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Fire destroys Curtis Cleaners building

"No one got hurt and that's what really counts." - Bucky Curtis

By Dan Schneider

A fire last Wednesday night destroyed the dry-cleaning portion of Curtis Cleaners, a long-established business in Lowell.

The fire started at approximately 9:30 p.m. The Lowell Area Fire Department was on the scene at 10.

"We had it under control in about 20 minutes," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said.

Martin said the spontaneous combustion of a load of rags caused the fire. Cooking oil in the fabric of the rags caused them to combust. The rags had been taken out of a dryer and stored behind the counter in the dry-cleaning area at the end of the night.

The fire burned through the wood paneling in the dry-cleaning half of the building.

It burned hot enough to contort the steel roof trusses. Firefighters extinguished smaller fires in the west end of the coin laundromat before they did much damage. Firewalls protected the offices and warehouse.

Responding to the fire were 17 firefighters from Lowell and 13 from the Ada Fire Department. There were five pumper trucks at the scene but only one was used, primarily to pump foam onto the fire.

Talking to a relative the next morning, Curtis Cleaners co-owner Bucky Curtis was non-plussed.

"It's just bricks and mortar," Curtis said. "No one got hurt and that's what really counts."

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Firefighters battling the blaze at Curtis Cleaners last Wednesday evening. - Photo submitted by Ron VanOverbeek

New type of Goodwill store coming to Lowell

By Dan Schneider

Lowell will be one of the first places in West Michigan where a new breed of Goodwill stores will open. The retail store is under construction on the west end of town near Stoneridge Apartments. A similar store is being built simultaneously on Alpine Avenue in Grand Rapids.

"These are our new prototype stores," said Dave Brinza, vice president of re-

tail operations for Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids. "We're really trying to update our whole idea of the stores."

Scheduled to open in mid-August, they will feature more modern storefronts and bright colors inside along with drive-up donation centers. Store staff will come out to the cars to help with paperwork.

Another part of the new Goodwill retail store philoso-

phy is the addition of coffee shops. The coffee shop at the Lowell store will have seating inside as well as a drive-through window. The shop will expand Goodwill's capacity as an employer.

"We're probably looking to hire 15 to 20 people," Brinza said. "Our mission is to help people who have barriers to employment."

Goodwill Industries offers job training in several employment fields. It may integrate the coffee shops into its training program for jobs in the food service industry.

Goodwill chose Lowell because of the population and business growth in the area.

"We want to be in growing areas," Brinza said. "In our demographics, we look at

growing areas where we are getting a lot of our good donations from and where a lot of our customers live. We get a fair amount of donations from Lowell at our other stores around Grand Rapids."

Zip code surveys taken at existing Goodwill locations indicate a lot of donations from residents in the Lowell area, Brinza said. This is one indication that the area can

probably handle another thrift store.

"We don't think it's going to hurt us," said Marylin Lambson, thrift shop director for Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. in Lowell. "We think that there is a need and we're getting more and more shoppers, and I'm sure they'll shop there, too."

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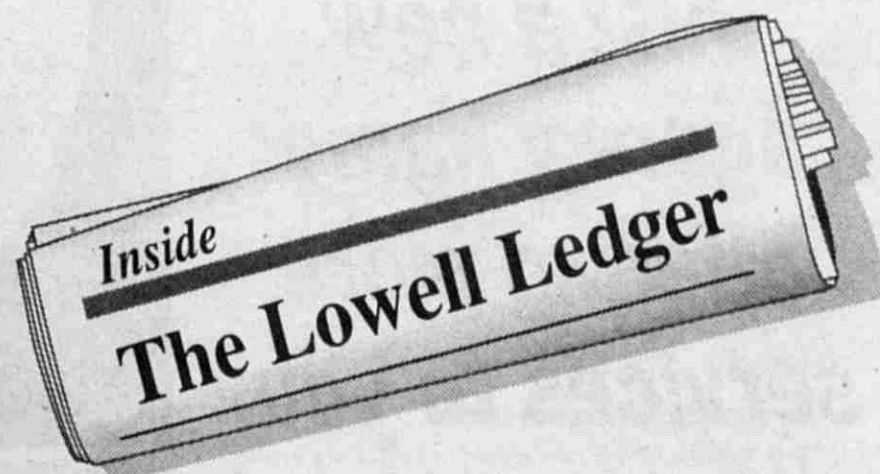
New sign for the airport

A new sign has been put up at Lowell City Airport. The previous one stood on the site for 20 years.

"It was completely deteriorated with termites and one day last winter someone ran into it and knocked it right over," airport manager Jim Sowle said.

The airport bought the sign. The School of Missionary Aviation Technology, also featured prominently on the sign, paid for the brick base and installation costs. Digital Image on West Main Street made it.

"We wanted to make a sign that looked like all the other signs going in and out of Lowell so people would look at it and recognize it as Lowell's airport," Sowle said.



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OBITUARIES

KING - Mark R. King died peacefully at home on April 1, 2004. He was preceded in death by his infant son Nathan C. King and parents Joan and Jack King. He leaves behind his wife Michele; son Andrew; daughter Jennifer; sisters and brothers Pat Stone and Keith Valencourt, Calvin and Janet King, Kolleen and Bob Scheid, Michael and Shelley King; Lance and Terese King; parents-in-law Maryann and Marion Downer; brothers-in-

law and sisters-in-law Mark Downer, Michael and Nicole Downer, Marcia and Perry Bieber, Matthew and Chris Downer, Marguerite Downer, Marilyn and Michael Heartwell; several loving nieces and nephews; longtime friend Rick Ramsey. Memorial service was held on Tuesday at Matthyse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home, Wyoming.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan. The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

- King Milling Company (applicant) has petitioned for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) on real and personal property (located at 117 Water Street) real parcel #41-20-02-410-003, personal parcel #41-50-72-003-950. The applicant qualifies for twelve years of abatement for improvements of \$1,434,500 in facilities and machinery.

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



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

PLATE - Frank J. Platte, aged 93, of Grattan Twp., passed away April 5, 2004. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leda. He is survived by his children, Laura Yost of CA., Lynette (Randy) Zuiderveen of Wyoming, Shari Miller of Belding; grandchildren, Kimberly (Chris) Arne, Brent Young, Jason Young, Jaime Yost, Matthew Alberts, Kevin Alberts, Chris Zuiderveen; one great-granddaughter, Emily Arne; along with many nieces and nephews. Mr. Platte was a WWII veteran. Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday, 11 a.m. at the St. Patrick Church, 4351 Parnell Ave. N.E., Ada, Rev. Rock Badgerow presiding. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 2-4, 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 3835 28th S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49512.

WITHERELL - Loran Witherell, aged 76, of Lowell, passed away April 4, 2004, after a long courageous battle with emphysema. Loran was a Fireman 2nd Class in the Navy and served on the U.S.S. Orca at the end of WWII. He was known for his honesty, generosity, intelligence and love for his family. If you

needed it, he would give it to you. If it broke, he could fix it. Everything except his broken heart after the recent loss of his loving wife of 55 years. He was employed at Jervis Corp. (Alloytec) in Grandville for 42 years. Loran was preceded in death by his wife, Valerie; father, Noah; mother, Belva; three brothers, Arden, Milo and Gerald (Ruth) Witherell; and two sisters, Vivian (Jesse) Hunter, Lila (Bob) Levendowsky. We his family, as well as his friends, were blessed to have known him. He will be lovingly remembered and extremely missed by his children Patrick (Karen) Witherell of Forest Hills, Debra (Tim) Seif of Rockford; grandchildren, Anthony (Arisa) Witherell, Laura (Jason) Ryan, Joshua Witherell, Tracey, Lisa, Wendy and Timothy Ryan Seif; great-grandchildren, Lane and Logan Ryan, Kimi Witherell; and many friends. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 8 at 11 a.m. in the Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel (with Rev. William Buursma officiating. Interment Graceland Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Donations may be made to the American Lung Association in lieu of flowers.

LEGAL NOTICES

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(last known address)

TO DEFENDANT,
WESLEY SCOTT
COWANS

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)

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

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Recommendations

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listening to public comments
on the topic of walk zones.

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Snowmobile club donates \$5,000

Flat River Snowmobile Club (FRSC) made a donation of \$5,000 to the Fallasburg Historical Society. It will be used, according to Society president Holden Loring, "to further Fallasburg's goal of renovating the village and providing a historical perspective." Pictured, left to right, are FRSC president Mark Sellner; Loring; society member William Van Vugt, FRSC treasurer Bradley Potter; and society members Ed Roth and Martha Hayden in front of the Lowell Showboat.

The FRSC has been making charitable donations of the club's assets to various non-profit groups in Lowell since November. The club decided to shut down last June. The donation to the historical society is especially timely, Van Vugt said, because it is trying to raise funds to meet a grant challenge.



Lowell Leadership will hold community funding workshop

Lowell Leadership is sponsoring a workshop offering instruction for nonprofit organizations seeking community funding.

The workshop will take place at 6:30 the evening of Thursday, April 15. The first part of the program consists of presentations by representatives from local community funding sources. They will explain the criteria and appli-

cation process for their various organizations. The Look Fund, the Lowell Area Community Fund, Lowell Rotary, and the Lowell Women's Club will be represented. A speaker from Meijer will talk about how to approach a business for funding.

In the second part of the workshop, the Grand Rapids Community Foundation will present "Grant Writing for

Dummies." The presentation will give instruction on the specifics of grant writing, an important and often intimidating part of running a nonprofit organization.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Contact the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161 to reserve a seat or for more information.

Marge Rehl, publicity director for FROM, said shop-

Goodwill store, continued...From Page 1

Brinza said the second-hand goods market is strong enough right now to support new stores.

"What's been happening lately is there's been so many donations in the Grand Rapids area—and that includes the newer thrift stores—that they aren't hurting anybody," he said.

Marge Rehl, publicity director for FROM, said shop-

pers looking for second-hand goods will appreciate another thrift store in Lowell.

"I look at it (the new Goodwill) as a really good thing because people who come down from Grand Rapids like to make it a day," she said.

"They, I understand, provide jobs," Lambson said.

"They're going to fill a need we don't provide."

Lambson said FROM may also need to seek volunteers in order to offer pick-up service for donations. Brinza indicated the potential for cooperation between the two charity organizations.

"We'd be willing to do anything that's in our power to help those other groups," he said.

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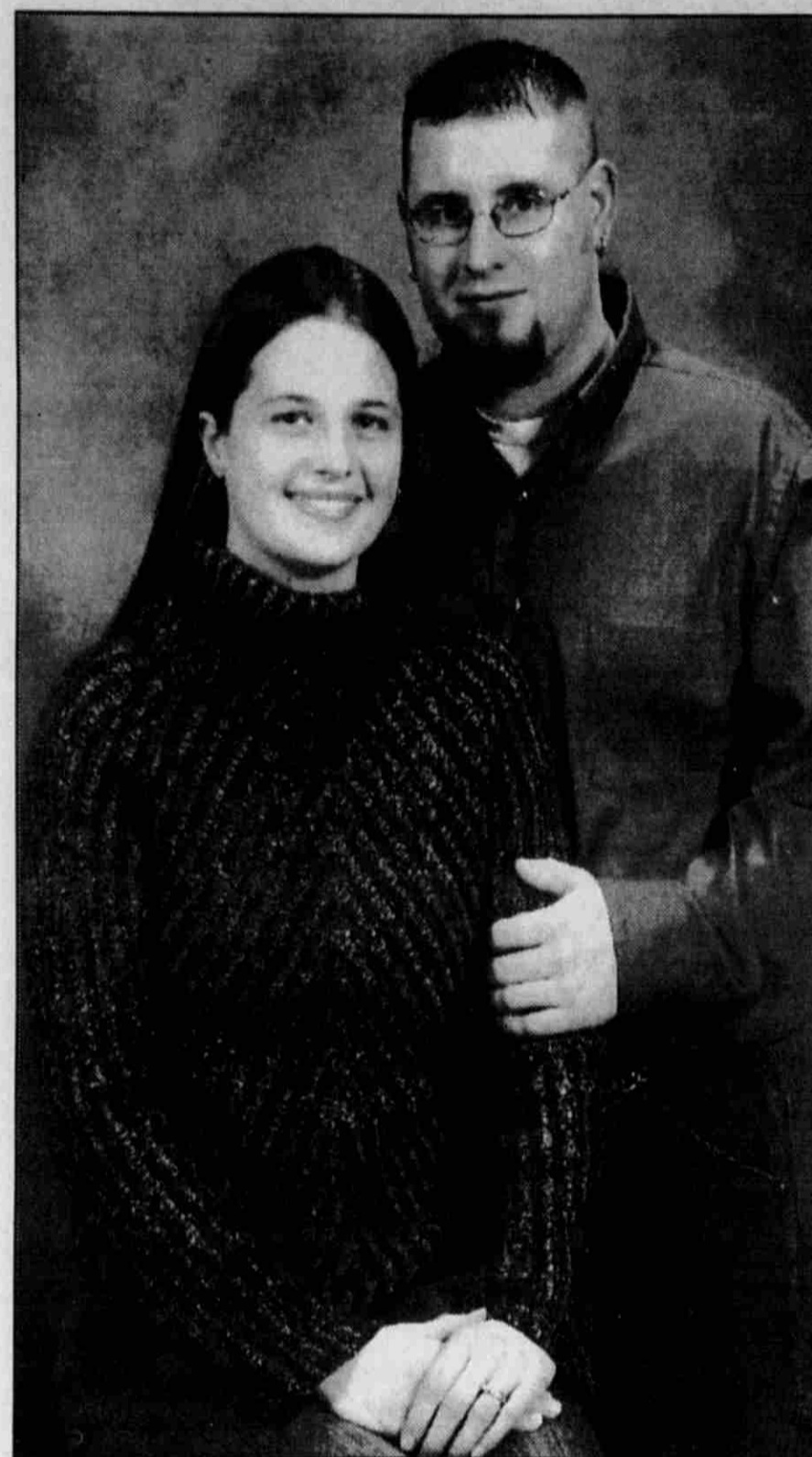
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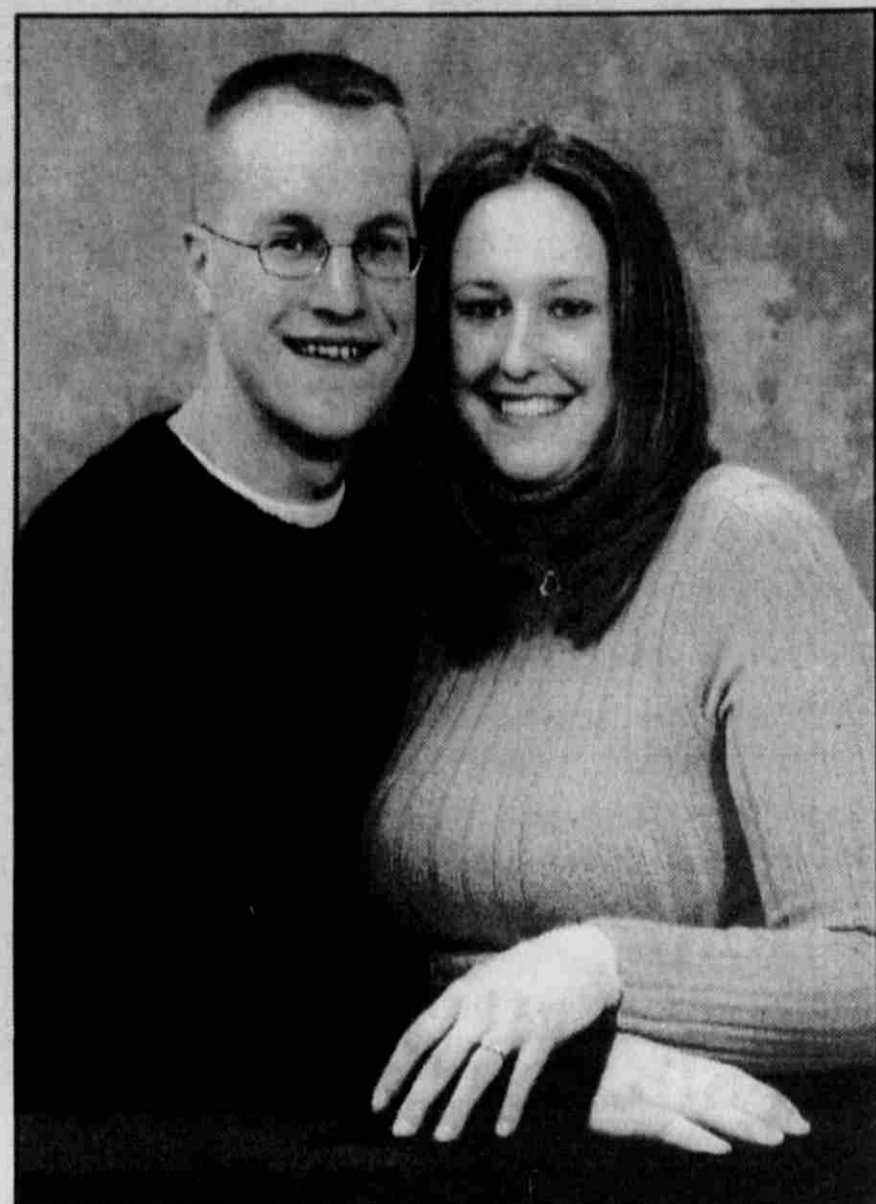
Stouten/Reed



Amanda Lucy Stouten and Jason Todd Reed

Amanda Lucy Stouten, of Lowell, and Jason Todd Reed of Dorr, will exchange marriage vows on July 10, 2004. Parents of the couple are Deb and Sandy Schollaart of Lowell and the late Leonard Stouten Jr., and Chris and Todd Reed of Dorr.

Staup/Rietman



Darin Lee Rietman and Laura Anne Staup

Announcing their plans for a May 1, 2004 wedding are Laura Anne Staup and Darin Lee Rietman. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dorothy and Bill Gill of Rockford, and Glen and Kathy Staup of Lake Odessa. She is a graduate of

Lowell High School and Grand Valley State University. The groom-elect is the son of Bruce and Bonnie Rietman of Zeeland. He is a graduate of Holland Christian High School and Grand Rapids Community College.

Reflections Of Faith

Rev. Bill Renkema
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

Jesus entered Jerusalem a few days before His death. He knew what awaited Him there, but He went anyway. The people received Him with words of praise and hope. Would He be the Messiah, the King, their Savior from the hated rule of the Romans?

Jesus rode as a king into the power center of the Jewish culture, ready to take on evil. But evil is deeper than actions and Jesus' kingdom would be deeper than politics. His kingship would be established in human hearts, hearts that need conversion. And through these women and men, His kingship would take on every evil power.

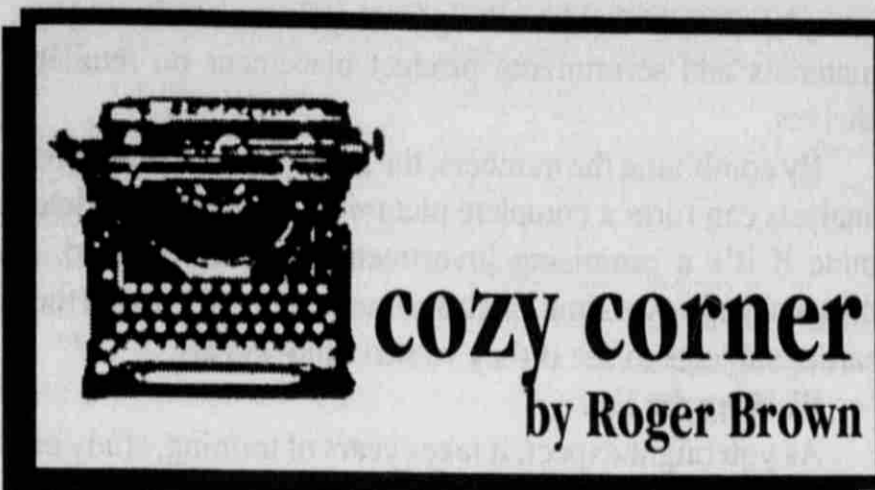
So Jesus entered Jerusalem. People who had not dared hope for the coming of the King began to hope. Jesus, the king, entered, bringing hope, salvation, a reason to live. He still enters. He triumphantly enters the hearts and lives of those who believe. As He does so, He confronts our sin, assures us that He paid the penalty of death for our sin, and shows us a new and better way — the way of service in His Kingdom.

He triumphantly enters the lives of families, calling men and women, parents and children, to serve Him as they serve each other in the home. He triumphantly enters the workplace, calling us to work honestly, responsibly, aware that even work, all work, must be done in His name. He triumphantly enters our political lives and social lives. He does that by sending Christians to challenge every power that refuses to submit to Him.

Through Christians, He opposes crime, injustice, racism, murder. Through Christians, He calls all people to respect the sanctity of life, especially human life which was created in His image, and to repent and believe in Jesus for salvation.

Christ's rule is not yet complete, for there is another triumphal entry still to be made. When Christ returns, His Kingdom will be perfected. His first triumphal entry was a shadow of the second triumphal entry. He will return.

Viewpoint



My wife is gone. No, she hasn't left me permanently. Though, it is no small wonder she has stuck around all these years. She is visiting my daughter's family in China. My mother-in-law went along on this trip. I opted to stay home, save the plane fare, dog boarding, etc. I tried to put a martyr's spin on my decision, though everybody knew the truth. Traveling with three generations of women in my life might be more than this old silverback male could handle.

Terese has been gone for about ten days and I'm just now looking over the list of things she left for me to do. The only reason I'm looking at it is because it is here next to the computer I'm composing this on. Otherwise, I might not have even known she left me a list.

Scanning the list, I can pretty much rule out the chances of half the stuff getting done in the week before Terese gets home. Maybe if she had left the list in a more conspicuous spot, like taped to the TV remote, I would have gotten to it sooner.

Some of the items have already been done... really! They are chores related to our little publishing business. Periodical publishing, whether it is a daily, weekly, monthly... whatever, is like owning a herd of milk cows. There are certain chores that have to be performed on a regular basis, just like milking the cows twice a day. I've always agreed with my father's philosophy that publishing is one of the few businesses inherently lazy slugs (like us) can be successful in. The business forces you to get off your butt and get the paper out on time.

So, my father's philosophy covered a few items on the list. Most had to do with distributing the April edition. That took care of maybe a quarter of the items. Check those off.

One rather lengthy item reads as follows: "Pick up mail every few days. Open it. Throw away junk. Sort checks into one pile and bills into another." That's it, "Easy-peasy, Japanese." (Whatever that means? I heard it in a movie.) Notice the instructions end there. There is no, "Write checks to pay bills." Or, "Make a deposit." In nearly 32 years of marriage I haven't been trusted with a business or personal checking account. I'm rather proud of that fact.

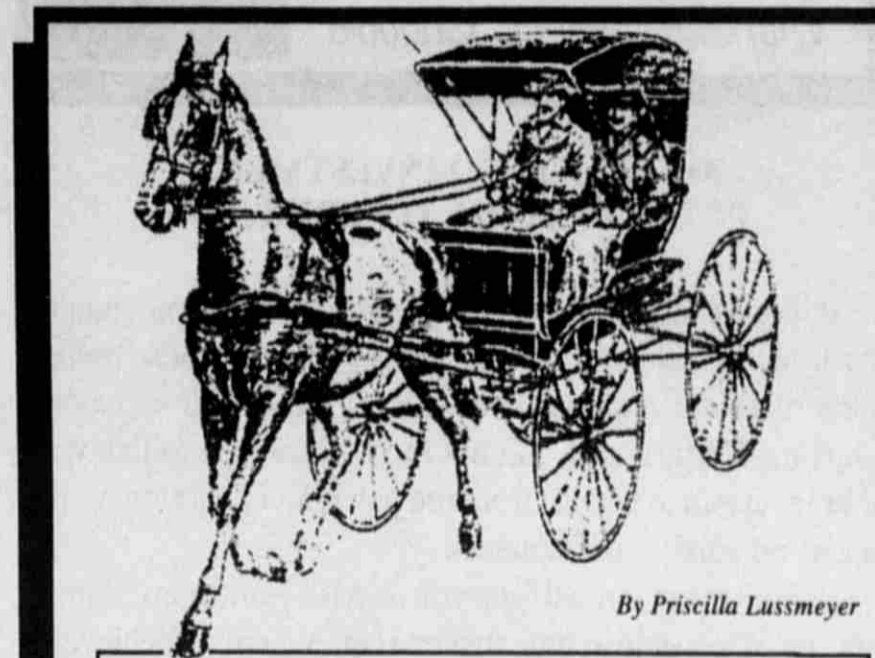
I have made a mental note. "Pick up the mail at least once before Terese comes home." I already have it checked off.

I did run across an item on the list that Homer Simpson would aptly describe as a "DO-UH!!!" The item on the to-do list reads, "Fill out personal Property Tax form and mail in."

For reasons I'm not comfortable talking about here, this annual task always lands on my desk. I'm sure you can imagine the "no-man's-land" my desk represents. (I've always said my desk simply needs a hand grenade.) Long story... short... I managed to find the form in the rubble. The form was due April first. Guess I know what I'm doing as soon as this column is written. Again... "DO-UH!!!"

So, if I get that tax form out today, pick-up and sort the mail by Saturday, and make the required deadline reminder calls regarding our next edition, I'll have done about half the items on the list. That's probably about what Terese expected when she made it out.

A lot of psychology goes into a marriage/business partnership. Fortunately for Terese, my psyche is fairly easy to manipulate. Her philosophy is, "Load him down with about twice as much as you think he will do, and be happy if he gets that much done." We all know what my philosophy is... I don't have one. Having a philosophy is kinda like a checking account. It requires too much effort to maintain.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 9, 1879

The maple sugar crop has been good this spring. After 100 days of winter, the first of the log drive passed here Sunday.

It has been reported that gold has been found on Eugene Baker's farm east of Grand Rapids - the real thing.

The editor is happy; Republicans took most of the supervisory positions in the county and Grand Rapids.

An ad says Thomas Electric Oil is a sure cure for pain.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 7, 1904

Ulah Golds wins the Victor talking machine in the Ledger popularity contest, with 827 votes over the runner-up.

Charles Pemble, a married man, runs off with 17-year-old Eliza Woods. They are found in Wisconsin, on their way west. Eliza's father has gone to bring her back.

Dexter Look advertises every week, top right, front page, for his drug and wallpaper store.

Mrs. Eggleston will open her new millinery shop on Friday. All ladies are invited.

Edmund Alger is voted Vergennes Township supervisor. John Downes and Melville McPherson tie for treasurer, and McPherson wins the draw.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 11, 1929

Village council debates whether to rebuild the dam, add another diesel engine or accept Consumers Power's offer to provide breakdown power.

It is said that since horse and mule power for farming has been largely replaced by tractor power, 20 million acres have been diverted from feed grains and hay to food production.

New York is planning the world's tallest building, 64 stories high.

Ionia has a surplus, and will spend it on paving some streets, voted down at the last election.

The Michigan House of Representatives passes an income tax proposal, which now goes to the Senate for its vote.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 8, 1954

Lowell children in grades one through three, with parental permission, will receive the new polio vaccine as part of a large field trial to determine its efficacy.

The county millage proposal for a new jail passes.

Kent County Soil Conservation Districts have pine and spruce seedlings and multi-flora roses to distribute the next two weeks.

A car-truck accident drops a load of steel on US16, blocking it for four hours.

Norman Borgerson, Michigan's assistant superintendent of public instruction, tells the PTA that the state needs to build a school a day to keep up with the population increases.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 11, 1979

Thursday night a wind/rain/sleet/snow storm hit, winds went to 70 mph, and considerable damage was done.

Three adults and two juveniles are arrested for entering and vandalizing the new boy scout cabin.

The owners of Cherry Creek Nursing Home ask permission from the state to sell or lease the facility to another operator.

The new Showboat has been launched and superstructure is now being built, says contractor Ivan Blough.

The Artrain had good attendance of almost 2500 during its six-day stay here. The train has gone on to Holland.

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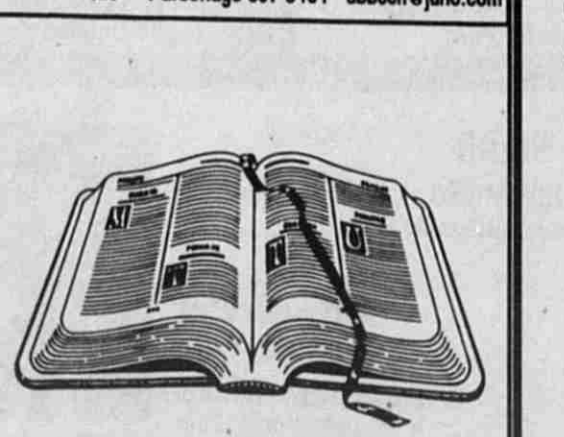
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APRIL 13: Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries, Melissa Quada.

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—James M. Barrie

Sharing The Vision

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Board of Education President



As the end of the school year approaches, several ideas and opportunities are worth mentioning and sharing with the community.

Exercise Your Right to Vote

There are two (2) four-year positions to be filled at the regular school board election on June 14, 2004. Take the opportunity to explain the voting process to your children or bring them with you when you vote to let them learn firsthand.

Stay Involved

Many parents and community members are involved in our schools. There are numerous opportunities for parents, grandparents and special friends of our students to participate in right up until the last day of school. Brown bag it and have lunch with your kindergartner. Enjoy seeing the efforts of your own kids at the always-fun "Spring Fling" events at our elementary buildings. Get involved in "Field Days." Cheer on our Arrow student athletes at one of the spring sports events.

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TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
I would like to question the Lowell teachers about cut planning time. Does this mean they want to get more pay for team planning? And did they not get a 1.5 percent raise?

Eleanor DeCator

I think it all boils down to having to pay a portion of their health insurance. Everyone is getting hit with higher costs; seniors have \$66.60 taken out of their social security checks, that for two people amounts to \$143.20. And they're only asking for \$50 to be taken out of their checks.

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

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Financial Focus

Edward Jones

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With Christopher C. Godbold



MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENT PUTS EXPERTISE ON YOUR SIDE

If you're investing for the long-term—and you should—you'll be interested in mutual funds. Why? Because mutual funds offer *diversification*—which is the key to successful investing. Furthermore, mutual funds allow you to join with other investors to benefit from the potential of earning higher returns on smaller investments.

Behind every mutual fund you own is a team of investment experts. As you know, they strive to help your fund achieve its stated goal—growth, income, growth-and-income, etc.—while controlling, as much as possible, the level of investment risk. Beyond this general job description, though, what do these professionals do?

Let's take a look at the key players: portfolio managers and analysts.

Portfolio Managers: Calling the Shots

If your mutual fund were a football team, the portfolio manager would be the quarterback—the player responsible for using all available resources to keep moving forward.

Basically, a portfolio manager controls the assets of your mutual fund by buying and selling individual holdings to meet the fund's stated goals. So, if Fund XYZ's objective is growth and income, the portfolio manager will fill the fund with some investments that offer growth potential and some that offer current income.

Portfolio managers make their buy and sell decisions based on a variety of factors, including the performance of individual investments, economic conditions and the outlook for specific industries. These managers also watch the "tax efficiency" of their funds by monitoring tax-generating transactions.

Analysts: Crunching Numbers and Watching People

Among the vast universe of investment possibilities, which stocks, bonds, government securities and other vehicles are suitable for Fund XYZ? It's the analyst's job to make that decision. Analysts rely on "hands-on" or "organic" research, which comprises the following elements:

- **Numbers** - Analysts thoroughly review a company's financial statement, which provides a snapshot of how the business is doing at any given time. In reviewing these statements, analysts focus on a variety of data, including the growth rate of sales and earnings, cash flow and debt load. Analysts also compare a business's performance with that of others in the same industry.

- **People** - To an analyst, a company's numbers are important—but so are its *people*. By talking regularly with managers and other key personnel, analysts can gain a clear

sense of a company's mission, direction and prospects. But good analysts, recognizing the importance of getting other perspectives on a company, also will talk to a firm's customers, suppliers, competitors, bankers, auditors and even recent retirees.

- **Insights**—It might seem that an analyst could form an opinion of a business by looking at the company's books and talking to its key players and observers. However, analysts like to see things with their own eyes, which is why they spend many hours in the field, walking factory floors, examining raw materials and scrutinizing product placement on retailers' shelves.

By combining the numbers, the people and the fieldwork, analysts can form a complete picture of a company to determine if it's a promising investment opportunity. And, as things change over time, analysts must constantly revisit their earlier subjects to see if they're still fund-worthy.

Working for You

As you might expect, it takes years of training, study and experience to become a portfolio manager or an analyst. But all this expertise is yours every single time you invest in a mutual fund. And that's a pretty good deal.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang, Wayne A. Christenson III & John G. Meier



SLEEP APNEA IN CHILDREN

Childhood snoring is not uncommon. Snoring happens when the throat muscles relax and the airway narrows. When

the throat muscles relax, the nose is blocked.

Large adenoids and tonsils are the most common reason a child snores. When children have a lot of respiratory infections, their tonsils and adenoids get bigger.

When your child gasps and stops breathing during snoring, this is called sleep apnea. Apnea, which means the absence of breathing, is more common in adults. Your child may have sleep apnea if he or she:

- snores loudly
- breathes through the mouth
- gasps or stops breathing when asleep
- wakes up during the night
- is often restless during sleep

If your doctor suspects sleep apnea then a sleep study will be ordered to see if it indeed is present.

If sleep apnea is confirmed, your doctor will treat any obvious reasons for it first (ie., allergies, obesity). If your child's sleep apnea doesn't get better, your doctor may recommend surgery to remove your child's tonsils and adenoids, which usually is curative.

Fire, continued...From Page 1

Damage estimates are not yet available. Curtis guessed at the damage.

"Structurally, at least, 30 to 40 percent of it is shot," he said.

A lot of clean-up still has to take place before Curtis and co-owner Kevin Smith can determine what to do with the building. They will either rebuild the damaged section or tear down the entire building and start over.

"We're going to rebuild, there's no doubt... it's just a process we have to go through as to when and how," Curtis said.

The east half of the building contains management offices and the warehouse for Curtis Equipment Company. Protected by firewalls, these areas sustained only minor damage from smoke and soot.

Curtis Equipment is the part of the company which sells and installs laundromat equipment throughout Michigan and in northern Ohio.

Whether the fire will impact jobs at the cleaners is not yet clear, Curtis said. Some of the employees are currently still on the job. Curtis Cleaners is still taking in dry cleaning. Other cleaners have offered their services to do the cleaning, Curtis said. The cleaners is currently operating out of the Nextel Cellular office at 1400 W. Main. Customers with lost garment claims should go there to fill out paperwork.

Curtis Cleaners has been part of the Lowell business scene for a long time. His late father, Dick Curtis started the business in the early 1950s.

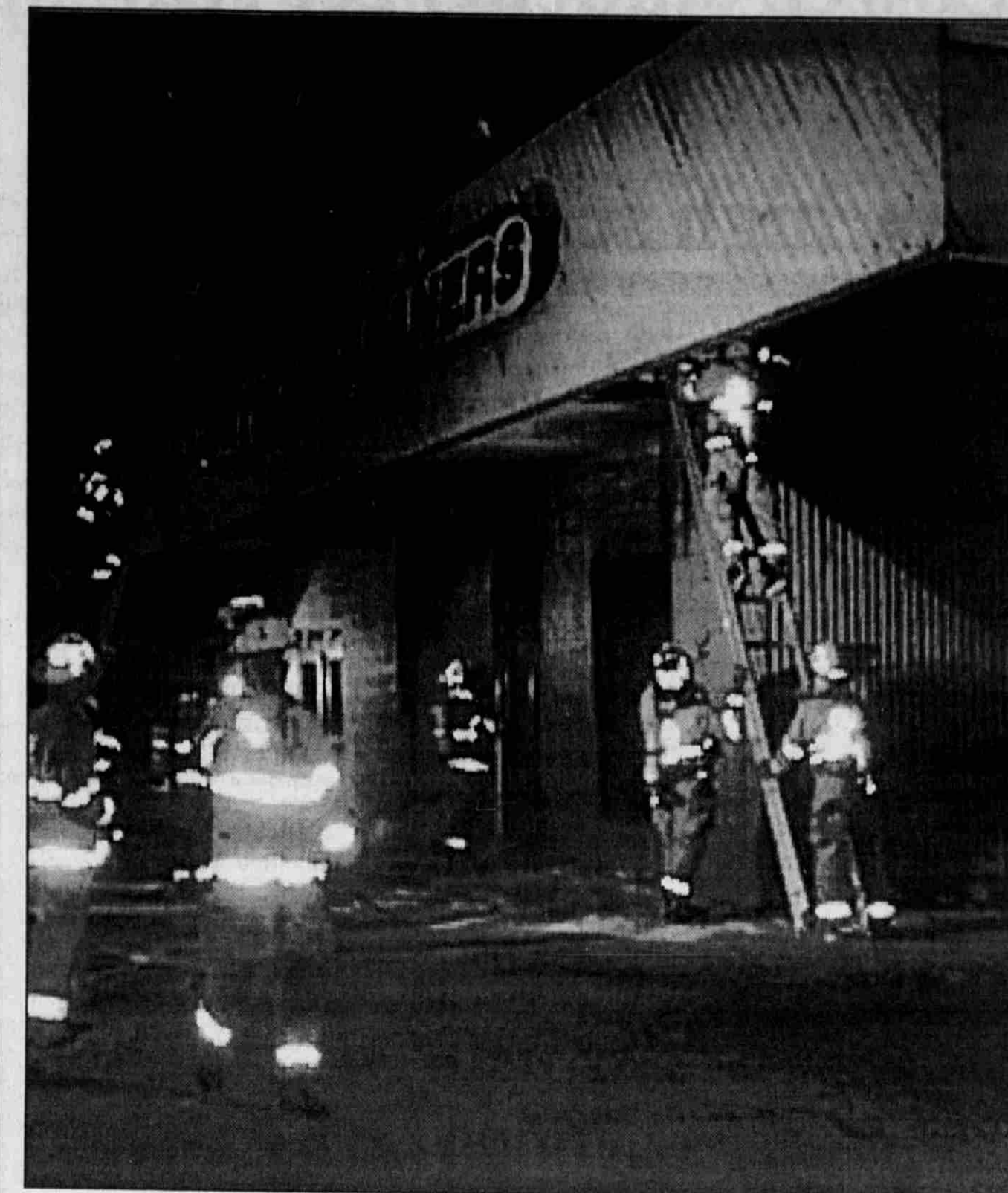
He started out doing the kind of work his son now does, selling and installing laundry equipment.

"The only difference is back then there weren't any laundromats," Curtis said.

When Dick Curtis put in his first laundromat in Muskegon, he had to build the coin mechanisms himself. He equipped laundromats all over, including Michigan, Wisconsin and Florida.

"I always call him a pioneer in the industry," Bucky Curtis said.

Curtis Cleaners in Lowell was originally located where the Shell gas station now sits at the corner of Hudson and West Main. It later moved to a space in the former Crystal Flash Plaza. It was at its present location in 1981.



After quickly getting the blaze under control firefighters examine building for hot spots. Photo submitted by Jay Vezino

March into reading



Students at Cherry Creek Elementary won prizes and Meijer gift cards at the conclusion to "March is Reading Month" last Thursday in the school's gym. The third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students read books and took computer tests on them throughout the month. The 842 students at Cherry Creek accumulated 7,492 points during the month. They were awarded points for passing the tests based on the difficulty of the books. For each point, the students filled out a ticket with their name. Cherry Creek principal Maureen Dorough and assistant principal Brent Noskey drew tickets from the containers in the foreground and awarded students prizes.

If you're a last minute filer...

Taxpayers will have a few extra hours to mail their tax returns on April 15. The Grist Mill, located at Honey Creek Ave. and Cannonsburg Rd., is a contract postal station and will be open until 9 p.m. to accept tax returns.

The Grist Mill offers full postal services including the opportunity to watch your return being date stamped with the April 15 postmark.

This is the fourth consecutive year that the Cannonsburg Grist Mill has stayed open late on tax day. Two hot dogs and a pop for \$1 has become a tax day tradition at the Grist Mill. They will be served from 4-7 p.m.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV offices will be closed Friday, April 9, 2004 in observance of Good Friday.

The City of Lowell's Department of Public Works will be closed at **11:30 a.m.** on Friday, April 9, 2004 in observance of Good Friday.

The Lowell City Hall and Police Department offices will close at **12:00 noon** on Friday, April 9, 2004 in observance of Good Friday.



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COLLEGE NEWS

Audrey Converse, a 2003 Lowell High School graduate and freshman at Hope College, participated in one of more than two dozen spring break service and mission trips organized through the college.

Converse traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, March 12-21, with a group of students to team up with La Rocca, a program designed to help the city's poor.

Northwood University, located in Midland, has recently announced its degree candidates.

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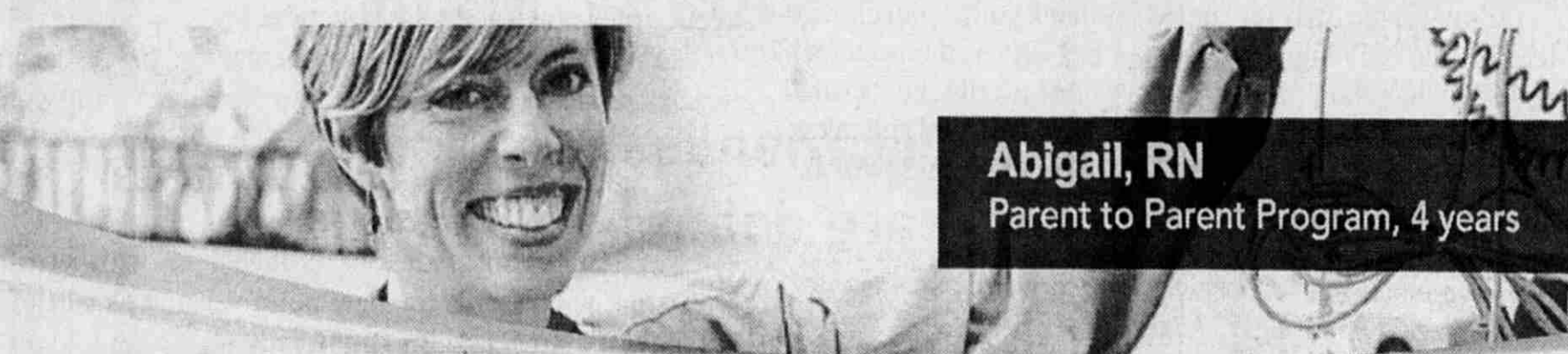


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Lowell students get real work experience through new high school program

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Amanda Grochowalski knows she would like to go into a field involving hospital work. Following an 18-week internship program through Lowell High School, she has decided to go into a totally different department than radiology.

Grochowalski was one of 12 graduating high school students who participated in the school's first career internship program. The program is designed to give seniors an opportunity to investigate careers outside the walls of school by working alongside a professional in their specific field.

For Justin Peterson, it meant the opportunity to explore his interest in political science and work side by side

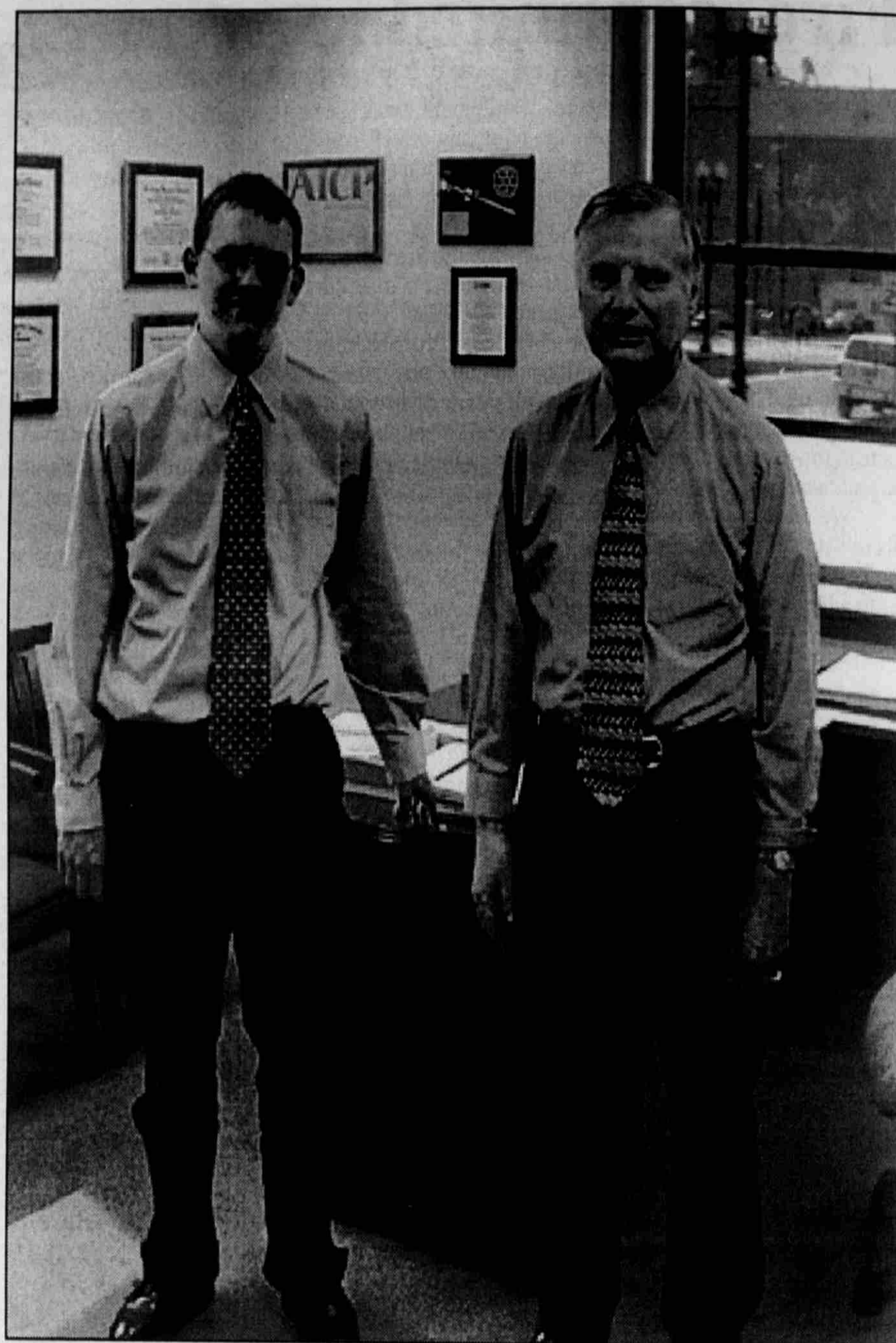
with Lowell city manager David Pasquale. Through some luck and a connection, Grochowalski, who plans to attend Michigan State University's Lyman Briggs College, was able to land an opportunity to work at Metro Hospital's radiology department. From that experience, she has been able to work in a number of departments housed within the radiology department including MRIs, C-Scans, and Upper GIs. "It is definitely things not many people get to see," Grochowalski said, adding that it made the internship even more valuable in helping her determine her future career.

Real estate, physical therapy, pediatrics therapy, dentistry, paramedics, attorney, social worker, and city

management are some of the fields chosen by students. To be selected, a student must be a senior, and the field of work must be related to a curriculum they have studied, explained Carla Stone, the coordinator for the program.

Selecting the field was perhaps the easiest part. Students were required to find a teacher in the high school who taught within their desired field. For example, a student looking for an internship in radiology would seek a science teacher as a mentor while a student heading into city management would request a government teacher. This had to be done before the student could sign up for the program, Stone said.

The internship program is not easy. Students are required to spend the first three



Justin Peterson with city manager Dave Pasquale on the job at City Hall.

weeks of the semester researching their field of employment. They then spend 11 weeks in that field with their community sponsor. Each student is required to keep a daily journal of their experiences.

Peterson, like the other students, kept a log of hours signed by his mentor. He also attended all of the city council meetings. Following this, each student must spend two weeks preparing for a

Capstone presentation, discussing what they learned from the program, their observations and defining those observations. This is 50 percent of the grade with the presentation being done in front of peers, mentors and community sponsors.

"When I was first told of the requirements, I know many were intimidated by them," Grochowalski said. "For me, the presentation, well, I hate speeches and I

know several students passed because they didn't want to do it." Stone noted some students did back out of the program because of the research and speech requirement. While the Capstone presentation may have seemed scary, the point of the program was to give students a chance to explore careers they have in mind for their future, Stone said. "It's a chance to get out and really check it out for themselves," Stone said, adding that "it's kind of like buying a car after testing it out."

The program is scheduled to continue in the fall with new students, and interest is gaining among next year's seniors, Stone said. The students are scheduled to make their Capstone presentations this month.

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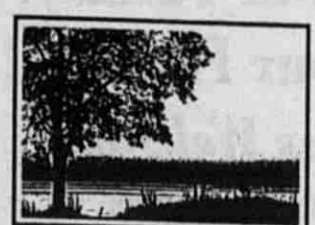


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NCTA in exploratory stages to obtain more railway

By Dan Schneider

The North Country Trail Association (NCTA) and Lowell Charter Township are negotiating the purchase of a stretch of abandoned railway line running south of town.

The section starts just south of the Grand River at Oberley Drive. It extends south, past Pratt Lake, all the

way to Elmdale in the northeast corner of Bowne Township.

A section of the North Country National Scenic Trail currently runs through downtown Lowell north to Fallsburg Park. The addition of the railway segment would be a significant increase in continuous trail in the area.

The NCTA had started negotiations to purchase the trail a few years ago, before it set up its national headquarters here in Lowell. Those talks failed to come to fruition, however. The company that owns the tracks, Rail America, Inc., reorganized its assets which meant the process would have to begin all over again.

Last September, the NCTA reinitiated contact with Rail America. It was the second time it had taken the first step toward purchasing the abandoned rail segment. The next step is to evaluate the usefulness as a trail.

Members of the Western Michigan Chapter of the North Country Trail Association recently walked the approximately six miles of old railroad line to Elmdale.

NCTA director of trail management Rob Corbett explained, "We had a good time, number one, which is what trails are all about. We were happy to report to the township that it wasn't going to cost much to improve it."

The eventual goal for the rail bed is to make it into a dual-use trail—walking and bicycling. The trail surface would be made of crushed limestone. The edges of the stones lock together and create a firm surface.

"After a couple seasons, it's a nice hard surface but it's a surface that has give . . . it doesn't drive your ankles into your knees," Corbett said.

The NCTA hikers looked for obstacles to easy trail development. They found some fallen trees across the trail but nothing major.

"We looked for things like washed out culverts; it's fairly easy to detect one of those because you fall in," said the director. "With a lot of these types of projects, railroad bridges are missing, the trestles are gone, there just aren't things there that we need for a trail. But here in Lowell we're very lucky."

The rail segment also goes past elements of interest for a scenic trail.

"It connects residential, the historic downtown, and open spaces," Corbett said.

The open spaces include several miles of farm fields, some forest, and Pratt Lake. South of Elmdale, the North Country National Scenic Trail runs through the Middleville State Game Area. Its northern extent runs along the southern border of Bowne Township.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

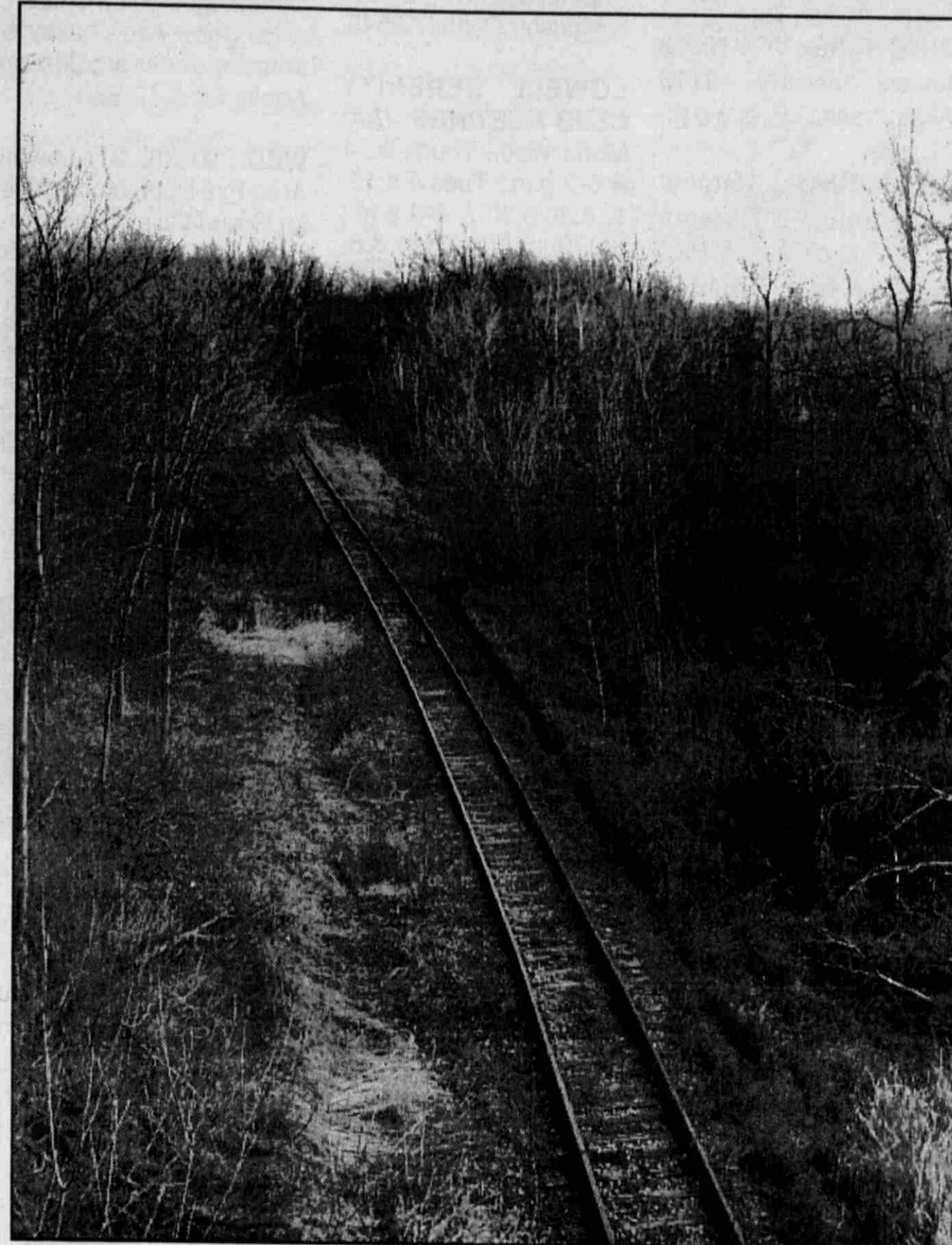
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Pictured above, part of the abandoned railroad track which could extend the North Country Scenic Trail south as far as Elmdale.

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Program runs April 24-June 12 Teams will meet on Saturdays only.
Member: \$30 • Program Member: \$42 • Non-Member: \$55 (Registration Deadline: April 3)

Youth Soccer (Grades K-8)
Practices start the week of April 12. The coaches meeting will be Wednesday, March 31. Each team will meet twice a week - once for practice, and once for a game. Games will all be played at Creekside Park on Saturdays for everyone starting April 24.

Program runs April 12-June 12
K*, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Grade (League Play) *Kindergarten division is co-ed
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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 commerce 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 M#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 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members: free.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.- Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

ENGLERHARDT 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.

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.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

March 31st Puzzle

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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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.

WED., APRIL 7: 10 a.m. Blood Pressure & Eye Glass Adjustment; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

TUES., APRIL 13: 12 p.m. Potato Bar for Lunch; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Brann's.

WED., APRIL 14: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast.

THURS., APRIL 15: 12:45 p.m. Shop Target & Wal-Mart.

FRI., APRIL 16: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 19: 12:45 p.m. Visit Perrigo Store in Allegan.

THURS., APRIL 8: 12:45 p.m. Shop K-Mart/Dollar Store in Greenville.

FRI., APRIL 9: 12:45 p.m. Music with Roger Hyzer.

Staff recital offers free musical event to community

It's not every day a family can enjoy an evening musical performance that costs nothing. Such an event, however, will be held at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC), 11650 Downes Street on Saturday, April 17.

The musical staff of FLPC will perform a recital with musical selections of various time periods on instruments which include piano, clarinet, flute, harp and guitar.

The recital will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the center's multi-purpose room. Featured instrumentalists include Dori Ayers; Rhoda Castiglia; Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E.; Miranda Eden; Luke Galas; Minako Hata; Ayumu Kitawaki; YaPing Liu; and Julie Palmieri.

A punch and cookie reception will follow. The event, open to music lovers of all ages, is expected to end at 8:45 p.m.



'HARDT HAPPENINGS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS
 Kent District Library invites adult readers to get together at the library for friendly, informal discussions about some great books.
 The Englehardt branch will have a discussion of the book *Velma Still Cooks in* Leeway by Vinita Hampton Wright on Tuesday, May 11 at 10 a.m.
 Copies of the title are available at the library check-out desk or by calling 647-3920. For other featured titles, call 784-2007.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,879 people are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University in December at the end of the fall session of the 2003-04 academic year.
 From the Lowell area are Nicholas Blough, Heath Buggs, Julia Ennis and Erin Koewers.
 From Alto is Jason Bishop.
 From Ada is Jonathan Ballega.
 Molly Debiak, a 2001 Lowell High School graduate

and a junior at Alaska Pacific University, is enrolled in the SEA Semester program at Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, Mass. She successfully completed the Sea Semester's six-week shore component earning academic credit for study in oceanography, nautical science and maritime studies.
 Debiak developed a research project that will be tested and completed aboard SEA's 134 ft. sailing school vessel the *Robert C. Seamans*. She will be sailing from Honolulu with a port stop in Palmyra Atoll and then returning to Honolulu.
 Sea Education Association (SEA), founded in 1971, is the only full-credit undergraduate program in the United States that combines a rigorous academic and research curriculum with a voyage to the deep ocean under sail.

Forest Hills Public Schools
Fine Arts Center

Grand Opening!

A new era for the arts in Forest Hills is about to begin. The new Forest Hills Fine Arts Center opens this April to offer all the ambience, amenities, and technical capabilities of a regional performance center. Its custom-designed 1,220 seat theater is equipped with state-of-the-art digital sound and lighting technology and comfortably wider seating with excellent sight lines. The 4,500 square foot stage and comprehensive back stage facilities are designed to handle full-scale professional productions.

The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center is dedicated to the artistic growth and enjoyment of area youth, families, and adults of all ages. It provides a uniquely effective environment for learning opportunities and staged performances in all aspects of the performing and visual arts.

Have Your Next Event at the Fine Arts Center
 The Forest Hills Fine Arts Center is available on a limited basis for private rental by individuals, groups and businesses. It offers a variety of appropriately equipped flexible-use rooms and spaces to accommodate a broad range of functions including: small conferences and trade shows; receptions and banquets; meetings, seminars and training events as well as classes and rehearsals.

Visit Our Web Site: www.fhfineartscenter.com
 Check out the latest information on performances and arts enrichment classes as well as volunteer opportunities, rental information, our *Arts Galore* Endowment Campaign and much more.

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Premiere Performances and Events

Fine Arts Center Open House
 April 17, 2004 1-4 p.m.
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Artspeaks... A Musical Revue
 April 23 & 24, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. and April 25, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.
 A spectacular collage of musical favorites celebrates this original production's joyful theme.

Kenny Rogers in Concert
 May 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
 Country and pop music megastar, Kenny Rogers has recorded an incredible 61 albums and won numerous awards throughout his varied and hugely successful career.

Alison Brown and Saline Fiddlers
 May 8, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
 Grammy-winning banjo player Alison Brown has pushed her instrument into new musical territory with strong folk, jazz, and Celtic influences. The concert opens with the Saline Fiddlers, an internationally-touring ensemble of high school-aged folk and bluegrass violinists.

Grand Rapids Ballet's Cinderella
 May 15 at 7:30 p.m.
 This modern retelling of the classic fairytale presents an average girl looking for her prince and finding a rock star.

Jack and Elaine LaLanne
 May 26 at 1:00 p.m.
 Fitness and nutrition guru Jack LaLanne is the headline attraction for Forest Hills' eleventh annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day.
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Forest Hills Fine Arts Center Box Office, 616.493.8966

Wildlife rehabilitation saves animals, benefits veterinary medicine

By Dan Schneider

Since getting into wildlife rehabilitation in the summer of 2002, Sjana Gordon has rescued a number of injured wild animals.

Specifically, eight fawns, 27 baby rabbits, seven red squirrels, four fox squirrels, one loon, one warbler and three fully grown ducks. Currently, two baby squirrels reside in her enclosed back porch. But she expects things to pick up shortly.

"Things will start rocking and rolling here real soon," Gordon said.

Spring is typically the busiest time of year for wildlife rehabilitators. Baby squirrels are being born, some which fall from their nests. Rabbits begin to have their litters. Inevitably, some of these animals will be abandoned by their parents. Fawns will be born at the end of April and early May. Some will be born prematurely in the coming weeks.

"The springtime is when most of the babies are found," Gordon said. "That is when does get hit and then they birth right there."

Gordon is one of several wildlife rehabilitators

throughout West Michigan. She and the others are licensed through the Department of Natural Resources. The licensing allows the DNR to encourage proper care of the animals. It can cause problems when people who don't know what they are doing attempt to care for injured animals. For instance, feeding dairy milk to fawns can cause them to become sick or die. Gordon feeds her fawns a formula based on goat's milk.

"They frown on people finding animals and taking care of them by themselves," Gordon said.

Part of the point of the licensing is to create a network of interconnected wildlife rehabbers with varying specialties so people have a place to take injured animals. Until recently, licenses have been renewed annually. That will change at the end of this year, however, as licenses will thereafter be on a three-year cycle to reduce administrative costs. By 2005, the DNR hopes to include continuing education workshops in its licensing process.

Regulation also helps monitor disease in the wild animal population.

"Deer can be rehabilitated

only if they can confirm that the deer did not originate in one of the seven counties in Michigan where we have TB concerns," Lt. David Puro said.

Puro is a conservation officer with the DNR. Bovine tuberculosis is among the DNR's major concerns regarding the deer population. Another is its growth. It would seem that rehabilitating injured deer instead of euthanizing them would be counterproductive to population control efforts. Puro said this is not a consideration, however.

"The public feels that every animal which has the opportunity to be rehabilitated and to survive should be given it," Puro said.

Lowell veterinarian Bruce Langlois has given medical help to several injured animals from Gordon's refuge.

"It's certainly a humane thing to do," Langlois said. "On an individual basis, that deer cares a lot."

Puro also said wildlife rehabilitation functions importantly as an arena for developing veterinary techniques.

"The work that may be done on a bald eagle today

may have been developed and perfected on more common species of owls or raptors," Puro said.

Wildlife rehabilitators refer animals to each other based on expertise and the availability of facilities. The Blandford Nature Center, often the first place people living near Grand Rapids call when they find an injured animal, has referred deer to Gordon.

"With us here, we don't take deer because we don't have facilities for deer," Lori Martin said. "If we get filled up, we refer people to rehabbers who have space."

Martin is the animal care technician at Blandford Na-

ture Center. She stressed the importance of calling a licensed rehabilitator when an animal is found. She also said people often cause harm by unnecessarily rescuing animals.

"A lot of time when people see an animal, they automatically try to rescue it," Martin said.

Baby animals should be left alone unless injured, she said. Martin also praised the dedication of wild animal rehabbers.

"People do it out of love for the animals because they don't get paid for it," Martin said.

Last year, Gordon earned

Green thumb secret: the right plant in the right place

Call it luck or a green thumb, but what success with houseplants often boils down to is matchmaking - matching a plant's needs with the growing conditions in your home.

Your chances of success increase significantly when you put a plant in an environment that provides the light and humidity levels and temperatures it needs. Put it in an adverse environment - too dark, too hot, too dry, too cold - and you may lose it.

Some houseplants have a well-deserved reputation for tolerating a wide range of light intensities, humidity levels and temperatures. Plants such as dumbcane (Dieffenbachia), corn plant (Dracaena fragrans), Indian rubber plant (Ficus

elastica), philodendron, devil's ivy (Scindapsus aureus), pothos and sansevieria are common in homes, offices and public buildings because they will not only survive but thrive in less than ideal conditions.

Others are more difficult to grow because they need more bright light or higher humidity levels or much cooler temperatures than the average home or office can provide. Ferns, spider plant and prayer plant may be lush and green when they enter your home, but they typically turn brown around the edges in the dry-as-a-desert air of a heated home. Flowering plants which come into the home in bloom may never

flower again because of low light levels or certain temperature requirements.

Indoor gardeners can expand the range of plants that will thrive in the home if they are willing to modify the natural growing conditions. Adding fluorescent fixtures to increase light levels and using a room humidifier to change light and moisture levels are relatively easy and inexpensive ways to make the environment more suitable for certain plants. Growing plants that need high relative humidity in terrariums is another way to increase the variety of plants that will thrive in your home. If dry air indoors in winter is such a problem - one solution would appear to be growing cacti and succulents instead of tropical plants.

This works only if you realize that these plants are adapted to dry environments. They don't need a lot of water even when they're growing, and in winter they're not growing, so they need almost no water. Too much water leads to root rot and dead plants. Neglect kills far fewer cacti than too much water.

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Book about Lowell pioneer published

By Dan Schneider

A new book has been published about a woman prominent in the early settlement of Lowell. Actually, it's a new

publication of a chapter of a book the Michigan Women's Studies Association published in 1987. It's about Magdelaine

Laframboise, the "Angel of the Mackinac."

She's relevant to Lowell because she and her husband had a fur trading post about a quarter mile west of the confluence of the Grand and Flat rivers. She and her husband, Joseph, were successful fur traders at the turn of the 18th century. What made her more significant is she remained successful in the fur trade business

after the death of her husband. "She lived long ago in a time when it was difficult, especially difficult, to be in business as a woman and she was very successful at it," Steve Harrington said.

Harrington, of Ada Township, decided to publish the story of Laframboise. Keith R. Widder, a noted historian in Michigan, wrote the chapter, subsequently a book.

Her tenacity in keeping the fur trading business going is what appealed to Harrington. He usually self-publishes books on Great Lakes shipwrecks, but made an exception to print 250 copies of the short book on Laframboise. He expects to sell most of them at Mackinac Island, part of the fur trading route where she donated

money to set up a church. She was a very devout Catholic, knew four languages, and raised and educated several children.

The book is available for \$3.95 from Maritime Press, Inc., 755 Alta Dale SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. It's ten pages long and includes bibliographical references.



Jennifer Schultz, of Lowell, recently became a consultant for Tastefully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minnesota.

As a consultant and independent business owner,

Schultz conducts in-home presentations and markets Tastefully Simple's line of gourmet foods and gifts at home taste-testing parties.

Tastefully Simple was founded in 1995.

Meet "Read Along the River" author

The second-annual "Read Along the River: One Book, One County" program began in January with *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*. Now readers will have the opportunity to meet the author.

Alexander McCall Smith will speak on Monday, April 26 at Kentwood Schools Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m.

Smith was born in Zimbabwe and was educated there and in Scotland. The professor of Medical Law at the University of Edinburgh has written more than 50

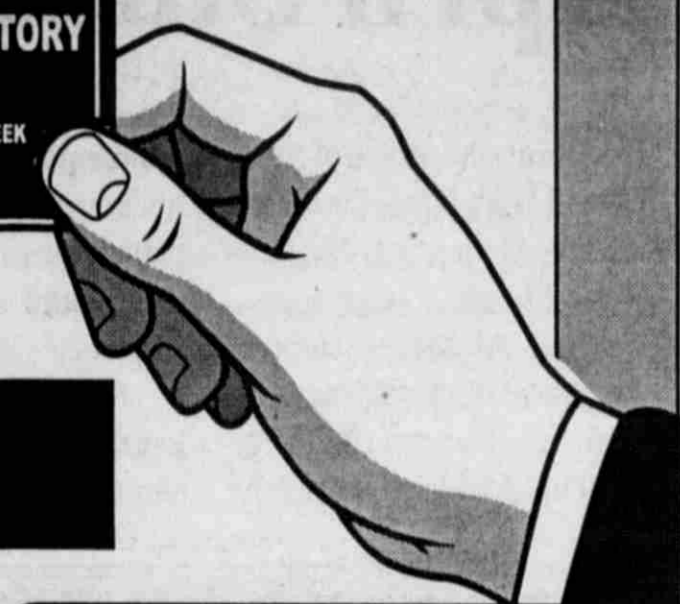
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April Students of the Month

During the month of April, Lowell High School is honoring five students as Students of the Month.

Josh Abdo, a senior, is the choice of the Science Department. The son of George and Tina Abdo of Lowell, he

is a member of the soccer and track teams. In addition, he participates in his church youth group and is employed at Applebee's. Next year he plans to attend Michigan Technological University, majoring in engineering. Abdo demon-

strates an exemplary work ethic and performs at a high academic level, according to his teacher nominator.

Stacy Lyn Grasman, a senior, has been chosen by the Life Science Department. She is the daughter of Rich

and Pat Grasman of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include secretary of the Environmental Club and powder puff football. She is also active in her church and is employed at McDonald's. Grasman plans to attend

Grand Rapids Community College next year to pursue a degree in elementary education. Her teacher nominator says she is an overall great student whose work ethic is excellent in everything she does. Her teacher practicum class is very fond of her.

Justin Peterson, a senior, was selected by the Social Studies Department. The son of Mike and Kay Oligney of Lowell, he is very active in extracurricular activities as president of Environmental Club, LAS Outreach, FFA, National Honor Society and varsity tennis. In addition, he is a member of his church youth group and is employed at Meijer in Lowell. Next year Peterson plans to attend Albion College to study political science. His teacher nominator says he displays integrity by the fact that he can be trusted fully and will carry out any task from beginning to end with success. Additionally, he has a very strong work ethic.

Drew Morrison, a jun-

ior, is being honored by the Math Department. He is the son of Vaughn and Marjorie Peterson of Lowell. He is active in the Amateur Radio Club as former vice president and current secretary. His teacher nominator says he has shown a renewed enthusiasm for calculus. He also displays honesty by maintaining a respectful sense of candor.

Chelsea Karas, a junior, was selected by the Drama Department. She is the daughter of Thomas and Linda Karas, both of Lowell. Karas's extracurricular activities include cheerleading, track, LAS Outreach, PALS and Social Affairs Coordinator of Student Council. In addition, she is active in her church youth group and works in the church nursery. Her teacher nominator says she contributes much to class and leads by example. She is strong yet kind in her peer relationships in class. Karas also has a sincere interest in her education.



April Students of the Month, from left to right, are: Drew Morrison, Justin Peterson, Chelsea Karas, Josh Abdo and Stacy Grasman.

Outstanding Junior Member



Kendra Merriman, of Lowell, right, was named the Outstanding Junior Member at the 2004 Michigan Angus Association annual meeting and banquet on March 14 in Mason. Patricia Vaassen, the past winner, is pictured presenting the award.

A year to build tradition for Red Arrow girls soccer

By Dan Schneider

Lowell girls varsity soccer coach Paul Legge expects a good season on the field this year for the Red Arrows.

"We returned 13 players from last year's team that boasted a 12-8 record which is the best Lowell team ever," Legge said.

This is the seventh year of girls soccer at Lowell High School.

"We're going to be one of the front-runners to win conference this year."

The girls' performance at the opening of the season must have helped confirm his belief. In their first game of the season, March 25 against Jenison, the Arrows beat the Wildcats 2-1. Last Tuesday at home, they shut out Hudsonville, 2-0. Brittany Lyman and Jessica Visser scored the goals in that game.

Amy Oberlin is probably the strongest weapon in the Red Arrow arsenal. She scored both goals in the contest against Jenison. Oberlin was second team all-state last year.

"She's the first Lowell girls player to be named to a state team ever, and that was in her sophomore year," Legge said.

The Red Arrow coach put young players on the field right away last season. "Last year I think we had three freshmen and six sophomores start," Legge said.

The intended result was more game experience for this season's Red Arrows. "It gets them out there, it gets them used to the speed of play," he said.

Legge had expected Jenison and Hudsonville to be among the toughest challenges outside the conference this season.

"Jenison and Hudsonville I thought would be tough games but we've gotten through those okay," he said.

The toughest team in the regular season schedule is right out of the OK White -

the East Grand Rapids Pioneers. EGR was runnerup in their conference last year before the reconfiguration of the OK. For the previous three years to that, they were state champions.

"East, I think, is the only team on our schedule this year that's as strong as us," Legge said.

The Arrows take on the Pioneers at home in Red Arrow stadium on Monday, April 26.

The girls are spending spring break in Mexico team building, conditioning and playing soccer. Their next game is Friday, April 16 at Hastings.

LHS students recognized in sports medicine program



Three outstanding students from Lowell High School were recognized for their contributions to the Sportsmedicine program at a recent basketball game.

As a team, **Evangeline Bender**, **Stacy Dubbink** and **Nancy Elmer** have volunteered more than a thousand hours to the athletic department, its coaches, athletes and staff. Each of the girls have participated in the Sportsmedicine seminar program for over two years, assisting Patty Sellner, the athletic trainer, with many tasks throughout the school year.

For their hard work, they each received a polar fleece pullover with a Sportsmedicine insignia by the Lowell athletic boosters.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, April 12, 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 3 Zoning Districts:

The proposed amendments to Section 201.308 (J) and 201.309 (G) add language to the commercial and industrial districts for a change in occupancy of a previously approved building will require a review by the zoning administrator to determine whether the new use is permitted and if a new or revised site plan will need to be submitted.

Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

1. The proposed amendment to Section 201.417 (F) (4) (c) will change the parking formula to read as follows:

c. *Mini warehouse:* Five (5) parking spaces plus one (1) space for every employee in the largest working shift, provided that parking and non-parking areas shall be clearly marked to facilitate ingress and egress and to eliminate hazards. Drive aisles serving mini warehouse facilities shall be at least thirty (30) feet wide to accommodate loading and unloading, the free flow of traffic between parked vehicles, and to prevent fire spread from building to building.

2. A proposed new ordinance is added as Section 201.436 Keyhole Development and Lake Access Regulations; Lot Width on Murray Lake. The new ordinance will regulate the number of dwellings and lots that can use the lake frontage based on a formula using the corresponding zoning district minimum lot width for lands on or near the lake.

3. The proposed amendment to Section 201.404 Animal and Pet Restrictions in Residential Areas will be changed for clarification of residential areas and to note the creation of a Temporary Animal Permit Ordinance primarily for the R-2 and R-3 zoning districts where animals are currently not permitted. Residents that may have the land and facilities available for some animal use such as 4-H projects can apply for the Permit. The permit ordinance itself will be a general law ordinance and coordinates with the zoning ordinance. The permit ordinance will require certain application requirements, a time limit, zoning administrator review and an appeal process to the Township Board. The public hearing held by the Planning Commission will be for both the general law ordinance and the corresponding zoning ordinance section.

Chapter 5 Special Exception Uses Section:

The proposed amendment to Section 201.502 (G) will add (1) (c) that a change in occupancy of a previously approved building in the Commercial and Industrial Districts will require the zoning administrator to review the proposed new use to determine whether the use is permitted and if a new or revised site plan will need to be submitted. A mis-numbering of that section will be corrected.

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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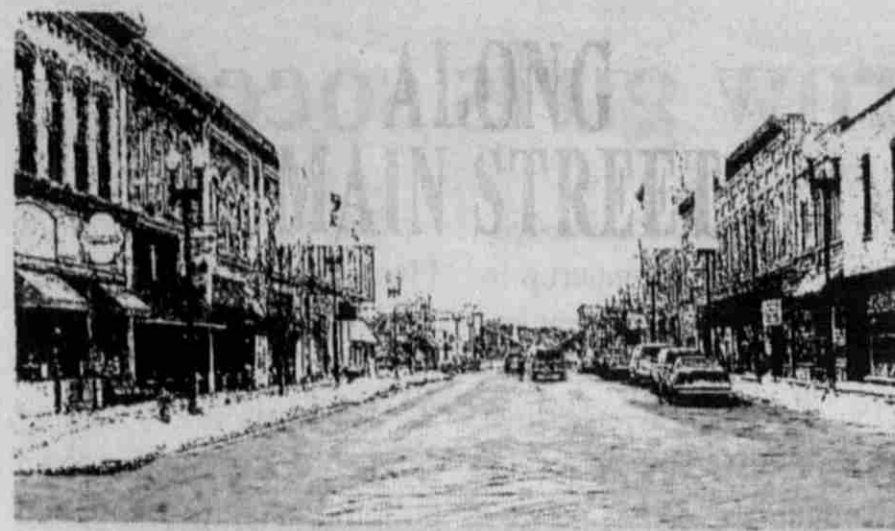
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A "Teddy Bear Picnic" will be held on Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Bright Beginnings gym, 300 High St. \$1 per family. Bring your bear!

STROLLER CLUB

Sessions for this event, sponsored by Lowell Community Wellness and TOTS, will begin Wednesday, April 14 at 10:30 or 11:45 a.m. following the TOTS playgroup sessions. Call Kathy at 897-1232 if interested.

WORKSHOP FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Lowell Leadership is sponsoring a workshop on Utilizing Community Funding, Thursday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall, 301 E. Main. Call Liz at the chamber (897-9161) to reserve your seat and for more information.

LAAC THEBES PLAYERS

Snow Queen and the Goblin, based on "The Snow Queen" by Hans Christian Andersen, will be held at the Lowell Performing Arts Center on April 22, 23 & 24 at 7 p.m.; April 25 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8 general adm.; \$6.50 LAAC members, seniors, students; \$4 children under 14. For more info., call 897-8545 or visit the website at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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If a student is interested in testing out of a high school course, they should contact their high school counselor or Mrs. Lietzke at the middle school by May 1 for tests in August. Any class, except government and phys. ed., is open to the process.

CALLING DIRECTORS

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players is seeking directors for 3 productions in the 2004-05 season. Applicants should send a resume to LAAC-Thebes Players, P.O. Box 53 Lowell by July 31. For more info., call 897-8545 or email:info@lowellartscouncil.org.

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Be ready for severe weather this spring

Peak season for tornadoes and thunderstorms in Michigan is May, June and July. To prepare for severe weather, AAA advises you do the following:

- Become familiar with your community's severe weather warning system. Listen for the latest weather updates and know what to do and where to meet family members if a warning sounds.
- Designate a family shelter. The basement offers the greatest safety. But if you do not have one, seek a small room such as a closet or bathroom in the centermost portion of your home.
- Avoid doors and windows. Seek shelter under something sturdy such as a staircase, workbench or furniture.
- Prepare a severe storm and disaster safety kit for your

shelter area. Basics include: portable battery-powered radio; flashlights/lanterns/spare batteries for each; basic tool and first-aid kits; emergency cooking equipment and canned/boxed food you don't have to refrigerate or cook; supply of bottled water; gloves; medications; credit cards/cash; extra car/house keys; emergency numbers; blankets, sleeping bags to protect against flying debris; updated photo or video record of each room.

National Weather Service. If you are caught in the open in a thunderstorm:

- Move indoors or into a hardtop car. Stay away from towers, fences, telephone poles and powerlines; do not touch metal. Get to land immediately if on a boat or in the water.
- If there is no shelter, find a low spot away from trees, fences and poles. If your skin tingles or hair stands on end,

don't lie down. Squat low to the ground on the balls of your feet to limit ground contact.

- Indoors, unplug major appliances to avoid damage from lightning power surges and use the phone only in an emergency. Don't take a bath or shower during a thunderstorm.
- Listen for severe weather reports and be ready to take additional action quickly if necessary.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2004
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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - MEETING

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KINDERGARTEN - PARENT MEETING**

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2004
6:00 PM - 6:25 PM - SIGN UP
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - MEETING

Apple juice could help keep you sharp

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.

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Car-truck plate transfer simplified

Vehicle owners transferring a license plate from the family car to a pickup truck or van will find the process simpler under a new Department

of State policy, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land has announced.

With the change, owners can transfer a passenger plate to any individually owned or leased pickup truck or van not used for commercial purposes. Furthermore, the department will issue a passenger plate rather than a commercial plate when such vehicles are purchased or traded-in.

"More people are purchasing pickup trucks and vans for use as the family car and not as part of a business," Land said. "It makes no sense to continue plating them for commercial use when that is not the case. This new change saves taxpayer dollars and makes it more convenient for customers to transfer a plate from one vehicle to another."

Existing commercial plates can be renewed. New passenger plates will be issued if a replacement plate is needed or when vehicle ownership transfers.

Company-owned and leased pickup trucks and vans will continue to be registered with commercial plates.

In addition to convenience, the policy is estimated to save approximately \$300,000 annually by reducing processing time for plate transfers and decreasing the number of commercial plates needed.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS VARSITY SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

* Indicates a home game @ High School Tennis Courts • All games begin at 4 p.m. unless indicated

4/13 Thornapple Kellogg*	5/3 Kenowa Hills*
4/15 Lakewood	5/5 Northview
4/17 Lowell Invitational* - 9:30 a.m.	5/6 Grand Rapids Baptist
4/19 Creston	5/10 Greenville
4/21 Cedar Springs	5/12 Unity Christian
4/24 Big Rapids Tournament - 9 a.m.	5/15 Conference Meet* - 9 a.m.
4/26 Sparta	5/18 Crossover*
4/28 East Grand Rapids*	5/21 Regional Tournament* - TBA
4/29 Hudsonville	
5/3 Greenville	

LACROSSE

* Indicates a home game

3/26 Grand Haven* - 5 p.m.	4/26 Okemos* - 6:30 p.m.
4/13 E. Lansing - 4:30	4/30 Rockford - 8 p.m.
4/15 Catholic Central* - 5 p.m.	5/1 S. Lyon* - 12:00
4/17 Culver Military Academy @ EGR - TBA	5/8 S. Lyon - 12:00
4/19 Catholic Central - 5 p.m.	5/11 E. Kentwood* - 6 p.m.
4/21 Holt - 5 p.m.	5/12 Holland Christian* - 5 p.m.
4/24 Lowell vs. Davison* - 12:00	5/17 Okemos - 6:30 p.m.
Lowell vs. Portage Cental* - 3 p.m.	

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL
BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

* Indicates a home game at Cherry Creek Softball Field
All games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated

3/31 F.H. Central - 4 p.m.	4/13 Caledonia* - 4 p.m.
4/13 Middleville (2) - 4 p.m.	4/15 G.R. Christian* (2) - Girls Only
4/16 Lowell Invitational* - 10 a.m. - Boys Only	4/17 East Kentwood To. - 10 a.m. - Girls Only
4/17 Portland* (2) - 4 p.m.	4/19 Ionia (2)* - 4 p.m.
4/21 Allendale* - Boys Only	4/22 Hamilton To. - 9 a.m.
4/24 Unity Christian*	4/26 Kenowa Hills*
4/28 Northview	4/30 Sparta*
5/3 Kenowa Hills	5/5 East Grand Rapids (2)
5/6 Unity Christian	5/10 Northview*
5/12 Cedar Springs (2)	5/15 Otsego Tournament - 10 a.m. - Boys Only
5/17 Sparta	5/19 Greenville (2)*
5/21 Lakewood (2) - 4 p.m.	5/25 Lowell Invitational* - 4 p.m. - Girls Only
5/26 Crossover* (2) - 4 p.m.	5/28 District Tournament* - TBA
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GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

* Indicates a home game @ Deer Run Golf Course
Games begin at 3:30 unless indicated

4/14 Cedar Springs	4/16 Lakewood
4/17 Conference @ Kaufman-8 a.m.	4/21 Thornapple Kellogg
4/24 Jenison Invitational - 8:30 a.m.	4/26 East Grand Rapids*
4/28 Kenowa Hills*	4/30 F.H. Northern Inv. - 9:30 a.m.
5/3 Northview	5/5 Greenville
5/10 Unity Christian	5/12 F.H. Central*
5/17 Conference - 8:30 a.m.	5/21 Regional Tournament* - TBA

VARSIY TRACK

All Meets begin at 4:15 p.m. unless indicated
* Indicates a home meet at Red Arrow Stadium

4/15 Cedar Springs	4/17 Hastings Relays - 9 a.m.
4/20 Sparta*	4/22 East Grand Rapids*
4/27 Kenowa Hills	4/29 Northview
5/1 Lowell Invitational* - 9 a.m.	5/4 Greenville*
5/6 Unity Christian	5/13 Conference @ Greenville - TBA
5/14 Conference @ Greenville - TBA	5/22 Regional Meet*

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

3/25 Jenison - 6:15 p.m.	5/3 Northview - 5:45 p.m.
3/30 Hudsonville* - 5:45 p.m.	5/5 Rockford - 6:45 p.m.
4/16 Hastings - 5:30 p.m.	5/10 Unity Christian - 7 p.m.
4/19 Cedar Springs - 4 p.m.	5/12 Greenville* - 7 p.m.
4/21 Zeeland - 6:45 p.m.	5/17 OK White Tournament* - TBA
4/23 Sparta* - 7 p.m.	5/21 OK White Tournament* - TBA
4/26 East Grand Rapids* - 7 p.m.	5/24 OK White Tournament* - TBA
4/28 Caledonia - 6:45 p.m.	5/28 Crossover (Gold)* - 6:45 p.m.
4/30 Kenowa Hills - 7 p.m.	6/1 District Tournament* - TBA

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If Lowell schools are so poor, why do they give free services to the YMCA daycare @ Cherry Creek? Free: Water, Power, Gas and Cleaning services all FREE!!! Yet my kid will walk next year??? WHY???

Our schools give free services to the YMCA @ Cherry Creek. Can they afford this? The Y charges us for their services. Justify this before making any more cuts to school programs... If you can.

Does anyone know why the bathrooms at Creekside Kingdom are locked while the park is open?

It is illegal to have your dog in your yard unrestrained. This can be a big problem for delivery people.

Please remove your handicap placard before driving. The instructions are on the bottom of the card.

So the city council is finally worn down. Please stick to your guns and show them what you re made of.

Schneider Manor residents: Use your turn signals when turning into the driveway. Thanks.

Call "Miss Dig" before starting spring projects

The Michigan Legislature is reminding everyone from homeowners to excavators that they need to follow common sense safety rules when digging to avoid underground utilities and prevent property damage and personal injury.

April signals the start of the Michigan construction season, and the Michigan Legislature has declared April as "Raise the Flags and Dig Safely" month. The focus is to remind Michigan businesses and residents to call

MISS DIG before beginning construction or excavation projects, wait the required amount of time, respect the staking marks, and dig with care.

Under Michigan law, MISS DIG must be called at least three working days before beginning a construction project. This statewide one-call construction safety and utility damage-prevention center notifies the more than 900 participating members to stake their underground utility lines and provide overhead electric line assistance to ensure that adequate clearances are maintained. Excavators or homeowners can call 800-482-7171.

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B&G Service would like to thank the over three thousand visitors who visited this year's Expo, and made it such a great success.

Congratulations to Shari Nelson who won the 4-WhiteCaps box seat tickets in the raffle drawing held at our booth, as well as Hannah Skibbe who won the \$20.00 gift Certificate to the SandCastle toy store here in Lowell.

Again, thanks to the many visitors to the Expo, the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, and to Lowell School for being such a great host!

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MEMORY FOAM - Mattress set. NASA developed, visco memory cell. Relieves pressure points. Never used. Queen \$600, also full & king. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160, can deliver.

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PERSONALS
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Sincerely,
Cliff & Fran Walling & families

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing followed by the first of two required meetings on

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2004

at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E.

Barry Latham has made application for a variance from Section 4.1.2. of the Table of General Bulk Regulations to allow for an additional garage on property located at 1725 Cumberland Avenue (PP#41-20-05-445-003).

Following the public hearing will be a regular meeting at which any and all business may be brought before this Board according to the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

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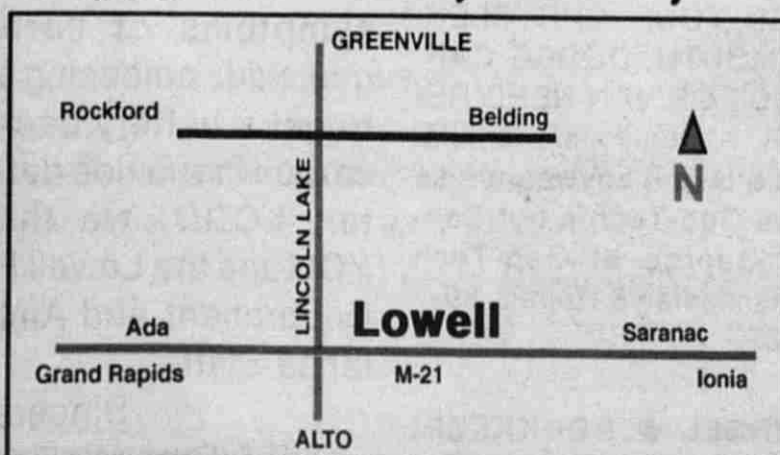
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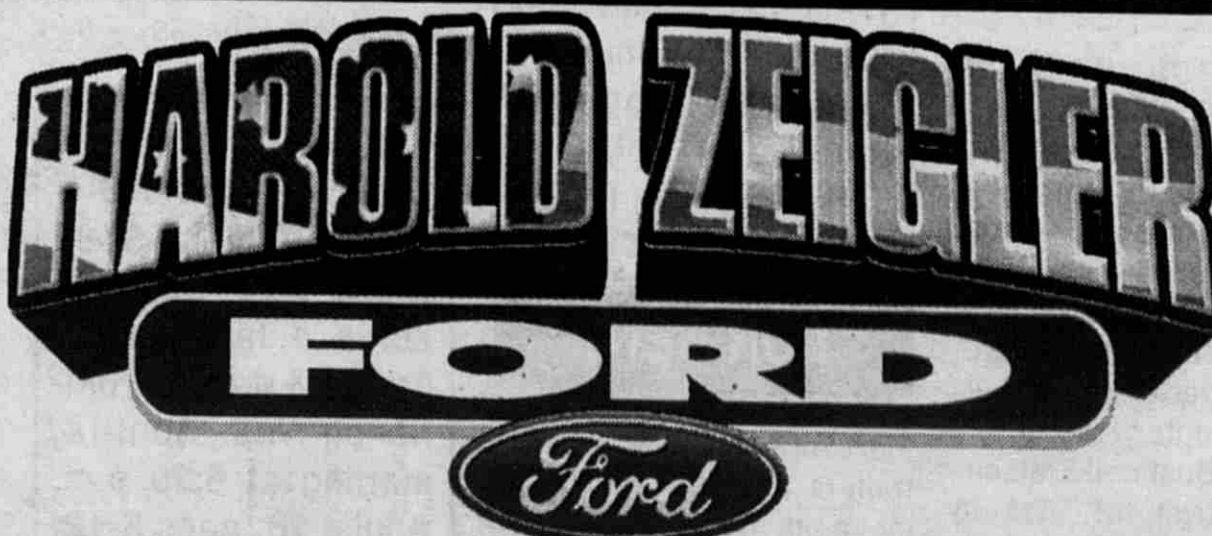
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