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School board approves walk zones for next year

"Our goal from the very beginning was to preserve as much transportation as possible."

— Larry Mikulski

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education approved walk zones within city limits Monday. This followed the recommendation of the transportation committee with a few added considerations.

With walk zones in place next school year, students living in the Valley Vista subdivision and in houses between Bushnell Elementary and N. Hudson Street will walk to school. High school students living in those areas will walk to the middle school and catch a bus from there. Valley Vista students will use a paved trail through Creekside Park to get to school.

On the east side of the river and north of Main Street, students will walk to consolidated bus stops. The proposed locations for these stops are at the parking lot north of the police station, on Washing-

ton Street north of Fremont Street and at the corner of Grindle and Shepard drives.

"Our goal from the very beginning was to preserve as much transportation as possible," Larry Mikulski said at Monday's school board meeting. Mikulski, transportation supervisor for Lowell Area Schools, is a member of the transportation committee, which also includes parents from the affected neighborhoods, Lowell police chief Jim Valentine, Lowell schools security guard Al Eckman and Family Links and PTO parents.

Mikulski said the walking zone plan could eliminate the need for three school buses and save the district up to \$110,000. Superintendent Shari Miller said the need for cost savings for transportation came in the wake of other heavy cuts in previous school years.

"This is certainly not the first thing we looked at to cut, there were several others," Miller said. "We're trying to keep the cuts as far away from the classroom as possible."

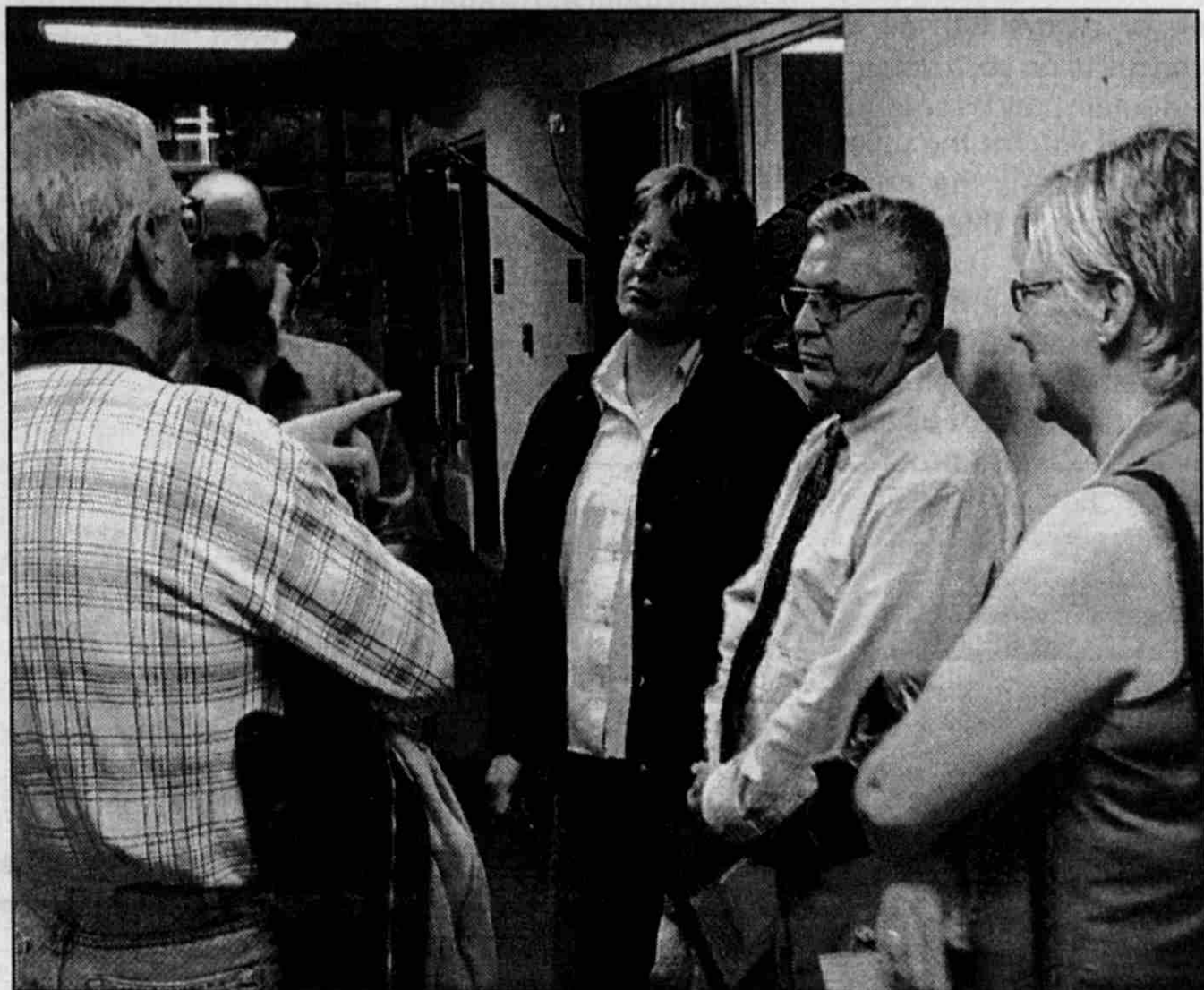
Six members of the board unanimously approved the walk zones. Trustee Mark Blanding was absent.

"I think we should really encourage students to start walking and parents to walk with them," board treasurer Jim Reagan said.

With the approval came a board agreement to consider some new options regarding the walk zones. One is a bus stop at Church Street and West Main to benefit students in the southwest part of Valley Vista.

"I'm real leery about that recommendation," board secretary Pat Nugent said about the Church Street stop, say-

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Lowell parents discussed their concerns about school walk zones with transportation supervisor Larry Mikulski after the school board approved the zones, Monday.

Spirit of Community celebration planned for April 30

By Dan Schneider

For the fourth year, Lowell will celebrate the Spirit of Community—the volunteer service and community dedication that has allowed the Lowell community to become what it is today.

The celebration began in the spring of 2001. It honored Ray Quada, whose life of government and volunteer service embodied the spirit the event celebrates.

This year's Spirit of Community celebration takes place Friday, April 30 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The public is highly encouraged to attend this free event.

"I think there was a presumption that it was by invi-

tation only and it's not at all," Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker said. "It's a community event like the Riverwalk Festival or the Expo."

It starts with the "Essence of Lowell" at 6 p.m. in the Lowell High School cafeteria. It is a social hour featuring food dishes and appetizers from 21 local restaurants and food specialists. The Young Artists Flute Ensemble will set the musical tone for the evening.

The Spirit of Community celebration brings together three awards presentations and dedications to the Tribute Tree. These begin at 7:45 in the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

The Marsha Wilcox Com-

munity Service Award will go this year to Peter Gustafson. The award is nominated by Lowell school employees and school board members.

"The Wilcox award is not only to honor Marsha Wilcox, a longtime community advocate, but to honor people who have worked in the schools and on committees, and have made long-time commitments to the community," school board president Marsha Wilcox said.

Gustafson served for a number of years on the Lowell school board. In the 1980s he was a member of the strategic planning committee for the high school. He was citizen chair for the successful

"Neighbors Who Care" millage campaign and bond proposal for the high school. He

has worked on the Wittenbach Center committee and with committees in Vergennes Township.

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Daylight burglar pilfers "weird things"

By Dan Schneider

A dog was among things stolen from a house on the 10300 block of Downes Street in Vergennes Township last Wednesday. The break-in occurred in broad daylight, between 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Also stolen was camera equipment and various smaller items.

"The dog was the most important thing stolen," homeowner Rita Lundstrom said. "Then really weird things like Beanie Babies and punk jewelry and some cos-

tume jewelry, but there was a diamond necklace they didn't touch."

Lundstrom said the robbers entered the house through an unlocked kitchen door in the garage. The overhead garage door was stuck open and awaiting repairs. Her husband had left the kitchen door open while he ran errands.

Roger Parent, communications officer for the Kent County Sheriff's Department, said the items stolen point to an inexperienced thief.

"It's either that or somebody's not very smart and most of our criminals are not very well educated," Parent said.

The stolen dog is a Llaso Aphso poodle named Zach. It is about 15 pounds and gray with a white chest and paws. The dog, who was not wearing a collar at the time, is diabetic. A reward is being offered for his return. Contact Lundstrom at 897-2776.

Search continues for Lowell fisherman

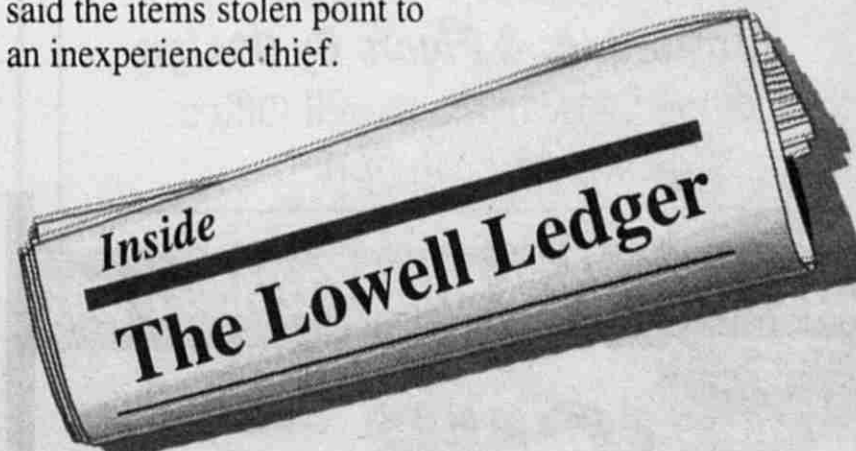
A number of agencies continue to search the Thornapple River for a missing man believed drowned. According to the Kent County Sheriff's Department, two Kent County men were fishing in a 10-foot rowboat when it swamped and they began to

swim towards shore. John Daniel Fisher, 29, of Alto, was able to make it to shore and ran to a nearby home for help. His friend, 30-year-old Robert Medrick Perry III, of Lowell, did not make it to shore.

It is not known whether the high winds played a part

in the boating accident. Officers were told the rowboat was anchored from the rear. The missing man was last seen about 40 yards from the boat. He was wearing Carhartt clothing, which may have made swimming more difficult. Neither wore personal floatation devices.

Cascade, Ada and Lowell fire departments were on the scene using their rescue boats, as was a helicopter from the Coast Guard. The Kent County Sheriff Department Dive Recovery team has set up a command center to continue in the search.



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OBITUARIES

ADAMS - Mrs. Gloria J. Adams (nee Fodor), aged 55, of Greenville, passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2004. She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Fodor; husband Harvey "Bud" Adams. Surviving are her sons Kevin and Chad Keech; their father Roger Keech; mother Dee (Glenn) Osburn; brother Joseph Fodor; sister Carol (Dale) Cranmer; several nieces and nephews. Gloria worked for Attwood Corp. in Lowell for 25 years, currently she was employed with Cintas in Kentwood and Fintech in Belding. Those who knew Gloria will remember her for her all so often giggling, as well as fun, outgoing and loving spirit. A celebration of Gloria's life was held April 17 at the Stegenga Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

SULLIVAN - Marjorie M. (Potter) Sullivan, aged 90, passed away April 13, 2004 at Porter Hills in Grand Rapids. She was born January 18, 1914 in Belding, the daughter of James J. and Lucia (Chickering) Lind. She is survived by her daughters Nancy and Lyle Porter of Lowell, Patricia and George Raimier of Lowell, Sally and Tom Spens of Florida; eight grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one step-great-great-grandchild. A memorial service was held Saturday at First Baptist Church of Lowell, with Rev. W. Lee Taylor officiating. Those wishing may make memorial donations to the Saranac Boston Historical Society or to the Porter Hills Benevolent Fund.

THOMET - Marylynn Marie Thomet, aged 74, of Lowell, passed away April 13, 2004. She was preceded in death by her sister Rosie Kranenberg, brother Rex Collins, grandson Phillip Thomet and great-grandson Nathan Thomet. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Alfred "Duke"; her children Lynn (Phil) Nauta,

Jack (Gail) Thomet, Denny (Catherine) Thomet of Naples, Fla., Ken (Susan) Thomet of Montgomery, Texas, Mark (Cindi) Thomet of Houston, Texas; brother Ron (Cheryl) Collins; sister Cleone McCormick; sisters-in-law Dede Collins, Jean Sobleskey; brothers-in-law Orley Kranenberg, Stewart (Pat)

Thomet, Richard (Shirley) Thomet, Fontana, Calif.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a very special friend Betty Story. Funeral services were held Friday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Dr. Mike Conklin and Rev. Gordie Barry officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu

of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 400 Ann St. NW Suite 202, Grand Rapids 49504; Gilda's Club, 1806 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids 49504; First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main, Lowell 49331; or Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart NE, Grand Rapids 49503.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND NOTICE
OF ACTION

CASE NO. 04-01705-DO

180 Ottawa, NW, Grand
Rapids, MI 49503

BRENDA M. SANDERS
V
THOMAS BOGARD, JR.

LESLIE C. CURRY
(P31222)
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TO THOMAS BOGARD,
JR.

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 6/01/04. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

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

A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, THOMAS BOGARD, JR. at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court.

Pursuant to the fee waiver obtained by Plaintiff, costs of publication shall be paid by the Court.

April 13, 2004

Daniel V. Zemaitis
(P32490)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177-372-DE

Estate of
EUGENE
KORZENIAUSKAS

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, EUGENE

KORZENIAUSKAS, who lived at 3765 Hilltop Ct., N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 4/2/04.

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April 14, 2004

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Revenue up but residents may still pay more for services

By J. Lobbell
Contributing Writer

In its preliminary review of the city's 2004-2005 budget, the Lowell City Council received some good news:

property tax revenues are expected to increase by 5.08 percent. But it still won't be enough to offset last year's losses. The council reviewed a preliminary budget at its

Monday night meeting with the final draft expected on May 17, when the first of two public hearings on the budget will take place. The budget is expected to be approved June 7. City manager David

Pasquale said city staff estimates the property tax revenues to be around \$1.55 million for the following fiscal year ... a nice increase compared to this year, but only about a 91 percent increase

from two years ago. The result being while the city is seeing some improvement, it has not recovered from its losses of last year, Pasquale said.

Real estate taxes are expected to increase by 6.11 percent to about \$1.2 million while personal property taxes will decrease by about 1.84 percent to \$113,000.07. The changes were enough to see the city's mill value go from \$78,827.87 this year to \$83,196.07 next year, but still short of the 2002-2003 number of \$83,279.11.

To make up for some of the loss, the city is planning to eliminate items such as conferences, cashing out unused employee personal days, and two proposed police cruisers, to the objection of Lowell police chief Jim Valentine. Pasquale explained this would net the city about \$40,000. Having employees contribute to health care insurance would gain the city another \$10,000.

Other items could include having residents pay the entire amount of solid waste, up from 80 cents to 93 cents per

bag. Cost savings to the city would be about \$6,441.11. An additional \$5,218.35 could be saved by having residents pick up the entire cost of yard waste bags, from 40 cents to 78 cents a bag. The city encourages recycling by picking up the entire cost for it. However, having the residents pay the \$2.52 a month (based on 798 bins) would save the city \$24,131.52.

Other city funds, besides the general fund, may also increase cost to residents. The wastewater fund is proposing a dollar increase to \$12.50 for the readiness-to-serve charge and the water fund may increase a dollar in its debt serve to \$19.75 per month. User rates and consumption charges would remain the same.

"I believe every community in the state can say this, but this has been one of the most challenging budgets I have dealt with," Pasquale said. The trick for staff has been dealing with revenues which are not growing that fast, less state revenues, and still meeting the service needs of the community.

Cemetery changes guidelines for burial sites

By J. Lobbell
Contributing Writer

Councilman Jim Hodges understands the importance of being able to visit the grave of a friend or relative and leaving a token of remembrance. His son's friend, Josh Ford, died in 1999 and he has personally witnessed the significance to his son and his friends in leaving memorials at Ford's gravesite. "It has aided and abated the grieving process for them," Hodges said.

City of Lowell sexton Don DeJong also understands the desire to leave tributes to loved ones who have passed away, but the situation at Oakwood Cemetery has gotten "out of control" with some burial sites having upwards of 25 items and tributes, and the headstone. "We have had a number of young deaths, children's deaths, and what has happened has created a snowball effect," DeJong said.

"One person sees what's on one site and then thinks they can do that."

The result has created almost a nightmare situation in maintenance at the cemetery. Trying to balance the needs of those grieving and the maintenance requirements for the cemetery, DeJong and city clerk Betty Morlock reviewed the current ordinance regarding objects and flowers at the cemetery and offered a revised version; the council approved it at its Monday night meeting, 4 to 1 with Hodges being the no vote.

The revisions actually are more lenient than what the city had, which would have prohibited most decorative and personal items to be left at the cemetery, Morlock said. Through research, DeJong said he discovered that what is allowed at various cemeteries ranges somewhat, but that most are very restrictive in what can be placed on gravesites. In the revisions, concrete urns must be located at the ends of the grave space markers and only one urn per space. Artificial flowers, plants and arrangements may only be placed in the urns.

DeJong said it was noted by college students working in the cemetery that under the old rules (and current ones), artificial flowers were only permitted from Nov. 1 through March 31. This was to allow for Christmas and other holiday decorations, he explained. "It creates some work when you have to stop, pull the (artificial) flowers out, weed, and then put the flowers back in," DeJong said.

Under the new provisions, artificial flowers would still be allowed. Decorative fencing, boxes, shells, toys, crosses, ornaments, chairs, settees, vases, tin cans, jars, rocks, clay statuettes, plaques, and similar items would be prohibited. One shepherd's hook per site is allowed, but must be removed when not in use.

A huge concern of

DeJong's is the amount of glass items left, especially the small candles. The glass creates a hazard for the general public and would be prohibited. Up to three non-glass objects are permitted on a marker and an additional five more items are allowed up to the anniversary of the death of the person buried. Also, special remembrances such as anniversaries, birthdays and deaths may be placed up to one week before the date and must be removed one week after the date.

Plantings will still be allowed at the cemetery and can not be more than 12 inches from the base of the marker. The key here, DeJong said, is

educating people that plantings and items cannot intrude onto the next burial site. Most sites are about four by nine feet. If a family chooses a large headstone, that reduces the amount of space for plantings.

The ordinance clearly states that cemetery staff will remove items and plantings that do fall under the guidelines. DeJong expects it will take a good year to educate people on the regulations, and he plans to have them posted on the sexton building at the cemetery and on the cemetery trash bins. He also intends to send letters to current owners of sites to make them aware of the expectations.

Mel Rogers is Retiring

A party celebrating his retirement is planned Sunday, April 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lowell Senior Center

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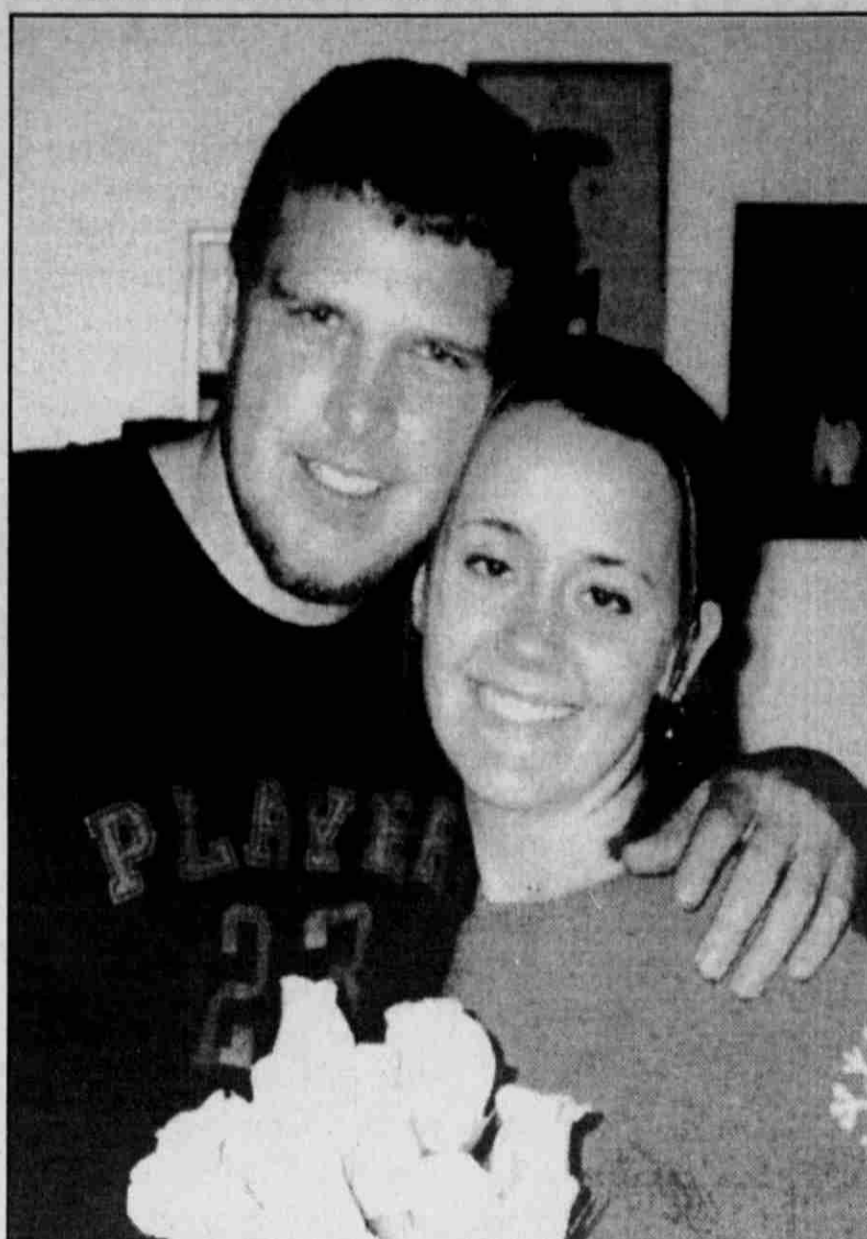
Joel Donald Case and Carrie Lyn Dykstra

The marriage of Carrie Lyn Dykstra and Joel Donald Case will be celebrated on July 31, 2004.

The bride-to-be, of Kalamazoo, is the daughter of Gary and Cathy Dykstra of Lowell. She graduated from Lowell High School and now attends Western Michigan University.

The groom-elect, of Climax, is the son of Doug and Lori Case of Kalamazoo. He is a graduate of Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Elmore/Mutschler



Stephen M. Mutschler and Brandy Lee Elmore

Duane and Gloria Closson of Saranac and John and Denise Elmore of Salina, Kan., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Brandy Lee Elmore to Stephen M. Mutschler.

The bride-elect will be a 2004 graduate of Saranac High School and is planning a career in orthodontics.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Saranac High School and currently is enlisted in the United States Marine Corp.

A May 22, 2004 wedding is planned.

Reflections Of Faith

Rev. William Renkema
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

Burning hearts. Cleopas and his companion were walking on the road to Emmaus, talking about Jesus' death, when Jesus came up and walked along with them. They did not recognize Him. Jesus told them that the Old Testament had predicted these things.

Then, later, when they sat at a table together. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. They finally recognized Him. Then they asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)

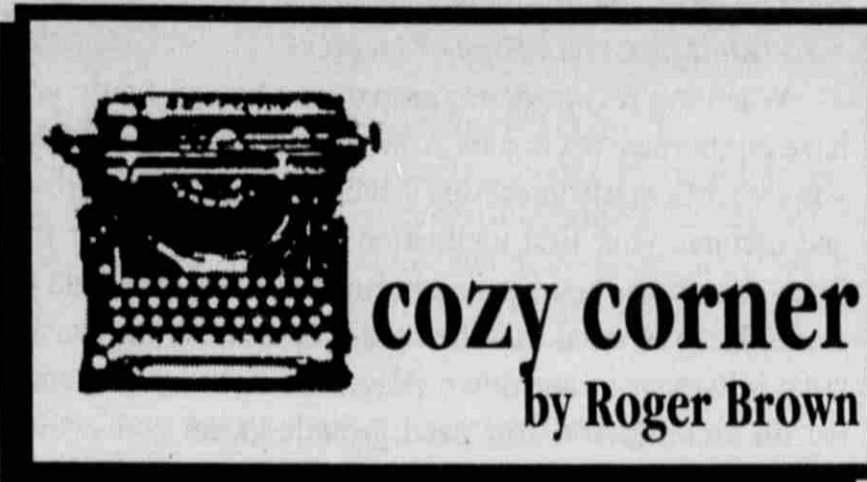
Sometimes we experience that burning in our hearts. Maybe it happens when we drive by a church or place of worship. Maybe it's when we think back on what we learned as children. Maybe it's when we see a Bible, perhaps the dusty one on our shelf at home.

Inside us there is a burning, a truth that seeks to burn its way into our consciousness, our hearts - God's truth about Christ. God's truth about our spiritual need.

Cleopas and his companion recognized Jesus when He broke bread with them. Then they realized that their hearts had burned all along with the truth of His presence and teaching. Jesus died. He arose from the dead. He conquered sin and death. Even my sin. Even the sin of all who believe. His voice calls to us through the words of the Bible, words that cause hearts to burn, lives to change forever.

Jesus' death and resurrection give our lives a new perspective. Just thinking of what happened to Jesus makes our hearts burn inside us and we are called to become more like Him, crucifying ourselves, and finding new life through faith.

Viewpoint



This morning finds me at a loss for material. I guess I need to fall off a roof more often. The clock has ticked away as I've stared dumbly at the computer monitor, waiting for inspiration. Much like a TV, a computer is not very inspiring. Consequently, it's time for the old column standby... plagiarism. This is yet another of those lists that gets passed around on the internet. If you've seen it, sorry. I'll try to work in one of my prafalls this week so as to have something to write about next time.

"GUY'S RULES:" 1. Learn to work the toilet seat. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down. You don't hear us complaining when you leave it down.

1. Sunday sports. It's like the full moon or the changing tides. Let it be.

1. Shopping is not a sport. And no, we're never going to think of it that way.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want. Let us be clear on this one: Subtle hints do not work! Strong hints do not work! Obvious hints do not work! Just say it!

1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. A headache that lasts for 17 months is a problem. See a doctor.

1. Anything we said six months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after seven days.

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us. 1. If something we said can be interpreted two ways and one of the ways makes you sad or angry... we meant the other one.

1. You can either ask us to do something or tell us how you want it done. Not both. If you already know best how to do it, just do it yourself.

1. Whenever possible please say whatever you have to say during the commercials.

1. Christopher Columbus did not need directions and neither do we.

1. All men see only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. We have no idea what mauve is.

1. If it itches, it will be scratched. We do that.

1. If we ask what's wrong and you say, "nothing," we will act like nothing's wrong. We know you are lying, but it's just not worth the hassle.

1. If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

1. When we have to go somewhere, absolutely anything you wear is fine... Really.

1. Don't ask us what we're thinking unless you are prepared to discuss such topics as baseball, the shotgun formation or monster trucks.

1. You have enough clothes.

1. You have too many shoes!

1. I am in shape. Round is a shape.

That's it for the list. A word of advice to any guys who have read this and think it would be a good idea to pass the list along to the missus... be prepared to sleep on the couch. For any women out there planning to pass the list along to your hubby... don't bother, he already knows these rules as well as he knows where he's going to be Thanksgiving Day... in front of a TV watching the Lions.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL APRIL 23, 1879

The Marshal orders that alleys be cleaned up. Cattle feeding past fences into Lowell streets are a problem for shrubbery and flowers.

Too many old, inferior planks are being used for sidewalk repair.

The Marshal says that too many people on Bridge Street and too many school children on Monroe make slower driving necessary.

A new grocery store will open tomorrow in Music Hall block.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 22, 1904

The state Grange expands its insurance business into cyclone insurance.

Backlash from a 12-inch gun on the battleship Missouri ignites stored gunpowder. The hole blown in the hull lets in water and prevents complete demolition.

Vergennes Highway Commissioner Fero has a crew restoring the Fallsburg bridge, half washed away in this spring's flood.

Farmers are getting a very high \$1 per bushel of potatoes. Eight inches of snow fell at Grattan Friday, and the grist mill pond froze over again.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 25, 1929

Common Council orders a special election for a bond issue of \$65,000 to build a new dam at White's Bridge to replace the old one and assure the power supply.

M/M Harry Holland, proprietors of the Hotel Lowell, have refurbished it and have 16 rooms to let. Mrs. Holland runs the lunch counter and dining room.

Supt. Gumsier cautions students against school recruiters who make false promises and exaggerate their school's benefits.

The Strand Theatre advertises "The Barker," which has color and Vitaphone sound. Admission will be 25-50 cents instead of the usual 10-35 cents.

Mr. Zwemer's physics class visits Michigan Bell Co. and sees "Eric the Robot" at the Grand Rapids Press Building.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 22, 1954

Postmaster George Hale has lost three consecutive post office workers to illness, each working just a few weeks.

The new polio vaccine field trial starts next week with the first of three injections for children in grades 1-3 who have parental OK's.

William M. Jones Jr. is elected Charter President of the newly-formed Lions Club of Lowell.

Two Boy Scout crews practice for the Ionia-Grand Rapids canoe relay race Saturday.

Mayor Exchange Day will send Wes Roth to Kinde (in the Thumb); Detroit's mayor will trade with Britton Village, pop. 500.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 25, 1979

John and Barb Vos buy an antique cup and saucer at an auction that turns out to have a picture of the Lowell 1904 flood on it.

Townships and the DNR battle over who manages lands along the Flat River if it is designated a natural river.

Mark Johnson, Carl Kloosterman and Steve DeNolf set new track records at LHS.

Back to the drawing board: Della Reese will not be the headliner for this summer's Showboat.

Police recover the cannon taken from the Lowell cemetery in early April.

Lowell Crop Walk set for May 2

The 10th annual Lowell Area Crop Hunger Walk will take place Sunday, May 2 at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Its goal: 300 walkers and \$30,000.

Since the start of the local walk in 1995, Lowell area has raised \$211,200 to combat hunger in Kent County and throughout the world.

The Crop Walk is sponsored and organized on a national level by Church World Service (www.churchworldservice.org). On a local level, a committee of volunteers meets during the year at the First United Methodist Church.

If you would like to participate either as a walker or a sponsor, call the First United Methodist Church at 897-8690 or your own church for information or your walking papers.

The world to feed and educate people on how to grow crops.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 22: Mallorie VanDerWarf, Tim Hill, Mackenzie Hacker, Sharon Potter.

APRIL 23: Nathan Roudabush, Jonathan Dixon, Karen Merriman, Nicole Cummings, Brandon Short.

APRIL 24: Gary Goff, Trevor Foss, King Doyle, Don Shaffer, Logan Propst.

APRIL 26: Casey Brown, Marsha Ray, Bonnie Baird, Audrey Bailey, Jonathan Christiansen.

APRIL 27: Janice Ryder, Dennis Pretzel, Debbie Burrows.

APRIL 28: Terese Brown, Tim Vezino, Shawna Austin, Katie Hildenbrand.

Sharing The Vision

SHARI MILLER
Lowell Schools Superintendent



As spring arrives, we begin to plan and think about our next school year. Parents attended Kindergarten Round Up this past week for Alto, Bushnell, and Murray Lake elementary. Many of the parents are sending their oldest child to kindergarten and are joining the Lowell Area Schools for the first time. We look forward to working with our kindergarten parents and to their partnership in helping in the education of the children of our communities. Please don't hesitate to call your child's school if you have questions.

I'd also like to share information with the parents of our three- and four-year-old children. We encourage you to involve your child in a local preschool program or in at-home activities that are similar to preschool activities. It is important

for children to learn to play and share with other children, to work on eye-hand coordination through catching and throwing balls, and to listen to parents reading to them and discussing stories with them. Younger children need to be involved in structured activities rather than watching television or playing video games.

April 19-25 is the week designated for families to turn off television and find other activities. Let's take the challenge and focus upon family activities this week - board games and family reading times for rainy days and outdoor physical activities for good-weather days. Our children will benefit from time with their parents and the thinking and motor skills involved in these activities.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com).

COLLEGE NEWS

Jacque Benedict, a 2003 Lowell High School graduate, is a freshman softball player for the Chippewas at Central Michigan University.

For the year, Benedict is hitting .233 (14-for-60) with four doubles and five RBI. In MAC games, she is hitting .375 (6-for-16) with three doubles. Her MAC batting average ranks 11th in the conference.

Jacqueline Christina Vos, a senior at Lowell High School, recently received the Academic Honors Scholarship from Anderson University in Anderson, Ind.

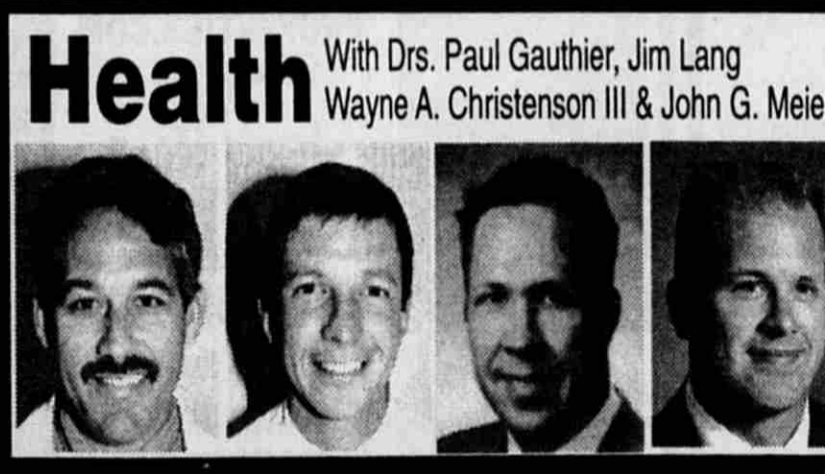
This scholarship is an \$11,000 annual award available to outstanding prospective freshmen of Anderson University and may be renewed for an additional three years. Students must maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and continuous full-time enrollment.

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Treating the cause may make it go away. Sometimes tinnitus goes away without any treatment. If it does not, some people find that a ticking clock in the room helps. If you have hearing problems and tinnitus, a hearing aid might help make the tinnitus less of a bother.

Tinnitus can last a long time and can be very annoying. If yours persists, and keeps you from going to work or sleeping well, see your doctor. Perhaps referral to an ear specialist may be in order.



TINNITUS (RINGING IN THE EARS)

Tinnitus is a bothersome sound or noise in your ear. This sound may be described as a ringing noise, or you may hear a roaring, buzzing, whistling, hissing, or chirping sound. Tinnitus can be a symptom of certain ailments such as an ear infection or Meniere's disease.

Tinnitus can be caused by an injury to the ear, ear infections, or a build-up of wax in the ear. People who spend a lot of time around loud noises like factory work, construction sites, music, gun shots, etc., may have tinnitus. It can also be caused by some pain relievers (aspirin), antibiotics, anti-depressants, and sedatives.

Letters, Letters, Letters...

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Financial Focus

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CONSIDER GROWTH-AND-INCOME FUNDS FOR LONG-TERM GOALS

To work toward achieving your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you'll need to invest in growth stocks. Yet, you may be leery of the investment risk posed by these vehicles - after all, the stocks with the greatest potential for growth also carry the greatest potential for price volatility. So, what can you do? For one thing, you can consider adding some income to your growth.

Specifically, you may want to invest in income-oriented stocks - those that pay dividends to shareholders. The prices of income-producing stocks will certainly fluctuate, but generally not as much as the prices of growth stocks.

One of the best ways to mix income-oriented stocks with your growth stocks is through growth-and-income mutual funds. As the name suggests, the primary objective of these

funds is to grow your principal, with a secondary goal of providing income. Typically, these funds pay dividends on a quarterly or semiannual basis.

When you invest in growth-and-income funds, you receive some key benefits:

- **Diversification** - As is the case with all mutual funds, growth-and-income funds are made up of dozens, or even hundreds, of individual securities. Growth-and-income funds may contain a diversified array of high-quality domestic and foreign stocks, corporate bonds and government securities. By spreading your investment dollars over these different vehicles, you can help protect yourself against market downturns that may affect one asset class particularly hard.

- **Professional management** - When you invest in a growth-and-income fund, you automatically get the services of an experienced team of investment professionals. A portfolio manager makes the day-to-day "buy" and "sell" decisions, relying on a variety of resources to maximize the performance of the fund. And financial analysts evaluate the suitability of all stocks and other investments that go into the fund.

- **Liquidity** - You can sell your shares at the current net asset value on any business day. (However, this value may be more or less than your original purchase price.)

Reinvesting Income

Many people who invest in growth-and-income funds don't actually need the money for their cash flow. Instead, they reinvest the dividends into the fund.

Should you follow this dividend reinvestment plan? It

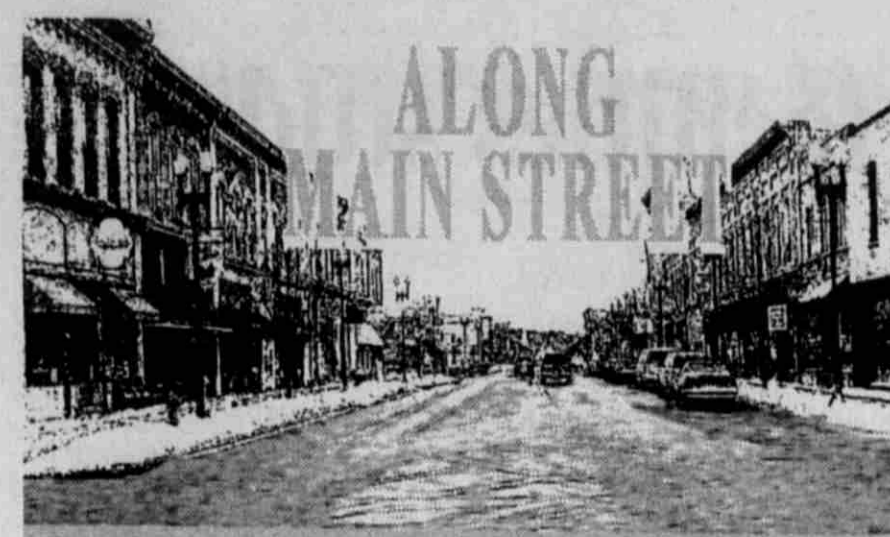
depends on your individual needs. Reinvesting dividends is certainly a great way to build up more shares in the funds you own. However, at different stages in your life, particularly in retirement, you may want or need to take the dividends to supplement your income.

In any case, dividends are now more attractive than ever. The maximum tax rate on dividends is 15 percent, following the passage of tax law changes in 2003. Previously, dividends were taxed at your individual income tax rate.

Don't focus on "Highest Income"

When you're considering growth-and-income funds, you'll have no shortage of choices... there are hundreds available. If you are particularly interested in the "income" side of growth-and-income, your first inclination may be to look for those funds that are the biggest payers. But that may not be your best move. Keep in mind that the fund's dividends, like its share price, will move up and down. Also, even if you're concentrating on income, you still need growth so, as you evaluate specific funds, pay close attention to their prospects for capital appreciation.

If you're interested in growth-and-income funds, consult with your investment professional to find the ones that offer the asset mix, return and risk level that meet your individual needs. Make sure to review the prospectus carefully before investing - the more you know beforehand, the better off you will be.



It is designed to give expecting or new moms/parents information regarding their baby's nutrition needs, development and safety.

ROTARY CLUB RAFFLE

Rotary Club of Lowell Community Foundation drawing Wed., April 28 for an Orlando condominium vacation in Fla. (\$2700 value includes air fare.) Donation: \$5. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity home in Lowell.

ESTATE PLANNING EVENT

Edward Jones and Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones will host an estate planning program in the Runciman building at 300 High St. on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. Call Barb at 987-9515 by April 23 to reserve a seat. Free/open to the public."

TEST OUT OF CLASSES

Students interested in testing out of high school courses should contact their high school counselor/Mrs. Lietzke at the middle school by May 1 for tests in August. Only government and phys. ed. are not included in the process.

WEST MICHIGAN MUSEUM TOUR

Lowell Area Historical Museum will be one of eight museums participating in the West Michigan tour on Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. No tickets are needed; donations are accepted. For more info. call 897-7688.

10TH ANNUAL CROP WALK

The Lowell Area Crop Walk is Sunday, May 2; begin at the First United Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. for the 2 mile/6 mile course. Call 897-8690 to get your walking papers or to sponsor someone.

CALLING DIRECTORS

The LAAC Thebes Players is seeking directors for 3 productions in the 2004-05 season. Send resumes to LAAC-Thebes Players, P.O. Box 53, Lowell by July 31. For more info., call 897-8545 or email: info@lowellartsCouncil.org.

HONORS READING PROJECT

New/used toys, games, puzzles, books for children are being collected for an 8th grade reading project. Donations to Catholic Social Services in Greater G.R. area; drop-off at Englehardt Library until April 21. Call Mrs. Stacey, 8th grade reading teacher, at 897-9222.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Lowell Area Schools annual preschool screening for 3 - 4 1/2 year olds will take place on April 22 and 23 at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. Call Carol at 897-8415 with questions.

LAAC THEBES PLAYERS

Snow Queen and the Goblin 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.

TOTS ALMOST NEW SALE

The annual TOTS almost new sale will be Saturday, April 24, 9-noon in the Bright Beginnings gym, 300 High St. No charge to participate. Register with Kathy at 897-1232.

BABY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMING TO MEIJER

An in-store program, Enfamil LIPIL Baby Development, will be held at Meijer on Sunday, April 25 from noon - 3 p.m.

Cherry Creek Elementary staff member of the month

Jackie Tousley, a second grade teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, is the school's staff member of the month. She was nominated by sev-



Jackie Tousley

eral teachers who commented on all the "extras" Tousley does for her grade level, especially in the Accelerated Reader program in which she is involved with teacher, Kim Lum.

Since her teaching career began in 1973, Tousley has raised two children, Rich and Kara, and has taught second, third and fourth grades. She gets excited by finding ways to reach each student and spark his/her interest in being a learner. "Teaching is always changing, and I'm always searching for better methods to use in instructing students," she said.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As a public service, *The Lowell Ledger* will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the *Ledger* office by phone, 897-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

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City council approves communitywide facilities study

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Lorain Smalligan has had her eye on the space next to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce for some time. The executive director of the Lowell Area Arts Council has seen its potential in promoting the arts council during Showboat concerts and the visibility it could bring the organization because of its location on the city's Riverwalk.

With the Lowell City Council's blessing, the Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell Chamber of Commerce, and the city will now begin looking at a communitywide facilities study that will include examining that site and dis-

ussing the facility needs of not only the arts council, chamber and city, but the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds and possibly the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Smalligan said the arts council has always tried to develop partnerships with various organizations within the city that have resulted in relationships with the chamber, Lowell Area Schools, and the museum. With an eye on facilities, needs of the council and the relationship of those needs to programs, the director said it was time to look at expanding its facility options.

Currently the site being discussed serves as a shop for the city of Lowell's Department of Public Works

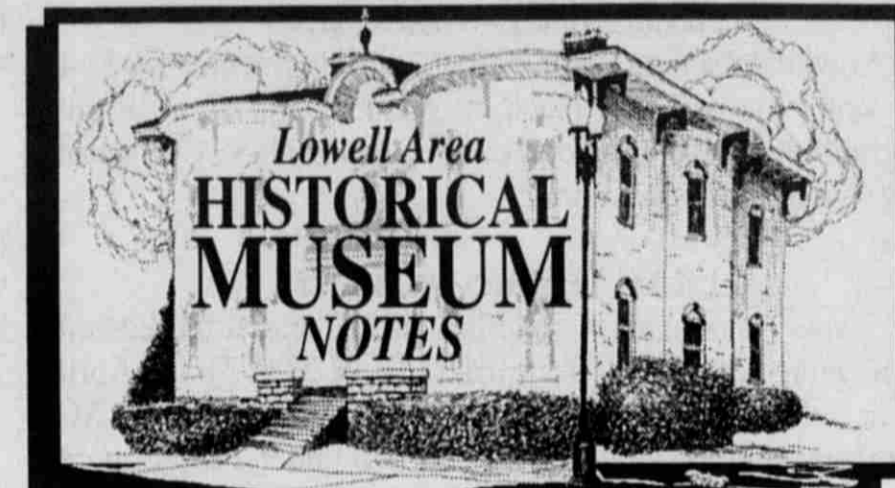
(DPW) and a storage area for the chamber. After some debate, it was discovered that the three organizations might be able to help each other in facility goals, Smalligan noted. Objectives include allowing the arts council to expand onto the Riverwalk and have a community gallery and educational space close to two schools; the chamber and arts council sharing facilities and some staffing needs; the city possibly providing an enlarged workshop space at the DPW building to free up space; offering a consolidated area for DPW equipment to be stored in one place freeing up the Foreman building for the fairgrounds; and finally, through a joint effort with the

Downtown Development Authority, having public restrooms on the Riverwalk near the Showboat. Smalligan said the arts council has no intention of moving out of its current facility near the corner of Hudson and Main streets. This facility has about 2,400 square feet that is used for office space, classrooms and gallery. "We are very maximized right now," she said.

The new location would create another 2,400 square feet of space. At this point, said city manager David Pasquale who has been involved in the discussions, the city staff, the chamber, and the arts council are seeking the city council's approval to continue the debates and seek grant money from the Lowell Area Community Fund and possibly the state.

If the project moves ahead, next year the city could qualify for some of the money in the "Cool Cities" program created by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "When you have two locations, it usually means two staffs which is twice as expensive," said councilman Chuck Myers, who abstained from voting because he is on the Lowell Area Community Fund board.

Myers also queried about whether the towers for Lowell Cable could be moved out of that area, noting it could be costly and difficult to do. The council gave its approval, allowing the group to approach the Lowell Area Community Fund for financial support for the facilities study.



The Lowell Area Historical Museum will once again be participating in the "Spring

into the Past" museum tour on May 1 and 2. Some of West Michigan's finest small museums will be featured on that Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Tri-Rivers Museum Network, which formed several years ago, has been working together to host this event. Staff from each of the museums will be on hand to provide tours of their unique exhibits and history.

There are eight museums involved this year: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, Bowne Township Historical Museum, Boston-Saranac Historical Museum, Fallsburg Historical Village & School House, Ionia Historical Society - the Blanchard House, Lowell Area Historical Museum, Freeport Historical Society and Belding Museum - Belrockton Dormitory.

Gift items and homemade, old-fashioned food items will be for sale; donations will be accepted at each museum and go toward general operations.

Doyle retires from Michigan Millers Ins. board

By Dan Schneider

The Michigan Millers Insurance company started in 1881 because of the tendency of flour mills to burst into flames.

"Mills were very subject to explosions and fires and nobody would want to insure a mill," King Doyle said.

It was the dust particles from the milling process, suspended in the air inside the mills, that caused them to catch fire with little provocation. Thoroughly modern milling technology has since practically eliminated free-floating dust in flour mills, making them much less flammable. This includes pneumatic flour conveyors, which Doyle installed at King Milling in the 1960s.

Doyle, 82, recently retired from the board of directors of Michigan Millers Insurance. He had served in that capacity for 43 years, the third member of Lowell's King Milling Company to do so. He followed his father, William C. Doyle, and King Milling founder Frank T. King, after whom he was named.



King Doyle in the early 1950s, about five years after taking over the presidency of the King Milling Company from his father, William C. Doyle.

Last Thursday, the remaining board members elected Brian Doyle, his son, to take his place on the board. All of this was celebrated with a lunch at the Walnut Hills Country Club in Lansing. King Doyle hadn't originally intended to get into the business of milling flour.

"I was going to be a lawyer," he said. Doyle had earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1943. He was preparing to go to law school, but he ended up on a destroyer in the battle of Okinawa. It was after the ship took a kamikaze hit and was sitting in dry dock that Doyle received notification of his father's death.

He returned to Lowell on 30 days leave. "It was right at harvest time and the wheat was coming in," Doyle said. The navy granted Doyle a 90-day extension on his leave to help see the family mill through the busy harvest season. In the meantime, the war ended and Doyle got down to the business of milling flour.

A lot has changed in the milling business since that time. When Doyle became president of King Milling, farmers were still bringing

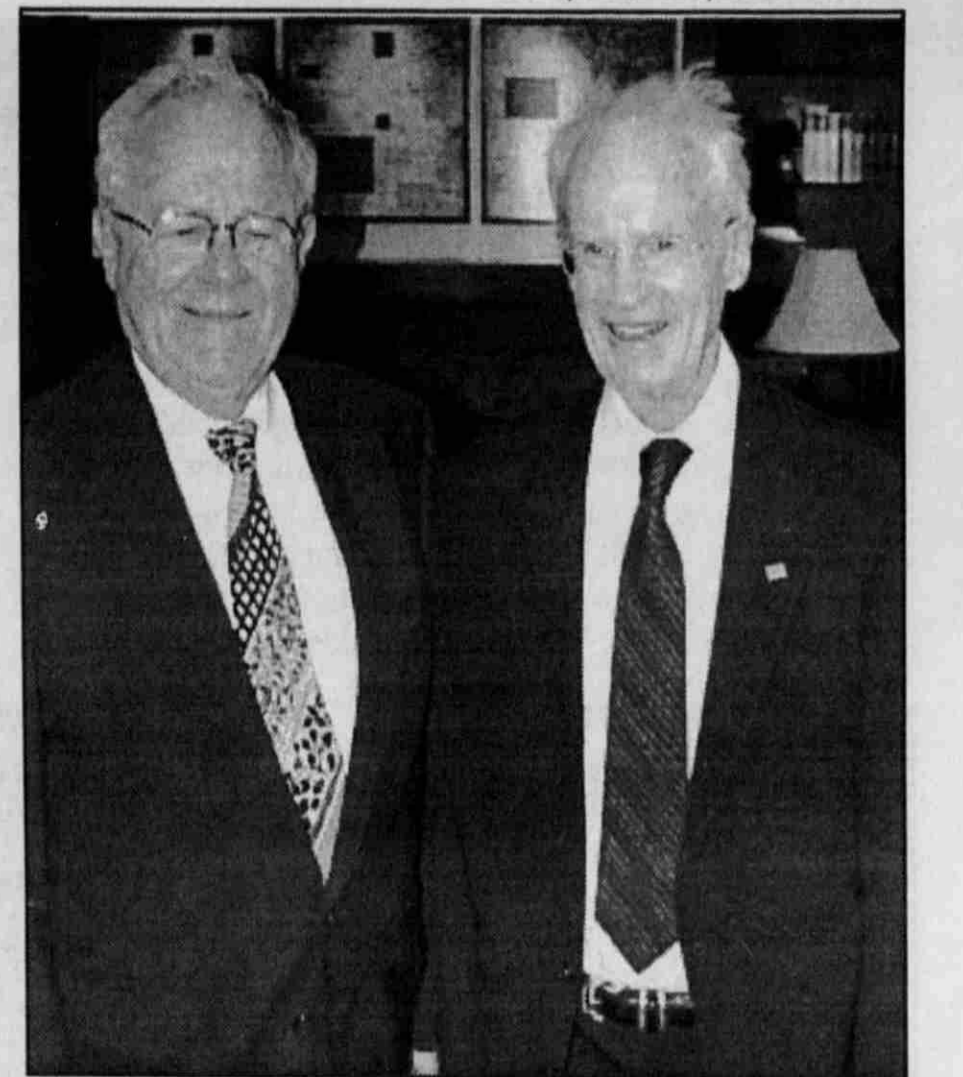
wheat in by the hundred-pound sack to be ground. Now the wheat comes in trucks that can carry 2,000 bushels.

In the 1940s, King Milling sold flour primarily for household use. But people stopped baking as much and the demand went down.

"We saw the handwriting on the wall, that very little baking was going to be happening," Doyle said.

The company now produces flour primarily for large bakeries like Keebler. The mill can turn out 600,000 pounds of white flour in a day. That number will soon increase by 50 percent. The mill can also produce thousands of bushels of wheat flour a day.

At the turn of the 19th century, there were 534 flour mills in operation in Michigan. With last year's closing of the Hillsdale Milling Company, King Milling is one of only five mills remaining in Michigan. Doyle remains King Milling's chairman of the board.



Richard Krafft, chairman of the board of directors for Michigan Miller's Insurance company with King Doyle at a lunch last Thursday in honor of Doyle's retirement from that board.

Christopher C. Godbold, the Lowell Edward Jones investment representative, and Benjamin A. Zainea, attorney for Mika, Meyers Beckett and Jones, will host a free program about estate planning at 6:30 p.m. on April 29th at the Runciman Bldg. Board Room - 300 High St., Lowell.

During this event the following will be discussed:

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"Developing a proper estate plan is crucial, regardless of your age, family situation or financial status," said Godbold. "If you aren't sure you've taken all the necessary steps, please join us for this free program."

Feel free to bring a guest; however seating is limited so please contact Barb at 616-987-9515 by April 23 to make your reservation.

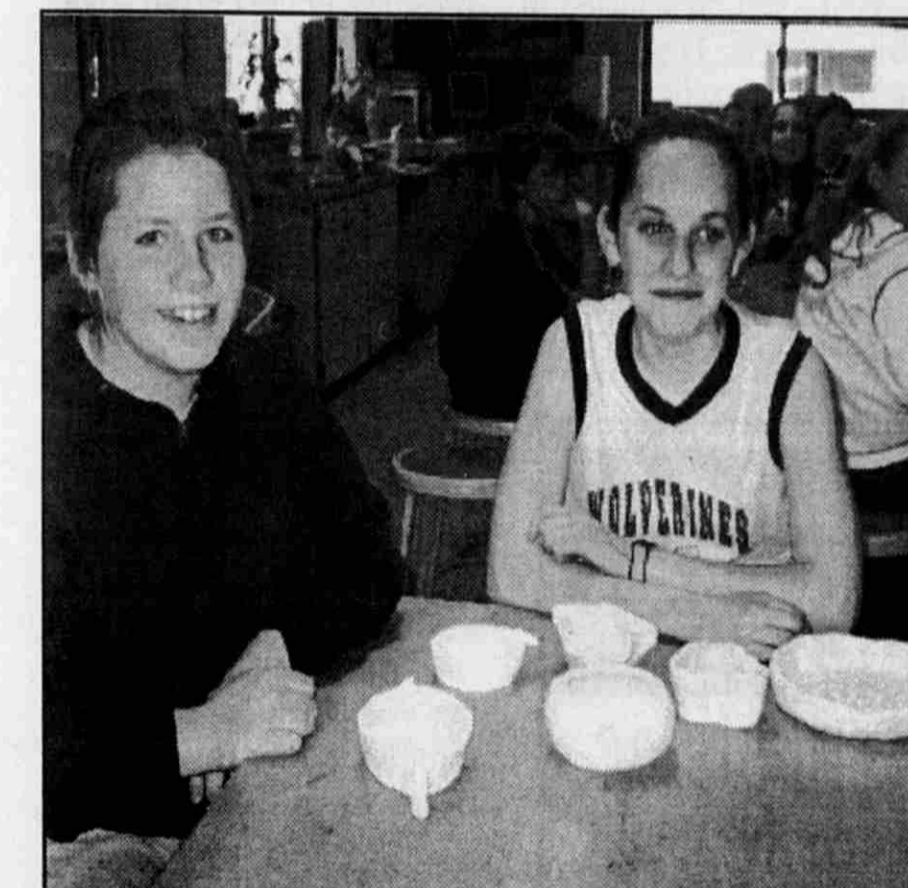
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Ice cream social to benefit Flat River Outreach Ministries

A service learning program is in the process of being incorporated into the curriculum at Lowell Area

Schools through the efforts of Carla Stone and LHS student representatives Kristen McAlpine and Ashley Spicer.



Kristen McAlpine and Ashley Spicer

Its goal: to incorporate community service into the curriculum (K-12). "This is an awesome program designed to get students more involved and enthusiastic about their education, create social awareness, and foster community pride," said McAlpine.

One of the service learning projects is an ice cream social at the Lowell Area Arts Council on April 24. Middle school teacher, Theresa Wasciuk has volunteered her art classes to design and make

ceramic bowls for purchase. The bowls will be on display at the arts council this week.

No tickets are necessary - just buy a bowl at the arts council on Saturday between 1 and 4 p.m. and fill it with ice cream. Each unique bowl (with Ball's ice cream) will sell for \$5 and all money raised will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. Ice cream will also be available in styrofoam cups for \$2 for those who want to support the event, but not purchase a bowl.



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Walk zones, continued...From Page 1

ing it would undermine the goal of reducing buses. "This is a walkable neighborhood and this is a walkable distance for all of our students."

A fourth stop may also be tentatively located on the east side of the river, possibly at the corner of Monroe and

Pine streets, Sherman or Grant. The board agreed to create a mechanism to receive community feedback related to the walk zones. It also wanted to address safety concerns among parents whose children will walk through Creekside Park.

"We want to look at providing a security person in Creekside Park," Miller said. It would involve hiring a part-time staff member for the district.

"Yes, that is an additional cost, but it is significantly less

than adding bus runs," Miller said.

During the transportation committee's presentation, Eckman said other safety measures may need to be put in place. These include painting crosswalks, clearing brush in the park, and improving lighting and neighborhood watch efforts. Lowell school bus driver Betty Nelson talked about applying for grants for safety education programs. Mikulski said the city of Lowell is moving up sidewalk projects within the walking zones.

District parents said the plan put too much of the safety burden on the students. For

instance, it assumes they would walk to school in groups for safety.

"They're allowing for a perfect world and we don't live in a perfect world," Lynn Mitchell said. The Valley Vista parent said she currently allows her third- and fifth-grade children to walk to school at Cherry Creek, but worries about next year when they won't be able to walk together.

"My biggest concern right now is the K and one school at Bushnell," Lynn Green said. Green talked about her child with asthma and wondered what would be done to ensure the safety of students with health conditions. Other par-

ents echoed the sentiment about the youngest students walking to school.

"There are more predators, there are more cars, people are driving faster... it's a different world and a different time," Kimberly Hale said.

Mitchell cited statistics from the State Police web site documenting 11 registered sex offenders within the walk zones. Chuck Hayden of the transportation committee had presented information indicating 30 sex offenders in the district. Proportionate to numbers of students, Lowell had the third fewest sex offenders among 14 districts Hayden cited.



Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller, center, talked about the impact of walk zones on the district before the school board approved them at Monday's meeting. Nancy Hopkins, school board president, is shown at left, along with boardmember Mark Lessens.

Spirit of Community celebration, continued...From Page 1

Debra Duiven will be this year's recipient of the Arty Award from the Lowell Area Arts Council. The award recognizes a person who contributes greatly to making art part of life in Lowell.

"She's just done so much in the last one and a half years or two years," LAAC board chairperson Mari Stone said. "She's really taken the Thebes Players in a real good direction."

Duiven has been the producer for the entire current season of the Thebes Players, concluding this weekend with "The Snow Queen and the Goblin" at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. In addition,

Duiven organized three "Extreme" events sponsored by the LAAC and the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation. The "Extreme Media" event took place at Lowell High School, "Extreme Literature" at Aquinas College, and "Extreme Theater" at Grand Rapids Community College's Spectrum Theater.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award will go to Jim White this year. The winner is determined by a committee of the award's last five recipients. It goes to a person whose contribution of time and actions have made Lowell a better place to live.

Jim Doyle, who won the award last year, said White received several letters of recommendation for the award. He will be given the award because of his active participation in Lowell Schools, the LAAC and various other community endeavors. White was assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for Lowell Area Schools for several years. He was president of the Lowell Area Arts Council and continues to serve on its board.

"We think we'll have about 15 leaves this time to celebrate, to dedicate," Theresa Beachum of the LAS Education Foundation said about this year's Tribute Tree dedication. Tribute Tree leaves are bronze leaves which friends and family dedicate to a person in recognition of their giving back to the community.

"About half of the leaves this year will be dedicated in memory of someone," Beachum said.

The leaves are placed on a tree on the wall outside the Lowell Performing Arts Center. At \$400 a dedication, the leaves raise money to fund grants by the Education Foundation. When the tree is full, it will have raised \$160,000 to benefit education in Lowell schools.

Season starts strong for Red Arrow baseball

But Lowell falls short at own invitational

By Dan Schneider

In their home opener last Tuesday, the Red Arrows rounded the bases 12 times before the fifth inning to Caledonia's three. Then the Fighting Scots rallied for seven runs.

"In the fifth I think we had three errors and they brought it back within two," Lowell coach Jared Curtis said.

Starting pitcher Alan Nugent recorded his first win of the season.

Curtis expects a strong season from the eight seniors

and six juniors on the team this year.

"We should definitely be able to compete for the conference championship this year," he said. "We've got the best defensive team I've seen in my three years here and we're real fast. I've got guys who can steal bases, all of them."

The Arrows pounded Middleville Thursday, 18-5, in the first game.

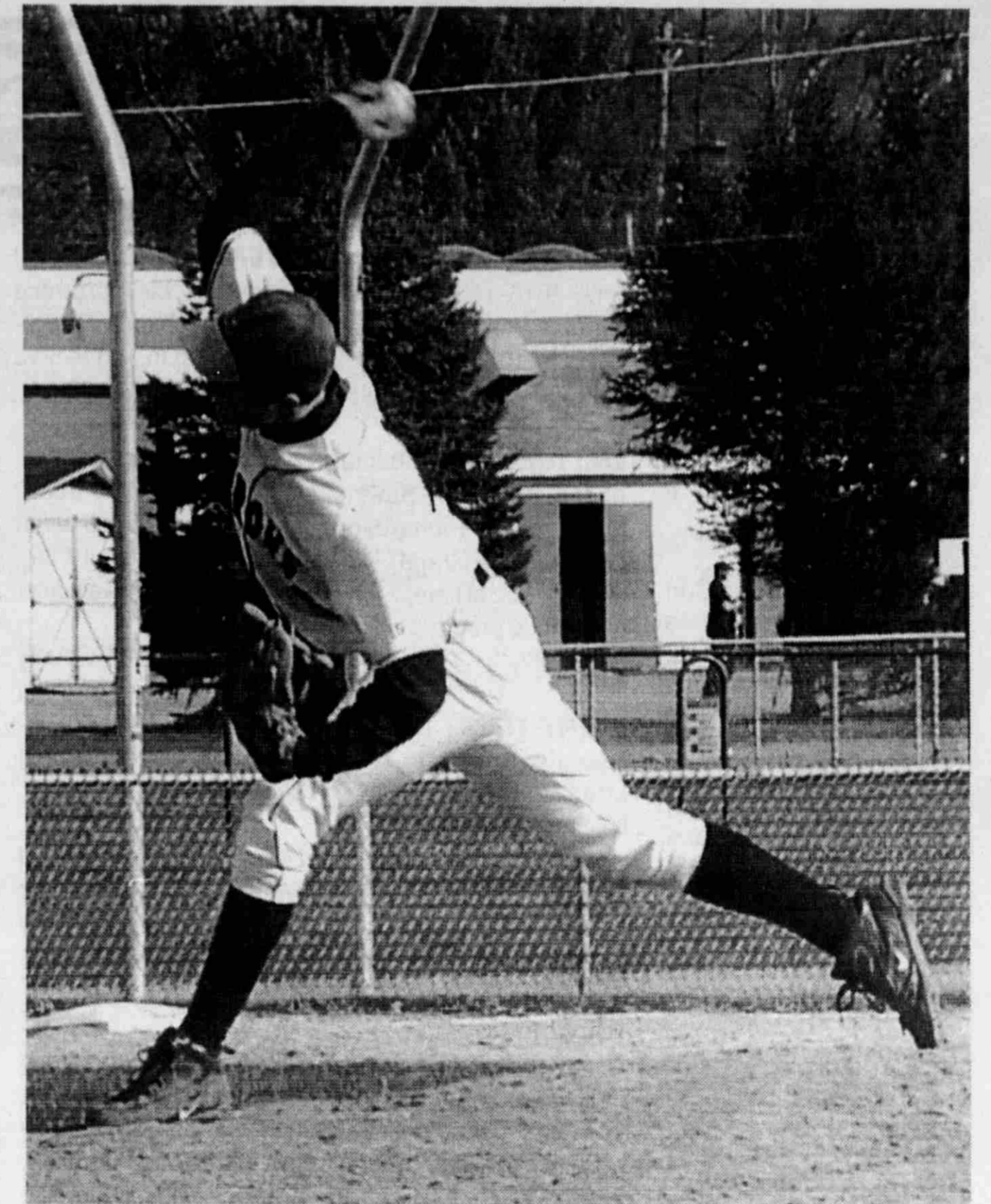
"We played probably our first complete game of the year," Curtis said. "Total team

effort. We had good team pitching, good hitting, good fielding."

The second game was a 12-2 win for the Arrows.

In the first round of the Lowell Invitational, the Arrows went eight innings against Plainwell, winning 4-3. Kyle Rozema pitched all eight for the win. Then the Arrows lost a close final to Grandville, 6-5.

Their next game is Wednesday at home against Ionia at 4 p.m.



Alan Nugent throws one toward the plate last Tuesday in the Arrows' home opener against Caledonia. Nugent held on for the win after a rough fifth inning.

Errors cripple Lowell softball early in season

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow softball team blew Caledonia out of the water at home last Tuesday to start off their season. The score was 9-2.

"They were really a non-factor with Becky pitching," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Becky Plummer struck out 10 batters and walked three in that game.

On Thursday, things started getting rocky with the Red Arrows' fielding. In the first round of a doubleheader

at Middleville, two Lowell errors gave the Trojans four of their eight points in the game. The Arrows lost, 8-5. Plummer, Jamie Cardani, and Rachel Nawrocki each had two hits in the game.

They won the second game of the night, 7-5, despite three errors in the seventh inning. Plummer gave up one earned run in that game, striking out seven and walking four. Brittany Bueche and Ashleigh Inman each had a pair of runs in the second game.

Last Friday, the team lost two to Grand Rapids Christian, 5-3 and 4-3. Then losses at the East Kentwood Tournament put the Red Arrow record at 2-6 as of Saturday.

"It's been errors and inexperience on the infield and the outfield that have hurt us," Rodenhouse said. The team currently has only two players playing in the same positions as last year.

Their next game is Wednesday at home against Ionia at 4 p.m.

Competition awaits girls golf team

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls varsity golf got a taste of the new OK White configuration last Wednesday.

"There are a lot of schools that have good teams this year," Lowell coach Becky Lecuru said. "There's some good competition in this league."

Cedar Springs handed the Red Arrows a loss, boosted by an even-par-nine holes from Paolo Sanchez, an exchange

student from Colombia. The Red Hawks team score was 214 to Lowell's 226. The team score is the sum of the top four rounds out of six played by each team.

The Arrows won a non-league game last Friday against Lakewood, 215 to 229.

Then it was the OK White Pre-Conference Tournament. The girls played full 18-hole rounds at the L.E. Kaufman golf course in Wyoming.

Greenville came out on

top with a team score of 356 followed by East Grand Rapids (389) and Kenowa Hills (396). Lowell finished sixth out of seven teams with a score of 442.

The team plays Middleville Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at Yankee Springs golf course.

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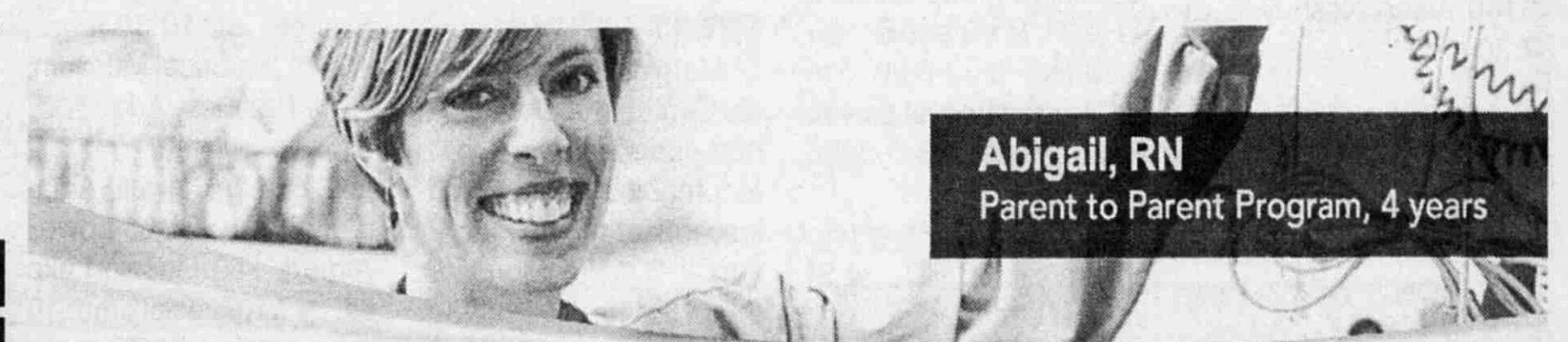
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SUNDAYS: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 12-5 p.m. Call Larry at 754-7104. Public welcome.

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

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 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. Bellline) 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.

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.

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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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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.

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

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS
April 14th Puzzle

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THURS., APRIL 29: 11 a.m. Spectrum Health "Osteoporosis."

FRI., APRIL 30: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbor Lunch at Grandville.

Explosive start for Lowell girls soccer

Starting the season 5-0, Red Arrows show no signs of slowing

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity girls soccer team has made it a habit so far this season of conquer-

Boys tennis hits the courts

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys varsity tennis team started the season off with a win at home, 6-2, over Middleville.

Kyle Wittenbach won number one singles for the Red Arrows (6-2, 6-4) over Brad Bender.

Brett Hobra won his number three singles match for Lowell, (6-4, 6-0) against Ian Seger.

All four of the doubles teams won their games against the Trojans. The varsity tennis team has seven seniors this year.

"Our doubles teams are looking better as a result," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said. "We're getting a lot more players who know how to play—they're moving into the net a lot more and they're poaching."

Poaching is returning the ball before it makes contact with the court.

"In doubles, you win games from the net, you don't usually win from the backcourt," Wall explained.

Last Thursday, the Arrows lost 5-3 against Lake-wood.

"That was a disappointment because we beat them last year and thought we could do it again this year," Wall said.

every team it comes across.

The Red Arrows won two early games against Jenison

and Hudsonville. Last Wednesday they shut out Middleville, 5-0. Amy Oberlin had three goals in that

game. Abbie Debiak and Jessica Visser scored the other two goals.

Then Friday against Hastings it was 9-0, Lowell.

"Lots of goals in that game," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. Visser had three of them, Oberlin, two.

"Cedar Springs was our first league game and we beat them 10-0," Legge said.

"Heather McQueen had three points, she had a great game. We were getting scoring from a lot of different people."

The defense has been helpful, as well. The only goal scored against Lowell was in the first 50 seconds of the first game against Jenison.

Legge put Erin Beddows back at sweeper at the beginning of the season and has been happy with the results.

"She's just too good of a sweeper to take out," Legge said.

In five games, the Arrows have scored 28 goals for the

one goal scored against them. But Legge knows the season is just getting started.

"We still haven't really been tested," Legge said.

"Next week we play East and that should be our first real test."

The Arrows play their next game away at Zeeland Wednesday night. In conference action, they face Sparta at home on Friday. The game against East Grand Rapids will be next Monday at Red Arrow stadium.

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Nick Hawks	Michael Partin	Kelsey Cruttenden

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Thank you

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Jackie Deters	Lisa Enslin	First United Methodist Church
Diane Black	Cheryl Doyle	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Patty Wade	Gladys Dykhuis	Lowell Church of the Nazarene
Dave Plutschow	Janelle Horton	Alto Baptist Church
Kayla Mohr	Teresa Jones	Alton Bible Church
Rachel Walendzik	William Sterzick	Calvary Christian Church
The Kings Workers	Stu Erbenraut	Christian Life Center
Cherry Wheat	Alto Baptist Church	Evergreen Missionary Church
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**SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 29, 2004, 7:30 P.M.**

Minutes of the March 15, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the requests of First Congregational Church to close Spring Street and utilize Richards Park on May 30, 2004 and August 8, 2004 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Motion to set a public hearing for April 19, 2004 to consider the application from King Milling Company for an industrial facilities exemption certificate under P.A. 198.
- Motion to approve the side yard setback variance to accommodate an egress window at 1270 Laurie Gail submitted by Samuel and Bobbi Milton.
- Motion to allow a variance in the ordinance from 20% grade slope to a 40 percent grade slope for the open space provisions at 753 Grindle.

Yea: Zoning Boardmembers Hodges, Mathews and Shores.
Nay: Zoning Boardmember Myers and Chairman Pfaller.

- Motion to approve the resolution accepting the water main and sanitary sewer easements in the connection with the Highland Hills Site condominium Project.

Motion to issue the resolution with intent to issue Michigan Transportation Fund bonds not to exceed \$400,000.

Yea: Councilmembers Hodges, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.
Nay: Councilmember Mathews.

- Motion to support the resolution to execute an infrastructure agreement with Westcliffe LLC regarding improvements to Center and Clarke Streets.

Yea: Councilmembers Hodges, Myers and Mayor Shores.
Nay: Councilmember Mathews and Pfaller.

- Motion to acquire the 25 x 25 foot parcel of property of the vacated portion of West Street from Don and Kim Kosbar for \$500.

- Motion to approve the bid from Snyder Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$5,440 for asphalt of the Creekside Park Path.

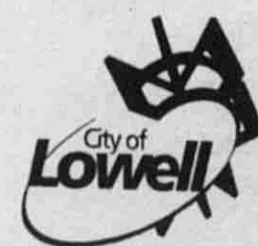
- Motion to purchase the gates from Grand Rapids Fence in the amount of \$3,470 with condition that Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber be approached to contribute funds.

Yea: Councilmembers Hodges, Mathews, Myers and Mayor Shores.
Nay: Councilmember Pfaller.

- Motion to accept the bid from Perrin in the amount of \$19,142.53 for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project east of Ottawa behind Michigan Wire. No additional monies shall be provided for dewatering.

- Motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2004.

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



Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk
City of Lowell

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township Clerk

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Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

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How come we haven't heard anything about the Eastgate Grand Slam sale? Are they going to have it this year?

Why does the police department have a sign that says the roof leaks after all that money spent remodeling?

I'm so disappointed with Lowell Schools Transportation Dept. & School Board. How sad they put our children below the bottom line ... remember the next election.

I wholeheartedly agree with the person in Sound Off last week about the right lane at Valley Vista and W. Main not being a "see how many cars we can pass lane." How about making it a right turn only lane?

Residents on Sibley St. are enduring the loudest (stereo and engine) and fastest vehicles (2 & 4 wheel) ever. Where are our police when we need them?

When is the school board going to start making decisions based on the best interests of students and their families?

I think people should give the school board and

superintendent a chance to sort this all out and try some different ideas.

I am furious at our school board for trying to save money by cutting some of the bus runs for the little kids. Shame on you!!!!

If you don't have a handicap sticker, don't park in the spots at the school.

Why make our kids walk to school? Why not do like other schools are doing and extend each school day by a few minutes and shorten the school year?

Shortening the school year would save a lot of money and keep our kids from walking to school. You won't be able to watch every kid all the time.

Fresh fertilizer smells better than the last school board meeting.

Walk zone 6-12 has one way to school - the park. In the a.m. it's still dark. How can they be in a park that's closed till the sun comes up? Or should they walk the RR tracks?

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT FILE NO. 04-177-374-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of D. MAXINE MITCHELL a/k/a MAXINE D.

MITCHELL a/k/a DOROTHY M. MITCHELL, deceased Date of Birth: 08/15/1918

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, D. MAXINE MITCHELL, who lived at 430 Briar Lane N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan died 04/07/04.

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

April 15, 2004

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2004

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

At this hearing, the property owned by Timpson Orchards, Inc. located at 3175 Segwun Avenue S.E., PP# 41-20-14-100-036, will be considered for a special use permit to allow for the mining of sand.

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

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CAT - 2 years old, Brown Tabby neutered, declawed. Free to good home. Call 897-7966.

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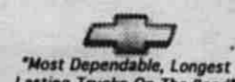
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