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## Lowell's "spirit" is cause for celebration

By Dan Schneider

Members of the Lowell community gathered at the high school Friday evening to celebrate the volunteer spirit that keeps Lowell vibrant.

Starting with the "Essence of Lowell," it was a social time to try food by local restaurants and food specialists, and enjoy the sounds of the Young Artists Flute Ensemble.

The awards presentation began in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The emphasis in acceptance speeches was on community pride.

Jim White was honored with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award. White's involvement with the school district has been instrumental to its growth. He is also a past president of the Lowell Area Arts Council among other community endeavors. He used the occasion of his award to recognize the influence of his parents on his life.

"They served their community constantly whenever they were called, whenever they were asked; whenever they were needed, they were there to help out," White said.

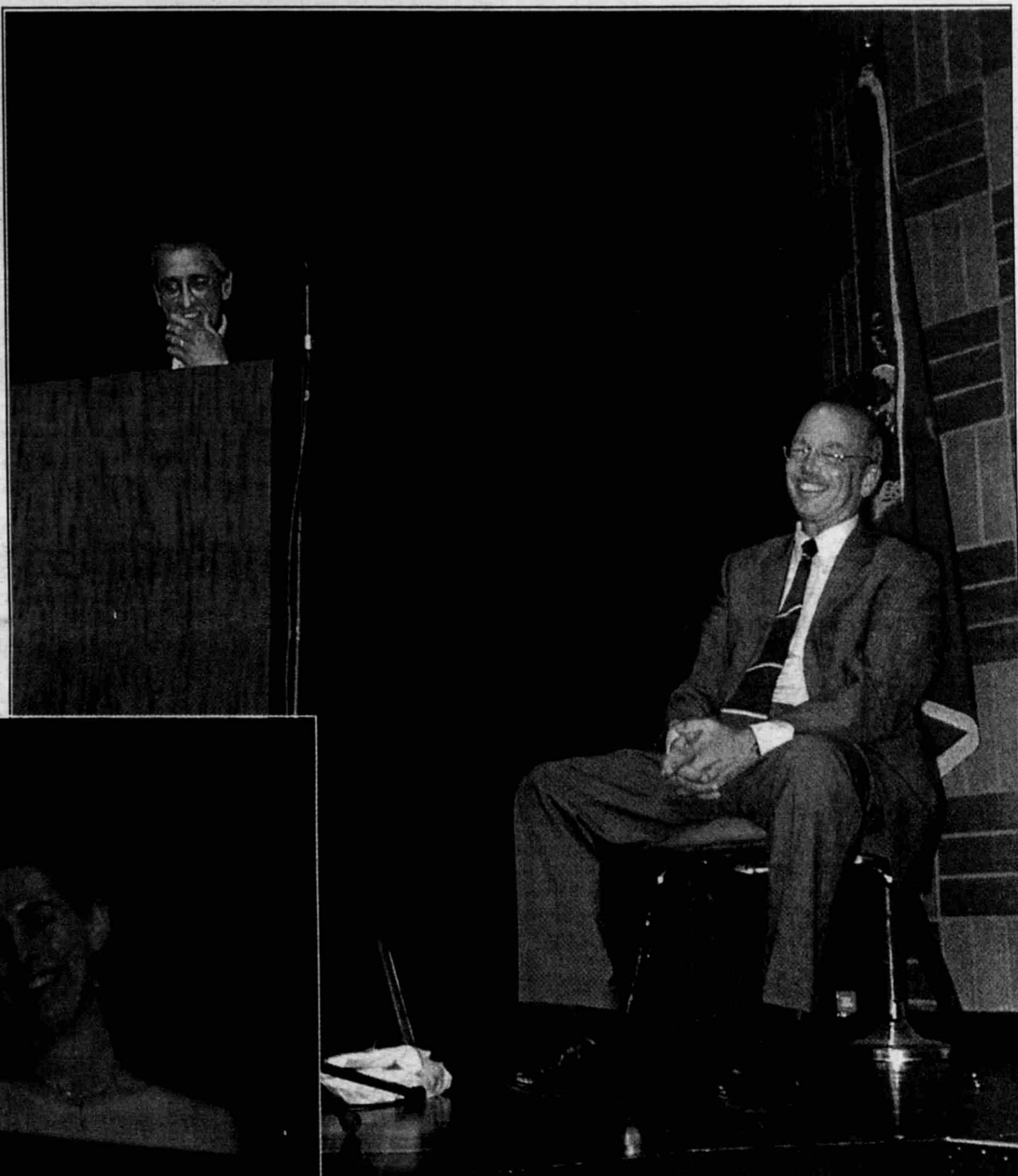
He also threw in a few wise cracks, though his humorous tone failed to disguise the genuine sentiment. The following is an example: "I would like to thank all the people who have helped make Lowell a great place to live, sleep, play... sounds a little bit like Mayberry, doesn't it?"

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award recipient, Debra Duiven, expressed gratitude to a long list of people who have helped her in building up Lowell theater over the past several years. The 1989 Lowell High School graduate started doing theater in Lowell before the high school even had a theater program. She was also recognized for her role in organizing youth events related to theater, media and literature.

"I'm so proud to live in a town where we have such wonderful and caring people around," Duiven said. "I love Lowell."

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Debra Duiven is shown with this year's Arty Award, presented to her by the Lowell Area Arts Council.



Bob Pfaller had the honor of roasting Jim White as he presented him with the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award. Pfaller ribbed White about his safe driving record and fashion sense.

## Board votes to expel three middle school students

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education handed down varying punishments to the four students involved in an apparent plot to cause an explosion at Lowell Middle School. Three were expelled following a school board hearing lasting more than five hours, Monday.

The student who received the harshest penalty was permanently expelled. The board determined that the student had brought gasoline to school. Further, the board

determined the student at one time intended to use the gasoline to create an explosion and disrupt school.

"In this instance, the gasoline was determined to be a dangerous weapon," superintendent Shari Miller said.

State law requires expulsion for students who bring dangerous weapons to school. The student will be allowed to request re-instatement after 180 school days.

Another student was given a 45-day interim alternative education placement. The student was also found to

have been involved in bringing the gasoline to school. He is entitled, however, to special consideration under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Lowell has no alternative education program for middle school students. Grand Rapids, Rockford, Grandville and Wyoming are the school districts in the area that offer such a program.

The other two students will receive lighter penalties.

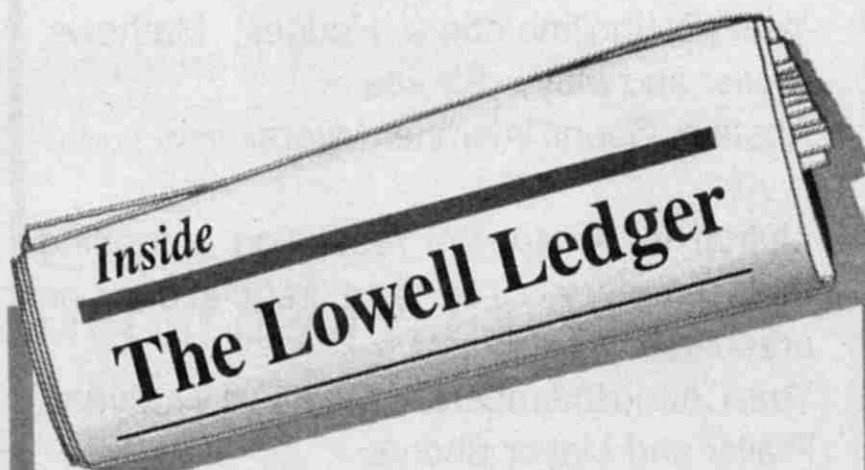
"Students 1 and 2 were found to have participated in discussions regarding the use

of the gasoline," Miller said. The district did not release names, giving the students numbers, instead.

One of these students has been expelled through the end of this school year, as called for in Lowell's middle school Student Code of Conduct. The other student involved in discussions was expelled through the first semester of the 2004-2005 school year.

"The first student was the one who came forward and

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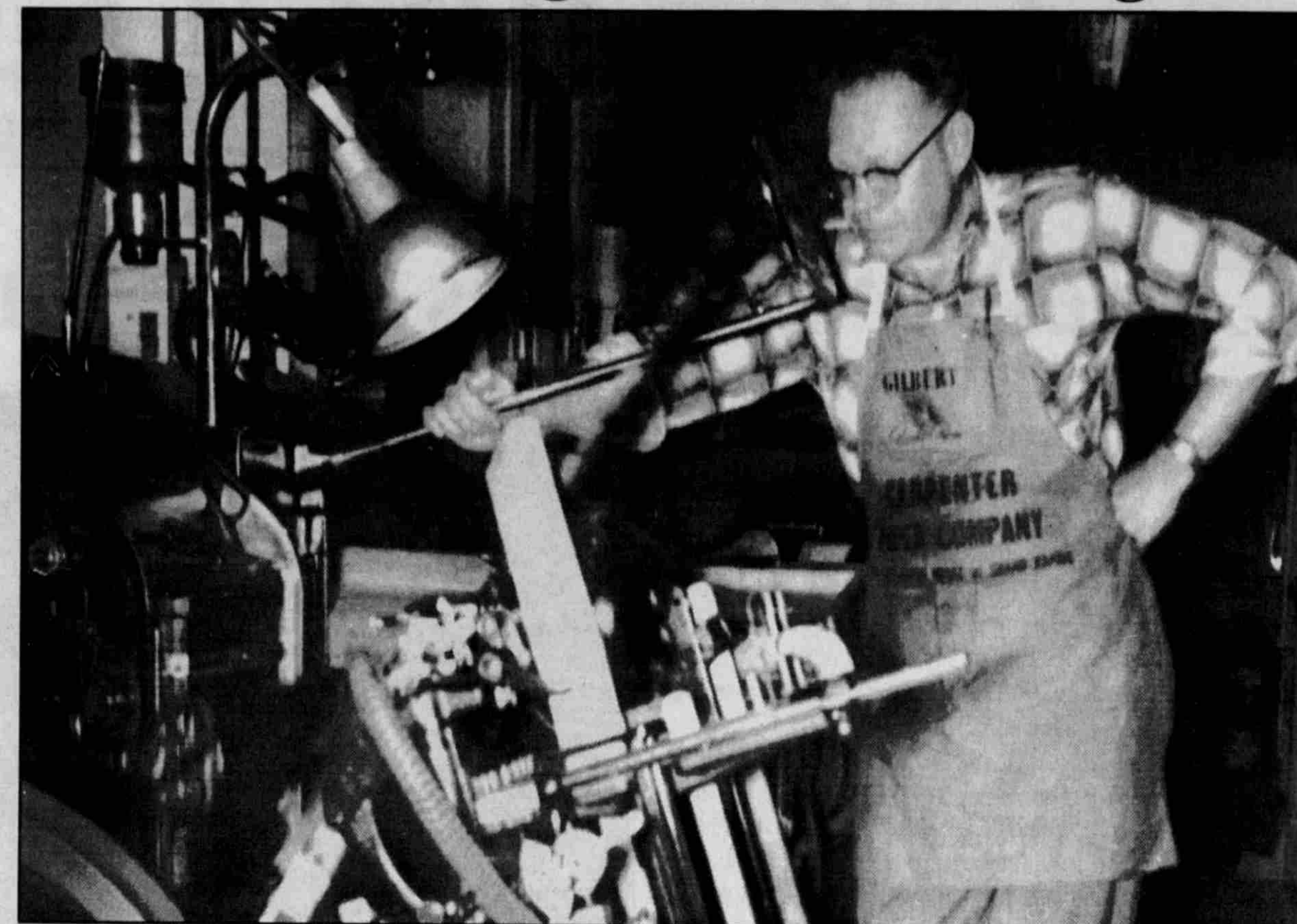
## OBITUARIES

**JACKSON** - Lyle George Jackson, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mabel; children Robert (Janet) Jackson, Patti (Dan) Reed, Joyce Coulter, Terry Jackson; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters Geraldine Nauta, Phyllis Lavender. Lyle was a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Ken Ford of the Alton Bible Church officiating.

**MACNAUGHTON** - Mr. Donald Earl "Mac" MacNaughton, aged 89, passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2004, surrounded by his loving children. A longtime Lowell resident, he lived the last four years of his life in Greenville, Mich. Mac worked as a printer for the Lowell Ledger for 39 years before moving to Gus Unsel & Sons in the 1970s. After his retirement, he enjoyed reading, listening to big-band music, painting, assembling model planes and cars, and traveling to New Mexico to visit his daughter Kathy and family. He loved to take extended day trips to explore roads in West Michigan. Mac was preceded in death by his parents Malcolm Earl and Maude (Andrews) MacNaughton; half-brother

Lloyd Frost; his loving wife of 44 years, Marguerite. He is survived by his brother Richard (Maxine) McNaughton; his children Roger (Megan) MacNaughton of Grand Rapids, Kathy (Cla) Avery of Roswell, NM, Kay (Dan) Jones of Greenville; grandchildren Chayne and Channing Avery, Scott and Mark MacNaughton; one great-grandchild Jackson Alan MacNaughton; many nieces and nephews; a special "daughter" Dianne MacNaughton. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan.

## MacNaughton saw many printing evolutions through decades of Ledgers



Donald "Mac" MacNaughton is pictured in the 1950's printing tickets for the Lowell Showboat. MacNaughton was a printer with the Lowell Ledger for 39 years.

By Dan Schneider

Donald "Mac" MacNaughton was a printer. He printed the Lowell Ledger for 39 years.

Born and raised in Lowell, MacNaughton began working for the Ledger in the fall of his junior year of high school. That was in 1930. He

started out sweeping the press-room floor and emptying ashes from the office's coal stoves. Soon, however, MacNaughton was doing the printing. "Dad, as I understand it, was kind of the shop manager," his son, Roger MacNaughton said. "He did pretty much all of the printing back then.

"I would stop in there every day when I was going home from school when I was in third, maybe fourth grade."

MacNaughton's two daughters, Kathy Avery and Kay Jones, also visited the Ledger office on their way home from school.

MacNaughton printed the newspaper weekly, setting type by hand in his early days. He also did job printing. He printed the tickets for every Lowell Showboat performance that occurred while he worked for the Ledger.

MacNaughton saw the Ledger through changing times in the printing business. He was there when the Ledger printed a story in 1934 heralding its new Linotype machine, "one of the mechanical marvels of the age."

"He was really good at linotype," Roger MacNaughton said. "It was really fun to watch that."

In 1968, MacNaughton wrote an article in the Ledger explaining the offset printing process, another technological advance for the newspaper.

The Lowell native was known for being meticulously careful in setting type for the Ledger. One rare mistake was widely noticed, however. That was when, in an ad for Coons clothing store, he omitted an "r" in "White Shirt Sale" in large type.

"They say they sold out the Ledger that week," Roger MacNaughton said. "And Coons, I guess, sold out of white shirts that week, too."

MacNaughton worked for three of the five publishers the Ledger has had in its history.

"Mac's tenure with the Ledger dates way back to the days when it was published by R.G. Jefferies," current

Ledger publisher Roger Brown said. "Jefferies had widespread notoriety as a totally blind newspaper publisher. Jefferies dictated his copy to a stenographer, and typesetters like Mac used linotypes to set the material in lead type. It was certainly a tedious process by today's standards. When we lose guys like Mac, we lose a lot of history."

Jefferies' son, Harold, took over as publisher in 1953. After Francis Smith, a Detroit newspaperman, took ownership of the paper in 1968, MacNaughton took a job with the Gus Unsel and Sons printing operation in Grand Rapids.

"Mac was gone and working at a typesetting house in Grand Rapids when Terese and I purchased the Ledger in late 1975," Brown said. "Mac's wife, Maggie, was a Ledger employee who worked in the front office and prepared tapes for the Linotype machine. She stayed with us for several years before retiring and died in 1984. Through Maggie we got to know Mac and could count on him to help us with cantankerous old equipment, sit in on our lunch-hour euche games when he had a day off, or live up our shop parties with stories from his years at the Ledger."

MacNaughton lived his entire life in Lowell. It was hard for him when health problems forced him to move to Greenville to live with his daughter, Kay.

"He lived up here for four years and I know that was hard for him because he was a Lowellite," Jones said.

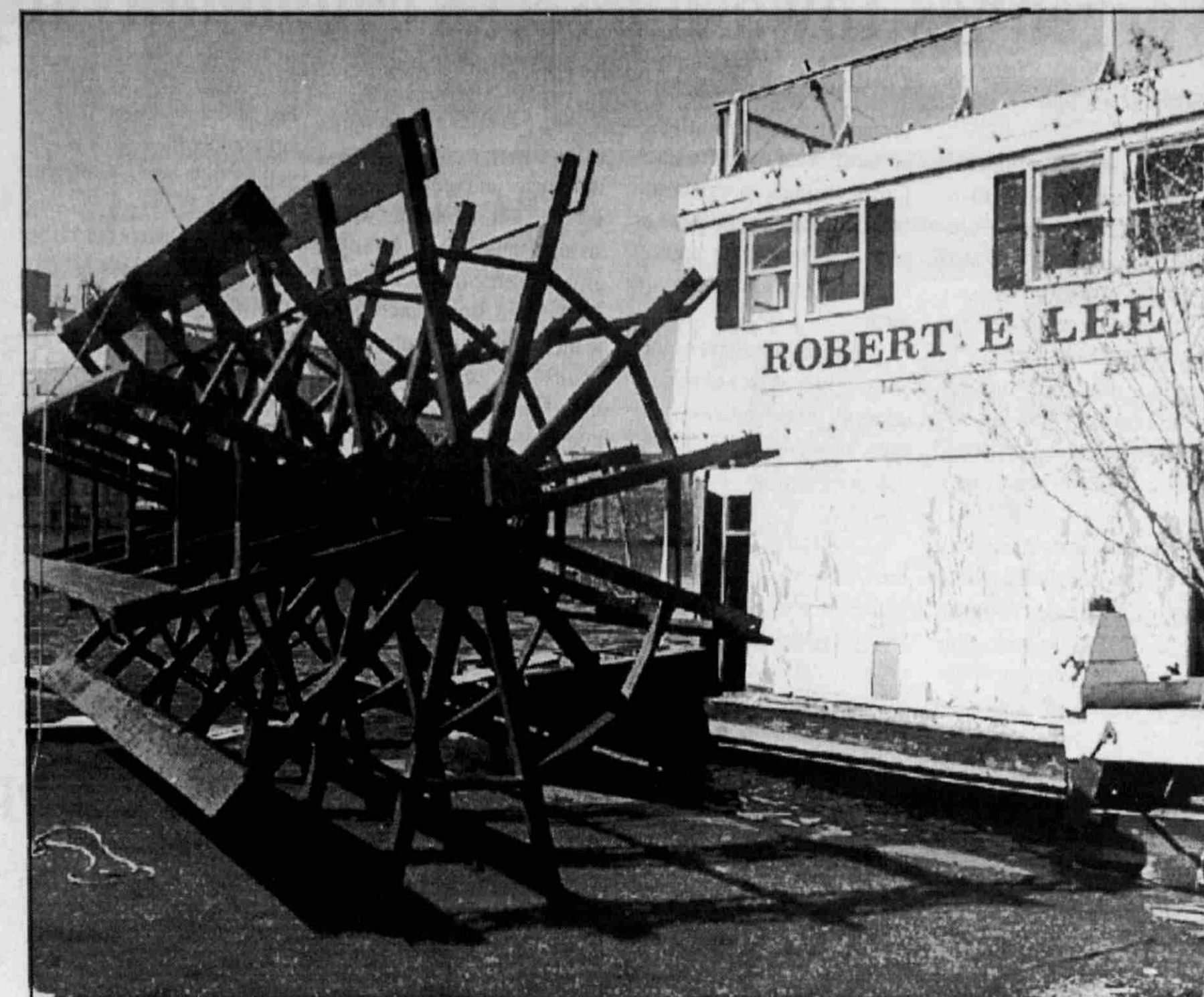
MacNaughton died last Sunday after suffering from lung disease. He was 89.

## Showboat volunteers paddle along

The Lowell Showboat sits perpendicular to the bank of the Flat River near the Englehardt Public Library. The paddle wheel was removed for refurbishing and to allow structural enhancements to its mounts on the stern of the boat. Progress continues on the volunteer effort. This year's Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence class is leading the restoration project.

"We're getting really close to where people will see the change happening and that's exciting," project coordinator Anne Hoyt said. "The next week or two will be a dramatic change for everybody."

Volunteers will begin Wednesday painting the exterior of the boat with primer. The project has benefited thus far from the volunteer efforts of several local groups and individuals, but more volunteers are still needed. To sign up, contact the Lowell LIVE through the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce at 897-9161.



## Council approves budgets for both Lowell Light & Power and cable company

Despite some bumps along the road, both Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV are expected to end on good notes for this fiscal year with predictions pointing toward some net gains.

Tom Richards, general manager for Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV, presented the budgets for the two entities at the city council's last board meeting in April. The boards had approved their budgets for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. The council reviewed the budgets and unanimously approved them.

For Lowell Light and Power, the company shows it will end in the black this year. The estimated 2003-2004 budget had the LLP with about \$280,000 more in revenues than expenditures; however, as the fiscal year comes to a close, the budget is showing \$121,190 more in revenues

than expenditures. This is still better than the previous fiscal year when expenditures exceeded revenue by about \$100,000. Richards said there are varying factors that weigh into the end results. "We saw some declines in the usage of electricity," Richards explained. "This summer was a milder summer than usual with the result being less electricity consumed."

Also, some of Lowell's largest commercial customers have either cut back, moved out or shut down, which resulted in sales falling slightly short of the projected levels, he said, adding that energy conservation efforts have also had some impact. Even with these declines, residential usage is expected to increase by three percent, mostly from additional residential customers. Commercial sales are ex-

pected to increase due to more typical climate conditions and a small increase in commercial accounts. Higher expenses in some areas such as employee benefits are being offset by other lower expenses with the net result being LLP showing a projected 2004-2005 budget exceeding expenses by about \$207,005, an increase of \$85,815 from this fiscal year.

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### SYNOPSIS

#### REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 19, 2004, 7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the March 29, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as submitted and bills and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to accept the resolution authorizing the use of a computerized database as the upcoming tax roll.
- Motion to approve the 12-year tax abatement for King Milling Company under P.A. 198 involving a new addition and the purchase of equipment.

Yea: Councilmembers Mathews, Myers, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Abstain: Councilmember Hodges

- Motion to transfer the Class C liquor license formerly at 901 West Main Street to Fifth Third Bank.

- Motion to approve the Light and Power and Cable TV budgets as presented.

- Motion to accept the low bid from Tailored Building Systems of \$23,385 for the construction of the water equipment storage building.

- Motion to endorse the grant applications to the Lowell Area Community Fund to pursue the facilities study as well as the State of Michigan.

Yea: Councilmembers Hodges, Mathews, Pfaller and Mayor Shores.

Abstain: Councilmember Myers.

- Motion to accept the resolution amending the cemetery rules and regulations as presented.

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

- Motion to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2004.

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



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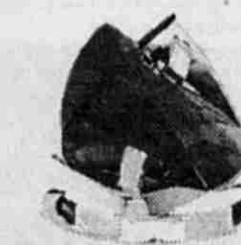
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# Vergennes Township seeks community input on development

By Dan Schneider

Vergennes Township will hold two study sessions to inform Lowell area residents about development progress along Alden Nash.

The two-hour sessions, on May 12 and 19 at 7 p.m., will be held at the Freshman Center at Lowell High School. The township is seeking input from residents of the Lowell area.

The sessions have two goals: 1) to inform the public about residential development options; and 2) to seek ideas and opinions on how those options could best be used in property development likely to occur along Alden Nash.

Since the opening of the high school in 1994, property along Alden Nash has had heightened development potential. Two development companies already own property along Alden Nash: a third

property is for sale. Partly because of city sewer infrastructure put in place to service the high school, the township has re-zoned the area for higher-density residential development.

"The idea is to have higher density in that area to release pressure on rural areas in the township," Vergennes Township planner Jay Kilpatrick said.

During the first session of the study, Kilpatrick will explain the Vergennes Township master plan and zoning ordinance. This includes what they are, how they work and relate to each other. Kilpatrick will also give an overview of water, sewer and soil issues in the study's focus area.

Development along Alden Nash is inevitable. But the houses aren't built yet, making now a good time to get public input.

"We feel like we're at a place where we can have an influence and gather some people's opinions on what should happen on those properties," Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said. "We want to make sure that people understand all of the issues the board has to consider when a developer comes to us wanting to develop a piece of property, and we need people's creative thinking."

Stone, who is on the committee planning the workshop, will open the session with an overview of the reasons the study area is prime for development. Jay Hoekstra will discuss demographic impacts on the housing market in the Lowell area.

Rod Cortright will present images of and talk about new, alternative methods to develop residential area. The standard for suburban housing construction in recent years has been single-family houses on one-acre lots; housing philosophies now exist that make more efficient use of land, preserve open space, or create spaces with more diverse residents.

"These are alternatives that can give you a different

feel and a different kind of community than what we're getting right now," Cortright said.

He works for the Charlevoix County MSU Extension Service. Charlevoix is among the more progressive counties in Michigan regarding land use issues. Cortright will present examples, including his own aerial photographs, of other places that employed new ideas in developing their space. This includes planned unit development, mixed income housing and open space

cluster development.

The session will conclude with a visual preference survey in which study participants will use a computer voting system to record reactions to different examples of development.

The second session will open with a review of the first meeting. Participants will be asked to give verbal and written comments, followed by a question-and-answer session. Stone and Kendra Wills, a land use extension agent with Kent County MSU Extension Service, will talk about community cooperation in managing growth areas. Cortright will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different development types.

The study will conclude with an in-depth survey using the computer voting equipment. Cortright will summarize the results, which will be instantly available. Stone will explain how the township will use the information gained during the study.

The study was put together using funds from the Lowell Area Community Fund.

## Budget approval, cont'd...From Page 3

Lowell Cable TV, which has a budget around \$1.2 million, also has a projected 2004-2005 budget that exceeds expenses by \$33,863. This is almost two thirds higher than the current fiscal year, which is ending with \$11,575 revenue money above expenses. This, too, fell short of the projected net gain of \$40,445.

Richards said dish television has impacted about three to four percent of the cable company's total subscriber-

ship, which is the average statewide. The biggest increase comes from rising costs from channels such as HBO and Showtime. Richards said several programming contracts still remain unresolved.

Helping to offset some expenses has been the cable company's high speed internet program which grew by \$20,000 this fiscal year. It is expected to increase another \$20,000 for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Richards called the internet program a growing part of the business which saw about a three percent growth. Currently the Lowell Cable Company coverage area goes west to Parnell, south to 28th Street, north to Vergennes, and east to Moncalm Road. When asked about expansion, Richards said the company looks at density of homes which helps with the return on the investment.

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# Viewpoint



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

Before we get started this week, I'd like to pass along a description of a humorous photo I saw posted at the local auto parts store. It was a digitally altered shot of your typical fuel price marquee in front of a gas station. At the top of the sign was "Tom's Shell." Below that the regular unleaded was listed as "ARM.9." The premium unleaded was listed as "LEG.9." And, the super unleaded was priced at "First Born.9." Ain't it the truth?

Right up front in this week's offering, I want to disclose the fact I don't live in the Lowell School District. I haven't written this piece yet, so I'm not sure just where I'm going with it. However it turns out, I don't want my comments to be a reflection on the Lowell School District.

Terese, Max, Tito and I go for a brisk three-mile walk nearly every morning. Terese is my wife, Max is a big mutt that is mostly Aussie, and Tito is a chocolate Lab. We're all middle-aged and the morning walk is a must for all of us to limber up and get the juices flowing for the day.

At first light the dogs begin whining, then barking in their routine to hound us (pardon the pun) into getting dressed, stretched and out the door. There is no lying around watching Sports Center at our place. You can't hear the TV over the barking.

Since we leave about the same time each day, we see the same people on the road. They are mostly neighbors on their way to work. The routine is so familiar I can tell who is coming up from behind by the sound of their vehicles. Royce's old truck needs a muffler. His wife's S.U.V. has a squeaky idler pulley. The cop's wife drives very fast. And so it goes.

Also, the dozen or so commuters are almost always in order. Big Mary's Nissan S.U.V. always follows Jean in her little Honda. Then comes John, Gill's wife, Bobby, etc. Poets are always referring to life's rhythms. I wonder if the speed, sound and order of these morning commuters are part of my life's rhythm? If so, my life is getting pretty mundane!

There aren't many vehicles coming out our way in the morning. A neighbor is building an addition to his house, so there are a couple contractors on their way to that job. There's

the occasional repairman or delivery vehicle, but we're out too early for most of them. The one vehicle we can count on encountering is the school bus. This big yellow bus is becoming my nemesis.

On the way out to the bus stop in our neighborhood, the bus passes us without incident. Sometimes a cute kid will wave at us from one of the back windows. We wave back.

On the return, the bus is coming at us. The driver is a really nice guy. He always slows down a bit and slides over to the far side of the road to give us lots of room. He also has a big smile and a wave. We always wave back. Obviously, the driver is not the problem.

About two weeks ago, a wadded piece of paper flew from a side window as the bus passed on the return trip. I didn't think much of it, but I did notice an unusual amount of giggling as the bus rolled by. The next day there were more paper wads and giggling. The missiles were becoming routine.

Soon the paper wads became paper airplanes, and the giggling escalated. Last Thursday, I was hit in the chest with a big wad of gum, followed by an uproar coming from the bus. Friday was a near miss by another wad of gum or a spitball. Of course there was no bus over the weekend, but they were back at it on Monday. I had to duck another spitball. That was yesterday. I'm running a little late with this column, so I'll probably miss the bus today. I'm sure the kids will be disappointed. There won't be a big, gray haired, slow-moving target.

My dilemma is what to do about this. Do I just continue to dodge these missiles until one day when I catch a history book in the chops? Do I flag down the bus and give the nice guy driver a piece of my mind? Do I duck the issue and change my route or time that I walk? Do I call the school district to complain?

I've considered all the above and ruled them out for one reason or another ... mostly foolish pride. Right now I'm leaning toward arming myself and fighting back. I'm thinking a water balloon or a super-soaker would do the trick. I'd love to think of the spitball thrower sitting through his morning classes in wet clothes.

Of course, a lucky hit with a water bomb would only serve to escalate hostilities. Who knows what I could expect to have flying at me ... backpacks, lunch boxes, maybe even a first-grader.

Who was just talking about life's rhythms and mine being mundane? Come to think of it, that does seem to be one of my blessings. I don't know why, but my life is anything but mundane. I'll keep you posted on my little war with the school bus.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

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

### 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 7, 1879

A severe frost the other night injured clover. "Sheep thieves are on active duty." Mr. James McDonald, agent for the Encyclopedia Britannica, is in town. Several short ads for the "Little Joker," a washing machine, appear between news items. Miss Jennie Stewart, a walkist, recently performed in Lowell. Her best time was a mile in 11 minutes (she walked 25 miles).

### 100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 5, 1904

The High School Alumni Association plans for the third annual alumni banquet. The village council declares it unlawful for horses to be driven over sidewalks, except at regular crossings. Furniture repair men are very busy with furniture damaged by the recent record flood. A "sea serpent" seen several times at South Haven turns out to be a 40-pound, 42 inch catfish. The Panama Commission plans to employ 15,000 men on building the canal the first year.

### 75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 9, 1929

A petition backing the new White's Bridge dam presents a long list of signers on the front page. The Lowell Base Ball team will play the champion Leonard Refrigerator team here Sunday. The town of Henderson, Kentucky, claims that their Mary Towles Sassoon Wilson was the founder of Mother's Day, rather than Annie Jarvis of Philadelphia. The senior class will present its annual play, "The Patsy," at the Strand Theatre on May 28. Recreation Park adds a new ticket booth, barn space for 10 more race horses and an upgraded race track.

### 50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 6, 1954

Too much reckless driving and speeding in town have brought promises of fines and license revocations. The school architect is drawing up the garage-band-shop building plans, to go beside the high school on the river front. Lowell High School will host the rural schools Field Day next week, award trophies and talk to eighth graders about next fall. Also next week: the spring band concert with three bands conducted by Orval Jessup. Cary Stiff and Nola Bedell will be soloists. Drs. Hill and McKay immunized about 75 percent of first, second and third graders in Lowell, Vergennes and Grattan townships for polio last week, the highest achievement in Kent County.

### 25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 9, 1979

Dr. Ruth Herrick's discovery of the old Greentown, Indiana, glass factory site and her subsequent collection of many Greentown pieces, on display at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, are featured on the front page. Friends of the Lowell Area Arts Council are reminded to plant pumpkins for decorating (and being decorated) at the Fallburg Fall Festival. The upper bridge is closed to traffic until repairs are made. Opinions differ on where the proposed senior housing site will be built. The swans are again stopping here for a few days on their trip north.

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Board of Education President

What is the biggest challenge facing our schools today? It's hard to find just one answer. Public schools feel the pressure to increase test scores and student achievement, maintain special education programming, report fair and measurable results, engage the community and integrate new technology into the classroom.

Your school board's policy-making, governance and professional development responsibilities are a constant challenge. The community rightly holds the school board accountable for quality education in our district. All this at a time when the state's budget shortfalls are affecting the programs and services we can offer to our students and community.

However, even in these challenging times, your board of education remains committed to encouraging the community to be actively involved in and informed about decision-making that affects our educational efforts in Lowell Area Schools. Parents, business leaders, school volunteers, teachers, staff and all friends of public education are invited to *Save our Schools, Can Lansing Keep Public Schools Afloat*, a panel discussion and forum on Thursday, May 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at East Grand Rapids High School. The evening includes a presentation by a panel of experts who helped design

Proposal A ten (10) years ago, along with the current Chair of the Senate Education Committee (Wayne Kuipers, R-30<sup>th</sup> District) followed by questions and discussion. Moderator for the panel will be Tom White, executive director of the Michigan School Business Officials.

While the LAS's school board is an active advocate and lobbyist, the evening of May 13 provides the opportunity to come and add your voice as a concerned citizen. Please consider attending and ensure that your voice is heard, and our collective efforts are strengthened so Lowell students have every opportunity to succeed.

The East Grand Rapids High School Performing Arts Center is located at 2211 Lake Drive SE, just west of Breton. Park in the lot off Bagley Street. No reservations are necessary. Sponsored by the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Grassroots Legislative Committee.

**Letters, Letters, Letters...**

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



# Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre  
1st Congregational Church

I have just come from the funeral of a dear and beloved friend. Perhaps it is from deep inside my attempts to deal with loss that I reflect with you about life, both life as we live it now and eternal life.

"Oh," you say, "here we go again. A preacher waxing eloquent (or not) on ways to get to heaven and hell."

In this case, no! For, I have noticed that when we speak of heaven as if my friends and I are destined to that "high end" and those not of the inner circle are destined for "lower ground." The death of my friend brings me to speak of the burden of grief that you and I share in common. The weight of sorrow is something most of us have felt. For some, it brings back visions of dirt covered with green carpet, sitting under a

canopy with flowers wilting at our feet and tears in our eyes. For others, the weight of sorrow draws us past the raw wounds of grief's deepest hurts and causes us to speak of meeting in the "new heaven" - that place eternal where peace has no end and tear has no beginning.

Some would say we grieve mostly for ourselves and the self-concerns that arise from the loss of a beloved friend, colleague or family member. I do not agree. If anything is happening in our grief, it is that we are most outside ourselves. It is not so much that we want to get rid of our feelings. We want our friend and loved one back with us so that we can be less self-absorbed, less casual about taking their life and ours so much for granted. In fact, we realize belatedly, in the moments of our grief, how blessed we have been to have walked a portion of life's road with this significant other. We

long for them to live on, we do not want death to have a final word. We want something to be eternal about the blessings and wonder of their life, and the meaning it has in the context of our life.

Perhaps, in our moments of struggle with loss and grief, anger and aloneness, you and I can revisit again the great truth of our Christian faith, "See the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them as their God; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." (Rev. 21:3b-4) Perhaps, we can even take a step towards deeper and more committed relationships with one another, even with God. Just perhaps!?

## A call for entries in the art of printmaking

The Lowell Area Arts Council and the Franciscan Life Process Center are seeking artists to participate in the "Art of Printmaking" exhibition on display at both locations from July 27 - Sept. 2.

The focus of this exhibi-

tion is to showcase the variety of printmaking including woodblock, silk screen, monoprint, etching, lithography, linoprint and manipulated photographic prints which include Polaroid transfers.

The purpose of the show is to celebrate prints as a fine

arts medium. All artworks must have been completed since Jan. 1, 2002 and be no larger than 3 by 4 feet. Any artwork larger than these specifications must be approved in advance prior to delivery. Artists may submit up to two artworks. Entry fee is \$10 per piece entered.

People's choice awards of \$100 and \$50 each will be awarded at each location at the conclusion of the exhibition. To receive an entry form or for more information call Lorain Smalligan at the arts council (897-8545) or John Knight at the center (897-7842, ext. 305).

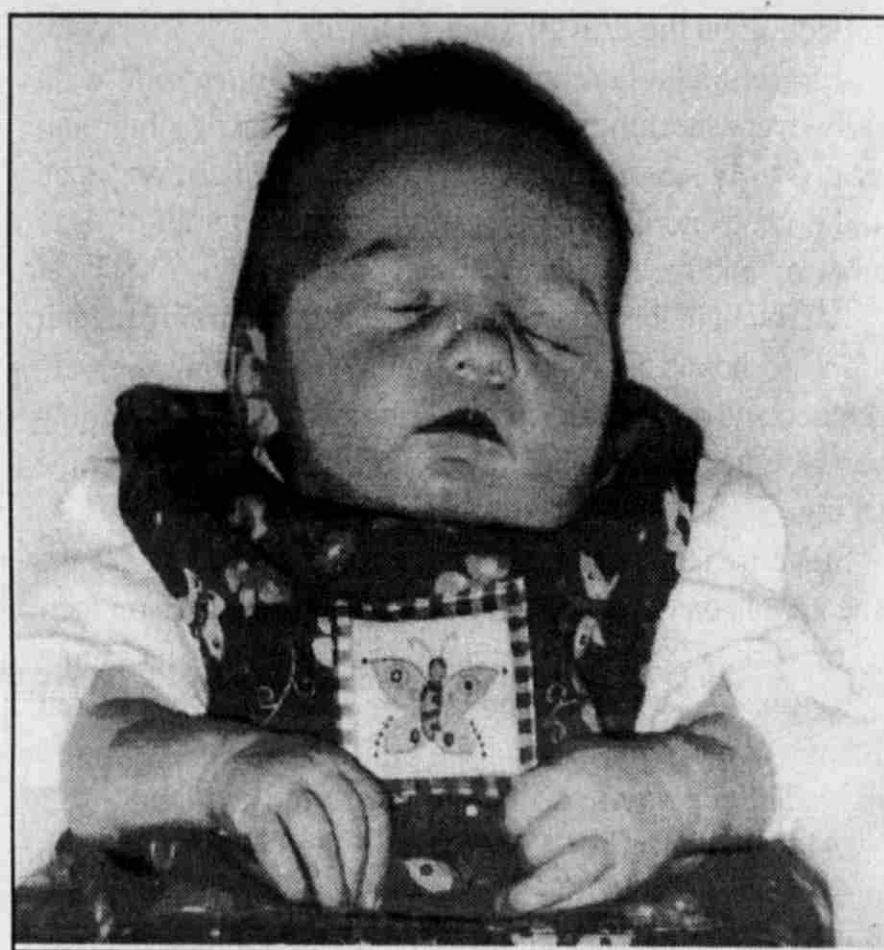
## AREA BIRTHS

Savannah Joy Milley is proud to announce the birth of her sister Abigail Morgan. Abigail was born on April 15, 2004, weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 18 inches.

Proud parents are Linda and Andrew Milley of Lowell. Grandparents are Josh and Dianne Milley of Lowell and Thomas and Evelee VanPutten of Rockford.

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MAY 8: Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr.

MAY 9: Tasha Yeiter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs, Eric Witherell.

MAY 10: Rebecca Boruta, Dee Korb, Eric Swift, Jim Lindhout, Jim Stone.

MAY 11: Carol Briggs, Joel Uzarski.

MAY 12: Michele Lindhout-Barber, Jessica Covell, Carrie Kiczenski, Ian Duiven, Ryan Timmers, Christine Vickers.



## Latics celebrate 55 years of marriage



Al and Dot (Hanes) Latic of Lowell will observe 55 years of marriage on Friday, May 7. The couple will celebrate their special occasion with family and friends later this month.

The Latic children are Adeline Drollner, Arthur Latic, Dorothy House, Russell Latic and Mary Dillree. They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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O MAN ON FIRE (R)  
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## The Lowell Women's Club raises funds for several local causes

The Lowell Women's Club distributed checks to several community groups at the Lowell Area Historical Museum last Wednesday. The donations, which totaled \$4,000, were raised through various efforts last fall. These included a nut sale, a luncheon at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the White Elephant Auction, and staffing six houses during the fall Parade of Homes.

Pictured, from left to right, are Lowell Women's Club president Kathryn DenHouter; Lowell fire chief Frank Martin; Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. Roger La Warre; Lowell Area Historical Museum director Judy Straub; Lowell Leadership Institute for Volunteer Excellence rep Jamie Tetman; Schneider Manor's Jody Haybarker; Lowell YMCA associate director Andy Retberg; and Lowell Women's Club treasurer Marj Harding.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Larry and Marilyn (Rickert) Cahoon of Clarksville will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 15, 2004 with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell.

Larry and Marilyn were married June 5, 1954 at this same church. They have three sons: Tim & Nancy, Brian & Wendy, and Jim & Robin. Their grandchildren are Jessie, Ted, Patrick, Stephen, Mike, Stephanie, D.J., Lucas Cahoon and Cody & Kristen Cook.

All family, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend the celebration. No gifts please. May your gift to them be your presence to help them celebrate this special occasion.

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Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes Street, Lowell, MI 48331 (616) 897-7842





**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.

**FUDGE SALE**  
Lowell Area Historical Museum will have a fudge sale at Huntington Bank on Friday, May 7 during business hours.

**TOTS PRESCHOOL FAMILY CARNIVAL**  
Tots on Track for School Preschool Family Carnival will take place on May 11 at Bright Beginnings Gym, 300 High St., from 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$2 per family. Hot dog dinner at 5:45 p.m.; \$1.50 per person. Call 897-1232 to register.

**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.

**ACADEMIC BOOSTERS**  
Shari Miller will be the guest speaker at the Academic Boosters meeting Thursday, May 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room of the high school. Call Julie at 897-6353 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.

**SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT**  
Lowell High School will be hosting the Awards night for the class of 2004 on Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Everyone is invited to see the presentation of department awards, local scholarship awards and other senior honor awards.

**FHS FEAST**  
A celebration of food and music of the 1800's will take place at the Fallas House Museum in Fallasburg on May 19 and 21 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required. Call Kerry at 897-7161 or email fallasburg@at.net

**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.

## Waste Management will answer pick-up issues

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

It didn't take long for Waste Management Jim Bentley to step up to the plate when Lowell City Council started raising concerns about the company's garbage and yard waste services. The city has been contracting with Waste Management for a year and a half for these services. For a month, councilman Al Mathews has received complaints about pick-up service. Bentley, who came to the council meeting, ex-

plained he had a few issues, one being that he had to let a person go from the Lowell route due to safety issues, which meant training someone new. It was also noted that Waste Management, to become more efficient, has had to let go about 5,000 employees over the past several years with the main call center being in Wixom, Michigan. "Becoming more efficient has meant losing some of that personal touch," Bentley said. But Bentley was more than willing to fix the

problem: he offered, and city staff agreed to it, to provide the city with a Nextel two-way communication system so that as problems are called into City Hall, city staff can contact Waste Management quickly. He also provided emails and his own personal cell phone number where complaints can be directed. Another issue Bentley faces is residents not knowing when garbage and yard waste pick-ups. For garbage, areas on the east side of the river are picked up on Tuesday; the west side is Thurs-

day. Yard waste is every other week falling on the odd week. Recycling is picked up weekly. Also residents need to have items out by 7 a.m.; otherwise they might not get picked up until the next time. Mathews' concerns were from people who have had stuff out for a month and nothing has been picked up. Bentley said they have had entire streets missed in the Lowell area due to the re-training and he will look into it.

The company tries to maintain a one or less miss per thousand customers. His district has done well in keeping that to around one percent of the total customers, he noted. To make sure the city is happy with the action taken, Bentley will get the communication system in place and return to the June 7 meeting for an update on how things are going.

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Timing: the alpha and omega of aerialists, jugglers, actors, diplomats, publicists, generals, prizefighters, revolutionists, financiers, dictators, lovers.  
—Marlene Dietrich  
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## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

**NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

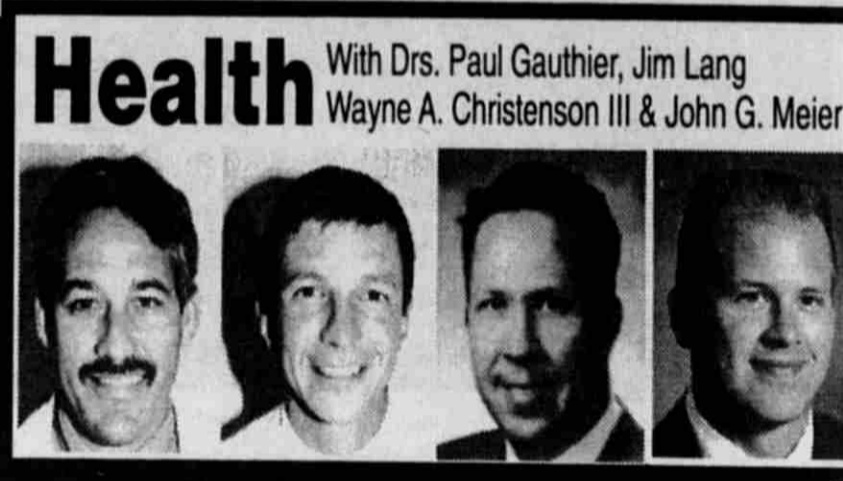
Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004.

**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.**

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerk's offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Patrick Nugent  
Secretary, Board of Education



### URINARY TRACT INFECTION

A urinary tract infection is a bacterial infection of the kidneys, bladder or urethra. This type of infection is much more common in women because the urethra, the tube leading from the bladder, is shorter in women, allowing for easier access to bacteria. Most women have had one or more urinary tract infections during their lifetime.

Symptoms of the infection include discomfort during urination, feeling you have to urinate more frequently, dark or foul smelling urine, or feeling the urge to urinate often with small amounts of urine.

Urinary tract infections are easily diagnosed by examining a urine specimen under the microscope. Infected urine will usually contain white blood cells and bacteria. A urine culture may also be obtained. Simple urinary tract infections are usually treated with a three- to 10-day course of oral antibiotics. Most urinary tract infections can be treated on an out-patient basis. However, some kidney or upper urinary tract infections may require IV antibiotics or hospitalization.

Some women have frequent urinary tract infections that may be associated with sexual activity. You can prevent recurrent urinary tract infections by drinking lots of water to help "flush out" the urinary tract. Do not hold your urine, urinate when you feel the urge to do so. Occasionally your doctor will put you on a long-term antibiotic to prevent recurrent infections. Although UTI's are a common problem, today's antibiotics are simple to take and effective in preventing more serious infections.

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## Early Pig Skin Classic will benefit new press box

By Dan Schneider

A new press box incorporating an equipment storage facility will be built at Burch Field at the Lowell 4-H fairgrounds.

Proceeds from this year's Pig Skin Classic will be used for the project. To that end, the golf classic will be moved up this year to Friday, June 4. This will allow time for construction before the start of the youth football season.

The current structure is no longer stable and the Youth Football League needs storage space for equipment. The proposed building will have 1,600 square feet for that purpose. In the past, Youth Football has rented space to house its equipment.

Discussion about the need for the building began in early January. Preliminary architec-

tural drawings were drawn up in February. The plan includes brick walls on the storage area below, gable roofs and the press box above.

"Right now all systems are go," said Brian Krajewski, committee head for the project.

Lowell varsity football coach Noel Dean has made the facility one of the high school football program's community service projects. The football players will provide a lot of the labor, with construction beginning in July.

"We figure in a good week we can have the thing wrapped up," Krajewski said.

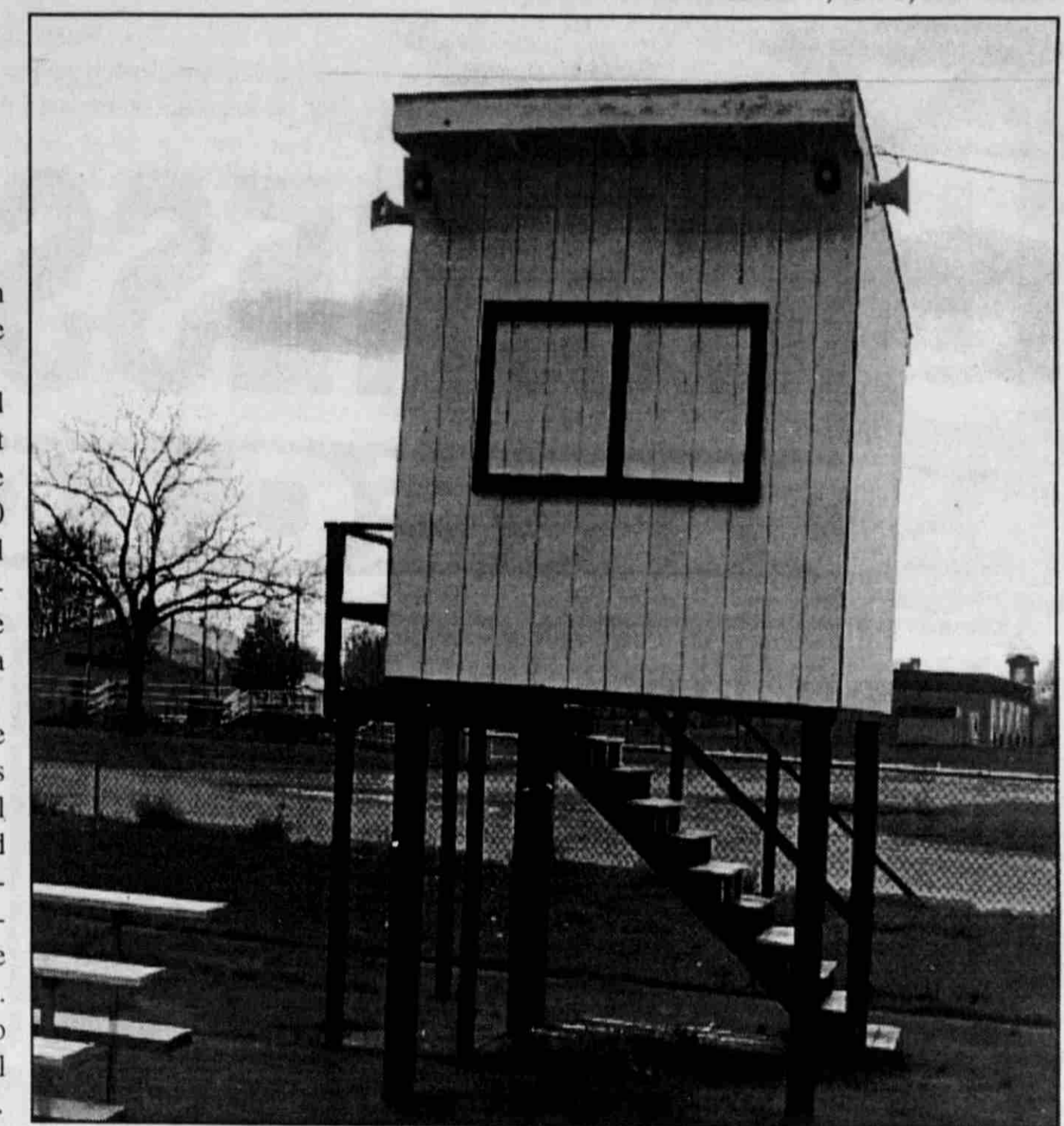
The estimated cost of the project is \$20,000. Krajewski said the league board will look at several fund-raising options, such as selling advertis-

ing signs. But the Pig Skin Classic will be vital to the success of the project.

This year's golf event will be a nine-hole scramble at Deer Run Golf Course. The shot-gun start will be at 4:30 p.m. Competitive golfers will play on one nine while average golfers will play on the other. The intent is to create a low-key, social golf outing.

Dinner will follow; the price for dinner and golf is \$60 per person. There will also be a silent auction and opportunities to make donations during the event. Organizers are looking for hole sponsors and auction items. For more information or to register for the outing, call Perry Beachum at 460-3943.

Those interested in making donations should call Mike Meppelink at 897-7903.



The Lowell Youth Football League board has decided to replace the press box at Burch Field this year. Construction will begin in July on a more impressive structure.

## States will collect Social Security numbers from license applicants

Michigan has joined 49 other states, this month, in the mandatory collection of Social Security numbers (SSNs) from applicants for original, renewal and replacement driver's licenses.

The Department of State has developed strict internal controls and special procedures to safeguard SSNs and ensure that the privacy of Michigan residents will be protected.

"We have been careful in our approach to implementing this requirement so that

proper safeguards are in place to protect the personal privacy of state residents," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "It's important for our customers to know that their Social Security number will never be displayed or encoded on their driver's license. SSNs will only be released to select individuals in government agencies, as required by law."

This action complies with the 1996 federal Welfare Reform Act and a subsequent federal court ruling in 2001 that denied Michigan's chal-

lenge to the requirement.

The law mandates that all states collect SSNs from driver's license applicants for use in child-support enforcement. Michigan's Family Independence Agency estimates \$200 million in federal funds are at risk if the state does not comply with the requirement.

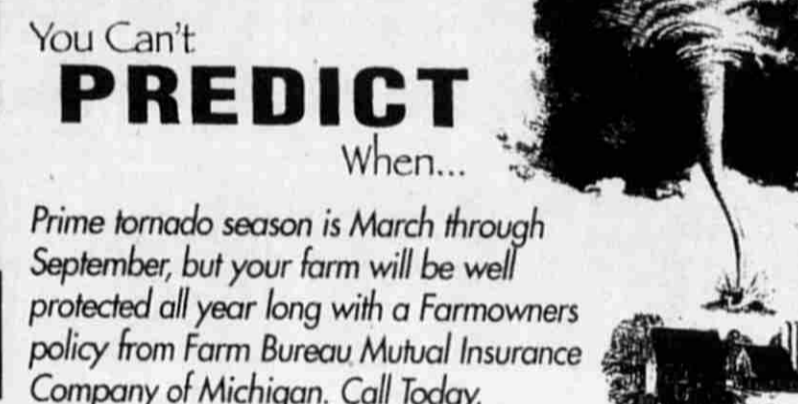
It will not be necessary to present an actual Social Security card when applying for a driver's license. The state will verify all Social Security numbers. A person who has never been issued a SSN must certify to that fact on a form provided by the branch office. Individuals who make a false statement regarding their SSN are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 and imprisonment for up to five years.

Land appealed to Michigan motorists to be patient with branch office employees as they implement these changes.

"Our employees understand the sensitive nature of this information and are trained to safeguard it," Land said. "Their job is to serve our customers and to follow the law. We appreciate the cooperation of our customers as we adhere to this federal requirement."



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In the investment world, as in most walks of life, what's happened in the past doesn't always foretell the future. Yet, it's interesting to note that, for the past 60 years or so, the financial markets have done better in the last two years of four-year presidential cycles than they did in the first two. In fact, since 1941, the average returns of the Dow Jones Industrial Average in the third and fourth years of presidential cycles have been 21.3 percent and 11.7 percent, respectively, according to an analysis cited in *The Wall Street Journal*. But the returns for the first two years have been just 7.9 percent and 9.6 percent.

**WHAT DOES ELECTION YEAR MEAN FOR INVESTORS?**

Although the presidential campaign hasn't fully heated up yet, it will soon. If you are a U.S. citizen, you may be quite interested in the election. But as an investor, should you be equally attentive?

It might seem that the presidential race brings out some issues that could have a substantial effect on your investments. In the weeks and months ahead, you are likely to hear a lot about the loss of manufacturing jobs, the growing budget deficit, problems in Iraq, strains between the United States and other countries, environmental concerns and other topics.

Clearly, these are serious subjects, worthy of a national debate. However, they probably shouldn't drive your investment decisions. The financial markets are most strongly influenced by corporate profits and the performance of the economy.

—History is on your side—

You can't count on these figures as a guide to your near-term expectations. Nonetheless, for what it's worth to you as an investor in 2004, history is on your side.

—After the Election?—  
Like anyone else, you'll have your own reasons to vote for one presidential candidate or another. But, as you look to the future, don't make the mistake of thinking that the fate of your candidate is inextricably linked to the success or failure of your investments.

The fact is that the markets have done well and poorly under both Democratic and Republican administrations; neither party has a monopoly on the good times or the bad. Consequently, as you plan your investment strategies for the next few years, don't read too much into the outcome of the election.

In fact, your best bet is to follow some tried-and-true

investment techniques year-round. Here are a couple to consider:

• **Look for quality**—Political leaders come and go and the economy will always ebb and flow. But if you invest for quality, you may never be "out of style." So, when you're considering a stock, look at the fundamentals of the company. Is its management sound? Are its products competitive? Does it have a solid business philosophy? Does it have a strong track record of earnings? If you're investing in bonds, make sure they receive the highest grades from the independent rating agencies.

• **Look for diversification**—Once you find a high-quality stock, bond or other investment, you need to determine if it's a good fit in your diversified portfolio. For example, suppose you discover a growth stock that you really like. If you already own several others that are similar, you may not be helping yourself much by adding the new stock—and you could be diverting resources from other investment opportunities that can help you make greater progress toward your long-term goals. Your financial professional can evaluate your holdings to help ensure that you're properly diversified.

—Cast Your Vote ... and Invest Wisely—

This November, make sure you vote—it's important for all of us to participate in our democracy. But try to keep your investment plans separate, as much as possible, from the electoral process. You'll want to "vote" for the right investments for the right reasons.

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

Like White, Peter Gustafson was honored for his contributions to the growth and strength of Lowell Area Schools. The board of education recognized Gustafson with the Marsha Wilcox Community Service award for his accomplishments in helping to plan, finance and build the high school, and his years of service on the school board, including board president.

Using metaphors to express his appreciation for Lowell's volunteerism and community pride, Gustafson likened Lowell to an ocean with a rising tide of civic aspirations.

"It really is true that a rising tide floats all boats and I know all of us here know we are fortunate," he said. "I'm also humbled to know that I'm one of the boats that has

risen because of the tide of this community."

The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation dedicated 14 new brass leaves on the Tribute Tree, many in memory of loved ones who had passed on. One of these was to honor Rachel Penninga, the 2002 Lowell High School graduate who died in a car accident earlier this year.

## The answer to why the city hall roof leaks may be close

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

Rick Davis and the Lowell City Council both share in the frustration of roof leaks of the newly renovated City Hall/police station facility. Davis' company, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, the general contractor for the project, has spent the past nine months chasing the leak.

"We thought we had solved it," Davis told council members at the Monday night meeting. "We didn't have any roof leaks through the freeze and thaw we had all winter and even when the snow melted."

In the fall, Davis said the roofer and Fishbeck had found possible causes for the leaks. Upon repair, Fishbeck flooded the roof, but found nothing "until it started to rain." Then the leak came back. After a few weeks of examining the roof, Davis said his company started to look at the walls and believe they may have found the culprit behind it all: a roof that per the request of the city was hung to swing in versus swing out as originally designed. The door, located on the second floor, leads to the roof. With

the reverse hanging, it appears the weathering and sill are leaking because the door doesn't fit correctly in its setting.

After isolating the problem, it appears that the leaking has stopped. The answer will be to place the door as designed so it swings outward, adjusting the locks and repainting the area, Davis said, adding that once Fishbeck is comfortable that the leak issue is resolved, the installation and ceiling tiles in the front lobby will be replaced.

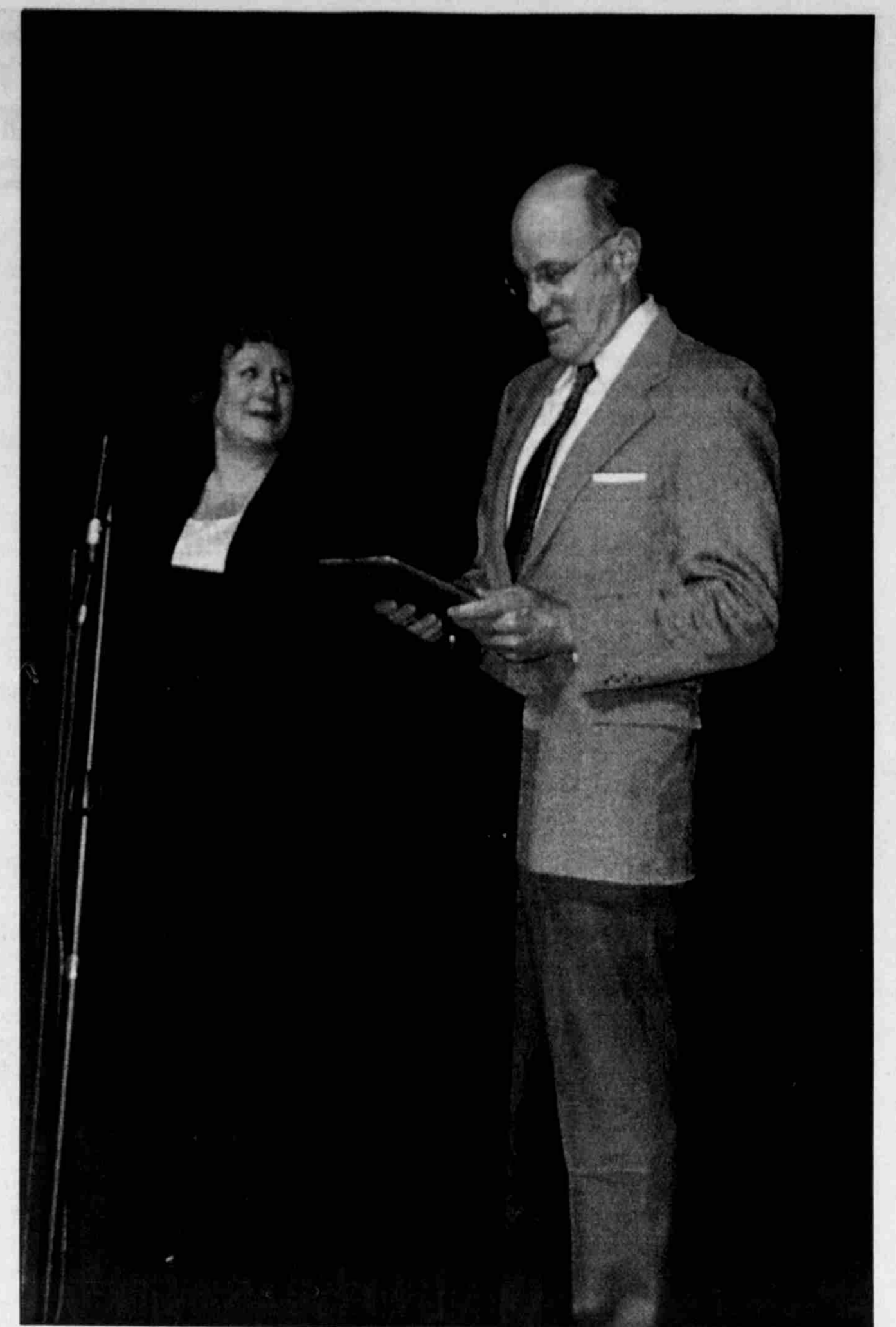
"This is frustrating for you and it's frustrating for us," Davis said. The frustration, he said, comes from it taking so long to determine the cause. "Hopefully this will solve the problem."

The council agreed it has been like a needle in a haystack finding the leak and that their frustration has been to those coming into the building and seeing the mess in the front lobby. "It's that first-time visitor or taxpayer who comes in and says 'Wow, four million dollars and the roof leaks,'" said councilman Charles Myers.

Davis said from tests they have conducted, they are

pretty certain the roof doesn't leak. At least, he said, Fishbeck can't make it leak. Davis also gave credit to the roofer who has willingly come out and worked on correcting the problem. The city has a 10-year warranty on the roof, Davis said, adding that if this solution doesn't work, Fishbeck will continue to work on the problem.

The city also is working on the gates in the garbage area which blew off because of wind. The cost for the gates is \$3,900. The city is looking at its insurance company to help cover the cost; however, there is a \$1,000 deductible on the city's policy.

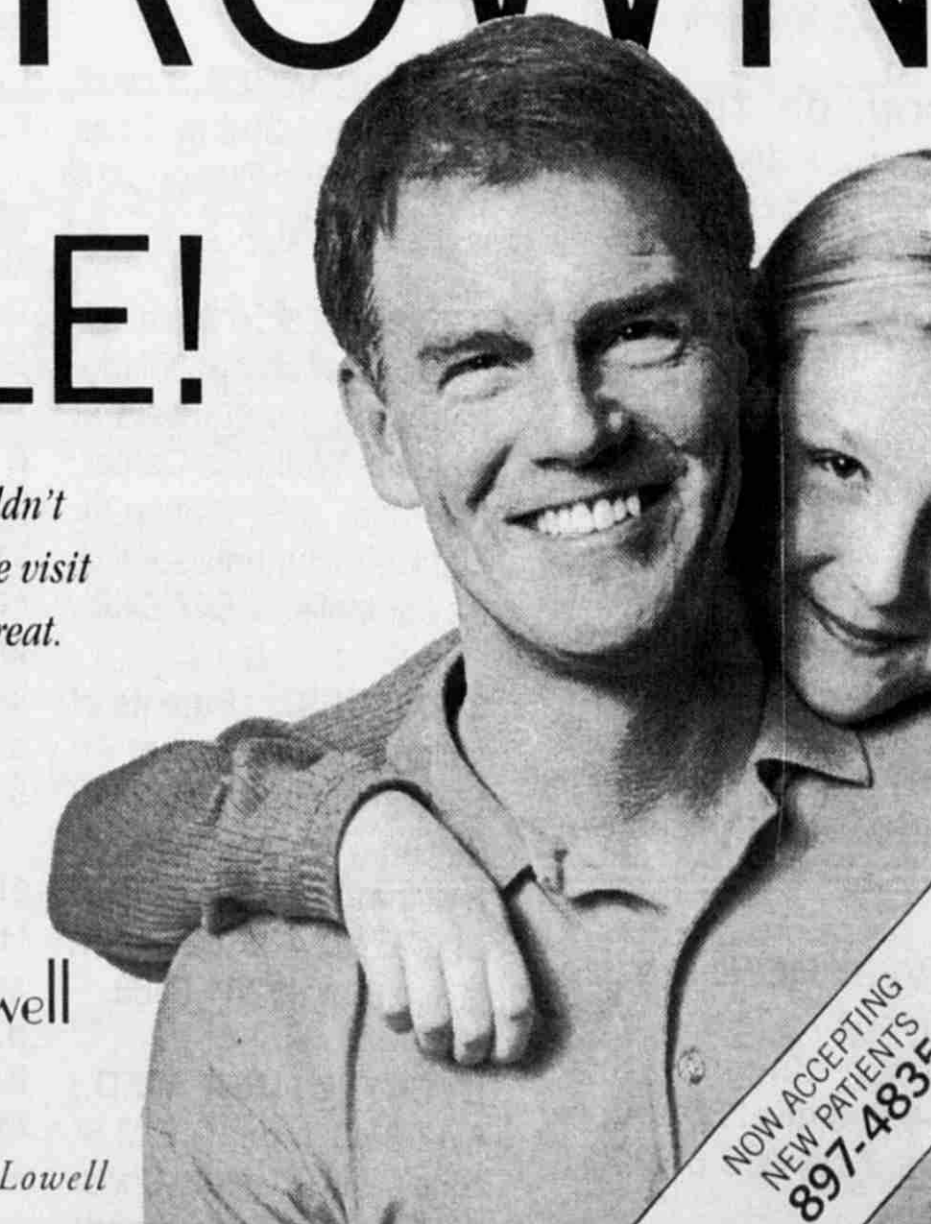


Pete Gustafson was given this year's Marsha Wilcox Community Service award. School board president Nancy Hopkins presented the award to him at Friday evening's Spirit of Community celebration.

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A feast featuring foods such as homemade breads, dandelion greens, game birds and pork roasts will be served along with an elegant seasonal dessert beginning at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by Bruce Ling and his group

"Hawks and Owls" throughout the dinner.

Cost for the evening is \$35 per person in advance, and benefits the preservation of the Fallasburg Historic Village. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Kerry Schubach, director of the Fallasburg Historical Society, at 897-7161 or emailing to fallasburg@att.net.

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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

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**2ND TUES.:** G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. meeting & program. Olga, 975-9977.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EVERY THURS.:** Saranac Area Musicians and Singers practice at Saranac High School Band Room. Choir: 6-7 p.m./band: 7-8. Call Kathy Maatman at 897-5981.

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

**EVERY THURS.:** St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

**1ST THURS.:** Michigan Hepatitis C Foundation support meetings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Multipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Ave. NE

**1ST THURS.:** 4-H drama club meeting, Lowell Middle School choir room. Call 897-1502 after 5 p.m.

**2ND THURS.:** Ada Historical Society at 7 p.m. Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2ND SAT.:** 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.

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

**THURS., MAY 6:** Infant Massage for Families 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 4 sessions/ supplies. Community Ed. 897-8434/Lowell Community Wellness 340-7781.

## LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

April 28th Puzzle

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## LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 897-5949

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**WED., MAY 5:** 10 a.m. Blood Pressure; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.  
**THURS., MAY 6:** Tour Wood TV.

**FRI., MAY 7:** 12:45 p.m. Tour Radio bible Class; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.  
**MON., MAY 10:** 12:45 p.m. Mystery Mothers Luncheon.

**THURS., MAY 6:** String orchestra concert, 7 p.m. at Lowell Middle School cafeteria: Community ed. classes, 6th grade, Lowell Music Ensemble. Public welcome.

**THURS., MAY 6:** Vergennes Cooperative Club at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Program: Curtain Time Players. Hostesses: Phyllis Bieri, Lillian Briggs, Roma Minnie. Sponsor: Phyllis Bieri.

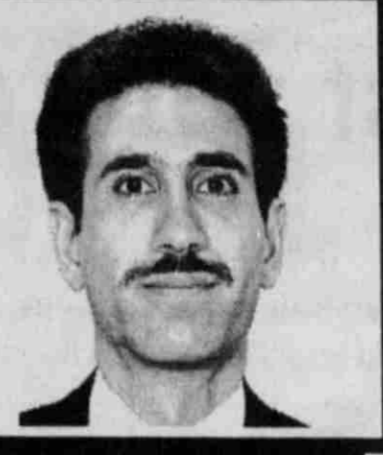
**WED., MAY 12:** Pork/dressing dinner, adults \$8; 5-12 \$2 at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. SE.

**THURS., MAY 13:** Academic Boosters meet in volunteer room of high school at 8:30 a.m. Call Julie 897-6353 with questions.

**SAT., MAY 15:** Lowell youth football, flag football, 78er's & cheerleaders sign-ups, 10-2 p.m.; middle school cafeteria. New sign-ups bring copy of birth certificate. Call 897-7896.

## LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** What is the difference between a living trust and a testamentary trust? Is there a benefit of using one over the other?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** A living trust is a trust you create and fund during your lifetime. A testamentary trust is a trust that is part of a last will and testament and is not funded until your death and the completion of probate. Between the two types of trusts, a living trust is recommended in most cases because:

•Any assets that are held by the trust at the time of death avoid probate. With a testamentary trust, since as-

sets only flow into the trust upon the completion of probate, there is no opportunity to avoid probate.

•It is a private document. With a testamentary trust, the last will and testament, it is automatically a public document since it is registered with the probate court.

**DEAR JONATHAN:** I know preparing a living trust is recommended if someone wants to avoid having their assets probated at death. My husband and I have a young family and we recently created last will and testaments. The attorney discussed with

us the attributes of having a trust but didn't feel we wanted to take that step at this time. Besides, avoiding probate isn't that big of a priority of ours right now. Are there any other reasons why it might make sense to prepare a living trust?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** In my mind, the biggest and most attractive attribute of a living trust for a family with young children is the ability to set forth in that trust at what ages your minor children are to receive distributions from the trust. If you only have last will and testaments, then your children upon reaching the age of majority, i.e., 18 years of age, will automatically receive their share of your estate if neither you nor your husband are alive at that time. Depending upon the size of your estate, that can be a lot of money for an 18 year old to deal with.

On the other hand, by setting up a trust and moving your assets into that trust, you can state that your children

are not to receive mandatory distributions from the trust until they reach certain ages, i.e., 25, 30 and 35. You can further state that even though they are not to receive mandatory distributions until those ages, they are entitled to receive discretionary distributions to pay for such things as medical expenses,

support, education, getting married, buying a house, etc. Most people I know do not want their children getting a large sum of money at age 18, and would prefer that that money remain in trust so that it is managed and invested on behalf of that child until he or she is of an age to better handle that money.

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## Students, expelled, continued...From Page 1

shared information about the situation," Miller said.

The board-appointed hearing officer, lawyer Lisa Swem of Thrun Law in Lansing, read the board's determinations following the closed hearing.

"In most circumstances, the board does not have a hearing officer but in this case it was a complicated situation," Miller said.

The four students were given an individual hearing and punishments were set out

in four separate resolutions. All members of the board were present; each resolution passed unanimously.

"We will be working with the students and parents so they will be able to try to keep up with their academic work," Miller said. "They will receive information from the Kent Intermediate School District that will identify programs they can consider for their child."

Police investigated the plan to create an explosion at the middle school after a stu-

dent reported the plan to his parents the night of Wednesday, April 21. Investigators found a pop bottle filled with gasoline in a locker at the middle school but found no other ingredients that could potentially be used to create a bomb. The plan to use the gasoline was several months old. Investigators determined the students lacked the knowledge to create a bomb, and apparently lost interest in the plan weeks before the investigation.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to RANDALL MCCLURE, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 6086 Buttrick SE, Alto, MI 49302, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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

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 Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177-252-DE

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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# Track teams beat Northview for first wins of season

By Dan Schneider

Both Lowell track teams pulled off their first wins of the season last Thursday at Northview.

The boys won 75 to 62. In the girls meet, the score was 97 to 40.

"The big thing for us was our field event guys really came through," Lowell boys coach Russ Stevens said. "They scored 36 points. We swept the long jump and the

high jump so that really helped."

The 3200 meter relay team of Jonathan Riddle, Andrew Mark, Joshua Abdo and Steve Ellison took first place in 9:04. Adam Ingraham won the 110 meter high hurdles in 18.06. Ingraham also won the 300 meter low hurdles in 47.26. Eric Mundt won the 800 meter run in 2:18. Mike Gruber jumped 19'11" to win the long jump.

"That's a big thing for us, having somebody actually jumping that far," Stevens said.

Corey Scudder placed first in shot put, throwing 41'11". Jeff McPherson threw the discus 126'5" to win that event. Jon Howard won high jump, clearing 5'6" and Wes Tweedale cleared 11' to win pole vault.

The girls also swept the high jump against Northview,

with Malley Cahoon clearing 4'8" to win the event. Lynda Horsley won the 100 hurdles in 17.06 seconds. The 400 meter relay team of Cahoon, Becky Myers, Horsley and Amanda Grochowalski won that event in 54.13. Freshman Morgan Olin won the 200 meter in 30.13. Hayley Getzen won the 3200 meter in 13:16. Heather Becker took first in discus, throwing 103'3.5".

"It was really nice to win, everybody was really happy," said Lowell girls coach Robin Briggs.

Last Tuesday, a meet against Kenowa Hills came down to the last relay event. The Knights won 73 to 64.

Kenowa beat the boys team by a wider margin, 97 to 40.

At the Lowell Invitational Saturday, the girls took eighth

with 20 points in a field of 15 teams. Grand Rapids Christian won the event, scoring 92. The girls medaled in six events.

The boys failed to score any points at the invitational. Forest Hills Northern won with 94.

The teams faced Greenville at home Tuesday and will go to Unity Christian on Thursday.

# Stellar pitching key in three Lowell softball wins

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's Becky Plummer pitched a perfect game Monday against Sparta.

It was 21 up, 21 down with no runs, no hits for the Spartans. She struck out eight batters and only allowed one to get any solid contact with the ball. Andrea Dewey caught that ball at second base. She contributed to the Arrows' strong defensive effort.

"You don't pitch a perfect game without some people coming out and making good defensive plays, and that's what we did," Rodenhouse said.

The Lowell batters also

had a good night, driving in nine runs. The win improved the Red Arrows to 3-1 in the OK White.

It came down to the bottom of the eighth inning in Lowell's 4-3 home win last Wednesday against Kenowa Hills.

The Knights scored a run off a wild pitch in the top of the eighth to go up 3-2.

"That wild pitch came at the wrong time, but we battled back," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Plummer got on base from an error to start the bottom of the eighth. Rachel Nawrocki's sacrifice bunt advanced

Plummer to third. Then Lorinda Marker hit her third RBI of the game. It was a single to center field but the catcher missed the throw and Marker made it to third.

"It was sure great base running on her part, heads up base running," Rodenhouse said.

Brittany Bueche drove in the winning run with a line drive to center field.

Plummer had a strong night on the mound, striking out 13 batters, walking only one and allowing two earned runs. Marker led the night hit-

ting, going three for four, all RBIs.

Lowell beat Northview 5-3 last Friday. Three of their runs came in the sixth inning. Two of Northview's runs were

home runs in the fourth.

"That was a pretty intense game," Rodenhouse said. "Really intense rivalry between us and Northview." Plummer struck out 12 and walked two,

giving up five hits.

They travel to Kenowa Hills Wednesday and to East Grand Rapids for a double-header on Thursday.

# Red Arrow soccer returns to winning ways

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow varsity soccer team recovered from its first loss of the season, winning at Caledonia last Wednesday.

Abbie Debiak and Amy Oberlin each scored two goals in the 4-0 Lowell victory.

"We came back and responded after losing to East with a big game," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "That was a much-needed win for us at that point in the season."

The Lowell soccer team prevented any scoring in Monday's game against the

Northview Wildcats, but did not exude confidence on defense.

"We were a little shaky in the back," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "I think we gave up five shots tonight."

"What it comes down to is my expectations are so high because they're so good. We just had a couple of lapses and at some point in time, that's going to cost us a game."

The only game the team has lost so far this season was last Monday against East Grand Rapids. The Red Arrows are 10-1 this season, the best start in the history of girls' soccer at Lowell. Still, Legge feels the team is having a hard time coming to grips with its potential.

"My biggest frustration right now is the girls don't know how talented they are," Legge said.

Legge said the Arrows can go head to head with any team in the state this year. They just need to develop the confidence. "Until they do, we don't beat great teams," he said.

The score in the Northview game was 2-0, Lowell. Abbie Debiak scored the first goal for the Arrows; Amy Oberlin shot in the second. Both goals came during the second half of play.

Last Friday, Lowell beat Kenowa Hills 11-1.

Legge hopes to win the rest of the conference games this season. That will secure the team a second seed in the OK White conference tournament and a likely rematch with East in the conference final.

For now, the challenge will be at Rockford Wednesday night. That game starts at 6:45.

# LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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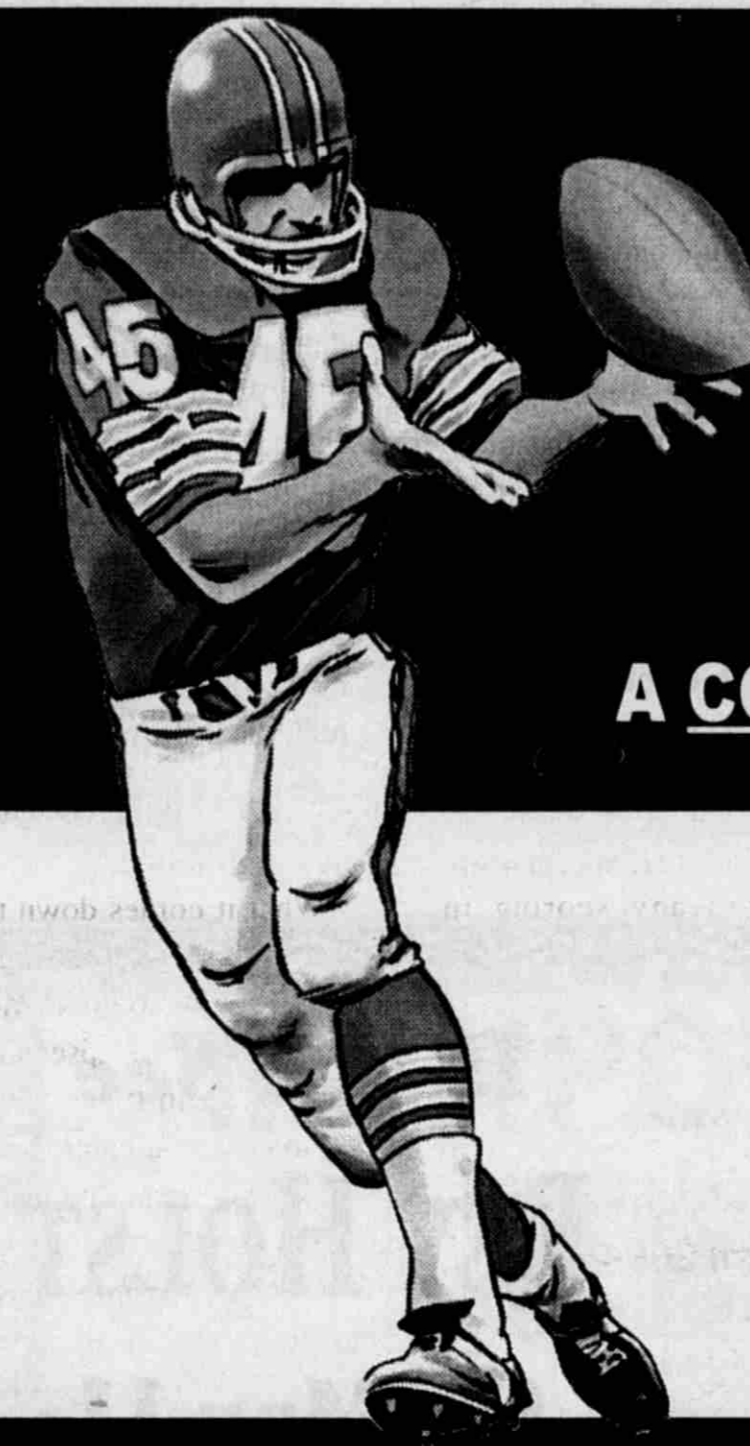
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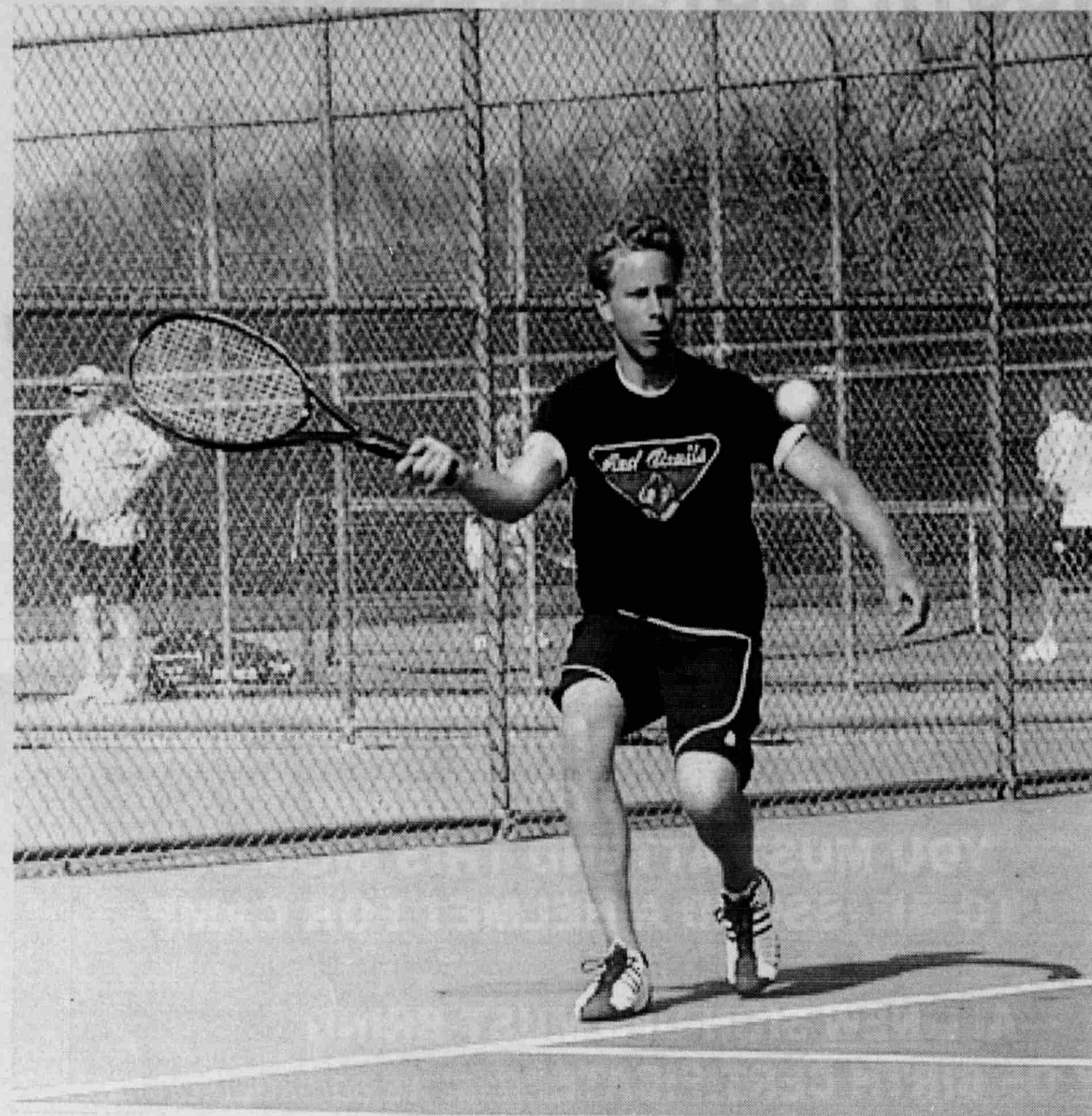
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# Tennis team plays well against East, beats Knights



By Dan Schneider

East Grand Rapids traveled to Lowell last Wednesday where the Pioneers beat the Arrows six matches to two. Against East, winning two is fairly significant for Lowell tennis.

"Those were a couple of highlights because it was the first time in recent history that we've beaten East in any flights," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

The wins came in fourth doubles and fourth singles.

The doubles team of Dustin Pedley and Alden Nyson won in two sets 6-1 and 6-4.

Chris Gallagher lost the first set of fourth-flight singles 5-7. He dominated the second set 6-1. Then the final set came down to a 6-6 tie. Gallagher took the tie-breaker and the match, winning the last set 7-6(1).

"He's really getting into his game now," Wall said. "He's a picky player out there, he plans his points and plays according to the plan."

Kyle Wittenbach lost first singles 6-3, 6-3. "He lost three and three but that was very respectable," Wall said.

Lowell competed in a tennis tournament at Caledonia last Friday. It was rained out midway through.

The Arrows beat Kenowa Hills, on Monday, 6-2. Wittenbach won first singles against Dan Anderson 6-2, 6-0.

Gallagher moved up to second singles, defeating Eian Hang 6-2, 6-0.

Lowell's Brett Hobria won third singles against Neal Rusche 6-0, 6-4.

Red Arrows' Dave Maylone and Brendon Harden defeated Mitch Herndon and Jason Tran 6-2, 6-2 in first doubles.

Second doubles went to Lowell's Brandon Lawrence and Justin Quist - 6-3, 7-6(6) - against Mike Cartwright and Brandon Nichol.

Lowell's Justin Peterson and Nate Huisman defeated Nick Blackmeier and Dan Jabaay 1-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"We were happy to beat them," Wall said. "We lost to them last year, I think it was 5-3."

The Red Arrows are now 2-1 in the OK White. Their next contest is Wednesday night at Northview.

Lowell's first singles player Kyle Wittenbach returns the ball against East Grand Rapids. Wittenbach lost the first singles match, East beat Lowell 6-2, but the Red Arrows did claim two flights against the Pioneers.

# Golf team working for lower scores

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell golf team continues to lower its scores but has yet to achieve its first match win of the season.

Last Wednesday at Deer Run Golf Course, the Red Arrows lost to Kenowa Hills. The Knights' team score was 203 compared to Lowell's 214.

Cara Mooney had the low score for the Arrows, shooting 50 in nine holes. Mandy Gunberg, despite taking a disappointing 11 strokes on hole three, pulled together a 54. Sarah Eickhoff also shot 54 and Stefanie Stuewe shot 56.

Lowell played Friday at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational at Grand Rapids Golf Course. The team had an impressive fourth-place finish out of 12 teams competing.

"The girls played very well," coach Becky Lecuru said. "They all put it together and had very good scores." Lowell's team score for

18 holes was 389. Forest Hills Northern won the event, scoring 341. Forest Hills Central came in second with 348. Kenowa Hills scored 377 as a team.

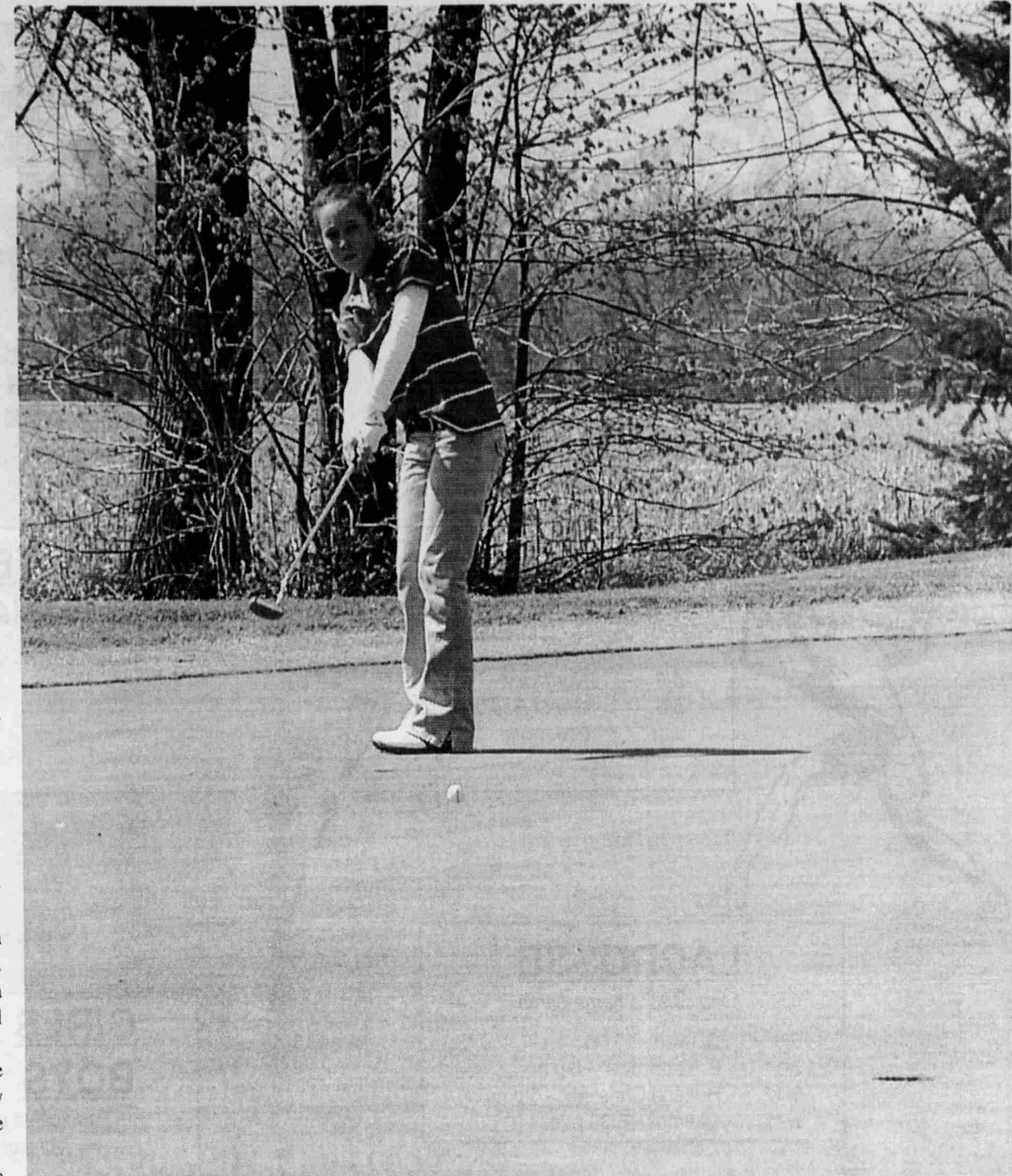
"The girls were very excited by their play that day," Lecuru said. "They all shot very good rounds, and to get them to all do it on the same day is pretty hard."

Lowell finished ahead of Northview at the Invitational. But the Wildcats had the better end of a close match Monday on their home course, Thousand Oaks. Northview won with 209 to Lowell's 214 for nine holes.

"We're close, we're just a few shots off," Lecuru said. "Today it was five, which is a little more than one a girl which is not a lot."

Stuewe shot the best nine for Lowell with 52. Mooney shot 53; Eickhoff, 54; Cassie Vredevoogd, 55.

Lowell's next golf match is Wednesday at Greenville.



Lowell's Mandy Gunberg putts on the third green at Deer Run Golf Course last Wednesday against Kenowa Hills.

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr. Lowell to hear the following variance applications:

Brian Geers is requesting a variance on property located at 9700 Vergennes St, Lowell in the NW quarter of section 31, parcel # 41-16-031-100-027. The variance is requested to construct a horse barn within a portion of the side setback. The variance is from the zoning ordinance section 201.404 (B) Stable Setbacks.

Anita Bruwer Trust is requesting a variance on property located at 2295 Lincoln Lake Ave, Lowell in the SE quarter of section 10, parcel #41-16-010-400-022 and 023. The variance is requested to split the unusual shaped property into two large parcels where one will not have a continuous 300 foot lot width at the road. The variance is from the zoning ordinance RA District section 201.304 (E) (Lot Area) and Definitions 201.202 (Lot Width).

Bill and Josh Teunessen are requesting a variance on property located at 3535 Causeway Dr NE, Lowell in the NW quarter of section 04, parcel # 41-16-004-126-005. The variance is requested to construct an attached garage within a portion of the front and side setback. The variance is from the zoning ordinance Lake Residential District section 201.3075 (E) (Setbacks).

The complete applications can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. State law and zoning ordinance requires any residents or property owners within 300 feet of an applicant for a variance to be notified by mail of the application.

Public comment will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to zoning@vergennestwp.org.

Vergennes Township ZBA

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**On May 11**  
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# Cherry Creek Classic

## Cherry Creek CLASSIC

**2004 • 10th Year**

**REGISTRATION:** All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.

**ENTRY FEE:** Now until June 5, \$15. June 6 to race day, \$20. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

**GROUP RATE:** A group of 20 or more participants receives a rate of \$12 per person up until June 6.

**PACKET PICK-UP:** June 11th, 2004 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

**LOCATION FOR PICK-UP:** Middle School - north entrance.

**Cherry Creek Classic 5k SCHOLARSHIPS!**

AGE	14 & under	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	60-65
GROUPS:	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	66 & over

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_  
SHIRT SIZE (circle) XL L  
5K RUN \_\_\_\_\_ 5K WALK \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant (Or if under 18, of parent) \_\_\_\_\_

I know running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high and low temperatures, traffic and conditions of the road, all risks being known by me. Having read this waiver and knowing all the facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone to act on my behalf, waive and release the city of Lowell, Vergennes & Lowell townships, Cherry Creek Classic and all personnel, all volunteers, Race Director, and all sponsors involved in this event their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant my permission to all of the foregoing to use photographs, motion pictures, recording or any record of this event for any legitimate purpose. Event directors have the right to cancel the event due to severe weather. Race fees are non-refundable.





# 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

5/5	Northview	5/12	Unity Christian
5/6	Grand Rapids Baptist	5/15	Conference Meet* - 9 a.m.
5/10	Greenville	5/18	Crossover*
		5/21	Regional Tournament* - TBA



## LACROSSE

\* Indicates a home game

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

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

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

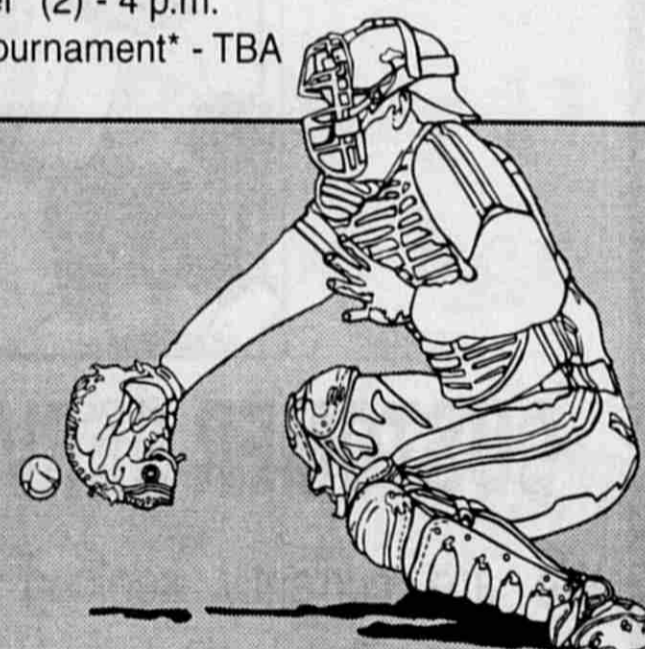
5/5	Greenville
5/10	Unity Christian
5/12	F.H. Central*
5/17	Conference - 8:30 a.m.
5/21	Regional Tournament* - TBA



## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

\* Indicates a home game at Red Arrow Stadium

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



## VARSITY TRACK

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

5/6	Unity Christian
5/13	Conference @ Greenville - TBA
5/14	Conference @ Greenville - TBA
5/22	Regional Meet*

## CREW REGATTA

5/8 & 9	Midwest Scholastic Championship, Stony Creek, Metropark, MI
5/15	East Grand Rapids Regatta, Reeds Lake, EGR



# 2003 Water Quality Report for City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township

This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Lowell and Lowell Township Water for the calendar year 2003. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2003. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility of our source is moderate. (See Table 1.) We have no significant sources of contamination. We are making efforts to protect our sources by developing a wellhead protection program. A copy of the full Source Water Assessment can be obtained by contacting George Regan at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant, 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 or call at 616-897-5234.

- Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.
- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
  - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
  - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
  - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
  - Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
  - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

### Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2003 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2003. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Water Supplier: Define only the terms you use in the table below. Delete any you don't use.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- N/A: Not applicable ND: not detectable at testing limit ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter pCi/L: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.0		6/10/03	No	Run off from fertilizer use and erosion of natural resources
Trihalomethanes (ppm)	0.080	0.080	0.0030		6/10/03	No	Organic and chlorination by-products
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.1		6/10/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	0	<3		10/31/00	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Beta (pCi/l)	5	0	<4		7/23/97	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Ra226/228 (pCi/L)	5	None	<1		5/13/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Contaminant **	Average Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Bromodichloromethane (ppm)	0.0008		6/10/03	Organic and chlorination By-products		
Dibromochloromethane (ppm)	0.0013		6/10/03	Organic and chlorination By-products		
Bromoform (ppm)	0.0009		6/10/03	Organic and chlorination By-products		
Sodium (ppm)	12		6/10/03	Erosion of natural deposits		
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	90% of Samples ≤ This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Lead (ppb)	15	3	NA	6/01	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.039	NA	6/01	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits. Leaching from wood preservatives

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant	
Total Coliform Bacteria (5% of monthly samples positive)			0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli (Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive)			0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

\*\* Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Table 1

### Source Water Assessment

Sample point	Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Limit MCL	Rpt Limit
Well Dist Tap	0.0264 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	1/21/2004	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l
Plant Tap	0.0258 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	1/21/2004	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements: The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2003.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan and at Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact George Regan at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).



Want to tell us how you feel? Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!

Got a Pet Peeve To Get off Your Chest?

# Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

**897-0787** or  
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

I wish Vergennes Township would put a regular stoplight at Bailey & Parnell corners. It is a very dangerous intersection!!

Are there any plans in the foreseeable future to fix the section of Bowes Rd. that is behind the Valley Vista Mobile Home Park? If not, how about some freshly painted center lines, PLEASE!!

Isn't there a noise restriction on semi-trucks coming into town and hitting their brakes that is loud enough to wake the dead? Why aren't they being pulled over?

If kids are being suspended for bringing plastic knives & brownies to school, kids who bring gasoline should receive the same or worse.

The school board's job is to protect the majority, not the few. Congratulations on the beautiful color photo layout in the Lowell Ledger.

Have you seen what the Grand Rapids Press tries to pass off as color photos? I get dizzy just looking at them.

The people at our Lowell Post Office are five stars. They have a good crew and each one is very nice and very courteous. They need to get top billing!

So our roof leaks primarily when it rains on City Hall.

# Garage Sale Page

**GARAGE SALE**  
Children's clothes, toys, misc. household items, Fri., May 7, 8:30 - 5 p.m., 9700 Fairwinds Ct., Alto (near 68th St. & Snow Ave.)

**MOTHER'S DAY ARTS & CRAFTS EXTRAVAGANZA**  
West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids, Sat., May 8th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$1 adm., 180 booths! Luncheon & raffle!

**HUGE MOVING SALE**  
Crafts, Mt. bike, scroll saw, drill press, tools, hunting, fishing, camping & household items. May 1 thru May 4, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. 204 Brook, Lowell. From Shell, 1 block south, then 2 blocks west.

**GARAGE SALE**  
May 7, Fri. 9-5 95 Boynton Ave. NE (between Vergennes and Bailey Dr.) Boys clothes infant to size 8, toys, books, household items, Nordic Track ski machine, yard decor, bike, police big wheel, new dragon Mega Blocks.

**BARN SALE**  
1991 GMC Conversion; 1999 pop-up camper, mountain bikes, kids bikes, bike trailer, music and pro audio equipment, car stereos, computer parts, toys, clothes, etc. 12400 Grand River Drive at Gulliford. May 6-8 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. or call John at 855-0596 for appt.

**BIG GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs., Fri. & Sat., May 6, 7 & 8, 8-4 p.m. 1435 Carol Lynne, Lowell. Lots of children's clothes, misc. household.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., May 6 & 7, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. 10391 Peck Lake Rd., Lowell. 1 mile NE of Jimmy's Grill. Barbie stuff, toys, books, pictures, bikes, patio set, tons of girl's clothes size 6x-14, other clothes too & lots of misc.

**GARAGE SALE**  
May 5, 6 & 7, 9-5 p.m. 1575 Sibley, Lowell. Children's good clothing, women's XLG sizes, toys, videos, Avon & much more! Time Out motorcycle camper. Call Johnson's 897-7311.

**GARAGE SALE**  
78 Parsonage St., Saranac. May 6 & 7, 9-5 p.m. & May 8, 9-12. Men's, women's & lots of boys clothes, computer games, toys, house hold items, etc.

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! CALL US TODAY! 897-9555**

**GARAGE SALE**  
Sat., May 8th, 8 - 4 p.m. 640 Honey Creek (purple house near Conservation), oak sideboard, furniture, baby, children's, household items.

**ANNUAL FOREMAN FARMS NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**  
off Foreman, just E. of Cumberland. Fri., May 7, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sat., May 8, 9 a.m. - noon. Softside waterbed, trampoline, kids clothes & toys & lots more!

**ADA MOORINGS NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE**  
over 20 families participating. Fri. & Sat., May 7 & 8, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Grand River & Buttrick behind Ada Park.

**10TH ANNUAL PLANT SWAP & SALE**  
Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. at 525 Front St., Lowell.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Men's XLT, books, furniture, electronics, office equipment, computers, piano, lawn tractor, much more. Sat., May 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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.

**HUGE BARN SALE**  
May 6 & 7, Thurs. & Fri., 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Antiques, collectibles, crafts, dolls, furniture, twin waterbed, exercise equipment, bike, household items, bedding, clothing: men's M, L, XL, junior girls, ladies 12 thru plus; golf clubs, JD hydraulic cylinder, misc. farm stuff, pipe vice, GMC Conversion van & many misc. items. 5 miles N. of Saranac, M-21 corner, 1692 N. Hawley Hwy. Joan Feuerstein, Pam Vroman, Penny Rosema. Fantastic bargains, no presales!!

**GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. May 6 only. 9-4, 1020 N. Washington, Lowell. Lots of big items. No clothing. Toys, 2 sections old picket fence, set of Ikea lights, microwave, weed eater, industrial stainless sink with sprayer, bow/case (50-65 lb.), 2 old outdoor motors, air compressor, tools/boxes, chairs, tables, lots of miscellaneous stuff!

**GARAGE SALE**  
Saturday, May 8th, 9 AM - Noon. 760/762 Godfrey. Tools, car stuff, VW magazines, boys clothes age 10, girls clothes age 7, furniture. Follow signs from intersection of N. Hudson & Lincoln Lake.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Clothes, housewares, computer scanner, baby stuff, camera/tripod, sports equipment, built-in oven. Fri./ Sat, 9-7 1488 Parnell se.

**MULTI-FAMILY SALE**  
May 8 & 9, 10-7 p.m. 11760 Bell Rd., Clarksville. Baby items, furniture, antiques, horse items, etc.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH SECOND BEST SALE**  
3 miles E. on M-21. Thurs., May 6th, 9-5 p.m. & Fri., 9 to noon. Clothes, household items, knick-knacks & books.

**GARAGE SALE**  
McCabe and 4 Mile. Fri., May 7, 3-7 & Sat., May 8, 8-1. No sale if rain.

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE**  
Toys, furniture, household items, clothes - kids thru plus size, much, much more - priced to sell! 12142 Bowes Rd., May 7 & 8, 9-5 p.m.

**HUGE GARAGE SALE!**  
May 7th & 8th, 8026 Campbell, Clarksville. Baby clothes, toys, car seat & more! Many great household items! Everything must go!

**MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., May 6 & 7, 9-5. Lots of baby & kids clothes, boys & girls, baby items, toys, household, & much more. 3516 Quiggle Ave. (off 36th St.).

**GARAGE SALES**  
Wed. & Thurs., May 5 & 6, 9-5 p.m. Clothing: men's, women's, boys & girls & lots of household items. 14145 Spruce Forest Dr., off Montcalm between Grand River & Oberley

## FOR SALE

2000 BLACK CHEROKEE SPORT - 47k miles, inline 6, 4x4, PW, PL, A/C, cruise, tilt, keyless entry, new tires within last 3,000 miles, brush guard w/Piaa 520 driving lights, rear tail light guards, Pioneer CD deck, optional Yakima ski/snowboard rack (carries 4), K&N filter. Oil changed every 3-4K miles. Good condition. \$11,000 obo. 616-308-5481.

\$49/SET MATTRESS/BOX SPRING SALE - Queen, full or twin, factory new, delivery available. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

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

FOR SALE - 1 year old polled hereford bull, \$800; also 2 used 12.4-24 tractor tires, 1 Firestone & 1 Goodyear, \$50 each. 897-6754.

APPLIANCES - Maytag, Whirlpool, GE, washers, dryers, refrigerators, over 100 in stock from \$59. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - Dirt bike, 2001 Yamaha TTR90. Call 897-6708.

\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Still in plastic. 989-227-2986.

FOR SALE - 1993 Ford Aerostar, good, reliable transportation. 1st. \$600/obo gets it. Call anytime, 897-2782.

BUNK BED - Oak, has mattresses (2 mos. old). Sell \$95. 517-719-0451.

POLE BARN - 30x50x10, only \$5,295. Includes painted metal, plans, how to build book, slider. Free delivery. 937-789-0309.

'99 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4x4, 50,000 miles, red, 4 dr., auto, loaded. \$7,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

\$175 BERBER CARPET - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE - 3 bedroom. Call 897-5084.

\$25 QUEEN, FULL & TWIN MATTRESS SETS - Previously owned. Hurry for selection. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

2001 HONDA CR250 FOR SALE - Many new parts, well maintained, silencer, \$3,000. 897-6541.

20¢ PER FOOT CARPET REMNANT SALE - Convention center, used briefly. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

12 FT. V BOTTOM ALUMINUM FISHING BOAT - with Knee Trailer, 3hp Johnson motor, \$600 obo; 1997 5th wheel Sierra by Forest River, 28ft. w/g. slideout, new tires '03, fiberglass construction, \$10,000 obo. Call 868-6932.

KING SEALY MATTRESS SET - with deluxe frame, \$100. Call 517-204-0600.

2001 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4x4, 60th anniversary edition, 55,000 miles, 4 door, black, loaded, \$11,300. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

## 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.

AIR BED - Selecta Comfort firmness for each of you. As seen at mall or on TV. Dual chambers, fully adjustable, remote control, w/warranty. Must sell. Never used. \$700. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

'97 CHEVY CONVERSION VAN - White, 350 cu. in., loaded, CD, PW & PL, 120,000 hwy miles. \$5,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

MEMORY FOAM - mattress set, NASA developed, Visco memory cell, relieves pressure points. Never used. Queen \$650, also full & king. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

MATTRESS SETS - Brand names. All sizes. Low wholesale prices. Don't be fooled by fake pillowtop, used hotel (yuk) or bait & switch ads. Buy with confidence. Prices starting at \$80. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160. Can deliver.

HOUSE FOR SALE - New listing, 204 Brook, Lowell. 1 1/2 story 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Private yard w/creek & wildlife. Quiet neighborhood. \$99,500. Call for appt. 616-490-2042.

BRITTANY PUPPIES - ready for a new home. AKC. Wormed and shots. Call Jeff for details 481-5223.

BACK PAIN! - A new air chamber or memory foam mattress will help. Prices starting at \$650 for queen. Also twin, full & king. Brand new. Can deliver. Call 682-4767 or 293-6160.

ANGUS BULLS FOR SALE - 2 yearlings, one 2 year old, semen tested. Call 868-6412.

FURNITURE - A piece, a houseful, 10,000 items. Bedroom, dining, leather living room sets & more. All new. Wholesale. Call for selection. 682-4767 or 293-6160. Why pay retail??

FOR SALE - 1988 Delta 88, runs, needs brake work; 1988 Eagle Premier, body good, doesn't run; 1964 Galaxy 500, no motor or trans., \$500 takes all. Call before 2 p.m. 897-0236.

FOR SALE - 2nd cutting alfalfa. Good horse hay quality. Delivery available. Call 897-8766 or 897-6363.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH - on 2 acres. New construction, walkout basement, 2- stall garage, vaulted ceilings, whirlpool tub. Must see!!! Clarksville area, \$184,900. forsalebyowner.com List #10101438; also 2 to 4 acre building sites. 616-693-3005.

4-H FEEDER PIGS - good for Lowell or Ionia fairs. Call 642-6097.

FOR SALE - 5th wheel Reese hitch 14 T, complete, \$275; Dino trick bike, \$100. Call 897-5546.

# CLASSIFIEDS

## TO PLACE AN AD

In Person: 105 N. Broadway, Lowell  
By Mail: PO BOX 128, Lowell, MI 49331  
By Phone: 616-897-9261  
By Fax: 616-897-4809  
By Email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com

**Classified ad rates:**  
15 words...\$1  
each additional word 10¢  
**Bold or Box \$1 each**



## IS FINALLY HERE!

Clean out your closets, garages & basements before summer! Place an ad in the Ledger to sell your unwanted or unused items! Someone could be looking for those items!

### DEADLINE

Mondays at 5 p.m. for Wednesday Publication

**LOOK FOR THE GARAGE SALE PAGE IN THIS EDITION OF THE LOWELL LEDGER! ALL GARAGE SALES ARE THERE!**

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1986 Class A 32 ft. Southwind motor home, 70,000 miles, runs great. New tires, new batteries; sleeps 6, good condition. \$7,900. Call 682-9648.

SPACIOUS DOUBLEWIDE - with 2 st. carport, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living & family rooms, sliders off dining. All appliances, central air, covered deck. Key Heights. \$29,900 Connie Reedy 897-0444 REEDY MOBILE HOME BROKERS www.reedyplace.com

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Name brands: Titleist, Nike, Strata, Top Flite & many more. All perfect condition with no scuff marks, you select your own dozen, all brands only \$4 per doz. Practice balls 50 for \$5. Call 897-8520.

WRECKED OR NON-RUNNING VEHICLES WANTED - Free hauling, possible \$. 642-6807, 897-0004 or 292-2870.

FOR SALE - 1994 PONTOON, 20' with trailer, newer 4 stroke 40 hp. Evinrude, Bimini top & full furniture, \$6,550. 868-1008.

## FOR RENT

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.

## WANTED

HOUSE PAINTING WANTED - Ada/Lowell area. Looking for houses to paint this spring/summer. Quality work. Experienced. References available. Free estimates. Contact Jeff 676-2525.

COMPUTER HELPI - General service, networking, spyware & virus removal. Also build & repair hardware. Free estimates. Call James at 897-2632.

TREES 'R US - Dealing in any type of tree service. Trim, removal, clear cutting. Kevin 897-0381.

## HELP WANTED

COMMERCIAL CLEANING POSITIONS - Full & part-time positions available immediately. Evening hours, including weekends. Experience in office cleaning, floor work & carpet cleaning helpful. Must have own transportation & valid drivers license. We offer competitive wages. Great benefits for full time. Stop in soon & fill out an application. Metropolitan Building Maintenance, 868 Barnum SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509.

AXIOS HAS THE PERFECT JOB FOR YOU!!! - Hiring in the Greenville, Ionia, Lake Odessa, Saranac, Lowell and Belding areas. Positions: Plastic Sanders, Steel/Plastic Repair. General Labor, Assembly, CAD Operator, Machinist, Warehouse, Tool and Die, Maintenance Technician (PLC, HVAC, Electrical, Refrigeration) All shifts/\$7.00-\$17.00 per hour depending upon position and area. Long term. Full-time Opportunities. Call 616-522-0500 or apply at 2031 South State Road, Ionia.

MANPOWER - is seeking employees that can be available on a daily basis, open to calls for same day work in inspection or packaging up products. If you are flexible please call Manpower today at 616-897-0050.

MANPOWER - is currently RECRUITING for MACHINE OPERATORS. Must be experienced and able to start in a day's notice, committed to be at WORK everyday. Call Manpower today at 616-897-0050.

HELP WANTED - Future openings to deliver Grand Rapids Press in city limits of Lowell. We are also in need of substitutes. No collecting. Good profits. Call 897-5793 to apply or leave message.

EXPANDING - Local company looking for men and women to fill 43 full time permanent positions. No experience necessary; we train. \$400 per week. Must start immediately. Phone 475-6603. College students welcome.

DELIVERY DRIVER - CDL-A drivers needed. Looking for dependable customer service oriented person w/ chauffers CDL-B, CDL-A license. Good working environment. Also hiring nights/weekends. 616-248-7729.

## SERVICES

ATTN: GRADUATING SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS - We have open house cards, thank you cards & envelopes! 5c for each piece! Lowell Ledger/Lowell Litho, 105 N. Broadway, Letho.

CUSTOM WOODWORKING - Millwork & repair service. Wood Specialties, Lowell 897-8510.

## SERVICES

LICENSED DAYCARE OPENINGS - North of Lowell. Several openings. Craft activities planned. Lowell busing available. Call 897-3065.

CARPET SALES & INSTALLATION - 30 years experience Kraig Haybarker 897-8829.

TASTEFULLY SIMPLE - Small indulgences for busy lives! Jennifer Schultz, consultant, 897-0448. 219 N. West, Lowell. Cell 616-581-8925, jenschultz5@peoplepc.com, www.tastefullysimple.com

PAYROLL & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE - By certified Quickbooks advisor. Call Kathy 897-0686.

CARPENTRY - Complete home improvement service. Basements, kitchens, and baths, drywall, decks, siding, windows and doors. Licensed and Insured. Call Bob 987-4423 or 292-1002.

JOHN DEBIAK HORSESHOEING & HOOF TRIMMING - Serving the Greater Kent/Ionia County area with 15 years of professional, full-time experience. Call 897-4290.

PLUMBER - Experienced. Residential, Service or New Construction. Reasonable rates. Call 897-2575.

HARDWOOD FLOORS - Professionally installed or refinished by Miller's Custom Woodworking. For an estimate call 897-2775.


TOWING - Servicing Lowell & surrounding areas. Flat bed & wrecker, Tire changes, Jump starts, Lock outs, 24 Hr. service. Call Lincoln Lake Autos 446-5909.

ALTO AREA DAYCARE - has immediate openings for 18 mos & older. Fenced in backyard. Access to all Lowell Area Schools. CPR certified. Call 868-0752.

FUN, FUN, FUN - Come have fun with us at the Mirage. Daily food specials. Karaoke Mon.-Sat. Located between Lowell & Ionia on Bluewater Hwy. Call 616-647-4055 for more info.

DOES YOUR CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE CAR, TRUCK OR VAN NEED REPAIR? - Don't make a mistake & take it anywhere else - give Geo-Tech a try! Contact George at Geo-Tech Transmission & Repair, 897-0743.





# River Valley Credit Union's GRAND OPENING!

**When:** Saturday, May 8th 2004

**Where:** 2500 W. Main St.

Lowell, MI 49331

Please join us on Saturday, May 8, to celebrate the grand opening of our Lowell branch! We will be serving hotdogs, refreshments, and fun from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Bring the family as we will have balloons for the kids and a drawing for a BIG SCREEN TV for the adults! The new branch is located at 2500 W. Main Street in Lowell, just east of the intersection of Alden Nash and Main Street.

To celebrate, we are offering two great specials for the entire month of May!



**B-93 will be at the new branch from 9:00 am until 11:00 am giving away prizes and registering people to win a Big Screen TV!**

## FREE CHECKS IN MAY

All new checking accounts opened in May, will receive a **FREE BOX OF CHECKS!**

\* Restrictions apply.

## LOAN SPECIALS ALL MAY!

All loans approved or refinanced from other financial institutions in May will receive **.50% off their interest rate!**