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Groups of musicians gathered for impromptu jam sessions in many places around the fairgrounds. This group near the entrance of the parking lot started as two people and ended up with as many as 12 musicians. As they played song after song, people would come and go from the group causing the songs and the music to change as the jam session went on.

Picture Courtesy Bruce T. Doll

JAMMIN' WITH LOVE

••• Nine bluegrass bands played an array of bluegrass sounds at the Lowell Fairgrounds this past weekend. A second festival is slated for the third weekend in September.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It gave rhythm. It gave love. Over the weekend, through the efforts of the West Michigan Bluegrass music Association festival, it gave the Lowell Fairgrounds the many harmonies of bluegrass.

"I'm glad they moved the event to Lowell," said Grand Rapids' resident, Ralph Hammond. "My wife, Beverly has been a bluegrass fan her entire life and I've been a fan since I met her."

Hammond caught the music of Apple Blossom on Saturday... an act he's familiar with, but still finds entertaining.

"Apple Blossom is out of this world. That group is just terrific," Hammond explained. "Bluegrass has rhythm and it gives love."

Music could be heard on and off the main stage. Like most bluegrass festivals, while the headliners are playing on the main stage, there are multiple groups of jammers harmonizing in the parking lot.

"It's common at these type of festivals to have small groups of friends and family jamming in the parking lot," said

Midland resident, Ron Gross. "I've been attending bluegrass festivals for 25 years. I started going with my grandparents."

Gross and his daughter formed the group Heart to Heart. "Bluegrass is very adaptable. It can play any style - country, blues or classical," Gross explained.

He believes the popularity of bluegrass is on the rise and has been helped by the movie "Old Brother Where Art Thou" and festivals like the one held at the fairgrounds.

"This festival will grow. Play bluegrass and the fans will find it," he said.

Lowell fairground manager, Ron Wenger has used a similar approach with the fairgrounds.

"We can't make enough in one week to run the Kent County Youth Fair," Wenger explained. "By bringing more events in, more revenues are raised for the fair and it also helps bring dollars into the Lowell community."

Wenger said there are roughly eight events planned for the fairgrounds so far this year. "This is the first time for the bluegrass festival. It's only going to grow and get bigger," he said.

The Bluegrass Festival returns for a second show the third weekend in September.

City looking at bonding for road projects

••• \$750,000 worth of road projects would be broken down into three parts.

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The city is looking at about \$750,000 worth of road projects, with a possible bond to help facilitate city road improvements.

At the Lowell City Council meeting Monday night, city manager, David Pasquale presented a proposal on how to finance upgrades for Sibley and Grindle streets.

Each project was broken down into three parts. For Sibley, the first part would be from Center Street to about 150 feet west of West Street, which needed complete milling and resurfacing. The next part would be a complete reconstruction from where the first part left off to Valley Vista. The third portion would be major repair and resurfacing from Valley Vista to about 300 feet east of Ridgeview. The total cost was roughly estimated at \$315,902.

For the Grindle project, it is proposed to do a complete reconstruction from Jackson to Shepard and then from Shepard to Hillside Ct. Lastly, the city would work from Hillside Ct. to the city limits (Fun Street). The rough estimate for this project would be around \$418,192.

Pasquale emphasized these were only preliminary estimates based on last year's figures. Before moving ahead with anything, he wanted Williams and Works to run the numbers to see what the costs for those projects would be before the council made any formal decision, which the board approved.

Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, said it shouldn't be too difficult to get the numbers turned around quickly since he just needed some detailed information.

Moving quickly is a concern for the council since now is the time to get good bids back.

"The banker in me says there is no better time to borrow money than right now," said councilman, Charles Myers.

"You can add to that that there is no better time to contract than right now," said councilman, Jim Pfaller.

The council also wanted to review how much its current bond debt for roads is and where the new bonds would place the city. City attorney, Dick Wendt said he estimated that the city was roughly at 25 percent of its debt ratio paying about \$35,000 on past street bond projects.

In this case, the city could still pay an additional \$90,000 a year toward bond issues for road projects, Wendt said. Such a bond would not exceed 15 years.

Wendt did caution that whatever is bonded means the money the city receives from gas taxes would not be available for maintenance of the roads and the council needed to weigh just how much it wanted to spend.

Pasquale said he reviewed projects with Public Works director, Dan DesJarden, who indicated that doing Sibley from Center Street to Valley Vista and then Grindle from Jackson to Shepard had the highest priority for improvements.

Entertainment slate set for the Lowell Showboat Summer Concerts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Its schedule reflects music styles which have drawn the larger crowds over the past two years, while still maintaining a diverse group of musical offerings.

The start of the third annual Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts is three weeks away.

This year will blend jazz, blues, folk, Celtic and big band over a stretch of 10 weeks.

The June 12 opener will feature the 126th Army Band and the Blue Water Ramblers (folk music).

"We're really pleased to be able to bring the 126th Army Band in for opening night," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, Liz Baker. "It is difficult to get because the band is booked a year out."

The remaining slots in June will feature Jr. Valentine & the All Stars (blues) on June 19 and Fonnmhohr (Celtic) on June 26th.

In July the concert series will play host to the Calder City Big Band on July 3; Boogie Woogie Babies (1940s music) on July 10; Lucy Webster (folk rock) on July 17; Hawks & Owls

(Appalachian bluegrass) on July 24; and Dave Collee Quartet with Ginny Dusseau (swing jazz) on July 31.

On the final two dates slated for August, Jimmy Stagger Band will perform blues (Aug. 7) and the River City Jazz Ensemble (Big Band) will be featured on Aug. 14.

Admission and parking are free. The concerts start at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

The concerts are held near the Lowell Showboat (east side of the river) in downtown Lowell.

For more information patrons may call 897-9161 or visit www.lowellchamber.org for more information.

OBITUARIES

BESEMER - Mary E. (Raab) Besemer, aged 79, of Lowell, originally of Burnips, Mich., passed away May 17, 2003. She was preceded in death by her children Joseph Besemer and Mary Crowe, and grandson Daniel Crowe. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, James; her children Patricia (Richard) Marvin, Dale (Jackie) Burpee, Susan

Carrigan, Ron Burpee, Charlotte (Ron) Lampen, John Besemer, Sally Cooper, Jim Besemer, Bob (Cathy) Besemer, Pat (Fred) Bingman, Roxy (Bill) Trompen and Chrissy (David) Drake; sister Shirley Emmons; sisters-in-law Margaret Ransom and Charlotte Raab; 33 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. William J. Renkema of Calvary Christian Reformed Church officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice or Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

COLLINS - Carlton "Rex" Collins, aged 76, of Lowell, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Sunday, May 18, 2003, after a short, courageous battle with cancer. He is preceded in death by his parents William and Olive Collins and sister Roselynn Kranenberg. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dolores "Dode" of Lowell; son Steve (Kay) of Reno, Nevada, daughter Jody (Mitch) McMahon of Lowell, son Chris of Saranac, and

daughter Tina Collins of Lowell; nine grandchildren Brent (Guinness) Collins of Dallas, Texas, Eric (Mary) Collins of Houston, Texas, Annie, Kara and Alexandra McMahon of Lowell, Dustin and Leah Whorley and Zeke Johnson of Lowell; great-grandson Joshua Collins of Houston, Texas; sister Cleone McCormick of Ada; sister Marylynn (Duke) Thomet of Lowell; brother Ron (Cheryl) Collins of Ada; brother-in-law Orley Kranenberg of Elmdale and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A celebration of Rex's life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell, 621 E. Main St., with visitation with the family at 10 a.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Education Foundation Tribute Tree in Rex's memory. Donations may be sent to Jody McMahon, 1900 Parnell, Ada, MI 49301. Envelopes available at the service.

LANGE - Doris Elaine (Cove) Lange died peacefully on Saturday, May 10, 2003 at Wood Hills after a

four-month illness. She was born January 10, 1915 to Adeline (Paine) and Louis Cove. She lived most of her life in Charlotte, Mich., until moving to Kalamazoo in 1990. She attended Charlotte Public Schools and graduated from the Saint Lawrence School of Nursing in Lansing in 1936. She worked as a registered nurse until her retirement in 1981. On April 17, 1937, she was united in marriage with Frederick W. Lange, who preceded her in death. Two daughters, Sally and Susan, were born to their marriage. Doris enjoyed reading, gardening, traveling and sewing, and spending time with her family. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the PEO Sisterhood, and had been a member of the Kalamazoo Garden Council, the Eaton County Historical Society and the Order of Eastern Star. In addition to her husband and parents, her brother Robert preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters Sally (Gary) Padley of Kalamazoo, Susan (David) Simmonds of Lowell; five grandchildren Steven, Suzanne) Padley of Royal Oak, Melissa (Brad) Bosker of Kalamazoo, and Richard Simmonds and Aaron (Dolores) Simmonds of Lowell; great-grandchildren Margaret and Robert Thomas Davis, Kyle and Steven Socia, Matthew and Jacob Bosker, William Padley II, and Ashley Simmonds; five step-great-grandchildren Rachael, Fred, Robert, Tony and Monica Vigil; two nephews and a number of cousins, including her special cousin Virginia Zimmerman and many friends. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 315 West Michigan, Kalamazoo, the Rev. Mary Beth Sarhatt officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Youth Projects, Loaves and Fishes or the American Cancer Society.

SMITH - Shelly K. Smith, aged 42, of Lowell, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2003 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus, Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her mother Mary Ann Berger. She is survived by her twin daughters Danielle and Michelle; son Ernest Jr.; brother Craig Verburg. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 24 at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main St., Rev. Gordie Barry, officiating.

MILLER - Eugene L. Miller, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away. Born to Glenn and Margaret (Simington) Miller who preceded Gene in death, also brothers Leo, Glenn Jr. and sister Betty Morris. Leaving behind to mourn are his wife of 48 years, JoAnne; sons Jim (Cheryl), Bob (Kim), Eric (Christine), Paul (Joanne); grandchildren Charlie, Erika, Jeff, Brian, Jessica, Jason, Jourdan; sister Sharon (Richard) Johnson; sisters-in-law Ellen Miller, Fran Beck; brother-in-law Jerome (Loma)

Beck; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Gene worked at Imperial Metal Products. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor Melvin Goble officiating. Visitation Tuesday 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday 10-11 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Visiting Nurses Services.

WOODMAN - Jack Woodman, beloved father, grandfather and uncle, passed away May 1, 2003, in Redlands, CA. Born June 15, 1932, in Allegan, Jack grew up in Lowell where he attended school and then served in the United States Army as a staff sergeant in Korea and homeland. Jack had a very unique personality and enjoyed living life to the fullest. Survivors cherishing his memory are his two sons Duane Jack Woodman of Redlands, CA., and Terry F. Woodman of Covina, CA.; three grandchildren and one brother William H. Woodman of Lake Odessa; nephew and nieces. Jack was preceded in death by his father William H. Woodman Sr., mother Letha May Woodman, sister Marilyn Joyce Hendrick and his youngest son Mark Alan Woodman. Jack's ashes will be transported to the Lowell Oakwood Cemetery to rest next to his beloved mother. Donations or flowers may be sent in care to Wm. H. Woodman, 629 Eagle Pt., Lake Odessa, MI 48849.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 19 and June 2, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:


City Operating Budget for 2003-2004. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,443,378 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2003-2004 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 19, 2003 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall, 414 East Main Street (Huntington Bank building) and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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



Betty R. Morlock
 City Clerk
 616-897-8457



Observed Monday, May 26, 2003

LOWELL

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8303 and American Legion Post #152 invite all Veterans, Civic Organizations, Scouts & other participants to take part in the annual Memorial Day Ceremonies & salute our deceased & living Veterans.

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003 - The parade assembles and forms at Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway St. between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. with departure promptly at 9:30 a.m. *(We can no longer block Hudson St.)*

The parade will proceed North on Broadway St., East on Main St. with the usual stop at the Veterans memorials on the east side of the Flat River for rendering of honors to Those Who Have Perished at Sea.

The parade continues East on Main St., North on Monroe to Oakwood Cemetery for observances at the GAR Civil War Memorial there. Any wishing to participate should please contact Parade Marshal Gordon Marshall at 897-8625.

Only floats depicting or expressing patriotic themes shall be permitted. Commercial and political advertising is prohibited. Tossing of candy from floats or passing out of literature along the parade route, is strictly prohibited. Memorial Day is a day to remember and honor those who have served our nation and have passed on.

Guest Speaker: (at this time) - Rev. Gordie Barry, Lowell First United Methodist Church.

ALTO MERRIMAN CEMETERY

Sunday, May 25 @ 2 p.m. In case of rain go to Alto Methodist Church.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

106th meeting of South Boston Cemetery Association will be held on Monday, May 26, 2003 at noon at the South Boston Bible Church on Kyser Road. Speaker will be Pastor James Frank of Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac. There will be a potluck picnic at the church following the service.

BOWNE CENTER

8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a gun salute and taps.

GRATTAN

15th Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute.
 7:00 - 10:30 a.m.: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
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Reflections

Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational Church

A scripture from John that is somewhat familiar to us is the setting for this week's reflections: "I am the true vine. (Jesus speaking) and My Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit." John 15: 1-2

Perhaps the closest you have come to seeing yourself as a "branch" is to be seen as a "chip off the ol' block." Of course, it means that you have the likeness to someone else. Your mannerisms, your interests or actions remind others of a person of significance to you, your father or a family member. It is this same understanding that Jesus is bringing to those who would read or hear this vine and

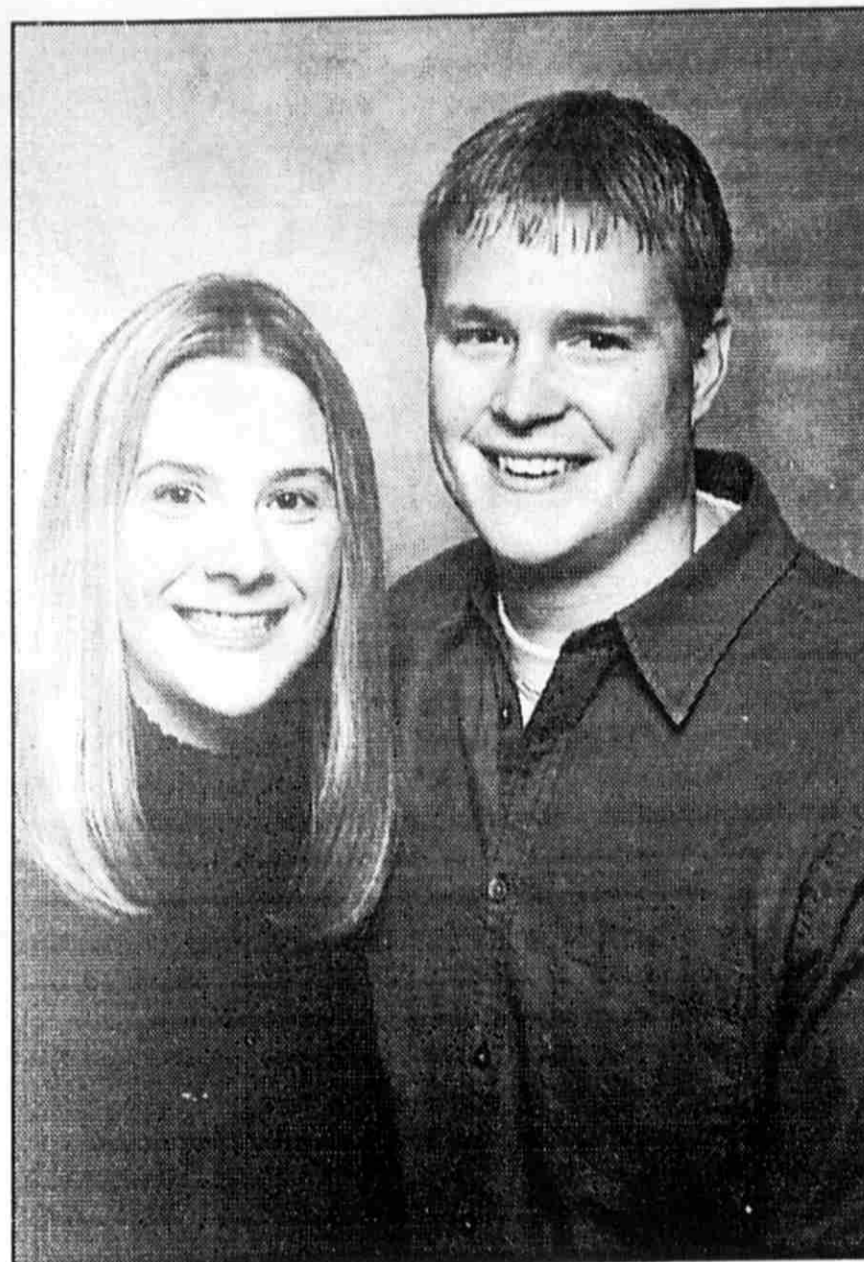
may resist living our life as one connected to God and the teachings of scripture. However, the same certitude that says we are the child of our biological parents also confirms that we are a child of the one, true, Almighty God.

Our only choice is whether we will live as a growing and vibrant branch, pruned by the love, forgiveness and grace of God or whether we will seek to live separated from the very source of true being and loving community. We are each making that choice every day by the way we manage our lives.

A prayer: *Most gracious God, let me no longer be blind to the statement that my life is making about You and my relationship to You. Renew me in Your life giving love and forgiveness, that I may so direct my life that it brings to others the fruits of faith, hope and love. In your Holy Name I pray. Amen!*

branches illustration. People will know you by what you do, the way that you do things and the messages that your life gives in the values that you live.

There are many people who resist being the "chip off the ol' block" because they struggle with the values and/or the relationship that "the ol' block" represents. This is true for us even in relationship with God. To be a "chip" off that "block" is what it means to be made in the image of God. It is also what is meant by being the "branch" attached to the "vine." We



Hovinga/Brandner

Alan and Carol Hovinga are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily DiAnne Hovinga to Nathan John Brandner, son of William and Sharon Brandner.

Both are graduates of Lowell High School and Central Michigan University.

The bride-to-be will continue her studies at Western Michigan University in the fall pursuing a Doctor of Audiology degree.

The future groom has received degrees in geology and environmental studies.

The couple are planning an August 9, 2003 wedding.

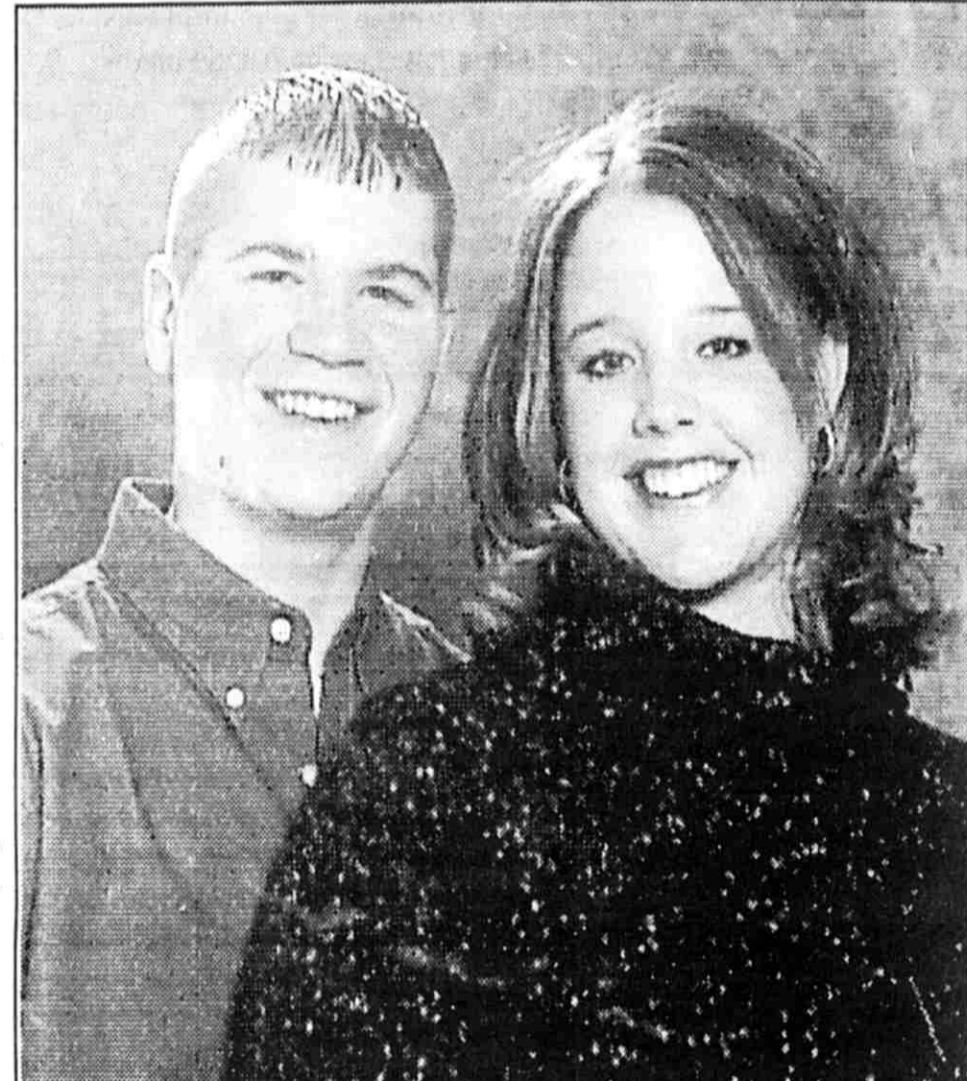
Sparks/Grover

Michael and Kathy Leathers of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kylee Anne Sparks to Jason Michael Grover of Lowell.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

The future groom attends Central Michigan University and plans to graduate in May 2004. He is the son of Tom and Tina Grover of Lowell.

A May 22, 2004 wedding is planned.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 22: Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Mark Anderson.
MAY 23: Wesley Patnode, Tory DeBolt, Patrick Ortiz.
MAY 24: Matt McClure, Josh Buechler.
MAY 25: Rick Wernet.
MAY 26: Janet McIntyre, Guy Watrous, Joshua Bryant.
MAY 27: Dakota McClure, Bertha Brown, David Christiansen.
MAY 28: Casey Parker, Mary Beth Harwood.

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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.

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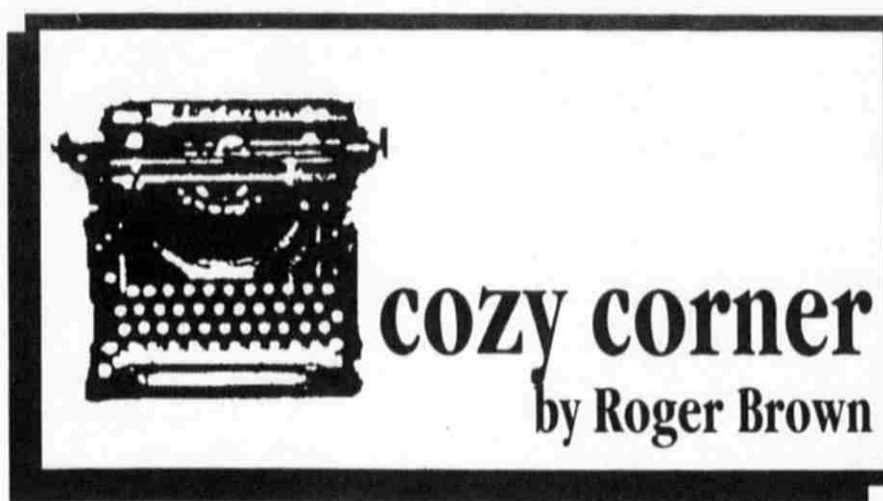
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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

There are several good reasons why nature doesn't let us A.A.R.P. members have young children. The following story is a good example of just what I'm talking about.

It's the first day of our joint vacation with my daughter's family. We have rented a villa on the outskirts of Denpasar on the exotic island of Bali. Terese and I had arrived the night before. My daughter's family had come in earlier that day. About six a.m. I heard the door to our bedroom creak open.

The intruders were tiptoeing little people intending to pounce on their old grandpa. I let the drama play out and I was soon being jumped on, slugged, tickled, wet-willed and Dutch-rubbed. I love being a grandpa.

Since the kids had arrived earlier than us, Jim (Maddie) and Boog (Zach) had scopped out the loft in our bedroom. They

insisted I roll out of bed and accompany them up the ladder. I grabbed my little travel binoculars and up we went. From the cushioned loft we had a bird's eye view of the rice paddies and the ocean beyond. We took turns with the binos. The two without the binoculars wrestled.

After awhile Boog announced that he had to pee-pee. Here's where grandpas differ from moms, grandmas and even dads. I told him to go ahead and go. That meant negotiating the ladder on his own. When Boog turned four he proclaimed that he was now a big boy. I took him at his word. Only grandpas believe a four-year-old.

As you have probably guessed, Boog didn't do so well at getting down the ladder. He appeared to be doing fine at first as his head slowly disappeared below the edge of the loft. Then there was a thump, followed by crying and the sound of grandma scrambling out of bed.

It wasn't much of a fall, but there were some hazards, like the edge of the bed and the steps of the ladder. By the time I got down the ladder, grandma had Boog in her arms and was assessing a nasty cut on his forehead. I got a cold compress around. Terese and I quickly agreed that stitches were needed. I went to wake up Boog's parents and get an ice pack.

My daughter said later that when I knocked on her door at 6:30 she knew immediately that somebody was hurt. She leaped into action. I was impressed. She called our driver and told him to get there A.S.A.P. She had already checked out the

villa's information packet and knew right where to locate the business card for the nearest clinic. She called the clinic to put them on notice. Grandpa would have been half the morning figuring out what to do.

The driver was there in less than ten minutes. My daughter and her husband were dressed and ready. Boog was handling it all like a big boy with a wet compress on his noggin and his "blanky" in his arms.

The impromptu rescue squad was only gone for about an hour or two. When they returned Boog was sporting a big gauze bandage on his forehead that covered five fresh stitches. The gash was about an inch and a half long and ran diagonally from his right eyebrow up his forehead. An x-ray didn't show any sign of concussion and the doctor said the stitches could come out in about a week. The biggest problem was no swimming for a few days. Grandpa felt bad and grandpa felt guilty.

The incident was similar to one twenty-some years ago. My kids were staying at my mother's house. My son put his arm through a glass storm door and cut his arm terribly. Grandma called me, and I was the one to take Casey in for thirty-some stitches. What goes around, comes around. This time I was able to call my grandkid's parents into action.

I guess that's what I like about being a grandparent. We can have all the fun with little of the responsibility.

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 21, 1903

The 13 graduates of the class of 1903 are pictured on the front page with their teachers.

John Cramer, denied a liquor license because of insufficient bond, sues the Village Council, which must appear before Judge Perkins in Grand Rapids.

County supervisors give the Edison Electric Company permission to build a dam in Vergennes Township.

The Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Mason and Oceana counties are claiming a half-million dollars from the government under terms of a treaty of 1795.

Joseph Hamilton now has a fine show room for his granite and marble works.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 21, 1953

Leona Borgerson opens the Cranberry Urn, a new gift and antique shop, at 208 East Main.

There are 33 schools which take part in the annual Rural Field Day hosted by the high school. Divisions are "one-room" and "two room" schools and contestants compete by weight classes.

New water and sewer rates will cut costs for the average user.

Starting May 29, most stores will stay open Friday nights instead of Saturday nights.

Booster shots for children under six are advised if they have been exposed to whooping cough. It is on the increase.

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 22, 1878

The editor mentions sidewalks at least five times in one column, not positively.

A bad break at the Fox's Mill dam is reported (on the Flat River, Burroughs Rd.).

A proposed street railway to the depot is debated; others just want a footbridge across the Flat.

Local farmers are suggesting an agricultural fair in Lowell in the fall.

Late frosts have injured fruit crops.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 24, 1928

Michigan decrees safety inspection of all automobiles by June 30. The Stormzand and Murphy garages will conduct the free inspections.

Four local baseball teams are set to play Friday nights at Recreation Park. Captains are C. H. Runciman, Harry Shuter, Dan Simons and Warner Roth.

Grade schools will present their annual parade and outdoor spring festival on June 7.

Schools will close Memorial Day; the observance and parade will start at 9 a.m. Flowers are requested to decorate graves.

"Joy riders" took E.C. Foremaan's touring car overnight and returned it with 159 more miles, no gas and oil, and badly damaged.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 24, 1978

On Memorial Day the price of first-class postage will go from 11 to 13 cents.

Roland (Mike) Doyle of King Milling is elected president of the International Association of Operative Millers at the convention in Salt Lake City.

The disintegrating four-lane Thornapple River bridge in Cascade will be repaired this summer - \$15,000 worth.

Metric Manufacturing has broken ground for its new plant operation on Foreman Road, on land purchased from the city.

"The Late Great Planet Earth" is playing all week at the Strand Theatre.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier

SEASONAL ALLERGIES

The weather has yet to change but the calendar states that spring is here. Soon, the typical spring allergies will begin. Most people will experience some type of allergic symptoms, from the typical nasal congestion to red, itchy eyes, and sneezing. For those patients who experience these symptoms, a variety of treatment options exist.

The most common treatment is antihistamine pills. These are typically once or twice per day pills. The newer medications do not cause drowsiness. These antihistamine medications need to be started before your allergy symptoms begin. They block release of histamine, which is responsible for the allergic symptoms. Once histamine has been released, it takes approximately one week for it to disappear from your system. This is why it is important to take them approximately one week prior to the typical onset of your allergies.

Another highly effective treatment option for allergies is a topical steroid nasal spray. Recent studies indicate that these medications are more successful than antihistamine pills for

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NANCY HOPKINS
Board of Education President

The final way to treat allergies is called immunotherapy. This is the process involvin g weekly allergy shots over several years. Usually this is reserved for year-long allergy sufferers, or very severe allergic symptoms.

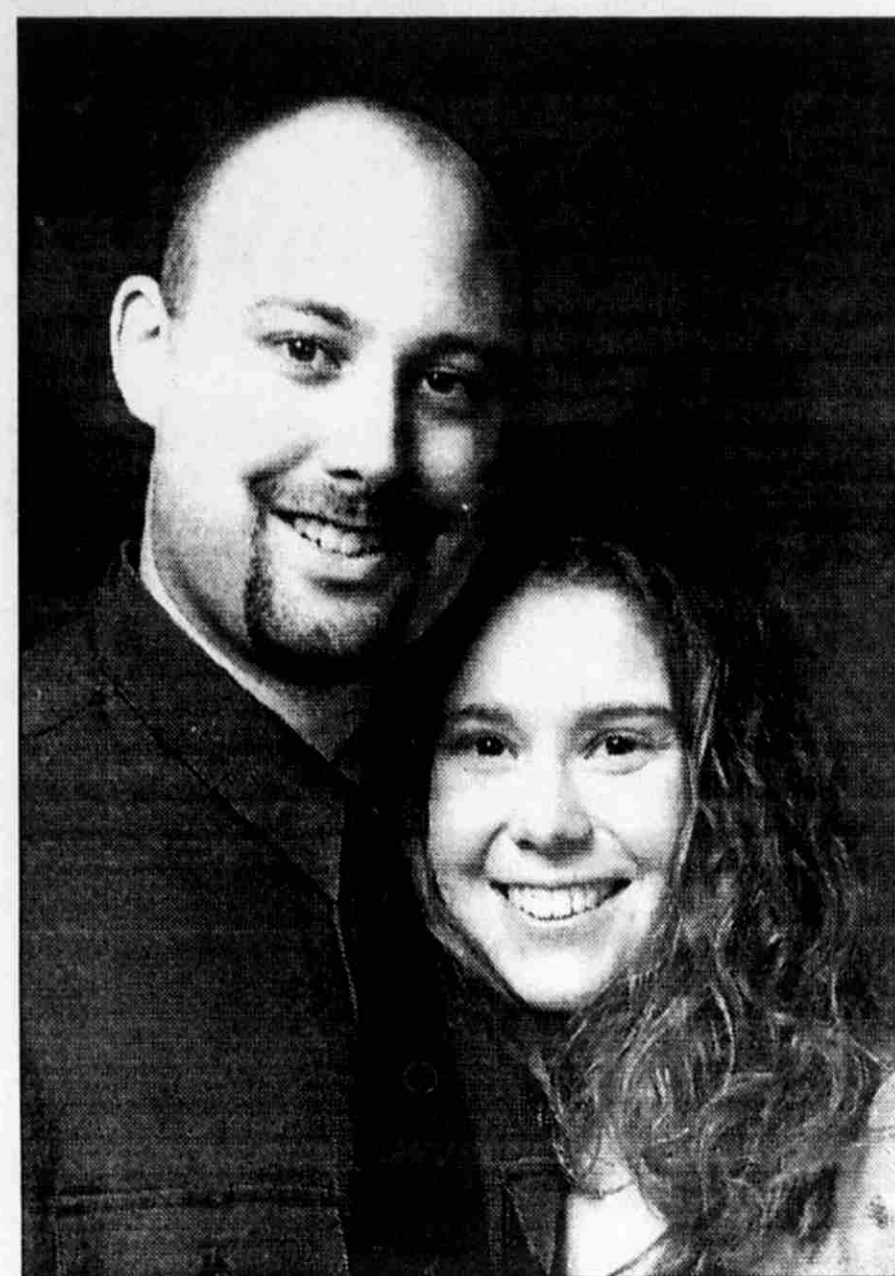
students to teachers, students to other students, administrators to staff, and families to schools. Yes, we've heard it before and probably regularly practice some aspects of it. But, now as never before, community building is vital. We must not dismiss it as something we already do.

Community building keeps the focus on students. Nationwide research shows that many children in any school feel that it is impersonal, unsafe or separate from real life. Research also shows how continued strengthening of children's connections to their schools shows a number of educational benefits, including more respect for teachers, higher grades in core subjects and on achievement tests, and more.

The tradition of community building in Lowell is strong. Continued emphasis on the connection of school, classroom and home is the trigger for important results for our students. Community building allows our teachers to enhance student performance every day, our administrators to bring people and information together for improved student achievement every day, our parents to say that their child is progressing every day, and our students to say I am learning every day.

Best wishes for a safe and restful summer.





Ranville/ Brander

Denise Ellen Ranville and Aaron Curtis Brander, both of Jenison, are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Flint Powers High School and a 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Ray and Connie Ranville of Flint.

The future groom is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School and a 2002 graduate of Grand Valley State University. He is the son of Fred and Sue Brander of Lowell.

The couple are planning a July 5, 2003 wedding in Flint.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Three directors were re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors for ICNB at the Annual Shareholder's Meeting held May 12.

John O'Keeffe, attorney with McNamara, O'Keeffe & Sykes in Ionia; Wayne Ostrander, president of Ostrander Roofing & Siding in Belding; and Dr. James E. Reagan, dentist in Lowell, were re-elected for three-year terms expiring in 2006.

In 2002, ICNB posted record results. Major accomplishments for ICNB in 2002 included the acquisition of

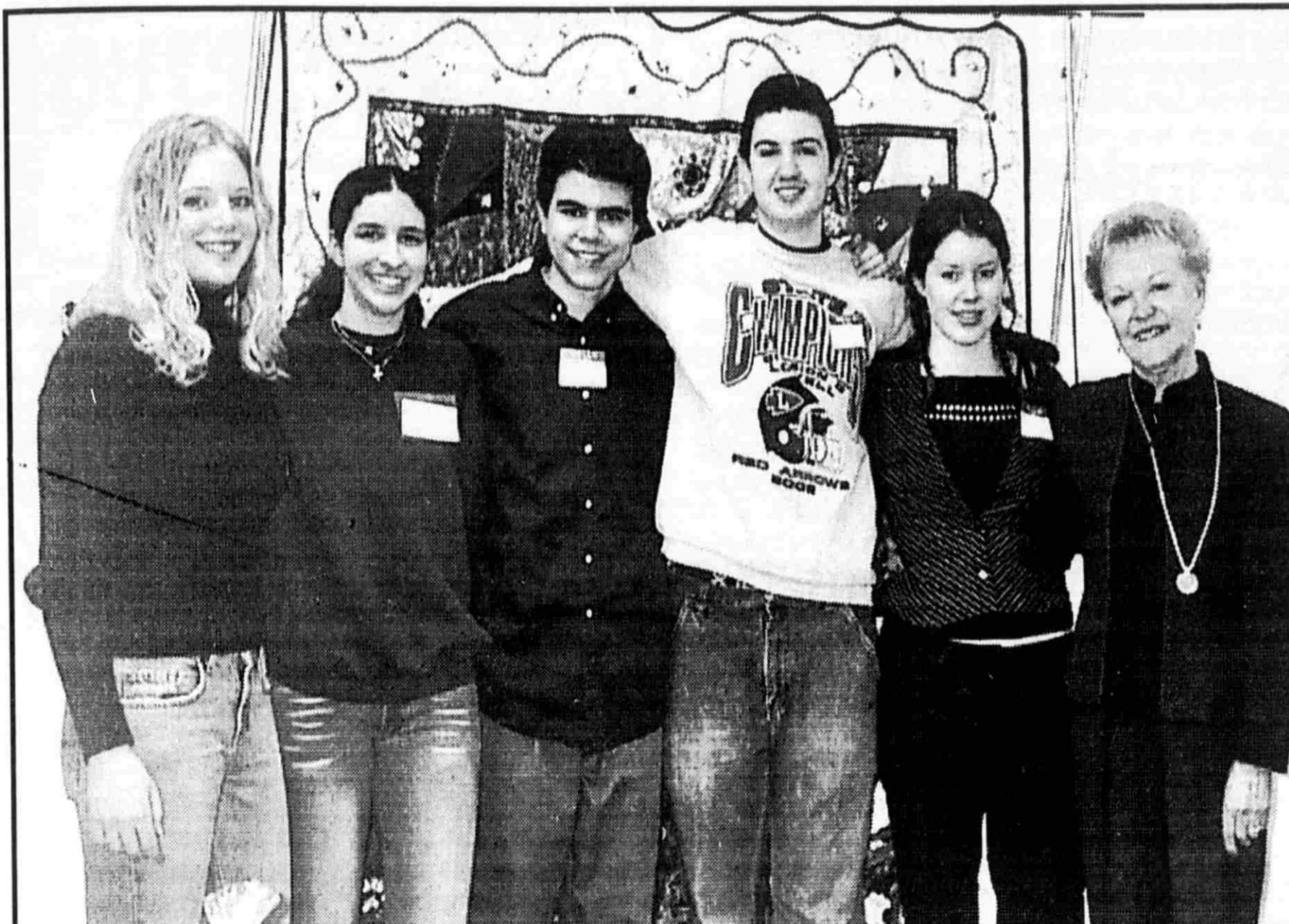
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Austin Mortgage Company based in Grand Rapids, completed one year ago and which continues to exceed performance expectations.

With 2003 underway, ICNB is focused on asset and credit quality. ICNB launched a new Check Imaging product in the first quarter of 2003.

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Aristotle



Women's Club Luncheon has International Flavor

Every year the honorary Lowell High School members of the Lowell Women's Club entertain one meeting. This year they furnished lunch, gave several interesting talks on home life, public relations and international affairs as well as introduced the foreign exchange students.

The exchange students each told about their homeland, their family and the schooling they receive in their own country. They also told of the differences between life in Lowell and their respective homeland.

Pictured, left to right, are: Anne-Gaelle Dosne (France), Raquel Pereira (Brazil), Jorge Baeza (Spain), Johannes Scheidle (Germany), Elise Sandnes (Norway), and Barb Pierce, Lowell High School counselor.

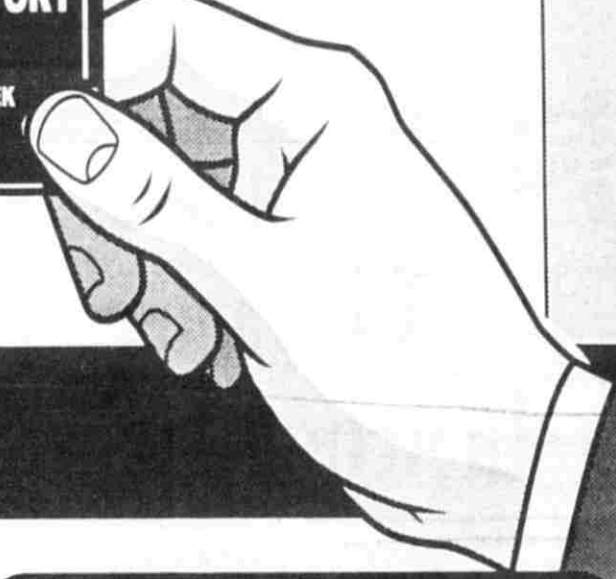
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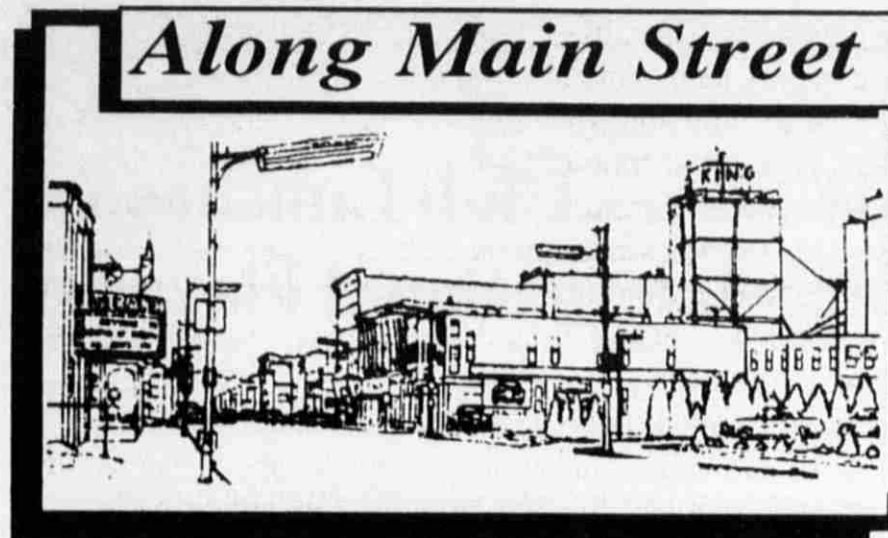
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LOOKING FOR 1983 CLASSMATES

The 20th reunion for the Lowell High School class of '83 is July 12. Help is needed to locate the following: David Price, Mike Snyder, Rob Perrin, Roger Stelma, Scott Duckett, Joe Cloud, Kevin Baker, Tina (Fisk) Coy, Dennis Smith Crinion, Brian DeBold, Tyler Wright, Sherri (Welch) Eerdmans, Donna Hansen and Linda (Groen) Miller. Call Kristi (Dine) Alguire at 897-1777 x.247.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Students entering 10th-12th grades next year will be offered free athletic physicals in the high school locker rooms on Wed. May 28 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. for girls; Wed., June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m. for boys. Students should pick up a physical card from the athletic office for parents to complete before that date, and turn it in with your physical.

The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon,
but its echo lasts a great deal longer.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

**Lowell Area
Character
In Action Awards**

STACEY POELSTRA

Nominated by: Kris Gallagher
Character Traits Exhibited:
Respect, Integrity, Compassion,
Honesty, Responsibility

I got to meet Stacey this year through the Family Resource Center. She has helped me here volunteering for numerous needs here at the middle school. She is a substitute teacher that my sons have enjoyed. She is going to school to get her degree, has several daughters, a great husband and still fits in tutoring students after school and help me here at the center. She has a beautiful, caring heart and is becoming a dear friend.

JIM FLEET

Nominated by: The Gallagher Family
Character Traits Exhibited:
Respect, Integrity, Compassion,
Honesty, Responsibility

Jim Fleet is our neighbor and son's teacher. We all feel that he continually puts others first. He's the kind of person who would give you the shirt off his back. He is also a great father, husband and compassionate coach.

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

Elementary students' artworks are on display at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, through May 31. Gallery hours are Mon. - Fri., 12 - 5:30; Sat. - Sun., 1-4 p.m.

ANNUAL BRIDGEWALK PARADE

Memorial Day events to be held on Monday, May 26 in Grattan starting at 9 a.m. include a memorial service, craft show, pancake breakfast (7-10:30), bagpipes, auction, etc.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

Participants in the Memorial Day parade should assembling at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds on S. Broadway. Parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Call parade marshal, Gordon Marshall at 897-8625 for more information.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

On Thursday, June 5 at Moose Lodge Recreational Building between 8 and 4 p.m. commodities will be delivered. Clean paper bags are needed. Bring all important papers if you need to renew. Food: Trail mix, peanut butter, canned beef stew, chicken, mixed fruit, peaches, pork, tuna.

Wider rows may increase garden's production

Maybe you want to make the most of a small garden plot. Maybe you've heard of wider rows or seen them in someone else's garden and you want to try planting that way.

Whatever your reason for trying wide rows, you're likely to find that your garden will produce more, says Mary McLellan, Extension Master Gardener program coordinator at Michigan State University. She explains that more of your garden is dedicated to crops and less to walkways between rows.

Experiment with row widths ranging from 12 to 36 inches and see which you prefer. The aim is to make each row no wider than you can comfortably reach halfway across so you can tend it without a great deal of stretching. Most common vegetables can be planted in wide rows -

those grown from transplants as well as those grown from seed.

With transplants, you simply set them into the garden so each one is, say, 16 inches away from any other. Whether you plant a zigzag row or two or three staggered rows is up to you. With plants grown from seed, you can

either broadcast the seed and cover it lightly or sow it in rows within the wide row.

An advantage of wide rows is they tend to make efficient use of mulch, fertilizer and irrigation. A given amount of mulch serves more plants because they're closer together. It's also easier to water just the crop plants

when they're concentrated rather than widely spaced.

There's no rule that wide rows have to be straight or planted only with vegetables. Plant your side rows in broken circles or arcs or S-curves, intersperse vegetables with annual herbs or flowers if you like - it's your garden.



Tremblay 2nd in writing workshop

Lowell Middle School seventh-grader Gabrielle Tremblay earned a second in creative writing in fiction fantasy genre at the Calvin College Middle School Writing Workshop.

Tremblay was one of 450 students, representing 45 schools, to compete.

Other Lowell Middle School students to participate but not place were Gabrielle MacDonald, Samantha Dilling and Armina Smith.

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By Dave Stegehuis

OLDEN TIMES

On a sunny Saturday in April, a group of young people gathered at the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center to learn about the life of the first settlers in this area. The Early Settler Workshop was sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Forty children, ages 8 to 12, learned how a sheep is sheared, then participated in activities featuring wood box and basket making, yarn making, felt making, and survival skills and shelters.

It was great to see so many kids turn out and exhibit such

enthusiasm for learning about the daily lives of people who lived in much less complicated times. I think by realizing that people carried on interesting, productive, and happy lives in an era when a person was considered fortunate to have just the basic necessities of life, provides children a good perspective for establishing personal values.

Some of the students accompanied me to the natural area to learn about wilderness survival. We gathered materials such as dead limbs, sticks, grass and leaves to construct shelters to ward off rain, snow, bugs, and cold. We also explored food gathering and fire making.

I am guessing that the majority of my group will never need to build a shelter to survive a bad experience in the wild. A more significant outcome might be that each child gained a tad more self-sufficiency in a world where we sometimes feel we are at the mercy of forces beyond our control. For sure, I do know that these young people were out in the woods and fresh air on an early spring day and observed wild creatures, heard birds sing, smelled the pungent odor of pine sap and damp earth, and felt the warm sun and cool breeze on their bright

TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor,

I want to draw attention to some wonderful people at Harold Zeigler Ford. I was in Grand Rapids two weeks ago for the Dead Sea Scroll exhibit. As I was heading for my home in Owosso, my driver side windshield wiper flew off in the middle of a hard rain. I am unfamiliar

with the area and started driving towards home in hopes of finding a repair shop or auto parts store.

It took me forty minutes to drive to Lowell where I spotted Harold Zeigler Ford and I pulled in. The men in the repair shop were all professional and polite even though I was hysterical after

driving with my head out the window and a crying baby in the back seat. They not only had my wiper in stock, they let me leave the car in their repair bay while I tried to feed my seven-month-old son a jar of food in their waiting room.

One of the women came in from the cashier's office and we struck up a conversation. I mentioned that I was still nursing and hoped the jar of carrots would hold him until we could make the hour and a half drive home. She

then volunteered an empty office so that I could nurse my son. In addition, they let me phone home to let my husband know that I would be late. I am so grateful to these people. They went out of their way to help a complete stranger and I cannot thank them enough. I hope you print this as an example of some good Samaritans.

Sincerely,
Ann Gamboe Hall
Owosso, Mich.

Bike-a-Thon June 7

The Lowell Middle School seventh-grade Honors Reading class is holding a bike-a-thon to raise money for war affected children in Third World countries.

The children of these countries have been forced into war, used as land mine detectors and nearly all of the girls have been sexually assaulted.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 at the Ada/Cascade Township Community Pathway Network at 9 a.m.

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young faces. That alone, I believe, has to beat by a long shot one more video game or a trip to the mall.

Make sure your own children have similar experiences. This is an ideal time of year to be outdoors. The bugs are scarce, the temperature is pleasant, and the woods are open enough to reveal what is going on in the countryside. The free fishing weekend on June 7 and 8, 2003 is another opportunity to experience nature firsthand and make some memories. Take a kid fishing.

Even if you don't have children around the house, go out on your own, relax, and connect with the land. When was the last time you waded in a cold stream or laid on your back in the grass and watched puffy white clouds roll by?

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**SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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MAY 5, 2003, 7:30 P.M.**

Minutes of the April 21, 2003 Regular Meeting and bills and accounts payable were approved.

State Representative James Koetje updated the Council on legislative issues in Lansing.

John Scott, representing Rox, LLC, presented a proposal for a housing development near the intersections of South Center and Bowes Road.

By general consensus the Council appointed Garland Berry (term expiring June 30, 2004) and Maryalene LaPonsie (term expiring June 30, 2003) to the Planning-Citizen Advisory Commission.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the bid of \$19,920.71 for an audio system from Central Interconnect of Grand Rapids for the new City Council Chambers.
- Motion to approve the final cost of \$107,273.43 for office furniture in the City Hall - Police Station from West Michigan Office Interiors.
- Motion to establish public hearings for May 19 and June 2, 2003 to consider the 2003-2004 budget.
- Motion to adopt the Rules and Procedure for the Lowell City Council.
- Motion to grant the permit to Melrose Pyrotechnics for fireworks on July 12, 2003.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, May 19, 2003.

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

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell

Kotarski trims exceedingly high fund balance & leads food service budget to black

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Chartwells was

hired four years ago to manage Lowell Area Schools food service program, one of its first concerns was to ad-

dress a healthy fund balance. It inherited a fund balance of over \$200,000, while in need of new equipment, equip-

ment repair, and an increased food budget and increased staff costs.

"We just did not think Lowell was spending enough on food and therefore not putting enough food on plates," said Lowell's director of dining services, Lynne Kotarski.

Today, the food service fund balance stands at roughly \$66,000 and Kotarski projects that its budget will finish in the black. "At the very least we will break even," she says. "The fund balance we inherited exceeded the state recommended amount."

For every dollar spent, 37 cents goes toward food. Four years ago, that number was at 32 cents. "We've maintained that 37 cent figure for four years," Kotarski said. "We don't want to cut what we're serving; we just want to make sure our costs are covered."

This year, for the first time, the district implemented a breakfast at the high school. It's open 25 minutes each

morning and brings in roughly \$75 a day. "It's been well received by students. It's exactly what we'd hoped for," Kotarski said. "We've also utilized a youth advisory committee to improve customer satisfaction through menu enhancement and have started CHAT (communication, help and training) sessions with food service staff."

The 2003-04 school year will bring, however, increased lunch prices. Type A breakfast and lunch will jump 10 cents, a la carte will increase 10 percent and adult meals will go up 15 cents. Kotarski said even with the increases Lowell lunch prices will remain at or below the current Kent County average.

The increase will help fund expenses currently covered by the general fund (i.e., workers' comp insurance, utilities).

Over the last three years under the management supervision of Kotarski, free and reduced lunch participation has increased from 580 to 687. "This positively impacts lunch revenues and federal funding," Kotarski says.

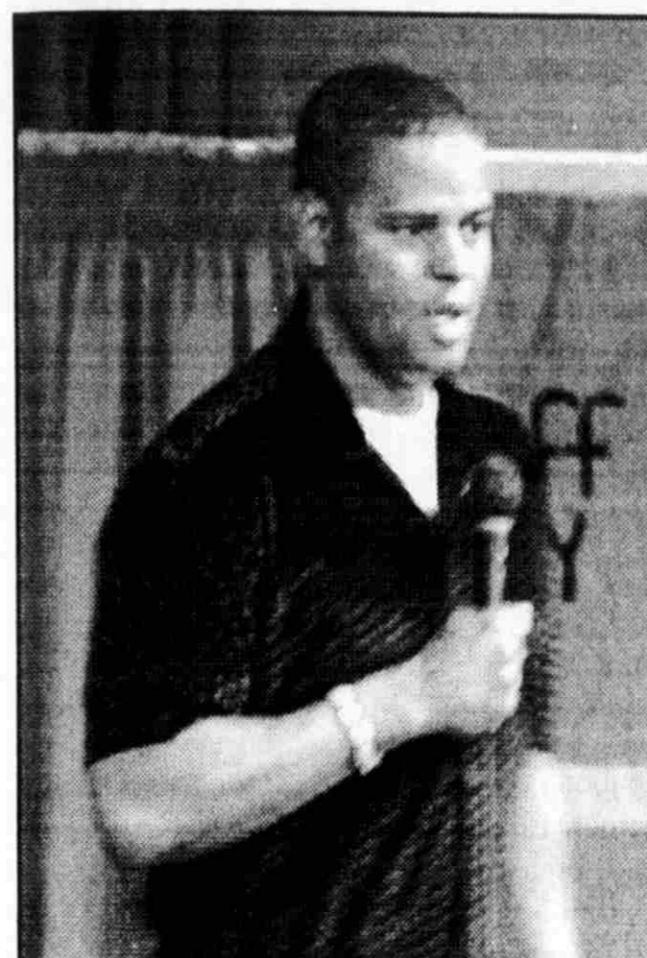
Meal participation has increased 14 percent at the elementary level (839 to 954); middle school has increased from \$884 per day to \$1,156 and the high school from \$1,373 per day to \$1,963.

Lowell assistant superintendent of finance and personnel, Connie Gillette explained that with satisfied customers, a positive working relationship between director and employees, and a skilled and well-trained director, Lowell's food service program is working very well.

Last but not least, Kotarski announced that this will be her last year. "I'm expecting my third baby and I believe it's time to stay home. I have loved my four years here at Lowell," she concludes.

Empowerment and responsibility highlighted in Chatman's presentation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor



Michael Chatman's thought-provoking presentation to middle school fifth-graders focused on making smart decisions.

He's been called the pied piper of positive choices.

His presentation to students is of self-empowerment and personal responsibility; along the way it is filled with humor and is absent of lecture.

Michael Chatman began speaking to students in 1990 about choosing to overcome their fears and raise their standards, developing a positive attitude and a sense of humor.

"My charge is to help young people realize that their opportunities are not limited by the circumstances of their environment," he explained.

As a kid who grew up in Miami's Liberty City and Overtown areas, Chatman experienced the gang life but, ironically,

through the insuring words of a motivational speaker, decided to transform.

"I cut my gang ties, focused on studies and graduated from high school as Outstanding Student of the Year," Chatman said.

Since his debut back in the early 1990s, Chatman has spoken to over one million teenagers of every economic class and ethnic background.

"The biggest hurdle students and others face is fear. I try to make students understand that on the other side of fear is opportunity," Chatman said.

His compelling, entertaining and thought-provoking presentation is one of Anheuser-Busch's education and awareness programs dedicated to helping young people make smart decisions.



Chatman told students that on the other side of fear is opportunity.

GARAGE SALE GOODIES

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GARAGE SALE
735 Lincoln Lake Ave., May 22 7:00 - 6:00 p.m. and May 23, 7:00 - 4:00 p.m. Infant clothing sizes 0-5, adult clothing, toys, baby furniture and furniture.

GARAGE SALE
May 22 & 23, 9-? Crafts, twin size box spring, 1st. communion dress & veil, sz. 10, (2) 20" girls bikes, Little Tikes climber, girl clothes, 7-10. Lots more! 832 N. Jefferson.

BIG GARAGE SALE
Clarksville area. 7396 Clarksville Rd. (1 mile E. of Clarksville). Quality antiques, computer scanners & printers, household goods, small appliances, riding lawn mower, toys, sporting goods, kids & adult clothing includes ladies business, plus lots more great stuff. Thurs., May 22 & Fri., May 23, 9 a.m.

GARAGE SALE
May 22 & 23, 8 - 4 p.m. 210 Marsac, off Monroe, Lowell. Cast iron stuff, military stuff, jack knives, coins, tools, jewelry, milk bottles, farm stuff.

HOME AND GARDEN SALE
Cupboards, primitives, benches, hand-crafted items, linens, perennials, garden decorations, antiques. Shabby, chic and one of a kinds. 520 N. Monroe, Lowell. Thurs., May 22, 9-7 and Fri., May 23, 9-5

YARD SALE
5/22 & 5/23, 9 a.m. 6022 Bancroft, Alto. Raft w/motor, ping pong, sewing machine, oak entertainment center, Rowe chair & ottoman, Lane recliner, garden bench, B/D edger, household, Xmas, kids rocker, Little Tikes, toys, small boys & girls & women's clothes, plus lots more!

HUGE USED OFFICE FURNITURE BLOWOUT!
1 day only, Thurs., May 22, everything goes! Metal desks, \$10-\$25; computer desks, \$7.50; office chairs \$5 & up; file cabinets, \$5-\$35; bookshelves \$5 & up; metal storage cabinets from \$19.95; office panels, \$5 & up. Hundreds more items incl. Fire-proof file cabinets, hand trucks, moving dollies, more! No reasonable offers refused! Grand Rapids, 3125 Lake Eastbrook Blvd. S.E. Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cash/credit cards accepted. Details www.nrel.com, call 800-613-6865.

2 FAMILY
Fri. & Sat., 5/23 & 5/24, 8-6 p.m. 25 year collection of extras, clothes, toys, books, etc. 7720 3 Mile Rd.

HUGE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SALE
at Perry's. Nice glassware, furniture, household items, bikes, lawn mowers, golf clubs, toys, quality jewelry & name brand clothes, something for everyone. Fri. & Sat., May 23 & 24, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. 7 miles S. of Lowell on M-50.

USED FURNITURE SALE
Thursday, May 22 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr.

MAY 23,
8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Toys, Little Tikes, quality kids and adult clothing, knick-knacks and much more. 9650 Vergennes.

MULTI FAMILY SALE
2 tables, antique oak full size bed, trailer, car seats, clothing, battery charger, misc. household items and more. Thurs. & Fri. May 22-23, 9-5 p.m. 6054 Bancroft, Alto.

MAMMOTH SALE
May 22, 23 & 24, 9-5 p.m. Loads of kids clothes, baby furniture, household furniture & goods, toys & much more. 4890 Wheat Dr., Lowell

GARAGE SALE
May 22, 23 and 24, 883 Lincoln Lake, 9-? Misc. items.

YARD SALE
May 23 & 24, 9-4 p.m. Boys clothes, baby & misc. items. 710 N. Monroe.

GARAGE SALE
May 23, 9-6 p.m. & May 24, 1-6 p.m. 538 Flat River, s. of Vergennes. Assorted household, toys, florist supplies, decorating items, girls and boys clothes, infant - sz. 10, TKS, Ladies, Christopher and Banks and more.

MOVING SALE
Key Heights, off M-21, Saturday, May 24. Lot #149.

SALE
Old treasures, misc. May 23 & 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 989 McCabe NE, Ada.

GARAGE SALE
Lots of household items, movies, many Halloween props & decorations. Sat., May 24, 9-4 p.m. 9180 100th St., Alto.

DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY, WE HAVE AN EARLY DEADLINE FOR THE MAY 28TH ISSUE! BE SURE ALL GARAGE SALE ADS ARE IN BY FRI., MAY 23 AT NOON

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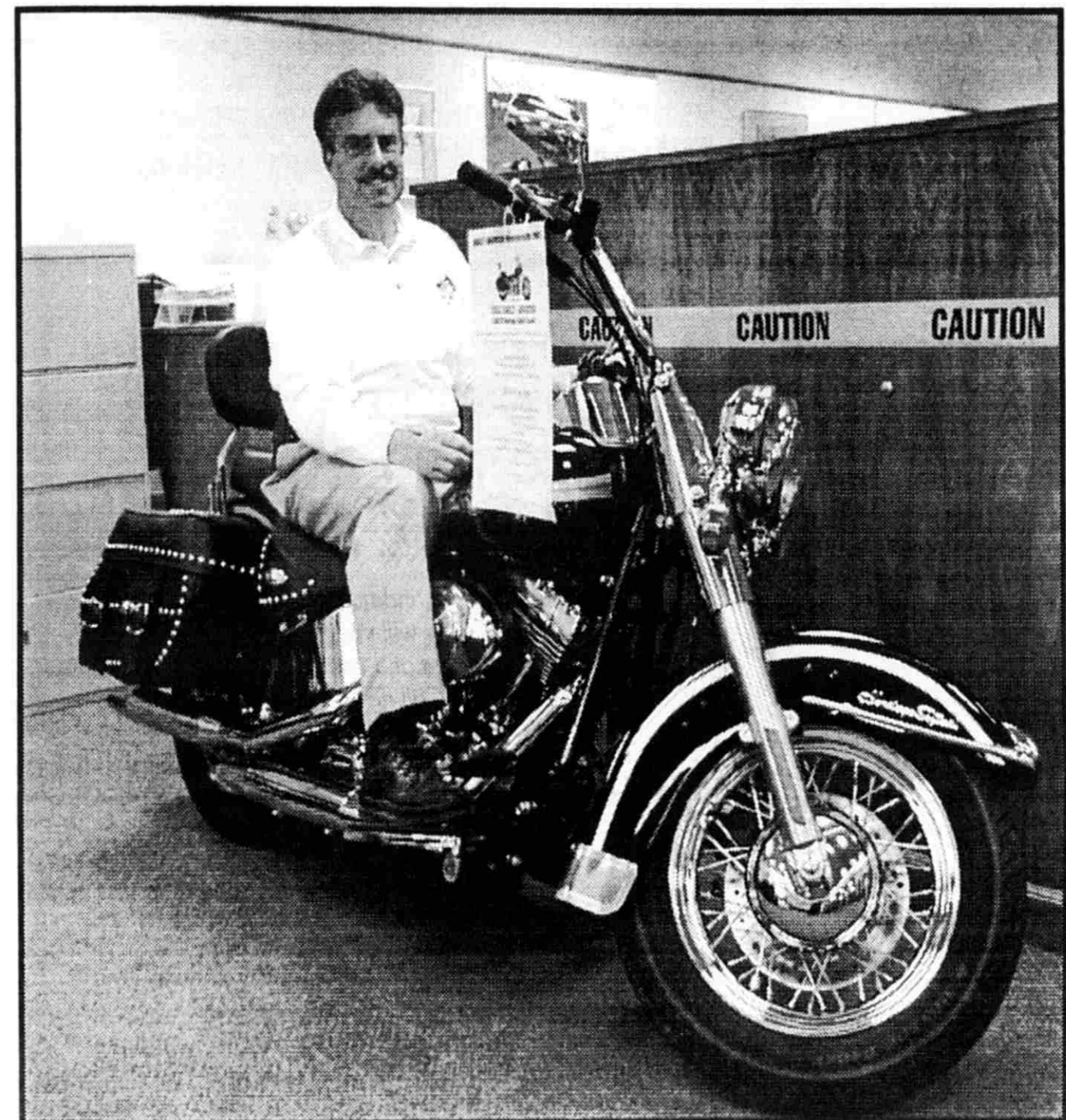
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Michigan law enforcement officers and corrections employees have coordinated special events to help celebrate the worldwide Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The proceeds will benefit Special Olympic athletes. In addition to the fundraising, the Law Enforcement Torch Run also coordinates over 90 community runs during the Awareness Week in September.

A highlight of Awareness Week is the non-stop marathon which travels over 700 miles from Copper Harbor to the metro Detroit area.

In addition, a handful of statewide fundraising efforts are also being held, including a raffle for a 100th Anniversary 2003 Harley Davidson.

There will be a second place prize of \$1,000 and a third-place prize of \$500. Lowell Police chief, Jim Valentine sits on the Harley that is being raffled. The bike is currently on display at Huntington Bank.

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Resident gives city staff a vote of support in regards to budget

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

help keep costs down in the city's 2003-2004 budget.

The Lowell City staff got a "thank-you" from a resident for cutting its own wages, which was done in an effort to

ways of cutting fringe benefits. "I know it is something that is very hard to ask of your employees," Austin said. "However, in the private sector many of us have had to do

this and sometimes it is hard to do when you see that in the government realm it is not being done."

The freeze on wages is to help offset expected revenue losses from the state and the

reduction of taxes from closed industries, explained David Pasquale, Lowell city manager. To maintain all of the current city services, the city will need to dip into its fund balance which will bring the reserve down to \$204,179.54.

"We are holding the line as much as possible," Pasquale said several times during the Lowell City Council's first public hearing on the proposed budget at Monday night's meeting. The second hearing is scheduled for June 2, after which the council can vote on the budget.

Concerns were raised on whether the city should take a look at making a few deeper cuts to help trim the budget, but Pasquale said at this time he didn't feel it was necessary. He said this budget wasn't extravagant by any means. "It all depends on how the economy does," he said.

"If it is like this next year, then we may have to make more drastic cuts."

But indicators are good with some businesses, like Litehouse, expanding, and others filling in where old businesses had left. Pasquale said.

The city also needs to continue to move forward on improving its city services. Austin did point out the city still has one of the highest sewer rates in the area and probably the state, which he contributes to the size of the community and the type of system that is in place. He explained the system is almost at capacity and will need to be expanded, something Austin is familiar with since he works for the city's engineering firm, Williams and Works.

"I would hope that the expansion would be passed on to the new users and not the existing customers," he said.

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO BE HELD
JUNE 9, 2003

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2007.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Nancy Hopkins
Mark T. Lessens

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 9, 2003, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected three (3) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2009.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS
(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3)

Ellen M. James
Gary P. Schenk
Richard W. Verburg

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 6, 2003.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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

Pat Nugent
Secretary, Board of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2003
7:30 P.M.

BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL
8240 ALDEN NASH SE
ALTO MI 49302
616 868-6846

Request for variance of Article 3.02F #2 to exceed the square footage for an accessory building by Doug Kukulis, 6950 Snow Avenue SE

Request for variance of Article 3.02F #2 to exceed the square footage for an accessory building by Brian Schultz, 11928 84th Street SE.

Gloria King, Chairperson
Bowne Township ZBA

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

LAST DATE TO FILE
NOMINATING PETITIONS
JUNE 17, 2003 • 4:00 P.M.

Persons interested in seeking election to the Lowell City Council to fill any of the three (3) two to four year term vacancies occurring, must obtain nominating petition forms for circulation and return not later than 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2003. Petition forms are available between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from the Lowell City Clerk, Lowell City Hall, 414 East Main Street (Huntington Bank building), Lowell.



COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 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 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. Bellline) 7 p.m. Call Linda 874-5662; teen group: Call Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

EVERY WED.: Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church, 10501 Settlemore 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, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at Fairgrounds. 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 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. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or 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.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., 12 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 3:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe St. 647-3920.

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

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

THURS., JUNE 5: Commodities at Lowell Moose Recreational Lodge, 8-4 p.m. Bring all important papers if you need to renew. Paper bags needed.

MON., JUNE 9: Tots Annual picnic and school bus ride from 11:30 - 1 p.m. At playground at 300 High St. Bring a blanket & sandwich. Rain location: gym. RSVP to 897-1232.

THANK YOU
LOWELL AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE
Thank you to all the blue trousered personnel who came to my aid when I fell and broke my leg on 4-30-03. Don't remember your names - couldn't see your faces but I could hear all your very comforting words and saw many legs.
Thank you everyone for being there.
Marilynn Lupton

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Water Division
Date: May 21, 2003
The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to issue an authorization for a discharge to the ground or groundwater pursuant to Rule 2218 of Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) being Sections 324.3101 through 324.3119 of the Compiled Laws of Michigan, and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, to:
Grattan/Vergennes Wastewater Treatment Facility
5001 Murray Lake Avenue
Lowell, Michigan 49331
The applicant proposes to discharge a maximum 1,728,000 gallons per day (60,200,000 gallons per year) of treated sanitary wastewater only to the ground and groundwater from their discharge area located in the NW 1/4 of Section 28, T8N, R9W, Grattan Township, Kent County.
Comments or objections to the proposed authorization received by June 19, 2003 will be considered in the final decision to grant the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the proposed permit or procedures for commenting or requesting a hearing should contact: Groundwater Section, Water Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30630, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Telephone: 517-373-8148.
Copies of the public notice and proposed authorization may be obtained at the Grand Rapids District Office, Water Division, located at 350 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, Telephone: 616-356-0500.

Developer feels "unfairly" singled out to beat sewer costs

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Sundry officials were back at City Hall Monday night hoping to negotiate with the city on sewer costs for which they feel they are bearing the brunt.

Les Cole and Kevin Rude, of Sundry, talked to the city about the \$52,000 their prop-

erty on Grindle is being assessed to construct a high-pressure district. There was also discussion on the \$61,000 proposed by Williams and Works that the developer pay to loop the sewer system.

Cole said the additional costs would add about \$2,000 per lot on top of the connecting fees and other construc-

tion costs, which his company didn't consider was fair.

"We feel that we have been singled out for this," Rude said after explaining that Sundry officials were not aware of the assessment for the high pressure district since nothing was noted on the title, and staff never indicated there was an assessment. The company wanted a waiver from the high pressure district, but was willing to pick up the cost of looping the system. The Lowell City Council agreed the city should pick up the \$21,000 cost to bring it through the city right-of-way so future users could connect.

City attorney, Dick Wendt said that what the developers were paying did not cover the entire costs of the district, which was well over

\$100,000. He also pointed out that \$2,000 was not that much for sewer.

"There are some communities, Grand Rapids for instance, whose residents pay well in excess of that just for the connection," Wendt said.

The council decided this, along with issues on the proposed High Street improvements and city representation in the project as proposed by Williams and Works, needed to be a starting point for city staff to discuss with the developers what costs would need to be prepared, and then bring back the final negotiating package to the council for its approval.

Councilman, Mike Blough said the cost for the looping and the district were only some of the costs that could be incurred. Other costs include \$5,000 to have electric go underground so that High Street going into the

project could be constructed with minimal damage to the trees on the north side. Also, the developer is supposed to pick up some of the costs for the city representation in the project, he said.

The other issue is the reconstruction of High Street. Dave Austin, of Williams and Works, presented a detailed report and after looking at having an arborist examine the 36-inch in diameter maple trees on the north side, it was determined any disturbance in the trees current environment could potentially cause the trees to die.

With that in mind, Austin said he proposed improvements that would have minimal disturbance to the trees. This included moving the road about one foot off center, thus lining up with the current High Street at James Street.

He also proposed placing the five-foot sidewalk on the south side of the street. This came with disapproval from councilman Charles Myers, who owns the property on the south side of the street. Myers said he had no intention of developing that land and felt the sidewalk would serve better on the north side where the residents were.

Mayor Jeanne Shores agreed and after much discussion, the council asked Austin to come back with figures comparing the costs of placing the sidewalk on both the north and south sides of the street.

City staff was directed to send a letter to Sundry with the proposed figures for looping the system and other costs. This letter was to start the negotiating process with Sundry over who would pay what.

Lowell begins search for new baseball coach

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

His fifth year as head of the Lowell varsity baseball program will be his last.

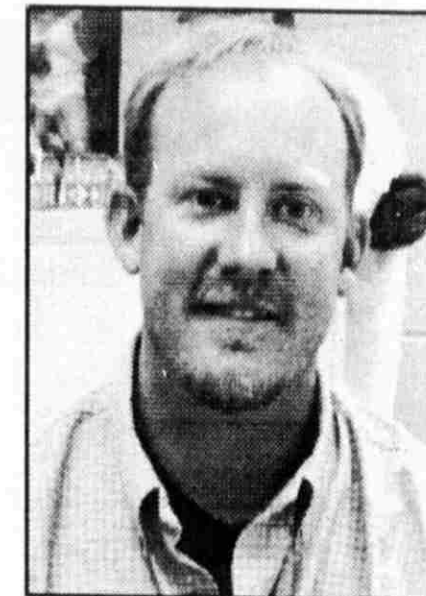
Tim Antel announced his resignation from the post effective at the end of the 2003 baseball season.

"I find it increasingly difficult to balance my family and chemistry teaching assignment, with the amount of time it takes to run a baseball program at standards I set for

the players and myself," Antel said.

While Antel's Red Arrows have struggled this year, in each of the last four years Lowell has posted winning records.

Under Antel's direction, Lowell was 82-44 1999-2002. The best year was in 1999 when Lowell went 27-8, losing in the opening game of the regional to Saline at Grand Lodge.



Tim Antel

"Much has changed since accepting the job five years ago, and I feel this is best for me as well as for the program," Antel said. "I plan on staying active in promoting the sport through my work at the Lowell Little League level and in player and coaching clinics."

The Lowell coach said the timing of his decision was twofold: He wanted to see another coach appointed soon so that fundraising, summer baseball, off-season workout and planning for next year's spring trip could begin without delay.

"This is a great opportunity for a new coach. There is a great nucleus of juniors and sophomores who will return next year," Antel said. "I am

grateful for the opportunity given to me to coach baseball at Lowell."

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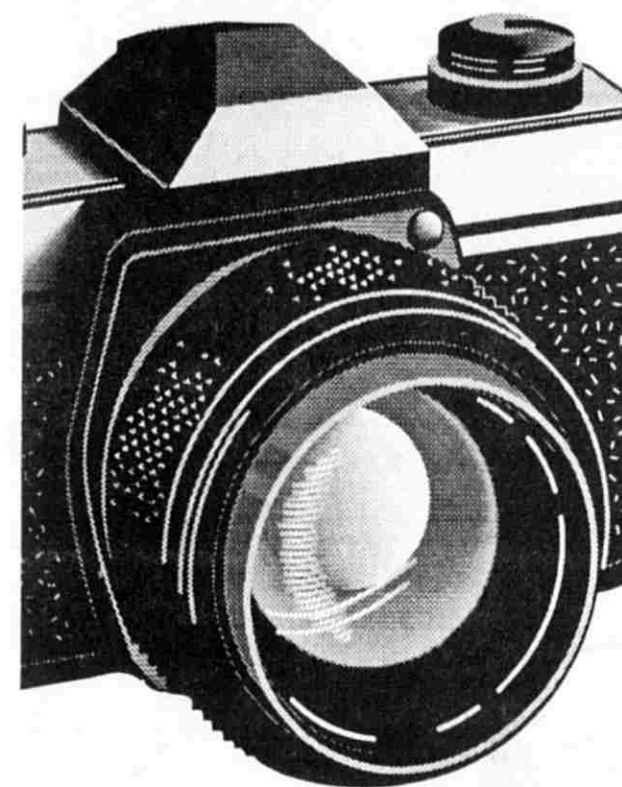
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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on June 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on the application of Dan Byrne Oil Company for variances from the terms of the Grattan Township Subdivision Ordinance, with respect to Rolling Meadows by the Lake No. 5, a proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD), consisting of 21 units, for one single family detached dwelling each, and located southerly of Five Mile Road and northeasterly of Bedaki Avenue.

Among other matters, the applicant has requested a variance from the terms for Section 4.12F of the Subdivision Ordinance, so as to authorize the length of two proposed streets in the PUD, Tobin Avenue and Walsh Court, based on the length of such streets from an intersection with Five Mile Road. Other variances, concerning the proposed PUD, are also to be considered. The lands comprising the proposed development are legally described as follows:

Part of Section 33 and Section 34, T8N, R9W, described as: Part of Government Lot 1 of Section 33 and part of the NW 1/4 of Section 34 described as commencing at the most Easterly corner of Lot 59 of Bedaki Shores No. 2; thence N47°31'W along the Easterly line of said plat 844.7 feet; thence N26°34'W 490.10 feet; thence N00°34'W 129.6 feet to the NE corner of Lot 71 of said plat; thence S88°16'E 609.54 feet; thence S00°10'E 459 feet; thence S86°47'E 445.9 feet; thence S02°36'E 626.67 feet; thence S87°29'W 240.73 feet to the point of beginning. Also, part of Government Lot 1 commencing at the NE corner of Section 33; thence West along North Section line 820.56 feet to a point 1821.84 feet East from the N 1/4 corner of said Section; thence S10°21'E 909.43 feet; thence S88°16'E 638.16 feet; thence S00°10'E 459.0 feet; thence S86°47'E 22.04 feet to the East Section line; thence N00°10'W 1374.2 feet to the point of beginning. Except the North 250 feet of the East 230 feet and except the North 50 feet of remainder. Also the South 17 feet of the North 50 feet of the West 20 feet of the East 250 feet of Govt. Lot 1, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public meeting and comment on the requested variances. Written comments concerning the same may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public meeting.

Dated: May 19, 2003

**PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA**

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of May 12, 2003

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Tom Eldridge, President of the Junior class, presented the Student Council Report in Matt Tomko's absence. Tom reported that prom was a great success. Baccalaureate will be held on May 21 and the last day for seniors is May 22. Elections are being held for Student Council officers. An assembly dealing with embracing cultures was held on Monday and graduation is June 1st.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students/groups:

Middle School Dignity and Respect Award - Kara Rasch, a 6th grader.
Cherry Creek Dignity and Respect Award - Kylee Carlson, a fourth grader.

STUDENT REPORTS - **Cherry Creek - School Improvement Plan** - Cherry Creek staff and students presented an overview of their school improvement plan and described how the goals are being implemented at each grade level.
Middle School Free the Children Project - Diane Heikkila and Sue Wilterink reported on the Free the Children Fundraiser Project that 8th graders participated in this year. They raised \$4,137.67 and assembled 171 hygiene kits and 50 school kits for a new school in Ecuador.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
- Paul Seese of Altacor, Inc. donation of computer equipment valued at \$4,901 to be used by the Lowell Area Schools Tech Dept.
- Lowell and Alto Girl Scouts c/o Diana Schramm donation of a Peace Pole valued at \$300 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.

- Lowell Community Fund c/o Dr. Robert Reagan donation of \$400 for Lowell 3rd Grade Program, \$500 for Athletic Boosters, \$500 for Lowell World Study Program, \$500 for Unity High School, and \$500 for Lowell Academic Boosters.
- Don and June Dilly donation of aerobic bicycle valued at \$95 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Physical Education Department.
- Girl Scouts c/o Vicki Pratt donation of wooden bench valued at \$350 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
- Ron and Laura Woltzer donation of various toys and books valued at \$50 to be used by the TOTS Program.
- Beverly Toomey donation of furniture and games valued at \$90 to be used by the TOTS Program.
- Adopted the Early Childhood Curriculum.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/accepted were:

- April 21, 2003 Regular Board Meeting, the April 28, 2003 Board Workshop, and the April 28, 2003 Closed Session.
- The following payment of bills for April 2003:
GENERAL FUND.....\$804,169.62
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$67,466.61
B. Athletic Fund.....\$17,091.08
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$299,106.75
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$33,062.70
1990 Debt Fund.....\$2,805,625.85
2000 Debt Fund.....\$657,842.23
- Election workers for the June 9, 2003 election
- Artist in Residence Grant Submission for a Strings Program.
- Food Price Increase for 2003-2004 - 10¢ for all full pay Type A breakfasts and lunches; an average of 10% increase for a carte items; adult meals increased by 15¢.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that the Murray Lake Elementary School is behind schedule due to the wet and muddy conditions. The High School wing is nearly completed, and a dedication is being planned for some time in August.

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette explained that more will be learned regarding state funding following the May 17 Revenue Consensus Conference in Lansing. Lynne Kotarski gave a report on the Food Service program. Connie reported that for those Lowell special education students who attend programs outside of the Lowell Area Schools, the district is looking at collaborating with 13 other Kent County school districts in an effort to transport these students in a more timely and efficient manner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller thanked Lynne Kotarski for the Food Service report and for the many outstanding years of service she has provided to Lowell Area Schools. She also thanked the presenters for the Cherry Creek Report, Free the Children Report and the Early Childhood Curriculum Report. Thanks to those who organized The Spirit of Community Celebration and the recent Butterfly Auction. The band concert was very special with several tributes to Bob Rice. Administrators were very appreciative of the opportunity to tour Root Lowell and Litehouse.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2003
Runciman Administration Building, brd. room • 7:00 p.m.

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Lowell girls' Division I debut dazzling; Red Arrows qualify for state meet in eight events

••• Natalie Kent leads the charge as she wins the 100 hurdles and qualifies in three other events.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As a returning team MVP, Natalie Kent knew there was room for improvement and knew competing in Division I demanded it.

Kent's desire to prepare herself for competition against the big girls led her to run indoors during the off season.

Kent didn't just run indoors - she won indoors. "Natalie never lost," said Lowell girls track coach, Kathy Talus. "Natalie knew that she'd have to do a little more to compete at the real tough

Division I level. She went out and prepared herself."

Her preparation showed Friday night in the Division I Regional at Red Arrow Stadium.

Kent qualifies for the Division I state meet in four events at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids on Saturday, June 7.

It didn't take long for the senior to show she was ready. In fact, that became apparent in the very first event (100 hurdles). Kent led from start to finish in winning a regional championship in the hurdle event, stopping the clock at 15.27.



Natalie Kent started and finished strong as she led from start to finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

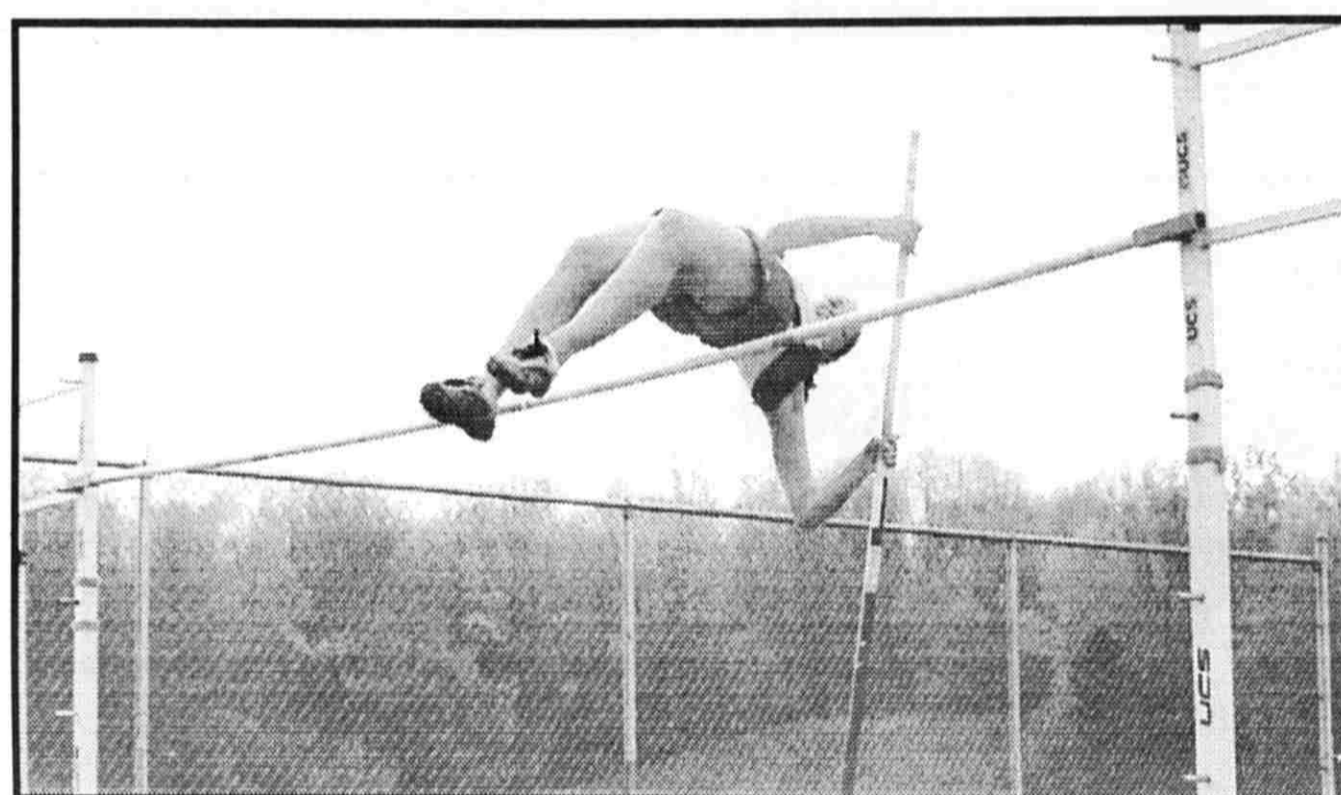


Heather Becker's 109'3" earned her a second in the discus.

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the state along with any athlete who recorded a state qualifying time, distance or height.

Kent finished third in the 400-meter run but posted a state qualifying time of 58.80. She was beaten by Lansing Sexton's Shayna Sangster, 56.75, and Rockford's Lisa Krueger, 57.06.

"Running indoors (55 meter hurdles) over the winter definitely helped me, especially with my starts," Kent explained. "It was exciting to



Nicole Gillikin cleared 10' in the Division I regional on Friday. She finished second overall.

run at the Division I level and to be at home. There was a really big difference between Division I and II, especially in the 400 - the times were a lot faster. You hear footsteps behind you and realize you better get going."

Kent teamed with Lisa Wojciakowski, Holly Plattner and Krystal White in placing third in the 1600-meter relay. They brought the baton home in 4:06.00.

It was Kent, Kim Huyser, White and Wojciakowski who qualified for the state meet in the 800-meter relay. They placed third with a time of 1:47.69.

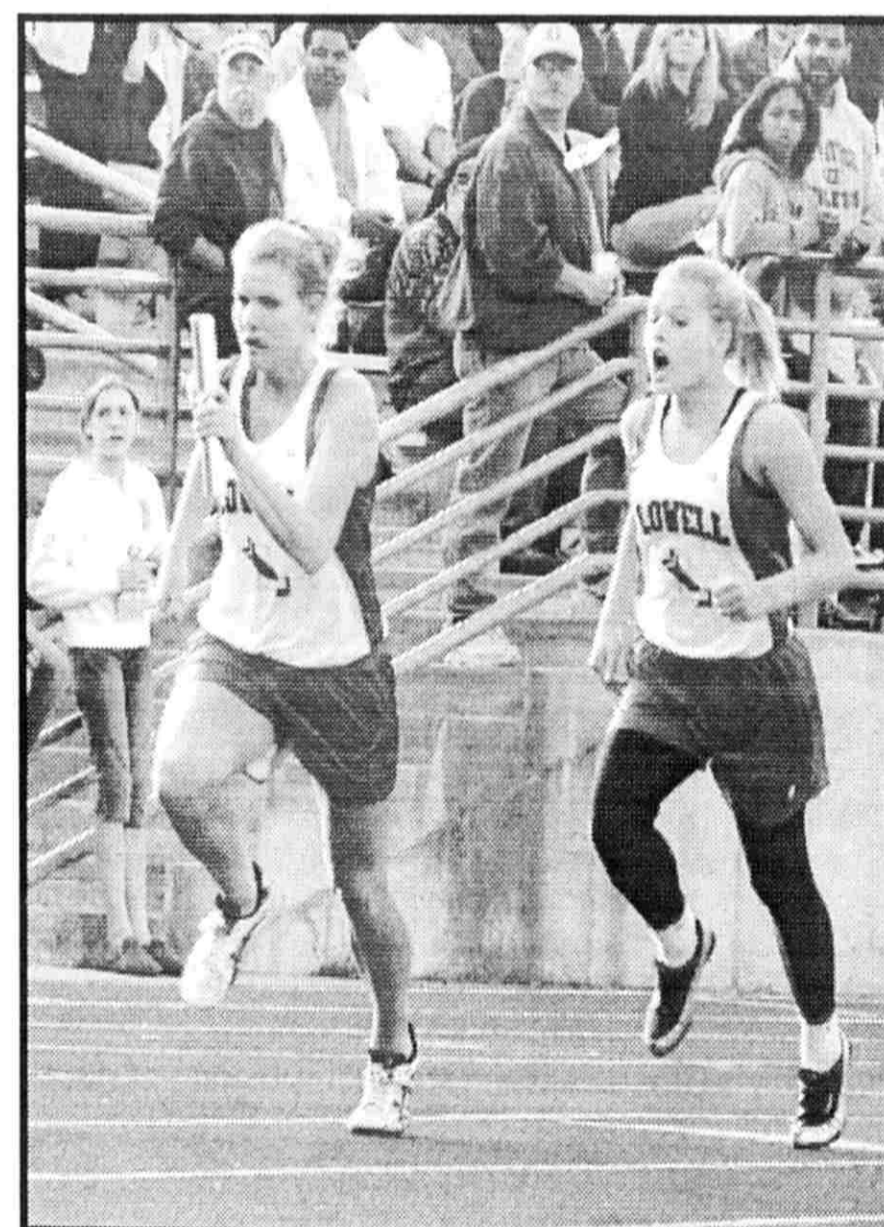
Along with the relays, White also posted a qualifying time in the 300 hurdles. She was third at 46.54 behind Forest Hills Central's Kathleen LaValley, 43.29, and Rockford's Kate Smith, 45.94.

Lowell's 400-meter relay team missed qualifying for state by one-tenth of a second, but managed to break the school record with a time of 51.53.

In the field events, Lowell's Nicole Gillikin qualified in the pole vault for the fourth straight year. She cleared 10 feet (school record), finishing third. The senior also medaled in the long jump, placing sixth with a distance of 15' 2 1/4".

"Nicole's kind of grown up with the pole vault. She's gotten better each year," Talus said.

Heather Becker earned a trip to the state meet in the discus. The senior was second



Lisa Wojciakowski and Krystal White make a clean exchange in the 800-meter relay.

with a throw of 109'3". Grand Haven's Maggie Dwyer was first at 120'2".

Lowell's Sarah Swab medaled by placing sixth in the 1600-meter run with a school record time of 5:24.01.

Lowell will be represented in eight events at the Division I state meet.

The Red Arrows placed second in the regional to Rockford.

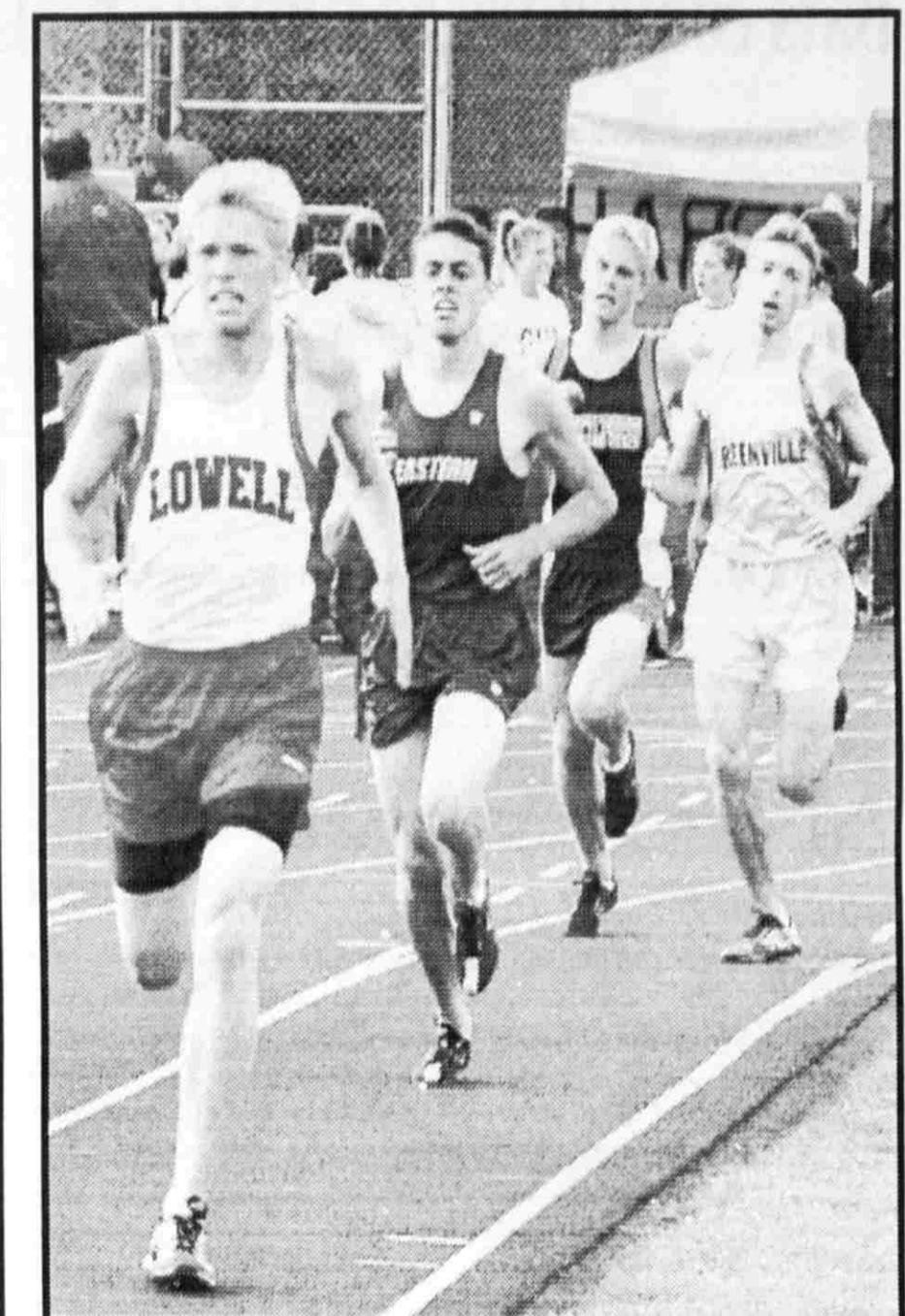
"We knew realistically we didn't have a chance at first," Talus said. "Rockford is an awesome team. They had a lot of depth and points."

Rockford scored 201 points to win the regional running away. Lowell was second with 54 points followed by Grand Haven 49 and Grand Ledge 47; Holt completed the top five with 41.

Forest Hills Central was sixth with 37. Northview was ninth with 17 and Forest Hills Northern was 13th with five points.

Roberts clears the hurdle, returning to state meet

Andy Roberts, below, placed fourth in the 110 high hurdles and recorded a state qualifying time of 14.92. Roberts will be Lowell boys track team's only representative in the state meet at Houseman Field on Saturday, June 7. Red Arrow Steve Ellison, right, medaled at Friday's Division I regional in the 1600-meter run, placing sixth overall with a time of 4:37.82.



Red Arrow linksters seventh at regional; fourth in league

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

It hurts, but Rick White can live with finishing fourth in the O-K White Golf Tournament, despite being in third place after three scores were recorded.

What bothers him most, prior to the league meet, is that his club let a dual meet slip away at Zeeland.

White is proud of the fact that during his tenure as Lowell girls' golf coach, his teams have always beaten the teams they are supposed to.

Four of Lowell's six losses this season have come against state ranked teams. The Red Arrows lost twice to East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Northern.

It split with Forest Hills Central and Zeeland. Lowell, 9-6 overall and 6-6 in the league, finished fourth overall.

"We were tied with Central going into the league tournament and led by six with three scores in, but couldn't hang on," White explained. "We've struggled this year to get that fourth score. Not having a consistent fourth score has probably cost us a few matches and a couple of places at some invitationals."

East Grand Rapids (337) held off Forest Hills Northern (346) to win the tournament by nine strokes at the L.E. Kaufman Golf Course and with it the overall O-K White championship.

Central was third with 403, followed by Lowell 413, Northview 438, Hudsonville 442, and Zeeland 450.

Red Arrow Jenny Gunberg was fourth overall with an 18-hole score of 85. Teammates Mandy Gunberg fired a 97, followed by Cara Mooney with 106 and Stevi Thompson's 125.

Senior, Jenny Gunberg's performance cemented a third straight year of being bestowed with all-conference honors. She was named to the honorable mention team her freshman year.

"What people must remember about Jenny is that playing in the number one slot means that every time she competes in the O-K White, she's facing an all-state golfer;

seldom does she face someone she can just go out and thump," White said. "That can be pretty intimidating. Jenny, however, has the mental makeup and ability to compete against them."

A prime-time example demonstrated that earlier in the year when Gunberg was the medalist at the Forest Hills Invitational; she carded a round of 82 at the Grand Rapids Country Club.

In highlighting her mental toughness, White pointed to a match earlier this season at Deer Run in which Gunberg hit her first two shots out of bounds (carding a nine) on hole one, then proceeded to par the last eight holes and finish with a 41.

Gunberg's sister, Mandy (sophomore), White believes, has improved the most. "I think Mandy has found the challenge this year, that golf offers," White said. "She's got the bug. She now has the attitude that she can do better and the game won't get her."

The younger Gunberg beat her sister at Egypt Valley this year for the first time in her high school career. She shot a 45.

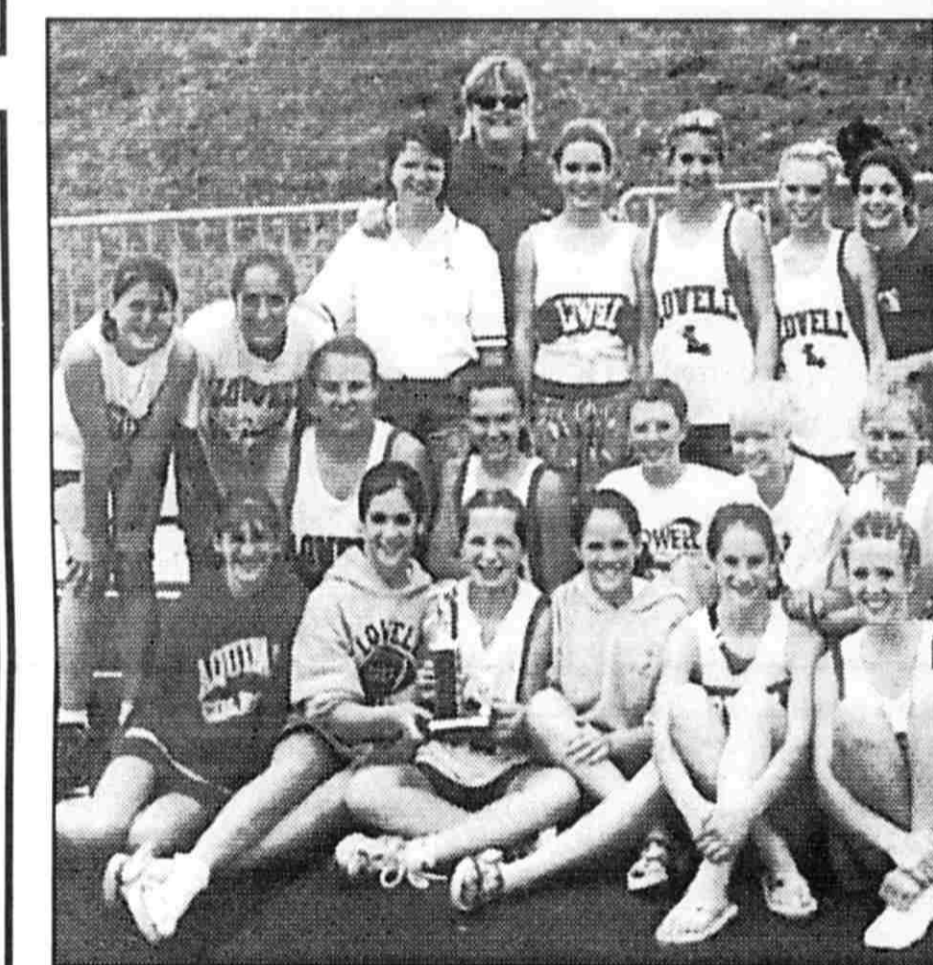
White added that Mooney has been playing better since recovering from her golf cart mishap earlier in the season. "She was riding on the back holding her golf bag, when a coach made a sharp turn and Cara was thrown off. Both Cara and Mandy have learned how to manage their scores."

In the the Division II regional at Gracewil (par 71), Lowell's girls golf team finished seventh in the 14-team field.

East Grand Rapids was first with a team score of 328. Filling out the top five were Forest Hills Northern 346, Grand Rapids Christian 364, Greenville 373 and Kenowa Hills 376.

Forest Hills Central came off the course in sixth with a score of 378 and Lowell carded a 395.

Leading the way for the Red Arrows was Jenny Gunberg with an 88 (tied for eighth). Mandy Gunberg shot a 97, Cara Mooney a 104, and Stevi Thompson a 106.



MS girls running strong

The Lowell seventh- and eighth-grade girls track team placed third at the Greenville Optimist meet.

Garnering first-place medals were Morgan Olin in the long jump, Samantha Lambert in the shot put, and Megan Majestic in the 800-meter run and the 70-meter dash.

The 400-meter relay team of Danielle White, Majestic, Chelsea Harrison and Katie Kruse placed second.

Katie Ort took a third in the shot put while White took a third in the 100 dash and 200 hurdles. Emily Hauschild came home third in the mile run.

Earning fourth-place finishes were Megan Mathews, 55-meter hurdles; Harrison, long jump; and Kruse in the 100 dash.

Kruse also took fifth in the 70-meter run; Katie Riddle finished fifth in the two mile while the mile relay team of Stephanie Kempker, Stacey Janescek, Haley Getzen and Hauschild finished sixth.

Austyn Foster came home in sixth in the 400 run.

This year's team has 105 members and posted a 5-1 record in the conference.

Meyers and Rozema continue to hit; Lowell unable to solve Huskies and Rangers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Solid pitching and strong hitting enabled Forest Hills Central to sweep Lowell Friday 3-0 and 10-1.

"We were never able to get anything going against their pitcher in game one," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel. "In game two Central just hit the ball. They are one of the better hitting teams in the O-K White."

Ryan Nugent pitched well enough to win game one, allowing only three runs on four hits while walking just one.

"Walks have been killing us this year. Limiting the number of walks is key to us playing competitive baseball," Antel said. "Ryan just threw a gem of a game. His only mistake, Central turned into a two-run home run."

Lowell's only two hits came off the bats of Sean Meyers and Kyle Rozema.

Both Red Arrows did not begin to see a lot of action until around midseason. They have made the most of it at the plate. Meyers is hitting .290 in 34 at-bats while Rozema is rapping out hits at a .445 pace in 36 at-bats.

Meyers, unfortunately, is out for the season after running into the center field wall in an attempt to run down a fly ball. "Both Meyers and Rozema have hit the ball well," Antel said.

In the nightcap, Central touched up Rozema for six runs on seven hits in two innings of play.

Luke Tomczak allowed four runs in four innings of relief.

Dan Palasek, batting .290 for the year, had a team-leading two hits.

Lowell 2-3
FHN 16-5

The Huskies scored in each of the five innings as they mercied Lowell in game one.

FHN scored 16 runs on eight hits and five Lowell errors. Northern scored four runs in the first, three in the second,

six in the third, two in the fourth and a single run in the fifth.

Lowell was held to four hits in game two as it lost by two.

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Bats come alive as Lowell and Central play a couple wild ones

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob Rodenhouse did not spend a lot of time pondering how close his Red Arrows



Jacquie Benedict rifles a throw to first from her shortstop position.

came to sweeping Forest Hills Central Friday.

"We could have just as easily lost two," Rodenhouse explained. Therefore, a split didn't seem all that bad.

In two of the more entertaining softball games of the year, the Red Arrows and Rangers split a pair. Lowell won game one 8-7 in nine innings and Central won game two 7-6.

The Red Arrows snatched victory from defeat in the opener, as they scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 7-7 and then scored the winning run in the ninth inning.

Central was trailing 6-5 in game two, when it rallied for two runs in the seventh inning to snare a victory.

With the split, Lowell finished the league portion of its schedule at 6-6; their overall record is now 18-8.

"They were two great games with a lot of great hitting," Rodenhouse explained. "Both teams smashed the ball against some great pitching."

In the opener, Lowell's seventh-inning rally started with a leadoff double by Ashleigh Inman. A bunt single

by Tara Kimble put Lowell runners on first and third.

A Jacquie Benedict single drove home two runs and she later scored on an RBI single by Becky Plummer. The Lowell pitcher scored the tying run on an RBI double by Noelle Dewey.

Dewey knocked in the game-winning run on a sacrifice fly with one out in the ninth, scoring Benedict from third base.

Dewey was 3-for-4 (two doubles) with three RBIs. Benedict went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and scored three runs. Plummer was also 4-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored.

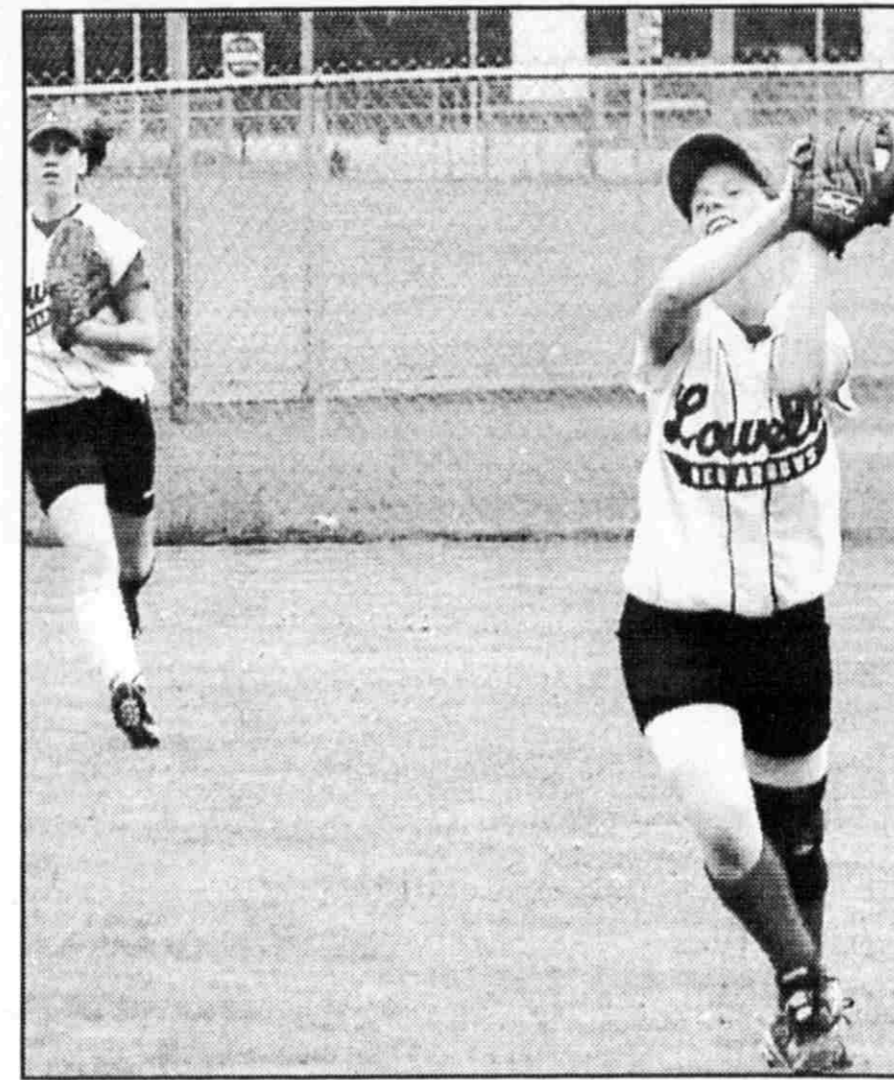
In game two, Central took a 5-2 lead into the fifth inning only to have Lowell tally four runs to take a 6-5 advantage.

Lowell plated its runs on a triple by Benedict, an RBI single by Courtney Phillips, an RBI double by Plummer and an RBI double by Dewey.

Dewey later scored on a Ranger error.

**Lowell 3-2
FHN 0-3**

A two-run double by



Tara Kimble closes the glove on a short pop fly into short right field.

Courtney Phillips highlighted a three-run fourth inning as Lowell, behind the three-hit pitching of Becky Plummer, shutout Forest Hills Northern in game one.

Plummer walked two and struck out seven in the first of two games.

Jacquie Benedict was the leading hitter with two doubles.

In game two, Lowell rallied for two runs in the seventh to tie the game at 2-2.

The Huskies, however, scored the winning run in the eighth inning on a single and two Lowell errors.

Lowell netters upend Lakewood

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three sets before pulling out the victory 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Lowell's fourth singles player, Brett Hoblra, won in straight sets 7-6, 6-3.

"Kyle is a tough mental player and Brett keeps getting stronger all the time," Wall said.

In doubles play, Brendon Harden and Dustin Pedley, playing second doubles, were decisive in their 6-0, 6-2 win.

In singles play, Chris Gallagher, second singles, won easily in two sets 6-1, 6-1.

"Chris played some solid tennis. He played within himself and didn't over hit," said Lowell tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

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are doing a better job of cutting the ball off at the net," Wall said.

Lowell's only win in a 7-1 loss against Portland came at number one singles in which Gallagher earned a 6-3, 6-3 win. The Red Arrow played in place of the injured Shaun Koning.

The Red Arrows fell victim to Greenville 6-2.

Koning won at number one singles 6-1, 6-1 and Wittenbach earned a 6-4, 6-1 win at third singles.

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Junior varsity soccer team posts two shutouts

Lowell's junior varsity girls soccer team shut out Greenville 4-0.

Red Arrow goals were netted by Becky DeLiefde (assist Raquel Periera), Maliree Trierweiler (assist Nicole Shepard), and two goals by Laura Crimmins.

Lerin Bommarito, Cassie Orazc and Sarah Smith turned several Greenville

attacks to the outside and away from any possible scoring opportunities.

Red Arrow goalie, Taylor Verdon recorded six saves.

Lowell defeated Northview 4-0. Goals were scored by DeLiefde (2), Melody Democoeur, and Nicole Shepard.

Goalie, Taylor Verdon posted four saves. The Red Arrows were 3-0 victims to Rockford.

Oberlin sets assists record in Lowell's win over Hudsonville

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Lowell completed its O-K White conference play with a 3-2 win over Hudsonville.

The victory earned the Red Arrows a home game in the first round of the O-K White tournament.

Lowell's opponent will be a familiar one as the Eagles are set for a return visit.

"The girls played 20 minutes of sharp soccer, followed by 20 minutes of not so sharp soccer," said Lowell girls soccer coach, Paul Legge. "It's a good win for us in that it gives us a home game to start the league tournament."

Lowell scored first on a first half goal by Jessica Visser.

The Red Arrows built on that lead in the second half as Amy Oberlin assisted on goals by Heather McQueen and Erin Beddows.

Oberlin's assists ran her mark to 10, setting a school record for most assists in a season.

"The girls built a 3-0 lead and then began breathing a little easier and got a little lazy," Legge explained. "A veteran disciplined team plays the full 40 minutes and is not satisfied with a 3-0 lead."

Lowell, possibly the youngest team on the west side of the state, plays with six sophomores and two freshmen.

"We're a good team with high expectations. In this league, you're measured by how you do against the big three (EGR, FHC and FHN)," Legge said. "Until you play those teams close or beat them, you're in the second tier."

Lowell outshot Hudsonville 15-12.

The Eagles scored their goals over the final 10 minutes of play. Lowell goalie, Chelsey Smit recorded four saves.

**FHN 2
Lowell 0**

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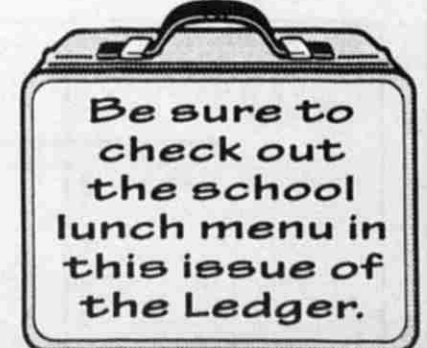
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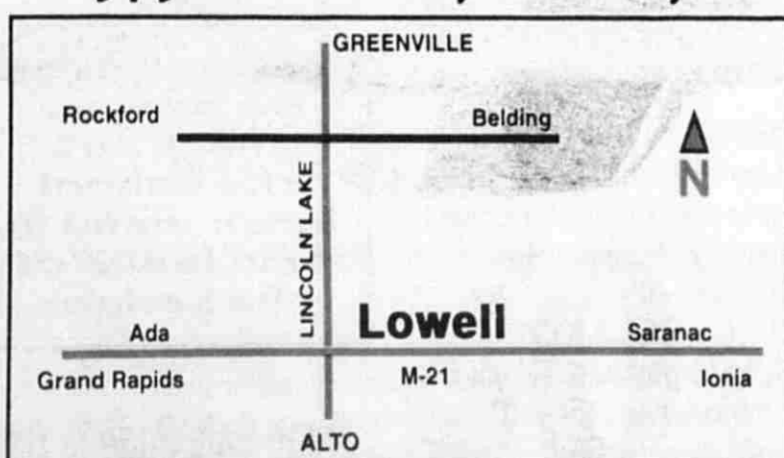


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