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## Well attended Expo a hit with the community

By Dan Schneider

Last Saturday's Lowell Community Expo at Lowell High School was generally regarded as a success.

Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Expo committee member, estimated more than 2,000 people attended the event. Most exhibitors surveyed said the biggest benefit of the Expo was the exposure it brought them.

Baker regarded this year's Expo as a turning point in the history of the event. It was the eighth annual Expo and the first one in which she felt everything had really come together.

"I think it was a tribute to our Expo committee, that we put on a great show," Baker explained. She said next year the committee will work to improve the layout for better traffic flow. The other problem she noted were the vendors who began taking down their exhibits early.

Exhibitors at the Expo included several nonprofit groups. Many of these had sign-up sheets available for volunteers to assist with causes around Lowell. Some of the organizations and their projects follow:

The Lowell CropWalk will be held on Sunday, May 2. Tammy Wielinga of the CropWalk committee was at the Expo. "We need people to walk and people to sponsor walkers," she said.

Walkers have the option of a two- or six-mile route, each starting at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell. A quarter of the proceeds stay local to benefit groups like the Flat River Outreach Ministries and Senior Neighbors. The rest goes to fight hunger worldwide. For more information contact the First United Methodist Church at 897-5936.

The Safe Haven Humane Society in Ionia is in need of foster people for pets. "We provide all the food and all the medications, they just need to give them love and a place to stay," said Jacolyn Burde, president of Safe Haven. "It's really great for people who travel." For information call Burde at 616-527-8733 or 522-9012.



The sixth grade string ensemble played some tunes last Saturday, part of the entertainment program consisting of Lowell talent at the Expo.

Those interested in coaching Lowell youth football teams should contact Mike Meppelink, president of the Lowell Youth Football League, by May 1. Coaches are needed at all levels. Practices start in August and the season starts Saturday, Sept. 11. Meppelink can be reached at 897-7896 or by email, lyfl@aol.com.

Flat River Outreach Ministries needs volunteers for several shifts in the food pantry. Training is provided. The pantry is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m.,

Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Barbara Schmaltz, volunteer coordinator, at 897-4189.

These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities that were available at the Expo. Look for more under the "Volunteer Spotlight" heading in future issues of the Ledger. All nonprofit groups seeking volunteers are invited to use the Volunteer Spotlight to seek help for their projects.

## New YMCA associate director a familiar face

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell YMCA now has a new associate director. Andy Retberg will begin

his second tenure in Lowell on April 5. He spent two and a half years at the Lowell YMCA as the community development director. That started in the spring of 2000

and included helping get the wellness and teen centers started.

"I feel blessed to have the opportunity to come back and work with the community again and come back and do some great things," Retberg said.

He is looking forward to working again with members he's known well.

"I feel strongly that those relationships are still going to be there," Retberg said.

Those relationships were part of what guided the selection committee to hire him.

"He was very well-accepted, the membership was very happy with Andy," said Barry Getzen, associate chair of the Lowell YMCA board of directors. "He was also able to bring that personality to his job at Borgess in Kalamazoo."

Since his previous work at the Lowell Y, Retberg has worked for the Borgess Health and Fitness Center in Kalamazoo. He started out his

career in health working summers for the Grand Rapids Downtown YMCA's inner-city youth baseball program. He graduated from Grand Valley State University with a degree in education and an emphasis on health and wellness. He worked at the Visser YMCA branch as youth sports director.

"Health and wellness have always been an important part of my life and if I can help others in the health and wellness area, I feel very blessed," Retberg said.

He's excited about the potential impact he can have on the community through the Y.

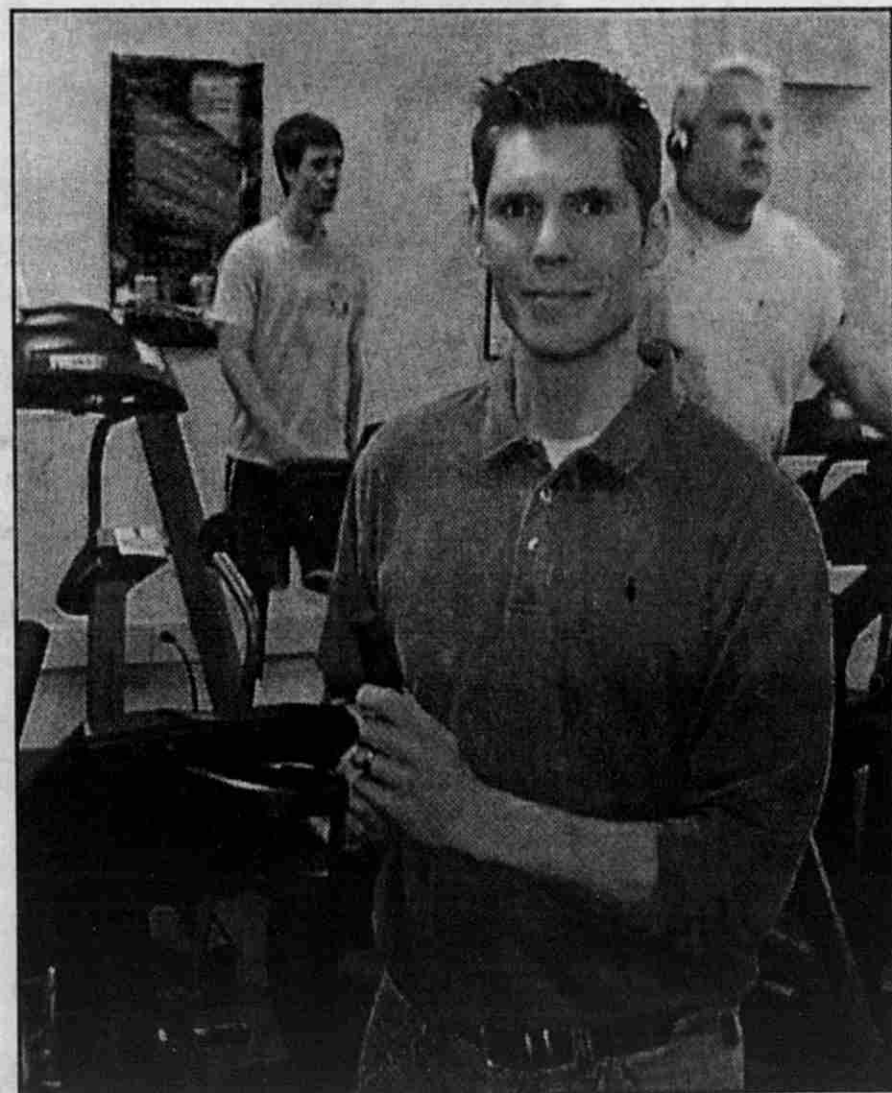
"In Lowell, it's a smaller community and there's so many collaborative efforts," Retberg said. "It encourages you to do your best every day because you know so many people are depending on it."

"He's a caring person, he's a person who is very interested in doing his best for

the community," Getzen said. "He was always there, the people loved him, and we're definitely looking for that to happen again."

Retberg will live nearer to Grand Rapids so his wife,

Melanie, won't have to drive so far to her job at Grand Valley State University in Allendale. They have a daughter now, Emma, who is one year old.



Andy Retberg, the new associate director at the Y.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend!

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# OBITUARIES

**BELKNAP** - Ronald E. Belknap, aged 73, of Hess Lake and Gold Canyon, Arizona, passed away Friday, March 19, 2004 in Arizona of accidental injuries. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna; children Laurie and Mark Sayer of Wyoming, Steve Belknap, Craig Belknap, both of Grand Rapids, Kathi Corson (fiance Bill Sherwood) of Lowell, Michael Belknap of Dorris, grandchildren Melissa and Jorge P'aramo, Kari Sayer, Erik Anderson, Tommy Huling, Trent Belknap; great-grandson Matthew; brothers Norm and Nancy Belknap, Ray Belknap; sister Marilynn Werner; his friends here and from Gold Canyon RV Park. The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Fr. Stephen Dudek presiding. Interment Resurrection Cem-

etry. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Paws with a Cause. **RASH** - Edward Rash, aged 82, of Lowell, passed away March 25, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Norabell; children Darrel (Marge) Rash, Thomas (Gail) Rash, Bonita Ross, William Rash, Carol (Scott) Decator, Jon (Grace) Rash, Lori (Robert) Rodrigues; brother Eugene Rash; 15 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Rash was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Lowell and VFW. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Tim Deshaw officiating.

**WITTENBACH** - Tom Bur Wittenbach, aged 70, died unexpectedly March 24, 2004, in Tucson, Arizona. Originally

from Grand Rapids, Tom resided in Tucson for the past 30 years. Born September 24, 1933, in Lowell, he graduated from Grand Rapids Central High School in 1951. He earned his BS and MA degrees in education at Western Michigan University, teaching in Gaylord, Bangor and at Union High School in Grand Rapids as well as at Davenport College, at the prison for the

State of Michigan, and at Pima Business College. He is remembered for his clever wit, love of sports, and love of and kindness toward his family and friends. Mr. Wittenbach was predeceased by his parents Fred and Ruth Wittenbach of Grand Rapids, sister Ruthanna Davis of Amherst, MA. He is survived by his brother David (Susan) Wittenbach of Grand Rapids; sister Beth (Jeffrey) Zehe of

Maryland; niece Dianne (Blair) Whitham of Amherst, MA; nephew David Wittenbach of CO; niece Beth (Lionie) Lucas of Tucson; nephew Andrew (Mary) Zehe of VA; nephew James Zehe of Maryland; niece Cary Bailen of Phoenix and niece Kimberly (Michael) Kell of Chicago. He had five great-nieces and four great-nephews. Funeral

services were conducted by Nathaniel Johnson, pastor of Vergennes United Methodist Church, at the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Grand Rapids on March 29. Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Greater Southwest Chapter, 434 S. William Blvd. #200 Tucson, AZ 85711.

# Apartment fire leads to discovery of meth lab

By Dan Schneider

Responding to a fire call Saturday, March 20, the Lowell police and fire departments uncovered a methamphetamine lab.

"It was called in as a fire

that apparently burned itself out," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said. "We had a car right down the street when the call came in."

The fire occurred at 1511 Deborah in the Lowell One apartment complex.

"One occupant of the apartment had fled prior to our arrival and the other ran downstairs and told the neighbors the apartment was on fire," Valentine said.

When the Lowell Area Fire Department arrived on the scene and saw signs of methamphetamine production, members of the state police metropolitan enforcement team were called in to investigate. They determined there was a meth lab in the apartment.

"It was some residuals from the meth lab that started the fire," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said. "Chemicals on rags had ignited."

"This was our first encounter with a meth lab," Valentine said. "It's a nasty controlled substance for people to abuse and the labs themselves are so dangerous...a lot of volatile, dangerous material."

Last Tuesday afternoon, Lowell police detective James Hinton arrested two suspects in Belding with the help of the Belding police. Zachary Allen McMeeken, 19, and Maria Nieves Angiano, 24, were ar-

raigned on three different counts of manufacturing and possession of methamphetamine and having a methamphetamine lab.

"His past history indicated that he had relatives up in the Belding area," Hinton said. "We actually located the car that they had driven away from the crime scene up at an apartment complex in Belding."

## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 04-02410-DO

180 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

BEVERLY ANN MACK-COWANS 145 Travis St., NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (616) 363-2257

WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES By: Danelle Kistka (P65483)

Attorneys for Plaintiff 89 Ionia, NW, Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672, ext. 117

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WESLEY SCOTT COWANS 145 Travis St., NE Grand Rapids, MI 49505 (last known address)

TO DEFENDANT, WESLEY SCOTT COWANS

IT IS ORDERED:

You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 5, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F). A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, WESLEY SCOTT COWANS 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.

March 19, 2004 Judge Steven M. Pestka (P29517)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177-279-DE

Estate of BETTY LORRAINE DATEMA, deceased SSN: 374-44-6810

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BETTY LORRAINE DATEMA, who lived at 4005 Causeway Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, died March 6, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROGER A. DATEMA, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CRAIG AVERY (P-10311) 3875 West River Drive Comstock Park, MI 49321

ROGER A. DATEMA 4749 Breckenridge NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 364-7126

# Sundry Development obtains requested variance

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

A developer will get a variance from the slope requirements of the open space preservation ordinance, but not as much as originally proposed.

Sundry Development, Inc. sought a variance from the maximum 20 percent slope grade to construct 16 homes on its property at 753 Grindle. Under the current ordinance, any area over a 20 percent slope grade is considered unbuildable and cannot be used in determining the ratio of open space to developable space.

Sundry contended, and the Lowell Planning Commission agreed, that the slope was too restrictive with Kevin Rude of Sundry, pointing out at Monday night's meeting that most homes with a walkout basement are built on a slope of about 30 percent. The planning commission recommended a change to a maximum slope of 50 percent.

The city council, acting as the zoning board of appeals, which hears all zoning vari-

ance requests and makes the final decision, did not feel comfortable with the jump from 20 to 50 percent.

After some discussion, the council approved a variance for a maximum slope of 40 percent. At the meeting, Rude said the greatest slope on the property was about 38 percent and one created by the company to put in the private drive.

Opposing the change was councilman Charles Myers who felt that the clustering the developers were trying to achieve actually limited options for the potential homeowners. He was also concerned about fees which would be incurred by the homeowners in the association to help maintain the open space areas.

Several residents raised concerns about the number of homes being built, which increased from the proposed eight a few years ago to 16. City manager David Pasquale said when the city decided to amend the suburban residential zoning, reducing lot sizes from 35,000 square feet to

23,000 square feet, Sundry was able to put in 16 homes versus the proposed eight.

Rude noted the property would follow the city's suburban residential guidelines and indicated that no more homes would or could be built on the property. Rude said originally Sundry was seeking no slope grade requirements but was comfortable with the planning commission's recommendation of 50 percent since it really didn't affect the site at all.

Mayor Jeanne Shores said the reason she proposed to reduce the slope grade was because she felt it would set a precedent for future development in the suburban residential district. The open space preservation ordinance can only be used in that specific zoning.

Sundry will now head back to the planning commission to finalize details. The developer is currently at work on its other property, 751 Grindle, also known as the Highland Hills project.

# City Council issues intent for Michigan Transportation Bonds

By J. Lobdell Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council took its first step toward seeking transportation funds for the repair of Grindle Drive and Sibley Street—although one council member questioned whether the amount would be enough.

The council, in a 4-1 vote, approved a resolution at its Monday night meeting, authorizing the notice of intent to issue Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds up to \$400,000. Councilman Al Mathews, the nay vote, felt the council should increase the amount to \$600,000.

Mathews said he made that decision after driving on Sibley and discovering just how bad the road really is. There is not much that can be done to save Sibley from east of Valley Vista, he said. The road west

of Valley Vista appears to be in better condition and could be milled, Mathews explained, with Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden adding that the areas with curb and gutter could be milled.

Councilman Jim Pfaller said he is not comfortable spending that amount of money, especially knowing that such roads as High and James streets will need repair once the Sundry projects are completed.

"These roads need to be fixed right now," Mathews said, adding that he wished James and High streets could be hit for the repair by the association in the development.

City manager David Pasquale said the council could set the amount at \$600,000 and then reduce it

later. The notice of intent must be posted for 45 days after which the council would consider a bond authorizing the resolution. Bids on the bonds would be received and a sales resolution would be adopted, Pasquale said.

Just because the council approved a notice of intent, however, does not mean it is locked into getting the bonds, Pasquale said. The council still has to give its final okay for the bonds to be issued.

The proposed bond is for the scope of the reconstruction of Grindle Drive between Jackson Street and Grindle Court with an estimated cost of \$372,000; the milling/resurfacing and reconstruction of Sibley Street from Center to Valley Vista estimated at \$214,500. Pasquale said the earliest the project could begin would be 2005.

## SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MARCH 15, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the March 1, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as written and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to adopt zoning ordinance amendment as presented regarding fences and walls and primary accessory buildings.
- Motion to adopt the ordinance amendment which deletes the requirement involving a member of the Historic District Commission being on the Planning Commission.
- Motion to accept a one-year extension to March 1, 2005 for off hours police dispatch services with the City of Walker.
- Motion to set a public hearing for March 29, 2004 concerning 2170 Laurie Gail Drive involving a side yard setback variance.
- Motion to set a public hearing for March 29, 2004 concerning a variance from 20% grade slope open space provisions for 16 unit single family residential cluster plan at 753 Grindle.
- Motion to table the water main easement issued for Sundry until further information is received.
- Motion to begin the process on the bonding for Grindle and Sibley streets.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, March 29, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk City of Lowell

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DALE TRIPLETT

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID CITY OF LOWELL

Sealed bids will be received at the Lowell City Hall office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 until Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bids are for the construction of a 54' x 28' storage building at 1596 Bowes Road, Lowell. Please mark envelope "STORAGE BUILDING BID".

Specifications may be secured upon request from the Department of Public Works, 217 South Hudson (between 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) or by calling 616-897-5929.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.





# Reflections Of Faith

**Pastor Tim Deshaw**  
Church of the Nazarene

"... For a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come to your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may prove genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter 1:6,7

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter. It is the day Jesus came into Jerusalem to the cheering of the crowds. It is called Palm Sunday because the crowds of people gathered and placed palm branches and their cloaks onto the road. This was a traditional way of greeting a returning victorious king. But within a few days, this same crowd's hearts and attitudes towards Jesus would change dramatically. Instead of cheers and celebration for their Messiah, these same people would be cursing Him and screaming for Jesus to be killed.

Jesus was just not executed, but put to death in the most painful and humiliating way possible. He was crucified, beaten and hung on a cross. A punishment so horrible it was reserved only for the worst of criminals. A death so painful they had to create a word to describe it. The word, excruciating, was created to explain the agony of the cross. So what is their point of all of this? Why all this suffering and humiliation?

The Bible tells us: "We know that in all things God works for the good of those called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) Where is the "good" in all of this? Maybe an illustration from nature would help us to understand. I read recently that in 1988, over one million acres of Yellowstone National Park were ravaged by wildfires. While some were crying out over the terrible devastation caused by the fires, biologists, ecologists and naturalists viewed the situation from a very different perspective. Instead of bemoaning the tremendous loss, they saw the fire as a very positive constructive event.

The fire is nature's way of clearing out the heavy build-up of undergrowth, allowing new plants a chance to flourish. The blaze effectively opened up the dense forest canopy, allowing sunlight to reach the forest floor for the first time in years. And finally the heat of the inferno causes the cones of the lodgepole pines to open, releasing their seeds. And a forest is reborn as the new seeds fall into the ash-enriched forest floors bathed in sunlight.

A closer look at the fire's effect on the forest—originally seen as a horrible destruction but, in reality, yielding a very beneficial outcome—reminds us that some situations are not always what they appear to the casual observer, at first glance.

In the same way, Jesus' suffering and death, to the casual observer, seems a tremendous waste of a life but, in reality, opened the way for the whole of humanity to be brought back into proper relationship with God. In the same way the fire cleared out the old, and made it possible for a fresh start for those new seeds. Jesus shed blood, death on the cross, and resurrection made it possible for you, too, to have a fresh start, a whole new life.

If you are looking for, or have any questions about this "new life" ... this "fresh start" that I have been talking about, my advice to you is to take advantage of this special time of year and go to your local house of worship.

## ENGAGEMENTS



Jenny M. Stabnau and Timothy E. VanLaan

Anne King of Grandville and Steven Garris of Ann Arbor announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenny M. Stabnau, of Kentwood, to Timothy E. VanLaan, son of Phillip and Becky VanLaan of Lowell.

The bride-to-be graduated from Forest Hills Central High School and attends

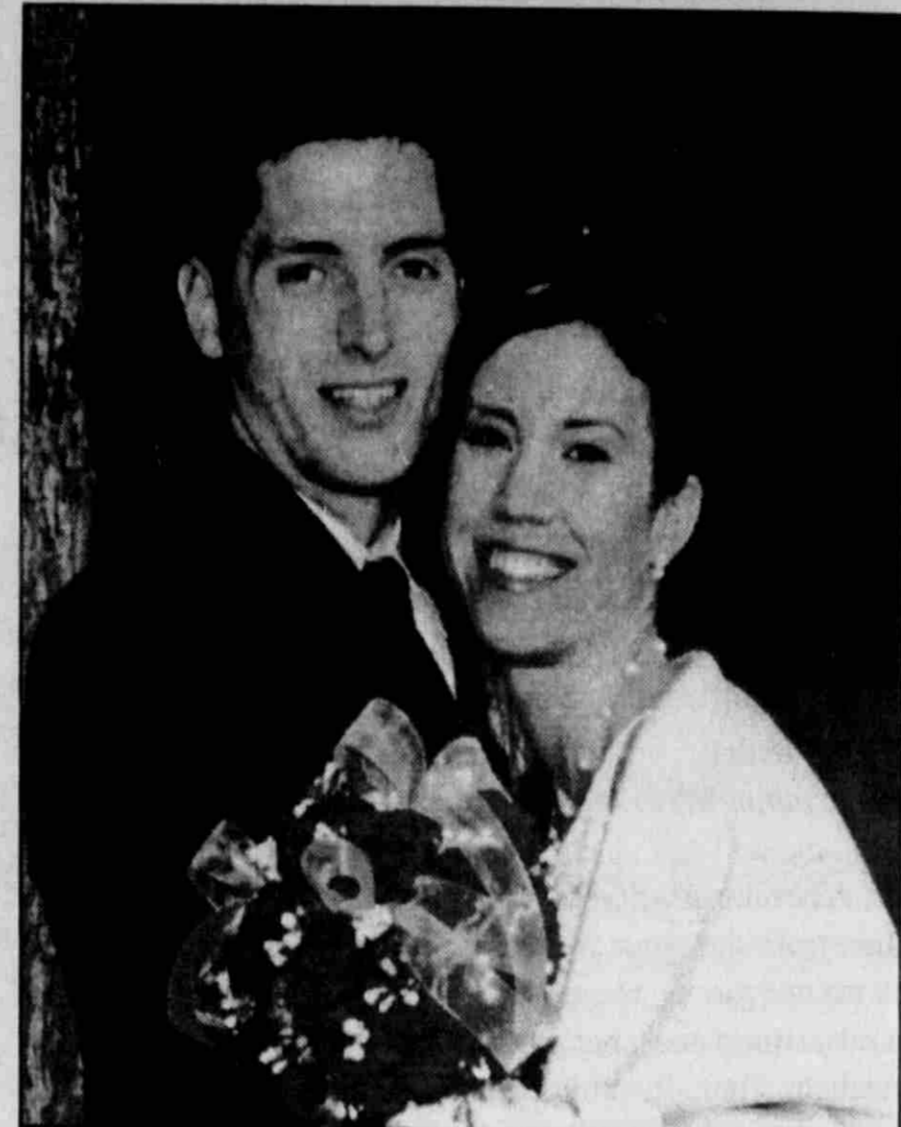
Grand Rapids Community College. She is majoring in communications.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and Cornerstone University. He is employed by Grand Management Group.

A June 5, 2004 wedding is planned by the couple.

## VOWS SPOKEN

### Richardson/Kozlowski



Dale E. and Amy Richardson

Amy Kozlowski and Dale E. Richardson were married at Snow United Methodist Church on October 4, 2003. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thurlan Meredith. Alice Blanding was the organist, Cheryl Shaffer, the soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Greg Sr. and Toni Kozlowski of Fountain, Mich. Matron of honor was Jill Petersen, sister of the bride, Christi Meppelink and Michelle Beck were bridesmaids. Penny Petersen, niece of the bride, was the flower girl.

The groom is the son of John and Nancy Richardson of Lowell. Best man was Jeff Gurney; groomsmen were Chris Dennie and Jim Lowry, all friends of the groom. Wynn Petersen, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer. Ushers were Greg Kozlowski Jr. and Brad Richardson.

Ken and Jennifer Rice, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, were master and mistress of ceremonies.

A reception was held in the Dexter Ballroom of St. Cecilia Music Society in Grand Rapids.

The bride, a 1989 graduate of Mason County Eastern High School in Custer, graduated from Davenport University. She is employed as an executive assistant in the Office of the Chief Executive of Altcor, Inc.

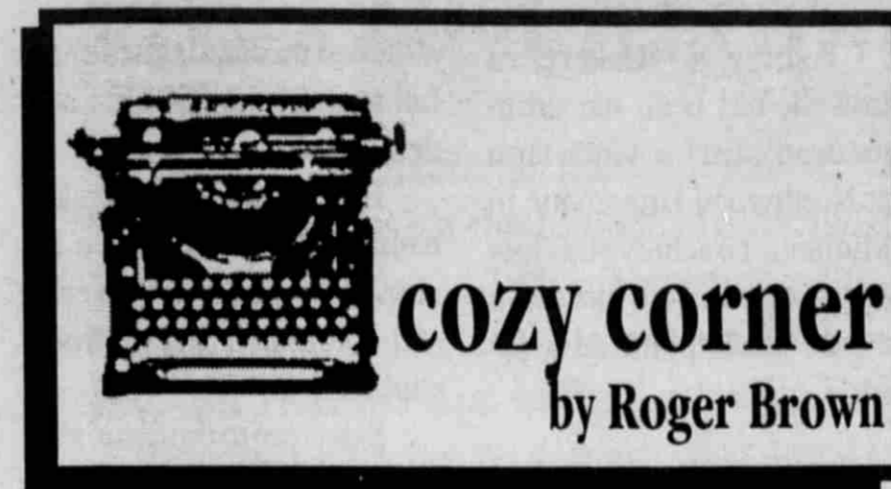
The groom, a 1990 graduate of Lowell High School, graduated from the University of Michigan. He currently provides contractual services in web applications development to several Grand Rapids-based companies. The couple reside in Alto.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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# Viewpoint



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

A few weeks ago I told you about my grandson Boog's unexplained fear of the Tooth Fairy. He hasn't lost any more teeth, but the sign is still posted on his bedroom door telling the Tooth Fairy to keep out and to leave the money downstairs on the coffee table. He throws a fit at any suggestion the sign should come down. It doesn't appear he is outgrowing this fairyphobia thing anytime soon.

Once the two loose teeth were out, the Tooth Fairy was dealt with and the cash was in Boog's hand, the whole thing died down. But, wouldn't you know, a whole new dilemma has evolved in the little guy's overactive imagination.

A couple weeks ago my granddaughter, Jim, was reading aloud to Boog. Or, more likely, Boog was in earshot as he played with his action figures. The book was about Christmas, and Santa Claus was at the center of the plot. You can probably take it from here.

Pretty soon, Boog marched downstairs for a conference with his mother. The discussion about Santa began with a bunch of pointed questions. Boog asked how Santa gets into the house at night while everyone is sleeping. Boog wanted to know how Santa knows everything about him. Specifically, whether he's been good or bad. All those little things we take for granted, but five-year-olds still need to get straight in their minds.

Before long the discussion broke down into Boog sobbing that he doesn't want Santa in his house. There didn't seem to be any room for compromise this time. A suggestion that another sign be posted on Boog's bedroom door didn't help. He didn't want Santa in the house ... and that was that. Even when it was pointed out that there wouldn't be any presents under the tree if Santa couldn't come in, Boog didn't yield to proposed solutions. He doesn't want Santa in his house!

Now there's a fine "how do ya do" for young parents with five- and seven-year-old children. In just a blink of an eye the whole magic and wonder of Christmas morning with young children will be history for them. Here, right at the best time in child rearing, they have a kid getting the scream' meemies over the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus sneaking into his house. I know what you're thinking ... what about the Easter Bunny? That was my first question to my daughter. Even though Easter is just around the corner and there has been plenty of talk and preparation for the holiday at home and at school ... so far ... so good. My daughter admits she has tippy-toed around the issue of the Easter Bunny hiding goodies around the house in the middle of the night.

On the bright side, we have about nine months until Santa's big day. Right now we are planning to have at least three occasions to spend some quality time with the grandkids before Christmas. Hopefully old grandpa can introduce some real monsters for Boog to worry about. You know ... traditional, spooky, creepy, toothy kinda monsters under the bed and in the closet. A little time with gramps and Boog will forget all about being afraid of the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus.

Maybe my daughter is right. Maybe it is a good thing Boog and I live 12,000 miles apart.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

## Ledger Entries of 125, 100, 75, 50 and 25 years ago

**125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 2, 1879**  
Frank King & Co. is planning improvements above the dam this summer.

Next Monday's election returns should be delivered to the Journal as early as possible Tuesday.

No high water this spring, and very pleasant weather too. Mr. Kelley of Lansing has opened a 99 cent store in the Music Hall block.

Lowell will probably need another schoolhouse soon, on the east side.

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MARCH 31, 1904

Lowell is awash in the worst flood ever, with water halfway to the ceiling of ground floors.

The old wooden railroad bridge lodges against the lower Grand River steel bridge in Grand Rapids, damaging piles and making it unsafe.

Miss Edith Roth, performing for the high school literary society at Train's opera house, has to compete with a very loud thunder and rain storm and lights off for a time. She came through with flying colors.

High water and an ice jam carry away about 40 feet of the Fallsburg bridge.

Store owners move merchandise to higher floors. One lost 10 cords of firewood to the waters. Home owners board with friends or at the Hotel Waverly.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 4, 1929

Neighboring women notice Ray Covert, covered to the head by a cave-in of the ditch he is digging, and call for help. He is rescued.

The Strand Theatre will show "Redskin" Sunday and Monday, a color motion picture.

The best spellers of Vergennes and Lowell townships meet at the high school for a contest. Winner is Teresa Miller of Fallsburg School.

Sunday night's wind and sleet storm mowed down poles and lines, but Supt. McMahon's crew performed very well, including saving the hatch at Foreman's incubators.

Editorial Complaint: girls who smoke, wear pants and use bad language.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 1, 1954

The March 11 story of the spectator jumping on the referee in a Lowell-Greenville game has made the news in Texas and New Mexico.

Ten local merchants are offering green stamps, with premiums on display at the Sanitary Market.

Bruce Clemenz and Shirley Colby are the valedictorian and salutatorian of the 77 seniors.

A four-inch article lists the high school honor roll; four students make all A's.

Monday voters will decide whether to build a county jail, at one mill for three years.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 4, 1979

The five-car Attrain is again in Lowell for a week, a half-block south of City Hall on the siding. Local artists also have exhibits on it and in City Hall.

The first weekly pictorial feature of building the new showboat shows steel beams joining the pontoons as a first step.

With Ada-Cascade growing pains comes argument, whether to widen Thornapple River Drive or create a new north-south road.

The DNR reports fishing is very good in the rivers, especially Grand Rapids' Sixth Street dam.

Widening the East Beltline, from two to divided four lanes between Cascade Road and Lake Eastbrook, concentrates on the Reeds Lake Boulevard intersection.



## OUTDOORS

By Dave Stegehuis

### CALL OF THE WILD

Sometimes I find myself wishing for the return of the "good old days" of my youth. That time before runaway development and freeways consumed thousands of acres of wildlife habitat. There is a fast-food joint where I once hunted pheasants. A housing development occupies the rolling hills where red fox once made their homes. Fortunately, wetland preservation regulations saved the swamps and creek bottoms where I caught frogs for lunch and trapped muskrats for pocket money.

There have been, however, some encouraging developments in our wildlife community. Some animals that had disappeared from the landscape or suffered serious population losses are back. Whitetail deer have always been around, but deer numbers have had major swings over the years. Extensive logging in the state produced second growth forests, which provided ideal habitat for deer. This resulted in a population boom that eventually led to over-browsing and, consequently, widespread starvation.

Habitat restoration and hunting regulations have allowed

the size of the herd to increase to record levels. Who would have thought in the '40s and '50s that we would hear elk bugling in the hills and valleys of the Pigeon River country? A few lucky hunters are issued licenses each year to help keep the herd numbers in balance with the existing habitat.

Few people ever see a black bear outside of a zoo or backwoods garbage dump. There are now thousands of bears roaming around the Upper Peninsula and about 1,500 call the northern Lower Peninsula home with a few wandering around in southern Michigan. The gray wolf was recently removed from the list of endangered animals. They travel great distances and can show up in unexpected places. You now have a chance to sit around a campfire in the Upper Peninsula and listen to a pack of howling wolves.

I have yet to actually see a Michigan moose, but I find fresh tracks as I wander around in the forests of the central Upper Peninsula. It's just a matter of time before I encounter one of the huge beasts. The moose numbers are not expanding as hoped for, but there are enough around to provide viewing opportunities if not a huntable population.

To top it off, a wolverine was recently spotted running around the east side of the wolverine state. How it got here is a mystery. I doubt if the story is over. Last, but not least, there is the controversy over the existence of cougars in Michigan. Some folks claim there is solid evidence (DNA and tracks) of the presence of the large cats. Others are not so sure. If there are mountain lions in the woods, making my way to a deer blind in the dark will take on a whole new sense of adventure. I would be happy to settle for the howling wolves.

## To The Editor

To the Editor:  
My wife and I are two-year residents of the Lowell area. We made Lowell our home for its unique "small-town" atmosphere - something that is hard to come by these days. Prior to moving to the area and meeting my now wife, I was very involved in many community events in my hometown of Big Rapids, from the city zoning board to president of the Jaycees.

David & Erin Puszcak



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medicines are available to help control the disease, thin the blood, and hopefully prevent complications of PAD. If, however, pain and disability persist, surgery to bypass diseased and clogged arteries may be recommended.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

Heather Sue Green has been awarded a Trustees' Scholarship to Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas, for the 2004 fall semester. The scholarship provides full tuition, room and board.

The 2003 graduate of Lowell High School and a member of First Baptist Church will be a freshman pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Christian counseling. She is the daughter of Bill and Sue Green of Lowell.



Heather Sue Green

Ashley S. Rickert, of Lowell, has been named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood University, in Midland. To achieve this recognition, a student must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

From the Lowell area is Emily Louise Myers, a senior, majoring in philosophy and integrated international studies.

Selection to the dean's list requires a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

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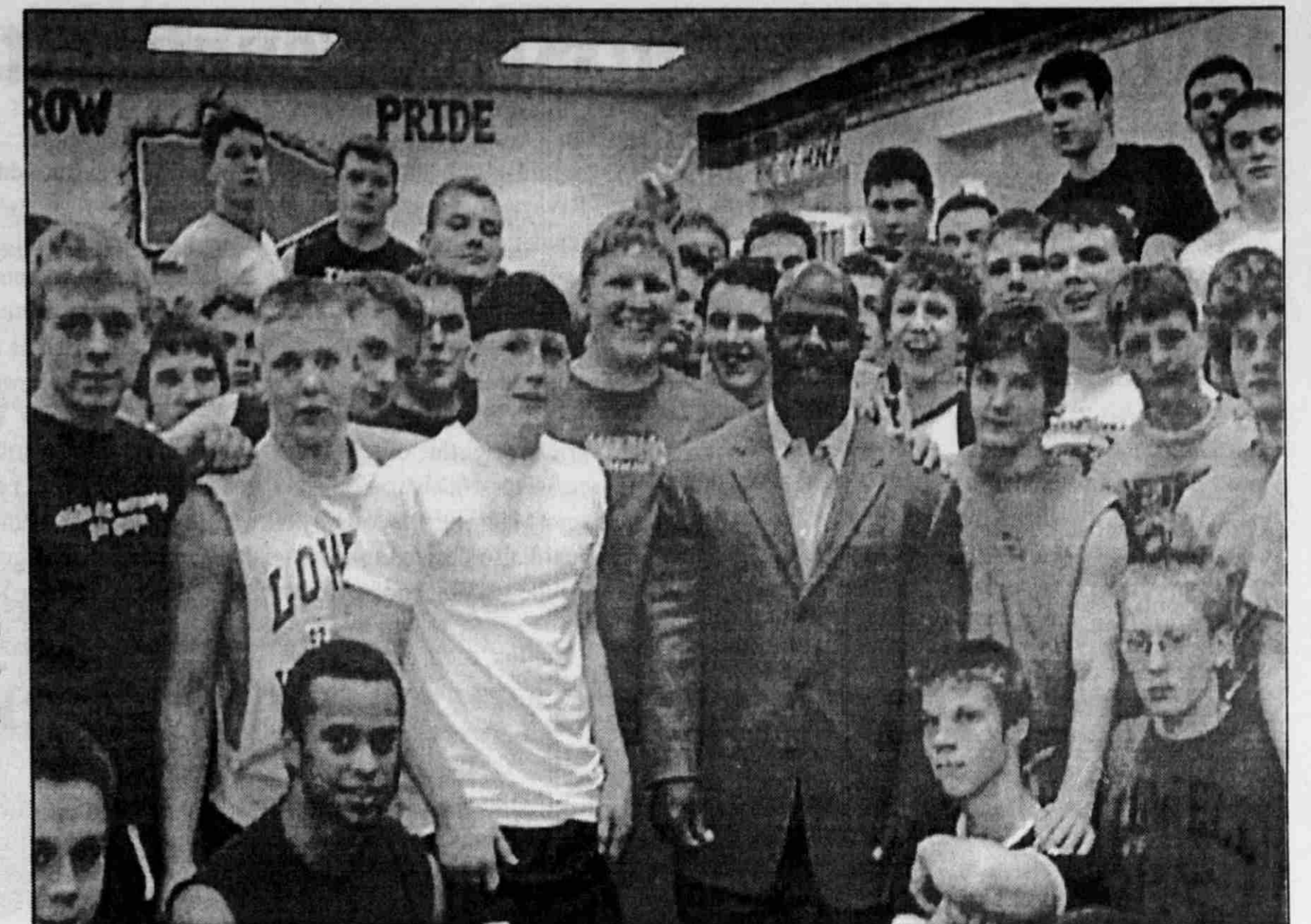
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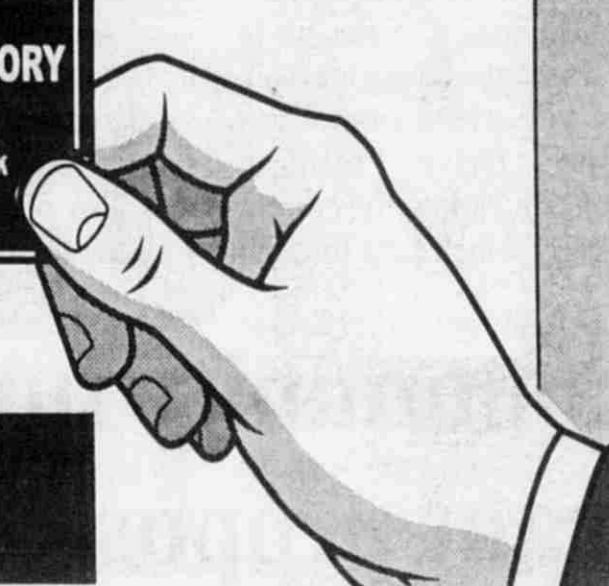
**Former NFL player visits Red Arrows**

Former professional football player Alan Reid met and spoke with the Lowell varsity football team recently. During the 1980s, Reid played football for the University of Minnesota, then in USFL. He was a kick-off returner and backup running back for the Philadelphia Eagles NFL team. He talked to the Red Arrows about grades and football, and what it takes to make the pros. Reid currently works for an insurance agency in Minnesota and was in the Grand Rapids area for a business meeting.



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# DDA nixes Main Street curb extensions/medians

By Dan Schneider

At its regular meeting last Thursday, the Downtown Development Authority decided it will use a less concrete approach in its efforts to improve pedestrian crossing on Main Street. After engineered plans for concrete curb extensions and medians failed to excite, the board decided the city should approach the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

about designated crosswalks at three downtown intersections. The painted crosswalks would cross Main Street at Monroe, Riverside and Broadway. They would be accompanied by signs as required by MDOT. This would likely slow traffic down and make drivers more aware of pedestrians. The board also discussed

a mid-block crosswalk at Riverwalk Plaza. MDOT regulations say if such a crosswalk is put in place, curbside parking should be prohibited a minimum of 100 feet in advance of the crosswalk. The board decided to give priority to the other three crossings, which wouldn't restrict Main Street parking. The board also decided to examine the possibility of a flash-

ing yellow light at Monroe and Main. This was viewed as a possible step toward a full traffic signal. Board members did not want to spend money in pursuit of a flashing light with no guarantees, however. "Even if it costs some money, it would be worth it to get a blinker light, but I don't want to spend any more money if we're not going to get it," board member Bob Ford said.

With cost in mind, the DDA decided to have city staff approach MDOT directly. With the curb extensions and median plans, the engineering firm, Wade-Trim, had handled communications with MDOT. "I don't think we got a lot for our money on this project by going with Wade-Trim," DDA board member Dean Lonick said.

Wade-Trim, a Grand Rapids engineering firm, produced the median and curb extension plans at a cost of \$5,700. They involved three-foot-wide, concrete medians and curb extensions. At the board's February meeting, DDA members were concerned the islands would impede truck turns.

# City Council approves pathway for Creekside Park

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Area school students will have two new pathways to take to school this fall. The Lowell City Council approved a bid at its Monday night meeting, from Snyder Asphalt, Inc. of Saranac, to put in an eight-foot-wide path. This will extend from Carol Lynne Drive through Creekside Park to the current walkway which runs through

the east side of Litehouse, Inc. to Foreman Rd. The bid, which came in at \$6,936, would include the purchase of road gravel and equipment use to construct the path. The Parks and Recreation committee supported the project and the council unanimously approved it as well. Mayor Jeanne Shores said it promoted school pedestrian safety and "whole heartedly" supported the project since it was also one of her regular walking routes.

Councilman Jim Pfaller, who also sits on the Parks and Recreation committee, said he believes the pathway also fits in with the trail master plan for the area and would be the first piece in that plan. Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said the construction of the trail just happened to coincide with the Lowell Area School District's efforts to promote walking districts within the city limits. This is a proposal the district presented

earlier this year in an effort to slash about \$100,000 from its transportation fund and ultimately help balance the district's budget. The pathway would be cleared during the winter months to provide an alternative route to students who do walk. Students taking the path will come out in Creekside's parking lot and will be able to take the Litehouse path or follow the sidewalk that is part

of the summer reconstruction project of Gee Drive and Foreman, Valentine explained. The money for the entire project will come from the Lee Fund.

# Community fund accepting grant proposals thru April 16

The Lowell Area Community Fund is accepting grant proposals for its next grant round. All proposals must be submitted no later than April 16 to be considered. To receive an application, call Kate Luckert, program officer at the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, 454-

1751, or download an application at [www.grfoundation.org/lowell](http://www.grfoundation.org/lowell). Applications are also available at Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Public Library or any Lowell area school.

Grants are awarded to tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organizations which have an impact in the Lowell area. Community grants have totaled nearly \$4 million since the inception of the Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation.

# Lowell resident involved in high speed crash in Cannon Township

According to Deputy Mike Tenbrink, a serious crash took place on McCabe Ave. NE in Cannon Township on Monday. The driver of the vehicle involved in this high speed crash was Branden Linton (20) of Rockford. His passenger was Michael Klemish (19) of

Lowell. Both were listed in fair condition at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus on Tuesday morning. Both are 2002 graduates of Lowell High School. The car hit a tree, and was torn in half. The passengers and front half of the car came to rest about a yard from a tree

in the yard. The rear half skidded to within a few feet of a house on McCabe Ave. Linton was driving a 1996 Mitsubishi 3000GT and admitted to the investigating officer that he was traveling at a high rate of speed and lost control. No intoxicants or controlled substances were believed to be involved. He was issued a citation for careless driving. Sheriffs estimated speeds at over 100 mph. The license plate of the Mitsubishi read, "YDRIV55."

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# Impasse declared in negotiations on middle school planning time

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education declared an impasse last Friday in con-

tract negotiations related to its middle school planning time. Union representatives felt

blind-sided by the move. The district said it was necessary in order to implement a pilot program to assist students

struggling in math and reading.

"I don't understand how there can be an impasse when the district hasn't responded to our offer of March 24th," Lowell Education Association president Doranne Truax said. Truax said the district bargaining team did not take the time to seriously address the planning time issue at last Wednesday's contract negotiating session.

"We normally bargain until 8, 9, 10 o'clock and at quarter to six, they wanted to leave," Truax said. "That was the only session we had that ended that early, and I'm sure we could have made it a tentative agreement by the end of the night if we had stayed because we weren't that far apart."

Connie Gillette, Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for personnel and finance, said the mediation would have lasted longer if the union had produced a formal proposal. The district bargaining team had asked for a proposal in advance of the bargaining session. The rationale was that by having time to review the proposal before the meeting, they could make

more efficient use of their bargaining time. "What we had expected from them was a formal proposal, not a mediated proposal," Gillette said. "I think if we had gotten an official proposal we would have been there longer but we were very disappointed with the worksheet that we got."

A formal proposal is an official document and becomes a binding contract if the other side agrees. Mediated proposals are used only at the bargaining table as a basis for discussion. Truax said the union was not required to furnish a formal proposal in advance of the meeting. They were unable to produce one in time, she said, because of the illness of its Uniserv director, Mike Stephens.

The district said the union has been given adequate time to come to an agreement about planning time. "We proposed revising the middle school schedule from the very beginning," Gillette explained.

LAS superintendent Shari Miller cited a document given to the union bargaining team last October stating that the planning time issue must be closed by the end of March to fit the school's scheduling timeline. Course sections are finalized during the month of April.

The pilot program is a computer program called PassKey designed to help students achieve better in math and reading. Students who need extra help in the subjects will use the program during one class period for a semester. Miller said the program requires a 55-minute class period to use. Since the PassKey system is being considered a pilot program, the changes necessary to implement it cannot be included in contract

negotiations under state law. Students currently go to seven classes per day, each 45 minutes long. The changed schedule will have students going to six classes per day, each 55 minutes long. Students will still get two electives. Literature will be combined into the same class period as grammar and writing to make up the difference.

The extended instruction time in each class will benefit the students, Miller said. The new schedule will also save the district about \$300,000 from a staff reduction of six teachers.

"It's not really the planning time that's the issue, it's the six people who are going to lose their jobs," Truax said.

Middle school planning time has taken a back seat to salary and health insurance issues throughout contract negotiations. Currently, middle school teachers get 450 minutes of planning time per week. Elementary teachers get 200 minutes per week, high school teachers get 235. With the resolution of the board passed last Friday, middle school teachers will get 275 minutes of planning time.

Planning time had been greater for the middle school teachers, Miller said, because of a teaching philosophy prominent in the 1980s. It involved teams of teachers working with groups of students. Teachers would get two planning periods per day, one for individuals and one for teams. LAS did not buy into the entire idea in the 1980s, but did implement double planning periods which have remained to this day.

# LMS sixth-grade student participates in geography state bee

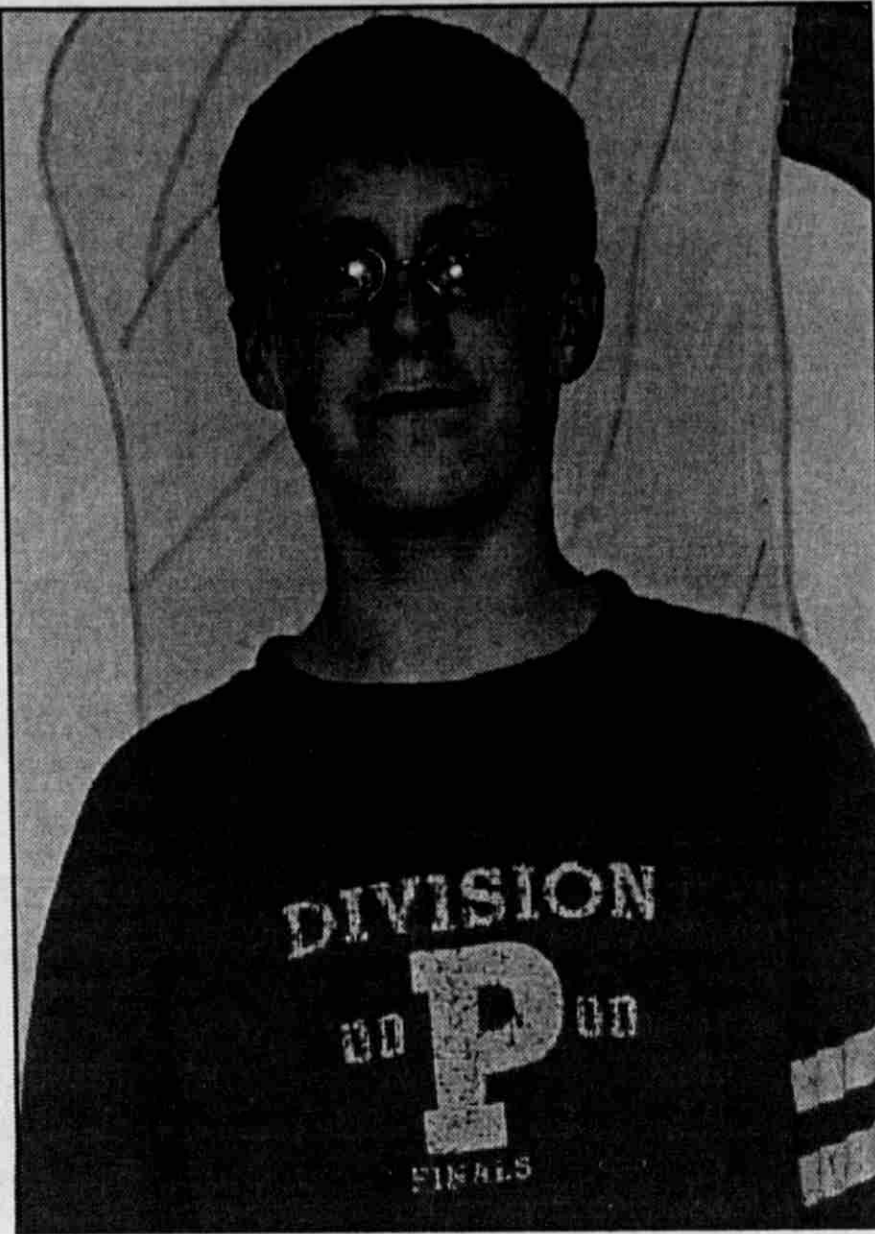
Dylan Olin, a sixth grade student at Lowell Middle School, is one of 100 fourth-through eighth-grade students who will participate in the Michigan finals of the 2004 National Geographic Bee at Central Michigan University on April 2.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Local preliminary bees were held in January.

The top scorers in Michigan advance to the state bee at CMU, where they will be orally tested on geographic knowledge. Ten students advance to the final elimination round.

First prize wins \$100 and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national finals May 25 and 26. The national champion will receive a \$25,000 scholarship.

The first bee was instituted in 1989 when members



Dylan Olin

of the National Geographic Society were alarmed at the lack of geographic knowledge

among American children. Olin is the son of Dean and Suzanne Olin of Lowell.

# High school BPA fundraiser raffle winner

Students involved in the Lowell High School chapter of Business Professionals of America recently sold raffle tickets to offset costs for state and national competition expenses. Mary Fitzpatrick of Lowell was the first place winner of a 27" color television donated by the Lowell Meijer store.



Tom Trierweiler, of the Lowell Meijer, congratulates Mary Fitzpatrick, winner of the BPA raffle.

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7:10, 9:15

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# Glass art establishment adds color to downtown

By Dan Schneider

There's now an art glass studio in downtown Lowell with classes and the beginnings of a gallery.

Susan Molnar opened her studio at 215 W. Main Street the beginning of February. The specialty is fused glass. It's different than stained glass, which is cut pieces of glass joined together with lead strips. Fused glass is cut and heated in a kiln.

"At 1,450 degrees, glass gets sticky enough that it starts to stick together," Molnar explained.

The glass basically melts together into smooth-edged shapes. Examples of Molnar's fused glass work are on shelves, for sale, at the studio.

Molnar teaches classes in fused glass and stained glass. The studio has big tables and

a lot of equipment set up for that purpose. The downtown space has attracted some interest in fused glass.

"I've had a lot of walk-in traffic and I've had a few people take classes who have just stopped in," Molnar said.

She has taught classes in the past at the Lowell Area Arts Council, in the studio above Chimera Design on East Main Street, at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Art in Grand Rapids and at the Kendall College of Art and Design. She's brought a lot of her students with her who like the new space.

"I do have a pretty strong following," Molnar said. "Some of my students, of course, are from this area. I think people enjoy having the room, the extra space, a lot of light. It's a wonderful building. I like downtown Lowell, it's just fantastic."

Molnar also moved her own studio into the space.

"I do my studio work here, we have the beginnings of a gallery. I hope to grow this with consigned work," Molnar said.

She had a self-sustaining fused-glass studio in her Cascade home for about the last three years. She sells fused glass pieces wholesale to galleries and at art shows.

"I do a lot of summer shows," she said.

She goes to about 13 each year, including the Fallasburg Festival.

Molnar is teaching ongoing classes in fused glass art and several new classes are coming up. Her web site, www.glasshousedesigns.com, has class lists, schedules and fees. Schedules are also available at the studio.



Susan Molnar is shown with a brown sheet of fusible glass on her worktable. It is a special kind of colored glass for making fused-glass art.

# Lowell Area Arts Council director named to state board

By Dan Schneider

The executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council, Lorain Smalligan, was recently named to the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies.

Based in Ann Arbor, MACAA is a state-wide membership organization for administrators of community arts organizations.

"We are an umbrella over about 3,000 arts organizations in the state of Michigan," MACAA executive director Debbie Mikula said.

The idea behind the association is to provide members with communication resources and educational opportunities. It's a hub for arts ideas from around the state as well as an arts advocacy organization.

"Our board seeks to find extremely qualified individuals, professionals... who can support the policies and strategies for the development of art in Michigan," MACAA board president Oliver Ragsdale said.

Smalligan will be the board representative for or-

ganizations from Lowell to the lakeshore.

"I think it's kind of cool that Lowell is on the board," Smalligan said. "It's great for the arts council. They're recognizing us as a notable arts organization to even ask me to be a member of the board."

She will replace Louise Edison, who left her board post after switching jobs from the Grand Rapids Ballet Company to Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids, not an arts organization, but nonprofit.

# Evening of Jazz at LHS

The annual "Evening of Jazz," sponsored by Lowell middle school and high school jazz bands will be held Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. This year the Aquinas College Jazz Band, under the direction of Paul Brewer, will be featured.

The middle school jazz band, under the

direction of Dale Latva, will open the concert. Tim Haan will direct the high school jazz band and the Aquinas College jazz band will complete the concert.

Tickets are \$3 for students and seniors, and \$4 for all others. They may be purchased at the schools or from any jazz band member as well as at the door.



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# COMING EVENTS

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

**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.

**EVERY MON.:** Women's over 30 drop-in basketball, 7-9:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary. Call Dave (YMCA) 897-8445. Fee \$3.

**3RD MON.:** Fallasburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of office or Fallasburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

**2ND MON.:** Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

**2ND MON.:** Bowne Township Historical Society meeting at Historical Museum, 84th and Alden Nash. 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** 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.

**4TH MON.:** Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

**3RD MON.:** Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**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 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers

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

**2ND 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.

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

**EVERY 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.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee meets 5-8:30 p.m. at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. For all or part time; Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. A light dinner will be provided.

**2ND & 4TH TUES.:** Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

**2ND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge meeting, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

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

**3RD TUES.:** Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments served. Bev or Melissa, 642-6466.

**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.

**EVERY 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.

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

**2ND WED.:** Kent County Youth Fair Board meeting at 7:30 p.m., King Memorial Youth Center at 4-H Fairgrounds. 897-6050.

**2ND WED.:** Lowell Women's Club meets at 12 p.m. in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

**2ND WED.:** Support group for Peripheral Neuropathy, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Catholic Church, Grand Rapids. Dorothy 897-9794.

**EVERY 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 2ND THURS.:** Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting 7:30 p.m. - ? All members in good standing are invited.

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 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.

**3RD THURS.:** 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac, Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. Parenting issues, educational topics. Call 642-6466 for information.

**1ST & 3RD THURS.:** Alto Lions Club meets at Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

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

**3RD THURS.:** Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Dawn 862-8841.

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

**3RD THURS.:** Parents Supporting Parents group, Franciscan Life Process Center. 897-7842.

**3RD THURS.:** Royal Arch Masons, 7:30 p.m., Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

**3RD THURS.:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women; Ada church. 752-8300.

**3RD THURS.:** Parent Support Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at The 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Many educational topics related to parenting and parenting issues are discussed. Call Bev or Melissa at 642-6466 for more information.

**2ND THURS.:** Genealogy-Alto Fam. Tree Club, Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**EVERY FRI.:** Arts/Crafts volunteers meet at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842 to meet new friends, share your talent.

**2ND SAT.:** Ada Historical Society at 10:30 a.m., Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**2ND 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.

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

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

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL:** Tues., Wed. & Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Thurs.: 12-7 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545.

**LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS:** (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. For info. call 897-8565.

**SUN., APRIL 11:** First Baptist Church, 60th & Bancroft, Alto, Easter music and drama, 6 p.m.

**MON., APRIL 12:** Athletic Booster Club regular meeting in high school staff lounge at 7 p.m.

**WED. APRIL 14:** United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave., turkey & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$8; 5-12 \$2.

**WED., APRIL 21:** Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive for Grand Valley Blood program, 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station.

**WEDS. THRU APRIL 7:** Franciscan Life Process

Center Lenten lunch. Soup, bread, dessert, beverage for a donation; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. RSVP 897-7842.

**TUES., APRIL 6:** Grattan Twp. Historical Society, 7 p.m. at Grattan Twp. Hall. Donald Bannister will speak on England during WWII. Public welcome.

**SAT., APRIL 10:** Foodmobile at 4-H Fairgrounds, Foreman Bldg., 10-11 a.m. Mostly produce; bring box or bag. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

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**MON.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.  
**TUES.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study

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

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**WED., MARCH 31:** 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

**THURS., APRIL 1:** 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Chinese Restaurant in Ionia.

**FRI., APRIL 2:** 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**MON., APRIL 5:** 12:45 p.m. Treasured Memories.

**TUES., APRIL 6:** 12:45 p.m. Easter Special Surprise.

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## MDOT Pothole hotline helps keep Michigan moving smoothly

The Michigan Department of Transportation needs motorists help. A toll-free number and easy e-mail reporting are now available so that citizens can identify the location of potholes and MDOT can transmit this information to the nearest Transportation Service Center (TSC).

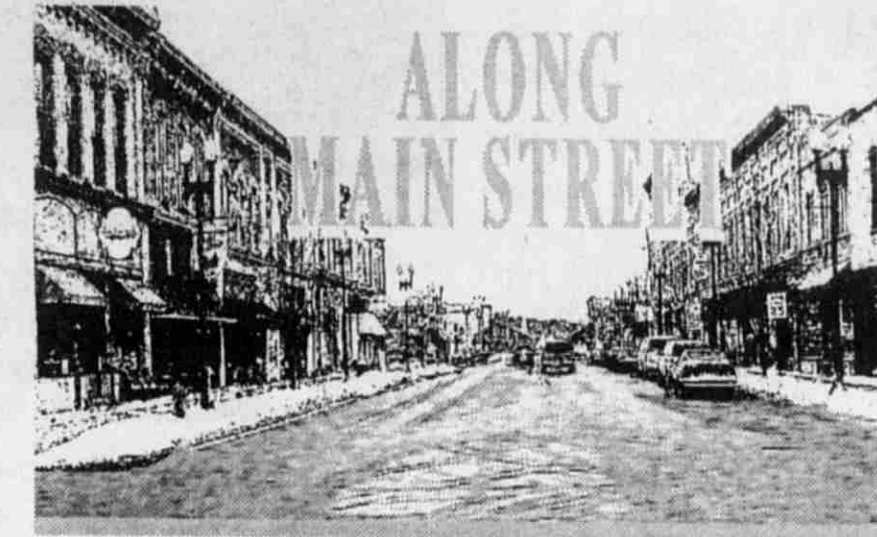
"The hotline is a convenient and effective way for citizens to help MDOT identify potholes that need to be repaired," said State Transportation director Gloria J. Jeff. "The toll-free phone number and e-mail reporting is convenient and effective, which means a quick fix and smoother, more dependable ride for everyone who uses Michigan's transportation system."

The Director's Pothole Hotline is available around-the-clock, seven days a week at 1-888-296-4546, or by logging onto the MDOT Web

landlord or prospective employer, asking for your credit information. And, of course, computer-smart thieves can get your private information from the Internet.

How can you protect yourself from identity theft? Here are a few tips:

- **Don't share your Social Security number** - Unless it's truly necessary, as when you're filing official papers, don't give out your Social Security number. Smart crooks can use your number in a variety of ways - and none of them are good for you.
- **Shred those documents** - If you're getting rid of old tax returns, investment statements and bank documents, use a shredder. And, as long as you've got the shredder out, use it on pre-approved credit card offers. At the very least, when you receive those pre-approved envelopes, rip them up before throwing them away.
- **Get your credit report annually** - To request a copy of your credit report, you can call the three main credit bureaus: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-397-3742) and Trans Union (1-800-888-4213). Check your report closely for "surprises" or unaccounted activity.
- **Update accounts to reflect changes in your life** - You'll want to revise the official ownership designations of your financial accounts - loans, credit cards, etc. - to accommodate



**CUB SCOUT PACK 3106**

The Cub Scouts of Pack 3106 from St. Patrick's in Parnell are having a fundraiser at the Pizza Hut in Lowell on Wednesday, March 31 from 4-8 p.m. Bring the coupon from either the Buyers Guide or Lowell Ledger to 2550 W. Main St. and purchase any item. Pizza Hut will donate 20 percent of your order to Pack 3106.

**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS MEETING**

The Academic Boosters will meet Thursday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at Lowell High School. Call Julie at 897-6353 if you have any questions.

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changes in your life, such as divorce. Otherwise, you might find that, on a credit report, your ex-spouse's problems are now also yours.

• **Opt out of credit card offers** - To get fewer pre-approved credit card offers, call 1-888-5-OPT-OUT and follow the prompts. Also, when you receive a phone call from a credit card company, or any other type of solicitor, you can request to be placed on the company's "do not call" list.

**Be Alert**

Identity theft has been going on ever since someone learned how to forge someone else's signature. Unfortunately, the problem has been exacerbated by our modern age, with its mass mailings, Internet access and impersonal transactions.

Still, even with these realities, you shouldn't live in fear of being attacked by identity thieves. First of all, the chances are still good that it will never happen to you. Second, if you follow the suggestions described above, you can further improve your odds. And finally, even if you are victimized, you can almost always straighten matters out, though it will take time and effort.

So, be alert, do what you can and live your life. Your real identity is who you are as a person - and no one can take that away from you.

**CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS AND DONATE!**

Any clean, gently used clothing you are willing to part with may be donated to the Flat River Outreach Ministries thrift store. Infant and children's clothing are especially needed.

**CREW TEAM NEEDS A BOAT!**

The LHS crew team is looking for a 14 ft. aluminum boat with a 10-15 horse outboard for coaching/safety boat during practice. Contact Missy Harrison at 676-2674 if you can help.

**FOODMOBILE, FREE FOOD**

Bring your own box or bag to the 4-H Fairgrounds' Foreman Building on Saturday, April 10. The Foodmobile will be there with mostly produce from 10-11 a.m. or until food is gone. Distributed by Flat River Outreach Ministries.

**HONORS READING PROJECT**

New/used toys, games, puzzles and books for children are being collected for an 8th grade reading project. Donations to Catholic Social Services in Greater G.R. area; a drop box is at Englehardt Library until April 21. Questions? Call Nicole 897-6421 or Melissa 691-7080.

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**ALTO KINDERGARTEN - PARENT MEETING**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2004**  
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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - MEETING



## Groups pledge money toward farmland preservation program

The Kent County Farm Bureau Board voted to approve a \$10,000 challenge grant to the county's purchase of development rights (PDR) program - provided the county contribute twice that amount.

The Farm Bureau's 2-1 challenge is offered as a one-time, startup funding for the program, which aims to protect the county's remaining 90,000 acres of farmland from development.

The voluntary program aims to help local farmers keep their land open and in agricul-

tural production. A combination of monies from various sources would fund the endeavor to buy from landowners only their right to sell their property for development, without diminishing other private property rights. So far, 44 farms have applied for the program; 27 have been accepted.

Several local groups have pledged money toward the effort. Contributions to date include \$500,000 from the Wege Foundation and

\$50,000 from the Lowell Area Community Foundation.

Kent County approved its PDR program in November 2002, but hasn't yet allocated money to fund it, according to James May, president of Kent County Farm Bureau and a member of the farmland preservation committee.

"We hope the county will get something going - the county commissioners need to take action. If the county doesn't commit, the Farm Bureau's not committing."

## Drink your apple juice

Having a glass of apple juice with your breakfast may help to maintain brain performance, according to a new study from the University of Massachusetts. The study, directed by Thomas Shea,

Ph.D., suggests that two to three glasses of apple juice a day may protect against oxidative damage that contributes to age-related brain disorders such as Alzheimer's disease.

The study also found that apples and apple juice may affect brain health and mental sharpness throughout life. Previous research has shown that apples are a rich source of antioxidants. According to a 2000 study at Cornell University, one apple has more cancer-fighting antioxidant capability than a 1,500 milligram dose of vitamin C.

The Michigan Apple Com-

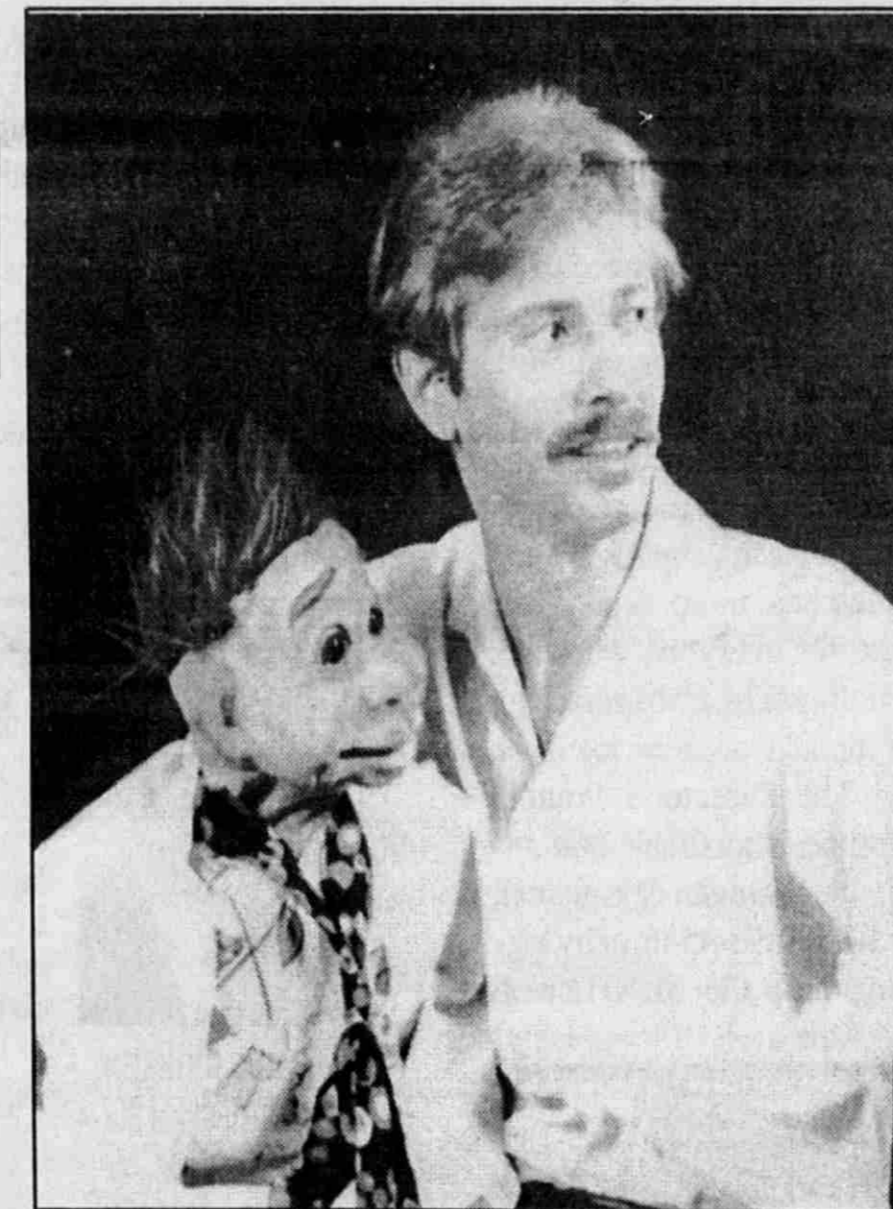
mittee noted that consumers should look for the fine print on an apple juice container indicating the product contains U.S. concentrate.

## Five generations



The Geldersma family is shown here representing five generations: Holding baby Emily Jean VanLuinen is great-great-grandmother Mina Geldersma, a longtime resident of the Lowell area and 96 years old; standing behind them is great-grandfather Jack Geldersma, mother Mindy VanLuinen and grandmother Cathy Jean VanLuinen.

## Ventriloquist to perform at Alto United Methodist Church



Ventriloquist Rod Snow

Chalk artist and ventriloquist Rod Snow will be the featured guest program for the Alto United Methodist Church's evening Palm Sunday Lenten service.

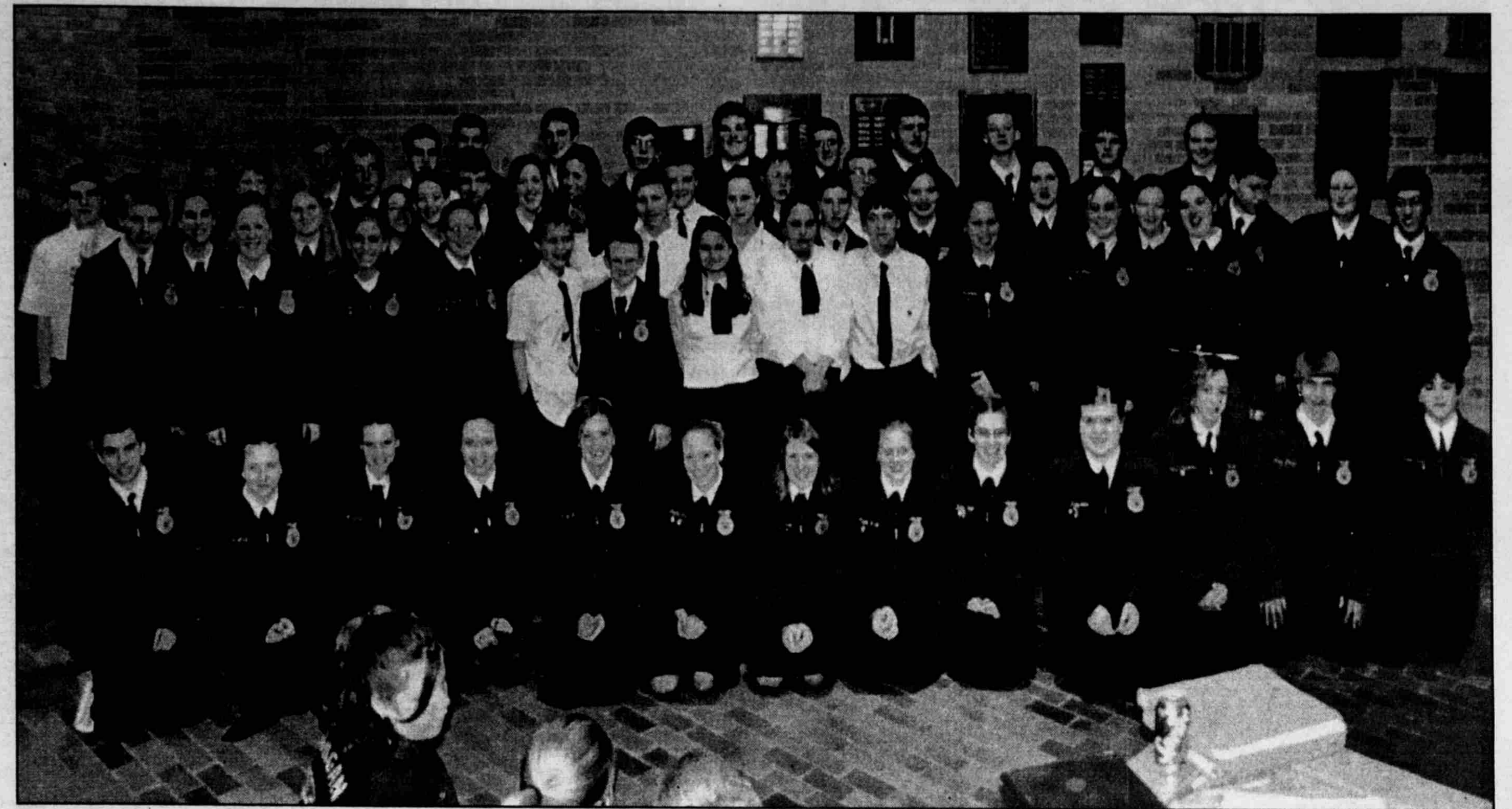
Snow, a graduate of the Kendall School of Design, has worked as a commercial artist and teacher in community art programs, and now has a full-time Chalk-Art

ministry which has taken him to many states.

The son of a United Methodist minister, he is married to his wife Vonda and the father of two.

His program, "Chalk for Christ," will be held at the church, located at Kirby and Harrison in Alto, on April 4 at 7 p.m. It is open to the public.

## Lowell FFA earns Michigan's largest chapter award



Lowell FFA members enjoyed their accomplishments at the 2004 Michigan FFA Convention at MSU. The chapter was recognized as the largest chapter in Michigan.

The Lowell FFA chapter had another outstanding showing at the state convention held March 9-11 at Michigan State University. With over 2500 people in attendance, Lowell FFA had a delegation of over 85 members, parents, advisors, alumni and administrators.

The Lowell FFA was recognized as the largest chapter in the state with over 190 members in sixth to twelfth grade.

Lowell was also awarded the highest numerical increase award along with awards for outstanding chapter programs in the areas of student, chapter and community development.

Voting delegates for the Lowell FFA were Missy Blough, Hannah Knudstrup and Amy Junewick. Seventh grade member Ian Blodger won the Middle School Prepared Public Speaking contest.

His topic was *Canadian Garbage in Michigan Landfills*. Brian Langlois, a freshman, received a silver medal in the Greenhand Public Speaking Contest. Lowell has six other state finalists in the leadership career development events.

Becky Bosserd was awarded a silver rating in Sheep Production. Tim Zook was the state winner in the area of Agricultural Mechan-

ics for his work at Zook Farm Equipment. Laura Rasch was named the state winner in Fruit Production for her experience with the family fruit farm. State winners received \$300 and their application will be forwarded for national competition.

Lowell FFA had the most students in the state who earned the state FFA degree. Those students were: Jake Baker, Helen Crimmins,

James DeLiefde, Patrick Doyle, Bryan Hoekstra, Jessica Kincaid, Steve Koning, Bruce Langlois, Patti Leasure, Melissa Liszewski, Heather McCready, Justin Peterson, Mike Shinaberry, Matt Smith, Coilin Walsh, Ryan Ward, Cassy Wheat and Holly Young.

Lowell also had 12 seniors who earned recognition for academic achievement with a 3.3 grade point average and higher. Nineteen students received the Outstanding Junior award: Meghan Beachum, Adam Brearley, Melody Dermocoeur, Julie Dunn, Jon Eickhoff, Kelly Foote, Amanda Gunberg, Dan Harden, Andy Hewitt,

Phil Hogan, Chelsea Karas, John Rasch, Amanda Rau, David Sefton, Katie Serne, Megan Stubbs, Marie Wade, Katie Ward and Shelly Wernet.

Lowell FFA supporter Jim Bosserd of Sparta was recognized with the Honorary State FFA Degree award for his service on the board of the Michigan FFA Foundation. Lowell FFA graduate Bryan Posthumus completed his year of service as the Region V State vice president for the Michigan FFA. He spent the entire year serving over 5200 members in Michigan and has traveled over 15,000 miles promoting the FFA at local and state events.

## COLLEGE NEWS

More than 900 students earned degrees from Grand Valley State University in December 2003.

From the Lowell area are the following: Brook M. Borup, Erin P. Burgess, Karen R. Burritt, Andrea K. Crosby, Jeremy M. Duprey, Dane B. Jorgensen and Amy I. Opperman.

From Alto are Jennifer R. Cavanaugh and Kerri N. Mince.

From Ada is Cherrille L. Weber.

Central Michigan University has announced that 2,700 students graduated in December 2003.

From the Lowell area are Dara J. Anchors and Brooke M. Krebill.

From Ada is Annie N. McMahon.

Blair Meyer, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, received a certificate as her first-year varsity award for helping the Albion College women's basketball team achieve its finest season ever. Of the 23 games Albion won, Meyer played in 11 games and averaged 1.1 points and

1.0 rebound per game.

Meyer is the daughter of Thomas and Barbara Meyer of Grand Rapids.

Janelle Marie Horton, of Lowell, has been awarded two scholarships from Cedarville University, located in Ohio.

The National Scholar

Award is given to first-year students who had high PSAT scores, were finalists or semi-finalists in the National Merit or National Achievement competition, and maintained a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.2 or higher. The renewable scholarship is worth \$3,500 per year.

Horton also received the Homeschool Leader Scholarship for graduating from a home education-based curriculum with a minimum of

two years in home education. They must have high ACT/SAT scores, a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and leadership positions in church and community. This scholarship is a one-time award worth \$1,000.

Horton, who plans to major in social work, is the daughter of Jack and Fay Horton of Lowell.

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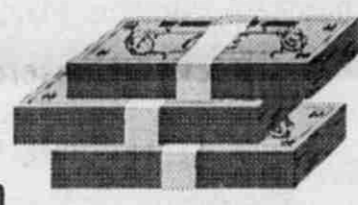
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All you folks along Main Street are an inspiration with your American flags. Especially the brand spanking new one. Thank you very much!

Congratulations to the winners of the Alto American Legion Auxiliary Post #528 Poppy Poster Contest! Good luck at the District's contest!

Hats off to the cast of *Pirates of Penzance!* What an awesome high school production! Take time to see this musical! You will not be disappointed.

Do not play in the streets. The streets are for cars.

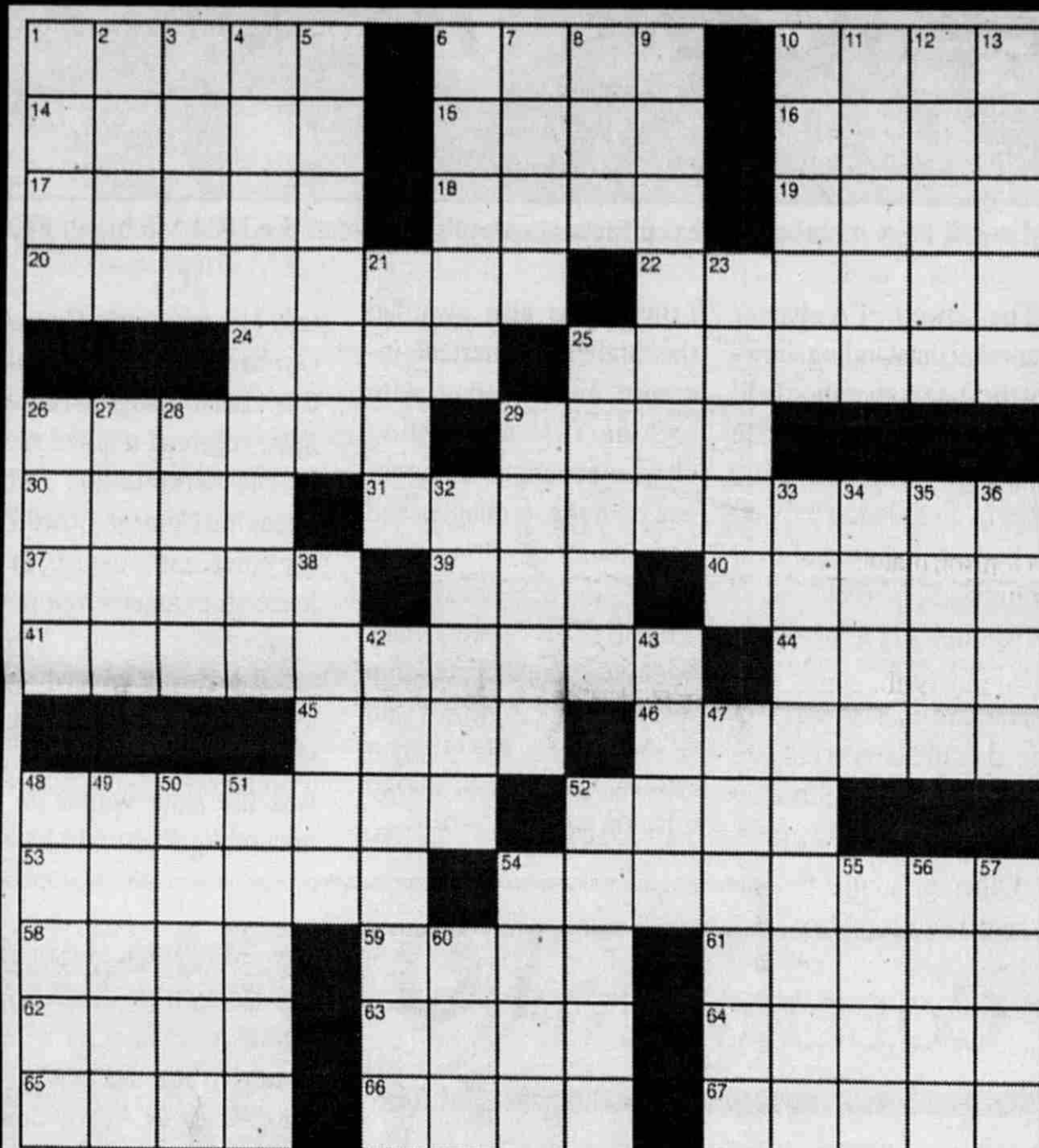
Has the corner of Alden Nash and Cascade Rd. been rezoned commercial? It resembles a used car lot there now.

Where is the Sound off? I haven't seen it in the Ledger for two weeks! Let's get it back in line.

(Editor's note: It's nice to be missed.)

Now that the weather is getting nicer, how about everyone picking up some litter when they see it. Every little bit helps!

## CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

1. Pulls hair.
6. Cannon, Judge Jennifer "Whipper" Cone on Ally McBeal.
10. Having wings.
14. Field of conflict.
15. Another name for the Abominable Snowman.
16. To study carefully.
17. Rice cooked in poultry broth.
18. Acronym for North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
19. To whimper.
20. Saves from a disaster.
22. Showed to be false.
24. Murdoch, British novelist and philosopher.
25. Sways to one side while in motion.
26. Downward stroke in conducting.
29. Combining form meaning "self."
30. Abbreviation for sophomore.
31. Undermining or ruining.
37. Baril, former owner of the Bonnyville Tribune.
39. Charlotie, Edna Garrett on The Facts of Life.
40. Mistake.
41. Able to use again.
44. To fall off.
45. Small children.
46. Shirley's last name on Laverne & Shirley.
48. To throw into the trash.
52. Abbreviation for the control key on some computer keyboards.
53. Booth, the White Goddess in Trader Horn.
54. Ended in.
58. Not plump.
59. Oldest Taylor son on Home Improvement.
61. Instrument played by Liberace.
62. Department in southern France.
63. To attract or entice.
64. Cabs.
65. Kruger, Miss Austen in Craig's Wife.
66. Acronym for European Tissue Engineering Society.
67. Derogatory.

**DOWN**

1. Barks shrilly.
2. Air or melody.
3. Carter, Nellie Ruth Harper on Gimme a Break.
4. Dishonestly.
5. Hunting expedition in eastern Africa.
6. Standard centimeter-gram-second units of force in physics.
7. Not nays.
8. Abbreviation for attorney.
9. Any salt of niobic acid.
10. An \_ a day keeps the doctor away.
11. Anderson, former host of The Family Feud.
12. David, a regular on CBS Newcomers.
13. Donna, Jerry and Robert.
21. Essential part of the matter.
23. To wear away.
25. Container used to separate gold and silver from lead.
26. Acronym for Turkish Society of Rochester.
27. Past tense of heave.
28. Of proportions.
29. Inhabitants of Arabia.
32. To tell a story.
33. Pertaining to the work of George Orwell.
34. Country between Iraq and Afghanistan.
35. Not any.
36. Jennifer, Frances "Baby" Houseman in Dirty Dancing.
38. Center of Puritanism in England at the time of Cromwell.
42. Able to be lost.
43. Acronym for Electronic Funds Transfer System.
47. Bursts forth.
48. Burke, Suzanne Sugarbaker on Designing Women.
49. Perfect.
50. Body of bees.
51. Fin or flipper.
52. Gives up.
54. One of a kind.
55. TV show starring Danny DeVito and Andy Kaufman.
56. Bennett, Maid Marian in the 1922 movie, Robin Hood.
57. Quantity of medicine prescribed.
60. Furrow in the ground.

ANSWERS WILL APPEAR IN THE APRIL 7 ISSUE OF THE LEDGER!

## LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** I understand what probate is. What is ancillary probate?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** When you own real estate in a different state than the one you are domiciled in and that real estate is in your name alone at death, then that real estate needs to be probated in that state. This type of probate is known as ancillary probate. Any other assets that you own in your name alone at death also need to be probated under the laws of the state in which you are domiciled.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** My wife and I prepared estate planning documents several years ago. At what point should those documents be updated or do they even need to be updated?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** I recommend that you review your estate planning documents at a minimum every three years, and sooner if your financial situation has changed significantly or your personal circumstances have changed.

Your estate planning documents should be amended any time:

- There is a change in your personal circumstances. This would include your marriage or remarriage, divorce, death of a beneficiary, the birth or the adoption of a child, and the death, relocation or unavailability of any fiduciary you have named to act on your behalf.
- There is a significant change in your income or your assets.
- There is a change in the laws, federal or state, which may impact your estate planning.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I am a widower. After my wife died, I put my daughter's name on all of my assets so we now own everything together as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship. I set it up this way for two reasons: first, if I can't act, she will be able to do things for me; second, at my death, everything will flow into her name without having to go through probate. One advisor told me it was okay if I want my daughter to receive everything, but it wasn't such a good plan if I want my assets divided among all my children equally. Since it is my desire that my children share my estate equally, I prepared a last will and testament which distributes my estate to my children in equal shares. Do you see any problems with this approach?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** If your assets were titled just in your name alone, then upon your death, your assets would be divided in equal shares among your children according to the terms of your last will and testament. However, since you have re-titled all of your assets in your name and your daughter's

name as joint tenants with full survivorship rights, then those assets will automatically flow to her upon your death, and your last will and testament will have no effect. A last will and testament only controls those assets that are subject to probate. Since your assets are jointly titled with your daughter, they will avoid probate at your death. As such, your last will and testament will have no effect.

If it is your intent that your children share equally in your assets and you still want to avoid probate, then I recommend that you prepare a living trust naming your children as the beneficiaries of your trust assets upon your death. By doing so, you not only avoid probate, but the assets will flow to your children in equal shares upon your death.

I recommend you meet with an estate planning attorney who can review with you in more detail how a living trust can benefit you.

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## BOWNE TOWNSHIP

**Will be taking bids for TOWNSHIP AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE**

Bids will be accepted through April 16, 2004 for proposals for the purpose of care and maintenance of the Bowne Center Cemetery, the Township Fire Station, Historic Township hall and Colby park for the fiscal year of 2004-2005. Please contact the township office at 616-868-6846 between the hours of 9-12 and 1-5 on Wednesday and Thursday and 9-12 on Friday for a list of specifications.

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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

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**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on April 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning two proposed ordinances that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan.

The first proposed ordinance would amend Article 7.03.G of Zoning Ordinance to clarify the manner in which minimum waterfront setbacks are to be measured on lots and parcels in the R-L Zoning District, and to add definitions for new terms that are used in the revised Article 7.03.G.

The second proposed ordinance would amend the provisions of Article 18 of the Zoning Ordinance governing the procedures for public hearings conducted by the Board of Appeals; the methods for recording Board of Appeals' decisions; and the standards the Board of Appeals is to use to evaluate applications for use variances and dimensional variances.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments is on file and may be examined the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amendments. Written comments concerning the same may be submitted to the Township office at the above-listed address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: March 5, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Freestyle wrestlers

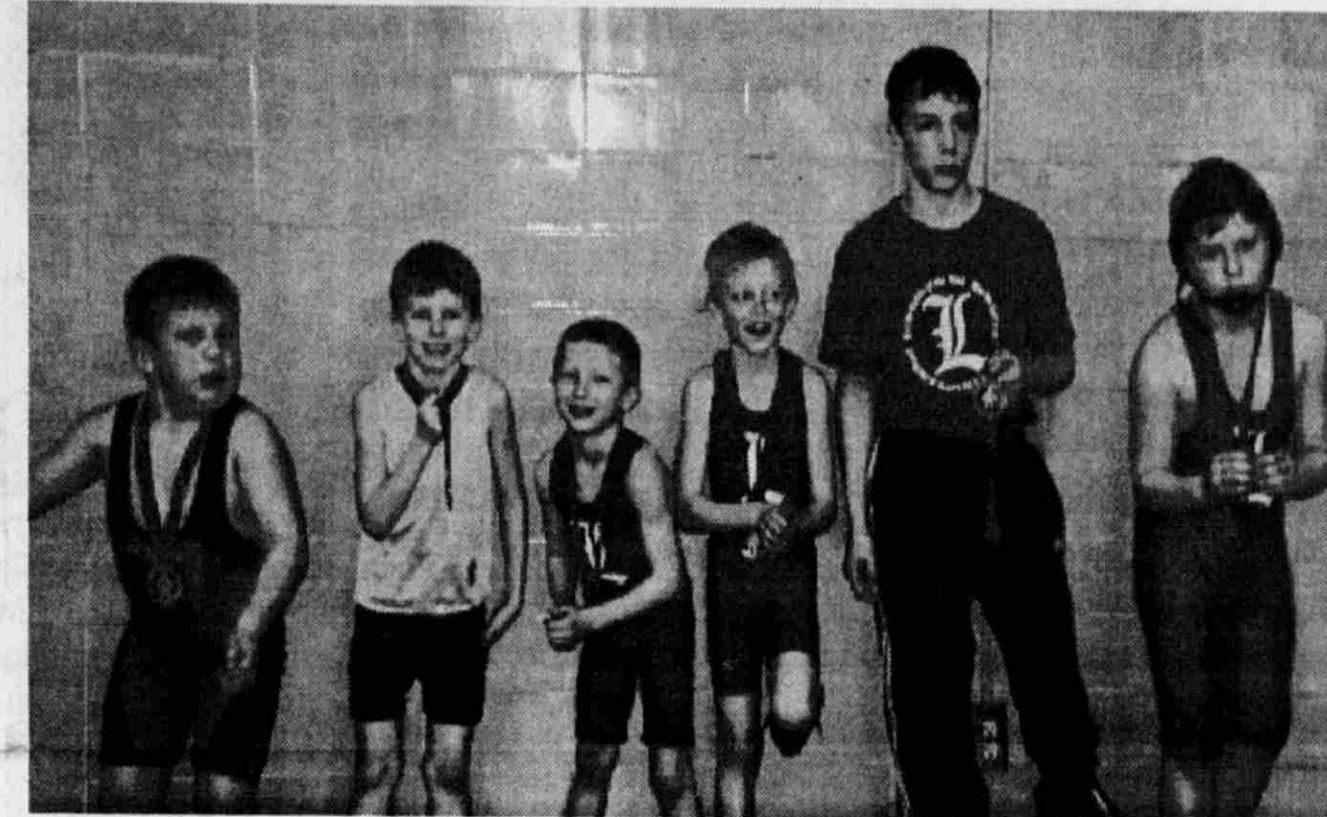
The Lowell freestyle wrestling Club recently competed in Sparta.

Zach Baum, a Lowell Middle School student, wrestled schoolboy at 110 lbs. and placed second. Eli Scoby, a fourth grade student wrestling at 95 lbs., took a first place in the Midget class.

Jake Denison placed first in the 43 lb. Bantam weight class; Jason Nagy and Tad Rodgers, in the 49 lb. class, placed second in class A and B respectively.

Brendon Rhodts, heavy weight, placed third in his division. Other participants from Lowell were Max Wester, Tyler Lessens and Matthew Griffioen.

The next meet will be held Saturday, April 3 at Lowell High School.



Pictured, left to right, are Brendon Rhodts, Jason Nagy, Jake Denison, Tad Rodgers, Zach Baum and Eli Scoby.

## Ogle resigns as varsity golf coach

Jack Ogle has resigned as the varsity boys golf coach at Lowell High School. He held the position since the 1986 season, twice having been named regional coach of the year, most recently in 2003. His team finished third in OK White in 2003; his most successful team finished 11th in state in 1989.

Ogle also formed the girls golf team in 1984. He started the Lowell Invitational in 1986, which now brings 20 teams each year to Deer Run Golf Course to compete. He said 20 years was long enough and some good younger players coming up should give the next coach a good season to start out with.

Dated: March 25, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



# Emergency vehicle donated to Dominican Republic

By Dan Schneider

Visitors from the Dominican Republic took a look at Lowell's fire station Thursday, March 18, and their perspective should be eye-opening to those of us used to the lifestyle around here.

Pedro Segura is the fire chief for the city of Santiago. It is the second largest city in the Dominican Republic with a population of about 750,000.

"In the summer there are many fires," Segura said. "About 50 percent of the houses are wood."

"The city has to take care of each fire department and the city doesn't spend a lot of money to support the fire department."

The city of Santiago is less equipped than Lowell for fire response. Santiago has three fire stations. Each has at least one pumper truck, but they break down frequently.

"I don't think they have any of them newer than 20 years old," Steve Boyer said. "They have a definite lack of equipment that would have been standard in the U.S. for the last 30 or 40 years."

Boyer is the liaison between the Dominican Republic



Celso Poritilla, general manager of an industrial park in Santiago, Dominican Republic (from left); Lowell city clerk Betty Morlock; Santiago's fire chief Pedro Segura; Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores; Algoma fire chief Steve Johnson; Partners of the Americas liaison Steve Boyer and Matt McConnon, chief operations officer for Rockford-Lowell ambulance at the Look Memorial Fire Station. The Dominicans were visiting the Lowell fire station because Rockford-Lowell ambulance is donating an emergency vehicle to the Santiago Fire Department.

lic and the state of Michigan with Partners of the Americas. It is a volunteer organization that pairs developing

nations like the Dominican Republic with states in the U.S.

"The goal of the Partners is to get professional people from each country to get together and talk about problems," Boyer said.

The fire department in the Dominican Republic depends on donated second-hand equipment for much of its emergency fleet. That is why Segura was in Lowell with Celso Poritilla, the general manager of an industrial park in Santiago. Lowell-Rockford ambulance is donating one of its Lowell ambulances to the

Santiago Fire Department.

The ambulance donation was facilitated through Partners of the Americas. Rockford-Lowell Ambulance has donated several emergency vehicles to the Dominican Republic. Wolverine World Wide has helped to overcome the challenge of transporting the ambulances to the Dominican Republic. The Rockford shoe manufacturer has two factories in that country and frequently ships things back and forth.



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