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Construction underway on Tractor Supply Co. store



Mike Hamilton, an electrician with J&L Electric of Battle Creek, is shown removing wiring from the former Family Fare grocery. Construction began last week to get the space ready for Tractor Supply Company store. The store should open in mid-May.

By Dan Schneider

Work crews began construction last Monday on the Tractor Supply Company store. The store will fill part of the space at 2153 W. Main left vacant when the Family Fare grocery store closed in September of 2002.

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) will occupy about three quarters of the space, with the rest open for another tenant. Rob Hoskins, a spokesperson for TSC, said the store will employ 12 to 15 full-time and part-time employees.

"A business moving into the vacant space is a welcome change for the city. I think that it (TSC) is something the community is looking forward to," said city manager Dave Pasquale.

The CSM Group out of Galesburg, Mich., is overseeing the construction.

"April 14th, they'll move fixtures in," said Dan Button, construction superintendent. "Three to four months after that they'll open."

Hoskins said TSC chose to open a store in Lowell because the company already has a presence in the area. The nearest current locations are in Greenville and Cedar Springs.

The Lowell area also has a high population of people living what Hoskins called a "rural lifestyle." TSC sells supplies for suburban farmers and for people who farm or raise livestock on a hobby or part-time basis.

The store sells feed and supplies for livestock, horses and pets. It also sells lawn and garden equipment, tools and hardware, light truck equipment, and work clothes.

Owners of local businesses that share similar markets believe they can co-exist well with the new store. Charlie Bernard, owner of Bernard's Ace Hardware down the street from the new TSC store, said if anything, the new store will simply draw more consumers to Lowell. He doesn't anticipate TSC's

hardware department will provide heavy competition.

"There are several Ace Hardware dealerships that have them (TSC) right in their markets and haven't had an effect," Bernard said. "They sell larger tools that we don't even mess around with and they tend to sell, in my opinion, a cheaper grade of large tools."

Bernard said lawn and garden supplies will be the two stores' main area of competition. Scott Carpenter, owner of Blue Ribbon Feeds, is also unconcerned about TSC's possible impact on his business.

"They're a lot higher in prices," Carpenter said. "We manufacture everything ourselves so we don't have a middleman like TSC does."

The Lowell store will be the 47th TSC in the state of Michigan. The company is based in Nashville, Tenn., and operates 450 stores nationwide.

City renews agreement for pathway with Litehouse

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

In 1994, the city of Lowell and Wendell Christoff entered into a five-year agreement for a 15-foot pathway on the east side of Litehouse, Inc., property to allow school children a safe route to the elementary and middle school buildings.

During a recent addition to the Litehouse property, it was discovered that neither side had bothered to renew the agreement which expired in 1999. "It wasn't something that either party didn't want to continue," said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale to the Lowell City Council at its Tuesday meeting. "It was something that was forgotten about."

Pasquale said the agreement renewal was something that just slipped through the cracks. The pathway has remained, giving students and

others a place to walk from Foreman Road to Creekside Park. Walkers exit from the park to get to the schools.

After some discussion, city staff proposed that the city enter into another five-year contract for the pathway. Pasquale said that Christoff

wanted to keep the agreement to five years in case the company should decide to build in that area. The council unanimously approved the five-year agreement. The path is asphalt with the city being solely responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

Sundry requests another parcel be placed under the open space ordinance

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Sundry developers were back before the Lowell Planning Commission Monday evening with hopes of increasing the number of homes on its other parcel from nine to 16. The development is for the property at 753 Grindle, better known as the Phillips property. It is located just above the planned unit development at 751 Grindle.

The city had reviewed a

suburban residential plan for the property about two years ago, approving a layout of nine homes with a private drive in June of 2002. The property is zoned suburban residential. Since that time, however, the city has decreased the required lot size from 35,000 square feet to 23,000 square feet, which would allow Sundry to construct 16 homes on the property, said Lowell city manager, David Pasquale.

During a preliminary review, the company was seek-

ing to have the parcel placed under the city's new open space preservation ordinance, which would allow for clustering the homes and requires that at least 20 percent of the land remain undeveloped or preserved as open space. The hitch is that according to the city's ordinance, land that has over a 20-percent grade cannot be included in the calculations for the open space preservation ordinance, Pasquale said.

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OBITUARIES

BRYANT - Helen V. Bryant, aged 86, of Bowne Center, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2004. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Joan Bryant of Grand Rapids; brother Henry (Maxine) Johnson Jr. of Alto; granddaughter Kimberly (Mike) Johnson of Grand Haven; great-granddaughter Brooke; guardian Roger (Jean) Coles of Greenville. She was a hairdresser in the area for over 50 years. Funeral services will be held at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 11 a.m. Rev. Dean Bailey of Bowne United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Bowne Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

HEACOCK - Rose V. (Porritt) Heacock, aged 98, of Alto, went to be with the Lord January 20, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband Howard and grandson Kevin VanDenBroek. She is survived by her daughters Clara (Richard) Ryder, Alice (Peter) VanDenBroek, Marie (Leon) Timmers; son Howard (Mary) Heacock; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Dean Bailey of the Bowne United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Bowne Center Ladies Aides Society.

REYBURN - Mr. Raymond J. Reyburn, aged 89, of Jackson, formerly of Ada, passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2004. Known for producing the world's finest caramel corn for customers, family and friends, he passed the legacy down to his daughters. He retired from the maintenance department of Booth Memorial Hospital. Preceding him in death were his wife Christine Lucille Reyburn in 1982 and sister Lola McMinn. Surviving are his daughters Anne Anderson of Colorado Springs, CO, Margaret "Candy" and David Evans of Alto, Florence "Mike" and Ranal Webster of Jackson, Kathleen Reyburn and her husband Dennis Huber of Alto, Barbara and Gerald Armstrong of Rockford, Jane and John O'Jennes of Colorado Springs, CO and Mary Beth Reyburn of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother Vernon and Luella Reyburn; nieces and nephews; many dear friends in Ada and Texas. A private family gathering was held and in accordance with Mr. Reyburn's wishes, no other service will be held.

STINSON - Mr. Guy Stinson, aged 76, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, January 21, 2004. Guy proudly and bravely served in the US Army during WW II and was superintendent of Waste Water Disposal in Homestead, Florida. He worshipped at Bella Vista Church. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, the former Evelyn McCloud; children Russell and Debbie Stinson of Sparta, Diana and Gary Tewksbury of Comstock Park, Sally and Mike Burgan

of Lowell, Mark and Amy Stinson of Comstock and Matthew and Johnnie Stinson, f Sebring, FL; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brother and sisters Gwendolyn Holliday, Hazel Midlam, Doris Johnson, Luella Merritt, Keith and Polly Stinson, Shirley and Gerald Davenport and Lila Stinson; many nieces and nephews. Guy was preceded in death by four brothers. The service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ was held Saturday at Bella Vista Church with Pastor Wendell Carlson officiating. Burial in Blytheheld Memory Gardens. Military honors under the auspices of Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of West Michigan.

TOERING - Clarence R. "Ted", aged 74, of Lake Wales, Florida, formerly of Dorr, went to Glory on January 24, 2004 in Lake Wales. Born August 8, 1929 in Grand Rapids, Ted was a well known chef in West Michigan and graduate of The Culinary Institute of America. He worked at the Fennial Restaurant, Ferguson Hospital, Ted's Restaurant in Hastings, and The Golden Onion at Sandy Pines in Hopkins. He served during the Korean War as a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force, was a member of First United Methodist Church and attended Saddlebag Community Church. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Virginia Stroo Toering; children Sharon Doty of Grand Rapids, Alan (Lisa) Toering of Middleville, Nancy

TenElshof of Alto, Dale (Christy) TenElshof of Zeeland, Wayne (Teresa) Toering of Eagle Lake, FL, Monica (Douglas) Brew of Middleville, John (Janet) TenElshof of Caledonia; 21 grandchildren; brothers Gerald (Dee) Toering of Wheatridge, CO and Ralph (Barb) Toering of Cincinnati, Ohio. Memorials of remembrance may be made to LifePath Hospice, 1155, Missouari Ave., Ste. 500, Lakeland, FL 33815 or Saddlebag Community Church, 499 Saddlebag Lake Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898. Services and interment will be Thursday, Jan. 29 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

WERT - Genevieve Opal Wert, aged 96, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, January 24, 2004. She was preceded in death by her husband William Sr., son William Jr., daughter Charlotte Geesey. She is survived by her daughters Marjorie Hawley, Jean (Allen) Beugnot, Joan (Brad) Schirmer, Shirley (Chuck) Parish; son Ronald (Pat) Wert; 36 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; 53 great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson, Wednesday, January 28 at 1 p.m. Rev. Derald Rheinberger officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Visiting Nurses, 1401 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-176-883-DE

Estate of ELEANOR A GLASS, deceased SSN: 364-36-0840

TO ALL CREDITORS: 1/19/04

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ELEANOR A. GLASS, who lived at 3238 Richmond N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 12/29/03.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to KARL R. GLASS, SR., named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Happy Birthday Alden On your 25th Birthday.

Forever in our hearts, loved always, Dar, Colleen, Lindsay, Molly, Leesha, Chad, Maya and the Ball families.

Transportation woes eased with new van acquisition

Wendell Torrey (center), administrator of Laurels of Kent, takes the keys from Ron Obert, vice president of First Class Coach and Equipment of Winter Garden, Fla. At left is Larry Banks, administrator of Laurels of Hudsonville, who showed up to see Laurels of Kent take delivery of its first transport van last Tuesday afternoon.

"This will give us a whole lot more flexibility," Torrey said. "We'll have our own driver."

The retirement community had previously relied on renting buses from Lowell Area Schools to take trips to the bowling alley, out to dinner, to Frederik Meijer Gardens and church.

The new van has room for 14 passengers, including two wheelchair spaces.



Longtime Lowell resident joins planning commission

Her name may be familiar to some voters since she ran for the Lowell City Council in the last election. Jerri Teelander has taken a seat on a city board - the planning commission to be specific.

Teelander was sworn in during a special planning commission meeting in December and sat in on her first official

meeting this month. Teelander is a 23-year resident of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell Area Schools, where her children attended and graduated from as well.

She is retired from the state of Michigan, having worked in the unemployment office. Since her retirement,

Teelander said she has been interested in getting involved in the city, hence her decision to run for city council, which had three open seats and one incumbent seeking reelection. "As I was sitting through the meetings, I saw that the city's planning commission puts in a lot of work

and has a lot of input in what the city council does," Teelander said.

When her bid for city council failed - Al Mathews, James Hodges and incumbent Charles Myers were elected - Teelander heard about the planning commission opening and decided to seek that

position. She was appointed by mayor, Jeanne Shores with the council approving that appointment at the end of last year. Having just joined the group, Teelander said right now she plans to just get accli-

mated to the planning commission and its procedures.

Also voted on were familiar faces Clarke Jahnke as chair for another year and Deb Hinton as vice chair.

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A large portion of the Sundry property is a 20-percent or more grade. "I believe the intent of this was that the city wasn't going to count property which was unbuildable," Pasquale said, adding that it would include wetlands and other areas. Les Cole, from Sundry, said that most of the property is buildable, and even demonstrated what a 20-percent grade looks like. Kevin Rude, also from Sundry, said most walkouts are on a 30-percent grade; even planning commission chair, Clarke Jahnke acknowledged that there are some architects who like a challenge to build on steeper grades.

Looking at the ordinance further, Rude explained that while it is applicable in the city's suburban residential area, the 20-percent grade - which he noted was not in the state version - made it virtually impossible for any developer to be able to utilize the ordinance in Lowell. Most of the property that is left which would fall under the open space preservation ordinance has a 20-percent or more grade, he said.

Pasquale said the hurdle for the company is the issue of the grade, adding that he has already been in discussions with Sundry's attorney and plans to talk to city attorney, Richard Wendt. Jahnke said it might be something the planning commission needs to look at and amend, especially if it appears there are going to be variance requests on the issue.

Sundry is proposing to

construct the same private road as originally proposed with the 16 homes clustered around the road. This would leave the steeper areas of the property as green space. Also planned in the development, that was not included before, are sidewalks which would connect to Grindle.

A two-way 24-foot wide private road with curb and gutters would be installed, ending at a cul-de-sac. The open space preservation ordinance does require that the private road be approved with the plan, Pasquale said, adding that since not much is changing with the road, he didn't see that it would have problems. "Given the time frame you have given us, I do believe this project is doable," Pasquale said.

Cole said they would like to get everything in place so that construction can begin this fall with the first house completed in the spring of 2005. Pasquale said he plans to have some answers on the 20-percent grade for the planning commission at its next meeting, set for Feb. 23. Sundry plans to present its application for the open space preservation ordinance at that meeting.

Not all who wander are lost. - J.R. Tolkien

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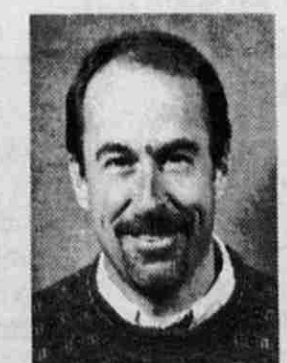
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Reflections Of Faith

Dean Bailey, pastor

Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist churches

Her name is Joanie. She was in the second month of nursing school when the professor gave a pop quiz. Joanie was a good student and she breezed through all the questions until she came to the last one. The question was, "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Joanie thought, surely this is some kind of joke. She had seen the cleaning lady

every day. She was a tall woman with dark hair, probably in her fifties. But Joanie had no idea what her name was.

Another student asked if the last question would count toward the quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All of them are significant. All of them deserve your attention and love and care and kindness."

Willie Smith was retired and bored, and it was a rainy day. He was underfoot, so his wife Molly suggested he find something to do. Willie decided to spend the day reading the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) which tell of Jesus' ministry. He'd read them before, but as he told Molly, he wanted to discover something new. At supper she asked him, "Willie, did you discover anything new?"

"Yes, I did," he replied. "Jesus never met an unimportant person."

And neither do we and neither are we.

LWC meetings

Lowell Women's Club held their last two monthly meetings on Dec. 10 and Jan. 14.

Storyteller Toni Jaeger, the librarian in Belding, spoke at the December meeting, which was held at Schneider Manor. The topic of the school mini-report, "Arts" was given by Allison Bault and Caitie Seartoss.

The January meeting was held at the Lowell Masonic Lodge in conjunction with Rotary Club. The speaker was Secretary of State, Terry Lynn Land, who spoke on the duties of her newly elected position. The school mini-report, given by Melissa Liszewski and Stacy Fleet, was on Michigan history.

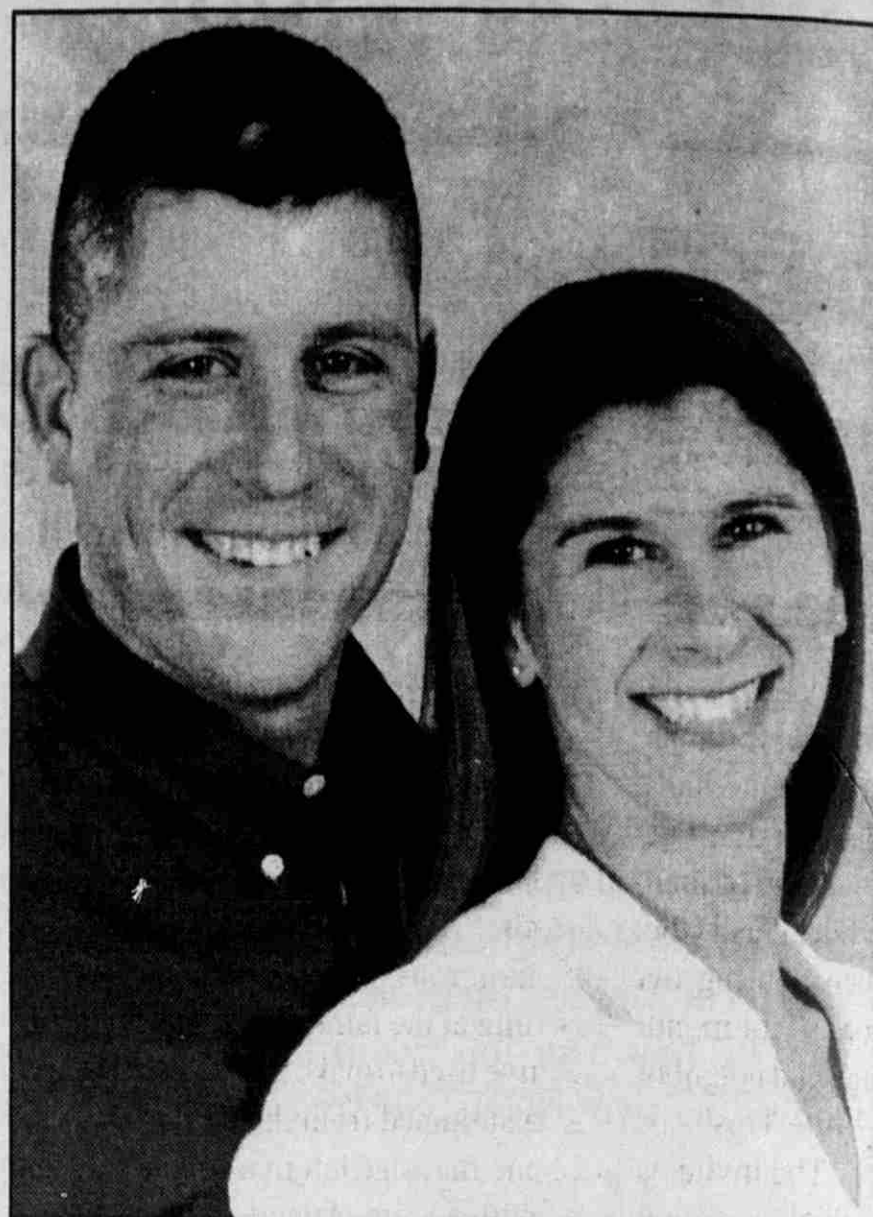
The next meeting will be at Schneider Manor on Feb. 11. The program, presented by Libby Richardson, will be on "Grandparenting with Love and Logic."



Veronica Blough, Amy Pallo and Carol Foerch were recently inducted into Lowell Women's Club.

ENGAGEMENTS

Hildenbrand/Richmond



Mark Richmond and Sherry Hildenbrand

Announcing their plans for an April 23, 2004 wedding are Sherry Hildenbrand and Mark Richmond of Lowell.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rose Hildenbrand and Lee Hildenbrand, both of Lowell.

She is a graduate of Low-

ell High School and Adrian College.

The future-elect is the son of Jerrold Richmond of Lowell and the late Diane Richmond. He is a Lowell High School graduate and has served eight years in the Marine Corp.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 29: Brenda Kinsley, Tyler Call, Josh Traetz, Kim Call.
JANUARY 30: Susan Roudabush, Nicholas
JANUARY 31: Rick Fonger, Brian Rasch.

FEBRUARY 1: Ivan Blough, Lila Grummet, Chris Vezino, Ryan Teelander, Sommer Mercer, J. Johnson, Monica Burt.

FEBRUARY 2: Marie Wade.

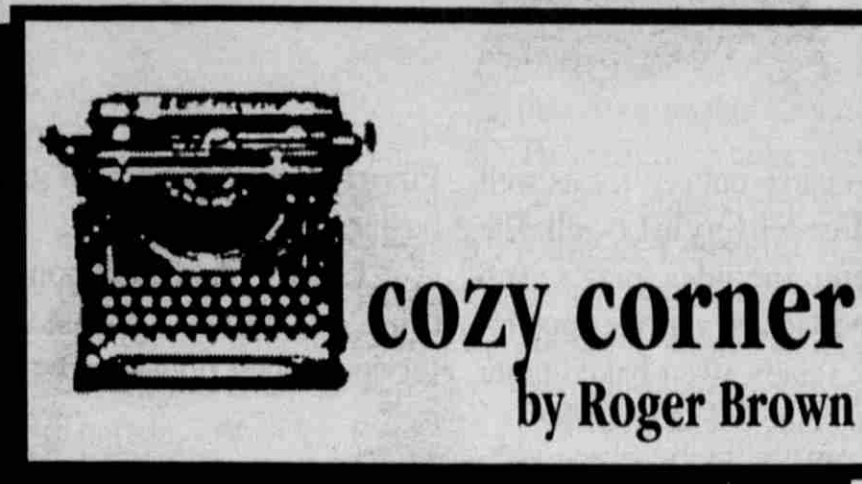
FEBRUARY 3: Dale Phillips, Clarice Poisson, Sana Bryant, Cassandra Thomas.

FEBRUARY 4: Jo Hill, Kelsey Scheider.

A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words.

—Anonymous

Viewpoint



A couple of women in our neighborhood hatched a different idea for a party. These gals are originally from the Deep South. One hails from Mississippi and the other from Alabama. It don't get much more "southern" than that.

One of them has come into possession of the "Southern White Trash Cookin' Book," volumes one and two. They've been pouring over the humorous, yet informative "cookin' books" for months, laughing at the familiar jargon and recalling what neighbor or relative used to make this dish or that. The "White Trash" party idea stemmed from the cookin' books.

The invite was a phone message left in a southern accent so thick you could cut it with a knife. Attendees were encouraged to get in the spirit by wearing appropriate garb. My wife went into shock. Terese has never liked costume parties and claims she has no aptitude or creativity for costumes. I told her to go to the local Salvation Army store, where for a few dollars she could be the "Belle of the Ball." She kept bugging me about what I was going to wear. I didn't give it much thought. Dressing in "White Trash" attire isn't much of a leap from my wardrobe.

The day before the big event, Terese took my advice and made a trip to the Salvation Army store. She came home with some too-tight black slacks that laced at the hips. For a top she found a smallish black thing with a big skull and crossbones on the chest and a little leather vest. She added some very high heels, spiked hair and too much make-up. She looked very trashy. And she claims to have no costume creativity.

My party attire consisted of some knit slacks, white tennis shoes, white belt and an awful plaid sportcoat I keep around for just such events. I added a truly nauseating green and gold striped tie from the Salvation Army store. The costume was

topped off with a black ball cap bearing a big "Stihl" chainsaw logo on the front. Very classy.

At the party we were right in style. There were coveralls, tank-tops, ball caps, work boots, etc. on the men. The women were all over the place with their costumes, but the emphasis seemed to be on too tight. Some of the gals got into the "big hair" thing and added long falls and lots of hairdoo-dads. Funny stuff.

Ah, but the party was about food. I am here to tell you ... we had food. For appetizers there were Cajun flavored boiled peanuts (pronounced "bald peanuts"). There were Moon Pies and RC Colas. There were Vienna sausages (pronounced Vy-ena) skewered with toothpicks. There were little Spam sandwiches. There was a "Rack of Spam" which amounted to a block of Spam sliced nearly through every quarter inch. Yellow cheese slices are inserted in the slits and the dish is heated until the cheese melts ... "Rack of Spam." There were pickled pig's feet, pork rinds (cracklin's) and a dish called "pig's ears" that were hard-boiled egg slices wrapped in breakfast sausage. This was "stick to your ribs" stuff and these were just the hors-d'oeuvres!

After a couple hours of grazing on the appetizers, our hosts broke out the real food. There were vegetables galore. We had collard greens, sweet-taters, rutabagas, coleslaw and butter beans. Each dish was a creation. For example, the sweet-taters were mashed with honey, brown sugar, nuts, butter and raisins. It was more like a dessert than a vegetable. I had at least one heaping helping of them all.

The main course was either a salmon casserole or unbelievably good fried chicken. I had both and loosened my classy white belt a notch.

Then came dessert. There were homemade pecan pies and "nanner puddin'." "Nanner Puddin'" is banana pudding with banana slices and nilla (vanilla) wafers mixed in. I couldn't choose, so I had both ... twice. Out another notch on the white belt.

Since the party I've come to a couple conclusions. One, if white trash get to eat like that all the time, I wanna be white trash. Two, if I do start eating like that all the time, I'll be a regular at the Salvation Army store, exchanging my white trash wardrobe for larger, and larger sizes.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL JANUARY 29, 1879

The Hatch and Craw Mills have made about 22,000 barrels of flour since harvest, most shipped to New England states.

The editor hopes the council will complete raising and extending sidewalk across the bridge. It is dangerous now.

Eliz. Train and others have filed a petition to vacate Snell's Addition in order to make a fairground.

Hatch and Craw of the Forest and Lowell mills have shipped their first foreign order, two carloads of flour to Liverpool, England.

R. Fraser has started a blacksmith shop on Main Street—the seventh one in town.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 28, 1904

Lowell council pres. Hakes accuses the Journal of slander (the Journal said he granted the pool room more hours).

A branch of the proposed Grand Rapids-Ionia electric railroad may be built to Greenville from Lowell, says the Grand Rapids Herald.

The Baptist church members vote to not accept the resignation of their pastor and a committee is meeting with him.

The six pupils of the South Ward school will be transported to the West Ward building from now on.

All signs point to very high water when the spring ice breakup occurs.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO FEBRUARY 1, 1929

Two Lowell men, one a repeat offender, receive three-year terms in Ionia reformatory for stealing 30 chickens.

The Kent County Infirmary sheltered 380 indigent sick and old-age persons last year.

Cecil B. DeMille's "King of Kings" will play at the Strand Theatre three nights next week.

The battle to end Prohibition is heating up. Hearst papers offer a reward to whomever succeeds.

Artificial ice makers will supply the prison and most of Ionia this winter. The Prairie Creek pond has not been harvested.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER JANUARY 28, 1954

Lowell president Wesley Roth will be the honorary Ringmaster at the Shrine Circus Saturday evening at Civic Auditorium.

Cary Stiff is the new president of the Board of Trade. Editor Harold Jefferies is one of the interviewers each Wednesday night on WOOD-TV's "Cross-Examination." Gov. Williams was the first interviewee.

There is some opposition to renaming Michigan State College as Michigan State University.

Sen. Homer Ferguson asks Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to distribute the huge surplus crops to the aged and poor, rather than destroy them.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER FEBRUARY 1, 1979

St. Mary's will break ground in the spring for the new church.

Volunteers helping on "Refloat the Showboat Las Vegas Night" are asked to attend at training session on working games.

A record 82 inches of snow so far has fallen in this area. Snow and ice on the tracks derailed several railroad cars near Wittenbach's Sunday morning.

A new law forbids piling snow in the street, across the street, or so high at the driveway that it obstructs vision.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

The annual LACC meeting was held at Deer Run this year and was very well attended.

I was asked to give a few comments upon receiving the Volunteer Award; I would like to add several more in this space.

The volunteers' service commitment is to "Do unto others as you want them to do unto you." A volunteer serves without gain to one's self, but through one's services have enhanced the resources of our community. The volunteer is a visionary who brings to the community his/her values, graces, skills, talents and experiences, thus enriching one's own life and enhancing the moral fiber of the community.

Since retirement, I have logged over 10,000 volunteer hours and am still seeking other avenues of service and challenges. There are many organizations in Lowell looking for volunteers and I would like to recommend several opportunities, or choose an organization you would like to serve.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce hosts many community activities. A chamber volunteer becomes a member of a winning team striving to improve the economic and social position of Lowell and the surrounding community area it serves. Each activity challenges your leadership skills, commitment and the love of being part of a growing community.

The Lowell Police Dept. has several community opportunities available as does the Lowell Area Arts Council, the artistic arm of the community.

I am very thankful that I am given the opportunity of belonging to three families: the family of God, my immediate family and the family of Lowell.

I wish to thank the people of Lowell for my award, which was made possible through your cooperation and support of my services to Lowell. A special thanks to Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Manager Greg Alan, owner James Fegel, April Howe and manager Melissa Atwood with a fresh half-pepperoni pizza in the kitchen at B.C. Pizza. The restaurant is now open for business at 1335 W. Main St.

New business hopes to be "best choice" in town

By Dan Schneider

The B.C. Pizza restaurant at 1335 W. Main Street is now open for business.

The initials stand for "Best Choice" but they originally stood for "Boyer City." That's the Michigan town where the franchise started about 30 years ago. The Lowell restaurant is the southern-most restaurant in the franchise.

James Fegel is the owner and proprietor.

"I just thought it was something the town needed," Fegel said. "It offered little in terms of sit-down pizza restaurants."

B.C. Pizza offers dine-in

and carry-out service as well as free delivery in Lowell. The menu includes pizza, sub sandwiches, various appetizers, salads, oven-baked pasta and some Mexican dishes.

"We have a broader menu than some of the others," Fegel said.

Fegel grew up in Lowell. He has a culinary arts degree from the Fox Valley Technical College satellite school in Wisconsin. Before opening the B.C. Pizza restaurant, he baked and decorated wedding cakes at Cakes Plus on Plainfield Ave.

He said he chose the B.C.

Pizza franchise because of its business model.

"I really liked their concept," Fegel said. "Customer service is their biggest priority."

The restaurant has been open for business since New Year's and Fegel reports good business.

"The town's been very receptive," Fegel said. "We've gotten rave reviews from our patrons which has to be the most important thing."

B.C. Pizza will have an official grand opening on Saturday, Jan. 31.



Laura Evans received the Shining Star Award.



Laura Evans

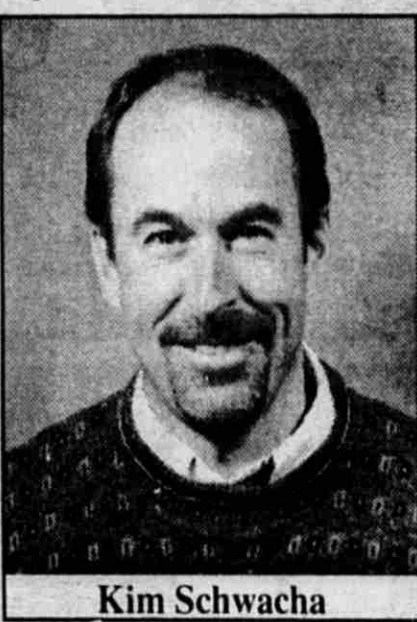
Greenridge Realty has recently announced its award winners for 2003.

Ann Wittenbach received the 10-year Outstanding Service Award and Shining Star Award.



Ann Wittenbach

Kim Schwacha received the Realtor of the Year Award for the Lowell office and Shining Star Award.



Kim Schwacha

Rick Seese received the President Award.

These awards recognize their outstanding achievements throughout the past year.



Rick Seese



Mary Buckius

Mary Buckius received the Shining Star Award and the President Award.

Awards for community involvement presented;

— Lowell business looks to the future

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce presented two awards recognizing good citizenship at its annual meeting of the membership last Thursday at the Deer Run Golf Course.

The first went to an individual, George Mickel, for his countless hours of volunteer service to the Lowell community. Mickel lives in Grand Rapids but for the past six years has been tirelessly committed to the Lowell community as a volunteer. He has worked extensively with the chamber and with the Lowell Police Department.

"If I'd known I was going to get one (an award), I would have said something more about volunteering," Mickel said the day after receiving the award. "My philosophy is that only God can create love, only God can project love. Men and women create love within their hearts and project

that love to the community. That is through volunteerism."

The other award went to a business, Litehouse, Inc. The award recognized the company's role as an important employer in the community, its community investment, and its volunteer service to the Lowell community. It is the first time the chamber of commerce has presented a Business Appreciation Award.

Co-owner Wendell Christoff accepted the award on behalf of Litehouse, Inc. Christoff's parents bought Chadalee Farms and began expanding the salad-dressing business. In 1997, Chadalee Farms merged with another salad-dressing maker, Litehouse Foods from Sandpoint, Idaho. The merger has been prosperous for Litehouse and for Lowell.

After receiving the award, Christoff reflected on life in Lowell.

"It's been wonderful to work with the different organizations in the community," he said. "It's been a great place to work, have fun, play and raise a family."

Following the awards presentations, Lowell city manager, Dave Pasquale spoke about his future outlook for Lowell. He based his speech on the opening lines of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*.

"I think fortunately for us the worst of times are behind us," Pasquale said.

He talked about the 2002 shutdowns of Newell Manufacturing and the plastic-injection-molding line at Attwood Corporation, as well as the closing of Family Fare. The job losses from those closings totaled more than 400.

Last year was better for the city, Pasquale said. He cited six million dollars in new building permits, including expansions at Litehouse, Inc. and King Milling.

"It really shows a commitment to the community," he said.

Pasquale talked about PUR-Forms and Preferred Engineering, which moved into the Newell building. These are examples of the smaller types of businesses he said will increasingly create Lowell's manufacturing identity.

"I think that's what is going to be happening to a great extent - we're going to be having small companies coming in," Pasquale said. "If we are going to be depending on the big guys, that is short-sighted."

Pasquale also talked about the progress that has been made in the downtown historic district. He mentioned new businesses such as the SandCastle toy store, Voyages



The LACC presented George Mickel with an appreciation award for his volunteer service to the chamber and the Lowell community. Liz Baker, executive director of the chamber, is pictured at left with Mickel.



Wendell Christoff, of Litehouse, Inc., accepted the first Business Appreciation Award given by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at its annual membership meeting. Christoff is pictured at center with LACC president, Ginny Schoolmaker and vice president, Cliff Yankovich.

coffeeshop, Chimera Design and the Flat River Grill.

Following Pasquale's speech, Jenny Shangraw of The Right Place, Inc. gave a presentation on 21st-century business trends. The Right Place is a Grand Rapids or-

ganization that works to increase the vibrancy of the business scene in the area.

Among other things, Shangraw said antique-shopping will become a hot pastime. Services catered toward the baby boom generation, such as health clubs to help them forget they are aging and senior care for when they inevitably age, will become big business. Products and services that support earth-friendly lifestyles will also be popular in the coming years.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, February 2, 2004 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. A summary follows for the proposed text amendments:

Chapter 2 Definitions, Section 201.202

The proposed amendments will add a new definition as follows:

Ground Floor: That floor of a dwelling whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement. For a split-level dwelling, the ground floor shall be that floor whose elevation is nearer to grade than other floors of the dwelling and is not a basement and no part of which is a basement; plus any upper or lower extension of such floor accessed by an internal stairway and located at an elevation that is not more than three (3) feet above or below the grade of the site.

Chapter 3 Zoning Districts

Amend R-2, Section 201.306 (C) (E), to add 2 family dwellings as a special use with a minimum lot area and width. Section (G) amends the minimum floor area for dwellings in all districts from currently 900 square feet on the first floor to requiring a minimum total of 1150 square feet with a minimum of 750 square feet on the ground floor (for a 2 story house, etc).

Amend R-3, Section 201.306A (E) (d) and (G), to add a maximum of 6 dwelling units for each multiple family building and to add minimum square footages for 1, 2, 3, or more bedroom units.

Amend Section 201.311, the Bulk Table, to reflect the above changes.

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

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TWO INVESTMENT MISTAKES: TOO MUCH RISK—AND TOO LITTLE

Of all the potential investment mistakes—and there are a lot of them—two of the most common are taking on either too much or too little investment risk. To invest successfully, you need to avoid both of these problems.

For starters, you need to be aware that investing always involves some type of risk. If you invest in stocks that subsequently lose value, you could lose some of your principal. On the other hand, if you purchase investments that are often thought of as “risk-free,” such as U.S. government securities, you could lose purchasing power if your fixed rate of return doesn’t keep up with inflation.

In short, you’ll need to find a balance between taking too much and too little risk. Let’s look at both sides of the issue.

—Too Much Risk?—

Many people are aware that higher investment returns are related to higher risk, but they somehow believe that they simply won’t sustain losses, or that they’ll supernaturally know the “right” moment in which to sell. The fact is, however, that no one is immune from losses—and nobody can predict the exact moment that’s best for selling.

To keep yourself from taking on too much investment risk, consider the following guidelines:

• **Know yourself**—Make sure you’re familiar with your own investment personality. If you know that you really like to invest aggressively, you may need to “rein yourself in” on occasion, especially if you’re considering “hot” investments, whose recent track record may not be supported by solid fundamentals.

• **Know what could go wrong with an investment**—Before you buy, you need to understand what could go wrong with an investment. For example, if you’re buying a stock, remember that the company management could change, or the company’s products could become noncompetitive. At the same time, you might want to develop an “exit strategy” for getting out of this stock, in case your worst-case scenario comes true.

—Too Little Risk?—

If your investment strategy tends to be risk-averse, you may want to act on these suggestions:

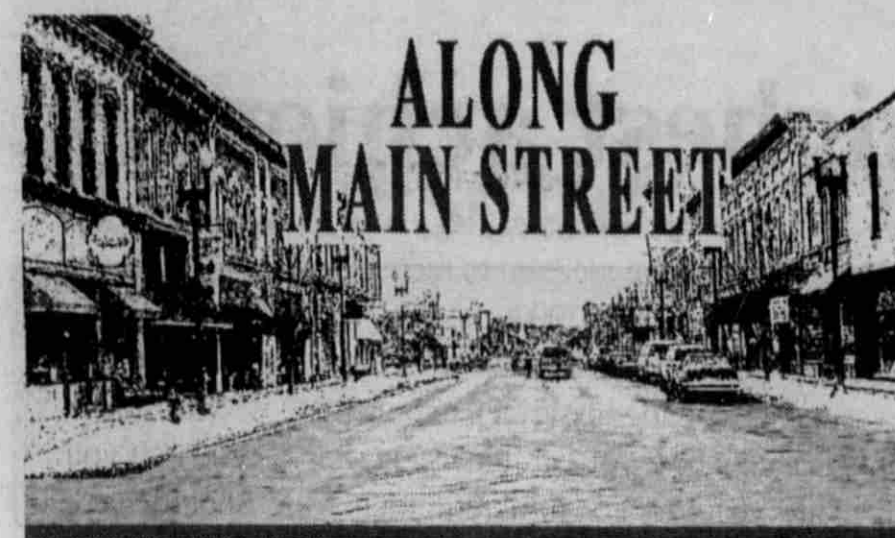
• **Know your time horizon**—Many people avoid stocks because of their short-term volatility. And it’s certainly true

that, on a daily, monthly or even yearly basis, stock prices will move up and down. However, for the past seven decades, stocks have always trended up. In fact, from the beginning of 1926 through the end of 2002, the S&P 500 index showed a compound annual growth rate of 10.2 percent, including reinvestment of dividends. (Keep in mind that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index; you can’t invest in it directly.) So, if you have many years to go until retirement, you should have enough time to “ride out” the ups and downs of the market.

As you near retirement, you may want to lower your investment risk somewhat by moving some dollars out of stocks and into fixed-income vehicles—but even during retirement, you may want to consider some growth elements in your portfolio.

• **Know what your goals will cost**—You can probably identify your long-term goals—a comfortable retirement, college for your kids, etc. But do you know how much they’ll cost? Once you put a price tag on your goals, you’ll quickly see that a low-risk investment strategy—one that is heavy on certificates of deposit, bonds and money market accounts—may not provide the growth you need. Consequently, you can see the importance of adding stocks to the mix.

Ultimately, you must balance low-risk and high-risk investments according to your personal risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon. In the end, you don’t want high risk or low risk—you want intelligent risk.



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Please check the Senior Parent Update notice at www.lowellschools.com. There is important information on fundraising and payments for the Senior Class trip.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
Its regular meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

LAAC PLAY NEXT MONTH
“Escanaba in da Moonlight” by Jeff Daniels presented by Thebes Players, Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 at Larkin’s Other Place, Sunday matinee, Feb. 8 & 15. Prices - dinner & theater: \$21 - \$26; theater only: \$8-\$10. For reservations call 897-8545 or visit the arts council at 149 S. Hudson.

LACROSSE TEAM CAN DRIVE
There will be a car drive on Saturday, Feb. 7 to benefit the LaCrosse team. Please save your returnables and drop them

off at the former Family Fare parking lot. More info. coming.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

CALL FOR ARTISTS
The 18th West Michigan Regional Competition at Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery, Feb. 15 - March 20. Drop off entry forms Feb. 5-7; each artist may submit up to two entries. Non-refundable entry fee of \$20 for LAAC members & students/\$25 for nonmembers. 897-8545.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS
The LAAC Thebes Players are seeking actors for “Snow Queen and the Goblin.” Production: April 22-25. Auditions: March 6 and March 8 at Englehardt Library. Call 897-8545 for information or to borrow a script for review.

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Pencils, paper, erasers and other supplies to fill backpacks in the Greater Grand Rapids area in August are needed for an eighth grade honors reading project. If you would like to donate, please leave them at First Congregational Church or Englehardt Library. If you have any questions, call Ellen Mork, 8th grader, at 897-0835.

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Scout troop recognizes scouting's highest achievers

By Dan Schneider

About 20 eagle scouts turned out Saturday for a ceremony at the First United Methodist Church. The event was the Eagle Court of Honor for Eric Cooper, who attained the highest rank in boy scouting.

Cooper earned the rank a year after his brother, Scott. Scott Cooper lit candles Saturday in recognition of all the Troop 102 scouts who have reached the eagle rank in the past. This is the first time the troop has included this practice in its eagle ceremony.

"I stole the idea from Troop 130 out of Greenville," troop committee chairman, Dirk Ritzema said. "Once an eagle, always an eagle no mat-

ter how old you are . . . to honor all eagles who have achieved that rank, that's why we light the candles."

To earn the eagle rank, a scout must progress through five other scouting ranks; live according to the principles of scouting; hold a leadership position in the troop; earn 21 merit badges, including 12 required merit badges; and complete an eagle service project.

Cooper earned a total of 36 merit badges on his way to becoming an eagle. For his eagle service project, he constructed two sets of horseshoe pits at Fallasburg Park.

"They're past the baseball field by the pavilion," Cooper said.

Cooper is a junior at Lowell High School. Now 16, he started scouting at the age of 11.

Lowell's first eagle scout, Sam Yeiter, was 13 when he earned the rank in 1931. He became an eagle as a member of Troop 78, then Lowell's boy scout troop, at Camp Shawondossee.

The requirements were different when he became an eagle, but still difficult.

"It was all physical," Yeiter said. "It was walking a five-mile stretch for 30 days. Pitch a tent and, regardless of the weather, spend 30 straight nights in the tent and a 50-mile trip with the bicycle. Then swimming and lifeguarding."



Scott Cooper (left) lights candles in recognition of Troop 102's eagle scouts. The candle-lighting, a new practice for Troop 102, took place Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell at the Eagle Court of Honor for Cooper's brother, Eric (right).

2003 Lowell police department activity

Majority of Lowell arrests are for crimes against property - not persons

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Police Department made 400 arrests in 2003, according to a summary of last year's police activity submitted to the city council.

The figure above includes arrests for multiple charges, such as an individual arrested for drunk driving and also charged with carrying open intoxicants.

The largest single category of arrests within that number was warrant arrests with 120. A warrant arrest is an arrest of a subject based on pre-existing charges. That number includes Lowell-police arrests of individuals on warrants issued in other jurisdictions. It also includes arrests by other agencies of subjects with warrants from the Lowell jurisdiction.

Warrant arrests frequently

occur during traffic stops. A subject may be pulled over for speeding and found to have a warrant from another jurisdiction.

"You have a good chance of stumbling across someone you had no idea was wanted," said Lowell police chief, Jim Valentine. "The more traffic controls you have, the greater probability of some kind of patrol-related arrests."

The Lowell Police Department made 2,791 traffic stops last year; more than half of these were given warnings.

The vast majority of arrests in Lowell were for crimes against property and not crimes against persons. Arrests for crimes against persons—including domestic assault, sexual assault and assault—totaled 20 arrests. Half of these were domestic as-

sault arrests, four were sexual assault.

Of the total arrests, 77 percent of those arrested were male and 33 percent female.

There were 80 arrests made for suspended licenses. There were 58 arrests for alcohol violations, including Minor In Possession (MIP) and driving with open intoxicants.

The alcohol-related arrests peaked in December with 12 for the month. The average for the other months was 4.2. December also had 14 arrests for drug law violations. The average for the other months was 2.1. A party bust that month accounts for the spikes in both categories, Valentine said.

Lowell police logged 2,978 total complaints for 2003.

COLLEGE NEWS

The honor lists for the fall semester have been announced by officials at Graceland University.

From the Alto area is Dana A. Geldhof, named on the dean's list and earning a GPA between 3.25 and 3.64.

From the Lowell area is Amanda L. Willits, named on the honor list and achieving a GPA between 3.65 and 3.99.

Calvin College has announced its fall 2003 dean's list. From the Lowell area is Eric S. Moulton. From the Alto area is Adam G. Boot.

Graceland University, a four-year liberal arts college, operates campuses in Iowa and Missouri.

Audrey Converse, a freshman at Hope College, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2003-04 school year. To qualify, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Converse, a 2003 Lowell High School graduate, is the daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell.

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To obtain dean's list status, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and have a 3.3 cumulative grade point average.

Lauren Vashaw, who attends Denison University in Granville, Ohio, is a first year player for the Denison women's basketball team. She has played in the Big Red.

The team, coached by Sara Lee, is currently third place in the North Coast Athletic Conference after an eight-game winning streak that earned the Big Red a 10-5 record overall and a 4-2 conference record. Vashaw is a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School.

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Middle school students learn sweet business savvy

By Dan Schneider

Oeoy Goey Greetings is on sound financial ground following the holiday season. The business, staffed by Deb Greenhoe's cognitively-impaired pre-vocational class at Lowell Middle School, manufactures and sells bouquets out of the classroom.



Zach Rhodes makes "tufts" out of foil paper. The decorations are used to fill compositional gaps in candy-flower arrangements.

The bouquets are made of candy-Hershey's kisses and heart-shaped suckers for Valentine's Day—affixed to stems and placed in festive mugs or vases. They have sold quite well.

"At Christmas, we got a lot of business," Zach Rhodes

said. "People would come up to us like crazy and we even put some in the office—samples—and people bought them."

Last Wednesday, Rhodes was working on what he calls "tufts." Tufts are brightly-colored cellophane, folded into flower shapes and used to fill gaps in the candy flower arrangements.

At the tables in the classroom are several work stations. The students do various tasks—making roses out of Hershey's kisses or cutting out green foam in which to stick the candy stems. The students switch jobs on a regular basis.

They built the enterprise from the ground up, using Greenhoe's idea and a \$500 grant from the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The grant covered start-up costs. The business has so far been self-sustaining. A ledger sheet on the bulletin board in the corner of the classroom shows its accounts are solidly in the black following the holidays.



Matt Spickler, a seventh grade student in Deb Greenhoe's pre-vocational class for cognitively-impaired students, cuts foam into the right shape to fit a Valentine's Day mug.

"After the Christmas holiday we had \$944," Greenhoe said.

The class used some of the money to buy cooking sup-

plies for the classroom and re-invested some of it in Oeoy Goey Greetings. Greenhoe said the class sold more than 60 of the bouquets over Christmas, mostly to teachers at the middle school.

The students learn a variety of skills through the process, from doing math on the ledger sheets to interpersonal communication taking telephone orders.

"I think the only area we haven't been able to tap into is science," Greenhoe said. "We haven't made our own candy yet."

Greenhoe said the next step is to set up a publishing center for Oeoy Goey Greetings. The class received a \$250 Bright Ideas grant from the

Education Foundation. It will use the money to buy a color printer to make its own greeting cards and sales literature.

"The goal is that this will become a permanent part of the CI (cognitively impaired) program and have it year to year," Greenhoe said.

So far, the class has been selling the bouquets almost exclusively within the middle school. Anticipating high Valentine's-Day demand, Greenhoe explained wider distribution would over-stretch current production capacity. She said the class could make some bouquets for birthdays, however. Those interested should contact Oeoy Goey Greetings at Lowell Middle School.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 180 Ottawa Avenue, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 (616) 632-5480

AMENDED ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 03-11872-DM TAMARA LYNN MERRITT 173-16 Kent Ridge Drive Kent City, MI 49330

WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES By: Leslie C. Curry (P31222) 39 Ionia Ave., N.W., Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672, ext. 116

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 three consecutive weeks and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

A copy of this order shall be sent to DALE P. TEMPLE, JR. at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. JAN. 16, 2004

DANIEL V. ZEMAITIS Judge (P-32490)

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Jeff Kropf makes a rose out of Hershey's Kisses. The class project at Lowell Middle School integrates several learning areas and is currently self-sustaining.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 5.4.1 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would provide new regulations for an Adult Entertainment business. The proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance ordains that certain regulatory provisions governing adult entertainment businesses shall be added as Section 5.4.1 (P) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the Adult Entertainment Ordinance requires certain amendments to the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance as hereinafter described.

The Adult Entertainment Ordinance regulates all adult entertainment businesses located in Lowell Charter Township. For purposes of this ordinance, an "adult entertainment business" is defined as any store, establishment, tavern, club, or theater having more than twenty five percent (25%) of its stock in trade, books, peep booths, magazines, or other periodicals or video movies, films, photographs, novelties, sexual aids, live appearances, or performances which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matters depicting, describing, or related to specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities, as further defined in the ordinance. Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance amendment, an adult entertainment business may only be located in a general commercial zone and only by special use permit granted by the Township Planning Commission. Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance, an adult entertainment business shall not be located:

- (1) Within 500 feet of the property line of any single-family, two-family or multiple-family residential use. For purposes of this section, the term "multiple-family residential use" shall specifically include, but not by way of limitation, any retirement, convalescent or nursing home or facility or other housing for the elderly.
- (2) Within 500 feet of the property line of any public or private school, college or university, or of any nursery school, day nursery or child care center.
- (3) Within 500 feet of the property line of any church or other religious facility or institution.
- (4) Within 500 feet of any public park.
- (5) Within 500 feet of any other adult entertainment business.

The Adult Entertainment Ordinance further regulates and restricts signage and other exterior elements of the building in which the adult entertainment business is located. For example, the merchandise or activities of the adult entertainment business shall not be visible from any point outside the business and the number and type of signs is restricted by the ordinance.

Under the provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance, adult materials may be held for sale, rent, or view in the township only in accordance with specified regulations set forth in the ordinance. All adult materials shall be maintained in a separate area of the premises. The area shall be completely enclosed by opaque walls or partitions which are at least seven feet in height. The area shall have no windows, and shall have an opaque door which shall enclose the area from the floor to at least seven feet in height. The door shall be kept closed during all hours of operation. An employee of the business shall monitor the enclosed area either in person or by video camera at all times. In addition, no adult materials may be sold or made available to any person who is not at least 18 years of age, including employees of the adult entertainment business.

Any person who violates the Adult Entertainment Ordinance shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction. In addition, the Township shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief for the purpose of enjoining any activity which violates the ordinance. In addition to the provisions to be added to the Zoning Ordinance as Section 5.4.1 (P), the Adult Entertainment Ordinance further amends the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.1.1 of the Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

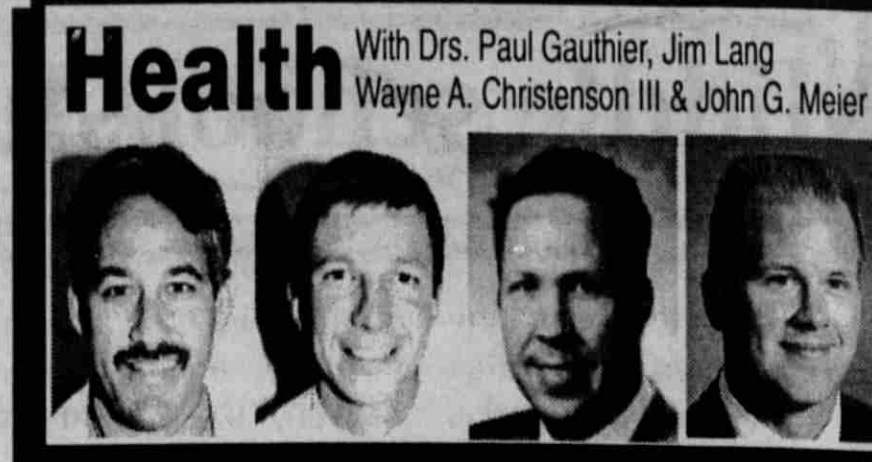
- The reference in Column 2 (Uses Permitted by Right), pertaining to the General Commercial District, to "Retail shops where no assembling, treatment or manufacturing is required" shall be changed to "Retail shops, other than adult entertainment businesses, and where no assembling, treatment or manufacturing is required."
- The following shall be added as item number 3 to Column 3 (Special Use by Planning Commission), pertaining to the General Commercial District: "Adult Entertainment Businesses."
- The reference in Column 3 (Special Use by Planning Commission), pertaining to the Light Industry District to "Any use permitted in the General Commercial District" shall be amended to state as follows: "Any use permitted in the General Commercial District, except an Adult Entertainment Business."

The hearing shall be held as follows:

Monday, February 23, 2004
7:00 P.M.
Lowell Charter Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE
Lowell, Michigan 49331

The above notice only contains a summary of various provisions of the Adult Entertainment Ordinance Amendment. A complete copy of the proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance Amendment can be obtained at the Lowell Charter Township Hall or on the Township's website at <http://www.twp.lowell.mi.us>.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

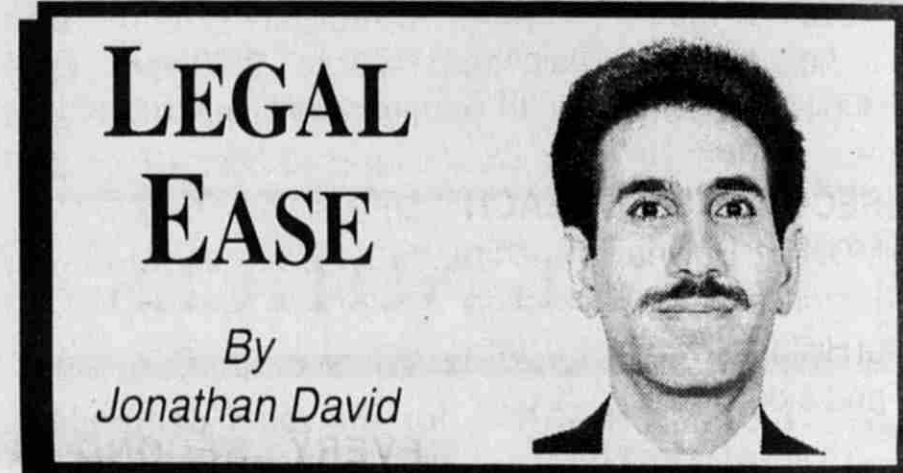


COLD WEATHER INJURIES

Injuries which occur most commonly in children and the elderly are cold-related. There are three conditions we will review: frostnip, frostbite and hypothermia.

Frostnip and frostbite have to do with the amount of circulating heat in our extremities, especially fingers, toes and nose. Frostnip is the freezing of the top layers of skin. Frostbite is the freezing of all layers of the skin. The skin affected turns waxy white and feels numb. Skin remains soft in frostnip, but is hard in frost bite. Treatment consists of warming the extremity. Never rub the skin to warm it as this can cause skin damage. Frostbite is a serious problem that requires medical attention.

Hypothermia is a condition that occurs when body temperature falls below 96 degrees. The elderly are at a higher risk for this than others. Signs of hypothermia include: confusion or sleepiness, slowed or slurred speech, behavior change, excess shivering and slow reactions. Some illnesses and medications place a person at greater risk for hypothermia. Alcohol also lowers the body's ability to retain heat. Hypothermia requires prompt medical attention. The body must be slowly rewarmed under medical supervision.



LEGAL EASE

By
Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN: I am 39 years old and engaged to be married for the first time. I have a fairly sizable estate, but I don't have a will; I have never seen the need to have one since I have never been married and I don't have any children. However, now that I am getting married, I was wondering what would happen to my estate if I die prior to the marriage. I know my fiancée would be protected once we are married, but I am not sure if there are allowances made for her prior to getting married.

JONATHAN SAYS: If you were to die intestate (meaning without a will) prior to getting married, then your entire estate would flow to your parents in equal shares, or if you have only one surviving parent, then to that parent. If neither parent is surviving you, then your estate would flow to your siblings in equal shares. In any case, your fiancée would not be entitled to receive any portion of your estate under the laws of the state of Michigan.

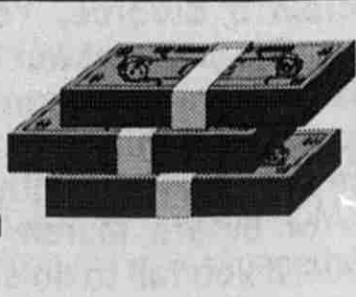
If you die intestate after you are married, but before having children, then your spouse would be entitled to the first \$150,000, plus three quarters of the balance of your estate if a parent survived you.

If you are looking to protect your fiancée prior to getting married, then you need to make out a last will and testament naming her as a beneficiary of your estate.

It would also be advisable for you and your fiancée once you are married to engage in estate planning together, meaning creating last will and testaments, general durable power of attorneys for financial matters, designations of patient advocates for health care matters and possibly a living trust for probate avoidance. Further, if you have a taxable estate, then you will want to see how estate tax planning can benefit you.

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SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

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

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. 897-7161 for info.

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

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

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

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

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 a.m. at Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers...because mothering mat-

ters. 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, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

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

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers, LAAC, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; all are invited. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

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

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

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

EVERY THIRD TUES.: Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Rotary meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake Ave.

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

WEDNESDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Call Larry 754-7104. Public welcome.

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

EVERY SECOND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon, community room, Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY SECOND WED.: Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

THURS.: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St. 5:30 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before the meeting. For info., 800-651-6000.

EVERY SECOND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's general meeting at 7:30 p.m. -? All members in good standing are invited to attend.

THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers at Saranac H.S. Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Kathy Maatman 897-5981.

EVERY THURS.: Pottery classes at Franciscan Life Process Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 897-7842.

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 meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

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

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

EVERY 3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping group, Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create 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, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant & breastfeeding women/nursing children welcome. Ada church. 752-8300.

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

SECOND SATURDAY: Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

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

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

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

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LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues. Wed. & Fri.: 12-5 p.m. Thurs.: 12-7 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., JAN. 28: Vergennes Twp. Hall: Open Space Citizen Committee program 7-8:30 p.m. Call Kate 682-0445 or Marsha 897-8949. Public welcome.

MON., FEB. 2: Lowell Athletic Boosters regular meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

SAT., FEB. 7: Lowell LaCrosse team will have a can drive at former Family Fare parking lot. Proceeds to benefit team. Watch for more info. next week.

WED., FEB. 11: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for the Grand Valley Blood program from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

TUES., FEB. 17: Lowell Area Historical Museum/Lowell Middle School Benjamin Morse Society will co-sponsor a program at Lowell Twp. Hall, 7 p.m. on American Civil War: Lowell, Its People and the Civil War.

Question/answer period follows; light refreshments served. Share your stories about family history of Civil War involvement.

WED., FEB. 18: Lecture Series at Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main. 6:30-8 p.m. Dr. Michael Valitutto, D.O. "How to Prevent Diabetes." Free to public, no registration required.

FEB. 15 - MARCH 20: West Michigan Regional Competition. Call for artists - juried competition. Deadline for two entries: Feb. 5-7. Call LAAC at 897-8545 or email info@lowellartscouncil.org.

MON., MARCH 1: Deadline for musicians to send in CD/cass., bio and pic of group for Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, beginning June 17. Call LAAC (897-8545) or LACC (897-9161) for more information.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

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MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

WED., JAN. 28: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., JAN. 28: 8:30 a.m. Metro Hospital Physical Therapy.

FRI., JAN. 30: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., FEB. 2: Happy Groundhog Day!

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-01

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ARTICLE 13A OF THE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 2000-3 AS AMENDED (ORIGINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 20, 2000) TO PROVIDE FOR THE M-50 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 19th day of January, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Peter F. Siler--Supervisor, Sandra L. Kowalczyk--Clerk, Sally C. Johnson--Treasurer, Karen Hendrick--Trustee, David Fuss--Trustee

ABSENT: None

The following Ordinance was offered by Supervisor Siler and seconded by Clerk Kowalczyk.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS: Section 1 - Addition of Article 13A

Article 13A (Corridor Overlay District) of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) is hereby added immediately following Article 13 to read in its entirety as follows:

Article 13A - Corridor Overlay District

13A.01 Purpose

1. M-50 is a state highway that serves as the primary north-south arterial through the Township, carrying relatively high volumes of traffic. The corridor also provides access to a number of commercial, industrial and residential uses and serves as the entryway to Bowne Township. The purpose of the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone is to promote a balance between the various functions of this corridor, minimize congestion and accident potential, and to create an attractive entry image into the community.

2. This special zoning district was developed following specific evaluation and planning for the corridor through the Township's Master Land Use Plan. The zoning regulations herein are intended to accommodate the variety of uses permitted by the underlying zoning, while ensuring such uses are designed and built to meet the specific objectives of the corridor as follows:

- Maximize the capacity of the road by limiting, and controlling the number and location of driveways and encouraging alternate means of access through shared driveways, service drives, and access from side streets.
- Ensure sufficient right-of-way for future widening of M-50 as properties develop and re-develop and to accommodate safe pedestrian movement along the corridor.
- Promote traffic safety through adequate separation distance between driveways, thereby reducing vehicular conflict and improving reaction time.
- Facilitate high-quality development and redevelopment of commercial and industrial uses through quality architecture, efficient site design, and attractive landscaping.
- Control signs to minimize motorist distraction, avoid blight and clutter, and promote aesthetic harmony with the overall character desired in the corridor, while providing property owners and businesses with an appropriate mechanism with which to identify their location and business.
- Require landscaping on sites along the

corridor as they develop and redevelop to attain desired green space, ensure adequate buffering between uses, and create a consistent and unified image along the corridor.

g. Preserve important existing natural features which contribute to the rural character along the corridor.

13A.02 APPLICABILITY

The standards of this Section shall apply to all lands with frontage along M-50 between 60th Street and the south section line of sections 3 and 4, to a depth of 500 feet and the lands within the area illustrated as the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone on the Bowne Township Zoning Map which is hereby amended as shown on Appendix A attached hereto. The regulations herein apply in addition to, and simultaneously with, the other applicable regulations of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance. Permitted and special land uses within the M-50 Corridor Overlay Zone shall be as regulated in the underlying zoning district (as designated on the Zoning Map), and shall meet all applicable requirements for that district except the regulations of this Section shall supersede any conflicting regulation of the underlying Zoning Districts. In addition, the following regulations shall apply:

- No building or structure, nor the enlargement of any building or structure shall be hereafter erected unless the regulations of this Article are met and maintained in connection with such building, structure, or enlargement.
- Any change in use to a use that requires more parking shall be subject to site plan review by the Planning Commission.
- For building or parking lot expansions or changes in use that require site plan approval, the site shall be brought into compliance with the standards of this Overlay District.
- No land division shall be approved within this Overlay District unless compliance with the access spacing standards herein is demonstrated.

13A.03 RIGHT-OF-WAY PRESERVATION & SETBACKS

1. For site plans submitted after the effective date of this Article, a right-of-way of fifty (50) feet shall be assumed, as measured from the centerline of M-50. All setbacks as required by this Section or by the underlying zoning district shall be measured from this assumed right-of-way.

2. Front Setback Requirements and Modifications.

- The required front setback from M-50 for buildings and structures shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) feet. The front setback from other streets shall conform to the underlying zoning district.
- The Planning Commission may reduce the required front setback to not less than fifty (50) feet during site plan review, provided such modification is necessitated by at least one of the following:
 - would result in preservation of or less alteration to natural site features such as wetlands, vegetation, or steep topography;
 - would allow the proposed use to more safely, effectively, or efficiently utilize the site; or
 - would not result in placement of a building which would be out of character with existing nearby buildings on either side of the corridor.
- The required front setback for off-street parking lots for uses other than one and two family dwellings shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet.
- For existing buildings which have a front setback of less than one hundred (100) feet, such buildings may be expanded or enlarged;

provided the expansion or enlargement does not increase the non-conformity of the front setback.

13A.04 ACCESS STANDARDS

Access points (not including driveways that serve a single family home, two-family dwelling, or essential service facility structure) shall meet the following standards. These standards are based on considerable research in Michigan and nationally, and were prepared concurrent with guidelines promoted by the MDOT.

General Requirements

a. Except as provided in subsection 13A.04.1.1. below, each parcel may be permitted to have one driveway provided the spacing requirements of this section can be achieved. Additional driveways may be permitted by the Planning Commission for any site, provided a traffic impact study is completed which supports an additional driveway and the spacing and alignment criteria listed below are met.

- The site has a frontage of over 660 feet and the spacing standards between access points listed below are met, and the additional access will not prevent adjacent lands from complying with the access spacing standards when such lands develop or redevelop in the future; or
 - A traffic impact study demonstrates the site will generate over 300 trips in a peak hour or 3,000 trips daily, or 400 and 4,000 respectively if the site has access to a traffic signal, and the additional driveway will provide safer conditions for the motoring public and will not create negative impacts on through traffic flow.
- b. The Planning Commission may permit two one-way driveways rather than a single dual movement driveway for particular uses where safer, more efficient circulation and function for the drives can be demonstrated.
- c. The applicant shall submit evidence indicating that the sight distance requirements of the MDOT are met.
- d. Driveways shall be located to minimize interference with the free movement of traffic, to provide adequate sight distance, and to provide the most favorable driveway grade.
- e. For the driveway accessing M-50, there must be enough on-site storage to accommodate at least five queued vehicles waiting to park or exit in order to minimize the possibility of waiting vehicles creating a conflict with street traffic movement.
- f. Provision for circulation between adjacent parcels should be made through coordinated and/or joint parking systems, or other methods, determined at the time of the site plan review.
- g. Driveway entrances must be able to accommodate all vehicle types having occasion to enter the site, including delivery vehicles.
- h. Driveway placement shall be such that loading and unloading activities will not hinder vehicle ingress or egress.
- i. For high traffic generators (exceeding three hundred (300) trips at peak hour), or for commercial driveways, the Planning Commission may require two egress lanes.
- j. A boulevard entrance must comply with the MDOT design requirements.
- k. Where the subject site adjoins land that may be developed or redeveloped in the future, including adjacent lands or potential outlots, the access shall be located to ensure the adjacent site(s) can also meet the access location standards in the future.
- l. Parcels with frontage on an intersecting street, private road, or entry drive shall be accessed from such alternate location and not be permitted direct access to M-50, except where it is determined by the Planning

Commission and supported by a traffic impact study that additional access will create safer conditions for the motoring public and will not result in negative impacts on through traffic movement along the corridor.

2. Driveway Spacing Standards for Uses Other Than Single or Two Family Dwellings.

- Access points shall provide the following spacing from other access points along the same side of the public street (measured from centerline to centerline), based on the posted speed limit along the public street segment on which the property has frontage. Required spacing along M-50 is based on MDOT access guidelines, recognizing the road's primary function is to accommodate through traffic.
 - Minimum spacing requirements between a proposed driveway and a side street intersection on the opposite side of the street or on the same side if an additional drive is permitted on M-50 shall be at least 250 feet. Such distance may be reduced to 125 feet where a channelized driveway restricting left turns from the site is proposed. Measurements are from the near edge of the proposed driveway, measured at the throat perpendicular to the street, to the near lane edge of the intersecting street or pavement edge for uncurbed sections.
 - For sites with insufficient street frontage to maintain the spacing requirements of this section, the Planning Commission may require construction of the driveway along a shared driveway with an adjacent property, construction of a driveway along the property line farthest from the intersection, or require a service road. If these design options cannot be achieved, the Planning Commission may modify the driveway spacing standards so as to allow reasonable access provided such driveway does not create an unsafe traffic condition.
 - Access points along M-50 shall be aligned with driveways on the opposite side of the street or offset a minimum of 250 feet, centerline to centerline. The Planning Commission may reduce this to not less than 150 feet where each of the opposing access points generates less than 50 trips (inbound and outbound) during the peak hour of the street or where sight distance limitations exist.
3. Shared Driveways, Frontage Rods and Service Roads.
- A shared driveway should be located so the midpoint of the driveway is on the property line. Owners of the properties shall execute and record an easement and other legal instrument to provide for joint use and maintenance.
 - Service roads shall generally be parallel or perpendicular to the front property line and may be located either along the side or behind principal buildings. Where site constraints prohibit the development of a rear service road, the Planning Commission may permit a front service road; provided no paved portion of the service road, except the actual driveway intersecting with and providing access to M-50, shall be located within the front twenty-five (25) foot setback. In considering the most appropriate alignment for a service road, the Planning Commission shall consider the setbacks of existing buildings, anticipated traffic flow for the site, and natural features.
 - The service road shall be within an access easement permitting traffic circulation between properties. This easement shall be a minimum of 40 feet wide and the service road shall be paved. Notwithstanding the easement width and paving requirement, all other design standards of Section 3.24 shall be met, as applicable.

d. The service road easement shall be set back a minimum of 25 feet from the required right-of-way to allow for snow storage and landscaping.

e. Where a service road intersects M-50, the edge of the service road parallel to M-50 shall be set back a minimum of sixty (60) feet from the edge of the M-50 pavement to allow for vehicle stacking.

f. Service roads shall have a base, pavement and curb with gutter in accordance with Kent County Road Commission standards for public streets, except the width of the service road shall have a minimum pavement width of 24 feet.

g. The service road is intended to be used exclusively for circulation, not as a parking or maneuvering aisle. The Planning Commission may require the posting of "no parking" signs along the service road.

h. The Planning Commission may approve temporary driveways where a continuous service road or shared driveway is not yet available. A performance guarantee shall be provided, in accordance with Sections 18.10 through 18.15, to ensure elimination of temporary access when the service road or shared driveway is provided. At such time as the permanent service road or shared driveway is completed, the site shall connect to the service road or shared driveway and the temporary drive shall be closed.

i. Each property owner shall be responsible for maintenance of the easement and service drive.

13A.05 PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

- A non-motorized pathway shall be required along the M-50 frontage for any activity requiring site plan, condominium or subdivision plat approval.
- All pathways shall be ten (10) feet wide asphalt and constructed in accordance with the specifications of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).
- Pathways shall be installed by the applicant within the road right-of-way, if approved by MDOT, or within an easement acceptable to the Planning Commission.
- An inclined approach shall be required where pathways intersect curbs for barrier free access.
- Paved walkways shall be provided on-site for access to pathways, adjacent parks, shopping areas, and institutional uses such as schools or churches. The walkway shall be a minimum of five (5) feet wide. Pedestrian movement shall be safely accommodated across parking lots. Walkways shall be separated from motor vehicle travel lanes and parking spaces.

13A.06 LANDSCAPING & SITE DESIGN

- A landscape plan shall be submitted as part of site plan review for property regulated by this Article. The landscape plan shall be drawn to minimum scale of one inch equals fifty feet and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - Location, general type and quality of existing vegetation, including specimen trees.
 - Existing vegetation to be saved.
 - Methods and details for protecting existing vegetation during construction.
 - Location, size, and labels for all proposed plants.
 - Typical straight cross section, including slope, height and width, of berms and the type of ground cover to be placed on them.
 - Plant list(s) showing the required and proposed quantities.
 - Description of landscape maintenance program, including statement that all diseased, damaged or dead materials shall

be replaced in accordance with the standards of Section 3.27.C.7. of this Ordinance.

Landscape Buffers.

a. Landscaping as required by this section shall be provided within the area adjacent to M-50 as follows:

- For non-residential uses the depth of the landscape area shall be a minimum of 25 feet measured from the required right-of-way.
 - For residential uses including multi-family the depth of the landscape area shall be a minimum of 50 feet measured from the required right-of-way.
 - A minimum of two (2) deciduous trees and one (1) evergreen tree shall be provided within the front yard buffer area for each fifty (50) feet of frontage along M-50.
- b. A landscape buffer shall be provided within any rear or side yard of property zoned commercial or industrial which abuts a residential district, in accordance with the following:
- The landscape area shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet wide and extend along the entire length of that portion of the property line abutting the residential district.
 - The buffer shall consist of a vegetative screen in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.27.C. of this Ordinance.

Planting Requirements.

- The required front yard landscape area shall be planted with plants native to Michigan. A balance of evergreen trees, deciduous trees and shrubs shall be planted within the required landscaped area.
- The Planning Commission may give a credit toward the required landscaping amount for existing trees or other vegetation preserved as part of site development.
- Earthen berms are encouraged to be provided.
- The following trees shall not be planted as part of the front yard landscaping: box elders, poplars, elms, willows, red and silver maples, Russian olive, mulberry, catalpa, honey locust (with thorns), horse chestnut (nut bearing), black locust, tree of heaven.
- Planting Guidelines.
 - Front yard landscaping may be clustered in groups to maximize visual impact from the street. Rear and side yard buffers should be planted in rows to provide solid visual screening.
 - Evergreen trees should be spaced at least 20 feet on center.
 - Shade/canopy trees should be spaced at least 25 feet on center.
 - Trees and shrubs should be clustered in locations that are most effective in screening undesirable views, such as dumpsters, utility transformers, receiving areas, etc.
- Parking Area Landscaping. For all parking areas that accommodate 10 cars or more, the following standards apply.
 - Landscaped islands and shade trees shall be located throughout the parking lot to shade expanses of parking, and contribute to the orderly circulation of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Landscaped islands must be a minimum of 160 square feet and a minimum of nine feet wide. Each island must have at least one canopy tree planted within it. Trees shall be planted at least three feet from the edge of the island.
 - One landscape island per every 10 parking spaces will be provided and planted with a canopy tree. Landscape islands may be covered with stone, wood chips or other similar material to prevent weed growth.
 - The Planning Commission may, in its discretion, allow the substitution of all or a portion of the required parking lot landscaping

in exchange for an equivalent perimeter landscaping, in addition to that required in section 13A.06.2.

6. Minimum Standards for plants at time of planting and other landscape features.

- a.Canopy/shade trees 2.5 inches in caliper
b.Evergreen trees 5 feet in height
c.Shrubs 24 inches in height
d.Walls Masonry walls shall be of clay, brick, stone or other decorative masonry material and shall be placed on footings which meet the requirements of the local building code.

7. Maintenance of Plants.

- a.All plant material shall be hardy when planted and maintained in accordance with natural growth patterns. Withered, diseased or dead plants shall be replaced within a reasonable amount of time, but no longer than one growing season.
b.Plants must be controlled by pruning, trimming, or other suitable methods so they do not interfere with public utilities, restrict pedestrian or vehicular access, or constitute a traffic hazard.

13A.07 LIGHTING

1. General Requirements.

- a.When the installation of outdoor lighting is part of a development proposal for which site plan approval is required, the Planning Commission shall review and approve the lighting installation as part of its site plan approval process.
b.A lighting plan shall be submitted with the site plan showing light fixture locations, the type of fixture(s) proposed, and additional lighting specifications as may be required by this Ordinance or by the Planning Commission to demonstrate compliance with Ordinance requirements.
c.Proposed lighting installations not covered by this Article may be approved if they are designed to minimize glare, do not direct light beyond the boundaries of the area being illuminated or onto adjacent properties or streets, and do not result in excessive illumination levels.
d.The Planning Commission may modify the requirements of this Section if it determines that in so doing, it will not jeopardize the intent of this Article.

2. Exemptions. The following outdoor light fixtures are exempt from the provisions of this Article:

- a.Outdoor light fixtures installed prior to the effective date of this Article are exempt from its provisions; provided, however, that when there is any change or any replacement, structural alteration or restoration of such outdoor fixtures, then the fixture shall thereafter conform to all provisions of this Article.
b.Fossil fuel light produced directly or indirectly by the combustion of natural gas or other utility type fuels.
c.Street lights located within a public right-of-way.
d.Outdoor light fixtures which use an incandescent light bulb of 150 watts or less except where they create a hazard or nuisance from glare or spill light.
e.Lighting necessary for road or utility construction or emergencies.

3. Outdoor Light Fixtures. All outdoor fixtures including building mounted fixtures, shall be cut-off fixtures as defined by IESNA (Illumination Engineering Society of North America) except those exempted under section 2.

The intensity of the light emitted from the fixture at any angle above a cut-off angle of 80

degrees from the vertical must be less than 10% of the total lamp lumens of the outdoor light fixture. No more than 2.5% of the lamp lumens shall be emitted above a horizontal plane running through the lowest point on the fixture where light is emitted.

4. Parking Lot and Access Drive Lighting.

- a.Parking lot lighting shall be designed to provide the minimum lighting necessary to ensure adequate vision and comfort and not to cause glare or direct illumination on to adjacent properties or streets.
b.All lighting fixtures serving parking lots shall be cut-off fixtures as defined by IESNA's Lighting Handbook.
c.Mounting heights of standard cut-off fixtures shall not exceed thirty (30) feet. Mounting heights of fixtures that are located within one hundred (100) feet of a residential district shall not exceed twenty (20) feet.
d.Alternative Lighting: The use of fixtures from a particular period or architectural style may be utilized as either alternatives or supplements to the lighting described above. Mounting heights of such alternative fixtures shall not exceed 15 feet.
e.The level of light trespass onto surrounding properties or roads shall not exceed 0.01 foot-candles. This shall be measured as specified in Section 13A.07.3.

5. Canopy Lighting.

- a.Light fixtures mounted in canopies shall be recessed so that the lens cover is recessed or flush with the bottom surface (ceiling) of the canopy and/or shielded by the fixture or the edge of the canopy so that light is restrained to no more than 85 degrees from vertical.
b.As an alternative (or supplement) to recessed ceiling lights in a canopy, indirect lighting may be used where light is beamed upward and then reflected down from the underside of the canopy. In this case light fixtures must be shielded so that direct illumination is focused exclusively on the underside of the canopy.
c.Lights shall not be mounted on the top or sides (fascias) of the canopy, and the sides of the canopy shall not be illuminated.
d.The level of light trespass onto surrounding properties or roads shall not exceed 0.01 foot-candles. This shall be measured as specified in sec. 13A.07.3.

- 6. Security Lighting. All security lighting fixtures shall be shielded and aimed so that illumination is directed only to designated areas and not cast onto other areas. In no case shall lighting be directed above a horizontal plane through the top of the lighting fixture and the fixture shall include shields that prevent the light source or lens from being visible from adjacent properties and roadways. The use of general floodlighting fixtures shall be prohibited.

7. Illumination of Building Facades. When buildings and structures including flags mounted on poles or on buildings are to be illuminated, the Planning Commission shall approve a design for the illumination and the following shall apply:

- a.Maximum illumination on any surface shall not exceed 4.0 foot-candles.
b.Lighting fixtures shall be carefully located, aimed and shielded so that light is directed only onto the item being illuminated. Lighting fixtures shall not be directed toward adjacent streets, roads or properties.
c.Lighting fixtures mounted on the building and designed to "wash" the facade with light are preferred.
d.The illumination of landscaping shall not generate excessive light levels, cause glare, or direct light beyond the landscaping.
e.The level of light trespass onto surrounding properties or roads shall not exceed 0.01 foot-candles. This shall be measured as specified in Section 13A.07.3.

8. Night Lighting. Outdoor fixtures for off-street

parking lots or building facades which face or abut a residential zone or an area planned for residential use shall be turned off between 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except for lights which are necessary for security purposes.

9. Definition of Terms. Lighting terms used in this section shall have the same meaning as set forth in the IESNA's Lighting Handbook.

13A.08 SIGNS

The purpose of this section is to control signs intended to be visible from the public right-of-way. Unless otherwise stated herein, all signs permitted by Article 17 shall be permitted in the overlay district; provided that where the requirements of this section are more restrictive than Article 17, these provisions shall apply.

1. Definitions.

Commercial Establishment: A business operating independent of any other business located in a freestanding building; in a strip mall, a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door which may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business; in an enclosed structure with a shared climate controlled area, a business completely separated from other businesses by walls from the ground up and with a door or entrance which may regularly be used by the public for exclusive ingress and egress to that business and which may be closed to the public even while the common area is open to the public; and in an office building, a business holding itself out to the public as a single entity, independent of other businesses or persons.

Directional Sign: A sign which gives directions, instructions, or facility information for the movement of vehicles or pedestrians on the lot on which the sign is located, such as parking or exit and entrance signs, but not including a commercial message.

Development Entry Sign: A ground-mounted sign identifying a platted subdivision or site condominium in a commercial or industrial district and which may contain the names of the businesses located within such development.

Foot-candle: A measure of light falling on a given surface. One foot-candle is equal to the amount of light generated by one candle shining on a square foot surface one foot away. Foot-candle may be measured both horizontally and vertically by a light meter.

Governmental Sign: A sign erected or required to be erected by a local government, county, or the state or the federal government.

Portable Sign: A sign that is not permanent or affixed to a building or structure and by its nature may be or is intended to be moved from one location to another, whether rented or owned, such as "A" frame signs or signs attached to or painted on vehicles parked and visible from the public right-of-way, unless the vehicle is used for vehicular purposes in the normal day-to-day operations of the business.

Residential Community Sign: A sign identifying a platted subdivision, site condominium project, multi-family development, or other residential development.

Roof Sign: A sign erected above (or which extends above) the roof line of a building.

2. General Provisions.

- a.Signs prohibited: In addition to the provisions of Section 17.08, the following signs shall also be prohibited: off-premise advertising signs (except development entry and residential community signs); portable signs; roof signs; banners, pennants, streamers and flag signs; inflatable signs.
b.Exempt signs: As provided in Section 17.07.
c.Permits shall be required for the erection of signs as regulated by Section 17.09 of this Ordinance.

d.Directionality: No more than three (3) feet in height and three (3) square feet in size, except that such dimensions may be exceeded if approved during site plan review. A directional sign may contain a logo of an on-premise establishment but no advertising copy.

e.External illumination: It is the intent of this section to ensure that externally illuminated signs do not create glare or unduly illuminate the surrounding area. The following provisions shall apply:

- i.Lighting fixtures shall be carefully located, aimed and shielded so that light is directed only onto the sign facade. Lighting fixtures shall not be aimed at adjacent streets, roads or properties.
ii.Light fixtures shall be of a type such that the light source (bulb) is not directly visible from adjacent streets, roads or properties.
iii.To the extent possible, fixtures shall be mounted and directed downward (i.e., below the horizontal).

f.Billboards: The erection of billboards shall only be permitted within commercial or industrial zoning districts and shall meet the requirements of Section 17.03A.

3. Signs in Residential and Agricultural Zoning Districts

- a.One Residential Community Sign, identifying a residential community, is allowed at each entrance to the development, except that not more than two such identification signs shall be allowed per development and they shall be at least three hundred (300) feet apart. Such sign shall be a maximum of thirty-two (32) square feet.
b.For non-residential uses, one ground sign not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet and one wall sign not to exceed five (5) percent of the area of the wall to which it is attached or a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet, whichever is less.
c.Ground signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty (20) feet from a public or private road right-of-way, twenty (20) feet from side lot lines and shall not otherwise obstruct the vision of drivers.

4. Signs in Commercial Zoning Districts.

- a.One ground sign or freestanding sign per parcel not to exceed sixty (60) square feet. For a ground sign, the sign and any mounting side, or rear, which faces a public or private structure shall not exceed six (6) feet in height. Freestanding signs shall not exceed glass, stone, or stucco-twenty-five (25) feet in height.
b.For a lot or parcel with more than one (1) commercial establishment, one (1) ground sign or freestanding sign is allowed per street frontage, except that not more than two such surrounding properties, and further provided that identification signs shall be allowed per lot or parcel and there shall be at least one hundred (100) feet of frontage along any street where provided for in any duly adopted ordinances and such sign is located. The sign and any mounting structure shall not exceed six (6) feet in height for a ground sign or twenty-five (25) feet in height for a pole sign. The sign shall be softened area shall not exceed eighty (80) square feet.
c.Ground signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty (20) feet from a public or private road right-of-way, twenty (20) feet from side lot lines and shall not otherwise obstruct the vision of drivers.
d.Each commercial establishment is permitted to have one wall sign per street frontage. For landscaping, or woodlands.

13A.09 BUILDING FACADES & DESIGN

All new buildings and structures for commercial and industrial uses shall be so designed to be compatible with surrounding uses, protect the harmoniously with site features, and promote high quality image to those traveling along the M-50 corridor. Therefore, the following architectural vision of drivers. No ground sign shall exceed a height of six (6) feet, including mounting structure.

entrance to the development, except that not more than two (2) such signs shall be allowed per development and there shall be at least one hundred (100) feet of frontage along any street where such sign is located. The sign and any mounting structure shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall be a maximum of sixty (60) square feet in area. No such sign shall be located closer than one hundred fifty (150) feet to any other freestanding or ground sign located within the required setback area along M-50 and on the same side of the street.

5. Signs in Industrial Zoning Districts.

- a.One ground sign per parcel not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet. Such sign shall not exceed six (6) feet in height including the mounting structure.
b.One ground sign identifying a multiple tenant building or industrial park is permitted per street frontage, except that not more than two such identification signs shall be allowed per development and there shall be at least one hundred (100) feet of frontage along any street where such sign is located. The sign and any mounting structure shall not exceed six (6) feet in height and shall be a maximum of sixty (60) square feet.
c.Ground signs shall be set back a minimum of twenty (20) feet from a public or private road right-of-way, twenty (20) feet from side lot lines and shall not otherwise obstruct the vision of drivers.
d.One wall sign is permitted per building. The size of a wall sign shall not exceed one (1) square foot for each one (1) linear foot of the wall to which it is attached, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) square feet.

13A.10 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS & REVIEW

All uses within the M-50 Corridor Overlay District, except single or two-family dwellings, shall be subject to site plan review, in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of this Ordinance and all requirements of this Article.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY
If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT
As amended by this Ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration of seven (7) days after publication hereof.
The Township of Bowne, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:
Ayes: Fuss, Hendrick, Johnson, Kowalczyk, Siler
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

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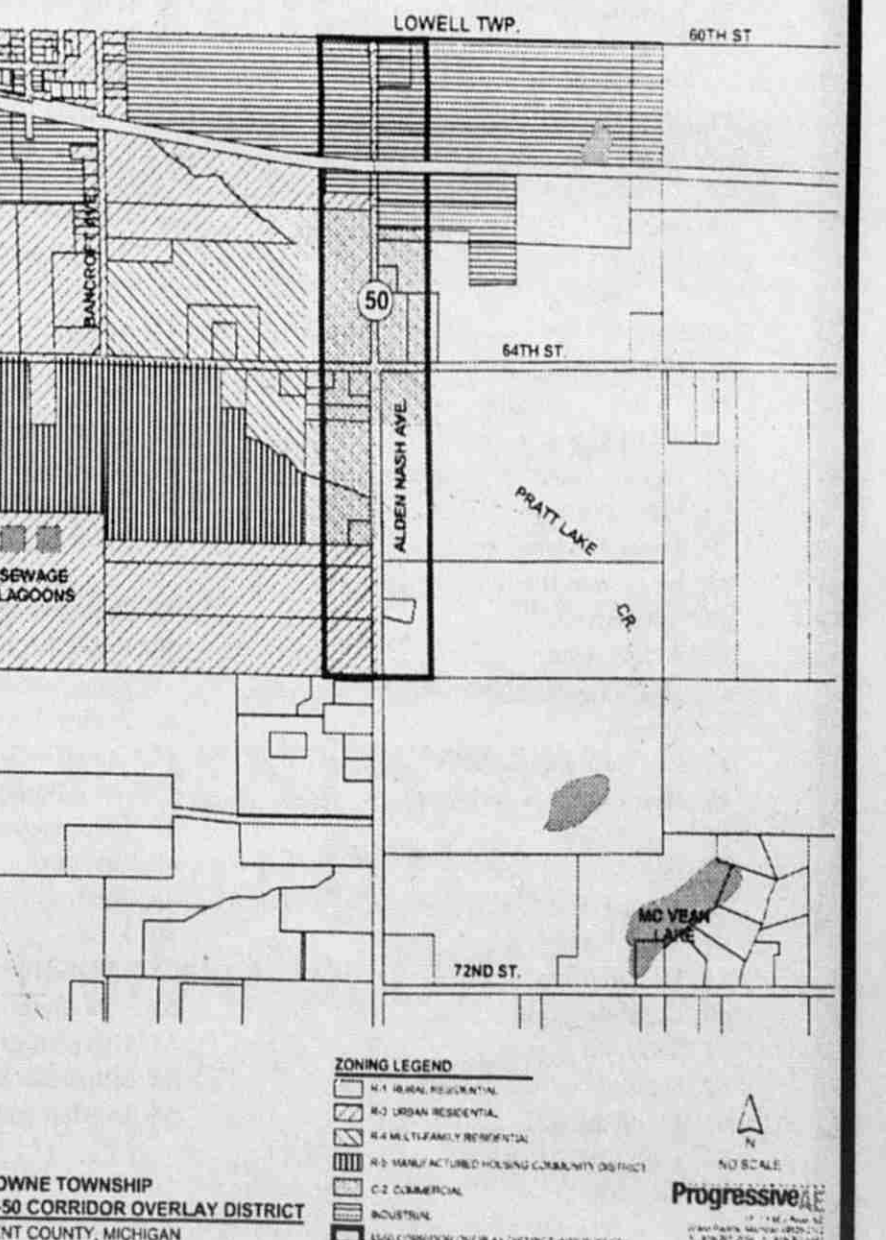
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the Township Board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 19, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

AUTHENTICATED:
Peter F. Siler, Supervisor

Date Adopted: Jan. 19, 2004
Date Published: Jan. 28, 2004



Council gives green light to spend block grants on sidewalk

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

The North Kent Transit Service will get an increase, sidewalks get the go-ahead, and the Rockford Ambulance gets its money toward vehicle locators. That is what the Lowell City Council decided to allocate its 2004-2005 Community Development Block Grant funds on.

Receiving no public comment on the use of the money at last week's meeting, the council decided, after some discussion, to move forward with staff suggestions ... with a few changes.

The largest amount, about \$41,199, will go toward sidewalk improvements on the south side of Foreman Road to Creekside Park via Gee Drive. Dave Austin, of Will-

iams and Works, recommended the city move forward with the sidewalk project rather than put it toward the reconstruction of Gee Drive. City manager, David Pasquale said it was Austin's feeling that the amount of money would only cover approximately 200 feet of the Gee Drive work and that the project needed to be totally engineered out to handle some of the concerns, i.e., proper drainage.

City councilman, Jim Pfaller said he couldn't support sidewalk that really doesn't lead anywhere. However, police chief, Jim Valentine said, "Any sidewalk is good" and the proposed sidewalk would provide an alternate route for students heading to Cherry Creek Element-

ary. Valentine said sidewalks promote safety for everyone.

City councilman, Al Mathews said the additional route could become important if Litehouse, Inc., does decide to end the pathway agreement behind its building, which gives students a safe way to the park and school. "I think if the sidewalks were there, we might be surprised at the number of people who will use it," said mayor, Jeanne Shores.

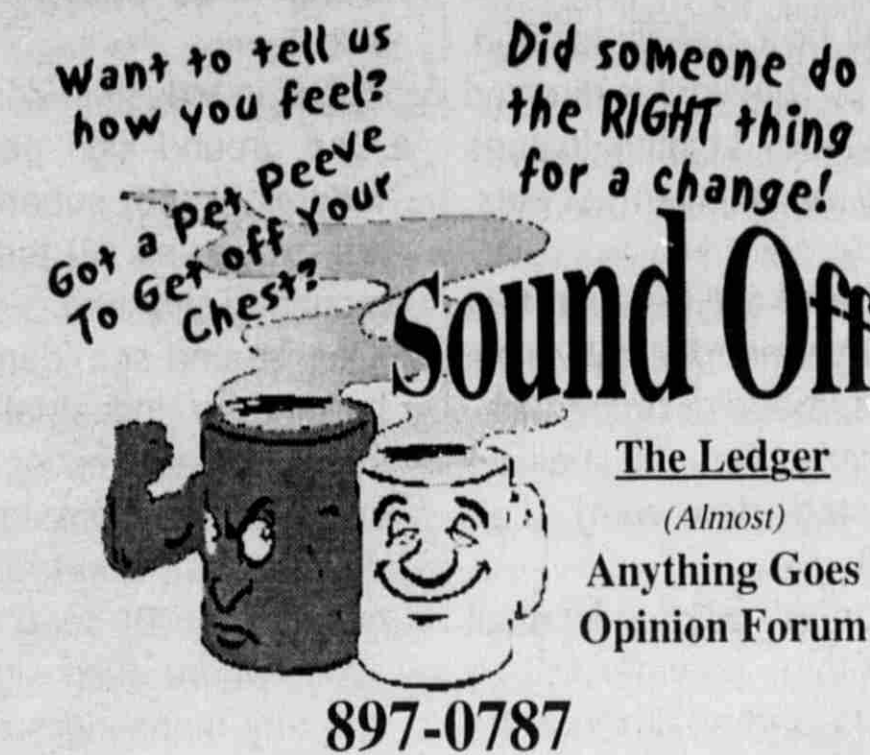
About \$2,000 was redirected from the sidewalk project to the North Kent Transit program, which provides transportation to senior citizens and handicapped residents. This gave the service \$6,000 towards its budget, which last year was just over \$10,000. Pasquale said keep-

ing the amount below the actual total needed provides a nice check for the city on who is using the service and the number of riders.

Lastly, the council designated \$2,000 to the Rockford

Ambulance for automatic vehicle locators for its trucks. Rockford Ambulance, which services the city of Lowell for emergency needs, made a presentation two weeks ago with representatives stating that the

locators would help the company response time by locating vehicles in the area of an emergency and getting the units to the emergency faster.



School kids were made to line up outside because the wind-chill was 7; in Grand Rapids, but it was -1 in Ionia. What do you suppose it was in Lowell? I think if the kids at school have to stay outside when the temperature is in the single digits, so should the principal.

Lowell schools transportation takes another BIG hit! Town kids will walk next year. Yet the teachers won't do what all of us do. Pay a small amount of insurance cost. It's time we demand that they do!

Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!

The Lowell Fire Department can be congratulated and thanked for doing what they can to help our community.

I'm really upset that our temp 12; and our children have been playing outside for recess. I don't see any of our teachers out there. When the temperatures are that cold, they should be inside.

I thought there was a city ordinance against cats running free. It's too cold for them to find food. I wish people would think about their animals and their neighbors and keep their cats inside.

I'm concerned about the amount of millage requests that will be coming to taxpayers in 2004 this year. Many are for perpetual millages and you'll pay them forever.

What a great idea! I hope people take advantage of Lowell Ledger's new addition, "Volunteers Spotlight." Now we can find out where help is needed in our community.

Whoever did this to the paper drive trailer did this as a slap in the face to the Lowell community. If they want to do this to the community, they can just as well leave Lowell.

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Lowell students excel at regional business conference

Hundreds of business professionals descended upon Davenport University in Grand Rapids to demonstrate business management, marketing and technology skills, network with others, and be honored for their hard work.

What separated this event from any other business conference? The business professionals in attendance were still in high school. Student members of the Lowell Chapter of Business Professionals of America showed their skills and brought home the gold at the 2004 Regional Leadership Conference, held Jan. 9.

They include: Megan Shellenbarger, first place in Graphic Design; Meghan Beachum, second place in Management/Marketing/HR Concepts; Jacque Vos, second place in Banking & Finance and third place in Financial Math; Sarah Fitzpatrick, second place in Economic Research Project; Nikki Baker, fourth place in Economic Research Project and seventh place in Management/Marketing/HR Concepts; Matt Scheider, sixth place in Legal Office Procedures; Andrew Benedict, seventh place in Computerized

Accounting; Caitie Searfoss, seventh place in Administrative Support Concepts; Wendy Seif, fifth place in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts.

The Parliamentary Procedure Team placed third. Team members included Sarah

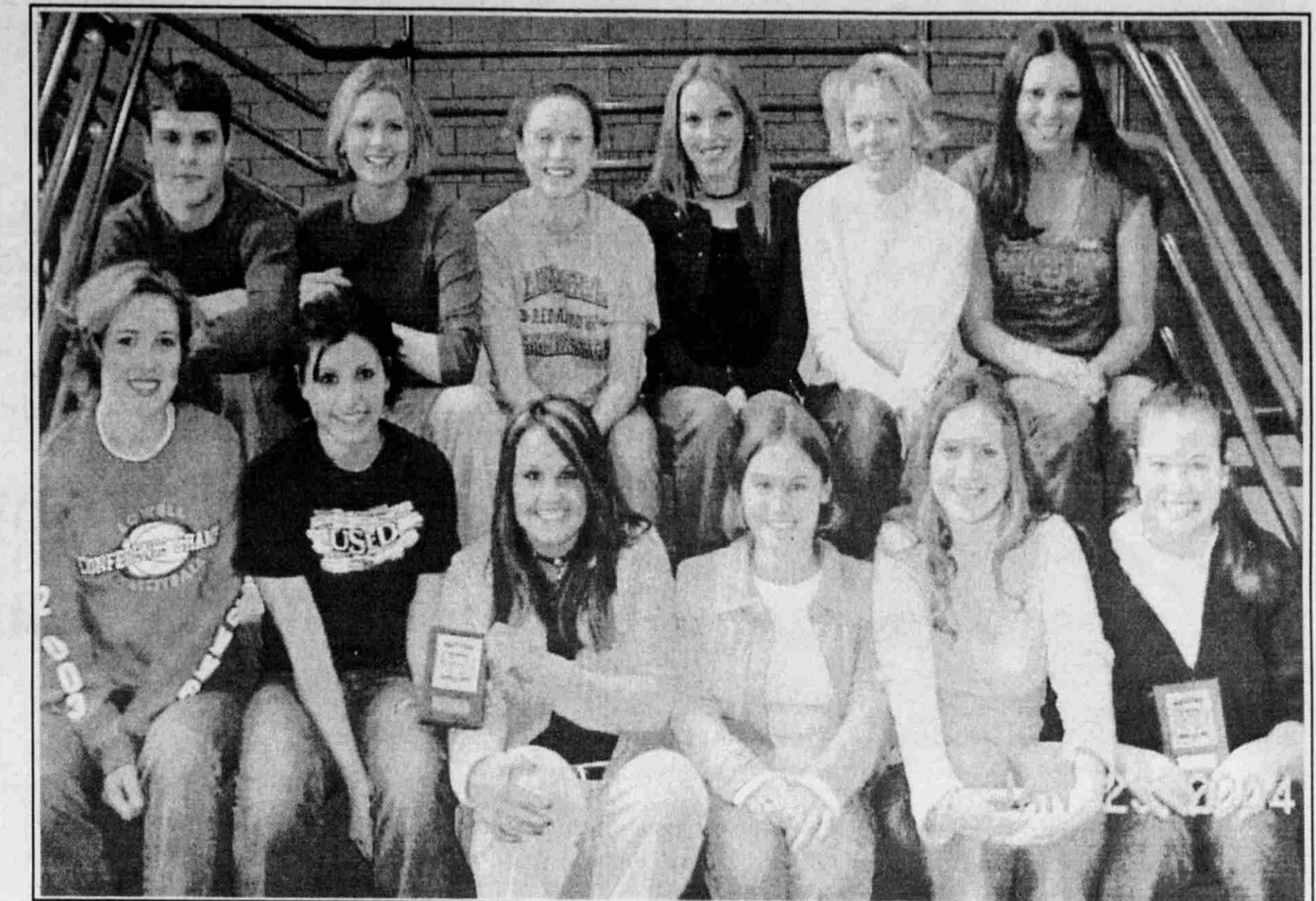
Fitzpatrick, Jean Kimberlin, Nikki Baker, Ashley VanEck, Emily Nurmikko and Wendy Seif.

These students will represent Lowell High School at the 2004 State Leadership Conference on March 4-7 at

the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, where they will compete with students from across Michigan, attend workshops designed to aid in professional development, and gain valuable skills

for their lives ahead in the world of work.

Top students at the state conference will advance to the National Leadership conference held in Cincinnati in April.



Students representing Lowell at the Regional Leadership conference are, back row, left to right: Andrew Benedict, Megan Shellenbarger, Caitie Searfoss, Cara Mooney, Jacque Vos and Wendy Seif; front row are: Meghan Beachum, Emily Nurmikko, Ashley VanEck, Jean Kimberlin, Nikki Baker, and Sarah Fitzpatrick. Missing from the picture is Matt Scheider.

Wayland snaps LHS bowling winning streak

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell High School boys' bowling team improved their record to 5-0 last week with wins against Caledonia and East Grand Rapids. Then Wayland came to town and handed them their first loss of the season.

The score was 17-13. High rollers for Lowell were John Eickhoff (211), Jim Denney (177) and Sean Adriane (175).

The girls' team lost by the same score. Rachel Nawrocki rolled a 225 and Lisa Brown rolled 189 and 148.

In the Caledonia match last Tuesday, the boys won 22-8.

Wayland rolled the high game for Lowell in the match with a 217. He rolled 169 in his second game. Other high scorers for the Lowell boys were Eickhoff (203, 173), Denney (193, 180), Eric Horsford (178) and Karl Bohuis (175).

The girls also defeated Caledonia. Their win was by

a score of 20 1/2 to 9 1/2. A half-point is scored when a bowler ties a game with her opponent.

Nawrocki rolled a 170 and 148 game for the girls. Brown bowled a 136 and a 122.

The boys' team defeated East Grand Rapids 29-1 last Thursday. High scorers for Lowell were Denney (223, 193), Eickhoff (172, 153), Bohuis (208), Anthony Everitt (197), Patnode (191) and Adriane (182).

The girls lost to East 19-11. High scorers for Lowell were Nawrocki (177, 171), Brown (123, 145), Tiffany Blanchard (112), Jodi Hutchinson (114) and Christina Kosbar (89).

"The girls are starting to bowl better; they're finally starting to click," coach Rocky Eickhoff said. "Like last night (Thursday), they lost by only a few points - just get a few more marks in there and they'll be winning."

The Falcons had 116 points to the Red Arrows' 69.

Luke Baker won the 50 free and the 100 fly for the Arrows. Cara Teft took first in diving and Alison Nugent took second. Nick Duley swam backstroke in the meet for the first time this season and clocked the team's fastest time so far this year. Megan

Lowell swimming improving times

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell swimming and diving team lost its meet last Tuesday against West Catholic, but coach Casey Lanser is happy with the progress his team is making.

"Everyone continues to drop time and the meet was a lot closer than I expected it to be," Lanser said.

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Shellenbarger chopped 15 seconds off her time in the 500 freestyle.

Lowell took sixth out of seven teams at the Wayland Invitational last Saturday. Fremont took first place.

Lowell finished ahead of Unity Christian, whom they will meet again in a conference dual meet, Feb. 12.

Baker won the 50 free and 100 free. Teft took first place in diving.

Lowell faced Godwin Heights on Monday. Their next meet is Thursday against Byron Center.

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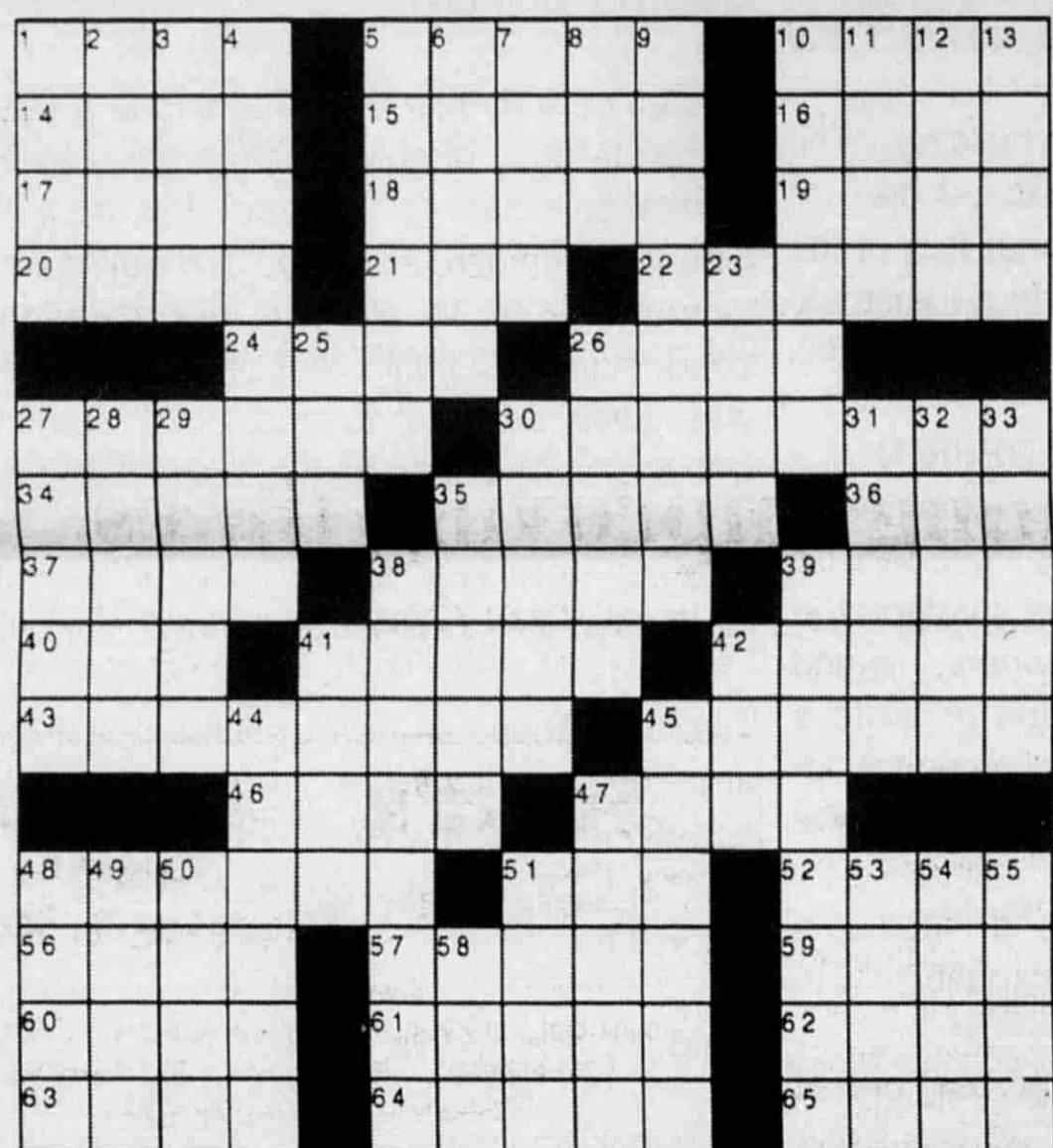
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1. Rejoinder
5. Pitched
10. Like Truman's deal
14. "Render therefore ... Caesar ..."
15. Shortstop Pee Wee
16. Beige
17. 13th or 15th of the month
18. Tripod for Titan
19. Part of UAE
20. Gobbler gents
21. Sandwich letters
22. Fondle
24. Miseries
26. Brood
27. One of Eddie's axes
30. reading
34. Grown
35. Wines and ___
36. To the ___ degree
37. Small bug
38. Pickled watermelon pieces
39. Famed canine
40. Fraction (abbr.)
41. Birdy mouths
42. Alpacoes
43. Pickpockets
45. Mother with a Nobel Prize
46. Shrewd
47. Last name in fastballs
48. Snack for the martini set
51. ___ action
52. Jai ___
56. Actor Estrada
57. Marx Brother
59. Prepare food
60. Gambling cubes
61. Souvenir
62. Seabird
63. Idyllic garden
64. Finn's neighbor
65. Beholds

DOWN

1. Resign
2. Disassemble
3. Thing
4. Able to happen
5. Bass' counterpart
6. "Time ___ all wounds"
7. Break
8. Language suffix
9. Hails
10. Dreaded
11. Measure equal to four rods
12. Individual Retirement Accounts (abbr.)
13. Polishes
23. They reared Tarzan
25. Used a match
26. Repairs
27. Retards
28. Decree
29. Mesa
30. Boitano's work areas
31. Senseless
32. Geographic reference book
33. It was once called the Forbidden City
35. "___ of a Mad Housewife"
38. Appoints again
39. House heaters
41. Radar screen image
42. English beverage
44. Open one's eyes
45. Actor Power
47. Competed at Indy 500
48. Give up
49. Very dry
50. Kind
51. Slender fish
53. Folk myth
54. High ranking (2 wds.)
55. Singer Turner et al.
58. In what way?

BOWNE TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2004-02 LIQUOR LICENSE ORDINANCE

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 19th day of January, 2004, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Peter F. Siler--Supervisor, Sandra L. Kowalczyk--Clerk, Sally C. Johnson--Treasurer, Karen Hendrick--Trustee, David Fuss--Trustee
ABSENT: None

The following Ordinance was offered by Hendrick and seconded by Kowalczyk.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. State License for Sale of Liquor for On-Premises Consumption--Approval by the Township Board.

- (a) Terms defined in the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, as amended, shall have the same meaning when used in this Ordinance, unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance.
- (b) No person shall sell any alcoholic liquor (beer, wine, or spirits) for consumption on the premises in any establishment in the Township without first obtaining a license therefor as required by all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. For purposes of this Ordinance, "person" shall mean an individual or any legal entity (including, but not limited to, a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, joint venture, business, or trust).
- (c) Applications for approval by the Township Board of a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor (beer, wine or spirits) for consumption on the premises shall be made to the Township Clerk in writing, signed by the applicant (if an individual) or by a duly authorized agent thereof (if a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity), verified by oath or affidavit, and shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - (1) The name, age and address of the applicant in the case of an individual; or, in the case of a partnership or other legal entity, the persons entitled to share in the profits thereof; or, in the case of a corporation, the objects for which organized, the names and addresses of the officers and directors, and the names and addresses of all stockholders.
 - (2) The citizenship of the applicant, his place of birth, and, if a naturalized citizen, the time and place of his naturalization.
 - (3) The character of the applicant's business.
 - (4) The length of time the applicant has been in business of that character or, in the case of a corporation, the date when its charter was issued.
 - (5) The location and description of the premises or place of business which is to be operated under the license.
 - (6) A statement whether the applicant has made application for a similar or other license on premises other than described in the application, and the disposition of the other application.

- (7) A statement that the applicant has never been convicted of a felony and is not disqualified to receive a license by reason of any matter or requirement contained in this Ordinance or the laws and regulations of the State of Michigan.
- (8) A statement that the applicant will not violate any local, state or federal laws and regulations in the conduct of its business.
- (9) The application shall be accompanied by building and plat plans showing the entire structure and premises and in particular the specific areas where the license is to be utilized. The plans shall demonstrate adequate off-street parking, lighting, refuse disposal facilities, and where appropriate, adequate plans for screening and noise control.
- (10) The applicant shall provide as a part of the application all information which is required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for an application for the same type of license, and, in addition, any other information deemed necessary by the Township Board to adequately review the application as provided by this Ordinance and authorized by law.
- (11) The payment of such fees as the Township Board may establish by resolution from time to time.
- (12) The Township Clerk, after receiving an application under this Section, shall refer the application to the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Chief and the Building Official for review. After receiving reports from such persons, the Township Clerk shall present the application to the Township Board. The Township Board shall grant a public hearing on a license application when, in its discretion, the Township Board wishes to consider the issuance of a liquor license. Notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township not less than ten (10) days before the hearing. If approved, the Township Clerk shall furnish a certificate of approval, which he or she shall forward to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
- (13) The Township Board may not approve any application for the issuance or transfer of an on-premises license to (and may object to the renewal or request revocation of any existing license) for:
 - (1) A person whose license has previously been revoked for cause.
 - (2) A person who, at the time of application for renewal of any license, would not be eligible for the license upon a first application.
 - (3) A partnership or other legal entity, unless all of the members of the partnership or legal entity shall qualify to obtain a license as provided by this Ordinance and any other applicable laws and regulations.
 - (4) A corporation, if any officer, manager or director thereof, or any stockholder or stockholders owning in the aggregate more than ten percent (10%) of the stock of such corporation would not be eligible to receive a license for any reason.
 - (5) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent, unless the manager or agent meets the same qualifications required by the licensee under this Ordinance and any other applicable laws and regulations.

- (6) A person who has been convicted of a violation of any local, state, or federal law or regulation concerning the manufacture, possession or sale of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance.
- (7) A person who does not own the premises for which a license is sought or who does not have a lease for the premises (or who will not own the premises or have an option to lease the premises) for the full period for which the license is issued; or a person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that, as determined by the Township Board, does not have sufficient financial assets to carry on or maintain the business.
- (8) A person whose license is in escrow if the Township Board finds that the owner of the escrowed license is in violation of any local, state or federal law or regulation, or if the license is held in escrow for more than one year.
- (9) Any law enforcement official or member of the Township Board.
- (10) Any premises where there exists a violation of any applicable building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing or fire codes, zoning regulations, public health regulations, or any Township Ordinance, or a violation of any other applicable law or regulation.
- (11) Any premises where it is determined by the Township Board that the premises do not, or will not reasonably soon after commencement of operations, have adequate off-street parking, lighting, refuse disposal facilities, screening, noise or nuisance control or where a nuisance does or will exist.
- (12) Any premises where the Township Board determines that the proposed location is inappropriate, considering factors including, without limitation, the desirability of establishing a location in developed, commercial areas, in preference to isolated, undeveloped areas; the impact on adjacent residents and property owners; traffic safety; accessibility to the site from abutting roads to accommodate the commercial activity; distance from public or private schools; proximity of an inconsistent zoning classification; and accessibility from primary roads or state highways.
- (13) Any premises where any real or personal property taxes, special assessments, sewer charges, or any other obligations due and payable to the Township are delinquent and remain unpaid.
- (14) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in determining whether to grant its approval of an application for a license, the Township Board may review and consider any other factors as it deems relevant and appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- (15) Following approval of an application for a new license by the Township Board, and upon filing of the license application with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the applicant shall provide a complete copy of such application to the Township Clerk. If the applicant fails to file an application for a license with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission within 180 days of the date of issuance of a certificate of approval by the Township as provided by this Section, the approval granted by the Township Board for the new license application shall automatically lapse and shall be of no further force or effect for any purpose.

- (h) If the licensee (or any successor in interest to the licensee) fails to continue to maintain full compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, the Township Board may recommend that the license not be renewed or request revocation of the license.
 - (i) Notwithstanding any provision of this Ordinance, the Township Board is under no obligation to distribute any of the remaining unissued licenses available within the Township at any given time. No applicant has a right to the issuance of a license and the Township Board reserves the right to exercise its discretion to the fullest extent permitted by law to determine which applications, if any, to approve. Further, no applicant has the right to have its application processed and the Board reserves the right to take no action with respect to any application for approval filed with the Township. The Township Board may maintain a list of all applicants and review the list when, in its discretion, it determines that the issuance of an additional license is in the best interests of the Township and for the needs, benefit, and convenience of its citizens. Where there are competing applications for an available liquor license, the Township Board may choose which of such applicants, if any, should receive approval for such license. In making such determination the Township Board may consider, but not be limited to, the following considerations:
 - (a) Zoning of the premises and adjacent parcels.
 - (b) Availability of utilities.
 - (c) The uses to be conducted on the premises.
 - (d) Traffic on adjacent streets and the existence of or potential for any traffic hazards in the area or produced by the applicant's proposed use.
 - (e) Economic backing of applicant sufficient to conduct such a use.
 - (f) The design and layout of improvements of the applicant for the proposed use.
 - (g) Effect upon existing adjacent uses.
 - (h) Any information contained in the application or requirements of this Ordinance.
 - (i) This Ordinance shall not operate to limit any power or authority vested in the Township Board under applicable laws, regulations, or constitutions.
- Section 2. Liquor license-Procedure and Criteria for Nonrenewal or Revocation.**
- (a) Before filing an objection to the renewal or a request for revocation of an on-premises license with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the Township Board shall serve the licensee with notice of a hearing on the matter by the Township Board. The notice shall be served by first class mail, mailed not less than ten (10) days prior to hearing, and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The nature of the action proposed to be taken by the Township Board (i.e., objection to renewal or request for revocation).
 - (2) The reasons for the proposed action.
 - (3) The date, time and place of the hearing.
 - (4) A statement that the licensee may present evidence and testimony and confront adverse witnesses, if any, and has the right to be represented by an attorney.

- holder and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission with a written statement of its finding and determination.
 - (b) The Township Board may recommend nonrenewal or revocation of an on-premises license if it determines, based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing, that any of the following circumstances apply:
 - (1) The licensee has violated any provision of this Ordinance.
 - (2) Any of the criteria described in Section 1(e) apply to the licensee or to the premises; or
 - (3) The maintenance of a nuisance upon the premises.
 - (4) The licensee has not engaged in, or has discontinued or terminated, the sale of beer and wine or spirits under the license at the premises for twelve (12) consecutive months.
 - (5) Fraudulent information was provided in the licensee's original application or the application for transfer or renewal.
 - (6) The consumption of spirits, if licensed to sell only beer or wine, or both beer and wine.
 - (7) Dancing or live entertainment open to the public, with or without an admission charge, unless holding a valid dance or entertainment permit, or both.
 - (8) Any disorderly conduct or action which disturbs the peace and good order of the neighborhood.
 - (9) Any incidents of prostitution, solicitation for prostitution, or larceny.
 - (10) Any gambling activity or the placing or using of any gambling apparatus or paraphernalia therein.
 - (11) Any unlawful possession, sale, or use of any controlled substance.
 - (12) Use of interior lighting which is insufficient to enable a person with average vision to clearly see all persons within the premises.
 - (13) Any violation of any other Township Ordinance or any violation of Michigan or Federal law which is designed to protect the public health, safety or welfare, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to any Township ordinances or Michigan or Federal law.
 - (14) Any violation of the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, as amended, or any rule or regulation promulgated by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
 - (15) Nonpayment of any Federal, State or Michigan, or local tax or special assessment.
 - (16) Nonpayment of bills or taxes outstanding or owing to the Township.
 - (17) Any failure by the licensee, or the licensee's agent or employee to fully cooperate with any Federal, State, County or Township official, including Township firefighters acting in the line of duty.
 - (18) Any failure by the licensee, or the licensee's agent or employee to fully cooperate with the Sheriff, or any Deputy Sheriff, Police Officer, or State Police Officer.
- Section 3. Nudity Prohibited.**
- (a) A licensee shall not allow in or upon the licensed premises any person in a state of nudity.
 - (b) A licensee shall not hire, employ, present, sponsor, procure, direct, or permit a person to appear in or upon the licensed premises in a state of nudity.
 - (c) No person shall appear in or upon premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic liquor in a state of nudity.

- (d) A licensee shall not allow in or upon the licensed premises the showing of films, television, slides, or other electronic reproductions which depict scenes wherein any person appears in a state of nudity. This prohibition does not apply to any public broadcast television transmission from a federally licensed station.
- (e) For purposes of this Section, "nudity" means a state of undress so as to expose to the view of another person the following body parts without any covering or with less than a fully opaque covering:
 - (1) The whole or part of the pubic region;
 - (2) The whole or part of the anus;
 - (3) The whole or part of the buttocks;
 - (4) The whole or part of the genitals; or
 - (5) The whole or part of the female breast below the top of the areola. A woman's breast feeding of a baby does not constitute nudity irrespective of whether or not the nipple is covered during or incidental to the feeding.
- (f) For purposes of this Section, "licensee" means a person or entity having a license to sell alcoholic liquor and the owners, officers, agents, and employees of such person or entity.
- (g) A violation of any provision of this Section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) (plus costs of prosecution) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day on which a violation continues constitutes a separate offense. In addition to any remedies available at law, the Township may bring an action for an injunction or other process against a person to restrain, prevent, or abate any violation of this Section. A violation of this Section shall also constitute a basis for the Township Board to recommend non-renewal or revocation of a liquor license or permit pursuant to Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

ADOPTED:
Ayes: Fuss, Hendrick, Johnson, Kowalczyk, Siler
Nays: None
Abstentions: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF KENT)

I, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk of the Township of Bowne of said County of Kent do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct transcript of the Bowne Township Ordinance No. 2004-02 as approved and adopted by the Bowne Township Board on the 19th day of January, 2004, and becoming effective as of the 26th day of February, 2004. The Ordinance in its entirety was published in the issue of the Lowell Ledger dated the 28th day of January, 2004. The Ordinance was recorded in the office of Clerk of Bowne Township on the 22nd day of January, 2004.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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East outruns Red Arrow basketball squad

By Dan Schneider

Last Friday's 42-32 win over Greenville gave Lowell varsity boys' basketball team its best start since the 1984-1985 season. That is the last time a Red Arrow varsity team started a basketball season with a 6-2 record.

The conference home game against the Yellowjackets was characterized by defense.

"Greenville plays a really good zone defense and they can control the pace of play," Lowell coach Jeff McDonald said. "I thought that our kids responded really well to the physicalness and the slowed-

down play of Greenville."

Lowell was up 8-5 against Greenville at the end of the first quarter. Then Mike Koster and Sam Oberlin started off the second quarter with back-to-back buckets, putting Lowell up 12-5. Lowell was looking to finish the first half with their largest lead of the game, 20-12, but Greenville sunk a three to end the half.

The Yellowjackets closed the gap in the third quarter, tying the game at 22 each. But then Koster drew a foul and sank two free throws. Oberlin made a quick steal, was fouled,

and put the Arrows a further two points ahead from the line. Shane Stokes stole a pass at the other end of the court and scored on a fast break, putting Lowell back in control of the game by the end of the third quarter.

The leading scorers for Lowell were Koster with 14 points and Oberlin with seven. Ryan Lane also put in seven points, shooting 100 percent from the field and free throw line.

On Monday, the Red Arrows played a scrapping, fast-paced game against the East Grand Rapids Pioneers. East

came out of the rough game with their fourth straight win, 60-56.

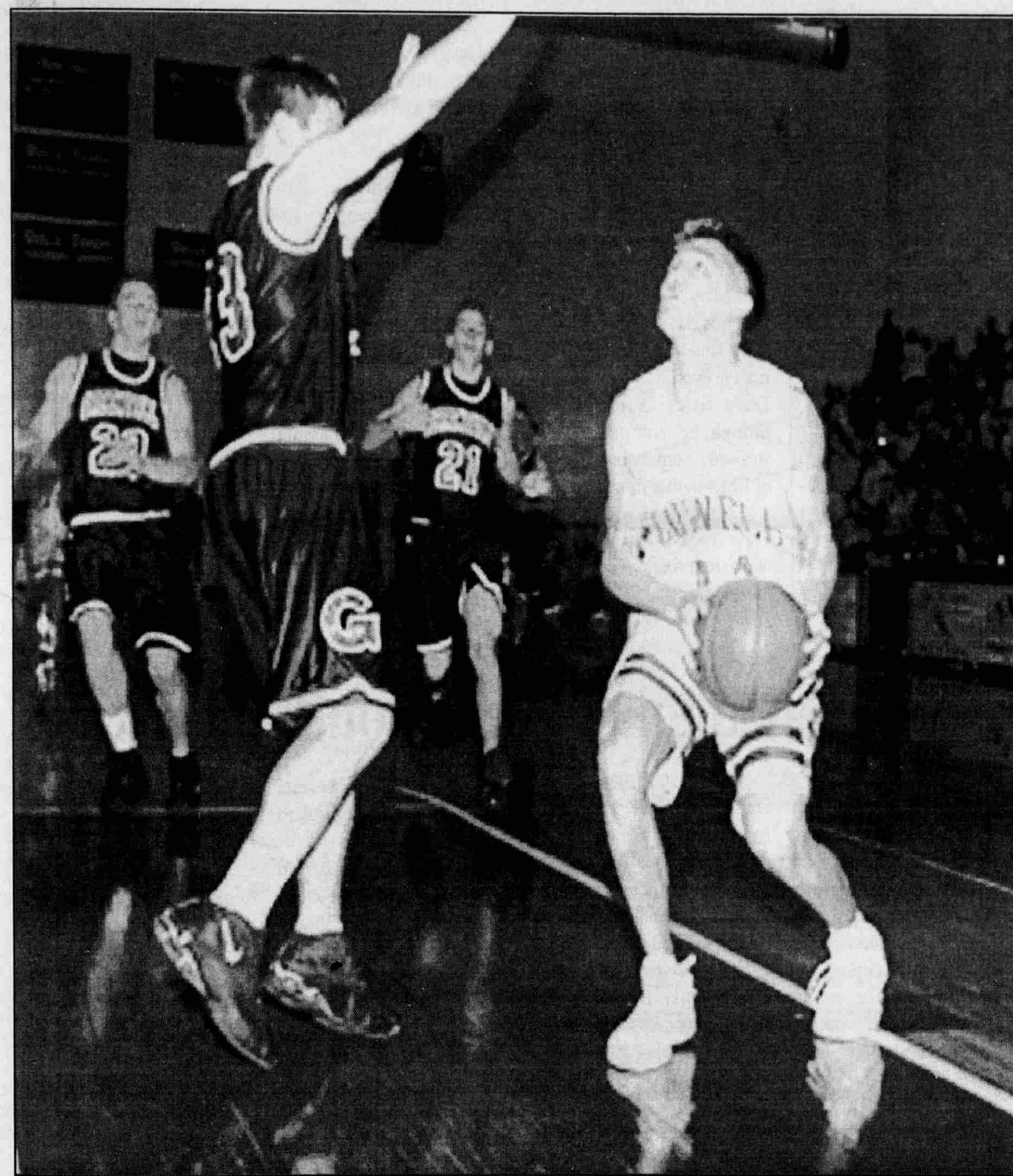
"I told my kids it's a great road win," East Grand Rapids coach Ed Crisman said. "We beat Lowell because we kept our composure when everything seemed to be going against us."

Lowell played a full-court press against East for most of the game, but East managed to move the ball at their pace by making long passes up and down the court.

"We got caught up in their pace in the first half," McDonald said. "I really felt



Lowell's Frank Mulder drives the lane against EGR. The Pioneers beat the Red Arrows 60-56, Monday.



Lowell's Andrew Min looks for a shot against a Greenville defender in last Friday's 42-32 Red Arrow victory over the Yellowjackets. The win gave the Lowell varsity basketball team its first 6-2 record since the 1983-1984 season.

After a loss Monday to East Grand Rapids, the Red Arrows are 4-2 in conference play and 6-3 overall.

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Second-best meet for the season; gymnasts fall short at FHN

By Dan Schneider

Forest Hills defeated Lowell 140.05 to 126.05 in last Wednesday's gymnastics meet at Forest Hills Northern. Though far short of what was needed to beat Forest Hills, the Red Arrows' score was their second best of the season.

"Kelli Kowalski did really well in all-around," Lowell coach, Michele DeHaan said. "She's really starting to connect everything which was good." Kowalski's overall score was 28.6 in the Forest Hills meet. Following are Lowell's scorers by event from the Forest Hills meet:

Vault: Jenna Dickerman (8.45), LynnAnn Bell (8.3), Amanda Rau (8.3), Kaylee Yonker (7.8)
Bars: Dickerman (8.5), Bell (7.8), Rau (7.3), Kowalski (6.5)
Beam: Dickerman (8.8), Bell (7.4), Amanda Vezino (7.2), Rau (6.8)
Floor: Dickerman (8.9),

Rau (8.4), Kowalski (7.9), Bell (7.7)
Rebecca Underwood, one of Lowell's strong all-around gymnasts, was unable to compete against Forest Hills due to a sprained wrist. She did compete last Saturday at the Mona Shores Invitational, scoring an 8.1 on a beam routine using only one hand. It was the 12th-highest score at the invitational.

Lowell finished seventh out of nine teams at the invitational with a team score of 125.1. Forest Hills won the event with a team score of 139.15. Lowell finished ahead of East Kentwood and Cadillac.
Dickerman took third place overall on floor, scoring over nine for the first time with a 9.2. She took eighth place overall in the vault with

an 8.4, and fourth overall on beam with an 8.5 and no falls. The team got bad news over the weekend when an MRI revealed Leannah Seese tore ligaments in her knee. She will need surgery and be out for the entire season.
The team's next meet is Wednesday at home against East Grand Rapids-Caledonia-West Catholic.

Roken Karate to represent Michigan in national tournament



Pictured, from left to right: Andrea Coffey, Robby Coffey and Mariah Moore.

Sensei Aaron Bailey's Roken Karate students, Andrea Coffey, Mariah Moore, and Robby Coffey received very high honors at the Young Americans Karate tournament on Saturday, Jan. 17 under the direction of Sempai Susan Hoag.

Their first competition was a team performance led by Moore in which they earned medals and trophies for participation in the tournament.
Andrea Coffey, in the 12-year-old white belt, black stripe division, took home

first in forms, first in escape from a kidnapper, second in strongest punch, third in strongest kick, and a medal for sparring.

Robby Coffey, in the 10-year-old orange belt division, received first in forms, second in escape from a kidnapper, first in sparring, third in walking with confidence, fifth in strongest punch and second for strongest kick.

Moore, in the 10-year-old green belt division, earned first in forms, second in walking with confidence, fourth in strongest kick, a ribbon for strongest punch and a medal for sparring.

The Lowell area students, having earned places of third or higher, will represent the state of Michigan as part of the Young Champions of Michigan Tournament team in an invitation only Young Champions Midwest National Tournament in Chicago in March.

Lowell wrestling adds another conference win

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow wrestlers improved their conference record to 5-0 last Thursday with a 46-21 win over the Northview Wildcats.
In the upper weights, two wrestlers got their first varsity starts for Lowell. Ryan Esbaugh pinned Bryan David in 1:22 at 215. At heavy-weight, Ed Zigmont was pinned by Northview's Corey Hill in 5:31.

"That's his first wrestling match ever," Lowell coach, Dave Strejc said. "Even though he got pinned, he showed a tremendous amount of heart in that match."

Zigmont was wrestling for Trevor Foss, who is out for two to four weeks with a neck-muscle injury.

The rest of the matches by weight are as follows:

At 103, Ray Seese of Lowell won a 10-3 decision against Navarre Halle.

At 112, Northview's Ryan McGovern beat Rob Karasiewicz, 8-5.

At 119, Northview's Andrew Wayward won by injury/default over Mike Nearing. Nearing had a respiratory attack.

At 125, David Kropf of Lowell beat David Abbott, 12-11.

At 130, Joe Mendez of Lowell pinned Chris Lassing in 1:53.

At 135, Matt Kilmartin of Lowell scored a technical fall over Nat Basel, 24-9.

At 140, Northview's Steve Lassing pinned Chris

Jones in 0:54.

At 145, Jayme DeLiefde of Lowell won a major decision against Joe Gossett, 11-3.

At 152, Dan Lyman of Lowell won a major decision against Jared Williams, 16-2.

At 160, Jason Nearing of Lowell beat Zach Knight, 7-4.

At 171, Ryan Dykhouse of Lowell pinned David Duhon in 3:11.

At 189, Josh Vaught of Lowell pinned Seth Holwerda in 0:54.

Lowell faces Greenville at home Thursday which is Senior Night for Lowell. A youth wrestling exhibition will precede the varsity match, which begins at 7 p.m.

Lowell/Caledonia sweeps South Christian

In a game in which the shots on goal were neck and neck at 23-27, the final score showed that netminder, David Maylone of the Lowell/Caledonia team was up for the challenge as the Red Arrows swept the South Christian Sailors 3-0. This was the second shutout for the Red Arrows within a week.

The first period saw heavy checking amidst back and forth control of the puck with the Red Arrows finally putting one on the scoreboard. With 2:22 remaining, Corey Kelly worked some magic with an assist by Kyle Austin. Coach Mike Ballard of the Red Arrows decided to shuffle his lines, moving defenseman

Jeff Moore up to forward and switching some of the forward combinations.

In the second period, Red Arrow Ted McCoy put one in the net within the first 30 seconds. He was assisted by Ramsey Charrouf and Brandon John. John Truszkowski, Michael Baron, David Sweeney, David Blair, Pat McMahon, Jon Christiansen and Aaron Benmark provided strong offensive support. With 4:13 remaining in the

period, McCoy (Kelly) set up a nice play which put the Red Arrows ahead 3-0.

The third period was full of penalties as the Red Arrows tried to control their 3-0 lead and the Sailors pushed to get one on the scoreboard. The Sailors made a valiant effort shooting 14 shots to the Red Arrows 3, only to have Maylone spoil their evening by stopping the pucks. The Red Arrows are now 4-1 in their league.

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We would like to thank everyone for the calls, well wishes, donations of clothes and toys after losing our house last Thursday night. We are so blessed by your outpouring of compassion. Many children have donated their own toys to our children. Thank you, kids!

Thank you to all the fire departments who came to help: Saranac, Lowell and Belding. They took extra care to look for our dogs. Two of our three dogs made it. The firefighters saved our garage. Thank you to the Red Cross for their donations and support.

You have given us such comfort during this transition time in our lives. We have rented a duplex in Lowell and will be rebuilding. Check your smoke detectors! We were very fortunate!

Jim, Cathy, Madison and Tad Rodgers

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regularly scheduled meeting of January 19, 2004, the Lowell Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance 02-2004, an amendment to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The following is a summary:

4.3.4 Outdoor Lighting Requirements and Restrictions -

The amendments provide new regulations for outdoor lighting. The regulations specify what exterior lighting is regulated, places restrictions on the location of exterior lighting and light output from exterior lighting. The regulations also provide for shielding of exterior lighting.

In addition, the following Sections of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance are being modified to conform to the lighting regulations: 3.4.5.F, 4.3.2, 4.4.4.E, 4.8.9.M, 5.4.1. H.O. and 5.5.1.F.

The complete text of the ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI 49331.

This ordinance takes effect 7 days after publication.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
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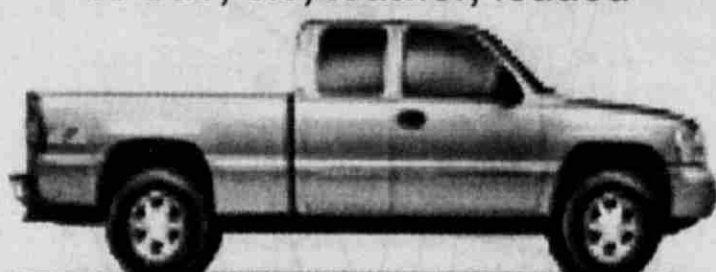
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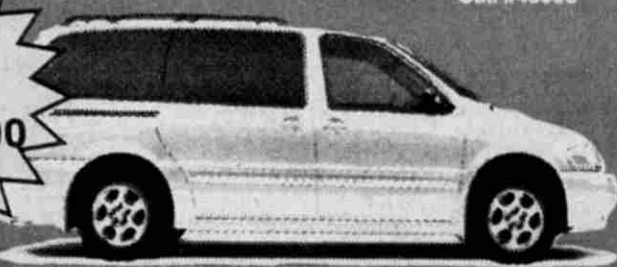
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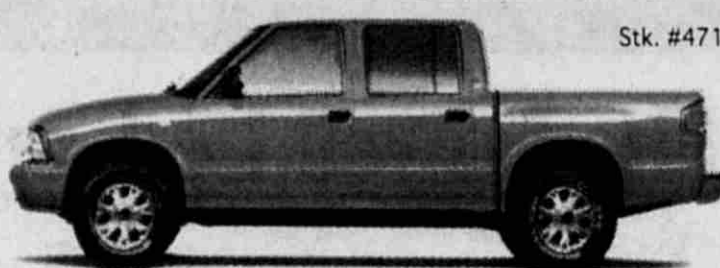
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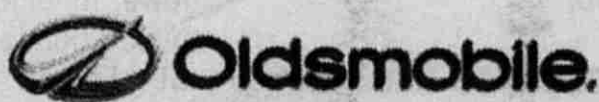
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