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Lowell resident named new director of Michigan DNR

By Dan Schneider

Selected last week to be director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was Becky Humphries, of Lowell. She will take on the challenges of unifying the department and getting it back in touch with the public it serves.

Humphries has been a DNR employee for 25 years.

"I always wanted to work in something meaningful and I thought this was important and I've enjoyed it ever since," Humphries explained. "People in Michigan love the out-of-doors, they care about the natural resources of the state."

Following her 1978 graduation from Michigan State University with a degree in Fisheries and Wild-

life, she worked in the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. That lasted less than a year.

Then she took her first DNR job as an appraiser for state parks and game areas.

"It wasn't till the early 80s that I moved into the wildlife division and moved out into field operations," Humphries said.

She is currently the DNR Wildlife Division chief. The Natural Resources Commission (NRC), the policy-making body for the DNR, selected Humphries unanimously from among five finalists for the position.

"She has a wonderful track record, a wonderful work record all through her career," NRC chair Keith Charters said. "She's been promoted consistently and fre-

quently." The DNR director is also a position in the governor's cabinet.

The DNR is made up of five divisions: Fisheries; Forest, Mineral and Fire Management; Law Enforcement; Wildlife; and Parks and Recreation. In recent years, these divisions have been operating more and more independently.

"One of Becky's challenges and one of Becky's thrusts will be to get the division units working together for one united DNR and I think she's very capable of doing that," Charters said.

"The other thing I'd really like to do is make us more accessible to the public," Humphries said.

State budget constraints and other factors have led to a reduction in receptionists and information specialists em-

ployed by the DNR. Also, the last few years have seen DNR offices closing throughout the state.

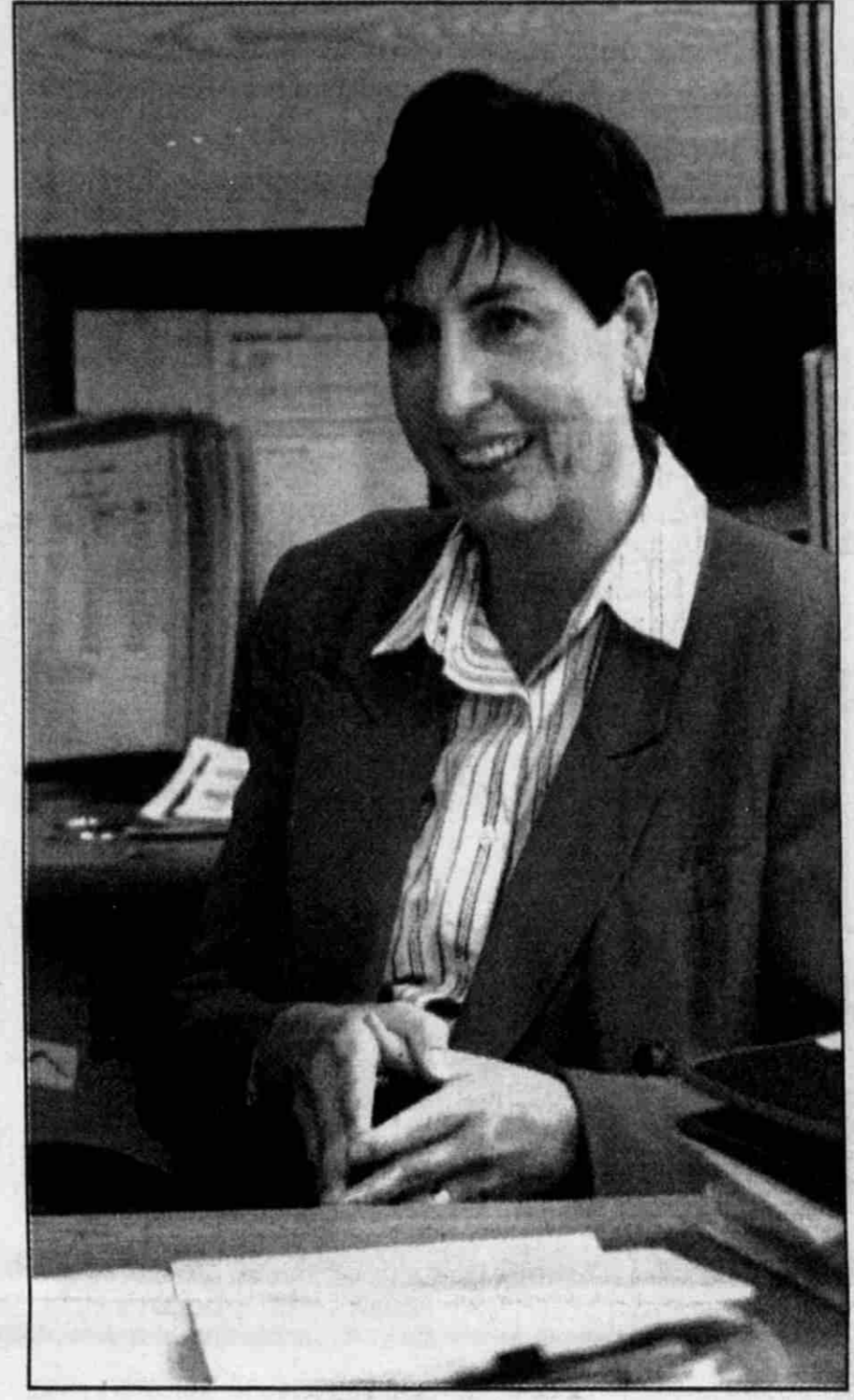
"We need to get those offices back open so the public can interact with the DNR," Charters said.

Humphries plans to kick-start regional planning teams in the southern Lower Peninsula. Already in place in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower, the teams of ecological experts meet regularly to work on local natural resources issues.

"We want them working side by side with the public in identifying goals," Humphries said.

Humphries was born in Oakland County on the east side of the state. "When I

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Becky Humphries

Fatal crash in Bowne Township

A collision between a dirt bike and a quad runner in a farm field in Bowne Township killed one driver and seriously injured the other, Sunday.

The collision occurred about 5 p.m. Jason Rose, 25, riding a dirt bike, crashed head on into a quad runner driven

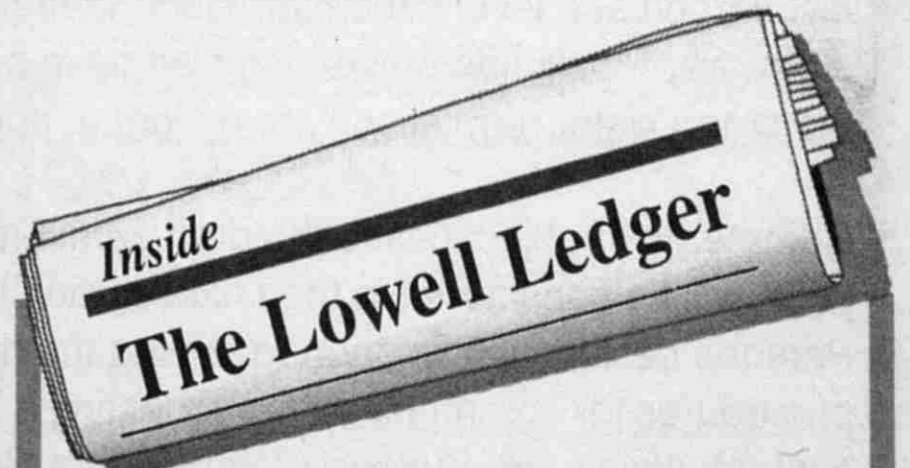
by Kyle Rickert, 31. Both men, of Hastings, were wearing full-face helmets.

Rose was pronounced dead at the scene after rescue workers arrived in four-wheel drive trucks. Rickert was treated at the scene and taken by helicopter to Borgess Hospital. He was in serious condition as of Monday.



Honoring Our Troops

Lowell postmaster Gil Brown stands in front of flags for each branch of the United States armed forces at the Lowell post office. Brown purchased the flags with money donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8303. The flags will hang above the service counters, Brown said, "to honor the troops and our veterans."



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OBITUARIES

CAREY - Ronald John Carey, Abigail; sisters Gay and aged 67, of Lowell, passed away April 25, 2004. He was preceded in death by his fathers Donald Shiels, Everett Carey, Robert Eskes. He is survived by his mother Pauline Eskes, his wife of 43 years Verla Carey; children and grandchildren Ronda and Ray Benedict and their children Jacquelyn and Andrew; Shela Carey-Thomson and her children Linsey, Taylor and Joseph; James and Eva Carey and their children Elise and

for 31 years. Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 211 N. Washington, Rev. Tim Deshaw officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Visitation Wednesday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Church of the Nazarene or Great Lakes Golden Retriever Rescue.

FARMER - Marguerite W. (Rickert) Farmer, aged 101, passed away on Friday, April 9, 2004 at Fountain View Retirement Village, Grant. Marguerite was born on June 15, 1902, to King and Jessie (Boroughf) Rickert at the family farm in Ionia County. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son John Eugene Wigmans, husband Harold C. Farmer, brother Glenn Rickert, sister Gladys Rickert Clemenz. She is survived by her four grandchildren Joy (David) Peyton of Falls Church, Virginia; Judy Lynn (Johnny) Gray of Cherry Log, Georgia, Pastor David (Kathy) Wigmans of Newaygo, Michael (Susan) Wigmans of Kentwood; eight great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Elaine Kendall of Kentwood; sister-in-law Marie Rickert of Lowell; four nieces Marilyn (Larry) Cahoon of Clarksville, Shirley Weeks of Cascade, Connie (Rex) Dowling of

Grand Rapids, Carol (Steve) Narrin of Lowell. Marguerite attended Cutler School in Keen Township, graduated from Lowell High School in 1920, and attended County Normal School in Mt. Pleasant, Alma and Western Michigan College. She taught at Cutler and Ware rural schools in Ionia County and at Rogers School in Grand Rapids; later purchased and managed the hotel in Carson City. She and her husband moved to Lansing and owned rental properties, he died in 1974. Her great joy was her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A family service of remembrances of her life was given by Pastor David Wigmans on April 17 in Grand Rapids; cremation has taken place and interment of ashes will be later at Deepdale Memorial Park, Lansing.

GELDERSMA - Louis Geldersma, aged 84, of Gowen, died April 21, 2004. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann; children Karen (Dave) Wenzler of Wyoming, Ronald (Diane) of Lowell, Paul (Christina) of Alto; brothers Maurice (Marjorie) of Grattan, Russell (Lillian) of Lowell, Donald (Ruth) VanDyke of Grandville; sisters Wilma Arendsen of Rockford, Catherine Sobie of Sand Lake, Corrine (Bill) Weeks of Grand Rapids; seven grand-

children; four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. William Renkema, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

HALL - Charles Frank Hall, aged 63, passed away on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at his home with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Beverly (Nelson) Hall; sons Jody and Chris Hall of Lowell, Timothy and Krysti Hall of Grant, Robert and Shelli Hall of Cedar Springs, David and Julie Hall of Hudsonville; grandchildren Jennifer, Lisa, Steve, Nicole, Michael, Joshua, Tyler, Aaron and Spencer; great-grandson Alexis Hall; brother Richard and Donna Hall of Sparta; sisters Mary and Irvan Schutter of Kent City, Ruth and Jay Wells of White Cloud, Dorothy and Chris Deater of Sparta, Elizabeth Labuzan of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Saturday at the Kent City Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Weeks officiating. Interment in Chubbuck Cemetery, Kent City. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Kent City Baptist Building Fund or Hospice of Michigan.

PERRY - Robert Medrick Perry III, aged 30, of Lowell, formerly of Saranac, passed away unexpectedly April 19, 2004. He was born August 2, 1973 in Belding, the son of Robert and Karen (Wireman) Perry II. He was a graduate of Saranac High School in 1992. He was employed by Lack's Industries & Magna since 1993. He married Tina Simon May 8, 1998 in Ionia. Robert is survived by his loving wife Tina Perry of Lowell; sons Austin of Saranac, Kaleb and Karson of Lowell; father Robert and Cindy Perry II of Saranac; mother Karen and Brian De Berg of Saranac; brother Shannon Perry of Saranac; sister Missie and Todd Conner of Saranac; grandparents Eileen Perry of Saranac, Sandra Nash of Gowen, Rose Wireman of Belding; father-in-law Daniel and Carol Simon; mother-in-law Sharon Rogers and special friend Harnish of Saranac; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday at Saranac Community Church with Rev. Kendall Harger officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make memorial contributions to the family of Robert Perry III.

Council seeks answers to City Hall's leaky roof at next meeting

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

When you enter Lowell

City Hall, you're first greeted by a plastic bucket and sign that says, "Caution. Wet Floor." Not exactly the type

of greeting those who planned the City Hall/police station restoration and expansion project had planned.

And just why the roof

leaks on the building that is less than a year old and who will be taking care of the problem are questions the Lowell City Council plans to get answered at its next meeting set for Monday at the City Hall.

Representatives from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, which served as the construction managers for the project, will be at the meeting to address council concerns on the leaky roof. Councilman Jim Pfaller, who has expressed his dissatisfaction about the roof, made it clear that something needs to be done and that Fishbeck needs to be held accountable.

The city staff, under the direction of the council, is currently trying to resolve another building issue—the gates to City Hall's garbage area. The gates were torn off due to the design of the area, creating a wind tunnel. Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden has received bids on new fences that will allow the wind to move through the gates. He is currently working with the city's insurance company and Fishbeck to see who will pick up the costs for the gates, Pasquale said.

To make sure its point about the roof is heard, the council has withheld its last payment of about \$27,000 to Fishbeck until the roof issue is resolved.

"It is not acceptable for a brand new facility to have a leaky roof," Pfaller said at the last council meeting. Pfaller said his concerns also extend to the insulation, which will probably need to be replaced because of the leaking. He also wanted to know what kind of warranty was on the building and how long that warranty is good for.

City manager David Pasquale said the roof leaks primarily when it rains. So,

swered at its next meeting set for Monday at the City Hall.

Curtis Cleaners building on the mend



Progress is being made on the reconstruction of Curtis Cleaners following a March 31 fire that destroyed the dry cleaning and coin laundry portions of the building located on W. Main St.

A week of demolition followed the fire. The new steel construction began last week; the roof is being installed this week. Pictured is a pickup truck parked in the dry cleaning portion; the space to the left will be the coin laundry. The front of the building will be brick and the other three walls, steel. Curtis Cleaners' co-owner Bucky Curtis said business will re-open as soon as possible, but an exact date has not yet been determined.

Boating accident victim's body recovered from river

By Dan Schneider

The Kent County Sheriff's Department recovered the body of the Lowell man who was missing last week after a boating accident on the Thornapple River.

Robert Medrick Perry III was fishing late at night with his friend John Fisher of Alto. It was about 2 a.m. Monday, April 19. Their 10-foot rowboat was anchored in the current and swamped. Fisher was

able to swim to shore and call for help but Perry never made it.

Last Wednesday, on the third day of a search by multiple agencies, the Kent County Sheriff's Department Dive Recovery Team found Perry shortly before 1 p.m.

His body was in 12 feet of water, about 25 yards from where the boat was anchored and overturned.

The 30-year-old was wearing a Carhartt jacket at the

time of the accident. The jacket was found downstream indicating Perry was able to

move it before he drowned. The water-soaked jacket likely made it very difficult to swim.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: April 28, 2004
Permit No. MI0055573
Root-Lowell Mfg. Co.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, 1000 Foreman Road, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The applicant is conducting a groundwater cleanup at a facility that assembles and packages garden sprayers. The applicant discharges treated groundwater through storm sewers to the Flat River, in the SE1/4, NW1/4, Section 2, Town 6N, Range 9W, Kent County.

The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit: The monitoring requirements for total zinc have been deleted because this pollutant is no longer being discharged at a level of concern and the requirements for the storm water pollution prevention plan have been deleted because the storm water regulations are no longer applicable to this facility.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by May 28, 2004 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Alvin Lam, Surface Water Permits Section, Water Division, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4132, e-mail: lama@michigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (<http://www.michigan.gov/deq>) and on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on "Permits on Public Notice" which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Division Grand Rapids District Office located at Unit 10, 350 Ottawa N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341, telephone: 616-356-0500.

To our Son, Grandson, Brother, Uncle, Nephew
and Friend, Steven Morlock, who was taken
to Heaven four years ago today, April 28, 2000

SON, DID YOU KNOW

Did you know when you stood in the door of light,
It was the greatest gift the Lord gave me on that summer night.

Did you know when you climbed the stairs of Heaven,
and then you turned around,
I thought you were coming back to me,
as I knelt to the ground.

Did you know the light got brighter
when you said, "Dad I love you,
but I have to go."

My heart broke that summer night,
I still miss you so.

Did you know my world crumbled when
you entered Heaven, as I said good bye,
Yes, my heart is still broken and yes, I still cry.

Do you know I still wait for you to come
back one more time and walk with me,
I need one more time, your smiling face for me to see.

Do you know the day I meet you in Heaven, Steve,
will be the best day,

So until then, I will wait till you come back and
walk with me, to show me the way.

Steve, if you have to be somewhere else,
I am glad it is in Heaven.

All our love,
Dad, Mom, Jamie, Tyler, Kyle, family and friends



Bowne Township directs funds toward land preservation effort

By Dan Schneider

Bowne Township will help fund the fledgling Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program in Kent County. At its meeting last Monday, the township's board approved the expenditure of \$5,000 to help preserve five farms. Ironically, none of them

are in Bowne Township. Three of the farms from this year's application cycle being considered for the county program are in Vergennes Township, one is in Lowell Charter Township and the fifth is in Grattan Township. Grattan Township had 10 farms apply for the program this year. It will contribute

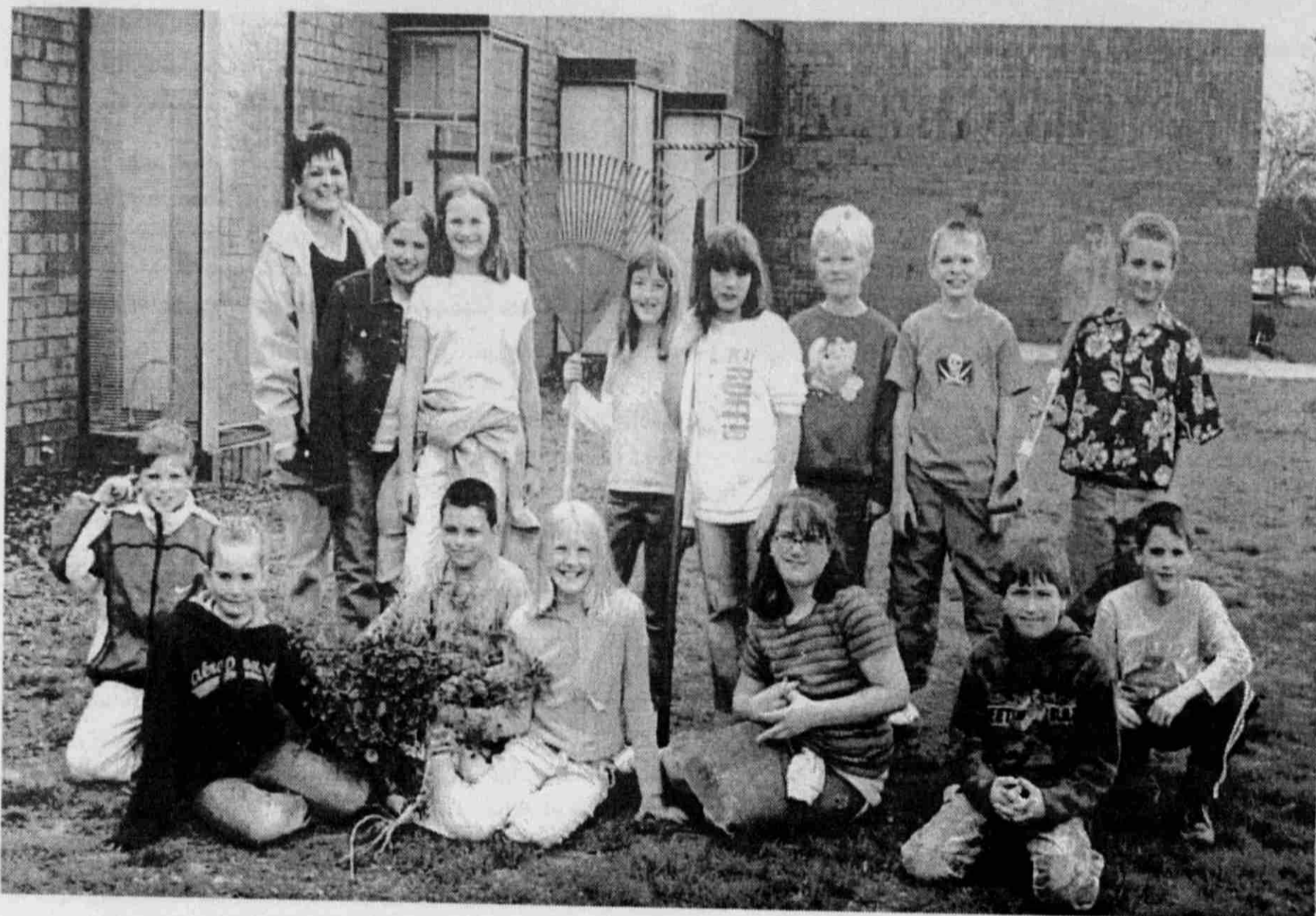
\$4,400 of its township funds. Bowne Township had no farms applying this year. By approving township funds for the program, the township board hopes to encourage farmers to apply in the future. "It was an attempt on the part of the board to be proactive rather than reactive on this issue," Bowne Township

supervisor Pete Siler said. "Hopefully someone in our township would be interested in it (PDR) and see that we support it and be less hesitant to sign up for the program." Administered by the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board, PDR is a new, voluntary program through which the county purchases

easements on agricultural properties. The easements state that the land must remain in agriculture and in place in perpetuity. The payment for the easement is intended to offset the higher value of the land as residential development property. "We need this land for future food production," Siler said. "We want to see the land preserved if at all possible and we think this is a program that has some potential and some real merit."

County commissioner Jack Horton has been an ardent supporter of the PDR program since its beginning in 2002. He said the \$5,000 from Bowne Township is indicative of the level of commitment some townships have to the program. "I'm delighted by Bowne Township's action," Horton said. "The more rural the township, the more sympathetic they are to this."

Kids honor Earth Day by cleaning up school grounds



Cherry Creek students celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up the school grounds at Cherry Creek Elementary. All the students/teachers and volunteers worked hard and the school appearance was improved. Pictured from left to right, front row, are: Jeff Onan, Lindsay Anderson, Jon Niemann, Anna Rozema, Jessica Idema, Drew Mayhew, Randy Roth; back row, left to right: Linda DeCator, teacher, Chloe Renzema, Kate Olgren, Kyra Marks, Amanda Willson, Foster Hovey, Alex Ligman, Bill Velting II.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

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Regular Meeting of April 19, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Hansen reported that testing season will begin on Monday and run through May 12. Work Keys will be used to test math and reading skills, along with MEAP and AP testing. Student Council members will be cleaning their adopt-a-road, and elections for student council officers will be held in May. Prom is Saturday, May 7 at the Van Andel Public Museum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students:
Middle School Character Award Winner - Matt Kurtz, 8th grader.
Cherry Creek Character Award Winner - Delaney McCarrey, 3rd grader.
High School Detroit Free Press Contest - Certificates were awarded to Lindsay Aiken, Patrick Walsh, and Katey Rissi who were named winners in the "Detroit Free Press" Letters to the Editor contest.
Wrestlers - State Champions - Certificates were awarded to Coach David Streje and the following students for their State Championship: Ray Seese, Rob Karasiewicz, Mike Nearing, David Kropf, Joe Mendez, Matt Kilmartin, Kevin Frazier, Ryan Karasiewicz, Jayme DeLiefde, John Fleet, Jason Nearing, Alex Fleet, Ryan Dykhouse, Josh Vaught, Brock Graham, Ryan Esbaugh, Matt Dood, Dominic Doyle, Mike Ford, Trevor Foss, Matt Francisco, Mike Griffioen, Chris Jones, and Pat Schneider.
Business Professionals of America - Certificates were awarded to Megan Shellenbarger who earned 1st place in Graphic Design and Sarah Fitzpatrick who earned 4th place in Economic Research Individual in the regional competition.
FFA Student Report - Mr. John Schut and several FFA students presented a report on their activities and accomplishments. Lowell FFA is one of the nation's top 100 chapters. Ian Blodger, middle school FFA member, shared with the Board the speech that won him the 2004 Middle School Public Speaking State Championship.
EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Shari Miller announced that Jackie Tousley was named Cherry Creek's Staff Member of the month.
MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Peter Gustafson was introduced as the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. The formal presentation will be made at the Spirit of Community Celebration on Friday, April 30, 2004 at the Lowell High School.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following Gifts:
 • Alticor (Paul Seese) donation of 22 computers valued at \$2420 to be used by the school technology department.
 • L&A Rent-All donation of a lift rental for changing outside pole lights valued at \$90.
 • Paul and Nancy Keiser donation of educational books valued at \$185 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 • John and Lynn DeVos donation of environmental textbooks valued at \$90 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 • Dorothy Teesdale donation of displays of Michigan birds valued at \$600 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 • Mark Nyp donation of displays of Michigan birds and mammals valued at \$300 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 • Jerry Biernacki donation of training trampoline valued at \$150 to be used by the girls basketball program.
 • Howard Thumser donation of 500 lbs. of galvanized sheet metal valued at \$400 to be used by the high school metal show class.
 Adopted a resolution naming May 4 as Teacher Appreciation Day.
 Approved the recommendation of the Transportation Committee.
 Approved the technology bids for Murray Lake Elementary.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted/awarded were:
 • Minutes of March 3, 2004 Special Meeting and Workshop Session, the March 8, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, the March 22, 2004 Special Meeting and Workshop Session, and the March 26, 2004 Special Meeting.
 • The following payment of bills for March 2004:
 GENERAL FUND.....\$1,043,774.26
 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 A. Food Service Fund.....\$66,971.94
 B. Athletic Fund.....\$12,666.97
 2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$584,118.87
 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$69,985.20
 Scholarship Fund.....\$ 1,750.00
 • Personnel Report
 • The resolution for the regular election setting matters to be voted upon on June 14, 2004.
 • Shared time program at St. Patrick School for the 2004-2005 school year.
 • Revision to Board Policy #9370 "Materials Distribution in Schools".
PRIVACY OFFICER FOR HIPAA - Connie Gillette was appointed as the HIPAA Privacy Officer for Lowell Area Schools.
FRESHMAN CENTER - Amy Pallo, Assistant Principal, gave a progress report on the Freshman Center and shared goals for the 2004-2005 school year.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Shari Miller reported that Murray Lake will have a 2nd Open House on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m. The building is nearing completion and construction is on schedule.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that an historical summary sheet is available on the budget cuts. Budget cuts totaling \$1,300,000 are being considered for the 2004-2005 school year. There was a negotiation meeting held on April 15 and the next one is scheduled for May 6.

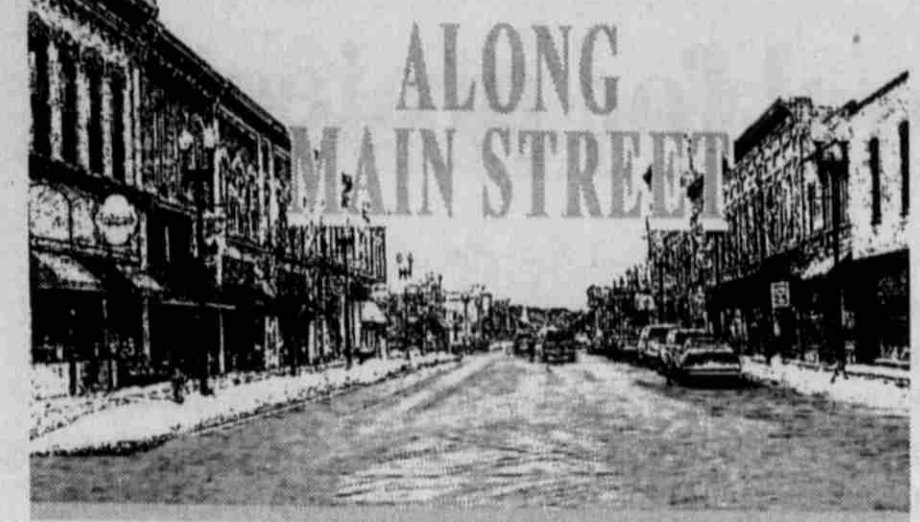
PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board regarding the transportation committee's recommendation for a walk zone: Lynn Green, Bobbi Milton, Brian Mitchell, Lynn Mitchell, and Michelle Wernet. Bill Stouffer made comments regarding negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller addressed those who had concerns with the walk zones and said she would like to talk with those people who expressed concerns. She will continue to monitor the recreational millage as a means for additional money for the schools. The high school student musical was a wonderful show with thanks to Todd and Kim Nyson. The public is invited to a panel discussion and forum concerning future funding for Michigan schools on May 13 at 7:00 p.m. at East Grand Rapids High School. The forum is sponsored by the Grassroots Legislative Committee. The administrators participated in some professional development earlier in the week with a consultant to learn effective ways to manage their buildings. Kindergarten parent meetings have been held in the buildings. Congratulations to those students who were recognized tonight and good luck was extended to those students taking tests and students participating in sports teams.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
 Board Workshop
 Monday, April 26, 2004
 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.
 Regular Board Meeting
 Monday, May 10, 2004
 Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
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WILDFLOWER WALK
The Wittenbach Center will host a self-guided wildflower walk on Saturday, May 1, 9-12 p.m. Wildflower guides available.

GOODWILL "BAG IT UP" PROGRAM
The Goodwill donation drive will take place at Cherry Creek Elementary School the week of May 3-7. Everyone is welcome to drop off gently used clothing, books, toys, sports equipment, etc. This is a great opportunity to recycle all those things in your basement, closet and attic that you don't need anymore.

FOODMOBILE ... FREE FOOD
Flat River Outreach Ministries will be distributing free food, mostly produce, on May 1 at the 4-H fairgrounds, from 10-11 a.m. Bring own box or bag. Available to anyone.

LABYRINTH WORKSHOP
The Wittenbach Center will host a labyrinth workshop from 10-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1. Call 987-1002 to register by April 29; no cost.

POP CAN DRIVE
LHS girls crew team, dressed in uniform, will be collecting pop cans/bottles on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Also a truck will be at the front entrance of the high school to drop off if you prefer.

"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.

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.

MOON WALK
The Wittenbach Center, partnering with the VEEN Observatory, will host a full moon walk on Tuesday, May 4 from 8-9? Call 987-1002 with questions.

INTENSIVE DIABETES MANAGEMENT
Metro Health Lowell Plaza, 2550 W. Main, begins a new lecture series on Wednesday, May 5. Free to the public, no registration.

STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT
The Lowell Middle School cafeteria will be the location of a string orchestra concert on Thursday, May 6 at 7 p.m. The sixth grade string class, community ed. string classes and Lowell Music Ensemble will provide music. The public is welcome.

PARENTS' INTERNET SAFETY PROGRAM
Middle school parents are invited to a program on internet safety, Tuesday, May 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle Media Center. Program/parent discussion. Sponsored by Family Links. Call the middle school (897-9222) with questions.

YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS
Flag football, youth football, 78er's & cheerleaders sign-ups will be Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Lowell Middle School cafeteria. All new sign-ups must bring a copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896 for more information.

LHS ALUMNI GATHERING
Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will host the first annual all alumni gathering on Saturday, May 29 at the high school. Brunch at 11 a.m.; short program; door prizes; tours of the school. Cost: \$18. Call 897-8415 for more information.

Developer must get private road approval for addition of third house

By J. Lobbeld
Contributing Writer

Another Grindle development was under fire Monday night as it was quickly determined the developer needed approval for a private road. Richard Alexander has been working on the parcel at 901 Grindle, having completed two of three homes, with possibly a fourth. Alexander was brought before the Lowell City Planning Commission after the city's building inspector noted that a lot with three or more houses must seek a private road. Alexander said he

did not realize that was an issue since the way he read the ordinance, it was up to five houses before a private road became an issue. City manager David Pasquale said the five-house rule applies to subdivisions. Those developing individual lots may go up to two, but when it hits three, the private road ordinance does apply. The tricky part is that the road is under a variance allowing for a 33-foot entrance off Grindle Street. The road does widen as it goes into the property. Alexander didn't apply for the original variance; councilman Al Mathews did

when he was planning to construct a home for himself on the property along with another house. "To build a fourth house, I knew something was going to have to give and there isn't much to give," Mathews said, adding that he planned to construct two to three homes on the property. Mathews opted out of the deal and Alexander went with the project. Since that time, the city has changed its requirements for suburban residential, reducing the lot sizes so that four homes can be built at 901 Grindle. This didn't come as good news with Sundry officials who raised concerns about the development on the property and how it would affect water run-off and their property which is immediately to the south. Kevin Rude, of Sundry, said he also was concerned with how the project was put together and the fact that his company had to attend several meetings - 61 to be exact - before being able to fully go through with its projects.

Whoever is happy will make others happy too. He who has courage and faith will never perish in misery.
- Anne Frank

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moved to Lowell, I had been working in the Lansing area," she said. That was 17 years ago. Humphries started out renting a house on Beckwith Drive in Vergennes Township. She soon became district supervisor in the Grand Rapids DNR office.

She married Bob Humphries, who was also employed in natural resources management. He traveled around the state quite a bit. The house in Lowell was ideally and centrally located, so they bought it. They eventually tore the house down and built a new one on the site. They have one daughter, Jenny, who is a student at Lowell High School. She shows horses with 4-H and the Paint Horse breeder circuit, and also is involved in public speaking with the FFA.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 4.1.1., Table of Use Regulations for the C, Commercial Zoning District and Section 4.1.2 the Table of Bulk Regulations for the C, Commercial Zoning District and the I, Industrial Zoning District of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendments broaden the list of allowable commercial uses and set forth new rules for commercial minimum lot sizes and building setbacks while re-wording the side setback rule in the Industrial zone.

Amendments are also proposed to Section 5.4 to delete lot size and setback requirements for certain uses and to add a requirement for decorative building facades for commercial buildings.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 24, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
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The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

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Sundry reaches final round of approval for projects

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Sixty-one meetings and three locations later, Sundry Development finally reached the point of final approval Monday night for the last of its two projects.

The development company, which is working on the Highland Hills project at 751 Grindle, brought forth a preliminary site plan of its

project at 753 Grindle, also known as the Phillips property. According to Sundry representative Kevin Rude, the company was seeking clarification on two points: whether the existing drive and its variances would be acceptable and whether the company would need to go through a lengthy review with the planning commission and city council.

Rude said he realized his

company is the first to utilize the city's open space preservation ordinance, which allows for Sundry to cluster the homes on the property creating large areas of untouched, but developable land. Rude said the ordinance reflects adequately what his company is doing in the Highland Hills project.

In April, the company has

already received a variance from the open space preservation act allowing land up to 40 percent to be considered buildable. The ordinance only allows land up to 20 percent. Being the first to use the new ordinance, Rude indicated he just wanted to make sure that everything was covered that needed to be. Planning commission chair

Clark Jahnke said the commission, too, wanted to make sure that Sundry wasn't "hit over the head with something." After review, the commission determined the road, since nothing was going to change as far as width and location, was acceptable and would not need further review. The proposed private road was approved two years ago with

the original site plan. At that time, Sundry was granted variances for a single entrance way, which Rude noted was according to residents wishes, and the width of the road, which is 24 feet.

The commission also decided that Sundry only needed to come back to them for a final site plan review to move forward on the project. Rude said Sundry would present final plans at the May meeting complete with engineering studies and a full set of drawings that will include elevation and other city requirements. Commission member Jim Hall said he would like to see the location of the mailboxes, whether a group box or individual. Other commission members said they would like the general location of the lighting noted.

Toward the end of the meeting, when Sundry had left, Jahnke said since Sundry had chosen to follow the new ordinance on the suburban residential, which allows for 16 homes rather than the regular eight, they also would need to follow the city's ordinance on home sizes. Several months ago, the city changed its ordinance on floor space to usable floor area, aligning more with the state's requirements. This means space dedicated to closets and hallways cannot be used in the final calculations of a home's floor area.

Cherry Creek Elementary Characters in Action

Cherry Creek staff members nominated another group of elementary students with the Character in Action Award for exhibiting the school district's character traits on a daily basis. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Ethan Willison, Grant Peterson, Kira Gilhoran, Brad Canfield, Amanda Jakubiak, Kyle Derosha, Delaney McCarrey, Abbey Rogalke and David Hibbits; second row: Sarah Murray, Katherine Clarke, Mel-



issa Mosher, Jordan Johnson, Kyleigh Johnson, Fallon Fox, Newman and Alexander Treasure Bristol, Jillian Nurmikko; back row:

Caleb Flentje, Sarah Crosby, Dan Fleet, Audrey Blodger, Cheyenne Brandt, Alicia Noffke, Nick Toomey, Nick Hawks and Sydney Van Overbeek. Delaney McCarrey was the winner of Cherry Creek's Meijer Dignity and Respect Award. McCarrey, who had the most student nominations for the award, will receive a \$25 gift card donated by Meijer.

Featured Artist

Pam Jones

By Dan Schneider

There's tension going on right now at the Huntington Galleria between crisp lines and organic forms. It's nature and spiritual expressions in black ink. It's the way Lowell artist Pam Jones sees things and puts them on paper.

"I derive a lot of my inspiration from nature," Jones said. "My native American heritage is a big part of my art."

Jones' great-grandfather was a full-blooded Cherokee in Arkansas. Her experience of that culture has helped deepen a love of nature she's had since she can remember.

"Doing research and getting more familiar with the

Native American ideas and philosophies helped my art get to where it is now," Jones said. "A lot of things come to me in dreams, too. I've seen pictures unfold to me in dreams and I think that comes back to being very spiritual and very in touch with the earth."

The Native American ideas have helped her translate her experience of nature into formal entities. Jones doesn't draw plants and water and sky so much as the spiritual figures behind them. Native American totem animals and spirit guides come into play a lot in her work.

"I think this evolved at this stage in my life from trying to get more focused spiritually."

Jones has been taking art seriously for the last five years or so.

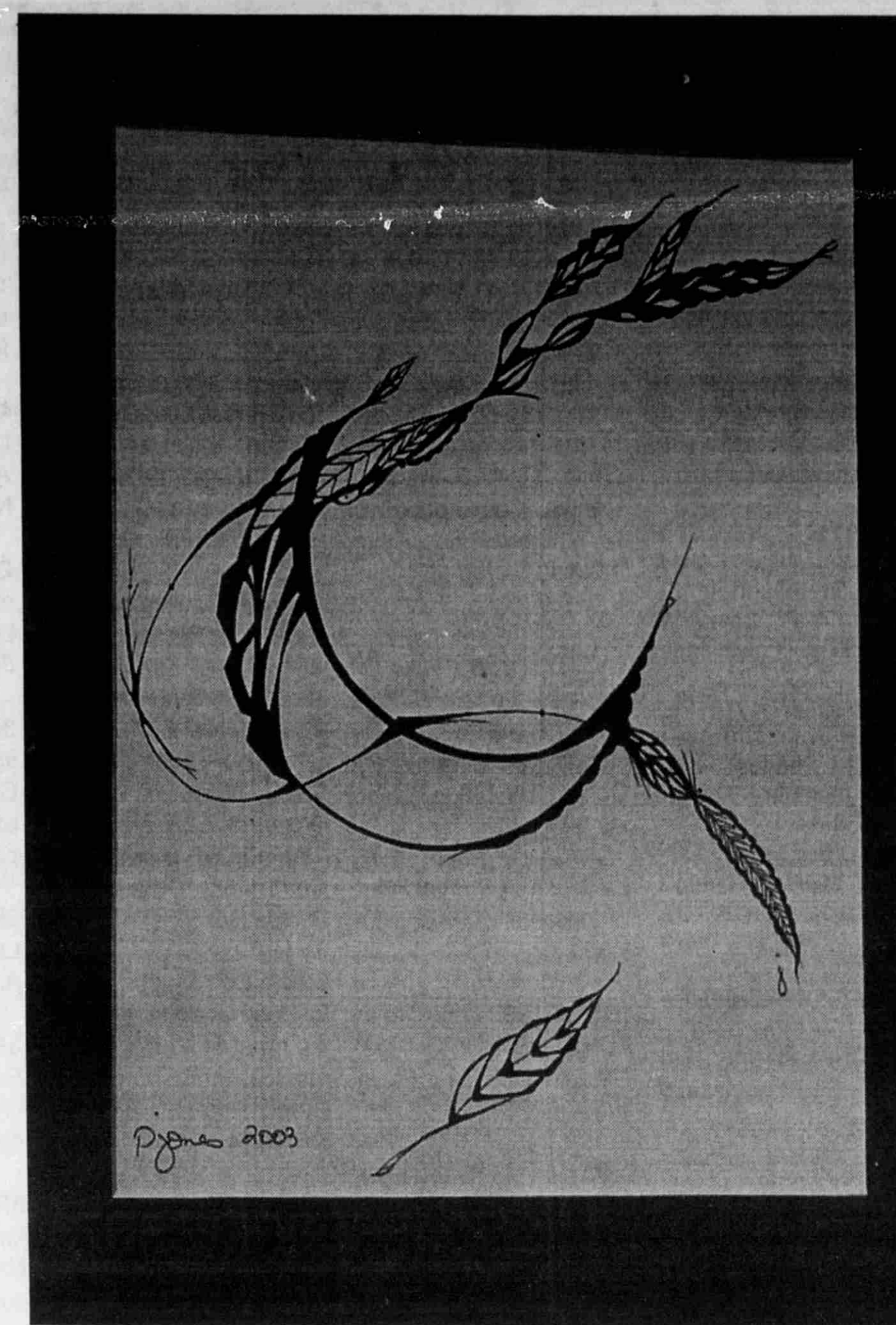
"It's a very spiritual process for me," Jones said. "I think people who see it walk away with something... get a better sense of the connection between us and nature."

The works achieve a balance between delicate and bold lines. There are thick ribbons of ink and thin traces of form on paper. Actually, it's not on just paper.

"I like to work on anything from notebook paper to canvas," Jones said.

The most recent piece in the show is on canvas. It's a giant picture, mostly black and white but with a few earth-tones added, of a Native American figure and a wolf.

Jones' work will be on display at the Huntington Galleria, in the Huntington Bank branch at 414 E. Main, until May 17.



"Healing Wind" is one of several pen and ink drawings by Lowell artist Pam Jones currently on display at the Huntington Galleria.

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- Photocopy your passport, airline ticket, travelers checks, medical info, itiner-

ary and emergency contact addresses and phone numbers with country codes. Carry two extra passport photos.

- Leave valuables at home. Avoid gold and gold-tone jewelry. Use a money-belt or necklace purse instead of a fanny pack.

- Whenever possible, travel with a group. Keep information about your hotel and room number private. Alert fellow travelers to your destination and return time.

- Know where you're going. Carry a piece of stationery with the hotel name and address. In any build-

ing, note the location of exit doors.

- Register with the U.S. Embassy. Arrange for an international phone card.

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Although psoriasis is a life long disease, proper treatment will improve the condition and your quality of life. For more information, contact the National Psoriasis Foundation at 1-800-723-9166 or www.psoriasis.org.

Log found jammed in west dam

By Dan Schneider

A large log was removed from King Milling's west dam early Tuesday morning. The log was about four feet in diameter and 20 feet long. Its top end covered in moss, the log remained on the sidewalk throughout the day.

A crane operator from Erickson's crane company, of Grand Rapids, pulled the log out. The crane was there to install a power transformer

for King Milling's expansion project. King Milling had raised the water level of the Flat River to accommodate the Showboat restoration. The boat was moved upstream to allow for the removal of its paddle wheel late Monday night. The heightened water line freed the log and it lodged itself in the tainter

gates of the dam. These are the gates raised and lowered to regulate water flow through the dam. Logs and other debris occasionally float into the dam.

"Some of those we'll just flush, either send it over the top or right down through the gate, but this one was

just way too big," King Milling vice president Steve Doyle said. He estimated the log's weight somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 pounds.

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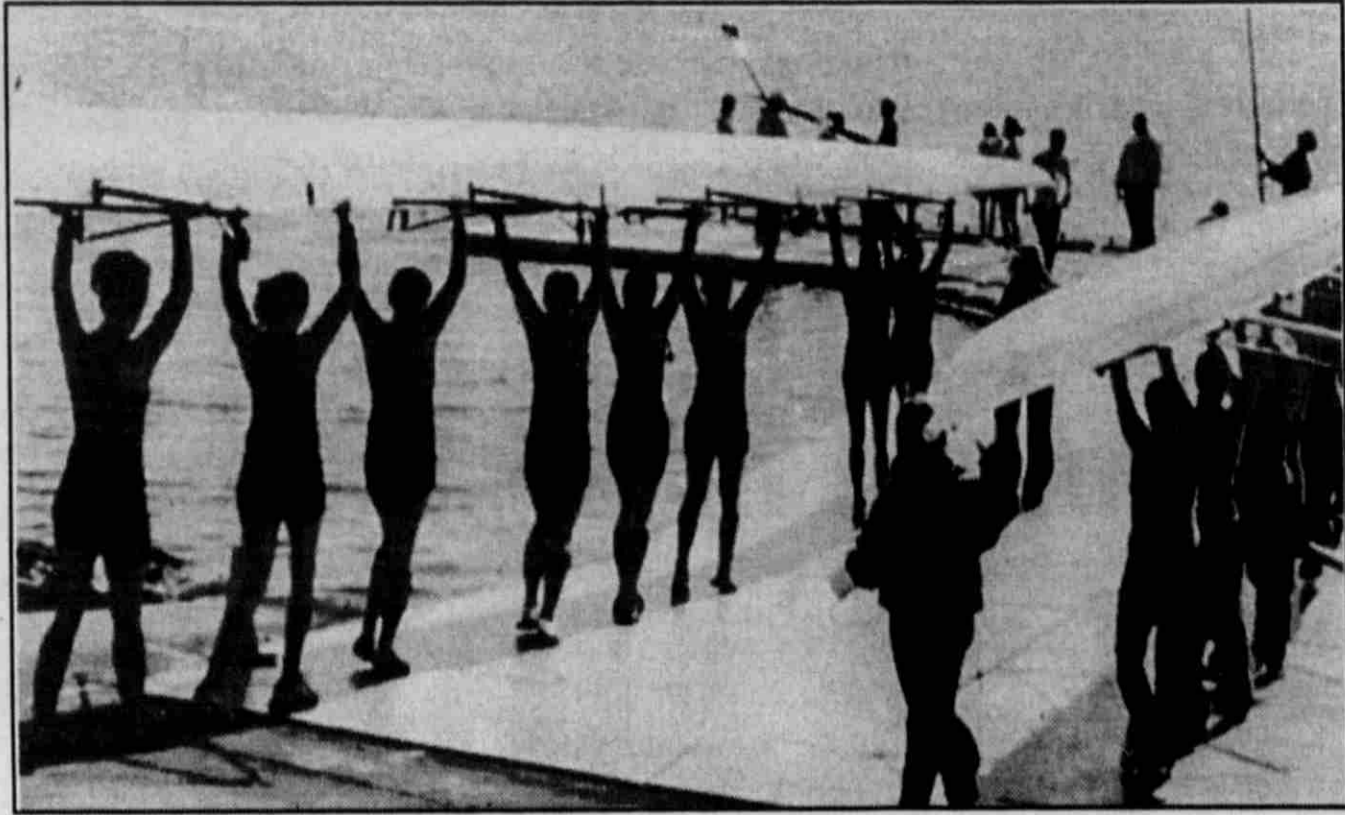
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They competed with teams from Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Northern, Rockford, Grand Rapids Crew, Northview, East Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Woodlands Academy and Culver Academies.

Last weekend the crew team traveled with their boats to Wyandotte for the Hebbard Cup regatta on the Detroit River. They successfully competed in six 1000 meter races. With six or seven boats in each heat, the LHS crew team raced two women's novice (8 boat), one women's junior (4 boat), one women's senior (4 boat), one men's senior (8 boat) and one men's junior (4 boat).

The next local regatta is scheduled for May 15 at East Grand Rapids on Reeds Lake at 8 a.m.

At left teams hoist boats in and out of the river during the regatta in Wyandotte.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that amendments to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance were adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vergennes Township Board held on Monday, April 17, 2004 at 7:00 PM. A summary of the text amendments is as follows:

Ordinance 2004-4, Mini-warehouse Parking Formula, Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

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

- c. *Mini warehouse*: Two (2) 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 twenty-four (24) feet wide to accommodate loading and unloading, and the free flow of traffic between parked vehicles.

Ordinance 2004-5, Keyhole development and lake access regulations; lot width on Murray Lake, Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

2. The new ordinance is added as Section 201.436 Keyhole Development and Lake Access Regulations; Lot Width on Murray Lake. The new ordinance regulates 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.

Ordinance 2004-6, Animal and pet restrictions in residential areas, Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations:

3. The language in Section 201.404 Animal and Pet Restrictions in Residential Areas has been 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 farm animals were previously 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 is a general law ordinance and coordinates with the zoning ordinance. The permit ordinance requires certain application requirements, a time limit, zoning administrator review and an appeal process to the Township Board.

Ordinance 2004-7, Change of building occupancy in Commercial and Industrial Districts, amending certain portions of Chapter 5, Special Exception Uses and Chapter 3, Zoning Districts:

The amendment to Section 201.502 (G) adds (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 was also corrected.

The 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 and 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.

The complete text of the 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.

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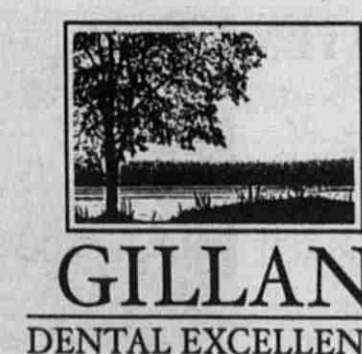
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Track teams waiting for first season win

By Dan Schneider

Both the boys and girls track teams are still struggling for their first win of the season.

Most recently, the Red Arrows hosted East Grand Rapids last Thursday. The Pioneers won 92-45 in the girls' meet and 88-49 in the boys' meet.

In the girls' meet, Lowell's Rebecca Woods took first in pole vault, clearing 8 feet. Meghan Beachum took second in the event, clearing 7 feet.

Lowell also went one-two in shot put and discus. Heather Becker threw the discus 91 feet, 6 1/2 inches to take first place. Freshman Samantha Lambert threw the discus 75 feet to take second. Lambert won the shot put event, throwing 31 feet, 10 inches. Becker was second, throwing the shot put a distance of 31 feet, 4 inches.

Freshman Carlee Nickodemski placed second in the 200, clocking 28.96.

For the Red Arrow boys,

John Howard won the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 6 inches. Adam Ingraham took first in high hurdles in 17.96. Tom Doll took first in the 200, clocking 23.7. Steve Ellison took first in the half-mile run, clocking 2:08.

Lowell boys coach Russ Stevens said the team is growing stronger, getting better at snagging top-three finishes and earning points.

"They're working hard, everybody's showing a lot of heart," Stevens said. "The rest of the season should be interesting. I think we should match up pretty well with the rest of the teams."

The girls team is a young track squad looking to grow into a team like the last three conference champion teams, though this year it will be in a new OK White.

"It's a rebuilding year for us," Lowell coach Robin Briggs said. "We lost 13 seniors last year and we're a really young team. Definitely a hard-working group, though."

Arrows take first soccer loss

By Dan Schneider

The East Grand Rapids Pioneers broke the Red Arrows' soccer winning streak Monday night, handing Lowell its first loss of the season with one goal.

"That was the second goal we've given up this season," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "We were completely just out of sorts in the back (on that play) and unfortunately we didn't have any offensive production tonight to offset that goal."

Lowell expected a tough game out of the Pioneers, but their schedule hadn't prepared them for the intensity the Pioneers brought to the field.

"We've just been ransacking team after team and haven't had that level of competition until tonight," Legge said.

Natalie Corbett scored the goal for East just over two minutes into the second half of the game.

"The first half was more

evenly matched but then in the second half, we stepped up the intensity and were winning balls all over the place, and I think that really shifted the tempo in our favor," East Grand Rapids coach Meghan Luckett said.

Lowell opened conference play at home last Friday with a 10-0 win over Sparta. Amy Oberlin broke a school record by scoring five goals in that game. "That was just another dazzling performance," Legge said.

Lowell beat Zeeland 8-0 last Wednesday. "We pretty much dominated that game," Legge said.

Oberlin had three goals and three assists. Abbie Debiak, Nicole Shepard and Jessica Visser scored one goal each. Brittany Lyman scored the other two goals.

The Red Arrows travel to Caledonia Wednesday night and to Kenowa Hills on Friday.

Golfers start getting consistent

By Dan Schneider

On a cold and windy Monday afternoon at Deer Run Golf Club, the Pioneers from East Grand Rapids outshot Lowell, 202 to 218.

"Considering the conditions today, I think overall we played very well," Lowell coach Becky Lecuru said. The

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Adam Ingraham jumps hurdles against East Grand Rapids. Ingraham won the event last Thursday but Lowell was unable to claim a first victory in either the boys' or girls' contests.

And Briggs sees something in the team reminiscent of the team four years ago that developed into conference champions. "I see some similarities," she said.

The girls opened the season at Cedar Springs April 15. The Red Hawks won that meet 98-39. It was Sparta at home on April 17 with the Spartans coming out on top, 86-51.

The Sparta boys team won their meet 95.5 to 41.5. Wes

Tweedale won the pole vault event; Mike Gruber, the long jump; Jeff McPherson, the discus; and Ellison, the mile in 4:44.

The Red Hawks were hard on the Arrows in the season opener, winning 127-8.

The track teams traveled to Kenowa Hills on Tuesday. They meet the Wildcats Thursday at Northview. The Lowell Invitational is Saturday and begins at 9 a.m.

If you've tried, without much success, to make or grow something yourself, you're much more appreciative of the product when it's been done well by a professional.
—Andrew A. Rooney

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on May 20, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed ordinance that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The proposed ordinance would create a new Article 3.57 that would clarify the manner in which minimum waterfront setbacks are to be measured on lots and parcels in all Zoning Districts.

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

Dated: April 23, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Pamela L. Ciganik and Lori A. Meyer for a special land use for a private road to provide access to two parcels of land. The private road would be located on lands commonly designated as 7777 Tiffany Avenue, and legally described as follows:

That part of the SW fractional 1/4 commencing 725.59 feet N 0D 00M 00S along the West section line from SW corner of said section, thence S 89D 49M 40S E 381.12 feet to the centerline of Tiffany Ave., thence Northerly along said centerline 602.26 feet to the North line of the SW fractional 1/4 of the SW fractional 1/4, thence West along said North line 447.01 feet to the West section line, thence South along the West sec line 600.01 feet to beginning, Section 6, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The private road, if approved, would provide access to and from two parcels of land located adjacent on the north side of the north Township boundary line, such parcels thus being located in Cannon Township.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: April 23, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN



Lowell's Andrea Dewey swings during last Wednesday's softball action against Ionia. The Red Arrows split the double-header with the Bulldogs.

Softball team still struggling

But the Arrows have a good day at Hamilton

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell softball team continues to struggle this season. The Red Arrows dropped their conference opener at home against Unity Christian. The score was 2-0.

"Same old story ... play well but get beat 2-1, 2-0, something like that against good teams, and we don't hit the ball very well," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said. The Crusaders scored

both of their runs in the sixth inning. Lowell only had one hit in the game to Unity Christian's five.

Lowell did put together some strong games Saturday, however. The Arrows beat East Grand Rapids 2-0 and Hamilton 3-0 to advance to the championship round of the Hamilton Tournament. They lost the championship to Comstock High School, which is near Kalamazoo, 3-1.

It was a good day on the mound for Lowell's Becky Plummer.

"On the day, Becky shut out 35 people, she walked five, and three of those were in the last game," Rodenhouse said.

Plummer pitched a no-hitter against East and allowed one hit against Hamilton.

The softball team split a doubleheader against Ionia last Wednesday at home, losing 4-2, then winning 3-0.

They will face Kenowa Hills at home Wednesday night and travel to Northview on Friday.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 26, 2004, the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The principal provisions of the amending ordinances can be summarized as follows:

Planned Unit Development. The amending ordinance creates Article 14A, which includes regulations regarding Planned Unit Development ("PUD"). The PUD regulations cover such matters as the intent and purpose of PUD development; the process for administrative approval of a PUD, including introductory meetings, preliminary Planning Commission review, final review by the Planning Commission and Township Board, conditions of approval and performance guarantees; minimum PUD designation and design requirements; density determination; required conditions; time limitations on approved PUD developments; amendments to PUDs; Board of Appeals jurisdiction over PUD decisions; certain large-scale developments that require PUD approval; and other related matters.

Large-Scale Development Provisions. The amending ordinance also amends the large-scale development provisions of Sections 3.54, 6.05 and 9.04 of the Zoning Ordinance, so as to make reference to PUD development being permitted under Article 14A.

Effective Date; Copy of Amending Ordinance. The amending ordinance will become effective May 5, 2004. A copy of the amending ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the Grattan Township offices, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, during Township office hours.

Dated: April 26, 2004

TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

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Arrows had four scores in the 50s.

In her first varsity game, freshman Sarah Eickhoff shot 59. Stefanie Stuewe shot a 53, Cara Mooney a 56 and Mandy Gunberg had the best nine for Lowell, shooting a 50.

"We were pretty consistent," Lecuru said. "We're slowly getting consistent scores, we just need to bring them down a little bit."

The Red Arrow golfers traveled to Allendale to play in the Jenison Invitational at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University last Saturday. The team's score was 441 for the 18-hole event. That score put Lowell 13 out of 14 teams at the invitational.

"There were a lot of good teams there," Lecuru said.

Last Wednesday, the team lost on the road against Middleville. The Trojans shot a team score of 197. Lowell's top four scores added up to 218.

Lowell will host its last home conference match of the season Wednesday at Deer Run starting at 3:30 p.m. The team travels to the Forest Hills Northern Invitational Friday morning at Grand Rapids Golf Club.

Lowell baseball wins conference opener

Strong fourth inning boosts Red Arrows past Crusaders

By Dan Schneider

With a victory over Unity Christian Monday night, the Red Arrow baseball team established itself as a force to contend with in the OK White. Lowell beat the Crusaders 5-1 at home in the first game of conference play.

The Arrows opened the fourth inning with four straight singles and all of those runners scored. Tim Droese hit a two-RBI single. Luke Tomczak, up to bat with two outs, cranked a two-run homer.

"That was a huge game for us," Lowell coach Jared Curtis said. "Like I said before, we win this one here, we are pretty much in the driver's seat in the OK White and we got it done."

Despite its 4-6 record coming into the game, Unity Christian was ranked high in area standings.

Kyle Rozema pitched the win for the Red Arrows. He allowed only three hits in the game, struck out five batters and walked three.

"It was just about three up, three down every inning; it was a great game for Kyle," Curtis said.

"Rozema did a nice job with

his breaking pitch," Unity Christian coach Doug VanderPloeg said.

Jon Eickhoff was the leading hitter for the Arrows, batting two for three, both singles. He ran in one of the runs off an Alan Nugent RBI. The win improves the Arrows' record to 8-3.

The team beat Allendale, 10-0, last Thursday.

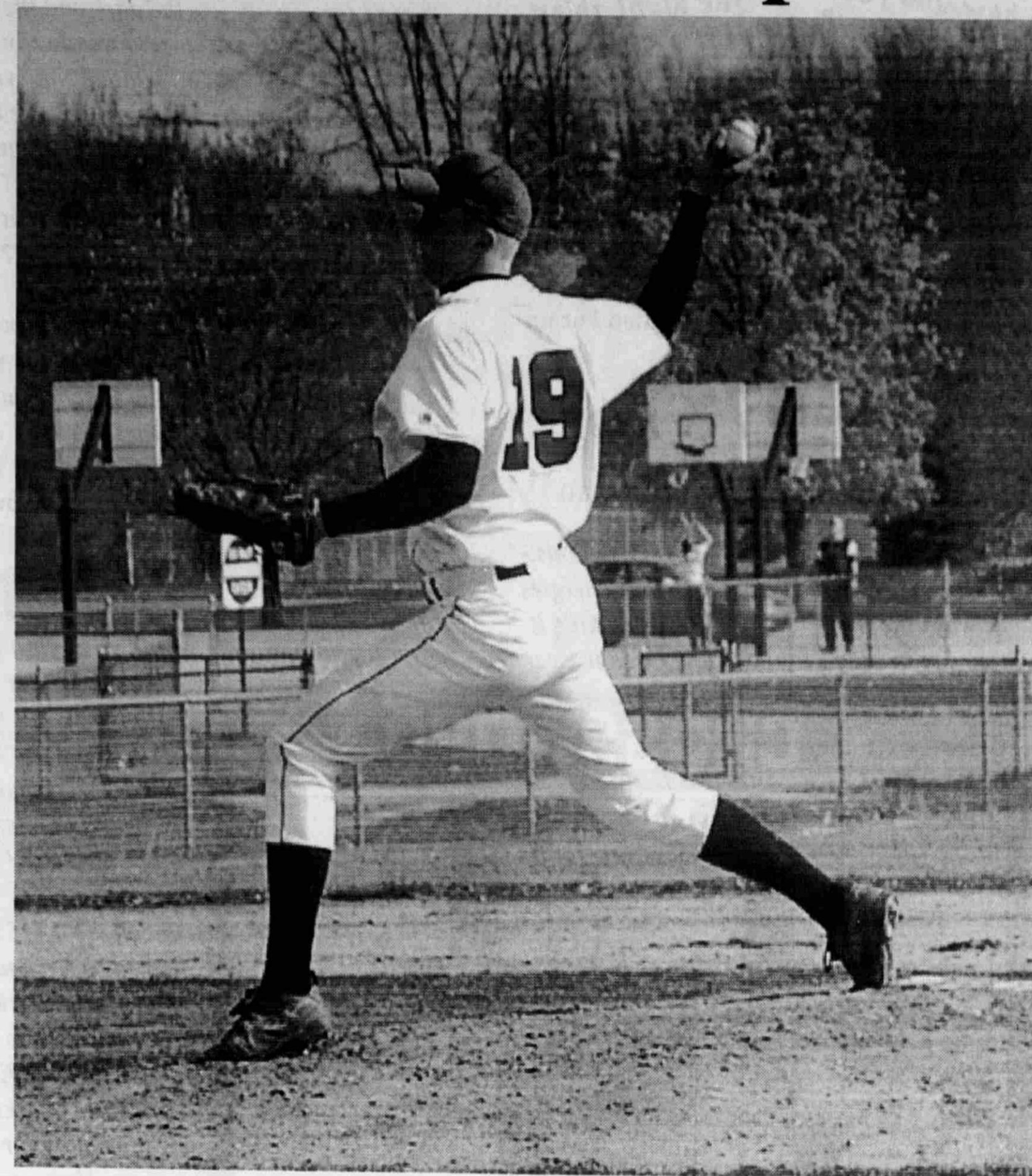
"Andrew Benedict had been struggling at the plate through the first part of the season but he finally broke through against Allendale," Curtis said.

Benedict went two for three with a double, two RBIs and two stolen bases.

Lowell won both games of a doubleheader against Ionia at home last Wednesday. They won the first game 5-1 and the second 13-5.

The Arrows split a doubleheader against Portland last Monday, winning 7-2 and losing 9-8.

Lowell faces Kenowa Hills at home Wednesday and travels to Northview Friday.



Kyle Rozema throws one over the plate Monday. Rozema struck out five batters to get the win.

Lowell tennis team hitting its stride

Red Arrows will face tough East Grand Rapids team Wednesday

By Dan Schneider

After a strong showing at the Big Rapids Invitational and a conference-opening win against Sparta, the Red Arrow tennis team is starting to find a rhythm.

Lowell's 30 team points put them behind Traverse City West (41) and winner Allegan (53) and firmly in the top half of the eight teams at the Big Rapids Invitational.

Lowell had one individual champion that day, Chris Gallagher in number four singles. He bested Leon Cerdana of Big Rapids in the final 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The number one doubles teams of David Maylone and Brendon Harden lost in their final to Allegan 6-2, 6-0.

In first singles, Kyle Wittenbach went three sets against the eventual champion, Scott Nolan of Reeths Puffer. The scores in that match were 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. Wittenbach won the consolation bracket.

Lowell dominated Monday night against Sparta, winning 7-1 for their conference opener.

Lowell's Jacob Kenworthy defeated Josh Lunger 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in second singles.

Brett Hobra won third

singles for Lowell over Alex Jantz 6-2, 6-2.

Number four singles was a win for Gallagher over Aaron Wheeler 6-0, 6-1.

Maylone and Harden won first doubles against Chris Ondersma and Tom Sawyer of Sparta. The score was 6-2, 6-4.

Red Arrows' Justin Quist and Brandon Lawrence won second doubles against Ben Klenk and Ryan Patterson 6-2, 6-2.

Justin Peterson and Nathan Huisman won fourth doubles for Lowell. Dustin Pedley and Alden Nyson won fourth doubles to round out

the Lowell victory.

Last Wednesday's contest between the Red Arrows and Cedar Springs was rained out.

Lowell faces East Grand Rapids at home Wednesday and travels to Greenville on Thursday.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

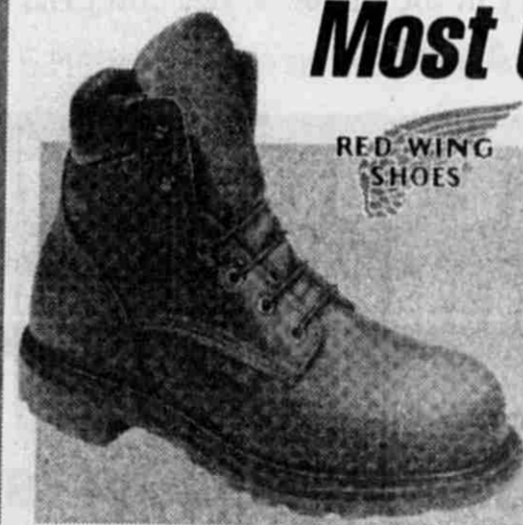
Chapter 4 General and Special Regulations, Section 201.429 E

The proposed language will change the public hearing requirement at the Planning Commission preliminary review to the Township Board holding the public hearing after the recommendation of preliminary approval at the Board level. The ordinance language change is required in the Township Zoning Act.

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.

Vergennes Township Planning Commission

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Has anyone else noticed that the pear tree planted on Main Street, east of City Hall, is still tied up? It's been tied up since it was planted over a year ago.

What is wrong with this picture? Kids walking to school in the dark and the sub-zero weather in the winter! Not every parent can take their kids to school. They work! What about safety?????

To the parents whose children will be walking to school next year: there are over 30 registered sex offenders in Lowell.

The School Board told us last week they would do anything they can to keep our kids safe. To do this they MUST hold the 4 MS boys 100% responsible for their actions. How Sad!

Teach the 4 MS boys how to be responsible. Have them work for the schools ALL SUMMER. They need to take full responsibility for their actions. How can they ever make this up to the other kids?

The only thing blown up about the Middle School is the false information everyone is receiving from the media.

I love walking down the road and seeing SO many beer bottles and SO much litter in the ditches. We really want to be seen as a trashy town, don't we?! It's spring...CLEAN UP YOUR YARDS!!

I sure hope the people who logged the beautiful property at Byrne and Elhart are coming back to finish the job. It's an eyesore now!

It's really sad that no one wants to know the truth about the Lowell Middle School bombing plot. I guess the fact that there wasn't one at all doesn't seem to matter at all.

How can four boys who never even met to discuss a plan to blow up the Lowell Middle School actually come up with one? Are 11 & 12 year olds really that clever?

I think the Lowell Middle School plot should have been better investigated before totally ruining four young kids' lives.

Punish them but...in this world, are there no

naughty children anymore? Are they all criminals? In that case my 3-year-old is an environmental hazard AND he bit me - lock him up. I say look to the parents.

How can we expect to have our local police stop people from racing past you at the light at Valley Vista & Main, when I've seen them do it themselves? (what an example we're setting)

To the person or persons who dumped their trash in the woods on Cumberland-shame on you. Why do you do these things? I hope you get caught.

I grew up in Valley Vista housing and had to walk every day. I don't think it will hurt any of the children to walk to school. And to the parents that are concerned with safety, they need to take the initiative in making sure their kids get to school safely. Give the school board a chance.

GO-GO-GO TEAM!

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

4/28	East Grand Rapids*	5/10	Greenville
4/29	Hudsonville	5/12	Unity Christian
5/3	Greenville	5/15	Conference Meet* - 9 a.m.
5/3	Kenowa Hills*	5/18	Crossover*
5/5	Northview	5/21	Regional Tournament* - TBA
5/6	Grand Rapids Baptist		



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* Indicates a home game

4/30	Rockford - 8 p.m.	5/12	Holland Christian* - 5 p.m.
5/1	S. Lyon* - 12:00	5/17	Okemos - 6:30 p.m.
5/8	S. Lyon - 12:00		
5/11	E. Kentwood* - 6 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

4/28	Kenowa Hills*
4/30	Northview
5/3	Sparta*
5/5	Kenowa Hills
5/6	East Grand Rapids (2)
5/10	Unity Christian
5/12	Northview*
5/14	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.
6/5	District Tournament* - TBA

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GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

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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



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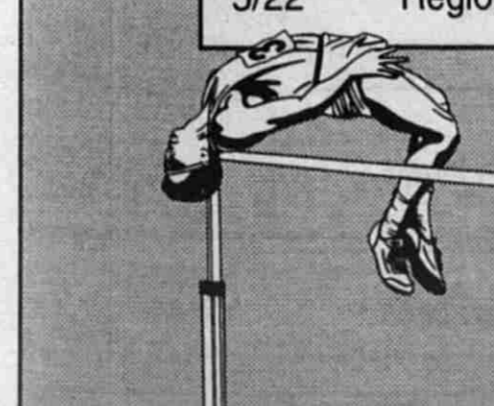
* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

4/28	Caledonia - 6:45 p.m.	5/17	OK White Tournament* - TBA
4/30	Kenowa Hills - 7 p.m.	5/21	OK White Tournament* - TBA
5/3	Northview - 5:45 p.m.	5/24	OK White Tournament* - TBA
5/5	Rockford - 6:45 p.m.	5/28	Crossover (Gold)* - 6:45 p.m.
5/10	Unity Christian - 7 p.m.	6/1	District Tournament* - TBA
5/12	Greenville* - 7 p.m.		

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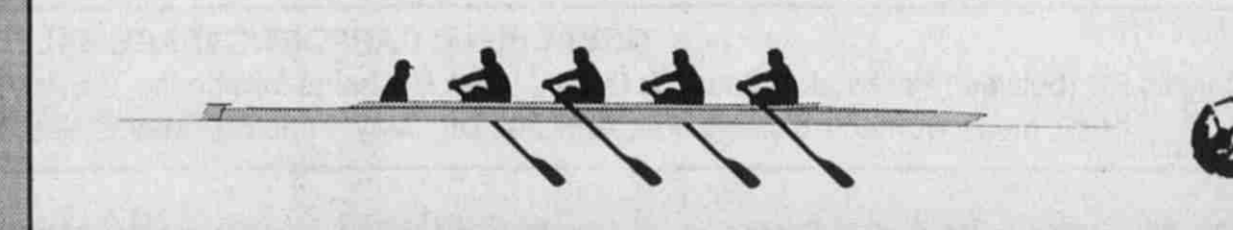
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4/29	Northview
5/1	Lowell Invitational* - 9 a.m.
5/4	Greenville*
5/6	Unity Christian
5/13	Conference @ Greenville - TBA
5/14	Conference @ Greenville - TBA
5/22	Regional Meet*

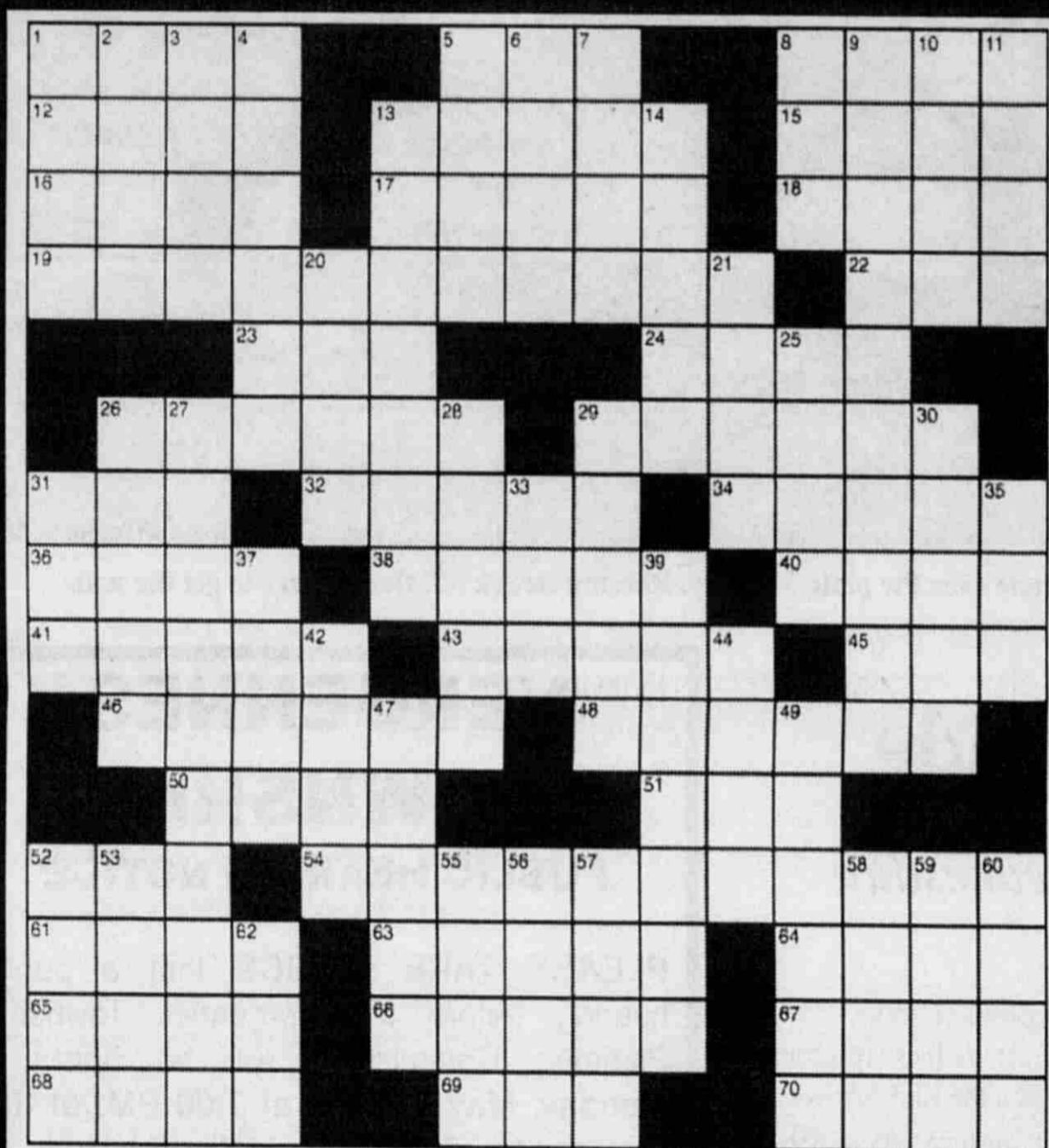


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- Jockey's whip.
- Particular kind of pottery.
- Cupid.
- Chad ... "Tum Tum" in 3 Ninjas.
- River in England flowing south into the English Channel.
- King ... a play by Shakespeare.
- Airport in Chicago.
- British singer known for tune, "Take My Hand."
- Soldier of the infantry.
- Long-eared, patient mammal related to the horse.
- British slang for "a person of wealth or social importance."
- Staple cotton fiber used to make yarn.
- Underground electric railway systems in Paris and other cities.
- Not export.
- Indefinitely large number.
- To copy in action or speech.
- Enclosures for swine.
- Minute quantity.
- Scottish lakes.
- Exhibition or show.
- Greek island in the Cyclades.
- Former capital of Japan.
- Snake-like fish.
- To make a contribution.
- To amend.
- Gordon, Theodore J. Mooney on The Lucy Show.
- Least bit.
- 21st letter of the Greek alphabet.
- External covering.
- Cardinal point on a compass 90 degrees to the right of north.
- Combining form used in chemical compounds containing an amino group.
- Bisset, lead singer of the Scottish bands Darlingheart and Swelling Meg.
- Acronym for Russian Association of Travel Agencies.
- Fully satisfies.
- Grows older.
- Acronym for Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.
- Born.
- Johnny ... known as "The Man in Black."

DOWN

- Country formerly known as French Sudan.
- TV show starring Sherman Hemsley.
- To pass idly.
- Straying from the regular course.
- Aage Niels ... Danish physicist and Nobel Prize winner.
- Far and ... movie starring Tom Cruise.
- Period through which something lasts.
- Roll of dollar bills.
- Female pilots.
- Serling, Stewart and Taylor.
- Sonny Shroyer's role on The Dukes of Hazzard.
- To create a mediocre work of art for profit.
- Royal domain.
- George Wendt's role on Cheers.
- Drinks in small sips repeatedly.
- Tone sounded on a musical instrument.
- Connected or linked to.
- Scientists who study the relationship between organisms and their environment.
- Australian for "to flee."
- Ethereal fluid flowing through classical gods' veins.
- Conical tent made from animal skins.
- Boy.
- Figur.
- Ancient Roman god personifying the sun.
- Katherine Helmond's role on Who's the Boss?
- Systems that reproduce stereophonic sound.
- Disposal of goods at special prices.
- Egg-shaped.
- President George W. Bush's home state.
- Dried root of a shrubby South American plant used as an emetic.
- Country south of Ecuador and Colombia.
- Lukas ... Buddy Hillier in Rambling Rose.
- Gulf at the northwestern arm of the Arabian Sea.
- To put into position for operation.
- Inward curve toward the top of a cabriole leg.
- Garment worn by ancient Romans.
- Metal-bearing rocks mined for profit.
- John ... English architect and city planner.
- Smoke solids.

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Garage Sale Page

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2ND ANNUAL YARD SALE
 15+ families. Clothing, bird houses, pre-school toys & clothes & much more! IMPACT is putting on a church-wide yard sale. Something for everyone, ranging from pre-school to those who can't remember school. Come & enjoy the day, the concessions & the yard sale. Sponsored by the Student Ministries of IMPACT Wesleyan Church. May 1, 9-3 p.m. 1070 N. Hudson, Lowell.

SALE
 Wed., April 28 & Thurs., April 29, 9-6 p.m. Large assortment of baby items, toys, household items, etc. A little of everything. 522 North St.

GARAGE SALE -
 May 1, 8:30-2:30 p.m. Antique cabinetry, glassware, IBM & Dell computers, corner computer desk, pictures, CDs, DVD's, patio furniture & Appleware. 2156 Gee Dr.

IT'S GRAND SLAM TIME
 1833 Woodpine Ct. Fri., April 30 and Sat., May 1, 8 a.m. - ?

HUGE SALE
 Sat., May 1 & Sun., May 2, 9-5 p.m. 13086 Grand River Dr. (off Segwun). Lots of clothes, furniture, misc. items.

GARAGE SALE
 Going out of daycare. Corner of M-21 & Whites Bridge Rd. 9 a.m. - ? Sat., May 1.

GARAGE SALE
 Household items, antique dressers, tables, trunks, organ, etc. Many collectibles, oak console TV, tons of books, 2 Schwinn mtn bikes, ski pkgs., name brand clothing (girls 6X-12, women's 8-XL, men's XLT & XXLT, hunting & winter, some infant, Barbies, Beanie Babies, toys, games & much more! Thurs., 4/29 & Fri., 4/30, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. - No Presales! 8 miles NE of Lowell, 8 miles SW of Belding, 6 miles NW of Saranac on Old M91, 1/2 mile N. of Potters.

GARAGE SALE/MOVING SALE
 May 1, 9-3 p.m. 11991 Alden Court (off Alden Nash between 3 Mile & 4 Mile) Several large items: sofa, loveseat, oak entertainment center, dresser, table & chairs, baby stroller, baby swing, patio furniture & much more.

GARAGE SALE
 Children's books, cookbooks, paperbacks, girls clothing- size 8-14, housewares, Avon, wedding table decorations, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., April 29 - May 1, 9-? 11404 Foreman Farms Ct., corner of Cumberland & Foreman.

GARAGE SALE
 April 30, 9-5 & May 1, 9-5, 10003 Bailey Dr., Lowell. Hunting & fishing gear, guns, tools, 5th wheel tailgate, toys and lots more.

GARAGE SALE
 Men's XLT, books, furniture, electronics, office equipment, computers, paino, lawn tractor, much more. Saturday, May 8 from 9AM-3PM. 2359 Gee Drive. 1/4 mile N on Alden Nash by Zeigler Ford, 1/4 mile E on Gee Drive to 2359 on left. Call 897-9167 for details.

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SLAM SALE
 Fri., 4/30, 9-2 p.m. & Sat., 5/1, 9-2 p.m. Toys, boys sizes 0 to 4, furniture, baby stuff. 10822 Settlewood.

ANNUAL MURRAY LAKE GARAGE SALE
 Sat., May 1. Many garage doors will be open but don't miss the following locations. 3850 Murray View, 3890 tons of baby things, ski boat (97 Moomba) it only has 30 hrs., \$17,500, vertical boat lift w/canopy, daybed, bunk bed; 11816 5 Mile, many misc.; 4303 Bedaki, some furniture, friend moving lots of great stuff; 4179 Causeway Dr. great things in great cond.; 4076 Causeway Dr. 19' color TV, several VCR's, Maytag washer, lg. Weber grill, 110 window air conditioner, 7 yr. baby crib, homemade PEGGY salsa; 12745 4 Mile, corner of 4 Mile & Lincoln Lake (next to Murray Lake Greenhouse, great selection of plants & bark, get started w/your spring planting), some antiques & much more.

COMMUNITY-WIDE SALES
 Key Heights Village, April 30 & May 1.

YARD SALE
 May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 2001 Fallsburg Park. Adult & young boys clothing, Little Tikes toys, books, oak desk, car parts & much more

EASTGATE GARAGE SALE
 Fri., April 30 & May 1 - 10960 Deerwood Dr., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Brand name clothes, boys & girls 3T- teen sizes, toys, trail-a-bike, comforters, house wares, styrofoam for crafting from www.TheCraftPlace.com. Clearance prices on slightly damaged product as well as new product.

GARAGE SALE
 April 30 & May 1, 9-5 p.m. 325 Alden Nash (N. of Zeigler). Baby stuff & clothes; bunk beds, beds, dressers, desk, boat shelf, bar stools, stove, chest freezers, bikes, Burley bike cart w/walking handles, mini bike, helmet, wood trailer, horse tack, toys & household items.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
 Wed. 28 - Fri. 30, 8 a.m. - ? 1297 Whitesbridge. Sayles Rd. to Whitesbridge, left, 1st house on right. Kids, adults, rider & push mowers, microwave.

EASTGATE GRAND SLAM GARAGE SALE
 1780 Woodrun. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 9-5 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Girls Club will also be selling donations to raise money for camp. Twin bed frame, bikes, lots of other misc. items.

GARAGE SALE
 Fri. & Sat. 4/30 & 5/1, 708 High St. Lowell. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

EASTGATE GRAND SLAM
 The quads are 7, time to sell size 4, 5 & 6, lots of Gymboree, Children's Place, etc. Toys, + five other families, selling housewares, glassware, vintage estate items, collectibles, furniture & much more. Sat., May 1, 8-3 p.m. 1765 Woodrun Ct.

HUGE SALE
 Lots of plus sizes, crafts & scented candles, bird feeders, etc. 2838 Gulliford Dr. 4/30 & 5/1, 9-?

GREAT BUYS! CARPORT/GARAGE SALE
 5286 Conklin Rd. (between Peck Lake (South) & (North) Ware Rd. beige farmhouse, 3 miles southeast of Lowell. Furniture, couches, tables, desk, men's women's clothing. Fri., April 30, Sat., May 1 and Fri., May 7, Sat., May 8, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. 897-9020.

ANNUAL STREET SALE
 Sat., May 1, 8-4 p.m. River Place Rd. off Vergennes between Lincoln Lake & Flat River. Household items, Earnhardt jacket, jacuzzi tub, pontoon boat, clean name brand clothing, infant thru adult, much misc

HUGE BARN SALE
 1218 Lincoln Lake Ave. N (1 mile N. of Fallsburg Park) April 30 & May 1 - 9 a.m. - ? Clothes for everyone! Children's videos & yard toys (toddlers slide, teeter-totter), baby items, bunk bed w/mattresses, bicycles, toys (Barbie & Play Station), Steelcase desk, house & picture windows, toilets, television, VCR, chandelier, sewing machine, kitchen table, comic books. Many books, knick-knacks, crafts & more! This is a MUST visit sale - something for just about everyone! (No phone calls or pre-sales please.)

GROUP GARAGE SALE
 749 Hunt, Lowell. April 29 & 30, 9-5 to Benefit Orphanage. Lawn furniture, kids toys, perennial flower plants, much much more.

GARAGE MEGA SALE
 Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Office furniture: cherry desks, executive chairs; toys, household items, gobs of goodies. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 925 Flat River.

GARAGE/BARN SALE
 Friday 4 p.m. til 4 p.m. Sunday, April 23, 24, 25. 2991 Alden Nash S.E.

GARAGE SALE
 2 kitchen table sets, 1 queen bedroom set, 1 set of 3 antique dressers, assorted dressers, lots of kitchen stuff & glassware, plus size clothing, teen girl clothing, knick-knacks & more. 10807 Woodbushe. Sat., May 1st, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

2-FAMILY SALE
 April 30 & May 1, 9:30 - ? 10984 Deerwood (Eastgate). Lots of goodies!

HUGE SALE
 Household items, clothes, furniture, antiques, #8 Nascar Mirror, toys; everything must go! Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 9-? 116 S. Jefferson, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
 Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 10 - 5 p.m. 9845 84th St. between Alden Nash & Whitneyville Ave.

GARAGE SALE
 Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 760 & 762 Godfrey in Lowell. Lots of kids toys and clothes, ages 7-10; some "guy" stuff too. Follow signs from intersection of N. Hudson and Lincoln Lake.

MOVING SALE
 Men's & women's clothing, baby items, furniture, exercise equipment. Fri., April 30 & Sat., May 1, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 195 Valley Vista.

GARAGE SALE
 April 30, 9-5 & May 1, 9-? 1044 Lincoln Lake (in city). Furniture, baby stuff, household goods, new Tupperware.

GARAGE SALE
 Living room furniture, end tables, dinette kitchen and chairs, misc. 701 Amity/Mercer. Fri. & Sat. starting at 9A.M.

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FOR SALE

PROPERTY FOR SALE - 2.2 acre lots for sale. M-21 to Hayes Rd., Muir, North 1/4 mile. Lots are on West Side of road. Look for signs. For more information call eves 269-367-4900. Phil Bishop. \$175 BERBER CARPET - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

'96 FORD F-150 - 2 WD, green, \$4,500. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

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POP CAN DRIVE FOR LHS CREW TEAM - Sat., May 1 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. LHS girls crew team will be in uniform to collect pop cans; a truck will also be at Lowell High School front entrance to drop off.

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IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF MARYLYNN THOMET
 Friends, neighbors and relatives: Thank you for your kind words, prayers, cards, food and support during this very difficult time in our lives. Special thanks to Dr. Paul Gauthier for the great physical care, Gordie Barry and Vance Dimmick for the spiritual care for the past several years of her failing health. We also, thank Roth-Gerst and the ladies of the First United Methodist Church for the excellent lunch and service. We feel blessed for living in a small town like Lowell where people have so much compassion for someone losing a loved one.
 The Duke Thomet family

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF Roland M. Doyle, who died May 2, 2003.
 "To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." Thomas Campbell.
 The Roland M. Doyle family

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Super Saturn Saturdays

By Dan Schneider

The Veen Observatory is featuring Super Saturn Saturdays through May. The famous ringed planet is about as close as it gets to earth these days.

"This past January Saturn was the closest to earth it's been in the past 30 years," Kevin Jung said. Jung is the president of the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association, the group that built and maintains the Veen Observatory in Lowell Township.

"It's just in the perfect position to observe the planet," Jung said. "A lot of people like Saturn because of its rings and some of its moons are also visible."

The rings of Saturn are currently tilted in such a way as to be particularly visible from earth. Saturn's rings tilt on a 14-year cycle.

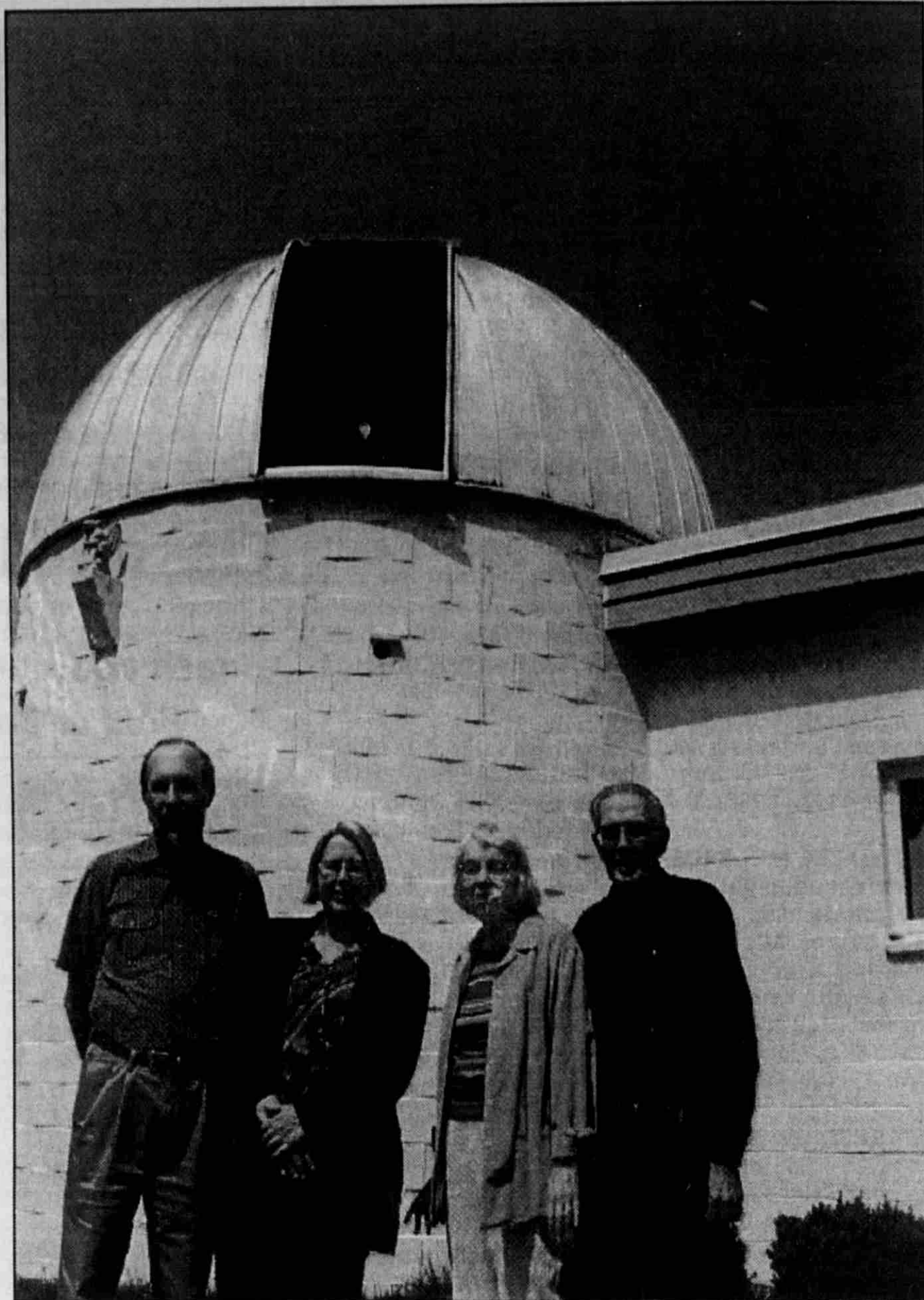
Jung said there is additional excitement surrounding the ringed planet this summer. The Cassini space craft will arrive at Saturn in July to take photographs. It will also attempt to go through the atmosphere to the surface of Saturn's moon, Titan.

"The comet Neat will be well placed in the middle of May, so we'll be showing that off as well," Jung said.

Other featured objects for the month of May include the Moon in various phases, Venus and Jupiter. Uranus will

not be visible until September.

During the month of May, the Veen Observatory will have visitors nights every Saturday. This Saturday's visitors night begins at 9 p.m. and ends at midnight. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for youth ages five to 17, and free for children under five. The observatory is located at 3308 Kissing Rock Lane. It is advisable to call the Veen Starwatch number, 897-7065, on nights when weather conditions are questionable. A complete listing of this summer's visitors' nights is available at the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association web site, www.graaa.org.



Members of the Grand Rapids Area Astronomical Association are pictured in front of the main dome at the Veen Observatory.



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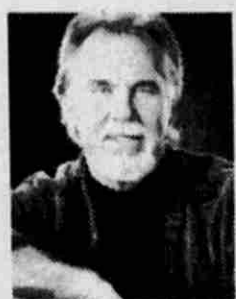
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May Performances and Events



Kenny Rogers

Kenny Rogers in Concert

May 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.
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Sponsor: B-93.7 FM



Alison Brown

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

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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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DEQ revokes Fuller Septic Service's licenses

Service to continue under Stoneybrook Sanitation

By Dan Schneider

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has revoked Fuller Septic Service's licenses and site authorizations. The revocation will take effect May 28. By that time Stoneybrook Sanitation will take over the septic cleaning operation.

The DEQ's licensing regulates the disposal of septage. The licenses and permits needed for septic cleaning are the same as what Stoneybrook has for its portable-toilet operation. Both businesses are owned by Tom Tschannen of Ada Township and are located at 2051 Bowes Road in Lowell. Stoneybrook's licenses are still valid.

"We have the Stoneybrook license, that li-

cence is spotless and so we will be able to continue," Fuller sales and marketing director John Mason said.

Fuller's violations documented by the DEQ include application of septage to frozen soils without a permit, failure to obtain necessary site authorizations and approvals, failure to apply septage at agronomic rates, failure to comply with isolation distances, and failure to meet vector and pathogen control requirements.

According to Mason, one Fuller employee was responsible for violations within the last few years that prompted the DEQ investigation.

"Two or three years ago a driver violated his disposal techniques and procedures,"

Mason said. "He was let go by our company."

Tschannen has owned Fuller Septic for about five years. The DEQ's record of violations by the company goes back farther than that.

"We have a long history of documented violations for Fuller," said Christopher Conn, enforcement specialist with the DEQ water division. "I would say the whole history of the company."

Conn said the DEQ began taking action against Fuller a little more than a year ago.

"Periodically, we would do unannounced site investigations and these would uncover violations," he said.

That included the violation that started the license revocation process.

"At that specific site, we had conducted an unannounced investigation and we determined that he was using an unpermitted site without a variance."

The DEQ notified Fuller of its intent to revoke the licenses on April 10 of this year. The revocation is permanent. Under the terms of the settlement, Fuller must also pay \$4,000 to cover the cost of the DEQ's investigation.

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