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Equestrians giddyup to state championship

The Lowell High School Equestrian team earned a third State championship over the weekend. Lowell, with 206 points, won the B division, defeating 18 other teams from around the state.

Jessica Hamp and Steve Koning, seniors and co-captains, had individual wins at the championship held in Detroit as well as juniors Liz Foster and Michelle Wolf.

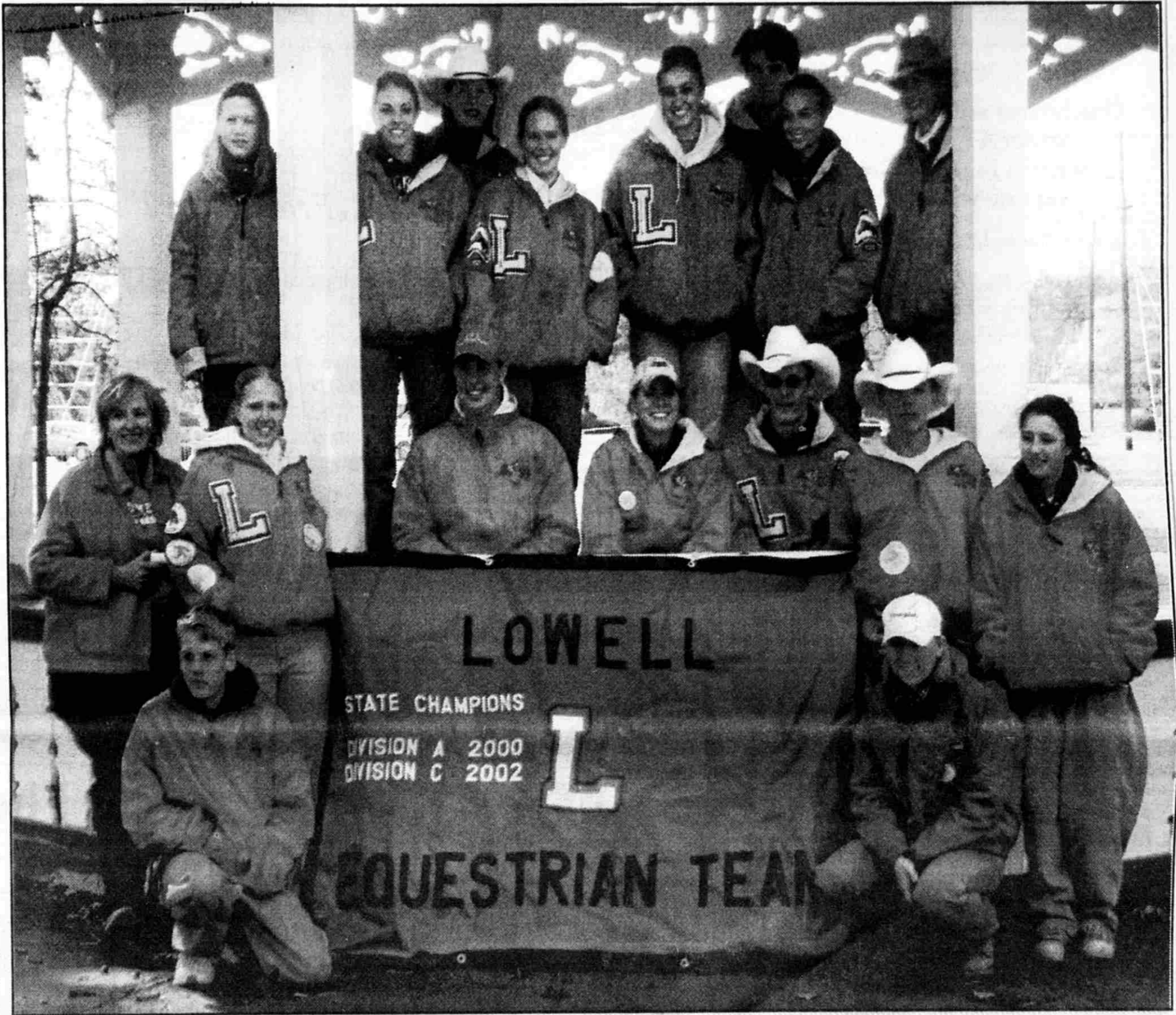
Also contributing were juniors Kelly Foote and Kim VandenBerg, sophomores Collette Benmark and Lauren VanEns, and freshman Cara Wilcox.

The competition began slowly for Lowell but point gains were made in the Equitation Over Fences and the Flag Race as the weekend progressed. By Sunday morning the Red Arrows were four points away from first place. In the Two-Person Relay, the last event, Lowell picked up 18 points and secured the title.

Lowell also fielded a C team which earned 8th place at the State finals. Individual wins were made by junior Ashley Waldron, sophomore Jay Seeley and freshman Jessica Bouman. Junior Travis Craig and sophomore Carolyn Johnson were also instrumental in achieving a top ten finish.

In 2000, Lowell received top honors in the A division and in 2002, the C division won the state championship.

Gail Parker and Casey Parker, the equestrian team coaches, said that "to have another State championship for Lowell is terrific, and to combine that with a top ten finish in a second division is amazing. We don't know of any other school that can say they have earned a State championship in all three divisions."



MIHA 2003 State Champions, in front, left to right: Christian Koning, Michelle Wolf; middle, left to right: Gail Parker-coach, Jess Hamp, Travis Craig, Lauren VanEns, Steve Koning, Jay Seeley, Liz Foster; back row, left to right: Cara Wilcox, Kim VandenBerg, Jessica Bouman, Ashley Waldron, Kelly Foote, Jerry Parker, Collette Benmark and Carolyn Johnson.

Burglars target area businesses/clubs

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Moose Lodge, the Lowell YMCA and the Vennen Chrysler dealership were all broken into during the past week.

The Lowell Moose Lodge was broken into early in the morning last Thursday. The robbers escaped with more than \$1,000 some time between 12:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

"There was forced entry into the second floor of the building and once inside they took approximately \$1,000 in cash from the safe," Lowell Police Sergeant Stephen Junewick said. "It would appear that they went after larger-denominational bills, tens on up to fifties."

The YMCA break-in took place Friday night after 9:30. Staff discovered the break-in upon opening the next morning.

"There were no signs of forced entry," said Lowell Police detective, James Hinton.

The robbers stole computers, televisions and cash. The amount of cash has not yet been determined.

The break-in at the

Vennen Chrysler dealership was discovered about 7:30 on Monday morning. It occurred some time after closing on Friday.

There was "forced entry through a door into the business," Hinton said.

An entire cabinet-style toolbox was stolen.

"We're working with the Michigan State Police and the Ionia County Sheriff's Department," Hinton said. "We are asking that if the citizens

see any kind of suspicious activity, please don't hesitate to call us right away."

Junewick said businesses in the area should take extra

precautions in securing their cash and premises. Owners of buildings should make sure

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Developer seeks to rezone property

By J. Lobdell
 Contributing Writer

A developer hopes to put 25 condominium units on the corner of Valley Vista and Bowes Road. The city ordinance, however, may force him to reduce the number. Michael Nosko approached the Lowell Planning Commission seeking a public hearing to rezone the northwest corner of Valley Vista and Bowes Road from commercial to R-3 residen-

tial, which would allow the construction of multiple family condominiums.

Through discussion, it was discovered the parcel would be about 2.2 acres. City manager, David Pasquale said the city code allows for ten units per acre on an R-3 residential site, which means Nosko would only be allowed to put 22 units on the property. Nosko said his intention for the 25 was to help keep the units affordable. "It does make a difference when you have to add an extra

\$4,000 to \$5,000 per unit because you can't split the cost of the property among the other three," he said.

But Nosko may not have any other options, Pasquale said. The developer could seek a variance, which stays with the property. However, he would have to prove hardship and meet all the variance requirements, Pasquale said.

"R-3 allows you to have the most units," Pasquale explained, adding that he could

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OBITUARIES

SALYER- June Ann Salyer, aged 67, of Grand Rapids, passed away in the presence of her loving family on Thursday morning, October 23, 2003 at Hearstone Assisted Living Center in Grand Rapids after a long struggle with cancer. She is survived by her four daughters Debra Williamson, Kim and Ken Stager all of Lowell, Beth Huber of Lapeer, Becki Arendsen of Howard City; seven grandchildren Andy and Terry Williamson, Marty Seeley, Brad Huber, Jonathon, Christopher and Salli Arendsen; four great-grandchildren Aaron and Sammy

Seeley, Seth Huber and Makalie Williamson; brother Basil "Tucker" (Kate) Waugh of Va., Vivian Dashner, Millie (Bob) Ball all of Petoskey,

Bunny (K.C.) Gay of Fla.; sister-in-law Laura Waugh of Petoskey; many nieces, nephews and friends. June was preceded in death by her parents

Basil and Frances Waugh and her two brothers Harold Waugh and Fred Waugh. Cremation has taken place. A service to celebrate the life of Van't Hof Chapel. Contributions in her memory are requested to Hospice of West Michigan.

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not think of any other zoning that would increase the number of units. "I think you have to make a decision that if you go with R-3, you have only 22 units because nothing beyond that is guaranteed."

Even with the possibility of reducing the number of units, Nosko said he still wanted to seek a rezoning for the property. He said he plans to construct condo units with a ranch-style appearance similar to what he did in the

Maplewood Square Apartments. The property is border to the west by the mobile home park and to the north by Showboat Automotive. Nosko said he purposely looked for something which was high density that would blend well into the area because of those two factors.

The planning commission had little to say about the development, especially since this was the first they had heard of the density issue. Commis-

sioner Dan Pipe said he would like to know what the impact would be to the city by losing a commercial space to

Learn about Native American artifacts at tonight's presentation

Ethno-historian Kevin Finney, of the Ancient Pathways Cultural Resource Group, will lead a presentation tonight at Lowell Charter Township Hall. The subject is arrowheads and other native American artifacts.

Finney will demonstrate the methods used by prehistoric residents of the Lowell area to make tools out of stone. Anyone possessing native American artifacts is encouraged to bring them. In the second part of the presentation, Finney will identify characteristics of these artifacts

residential. The commission set a public hearing on the rezoning for its next meeting, Nov. 24, at City Hall.

such as when and where they were made, by what method of manufacture, and out of what material.

This will be of benefit to both residents, curious about the origins of the artifacts, and to scientists studying prehistoric peoples. Finney will be recording the locations where these artifacts were uncovered.

"It puts together a better picture of the prehistory of the area," Finney said.

The presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.

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their doors are locked securely, and that those with security systems should check to ensure they are in good working order.

"There are a lot of clubs and businesses that are get-

ting broken into in the Kent and Ionia counties," Junewick said.

The Moose Lodge in Greenville was also broken into on Friday.

It is also advisable to keep minimal cash on the premises - only the amount necessary to start business the next day. Depositing money in the local banks overnight, Junewick said "would be in their best interest."

Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity to Silent Observer or to Hinton at the Lowell Police Department. Details in all of the break-ins remain under investigation.

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I.D. program, kits available this week

All Huntington Banks in West Michigan, including the Lowell office, will offer kids' I.D. and safety kits on Friday, Oct. 31 and Sat., Nov. 1 during regular business hours.

Each kit includes an ink strip for detailed fingerprints, a place for the child's school photo, and several additional pieces of information, including blood type, hair and eye color, and emergency contact. The kits are intended to be kept at home in case they are ever needed in an emergency.

Parents are encouraged to bring their kids in their Halloween costumes. Free treats will be available.

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE ABSENTEE VOTER INFORMATION

The City Clerk will be available at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., on Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for any registered voter in the City of Lowell who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the November 4, 2003 City General Election.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

Garden club collects for local food pantry - encourages others

Lowell's Showboat Garden Club collected food items for Flat River Outreach Ministries at their meeting last Monday.

"We're more than just flowers, we give to the community, too," said garden club secretary, Jan Thompson while delivering the food last Tuesday. "We hope other organizations will follow suit."

"I had been here and saw that they were really low on food and I suggested that the members bring in food to the meeting," she added.

Ivan Blough, who built the fourth generation of the garden club's namesake showboat during the late 1970s, spoke at the meeting. The topic was the history of the showboat. His presentation drew 40 or so members of the garden club as well as about 25 non-members. All in attendance were required to bring a non-perishable food item. The donations resulted in several bags of food delivered to Flat River Outreach Ministries' food pantry.

Thompson said because of the success of last Monday's collection, the club will now collect food items at all of their monthly meetings.

Jody and Kraig Haybarker, directors of the food pantry, said at this time the pantry is especially in need of boxed and canned potatoes, soup, stewed tomatoes and tomato sauce, muffin mix, and pancake mix and syrup. Organizations may call Flat River Outreach Ministries for updates on their needs.



Garden Club secretary Jan Thompson.

Thebes Players will present "Inspecting Carol"

By Dan Schneider

This year the Christmas play at the Lowell Performing Arts Center will be Thebes Players' production of "Inspecting Carol."

It is a play about a small-time midwest acting company that puts on a production of the Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol."

The company has just had their funding cut by the National Endowment for the Arts. They need to impress a last-chance inspector to get their grant back. That's where the "inspecting" part of the title comes from.

"He wants it to be more than it is, he wants it to be something that's not there," Jeff Staler said.

Staler plays the part of Larry Vauxhall, Scrooge in the play within a play. Staler's Vauxhall character rewrites large portions of the script attempting to make it an allegory for U.S. foreign policy and world social ills.

Wayne Wellacre, at first mistaken for an undercover NEA agent, is allowed to add Vauxhall's changes to the

script. Dean Borth plays the part of Wellacre.

"He's kind of a naive, innocent guy," Borth said. "He's looking for a serious role to play, looking to become an actor but he has no talent."

With the changes, this

"Carol" deviates substantially from Dickens' original. This leads to a certain amount of chaos and, according to the local journalist who plays the part of Phil Hewitt/Bob Cratchit, "hilarity had sure as

heck better ensue at some point."

The Thebes Players are part of the Lowell Area Arts Council.

"Inspecting Carol" was written by Daniel Sullivan and

the Seattle Repertory Theatre. Showtimes are Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. plus a matinee Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. Ticket

prices are \$8 general admission and \$6.50 for Lowell Area Arts Council members, students and seniors.

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Week of 10/27/03

ELEMENTARY

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TUES.: Meatball sub, tater tots, pineapple tidbits, cold milk.

WED.: Chicken salad pita, peaches, fresh carrots and celery, cold milk.

THURS.: Meat lover's lasagna, garlic toast, peas & carrots, fruit cocktail, cold milk.

FRI.: Ghoulish, garlic breadstick, green beans, mandarin oranges, cold milk.

2nd choice: turkey sub sandwich.

CITY OF LOWELL GENERAL ELECTION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City General Election will be held in the

CITY OF LOWELL
County of Kent, State of Michigan
On
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

At the Following locations:
Precinct #1: Englehardt Public Library Community Room, 200 N. Monroe
Precinct #2: Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson

If you are unsure of your precinct, please call Lowell City Hall, 897-8457 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT - CITY GENERAL ELECTION

COUNCILMEMBERS
(Vote for not more than three)

CANDIDATES
James W. Hodges
Jim Maatman
Kathy Maatman
Alan J. Mathews
Charles R. Myers
Jeri E. Teelander

The two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will receive four (4) year terms and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will receive the two (2) year term.

Notice to Persons with special needs (as defined in the Americans With Disabilities Act). The City of Lowell has made every effort to make every voting site accessible. If for any reason you are still prevented from voting in your precinct due to physical barriers, please contact Betty Morlock, City Clerk at 897-8457 for assistance or call the Michigan Relay Center TDD #1-800-649-3777.

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. AND REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8:00 P.M. ON SAID DAY OF ELECTION.

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF LOWELL DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO ACT 197 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN OF 1975, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Lowell, pursuant to and in accordance with the Downtown Development Authority Act, Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended ("Act 197"), will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 17, 2003, beginning at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

The public hearing will be held to consider whether the City Council shall, pursuant to Act 197, approve the removal of certain properties, i.e., Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-03-401-025 - 1665 Fawns Ridge Drive and Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-03-401-026 - 1670 Fawns Ridge Drive (the "Removed Properties") from the Downtown District of the City of Lowell Downtown Development Authority.

Legal descriptions of the Removed Properties are available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk located at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street in the City between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

At the public hearing, all interested parties will be heard and all aspects of the removal of the Removed Properties from the Downtown District will be open for discussion.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk

Reflections

Of Faith

Dr. Michael T. Conklin
First United Methodist Church

Halloween is coming upon us, and as all the little gremlins, monsters, angels, fairies, and super heroes come to our doors seeking treats enough to dissolve the enamel on their teeth in a single night, we often forget the reason that we have Halloween in the first place. We have Halloween (All Hallows' Eve) because the next day, Nov. 1, is All Saints Day, a day originally designed to celebrate the lives of all Christians who had suffered a martyr's death. All Souls Day, Nov. 2, then became a day to memorialize people who died in the faith but did not suffer martyrdom.

Whatever the occasion for Halloween, it is important to remember, perhaps throughout this weekend, that it is all about saints. In generic terms, saints are all of us who are a part of the faith community. "The communion of saints" in New Testament biblical terms involves us all.

In popular understanding, however, saints are understood differently. We think about Saints, with a capital "S" as referring to folks who get an A+ in holy living. You know the kind of people I mean. They are people with such deadening virtue that you know that they have never done an evil deed or had an evil thought in all of their lives.

Of course, I have never actually known such a person, and if you ask anyone who carried the designation of "Saint," you would find that they never knew such a person either. They don't exist. Simon Peter, "the Rock" on whom Jesus declared

he would build his faith community, was a verbal klutz, yet the answers right with one breath, and then blows it big-time with the next. The apostle Paul, writing to Timothy, declared, "I am the foremost of sinners." Augustine of Hippo, one of the greatest minds in the history of the Christian church, prayed, "Give me chastity and continence, but not now."

This is a good weekend for us to think about the real saints that we know, the ones standing next to us with feet of clay like all the others, but whose faith, yoked with our own, makes life better, fuller, richer, and more glorious than it could be without them. Saints, however they come to us, are life-givers, reminding us that God, in God's wonderful economy, can use anyone—anyone—as a means of grace in our world.

On Friday evening, masked as all manner of monsters and angels, children will knock on our doors looking for treats and a little fun along the way. It might be helpful for us to realize that underneath each costume hides a little saint, and child of God who will give us the opportunity to experience life-giving joy of their presence. And we can offer our prayer for them that they will knock only on the doors of those saints of God who want to keep them safe from harm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCT. 31: Bill Richter, Bob Richter, Connor Duiven, Lou Mulder.

NOV. 1: Walt Batt, Abbot Kastanek, Brenda Lea Owen, Patti Brenk, Suzanne Olin, Anthony Kiedis.

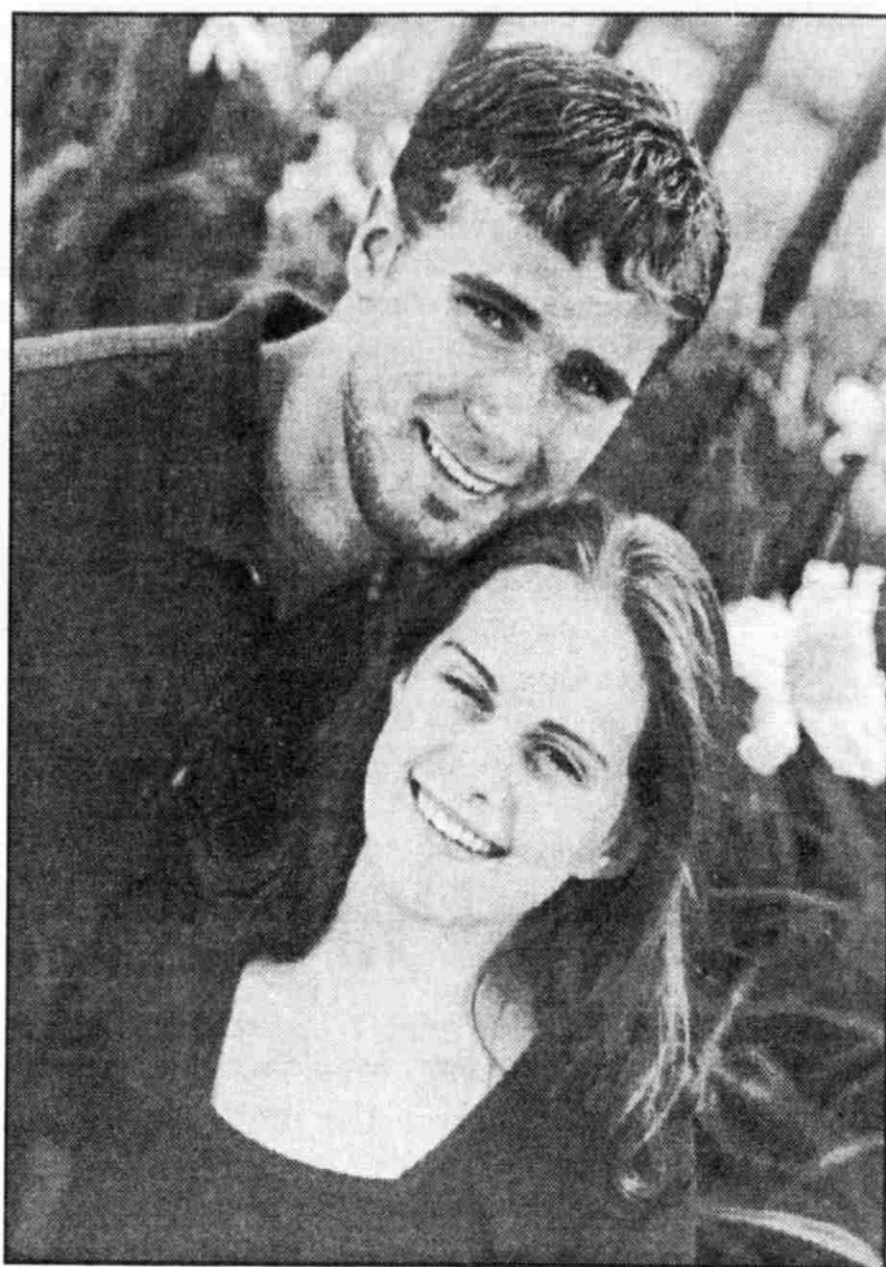
NOV. 2: Barb DeLoof, John Mogor.

NOV. 3: Connie Stencel, Jennifer Zoodsma, Denise Dommer, Christina Dixon, LeeAnn Brenk, Becky Myers, Ken Kline.

NOV. 4: Ken VanderWarf, Carol Hunt, Meghan Plutschow, Laura Gildner.

NOV. 5: Mart DeYoung, Holly Stouffer.

ENGAGEMENT



Pete Tabberer and Julie Postema

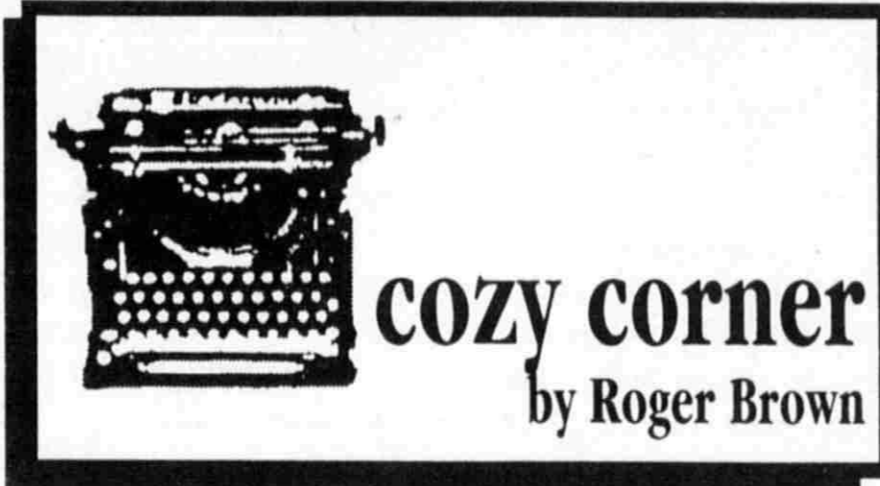
Julie Postema of Lowell Rapids is happy to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian High School and currently attending Grand Valley State University. She is the daughter of Tom and Jill Postema of Lowell.

The future groom is a graduate of Tri-Unity Christian School and also attending Grand Valley State University. He is the son of Fred and Linda Tabberer of Alto.

The couple are planning a November 1, 2003 wedding.

Viewpoint . . .



I'm off visiting my grandkids as this issue goes to press. Since grandkid time is far too valuable to waste at the computer, I'm going to cheat by using my old standby tactic... plagiarism. The following appeared recently in my weekly Rotary bulletin and was attributed to George Carlin, post 9/11/01. Yes, I'm assuming we're talking about the "seven words you can't say on TV" George Carlin. It is addressed to all his friends he cares about. I'm hoping that includes all of us. Here goes...

The paradox of our time is we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine yet less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life, not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space, but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice.

We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but communicate less and less.

These are times of fast food and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profiles and shallow relationships. These are days of two incomes, but more divorce, fancier

houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway mortality, one-night stands, overweight bodies and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill.

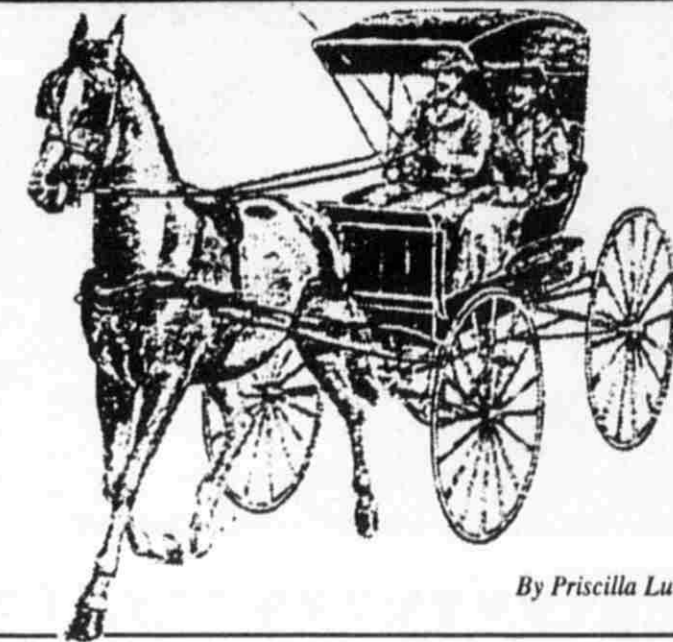
It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete.

Remember, spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will grow up and leave your side. Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment, for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak, and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG: 1. Throw out the nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her. 2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches will pull you down. 3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop" and the devil's name is Alzheimer's. 4. Enjoy the simple things. 5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. 6. Tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive. 7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge. 8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. 9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is. 10. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take your breath away.

Thanks George! Plagiarizing your message has allowed me to spend more time with my grandkids.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
OCT. 30, 1878

It snowed all day on Sunday, Oct. 7. Betting on elections is a punishable crime in Michigan. The editor advises: vote next Tuesday for Honest Money (not flat money) and of course, Republican.

Lowell Literary Society will debate the question "Resolved, that the United States are destined to become the greatest military and manufacturing nation of the world" at Pullen's Hall, Saturday evening.

The New York Theatre Company will perform "The Octoroon" tonight at Train's Hall.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 29, 1903
The Freeport Cutter factory burns down, putting 50 men out of work. Only some lumber was saved and the company worth "at least \$18,000" had \$3,000 insurance.

With Ionia's official franchise (the last one needed) in hand, the president of the proposed electric railroad, Grand Rapids to Ionia, says he can't imagine any obstacle to the line being one of the most profitable in Michigan.

A big trial opens in Grand Rapids, with Mrs. Jennie Flood charged with shooting John London, a hired farmhand, in Ada Township.

Canada may gain its independence from Great Britain. Lowell needs another open house, or at least another building that can accommodate a crowd.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO NOV. 1, 1928

Businessmen from Ionia, Portland, Lowell and other places along M-16 meet in Portland to fight the proposed rerouting of the road to open countryside.

Heavy fines can be imposed on persons who break the quarantine laws. A near-epidemic of scarlet fever in a school district is blamed on persons who violated quarantine.

President Coolidge faces the difficult task of appointing a new ambassador to Great Britain, who must be "rich and brainy."

Recent extensive forest fires in the Ontonagon area, caused by carelessness, have burned over most of the county and incidentally revealed many illegal stills.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCT. 29, 1953
Jim and Dora Cook and Dora's father, Earl Thomas, retrol their dairy operation for bulk (tanker) milk handling.

Ralph Townsend, Lyle Condon and Kenneth Tucker shoot three elk, three mule deer and three antelope in three weeks in Montana.

Lowell Schools receive venison for their lunch program after a car-deer accident west of Lowell.

Three persons in Lowell come down with polio within one week.

Orval (band director) and Bertha Jessup and Steve Nisbet accompany 50 band members to the hockey game at Grand Rapids Stadium.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
NOV. 1978

Showboat Board member Carol Raymor has a conversation with Boots Randolph at his nightclub, and he offers to put on a benefit concert for Refloat the Showboat boosters.

Study up. The ballot for Nov. 7 has 11 proposals to be decided, in addition to the usual slate of candidates.

The Ledger will go to press a day late next week, to cover election results.

Autumn means removal of trees and planters from Main Street to facilitate snow removal later on; but especially gorgeous colors during this dry spell.

Harold Rittenger's neighbors get together to harvest his corn field during his convalescence from open-heart surgery.

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—Ambrose Bierce

TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor -

I have just finished reading the "letters to the editor" in the Lowell Ledger on the subject of school teachers and health insurance. First I believe the administration is doing the correct thing by implementing insurance deductions.

Every individual and business has been affected by the

rising cost of health insurance in the past several years. Unemployment in Michigan has been at a record high and our state is in a severe deficit, which will mean less money allocated to schools.

I applaud the administration for keeping the financial responsibility in perspective. All they're asking them to do is share a small portion of what the rest of society has to bear.

James Howard

Health



PNEUMONIA VACCINATION

Earlier, we discussed the flu vaccine. Most people are unaware that a pneumonia vaccination is available. This vac-

cine is indicated for a smaller group of people. The pneumonia vaccination is indicated for all persons 65 years old or older, persons 2 to 64 years of age with a chronic illness, i.e., heart, lung, liver, kidney diseases, persons without a functioning spleen, and immunocompromised persons.

About 50 percent of people will develop a mild area of redness at the injection site. One cannot develop pneumonia from this vaccination.

The pneumonia vaccination should only be given again 10 years after the first immunization. This is quite different from the yearly flu vaccination. Special populations of patients may require revaccination prior to the 10-year period.

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Environmental science students improve aesthetics at high school

By Dan Schneider

Students in Keith Boeve's Environmental Science classes at Lowell High School used grants from the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation to install plantings at the southeast wing of the school.

Students in each of his two classes, Safet Avdulahaj and Charlie Fetterhoff, wrote grant proposals to the Educa-

tion Foundation through its Bright Ideas program. Bright Ideas awards grants in the amount of \$250 to fund projects that individual students propose outside the school curriculum.

The plantings included several shrubs, trees and a flower bed thick with perennials and flower bulbs. The project was started three weeks ago and took two weeks to complete.

Before the plantings were in place, the view of the school from the driveway off Alden Nash Avenue consisted of a

blank brick wall. Avdulahaj said this was unacceptable, especially when taking into consideration how much traffic sees the wall on the way into football games. The landscaping project was an opportunity to improve this and learn about plant life.

"Basically, what we are doing is studying life processes," Boeve said.

Boeve's Environmental Science classes spend nine weeks out of the year on plant life. The classes will be responsible for upkeep of the plantings.

Sixth-grader receives dignity & respect award

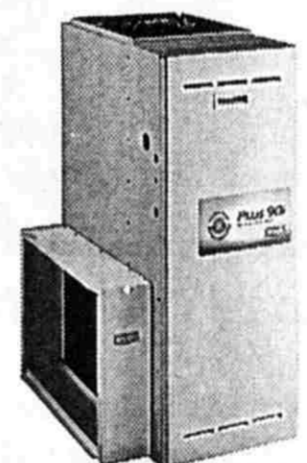


Lauren Dood, a sixth-grade student at Lowell Middle School, was awarded the Meijer Dignity and Respect Award for the month of September. The award was presented at the Lowell Board of Education meeting on Oct. 13 by superintendent, Shari Miller and board president, Nancy Hopkins. Pictured with Dood is Lowell Middle School principal, Linda Warren.

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Materials used for hard-surfaced driveway questioned

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Should crushed concrete be allowed in the construction of a hard surface driveway? That is the question the Lowell Planning Commission is trying to decide.

At the September meeting, Lowell councilman, Al Mathews brought up the issue

of whether crushed concrete or asphalt would be allowed for hard surface driveways under the ordinance change that would require residents to put in a hard surface driveway during construction or when making any changes to the primary accessory building on the property.

After some debate, the

commission tabled the matter until next month when the full board would be present. Commissioners Jim Hall and Barb Schmalz, and chairman Clark Jahnke were all absent from Monday night's meeting. Department of Public Works director, Dan DesJarden and building inspector, Doug Hopkins both recommended

that the change state "poured cement or rolled hot asphalt."

"I believe the original intent was to keep stuff coming off the driveways and into the roads," said DesJarden who, when questioned, explained that crushed concrete could eventually wash into the roadway. Dave Austin, of Williams and Works which

serves as the city's engineer, said the city could put in "asphalt, concrete and other surfaces approved by the planning commission."

If the commission chose that path, Austin said, via a memo, he would recommend also adding something like "the intent of this section of the ordinance is to create a dustless surface, minimize maintenance, and establish an attractive pathway to garages" so that the intent of the ordinance would be clear to future commissioners.

City manager, David Pasquale said in the past the city has never required hard surface driveways, so whether residents will seek to use the alternative of crushed concrete

or asphalt is hard to predict. The planning commission could leave it as a variance request, but that could prove to be a difficult outlet for the residents.

Commissioner Garland Berry said he thought going with Austin's recommendation would work well as long as the intent was stated. Commissioner Sherry Grimm said she also felt that allowing crushed concrete and asphalt was okay, but that the other commissioners should be there before the commission made a final decision. The matter was tabled to the commission's next meeting, November 24.

The return of the Christmas tree contest

After three years of not having a Christmas tree contest in November, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is bringing it back.

The contest is open to

area nonprofit organizations. There are only 20 spaces available for this year's contest, themed "Small World Christmas."

The chamber will provide

lighted, artificial Christmas trees, donated by local businesses, to the first 20 organizations which respond. The trees, decorated by the organizations, will be displayed on the showboat for Christmas Through Lowell, Nov. 14-16.

They will remain on display until Dec. 6, the day of the Christmas parade. The showboat, with Santa on board, will be open to visitors that day so viewers can get a better look at the trees. The sixth is also the day judging will take place.

Judging will be in the hands of the public, who will

cast votes by making donations to the collection boxes of the various organizations. The donations will go to the organizations, which are advised to encourage their members and the public in general to come out and support them on judging day.

The last time the contest was held, in 2000, the Women of the Moose decorated the winning entry.

Those who wish to enter should contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for entries is Nov. 3.

The great secret of power is never to will to do more than you can accomplish.

-Henrik Ibsen

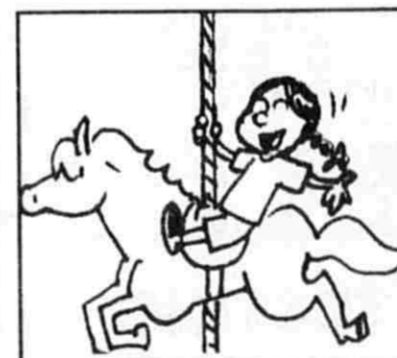
Land of Mystery watercolors on exhibit

An exhibition of artworks by Lowell artist, Kathleen Mooney, will be on display at the Huntington Bank Gallery, 414 E. Main St., now through Dec. 2.

Mooney shares her impressions of her 2003 trip to Scotland's Outer Hebrides with colorful abstract watercolor paintings. Most were painted fresh from visiting Callanish, an ancient stone circle which dates before Stonehenge. Staying in a restored thatched-roof cottage in a historic village at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean allowed Mooney to paint her splashy watercolors while outdoors—with the full effects of the wind, salt and rain marking the paintings.

Rumors of the Callanish alignment with the Midsummer sunrise prompted a trip to coincide with June 21. While the true alignment was later learned to be with the winter solstice moon, the midsummer pilgrimage of stone circle mystics at the site added spice to the experience.

Her painting of the Highlands lit with the Northern Lights is a tribute to the majesty of the mountains and the intense colors that she remembers from the journey.



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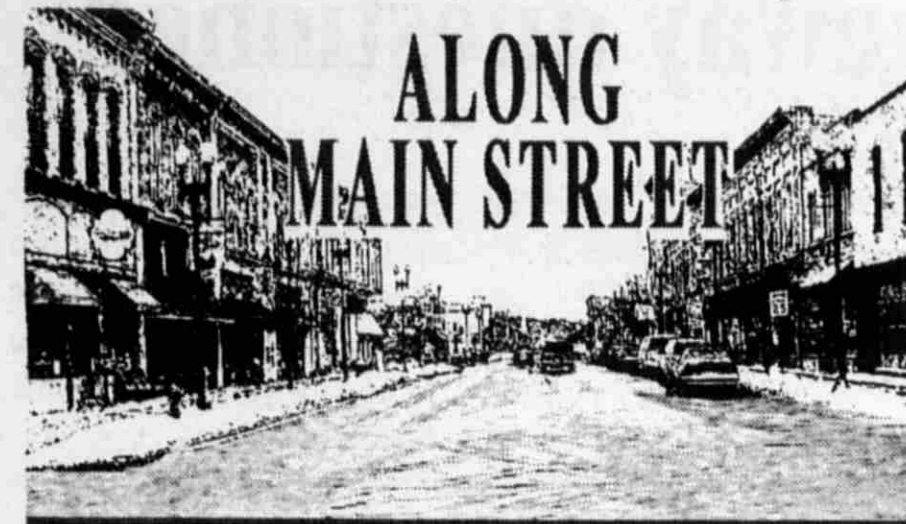
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FLU SHOTS
Shots will be available on Thursday, Oct. 30 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

FILL THE BEETLE - FEED THE PEOPLE
A food drive for Flat River Outreach Ministries will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Doctors Chiropractic in front of Meijer. Sponsored by Nerds on Site.

THEATER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players need the following for the upcoming show *Inspecting Carol*: an assistant director, stage manager, costumers & dressers, house manager & ushers, hairstylists & make-up artists, bookholder, help in building and painting the set. High school students and adults welcome. Call Debra Duiven, producer, at 897-6348.

WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS
The Wittenbach Center, along with Ancient Pathways and the Lowell Area Historical Museum, will host a workshop in making connections with Native American Tradition, Culture and Technology on Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Pre-Register. Call 987-1002 with questions.

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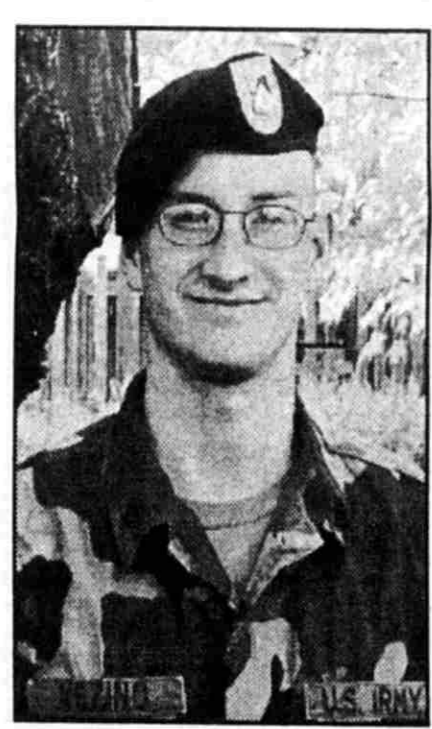
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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Lowell High School parent teacher conferences will be held Monday, Nov. 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 5, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 6, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. Call 897-4125 with questions.

FOODMOBILE - FREE FOOD
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IN THE SERVICE



Sgt. James W. Vezino Jr. of the first battalion of the 125th Infantry will deploy to the Middle East on Oct. 31 through next July.
The son of Jay Vezino, he is a 1997 Lowell High School graduate. He joined the Army in 1996.

Children have more need of models than of critics
—Joseph Joubert

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HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
The First United Methodist Church (621 E. Main St.) will have its annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. / Luncheon served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Holiday shopping at a quality craft show.



Book discussions to begin in November

A friendly and informal discussion about a great book, "Captain Corelli's Mandolin" by Louis De Bernieres will be on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Englehardt Library. Copies of the book are available at the checkout desk. For other book titles and branches offering the discussions, contact the Kent District Library at 784-2007.

Let It Snow club

Kent District Library kicks off its annual "Let It Snow Reading Club" for adults on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Frederik Meijer Gardens. Admission is free.
Pulitzer prize-winning journalist Rick Bragg will headline the program. He is the author of the best-selling *All Over But the Shoutin'*, and recently he co-wrote former POW Private Jessica Lynch's biography titled *I am a Soldier, Too*.
Participants may register at the kickoff program and at all 18 branches. Those who read 10 books between Dec. 1 and March 30 will receive a commemorative mug or a tote bag.
For more information on the program, call 784-2007.



Wendell Christoff, Association's 2003 annual meeting.
of Litehouse Inc. in Lowell, was re-elected to serve as vice chair of the 2004 Board of Directors for The Association for Dressings and Sauces.
The Oct. 13 election was held in Henderson, Nev., in conjunction with the Association's 2003 annual meeting.
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CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR CITY GENERAL ELECTION

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Financial Focus



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KNOW WHY YOU'RE INVESTING-- EVEN DURING A RALLY
After enduring three years of falling stock prices, investors cheered when the market rallied somewhat during the first

half of 2003. But is a market rally--any market rally--reason to jump back into the investment fray?
Actually, if you're trying to achieve long-term financial goals, you probably should never take a "time out" from investing in the first place. Of course, that's easier said than done; during a long "bear" market, when your holdings never seem to go up, it can be difficult to convince yourself to keep putting in more money.
And yet, this type of environment can present some favorable investment opportunities. Why? Because, by definition, a "down" market means that stock prices are relatively low. That's not to say that all stocks will be a bargain--they won't. But if you look carefully, you can find some high-quality stocks selling for attractive prices during a bear market.

St. Patrick reading buddies



Third grade students in Mrs. Allietta's classroom enjoy reading books to Mrs. Walsh's kindergarten class on Wednesdays.
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However, just as you shouldn't stop investing during bad times, you don't want to rush into the market simply because things are looking up. That's why, even during a market rally, you need to know why you're investing--and what you're investing in. Ask yourself these questions:
• *Are you trying to "catch a wave"?*--Many financial experts have no trouble identifying the particular causes of bull or bear markets: a strong (or weak) economy; a jump (or drop) in investor confidence; positive (or negative) national or global events, etc. However, nobody can accurately predict how long a market will stay "hot" or "cold." So, if you think you should be investing just because you're going to "catch a wave," you may need to re-evaluate your decision. To push the metaphor further, a rising tide does not lift all boats; some stocks will not do well even when the market surges. That's why you always need to evaluate individual stocks on their merits: management, quality of products, earnings record, competitiveness within its industry, etc.

• *Does a particular stock meet your diversification needs?*--Ultimately your investment success may not really depend on any individual stock, but rather on how well you choose a diversified portfolio that meets your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals. So, when considering a stock--even one that seems to be really "taking off"--you need to see how well it would fit into your holdings. It's hard to over-emphasize the importance of diversification. By spreading your money among a variety of stocks--along with bonds, government securities and other investments--you can help protect yourself against downturns that may strike one asset class particularly hard.
You'll find very few certainties in the investment world, but here's one of them: There will always be ups and downs. Rallies and slumps follow each other in an endless cycle. You can't control these events, and you probably can't totally ignore them, either. But as long as you make well-thought out investment decisions that are appropriate for your individual needs, you can take greater control of your own financial destiny--and that's a goal worth rallying behind.

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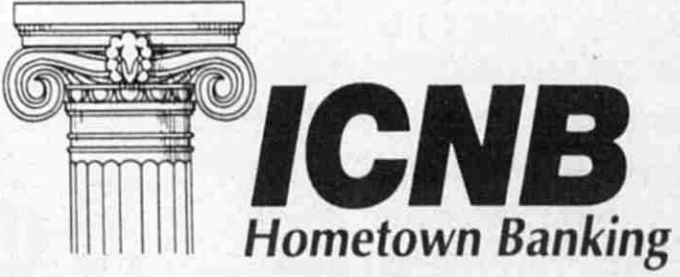
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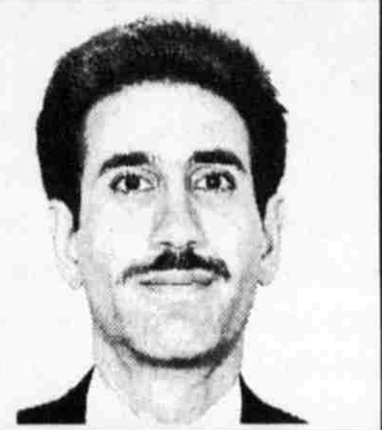
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LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: My father plans to leave his house to my sister and me (his only children) when he dies. I am the administrator of his estate, and I would like to know what my father should do to prevent any possible difficulties with this arrangement. A friend of ours was actually threatened when his father left the house to his brother and him. His brother did not want the house sold, but our friend did. It was a terrible situation. Please let me know what you would suggest.

JONATHAN SAYS: The easiest way to prevent any disagreements between you and your sister is for your father to be specific in his bequest as to what he wants to happen to the house. In other words, does he want the house to be preserved

or does he want the house sold and the proceeds to be divided between the two of you? Assuming he does not want the house preserved, the easiest way to resolve any potential difficulties is for your father to direct in his will or trust that the house is to be sold and once that happens, the proceeds are to be divided equally between the two of you. If the house is simply left to the two of you, then the two of you will need to agree what is to happen to the house once you receive it, i.e., whether to keep it, whether to sell it, and if you are going to sell it, at what price, etc.—this could create friction between you and your sister.

If your father has enough in the way of other assets, another approach would be for him to leave the house to just one of you and leave assets of equal value to the other. This way the person who receives the house can decide whether to keep it or sell it and if the decision is to sell it, then that person can decide when to sell and the terms of the sale.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have always been a pack rat and now I am trying to decide what to do with all of my stuff when I die. What I would like to do is simply give it to my four children and let them decide how to divide it, but I don't want them to argue or have a falling out if they can't agree. I know that the best thing to do is for me to specifically identify who

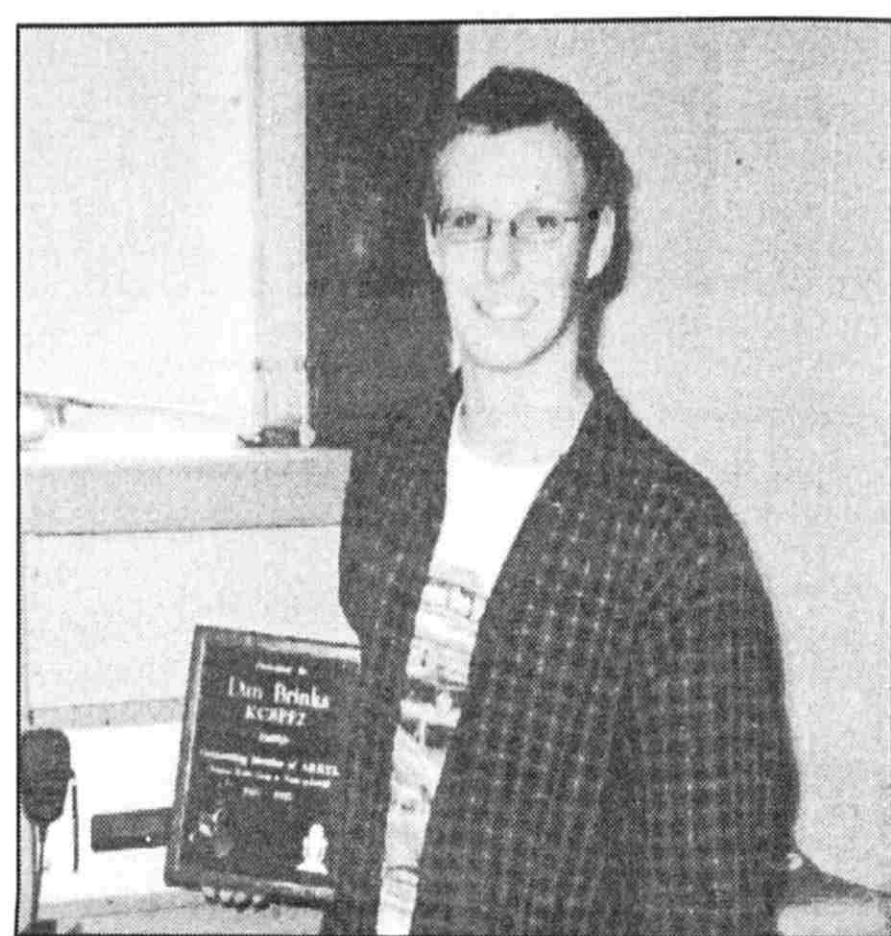
is to get what, but I don't want to play favorites. Any suggestions?

JONATHAN SAYS: You could put language in your will or trust that requires your personal property to be divided by your children as they agree and if they fail to agree within a reasonable period of time, require that the personal representative (in the case of a will) or the trustee (in the case of a trust) make the decision for them. In other words, the children are given a chance to agree to the division, but if they cannot do it, then the fiduciary will take over and decide where everything is to go.

You are right that the best way to dispose of your personal property is for you to specifically identify who is to get what items of your personal property. If you decide to go this route, then you should communicate with your children while you are alive as to your proposed plan of distribution. By your being proactive in this way, you will avoid any potential disagreements between them since you (and not them) are making the decision and all they can do is abide by your wishes.

Radio club announces outstanding member of the year

Pictured at right is Dan Brinks, son of Raymond and Rhonda Brinks of Alto. He was recently selected as the 2002-2003 amateur radio youth club's "Outstanding Member of the Year." Brinks, a senior at Lowell High School, has been licensed as an amateur radio operator since August 2000. Brinks is a member of the school sponsored club, Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell, (A.R.G.Y.L.). Having previously served as its secretary, he was elected last June to serve as president for the 2003-2004 school year. Club advisor, Al Eckman, states that, "Dan leads by example, is conscientious, and is quick to volunteer for club projects."



If you wish your merit to be known, acknowledge that of other people.

—Oriental proverb

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned Whispering Hills Associates property located at 11627 and 11729 Fulton Street, Permanent Parcel Numbers 41-20-04-401-035 and 41-20-04-401-036 from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Commercial. This rezoning will become effective thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

PAID BY HODGES FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for Thomas Karp's proposed Victorian Oaks development on his property at Cumberland and Foreman. The hearing will be held on

Monday, November 10, 2003 at 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. The Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance requires a special use permit for single-family residential developments not connected to a community sanitary sewer system.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

Notice of Ordinance Adoption

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Ordinance 2003-4, consisting of amendments adding a new special use to the R-A District of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on October 20, 2003.

The following is a summary of the text amendments:

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The amendments add two new definitions as follows:

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

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

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

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

The complete text of Ordinance 2003-4 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.vergenestwp.org. This ordinance takes effect 8 days after publication.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

State offices to close for Veterans Day

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has announced that all branch offices and the office of the Great Seal in Lansing will close in observance of the Veterans Day holiday, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Motorists whose driver's licenses or license plates expire on Nov. 11 should renew early.

Land encourages all customers who have Internet access to check out the department's online services at www.michigan.gov/sos before visiting any branch office. For example, license plates and watercraft registrations can be renewed online. Browsing the site also helps customers determine fees and requirements before they go to an office.

Watch & Clock Day at G.R. Museum

Curious about your old clock or watch? Wonder how old it is or how to get it fixed? Bring it to the Van Andel Museum Center on Saturday, Nov. 8 for a free professional inspection at Watch and Clock Day.

Between noon and 4 p.m. Grand Rapids Chapter 101 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will examine heir-

loom clocks and watches and provide information about the heirloom as well as suggest maintenance and repair tips.

If the clock is too large, bring detailed photos.

General museum admission is \$7 adults, \$6 senior citizens and \$2.50 for ages 3-17.

The museum is located at 272 Pearl St. NW in downtown Grand Rapids.

Winter Hazards Awareness Week Nov. 2-8

To focus attention on winter safety precautions, Gov. Granholm has declared Nov. 2-8 as Winter Hazards Awareness Week in Michigan.

Heavy snow, extreme cold, ice and wind routinely affect Michigan during winter and can pose dangers to life and property.

Prepare for a winter storm at home with the following:

- Keep handy a battery-powered flashlight, radio, extra food and bottled water.

- Make sure there are extra blankets and heavy clothes available.

- Be aware of potential fire and carbon monoxide hazards if you plan to use an emergency heating source (fireplace, wood stove or space heater).

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship nor virtue in the world.

-Joseph Addison

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 815 students are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in June at the end of the summer I session of the 2002-03 academic year.

From the Lowell area is Elizabeth H. Rooker (BS). From the Alto area are Lindsey M. Evans (BA), Blair M. Mathews (BS) and Jaclyn C. Yonker (BS).

About 2,100 students were among the August graduates at Central Michigan University.

From the Lowell area is Nathan J. Brandner (BS). From the Alto area is Melissa L. Kline (BSED).

Thanks to strong defense JV Arrows relish shutout victory

The JV Arrows wrapped up their season on Oct. 23 with an impressive win over the South Christian Sailors at home. For the second week in a row, the Arrows scored on the first offensive play of the game with an 80-yard touchdown run by Kam Blake. A 30-yard pass completion in the second quarter to Brad Shea set up a second touchdown that came on a 3-yard

scramble by Mike Mc Elroy. The 2-point conversion pass to Shea was good making the score 14-0.

The Arrows' next scoring drive started at their own 20-yard line and ended in a 45-yard run from scrimmage by Gabe Delnick for the touchdown. The extra point by Gary Osborne was good which brought the score to 21-0 at the half.

Second-half scoring started with a 10-yard run by Delnick with the extra point by Osborne good. In the fourth quarter, a 15-yard run by Matt Rosema, with another extra point by Osborne, capped the score at 35-0.

The Arrows' defense played their best game of the season in this shutout victory over a previously undefeated South Christian team.

LEGAL NOTICES

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JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION
POSTING AND
NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE N. 03-10408-DO

JEFFERY M. CAVERLY
545 Nottingham Rd. E.
Lot 42
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 858-0929

VICTORIA R. CAVERLY
Last known address
1102 Bowes Rd. Apt. 7
Lowell, MI 49331

TO DEFENDANT,
VICTORIA R. CAVERLY
IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before December 3, 2003. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, VICTORIA R. CAVERLY at the last known address by First Class mail, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

October 10, 2003

DENNIS F. MURPHY
(P-31907)
Judge

Show Us Your Smile!

OCTOBER SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Nick Hawks

AGE:.....9 years old

BIRTHDAY.....7/31/94

HOBBIES.....Fishing

He receives a prize
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October "No Cavities" Club Members

Martin Brubaker	Katie Bush	Sydney VanOverbeek
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Wish I had the problems the teachers have - my boss asking for \$50 to help cover insurance cost, a \$5 co-pay, a pay increase & 3 months off a year. I am unemployed trying to make ends meet!

Lordy, Lordy I wish someone would turn 40! And rent Larkin's sign to keep the negotiations messages off their boardy!

It's a sad day when you can't cheer for your athlete without someone turning to you and telling you to stop-maybe they should sit somewhere else-on the other side.

It's too bad they don't have private suites at the HS football stadium. Then people who don't enjoy the sounds of the game (cheering, clapping, whistling) could enjoy the game in silence.

45 million people are without health insurance in the United States and the average annual out of pocket cost to the insured is \$2,182. It is hard to believe that the school teachers of Lowell cannot accept their share of health care.

Citizens of Lowell - Get out and vote, vote, vote!

Of the people, by the people, and for the people. Sound familiar? It's about time our city and township government think about the people - not big developers, then go about business in the same old ho-hum manner.

I would caution the members of the school board and teachers to avoid a strike at all cost. My family was involved in the strike with the Rockford School System several years ago. My wife was a teacher and we had children in the school. There were many bitter feelings that were never resolved. It was a bad situation all around.

The clock on the new City Hall shows the intelligence of the engineers lately. You can't even see it from the street.

Why do the city manager & wife walk their dog in the cemetery when a sign at the entrance states this is not allowed?

Why did Timpson Road get lines painted on it after it was blacktopped and Bewell Road SE has been blacktopped for years and still is not lined which would make it safer.

City needs a blood transfusion. Elect, hire, promote college grads.

The repaired and newly painted trim on Lowell City Hall looks great.

When they put in new streets why do they put the manholes where the wheels of the vehicles travel?

If the legislators really cared about the State's financial condition, why don't they roll back the 38 percent salary increase they awarded themselves in 2002?

Main Street looks great. Imagine what it would look like if the building colors were coordinated.

Aren't we rushing Christmas a bit. The Chamber wants our decorations up before December to be judged. I don't even want to look at my decorations until December. Give us a break!!!

About the Boy Scout Cabin... The only thing of value at the cabin is the spirit and love of country it leaves with each boy in their heart.

Okay! Where was Sound Off?

For Halloween why don't we dress up as sensible citizens and recall George Bush!!

I live in America - here we speak English. If you want to live here & conduct business here - you better learn to speak English. And don't ask if I speak Spanish when I wait on you.

When do the residents of the city of Lowell get to vote on the development proposed by Sundry? We need to voice our opinion - NO DEVELOPMENT!

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 3, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following:

- Litehouse, Inc. (applicant) has petitioned to expand the industrial Development district to include all its properties located at 1400 Foreman Road in accordance with the provisions located at 1400 Foreman Road in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 198 of 1974 as amended.
- Litehouse, Inc. (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 1400 Foreman). The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,586,098 in facilities and machinery.

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



Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk
616-897-8457

Public programs designed to preserve our open spaces

By Dan Schneider

A lot of the beauty of the countryside surrounding Lowell is that it is wide open spaces.

It is winding roads. It is tall corn in the summer and red-brown solitary oaks in the fall.

It is still farm country. That is the essential, defining aesthetic quality of the land around here.

This is the first of two articles dealing with public programs designed to help perpetuate agricultural land and open space. Administered on the federal, state and county level each of these programs has, is making or could make an impact on the Lowell area.

This article looks into programs that have already had an effect here. The first of these is the Farmland and Open Space Act, commonly referred to as PA 116. This is a state program through the Michigan Department of Agriculture. It was passed into law in 1974.

PA 116 was designed to make farming a less difficult enterprise by easing the tax burden on farmers. Since most types of farming absolutely require large amounts of land, farmers were paying a disproportionate amount of property tax compared to owners of other kinds of businesses. The goal of PA 116 is to offset these property taxes with tax credits.

In exchange for signing a ten-year contract promising to keep their land in agriculture, farmers receive tax credits equal to any property taxes in excess of 3.5 percent of household income. The threshold was originally 7 percent, but that was changed in 2001 after Proposal A lowered property taxes in general.

Currently, there are 4.3 million acres of farmland enrolled in the program statewide. This is about 40 percent of Michigan's total farm acreage.

In Lowell Township, there are 37 PA 116 agreements. There are 32 in Vergennes, 46 in Grattan and 66 in Bowne. Together, these agreements represent 14,480 acres of farmland.

PA 116 has been a contributing factor to the stability of farm acreage in the state. "Michigan has held pretty

steady with the agricultural acres in the last six years," Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel said.

Linsmeier-Wurfel is a public information officer for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Since 1997, farmland in Michigan has remained at about 10.4 million acres.

While PA 116 seeks to keep land in agriculture by making it easier for farming to be profitable, a federal program seeks to take acres out of agricultural production. The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began in 1985, authorized by the farm bill of that year.

"We didn't get many bites on it nationwide until 1987," Steve Utic said.

Utic is the district conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

There are now 373,033 farms nationwide which hold CRP contracts, essentially rental agreements between a farmer and the USDA. The CRP contracts last 10 to 15 years. In exchange for annual rental payments, a farmer agrees not only to take his or her land out of agricultural production, but also to plant long-term ground covers. The standard seed is a four-way mix of orchard grass, sweet clover, timothy and alfalfa.

With perennial ground covers, Utic said, "You're not getting some of the negative impacts of crop production." These include chemical pesticide runoff and soil contamination, and also erosion factors. Soil subjected to frequent tillage is more susceptible not only to water erosion but also to wind erosion.

Erosion was one of the primary concerns when criteria for evaluating potential CRP farms was developed. Farms that have high risk for erosion—whether because of hilly terrain, proximity to streams, or soil type—are given priority in evaluating applicants.

Erosion was the key concern for two farms in Vergennes Township enrolled in the CRP.

"There's quite a big dip in the ground, quite a big what we would call a hollow," Mike Pniewski said. "When I used to farm this with my grandfather, we'd just do conventional tillage, and when you got heavy rains you'd see the water washing the fields."

The Pniewski farm and the Odell farm are next to each other on Bailey Drive. The Pniewski farm has been in the same family since Mike Pniewski's great-great-grandfather bought the land in 1837. The Odell farm is a centennial farm.

Roger Odell is beginning his second 10-year CRP contract for his 80 acres. His two brothers also participate in the program for a total of 160 acres. Odell has his acreage planted with "native grasses and some conifer trees." He's also planted a hedgerow of native shrubs like highbush cranberry.



The view from a stand of black walnut trees on the Pniewski farm, which participates in the Conservation Reserve Program, a federal program designed to protect ecologically fragile farmland.

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Pniewski and his mother, Bernadette Pniewski, enrolled in the CRP after Mike Pniewski's grandfather, Frank Ryder died. Ryder started working the farm in 1912 at age 16. He worked the farm, Bernadette Pniewski said, "until he couldn't dig posts anymore" in his late 70s.

Ryder wanted to preserve the land and before his death in 1988, he had talked about getting involved with CRP. This kind of farm—a farm with its own history and owners who want to see it preserved—is the kind of farm, Utic said, best suited for the CRP program. The CRP contracts are not as lucrative as

selling to a developer, but they allow a farmer who is no longer able to farm to make money from the land and preserve it. "This program requires a special kind of person," Utic said. "They want to see the land preserved."

In addition to the annual rent payments, the government provides funding to participants covering up to half of the cost of establishing the plantings. The Pniewski farm is planted with the standard mix of grasses, 2 five-acre plots of small shrubs, and two large stands of trees.

"Those are black walnut interspersed with autumn olive," Pniewski said.

Trees are encouraged through the CRP selection criteria. "Landowners who plant trees get higher consideration because there is more benefit to the public," Utic said. CRP land planted with

trees is less likely to revert to farmland. For one thing, the trees are difficult to remove. The trees also represent a significant investment of time and effort on the part of the participant.

The trees are planted closely together. This was the practice in the early stages of CRP. "The philosophy back 15 years ago was to plant them thick, and natural attrition would thin them out," Utic said. "Nowadays we would probably plant them more spread out. We're going to take care of all of them and not put as much money in up front but replace the ones that die."

The goal is approximately 12-foot spacing, which allows the trees to spread out. The intent of the interspersed autumn olives was to make the trees grow straight and tall.

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Fill the Beetle



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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/ It. Bible study. Call Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes & Friends, 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. 676-1355.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meetings at the chamber office or at Fallasburg at 7 p.m. Public invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: 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 meets at 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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 M1#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.

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. Special date this month. Sat., Sept. 27, 1-3 p.m.

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

THURS.: Join the Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8 p.m. 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 South Alden Nash Ave. 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 meets at 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell City Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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

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

WED., OCT. 29: 8 a.m. Travel Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. A Good Night Sleep; Shop Meijer.

FRI., OCT. 31: 12 p.m. Noon - Halloween Party.

MON., NOV. 3: 12:45 p.m. Treasured Memories.

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. 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., OCT. 29: Lowell Area Historical Museum program: Arrowhead Identification at Lowell Twp. Hall, 7 p.m. Free to public. Lt. refreshments.

THURS., OCT. 30: Flu shots available from 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room.

FRI., OCT. 31: Turn your porch lights on between 5:30 and 8 p.m. for the Halloween trick or treaters.

SAT., NOV. 1: Craft show at St. Patrick-Parnell, corner of Parnell and 5 Mile. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch served all day, raffles, home-baked goods. Lots of booths with new items.

SAT., NOV. 15: Holiday craft show at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lots of quality craft items for the holidays.

SAT., NOV. 1: Fill the Beetle - Feed the People -

MON., NOV. 3: 12:45 p.m. Treasured Memories.

WED., NOV. 5: 9:15 a.m. John Ball Zoo; 10 a.m. Blood Pressure and Eye Glass Adjustments.

THURS., NOV. 6: 8:30 a.m. Mystery Trip.

Food drive at Doctors Chiropactic from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries, sponsored by Nerds on Site.

MON., NOV. 3: Lowell athletic booster club regular business meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

THURS., NOV. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Jewelry Design by Julie. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert and Shirley Weeks. Sponsor: Marie Rickert. Bring items for F.R.O.M.

SAT., NOV. 8: Foodmobile at 4-H fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., 10-noon. Bring own box or bag. Mostly produce available, free to anyone. Distributed by F.R.O.M. www.flatriveroutreachministries.com

WED., NOV. 12: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. will serve a turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; ages 5-12 \$2.

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Land preservation, continued...From Page 13

Now autumn olives are not used because they are too invasive.

The last ten years have seen an emphasis on native species throughout the CRP. Prairie grasses like big blue stem, little blue stem, Indian grass, and switchgrass are now widely used in Michigan.

"Natural grasses are beautiful, they really are interesting," Ute said, noting that in the fall, fields of blue stem grass have a distinct bluish cast.

These grasses have an added benefit for wildlife. Standing up to six feet tall in the summer, with stiff stalks,

these grasses can hold heavy snow loads a foot or more above the ground. This provides cover for small animals like rabbits and pheasants - small animals that don't go home for the winter.

The program also promotes re-establishing hedgerows. These are the

bushes that grew up around tree lines and fences between farms. These provide places for small animals to hide, perhaps in order to avoid getting eaten by hawks that patrol the fields. Hedgerows created safe networks of movement for small animals that have now been broken up by roads.

The point of the 12-foot spacing, along with the use of native mast-producing tree species like white oak and hickory, is to maximize nut production. This creates food for deer, turkeys and wood ducks. CRP criteria call for flower plantings. These benefit insects which in turn benefit songbirds. Insects are also a diet staple for pheasant chicks.

"In general, the CRP program has done more for wildlife than any program in the past 30 or 40 years," said Mike Parker, regional director of

Pheasants Forever. Pheasants Forever contributes seed to participants in the CRP.

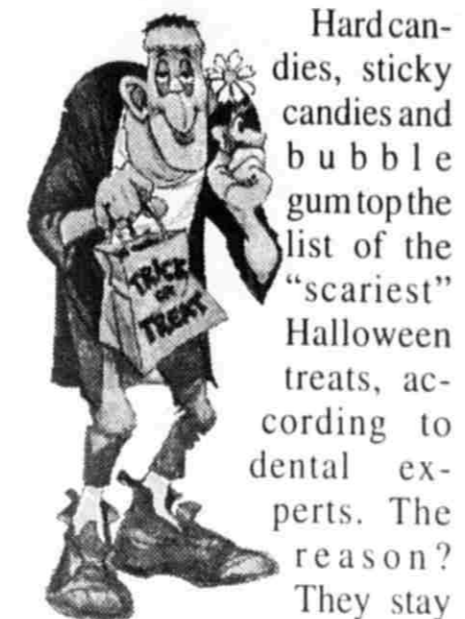
"The best pheasant hunting in Michigan and in the other major pheasant states is all on CRP land," Parker said.

Participants in the CRP program received their annual rental payments earlier this month. The regular sign-up for participation in the CRP this year was in May. The next regular sign-up has not yet been scheduled.

Beware of the half-truth. You may have gotten hold of the wrong half.

—Seymour Essrog

Top three scariest treats to avoid!



Hard candies, sticky candies and bubble gum top the list of the "scariest" Halloween treats, according to dental experts. The reason? They stay in the mouth longer than other candies, exposing the teeth to the number one cause of tooth decay: sugar.

"Some candies are better than others when it comes to avoiding tooth decay," said Dr. Jed Jacobson, D.D.S., vice president of Professional Services and dental director at the affiliated Delta Dental Plans of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. "For instance, chocolate bars without toffee or caramel are chewed and swallowed fairly rapidly, limiting the exposure to teeth."

Hard candy such as suckers and jawbreakers dissolve slowly, coating the teeth with sugar. They can also chip teeth and cause choking.

Sticky candy such as caramels and taffy can be harmful to dental work, especially

braces, retainers and fillings. These adhere to teeth and can get trapped between dental work, making it harder to brush the sugar away.

Chewing bubble gum circulates cavity-causing sugars throughout the mouth and teeth and like sticky candy can be harmful to dental work.

Following are some tips to help protect your child's

teeth on Halloween or any time of the year:

- Open a candy "bank." Allow your child four or five pieces of candy and store the rest to regulate the amount of candy your children consume.
- Inspect your children's candy to determine if it is age-appropriate or could be harmful to dental work.
- Offer your child a new

brightly colored toothbrush, coloring book or flavored floss to encourage a good pre-bedtime dental routine.

• Eating a good meal before trick-or-treating leaves less room for sugary sweets. And by all means, follow the safety tips to ensure a fun and safe Halloween for your family.

Angel Tree Donations

During the upcoming holiday season, *Family Dentistry of Lowell* will be helping *Wood TV* and the *Salvation Army* by collecting gifts for underprivileged children throughout the area. Tags will be available after November 3rd. We sincerely thank everyone that has responded to this wonderful cause in the previous years. We look forward to another successful year. Unwrapped presents can be dropped off until December 18, 2002. at:

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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.

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

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

FRI., NOV. 7: 12:45 p.m. Tour of Dery Physical Therapy Center; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., NOV. 10: 12:4 p.m. Travelogues: "Colombus."

TUES., NOV. 11: 12:15 p.m. Alto School Senior Luncheon; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Deer Run.

WED., NOV. 12: 8 a.m. Traveling Breakfast; 12:45 p.m. Movie at the Center, Shop at Meijer.

THURS., NOV. 13: 11:30 a.m. St. Anne's Lunch.

FRI., NOV. 14: 12 p.m. Birthday and Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

THURS., NOV. 6: 8:30 a.m. Mystery Trip.

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NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS TO VOTE IN THE DECEMBER 9, 2003 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2003

Registrations will be taken at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the special Election to consider the following:

Shall Ordinance No. 03-4 of the City of Lowell providing for the creation of a Planned Unit Development Single Family Residential District, R-1 for the Highland Hills Site Condominium Development at the easterly extension of High Street in the City be repealed?

Only registrations received on or before November 10, 2003 will qualify persons to vote in the Special Election on Tuesday, December 9, 2003.



Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

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APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 11	Dec 11	Dec 4	Nov 28	Nov 13

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Africa	Dec 8	Dec 8	Oct 16
Asia / Pacific Rim	Dec 15	Dec 15	Oct 30
Australia / New Zealand	Dec 15	Dec 15	Oct 30
Canada	Dec 15	Dec 15	Nov 21
Caribbean	Dec 15	Dec 15	Nov 7
Central & South America	Dec 8	Dec 8	Nov 1
Mexico	Dec 15	Dec 15	Nov 7
Europe	Dec 15	Dec 12	Nov 7
Middle East	Dec 15	Dec 15	Oct 23

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Eagles victorious in tension-filled double overtime against Red Arrows

It was a great high school soccer game shrouded in controversy.

With the score tied at 1-1, Grand Rapids Christian appeared to net a go-ahead goal when the ball went through the hands of Lowell goalie, Josh Anderson.

A goalie interference ruling, moments after the apparent goal, removed the goal from the scoreboard.

Then, looking like a shootout was eminent with just seconds more than four minutes to play in the second overtime, Christian's Michael

Holwerda broke free and slid one past Anderson for the game-winning score.

"It was just unfair the way the game ended. Everyone had stopped, and the ball must also be stopped. They didn't do that. They just let it roll and let Christian play it. That's just

unfair," said a dejected Lowell coach, Paul Legge.

Eagle coach, Larry Klaasen said the two controversial calls evened things out.

"The game was a great game and got one. Lowell is a fine team who came in here and played a marvelous game. They should be commended," Klaasen said. "I thought we played too much in the air and didn't show enough skill, but you can credit a lot of that to the pressure Lowell put on us."

The Eagles had plenty of opportunity, 29 shots on goal. Their shots were not finding the corners and those that didn't go wide were snuffed out by Anderson. "Josh was phenomenal tonight. He brought us to the end of the game," Legge said.

The Red Arrows grabbed the early lead, with roughly 31 minutes on the clock, when Kevin Gillman headed a corner kick off the foot of Matt D'Agostino into the Eagle net.

Eagle Mitch Zoerhoff tied the game 19 minutes later. The two teams were tied 1-1 at halftime.

Shane Stokes broke the tie with 19:01 to play when he



A goal with 4:05 to play in the second overtime sent the Red Arrows down to defeat. Shane Stokes works up field against the Eagle defender.

headed a go-ahead goal past Eagle goalie, Kyle Kuiper.

Christian tied the game on a penalty kick by Zoerhoff with 12:06 to play in the game.

Minutes later, Zoerhoff had his second penalty kick opportunity, but this time Anderson turned away the go-ahead attempt.

Lowell's season ends at 16-4-2.

Christian moves on to the Greenville regional. The second ranked Division II school in the state improved its record to 19-1-2.

Lowell advanced to the district final with wins over Ionia (10-0) and East Grand Rapids (2-1).

The Red Arrows trailed the Pioneers 1-0 with less than 13 minutes to play in the game before rallying for a victory. It was the third meeting of the year for the two squads. Lowell won the last two after battling to a 4-4 tie in their first meeting.

"Two years ago I would have been scared to death being behind at halftime because we didn't have the firepower. This year we've had the ability to turn it on," said Legge. Lowell's tying goal was recorded when Shane Stokes creased the net with 11:13 to play.

The game's winning goal came three minutes later on a corner kick by Matt D'Agostino in which Zach Horan guided it into the net.

Lowell battles Sparta while focusing on improvement before district play

Going undefeated in the OK White and transforming from a good basketball team to a very good basketball team

is the charge Lowell coach Dee Crowley has put before her Red Arrows. Lowell continued toward

that end with a 65-26 win over Sparta, improving its record to 12-2 and running its winning streak to 11.

It was accomplished with the two staples of a Crowley-coached club: great defense and balanced scoring.

Against the Spartans, Amy Oberlin and Brittany Lyman led all scorers with 14 points apiece. Devon Collins netted 11 and Vallen VanZyll contributed with 10.

"Involving everybody in the offense has always been my philosophy. However, I've never coached a true superstar where you'd want focus on getting her the ball," said Crowley.

Lowell enters the week 8-0 in the league, but faces a tough week of play with a game at East Grand Rapids and then hosts Kenowa Hills on Thursday.

"Playing at East is always a tough task and Kenowa Hills is a very capable ball club," Crowley said.

This is the first time in three weeks Crowley's club will play two games. Over the last two weeks, Lowell has only had one game scheduled each week - something Crowley would prefer to avoid.

"When you play a normal week (several games), it's easier to keep the game fresh. When you don't, you have to go back over and re-

learn and fix things," Crowley explained.

In preparing for the district play, Crowley wants to see her club improve on the offensive end by doing a better job of finishing easy shots and executing the offense better.

"I also want to see them do a better job of getting the ball inside and then dishing it out to a shooter," Crowley said. "We tend to force shots and not have better and longer ball movement."

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation. Jean Kerr



Lowell lost a 3-2 double overtime heartbreaker to Grand Rapids Christian in the district final on Saturday.

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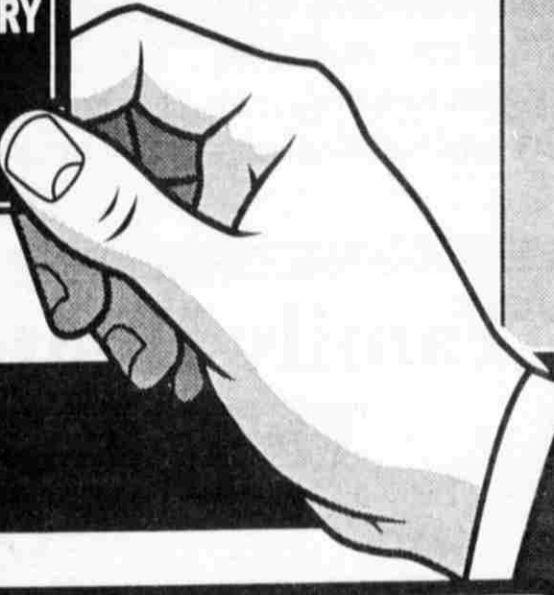
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Sailors can't catch Koster in 21-14 loss to Red Arrows

South Christian never found cover in its 21-14 loss to Lowell Friday night at Red Arrow Stadium.

Not from the rain... which never materialized, but for all state Red Arrow receiver,

Mike Koster. "We never were able to get cover on Koster and he killed us," said South Christian coach, Bob Blacchiere.

Koster pulled in 11 receptions for 165 yards and two

touchdowns, and grabbed three interceptions.

"We knew coming in Koster was good, but he's not the only player Lowell's got," Blacchiere said. "They have a lot of weapons and they spread your defense out. You have to leave someone for that full-back who's no slouch."

Koster's biggest catch of the night came with 2:08 to play in the game. The junior pulled in the game-winning reception on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Dykhouse.

Koster ran a great route and Dykhouse's pass zipped past two defenders and was all money.

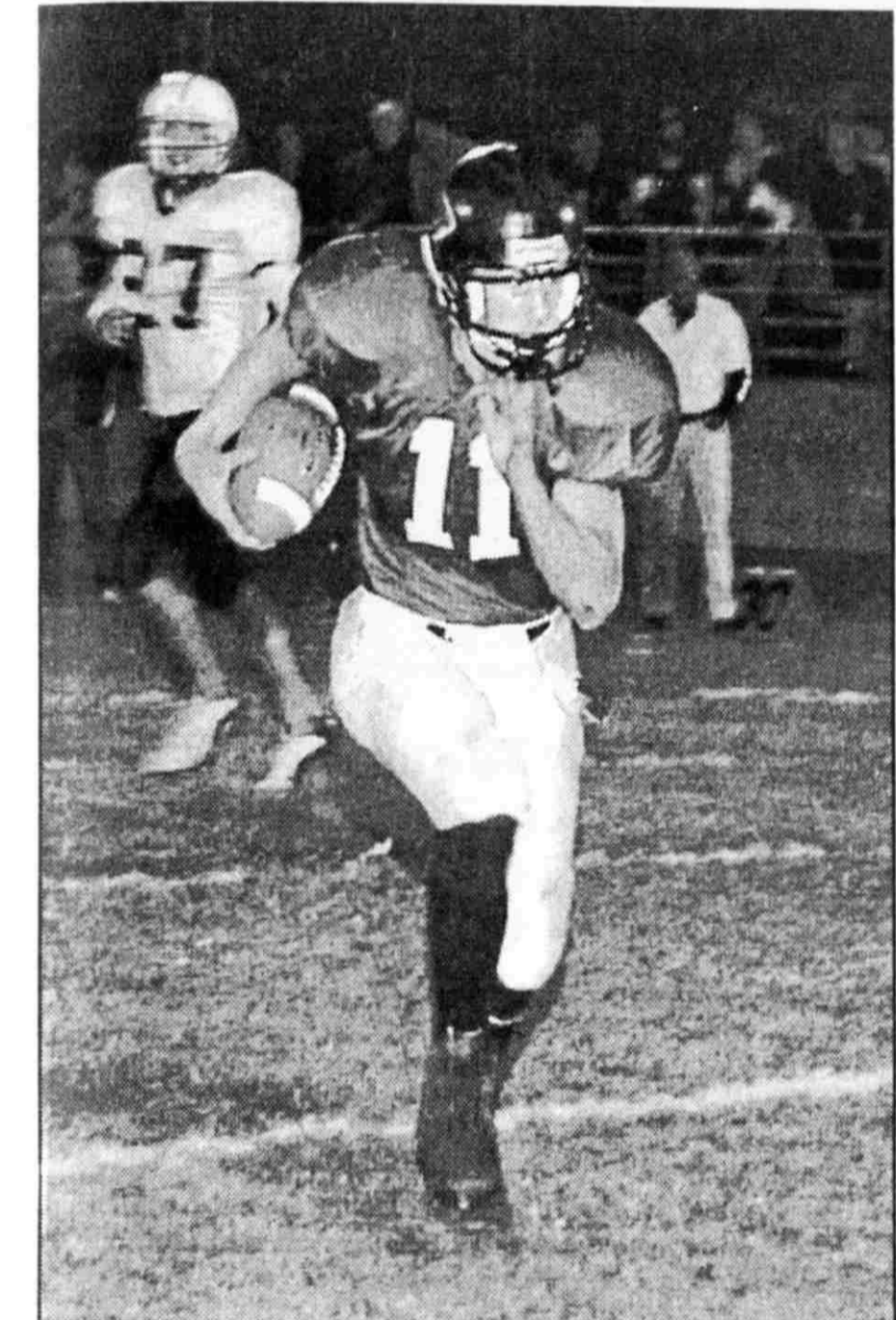
"He was outstanding. He (Dykhouse) throws the ball very well. If you can't pressure him, he's really good," Blacchiere explained. "His throwing was the key of the game."

Lowell's senior quarterback was 19-for-25 for 233 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

"Ryan scrambled and made some nice throws down the stretch," Lowell football coach, Noel Dean said. "When your billed as a marquee player, you need to have games like Mike had tonight."



Lowell defenders pursue the ball in action against Grand Rapids Christian. Lowell won the game 21-14.



Mike Koster eyes the green in front of him following a first-half interception.

South Christian put the first crooked number on the board in the first quarter when fullback, Matt Bakker broke through the line on a trap play and raced 72 yards for a touchdown, giving the Sailors a 7-0 advantage.

Bakker finished the game with 125 yards on 13 carries. South Christian rushed for 196 yards.

Lowell tied things up late in the first quarter when Sean Myers found inside running room as he scored from five yards out. Matt D'Agostino converted the extra point, tying the game at 7-7.

The Red Arrows took their first lead of the game late in the second quarter on a 21-yard pass and catch from Dykhouse to Koster. The

touchdown pass capped a 94-yard, 11-play drive taking nearly six minutes off the clock.

The Sailors tied the game with 3:29 on the third quarter clock when Bakker, again on a trap, raced 27 yards for the tying (14-14) score.

"This was a whale of a crossover game. We played a good team and competed against Lowell," Blacchiere said. "We had our shots. Our kids are disappointed, but I told them if they can compete with Lowell, they can compete with anyone."

Dean was well aware of that. "This was a hard-hitting challenge for us. We needed this going into the playoffs. We'd been coasting. The boys have had a great season (8-1).

We're flying under everybody's radar."

Friday's game marked the second time this year Lowell has played a defending state champion.

Lowell High School will host Portage Northern in football playoff action this Friday with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and prices are \$5 for all. There is no reserved seating and no passes accepted for Michigan High School Athletic Association tournament games. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the high school athletic office or middle school main office on Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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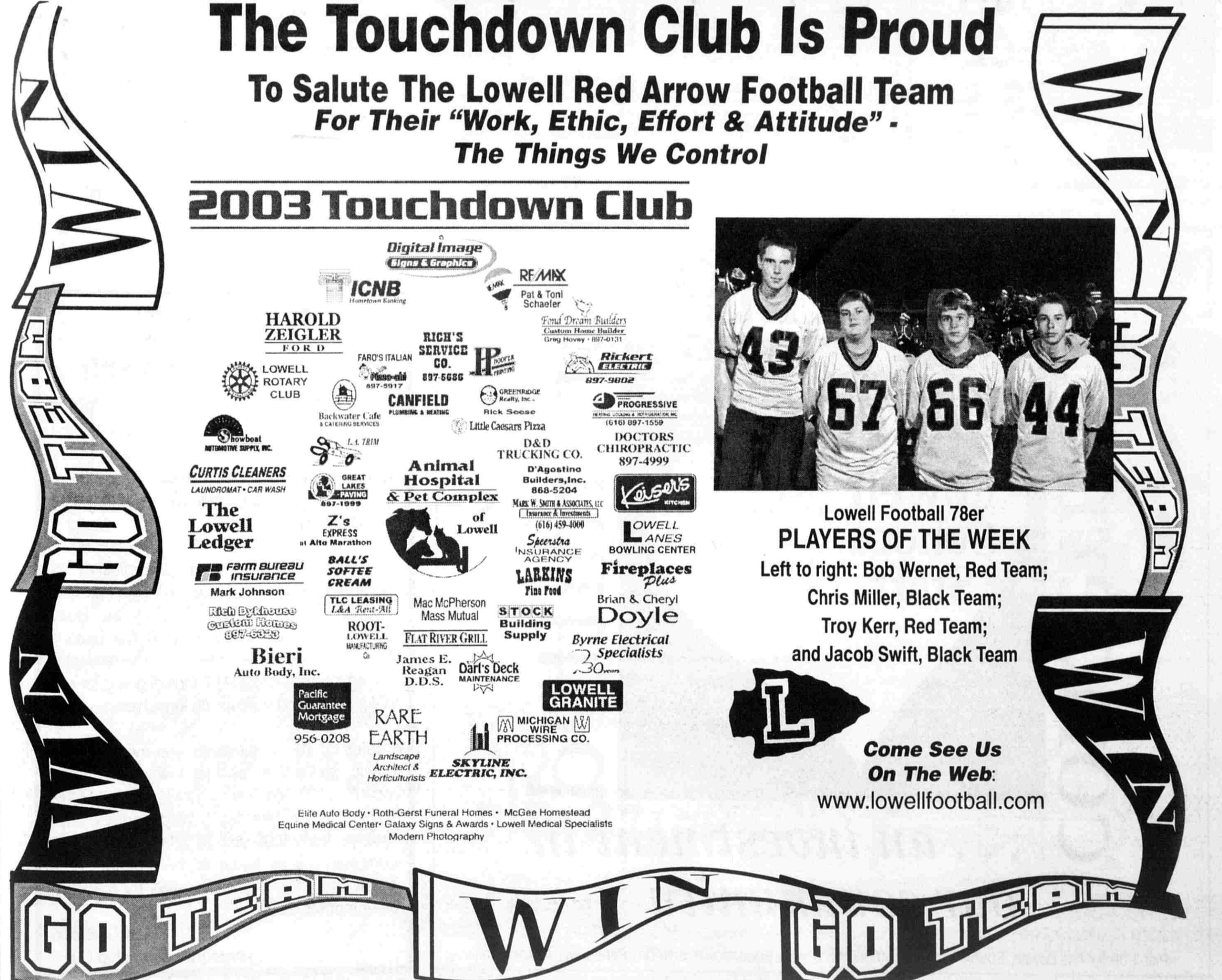
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Swab seconds shy of fourth straight state appearance; Red Arrow X-country squads finish fifth and sixth respectively

Two seconds is all that separated Sarah Swab from a fourth straight appearance in the state cross country meet.

"Sarah ran with so much heart today. It was her toughest race of the year," said Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf. "To miss qualifying for the state meet by one spot was a tough way to finish her career."

The top three teams qualified for the state meet; also qualifying were the harriers with top 15 individual times.

Swab was 16th at 20:07. Union's Andye Razmus finished two seconds ahead of her with a time of 20:05.

Swab is the only harrier graduating from this year's team, leaving VanderWarf with a good nucleus of runners for the 2004 campaign.

Lowell will return juniors Emily Gerard, Rebekka Woods, Abbie Debiak, Becca Underwood and Erin Beddows.

Lowell also returns Monica Fitzpatrick and Jenna Church. "These two freshmen ran well for us this year and I expect that they will help us a lot next year," said VanderWarf.

Lowell girls team finished fifth with 159 points. They followed regional champion

Rockford 27; Grandville 61; Grand Haven 92; and East Kentwood 157.

The Red Arrows' top five times were recorded by Swab, 16th, 20:07; Beddows, 29th, 20:50; Debiak, 32nd, 21:02; Fitzpatrick, 33rd, 21:04; and Brittany Dietz, 50th, 21:42.

Competing against Division I schools was all it's cracked up to be Saturday at the cross country regional in Lowell.

"Considering the tough, tough competition, I think our guys did a great job. They all posted times in the 17s," said

Lowell cross country coach, Clay VanderWarf.

The Red Arrow boys placed sixth behind regional champion Rockford 53. They also followed Mona Shores 85, West Ottawa 90, Grandville 102 and East Kentwood 113.

"Again, sixth is not a bad finish considering who we were running against," VanderWarf said.

Posting times for Lowell were Steve Ellison, 28th, 17:23; Scott Riddle, 29th, 17:25; Eric Schumm, 31st, 17:30; Mitch Solon, 35th, 17:35; and Jon Riddle, 44th, 17:46.



Lowell boys placed sixth at the Division I regional.

Lowell will lose seniors Chris Gallagher and Scott Riddle to graduation, but return a strong nucleus in 2004. "We will look for a couple of junior varsity runners to step up and help us out, but with all we have returning, I think we will be good," VanderWarf concluded.

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Vergennes Township

A Public Hearing will be held regarding a request for a Special Exception Use Permit at a Special Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on November 3, 2003, at 6:30 pm at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The Kent County Road Commission is requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to produce gravel at a pit owned by the Road Commission and located at 1000 Cumberland Ave. S.E. in Vergennes Township. The request is to produce and store 20,000 tons of gravel for use in Vergennes and surrounding townships.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, 616-897-5671, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Public comment will be taken at the meeting, or if received by the Clerk in writing by 6:30 pm November 3, 2003.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk



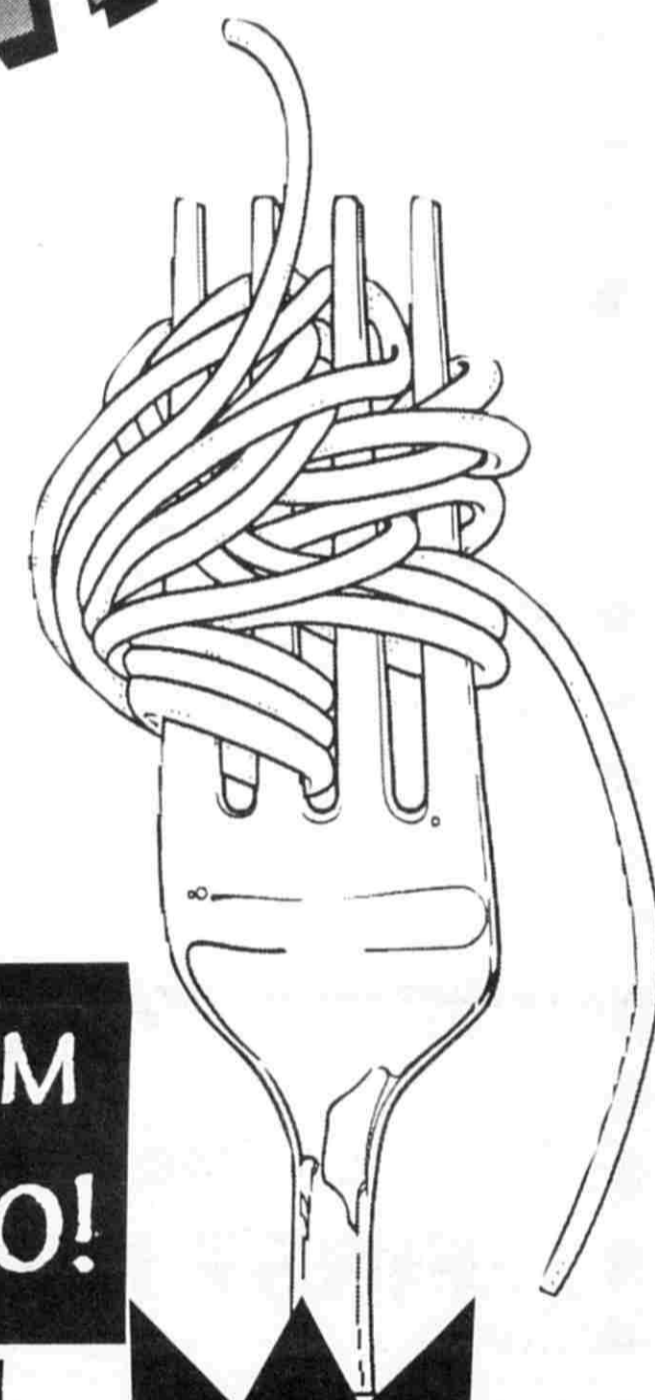
Sarah Swab leads a pack of harriers in the early stages of the regional cross country meet at Lowell on Saturday.

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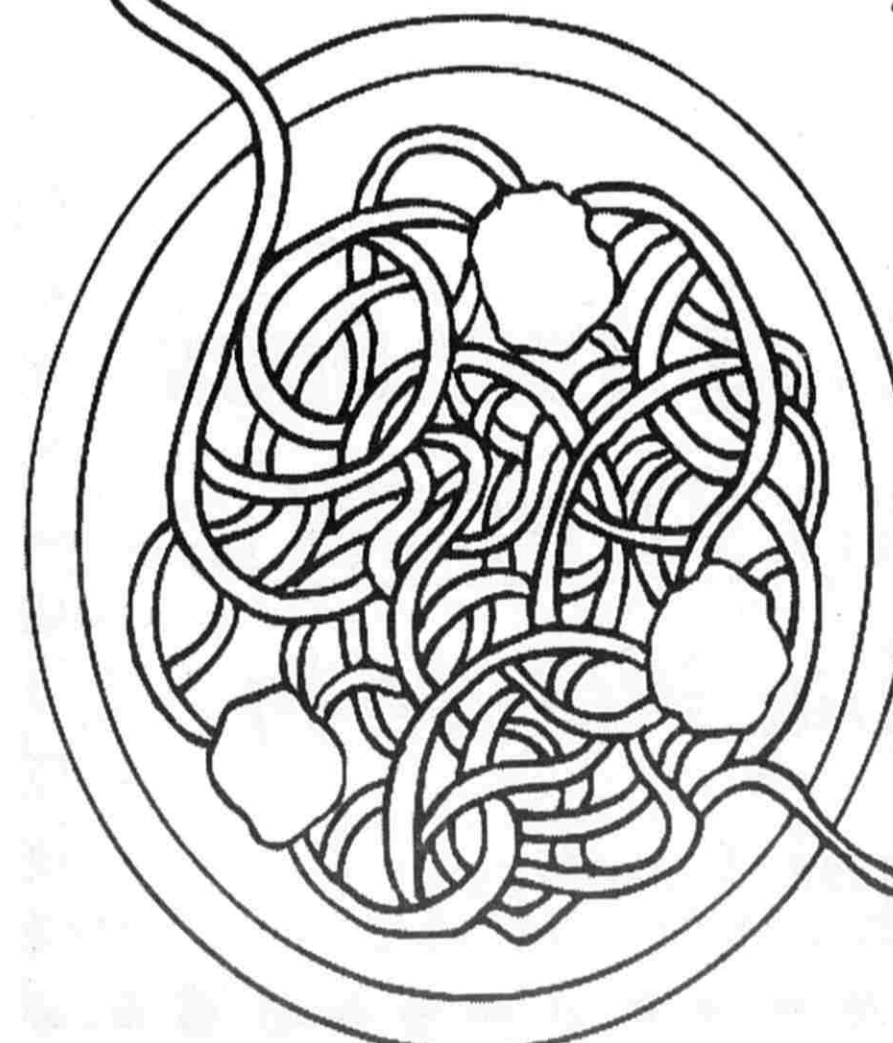
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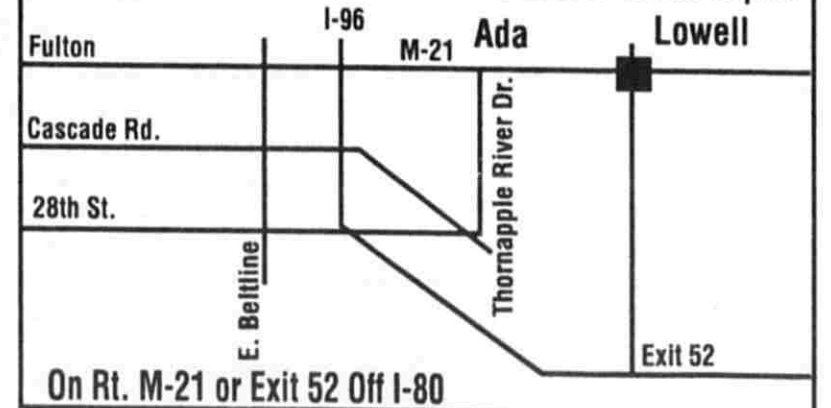
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