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Resident attempts to change city's mind over Grindle Development through petition

By Ledger Staff

While developers have already begun to move dirt at 751 Grindle in preparation for a planned unit development (PUD), a Lowell resident has made it clear that the fight over how the property should be developed is not over.

Simon Rosenbaum, Jr. said he is not opposed to the development of the land now owned by Sundry Development - he's just against how Sundry wants to develop it. The PUD going in on the property calls for 52 single-family homes to be built in a neo-traditional style with most of the homes facing a center community area and the backs of the homes on a one-way drive through the development.

"It's domestic overload," Rosenbaum said as he talked about his concerns over the amount of traffic that will be coming from the area and funneled on to High and James streets.

Rosenbaum doesn't live near the development, but close enough, he said, to hear all the construction noise and workers shouting orders. "I can only imagine what it is like living next to that."

And Rosenbaum, like many neighbors near the project, thought that the Lowell City Council understood they were opposed to the development, with many walking away with a good feeling from a July council meeting when the council turned down the planned unit development ordinance.

In August, however, with a threat of a lawsuit, the council overturned its decision of approving the ordinance, giving a green light to the project.

What stunned Rosenbaum was the fact that no residents were present at the meeting, nor knew what was about to take place. What surprised him even more was to learn that the residents had an outlet all this time to take to the people of Lowell.

That outlet is a referendum. If Rosenbaum and the Concerned Nature Lovers of Lowell can get enough signatures on a petition, a referendum could be brought before the city on whether the project should continue.

According to Rosenbaum, the group needs about 15 percent of the registered voters to sign the petition, roughly 398 signatures. The petitions are available at SpringGrove Variety and Rosenbaum's store, The Dam Store.

"Many people aren't interested in this issue," Rosenbaum said. "They say, 'It's not in my backyard.' Well, it's not in my backyard either, but it's close enough."

The kicker for the group is that, unlike Lowell Township where once a petition is pulled all work must stop, the city of Lowell does not stop work on a project until the city clerk has verified the signatures.

Time is of the essence, Rosenbaum said, adding the group has already lost some time because it wasn't even aware this option was available to them. He has hopes of being able to present the petition to the city clerk by the end of this week.

Dave Pasquale, city manager, said he did inform Sundry that the Open Space ordinance applies only to the suburban residential district, and he understood that you could have either the Open Space ordinance or a PUD. The property was zoned PUD R-1.

This is not the only avenue Rosenbaum is pursuing. He is also talking to his attorney about the possibility of suing the city to change its mind back to its original decision made at that July meeting.

Hustle and excitement of opening day not lost in Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

There were no bells for the 330 freshmen, but they got to and from class on time without even a hiccup.

There were 950 students who walked through the doors at Lowell Middle School (33 more than last year) but they all found their classes and were all fed at lunch without even a hiccup.

There were over 500 more kids in Lowell High School than when it opened 10 years ago, but the building still looks relatively new, and congestion in the halls has been eased without even a hiccup.

Cherry Creek Elementary staff and volunteers (50) greeted 820 students at the new starting time, 8:50 a.m. without even a hiccup.

Oooh, but there was a tear, from a three-year-old boy who wanted to stay and

go to school like his sibling.

And, there also was a mention or two of the ongoing labor dispute, but for the majority, that was lost in the deep recesses of their minds. This day was about the first day of school, that yellow bus pulling up in front of a house or bus stop; that new backpack, notebook or new shoes or clothes, and the butterflies that come with the unknown teacher and classmates. It's about saying good-bye to summer and to mom and/or dad before they head off to school.

"It was a great day," said Lowell High School assistant principal (freshman center), Amy Pallo. "The kids found their classes on time even without a bell."

Not sure about the freshmen, Pallo was nervous and anxious about her first day. "I didn't sleep well last night. I saw most of the hours come and go on the alarm clock."

For veteran, nine-year high school principal, Scott Vashaw, it was just another excellent opening day.

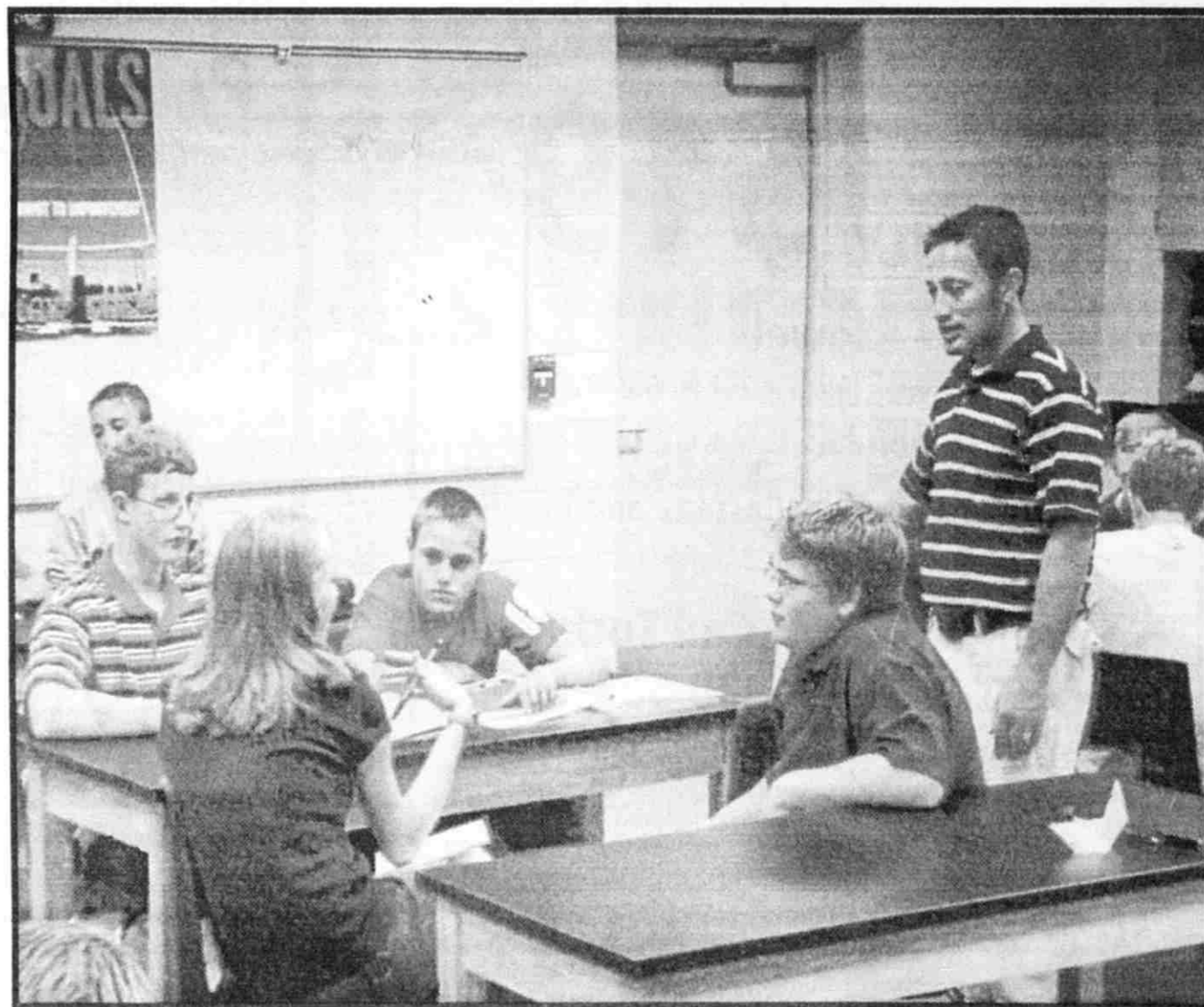
"The staff and students all did well. With the new freshmen center, there was less congestion in the halls creating a less stressful environment," Vashaw explained.

That new Lowell High School, celebrating its 10-year anniversary, still looks incredibly good, reflecting the pride shown by students, staff, and custodial/maintenance as they have watched over it.

"When people are proud of something they tend to take care of it," Vashaw said.

While the buildings enjoyed a very smooth opening day, transportation director, Larry Mikulski said the first day was no different than any of the other 14 he's experienced.

"It was hectic, confusing



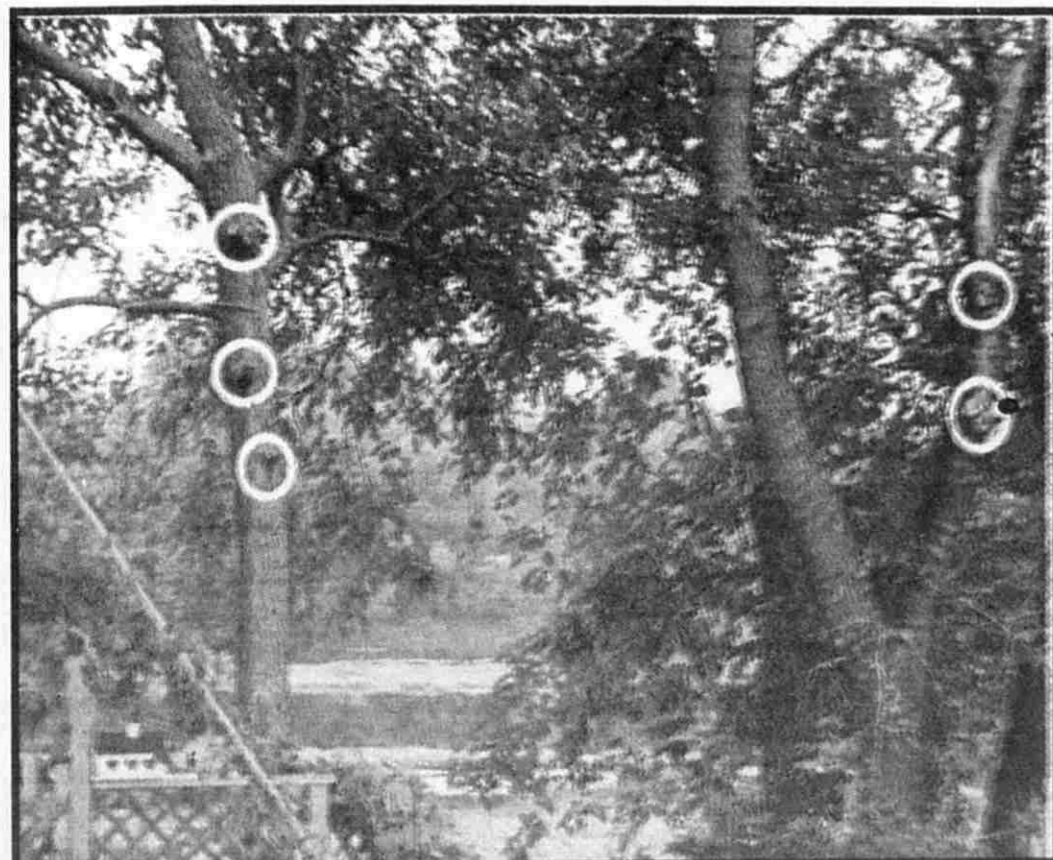
Ryan Graham (standing), Lowell freshman science teacher, converses with students during the first day of school on Monday. Pictured clockwise, left to right, are: Eric Dean, Jacob Seaman, Gary Kilgore and Amanda Tarchale.

and a lot of phone calls and questions from parents of new kindergartners and sixth graders, and parents with questions about when their kids

would be picked up," Mikulski said.

Two-thirds of the students who go to school in Lowell do so via a bus.

Mikulski, the bus drivers, and office personnel got through it... just in time for day two.



Riverside residents question severity of LL&P's tree trimming program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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To the extent that trees are cleared to remove any danger of becoming entwined with energized power lines is not, in many cases, left to the decision of landowners.

"The idea is to trim the trees to minimize or eliminate any possible danger," said Lowell Light and Power general manager, Tom Richards.

The white circles indicate where the lowest branches on the trees were, roughly 10-15 feet off the ground.

At the minimum, untrimmed trees can result in a branch falling on a line or touching a line in the winter, causing a power outage.

Richards says more significantly, a child could climb a tree and get on a branch touching an energized power line.

Some may question the actuality of that happening since the trunks of the trees are 10-15 feet high before reaching the first limb and the power lines are 45-50 feet in the air. Richards says the liability and horror which such an accident brings to a family and a community is not something Lowell Light and Power is willing to risk.

"Other companies are faced with numerous outages

Trees, cont'd. pg. 8

OBITUARIES

GARDNER - Norma children Sharla (Scott) Caro, Gardner, aged 71, of Lowell, Travis and Marisa Ueberroth, passed away August 18, 2003. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Bill; children Teri Ueberroth and Traci (Tate) Mullins; grand-

TOMCZAK - Dolores J. (Dee) Tomczak, of Grand Rapids, passed away suddenly Saturday, August 23, 2003, after a 15-year stay at the Allendale Nursing Centre. She was a loving wife, devoted mother, grandmother and sister. Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Roger; children Roger (Kathy) Tomczak, Lynn (special friend John) Tomczak; grandchildren Jason, Shelby and Luke Tomczak; brother Mike (Sheila) Dudley; sisters Carol (Denny) Funk, Pat (Bert) Van Drunen, Terri (Ed) Downs; brothers-in-law Dr. Dave (Jane) Tomczak, Phil (Marcia) Tomczak; sisters-in-law Roseanne (Les) Richmond, Dolores Johnson; several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends met Tuesday with the family at the Reyers North Valley Chapel. Committal services were held at Fairplains Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Local merchants support March of Dimes campaign to prevent premature births

Seven downtown Lowell merchants will donate 10 percent of the proceeds from business conducted on Saturday, Sept. 20 to the March of Dimes campaign to prevent premature births.

"A group of us wanted to find a way to give back to the community," said Cliff Yankovich of Chimera Design. "I was talking to Jacki from the March of Dimes about their motorcycle event and one thing led to another until we came up with the idea of downtown merchants dedicating proceeds from a

Saturday to the campaign." The motorcycle event, The Ride, takes place on Sunday, Sept. 21 and begins at the Berlin Raceway. Following registration (10-11 a.m.), the Mystery Run will ride to Fallsburg Park for lunch with entertainment until 4 p.m.

"We are excited that these Lowell merchants want to get involved," said Jacki Apel of the March of Dimes in Grand Rapids. "With The Ride ending in a park in Lowell on the next day, we felt it was a good tie-in."

Premature birth is the

leading cause of newborn deaths. Each year more than 470,000 babies are born prematurely, one out of every eight babies. Many premature babies spend weeks in Neonatal Intensive Care Units which the March of Dimes helped establish across the nation in the 1970's.

Businesses participating include Chimera Design, Cousin's Hallmark, Dream Pieces, River Hollow, Roll Away Family Fun Center, SandCastle Riverside and Touch of Country.

Cherry Creek Classic runs to aid of center

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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The Franciscan Life Process Center knows about helping others during the time of their life.

"Farm Fest's 15th anniversary theme 'The Time of Your Life' celebrates individuals who commit of their time and/or money to help others during the time of their lives.

For the first time this year, Farm Fest will have honorary co-chairmen, Peter Wege of The Wege Foundation and Frederik Meijer of The Meijer Foundation.

Wege was a major beneficiary who donated the land on which the Franciscan Life Process Center was built.

Farm Fest raises an average of \$40,000 to supply the center's scholarship fund.

All proceeds assist individuals and families who wish to attend Franciscan Life Process programs and services, but who may not otherwise have the means to participate.

Farm Fest will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 6 until 9 p.m. at the center on Downes Street.

Tickets are \$50 per person for the reception dinner and auctions. Dress is casual.

Over 60 baskets have been made for the silent auction, each filled with items donated from the community.

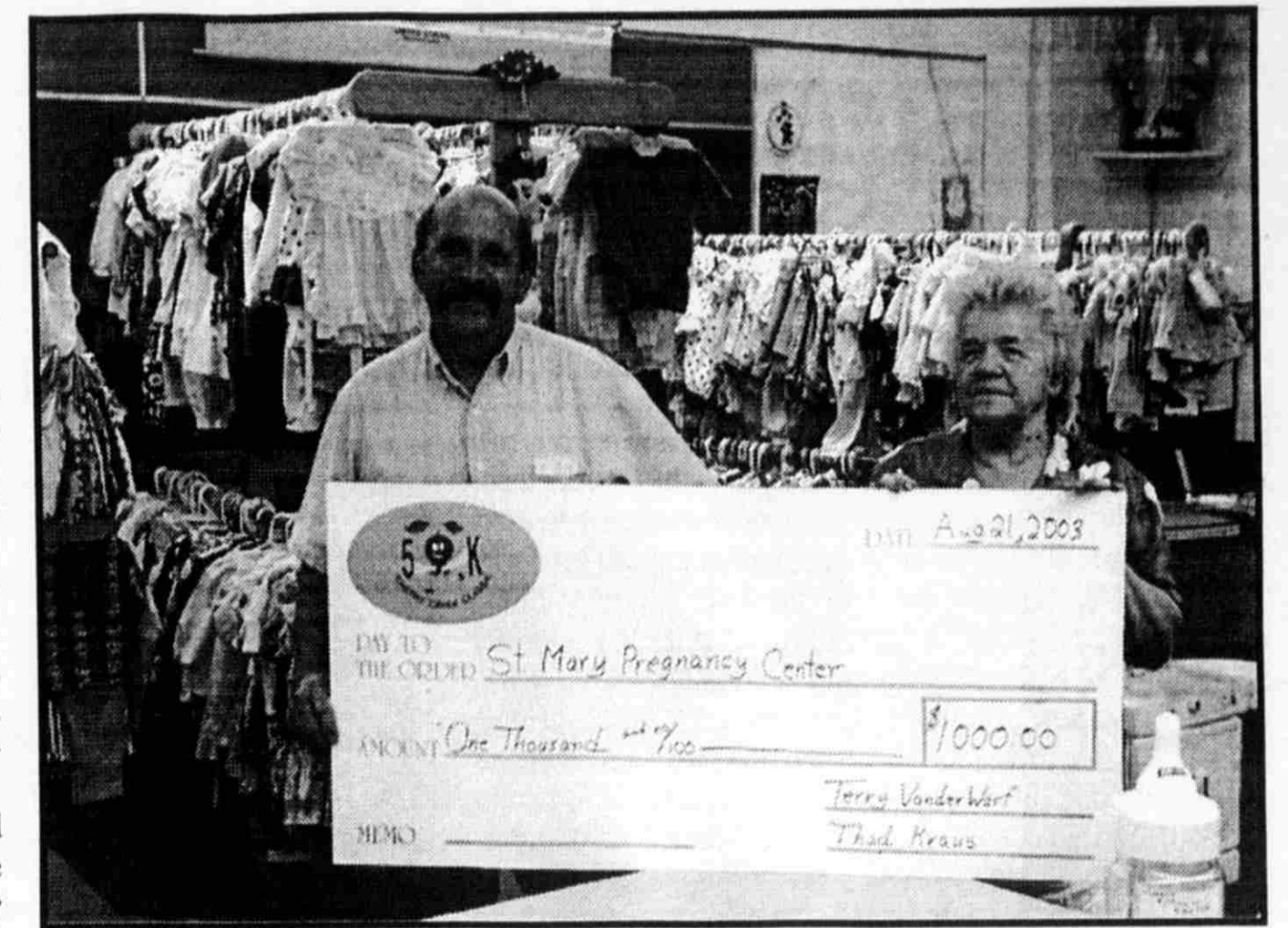
The oral auction will have 15 larger-ticket items... such as a custom-made Titanic deck

chair, an Eames anniversary table, an oak shaker-style dining table, a Mackinac Island Grand Hotel get-away and a two-week mini van rental.

Reception music will be provided by the Shrink-Raps; dinner music by Sister Mary Margaret Delaski (harp) and Dan Medewar (guitar).

The menu will include an Asian station (stir fry chicken, beef and vegetables), Italian buffet, carving station (beef, turkey and breads) and beverages.

Artists who have donated paintings and pottery for the 2003 Farm Fest include Judy Geerts, Jon LaBeau, Sandy Jackoboice, Helen Caswell, and Carl Huisman.



Presenting St. Mary's Pregnancy Center director, Ruth Collar with a check for \$1,000 is Cherry Creek Classic coordinator, Terry VanderWarf. Over a nine-year span, the race has donated \$24,000 back into the Lowell community.

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4-H group competes in state dog show

Nine members from the Working Paws 4-H group in the Lowell area participated in the State 4-H Dog Show on Aug. 16 at the Ionia County

Fairgrounds. The leaders of this group are Gail Roderick and Ann Newell.

Competition included Showmanship, Agility, Ob-

edience and Team. The Showmanship class is judged on how the child presents their dog to the judge, cleanliness and knowledge of dogs. In Agility, the child puts their dog through obstacles including jumps, tunnels, chutes, weave poles and dog walk. This class is judged on speed and completing the course. It is done on or off leash, depending on the level of competition. Obedience is judged on how well the dog can heel, stay, sit, come, and do figure eights. Some of this is done off leash. The team class consists of four kids and their dogs doing obedience all together.

Brian Langlois received third place in Showmanship, 4th place in Obedience, and first place and Grand Cham-

panion in Agility. Kelsey Langlois received a first place in both Showmanship and Obedience. Becky Lockwood placed third in Obedience and Showmanship and fourth in Agility. Daniel Lockwood received a sixth place in Obedience and had a perfect score of 100 in Agility. Colin Moore placed first in Agility and sixth in Obedience. Ashley VanSpronsen placed fifth in Obedience and third in Agility. Elyse Videto placed first in Obedience, third in Agility and fourth in Showmanship. Katelyn Videto and Emma Roderick had an excellent day, but did not place in their classes. The team of Brian and Kelsey Langlois, Colin Moore, and Elyse Videto received third place.

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Reflections

Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
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We have all heard it: "You can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk?" It is a challenge to get yourself into the game, be it an athletic event, a special project or living some important value. It is a challenge to do whatever it takes so that you are more than just sitting in the grandstands philosophizing about this or that.

In Ephesians the sixth chapter, Paul says something similar when he says, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Verses 10-11) Paul is encouraging you and me to be more than people who say we believe in God. That "saying" stuff is easy for any of us. What is harder is the "doing" and "living" part of our believing in God. Talk is cheap! What really matters is the "walk."

You, like me, have heard a lot of people say they believe in God. This is said when a person (usually) is trying to explain that they are like us, agree with us and see the merit in having God around to explain things that might otherwise be unexplainable. Many times, a person will continue the "talk" by telling why they don't go to church, or why

they don't join in the mission and work of the church. Basically, their reasoning is accurate in pointing out the flaws of the institutional church. Sadly, what is missing is the recognition that the church is more than an institution - it is a relationship with God and with others who seek to train for the "game" of discipleship.

You and I recognize that life events can be very hard to handle, at times. Many of us have worked hard to strengthen our minds through education, to strengthen our economic stability with hard work and good investments, and to keep in shape physically by working out, eating right and not smoking. It makes sense to do these things. We work to be a capable adult in a hard, sometimes cruel and violent world but keep ourselves a "child" in our lack of faith development.

Do we think that just having a belief, there is a God who is going to make any difference if our faith is that of a first grader? Christian living is an event that requires constant attention. The arena of life crushes and destroys those who "run the race" without intentional and continued "workouts" in prayer, Bible study and intentional stewardship. What do you think about this?



Malloy/Szymczak

Deborah Malloy of Lowell and David Szymczak of Grand Rapids are happy to announce their engagement.

The bride to be is the daughter of Patrick and Sally Malloy of Middleville. She is a graduate of Hastings High School and Eastern Michigan University.

The future groom graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central and Grand Valley State University. He is the son of Margaret Szymczak of Grand Rapids and the late Norbert Szymczak.

The couple are planning an October 4, 2003 wedding.

COLLEGE NEWS

Calvin College has announced its 2003-2004 scholarships for new and transfer students.

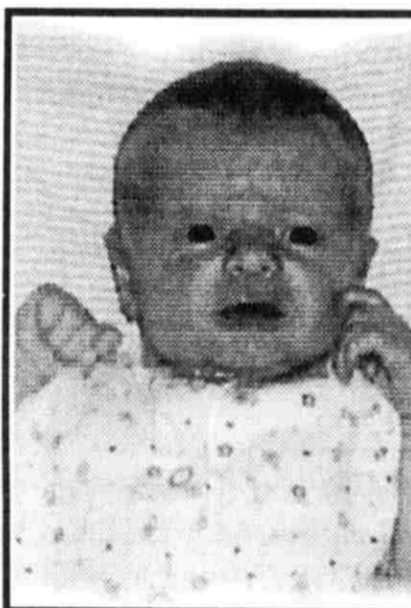
From the Lowell area are **Jared J. Huffman** and **Eric S. Moulton**.

From the Alto area are **Kathleen E. Schmidt**, **Tracy L. Sikma** and **Rochelle D. Veenstra**.

Emily Louise Myers, of Ada, was named to the dean's list of Distinguished Students at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., for the spring term of the 2002-2003 academic year. Selection to the dean's list requires a grade-point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

Myers, a 2001 Lowell High School graduate, is the daughter of Karen and William J. Myers of Lowell.

AREA BIRTHS



Anya and Daryl Chamberlain are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, **Aubrey Ruth**, born July 20, 2003 at 11:04 p.m. in Grand Rapids. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 19.5 inches.

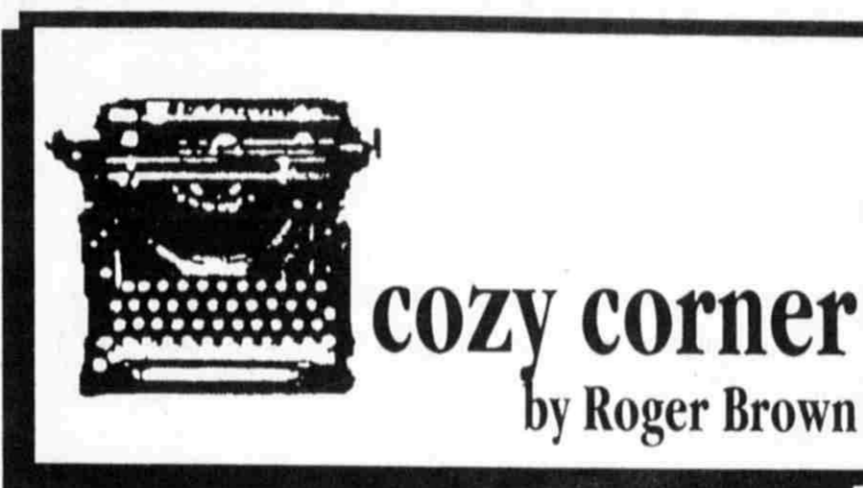
Welcoming Aubrey home are her sister Heidi and her brother Caleb.

Proud grandparents are Wayne and Carol Chamberlain and Rick and Ruth Saukas.

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

We haven't heard from Bob Vila's Evil Twin lately. It's not a matter of him shirking his duties. It is more a case of the Evil Twin being on a lucky streak. He hasn't ruined any expensive tools or material. More importantly, he hasn't been to the emergency room.

It is easy to tell when the Evil Twin has been busy. One look at my hands tells the story. I have a severely barked knuckle on my left index finger. Other knuckles don't look so hot either. The tip of my right index finger is healing nicely after a brief encounter with my table saw blade. There is a blood blister I can't account for located at the tip of my right middle finger. I swing a hammer with that hand, so blood blisters are usually on the left-hand fingers... the unfortunate fingers forced to hold the nail. Throw in some assorted calluses, blisters, cuts, scratches, grime, and it's obvious the Evil Twin is not a concert pianist.

I have had several projects in the works. One project is my dock. Sounds simple enough, a few sawhorse-like supports

and sections of walkway. That's the kind of dock I built at my cottage in Michigan years ago. Because of winter ice, we took it out in the fall and put it back in the water each spring... you know the drill.

Not so simple here in the Florida Keys. We don't have to worry about ice, but we have to engineer for wind, waves, saltwater corrosion, tides and, worst of all, we have to deal with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is only the tip of the bureaucratic iceberg. Before I actually have a permit to begin construction, I will have dealt with no less than a dozen governmental agencies, a consultant, engineers and an attorney. Needless to say, this all costs money and any cash the Evil Twin thought he had in his budget to hire work done, has long since been gobbled up. The Evil Twin is now a dock builder.

I don't have a permit in hand, but I think I'm getting close. We're talkin' weeks instead of months. I've begun building my piles. My permit specifies ten-inch schedule 40 PVC pipe filled with concrete and one inch steel re-bar down the center. My dock plan requires 48 of them. Some are 20 feet long. I will likely elaborate on this one-man pile construction "circus act" I have developed in a future column. I'm reasonably certain there will be a mishap before I'm done.

Cutting the re-bar turned into a dilemma for the Evil Twin. My reciprocating saw is a cordless model. It takes a battery charge and a fresh blade to get through about one and a half cuts. Not good.

I tried my angle grinder with a metal cutting disc. After a few minutes my grinder began giving off that "overheating electric motor" odor. I gave up on that idea. I briefly, very briefly, considered my old-fashioned hand hacksaw. Out of

ideas, I finally succumbed to what doesn't come naturally to the Evil Twin. I sought advice. It turns out that most guys working with re-bar use an oxy-acetylene cutting torch. For several reasons, not the least of which is safety, the Evil Twin has never owned a set of torches. He does now.

I dipped into my rapidly dwindling dock fund and purchased a set of torches and small bottles in a handy tote. The people at the store said I'd likely have to fill the bottles once or twice to get through my project. That didn't seem too bad, so I decided to go with the small tote size rather than the big bottles on a cart.

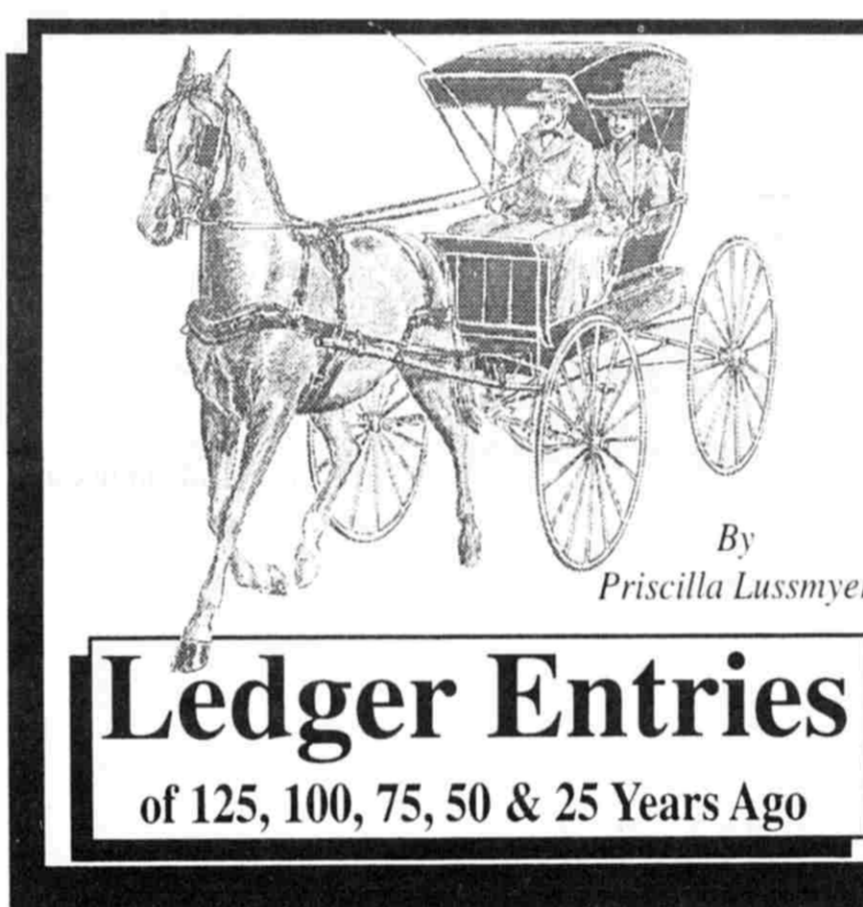
Only one problem... the people at the store made the incorrect assumption that I knew anything at all about cutting steel with a torch.

Back at the house I assembled the contraption, scanned the manual for suggested pressure settings and began fiddling around. I hadn't used one of these things since shop class, and that was much longer ago than I care to remember.

After an hour or so, I had made six cuts, most of my gas was gone and I had added a few small burns to the other injuries on my hands.

Yesterday I loaded up my torch set, a couple of short pieces of re-bar and went off in search of help. There is a small-engine mechanic in town who has been my salvation on numerous occasions. He came to my rescue yet again. He showed me how to adjust the flame and coached me through some cutting techniques. Before long he had me slicing through that steel in nothing flat.

Time will tell how the Evil Twin does on his own. We'll have to wait though... the gas bottles are pretty much empty.



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

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 27, 1903

Sand washed on the track by heavy rain derails a train near the Wright farm in Vergennes, killing the engineer, Elmer Smith.

The deep cut is excavated, foundations for the iron bridge and powerhouse machinery laid for the Edison dam north of the village. A #2 Drake steam concrete mixer for the job can put out 200 yards a day.

The first businessmen's ball game was so much fun that a second one is planned, with clerks included, i.e., picking out the best players on east and west sides.

The editor asks for better behavior at dances, not, as Rev. Wesbrook would have it, eliminating them altogether.

The new grange hall at Seeley Corners has been insured.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 30, 1928 (1923)

There are no microfilms of the Lowell Ledger between May 24, 1928 and November 15, 1928. We'll fill in with columns from 1998 and give you "80 years The Lowell Ledger and Alto Solo.

The Chautauqua of last week was appreciated, but attendance was not enough to warrant continuing the yearly series.

Grace Walker challenges the school board decision not to seat her, the first woman member: her property is in her father's name; he died years before and she isn't on the taxpayer rolls. She has the change made as soon as she hears of the rule, after the election.

Gloria Swanson is playing in "Her Gilded Cage" at the Strand Theatre (4 for a dollar), and on Lowell's Dollar Day, Glenna Swanson will appear in "her Golden Age" (7 for a dollar).

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL AUGUST 28, 1878

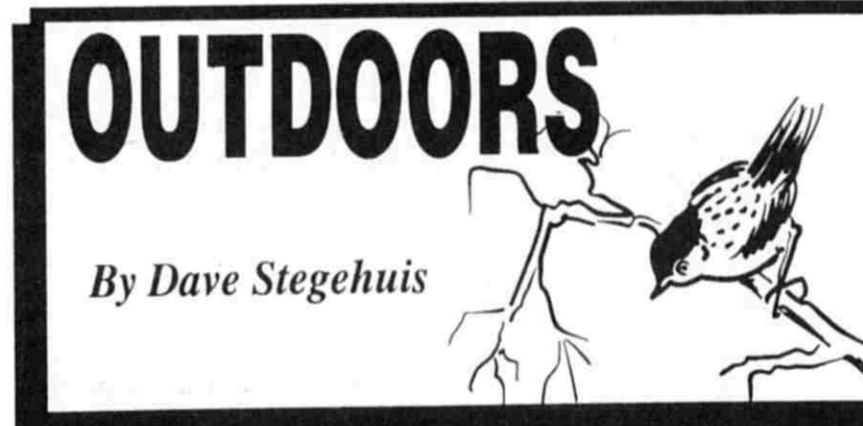
Mrs. D.O. Shear sends in a 3-foot branch with 16 Bolivar Washington plums on it. The tree had a total of 2 1/2 bushels.

Four prisoners escape from the Kent County jail by cutting iron bars, breaking through a foot-thick brick wall and climbing down 20 feet of sheets.

Early frosts may be expected this year.

Potatoes are small and far between in the harvest.

Foreman Collins of the Journal is recovering from a two-week bout of bilious fever.



OUTDOORS
By Dave Stegehuis

LAKE X

A few weeks ago a friend invited me to journey with him to one of his secret fishing spots. To get there involved driving to a wide spot in an Upper Peninsula logging road and parking our vehicle on the coarse red gravel. From there we carried a canoe and fishing tackle over rocks and around deep holes on our way through a stand of conifers. Finally we came to a small lake, but that wasn't the special spot. It was necessary to paddle the canoe across that lake to a bog on the opposite shore. The bog held enough water to create a carpet of mud and tall grass upon which to slide the craft along. A misstep could cause one to take on a boot-full of unique smelling ooze. Beyond this obstacle lay the objective, the fabled Lake X. The lake, which turned out to be a beaver pond, had doubled in size

Alarmed citizens ask for military intervention as the Ku Klux Klan terrorizes people in six states, including Ohio and Indiana.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 27, 1953

Grade school enrollment is unknown for the Sept. 8 opening, due to the new St. Mary's school, but high school numbers will be up slightly.

Charles Hill offers a free clip with child's initials for boots and shoes that get lost or mixed up at school.

This summer's vacation was the longest possible, due to Labor Day occurring the latest possible, Sept. 7.

WOOD-TV records messages women are sending to their soldiers in Korea so soldiers may hear as well as read their letters.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is building three huge quonsets near the railroad tracks at the west village limits to store surplus corn.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 30, 1978

New columns on the front page: REFLOAT THE BOAT. It will report steps along the way to replacing the tornado-destroyed Showboat. Bucky is the writer.

Volunteers spent the week clearing the mess that used to be the Showboat.

Substitution of leaded for unleaded gas in new vehicles is not a serious problem in Michigan, says the AAA.

Lowell Lanes has "Rent-a-Lane" Sunday mornings for \$5.

Carlen Anderson operates the mobile Kent County Road Commission "Feedback Unit," taking citizens' comments about county roads and road work.

Exploring these areas may not be easy and could be uncomfortable or even hazardous for the uninformed or unprepared. There is probably a reason why the place is not overrun with people. Make sure you have the skill and knowledge before attempting an excursion. For example, use maps, compass, and G.P.S. when traveling the back country. Be prepared to meet the challenge. You may be surprised at what lies over the next hill or around the next bend in the river. The fish may even be biting.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

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15th Annual Farm Fest: The Time of Your Life

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Franciscan Life Process Center knows about helping others during the time of their life.

"Farm Fest's 15th anniversary theme 'The Time of Your Life' celebrates individuals who commit their time and/or money to help others during the time of their lives.

For the first time this year, Farm Fest will have honorary co-chairmen, Peter Wege of The Wege Foundation and Frederik Meijer of The Meijer Foundation.

Wege was a major beneficiary who donated the land on which the Franciscan Life Process Center was built.

Farm Fest raises an average of \$40,000 to supply the center's scholarship fund.

All proceeds assist individuals and families who wish to attend Franciscan Life Process programs and services, but who may not otherwise have the means to participate.

Honorary Chairmen



Peter Wege



Frederik Meijer

Farm Fest will be on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 6 until 9 p.m. at the center on Downes Street.

Tickets are \$50 per person for the reception dinner and auctions. Dress is casual.

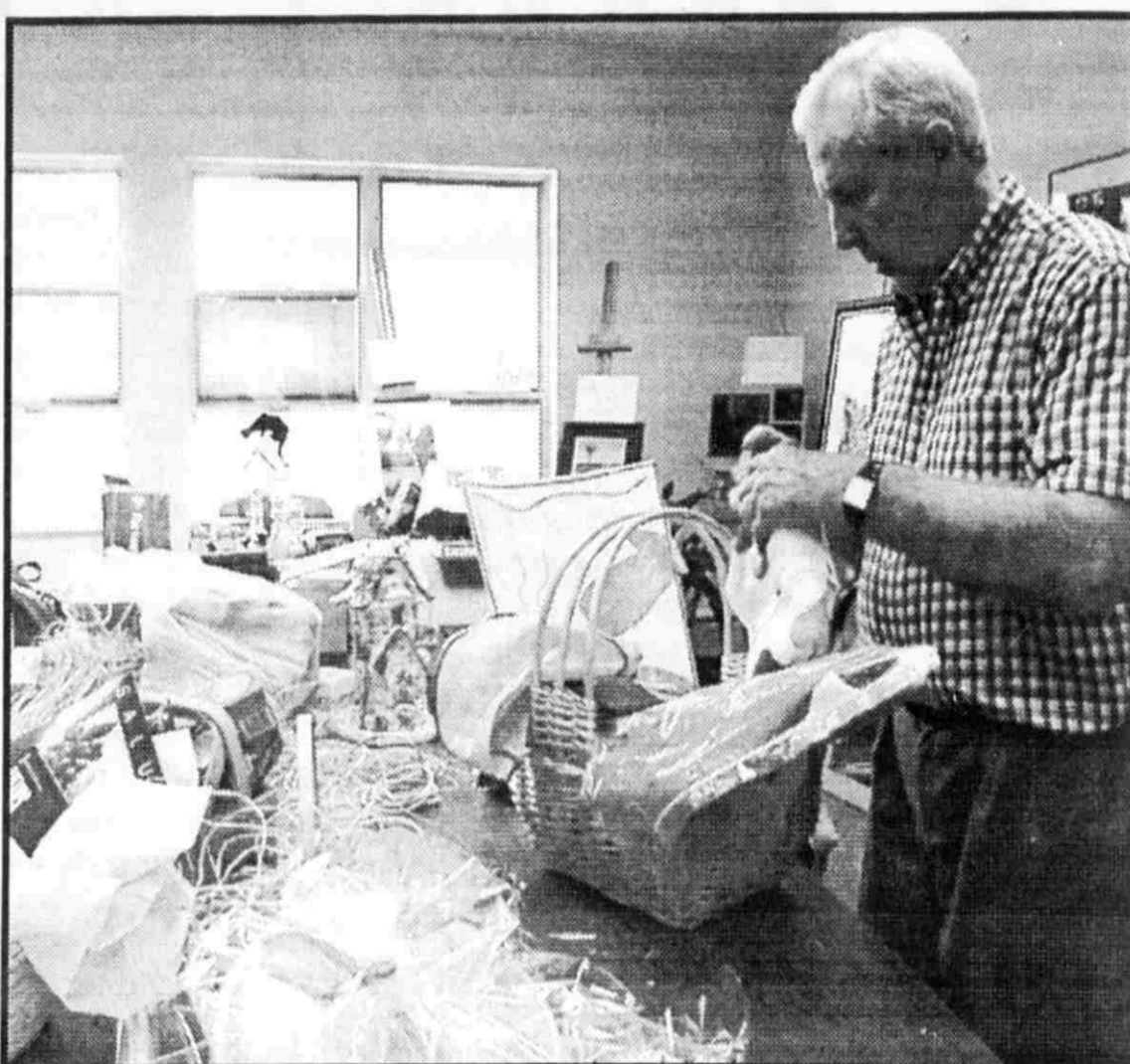
Over 60 baskets have been made for the silent auction, each filled with items donated from the community.

The oral auction will have 15 larger-ticket items... such as a custom-made Titanic deck chair, an Eames anniversary table, an oak shaker-style dining table, a Mackinac Island Grand Hotel get-away and a two-week mini van rental.

Reception music will be provided by the Shrink-Raps; dinner music by Sister Mary Margaret Delaski (harp) and Dan Medewar (guitar).

The menu will include an Asian station (stir fry chicken, beef and vegetables), Italian buffet, carving station (beef, turkey and breads) and beverages.

Artists who have donated paintings and pottery for the 2003 Farm Fest include Judy Geerts, Jon LaBeau, Sandy Jackboice, Helen Caswell and Carl Huisman.



Franciscan Life Process Center receptionist, Roy Brown works on one of 60 baskets for the Farm Fest's silent auction.

Effort to have river property rezoned turned down by planning commission

Ledger Staff

Residents didn't like the idea and the Lowell Planning Commission agreed not to rezone property along the river.

The planning commission held a public hearing for the rezoning of several parcels along the riverside of M-21 heading east out of the city. The original rezoning request came from a group planning to put a flower shop in at 1132 E. Main Street. Before the regular Monday night planning commission meeting, the owners of the flower shop withdrew their petition.

Clark Jahnke, planning commission chair, felt that a rezoning should not be determined by one particular property and that the public hearing should continue to see what would happen.

The result was a resounding "no" from those living near and on the property due to concerns of how a rezoning from residential to commercial would affect the area and them.

"I would like to go on record that I am in favor of leaving it as is," said Jerry Cole, the administrator for the Moose Lodge, which has a recreational facility located at 1320 E. Main Street.

Several of the commissioners agreed with the residents.

"I don't see the need for it to be rezoned and perhaps they have planted a seed that this area needs to be preserved," said commission member, Barb Schmaltz.

Commission member, Sherry Grimm said she was in support of the idea of rezoning but now questioned that decision.

Another commission member, David Rappadded, "I would not be in favor of rezoning especially since there is a plethora of commercial properties in the other direction."

Dave Pasquale, city manager, said he understood that the owners of the proposed flower shop were looking at other locations.

"I think a business there would detract from the downtown area and we should concentrate on the historic downtown and W. Main business districts," added planning commissioner, Jim Hall.

In the end, the Lowell Planning Commissioner unanimously voted down the rezoning request with all the properties remaining suburban residential.

Jahnke explained that the Moose Lodge is a noncompliance and that if the Lodge should want to expand, the rezoning issue could come up again.

Cole said there has been some talk of consolidating the

Moose to one building, but it would take a vote of the general membership before anything could happen. At this point, he did not expect any changes in the near future.

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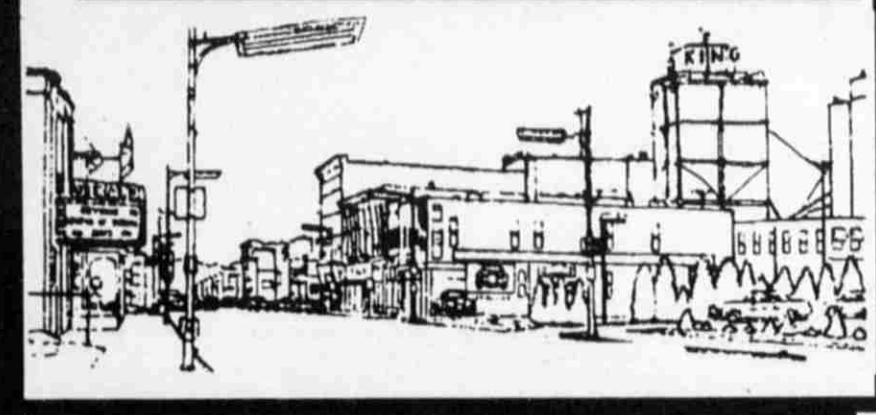
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"CELEBRATE LOWELL" EXHIBITION

The Lowell Area Arts Council has a Visual Art Exhibition now through Sept. 20 at its gallery at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell.

FOOTBALL TICKET INFO.

Tickets for the Lowell/Grandville varsity football game on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. may be purchased in the athletic office at Lowell High School from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$5 for adults / \$3 for students. Tickets are also available at the gate; spectators should park on visitors' side of the stadium.

ATTENTION FORMER JR. MEMBERS OF LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB ...

Meet the new Junior members of Lowell Women's Club on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor on Bowes

Rd. RSVP to Kathryn DenHouter 897-6291 or Marj Harding 897-8107.

CAMP FIRE INFO. MEETING

There will be a Camp Fire USA informational meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek music room. Clubs are set up for grades 2/3, 4/5 and 7. If you have children interested or would like to be a leader or co-leader, please plan to attend this meeting.

COMMODITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED

Low income households: Commodities will be distributed at Moose Recreational Bldg., 1320 E. Main on Sept. 4 from 9-4 p.m. Bring all your necessary paperwork to register for the first time or to re-register. Call 897-5150 or 897-8754 with questions.

HIGH SCHOOL PICTURES

Lowell High School pictures will be taken on Friday, Sept. 5. Retake pictures will be taken on Thursday, Oct. 9. Order forms will be coming home with students on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Seniors must have their pictures taken for ID cards only.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS - THEBES PLAYERS

Lowell Area Arts Council Thebes Players are seeking actors for the hilarious hit, "Inspecting Carol." Auditions are Sept. 22-24 from 7-9 p.m. at the arts council, 149 S. Hudson. Performance dates: Nov. 7-15. Call 897-8545 for information or a script.

LHS 25TH REUNION

Lowell Class of 1978 25th reunion Oct. 4 at Double R Ranch. \$20/dinner or \$10 come after 7:30. RSVP to Lowellclassof1978@yahoo.com or call Laura Dey Leasure at 897-5739. Missing addresses for: Tammy Albus, Larry Aubertin, Warren Church, Steve Berrington, Diana Cron, Sarah Flanagan, Sharon Flanagan, Denise Kleinjan, Kathy Heimler, Cindy Hinds, Joe Marsiglia, Kim Moore, Angie Nelson, Michele Ralys, Rhonda Robbins, Susan Rypma, Brenda Spauling, Cindy Timmons, Jerry Williford. Class of 1977 is also invited.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY

The Lowell Area Arts Council has four openings for artists to exhibit in the holiday art show, Sleigh Bells and Holly (Nov. 13 - Dec. 23). Artists from the Greater Lowell area (15 mile radius) and members or volunteers of the LAAC may apply. Application deadline: Sept. 15. Call 897-8545 for more information.

Trees, continued... From Page 1

because they don't have the tree-trimming program that we do," Richards said.

Residents at the 900 block of Riverside Drive did not question the need to trim trees, but questioned if last week's trimming went a little too far.

"They chopped off one side of the trees and never said a word to me about it," said Don Kermeen, of 916 Riverside Dr. "A good wind, now, will probably take the trees over into the river."

Richards says he understands the residents' disappointment. "I understand residents may be unhappy with the looks of the trees, but we must maintain safety first," Richards said.

Teresa Beachum, of 924 Riverside Dr., totally appreciates LL&P's goal to keep limbs from the power lines.

"I just wish they wouldn't have been so destructive. If they would have only cut the limbs interfering with the power lines. Why did they have to cut the limbs below the power lines? They can't fall up. Thirty years could have passed and some of

the limbs they cut would have never touched those power lines."

Medco, the contractor hired to come in and trim the trees, has been used by LL&P the last couple of years. The guideline given to the company by LL&P was to make sure limbs do not encroach on the power lines.

"They are the experts (arborists)," Richards claims. "It would be uneconomical for a facility our size to try to do that on our own."

To cut the trees to a lesser extent or, as Richards says, "manicuring them," does not maintain safety and is not cost-effective.

The tree-trimming program will continue as Lowell Light & Power works to keep power lines and trees from meeting.

"We will continue to talk to landowners as we go along," Richards concludes.



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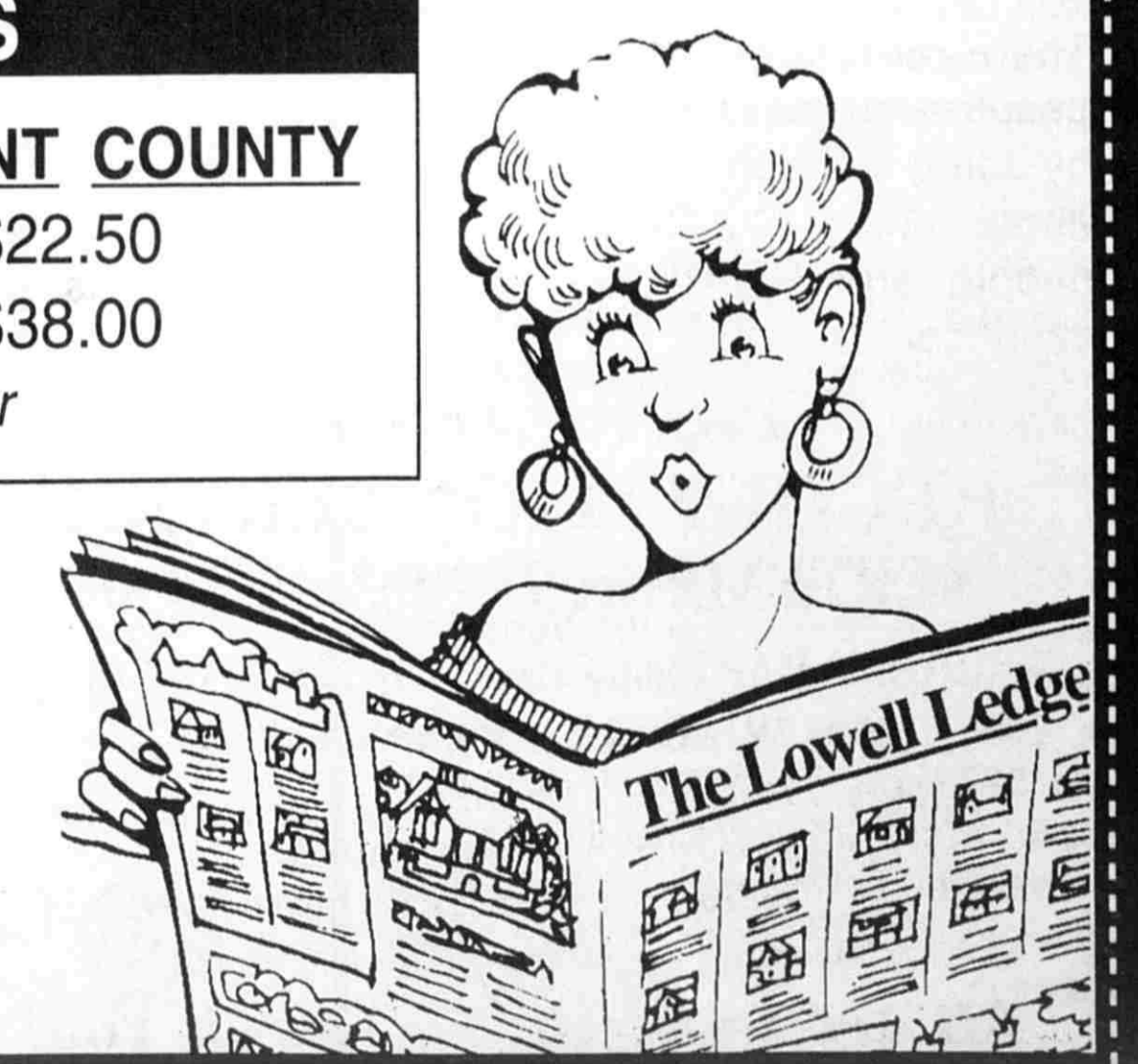
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Antique car dealership gets second shot

By Ledger Staff

After a short discussion, the Lowell Planning Commission agreed to revisit the concept of an antique car dealership on Main Street ... as long as it didn't involve an open air business special use permit.

Last month, Alan Roush approached the planning commission about an antique car dealership at 415 W. Main Street. The commission shot down the idea because the property, 66 feet by 132 feet, was too small for an open air special use permit.

At its Monday night meeting, property owner Jed Bush

and his realtor, Paul Davis approached the planning commission about reconsidering its request.

The difficulty with the property is that it was designed for a single-family home but the land has since been rezoned commercial. The house on the property burned down a few years ago and the land is now vacant.

Davis, who said he had been marketing the property for the past couple of years, attempted to interest neighbors in the land - one of the commission's suggestions for what to do with the parcel. The only interest he had received was a neighboring business which considered "turning it into a parking lot and selling cars." Other interest has been centered around whether the property could serve as a car lot.

Clark Jahnke, planning commission chair, said no one would be able to sell cars on the lot without getting the special use permit which the commission is not willing to grant. The concern is that it would be too difficult to control the number of vehicles on the property.

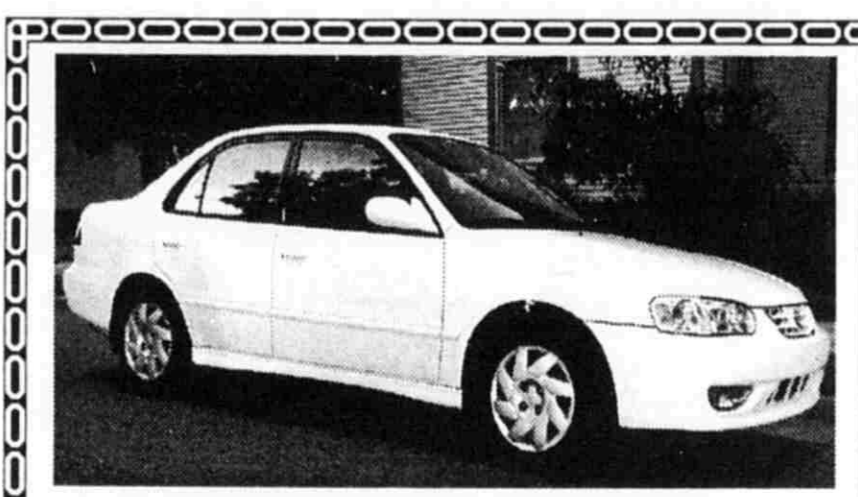
"I have nightmares about a semi sitting there unloading 20 cars there," said planning commission member, Deb Hinton.

Bush said that simply won't happen because of the size of the lot and it's not what Roush wants to do. He plans to have only a few cars on the property with a showroom and antique memorabilia for sale.

"He needs to have the office space to make the legal ends meet for the state," he said.

Commission member, Jim Hall said if some formal plans could be presented showing a carriage house type showroom that could house a few cars, he might be able to be convinced. Jahnke took one step further and asked if the commission would be willing to consider the project as long as no vehicles were sold outside and that an open air special use permit would not be needed.

The general consensus of the commission was "yes" on the matter. Bush, who is a contractor, said he felt he could come up with some nice drawings that could serve as the basis for the business and bring everything back to the planning commission at its next meeting Sept. 22.



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Notice of Ordinance Adoption

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 2003-4, amending General and Special Regulations, Section 201.432 Wireless Communication Facilities, and Ordinance 2003-5, amending Chapter 3, Section 201.301 Zoning Districts, were adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board held on August 18, 2003. The following is a summary of the text amendments:

Ordinance 2003-4 Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.432 Wireless Communication Facilities

The amendments replace the former ordinance for wireless communications in its entirety. Included in the new version is zoning language 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 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) have been amended to remove wireless communication facilities in these districts as a special use requirement. Section 201.309 (B) (1) (i) has been reworded to allow wireless communication facilities as a permitted principal use. Section 201.309 (C) (4) adds wireless communication facilities as a secondary use with a special use permit.

Ordinance 2003-5 Chapter 3 Zoning Districts
Section 201.301 has been amended to correct a technical error to replace the words "Zoning Board of Appeals" with "Township Board".

The complete text of Ordinances 2003-4 and 2003-5 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 (ordinance amendments) at **www.vergennestwp.org**. These ordinances take effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

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Breakfast honors those who make initial impact on school children's day

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Figuratively speaking, they set the table in the morning and clear it off at night.

Lowell bus drivers are the district's first and last contact with most of the school children.

"What they say and do to the kids is as impactful as a paraprofessional or teacher," said Lowell assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, James White. "They set the tone for the children's day."

Their work and job "well done were acknowledged at the 10th annual Lowell Bus Drivers' Breakfast held by Dave and Jan Thompson.

Larry Mikulski, director of transportation, says Thompson's generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

"Most of the time bus drivers only hear that they were too late, too early or they did something wrong," Mikulski explained. "The bus drivers look forward to this every year. It's an important part of their year."

There are 40 bus drivers, and nearly 30 attended the breakfast at Thompson's home Monday morning. Many of those who didn't were working.

"As with most communities, we never manage to say it often enough as to how grateful we are to the bus drivers and the service they provide," Dave Thompson said. "There isn't a more caring, courteous and careful group of drivers anywhere."

It was a chance encounter back in 1993 that gave life to the breakfast idea.

Thompson was having breakfast at Keiser's one morning next to a table of six (Lowell bus drivers). "I was overhearing this candid conversation about this kid or that. It was all pure tonic for me. I began to chuckle as I caught fragments of their all too familiar stories," Thompson shared.

Entertained and energized by their enthusiasm, Thompson picked up their checks before he left.

"Anyone who could endure the torture of the first day on



Dave and Jan Thompson held their 10th annual Lowell bus driver breakfast on Monday.



Enjoying a little conversation with their breakfast, pictured clockwise, are: Emmy Vanderbilt, Mary Didion, Karen Graham, Valerie Vickers, Jan Kerman, Linda Barle and Sharon Manszewski.

Bus Driver Breakfast, cont'd page 12

CITIZENS OF LOWELL BE AWARE

You can save one of the last "Green" areas in the City of Lowell. Please help in stopping the development of the Grindle Drive property by Sundry Corporation. Keep Lowell and its schools and roads less crowded and dangerous.

Petitions are being circulated door-to-door and are also available for registered voters of Lowell to sign at Springrove Variety and the Dam Store.

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If you run your own small business, you may need a good retirement plan. Once, you might have considered a 401(k), only to discard the idea when you realized that some of the costs and burdens—such as testing requirements to ensure fair contributions to all employees—might prevent you and your key employees from fully benefiting from the plan. But now,

you've got a "safe harbor" in which to place your 401(k) away from the uncertainties of whether you will benefit.

The "Safe Harbor" 401(k), created by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, could help you build resources for your own retirement—and attract and retain employees. Like all 401(k) plans, the Safe Harbor 401(k) offers tax-deferred growth of earnings, the ability to make pre-tax contributions (which can lower a plan participant's adjusted gross income), the opportunity for employer matching contributions and a variety of investment choices.

Furthermore, a Safe Harbor 401(k) permits discretionary profit-sharing contributions. And your contributions are considered business expenses, so they are tax-deductible. Plus, if your business had no plan, you may qualify for a tax credit to offset administration fees for the plan's first three years.

Clearly, all these features are good for you and whatever employees you might have. But what really makes the Safe Harbor 401(k) a benefit to small businesses is less "testing." You don't have to deal with non-discrimination testing to identify whether "highly compensated employees" (generally, business owners and management employees) contributed too much, as long as you adhere to the following contribution and matching guidelines:

- You must contribute at least three percent of compensation to all "non-highly compensated employees." All non-

highly compensated employees are entitled to this money, even if they don't elect to contribute to the plan. You can choose whether or not to provide this contribution to highly compensated employees, so you, as the business owner, can receive this contribution. Or:

- You must provide each non-highly compensated employee who participated in the Safe Harbor 401(k) with a dollar for dollar match on salary deferrals up to three percent of compensation, and a 50 cents on the dollar match on deferrals between three and five percent of compensation. Alternatively, you can simply choose to make a dollar for dollar match on the first four percent of compensation. Keep in mind that this match is up to four percent of compensation—so if you have employees who contribute less than four percent of their compensation, you only have to match the amount contributed. As the business owner, you also can receive this contribution.

The percentage of matching contributions for any highly compensated employee—including yourself, as the business owner—cannot be higher than the percentage provided to non-highly compensated employees.

However, a Safe Harbor 401(k) does offer a distinct advantage to highly compensated employees—the ability to defer from their pay the maximum amount (\$12,000 in 2003, or \$14,000 if they're over 50), regardless of how much the non-highly compensated employees contribute. In a "regular" 401(k), this figure might have been reduced by the amounts the non-highly compensated employees chose to defer.

A Safe Harbor 401(k) is typically inexpensive to set up and maintain—and with the absence of testing requirements, the benefits you can receive from the plan can be maximized and are predictable. To determine if this retirement plan is appropriate for your needs, contact your investment representative, who can work with your tax or business adviser. But don't wait too long—the quicker you get your retirement money into a "Safe Harbor," the less time it can take for your ship to come in.

Bus Driver Breakfast, cont'd... From Page 11

a school bus with those little terrors and remain upbeat deserved to have someone buy them breakfast," Thompson explained.

When the same script played out the next year, Thompson decided it would be fun to take all of the drivers to breakfast as a way of recognizing the outstanding service they provide to the community.

And the rest, as they say...

Every gathering of Americans—whether a few on the porch of a crossroads store or massed thousands in a great stadium—is the possessor of a potentially immeasurable influence on the future.
—Dwight D. Eisenhower

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE

FILE NO. 03-175,811-DE

Estate of
JOSEPH SKUZINSKI,
Deceased

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Including JAMES SKUZINSKI whose address and whereabouts are unknown.

The decedent, who lived at 1310 Aberdeen N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505 died 05/28/03.

An application for informal probate of decedent's will was filed by SUSAN STEWART 10830 Ramsdell N.E., Rockford, Michigan 49341.

On 6-19-03 the Kent County Probate Court, 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 informally admitted the will.

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ
(P-46249)
410 Bridge St. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 454-4119

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 03-176088-DE

Estate of
DORIS HARPER a.k.a. DORIS LILLY HARPER,
Deceased
Date of Birth:
06-14-1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, DORIS HARPER a.k.a. DORIS LILLY HARPER who lived at 743 Sibley N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 08/02/03.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to SUSAN 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.

SUSAN M. POTYRAJ
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Aug. 28, 29 & 30. Thurs. & Fri., 9-6 p.m.; Sat., 8-12 p.m. Bikes, paddle boat, kids & adult clothing, household items, etc. 10577 Bell Rd., Clarksville. 1 1/2 miles S. of Clarksville Rd., from M-50 2 1/2 - 3 miles North.			DVD player, entertainment center, cassette tapes, cookbooks, clothes, TV's, tanner, Southwest crafts, typewriter, king size mattress/frame, knick-knacks, too many items to list. 8-22 & 8-23, 8-3 p.m. 9476 Bluewater Hwy., corner of Pinckney & Bluewater Hwy. (M-21).			6226 Snow, Aug. 28 & 29, 9-5 p.m. Air conditioner, dishwasher, stove, Little Tikes desk & country kitchen, adult & children's clothing, much more.		
GARAGE SALE End of baby sale. Oak crib w/mattress, Little Tikes toys, baby accessories, boys & girls clothing to size 7, bikes & many household items. 10593 Bailey, Sept. 4 & 5, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.			GARAGE SALE Several families Aug. 28 & 29, 8 a.m. - ? Clothing, dishes, antiques, golf balls, bags & clubs, misc. 5420 Morse Lake, Alto.			LARGE CHURCH & FAMILY SALE Aug. 28, 29, & 30, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Hundreds of items. This is a very clean sale. All proceeds go to the church. 1763 Veronica, lot 203, Key Heights. Space limited, new items daily!		
Deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. for this page!			BIG LABOR DAY SALE Fri., Aug. 29 - Mon., Sept. 1, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Clothes (teen-adult), toys, books, magazines, furniture, like new self start push lawn mower, lots of misc. 5701 Lincoln Lake Rd., 1 1/2 miles S. of M-44.			ACE GARAGE SALE 100's of items below cost. 2 days only! Friday, Aug. 29, 8-4 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 30, 8-2 p.m. Bernard's Ace Hardware, 1601 W. Main, Lowell.		
			YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! CALL OR EMAIL YOUR AD TODAY!					

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: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152 meets at 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 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.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS

- Mothers of Preschoolers ...because mothering matters. 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. at Impact, a Wesleyan Church, 1070 N. Hudson. Call 897-8304 for details.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Kent County Youth Fair Board, 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.

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

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at 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.

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

THURS., SEPT. 4: Low income households: commodities distributed

WED., SEPT. 10: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family style Swiss Steak dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$8; 5-12 are \$2.

WED., SEPT. 10: Lowell Rotary Club community blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

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

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

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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.

THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

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

SEEKING BIDS!
The Village of Clarksville is currently seeking bids for snow plowing and leaf removal contracts for the '03-'04 seasons.
Mail bids to:
Clarksville Village Hall
c/o Clerk
P.O. Box 118
Clarksville, MI 48815

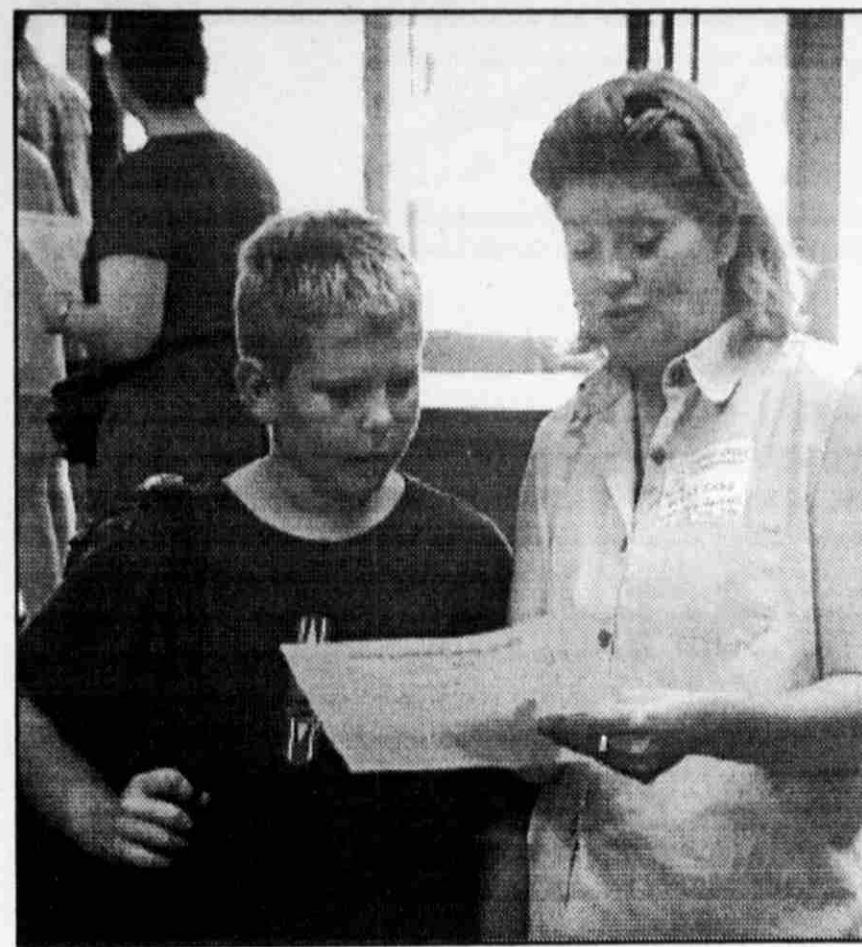
SNOW REMOVAL: Remove and dispose of snow from Bible Church to Community Church, and from Broad Street to First Street on Cross Street. Removal to be done after 4" or more accumulation.

LEAF REMOVAL: Remove and dispose of leaves from streets in the Village as needed.

Contact Pat Reser at 693-2161 for details.
Please mark as "Snow Plowing Bid" or "Leaf Removal."
Contact Street Commissioner Pat Reser (693-2161) for details.

Deadline for receiving bids is October 6, 2002.

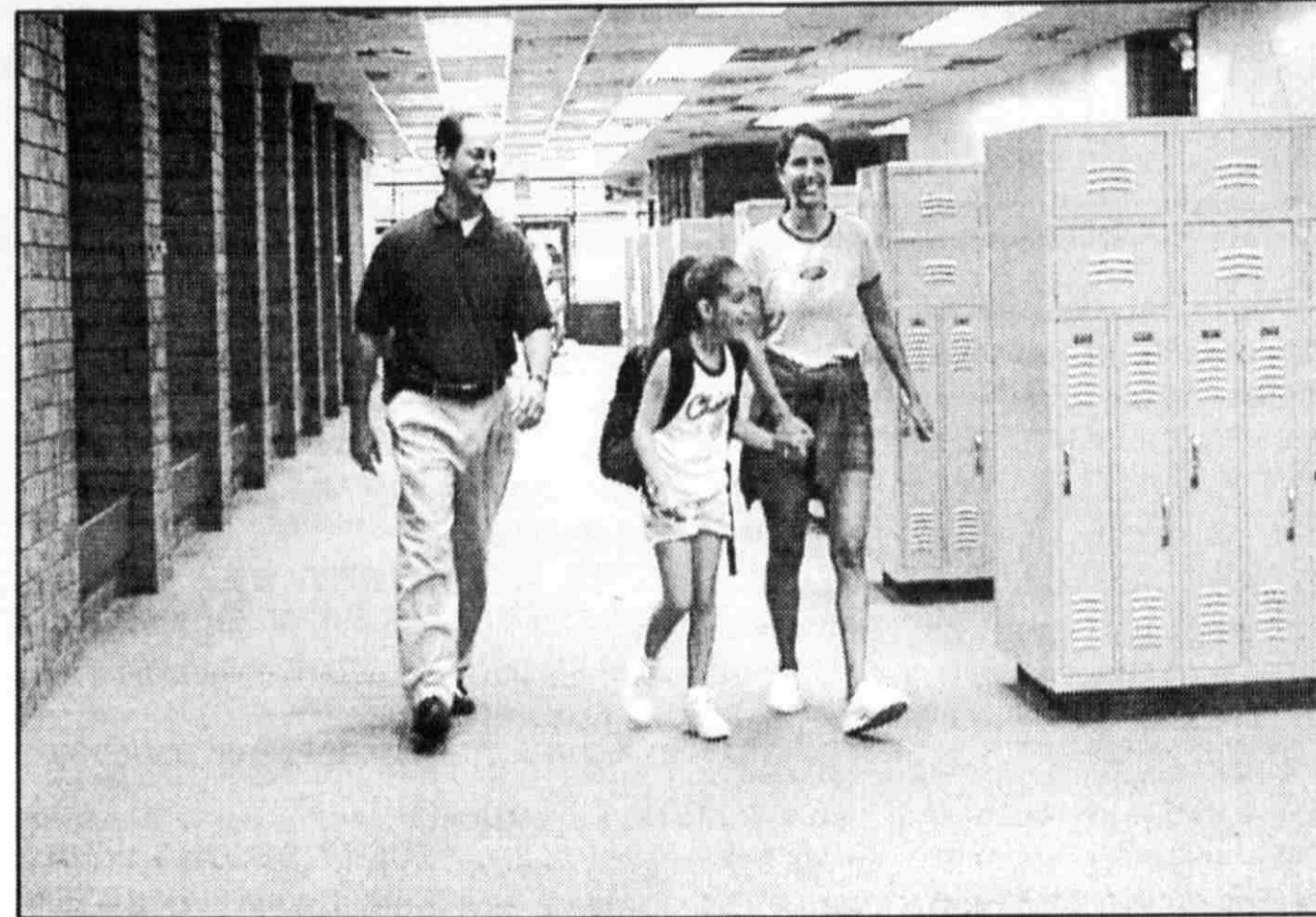
Clarksville Village Council.



Finding Your Way...

Families who eat breakfast together, arrive late to school together! Not really, Chris and Cindy Wisman (right) share in the excitement of the first day of school with their daughter Maggie (third grade).

Nathan Grudzinskas looks at a map to his fourth-grade classroom.



1.2 million to travel during Labor Day weekend

An estimated 1.2 million Michiganders have Labor Day holiday travel plans, according to a recent survey by AAA Michigan. Eighty-three percent will travel by car, truck or van. Seven percent will travel by air, an increase of one percentage point from last year. Among those not planning a trip, money concerns and the economy continue to dominate the list of factors that dampen travel activity.

Two-thirds of travelers (67 percent) will stay in Michigan (up from 65 percent in 2002), and the average trip length will be four days - a trend that has continued since the state-mandated Friday no-school "holiday" was enacted in 1999.

"We have seen travel bookings increase as the summer continues, with money-saving deals from resorts and tour companies helping to propel last-minute travelers, both in Michigan and across the country," said Cathy Green, vice president of Travel and Field operations for AAA Michigan. "As the

summer warmed up, we saw an increase in travel. For example, July bookings were up 8 percent from last year."

This year's Labor Day travel period caps a summer of relatively stable, moderate gas prices - with prices generally increasing only in the last week. The current price is at \$1.668 per gallon for self-serve unleaded as of Aug. 18 (about 24 cents higher than last year). The vast majority (91 percent) of travelers said that a change in gas prices would have no impact on their travel plans for the holiday weekend.

Traffic reports from the Mackinac Bridge Authority show a decrease in bridge traffic during May and June - down 3.4 and 6 percent respectively from the previous year. The United States-Canada Bridge and Tunnel Operator's Association reports a year-to-date decrease (through June) of 7.8 percent for the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit; 4.5 percent for the Blue Water

Bridge in Port Huron and a decrease of 6.3 percent for the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel.

According to an Auto Club survey of 400 Michigan residents, weather will have little influence on Labor Day travel plans. Seven in 10 (70 percent) of the respondents said they would not consider canceling a trip due to rain or cool temperatures. Major findings from AAA Michigan's 2002 Labor Day survey show:

- Seventy-eight percent of the trips will be more than 100 miles from home (down from 82 percent last year);
- Two-thirds of travelers (67 percent) will stay in Michigan, compared to 65 percent in 2002;
- Approximately 83 percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van, down from 90 percent in 2002;

• Travelers' accommodations are distributed as follows: staying in a rental cottage (22 percent); hotel, motel or resort (20 percent); with relatives (15 percent); in a trailer or RV (13 percent); camping in a tent (11 percent); in a second home (9 percent); with friends (7 percent).

Based on requests received for AAA TourBook guides, TripTik routings and maps, the top five summer destinations in Michigan are: 1) Mackinaw City, 2) Traverse City, 3) Ludington, 4) Detroit, and 5) Sault Ste. Marie.

The official 78-hour Labor Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, (Aug. 29) and runs to 11:59 p.m. Monday, (Sept. 1).

During last year's Labor Day holiday period, 13 people died in 13 fatal crashes on roads across the state. That was down from the 2001 holiday, when 20 people died in 17 fatal crashes. Four of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related, and safety restraints were used by only 33 percent of the victims.

To reduce these numbers this Labor Day holiday, all drivers are urged to use safety belts, avoid alcohol, stay alert at the wheel and observe all traffic laws. Law enforcement agencies across the state will enforce Michigan's mandatory safety belt law during the holiday, issuing tickets to those who fail to buckle up.

Beginning Labor Day (Sept. 1) and continuing throughout September, AAA Michigan and McDonald's restaurants of Michigan will sponsor a "Be Aware" traffic safety campaign. McDonald's will offer a free small cup of coffee or a small Coca-Cola to travelers who present a coupon available in the September/October issue of *Michigan Living* magazine. Safety and travel tips from AAA will be available on the table tent cards at all participating McDonald's restaurants.

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IN THE SERVICE

Marine Corps Pfc. Kevin S. Rollins, son of Karen M. and George G. Rollins of Lowell, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Rollins began his training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Rollins spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid,

uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Rollins ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers. Rollins is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School.

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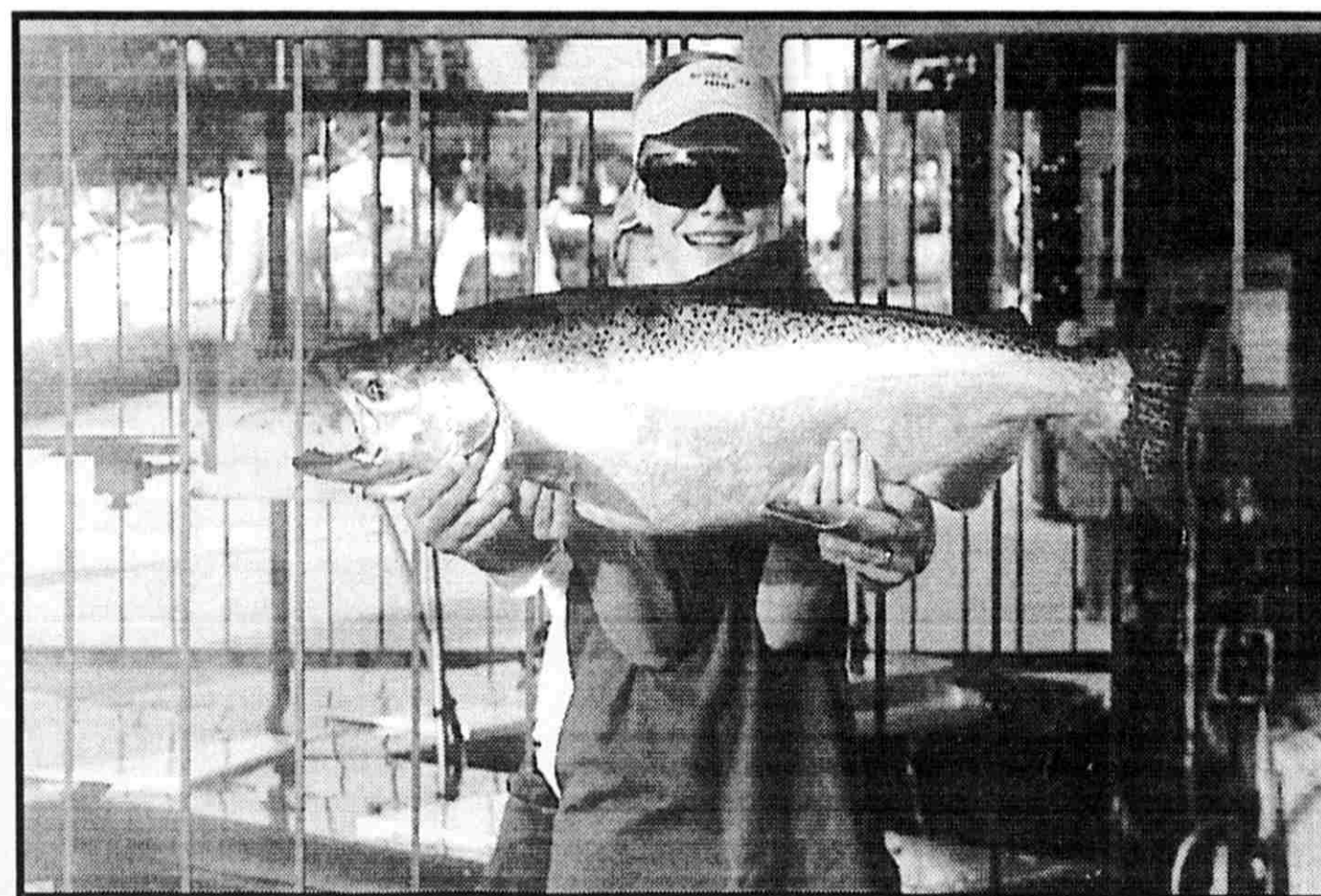
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CATCH OF THE DAY

Lowell Middle School eighth-grader, Brad Plaat caught this 36" 23 pound king salmon in Lake Michigan on Saturday, Aug. 16 while on a charter fishing trip.

Football tickets on sale Thursday for Grandville game

Tickets for the varsity football game at Grandville will be on sale in the athletic office at the high school on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ticket prices in the OK Red (of which Grandville is a member) differ from the OK White, so the price for this game is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. The game is scheduled for Thursday night at 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the gate and Lowell spectators should park and enter on the visitors' side of the stadium.

Red Arrows begin defense of title with challenging trip to Grandville

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It is the marquee matchup for the opening weekend of high school football in West Michigan: The defending Division II state champion Lowell Red Arrows against a talented rich Grandville team who many are predicting to win the OK Red football title in 2003.

Certainly, an awfully tough season opener for both schools.

"I'm not sure I like playing such a talented football team in the season opener

while we're still in the preparation stages with our game plan," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean. Grandville's talent is right there with East Grand Rapids.

As for Irv Sigler... "I'd prefer to have the week off, then play Lowell, the defending Division II state champion."

Both coaches agree that West Michigan benefits. "It will be a great game for the area," Sigler said.

Dean adds, "It will be an exciting and fun game."

Grandville returns a strong core from last year's 6-3 team which finished strong before losing to Kentwood in the playoffs.

Heading that list of returning Bulldogs are quarterback Buddy Rivera and tailback Andrew Hawken.

"Buddy has traits similar to that of Mark Catlin. No, he's not a Catlin, but he runs and throws well," Sigler said. "Andrew is a humble, hard working junior who will play at the varsity level for a third straight year. He's just a quiet kid who works his tail off."

Dean said his kids are excited and motivated to be playing Grandville. "They have two very talented play-

ers at the quarterback and tailback positions.

"Games like this against talented football teams make

our program better," Dean concluded.

Kickoff is Thursday at 7 p.m. in Grandville.

Lowell Education Foundation elects 2003-'04 officers

The Lowell Education Foundation, whose mission is to raise funds for innovative, extraordinary learning experiences for Lowell Area Schools' students, has elected officers for the 2003-2004 school years. Chair, Marsha Wilcox; vice chair fund development, David L. Thompson; vice chair program development, Teresa Beachum; secretary, Melanie Brim; treasurer, Steve Thompson.

Trustees of the board are as follows: Liz Baker, Julie Bass-DeVries, Noreen Balaam, Paula Blumm, Dan Brubaker, Nancy Hopkins, Thad Kraus and Shari Miller.

Board meetings are held monthly at the Board of Education room. A number of exciting fun ways to raise funds for Lowell students are in the planning stages. Requests for more information can be made to: Lowell Education Foundation, 300 High St., Lowell or by calling 897-8415.

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Horizon is bright for talented boys soccer team

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With seven starters back from a regional final showing and the addition of a seasoned midfielder, Lowell's soccer fortunes in 2003 appear luminous.

"At this point of the year, I'd say this team is ahead of last year's squad," said Lowell soccer coach, Paul Legge.

The Red Arrows were 16-3-2 last year and finished third in the OK White. The conference landscape, however, has changed.

With the absence of Forest Hills Central and Northern, the league is not as strong and, thus, has led to beefening up Lowell's non-conference schedule.

Lowell will play Traverse City West, Rockford, Grandville, East Lansing (defending Division II state champion), Petoskey and Portage Northern.

"Those are schools with strong soccer traditions. Playing schools like that will get us to the level we want to be, even if it means taking some lumps along the way," said its fourth-year head soccer coach.

The Lowell coach believes Unity Christian and the Red Arrows are conference favorites.

"Unity is solid every year. They lost in the quarterfinals last year," Legge said.

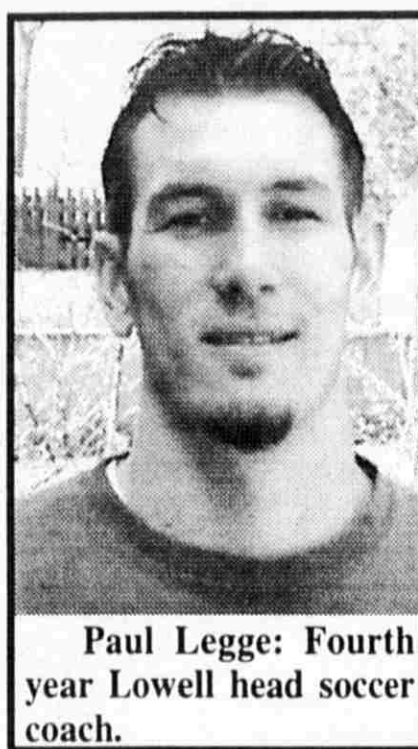
The leader and strength of this year's team is senior forward Sam Oberlin. The first team all star is described as having gone from good to incredible by his coach.

"I think he will be the top offensive player on the west side of the state. That's a bold statement, but I think Sam could be that good," Legge explained.

A pretty good player in his own right is senior forward, Shane Stokes. The honorable mention all star from a year ago is bigger and stronger, and provides Lowell with a deadly forward combo.

Kevin Gillman, senior, returns as a center midfielder. "Kevin is also bigger and stronger and does a good job of playing the ball through to our front runners," Legge explained.

Joining Gillman will be Matt D'Agostino who returns to Lowell soccer after a year off. "Matt is still knocking some of



Paul Legge: Fourth year Lowell head soccer coach.

the rust off, but he is such a good distributor of the ball that much of our play will run through him," Legge said.

The defensive playmakers will be sweepers Ben Hanson and Zach Horan.

Horan, a senior, is a three-year starter and will be looked to for stability in '03. "Zach is a leader and can take charge and control," Legge said.

Hanson is described as a technical player with speed. Midfield defender roles will fall onto the shoulders of sophomore, Josh Tapia and freshman, Chris Barlow.

Senior, Josh Abdo will be a marking back. "Josh is so consistent, just doesn't make mistakes and he defends well," Legge said.

Ramsey Charrouf, nursing a broken leg back to health, is expected to return around midseason.

Lowell is strong and has depth at the goalie position.

Senior, Josh Anderson comes off an outstanding junior year and will be supported by Forest Hills Central transfer, Mike Bushell.

"They are both very good goalies," Legge said.

Other Red Arrows who will log playing time are outside midfielders Zach Lignan and Alex Carpenter and sophomore, Brandon Grochowalski.

Lowell opens its conference schedule on the road against Cedar Springs.

More balanced conference gives growing program hope

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

At first glance, one may view the newly aligned OK White tennis conference as weak.

But then again, compared to the former OK White, most conferences look relatively weak.

"We were competing against two state champions, and a third was perennially ranked in the top 10," said Lowell girls tennis coach, Bonnie Wall.

The realigned OK White will allow an improving Red Arrow program to be competitive.

"East is still in the league and they are really tough. I will be interested to see how well we compete with Northview and Unity Christian," Wall said.

The Lowell coach attributes a summer program with developing players and an increasing interest.

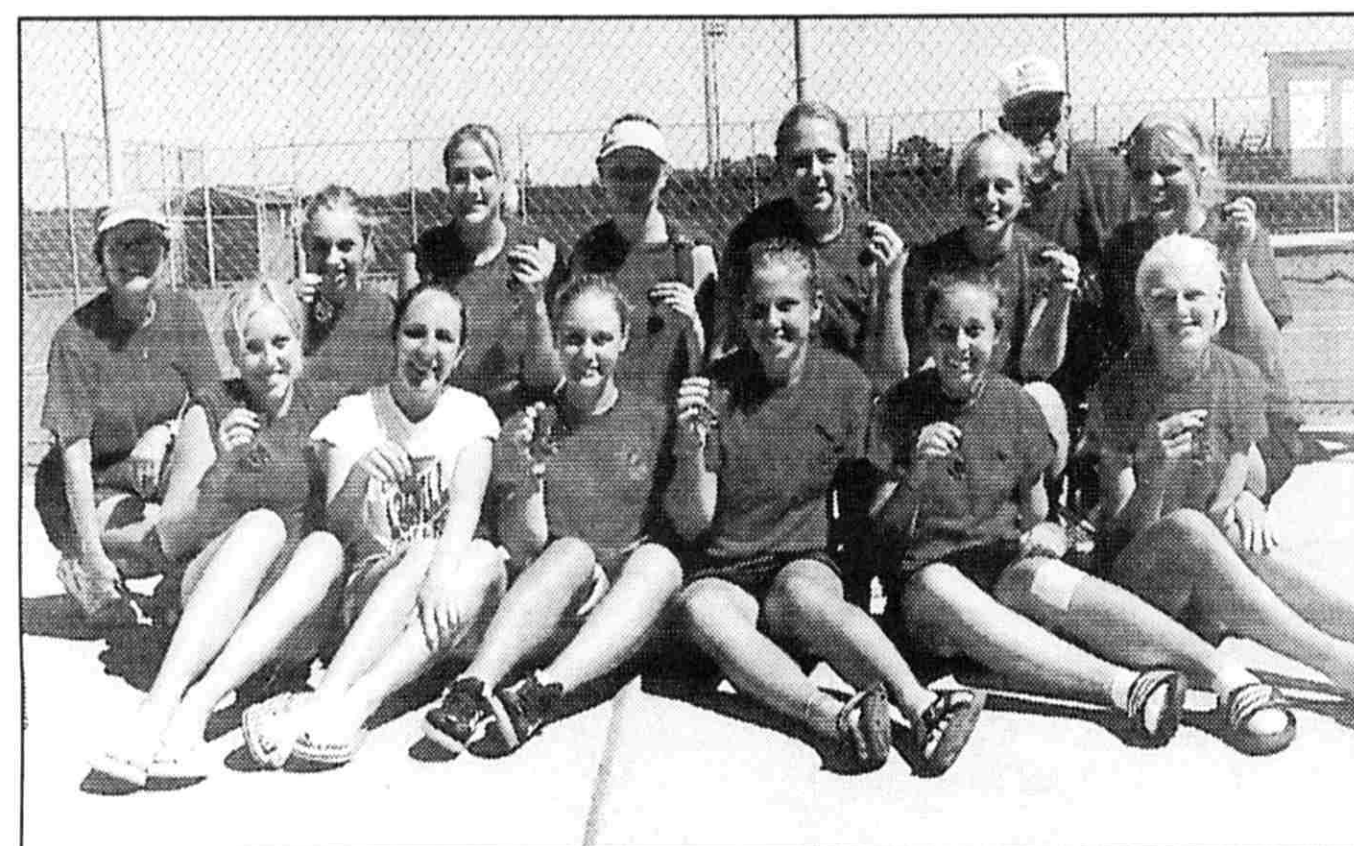
"We're young and working hard," Wall said. "We're looking for improvement."

The Red Arrow coach saw some of that at the Ionia Invitational on Saturday.

Lowell won six of eight flights, including sweeping doubles play.

Lowell finished with 14 points followed by Middleville nine, Charlotte five, and Ionia four.

Winning tourney championships Saturday in doubles play



Lowell girls tennis team opened the season with a tournament win at Ionia.

were Julie Geelhoed and Katie Huver, first doubles; Becky Plummer and Kelly Koning, second doubles; Heather Spratt and Jean Kimberlin, third doubles; and Cara Mooney and

Kayla Irwin, fourth doubles.

In singles play, Stevi Thompson, second singles, and Hayley Irwin, fourth singles, earned tournament titles.

"Stevi was strong, controlled her shots and was steady," Wall said. "Hayley was consistent and kept the ball in play."

Lowell's singles lineup, while still not completed, will have junior, Mandy Gunberg, playing at first flight; Thompson, second flight; Amanda Grochowalski, third flight; and either Hayley Irwin, Rachele Levingston or Kelly Koning at fourth.

Those not selected for singles will find playing time

at second and third doubles.

"Mandy is playing strong tennis and taking risks to improve her game," Wall said. "Right now, she's just doing a lot of good things."

Lowell hopes good things are in store for it in 2003.

Depth could carry Red Arrow harriers to league's summit

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's got legs and plenty of them.

Fifty-four to be exact. The Red Arrow boys cross country roster will have 27 harriers to help run in a new era in the OK White.

"With more people comes more depth," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "We won't have to rely on one or two guys."

In fact, VanderWarf has seven runners who he believes

will be stopping the clock in the 17s this year. They are Steve Ellison, Mitch Solon, Jon Riddle, Scott Riddle, Nick Huizenga, Eric Schumm and Chris Gallagher.

"The boys have worked hard and have run over the summer," VanderWarf said. "They are starting this year where they left off last year."

This year the Red Arrows will be running against new faces - Sparta, Cedar Springs, Unity Christian, Kenowa Hills and Greenville in addition to

familiar foes, Northview and East Grand Rapids.

"The league will be competitive. I'm not sure that it is as strong," VanderWarf said. "East is the team to beat. Sparta always fields decent teams and I think we will be right there. The boys want a conference championship. If they work hard, they have a shot."

Not only will the league faces be different, but the site of dual meets will vary as league schools who have

courses will host a meet, leaving just three dates (Unity Christian, Northview and the conference meet) for Johnson Park.

Other names on the roster who could contribute are Adam Baker, Jake Baker, Dave Devroy, Chad Drenth, Sean Fitzpatrick, Alex Getz, Ryder Jones, Steve LaFave, Steve Nugent, Brett Ostrander, Casey Randolph, Ryan Reynolds, Mark Wernet, Matt Kilmartin, Andy Mark, Colton Webber, Ray Seese,

Onwon Griner, Justin Krouse and Ben Ritzema.

"Over the last couple of years, the boys have slowly become more and more successful. I think the word gets spread around and persuades others to come out," VanderWarf said, in explaining the large number of runners this year.

In its first meet of the season, Lowell won the Pioneer Classic Gold Division.

Ellison was third overall with a time of 18:23 followed

by Scott Riddle (4th) 18:31; Solon (8th) 19:34; Schumm, (10th) 19:43; and Huizenga (11th) 19:46.

The Red Arrows finished with 36 points followed by Forest Hills Northern 48, Forest Hills Central 50 and Northview 89.

"The boys ran as a pack under very hot conditions," VanderWarf explained. "Times are good, but cross country is all about places, and we had four runners in the top 10."

Lowell golf team should be in conference swing of things

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

More times than Jack Ogle would like to count, his Lowell golf team has begun a season with questions about where that pivotal fourth score would come from.

The Red Arrow coach, in his 20th year at the helm of Lowell boys golf, won't have that question with which to concern himself this year.

"I'll have a fourth, fifth and sixth score this year," Ogle proclaims. "There is some depth and senior leadership on this club. There will be a number of different kids contributing."

All of which has Ogle believing this could be a year unlike any in recent memory.

"We will contend. East Grand Rapids is undoubtedly the team to beat. They are very, very strong, but I think we and Unity Christian can challenge them," Ogle explains.

The new makeup of the OK White, while not weak, loses some of its punch with the loss of Forest Hills (Central and Northern) and Zealand.

Leading Lowell's senior core of golfers are Luke Tomczak and Matt Scheider; both earned honorable mention all conference honors last year.

Nick DuBois, Dan Harrison, Chris Lechner and Dave Maylone have strengthened their games through participation in a number of summer golf tournaments.

All six golfers card scores in the 70s.

Filling the remainder of the varsity roster are junior, Kalen Decenzo and sophomore, Kyle Wittenbach who has already counted his score in some early season tournaments.

"The days we get all six players shooting well, we're going to be trouble for a lot of people," Ogle warns.

The early season tournaments have shown that. Lowell finished third in its division and fourth overall in the Kent County Classic with a round of 318, dropping the Red Arrows behind East Grand Rapids 296, Grandville 304 and Catholic Central 314.

Three of Lowell's four scores were in the 70s. Tomczak,

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With an eye on league championship Lowell girls begin 2003 season

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Coming off its best season in Lowell girls basketball history, Red Arrow coach, Dee Crowley's expectations for 2003 remain the same.

"I demand and expect that the girls will work and play hard, play tough defense and be fundamentally sound," Crowley explained.

Lowell went 22-4 last year, earning district and regional championships before losing to Okemos in the state quarterfinals. The Red Arrows finished second to East Grand Rapids in the O-K White.

Having graduated eight seniors, Lowell will sport a new look and a new start.

"The majority of our players are new to the varsity level," Crowley explains.

Only four players on the 10-person roster have any varsity playing experience.

Make no mistake... the four who return, Vallen VanZyll, Keni Gallert, Amy Oberlin and Devon Collins are a strong, formidable group to build around.

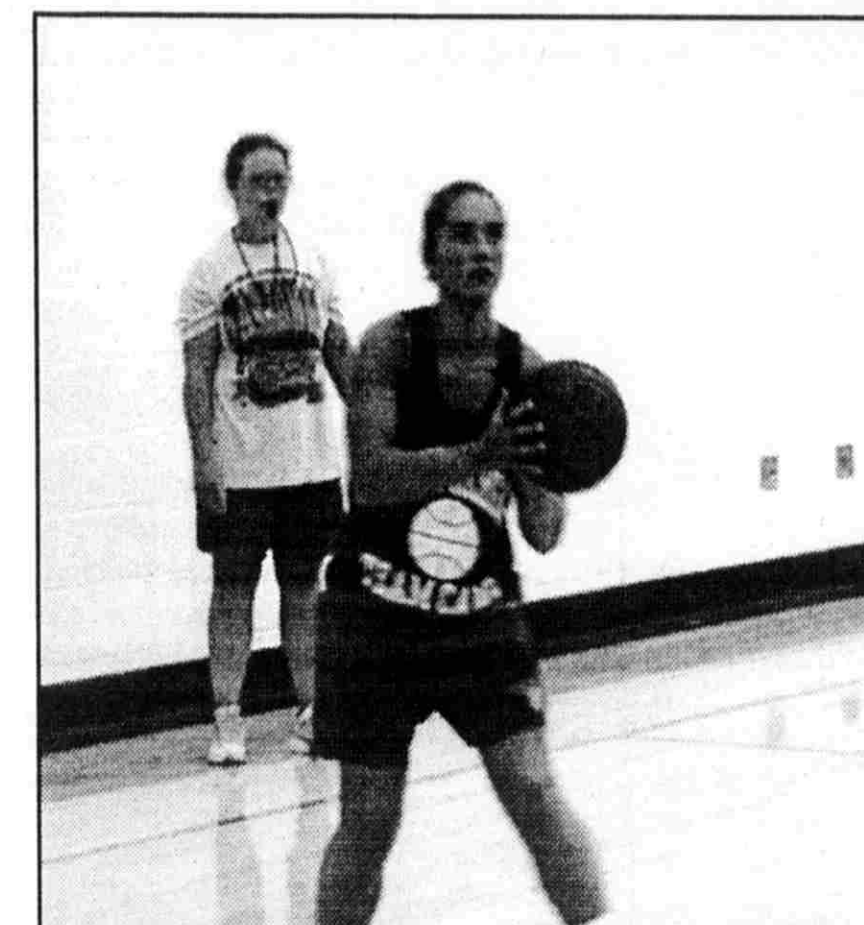
"We should be good. The girls want to win a conference championship," Crowley says.

Key components to achieving that level of success will be the health and play of junior, Keni Gallert.

The Red Arrow point guard is recovering from an ACL tear and a broken patella (knee cap).

"Strength is still an issue. Keni has been playing since June. I think she has regained confidence in her ability to drive and penetrate without fear of reinjuring her knee," Crowley said.

The surgeon who operated on Gallert's patella performed the same surgery on Oakland wide receiver, Jerry Rice.



Lowell's shot at success in 2003 will be influenced by the health and play of junior point guard, Keni Gallert.

Cutting up defenses on the inside for the Red Arrows last year was Amy Oberlin.

"Amy is a great athlete and the best athlete on our team," Crowley said. "She has improved her game. Amy has worked hard in the off season on developing a short jumper to go along with her ability to drive by people."

Vallen VanZyll did an admirable job under difficult circumstances filling in for Gallert the last half of the season in 2002.

Expected to provide immediate help will be sophomores, Brittany Dietz and Becca Underwood.

"Dietz and Gerard are greatly improved," VanderWarf said. "Erin Beddows also looks like she will be a strong runner for us."

Lowell's coach believes there is a core of six to eight runners who will help keep the Red Arrows competitive.

"EGR, Sparta and Unity Christian are favorites and I think we can be right there," VanderWarf said. "East has a talented group returning and Sparta ran in the state meet last year."

Filling out the roster are Abbie Debiak, Becky DeLiefde,

"Vallen did a fantastic job playing point guard when Keni went down last year," Crowley explained. "She has matured so much from her sophomore year."

Devon Collins, who was pulled up from the junior varsity last year, has a good outside shot and dedicated her off season to improving her defensive skills.

"Devon wants to fill the role as our defensive stopper and has been working hard toward that," Crowley said.

With Oberlin moving out to a wing, Crowley will have a quartet of replacements from which to choose.

They are juniors Krashawn McElveen and Meghan Beachum and sophomores Brook VanEck and Kelsey Graham.

"Krashawn and Meghan both work hard but need to gain strength. We need good defense and rebounding from the center position," Crowley explained.

Of the four, VanEck has the most skills offensively and she's big and physical.

Graham rebounds well but also needs to gain some strength, according to Crowley.

Filling out the rest of the roster is sophomore, Nicole Shepard and freshman, Brittany Lyman.

Crowley calls Shepard a fundamentally strong player who will find playing time.

Lyman brings strength, skills and knowledge to the floor along with an aggressiveness and a good outside shot.

The Red Arrows' non-conference schedule includes three of the area's top 10 teams with Belding, Byron Center and Rockford.

Despite having lost a number of players to graduation, Crowley says East will still be good. "East plays good enough defense that they will be in games," she said. "I think Northview and Unity Christian will also challenge for a league title."

Lowell opens its season on Wednesday at Jenison.

Red Arrow girls look to continue program's cross country success

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls cross country team lost a lot in numbers and talent to graduation.

The numbers are still there but the Red Arrows will be a work in progress in 2003.

"We're not going to be as good, but we have a lot of athletes on this team who will be solid runners for us," Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf said.

Returning from a year ago are Sarah Swab, Emily Gerard and Rebekkah Woods.

Elly Drain, Shannon Fitzpatrick, Monica Fitzpatrick, Karen Judd, Autumn Nethercott, Emily Timpson and Jenna Church.

Lowell finished fifth in the 2003 Pioneer Classic Gold Division meet (Thursday) with 95 points. Swab placed 14th at 24:16 followed by teammates Debiak, 15th, 24:19; Dietz, 19th, 25:09; Huizenga, 20th, 25:19 and Beddows, 27th, 28:37.

Forest Hills Northern won the meet with 38 points followed by Forest Hills Central 44; Hudsonville 73 and Northview 78.

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Lowell begins defense of championship with attention to detail

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

How do you top a Division II state championship season? By understanding that what you did last year is no indication of what will happen in the future.

And... that only good coaching, and players working hard and playing hard ensure the opportunity for more success. "Work ethic has never been an issue in Lowell," said Lowell football coach, Noel Dean, "which is why I have enjoyed coaching Lowell kids so much."

Dean has always been a vocal proponent of not asking his players to do something that he won't do. This year he's asked players and coaches to pay more attention to detail in the off-season.

Lowell opens its season on the road playing what Dean labels as two of the best teams in the state - Grandville on Aug. 28 and East Grand Rapids on Sept. 12.

"We're going to be in a race to get good, and the boys are anxious to get to their level," Dean said. "We could start the year 1-2 and still be a pretty darn good football team come playoff time."

With only two starting players on defense returning and a new quarterback, challenges to fill those voids started long before Thursday's encounter with the Bulldogs.

"It's not like we waited until Aug. 1 to find someone to play quarterback," Dean explained. "That process started Dec. 1."

Lowell's coach selected senior, Ryan Dykhouse to replace Mark Catlin. "Yes, Mark is the best football player and yes, he's the best quarterback I've coached. But, I also know what

Holliman and Brock Graham.

"It's going to be an offense of shared opportunity," Dean said. "Our backs all bring different things to the table."

Defensively, Lowell will feed off its defensive front line which will feature four juniors and one senior, all starting at the varsity level for the first time.

"It's the biggest, fastest, most physical defensive front line I've coached in my eight years in Lowell," Dean notes.

The linebacking core will be anchored by middle linebackers, Ryan Esbaugh and Jeff McPherson. Outside linebackers will be Chris Curtis and Tim Droese.

Tom Eldridge will be the center of attention for the Red Arrows' offensive line. Those who have earned a spot alongside him are guard, Brendan Harden and tackle Mike Wildey. It's not often that a returning state champion is not a favorite to win its conference, but that will be the case for the 2003 Red Arrows.

The favorite will be the other defending state champion, East Grand Rapids (Division III).

"Our seniors lost to EGR's seniors as sophomores 49-6. East's seniors have never lost a high school football game," Dean explains. "It's difficult to pick against them."

Lowell, EGR and Northview are all that remain from the old OK White.

Their new league partners are Kenowa Hills, Cedar Springs, Unity Christian, Sparta and Greenville.

"The league has changed. We won't be playing the same type of teams. I will miss those venues. I'm not sure what will happen now," Dean concluded.

Lowell's first home game this year is Sept. 19 against Kenowa Hills.



Lowell quarterback, Ryan Dykhouse carries the ball against Charlotte in Thursday's scrimmage. Other schools who participated in the scrimmage were Catholic Central, Jackson and Rockford.

For players, this has meant more attention to technique and strength training.

For the Red Arrow coaching staff, it's meant more focus on the youth program, coaching techniques and getting players in the right spot.

"We've addressed and reassessed what we're doing and how we're doing it," Dean said. "As for strength training, this group of players is as strong as ever and a lot faster on both sides of the ball."

Speed will be necessary in the Red Arrows' race to be good.

Ryan has done to prepare for this opportunity and I greatly appreciate that, and I will be there for him... I'm a friend. I want him to play and have fun.

"Ryan runs well and throws the ball well. He's taller which will give us better opportunities to throw the ball over the middle," said Dean.

Throwing will also be made easier with an All-State target in Michael Koster. "He's big, good and makes things happen," Dean said.

Lowell's air game will be balanced with a running game featuring Frank Mulder, Sean Myers, Mike Curtis, Jeremy

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DuBois and Harrison all carded 78s. Wittenbach came home in 84.

The Red Arrows (302) placed third at the Lowell Invitational behind Forest Hills Central 295, and Catholic Central 296. Lowell's "B" team was seventh with a final total of 319.

Wittenbach and Tomczak tied for fourth in the medalist division with 78s.

Harrison and DuBois earned a first in the best ball division with a 69.

Top honors were earned by Lowell at the Wayland Invitational as they came off the course with a winning total of 321. Wayland was second with a 326 and Cedar Springs finished third with a round of 329.

Scheider and Lechner carded 78s while Tomczak and DuBois finished with an 82 and 83 respectively.

Lowell claimed a third place spot in the OK White meet with a team total of 328, placing the Red Arrows behind East Grand Rapids 306 and Unity Christian 314.

Lowell opens its conference schedule at Cedar Springs on Wednesday (Aug. 27).

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FOR SALE

NEW HOUSE FOR SALE - Approx. 1500 sq. ft., 2-car garage, 3 bedrooms, full walkout basement. Immediate occupancy. Muir, M-21, E. of Ionia, 6 miles to Liberty St., N. on Liberty, Phil Bishop, 269/367-4900. Also Available 18 lots, 2-4 acres.

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MUST SELL 2000 CHEROKEE - 4x4, 4dr, Limited, 34,000 miles, loaded, heated leather, light green, \$8,900. Call 897-1597.

PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - New in plastic, queen \$135; king \$185. 517-719-8062.

LAND FOR SALE - Lowell schools, Lowell address, Ionia Co. taxes, 3 miles NE of Lowell, 2.5 acres, \$34,900; 6.3 acres, \$56,900. Call 616-485-5702.

SLEIGH BED - Queen cherry w/pillowtop mattress set, \$175 includes frame. 989-227-2986.

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FOR SALE - Fish tank, 55 gal. with hood, all filters & gravel included. Less than a year old. \$150. Call 622-6000.

CAT NEEDS A HOME - Very loving 4 yr. old male; black, short hair, neutered. Shots up to date; indoor cat. Call 897-4929.

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FURNITURE - Bedroom sets, dining/kitchen sets, leather living room, canopy beds, & more extras from Parade of Home displays. Call 616-682-4767 or 293-6160.

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1998 CHEVY SILVERADO 4X4 - 3rd door, ext. cab, black & gold, tow pkg., CD player, deluxe. \$9,900 obo. Call 691-6415.

HOME FOR SALE IN LOWELL - Valley Vista. 2 bedroom, central air, newer roof, furnace, windows; 75x75 fenced back yard, appliances included. Great starter home. Low 90's. Call 453-3386 or 291-6486.

BED - Air chamber or memory foam. Brand new. Still in original plastic. Cost \$1400; sell \$600. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - Small house near Lowell. \$850 per month. Call 897-9081.

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom house in country, with garage. \$650/mo. Call 642-6105.

HOUSE FOR RENT - 249 Jane Ellen. Clean 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement. \$750 a month plus deposit and utilities. No pets. No smoking. Good credit. Call 897-8504.

FOR RENT

ATTENTION ALL SPORTSMEN!!! - Tippy Dam area. The salmon are coming soon! Now taking reservations for that dream trip up north. Lots of everything! Deer, fish, turkey close by. Cozy cottage, sleeps 4, remodeled this spring. Everything furnished! Just bring your gear - book now before price goes up. \$110 - 3 nights/\$250 per week. 897-5657 or 231-266-6114.

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

HOUSE FOR RENT - Country setting, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, c. air, fenced in back yard, non smokers only. Just north of Lowell. \$900 a month. Call Kathy at 897-0686.

FURNISHED HOME FOR RENT - until June on Long Lake - Belding. Call 897-5441 for information.

CRIB ATTENDANT - Precise Engineering is seeking an entry-level person to operate its tool crib. Other duties will include shipping and receiving as well as manual machining. Opportunity for advancement into our CNC machining department. Apply at 683 Lincoln Lake Ave. S.E., Lowell.

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HELP WANTED - golf course work Thornapple Pointe Golf Course. 554-1489.

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CASH REWARD - for information leading to a guitar stolen on Aug. 23 from Riverview. Call 897-6073.

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