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WHAT A RIDE!

It was a record-setting livestock auction, a record number of animals and commercial exhibits, and a larger than ever selection of carnival rides at the 69th Annual Kent County Youth Fair which concluded on Saturday. "It was a great year and we could not have asked for better weather," said Kent County Youth Fair board president, Ron Wenger. More fair pictures on page 10.



With the ribbon-cutting ceremony behind it, all that is left is the freshman center's Aug. 25 opening.

Freshman center built on high expectations and individual learning

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Gone are the questions... When should we build? Where should we build? How much should we build? And how many students should be in the building?

They have been replaced with high expectations and a focus on individual learning. "The number one indicator of what a student will do in high school is how they do their freshman year," said Lowell High School principal, Scott Washaw.

The new \$3.2 million freshman center at Lowell High

School was built with all of that in mind... that no student is lost between the cracks and that they all receive the greatest opportunity to learn all the skills necessary to achieve.

"With the growing number of students in buildings, students are not seen as individuals and you lose that one-on-one between teacher and student that is necessary," Washaw said. "The school within a school concept serves as the background to all of this."

The celebratory ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Monday night, prior to the board meeting, for students, parents and district residents to gander a peek at the new edifice.

Depth in study advances students to a college state of mind

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The number of participants and the value of the program continue to escalate at Lowell High School.

For the 2002-03 school year, 266 Lowell High School students participated in Advanced Placement courses with an A.P. course test taken for college credit 188 of those times.

This year, 379 are scheduled to enroll in an Advanced Placement course. That number is up 113 from the 2002-03 total of 266.

The dean of admissions at Harvard University calls the Advanced Placement program a better predictor of a student's college success than sitting four hours to take the ACT or SAT.

According to a Newsweek article, over one million students took 1.75 million A.P. tests in 2002-03. That was up 10 percent from 2001-02 and doubled the 1996 total.

The program allows students to engage in a college level curriculum delivered from their home school. If a student scores high on a year-end exam in May, she/he may earn a college credit. Successfully passing an A.P. course boosts a student's GPA by a multiplier of .25. If a student earned a B (3.0), after figuring in the multiplier, it would bump up to a 3.75.

"We felt the rigor of college courses warranted students receiving honor points," Lowell High School principal, Scott Washaw said.

In addition to a college credit, it enables students to cut college costs. There is an \$80 fee to write the test, considerably less than taking the course in college.

"There have been some examples where a student has

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OBITUARIES

BIGGS - Dan Jesse Biggs, aged 56, of Lowell, passed away August 6, 2003. He was preceded in death by his father Morris. Dan is survived by his mother Arlene; brother Dick (Connie) Biggs; niece Deb (Ernie)Freiberg; nephew

David (Kathe) Biggs. Private services were held by the family.

PECKHAM - Dorothy Koth Peckham, of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Lowell, died August 3, 2003. She was born in Battle Creek on July 5, 1908, the daughter of the late John and Minnie Perry Koth. Her twin brother Donald preceded her in death. A graduate of Western Michigan University, she taught in Lowell from 1928 to 1936. She married Howard Peckham of Lowell that year. They retired to Hendersonville in 1977; he died in 1995. Survivors include a son Stephen (Dina) of Lexington, Ky., a daughter Angela (Thomas) Hewett of Wallingford, Pa., and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Directors Fund, William L. Clements Library, 909 So. University Ave., Ann Arbor

48109 or the First Congregational Church, Hendersonville, N.C. 28792 or the Lowell Area Historical Society.

THIEL - Marie Thiel, aged 90, of Lowell, formerly of Hersey, passed away early Sunday morning, August 10, 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter

and grandson Jeff Jousma. Mrs. Thiel is survived by three daughters Helen (Jack) Fehlberg of Auburn Hills, Marvel (Warren) Jousma of Alto, Earlene (Jack) Swindeman of Camarillo, Texas; sisters Cleo Harris of Redford, Glenna Coleman of Flint; sister-in-law Edna Grice of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hersey Village Cemetery, Hersey Township. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Lafayette S.E., Suite L2051, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

Sisters return to childhood home

There were 51 members of the Delaney/VanWormer families who gathered at the home of Dan and Mary Farrell in Spring Lake on Friday, Aug. 1, 2003 for their first family reunion since 1979. Relatives were present from Ohio, Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado, California, New Mexico, Wyoming and seven Michigan cities. Of the six siblings of the com-

bined VanWormer and Delaney families, four sisters remain, and all of them were in attendance. All six children graduated from Lowell High School, the four remaining sisters in 1938, 1952, 1954, and 1956.

On Monday the Delaney sisters (now Maureen Lachniet, Colleen Lovett and Rosemary Horton) visited Lowell and the graves of their

parents and brother in Oakwood Cemetery, saw the library and new City Hall, visited old friends and neighbors, but were sorry to miss one neighbor and close friend who happens to be mayor of Lowell, and enjoyed lunch and dinner here. They were happy to reminisce about good old times and to see the Lowell Showboat again and their old neighborhood.

The sisters had not been in Lowell together since their high school days and were very impressed at the changes and growth in the community.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

Estate of **ROBERT E. MILLER**, deceased
 Date of birth: 11/17/1925

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

FILE NO. 03-03 176036,DE-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
 The decedent, **ROBERT**

E. MILLER, who lived at 4522 Illium Lane N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 07/17/03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **MICHAEL MILLER**, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 6, 2003

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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FILE NO. 03-176,048 DE

Estate of **MILDRED PARKS**, SSN: 367-22-0527

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **MILDRED PARKS**, who lived at 850-36th Street, S.W., Apt. 519, Wyoming, Michigan died 07-06-03. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **WINIFRED R. VanDRIEL** c/o **JOHN**

D. MITUS, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 4, 2003

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FILE NO. 03-176,059 DE

Estate of **STEVEN DOUGLAS BASS**
 SSN: 374-58-0067

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, **STEVEN DOUGLAS BASS**, who lived at 202 West 102nd St., Apt. 2wf, New York, New York 10025, died July 15, 2003. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to **DAVID A.**

BASS, c/o **JOHN D. MITUS**, Attorney at Law, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Ste. 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

August 7, 2003

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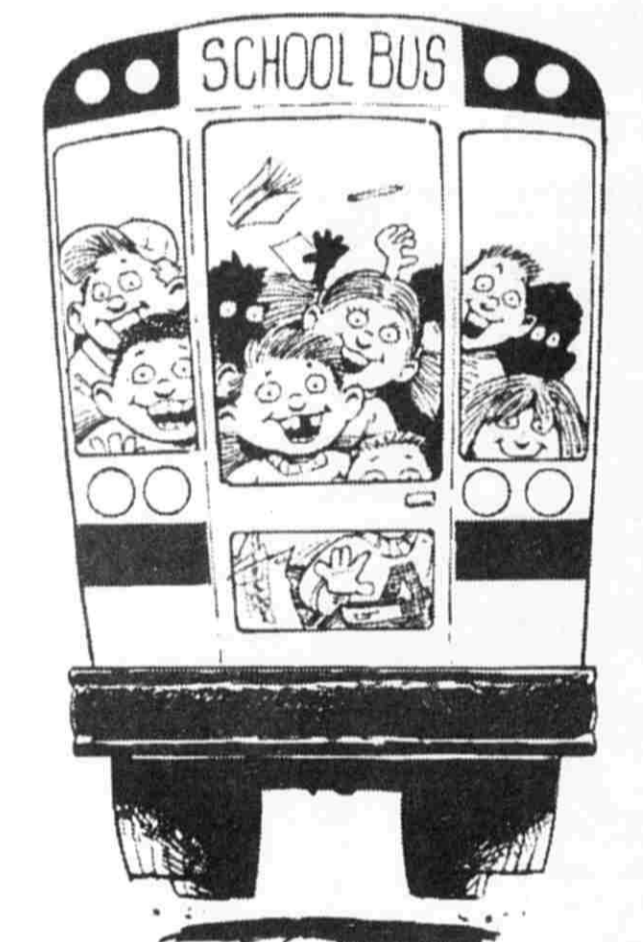
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2003-04 baby sitter forms must be on file in the Transportation Office so that your student may be picked up or dropped off at stops other than their home stop. Forms are available at the bus garage, and need to be on file ASAP. Forms made out previously may be renewed with a phone call to the bus garage office, 897-9353. If your child is the only one at your stop please call the bus garage if they will not be riding. Bus Garage phone number is 897-9353.

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The Shuttle bus will leave the front side (East end) of Lowell Middle School at ***7:40a.m. (please note time change***. As in previous years students may ride the morning Secondary routes into the Middle School and then be shuttled to St. Patricks, (see the schedule for times). In the p.m. students will shuttle from St. Patricks to Cherry Creek where they will ride Elementary buses home. If after checking the schedule you have any questions regarding the bus to ride home please call the bus garage at 897-9353.

CAMERAS ON BUSES

Again this year Lowell Area Schools will have video cameras on the buses. The cameras are there as an added measure of safety and rule enforcement. Rules are in effect and are to be followed whether or not a camera is in operation.

NO EXTRA RIDER POLICY

It is the policy of Lowell Area Schools to allow only those students assigned to a bus route to ride that bus. This helps to assure that each rider gets to the proper school in the morning and to the correct location in the afternoon. Exceptions will be made on an emergency basis by a phone call to the bus garage by a parent or guardian, 897-9353. It is a good idea for parents or guardians to follow up with a note to the driver.

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BUS ROUTES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S BUYERS GUIDE

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OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis



LATE SUMMER BLUEGILLS

There is a lull in the fishing action between early summer walleye and perch fishing and the fall salmon runs. It is during this period when we can rely on the bluegill to help us through the slow time. Unlike during the spring when gills gather together in the shallows to soak up some sun and spawn, the warm water of late summer scatters the fish about so that it usually takes some work to locate and catch the tasty little panfish.

Simple trial and error methods will work to find gills. This may take some time, however, because the fish move to different depths of water depending on the weather and availability of food. They also tend to suspend at whatever depth suits their comfort level. A sonar unit will speed up the process of finding the fish and determining the depth to present the bait.

This summer we regularly found gills off the weed beds in 12 to 25 feet of water and holding between 12 to 15 feet down. Fish could be caught in shallower water, but they were too small to keep. Most of the time the fish remained at a specific location, so it was wise to anchor as soon as biters were encountered.

Crickets are a good bait to use for catching summer bluegills. We found that the fish were biting very light and would strip a cricket off the hook before a bite was detected. Wax worms still drew the bites and resulted in more hook-ups while staying on the hook longer.

A plain hook and sinker under a slip bobber will catch aggressive fish because there is time to take up slack line before setting the hook. When the bite is very light, I usually go to a 1/32 ounce jig in yellow or white and tip it with a wax worm. An easy jigging action attracts attention and one can quickly set the hook at the slightest tap on the line.

The fish are valiant fighters for their size and are fun to catch. An on-board baitwell or a live-net hung over the side of the boat will keep the catch fresh in warm weather. Clean the fish and get them on ice or in the frying pan as soon as possible. Eating gills is the best part.

Most lakes have too many panfish, so don't feel guilty about keeping some even if you generally practice catch and release. Bluegills are a catch and eat proposition.

Clarksville Steam and Gas Engine Show, Aug. 21-23

Summer time is reunion time, and there is a most unique reunion taking place in Clarksville Aug. 21-23. This isn't Aunt Myrtle's family reunion or even a Class of '73 reunion. This is the Clarksville Steam & Gas Engine Association's 14th Annual Show, and people from many backgrounds with even more diverse antique farming equipment come together as a family for a weekend-long reunion.

Like many family reunions, everyone can find something to enjoy. At 1 p.m. every day, a parade takes place featuring a wide variety of antique steam engines, tractors, and other farm equipment. Tractor and steam engine games are held Friday

and Saturday nights at 7 p.m., and spectators are sure to enjoy watching the equipment operators compete against each other with feats of slowness, skill and dexterity. Saturday features kids' games at 3 p.m. The sawmill is operated at various times throughout the day, and show attendees can see other old-time farming such as corn binding and husking, silo filling, threshing, hay baling, plowing, and shingle milling each day of the show.

But wait, what is a reunion without food? The club is serving meals and snacks throughout the show, and the most popular meal will be the Pig Roast at 6 p.m. Saturday. You can also purchase delicious homemade ice cream

from Hit'n Miss Ice Cream throughout the show. Near dusk you can usually find kettle-popped popcorn and enjoy the company of others seeking this wonderful treat.

Not every reunion includes a flea market and crafts, but plan to do some shopping at this reunion. With several flea market and craft booths, shoppers are sure to find some great bargains and interesting items. You also may not find bluegrass music at every family reunion, but this reunion features the Mud Creek Boys at 4 p.m. every day.

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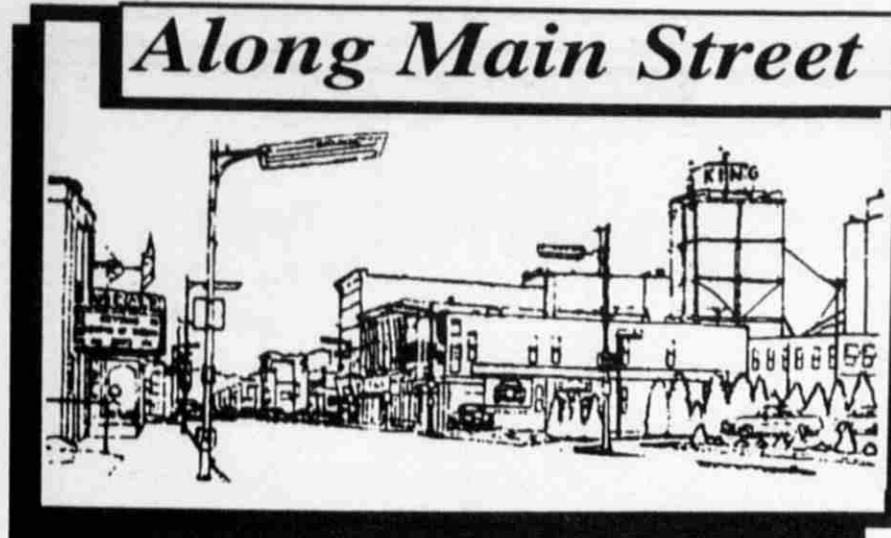
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L.I.V.E. CLASSES TO BEGIN THIS FALL
Lowell Leadership classes begin in September - learn about community volunteer opportunities/organizations, and improve leadership skills. Call Liz (897-9161) or visit the website at www.lowellchamber.org for more info.

WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS EXHIBIT
The Lowell Area Arts Council is pleased to present a watercolor painting exhibition by Lowell artist, Leslie Stougaard, on display at Huntington National Bank, 414 E. Main St. now thru Aug. 19 during regular business hours.

ATTENTION FORMER JR. MEMBERS OF LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB
You are invited to Schneider Manor on Bowes Rd. to meet

LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON
The Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will end their Thursday evening concerts featuring the River City Jazz Ensemble (Big Band) from 7-9 p.m.

BOOSTERS' CONCESSION TRAINING
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taken enough A.P. courses in high school that they begin college as a sophomore," Washaw said.

This year, Lowell will offer eight Advanced Placement courses. They are: Calculus, Statistics, U.S. History, European History, Government, Biology, Chemistry and Literature.

"We're looking at eventually adding Psychology, Spanish, Art and Writing," Washaw explained.

All of the A.P. courses are taken at Lowell High School and taught by Lowell instructors.

Last year 266 students enrolled in an A.P. course with 188 of those taking the test in May. The percentage of students who passed the test with a three, four or five (the highest grades a student can receive) was 68.

Washaw notes that there have been some years in which 100 percent of the students taking calculus and statistics passed the tests.

"Our scores on A.P. tests exceed the state and national numbers," Washaw said. "A.P. classes take a great deal of commitment from the students as well as the teachers. School board student representative, Matt Hansen said

the new Junior members of Lowell Women's Club on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. RSVP to Kathryn DenHouter 897-6291 or Marj Harding 897-8107.

1ST ANNUAL FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE FAIR
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking antique and collectible vendors for Saturday, Oct. 11. If interested call Liz at 897-9161 or www.lowellchamber.org.

HARVEST ARTS & CRAFT SALE
The Lowell Fairgrounds Foreman Building has booth space available for its Harvest Arts and Crafts show on Saturday, Oct. 11. Call Ron Wenger at 897-6050 for more information and an application.

LARKIN'S 2ND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF
Enter your team and be a part of Larkin's 2nd annual Chili Madness Cook-off Saturday, Oct. 11. \$25 entry fee. Call Larkin's at 897-5977 for info. or an application.

A.P. courses have a lot of value because of the depth they go into compared to regular high school courses. Lowell first began offering Advanced Placement courses in 1989.

Freshman Center, cont'd... From Page 1

enabling the collaborative teaching to be above and beyond the simple."

Incoming freshman, Jessica Nelson said she liked the freshman center but was unsure of the idea of being split up into different wings and being separated from the upper classmen. In fact, though, freshmen will be out among upper classmen three hours of the day.

Missing from the ceremony was Lowell superintendent, Shari Miller.

"With the pace of the summer stepping up, and the anticipation of the new school year, the school district and Superintendent Miller and her family have had to deal with the unexpected challenge of Shari Miller's cancer diagnosis," Hopkins said. "Shari continues to demonstrate tenacity and determination about her return. She remains in touch with administrators on a daily basis by phone. The staff continues to work together to make decisions during these changes in the short term."

Hopkins added that Miller and her family send their appreciation for the love and support given to them by the Lowell community.



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By-laws set in place for new look of OK Conference

With three-fourths approval of its conference school boards, the OK Conference is now officially organized and regulated for the start of the new year... a year in which expansion and realignment will commence.

The OK Conference amended its by-laws to reflect the changes it has set in place.

A change, which will have Lowell playing Cedar Springs, Kenowa Hills and Sparta as opposed to Forest Hills, Zeeland and Hudsonville.

The tier and divisional placement will be in effect for a two-year period starting in the fall of odd number years (2003), and will be reviewed every two years for possible realignment.

The OK Conference has been divided into three tiers. They are:

- Tier I - Red and Lakeshore/Metro
- Tier II - White and Gold
- Tier III - Blue and Silver.

If there is to be OK Conference expansion, the use of a six-step procedure will include the following:

- A committee will review and evaluate proposed new schools.
- Enrollment, facilities and the program are some of the criteria which will be considered for expansion.
- Proposed schools will be visited by a committee.

Amendments in the by-laws have also been inserted for entry fee and annual assessment fee; MHSAA membership; and complaints will be dealt with exclusively through provisions of the OK Constitution and its established procedures.

They will have to be in writing from the athletic director no later than three work days after the alleged incident.

The appearance of things changes according to the emotions and thus we see magic and beauty in them, while the magic and beauty are really in ourselves.
—Kahlil Gibran

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE 13A - M-50 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT

Public notice is hereby given that the Bowne Township Board will hold a hearing on Monday, August 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., in the historic Township Hall, located at 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, Alto, Michigan, to hear public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended).

The proposed amendment would add a new Article 13A - Corridor Overlay District to the Zoning Ordinance.

This Article 13A establishes an M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone applicable to all lands with frontage along M-50 between 60th Street and the south section line of Sections 3 and 4, to a depth of 500 feet. The purpose of the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone is to promote a balance between the various functions of this corridor and to create an attractive entry image into the community. Article 13A does not affect the underlying zoning districts of the properties within the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone. The regulations of Article 13A apply in addition to, and simultaneously with, other applicable regulations of the Zoning Ordinance provided, however, that the regulations of Article 13A supersede any conflicting regulations.

The proposed amendment contains the following provisions:

- 13A.01 Purpose**
This Section describes the purposes and objectives of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District.
- 13A.02 Applicability**
This Section describes the application of the M-50 Corridor Overlay District to the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone described above.
- 13A.03 Right-of-Way Preservation and Setbacks**
This Section establishes an assumed right-of-way 50 feet from the centerline of M-50 and requires a front setback of buildings and structures of 100 feet from the assumed right-of-way provided that the Planning Commission may reduce the front setback to 50 feet if certain standards are met. This Section also requires a front setback for off-street parking lots of 25 feet for uses other than one- and two-family dwellings.
- 13A.04 Access Standards**
This Section establishes requirements for access points and driveway spacing for parcels within the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone. This Section also regulates shared driveways, frontage roads, and service roads.
- 13A.05 Pedestrian Access**
This Section establishes requirements for pedestrian access and pathways for parcels within the Corridor.
- 13A.06 Landscaping and Site Design**
This Section requires a landscape plan and establishes requirements for landscape buffers, planting requirements, parking area landscaping, minimum standards for plants, and maintenance of plants.
- 13A.07 Lighting**
This Section establishes lighting requirements, including general requirements and requirements for outdoor light fixtures, parking lot and access drive lighting, canopy lighting, security lighting, illumination of building facades, and night lighting.
- 13A.08 Signs**
This Section establishes specific regulations for signs within the Corridor, including general requirements and regulations of signs in residential districts, commercial districts, and industrial districts.
- 13A.09 Building Facades and Design**
This Section establishes requirements for architectural design features in building facades.
- 13A.010 Submittal Requirements and Review**
This Section provides that all uses in the Corridor (except one- and two-family dwellings) are subject to site plan review in accordance with Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance and all requirements of Article 13A.

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may be examined at the Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan, on Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

August 6, 2003
Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk
Bowne Township

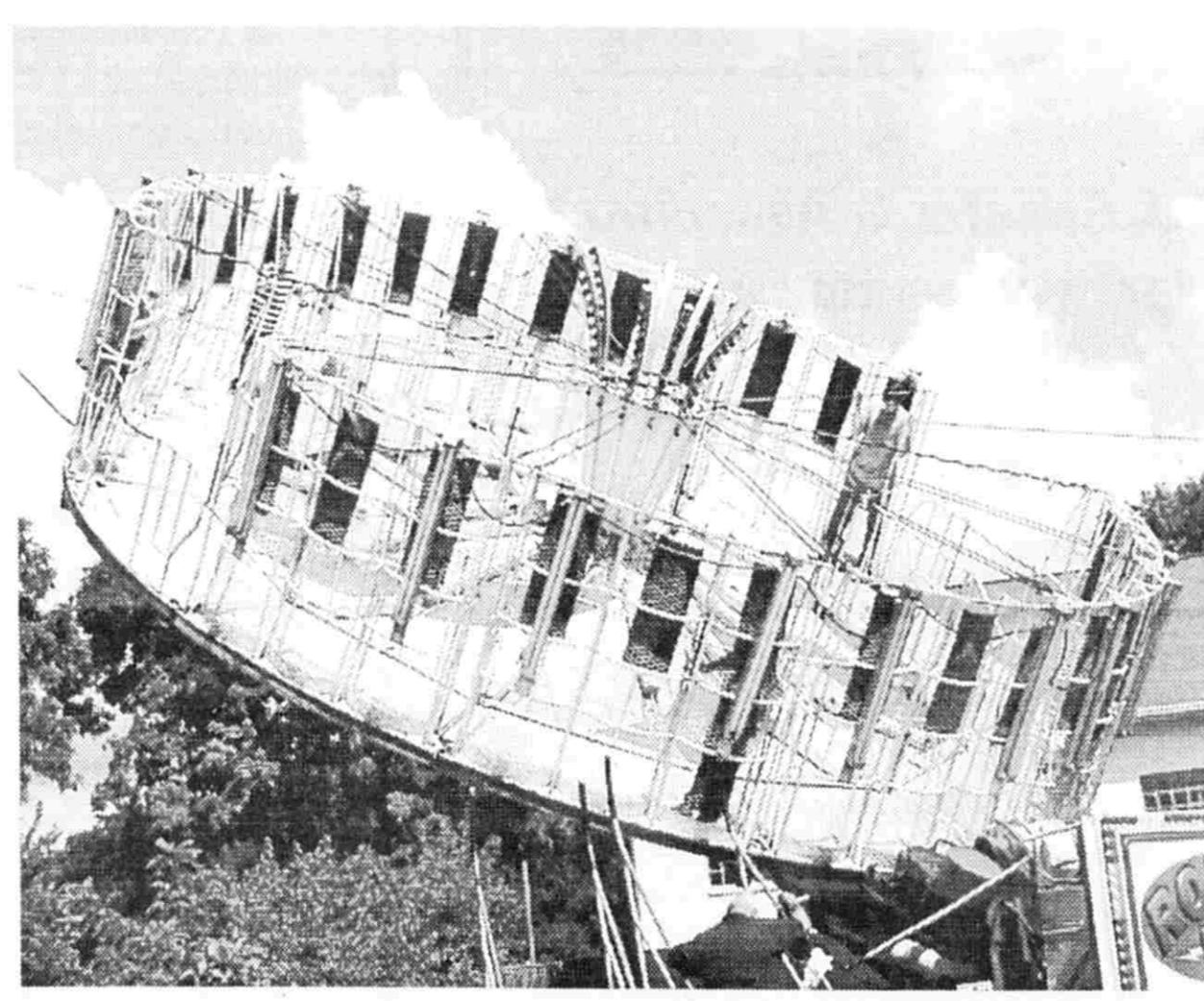
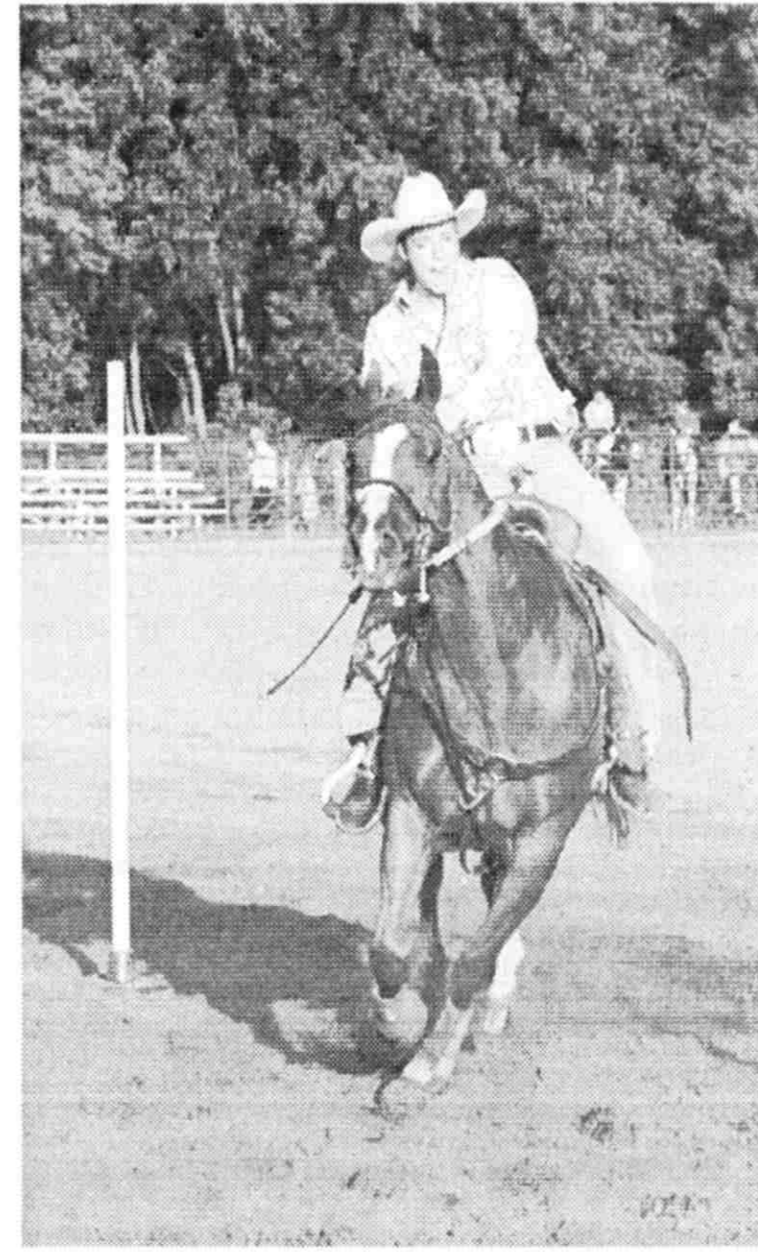
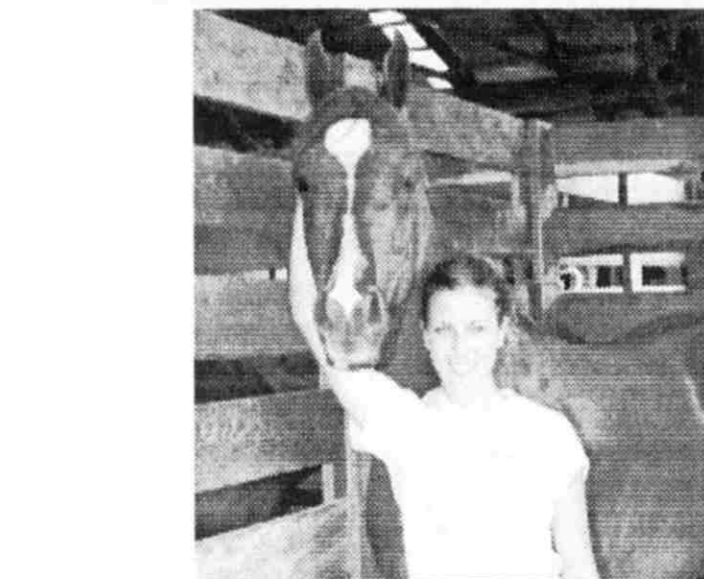
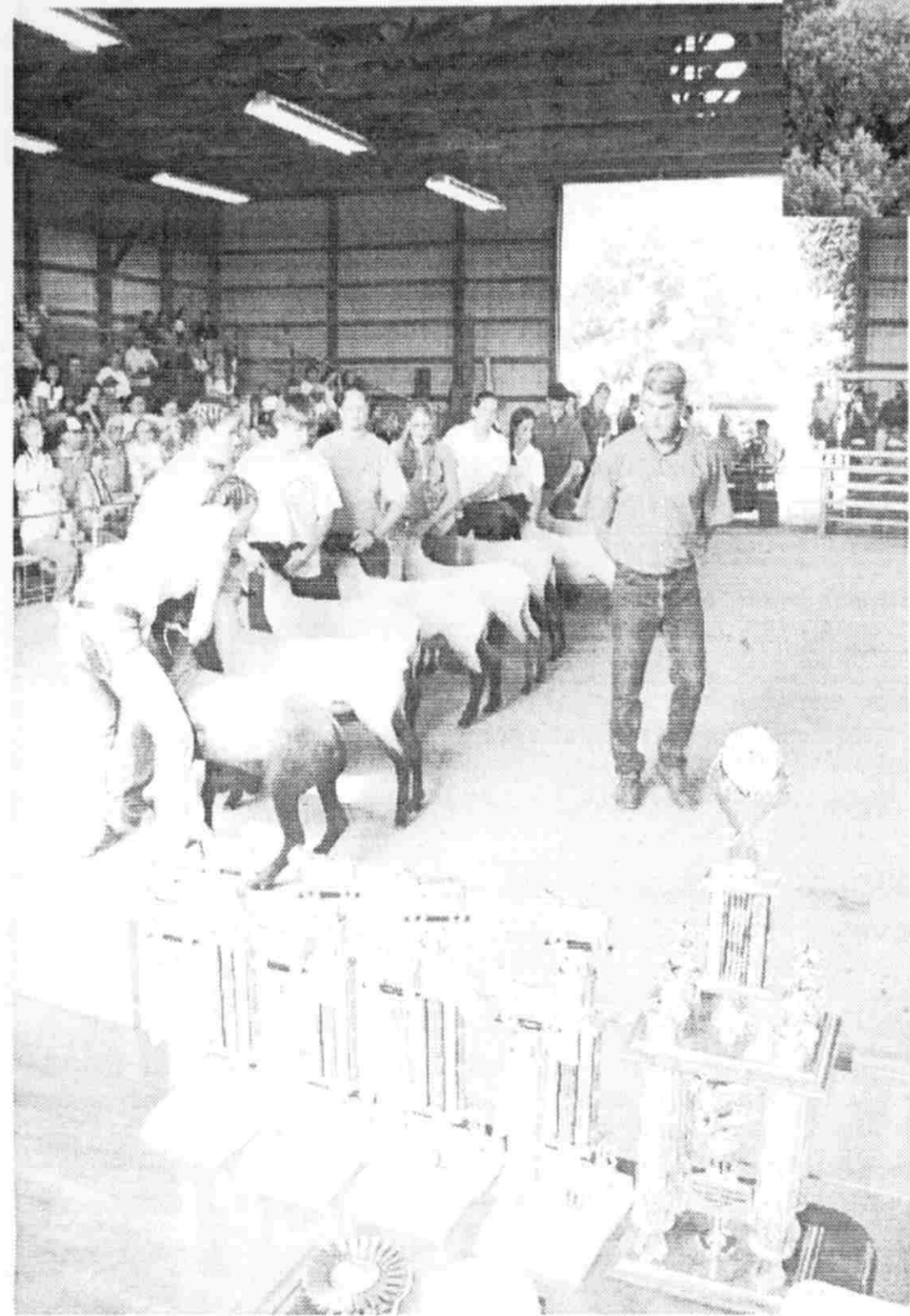
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Helicopter air lifts patrons fair experience

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The eyes of a youth's brightly lit face could be viewed from many locations at the 69th annual Kent County Youth Fair.

That would include coming off a ride, receiving a ribbon for an exhibit, successfully showing an animal (rabbit, goat, pig, horse, sheep or steer), consuming that warm, tasty elephant ear, or this year for the first time, a ride in a helicopter.

"The kids have just loved it. Their eyes have just lit up,"

said Steve Pianowski, owner of Phoenix Precision Air, LLC.

Pianowski and his companion, Libby Crisp were at the fair with his Bell jet, Ranger 206 B-2 helicopter providing five-minute rides over the fairgrounds and surrounding area.

"I go around to fairs and festivals right up through October," Pianowski says. "Most haven't been up in a helicopter and about 10 percent have never been off the ground."

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also offers aerial advertising, photography, sight seeing (fall tours), real estate observations and charter trips.

Pianowski was trained by Brian Riley of Riley Aviation in Sturgis, Mich. He attended Bell Helicopter School in Fort Worth, Texas.

For more information about Phoenix Precision Air, LLC, contact Steve at phoenix@net-link.net.; www.phoenixprecisionair.com; or write him at 18898 Hoshel Rd., Three Rivers, Mich. 49093.



Phoenix Precision Air flew gave patrons a scenic view of the fair and surrounding area.

Johnson chosen to compete for proficiency award

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The National FFA Organization announced that Kirk Johnson, of Lowell, was selected as a finalist for the National FFA Proficiency Award in Equine Science - Entrepreneurship.

Johnson is one of only four people chosen to compete for this award at the national finals held in October during the FFA national convention in Louisville, Ky.

The proficiency award recognizes outstanding student achievement in agri busi-

ness gained through establishment of new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience.

The Equine Science - Entrepreneurship Award is one of 48 proficiency program areas in which FFA members can participate while developing valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state and national levels.

Johnson, a member of the Lowell FFA Chapter, became eligible for the national award after winning the Michigan

state FFA competition earlier this year.

In recognition of being a finalist, Johnson will receive a plaque and \$250. The national winner of the Equine Science - Entrepreneurship Award will receive an additional \$250 during a special ceremony at the national FFA convention.

FFA is a national organization comprised of 461,043 members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

FFA has 7,308 local chapters located throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on **Monday August 18, 2003 at 7:00 PM**, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive further comment regarding a proposed amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance with respect to wireless communications facilities. On July 7th, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed language. The draft to be considered by the Board on August 18 includes some revision of terminology and other minor changes from the version presented at the July 7th Public Hearing. Because of these changes, the Board will hold an additional Public Hearing prior to adoption.

The complete ordinance amendment is available for reviewing at the Township Offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 during office hours of Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Call with questions 616-897-5671, or fax to 616-897-5674. Written comments will be accepted if received by 7:00 pm August 18, 2003. Comments can also be emailed to clerk@vergennestwp.org.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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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, September 8, 2003 at 7:00 PM**, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI to consider proposed amendments to add a new special use to the R-A District to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202
The proposed amendments will add two new definitions as follows:

Lawn and Garden Center: A retail sale and service establishment with retail sales of nursery stock and accessory supplies, fresh produce, landscaping supplies, lawn furniture, playground equipment, topsoil, mulching materials, garden tractors, utility vehicles, lawn mowers and similar powered lawn and garden equipment with 50 horsepower or less and other similar supplies and equipment used for lawn and garden purposes and retail repair and service for garden and lawn equipment.

Utility Vehicle. A lawn or garden use off road drivable vehicle with a cargo box similar to a golf cart such as a "Gator" or "Mule" brand designed to carry loads and pull small garden or lawn equipment. This definition does not include ATV's (All Terrain Vehicle), motorcycles, snowmobiles or other recreational vehicles.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend Section 201.304 (C), (9) to add Lawn and Garden Center as a special use permit with standards that include detail about lot size and width, setbacks, display of product, containment of landscaping product, parking, landscaping plan, signage and lighting.

The complete text of the proposed ordinance amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674] or on the website at www.vergennestwp.org. Written and oral comments will be received until the 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@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

First year assistant principal aims to create a positive experience for freshmen

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Education has been a wonderful experience at each stop for Amy Pallo.

At the heart of Pallo's being - the new Lowell High School freshman center assistant principal - is the desire to make that first year of high school the best experience it can be for each and every student.

Pallo, who grew up in Traverse City, attended Northwestern Michigan College before transferring to Central Michigan University

where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. Pallo then received her master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

She has spent the last four years teaching science at Thurston High School in the South Redford School District.

During her four-year tenure, Pallo accepted roles as the head of the science department, a member of the school improvement team, secretary of the union and served on an administrative internship.

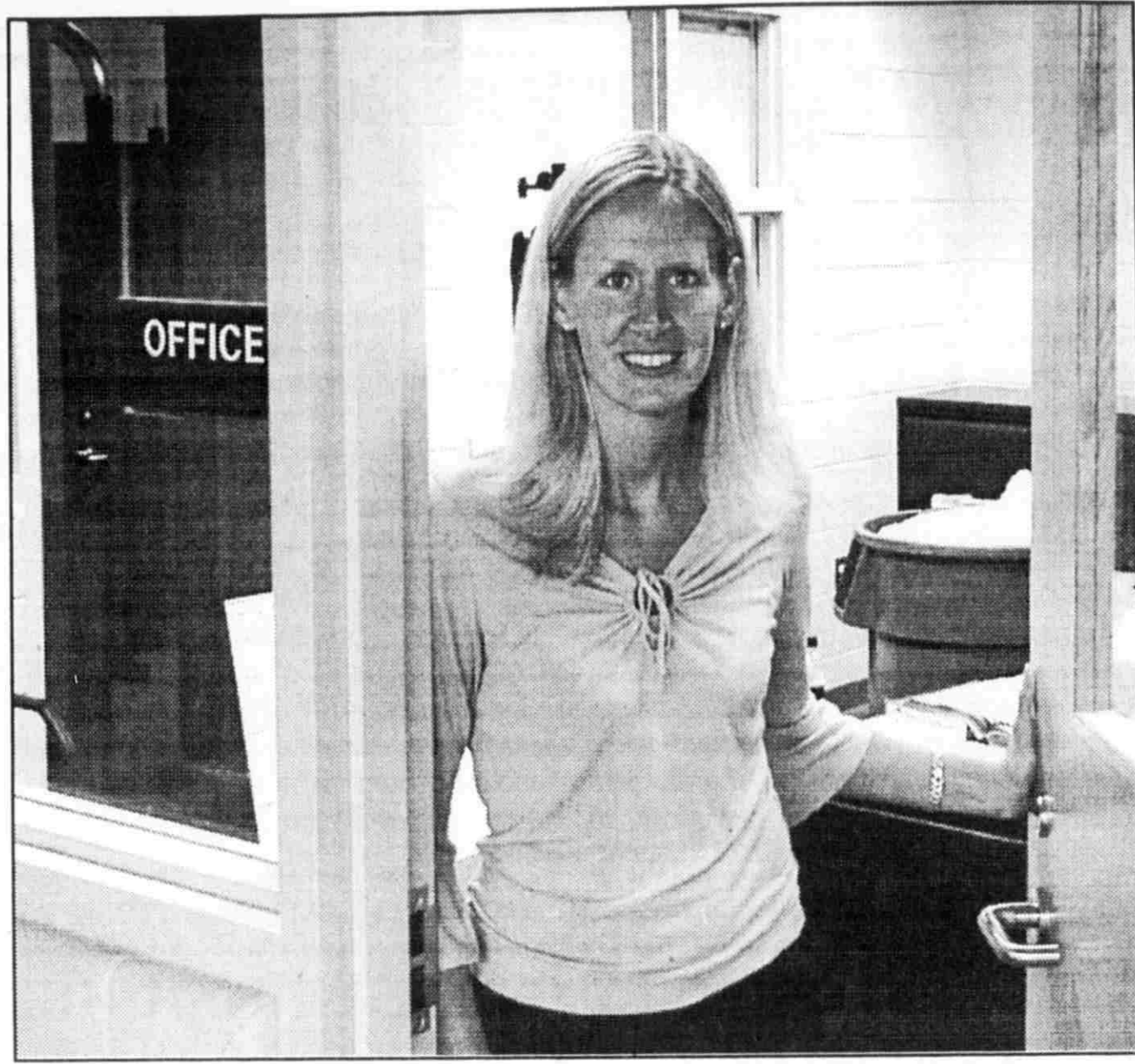
"My role in Lowell is part of a team concept. I am a supporter to the teachers, and a supporter of the students so that they can have a good experience and make the best possible decisions," Pallo explained. "The idea is to get to know the whole student and to get to the heart of who each student is."

Pallo learned of the career opportunity in Lowell on-line and later discussed the Lowell School District with friends of the family who live in Grand Rapids.

"They told me that Lowell has changed dramatically over the years," Pallo said. "They now consider it to be a first rate school academically and athletically."

Pallo is excited about her new position and the new challenges it will present. "I'm used to the daily sched-

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First-year high school assistant principal to the new freshman center, Amy Pallo prepares for the school year as she begins moving into her new office.

ule of a teacher. As an administrator I will have to budget my days more closely so that I can be in all the places I need to be."

Pallo and her husband, Mike moved to Grand Rapids Township with their dog, Bailey.

"I am just so excited to be here in Lowell. Everybody has been so welcoming," Pallo concluded.

Amy Pallo
Freshman Center
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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.

Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd. 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 at Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8 p.m. Concert 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17 at Saranac High School. 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, scrap-

books, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.
EVERY 3RD THURS.: VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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. 897-8656.

SUN., AUG. 24: St. Anthony's 8th annual Parish Festival/Chicken BBQ. 11:30 - 4 p.m. Adults: \$6.50; over 61: \$5.50; under 12: \$3. Arts/crafts, raffles, baked goods, kids' games, Bingo, entertainment.

WED., SEPT. 3: Former Jr. members of the Lowell Women's Club are invited to Schneider Manor at 7 p.m. to meet new Jr. members. Call Kathryn DenHouter 897-6291 or Marj Harding 897-8107 if you are able to attend.

MON., AUG. 18: Athletic Boosters reg. business meeting at 7 p.m. at stadium concession stand.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

WED., AUG. 13: 11 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch.

THURS., AUG. 14: 11 a.m. Dementia Seminar; 12:45 p.m. Ionia K-Mart & Save-a-Lot.

FRI., AUG. 15: Noon Birthday & Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., AUG. 18: Noon Shop Rivertown Crossing Mall & Lunch.

TUES., AUG. 19: 12:45 p.m. Shop Grand Rapids Meijer & Gordon Foods.

WED., AUG. 20: 10 a.m. Advisory Council; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., AUG. 21: Noon Dance Westside.

FRI., AUG. 22: NO MALL WALKING. 9 a.m. All Senior Neighbor Picnic.

MON., AUG. 25: 12:45 Cafe in the Woods & Shop/ Mall.

TUES., AUG. 26: 12:45 Farmer's Market & Walmart.

WED., AUG. 27: 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast.

FRI., AUG. 29: NO MALL WALKING; 9:15 Turkeyville, "Oklahoma."

LOWELL SERENITY

Cherry Creek Elementary Meet the Teacher Day
August 21, 2003
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Students and parents will have an opportunity to tour the building and meet the teachers.

Cherry Creek Elementary Parent Information Night
August 26th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. (for parents of students in grades 2 & 3)
August 27th from 6:00-6:45 p.m. (for parents of students in grades 4 & 5)
Parents are invited to come and learn more about the curriculum and grade level expectations.

IN THE SERVICE

Army Reserve Sgt. Maj. Robert L. Gessler has graduated from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Non-resident Course (NRC) at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas. Students must successfully complete the course to be pro-

motored to the ranks of sergeant major and command sergeant major.

The two-year program parallels the academy's resident course and is the primary method for reserve component noncommissioned offic-

ers to complete the sergeant major course via the NRC website on the internet, or through correspondence.

Students who satisfactorily complete correspondence requirements are eligible to attend the 17-day resident course at the academy to complete further training to be official graduates of the sergeant's majors course.

Gessler is the operations sergeant major for the 5th

Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Huachuca, Sierra Vista, Ariz. He has 21 years of military service.

The son of William S. and Kathleen Gessler of Lowell, the sergeant major graduated in 1982 from Lowell High School and received an associate degree in 1995 from Cochise Community College, Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Joshua J. VanAlstine, son of Peggy J. and Mark A. Johnson of Alto, recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

VanAlstine was recognized for his superior perfor-

mance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, VanAlstine consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

He is a 1998 graduate of Lowell High School.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 03-4

Councilmember Blough, supported by Councilmember Pfaller, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LOWELL ZONING ORDINANCE MAP REFERENCED IN SECTION 3.01 OF CHAPTER 3, ZONING DISTRICTS - GENERAL, OF APPENDIX A - ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section 3.01 of Chapter 3 of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance. The City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance Map incorporated by reference in Section 3.01 of Chapter 3, Zoning Districts - General, of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance is amended by changing the zone district of the following legally described property to Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1:

That part of the NW fractional 1/4 of Section 1, Town 6 North, Range 9 West, Lowell Township, Kent County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence S00°05'43"E 1386.32 feet along the East line of the NW fractional 1/4, to the North line of the SE 1/4 of the NW fractional 1/4 of said Section 1, and the point of beginning of this description; thence S89°40'23"W 1339.05 feet, along the North line of the SE 1/4 of the NW fractional 1/4, to the West line of the SE 1/4, NW fractional 1/4; thence S00°14'39"E 1045.44 feet, along said West line of the SE 1/4, of the NW fractional 1/4 of Section 1; thence Northeasterly 89.61 feet along a 133.0 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears N62°48'38"E 88.08 feet; thence N43°30'21"E 134.92 feet; thence Easterly 54.37 feet along a 67.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears N66°45'10"E 52.89 feet; thence N90°00'00"E 126.38 feet; thence S00°05'43"E 98.31 feet; thence N89°48'13"E 495.00 feet, parallel with the South line of the NW fractional 1/4; thence N00°05'43"W 354.75 feet, parallel with the East line of the NW fractional 1/4, to the North line of the South 684.75 feet of said NW fractional 1/4; thence N89°48'13"E 495.00 feet, along the North line of the South 684.75 feet of said NW fractional 1/4; thence N00°05'43"W 634.31 feet, along the East line of the NW fractional 1/4, to the point of beginning.

Such zone district classification is subject to all the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Site Plan, Site Grading and Utility Plan, Landscape and Lighting Plan. The following plans shall, pursuant to Chapter 15, PUD - Planned Unit Development

District, comprise an integral part of the requirements of the Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1, applicable to the property described in Section 1 above:

1. Highland Hill Site Condominium Final Site Plan prepared by Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. and signed and sealed on July 2, 2003.
2. Sundry Development, City of Lowell, Michigan, Highland Hills PUD Site Grading and Utility Plan prepared by Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. and signed and sealed on July 2, 2003.
3. Highland Hill Site Condominium in the City of Lowell, Michigan, Landscape and Lighting Plan (consisting of two pages) prepared by Sundry Development Consulting, L.L.C. and dated March 15, 2003.

Section 3. Guaranty of Completion of Public Infrastructure Improvements and Payment of Construction Observation Costs. Prior to commencement of any work at the property described in Section 1 above, the developer of such property shall provide the City with a performance bond(s) or a letter(s) of credit or a combination thereof in the total amount of \$535,000 in favor of the City in a form(s) acceptable to the City Attorney. Such guaranty shall be decreased or released (a) as public infrastructure improvements are completed in a manner acceptable to the City and (b) provided developer reimburses the City for construction observation costs both in accordance with an agreement between the City and the developer approved as to content by the City Manager and as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 4. Payment of Booster Pump Station Charge. Prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for each single family residence on the property described in Section 1 above, a booster pump station charge of \$1,077 shall be paid to the City for each such residence representing such residence's share of the capital costs of the northeast booster pump station serving the residence.

Section 5. Compliance with Additional Terms and Conditions. The developer shall comply or cause compliance with the following additional terms and conditions in connection with the development of the property described in Section 1 above:

1. There shall be no construction truck traffic on Grove Street.
2. The developer shall provide the City, at no cost, an easement in a form acceptable to the City Attorney to permit the looping of the watermain to the north of the property.
3. The construction, at the developer's sole cost, of the High Street infrastructure

improvements east of James Street, in accordance with City specifications, shall include public sidewalk on the south side of High Street.

4. The condominium bylaws related to the development shall conform, in the opinion of the City Attorney, with the conditions set forth in the General Conditions of Highland Hill Site Condominium Final Site Plan referenced in Section 2 hereof.
5. The developer shall provide documentation satisfactory to the City that satisfactory provision has been made in the condominium documents related to the property for the maintenance and care of open spaces included in the development.
6. Prior to the City issuing any building permits for single family residences on the property, the developer shall record with the Kent County Register of Deeds a master deed identifying all required easements for public infrastructure improvements throughout the development.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect ten days after it, or a summary hereof as permitted by law, and notice of its adoption, is published in accordance with Section 7 hereof.

Section 7. Publication. This ordinance, or a summary hereof as permitted by law, shall be published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

YEAS: Councilmembers Blough, Mathews and Pfaller.
NAYS: Councilmembers Mayor Shores.
ABSTAIN: Councilmembers
ABSENT: Councilmembers Myers.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: August 4, 2003
Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Lowell, Michigan (the "City"), certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held on August 4, 2003, pursuant to notice given in compliance with Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and notice of its adoption, including a summary of its contents or its entire contents, was published in the Lowell Ledger, on August 13, 2003, and became effective on August 23, 2003, ten days after its publication. I further certify that the above ordinance was entered into the Ordinance Book of the City on August 4, 2003.

Dated: August 4, 2003
Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk

Dery Physical Therapy finds new home for growing patient need

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dery Physical Therapy Services, PC filled a void and a need when it arrived in Lowell a couple of years ago.

Two years later, it now has a need to occupy more space. That need will be satisfied with the scheduled relocation to 901 W. Main in September from its current address at 1004-A W. Main St.

"We had spoken with some different physicians and they mentioned the need for a physical therapy service in this area," said physical therapist and co-owner of Dery Physical Therapy Services, Cass Kilyanek. "Has there been a need? Oh yeah! We have been very busy. The need has been larger than we anticipated."

The new location will almost triple the amount of space Dery is currently occupying.

"The new building addresses future growth," Kilyanek explains.

Each year Dery has been in Lowell, its patient base has expanded. There are currently three physical therapists, Kilyanek, Matthew Schmitz and John Dery (co-owner). That number will grow by one as Dery is in the process of hiring a fourth physical therapist for its Lowell office.

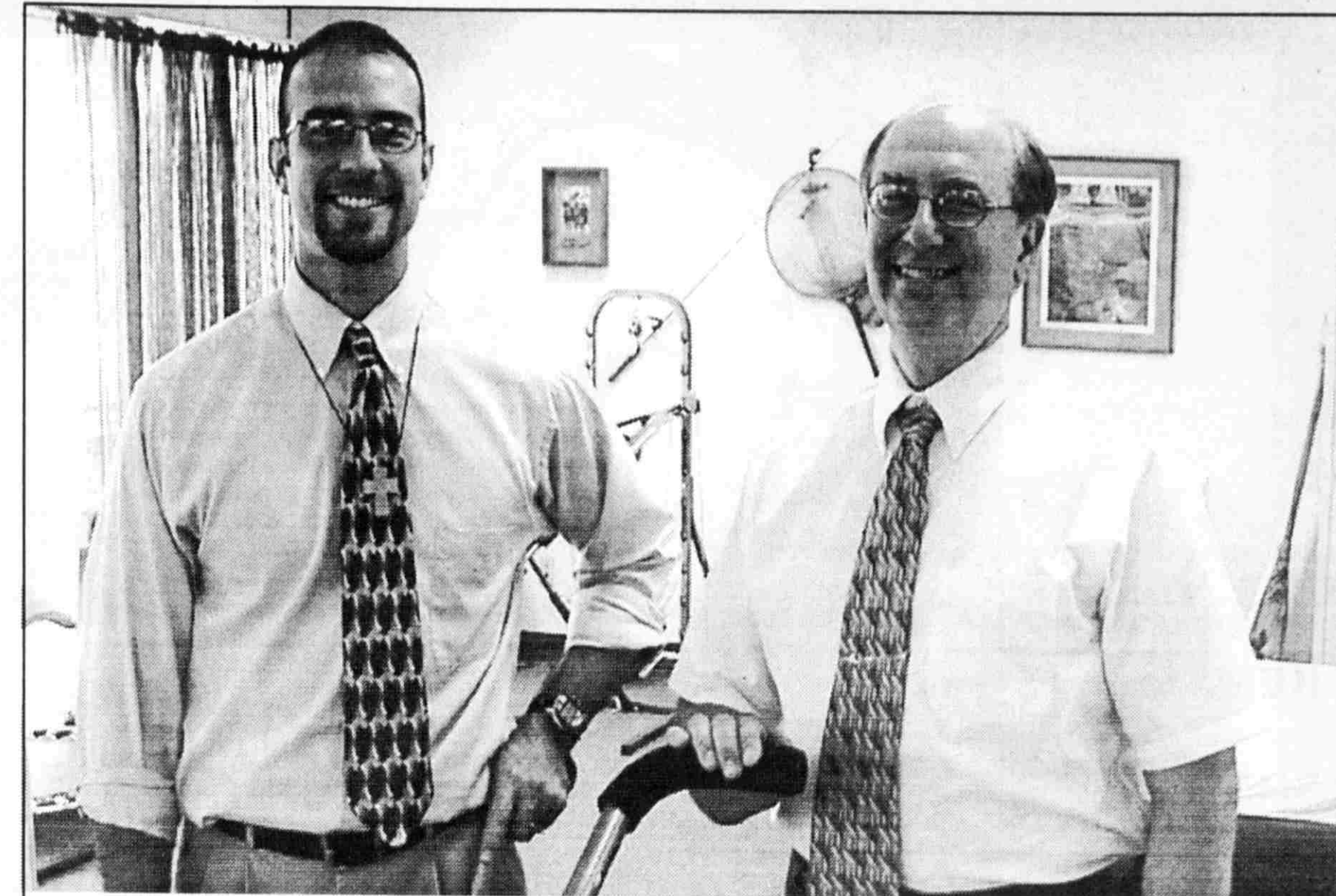
Dery also has sites in Kentwood and at a Burton Street facility.

Dery Physical Therapy is open five days a week (Monday through Friday) from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"Our patients range in age from 13 to 90," Kilyanek says.

Its mission is to provide patients with personalized, cost-effective physical therapy needed to achieve their optimum functional and performance goals.

Through one-on-one patient to therapist interaction, it evaluates and reevaluates the biomechanical and functional limitations that need to be corrected to ensure that people are



Matthew Schmitz, physical therapist, and Cass Kilyanek, physical therapist and co-owner of Dery Physical Therapy Services prepare for the move to 901 W. Main.

making progress throughout their rehabilitation.

"We have no technicians or aides seeing patients - only licensed therapist," Kilyanek explains. "This way we are able to ensure a better continuity of care."

Dery helps care for and treat post surgical patients, people with chronic problems who can't have surgery, patients who

have had knee or hip replacement, those injured in an accident, athletes, and those recovering from strokes.

"Some we can't fix because they suffer from irretractable pain, but we are able to help them with their quality of life," Kilyanek explained. "Our goal is to teach patients how to manage and to be participatory in the therapy so they can themselves get better."

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Hello Angel Goodbye Ashlie



Thank you to everyone that has become acquainted with our granddaughter, Ashlie during her mother's (Staff Sergeant Angela Clinger) absence while stationed in Korea for the past year.

Angel will be arriving home August 8, and she and Ashlie will be returning to Eglin Air Force Base near Fort Walton Beach, Florida on the 17th.

Special thanks to Carol Chamberlain who provided loving day care for Ashlie whenever needed and to her teachers, Karen Eldridge and Denise Neubecker - what you helped her accomplish was beyond wonderful.

To this warm community that she now calls HOME, to her classmates and friends, Grandma - Great Fansher and Grandma - Great Bigelow, to all her great aunts and uncles, cousins and extended family

A BIG THANK YOU for helping us keep Ashlie a very happy, bright and energetic five year old.

She is so happy for having her mom returning...but so SAD for leaving all of you behind. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Ashlie's Grandparents - Dan & Nancy Fansher

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