craig) Vanderstelt; great-

grandchildren Anthony, Dustin, Casie, Zachary and Brianna. Funeral services will be Wednesday 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. Hudson, Rev. Nathaniel Johnson of Vergennes United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment Vergennes Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chris and Helen Burch Lowell High School Scholarship Fund, c/o Roth-Gerst Funeral Home.

**POTTS** - Sally Louise (Winks) Potts, aged 63, passed away at her home on May 5, 2003. She leaves her husband of 33 years, Robert; son Jason; two sisters Shirley Compton, Mary Kay Wright; brother Ron Winks; sister-in-law Helen Irwin; brothers-in-law Jerry Potts and Rex Schad. Sally graduated from Michigan State University and taught briefly before spending 19 years with Yamaha Musical Products. She was a dear

soul that all who knew her will miss. The memorial service will be held Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m. at Fountain Street Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Fountain Street Church or the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre.

**WHITE** - Alberta Jean "Al" White, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away May 11, 2003. She is survived by her husband Pete, her son Don (Janice) White of Saranac, her daughter Connie (Ed) Roth of Lowell; one brother, four sisters and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Lowell. Visitation Wed., 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Interment Oakwood Cemetery.

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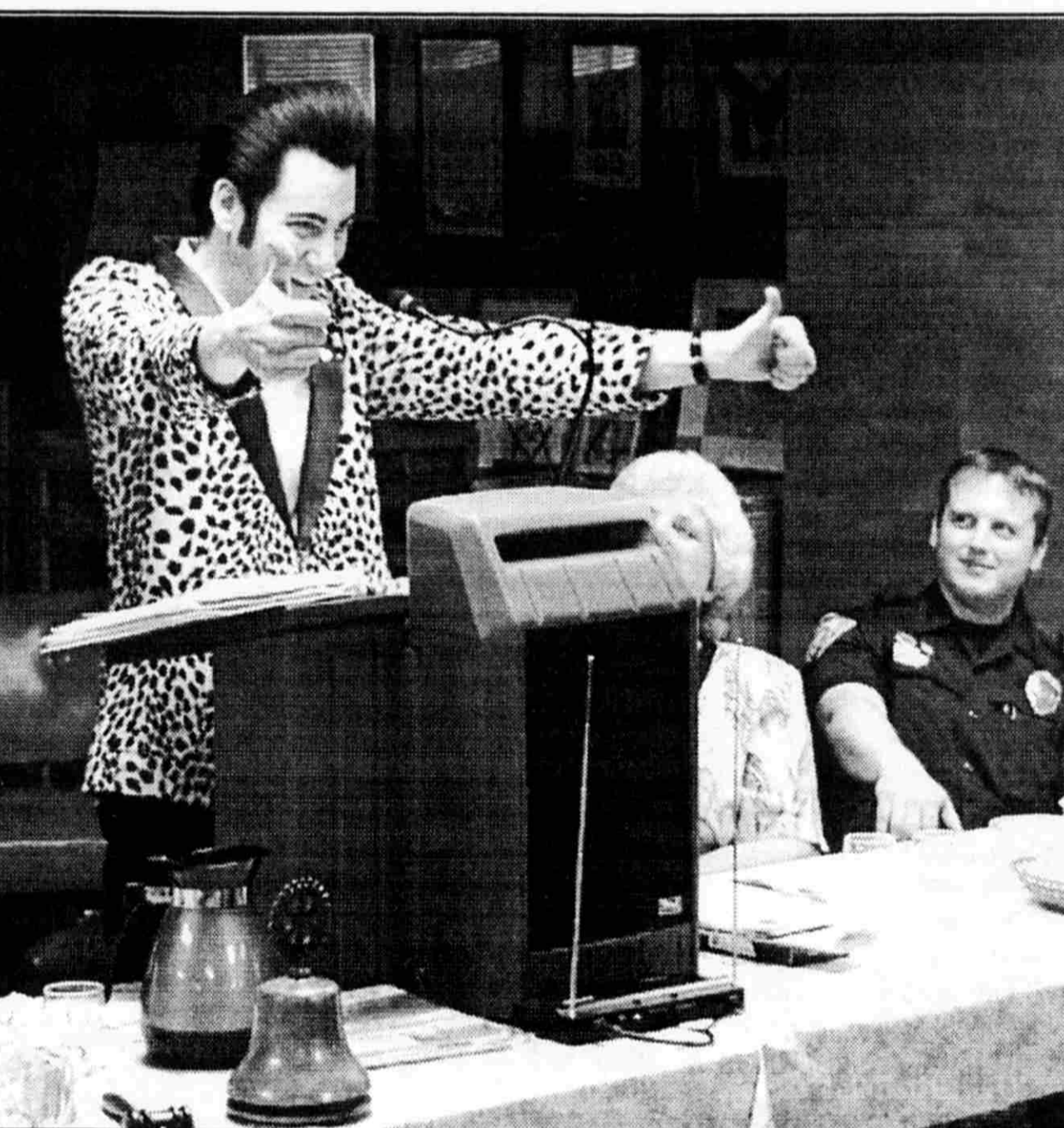
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## Proposed development could provide Stoney Lakeside Park with better entrance

By J.N. Boersma Contributing Writer

Mayor Jeanne Shores said she felt a little lost during a trip to Stoney Lakeside Park as she weaved her way through an apartment complex to reach the park.

If a proposed development on Bowes Road and South Center St. were to become a reality, however, finding the entrance to Stoney Lakeside Park could become much easier.

At the city council's last meeting, John Scott, representing Rox LLC, discussed a development at the park location which could include either single-family homes or duplexes. The site, zoned residential R-3, would allow for such uses.

Scott was most interested in finding out whether the city would be willing to chip in on improvements for South Center St. and Clarke Road, which could serve as an entrance directly into the park. Estimated costs for the improvements would be between \$85,000 and \$90,000.

In his proposal, Scott said he planned to run water and sewer down South Center St. to Bowes Road. He also planned

to make road improvements to Clarke Street and up to West Street.

Since Scott's company is willing to make those improvements, he was hoping the city would be willing to improve South Clarke Street the rest of the way as well as complete the remaining 90 feet to make a nice entrance for Stoney Lakeside Park, he said.

Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden said the city has plans to make an entrance on Clarke Street for the park. With some reconfiguration, the road could go right into it, making a nice addition to the whole area. The other entrance would be closed, DesJarden explained.

City manager, David Pasquale said the project is a doable one for the city, using monies from its street fund. There could also be a cost savings to both the developer and the city if a common engineer were to be used to design the improvements, Scott said.

The council was warm to the idea as long as it didn't mean sacrificing other road projects that were more "in need."

"I don't want to do it at the expense of Grindle and Sibley," said councilman, Chuck Myers, adding that these roads need to be upgraded.

Pasquale said projects such as Grindle and Sibley would require a significant amount of savings or possibly a road improvements bond for the work to be completed. The South Center and Clarke Road project was more of a "pay as you go" type of deal that could work well for the city.

The council decided to review the proposal at its next meeting, May 19 along with a possible bond issue for road improvements.

If the project for Clarke Road and South Center St. goes through, it would be for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

## Eagle sightings on the rise

For all Americans, the bald eagle is a symbol of strength and freedom. Here in Michigan, it is also tangible evidence of improved water quality throughout the Great Lakes.

The bald eagle was officially classified as "endangered" in 1976 and reclassified as "threatened" in 1995. By all accounts, the bird is now fully recovered.

Michigan began monitoring bald eagle populations in 1961, when as few as 50 occupied nests were observed statewide. Two decades later, however, a rebound was under-

way. And by 1999, some 340 nesting pairs were recorded, while breeding productivity reached a robust 96 percent.

The bird is a reliable indicator of water quality because raptors top the food chain and subsist mainly on fish and waterfowl. For several years, the eagle has been seen along the Flat River here in Lowell.

Their numbers increase or decline, in part, based on contaminant concentrations in lakes and waterways.

A survey conducted Jan. 1-15 indicated eagles were sighted in 79 Michigan counties, totaling 3,461 statewide.

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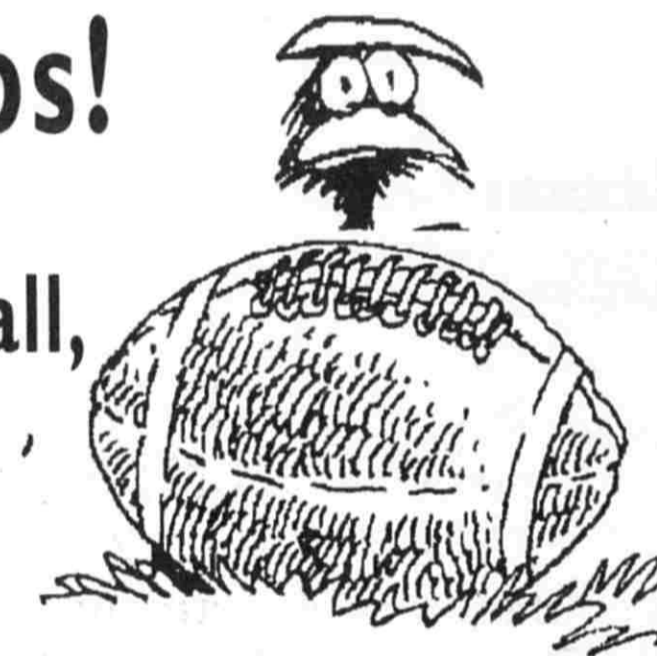
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# Reflections Of Faith

**Dr. Roger La Warre**  
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"Every morning is a fresh opportunity to find God's extraordinary joy in the most ordinary places." (Janet Weaver Smith)

"Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its source deep down inside, and that source (spring) never runs dry no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross. It is an unknown word

creeds and forms of prayer. Yet that faith, however expressed in worship, is the only source of true joy that can feed and sustain you. Through you, it will also sustain others as you allow joy to blossom into smiles and deeds of kindness.

"The most universal welcome I've received is the sound of laughter. It needs no translation. It means happiness and joy. Most important, it means freedom. In any country where liberty has been banished, the next thing to disappear is laughter." (Bob Hope)

I believe it is imperative for people of faith to live the joy of faith that God brings to us. It is joy, arising from the deep and abiding recognition of God's love for us and all people, that feeds our inner most being, expresses itself in acts of love and kindness, and leads us to worship and praise. May you touch again the Joy that God seeks to bring into your life and relationships.

and thing except as He has sway within." (Samuel D. Gordon)

A story is told about a local person from "The Church" in town who wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper. The letter complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

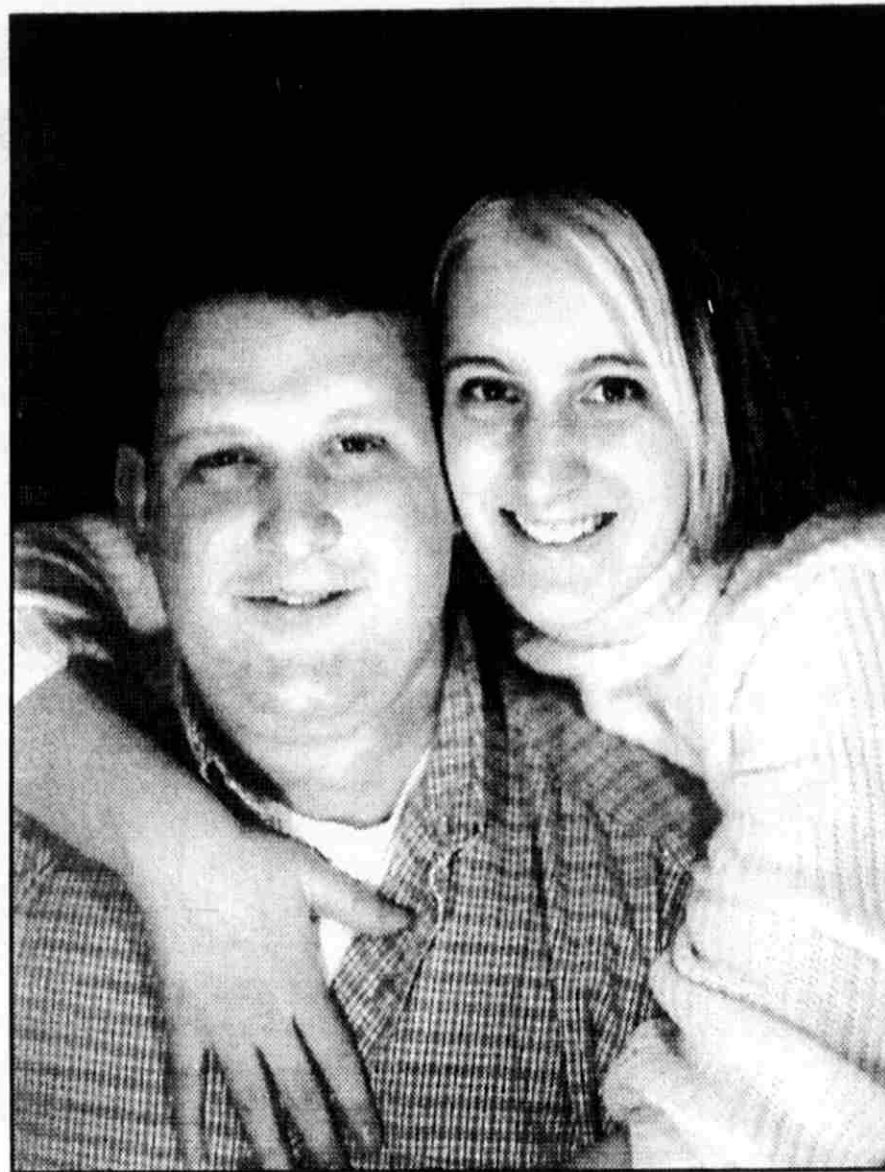
This letter to the editor started a real controversy in the paper's "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today."

As you continue in the duties and opportunities of your week, let your life be renewed in the Joy of true faith in God. That faith will come in many denominational wrappings, in many

## Volunteers needed for Thrift Shop

Flat River Outreach Ministries needs volunteers to staff the Thrift Shop, located at 519 E. Main St. The shift for Wednesday through Friday is three hours. The Saturday shift involves four hours.

Volunteers can sign up to work once a month or more. If you would like more information or wish to sign up, contact the Thrift Shop at 897-2037.



## Ennis/Fox

Julia R. Ennis and Matthew T. Fox, both of Portage, are planning a 2005 wedding. She is the daughter of James and Rose Ennis of Lowell and he is the son of Mark and Vanessa Fox of Allen Park.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. She is employed in the Energy Delivery Department of Consumers Energy.

The bridegroom-elect is a graduate of Allen Park High School and Western Michigan University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed at Earth Tech for Pfizer Corporation in the Mechanical Integrity group.

## AREA BIRTHS



Andrew and Karen Patterson are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ainsley Margaret, on April 16, 2003, born on her mother's birthday! She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Welcoming her home are her big brother Corey, grandparents Mark and Sandy MacDonald of Lowell and Jim and Margaret Zagacki of Troy, Mich.

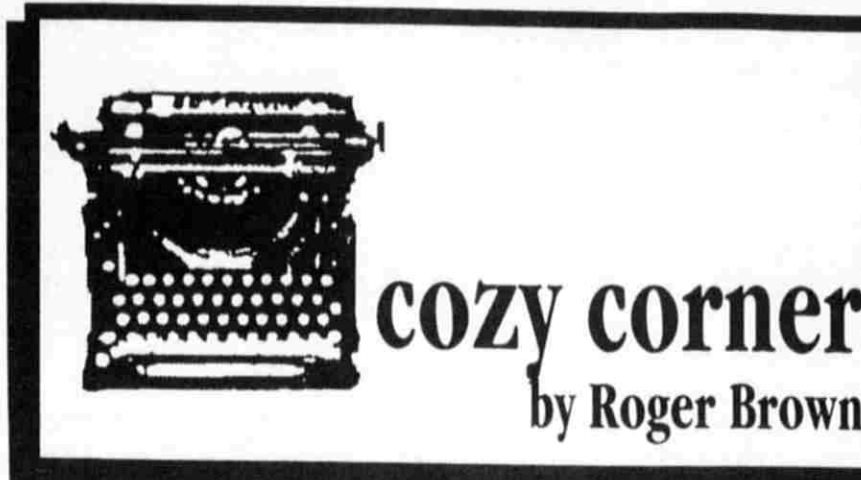
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**MAY 16:** Richie Ford, Kristi Ford, Ryan Phillips, Angela Dixon, Janet Boerema.  
**MAY 17:** Maurice Hannah, Andy Dibble, Shawn Witherell.  
**MAY 18:** Ashlee Patnode, Robin Hewitt, Karen Kennedy, Cody Sokolowski, Nola Beth Bristol, Karen Patnode, Kristin Hufstader, Phil Dibble.

**MAY 19:** Helen Tetzlaff, Kathy (Tetzlaff) Williams, James Young, Alice Hannah, David Main, Thomas Jahnke Jr., Andrew Kiczinski, Ken Stager.

**MAY 20:** Shanda Weed, Christine Baird, Julie Beaton.  
**MAY 21:** Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr, Katelyn Bush.

# Viewpoint . . .



I'm back! ... Just back! ... We got in last night from a grandkid fix. Terese and I can't seem to get beyond about three or four months without seeing Jim (Maddie) who just turned six and Boog (Zach) who is a self-described "big-boy" at four.

Oh sure, we visit a little with my daughter and son-in-law, but not until the kids have gone to bed. Of course by that time us grandfolk are pretty pooped as well. My daughter thinks the only reason we had her was as a necessary bridge to grandkids. She can be quite intuitive.

I have mentioned here on numerous occasions, my daughter has literally "Shanghai'd" my grandkids. They live in

Shanghai ... yes, that's in China ... yes, that's halfway around the world!

There may be some of you out there who have complained, with justification, about living a little too close to your grandkids. I know this is true ... I've heard you. You have become just a little too handy for babysitting and daycare services. The next time you get that feeling, imagine yourself in an economy class airline seat for about thirty hours ... one way ... just to get one of those hugs.

I'd move my grandkids into the spare bedroom this afternoon if I could. Maybe when they become teenagers I'd move 'em back to Shanghai.

On the plus side of the ledger ... we have traveled to Asia three times in less than two years. Sure, we went to see the grandkids, but we've enjoyed our travels as well. Having your grandkids living down the street may be handy, but it's little inspiration to go hike the Great Wall. I say that even as I sit here at the keyboard with a bad case of jet lag, swollen ankles and a butt that must look exactly like an airline seat.

When my wife booked this trip she found the best on-line airline fares routed us through New York and across the Atlantic. There was a fuel stop in Amsterdam, then a huge leg across Europe, the south of Asia and on to Singapore. From

Singapore it was a short two-hour hop out to Bali where we met the kids for a joint vacation. We crossed twelve time zones, two oceans, a couple continents and the equator just for some hugs from the grandkids. Jokingly, we told Jim we made the trip to celebrate her birthday. In a way, we did.

For those living in China and other parts of Asia, Bali is a popular tourist destination. The air travel for them is akin to a trip to the Bahamas or Cancun from Grand Rapids. The trip from the U.S. to Bali is a trip worthy of "explorer" status. Maybe you won't get mentioned in history books with Cook, Magellan and Columbus, but it's a serious road trip just the same!

On a trip last year we connected in Singapore after flying over the Pacific. Terese and I can now say we've been around the world. That, and about three-fifty in an airport restaurant, will get you a cup of coffee.

Sure we spent much of that travel time at 35,000 feet sleeping or watching movies, oblivious to what was passing below us. No, it's not like single-handing a thirty-foot sailboat around the world or hiking the continents, but we can still say we've been all the way around this old orb.

As a kid growing up in a little town like Saranac, I never figured I'd be able to make that claim. Of course, as a kid, I never figured I'd live to be an old grandpa either.

rides between holes standing in a motorcycle side car.

## 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 14, 1953

Curly Howard is sponsoring a Western Horse Show and Rodeo next Sunday here.

Attendees at the next PTA meeting will hear about the new "Gamma Globulin" inoculations planned for the coming polio season.

Lowell firemen had a busy week, including the exhaust of #3 engine burning out at the Light Plant, producing spectacular 60-foot flames.

All five teaching vacancies are filled for the coming school year.

Michigan traffic deaths and injuries have reached seven-year highs for the fifth month in a row.

## 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 17, 1978

Police Chief Barry Emmons asks motorists again to not leave car keys in the car: two cars were stolen last week the easy way.

Another round of bids for the scaled-down firehouse plans for northern Ada Township will be opened May 26.

Lowell approves bids for repaving and new paving of several city parking lots.

The new Crystal Flash gas station/convenience store at the corner of Main and West will open next month.

Brochures for the 1978 Lowell Showboat with singer Vic Damone are available for residents to distribute when out of town.

## 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 14, 1903

Along with school and church news, the front page tells of a case of incest, an ax murder and the attempted suicide of an arrested vagrant, in the area around Lowell. The editor blames the situation on liquor and "ignorant and vicious" immigration.

Spring frosts have reduced this year's projected fruit crop by more than half.

Village Council president Hakes is authorized to take any necessary action to keep horses, cattle, sheep and hogs off Island Park.

And Village Marshal Merritt Sayles passes on the village decree that bicycles shall not be ridden on sidewalks.

A cement walk is being laid in front of the Eddy and Gilliford businesses on the east side.

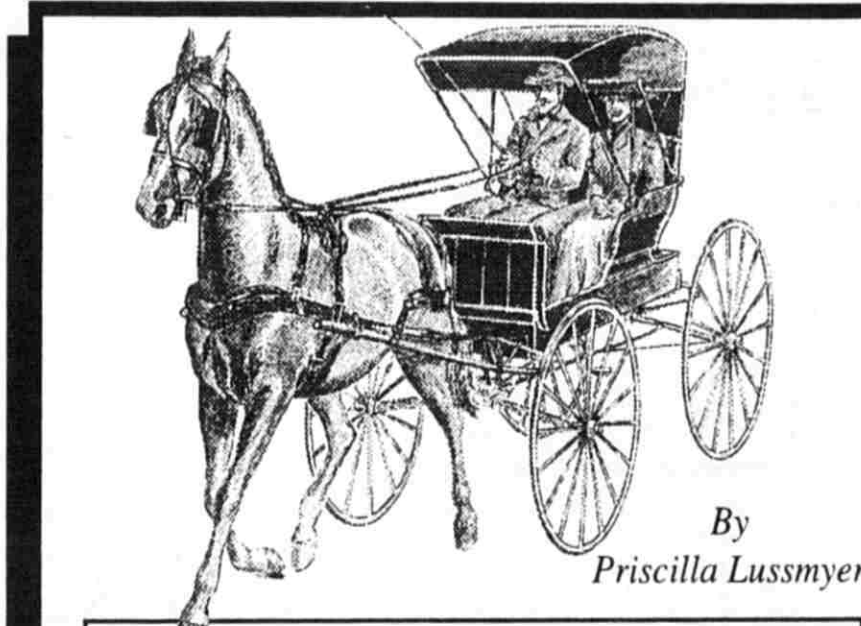
## 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 17, 1928

Clayton Johnson and Charles Colby, returning from a Masonic meeting, survive a collision with a Pere Marquette engine; the headline reads, "Clayton Johnson gets the Grand Bumper Degree."

Doris MacFarlane is valedictorian; Marian Lacy, salutatorian of the senior class. Lacy is only 15, having finished the 10 grades at Alto in eight years before finishing at Lowell.

The new Strand Theatre is nearly completed and has just received opera chairs, curtain and pipe organ.

Residents can have the street in front of their lots treated with calcium chloride at \$3 for a single and \$5 for a double lot. There's a picture of a 410-pound man who plays golf, and



By  
Priscilla Lussmyer

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

## 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 15, 1878

A pickerel weighing 32 1/2 pounds was caught at Crooked Lake Friday.

Log runners are making things lively in local saloons. Communists in Chicago and other cities are reported to be preparing for inciting riots this summer.

The Lowell Cornet Band is in charge of Decoration Day this year.

Thirty million feet of logs are reported on the Flat River between White's Bridge and Lowell.

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### CHOLECYSTITIS

The gall bladder is a small pear-shaped sac located below

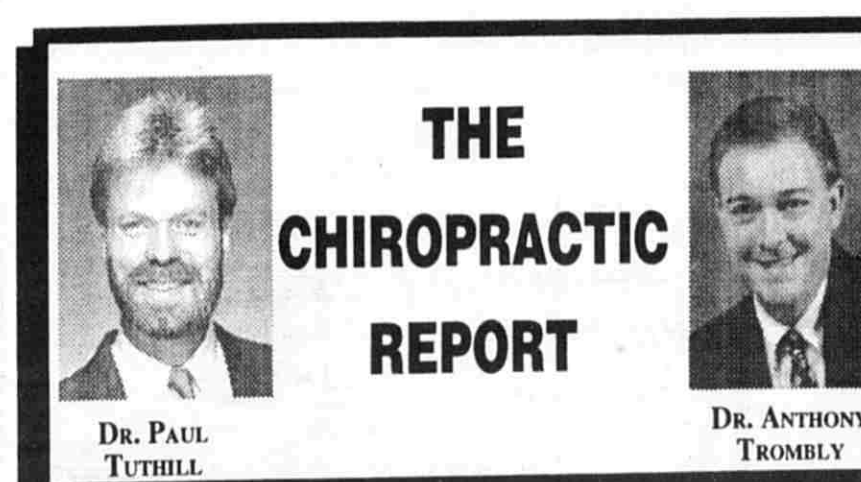
the liver in the right upper quadrant. It holds bile which is produced by the liver. Bile is released into the small intestine after a meal to aid in the digestion of fats.

Cholecystitis is the medical term for inflammation of the gall bladder. Most cases of cholecystitis occur due to blockage of the bile ducts by gallstones. Bile builds up causing pressure in the gallbladder and inflammation of the walls of the gall bladder. Other causes of cholecystitis are infection, trauma or tumors.

Symptoms of acute cholecystitis are intense pain in the upper right side of the abdomen often coming on after a meal, lasting for several hours. The pain is often worsened by taking

a deep breath and will sometimes extend to the right shoulder and back. Other symptoms of acute cholecystitis include nausea, vomiting, bloating, fever and chills.

The treatment of cholecystitis is usually surgical. The gall bladder is removed through a small surgical incision with the aid of a laparoscope. Laparoscopic surgery has significantly shortened the hospital stay and recovery time compared to convention cholecystectomy. Most laparoscopic cholecystectomies are done on an outpatient short stay or one overnight stay in the hospital. Most people can return to work a few weeks after surgery.



## THE CHIROPRACTIC REPORT

DR. PAUL TUTTHILL

DR. ANTHONY TROMBLY

### WATCH THEIR BACKS

Children account for over 10,000 backpack-related visits

annually to emergency departments or physicians. Backpacks cause acute injuries, such as bruises and sprains, and chronic problems, such as persistent low back pain. The daily stress of carrying a backpack on one shoulder may also alter a child's posture and gait. Despite all these potential problems, many parents aren't addressing the issue of backpack safety.

Researchers in a recent study gathered data on parental knowledge of their child's backpack weight by evaluating nearly 200 students, grades K-5, from three Texas schools. Only children with backpacks weighing at least 10 percent of their body weight were assessed.

Average pack weight was approximately 11 pounds, which represented about 15 percent of student body weight. Researchers found that fully one-third of students reported their parents had never once checked their backpack contents, and less than five percent of parents had ever actually weighed their child's backpack. In this report in the Archives of Disease and Childhood, the backpacks of students whose parents never

checked the packs weighed significantly more than packs of students whose parents kept an eye on pack weight and contents.

As a parent, you are possibly the best source for backpack safety promotion for your child, and can do so simply by inspecting the backpack weight and contents. Physicians and parents should also ensure that student backpacks are the right size; carry no unnecessary or additional items; are worn on both shoulders; and weigh less than 10-15 percent of the student's body weight.

*Doctor's note: It is interesting that children's back and neck problems are chronically under-reported and therefore, under-treated. Actually, the incidence of back pain in children is about the same as in the adult population. Early intervention is always best for any health or potential health problem so if your child complains of back pain, neck pain or headaches, take him or her seriously and see a professional who specializes in these ailments.*

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# City slashes furniture request for new City Hall/police station

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The move came when, at its first meeting in May, the city council reacted negatively to the amount of money being spent on the council chambers, to be located on the second floor of City Hall. Councilman Jim Pfaller raised the concern of whether the council was being a good steward of the city's money by spending almost \$26,000 on a sound system for the room.

City manager David Pasquale explained the sound system is needed due to the size of the room. With that, city staff sat down with Central Interconnect to consider a system for the room.

"It provides a clear enough sound so that you can hear at the table and also so the audience can hear," Pasquale explained, adding the system meets the needs for that room.

Pasquale did recommend removing the two large screens and installing them at a later date. This would save about \$6,000, bringing the total bill to just under \$20,000.

"I thought this is a far more significant system than what we are trying to get by with here," said councilman Chuck Myers, who made the motion to purchase the new sound system. The proposal passed 4-1 with Pfaller voting no.

City staff also went through the furniture requests for the building and cut another \$9,000 from the budget, reducing it

from \$116,606.95 to \$107,273.43. There is an allocation of \$100,000 for furniture with the remaining money coming from the contingency fund, Pasquale said.

Most of the items that were eliminated, such as extra storage and filing cabinets, were things that would not be needed right away. The police squad room will not receive new furniture while the police chief's office will receive a down-grade in furniture.

Pfaller questioned whether the council needed to have desk chairs with arms, since he knew that was an additional cost. Several of the council members noted it was nice to have at least the high-back chairs, especially during long council meetings.

The furniture expenses were unanimously approved. Mayor Jeanne Shores said she did not expect any more surprises to the project since much of it has been completed.

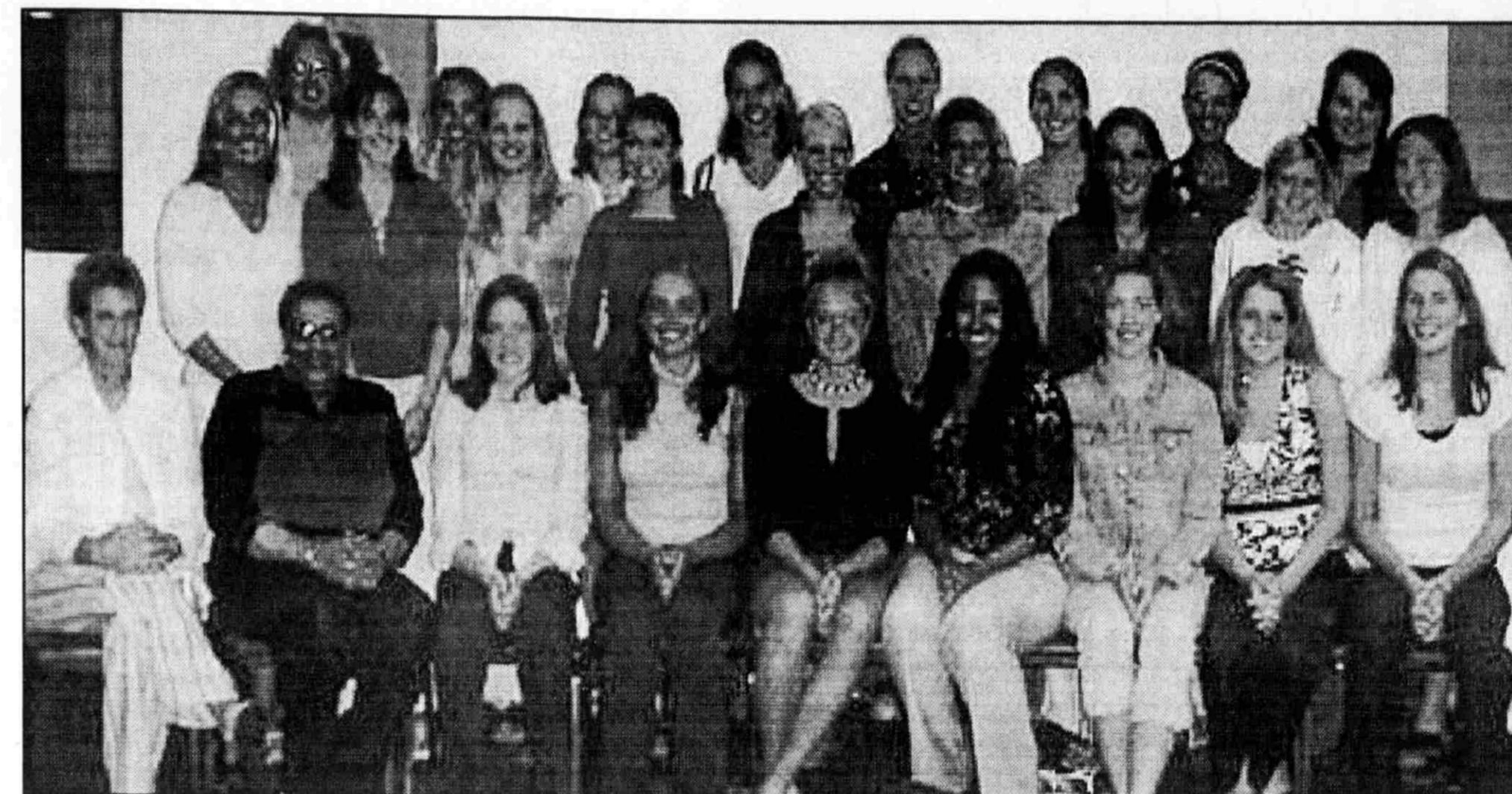
## A total eclipse of the moon - Thursday

The Chaffee Planetarium and the Grand Rapids Amateur Astronomical Association are teaming up to conduct a "Community Eclipse Watch" in Cascade Township Park on Thursday, May 15 from 9:30 p.m. - midnight ... clear weather permitting.

The eclipse of the moon or lunar eclipse occurs when the moon passes through the shadow of the earth, greatly reducing the amount of sunlight reflected back to the earth from the lunar surface. If it is not too cloudy, telescopes will be set up for viewing. There is no charge to participate.

For more information call 456-3663 #7 or visit the website [www.graaa.org](http://www.graaa.org) for an update. The James C. Veen Observatory in Lowell Charter Township will not be open to the public for this viewing.

# Lansing superintendent addresses Lady Arrows Varsity Club



The Lady Arrows Varsity Club and advisors celebrated a successful 2002-03 school year. The club dined at the Pointe After restaurant in Lansing. Dr. Sharon Banks, Superintendent of Lansing Public Schools, entertained the group. Dr. Banks spoke on the topic "Be All You Can Be." She shared life experiences as they relate to athletics and to being a woman.

Dr. Banks explained how some people have no problem going from A to Z while others follow their own path and take wider routes. She encouraged the young ladies to stand tall, support other women, refrain from speaking negatively, and to make time for themselves. Dr. Banks concluded her portion by having the ladies recite: "You can't make me feel inferior without my consent."

The Varsity Club recognized the achievements of the gymnastics team. Special recognitions went to state champion, Holly Plattner. Spring sports are in the middle of their season: the softball team is off to a terrific start, the track and field team is undefeated and the soccer team is doing well.

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**LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS**  
Early bird sign-ups for Lowell Youth Football are being held on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School cafeteria. Questions: call 897-7896.

**HANGIN' W/FRIENDS - ARTISTS' OPEN HOUSE**  
An open house at 1520 Cumberland Ave. will feature the watercolor paintings of 10 area artists on Sunday, May 18 from 1-4 p.m. Bring a friend, refreshments will be served.

**CLASS OF 1963 SCHEDULES REUNION**  
The Lowell High School class of 1963 is having its 40th year reunion on Saturday, July 12. Information will be coming in the mail. Friends of the class of '63 are welcome as well. Call Sue at 897-4348 or Sue at 897-6466 for additional information.

**WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS EXHIBIT**  
On display at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St., are watercolor paintings by Saranac artist, Suzanne Grieves - now through June 10. Sponsored by Lowell Area Arts Council.

**STUDENTS' ARTWORKS AT LAAC**  
From May 17 - 31 elementary students' artworks will be on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri., 12 - 5:30; Sat. - Sun., 1-4 p.m.

**LAAC THEBES PLAYERS PRESENT . . .**  
"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" performed at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on May 16 and 17. \$8 general admission; \$6.50 (LAAC members, students, seniors); \$6 (10 or more). Tickets through LAAC (897-8545).

**MEMORIAL DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
The Grattan Fire Dept. Auxiliary will have a pancake

breakfast on Monday, May 26 from 7-11 a.m. at Grattan Twp. Hall. Activities and bridge walk to follow.

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES**  
Annual Memorial Day ceremonies will be held on Monday, May 26, assembling at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway and beginning at 9:30 a.m. Participants should contact parade marshal, Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

## Special Education Transportation, cont'd... From Page 1

With this plan, schools would lose held harmless funds in year two would gain efficiency from sharing runs plus the reimbursement cost from KISD.

"Right now we have Forest Hills and Lowell buses going past the same houses," said the assistant superintendent.

Gillette said the Region I and II districts have the option of privatizing like the Region III schools did, but chose not to.

Benefits from the proposed transportation system plan include efficiency in transporting students, highly trained local drivers, and state reimbursement dollars for Lowell.

"The goal is to provide safe, caring, and efficient transportation for special education students in the most cost effective manner, through collaboration with other school districts," Gillette concluded.

## Time Limit, cont'd... From Page 1

Shores, adding that she had concerns about people waiting for the opportunity and getting frustrated because of the time it took to get to that person.

Shores said the council has imposed time limits before but nothing official has ever been put in writing. She felt those limits worked very well giving people the chance to speak.

Other council members felt it gave a guideline to residents and offered more control to the meetings. Councilman Chuck Meyers said he could favor the proposal since the chair would still have discretion over giving someone more time or recognizing someone from the public during discussions.

The new policy states that a person who wishes to speak

on an agenda item may do so during the regular meeting once recognized by the chair. Persons wishing to speak on non-agenda items should do so during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Those interested in the new guidelines should contact the city for a copy.

The Lowell City Council is not alone in limiting its time for public speaking. Both the Lowell Charter Township Board and the Lowell Area Public Schools Board of Education already have a set time limit; the school board requires people to sign in first. The Kent County Board of Commissioners has the same requirements as the school board.

## LHS May Students-of-the-Month

Lowell High School again has the pleasure of announcing the Students of the Month. These are the last students to be recognized during the 2002-2003 school year.

Ryan Thomas Curtis, a senior, is the English Department's honoree. He is the son of Tom and Judy Curtis of Lowell. Ryan's extracurricular activities include National Honor Society, vice president of International Club, Business Professionals of America, SADD, Ski and Snowboard Club, marching band, Homecoming court and prom court. He is also employed at Meijer. Curtis will attend Grand Valley State University next year and plans to study business. His teacher nominator says that not only is he a terrific human being, he is also an impressive student. He works hard and puts forth 100 percent in all of his academic activities.

Nicole Gilliken, a senior, was chosen by the Math Department. She is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Gilliken. Nicole has participated in many activities at LHS, including basketball, volley-

ball, gymnastics, track, band, Lady Arrows Varsity Club, National Honor Society and SADD. Gilliken plans to attend the University of Detroit Mercy next year participating in their pre-med program and track team. Her teacher nominator says she exemplifies the hard work and determination necessary to be successful in calculus. She has taken full responsibility for her learning by refusing to give up.

Rachael Goeman, a sophomore, is being honored by the Music Department. She is the daughter of Julie Goeman of Lowell and John Goeman of Allendale. At LHS she has been active as a captain of the volleyball team, track team, marching band and pit band. In addition, she is a member of the LA Crush volleyball club. Her teacher nominator says she works very hard to be a good player and is a leader in the band. She also does extra duties when needed.

Corey Krieg, a senior, was selected by the Foreign Language Department. He is the son of Robert and Kimberly

Krieg of Lowell. While attending LHS, Corey has participated in powerlifting and was prom king this year. He plans next year to serve as a missionary for his church. His teacher nominator says he has used Seminar time to come in and help less advanced Spanish students. He is a third-year Spanish student and a first-year French student. He is always respectful and considerate of everyone.

Audrey Converse, a senior, is the Business Department's honoree. She is the daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include SADD, FFA, Junior Rotary, National Honor Society, Student Council representative and study table at the middle school. In the fall she will attend Hope College to major in Special Education. Her teacher nominator says Audrey is an excellent student and does quality work in all of her assignments. She takes pride in her work showing creativity and accuracy.



Pictured, left to right: Ryan Curtis, Corey Krieg, Nicole Gillikin, Rachael Goeman and Audrey Converse.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Alma College continued to dominate National Model UN simulations at the National Model United Nations competition in New York in April.

Shannon Finnegan, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High School, was included in the team of Alma College students who represented the

African island of Mauritius and the non-governmental organization International Alert.

Having received Outstanding Delegation awards the last three years, Alma is the only school to accomplish this feat three years in a row and now holds 11 outstanding recognitions, more than any other school during the last decade.

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL APRIL 21, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the March 31, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

City Manager Pasquale presented the preliminary 2003-2004 operating budget for Council to review.

A declaration recognizing Chemical Awareness Week from May 4 - 10, 2003 was presented.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the final site plan for the Highland Hills Planned Unit Development as submitted with conditions.
- Motion to approve the endorsement of the Lowell Area Trailway study as presented by Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Perry Beachum.
- Motion to approve the bid from Weather Shield Roofing Systems in the amount of \$14,456 for the Water Treatment Plant roof replacement.
- Motion to approve West Michigan Office Interiors as the office furniture vendor for the City Hall-Police Station project.
- Motion to support the changes represented by Bulletin 7 in Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$13,751.50 for the City Hall-Police Station project.
- Motion to appoint Alan Mathews to the City Council with a term expiring December 31, 2003.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, May 5, 2003.

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



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# Additional cuts to city budget may be looming

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

State Representative James Koetje painted the

bleak revenue picture for the city of Lowell and many other communities as well.

While there have been reductions in the state budget,

the final ax has yet to fall. Koetje said to the Lowell City Council at its last meeting. So when the council starts to review its 2003 - 2004 budget,

just remember... "There may have to be additional cuts," he said.

City manager, David Pasquale said the city has seen its state revenue sharing go down quite a bit over the years. At one time the city received more than \$500,000; it has since dropped to about \$440,000. Pasquale explained.

"It is nearly a \$100,000 loss in revenue sharing," Pasquale said. "We are obviously tracking this very closely."

The discussions of the next cut could mean an additional loss of about \$9,000 to the city, he said.

A couple of weeks ago, Pasquale had presented the council with some of this information in preparation for a review of the city's budget. At its meeting, the council voted to host its public hearings on the budget May 19 and June 2, with possible adoption at the June 2 meeting.

Pasquale said staff is still looking at ways to cut spending. This includes re-evaluating the fringe benefits that staff receives, which could make a significant savings. Staff salaries are only going

up one percent next year with no merit pay increases in an effort to keep the budget tight.

The city's total expenditures are expected to be around \$91,418,330, approximately four million down from last year. Revenues are expected to be around \$78,827,877, about \$5.5 million below last year's.

"We are keeping it as tight as possible and trying to hold the line as much as possible," Pasquale said, adding that the city is only looking at one possible road project on Foreman; and that will depend on whether the city receives a federal grant for the project.

With that in mind, councilman Chuck Myers said he hopes they can restructure po-

sitions with the current staff, to keep costs down, versus having to add more.

There are some small silver linings in all of this: the Downtown Development Authority is expected to receive about \$400,000 more in 2003 than in 2002, which brings its monies up to \$12,590,453. Also, the Lowell Area Historical Museum doesn't have to worry about funding since residents approved a separate millage of .25 to help cover operational costs.

The city levies an operating millage of 15.83, not including the museum millage. The value of a mill is about \$78,827.87.

## IN THE SERVICE

Army National Guard Pvt. **Isaiah E. W. Reynolds** has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The student was trained to receive, inspect, segregate, store, inventory, issue, deliver and turn-in organizational and installation supplies and equipment; maintain automated supply systems for accountability with use of unit computers; issue and receipt of small arms, and secure and control weapons and ammunition supplies.

Reynolds, a 2001 graduate of Reynolds Christian High School in Alto, is the son of Anna Mae and Randall Reynolds of Alto.

# For one resident, nothing stands in way of becoming nurse practitioner

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

For Susan Stewart, nursing was a way of life.

"I always wanted to be a nurse. My grandmother told

would fall out of the boat ... and be under water for several minutes before coming up and seeing her boat as a speck in the distance. When she was finally pulled from

Or did those dreams really have to be cast aside? Stewart had met a doctor at the Flint hospital who had polio and crutches and was still able to be a doctor.

thought about the demands involved such as if she needed to hold a child, could she get out of her wheelchair and sit next to the wheel.

In fact, she drove alone to this interview, getting out of the van and lowering her wheelchair herself before coming into the office. Her only hindrance? "Finding a flat place to park to get the chair out," she said.

Still, Stewart met her skeptics at Grand Valley State University, where she enrolled in the bachelor's program on her way to becoming a nurse practitioner. The school of nursing had had a person with disabilities attempt the program, and no one wanted Stewart to set herself up for failure, she said. Even a former doctor had tried to persuade her from trying.

The chronic pain, doctor appointments, family needs, medication changes, and financial stress are not easy on anyone or any family. Even two surgeries during spring

break this year didn't stop her from finishing her semester course work.

In April, Stewart, with her new assistant, Sable, a PAWS dog, rolled down the aisle to accept her bachelor's degree in nursing and went down in the GVSU history books as the first person with a disability to do just that.

And not even her chronic pain will stop her from achieving that final goal of getting her nurse practitioner's license, which requires a master's degree in nursing.

There are still some barriers and some skeptics too, but if it all works out, Stewart said she hopes that people in Lowell will see her and Sable at the clinic in Lowell some day, dispensing more than just medical advice.

"I knew I needed to make a goal to do something," Stewart said. "I could make a goal to do nothing and I would achieve that, too, but my goal was to do something."

"This BSN degree has

given me the knowledge and courage to continue and obtain the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. No person will discourage me from obtaining this lofty goal. I know with determination and persistence, I can achieve my goal."

Stewart also hopes that by achieving her goal, it will help to change the view of who can be a nurse as well as give others like herself inspiration to achieve whatever goal they are after.

<b>GARAGE</b>	<b>SALE</b>	<b>GOODIES</b>
<b>GARAGE SALE</b> May 15, 16, 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Adult & children's clothing, boys to size 3, girls to size 6X, car, booster & potty seats, toys, tools, lawn mower & more. 13817 84th, Alto.	<b>MOTHER'S DAY ARTS &amp; CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA</b> West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol N.W., Grand Rapids, Sat., May 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$1 adm. 180 booths! Luncheon. Proceeds go toward "Project Falcon."	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> 4 family. Furniture, household items, tools, clothing in good condition only, etc. May 16 & 17, 4868 Luxemburg, Grand Rapids.
<b>MOVING SALE</b> May 16 & 17, 9-6 p.m. Bikes, skis, tools, over 1200 paperbacks + hard cover books, VCR tapes & CD's, fabrics, patterns & much more. 9360 Bryndale Way, E. off McCabe between Conservation & 2 Mile.	<b>YARD SALE</b> May 15 & 16, 9:00 - 7:00 and 17, 9:00 - 7:00 Forest River Dr. Take Vergennes to Flat River to Forest River.	<b>CALEDONIA</b> Kettle Lake Elementary Yard Sale- May 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Over 300 families donating items. Sale held inside school gym on Garbow Dr. off Whitneyville Rd. Last hour of sale - fill a bag for a buck!
<b>YARD SALE</b> May 16 & 17, 3 families. 292 Jane Ellen. 2 ceiling fans, PlayStation, tools, lots of summer clothes and misc.	<b>ADA/CASCADE NEIGHBORHOOD SALE</b> Back by popular demand! 14 families participating. Brand name baby/kids clothes, baby items, toys, chain saw, snowblower, king size mattress set, pet carrier, Jenn-Air stove top, mini refrigerator, office furniture & much more. Wildwood Estates & Jonathan Woods subdivision in Ada off Buttrick, N. of 30th St. & S. of Thornapple River Dr. Fri., May 16 and Sat., May 17, 9-5 p.m.	<b>MULTI FAMILY SALE</b> May 16 & 17, 9-5 p.m. Quality clothing, boys & girls up to 5T, & adult sizes; toys, misc. household & linens, stove & waverunner. 8602 Keiser (near Whitneyville & 68th St.).
<b>GARAGE SALE</b> May 16 & 17, Fri. 8 - 5, Sat. 8 - 9. 948 Clifford SE (between Cascade Rd. & Ada Dr.). Toys, baby items, cages, percussion kit, lots and lots.	<b>MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> Saturday, May 17, 9 - 11:30 Foreman.	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> May 15 & 16 from 8 - 4 p.m. May 17, 8-12 p.m. Luggage, keyboard, organ, weight bench, cross country skis and boots, furniture, clothes and misc. home items. 705 Cumberland SE in Lowell.
<b>GARAGE SALE</b> 1632 Cumberland, May 16 & 17, 9 - 7. Drop leaf table, console TV, scrubs size 2XL, 3XL new, Plus size clothes, tires & household items.	<b>THURS. &amp; FRI., MAY 15 &amp; 16</b> 9356 Centerline is having a sale along with Day Bible Church, three families, all different than the last one. Toddler bed, car seat, wagon, small bikes, Play Station, HP printer, sweet bee honey, movies, wooden decor, bedding and more. (M-21 to Pinckney North).	<b>GARAGE/MOVING SALE</b> Thurs., Fri., Sat., May 15, 16 & 17, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Treadmill, weight bench, antique dresser w/mirror, household items, lots of stuff. 518 High St., Lowell (2 blocks north of Ball's ice cream).
<b>HUGE SALE</b> First in 45 years. Vintage items, household goods, antiques, sporting goods, toys, tools, construction supplies and more. May 16 - 17, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 6151 Morse Lake Ave., Alto.	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> May 15-16, starting at 9:30 a.m. 12942 Vergennes (between Lincoln Lake and Flat River). Brand name children's clothing and toys, computer armoire, baby stroller, household and misc	<b>HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> Furniture, golf equipment, kids-adult clothing, toys, wall decor, household items, new merchandise & much more! May 16, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 389 Boynton, corner of Boynton & Bailey.
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD SALE</b> May 15 & 16, 9-6, May 17, 9-12, kids clothes and toys, maternity clothes, bedding, TV, misc. furniture, home decor & lots more. Vergennes & Sudan, between Parnell & Cumberland..	<b>MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE</b> 10355 Bailey, May 15, 16 & 17, 1-5 p.m. 0-18 mos. boy's clothes, some girls & adults, exersaucer, walker, car seat, tons of toys, elementary teaching materials & household items.	<b>MOVING SALE</b> Tables, chairs, lots of clothing, weight set, kids' toys and clothes, couch, etc. 775 Alden Nash, N. of Ford dealership. Thurs. & Fri., 8-6 p.m. and Sat., 9-noon.
<b>MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE</b> 918 Lincoln Lake. Thursday & Friday, May 15 & 16, 9-5 p.m. Clothing (children to adults), Pooch coats, coolers and more.	<b>LIL' RED BARN SPRING SALE</b> garden decor, antiques, shabby chic furniture, wicker. Fri., May 16, 9-6. 12795 Burroughs NE off Lincoln Lake.	<b>USED FURNITURE SALE</b> Thursday, May 15 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr.
<b>MAY 16 &amp; 17</b> 9-3 p.m. baby - adult clothing, tons of toys, Little Tikes race car bed, household & more. 1252 Laurie Gail.	<b>GARAGE SALE</b> Friday & Saturday, 9-4pm, 11365 Foreman.	

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In April, Susan Stewart earned her BSN degree at Grand Valley State University.

me I would grow up, become a nurse, and work in a hospital near Flint, and I did," said Stewart, who is from the east side of the state, but now resides in Alto with her family.

After 17 years as an LP, Stewart decided to pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner. This is a person who is like a doctor and can take care of a number of cases that don't involve surgery.

But in 1999, that dream all but vanished when Stewart was in a whitewater rafting accident that left her paralyzed.

"It's amazing how I can always remember the date," Stewart said. "I was helping my husband with the youth group. I had even told the kids that if they fell out of the boat, don't panic."

It was Stewart who

the rapids, she had some sensation in her legs, but because they had to get to the bottom of the river to air-lift her to the nearest hospital, she lost that sensation.

Fast forward to about six months later ... as her husband is turning into a school for a program, the couple is hit with Stewart sustaining a closed head injury. Her dreams of becoming a nurse practitioner lie in the ditch beside the road of that accident.

"It was so difficult to accept the fact that this body which once won state gymnastics medals, danced ballet and toe gracefully across stages before packed audiences, and swam for miles and miles would no longer move as it once had," she said.

"Why would it be different for me to be a practitioner?" she said. "Just because I don't have the ability to walk, doesn't mean my brain isn't working."

And as she worked it through her mind, she began to wonder if there had ever been a handicapped nurse.

"People are familiar with Kerry on ER," she said, "but being handicapped and a nurse don't usually go hand in hand."

Stewart lost most of her previous jobs because she no longer met the "physical requirements" - which she understood. Nurses needed to be able to use their whole body.

But a nurse practitioner did not. She could work as part of a team in a practice and still be able to contribute. Stewart said she carefully

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Of course, you may be aware that the Tax Relief Act of 2001 repealed estate taxes for the year 2010, while reducing them gradually before then. Does this mean you don't have to worry about burdening your heirs with estate taxes?

It's not quite that clear. Laws affecting estate taxes could easily change again over the next several years. Also, comprehensive estate planning covers more than just taxes. You still need to determine who gets what. You still want to reduce costly and expensive delays in distributing

your estate. And you still need to make arrangements to have someone act in your best interests if you become incapacitated.

To address these and other issues, start familiarizing yourself with these basic elements of estate planning:

- **Proper titling of assets**—It's important that all your assets—your house, property, bank accounts, retirement plans, stocks, bonds, etc.—be properly titled, in terms of legal ownership. You may want these assets listed in joint tenancy—a way of sharing ownership in which each "joint tenant" holds an equal interest in the property. And you may want to add "with rights of survivorship" to ensure that assets pass to your joint tenant—typically, a spouse—without having to go through probate.

- **Beneficiary designations**—You need to make sure that your beneficiary designations are always updated.

For example, if you name a spouse as a beneficiary on your life insurance, and you later divorce and remarry, you'll need to change the beneficiary on your policy.

- **Will**—A will spells out how you want your assets distributed. If you don't write a will, you could die "intestate"—which means your assets will be distributed according to state law. If that happens, your heirs will almost certainly not get what you had intended for them to receive.

- **Living trust**—For many people, a simple will, by itself, may not be sufficient. For one thing, your assets may still have to go through the time-consuming and potentially expensive process of probate. A well-designed living trust, though, can bypass probate and give you more control over how and when your assets will be distributed.

- **Durable power of attorney**—When you set up a durable power of attorney, you name someone to act for you if you become mentally or physically unable to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf.

- **Health care directive**—By drawing up a health care directive, you authorize, in advance, the kinds of health

care you would or would not want if, for whatever reason, you cannot communicate for yourself. In your health care directive, you can name someone to make health care decisions for you, leave written instructions to help others in

making those decisions or even do both.

We've just looked at the "bare bones" of estate-planning elements. To get a fuller understanding of these issues, and to draw up a comprehensive estate plan,

consult a legal adviser who is experienced in these matters. And once you have an estate plan, revisit it periodically to make sure your arrangements reflect the changes in your life that will invariably come your way.



## Rotary Checks Polio

The Lowell Rotary Club made a check presentation in the amount of \$5,800 to Rotary International toward the fight to eradicate polio. The total represents \$100 for each member (58). Presenting the check to Susan Schwartzwald, major gift-giving adviser for Rotary Foundation, left to right, are Rotarians: Dale Triplett, Wendall Christoff and Judy Harrison.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-175,311-DE

Estate of JANUSZ SKIBA  
SSN: 318-70-9331

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JANUSZ SKIBA, who lived at 712 First Street, N.W., (upper) Grand Rapids, Michigan died 12/22/02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOLANTA SKIBA, c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney-at-Law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., #2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

May 1, 2003

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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FILE NO. 03-175,538-DE

Estate of DOROTHY T. NYLEN  
SSN: 386-10-4129

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DOROTHY T. NYLEN, who lived at 729 Powers N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 10/28/02. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to DAVID L. NYLEN, c/o JOHN D. MITUS, Attorney-at-Law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., #2500, Grand Rapids and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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FILE NO. 03-175,574-DE

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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 7-8:30 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 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 at St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**EVERY SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

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

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

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

**EVERY THURS.:** Pottery classes at Franciscan Life

**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.

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



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

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

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

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

**FRI., MAY 16:** Noon Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; Bingo.

**MON., MAY 19:** 12:45 p.m. Syl Mosher Discussion, "Think Healthy, Be Healthy."

**TUES., MAY 20:** 12:45 p.m. Ionia K-Mart & Save-A-Lot.

**WED., MAY 21:** 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 10-11 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12:45 Shop Lowell Meijer.

**THURS., MAY 22:** Noon Dance at West Side Complex.

**FRI., MAY 23:** 10:30 Bingo., 4:40 Dinner at Keiser's.

**MON., MAY 26:** Memorial Day. Center closed. Parade starts at 9:30 at Fairgrounds.

**WED., MAY 28:** 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

**THURS., MAY 29:** No Walking; 10 a.m. Whitecaps Ball Game.

**FRI., MAY 30:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**WED., MAY 14:** Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30. Adults \$8; 5-12 \$2.

**MAY 16, 17:** LAAC Thebes Players at LPAC presenting "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." \$8 gen. adm.; \$6.50 students & seniors; \$6 groups of 10 or more. 897-8545.

**SAT., MAY 17:** Lowell Youth Football early bird sign-ups at Lowell Middle School cafeteria, 10-2 p.m. Call 897-7896 for info.

**SUN., MAY 18:** Artists open house at 1520 Cumberland from 1-4 p.m. View area artists watercolor paintings; refreshments served.

**MON., MAY 26:** Memorial Day Parade at 9:30 a.m. starting at Lowell Fairgrounds.

**MON., MAY 26:** Grattan Fire Dept. Auxiliary pancake breakfast, 7-11 a.m. at Grattan Twp. Hall; Bridge walk and activities to follow.





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## Red Arrow girls three-peat as O-K White conference champions

••• Red Arrow girls use 1600-meter relay to reel in and surpass Central at league meet. Lowell, then, defeated the Rangers in a dual meet Monday night for the outright championship.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

For a third consecutive year, the O-K White girls' conference track meet came down to the final event... the 1600-meter relay.

And for a third straight time, the Red Arrows relayed that into victory.

Friday night at Zeeland, Lowell trailed Forest Hills Central 113-110 with only the 1600 relay to run.

Lowell not only needed to win the event, but it also

adjustments and the girls were ready," Talus said. "Winning a third straight conference title outright was important to us."

(Details of the dual meet victory will be in the May 21 edition of The Lowell Ledger)

Last year, Lowell needed a first in the 1600 relay to tie East Grand Rapids at 122-122 in the league meet. Two years ago, it needed a win in the 1600 to defeat East 115-113.

Sarah Swab erased roughly 30 seconds from her season-best time in the 3200 run to finish third in the conference meet. Swab stopped the clock in 12:02.2.

Heather Becker won the discus event with a throw of 108'2". Kristi Noall placed sixth.

"You can look at a lot of one-point differences in a meet like this. All the girls who competed rose to the challenge," Talus said. "Swab's performance in the 3200 set up our opportunity in the 1600 relay."

### Lowell Invitational

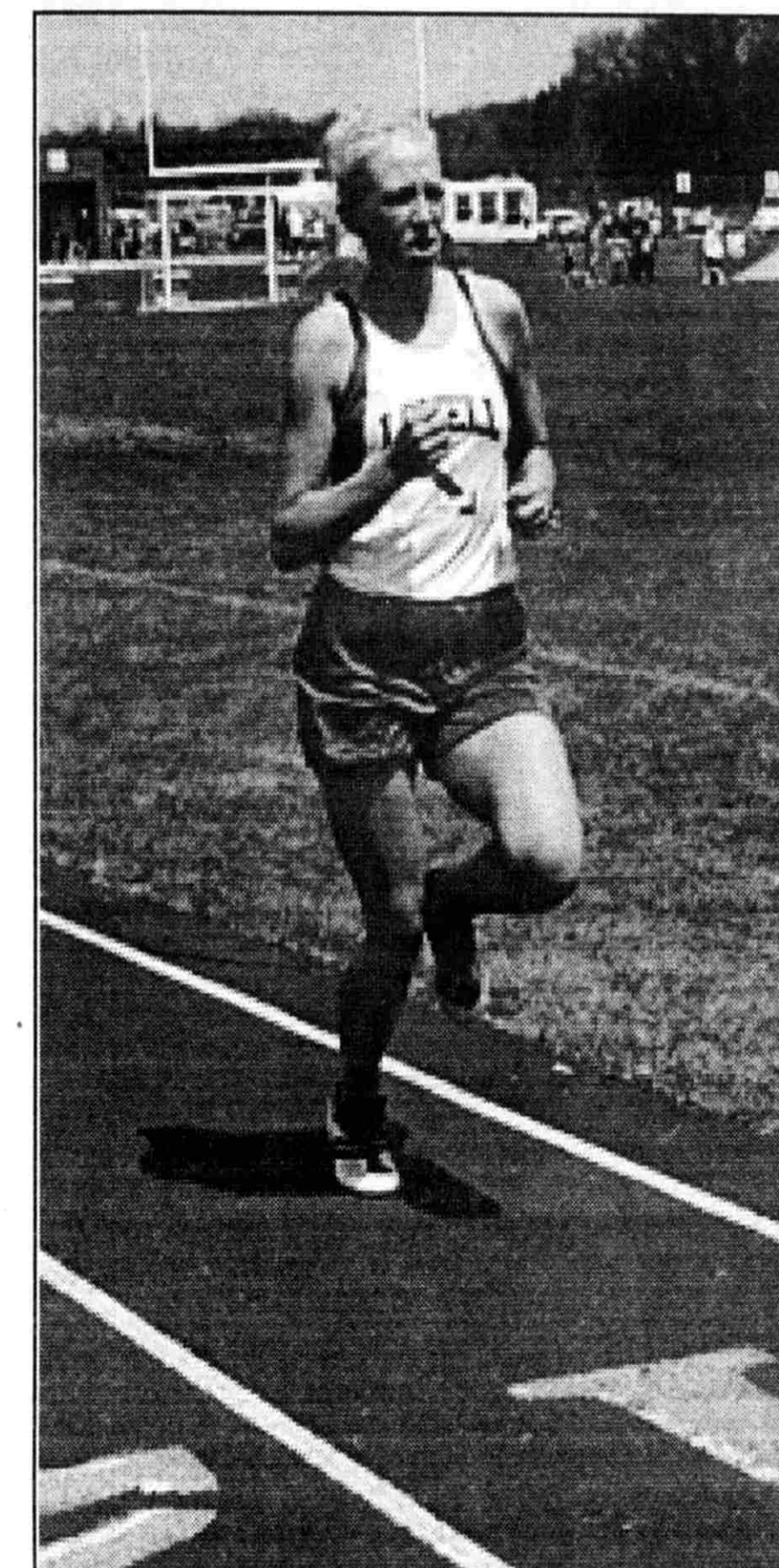
Along with placing in each of the 15 events at its own Lowell Invitational, the Red Arrow girls also set three meet records.

Krystal White authored one of the meet records with a time of 47 seconds in the 300 low hurdles.

Natalie Kent set the other meet record in 100 hurdles with a time of 15.30.

The team of White, Amanda Grochowalski, Kim Huyser and Kent rewrote the record books in the Red Arrow relay bringing home the baton in 1:55.

Other events in which the Red Arrows placed were: Discus, third, 237'5"; Long Jump, third, 42'11"; Shot Put, fourth, 80'11"; High Jump, third, 13'8"; Pole Vault, second, 14'9"; Distance Medley, fifth, 34:06; 800-Meter Relay, third, 1:52.20; 3200-Meter Relay, third, 10:39; 400-Meter Relay, sixth, 54.30; 1600-Meter Run, second, 5:29.50; 100 Run, third, 13.60; 1600-Meter Relay, second, 4:15.40.



Sarah Swab was third in the 3200-meter run at the league meet in Hudsonville.



Lowell's winning time in the 1600-meter relay at the conference meet was 4:07.72. Pictured above is Nicole Gillikin.

In a dual meet against East Grand Rapids, Lowell won by the count of 80 2/3 to 56 1/3.

### O-K White Conference Meet - Lowell Results

Discus - 1. Heather Becker, 108'2"; Shot Put - 5. Becker, 32' 3/4"; Long Jump - 1. Nicole Gillikin 15' 2 1/2"; High Jump - 4. Mary Calvi 4'8"; Pole Vault - 1. Gillikin 10'0" 2. Woods 8'6" 5. Jenna Dickerman 7'9"; 3200 Relay - 5. Lowell (Swab, Plattner, Dietz, Wojciakowski) 10:22.24; 100 Hurdles - 1. Kent 15.19; 100 Dash - 4. Kim Huyser 13.59; 800 Relay - 1. 800 Relay (Huyser, White, Wojciakowski, Kent) 1:48.31; 1600 Run - 4. Swab 5:31.17; 400 Relay - 2. Lowell (Cahoon, White, Grochowalski, Huyser) 52.79; 400 Dash - 1. Kent 58.29; 300 Hurdles - 2. White 47.30; 800 Run - 6. Wojciakowski 2:26.42; 200 Dash - 5. Huyser 28.10; 3200 Run - 3. Swab 12:02.22; 1600 Relay - 1. Lowell (White, Plattner, Wojciakowski, Kent) 4:07.72

### SYNOPSIS

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 21, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 10, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved. A list of invoices was also approved.

There was a presentation by the Fallsburg Historical Society on their Mill Project.

Motions approved:

- Motion to amend the Fee Schedule and Escrow Policy
- Motion to approve a Special Use Permit for the Murray Lake Association for signs
- Motion to table discussion regarding a dock ordinance for Murray Lake
- Motion to approve Special Use Permit for Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness church for sign
- Motion to approve Special Use Permit for Dean Alger for a cell/communication tower
- Motion to support a grant application from the Vergennes Township Open Space Citizen's Committee for a natural features inventory

• Motion to approve a Kent County Road Commission work order for reconstruction of the intersection of Downes and Fallsburg Park Drive

• Motion to approve the designated depository institutions

• Motion to approve the designated Township Attorney, Auditor, Engineer and Planner

• Motion to direct Planning Commission to make recommendations for language corrections to Section 201.301 of the Zoning Ordinance

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is May 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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needed help from the rest of the league.

"We had to place first and less for us to win the conference meet," Lowell girls' track coach, Kathy Talus said.

Lowell took first and in doing so, set a school record in the event with a time of 4:07.72. Setting the record was the team of Krystal White, Holly Plattner, Lisa Wojciakowski and Natalie Kent.

Central came home in sixth, giving the Red Arrows a one-point victory.

The conference meet win coupled with Lowell's 76-61 dual meet victory over Central Monday night earns the Red Arrows the overall championship for a third straight year.

"It now came down to Monday, we made some ad-

The final team standings in the league meet looked like this: Lowell 113, FHC 112, Hudsonville 95, East Grand Rapids 92, Zeeland 49, Northview 47 and Forest Hills Northern 18.

Other key performances by Lowell were highlighted by Natalie Kent's four firsts, including a school record run in the 400-meter. The senior raced home in 58.2 eclipsing her old mark of 59 seconds.

"Natalie continues to have just an outstanding senior season," Talus said.

Lowell received a big boost from its pole vault team claiming spots one, two and five.

Nicole Gillikin set a school record when she cleared 10 feet. Rebekkah Woods recorded a height of 8'6" and Jenna Dickerman was fifth with a height of 7'9".



# Roberts clears hurdles en route to conference championship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Andy Roberts' goal is to return to the Class A meet and compete in the 110 high hurdles.

He hopes his first place finish in the event at the O-K White Conference meet will help propel him toward that goal.

Last year Roberts was third at the league meet. This year the senior claimed top honors, coming home in 15.65.

"The goal is a good run at regional and then back to state," said Lowell boys track coach, Russ Stevens.

Lowell's only other top three finish was handed in by senior, Dave Hefferan. He uncorked a throw of 137'11"

in the discus to finish second. Mike Koster and Neal DeVoid both recorded sixth-

place finishes in the long jump and 100 meter dash respectively.

Koster jumped 19'6 3/4" while DeVoid stopped the clock in 12.02.

The Red Arrows placed in two relays... the 400- and 800-meters.

In the 800, it was Andrew Min, DeVoid, Nick Parnofiello and Jordan Moore stopping the clock in 1:36.06.

In the 400-meter relay it was Kreig Brown, DeVoid, Parnofiello and Moore bringing the baton home in 46 seconds.

In other strong personal performances Steve Ellison placed seventh while running the 1600 in 4:37 and placing seventh overall.

Freshman, John Riddle ran the 3200-meter run in 11:16 and Nick Duley came home in 56 seconds in the 400-meter run.

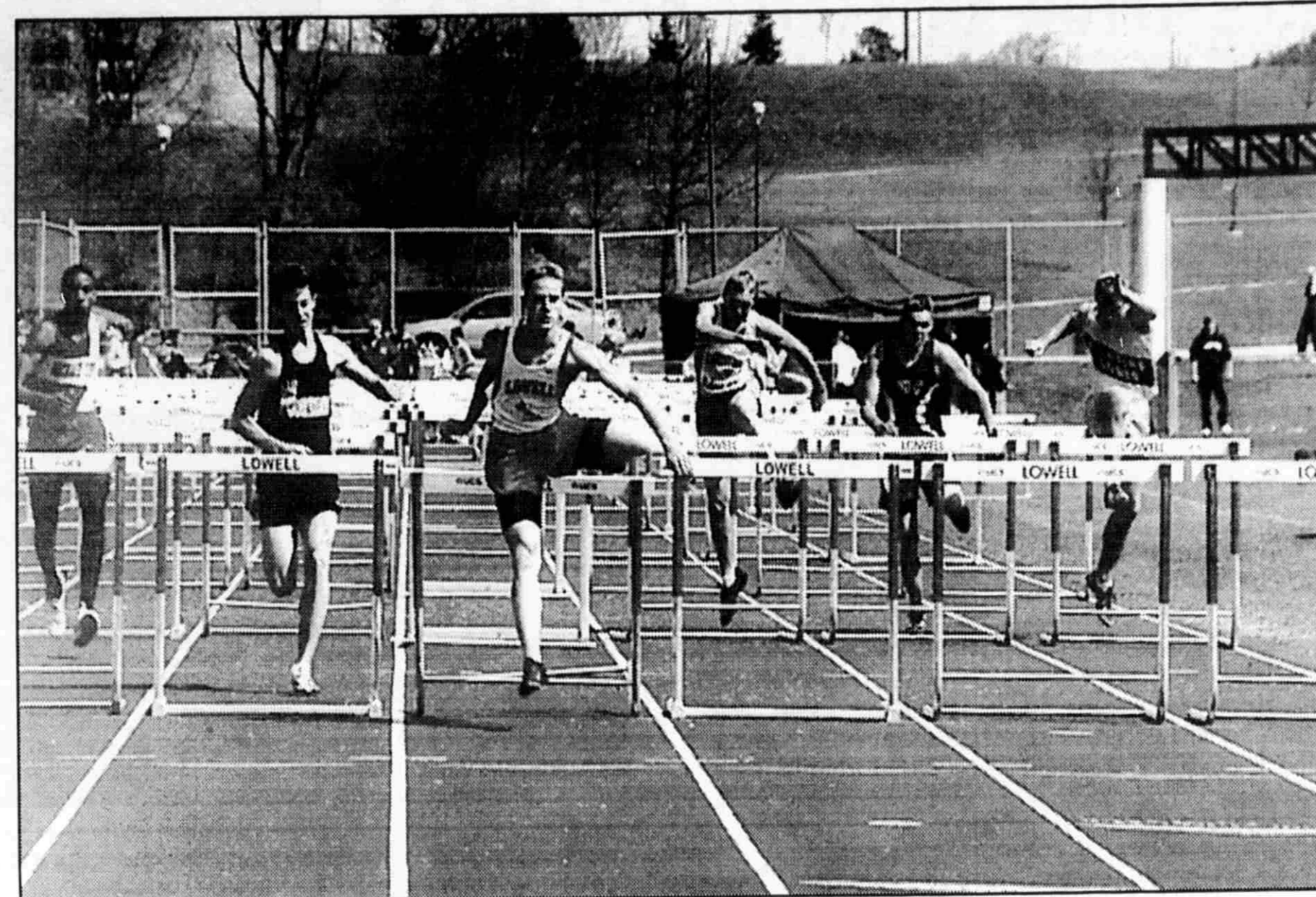
## O-K White Conference Meet Lowell Results:

Discus - 2. Dave Hefferan 137' 11"; Long Jump - 6. Mike Koster 19'6 3/4"; 110 Hurdles - 1. Andy Roberts 15.65; 100 Dash - 6. Neal DeVoid 12.02; 800 Relay - 5. Lowell (Min, DeVoid, Parnofiello, Jordan Moore) 1:36.06; 400 Relay - 5. Lowell (Brown, DeVoid, Parnofiello, Moore) 46.00.

## Lowell Invitational - Lowell Results:

Team Scores: Forest Hills Northern 142, Grandville 74, Saranac 63, Orchard View 50, Grand Rapids Christian 41, Caledonia 39, Lowell 32, Ionia 26, Lansing Catholic Central 8.

Pole Vault - 6. Lowell 9'9" Long Jump - 2. Lowell 55' 6 3/4" Discus - 5. Lowell 320'7" Distance Medley - 6. Lowell 28:39.50; 800-Meter Relay - 4. Lowell 1:35.50; 1600-Meter Run - 5. Steve Ellison 4:45.60; 110 Hurdles - 1. Roberts 15.20; 100 Dash - 4. Neal DeVoid 12.30.



Andy Roberts earned his first conference championship in the 110 high hurdles.

# Red Arrow boys' tennis team squeezes past Big Rapids; shutout in league meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys tennis team squeaked out a 5-3 nonconference win over Big Rapids.

"It was a nice win to squeak out," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

First singles player, Shaun Koning played perhaps his best tennis of the year in posting a 4-6, 7-5, 6-0 win.

"That third set was probably the smartest and best tennis I've seen Shaun play all year," Wall explained.

Lowell's other victory in singles came from Brett Hobria. The freshman, playing fourth singles, won in straight sets 6-0, 6-4.

"Brett won nicely. He keeps improving and is giving himself his best shot at winning," Wall said.

In doubles play, Lowell received victories from Brendon

Harden and Dustin Pedley - second doubles (7-5, 6-1); third doubles Nate Huisman and Brandon Lawrence, (6-2, 6-2); and fourth doubles Justin Peterson and Justin Quist (6-1, 6-2).

"Peterson and Quist haven't played together much, but they are beginning to display consistency in their shots," Wall said. "Huisman and Lawrence are doing a better job of coming to the net and putting balls away."

In the conference tournament over the weekend, Lowell finished seventh.

"It was a disaster. Maybe Lowell should fire the coaches," Wall explained. "The boys could have played better, but they simply were not as good as the other players."

East Grand Rapids won the O-K White Conference tournament and Forest Hills Central finished second.

# Red Arrows' rally falls short against Chips; blast Orchard View

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A seventh-inning rally fell one run short as Lowell lost 5-4 to Chippewa Hills in its first game at the Manistee baseball tournament.

Lowell, looking to win the tournament for a third straight year, lost to Chippewa Hills in game one before recovering to win the consolation game against Orchard View 10-1.

The Red Arrows trailed 5-2 entering the bottom of the seventh inning against Chippewa Hills.

Luke Tomczak led-off the inning with a double and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Sean Meyers then coaxed a walk. Tomczak then scored on a wild pitch and Meyers advanced to third.

Dan Palasek walked, putting runners on first and third with no outs. Larry Kuzmin got aboard on a bunt single to load the bases.

Following a popup to the pitcher, a fielder's choice by Kyle Rozema scored Lowell's fourth run, leaving runners at first and third with two out.

Tim Droese lined a shot

into center where Chippewa's center fielder made an outstanding catch to end the game.

Alan Nugent and Rozema led Lowell in hits with two apiece.

Ryan Nugent pitched 6-2/3 innings, giving up five runs on 10 hits while walking coach, Tim Antel said.

In a doubleheader on Friday against Hudsonville, Lowell lost 8-0 and 5-1.

Luke Tomczak took the loss in the opener, allowing just three earned runs.

"Luke did a good job spotting and locating his pitches," Antel said.

Hudsonville scored five unearned runs in the fifth inning to put the game away.

In the nightcap, Lowell received an excellent relief effort from Dustin Osborne, but could not put anything together offensively against Hudsonville's pitching.

The Red Arrows entered the doubleheader off a dreadful 16-5 loss to East Grand Rapids.

Droese went 3-for-4 with three doubles. Andrew Benedict was 2-for-2 with a double and Meyers was 3-for-3.

Kyle Rozema started and pitched five innings of three hit ball while not walking a

batter and striking out one.

Bryan White came in and pitched two innings in relief.

"The boys are playing better. Defensively they are beginning to make plays, but our offense continues to come and go," Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel said.

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# Gritty individual performances aren't enough against Hudsonville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Oftentimes a coach learns more about a player in defeat than in victory.

That was the case in Lowell's doubleheader losses to Hudsonville.

The Red Arrow softball team was shutout twice by the Eagles, 4-0 and 6-0, but felt fortunate in that it could have lost its starting pitcher and third baseman.

Pitcher, Becky Plummer was hit in the chest by a line drive off the bat of a Hudsonville hitter in the fourth inning of the second game. She shook it off and returned to the game only to roll her ankle sliding into third base.

Third baseman, Ashleigh Inman was hit in the face by a pitch in the first inning of game two.

The pitcher glanced off her helmet and hit her in the face. She was taken out of the game only to return a few innings later.

"I looked up from the third base coaching box and

Ashleigh was in the on-deck circle," Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse explained. "I asked her what she was doing and she said, 'I'm hitting.'"

"Both of those girls showed a lot of grit and guts to come back after getting hit. Actually, I think Becky threw harder after getting hit."

The game's storyline, however, was Hudsonville. In two games, the Eagles pounded out 15 hits including two home runs against Plummer.

"They may be the best club we've seen this year," Rodenhouse said.

The Lowell coach, having seen and lost twice to Northview, said Hudsonville hits the ball so much better. "Their pitching isn't great, but it's nice," he explained.

Lowell hit the ball against the Eagles but lacked the big hit with runners on base.

"We had scoring opportunities in the first, second and third innings of game one but couldn't get that big hit to drive home a run," Rodenhouse said.

The two losses dropped Lowell to 4-4 in the O-K White and 16-6 overall.

Lowell started the week with a 5-1 win over East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows rapped out 10 hits in what Rodenhouse labeled a flat offensive performance.

"We didn't seem to have a lot of emotion," Rodenhouse said. "East, however, hit the ball better against us."

Lowell entered the game, coming off a 6-1 win against Zeeland.

"It was a big win for us. Zeeland has a nice club," Rodenhouse said.

The Red Arrows scored a run in the second inning and plated five more in the fifth.

Lowell's offensive highlights included a two-run triple by Jacque Benedict and a three-run triple by Noelle Dewey.

In the Hamilton Tournament, Lowell was 2-1 with victories against East Grand Rapids (8-0) and Hamilton (3-0). The Red Arrows lost to Comstock 7-3.

# Lowell soccer team's place in league will be decided this week

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Entering the final week of the regular season, Lowell girls soccer team's spot in the O-K White is still up for grabs.

The Red Arrows, 2-2, 7-4, could finish as high as second in the league or as low as fifth.

That will all be determined by how Lowell fares against Forest Hills Northern and Hudsonville.

"Two wins will tie us for second in the conference," said Lowell girls soccer coach, Paul Legge. "We've had a week off due to weather and the schedule, so we're rested and healthy."

Which Red Arrow soccer club shows up will be the determining factor.

Will it be the one that connects passes, plays good tech-

nically and plays good all around soccer? Or will it be a young club that struggles with consistency?

"So far this season we've either been very good or very bad," Legge said. "I'm sure that is a maturity thing. The girls play outstanding soccer one moment and then struggle the next..."

Lowell's girls are still on track to garner the most wins in a season. With four more victories, the Red Arrows will have 11 wins, surpassing the previous high of 10.

On Friday, the Red Arrows traveled to Zeeland where Lowell shutout the Chix 5-0.

Amy Oberlin netted four of Lowell's five goals. Rebekah Underwood tallied the other goal.

"We played alright considering we hadn't played in over a week," Legge said.

Lowell entered the contest having lost two of three games.

The Red Arrows fell to Rockford 3-1. They led 1-0 after 30 minutes of play, before giving up a tying goal right before half.

"We dominated the first 30 minutes and then we got dominated," Legge said. Rockford outscored Lowell 2-0 in the second half.

Goals by Jessica Visser, Abbie Debiak and Helen Crimmins placed Lowell to a 3-1 win over Grand Rapids Baptist.

"We played well. The girls did many things right. They bounced back from the loss (5-0) to Forest Hills Central," Legge said. "The girls are learning everyday and are enjoying some success."

# Red Arrow JV blanks Chix

Lowell's junior varsity girls soccer team defeated Zeeland 2-0. The Red Arrows got goals from Becky DeLiefde and Laura Crimmins.

DeLiefde scored her goal after stealing a Zeeland pass and then immediately shooting it past the Chix goal keeper.

Crimmins' goal came on a free kick from 30 yards away. She creased the upper right-hand corner of the net.

Sarah Smith continued her strong defensive play as she transitioned many Zeeland attacks.

Taylor Verdon recorded six saves for the shutout.

# Lowell senior receives Medal of Merit award

Katherine Lum, of Lowell, was one of 44 West Michigan high school seniors to receive the annual Congressional Medal of Merit award presented by Congressman Vernon J. Ehlers. The ceremony was held at the Gerald R. Ford Museum on May 3.

The award is bestowed on one outstanding senior from each high school in the Third Congressional District, as nominated by their high school. These students have demonstrated exemplary citizenship and academic excellence in their high school careers. They have also been leaders in the area of peer respect, community service, school citizenship and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Lum is the daughter of Kim Lum of Lowell and Wing Foo Lum.

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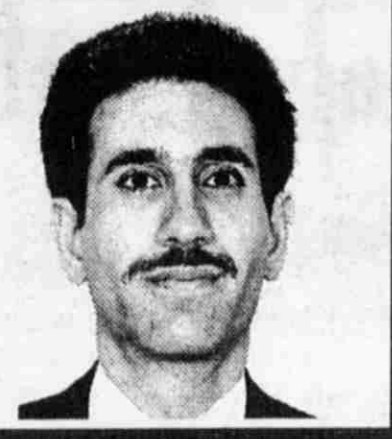
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# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** I recently found out that my mother has placed my sister's name on the title to all of her assets. She explained to me that since my father died, she wanted to make sure that someone else's name was on the titles so that probate could be avoided upon her death. Also, she wanted my sister's name on her bank accounts so that she could pay bills for her once my mother was no longer able to do so. I then asked her what her intention was when she died - what was to happen to her assets. She explained that she would instruct my sister that she was to divide those assets with me. It's not that I don't trust my sister, but is this a good idea?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** What your mother has done is not uncommon but unfortunately it is not a good idea. Many single people will put a child's name on the titles to their assets for the exact same reasons your mother put your sister on the titles to her assets. But your mother may have created problems by putting your sister's name on the titles to her assets.

First of all, notwithstanding your mother's instruction to your sister that she is to divide the assets with you once your mother has died, your sister

will have no legal obligation to do so. This is because a joint owner of assets, when survivorship rights are involved, legally owns those assets when the other joint owner dies. Consequently, your sister may have a moral obligation to share those assets with you, but she has no legal obligation to do so. Secondly, by placing your sister's name on the title to those assets, your mother may have inadvertently made a gift to your sister of one-half of the value of those assets. Further, if the total value of those gifts exceeds the sum of \$11,000, then she will have in effect made a taxable gift to her, which will require the preparation and filing of a gift tax return.

Even if your sister lives up to her moral obligation to share those assets with you upon your mother's death, at the time your sister divides those assets, she is in turn making a gift to you, which could have gift tax consequences to her. These are just some of the problems associated with jointly titling assets with another. A better approach would be for your mother to set up a living trust and re-titling the assets in the name of the trust. By doing so, she has not only avoided probate,

but retained full control over those assets. Further, your mother could indicate in the trust that upon her death, the trust assets are to be divided in equal shares between you and your sister after all bills, taxes, and expenses have been paid. By having the assets in a trust and having the trust divide those assets, you don't have to rely on your sister to share the assets with you and there are no gift tax consequences to your sister when those assets are divided. You should encourage your mother to meet with an estate planning attorney to review in more detail how a trust can benefit her.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am concerned about my widowed mother's estate. She has a will which sets forth how her assets should be divided. However, should she have a deed made out for her home, which names her children and herself as joint tenants with rights of survivorship? What, if any, are the advantages to preparing a deed for this purpose other than the avoidance of probate?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** I do not recommend that your mother's home be re-titled in her name and her children's names as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship. Although probate would be avoided by jointly titling the house, there are too many other potential problems associated with putting property in joint names.

If probate avoidance is the objective, then your mother would be better off setting up a living trust and re-titling the house in the name of the trust. By doing this, the house will

not need to go through probate upon your mother's death since it is already owned by

the trust. Further, your mother can indicate in the trust that upon her death, the trust as-

sets, including the home, are to be distributed to her children in equal shares.

## Overlook construction betters students' study of pond life

A deck overlook was constructed last fall at the pond near the Cridler Cabin, located at the Wege Foundation Natural Area, through the handiwork of local Masons and a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Lowell area students now have a better way to study pond life, enabling them to take water samples and make other observations of plants and animals found there. Tammy DeBaar, director of the Wittenbach Center, asked

the Land Conservancy of West Michigan, owners of the Wege Preserve, to construct the overlook.

The Land Conservancy secured a grant from the Community Fund to purchase deck materials and recruited Lowell resident, Ivan Blough and volunteers from the Lowell area Masons to build it.

"It proved to be a great partnership (Blough and Masons) as we needed help with construction and the project

perfectly fit the Masons' mission of doing service projects for the community and school children," said Doug Powless, the Land Conservancy's preserve manager.

This spring will be the first real opportunity for students visiting the preserve to use the overlook. "The deck makes pond access so much easier; it really contributes to our students' learning experience," said DeBaar, who plans to use it with some classes in May.



By Dave Stegehuis

### TAKE YOUR PICK

It is that time of the year when there is a lot going on outdoors in Michigan. So much so, that one must pay close attention or risk missing some great experiences.

Turkey hunting is well underway and will last until the end of May for those with the proper license. The opportunity to hunt eastern wild turkeys has significantly changed the springtime routine of many Michigan sportsmen.

Some of the best fishing of the year happens in the spring. Steelhead trout are making spawning runs in rivers and tributaries connected to the Great Lakes. It is almost as much fun to watch someone battle one of these tenacious fish as it is to catch one yourself. Football shaped brown trout cruise the warm

shallows around a number of Lake Michigan ports. Picking the right morning can provide plenty of action when trolling or casting stick baits.

Inland lake and stream trout season began the last Saturday of April. Be sure to pick up a copy of the regulations for trout and salmon before you go fishing. This fishery is micro-managed, so the rules are complicated. Wall-eye fishing in the Lower Peninsula opened on April 26, and the Upper Peninsula season starts on May 15. You need to get to the walleyes before they gorge themselves on mayfly hatches in June.

Bluegills should be bedding in the shallows of most local lakes. This is a good time to break out the fly rod and rubber spiders for some fast action pan fishing and good eating. Smelt runs are spotty, but dippers who pay

attention to conditions and travel quickly will be rewarded.

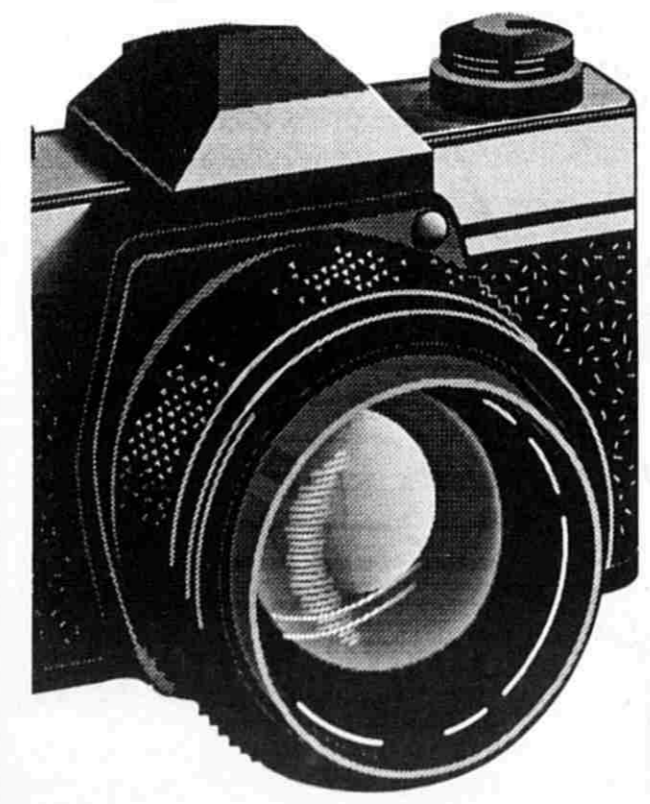
More mushrooms will pop up after spring rains and warm nights. Be sure to use a mesh bag to collect them, so the spores can drop to the ground and re-seed for a future crop.

Don't forget your paperwork. Bear hunting applications are due by May 15. Last year's fishing license expired on March 31. Be sure to pick up one for this year if you haven't already done so. While you're thinking about it, check the boat registration date and see if a current license tag is on the boat trailer.

Finally, if you plan to camp in any of our beautiful state parks, especially during holidays or July and August, it would be wise to make reservations soon. I suspect that a few parks may already be booked-up. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-447-2757.

It is a very busy time in Michigan's outdoors, so get organized so you don't neglect any opportunities. Look over your choices and then take your pick.

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



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