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Seniors, left, make the walk down to the stadium for the 125th commencement. Not only did the sun shine, but the smiles also shone brightly on the faces of the graduates Sunday. Pictured to the right, is Katie Lum. More graduation pictures page 10

Shining Moment

Weather provides picturesque backdrop for 125th commencement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For 294 Lowell High School graduates, a signature journey," Lum explained. moment in one's life was framed for them in a beautiful June afternoon at the One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth commencement.

Katie Lum, Class of 2003 not to fast forward but, instead, to savor the moment.

"It's alright to aspire to the future, but live today for the moment and celebrate the

Lowell superintendent, Shari Miller, told graduates the journey that follows requires courage - "Map the course and follow it.

"Be true to yourself and president, told her classmates your values, act upon them and enjoy your next step along

the journey," Miller said.

It was clear, from their comments, that the foreign exchange students have enjoyed their journey while at Lowell.

One of the graduation highlights was authored by French exchange student Anne-Gaelle Dosne. In reference to a story not far removed from the world headlines, Dosne jokingly ex-

pressed her gratitude for being introduced as a "French Exchange Student" and not a "Freedom Exchange Student."

Class valedictorian, Katie Hettinga told classmates not to let high school define them. "While it has shaped us, there is a world to

discover, so go out and take a chance and always be thankful for the memories."

Graduation, cont'd. pg. 8

LIKE CLOCKWORK

••• With the exception of the punch list, the City Hall/police station project is scheduled to be completed on time for the open house on July 12.

A Vesting Interest

••• Stories speak of impact YMCA has in community.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

For the third time in four years Lowell's YMCA Invest In Youth campaign met or exceeded its goal.

This year's goal, with a sagging economy, was lofty by any standards, but the campaign, through its leadership of chairman, Rick Seese, Y executive director, Will Welsh and teams' campaign chairperson, Jean Getzen raised \$51,800 in pledges, exceeding their goal of \$50,000 by a little less than \$2,000.

"Were there doubts? Was I a little nervous about reaching our goal? Because of the economic conditions I was," Welsh explained. "Then I looked at the positives... it is Invest In Youth, it allows us to serve all

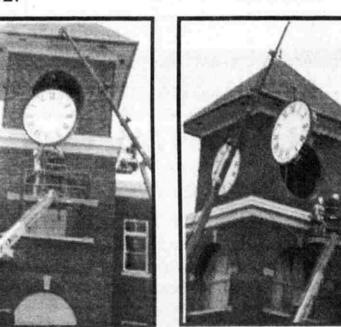
youth, and this year, instead of focusing on monetary donations, our campaigners shared YMCA stories."

Those stories told how the YMCA has positively impacted the lives of many in this community.

Susan Riddle's life was change forever on July 10, 2002 when her family car was hit head on by a drunk driver.

She spent two weeks in a coma following the accident and was left with no motor skills. Riddlehas made great strides in her recovery and credits the YMCA "family" for much of her progress. "Coming back to the YMCA after my ordeal was kind of like being "born again," she said. "Going to the YMCA is the kick-start to my daily schedule, I can't think of starting a day without the Y."

Invest-In-Youth, cont'd. pg. 8







By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

As time winds down on the completion of the City Hall/new police station project, clocks were put in/hung up in the tower on Friday.

The actual wiring and running of the clocks will not commence until sometime this week (June 2-6).

The clocks purchased from Electric Time Company Inc., were shipped in from Medfield. Mass. They were installed by Nugent Builders.

The entire project continues to tick along like the Energizer Bunny.

"One of the advantages to having all of the design people in house is being better able to keep the projects on schedule," said Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber construction

Clockwork, cont'd. pg. 8

OBITUARIES

Carigon, aged 74, of Lowell, son and Pearl Peckham; spe- DYKSTRA- Keith Dykstra, nieces; lots of aunts, uncles Center, a tutoring ministry for Katrin and Jake Tassy, David passed away May 26, 2003. cial friend Ella Tuinstra; eight aged 28, of Kentwood, for- and cousins. Mass of Chris- the students of the Madison Schrier, Timothy and Leslie He is survived by his wife grandchildren; two great- merly of Lowell, passed away tian Burial will be Wednes- Square neighborhood. He Schrier, and Abigail Schrier; of 33 years. Marion; chil- grandchildren; many nieces unexpectedly June 2,2003. day at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's loved to write and he loved to brothers-in-law and sisters-indren Dorothy (Richard) and nephews. Mr. Carigon He was preceded in death by Church, 402 Amity, Rev. sing and compose his own law Ken and Erin Byle, Sara (Lawrence B.) Haywood; and Japan, past Post Com- survived by his mother Carol (Please meet at church) Inter- blessing of his life. He was Huzinga; several nieces and brother Harold Carigon; sis- mander at the VFW Lowell (Robert)Phelps of Byron Cen- ment St. Mary's Cemetery. preceded in death by his fa- nephews. Memorial services

CARIGON - Harry William ters-in-law Dorothy Thomp-

Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. brother Kevin (Amy) of Alto, SCHRIER - Andrew Wilber othy Huizinga of Lowell; Hudson, Lowell, Pastor David Visitation Thursday 7-9 p.m.

Kent District Library's

Summer Reading Club, spon-

sored by Meijer and WOOD

TV8, will begin June 9 and

continue through Aug. 2.

There are separate divisions

for children, teens and fami-

or visit the website at

Kent Park.

www.kdl.org.

Scott of Kentwood; sister Schrier, aged 25, passed away grandparents Harold and

Plutschouw of the Christian Michelle Dykstra of Saturday, May 31, 2003. Andy Shirley Fisher of Cuyahoga Life Center, officiating. In- Kentwood; grandparent loved the Lord with all his Falls, Ohio, Maureen Schrier terment Oakwood Cemetery. Jacqueline Gruss of heart, soul, mind and strength. of Kalamazoo; his brothers Kentwood, a special uncle, Hislife was an act of worship. and sisters Jennifer and Duane "Dyk" Dykstra; two He founded the Hattie Beverly Rodney Conrad, Peter Schrier, Rosie served in the Army in Korea his father Robert. Keith is George J. Fekete, Celebrant. music. We thank God for the and Rob Gowin, Matthew ter Ella Aspinall; nieces Janet #8303. Funeral Services will ter; brothers Michael Dykstra Memorial contributions may ther, Bruce Schrier, earlier this were held Tuesday at Madi-Allison and Judy Purdy; sis- be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the of Elsie, Mich., his twin be made to the American Heart year. He is survived by his son Square Christian Reloving wife Mary; his mother formed Church. Memorial Shirley Schrier of Wooster, contributions to Restorers, Ohio; father-in-law and Inc., 1413 Madison Ave. SE mother-in-law Don and Dor- 49507 would be appreciated.

'HARDT HAPPENINGS

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quists and magicians. There The Alto branch will ofwill be a "Party in the Park" fer the program on Wedneswith Maranda in July at Old day, June 11 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820) and the Englehardt For more information branch on Thursday, June 12 about the club, call 784-2007 at 1 p.m. (647-3920)

Registration is required and participation is limited to 25 participants.

ABRACADABRA MAGIC

'Abracadabra with Renee Hudson" during the Summer day, July 23 at 1:30 p.m. Reading Club. This is a sensational audience participation

tricks, juggling and a motivational message.

The Englehardt branch Several branches of Kent will offer the program on District Library will present Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.: the Alto branch on Wednes-

For other locations and times, contact the Kent Disprogram that includes magic trict Library at 784-2007.



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City's first credit union eyes location on West Main

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

Planning commission member, Jim Hall summed up the reaction of most residents when learning that River Valley Credit Union was looking to open a branch in Lowell: "I know from one person that it would save them a lot of time in getting to the bank."

River Valley Credit Union is the former Amway Credit Union which recently expanded its coverage area to include Kent and Ionia counties. That, and due to the fact that many of the Amway employees live in the Lowell area, officials from the credit union began to look for a location within this area. At its Monday night planning commission meeting, the credit union brought forth plans to construct a 3,640-square-foot facility adjacent to the Lowell Family Medical Center at 2550 W. Main St.

City manager, David Pasquale said this would be the first phase of a two-part construction project with the second part

Cherry Creek hosts Aerospace & Technology Day, June 6

will be celebrating the cen- balloon. The students will also tennial of powered flight of the Wright Brothers. Students tra-lite airplane, single engine will get an exciting look into airplane, and much more. space technology, aviation, math and science at 12675 be kicked off by Tony En-Foreman Rd. on June 6.

the computer lab as well as more. build and launch their own rocket ships (with Alka Seltzer fuel).

As an added attraction this space Education from Dayyear, the Liberty Balloon com- ton, Ohio's Wright Patterson pany will be presenting a two- Air Force Base. She will be part program, consisting of a doing a story presentation with teaching session illustrated students about Uncle Wiggly with slides and a live demon- Wings.

Emily Alguire

Cherry Creek Elementary stration of inflating a hot air visit an on-site helicopter, ul-

The day's activities will gland, NASA astronaut, and The 860 students at Jerry Pahl, of the Kalamazoo Cherry Creek will experience Air Zoo museum. Jim a variety of technology. They Fitzgerald from the NASA will have the opportunity to Glenn Research Center in view a portable planetarium, Cleveland, Ohio, will be investigate NASA's "Explor- showing students moon rocks, ing Aeronautics" program in meteorites, space suits, and The Civil Air Patrol is

sending Alice Noble who is the regional director of Aero-

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being for a possible future development. The medical center and credit union would share a common drive which would also service the second project once completed, Pasquale said.

The proposed preliminary site plan met all of the city details on lighting and landscaping, the planning commission

approved the preliminary site plan. River Valley Credit Union is expected to bring back a final site plan for approval before construction begins.

River Valley Credit Union is owned by its members; each requirements including providing the 18 required parking member owns a share. According to officials, the credit union, spaces. The project will have 29. Noting it would like to see which will be the first in Lowell, provides a number of

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,

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.

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(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

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

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

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



By Dr. Roger La Warre 1st Congregational Church

wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In "Every morning is a fresh that time my wife has cooked opportunity to find God's extraordinary joy in the most the life of me, I cannot recall Hope) ordinary places." Janet Weaver Smit what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do "Joy is distinctly a Chris-

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

A story is told about a local person from "The Church" in town who wrote a letter to the editor of the local paper. The letter complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3.000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

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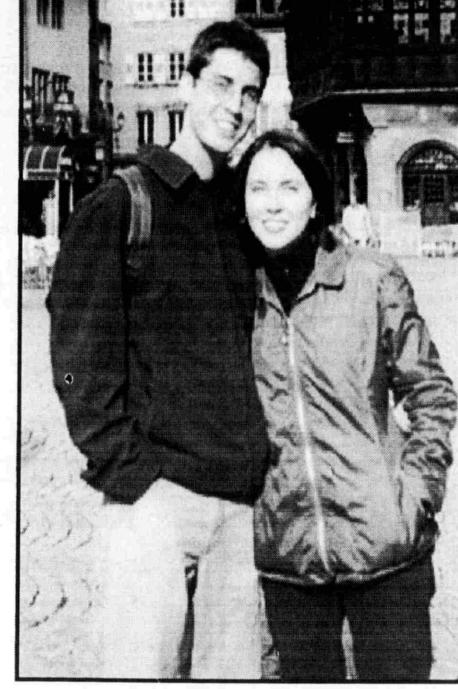
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creeds and forms of prayer. Yet that faith, however expressed in worship, is the only source of true joy that can feed and sustain you. Through you, it will also sustain others as you allow joy to blossom into smiles and deeds of kind-

"The most universal welcome I've received is the sound of laughter. It needs no delight of the editor. It went translation. It means happion for weeks until someone ness and joy. Most important, it means freedom. In any country where liberty has been banished, the next thing some 32,000 meals. But for to disappear is laughter." (Bob I believe it is imperative

for people of faith to live the know this: they all nourished joy of faith that God brings to me and gave me the strength us. It is joy, arising from the I needed to do my work. If my deep and abiding recognition wife had not given me those of God's love for us and all meals. I would be dead to- people, that feeds our inner most being, expresses itself As you continue in the in acts of love and kindness. duties and opportunities of and leads us to worship and your week, let your life be praise. May you touch again renewed in the Joy of true the Joy that God seeks to bring faith in God. That faith will into your life and relationcome in many denomina- ships.



Young/

Heather J. Young. daughter of Scott and Dawn Young of Lowell, is engaged to Thad E. Salter, son of Frank and Donna Salter of Hannibal, Missouri, and Ray and Cheryl Prosperi of Ballwin, Missouri, Thac proposed on December 13

The marriage will take place October 4, 2003 at St. Stephen Catholic Church in East Grand Rapids.

Vacation Bible School, June 23

Expedition leaders from Snow United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Lowell are excited to present "Treasures of the Nile - On an Expedition to Jesus" the week of June 23 - 26.

tional wrappings, in many

The Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries program takes place each evening from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m.

Cindy Kehoe, VBS director, said, "We are excited and looking forward to all the children who will be joining our Expedition Team!" The "caravan" will travel to ancient Egypt uncovering its mysteries. The week will be filled with challenges, including Living Word Oasis, Chariots of Fun. Pharaoh's Phood Court and a Craft Bazaar.

Call 676-0887 with questions or phone enrollments. Dinner will be served each evening from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 5: Amanda Vezino. Judy Rosenberger JUNE 6: Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse.

JUNE 7: Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy. JUNE 8: Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.

Gus Geldersma. Jeanne Boss, Terri S. Fonger.

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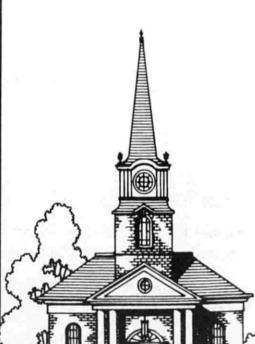
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Viewpoint...

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began to dance around the issue. In vague terms I said I had

husband who were killed in a plane crash out west.

After mumbling something about a fender-bender, the old

I admitted that I had heard it was Rick who had died in a

plane crash. Red faced, I said I was sorry to hear about the

sister, but I was relieved to find out Rick was still with us. Even

faux pas onto itself. I can peel them off like a Jay Leno

delivering papers (our monthly real estate magazine) to our

various customers. It's a job I hate. It's dirty and sweaty, yet

I am constantly bumping into customers with whom I deal with

I walked into one office wrestling with a bundle of papers,

was sporting a cast on his right foreleg and came bounding at

me. The broker immediately began trying to pin me down for

the next available front page. Someone else was hollering at

Barnes and Rouse's blacksmith shop has been moved

100 YEARS

THE LOWELL LEDGER

JUNE 4, 1903;

This issue is missing. We substitute June 5, 1889

My best faux pas of the year happened just last week. I was



If I had to describe myself in a nutshell it would go something like this. "Roger Brown is experienced and can do many things, he just isn't very good at anything." You could sugar coat that and say I am well-rounded. In reality I am simply inept.

That is at the art of the faux pas. I realize faux pas is a French news ink. term, and as a good American I'm supposed to shun all things French during this administration. Unfortunately I can't think of an American term suitable for print that adequately describes some of the things I manage to do in my dealings with people.

Yesterday was a great example. Over the winter I had heard that an old neighbor and aquaintance had been killed in a plane crash. I was quite upset at the news. Fortunately I wasn't sufficiently moved to fire off a sympathy card to the the dog to leave me alone. family

member of the deceased. After a brief hello I launched into offering my condolences... which were met with a look of total puzzlement. Sensing my information might be incorrect I

while making sales calls. I just hope they are impressed with There is one thing at which I can claim to be a true master. my work ethic and can look beyond the sweat and smeared deadline notices and the door. The entire staff was eating lunch at their desks and in a jovial mode. There was a young woman holding a baby. She was seated across the room in the small reception area. The broker's big golden retriever, "Kentucky",

Sorry about all the details, but I'm trying to set the stage. While out for my morning walk I bumped into a family It was a confused situation, compounded by the fact I'd just come in from bright sunlight and my eyes hadn't adjusted. I talked with the broker about upcoming front pages, stocked the even a French poodle.

rack, passed out deadline reminders, said hello to each of the staff, gave Kentucky some lovin', inquired about his cast and got ready to leave. No apparent faux pas yet.

Before leaving I thought I should acknowledge the woman with the baby... especially since she had addressed the broker as "dad" in the midst of all the banter. I said to the broker, "So Ralph, this is your daughter?" This, of course, would infer that the baby was his grandson. The room suddenly got very quiet.

What followed was like a slow-motion scene in a movie. my attempted recovery from a faux pas often becomes another The woman with the baby turned to face me, and I was relieved to see she wasn't nursing. My "fear of looking at a nursing mother syndrome" may be the reason I hadn't looked at her closely. It was obvious she was somewhere in her late twenties or early thirties. She was certainly not the teenager she would have to be to have been the broker's daughter.

> I would be hard pressed to guess the broker's age. He could be anywhere from his late twenties to early forties. If he were say, forty-two, a twenty-year-old mother could be holding his grandson and calling him dad. As you have guessed, this was not the case. The broker introduced his wife and newborn daughter. The staff broke out in laughter and my face turned crimson.

> I offered up excuses for my confusion, but each excuse became an additional faux pas. As it turned out, the mother had referred to the broker as dad because she was speaking in the person of the baby. Of course I hadn't picked up on it.

> I finally backed out of the door, giving Kentucky a final pat on the head. He was probably the only one in the room who didn't think I was a total buffoon. I've always said, "The more I'm around people, the more I like my dogs." Maybe that's because dogs don't know a faux pas when they see one. Not

across Main Street. started running the chute Friday Priscilla Lussmyer

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **JUNE 5, 1878**

The Greenback state convention is at Grand Rapids today. Chas. Francisco's thoroughbred Durham bull "Billy," two years old, weighs 1408 lbs. and has been recorded in the American Herd Book, Vol. 17.

The wool season opened here Monday, J.C. Train buying the first very nice clip at 25 cents. Should be a lively market. The editor remarks on the beautiful Decoration Day obser-

vances, the parade and the speeches following a sumptuous lunch at Train's Hall served to the Sir Knights of Lowell and other communities.

TAKING TURNS

public access has experienced the frustration of competing

with others who are attempting to do the same thing. Waiting

in line at a boat launch calls for patience. Sharing a camp-

ground with hundreds of others requires cooperation and

understanding. Having someone barge between your set-up

I do enjoy meeting and talking with people as I travel

around participating in a variety of outdoor activities. I have

learned a lot from others, and sharing experiences with new

Anyone who camps, fishes, or hunts in places that have

OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

and a tom turkey demands self-control



75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO JUNE 7, 1928 (1923)

a horse is left unhitched on the street.

Marshal Henry Mitchell warns citizens to expect a fine if

The class of '23, all 44 of them, will have baccalaureate on June 10 at City Hall, Class Night June 13 and Graduation June

Elizabeth Lalley buys the Sugar Bowl sweet shop and is managing it with her brother, Arthur McMahon.

A brick-veneer oil station will be started in a few days on John Layer's corner across from the Baptist church. Henry and Clayton Johnson of Bowne plant 20 acres of

corn in one afternoon. Comes the yearly reminder that anybody with noxious ing rivers and lakes.

weeds growing on their land must cut and destroy them by July

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JUNE 4, 1953

"Organized confusion" is the name of the summer business hours: some will be open Friday nights, some Saturday nights, some both nights.

"Along Main Street" suggests that a garden club could The threshing machine that everyone else tries to copy is continue the late Willard Hunter's care for the library (Grahow the Battle Creek manufacturers describe the New Vibra- ham building) yard as a beauty spot on Main Street.

Dick Baird brings a truckload of northern logs and the After a dry spring it rained every day last week and logs scouts are peeling them for the new scout building.

The new Lowell Stamping Company will employ about The new silk mill at Belding is 48x200 feet, with three 50 people in its remodeled building on Godfrey Street.

There were 77 seniors who graduated last night. Supt. Somebody with a slingshot or air rifle is blamed for the W.W. Gumser was the speaker.

> 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER

JUNE 7, 1978 The last day of school will be June 15.

Construction on the new Ada Township fire station on Knapp Avenue is finally, officially started.

The heart monitor machine purchased by the Lowell Jaycees is placed in Bud's Ambulance and is used twice in the first 24 hours.

There are 199 seniors who will graduate in this Centennial Class, up from two (Jessie Hooker and Frank Hine) in the 1878 class. Brian Raymor and Pat Von Ehr are the valedictorian and salutatorian.

The former Ada sewage treatment pond, on Amwayowned property, is reconditioned to raise fish fry for restock-

one person in an area can hinder the pursuit of an outdoor experience. With limited space and so many people, we must all learn to share our common resources.

Sharing can mean taking turns - I learned that from my grandchildren. One way to take turns is to choose times and places for your activity that are different from what the majority would prefer.

Here are some examples of how to apply this theory: You will find yourself alone or at the front of the line at a boat launch if you arrive before 7:00 am. If you walk far enough from the nearest road or cross a water hazard such as a stream or swamp, you could spend a day hunting deer without seeing another hunter. Good luck getting it out if you tag something.

If you have a choice, avoid holidays, the month of July, and Great Lakes campgrounds if you want to find a campsite without making reservations months ahead. You will probably find yourself alone when hiking or cross country skiing if you seek pathways at least a mile from the trailhead. Out on the water, fish will bite in places other than where large gatherings of boats are bumping gunwales. Finding a secret spot is one of the many joys of fishing.

By adjusting a few of our personal habits and doing thoughtful planning we can all enjoy our outdoor heritage. The opportunities for outdoor recreation have never been better. The good old days are now.

TO THE EDITOR

I would like to give thanks to and commend the cemetery custodians. I spent time and a lot of elbow grease scrubbing look absolutely beautiful! friends is fun. There are times, however, when crowds or even five headstones of relatives at a Grand Rapids cemetery so that

you could read the inscription. Even after all that, it was barely

When I went to our local cemetery to put in flowers, I was amazed to see that ALL of the headstones looked like new and everything was trimmed and cut to perfection.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our cemetery

Flo Beggs



SHARI MILLER Lowell Schools Superintender

Sunday was a beautiful graduation day for the Class of 2003. We extend our best wishes to the graduates for their future success and happiness. They represented the 125th graduating class from Lowell High School in a very respectable manner. What a great legacy for this district and this community - 125 years of educating our youth to take their places in society. Many outstanding leaders have graduated from Lowell and have shared their talents with this community and others.

We are in the process of finalizing the 2003-2004 budget. We are anticipating that State funding will not increase; some funds such as at-risk may decrease. Due to increasing costs including a \$500,000 increase in insurance, we will be making cuts in order to arrive at a balanced budget for the 2003-2004 school year. These times are difficult, but we are committed to providing quality educational programs for all of our students.

In planning for the 2003-2004 school year, we have determined that holidays will be celebrated following the traditional schedule. For Halloween, elementary students will celebrate through class parties or class activities, depending upon the grade level. Student safety will continue to be a priority. No adults will be in costumes or masks. Student parades will be conducted for grades PreK-3. Students will also learn about holidays that are celebrated around the world. Building newsletters will provide the specific details regard-

We wish to thank all of our students, staff, parents and volunteers for an outstanding school year. Education in Lowell involves us all, and our children truly benefit from the support and commitment of each of these groups. Best wishes to our students and families for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or (check out our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us)

ing holiday celebrations for each school.

Adults, as well as middle and high school students, will have the opportunity to sharpen their observation and rendering skills during a two-day workshop on June 20-21 at the Franciscan Life Process Center.

Jon LaBeau, a Michigan Wildlife Artist of the Year award recipient, will provide expert advice while demonstrating his acrylic paint techniques with emphasis on the furry coats, feathers, horns, fins and scales of animals, birds and fish.

Taxidermy samples will be on display to assist workshop participants.

To attend the workshop, register with John Knight at 897-

The Franciscan Life Process Center will offer a workshop in the art of oriental watercolor on Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

watercolors and brush. To register call John Knight at 897-

Franciscan Life Process Center News & Notes

7842. Tuition is \$65.

Xixiang He, a Chinese American residing in Grand Rapids, will share his lifelong love of calligraphy and watercolor. Tuition is \$70 and includes ink, rice paper, Chinese



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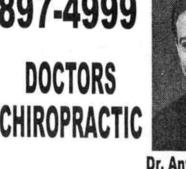
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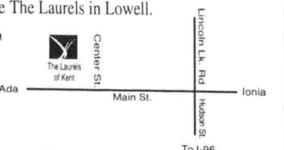
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Car dealer's request for banners may put kibosh on others having them

By J.N. Boorsma

Contributing Writer

The question from Vennen Chrysler-Dodge Inc. was simple enough: If other car dealers can have banners and streamers, why can't we?

The answer that came back was that the Lowell Planning Commission would prefer none of the car dealers have them. Clark Galloway, of Vennen Chrysler-Dodge, had requested that his business be granted a special variance to permanently install streamers at its location, 930 W. Main St. Under the city's ordinance, streamers are only allowed for 21 days.

Galloway said the car dealership at one time did have streamers up from about 1989 to 1993, but were taken down probably because they were rotting. In 1995, the city revised its ordinance to clean up banners, signs, and streamers within the city limits. Because of the cost in getting streamers and putting them up, Galloway said he was seeking a variance for the car dealership.

"I think we have an issue in that we have a couple of nonconforming properties allowed to do it and a couple of nonconforming properties not allowed to do it," said planning

commission chair, Clark Jahnke, who agreed that the situation

may be a little unfair.

Galloway presented to the commission pictures of other dealerships in which the streamers appeared to have been replaced. Those banners and streamers that are new may have to be taken down, according to a ruling by the city's attorney, Richard Wendt. At the request of the planning commission, city manager, David Pasquale asked if the city could have the remaining banners and streamers removed; Pasquale said he was told by Wendt that if the items were up before the new ordinance was in place, they were grandfathered in, but if the items looked new or appeared to have been replaced, the city could require that the streamers come down. "I don't want to see them all over town," said commission member, Dan Pipe. "I don't mind them at the car dealerships, but how do you say it's okay at one dealership and not others?"

Doug Hopkins, the building inspector, said enforcement could be an issue if one business is allowed to do it and not another. "I already have a business owner who thinks he can have an outside display area to the right of way because car dealers have it," he said. "If car dealers can have streamers, he is going to think he can have streamers."

Commission member, David Rapp said he preferred they all come down, and the commission agreed. The new ruling

will be passed to Hopkins who will be in contact with the other dealerships, Pasquale said.

At Vennen Chrysler-Dodge, its streamers should have come down since the dealership was in violation of the city ordinance and had already received a 21-day signage permit for a temporary sign. According to Hopkins, businesses are only allowed one 21-day period for extra signage and banners.

COLLEGE NEWS

Shannon Finnegan, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate and a senior at Alma College, played the part of Mad Margaret in the Alma College Music Department's May production of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Ruddigore."

It is a satire of Victorian style melodrama, playfully ridiculing genres from Shakespeare to Italian opera.

Finnegan is the daughter of Nancy Finnegan of Lake Ann and Brian Finnegan of Florida.



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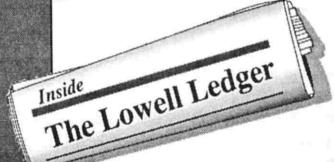


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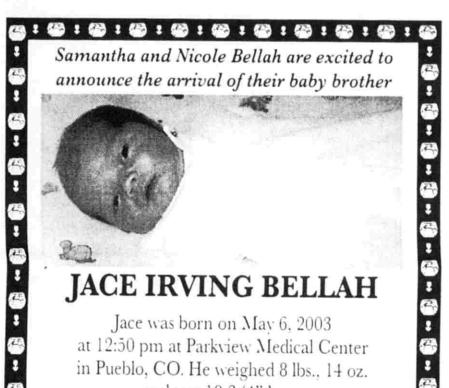
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COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

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

TRAILS DAY AT THE CENTER

Come to the Wittenbach Center for Trails Day on Saturday, June 7. Enjoy the spring and help with trail maintenance. Call Tammy at 987-1002 with questions.



and was 18 3/4" long.

Proud parents are Ann and Jerry Bellah. Grandparents are Lee Hildenbrand and Rose Hildenbrand both of Lowell, Denny and Karen Bellah of Newaygo and the late Peggy Bowden.

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CLASSY CHASSIS

A 40-mile cruise of antique cars on Sunday, June 8 will be leaving Ionia County Airport at approximately 5:30 p.m. and traveling to Ball's Ice Cream. This follows an all day auto swap/flea market at Ionia County Airport. Admission \$2. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NORTH COUNTRY TRAILS The Lowell office of North Country Trails (229 E. Main) will have an open house on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. - 1

TOTS PICNIC AND SCHOOL BUS RIDE

The annual picnic for TOTS will be held on Monday, June 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Meet at the playground adjacent to Bright Beginnings, 300 High St. Bring blanket & sandwiches.

A free picture will be taken of your child riding the school bus. RSVP to 897-1232. Rain location: gym.

LAAC ART ATTACK

A celebration on Saturday, June 21 at 149 S. Hudson St. will mark 25 years the Lowell Area Arts Council has provided arts experiences for the Greater Lowell community. Tickets are \$18 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information or for tickets, call 897-8545.

JOIN THE CARAVAN AT VBS

Children ages 4 - 5th grade are invited to take an adventure to Egypt the week of June 23 - 26 from 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. at 1st United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School. Call 676-0887 to register.

LAAC offers sneak preview of Art Attack artwork

Included in the Lowell Area Arts Council's 25th anniversary celebration, Art Attack, is an array of artworks donated by many artists who have exhibited at the Center Gallery over the years.

All of the artworks will be auctioned at the Art Attack event on June 21 to raise funds for future gallery programs

offered through the LAAC.

For a sneak preview of the artworks and to meet the artists, area residents are invited to an open house on Sunday, June 8 from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the LAAC Center Gallery, 149 S. Hudson.

Ragnarok live on the Riverwalk, June 6

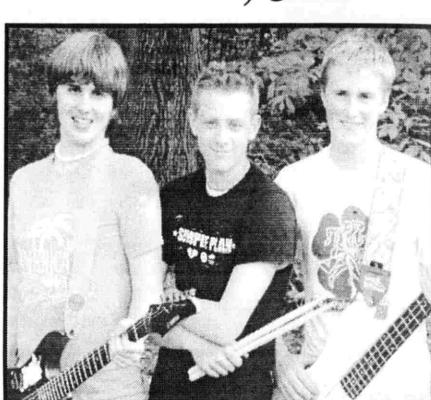
Lowell High School's Battle their musical talents. of the Bands, is bringing their with a free concert on the and the \$75 prize. Members Riverwalk in front of the of the Ragnarok band are Showboat on Friday, June 6 Ryder Jones (guitar), Nick as part of the Lowell Area Huizenga (bass) and Colten Chamber of Commerce's Fri- Webber (drums). day Nite Live.

Lowell area. It was an oppor-

Ragnarok, the winner of tunity for youth to showcase

Ragnarok was the ultimusic to the streets of Lowell mate winner, taking first place

"We're looking forward In April, LHS juniors to being able to play our muhosted a Battle of the Bands sic for friends, family and contest which featured sev- being part of a community eral bands from within the event," Jones said.



Graduation, cont'd... From Page 1

Salutatorian, Katie McAlpine reminded her fellow graduates to keep an open mind, do what is right and to be their own light when there is darkness.

remembered fallen classmates Matthew Hafey, Jessie Lynn

Hunt and Jack Andrew Mellema.

Special mention was made of retiring, longtime school district employees: band director, Bob Rice; school counse-In a poignant moment of silence, the Class of 2003 lor, Barb Pierce; and assistant superintendent for curriculum,

Invest-In-Youth, cont'd... From Page 1

Welsh pointed to a member with a heart condition, families who have lost income during these tough economic times and kids who have been helped and not made to suffer loss although their family has.

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This year the Lowell Invest In Youth program recruited 24 new campaigners. Overall, there were 41 volunteers who helped garner pledges. "This is one of the highest numbers (of campaigners)

we've ever had," Welsh explained. "The new campaigners helped to bring in a tremendous amount of new gifts." The Lowell Y raised \$1,000 more than the largest Y

branch in the Grand Rapids association. "That speaks to how well the Lowell community embraces the YMCA," Welsh said. "It also speaks of the wonderful job that Rick Seese and Jean Getzen did this year. Seese

has been a champion of youth in this community for years." The funds will be dispersed as follows: Roughly \$30,000 will go toward youth sports; \$10,000 toward the teen center; \$6,000 toward summer camp and \$4,000 toward child care

Lowell was one of only two metrowide branches to meet or exceed their goal.

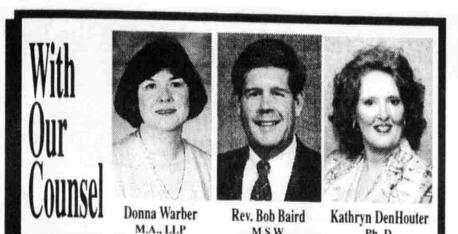
Clockwork, cont'd... From Page 1

manager, Ron Rowe. "The other reason for the smoothness of the project was the outstanding pre-project investigation that occurred."

He added that the outstanding relationship Fishbeck has with the city of Lowell has also helped keep the project running smoothly. "It is the type of relationship we strive to do with all our clients," Rowe explained.

Rowe said new furniture is expected to be delivered July

With the exception of some finishes and the revisiting of items on a punch list, Rowe said the project will be completed in time for the open house slated for July 12.



Last month we talked nourishment. Also, it is pleaabout habit disorders in children and discussed some of it is often done with a "lovie" the actions parents can do to such as a stuffed animal or extinguish harmful habits. blanket. Thumbsucking typi-Specifically, this month cally exerts pressure upward thumbsucking will be ad- on the palate, and can cause dressed.

Thumbsucking refers to ally facial disfigurement. If the child inserting his thumb the thumbsucking habit is brointo his/her mouth; the posi- ken by the age of five before tion is usually having the the permanent teeth erupt, any thumb nail resting on the lower formation problems tend to gums or teeth if the child is correct themselves. However, older. The child's lips are if the habit persists beyond sealed around the thumb and age six (about 20 percent of sucking begins. As the child thumbsuckers), something grows, thumbsucking decreases. About 40 percent of one year olds suck their thumb, the best, but extinguishing the 20 percent of five year olds suck their thumb, and five per- Prevention of thumbsucking cent of 10 year olds suck their is the best way to be successthumb. Sucking is a powerful ful. These include: drive in young children. All children have Linus (the Peanuts character) in them. In fact, some infants even suck their

thumb in utero. Thumbsucking is done because it is something that is

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Extinguishing the problem consists of: 1.) ignoring the problem, and striving to

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO **CREDITORS** -**DECEDENT'S TRUST**

In the matter of LORAINE L. OATLEY REVOCABLE TRUST U/A/D October 14, 1993.

as amended Date of Birth: July 21, 1920

ate since most children out- TO ALL CREDITORS: decedent and 2.) substituting a pacifier **Grantor**, **LORAINE** L. in early infancy reduces the OATLEY, who lived at Cumberland Retirement 49331, died May 15.

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nisc, items too numerous

to mention.

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MOVING SALE Fri., June 6, 9-5 p.m.

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GARAGE SALE

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GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., June 6 & 7, 9 to? 1297 Jane Ellen. Baby thru adult clothes toys, games, play kitchen, chair seat, Diaper Genie. Lots of baby stuff

rocking chair, lots of

household stuff

GARAGE SALE June 6 & 7, 9-4 p.m. 3725 Snow Ave. Collectors are selling all their collectibles, antiques & other household items.

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Invention Convention 'Verrry Interesting' By Thaddeus J. Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

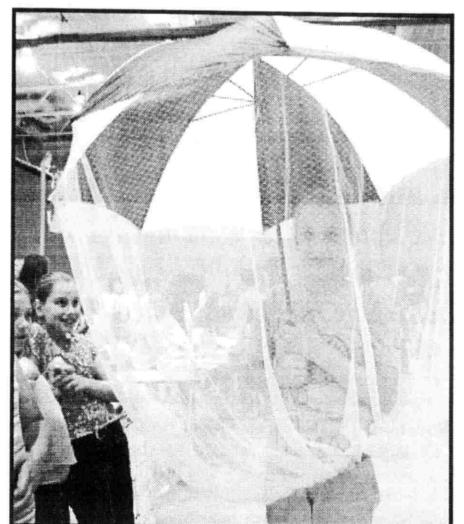
Over 200 Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-graders show-Convention.

"Ultimately, the challenge put before the students is to tion on what they are doing." come up with a new invention or to find a new way to do something in their daily lives," said fifth-grade teacher, Mike simple machine.

The Cherry Creek gymnasium was filled from wall to wall electric car to insert and remove mail from the mailbox. as students explained and demonstrated their inventions to family, friends and interested onlookers.

Amanda Lessens unveiled her Bug Umbrella. It not only - spills kept the rain off, but had a netting to also keep the bugs away.

"A lot of the people thought it was a really good idea," Lessens said. "Especially for people allergic to bee stings."



Brittany Wielinga demonstrates how to use Amanda Lessens' Bug Umbrella.

Carly Greenhoe's Patriotic Egg Collector of 2003 enabled eggs to roll safely and softly into their basket.

"Invention Convention is probably the toughest science cased their functional inventions at the ninth annual Invention standard we have the kids do," Fillman said. "What makes it so difficult is that there is nothing for them to go find informa-

One requirement is that the invention include the use of a

Emily Alguire's Mail Maid used the mechanics of an

Mike Taylor did the same for his Mean Sweeper, a small toy truck with a brush on the front which is used to sweep up

Taylor came up with the idea while sweeping out his family's garage.

"I got tired and bored of sweeping so I attached a broom to the front end of my remote control car," Taylor explained. "The people who visited my table thought it was cool."

The Invention Convention night was held on Thursday, May 22.

LAAC puts out call for artists

The Lowell Area Arts Council and the Franciscan Life Process Center will present a joint exhibition- "Healing Our Environment" - from July 8 to Aug. 8.

The exhibition is open to all visual art media including photography, computer art and video.

Its focus is on Earth-keeping rather than a gloom-anddoom commentary. This all-media exhibit could be on air, water, soil, plant/animal life; or our human response: recycling responsible land or fossil use, restoration through for-

Four cash awards will be offered through a "People's Choice" selection process at the conclusion of the exhibition.

For further information and to receive a prospectus call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or the Franciscan Life Process Center, John Knight at 897-7842.



Carly Greenhoe explains her Patriotic Egg Collector of 2003 to Chad Postema.

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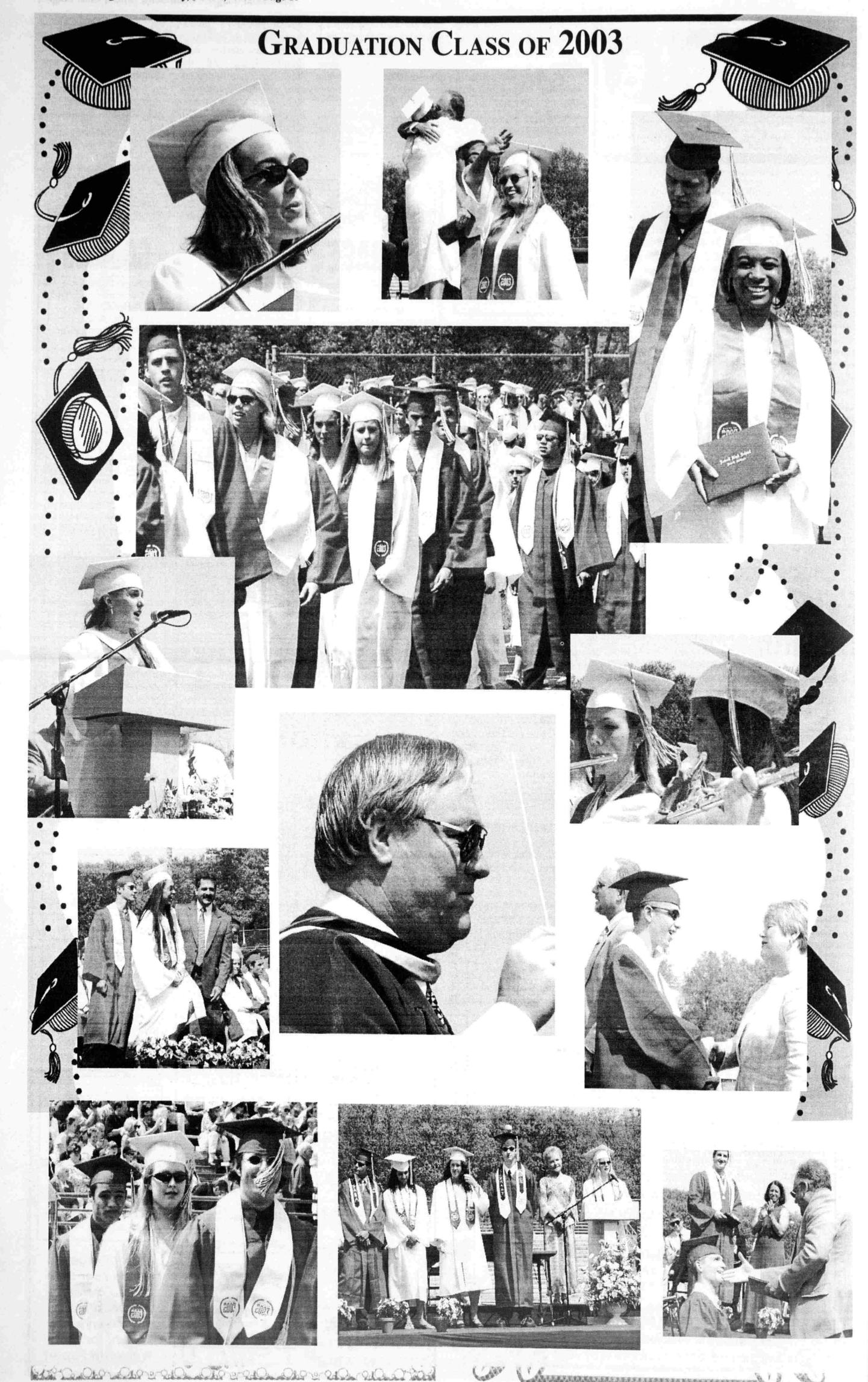
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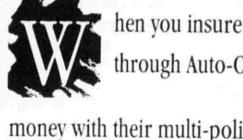
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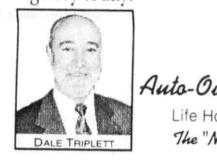
Bob Rice directs the LHS band one final time at Sunday's graduation ceremony

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Rice sounds the trumpet of his retirement as LHS band director

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob Rice told his freshman students four years ago that some day they may all graduate together.

the LHS band for one final his 30 years of service as the school's band director.

of Lowell has changed over continue later in life.' Sunday, Rice and the the years. Now, there is a vers, doctors, farmers...," can remember.

> had. Of the four he has also served the longest.

Bruce Walter was first

and Bushnell, Rice excused Rice said. "By not competing, a kid because the cows on the I have been able to get many family farm were out in the more involved playing and experiencing music. It also be-"Obviously, the makeup comes something they may

Music has been a part of little bit of everything. Law- Rice's life for as long as he There was music in my

Rice is only the fourth home when I was a baby. My time as he brought to an end banddirector Lowell has ever father was in the Drum and Bugle Corp. and my mother played the piano," Rice said.

The LHS band director spent spring break down south followed by Orville Jessup took piano lessons at the age and that's when I made my and Bill Mills. Jessup served of seven, and hated every final decision to retire at the in the position for 29 years. minute of it. "My mother gave

The LHS band director took piano lessons at the age of seven, and hated every minute of it.

"My mother gave me lessons. The problem was... right outside our big picture window, I could see my buddies playing baseball across the way. That's where I wanted to be."

end of the year," Rice explained. "I wanted to get out while I still enjoyed being a my wife, Lanie. She has band director... while I still had good memories of this the years," he says.

Potterville. "I had 42 kids in the years. that high school band," he recalls. In his first year at Lowell, that number more than doubled to 95. Thirty vears later Rice now directs a high school band of 245

"No doubt it is more difficult," Rice said. "Any time there are more people, that makes the job tougher. Not only that, but students have plained. so much more to do today. In 1972, there were maybe 10 sports and maybe out of the 90 students, 10 had jobs."

Lowell's band director remembers that first week of practice. While practicing in school (now middle school)

have made it this far without pushed and directed me over

Rice came to Lowell af- rected his students through ter spending one year in countless performances over 57 performances. My first

> vear we did between 17-20," Rice explained. on such a regular basis also brings about pressure to im- keep

prove and always improve. "I know I have felt pressure to make sure the students do better," Rice ex- gan State University.

view about competing.

"Years ago, I chose not to have our band compete. I believe high school bands dwindle in size when stuthe field between the high dents are asked to compete,"

"I don't think I would me lessons. The problem was... right outside our big picture window, I could see my buddies playing baseball across the way. That's where I wanted Rice has pushed and di-

he got out of piano lessons and started playing the drums. By "This year alone we did the time Rice entered the sixth grade, and band was first offered, he decided he could never be good enough playing the Being out in the public drums and switched to the trumpet -the instrument he would

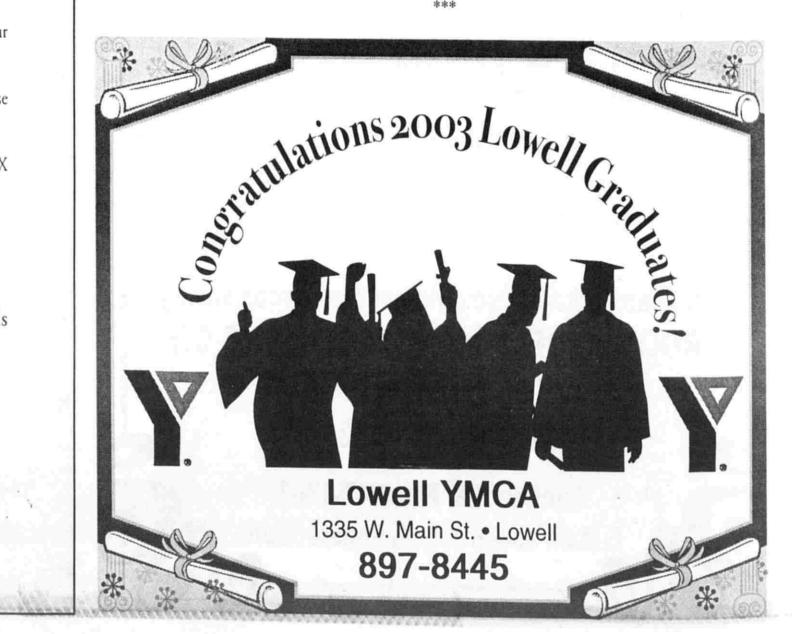
Within a couple of years.

It was a good choice. Years later, he earned first chair in the marching band at Michi

Rice hopes life after Low-Not even pressure would ell High School will include change the band director's more golf. "I will also work part time for a music company and give private lessons," he

For the immediate future, Rice plans on enjoying life after graduation.

It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage. -George William Curtis



Lowell and Otsego uncover many similarities

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Ideally, Mayor Exchange Day is an opportunity for cities in Michigan to see the different businesses and ways in which other cities serve and enhance the lives of their residents.

"I've always looked at Mayor Exchange Day as a time for us to show others what we have and for us to see what others have... It always makes me feel okay about Lowell," said Jeanne Shores, Lowell's mayor.

Lowell and Otsego took turns hosting one another's city officials. Lowell hosted Otsego on Thursday, May 15 and then visited Otsego on Tuesday, May 20.

"Otsego is very similar to Lowell," said Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale. "We're both thinking along the same way... they just completed renovating and adding on to their City Hall and built a new police station. They have also just begun undertaking a historic museum project along with working on a river trail system."

Otsego mayor, Joel Thompson was impressed by how one of Lowell's services softens residents' financial burden.

"I think a big plus is how the city softens the water at the treatment plant," he said. "That has to create a savings for residents. I would love to be able to offer that to our residents.' Thompson was also impressed with how two Lowell

companies, Litehouse, Inc. and Superior Furniture compete nationally and have carved out their own market share. "It indicates a company doesn't have to be in a major city

to have a healthy market share," Thompson said. Thad Beard, Otsego city manager, was taken back by the give more attention to." similarities the two towns share.

"The geographical size, both towns have rivers and a state highway running through them, and are located close to a large

City officials took the Otsego contingent on a tour of Lowell Light & Power, Cable Television as part of their Mayor Exchange Day visit in Lowell. Pictured above, from left to right, are Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale, Otsego city manager, Thad Beard, Otsego treasurer, Matt Storbeck and mayor pro tem, Kathy Misner.

city," Beard said. "I'm really impressed by how Lowell uses the river to its benefit. It has really done a great job of beautifying the land around it. That is something we need to

Lowell has been a continuous participant in Mayor Exchange Day since 1985.

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Vezino graduates summa cum laude

Elizabeth Ann Vezino of Lowell, daughter of Joe and Barb Vezino, graduated summa cum laude and ranked eighth in her class of 225 with a 4.265 GPA from Catholic Central High School Sunday,

She attended elementary school at St. Mary in Lowell and St. Patrick-Parnell. Her accomplishments in the last year include receiving the first annual HOPE Award, a distinguished award presented to the school's most outstanding volunteer, advancing to queen the MHSAA State Tennis



Semifinals, and serving as a peer minister and senior prom

She was also a recipient

Anyone nit-picking enough to write a letter of correction to an editor doubtless deserves the error that provoked it.

Alvin Toffler

of the President's Service Award, All-City Academic be attending the University of Honors, and the President's Notre Dame in South Bend, Education Award.

This fall, Elizabeth will

The 2003-2004 Budget was presented and the first of two public hearings was held.

approved.

Review and discussion of the Highland Hills Development contingencies.

SYNOPSIS

REGULAR MEETING OF

THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

MAY 19, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the May 5, 2003 Regular Meeting

and bills and accounts payable were

Review and discussion of South Center Street improvement and financing of Sibley and Grindle upgrading.

The following motions were approved:

- · Motion to approve the request from First Congregational Church to close Spring Street on Sunday, June 8 and use of Richards Park on Sunday, August 3,
- Motion to establish a public hearing for 16, 2003 for the resolution expressing intent to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for the Litehouse, Inc. project.
- Motion to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan for 2003-2008 as presented.
- Motion to approve the payment of \$6,261 to Overbeck Construction for approach work needed for the City Hall - Police Station project and allocated from the Contingency Fund for this project.
- Motion to approve the bid from Snyder Asphalt, Inc. (Saranac) of \$5,000 to be paid out of the sewer and water maintenance funds to repair North Division and Howard Streets
- Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, June 2, 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

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NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL **KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN** OF INTENTION TO ISSUE \$2,000,000 **INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS** AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the City of Lowell intends to issue industrial revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of construction by the Wendell L. Christoff Trust (the "Trust") of an approximately 31,000 square foot addition to an existing manufacturing facility and the acquisition and installation by the Trust of related machinery and equipment to be leased to Litehouse, Inc. (the "Project") to be used in the manufacture and production of salad dressings, sauces, dips and marinades. The Project will be located at 1400 Foreman Road, City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The Bonds will be issued in accordance with the Industrial Development Revenue Bond Act of 1963, Act 62 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1963, as amended, MCL 125.1251, et seq. (the "Act"), and the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall not be a general obligation of the City nor constitute a debt of the City within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory limitation.

The proceeds of the Bonds will be provided to the Trust for the Project and the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable solely from payments paid to the City by the Trust.

The City shall have no obligation to pay either the principal of, premium, if any, or the interest on the Bonds, except from payments to be received from the Trust.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

The Bonds in principal amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) will be issued without a vote of electors unless a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the registered electors of the City is filed with the City Clerk within forty-five (45) days after the date of publication of this Notice requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the Bonds, in which case the Bonds will not be issued until approved by a majority of the electors of the City.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Act.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION concerning the proposed Bonds and the right of referendum thereto can be obtained at the temporary City Hall, 414 E. Main Street, Lowell Michigan. If you have any questions, you may call David M. Pasquale, City Manager, at (616) 897-8457.



Betty R. Morlock City Clerk City of Lowell



Keeping grass cut may help combat West Nile Virus

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

be a breeding ground for mos- holds moisture longer than mer.

member David Rapp raised is maintained. the question about how the and she usually sends an of- ordinance. ficer out to look at the prop-

"Although, by the time we get age lagoons and other manto it, it is usually a lot higher," made and natural areas should Morlock said. Because of the be checked for potential mosmission members thought it cording to the website. might be time to review the Public Works director, Dan West Nile; the Health Depart-DesJarden said might, in the ment, however, is recomlong run, help the city combat mending that municipalities West Nile Virus.

Several of his staff re- use an environmentally cently attended a program friendly bacterium called Ba-The Lowell City Planning provided by the Kent County cillus sphaerious to treat pos-Commission may be review- Health Department and, from sible mosquito breeding ing the city's policy on grass that, learned tall grass could grounds - something lengthnotonly because it looks serve as a breeding ground DesJarden said the city of unsightly, but because it could for mosquitoes because it Lowell plans to do this sumgrass that is cut short.

The planning commission At its last planning com- DesJarden added that the sun decided it should review its mission meeting, commission is able to dry grass faster if it tall grass ordinance and determine whether the maximum Because of the West Nile length should be reduced at its city handles tall grass. City Virus, DesJarden said city next meeting in July. Mosclerk Betty Morlock said tall staff have decided to make an quito breeding usually runs grass issues are reported to her effort to enforce the tall grass from May through September/October. Mosquitoes are Any area where water is believed to transmit the West erty with a letter following. If less than three feet deep Nile Virus to humans. Acthe grass is not cut, the city should be checked, accord- cording to the Center for Disdoes cut it and sends the prop- ing to the Kent County ease Control and Prevention, erty owner a bill, she ex- Health Department's West human illness from the West website Nile Virus is rare, even in Twelve inches is the maxi- (www.accesskent.com/ areas where the virus has been mum height requirement be- westnile). Catch basins, storm reported. The CDC also states fore the city will take action. water retention ponds, sew- that the chance any one person is going to become ill from a mosquito bite is low.

The Kent County Health process, several planning com- quito breeding grounds, ac- Department has a threepronged plan in place to help There is no countywide reduce concerns about West grass height ordinance, which preventative program for Nile. The department has public education programs and keeps tabs on birds and animals which may have died due to the virus.

2003 LOWELL RED ARROW BOYS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

Where: Lowell High School Gymnasiums When: June 16-19

Time: Frosh/JV • 9-11:30 am Varsity • 12-2:30 pm

Cost: \$40

YOUTH CAMP

Where: Lowell High School Gymnasiums When: June 23-26

Times: Grades 3-4 • 8-10 am Grades 5-6 • 10-12 pm

Grades 7-8 • 12-2:00 pm Cost: \$40

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one past Lowell goalie, Chelsea Smit at 15:21 of

against Central all year," said Lowell soccer

coach, Paul Legge, following Saturday night's

"That's as even a match as we've played

ship of the Division II district.

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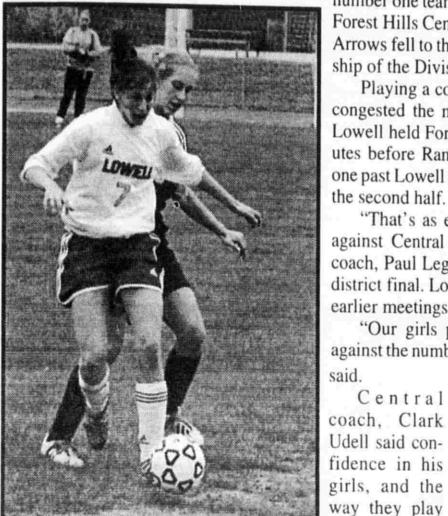
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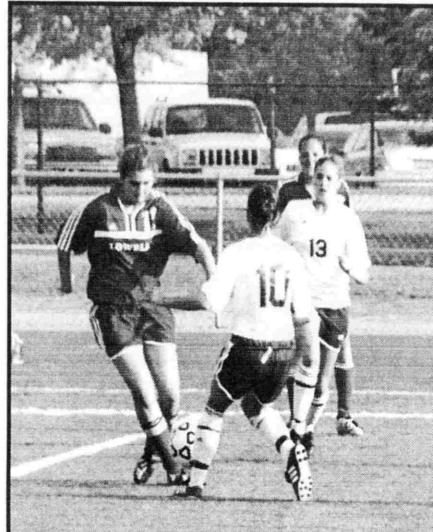
earlier meetings by FHC.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor



Becky Bosserd uses some fancy footwork to keep the ball from the defender.





Amy Oberlin battles for possession in first half action against the Rangers.

"We were playing well. I told them at were going to be easy, but Greenville came out Lowell girls soccer team slowed down the halftime to be patient and we'd get some- and played a good first half," Lowell soccer number one team in the state, but could not stop thing," Udell said. "Despite the game being coach, Paul Legge said. "This time of year, scoreless, we were controlling the play. It's a records mean nothing - you're just playing to different time of year - throw out the records, get to the next day." teams are here to win a district champion-Playing a controlled style of soccer which ship. Our girls learned that today."

Lowell was outshot 10-1. Smit recorded the second half.

with a record of 12-7.

Lowell 4 Greenville 1

district final. Lowell was shutout (5-0) twice in It took the Red Arrows a half to get up to "Our girls played almost a perfect game from Greenville in the district semifinal. against the number one team in the state," Legge

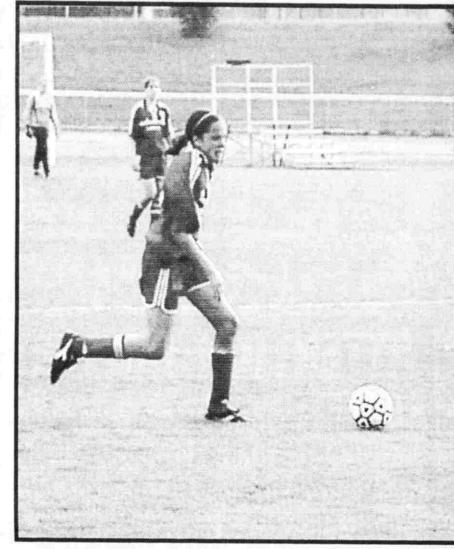
"I think the girls may have thought things

Tied 1-1 at halftime, Lowell came out and scored two goals in the opening 12 minutes of

The go-ahead goal was scored by Amy The Red Arrows finished their season Oberlin, one of two she scored. Oberlin finished the year with 19 goals, a new school record for goals in a season.

> The Red Arrows took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by Jessica Visser with an assist from Abbie Debiak.

Lowell's third and fourth goals were netted speed before they could distance themselves by Debiak and Oberlin (assisted by Helen



Lowell advanced to the district finals with a 4-1 win over Greenville.



Abbie Debiak pushes the ball upfield against Central.



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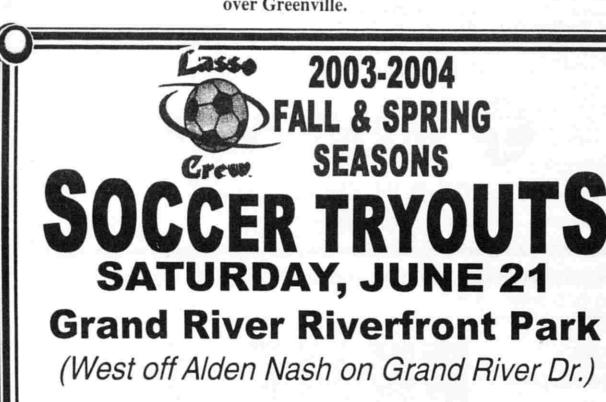
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Lowell finds Division I a tough track to run on

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

sented in the Division I state track meets at Houseman Field on Saturday

It wasn't, however, well represented in the team scoring results.

Both the girls, competing in seven events, and the boys. competing in just the 110 high hurdles, failed to place in an ing to the finals.

thought there was an opportunity in a couple of events." said Lowell girls track coach, goal coming into the season was to three-peat as conference champion and the girls achieved that. They also performed well at the regional, finishing second to Rockford (state champion).

"The girls have had a great year. Division I is just extremely tough."

track. Nicole Gillikin would Lowell was well repre- have likely placed in the pole pete," Talus said.

Heather Becker did not

Kathy Talus. "Our number one on the curve in the semifinals nixed Krystal White's chance of qualifying for the finals in the 300 hurdles.

Lowell also failed to lone Red Arrow boy to com- blocking that out and working qualify in the 800- and 1600- pete in the Division I state on what I have to do." meter relays.

awards for the Lowell girls the event. track team were Lisa Wojciakowski, Kent, White, sion and there are definitely a

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pit and hitting her head on the Holly Plattner, Sarah Swab and Rebekka Woods.

Post season awards were vault. "After that injury, she given out to Kent and White, just wasn't able to really com- most valuable players; Swab, most improved; Gillikin, most Based on the state's best dedicated, Abbie Blanding times, Natalie Kent entered and Malley Cahoon, rookies the 110 hurdles with an op- of the year; Megan Beachum. portunity, but a slow start out White and Sarah Bailey. of the blocks in the semifinals coach's award; Katie prevented her from advanc- Clements, sportsmanship and scholar athlete awards.

Setting school records this "It's disappointing. We qualify for the finals, but threw year were Gillikin, 10', pole a career best of 110'3" in the vault; Kent, 15.19, 110 hurdles; Swab, 5:24.1, 1600-Troubles with the hurdles meter run; (White, Kent, Wojciakowski, Plattner), 1600-meter relay, 4:06.

> Andy Roberts was the Roberts said. "I just tried meet. It marked the second Earning all conference straight year he's qualified for

"We've stepped up a divi- and out of the finals.

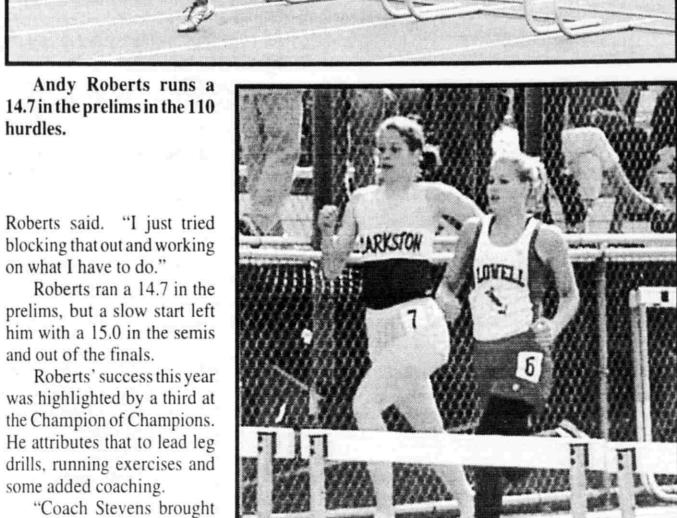
Roberts' success this year If not for bouncing off the Kim Huyser, Becker, Gillikin, lot of fast guys in Division I," was highlighted by a third at the Champion of Champions. He attributes that to lead leg drills, running exercises and some added coaching. "Coach Stevens brought

> in a friend of his to help coach me this year," Roberts explained. "That really helped me out with my form." Lowell coach, Russ

Stevens attributed Roberts success to his hard work ethic.

"He was up against the best. He should feel very proud of the fact he was there. There are many who can't say that," Stevens explained.

Natalie Kent stays a step ahead of her challenger.



Krystal White races home in the 300 hurdle prelim.



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Lowell girls absent the big hit in district loss to FHN

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

A year in which Lowell's softball team notched a record number of wins ended in disappointment as the Red Arrows lost to Forest Hills Northern 4-1 in the district semifinal at Northview on Saturday

"We had people on base, but could not get that one base hit to drive them in," said Lowell coach, Bob Rodenhouse. "The girls are disappointed, but it's been a great year, better than I could have ever anticipated.'

Trailing 1-0 in the third inning, Ashleigh Inman tripled ford, 4-2.

with one out and then scored on an RBI double by Tara Kimble. Northern reclaimed the lead in the fourth inning on an RBI single by Amanda Baron. The Huskies added two insurance

runs in the bottom half of the sixth inning to make the score 4-

In the seventh inning, Lowell got a two-out single by Kimble followed by a double from Jacque Benedict. Kimble was thrown out at the plate, trying to score all the way from first, to end the game.

"The seniors on this club have really come through for us this season. They have been the difference - that and their outstanding leadership," Rodenhouse explained.

Northern was defeated in the district title game by Rock-

Lowell 3-8 Cath. Cent. 1-2

Lowell prepared for the district by sweeping City League champion, Catholic Central on Thursday. In game one, Lowell scored single runs in the second, third and sixth innings. Central's only run came in the third on a triple and an error. RBI base hits were tallied by Jacque Benedict and Noelle

Dewey Becky Plummer went the distance, allowing one run on three hits while striking out nine. In game two, Lowell plated two runs in the first, and three more in the third and fourth

Benedict, Plummer and Courtney Phillips all had two RBIs in the nightcap.

Benedict laced two more triples in the doubleheader, running her season total to 13, a new school record. The old record, set by Krista Posthumus, was 10.

Errors break Red Arrow boys district chances

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Late inning errors by Lowell and strong relief pitching by Northview's Sean Norman propelled the Wildcats to a 6-3 win Jake Kulhawik and Brian White each added a hit and an RBI. in a district semifinal contest at Northview on Saturday.

"Our starter, Luke Tomczak threw well and gave us an opportunity to win the game, but some costly errors hurt us late," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel

With the loss, Lowell finishes the season at 13-19.

"Norman came in for Northview and closed the door. That's why he's an all-conference player," Antel said.

Lowell trailed 2-1 going into the sixth inning when junior, Kyle Rozema belted a two-run homer into left-center field, giving the Red Arrows a 3-2 advantage. Northview, showing the heart of a senior club, rallied for

two of their runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to reclaim a 4-3 lead.

With the aid of two Lowell errors, Northview plated two unearned runs in the sixth inning to make the final score 6-3.

Lowell 8-6 Cedar Springs 4-2

Lowell traveled to Cedar Springs on Wednesday and swept the Red Hawks, 8-4 and 6-2.

The Red Arrows plated three runs in the first, three in the sixth and two more in the seventh while Cedar Springs tallied single runs in the first and third innings and two more in the

Lowell coach, Tim Antel used four pitchers. Alan Nugent

Swim team meeting

There will be a meeting in the high school cafeteria on Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. for eighth- through 11thgraders (and their parents) interested in swimming on the Lowell High School swimming team next winter.

pitched the fifth and sixth innings to earn the win.

Lowell's balanced offensive attack included Luke Tomczak's two singles and two RBIs; Tim Droese rapped out two singles and knocked in a run; Alan Nugent, Kyle Rozema

Lowell scored eight runs on nine hits. The Red Arrow uted with RBI singles.

pitchers held Cedar Springs to four runs on five hits.

In game two, Kyle Rozema earned the victory, pitching five innings and allowing two runs on four hits.

At the plate, Andrew Benedict recorded an RB double and Alan Nugent, Luke Tomczak and Matt Scheider all contrib-

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There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell to hear the following applications:

Reconvening meeting: Shawn and Michelle Ford are requesting a variance on property located at 13837 Covered Bridge Rd, Lowell, in the NW 1/4 of Section 24, parcel # 41-16-24-100-026. The variance request is from the Vergennes Township R-A Zoning District Section 201.304 (E) lot area, (F) Setbacks, (G) Floor Area. The applicant is requesting the variance to remove an old cottage on the property and to construct a new home. The existing lot is located in the Fallasburg Village area and cannot meet current setbacks due to the shape and size of the lot.

New application: Aaron Roth is requesting a variance on property located at 12024 4 Mile Rd, Lowell in the NW 1/4 of section 3, parcel # 41-16-003-100-006 (part of). The variance is requested because of a new property line that must go between two existing buildings which causes one building to become nonconforming located in the rear setback area. The variance is from the Rural Agriculture section 201.304 (F) (3) Rear Line Spacing.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. State law and zoning ordinance require any residents or property owners within 300 feet of an applicant for a variance to be notified of the application.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments also be emailed zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township ZBA



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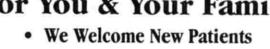
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Persons who are not already registered, may register to vote at the office of their Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; office of the Secretary of State or at the office of a designated State Agency during their regular business hours. To register by mail, call your County Clerk or Local Clerk.

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE: Citizen of the United States At least 18 years of age on or before July 15, 2003 Resident of the County of Kent

PROPOSALS AS THEY ARE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT:

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF

Lana Green, Township Clerk

Lana Green caused or promoted hostilities within the township office on numerous occasions, resulting in the resignation of one elected official and of three or more appointed employees. She has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE

Lana Green

One of the main reasons I ran for township clerk was to help reform the local government - in particular, to make the township offices more efficient and user friendly for our residents. Upon taking office, I discovered that a great deal of work would have to be done within both the clerk's office and the township offices in general, since many things were in disarray. Furthermore, given the deficit left in several areas by the former township board and declining state revenue sharing, many budget items would have to be cut. It is not surprising that a few township employees reacted negatively to change. When the new township board proposed cutting expenses by increasing efficiency in the assessing department and combining two positions into one, the part-time employees did not quit, maintained their professionalism and have worked closely with the board and the clerkis office to continually improve office operations. I was very honored to have been chosen by the voters at the last election and if the voters see fit to retain me in office. I will continue to work hard to serve the residents of our township.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Lana Green be recalled from the office of Township Clerk, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF

Dennis Heffron, Township Trustee

Dennis Heffron has been absent from eleven or more township board meetings since November 2000. He has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE

Dennis Heffron

I was absent from eleven or more township board meetings since taking office. The recall group does not mention that I also serve on Grattan's Farmland and Open Space Preservation committee, and the county PDR program. These meetings sometimes conflict with board meetings. I must choose which to attend based on the agenda. The recall group also fails to mention that three of the board meetings I missed were from an injury.

My record for total attendance at all township-related meetings will show that I have attended more meetings than any other board member.

My approach to spending money, both in my farming business and representing the taxpayers, is cautious and conservative. Your township board works diligently to reduce the budget and save money. Legal assistance is a necessary part of township business and used only when required.

The charges made by the recall group do not justify my removal from office. I believe that I have kept my promises to the voters and ask for your support to remain in office.

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Dennis Heffron be recalled from the office of Township Trustee, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

REASON FOR DEMANDING RECALL OF

Paul Knoerl, Township Trustee

Paul Knoerl uses his elected office for personal reasons, especially promoting the opposition of a mobile home park near his residence, regardless of expense to the township. He has supported excessive spending of township funds, especially for attorney fees.

JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT IN OFFICE

Paul Knoerl

I ran for office in 2000 based upon the need to preserve the rural character, farmland and open space in Grattan Township and to minimize highdensity developments. Regardless of its location, the Landon 690-unit mobile home park would have adverse and permanent effects on the township's roads, schools, fire/police services, quality of life and taxpayers. Mobile homes only pay \$36 per year in taxes with our township only receiving \$2.00 of this.

Landon sued Grattan Township in 1999. The previous township board incurred over \$116,000 in legal fees in 2000 but only budgeted for \$23,000 in legal fees that same year. The current board was elected in November of 2000 and inherited that debt. Through budget cuts and an arrangement with Cannon Township, we have paid off this legal debt. Cannon provided Grattan \$90,660.00 to pay off the Landon legal fees in 2002. The current legal fees incurred for the Landon litigation are being paid primarily by the township's insurance carrier.

I believe my conduct in office has lived up to the promises I made to the voters and feel the reasons listed on this ballot certainly do not justify my removal from office

RECALL QUESTION

Shall Paul Knoerl be recalled from the office of Township Trustee, Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan?

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COMNGEVENTS

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Single adults, ages 25-50 Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. vears, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social Mark 897-8642 or Tammy members welcome. 897-0872.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Ma- 897-9794. sonic Center, 119 Lincoln

meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. 315 S. Hudson St.

Parents of children w/AD/ Area Musicians and Sing-HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Saranac H. S. Band Room. /E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -Linda 874-5662; teen 8 p.m. Call Kathy Maatman group: Call Sarah 281-

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6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Center, 402 Amity St., non-Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13. 897-8694.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at the Lowell Con-

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

EVERY WED.: "Peppers"

Life Process Center: 1-3:30 tion? Call Pat 897-7842.

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Board, 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at For dates call 897-5015. TUES.: Take Off Pounds Fairgrounds. 897-6050. EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club

> room at Schneider Manor. TUES.: Flat River 725 Bowes Rd. EVERY FOURTH WED.:

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EVERY OTHER WED.: Mary's Pregnancy Crisis denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 -**EVERY WED.:** Pioneer 8 p.m. 897-9393.

> drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

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

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

(Sr. adults) at Franciscan EVERY 3RD THURS .:

Rubber stamping group at Christian Life Center 6-9 Call 897-8545. p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

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Kent County Youth Fair Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: dischildren. Call 897-7842.

meets noon in community Royal Arch Masons reguthe Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

> EVERY THIRD THURS .: the Library . Please bring 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: Geneal-Church, Grand Rapids. ogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

> SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

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

EVERY FRI., SAT. & SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley open 1-4 p.m. or by appt.: 676-9346.

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

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL OPEN: Tues., Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat.,

1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1 9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs. 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. EVERY THIRD THURS.: 897-8565.

THURS., JUNE 5: Commodities at Lowell Moose cussion for parents of Recreational Lodge, 8-4 p.m. Bring all important papers if you need to re-EVERY THIRD THURS .: new. Paper bags needed.

> Vergennes Cooperative Club will meat at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Jov Smith - Frieneds of items for Flat River Out-Hostesses: Dorothy

Byrne, Mary Meyers & Char Siciliano, Sponsor: Phyllis Lessens.

SAT., JUNE 7: Wittenbach Center Trails Day all day Come help with trail maintenance. Call Tammy at 987-1002.

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.

WED., JUNE 11: Snow United Methodist Church. 3189 Snow Ave. SE. will lar meeting at 7:30 p.m. at THURS., JUNE 5: serve a roast pork & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. \$8 adults; \$2 5-12.

> JUNE 11, 12 & 16: Auditions: "The Night of January 16th." 7 p.m. at Watt Auditorium. Performances Sept. 6-20. Ionia Community Theatre 527-2367.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

Woodland Mall. TUES .: 9 a.m. Walk at

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1 p.m. Euchre. Woodland Mall. 12:45 FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodp.m. Bible Study. land Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JUNE 4: 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure: 12:45 p.m. Movie at Center.

FRI., JUNE 6: 10 a.m. Bingo; 12:45 p.m. Fesival of the Arts.

MON., JUNE 9: 12:45 p.m. Travelogue.

TUES., JUNE 10: 7:15 a.m. Shipshewana Flea Market; No walking.

WED., JUNE 11:8a.m. Co-ed Breakfast: 12:45 Shop Meijer; Sly Mosier "Life Long Living".

THURS., JUNE 12: 9:30 a.m. Trufant Flea Market; No walking.

FRI., JUNE 13: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration; 12:45 pm. Bingo

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk/

Shop at Malls: 9:30 Crafts:

Loafers Glory.

MON., JUNE 16: 11 a.m.

TUES., JUNE 17: 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

WED., JUNE 18: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure.

THURS., JUNE 19: 11 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch &

> FRI., JUNE 20: 9 a.m.Dr. David Smith; 12:45 Bingo.

MON., JUNE 23: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Dollar Store.



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Let's look at the hard facts, as reported by the College Board. In the 2002-2003 academic year, the average tuition and fees at a four-year private college were \$18,273; the corresponding figure for a four-year public school was \$4,081

Knowing that college is expensive—and likely to become more so—what can you do about it? Of course, your child may well qualify for some financial aid in the form of grants and scholarships. And it's in your best interests to look for as many of these as you can. For help in finding out what's available,

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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.



contact your local college's financial aid office, or just do an

Still, even if your child does get some grant or scholarship 529 plan as a pre-paid tuition program. money, it probably won't be enough to cover all college costs. That's why so many students take out loans.

Initially, you might think that taking out a loan or two isn't such a bad thing. After all, the rates are competitive, and the interest may be tax-deductible. But consider this: In pursuit of their degrees, students now borrow, on average, \$27,600, according to a new survey by Nellie Mae, a major student loan

No matter how you look at it, that's a lot of money—and it's an especially heavy burden for young people to bear as soon as they leave school. This debt load can keep college investments in their lives.

So, how can you help keep your college-bound kids as debt-free as possible? Start by saving early. Consider Coverdell Education Savings Account.

When you establish a Section 529 college savings plan, having to incur four years of big-time expenses. your earnings and withdrawals are exempt from federal taxes, as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. And you can contribute large amounts to your 529 plan. In fact,

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some plans allow you to put in as much as \$250,000 per beneficiary. You also have the option of setting up a Section

You might also want to look at a Coverdell Education Savings Account, formerly known as the Education IRA. Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell account. And, as is the case with a Section 529 plan, your earnings and withdrawals are tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. Also, you can fund your Coverdell account with virtually any type of investment you choose—stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

Coverdell accounts and Section 529 plans can go a long way toward reducing your child's dependence on student graduates from buying houses and making other important loans. Even so, however, you may need to encourage your children to "think outside the box" when it comes to securing a college education. For example, don't overlook the economic advantages of your local community college. You'll tax-advantaged vehicles such as a Section 529 plan or a find that tuition is generally quite affordable—and, after two years, your child can transfer to a four-year school without

By making the right moves, you can help your children get off to a debt-free start in their adult lives. And that's a great graduation present.

Regular school board election, Monday

Two Lowell Board of Education seats will be voted on in the regular school election on Monday, June 9.

The two four-year seats, are currently held by board onto the board of Grand Rapids Community College. president, Nancy Hopkins and Mark Lessens.

Both board members are running unopposed, however, Schenk and Richard W. Verburg. George Blocher is a write-in candidate.

Election polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Registered voters will also be asked to vote three persons

Names on the ballot are Ellen M., James, Gary P.

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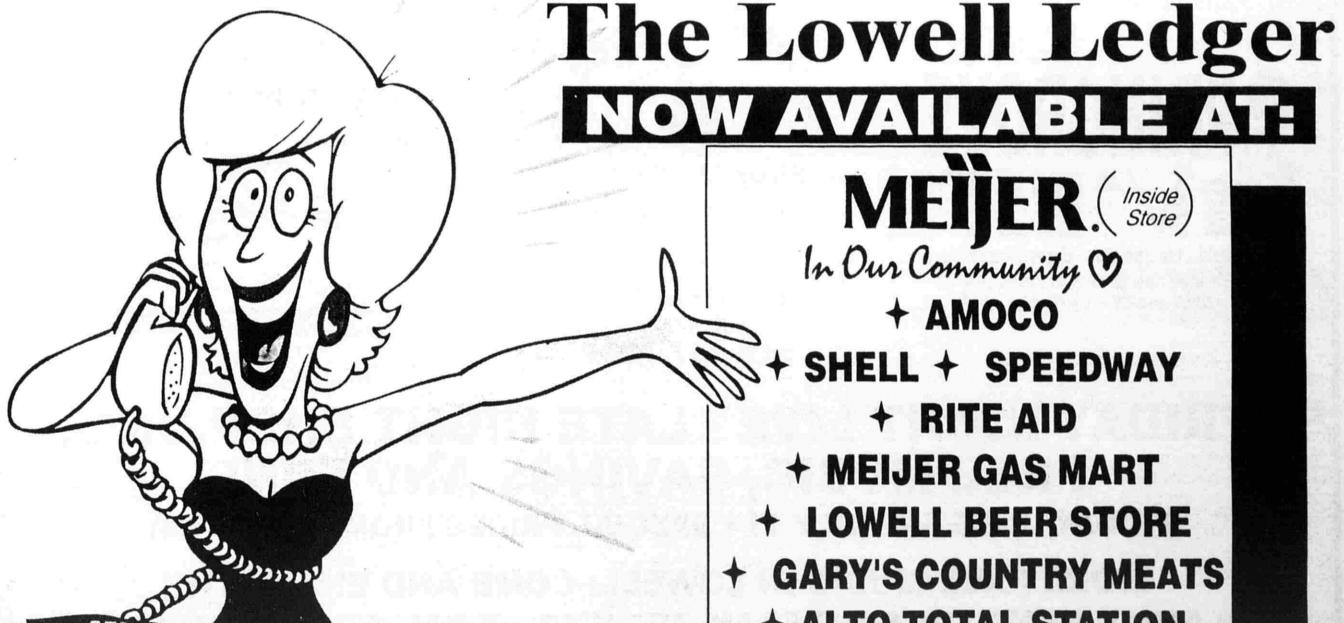
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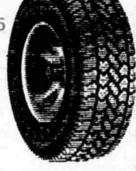
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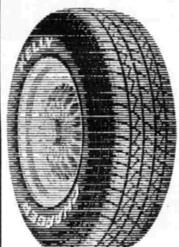
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