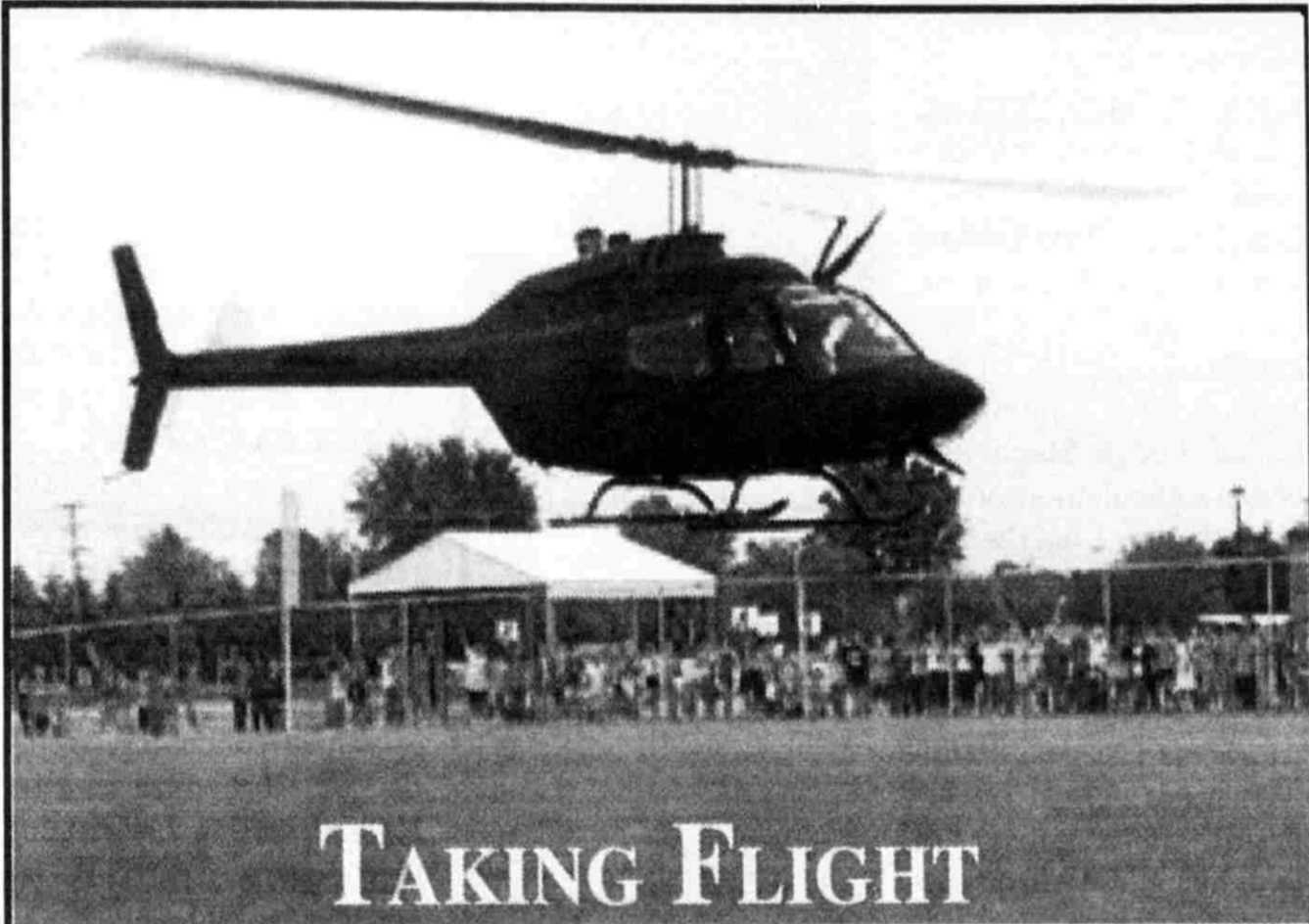


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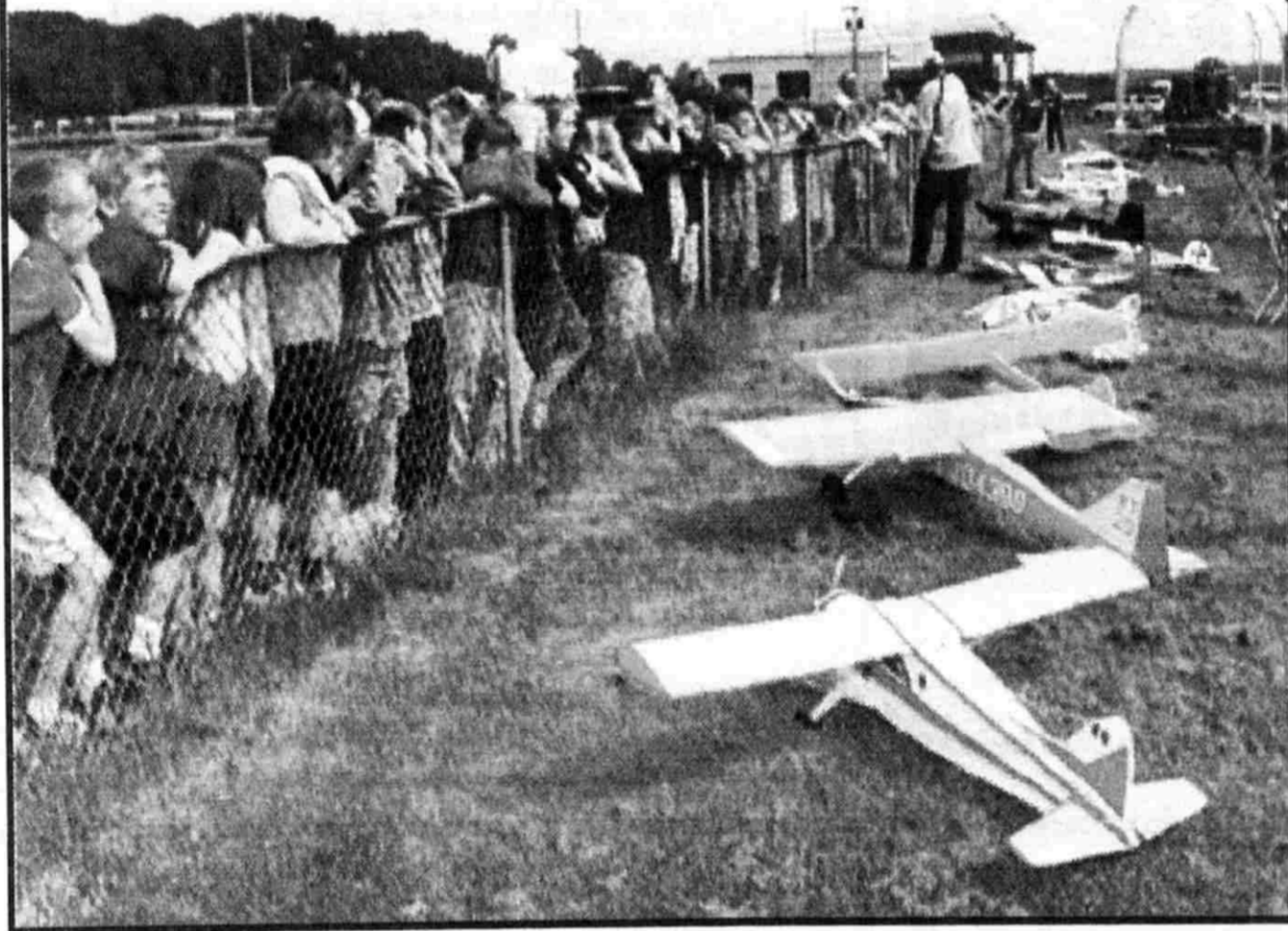
Wednesday, June 11, 2003



TAKING FLIGHT

The Army helicopter took off, signifying the end of Aerospace Day at Cherry Creek. It hovered about 10 feet off the ground. Looking back as the crew flew off, they saw hundreds of Cherry Creek students waving good-bye. Not all of the airplanes at Aerospace Day were large ... as you can see by the photo below. The R/C modelers demonstrated many different types of models including small inexpensive electric planes that anyone could fly, R/C training planes and even a jet turbine model that cost thousands to build. Astronaut, Tony England spoke to Cherry Creek students on Friday - story and picture on page 10.

Pictures Courtesy Bruce T. Doll



\$1 million cuts a 'fund' thing for school district

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As long as school districts have fund balances, there will be differences as to when and how those monies should be spent.

Facing over \$1 million in cuts... some would argue that now would be a good time to dig into the fund balance.

"The fund balance is not a pot of money waiting to be spent," claims Lowell assistant superintendent to finance and personnel, Connie Gillette.

Of the \$3.6 million fund balance the Lowell School District currently enjoys, half of that or \$1.8 million is in cash - the other half is money owed to the school by the state.

Gillette advocates using the fund balance to help cover the district's costs during the months of July, August and September.

Why is that a problem? The district does not receive a state aid check in September. Because of that, there are not enough funds to get through those three months.

If the district were to use the monies available in the fund balance now, it would have to borrow money later... money it would have to pay interest on.

"I don't believe the tax payers want us to do that," Gillette said. "The state also requires schools to be fiscally responsible. If an audit shows a school to have an unplanned deficit, a district is strapped with additional

state requirements."

Monday night, the Lowell School Board approved a little over \$1 million in budget cuts for the 2003-04 school year.

Despite the cuts the district still projects a \$158,458 deficit. The numbers projected are based on the state aid remaining at \$6,700 per student, no state cuts in categoricals, and the blended count remaining at 80-20 as opposed to being switched to 50-50. This is important because the student count in the fall is always higher.

Originally 4.5 certified teaching positions were on the chopping block; however, due to attrition, resignation, job share and leave of absence that was reduced to just one - a middle school math teacher.

Other personnel cuts will include the reduction of two-and-a-half central office support positions, the elimination of part time math and science positions at the high school, the elimination of a high school security position and the technology coordinator position as well as a reduction in a special education administrator position.

Lowell superintendent Shari Miller said she deeply regretted the cuts the district had to make. "We will do our best to serve those laid off and help with references and transition. We will monitor openings and bring back those laid off if we can..."

Non personnel cuts will include eliminat-

Budget Cuts, cont'd. pg. 12

Budget CUTS 2003-2004
OVER \$1 MILLION

PERSONNEL:

- Reduce 1 asst. principal at Cherry Creek
- Reduce Special Education administration to .8
- Eliminate Technology Coordinator position
- Eliminate 2.5 Central office support positions
- Reduce part-time secretarial support at bus garage
- Eliminate part-time math & science positions at HS
- Eliminate zero-hour classes at HS (see 4/4/03)
- Eliminate 1 high school security position
- Reduce paraeducator time

OTHER CUTS...

- Eliminate 1/2 day Friday kindergarten
- Eliminate MS homework hotline
- Close all buildings for week of July 4
- Reduce contracted services
- Discontinue student accident insurance - will offer for parents to purchase
- Reduce cost of copy center equipment leases
- Reduce departmental budgets by 3% (in addition to 3% reduction in 2002-03)
- Reduce Board contribution to athletics by 10%
- Reduce Expenditures for Character & Diversity & Living Consciously

LAAC celebrates 25 years of bringing arts into the Lowell community

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Through the planning and creation of a 25th anniversary for the Lowell Area Arts Council, an idea was spawned for the creation of an event which will serve as an annual fundraiser.

Art Attack, however, this year, will be a celebration of the Lowell Area Arts Council's 25th year of providing arts experiences for the Greater Lowell community.

"The LAAC has evolved over the years from strictly visual arts into a multi disciplinary arts organization," said its executive director, Lorain Smalligan. "Now it offers not only visual arts but theater, music and festivals."

Art Attack will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 with an auction. Following the auction, at approximately 9:30 p.m., the anniversary party will begin outside the gallery at 149 S. Hudson. It will run until midnight.

"The growth that the Lowell Area Arts Council has enjoyed over the years has been absolutely marvelous. It just gets better every year," said LAAC charter member, Jan

Johnson. "Some may have envisioned this way back when, but I didn't. I couldn't believe what we were doing when we started this 25 years ago."

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Lowell Area Arts Council's future programs and classes in the visual and performing arts.

Tickets are \$18 per person



in advance (prior to door. Dress is casual. June 11) and \$25 at the

For more information and to purchase tickets call 897-8545.

The evening in the LAAC Gallery and on the outside green

will be filled with an eclectic variety of music, food and drink.

A Silent auction of fine artworks donated by artists who have exhibited at the Lowell Area Arts Council, as well as theme gift baskets of donated items from area businesses and art organizations will be among the items auctioned.

"We didn't want to auction off just a lamp. We think by grouping donated items in theme baskets will add some flavor," Smalligan said.

Some of the themes will include Night on the Town, Gourmet Galore, Grooming Anything, Nesting, The Creative You and Child at Play.

Child at Play could include a children's museum membership, or a golf certificate. Nesting would include things done at home: a "good" book to read, popcorn bowl, items for around the fireplace.

Patrons of the celebration are encouraged to take a sneak preview of the artworks and theme baskets on June 8 at the LAAC Gallery.

"The idea behind the preview is to get people excited about the items so that they go back and tell others," Smalligan said.

OBITUARIES

GALLAGHER - Mrs. Esther M. (Doe) Gallagher, aged 88, of Belmont, went to be with her Lord Thursday, June 5, 2003, at the Peter C. and Pat Cook Hospice Center. She was preceded in death by her husband Neal Gallagher in 1996.

Surviving are her children and grandchildren, Bruce and Robin Gallagher of Kalamazoo and their children Laura, Amy and Kim; Teresa and Joseph Regan of Geneva, Illinois, and their son Dennis; John and Debra Gallagher of

Grand Rapids and their children Jacob, Adam and Sarah; Mary and Dennis Cummings of Lowell and their children Andrew and Elizabeth; nine great-grandchildren; her brother J. Howard Doe of Alpharetta, GA; many nieces and nephews. Esther was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at Assumption Of The B.V.M. Catholic Church with Rev. Peter Vu as celebrant. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to Assumption Of The B.V.M. Catholic Church, 6369 Belmont Ave. N.E.

SMITH - David F. Smith, aged 66, of Minneapolis, Minn., formerly of Lowell and Cheboygan, passed away in Abbott Hospital on June 4, 2003. He is survived by his ex-wife and friend of many years Joyce Smith of Lowell; sons Parrish Smith of Saranac, Terry Smith of Minneapolis, Minn.; grandchildren Marissa Parrish II, Anna and Jenna Smith of Saranac; special and devoted friend Art Blough and wife Ronnie. A memorial service will be held in Minneapolis on June 14. Memorial

contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

SNYDER - Richard "Dick" Snyder Jr., aged 58, of Lowell,

passed away June 2, 2003. He is survived by Nancy Snyder; daughter Cathy (Allen) Woern; sister Sandy (Joe) Townsend. Funeral services were held Thursday at Community of Christ Church, Alto, Elder Richard Blair, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard Snyder Memorial Fund.

Banquet honors FFA members' excellence

Over 225 Lowell FFA members and guests attended the annual banquet on April 29 at Lowell High School. The banquet recognized the work of members in the areas of leadership, personal development and career exploration.

The following students were recognized for their leadership achievements: Jenny Humphries, outstanding middle school member; Hannah Knudstrup, Star Greenhand award for 1st year high school members; Heather Blough, Star in Production Agriculture award for her work on the family farm in dairy and swine production; Bruce Langlois, Star in Agribusiness award for his work in custom lawn care; Pieter Serne, Caledonia Farmers Elevator Award for his pursuit of a career in Agribusiness. He will be pursuing education in Dairy Science at Michigan State Uni-



Senior Katie Clements served as chapter president and regional secretary, and also won the state prepared public speaking contest this year.

versity this fall.

Katie Clements was recognized with the DeKalb Outstanding Senior Agricultural Award. She will be pursuing studies in international relations at Seton Hall University. Bryan Posthumus was recognized as the newly elected State Vice President

from Region V with tribute from Senator Hardiman. Clements was also recognized by Senator Hardiman for winning the state prepared public speaking contest.

The Lowell Agricultural Supporters (LAS) awarded \$500 scholarships to Cassy Wheat, Jessica Kincaid and Missy Blough to attend the Washington Leadership Conference this summer. The LAS also awarded scholarships for post-secondary education to Serne, Clements and Heather Blough in honor of retired FFA advisor, Pete Siler.

Members were recognized for involvement in career development projects, PALS's, the FFA's mentoring program, and leadership contests.

Three community members were recognized with the Honorary FFA Degree for their support of the FFA and agriscience and natural resources education. They include Wittenbach Agriscience Center director, Tammy DeBaar, King Milling Company's Brian Doyle, and Lowell Agricultural Supporters member, Jamie Frain.

Economics provides wireless internet service with bright future

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was built on the belief that consumers should have access to an online connection which is fast, wireless, affordable and reliable.

WIFnet was founded in September of 2001 and the wireless internet connection service was launched in 2003.

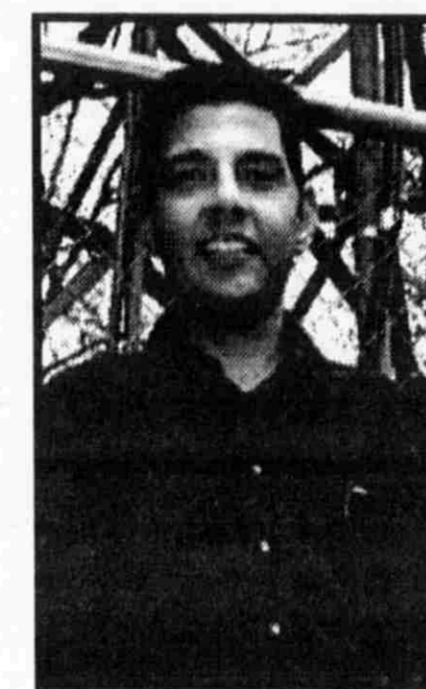
It offers a high-speed alternative to traditional internet access systems. Its design enables non-line-of-sight connections, to build networks in areas where terrain, trees or buildings prevent direct line-

of-sight connections.

The service provided by company founder, David Yomtoob does not require a phone modem or cable hookup. It is established through a signal from a Low-ell-based tower.

The Lowell Charter Township wireless communication ordinance covers federal and state license frequency bands; WIFnet runs on unlicensed frequency bands.

Cable industry considers it theft to add additional computers to broadband cable connections without permission.



David Yomtoob - WIFnet owner.

WIFnet uses a wireless router with each installation and will assist in connecting multiple computers.

"Wireless will become the major broadband provider for rural America in five years because the cost and deployment is much more economical versus PSC or cable," Yomtoob said.

At its early stage, all of WIFnet's service was limited to customers within a three-mile radius of a tower in Lowell.

Yomtoob is in the process of taking the product into ru-

ral areas. Within the last five months the service has been launched in parts of Vergennes and Lowell townships. WIFnet currently provides internet service to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and the Buyers Guide.

"With wireless there are only three possible points of failure: my end, the customer's end, or in between," Yomtoob explains. "It's fast, reliable and it's for business and individuals."

Pricing plans range from \$35 a month up to \$500, de-

pending on the range of service.

"With our service you actually pay for what you send or receive from the internet," Yomtoob explained.

WIFnet currently offers free unlimited lifetime high speed access for customers who pay \$150 a month for the initial 24 months.

For more information on services and pricing, visit the company's web site at www.wifnet.net or call 616-318-9100.

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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.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Alma College has named over 400 students to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2003 winter term which ended on April 18.

From the Lowell area is senior Shannon Finnegan, a 1999 Lowell High School graduate.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term while carrying a minimum of 13 credits.

Bosserd is the daughter of Jim and Jane Bosserd of Lowell.



Kayla Ritenburgh, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, has been named a recipient of a Faculty Scholarship to Grand Valley State University.

To be considered for a Faculty Scholarship, the recipient must have a 3.5 high school grade point average and a minimum ACT score of 29. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA or better.

Ritenburgh is the daughter of Kevin and Linda Ritenburgh of Lowell.



Rebecca Bosserd and Audrey Converse, both of Lowell, have been awarded the Alumni Honors Scholarship at Hope College.

Converse is the daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell.

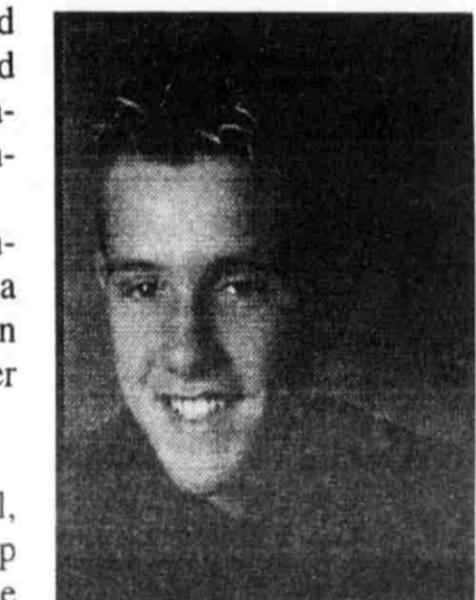
The Alumni Honors Scholarships are awarded to students with a 3.75 GPA or 3.5 GPA and one or more of the following: an ACT composite 25, combined SAT 1140, or minimum class rank of 80th percent, and who have not been awarded an alternative merit scholarship from Hope. Recipients of this award receive a \$3,000 tuition scholarship renewable through the senior year.

Jeremy Goff, of Lowell, is among 21 of the state's top high school students who have accepted Centralis Scholar Awards to attend Central Michigan University.

The award is valued at more than \$45,000 over four years. Recipients are selected by criteria based on high school grades, standardized test scores, interviews, leadership qualities and a competitive exam. Only students with grade point averages of 3.5 or higher are eligible to compete.

Goff, the son of Gary and Roxanne Goff, is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School where he was a member of the student council.

One of the most important trips a man can make is that involved in meeting the other fellow halfway.
 —Bruce Van Horn



Model UN and the soccer and wrestling teams

He credits his former teacher, Steve Kampfschulte with being his greatest educational influence. "Mr. Kampfschulte has shown me

that no matter what I do in life, as long as I am happy and passionate, I will be successful," said Goff.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Pastor David J. Noonon
Christian Life Center

Fatherhood is a lifetime sentence! Raising children keeps life interesting and keeps dads on their toes. As Christians, the ultimate goal of our lives is to become more like Jesus Christ, and one thing that characterized Jesus' life was the total absence of fear. Therefore, one of the most valuable lessons that a dad can teach his children is how to overcome their fears.

What do you fear the most? The doctor, the dentist, an illness, or ...? The key to overcoming fear is to learn to fear God instead. "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." "Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing." "Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

Protection starts naturally as we comfort a child frightened by thunder, or awakened by a nightmare. God created dads to protect the family, the strong warrior defending his tribe. But as children grow up, dads become unable to be that champion. Our responsibility is to teach our children how to respond to life's fears in a healthy and holy way.

What does it mean to fear the Lord? To find out, we need to let Scripture interpret Scripture; "to fear the Lord is to hate evil" (Prv. 8:13) and "through the fear of the Lord a man avoids evil" (Prv. 16:6). When we know God watches and weighs every thought, word and deed, we become more careful to avoid thinking, doing, or saying things that would anger Him. Fearing God means we are careful to obey Him. That is why "the fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom" (Prv. 15:33) and why "the fear of the Lord adds length to life" (Prv. 10:27).

Psalm 34 is David's testimony of a father instructing his children on how to overcome their fears. It is how the Lord enabled him to face his greatest fear and come out on top.

David first admitted his fears to God. "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." Verse 6 says God "saved him out of all his troubles."

Men, let me give you the bottom line first. The key to overcoming our fear of anything is to fear God instead. Fear God first, and all other lesser fears will disappear.

So dads, how are you going to teach your children to handle fear? Three steps: Admit it. Commit it. Forget it. When your hands shake, fold them. When your knees knock, kneel on them. When your lips quiver, talk to God. Fear God first, and every lesser fear will disappear.

Typical Hebrew poetry sets the major theme smack dab in the middle. "Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

nothing scares us. Talk it out with God. Why? Because, if we want to be delivered from our fears, we must start with humbly admitting that we are afraid.

Next, commit our fears to the Lord. Give our fears to Him. Let it be His problem. That can be hard. We are taught to handle our own difficulties. We think God doesn't want to be bothered. But that is not true. No matter how trivial or chaotic our fears might be, God is ready to help us. God wants us to experience His presence as our refuge, strength and shield.

The final step is to forget it. Once we admit it and commit it, then we forget it. By forgetting our fears, we are, in a practical way, trusting God to protect us through the power of prayer.

Have you ever been on an airplane in a storm when the air gets turbulent and the ride gets rough? At that moment, you may have been tempted to start to worry whether you'll make it. But then the captain's voice comes assuring you everything is under control, the radar shows you are right on course and, in a few minutes, the bumpy ride will subside. Just knowing someone, who knows more than you, says everything is under control is very reassuring. You can then sit back and relax. It is the captain's task to get you to your destination. So, after admitting your fear, you commit it to the captain and forget it.

Fear ties us into knots, makes our world a scary place, and paralyzes us from taking any useful action. So what are we to do? We are not to do the macho thing and act as though



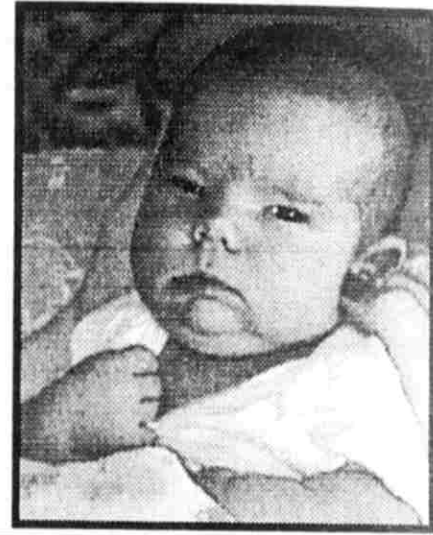
Women's Club Awards Scholarships

At the last meeting of the Lowell Women's Club, scholarships were awarded to the 14 honorary high school senior girls. The top three scholarships were given to Kristi Kremer, Natalie Kent and Julie Web. These were given on the basis of scholastic achievement, extra curricular programs, participation in Women's Club events and financial need. Smaller awards were given to the other 11 girls. Also at this meeting, the Woman of the Year was announced. This year two women were awarded this honor: Evelyn Tichelaar and Pat Dombak. Lowell Women's Club will resume in September. Pictured, left to right, are: Kristi Kremer, Natalie Kent and Julie Web.

AREA BIRTHS

Ken and Summer Lacey are proud to announce the birth of their son, Briar James. He was born on May 1, 2003, weighing 10 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Dan and Phyllis Calkins, Blake Johnson, David and Gail Hays, all of Lowell, and Ken Lacey of Davison.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 12: Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle, Noah Green.

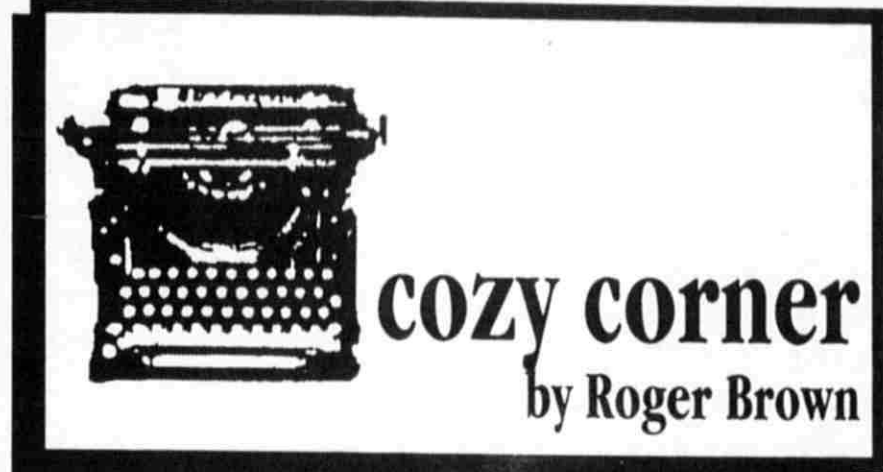
JUNE 15: Joey Hunt Jr., Courtney Baker, Rachel Heinicke, Caran Schalow, Katlin Manszewski.

JUNE 16: Roger Raymor, Michael Pretzel, Orin Comdure, Jean Bishop, Mike Kenney.

JUNE 17: Marjorie Potter, Cody Kastanek, Tricia Raab, Cyndi Dalga, Louise Ryder, Doug Green, Eugene Miller, Logan Wilcox, David Ryder.

JUNE 18: Marcia Baird, Jessica Vezino, Lindsay Anderson, Whitney Patnode, Nancy Jane Kunard, Elizabeth Mol.

Viewpoint . . .



Yesterday was a travel day. I stayed up past my bedtime watching the hockey game. Tito was whining and nosing my arm indicating his desire to be let outside at some wee hour. Consequently, the old creative juices are not flowing this morning.

This crisis occurs every so often. Fortunately, my daughter regularly e-mails something suitable for plagiarism. I have just such a piece squirreled away for this week's offering. The article is entitled, "I Can't Believe We Made It!"

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's or even the early 80's, probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered in brightly colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids or locks on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets. When we rode our bikes we had no helmets.

We often got where we were going by hitchhiking a ride with a stranger.

As children we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and had never heard of bottled water.

We ate cupcakes, bread with real butter and drank soda pop with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one ever died from this practice.

We would spend hours building our go-carts from scraps and then rode down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day. This was fine as long as we were home when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes...no video games at all. There were no 99 cable channels, videotape movies, surround sound, cell phones, personal computers or internet chat rooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes the ball really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth. There were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were

accidents! No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents? We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put any eyes out.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat it!

Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.

The idea of parents bailing us out if we got in trouble in school or broke the law was unheard of. Parents usually sided with the school or the law. Imagine that!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors, ever.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility... and we learned how to deal with it. And if you've read this far, you're probably one of us! Congratulations.

Please pass this on to others who have had the luck to grow up as kids before lawyers and government regulated our lives for our own good!!!

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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

100 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 11, 1903

is missing; We substitute June 12, 1889.

The River Co. expects this year to be the last of its log drives on the Flat River. Private companies will harvest what is left.

The Johnstown flood disaster overshadows news of severe flooding in New York, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

Seattle, Washington, is nearly wiped out by fire.

Alton School has closed due to diphtheria. One pupil has died.

(Evidently the news turned as sour as the weather this week.)

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO
JUNE 14, 1928 (1923)

Congressman Carl Mapes recommends Norman E. Borgerson for Lowell postmaster.

More than 500 Kent County eighth-graders will receive their diplomas at Ramona Park tomorrow.

America's armed forces have worked quietly and efficiently to make our coasts impregnable to air attack.

Pere Marquette Railroad publishes a large ad about how to avoid an accident on the tracks.

Alto will have free movies every Thursday night, starting next week.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
JUNE 11, 1953

The worst storm in Michigan history kills 112 and injures at least 650 in the Flint area.

A lucky Friday night shopper who identifies his/her picture in the following week's Ledger will receive \$50 in merchandise certificates.

O.E. Bieri and Sons are building a new sales and service garage for Peter Speerstra on West Main, opposite the Foreman Poultry Farm.

Wednesday night concerts by the high school music department at Richards Park will start June 17 with the Senior Band.

All Showboat committees are in place and the chorus will start rehearsals June 18 for the performances July 27 - Aug. 1.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
JUNE 14, 1978

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125 YEARS
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Editor Hine again asks for fish ladders for the Main Street dam.

There were 10,000 young eels planted in the Flat River dam.

Louis Pixley of Grattan is kicked by a horse, breaking his leg badly and receiving possibly fatal internal injuries.

Lowell firemen will have a big party July 4. They always have a 'rouser.'

Republican, Democratic, National conventions are going on, and there is much talk of Greenbacks vs. Honest Money.

75 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO
JUNE 14, 1928 (1923)

Congressman Carl Mapes recommends Norman E. Borgerson for Lowell postmaster.

More than 500 Kent County eighth-graders will receive their diplomas at Ramona Park tomorrow.

America's armed forces have worked quietly and efficiently to make our coasts impregnable to air attack.

Pere Marquette Railroad publishes a large ad about how to avoid an accident on the tracks.

Alto will have free movies every Thursday night, starting next week.

25 YEARS
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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

CAMPING TODAY

Camping has been a family activity since I was very young. My parents, my brother, and I tent camped across the Upper Peninsula while fishing walleye lakes and little known brook trout streams. Back then, camping equipment included a canvas umbrella tent, white gas stove, gas lantern and block ice in a metal ice chest. Gas stations in the north country sold block ice which was kept in a sawdust pile in a shed out back.

Of course, as with almost everything else, times have changed. Modern gear and upgraded campgrounds have made camping a logical choice for people who seek outdoor experiences in new places.

Tents made of variations of nylon fabric are tight and weatherproof. Floor plan configurations provide added room for dining and storage. Tents are relatively inexpensive, pack in the back of a van, and are easy to store between trips. Additional equipment must be carried for cooking and sleeping.

Recreational vehicles (RVs) provide more convenience and protection from the elements. That is, convenient once set up on a campsite. Hauling a 30 foot fifth wheel trailer through traffic may not be everyone's idea of convenient.

Folding camping trailers—commonly known as pop-

ups—are equipped with a stove, refrigerator, heater, running water, and lights. This compact package can be towed by the average family vehicle. Be sure to determine the towing capacity of your vehicle before purchasing one of these units.

Truck campers are handy if one tows a trailer with a boat, ATV, horses, or whatever. Once at the campsite the camper is easily removed from the truck, leaving the vehicle free for other duties. Solid wall truck campers do require a heavy duty truck. Even large campers don't have much room, so the cost per square foot is fairly high.

Conventional travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers have plenty of room and are like a home away from home. The fifth wheel has the advantage of reducing the length towed behind the truck and places the trailer weight over the rear axle of the tow vehicle.

Van campers and motor homes are constructed by permanently mounting living quarters on a truck or bus type chassis. Just turn off the ignition and you are home. These vehicles can be used for towing. It is not convenient to unhook the utilities just to go into town for a loaf of bread, so a second vehicle can be towed to provide local transportation after reaching a destination.

It is wise to do plenty of research before buying an RV. Keep in mind that for most people, one type of RV will probably not meet all expectations. One must usually make compromises because each has advantages and disadvantages. That is why you will see all the rigs discussed here represented in one campground. Renting a unit might be a good way to avoid a mistake if you are not sure or haven't had camping experience.

Camping certainly has changed from the days of canvas tents and gas lanterns. Modern tents and RVs have opened the outdoors to many more people. Not everyone has a desire to rough it.

Health

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

POISON IVY SEASON

The summer season is here and with this comes outdoor activity. Poison ivy lurks everywhere and this plant is responsible for many aggravating cases of contact dermatitis. The ivy has oil in the leaves, which on contact with the skin causes a light blistering effect as well as surrounding redness. Contrary to popular belief, the condition is not infectious - it is purely a reaction to the offending oil.

When exposed to the oil it will produce its effect on any skin touched. The oil is not only on the skin but is also on our clothes, car seats or furniture; therefore it is imperative that the fabrics are cleaned if there is a chance that the object has been exposed; otherwise there is risk of ongoing irritation from continued contact.

Treatment depends on the severity of the exposure. An isolated case can be treated with antihistamine cream over the

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Foot traffic and new restaurant raise talk of crosswalk

By J.N. Boorsma Contributing Writer

The Flat River Grill has certainly become a popular place. So popular that concerns were raised at the May Lowell Planning Commission meeting about people crossing Main Street to get to the restaurant.

Commission member, Jim Hall said he had noticed an

increase in the number of people trying to cross Main Street from the King Milling parking lot located on the south side of the street. Hall said he knew the city had discussed putting a crosswalk there to help pedestrians cross safely and was wondering where it was in the planning stages.

City manager, David Pasquale said the biggest obstacle for the city is that M-21, which is Main Street, is a state road

overseen by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For that reason, MDOT has the final say in any improvements or changes made to the road.

"At first they were talking that if a crosswalk were placed there, they would have to eliminate an entire block of parking," Pasquale said. This, he added, would not meet favorably with businesses on that block.

The reason for the removal of the street parking would be to allow pedestrians and drivers enough clear view from either direction so as to cross. Other options, however, such as bump outs where the sidewalk is curved into the road, and pedestrian islands in the road, would reduce the number of on-street parking spaces that would have to be eliminated while providing a safe cross, Pasquale said.

Hall said he was of the opinion that with the improved parking lots at King Milling and behind the Main Street businesses as well as the library, there was plenty of parking available for people even if the on-street parking was lost.

Several other commissioners commented that they have noticed parallel parking along the street in that area has become a "nightmare" due to all of the activity.

Pasquale said he planned to continue to talk to MDOT and hopefully have a solution soon for the crosswalk.



Percussionist Bill Vits will be demonstrating a variety of percussion instruments from around the world in an audience participation pro-

gram to be held at several library branches this summer. Vits has been principal percussionist with the Grand Rapids Symphony since 1979

and is an active performer in all styles of music, both as a percussionist and a recording producer.

The Alto branch will offer the program on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:30 and the Englehardt branch will present it on Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m.

For other locations and dates, contact the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

The Summer Reading Club will offer a 90 minute

program "Retro Wristband" for children ages 12 and up. They will learn how to create and decorate a mystery braid leather wristband and use leather stamping tools and custom made dyes to decorate their work.

The Englehardt branch will offer the program on Thursday, June 26 at 1 p.m. (647-3920); the Alto branch on Wednesday, July 2 at 1:30 p.m. (647-3820). Registration is required - come dressed in old clothes.

Three Lowell students earn Camp Fire's highest honor

WoHeLo, the highest award that can be received in Camp Fire USA, was bestowed on Lowell's Christina Getz, Bobby Gingerich and Katie Clements.

WoHeLo is a self planned, individualized program of personal development and advocacy through which leadership, teaching, service and speaking-out skills are demonstrated.

The award is earned through the completion of four reflections: Celebrate Me, Choices and Decisions, Mapping My Way and Making It My Own.

Celebrate Me focuses on an individual appreciating their own value as a person through giving services, sharing good feelings with others and assuming leadership roles.

Choices and Decisions focuses on individuals making sound choices and decisions which take knowledge and practice.

Mapping My Way is designed to provide direction for planning an individual's immediate and long-term work experiences.

Making It My Own is designed to offer survival information, help a person look at options for the way they choose to live, and raise awareness regarding their personal safety.

Gingerich's issue of concern was wrestling. He advocated for a high school representative to be on the Lowell Wrestling

Board. This was voted into the by-laws in 2002.

He volunteered over 100 hours of service by coaching younger wrestlers, refereeing at developmental tournaments, and working with the wrestling board.

Getz's issue of concern was funding education in the arts and Clements' issue of concern was young women for change.

All three advocated for disabilities in the following ways: MS 150 pit stops, activity bags for DeVos Children's Hospital, puppet show at DeVos and a Camp Fire celebration in inclusiveness and educational funding for disabilities.

Gingerich and Getz each served as youth Camp Fire board members.

All three advocated for either the Young American Act or the 21st Century Act. The 21st Century Act is funding for after-school programs.

Pictured from left to right, are: Christina Getz, Bobby Gingerich and Katie Clements.



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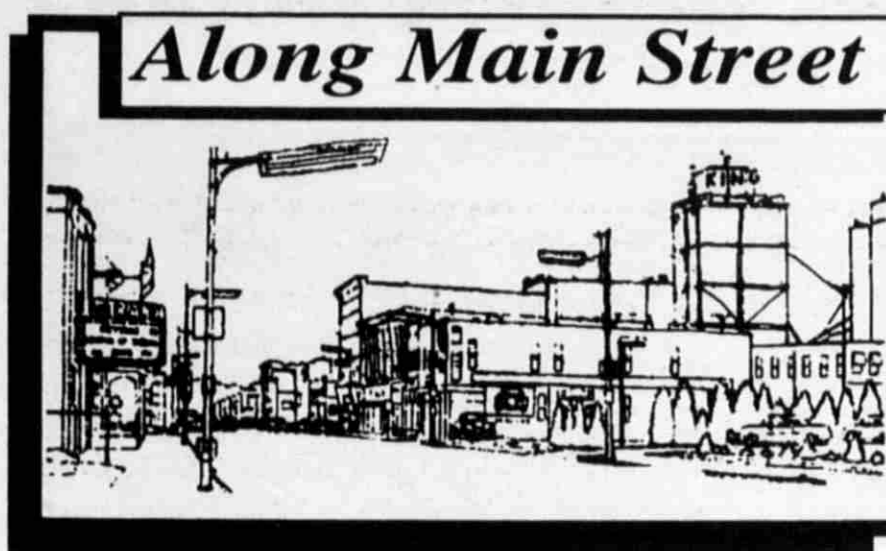
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ANNUAL TRIP TO MELJER GARDENS

The Lowell Showboat Garden Club concludes its 2002-03 season Monday, June 16 at Meijer Gardens. Julie Francke, curator of Horticulture Ed., will give a guided tour from the tram of the new areas just opened. Meet at Meijer Gardens at 7 p.m. Guests welcome; light refreshments served. Call the Thompsons at 897-2533 with questions.

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.

DIRECTOR(S) NEEDED

Lowell Area Arts Council Thebes Players is seeking directors for its first two productions of the 2003-04 season: "Inspecting Carol" in November; "Escanaba In 'Da Moonlight" in February. Applicants should send resume by July 31 to LAAC Thebes Players P.O. Box 53, Lowell 49331, call 897-8545 or email: info@lowellartscouncil.org

GET YOUR LOWELL COMMUNITY POSTER

On sale now: Lowell Community posters for \$5 each.

Local NARFE member attends state convention

Charlie and Dee Doyle, of Lowell, attended the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) state convention on June 5-7 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

The attending delegates and guests heard from a number of speakers including National Secretary David F. Sullivan and field vice president Owen R. Kirby. On Saturday morning of the convention, Congressman Fred Upon addressed the delegates.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees supports those who now and in the past have served the nation through their federal employment. NARFE is the only association dedicated to retirees, and

their survivors. NARFE is committed to securing the future that federal and postal employees have worked to achieve for themselves and their families.

NARFE has more than 370,000 federal and postal workers, retirees, spouses and survivors united to preserve the economic security and well being of federal employees on the job and in retirement.

Charlie Doyle has served as Grand Rapids NARFE chapter president and also area vice president of the state Federation. He is presently serving as state Federation Public Relations officer.

Dunn third in horse judging contest

Lowell High School sophomore, Julie Dunn earned another state honor in the FFA by placing third as an individual in the state horse judging career development event. She, along with Kelly Foote, Travis Craig and Patrick Doyle were members of the Agricultural Issues team which placed fourth in the state in March.

Other Lowell teams in horse judging to earn silver included the middle school team of Ashton VanderWarf and Kristen Dunn. The Environmental Quality team of Matt Smith, Pieter Serne, Amanda Oracz, Aric Newsted and Cory Jones placed 6th out of 28 teams and earned a silver award. The Marketing team of Marie Wade, Katie Serne, Samantha Mol and Shelly Wernet earned a silver award.

The Lowell FFA is 150 members strong and provides real world experiences for students interested in leadership and career development through agriscience and natural resources.



LHS sophomore, Julie Dunn placed 3rd as an individual in the Michigan FFA horse judging contest at MSU. The Lowell team she was on placed 4th overall in the state.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BIG CROOKED LAKE

TAKE NOTICE that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on the practicability of a four-year aquatic plant control program for Big Crooked Lake at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

The aquatic plant control program for Big Crooked Lake is proposed to commence in 2004 and continue through 2007. The program will consist of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting, administration and inspections, and contingency expenses. The amount of herbicide treatments and harvesting in any given year will be dependent on the type and location of aquatic plants in the lake and Department of Environmental Quality permit requirements. The total annual cost of the project is \$29,225.

The Special Assessment District for the Big Crooked Lake Project includes all lakefront parcels and all backlots that have deeded or dedicated lake access. Contiguous lots in common ownership are being assessed as a single parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. The \$29,225 annual cost of the project is being assessed equally against all parcels within the Special Assessment District.

A special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan, for public examination during normal business hours.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board will meet at the Grattan Township Hall located at 12050 Old Belding Road N.E., Belding, Michigan immediately after the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party in interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Big Crooked Lake Improvement Board c/o Grattan Township Treasurer, 12050 Old Belding Road, N.E., Belding, Michigan 48809-9367. Notice is also given that the owner of or party in interest in any real property within the Big Crooked Lake Special Assessment District who, having made an objection to said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JULY 15, 2003 IN GRATTAN TOWNSHIP OF KENT COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE FOR THE SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION WILL BE: MONDAY JUNE 16, 2003

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.

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- 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 clerk's 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.

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 high-density 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?

Persons with special needs, as defined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact their City or Township Clerk. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired may place a call through the Michigan Relay Center TDD# 1-800-649-3777.

Mary Hollinrake
Kent County Clerk/Register

Astronaut, Tony England, answers kids' questions on space

As a member of the '85 Challenger, astronaut, Tony England was a most welcomed and fitting guest at Cherry Creek Elementary's Aerospace and Technology Day.

England fielded a variety of questions such as: Are there any UFOs? How do they find new planets? How fast can we get into space? And, how

did the planets get their names?

As to the collaboration that takes place between the U.S. and other countries, England says from the technology end of it, countries do not share. "They do, however, share with one another about the exploration part of space," England said.

Following the Columbia

tragedy, England believes shuttle flights will start back up within the year. "Just as soon as they reasonably can," he explains. "The Columbia accident has forced NASA to examine its future."

In response to the UFO question, England explained that scientists are skeptical about things people want to find. "Because people see

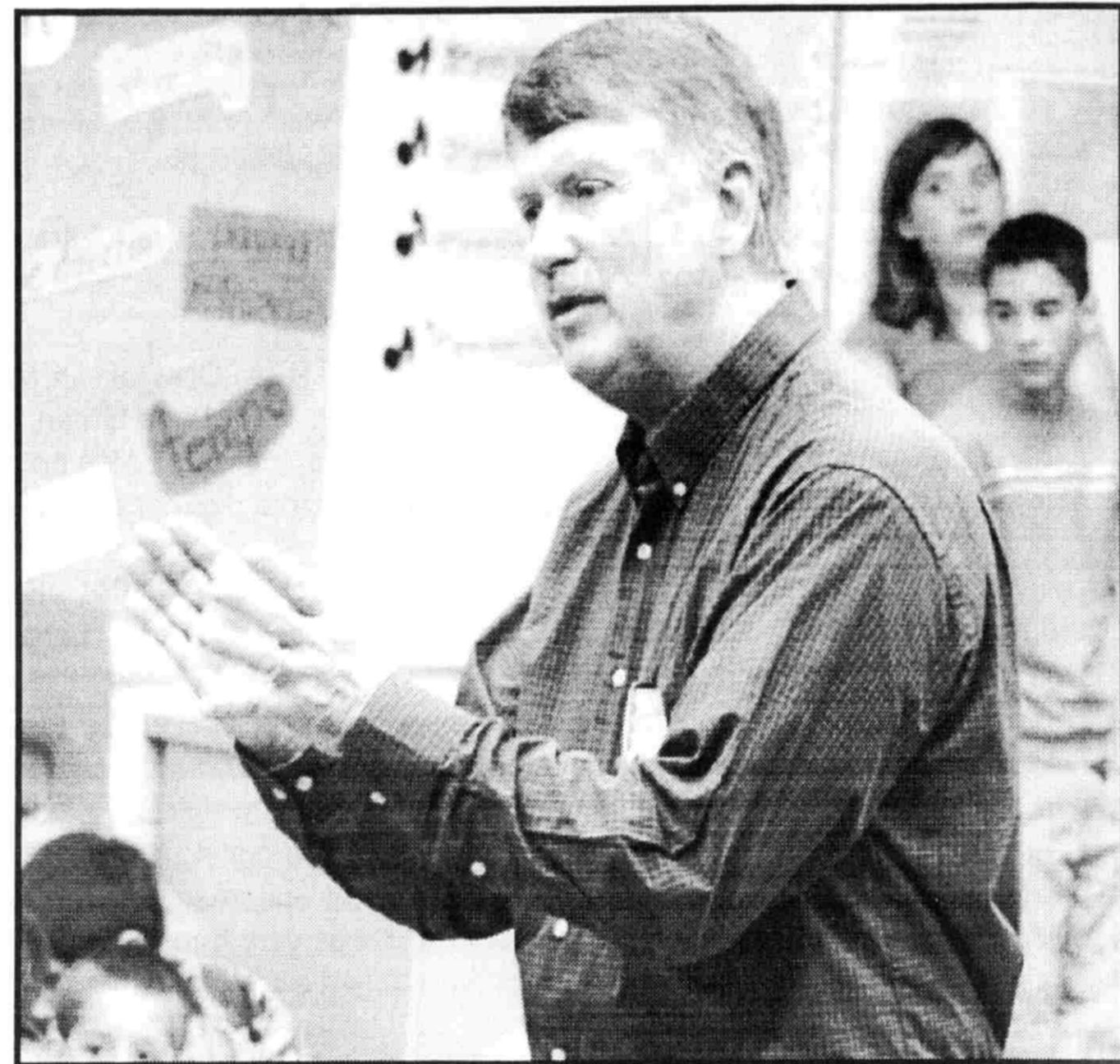
things they can't explain, that doesn't mean it's a UFO. I do believe most people would like to find them," he said.

England added that with so many suns, planets and opportunities, it is hard to imagine there isn't other life out there.

"Most reasonably interesting would be Mars because of the water, high mountains and geological formations," England said.

One fifth-grade girl questioned how planets got their names.

England noted that they are named after Greek gods. "We are not allowed to name space features after living people," England explained. "There is a crater on the moon named after my wife's nickname - 'spook.'"



Astronaut, Tony England was a popular stop for students during Friday's Aerospace and Technology Day at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Foundation grant provides science students with real time graphing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation recently awarded a grant to Robert Garcia, a science teacher at Lowell High School.

The grant, valued at \$466.99, was used to purchase a Hewlett Packard Photosmart printer, DataStudio software, and two USB links.

According to Garcia, "This technology has benefited students in all of my science classes."

"The DataStudio software program has allowed my students to perform experiments using 'real time graphing' in which the data, displayed as the experiment, is actually happening."

The printer is not only valuable in printing out lab reports, graphs, tables, etc., but Garcia will be able to use the school's digital camera, and edit pictures on the printer.

"The grant benefits all of my biology and ecology students, especially those students with learning disabilities receiving education services in my team-taught biology class," Garcia explained.

The DataStudio software creates visuals and graphs. "Research in special education has shown that programs which contain graphical displays and visuals meet the academic needs of these students."

"There is not a program like it in Lowell High School that meets the needs of my students," Garcia said.

The DataStudio program gives large, resizeable displays along with a full set of digital and analog meters, tables, graphs and oscilloscopes which can be displayed on a projector.

"Students can see real time graphing in which the data is displayed as the experiment is actually happening," Garcia said.

The USB links are devices to which various probes can be attached. Once they are connected to the computer, data collection can begin. They are valuable because temperature and pH data can be taken at the same time during an experiment.

"It allows for more students to be involved in data collection and analysis," Garcia said.

30 years after joining Lowell schools, Pierce turns her attention to hooking that next big bass

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

She has been that soothing, sensitive voice with a caring ear who's always kept a light on and a door open for kids.

The 2003-04 school year will seem a lot less comforting by the absence of Barb Pierce.

The Student Service Center counselor announced after spring break that her 30th year would be her final year at Lowell High School.

The soft-spoken valedictorian of Elkton High School departed from family life in the thumb area for Michigan State University where she studied art education.

She taught art for three years after college, before taking time off for a family. It was 10 years before Pierce would return to the classroom - and then only as a substitute.

"My mother was a teacher, so going to college and becoming a teacher and then raising a family was just all part of the program," Pierce explained.

After taking a decade off to raise her children, Pierce landed a substitute role in Lowell. "I filled in for Blanche Mullin, a Lowell art teacher

at the time," Pierce recalls.

In January of 1972, during her role as a substitute, Pierce was approached by school principal, Denny McMahon and counselor, Gordon Gould about working full time in the counselor's office.

"I said yes and started back to work on my master's in psychology," Pierce said. "I had already completed 18 hours."

Pierce worked under the gun and readily admits that early on she learned from Gould and office secretary, Lila Grummet.

"I think a good counselor is someone who is a good listener, is sensitive to what kids are saying and what's happening around them," Pierce said. "I also think it's important to have an open door so that kids feel comfortable to come and go. Being a counselor has allowed me to work with kids and to get to know their families and I've enjoyed that so much."

Pierce has also reveled in the freedom to implement new projects.

Whether it's been working with Dick Korb, Jim DeWeerd or Scott Washaw, Pierce has been able to do

things from what she calls a "creative list."

"They've all allowed me to try new things which has enabled the department to do a lot," Pierce said.

Among her favorites have been Teens Involved, the College Fair and Career Pathways.

The high school counselor served as a Teens Involved advisor for 10 years. "It provided activities for kids as alternatives to drugs," she explains. "It was great fun for me working with some great kids," Pierce said.

The counselor is proud of the fact that the department has always tried to fine tune and make the program better. "It's been difficult because as the school has grown, we've become busier and are more often under a crunch."

High school counseling, today, involves so many more things - e.g., testing, college night, scheduling, post secondary education, and academics.

"We need to do a better job of marketing what we do through a website and promotional pamphlets. This year, each counselor saw 400 students. The students are divided up alphabetically and



Barb Pierce nears the end of her 30th and final year as a Lowell High School counselor.

we see them in small groups," Pierce explained.

The 30-year veteran of Lowell schools hopes that Lowell is able to maintain that personal communication/contact with students.

"We're getting so big that it becomes more difficult to do," Pierce said.

While Pierce admits she will miss the contact with students and staff, retirement will increase her time with grandkids in Florida, Lowell and Grand Ledge.

It will also increase time for gardening, reading, art, (water color) and golfing and fishing with her husband and retired Lowell teacher, Charlie Pierce.

"Fishing is so relaxing and it enables you to be out in the sun. We got a pontoon and plan on doing a lot of blue gill, croppie and bass fishing," Pierce said.

Her favorite fish story involves a small blue gill and a bass.

"I caught this small blue gill while fishing on Scalley Lake. Instead of taking it off the hook I just casted it back into the water. It barely hit the water and a bass hit it," Pierce explains as her eyes light up and a smile breaks out. "I released the bass back into the lake."

Pierce concludes by saying it is the right time to retire. "It's a good time. The last 30 years have been a great experience."

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- U-11-----Under 11 years of age after July 31, 2003 @ 10:30
- U-10-----Under 10 years of age after July 31, 2003 @ 12:30
- U-9-----Under 9 years of age after July 31, 2003 @ 12:30



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Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-8254 evenings.

ENTRY FEE: Now until June 9, \$15; June 10 to race day, \$20. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$12 per person up until June 10.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 13th, 2003 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School - north entrance.

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Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	66 & over

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I know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a race unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the race. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high and low temperatures, traffic and conditions of the road, all risks being known by me. Having read this waiver and knowing all the facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone to act on my behalf, waive and release the city of Lowell, Vergennes Lowell Township, Cherry Creek Classic and all personnel, all volunteers, Race Director, and all sponsors involved in this event their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant my permission to all of the foregoing to use photographs, motion pictures, recording or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose. Event directors have the right to cancel the event due to severe weather. Race fees are non-refundable.

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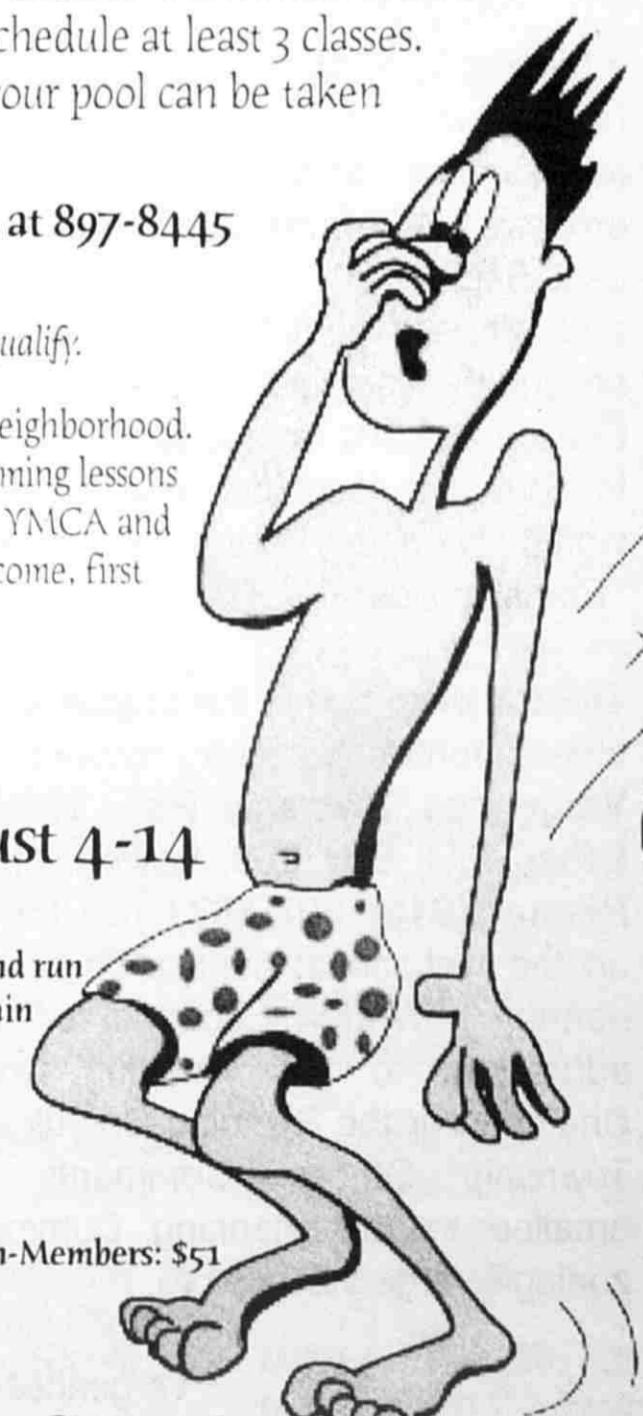
Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

Lessons are organized at a pool in any given neighborhood. Residents in the area are invited to take swimming lessons at the levels that have been set by the Lowell YMCA and the pool owner. Lessons are set up on a first come, first served basis.

SESSION DATES:
June 16-26 • July 7-17
July 21-August 1 • August 4-14

DAYS, DATES, TIMES
Classes are scheduled in two week sessions and run Monday through Thursday, with Friday as a rain day. The date and time is determined by the pool owner and the Lowell YMCA.

COST (8 classes)
Members: \$32 • Program Members: \$45 • Non-Members: \$51



YMCA Mission Statement
To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



Auction Funds Distributed

Funds raised through the Lowell Rotary Auction were distributed to local organizations. The auction raised roughly \$23,000. Pictured, from left to right, are: Judy Straub, Lowell Area Historical Museum; Dale Triplett, Speerstra Insurance/Rotary International; Lorain Smalligan, Lowell Area Arts Council; and Justin Belgiano, YMCA sports and teen director.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 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.

FOURTH MON. 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.

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

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group is discontinued for the summer. Will resume in Sept.

SECOND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American

Sewing Guild meets at Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. program. Call Sandy at 285-0621.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at the Lowell Congregational Church upstairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers beginning June 5. Saranac H. S. Band Room. Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./band: 7-8 p.m. Call Kathy Maatman 897-5981 w/questions.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 for two. 897-7842 for info.

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

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

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

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

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

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs.: 12-1

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

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

MON., JUNE 16: Lowell Showboat Garden Club will have annual trip to Meijer Gardens. Meet at 7 p.m. at Meijer Gardens for tour of new areas just opened. Call Thompsons at 897-2533 with ???s.

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.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

WED., JUNE 11: 8 a.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. **MON., JUNE 16:** 11 a.m. Loafers Glory. **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

9 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch & Music. **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. **WED., JUNE 25:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., JUNE 26: 12:00 Dance West Side Complex. **FRI., JUNE 27:** 11 a.m. Dr. Flohr - Diabetes & Your Eyes; 12 p.m. Farewell Party for the Barry's. **MON., JUNE 30:** 12:45 p.m. Cafe in the Woods/Shop Woodland Mall.

THURS., JUNE 12: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre. **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. **WED., JUNE 25:** 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer. **THURS., JUNE 26:** 12:00 Dance West Side Complex. **FRI., JUNE 27:** 11 a.m. Dr. Flohr - Diabetes & Your Eyes; 12 p.m. Farewell Party for the Barry's. **MON., JUNE 30:** 12:45 p.m. Cafe in the Woods/Shop Woodland Mall.

\$4.95/mo Internet!

By DAVID STOWERS

Budget Cuts, cont'd... From Page 1

ing half-day Friday kindergarten and replacing it with specified full day Fridays. Departmental will be reduced by five percent for a second straight year. The athletic budget will be cut by 10 percent because it did not incur five percent cuts for 2002-03 school year because they came so far along in the year and much of its budget is salary.

Character & Diversity and Living Consciously programs will also incur cuts. Cost-to-participate fees in drivers education will increase so the district can cover its costs.

"The state allows districts to charge enough to cover its drivers education cost. Schools are not required to offer drivers education," Gillette said. "Even with the increase, our cost is still less than many other districts and that of private driving schools."

Gillette concluded by saying the budget is prepared, based on information from Lansing.

"These are tough economic times. I believe the toughest since WWII," Gillette explained. "I do not believe this is a one-year financial issue. The process, however tough, has been a good one and has allowed us to review the way we spend money."

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



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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, July 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.432 Wireless Communication Facilities

The proposed amendments will be a complete replacement ordinance for wireless communications. Zoning language is described for application, review and approval procedures, permitted and secondary use for land in certain districts, collocation procedures and cooperation, and performance standards.

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The proposed definitions of support structure, attached communication antenna, communication tower, collocation and indemnity are defined and added to the definition section.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Section 201.305 (C), 201.306 (C), 201.306A (C), 201.308 (C) are proposed to be amended to remove wireless communication facilities in these districts as a special use requirement. Section 201.309 (B) (1) (i) proposed to reword as a permitted principal use. Section 201.309 (C) (4) proposed to add wireless communication facilities as a secondary use with a special use permit. Section 201.301 is proposed to be amended to correct a technical error to replace the words "Zoning Board of Appeals" with "Township Board"

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the **Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, P.O. Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]** or on the website at conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennewtp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 19, 2003 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the April 21, 2003 Regular Meeting were approved. A list of invoices was also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to table Metro Act Resolution regarding telecommunications right-of-ways
- Motion to approve site plan approval for AT&T Communications for a tower collocation
- Motion to appoint Tom Medendorp to a three year term on the Historical Commission
- Motion to approve the hiring of a temporary receptionist during a medical leave
- Motion to refer a request for the operation of a farm/lawn sales and service business to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at www.vergennewtp.org, or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is June 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Mari Stone, Vergennes Township Clerk

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With Christopher C. Godbold



Christopher C. Godbold, Edward Jones investment representative in Lowell, recently was named to a select group of individuals who voluntarily train new brokers in their communities.

"The financial-services firm Edward Jones went from being a regional firm with about 300 offices in the early 1980's

to a global investment firm with more than 8,800 offices today. The firm's value-based culture of helping individuals succeed was primarily responsible for that growth, and Godbold's contribution to that culture did not go unrecognized.

Godbold has been tapped as a "field trainer," a new position created for those investment representatives who voluntarily give their time and energy to help their new colleagues succeed. Those investment representatives named field trainers receive certification through training sessions and testing. Field trainers work with groups of new Edward Jones investment representatives for several months to help them through their training and while they build their businesses. Edward Jones managing partner, John Bachmann said the willingness to help one's peers is fundamental to the firm's growth.

"We couldn't grow at the rate we've achieved if we didn't have people like Chris who remember what it was like to start out, and who give unselfishly so others can realize the success he has enjoyed," Bachmann said. "Chris was selected for his dedication and willingness to help others as well as his success at running his own business."

Field trainers are not monetarily compensated for this effort.

But, according to Godbold, he has a much greater motivation than money to help others in the firm. "That's the Edward Jones culture," Godbold said. "When one person succeeds, it adds to the firm's success which benefits us all. If someone hadn't been willing to help me, then I might not be where I am today."

Godbold has an office at 2050 W.Main St. His phone number is 987-9515.

Kits catapult students into study of motion and force

Catapults, historically, were used in warfare. The science behind them, however, makes the simple compound instrument an important model in Rebecca Lecuru's freshman physical science class.

"The class is studying the motion and forces behind simple compound machines," Lecuru said. "They have also researched the history and the different types of catapults."

Lecuru was able to purchase other types of machines through the funds of a teacher innovative grant from the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

Lecuru bought a falling arm trebuchet and a trebuchet powered by a downward pull with the grant money.

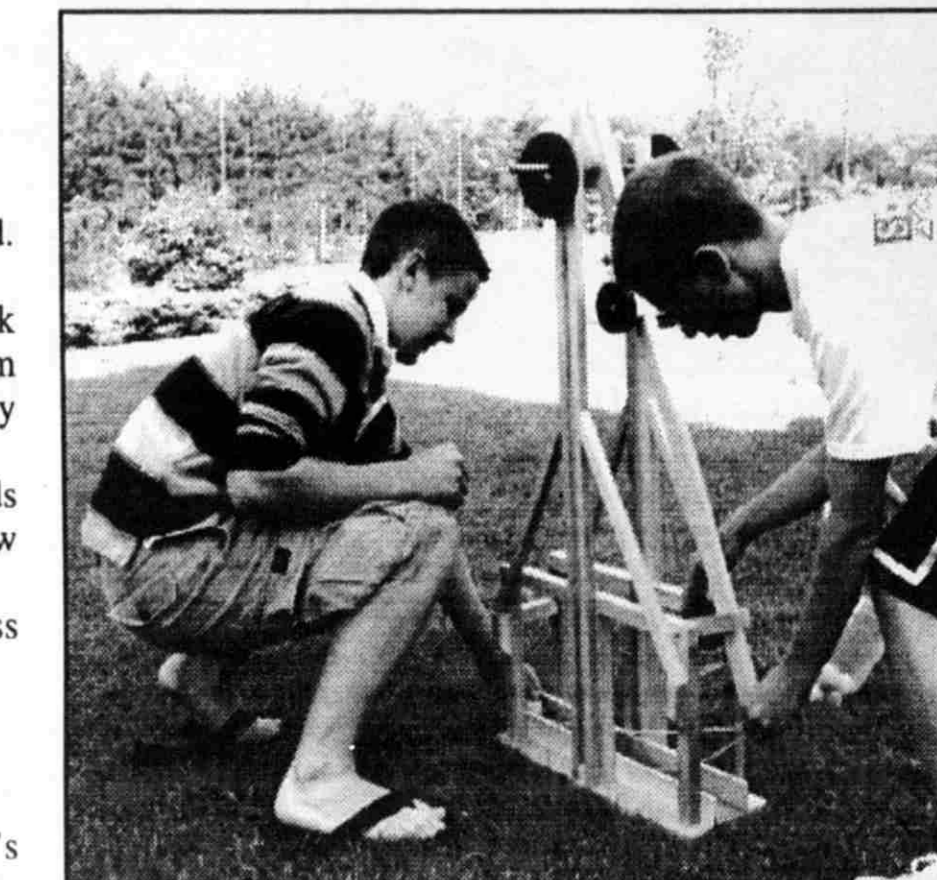
She also ordered a ballista kit, but that was back ordered. Lecuru anticipates having that in class for next year.

"It says the kits can be put together in an evening... it took us days," Lecuru said. "The students have fun putting them together and shooting the catapults, but most importantly they also learn the physics concepts."

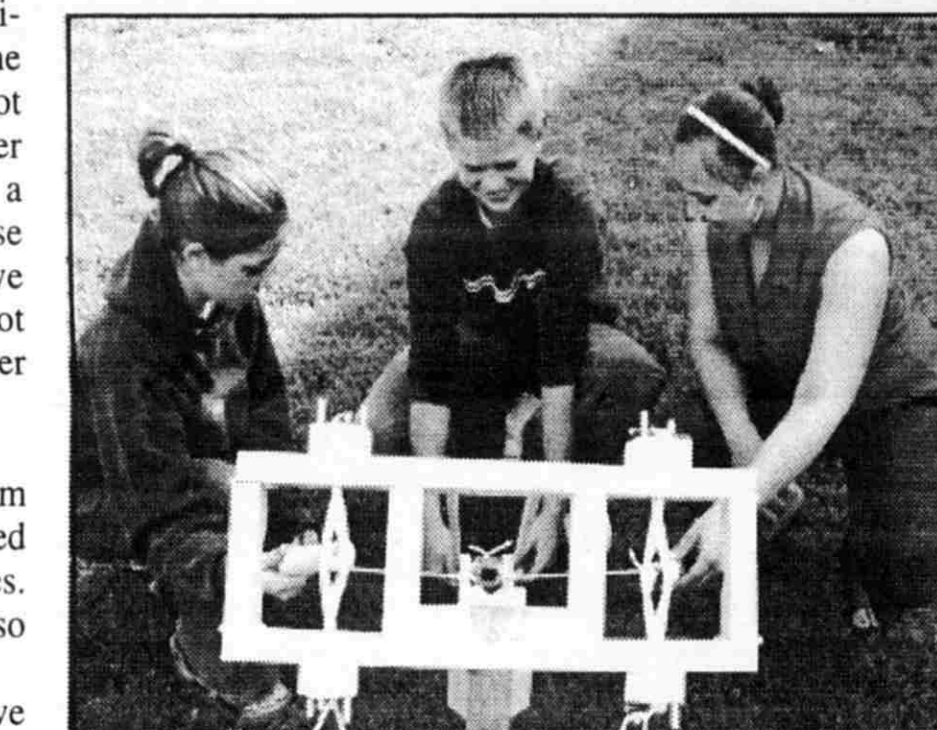
The Lowell High School physical science teacher adds that models are important in science because they allow students to see, touch and manipulate.

"They are much more effective in the learning process than a drawing or a picture," Lecuru said.

The foundation grant was for \$450.



Steven LaFave, left, and Ben Hanson prepare the falling arm trebuchet for a demonstration shot.



Holly Cook, Ryan Kalman and Rose Chamber (left to right) set up the trebuchet.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



have two years remaining. Since the lease is in the corporation's name and I signed it as president on behalf of the corporation, do I have any personal liability if the corporation gets sued for breaching the lease agreement?

JONATHAN SAYS: If the lease agreement in fact indicates that your corporation is the tenant and you executed the lease as president of the corporation, and so long as you did not personally guaranty the obligations of the corporation under the lease, then you should be okay. The landlord will have a cause of action against the corporation for breaching the lease but not you personally. However, I recommend that you have the lease reviewed by a lawyer to make sure that you have not personally guaranteed the obligations of the corporation under that agreement.

DEAR JONATHAN: Some years ago I prepared a last will and testament and some type of trust agreement. I can't remember what it is called, but the will and trust were all contained in one document. Right now I am not in the greatest health and I want to make sure that if something happens to me that my children don't have to deal with probate. How do I go about transferring all my assets over to my trust so that probate can be avoided?

JONATHAN SAYS: If the type of trust you created is part of your last will and testament, then that is known as a testamentary trust and you cannot transfer assets to that trust during your lifetime for probate avoidance. That type of trust is designed to receive assets only upon your death and the completion of probate.

If you want to avoid probate, then you should have a new will prepared and a separate stand alone living trust prepared. A living trust is a trust that is effective during lifetime and can receive assets while you are alive so that upon death the assets in the trust avoid probate.

I encourage you to meet with an estate planning lawyer who can help you prepare these documents and direct you on how to transfer assets to your trust once it is signed.

DEAR JONATHAN: I took a chance on a business a few years ago and unfortunately the business is not doing well and I am going to have to shut my doors. Luckily, I had the foresight to set up a corporation and run the business through that corporation - I wanted to make sure that I didn't risk my personal assets in the event the business failed. I have been able to settle with all of my vendors and the only outstanding liability I will have when I close my doors is my lease - I still

DEAR JONATHAN: It seems like every other week I am bailing out one of my kids financially. She is well intentioned and a great kid, but is irresponsible when it comes to finances. Since I have the means, I don't mind helping her out, but I also want to be fair to my other children. Any ideas?

JONATHAN SAYS: What you might want to do is have your daughter sign a promissory note for all the money you have loaned her and then prepare a will and/or trust which includes a provision that states that her share of your estate will be reduced by any amounts that she owes you at the time of your death. An example of how this works is as follows:

Let's assume you have three children and an estate worth \$80,000 and your one daughter owes you \$10,000 at the time of your death. If you include a provision in your will and/or trust which requires your one daughter to pay off any loans due and owing you at the time of your death, then the \$10,000 your daughter owes you would be added back to the \$80,000 leaving a total of \$90,000 to be divided three ways - two children would each receive \$30,000 and your one daughter would receive \$20,000 (\$30,000 less the \$10,000 she has already received).

By utilizing such a provision in your will and/or trust, all of your children will be treated equally. Also, by having your daughter sign a promissory note, you are letting her know that the amounts you are giving her are not gifts but loans, and she is going to have to pay them back one way or another. If she realizes that, she might start acting more responsibly when it comes to her finances.

Health

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



counter or a medium potency topical steroid prescribed by a physician. When the exposure involves a wide area, oral steroids may be required to control the symptoms and get the area resolved.

Overall, poison ivy is more a nuisance than anything else, but the skin condition it causes can take up to three weeks to completely disappear.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE GLADYS WILDEBOER TRUST
u/a/d 8/26/99
GLADYS WILDEBOER, deceased, whose date of birth was 1/19/25.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GLADYS WILDEBOER, who lived at 4894 Havana, S.W., Wyoming, Michigan, died 5/27/03.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to MARTHA H. WILDEBOER, Trustee, 4894 Havana, S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 4, 2003

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Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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Artists combine hike with nature photo shoot



Kathy Carlile and Linda Longwell-McCarthy pause to get a snapshot of a Pink Lady Slipper.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was an opportunity to explore and enjoy nature while capturing their discoveries through the eye of their cameras. A photography hike was part of the National Trails Day activities in Lowell, centering around the North Country Trail which runs through Lowell.

"The goal was to explore along the trail and notice all the things we often miss," said North Country Trail volunteer, Eric Doyle.

Kathie Carlile and Linda Longwell, of Grand Rapids, stopped, photographed and shared with others a single "Pink Lady Slipper" which they discovered while exploring nature.

"Part of a photography hike is enjoying nature and pulling others in and showing them what you see," Doyle said. "Everyone sees things differently through the eye of a camera."

Jenison's John and Lori Dost discovered the opportunity to participate in the photography hike on the internet.

"It changes the way you look at things. It changes your perspective and I think you come away appreciating nature more," said John Dost. "We've been doing this for 12-14 years.

The pictures provide good gift ideas."

Jen French, a structural engineer who resides in Rockford, said photographing nature was an offspring of backpacking. "Traveling brought out photography. It's been an excuse to get out in nature," French said.

David and Angela Chandler spend most of their free time in the outdoors. "Neither led to the other, we have always done a little bit of both," explained David Chandler.

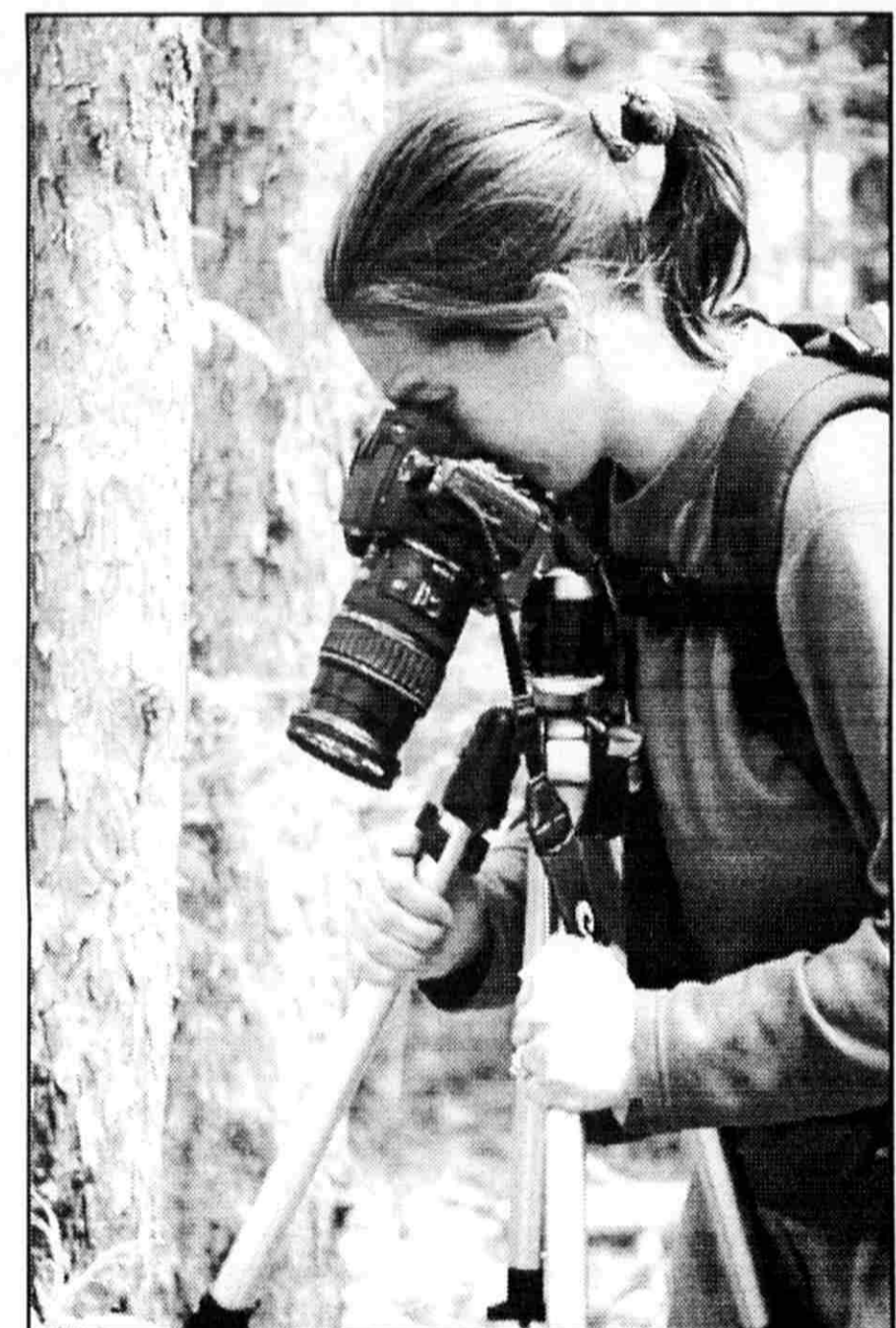
Along the trail of the photographic hike, Doyle shared technical and artistic advice.

"This hike is open to all people of all levels using digital or film," Doyle said.

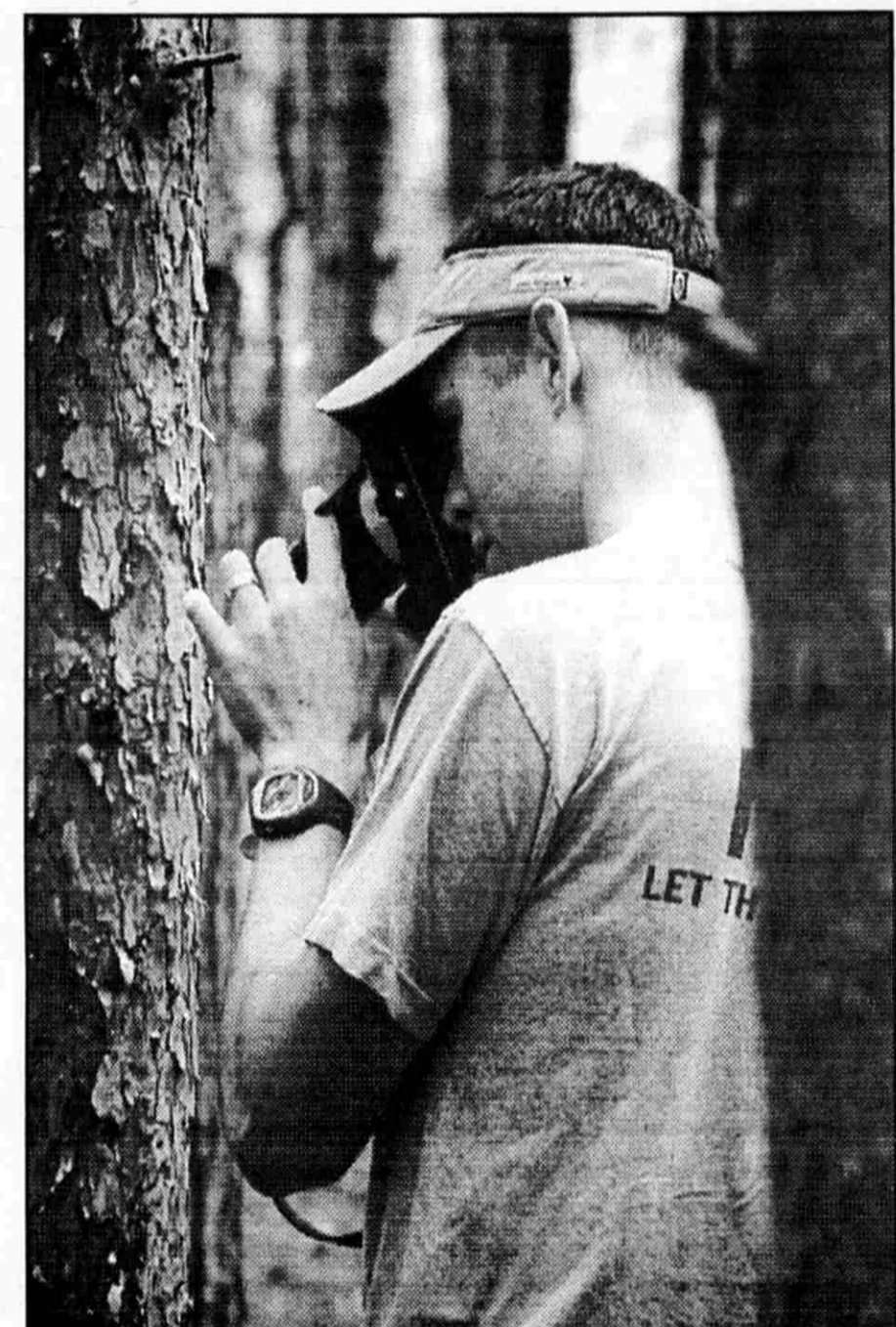
The National Trails Day celebration kicked off at 9 a.m. on Saturday on the Riverwalk Plaza.

Following an opening ceremony, participants divided into theme hike groups. They were a photographers hike, a seven-mile hike, another focused on fauna, trees and birds along the Flat River and one introduced children and parents to the mysteries of the trail.

The national day is a project of the American Hiking Society. The West Michigan chapter is one of 3,000 organizations nationwide which puts on a local event.



Rockford's Jen French has dabbled in the art of photography for the past five years.

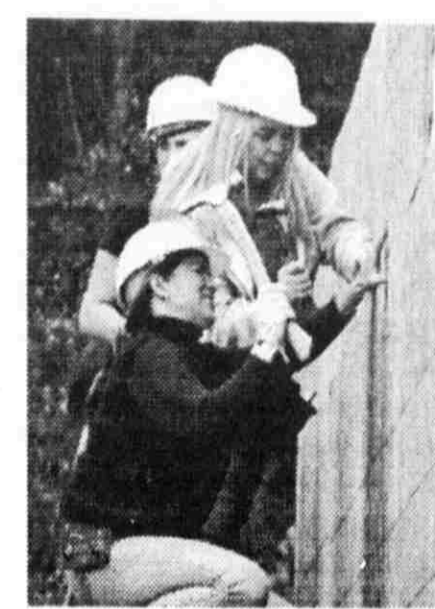
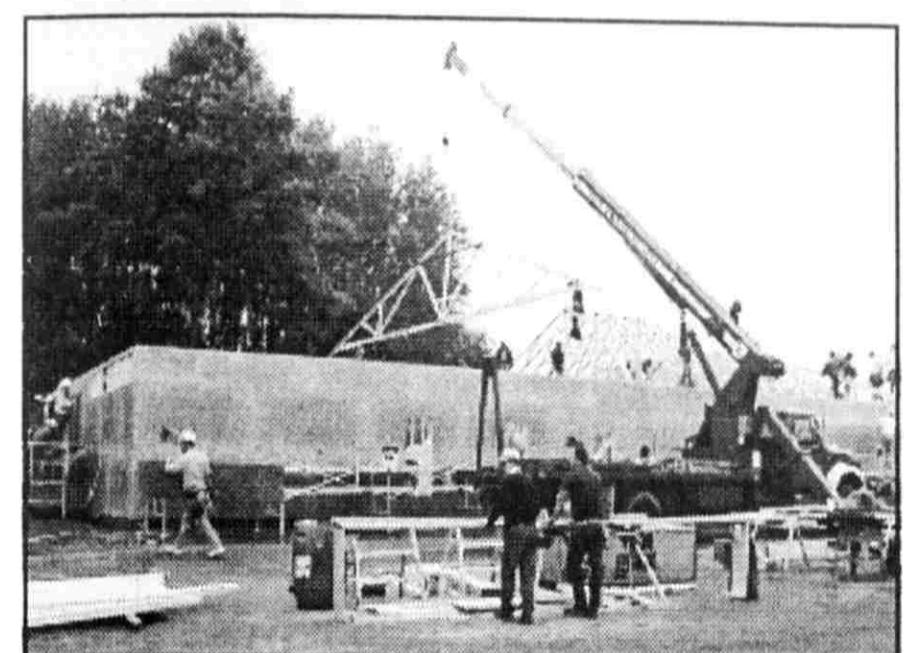


John Dost, Jenison, enjoyed the peaceful surroundings of Fallsburg on Saturday during the photography hike as part of National Trails Day.

Laborers quick to erect Lincoln Lake Kingdom Hall

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The buzz of activity heard in Vergennes Township last week was not hornets build-



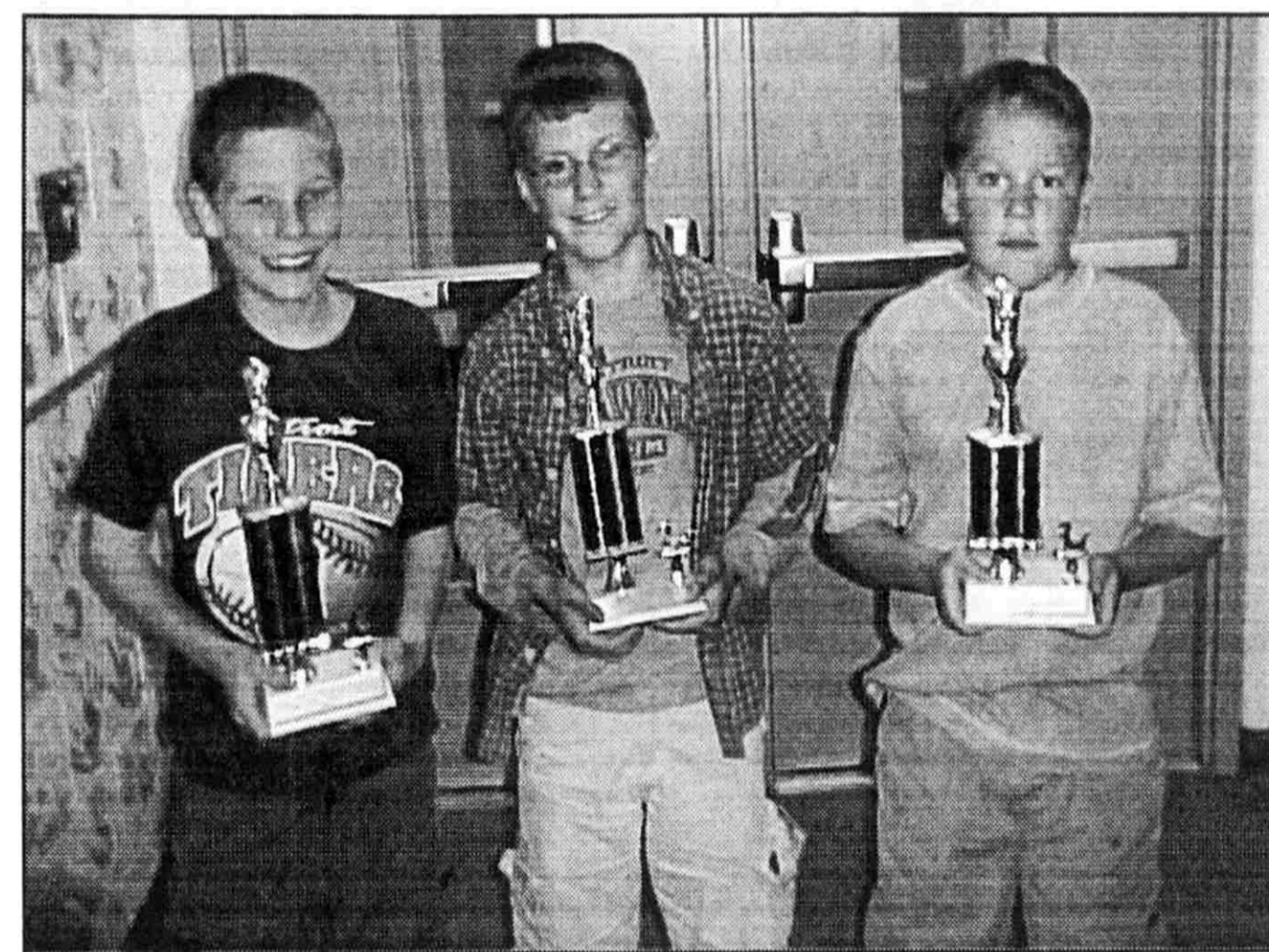
The sound of people pounding nails filled the air Thursday morning.



What started out as a frame on Wednesday was a fully constructed Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall by the end of the day on Sunday.



Kingdom Halls have been built this way for over 25 years," said Larry Abel, a local building committee member. "Last month a Kingdom Hall was built in Greenville."



Winning at Chess

Over 90 fifth graders entered the chess tournament in January. Four months and over 200 chess matches later, only three were left in the running. Third place went to David Burnett (Mike Fillman's class), second place was awarded to Dylan Olin (Cindy Young's class), and the champion was Joe Schreur (Brent Noskey's class). Pictured, left to right, are the top three finishers in the Cherry Creek Elementary annual Fifth Grade Chess Tournament: Joe Schreur, Dylan Olin and David Burnett.

We should comfort ourselves with the masterpieces of art as with exalted personages—stand quietly before them and wait until they speak to us.
—Arthur Schopenhauer

The regional building committees have also been responsible for the erection of Kingdom Halls in Hastings and Cascade.

"Carpet, tile, wallpaper, trim work, and seating installation are scheduled for the second and fourth weekends in June," Abel explained.

The new Kingdom Hall, with a membership of 75, will hold a seating capacity of 150 people and is scheduled to be completed and ready to hold congregational meetings

by the first weekend in July.

The project started with the floor slab and asphalt on Wednesday; framing and the roof were put in on Thursday with the brick and drywall completed on Friday.

The ceiling crew came in Friday night, and painting and trimming were carried out on Sunday.



<p>ESTATE SALE 71 years plus of treasures from Kate & Chet Warner. Sale at 9548 Grand River, Saranac. June 12, 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 14, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Dryer, rock polisher-cutter; 3 TVs - VCR - home entertainment center; Sears riding lawn mower; stereo; lots of dishes; linens; quilts; table; buffet; 6 chairs; 2 old wooden rockers; sewing machine; folding chairs; misc. lawn tools and other tools, misc. items too numerous to mention.</p>	<p>MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE June 13 & 14, 9 - 6. Jen Air stove, loveseat and chair, interior doors, windows and much more... 14311 Oberley Dr.</p>	<p>MURRAY LAKE-WIDE GARAGE SALES - Sat., June 14, 9-3 p.m.</p> <p>BIG SALE June 12, 13, 14, Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Dawn - dusk. 3480 Buttrick. Antiques, linens, butcher block, tools & junk.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE June 12 & 13, 8-4 p.m. 20 Flat River Dr. Boys clothes (infant to size 8), books, toys, baby & household items.</p>	<p>ADA Neighborhood. Seven sales on cul-de-sac, Little Tikes, house, toys, namebrand children's clothes, canoe and lots more. Cascade Rd. or Fulton to Spaulding to W. Woodmead Ct. Thurs. - Sat., June 12, 13 & 14, 9-?</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Every Thursday, 11-5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr., Lowell.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE 2 Family. Household items, toys, etc. 11751 Rural Acres Dr., Alto (off Alden Nash) Wed. & Thurs., June 12 & 13, 9-4 p.m.</p>	<p>MULTI FAMILY SALE June 12 & 13, 9-5 p.m., June 14, 9-2 p.m. 3810 Quiggle Avenue, Ada (between Cascade and 36th). Twin bed, FP sand-box, quality adult & children's clothing, jewelry and much more. Rain or shine.</p>	<p>McCORDS STREET SALE Between 76th & 84th Streets. June 12, 13 & 14, 9-5 p.m. Namebrand clothes (infant - adult), household items, toys, tools & much more.</p>
<p>2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Fri. & Sat., June 13 & 14, 9:00-5:00, 130 & 199 Montcalm Ave. Fallsburg Park Dr. to McPherson to Montcalm (first road on the left)</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE June 12 to 14. Entertainment center, TVs, commercial air compressor, Johnathon Stevens twin mattresses, NEW Yamaha keyboard (still boxed), crib - toddler bed, some baby, much more. Thur. & Fri. 8-?, Sat. 8-12. Across from Keiser's 721 E. Main.</p>	<p>GARAGE SALE Thurs., June 12 & Fri., June 13, 9 to 6 p.m. Clothes (men's, women's & boys), toys, deck swing, patio set, washer, dryer, baby crib, Christmas items, craft items, weed eater, swing set & much more. 13393 Grand River Dr.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE Quality baby items: swing, car seat, bouncy seat, activity gym, brand name boys clothes, 0-2T, lots of toys, games, books, household goods, misc. Fri., June 13 & Sat., June 14, 9 - 6 p.m., Alto 6585 Fair Oaks (N. off 68th, E. of Snow).</p>	<p>2 FAMILY SALE Fri., 9-5 p.m. & Sat., 9-1 p.m. 3141 Emery Dr SE, off Alden Nash. Furniture, clothes, computers, toys & crafts. No early sales!</p>	<p>BIG SUNDAY SALE June 15, 9-dark, some furniture, appliances, knick knacks, some clothes, some free items. 1302 Laurie Gail Dr. In case of rain June 22.</p>
<p>YARD ART SALE 303 Roberta Jayne, Sat., June 14, 8 a.m. - 5 pm. Do you want to make your yard stand out? Does your yard need character? Stop by for some affordable and durable yard and garden items. Shepard's hooks, trellises, etc.</p>	<p>YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! CALL TODAY!</p>	<p>HUGE MULTI FAMILY 4978 Ada Dr., June 13 & 14. Open 8:30 am. Swing set, many bikes, small dog crate, like new books, clean toys, high chair, stroller, play pen, 2 craft display stands, hunting tree stand, smoker, leather jackets, name brand adult and children clothes: GAP, Nike, Polo, Tommy, Liz, Limited Too, Children's Place, Old Navy and much more.</p>
<p>GARAGE SALE June 13 & 14, 9-5 p.m. All sorts of stuff at 296 Donna Dr., Lowell.</p>	<p>YARD SALE Sat., June 14, 8-1 p.m. 2 homes on Lally Ct. Kids toys, craft supplies, CB radio equip., baby girl's clothes, household items.</p>	<p>RE-DID-IT FURNITURE & MULTI-FAMILY SALE Dept. 56. Clothes, misc. 7345 Driftwood off Thornapple River Dr. June 17, 18, 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>

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FOUND - Senior male chocolate lab, near Jackson & Oberley Dr., south of Lowell. Friday, June 6, 691-8388.

HELP WANTED - Die Shop - Due to our continued growth Precise Engineering is adding personnel for the following positions: * Die Designers * Night Shift Die Makers * Night Shift Foreman * Night Shift CNC Mill Operators. Apply at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE, Lowell, MI 49331

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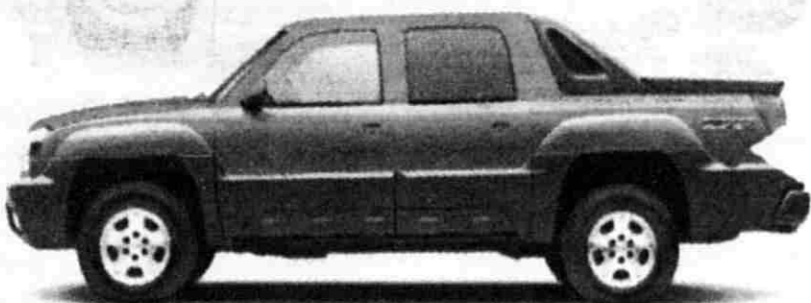
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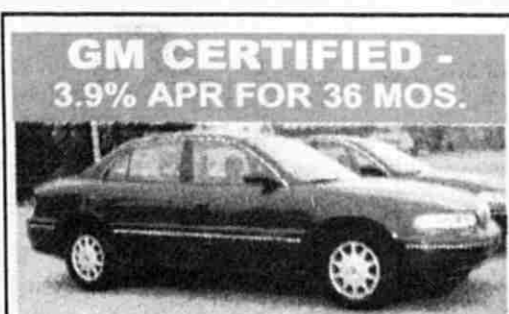
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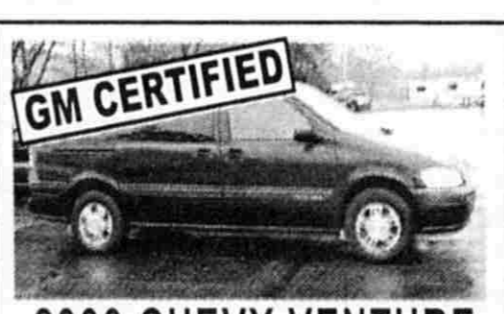
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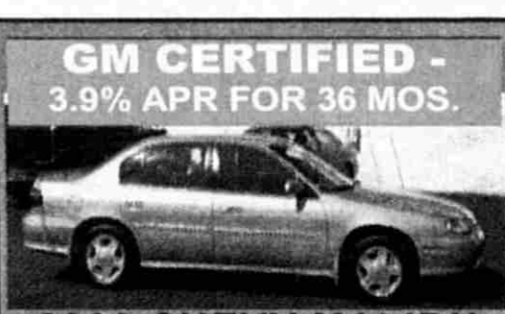
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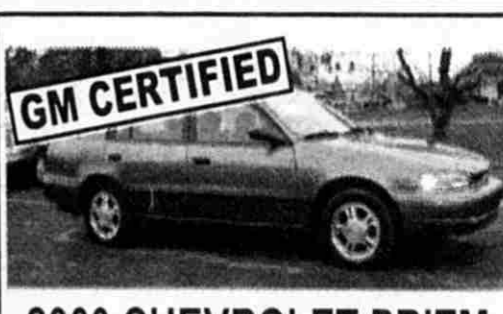
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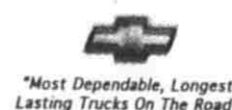
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