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Mayor exchange day ambassadors find many similarities between Lowell and Wayland

By Dan Schneider

Representatives from the city of Wayland were in town last Thursday to check things out. It was mayor exchange day and the people from Wayland learned about Lowell.

Wayland is located south of Grand Rapids near US-131. The trip from Wayland to Grand Rapids is about the same distance as a trip from Lowell to Grand Rapids. That's just the beginning of the similarities between the two small towns, the Wayland civic leaders found out.

They learned Lowell is about the same size as Wayland. The population of that city is 3,900. The 2000 census had Lowell's population at 4,013. The cities are of similar size in terms of square mileage.

Wayland's largest employer outside its public school system, Dean Foods, employs 135 people. Lowell's Attwood Corporation employs 132.

The area surrounding Wayland is primarily agricultural.

"Dairy's the big one," Wayland mayor Burrell Stein said. "And then cash-cropping, too."

Both Lowell and Wayland have volunteer fire departments.

"Even the area they cover is almost to the square mile the same," Wayland city councilman Jeff Geshel said.

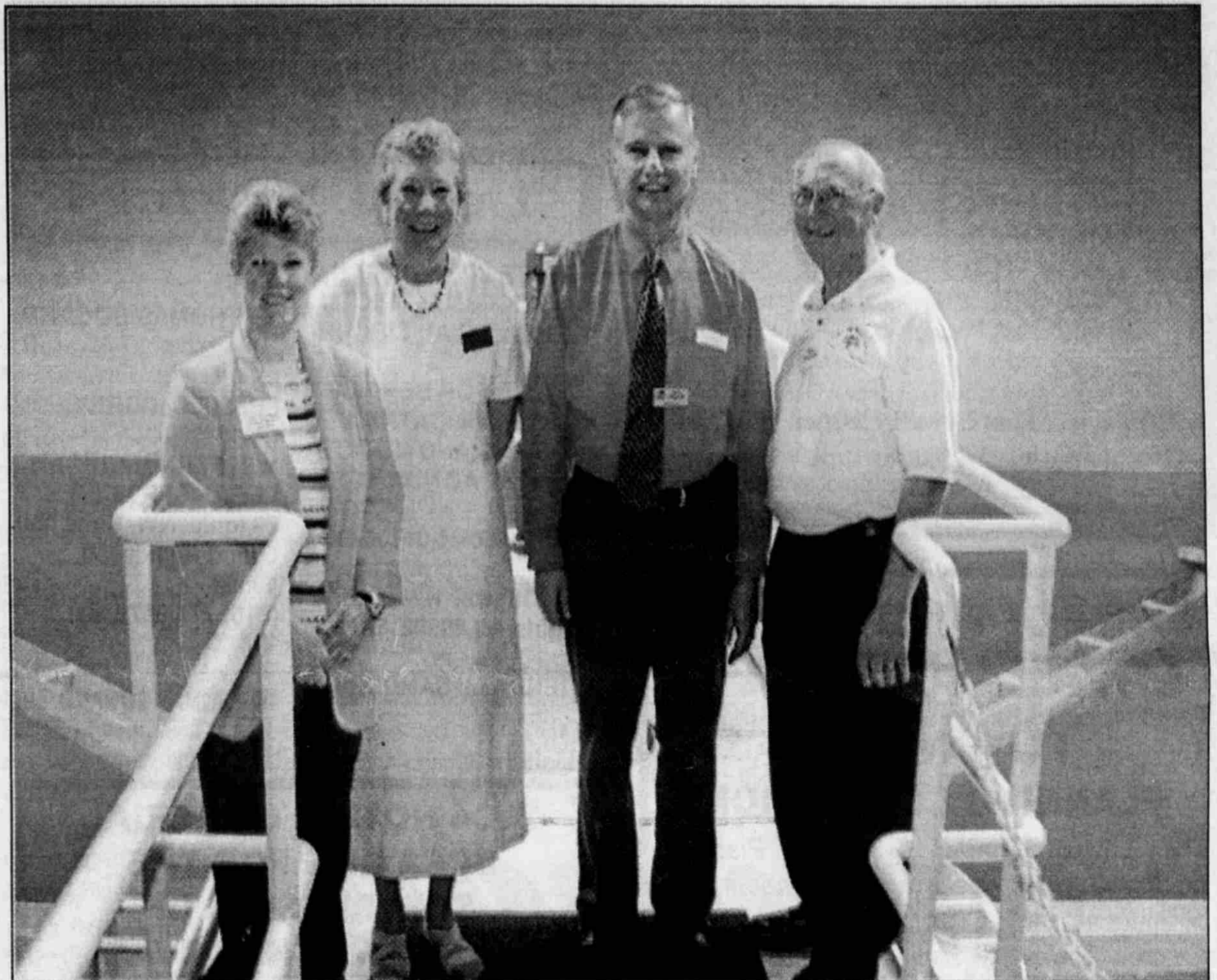
Lowell's fire department covers 30 square miles compared with Wayland's 36.

"The big difference is they have bigger industries in Lowell than we do in Wayland," Geshel said.

While the Lowell Red Arrows were winning state championships in wrestling and equestrian this school year, the Wildcats took state honors in debate.

The Wayland representatives said the town has an intense, borderline fanatical sense of community pride similar to Lowell's.

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Wayland city manager Deb Nier, Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale and Wayland mayor Burrell Stein in the clarifier room at the Lowell water treatment plant. Lowell hosted representatives from the city of Wayland last Thursday for mayor exchange day. The water treatment plant was one of the stops on the tour.

LHS student wins national graphic design competition

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School senior achieved graphic arts success recently. Megan Shellenbarger took first place nationally in promotional graphic design at the Business Professionals of America's National Leadership Conference.

About 3,200 high school students attended the conference April 28 through May 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The contest for the promotional graphic designers was to create a slogan and graphic theme for next year's conference. That conference will be in Anaheim, California in 2005.

Shellenbarger's slogan was "Ahead of the Curve." For illustration, she rendered the curving architecture of the conference center building in Anaheim.

"I printed some pictures off the internet, then drew some sketches of the pictures," Shellenbarger said. "Then I scanned my sketches into Illustrator and redrew it from there."

She integrated the building with purple color fields to complete the piece. Shellenbarger taught herself the complex Adobe Illustrator program for a few months before learning more about it in Sue Langford's Digital Imaging class.

"I've always liked art and everything, then I met her and had her for a few classes and one of her students introduced me to Illustrator," Shellenbarger said.

Langford went along with Shellenbarger to the conference.

"It's very possible that they'll use the slogan and possibly the graphic in their promotional materials for next year's conference," she said.



Megan Shellenbarger with her piece that won first place in the Business Professionals of America (BPA)'s promotional graphic design contest. She received her award at the BPA's National Leadership Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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OBITUARIES

ALCUMBRACK - Mr. Robert F. Alcumbrack, aged 74, passed away on May 10, 2004. For many years he worked at Kelvinator Manufacturing and prior to that worked at Lear Corporation (Smith Industry) and Gibsons. Bob lived his whole life in Cannonsburg, loved the community and was a charter member of Cannonsburg Historical Society. Spending time with his

family was his first love, and he liked to fish or simply enjoy nature. He is survived by his children Connie and Lynn Molencamp of Kentwood. Gary Alcumbrack and Teresita Alcumbrack of Wyoming, Doug and Connie Alcumbrack of Newaygo, and Jeanne and Herm Goldner of Lowell; 15 grandchildren: eight great-grand-

children; brothers Chuck Alcumbrack and John Alcumbrack, both of Cannonsburg; sister Donna and Larry Ellsworth of Belding; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Gerald Alcumbrack, his parents Lester Alcumbrack and Ellen Augustine; his brother Bill Augustine. The service was held Friday at the Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with Rev. Wayne Wheeler officiating. Interment in Sunfish Lake Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider American Diabetes Association.

ARLT - Donna Arlt, aged 82, died Sunday, May 9, 2004 at Bortz Health Care in Traverse City. Mrs. Arlt was born August 21, 1921 in Summit City to Jessie and Bessie (Barratt) Hudson. She was married to Walter Arlt in Cadillac October 28, 1940. He preceded her

in death April 23, 1990, as did a son Dwaine, five brothers, three sisters and two grandchildren. She was a resident of the Kingsley area all of her life and a homemaker and helpmate to her husband. She was a member of the Farm Bureau, an honorary member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac and a charter member of both St. Johannes Lutheran Church in Kingsley and Faith Lutheran Church in Mesick. She is survived by one son Charles Arlt of Wyoming; two daughters Garnet (Russell) Dwyer of Mesick, Frances (Ralph) Clouser of Lowell; one daughter-in-law Mona Arlt of Traverse City; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held May 12 at Faith Lutheran Church, pastor Kelly Todd officiating. Burial in Evergreen Cemetery, Kingsley.

contributions to the Clark Retirement Community Benevolent Fund.

YURKINAS - Joseph Michael Yurkinas, aged 44, of Lowell, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 9, 2004. He served in the Marines from 1979-1983. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to camp and fish. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph W. Yurkinas. He is survived by his mother Esther Yurkinas of Kentwood; brothers Gregory and his family from Corpus Christi, Texas, Vincent, Carri and family from Ionia; sisters Catherine and Jon from Clarksville, Valarie and Devon from Ada, Jill and family from Grand Rapids; grandmothers Isabelle Yurkinas and June Haskill; aunts, uncles, several cousins, nieces, great-niece, nephews and friends. Cremation has taken place.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 5.4.1 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments would provide new regulations for an Adult Entertainment business. The proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance ordains that certain regulatory provisions governing adult entertainment businesses shall be added as Section 5.4.1(P) of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. In addition, the Adult Entertainment Ordinance requires certain amendments to the Table of Use Regulations in Section 4.1.1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance will provide definitions, place restrictions and regulations as well as provide for conditions and limitations for Adult Entertainment businesses.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
**WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331**

The proposed ordinance is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township
Planning Commission

LEGAL NOTICES

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2004 NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY MOTH LARVAE IN SELECTED AREAS OF LOWELL TOWNSHIP

Certain selected areas in Lowell Township are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.)* for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. Maps of these areas are available for viewing at the Township Office. The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The *B.t.* brand will be Foray 76B supplied by Valent BioSciences Corporation. The spraying will be done by aircraft when weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for May 21, 2004.

The insecticide *B.t.* is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honey bees or other non-leaf eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The *B.t.* formulation has no reentry restrictions. The *B.t.* is applied at about a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the tree foliage. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes.

Lowell Township
John Timpson, supervisor
2910 Alden Nash
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-7600

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 3.8, the Industrial Planned Unit Development District of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments broaden the list of allowable uses, specify lot sizes and building setbacks and set forth development standards for landscaping, parking, lighting, unloading and similar standards as well as procedures to review an IPUD rezoning request.

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Cable rates jump into the \$30 range

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

It's a good news/bad news story coming from the Lowell Cable Company. The bad news is that cable rates will increase by \$2. The good news is that even with the rate increase, the cable is still about \$10 less than its major competitors.

Lowell Cable Company general manager Tom Richards presented the Lowell City Council with an amendment by the company's board to raise the rates from \$29.60 to \$31.60. The reason for the increase, Richards said

at the Monday night council meeting, is that "half of our charge for basic cable service is programming costs." He added that those costs are what is charged by such companies as ESPN and HBO for allowing the cable company access to its programming.

The Lowell Cable Company is part of the National TV Co-op, which helps give the small station the purchasing power of 14 million viewers. And while the rates are favorable, they are still not as good as some of the company's biggest competi-

tors like Comcast, he said. Even with the last increase of \$1.30 per month, in September 2003, and revenue generators such as the sale of commercials and the renting space of the company's towers, the cable rates are not covering the costs, Richards explained.

Even with the increase, the cable company will fall well below what other major cable companies are charging, which is about \$43-\$47 per month. "It's a good value, but it does need to cost more

in order for us to cover all of our costs," Richards said.

Councilman Charles Myers said he preferred the small increases as needed versus a large jump that is based on estimates, and supported the increase. The rest of the council gave a unanimous vote to the increase as well. Richards said that programming costs have increased about 80 percent, but that increased costs to subscribers have only been about half of that.

Above average rainfall delays planting on area farms

By Dan Schneider

The heavy rains that have been falling for the past weeks have kept planting equipment off local farm fields.

It could be just an inconvenience to farmers if the weather stays dry this week. But more rain could have an impact on this season's crop yields.

"If we get a good, dry week so we can get moving, it will be about normal but if we get more rain, it will be a different story," Lowell Township

farmer Carl Blough said. "We need the rain but it doesn't know when to stop."

Blough intends to plant 1,500 acres of corn and 900 acres of soybeans this year. He started planting both with a 12-row, no-till planter around April 22. He got half the acreage planted before the rain started. The delay will put added pressure on planting.

"You only have a certain amount of time to get it in to get the optimum yield," Blough said. "Basically, what this week will do ... if it does

dry out again ... the planter's going to be running around the clock."

"June 10th is kind of the last day (for planting corn) before sacrificing yield," said David Bain, county executive director for the Farm Service Agency.

Soybeans can be planted a few days later in the season than corn. June 10 is the planting deadline for crop insurance on corn. As that date approaches, farmers may have to switch to a faster-growing variety of corn, such as a 90-day corn rather than a 120-day corn.

"You get a lot better yield out of those longer-growing corns," Bain said.

"Anything that will be planted after next week, you'll probably have to drop down to 90-day corn," Steve Schutte said.

Schutte is one of the owners of Schutte Farms in Bowne Township. He's more concerned about the seed they already have in the ground; almost all of their 1,500 acres is planted with corn and soybeans.

"This last bunch of rain we got right here really did some stuff in, I would think," Schutte said. "They're gonna rot, the seeds."

Schutte already plans he'll have to re-seed some of the land. He's also concerned the rain is making his alfalfa grow too rapidly, which reduces its nutritional content.



Lions celebrate 50th anniversary

Bob Reagan is shown on Main Street with the charter of the Lowell Lion's Club. Reagan is the last charter member remaining in the club. The charter dates back to 1954, which makes this Thursday's Charter Night will be the 50th anniversary of the Lowell Lions. The event will take place at Deer Run Golf Course starting with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the installation of officers. The club is inviting all of its former members to attend the event. Call Reagan at 897-7179 for more details.

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to Memorial Day our Deadline for the June 2, 2004 edition of the Lowell Ledger has been changed to:

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Former owner hopes to open new pub on Main Street

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Ron Potter can see the need for a pub that's open a little later at night than what is currently available in town.

That reason and the fact that his old liquor license is up for sale encouraged the former Main Street pub owner to open a new place. Center Post Pub, at 203 E. Main St. Potter sold his liquor li-

cense to the banquet facility that used to be located across the street from his former establishment, which is now part of the Vennen dealership. When he learned that Fifth-Third Bank had the license in

escrow because the banquet facility owner had declared bankruptcy, he decided to see about having the license transferred back to him. "I've already made a down payment on the license and the bank is

waiting for the transfer for me to make the final payment," Potter said at the Lowell City Council meeting Monday night.

The council had to give its recommendation—that the license be transferred to Potter—to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, which oversees all issues in regards to liquor licenses. Potter said he doesn't plan to offer food, except for snacks, primarily because the two businesses on either side offer food. Also, bathroom facilities, which take up a good portion of the building, and the fact that it will be a smoking facility, eliminate having a full restaurant. By allowing smoking, he would be required to

close off the kitchen and the space just doesn't allow for that.

The pub will seat less than 50 people and if all goes according to plan, should be open about mid-July, he said. "The restaurant on one side has already talked to me about giving their patrons beepers and then sending them over to me to wait," Potter said with a chuckle. "So I'll be a waiting area for them."

Chief of police Jim Valentine recommended the transfer to the city council. The members agreed with Valentine on the matter, forwarding their blessing on the deal to the Liquor Control Commission.

Children's author to hold book signing this Thursday

By Dan Schneider

Author Diane Youngblood Donlon will be in town Thursday for a book signing and reception. It will take place at Chimera Design, 208 E. Main.

Her new children's book is called "Balancing on a Rock." It's a story about a group of kids who use their imaginations and build a swamp out of things they find around the house. Not only do they build a swamp, but they play a game jumping from rock to rock in the swamp.

The book, an instruction manual for creating a pretend swamp, comes with a CD and a song by Bill Vitz of the Grand Rapids Symphony. The song is about balancing on a rock and not falling off in an imaginary swamp.

"They're not using anything out of the ordinary to build this swamp, they're using pillows and laundry baskets," Donlon said about her characters.

As the story progresses, the swamp keeps getting more and more complex as the characters add more pillows and things to it. It is not

illustrated as an actual swamp, however, until all the imaginary rocks are in place.

"They had to add everything to the swamp to make it happen," Donlon said. "Everybody had to collectively give their ideas before it became their imagined reality."



Diane Youngblood Donlon will be at Chimera Design Thursday for a reception and to sign copies of her latest book, "Balancing on a Rock." The book's illustrator, Duane Huisman, will also be there.

Duane Huisman did the illustrations for the book. He will be at the reception as well.

The characters are depicted using ordinary objects to make their swamp so kids will be able to identify the story with their own

play. The song is also intended to help make the book into a game.

"I want them (kids) to feel like part of the cast, one of the characters," Donlon said. "They're kinetically involved, they're singing a song, they're interacting with whatever friends they have around."

The author also wants to get kids unglued from television screens. She hopes making reading an active process will help her achieve this.

"My goal is to get the wiggliest kid hooked on reading because they know they're going to pop in a CD at the end and dance," Donlon said.

The book is written for children ages three to eight. Donlon also has written other books. Her first two came out in 2002, "Tippee, Tippee Tip-toe" and "Creep, Sleep, Pounce and Peek... Like a CAT." Both of those books are dance games with music.

Donlon has spent time in New York studying dance. She said she wanted to be a children's author and a teacher since a very young age. She has taught music and dance in several elementary schools, including St. Patrick's in Parnell.

The book signing and reception will last from 6 to 8 p.m.

It's still important to install carbon monoxide alarms

Despite the arrival of spring and warming temperatures, Consumers Energy is urging its 1.6 million natural gas customers throughout Michigan to install carbon monoxide alarms. The recommendation follows two recent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning incidents which sickened occupants of homes in Clinton Township and Paw Paw.

Carbon monoxide is a poisonous, invisible gas that comes from the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, such as natural gas, propane or wood. The gas prevents blood from transporting oxygen through the body and can lead to brain damage and death. Symptoms of CO poisoning can include a severe headache, vomiting and nausea.

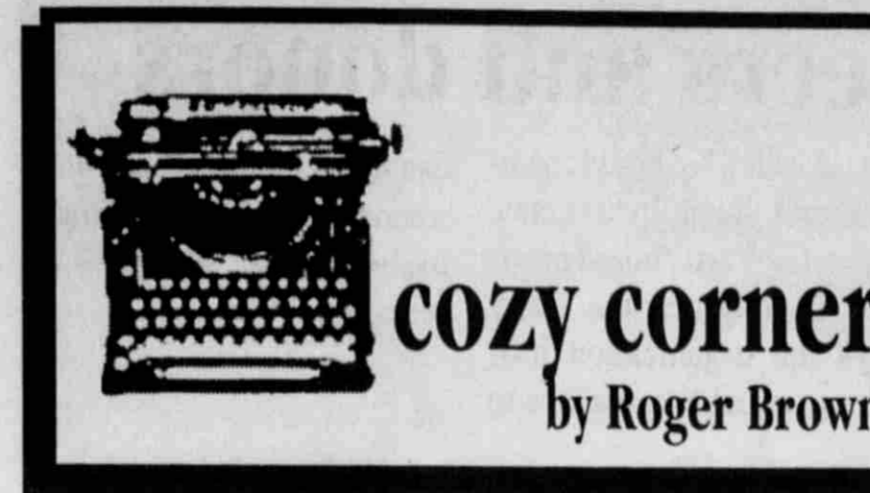
The best defense against

carbon monoxide problems includes the purchase and installation of a CO alarm approved by the Underwriters Laboratories. These alarms sound if dangerous levels of carbon monoxide are present.

Another way to protect against CO poisoning is to make sure all fuel-burning appliances are properly installed and maintained. Furnaces should be cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified service technician. Venting on furnaces, water heaters, and chimneys should be periodically inspected to be sure that animal nests or other debris do not interfere with proper ventilation.

For more information on protecting your family against CO poisoning, visit the web site www.consumersenergy.com.

Viewpoint . . .



I have another little handyman project underway. You say, "Yeah, so what else is new?" And yes, this column is yet another, "Bob Vila's Evil Twin" episode... sort of.

This project is an outdoor job that involved setting four poles in the ground. Since the poles will dictate the corners of what I hope will be a reasonably square shed, the placement of the holes was pretty important. The first two were easy. Measure center to center and drill. I have a little motorized auger that works great for digging the holes. Bob himself would be jealous of this rig.

The next hole placement required some of my old nemesis... brainpower. For the sake of accuracy, I placed the first two poles and braced them into position to have good points from which to take my measurements. This required some extra hands, so I recruited my wife. Trying to hold everything plumb, level and square while getting some screws into place really could have involved several people. Terese stuck with me through a little tool tossing and cursing. The poles were eventually pretty much in place.

I then took my measurements and located my last two holes. To mark the spots, I drove half-inch iron re-bar stakes into the ground. The auger was brought into position and I went right to work on hole number three. This hole was in a

rocky area and the going was very slow. After grinding away for quite some time, I noticed something that was not good.

Terese was standing, shovel in hand, waiting to help clear the hole of debris when I finished with the auger. She had a gauze bandage taped to her left shin that ran from her ankle to her knee. She did not look happy.

I shut down my machine and asked what had happened. She explained. She had tripped over the stake marking the fourth hole. The iron stake was mushroomed over at the top, and did a nice job of peeling a strip of skin from her shin, just about all the way from her ankle to her knee. Yeah, I cringed too!

Now this is what I like about my wife. She had painfully injured herself, and didn't even bother to tell me, or ask for help. She let me keep right on working while she bandaged herself. Then, there was no moping around looking for sympathy. She was back on the job, shovel in hand.

She did call me a dummy, and scolded me for not marking the stake. I called her a klutz and fired my machine back up.

A little later we had the poles in place and some concrete poured in the holes. We picked up the tools and called it a day. Terese rode along as I drove into town to get more gauze, tape and ointment for her wound. We had a party to attend that evening, and she was not at all happy about having to explain the bandages to everyone.

Thursday is our wedding anniversary. It will be 32 years. After reading the above, you may find it hard to believe anyone would stay married to a taskmaster like me, a.k.a. Bob Vila's Evil Twin, for such a long time. Makes me wonder as well.

I will tell you this. When I came out of the drugstore with all the bandages, I surprised her with an ice cream bar. I can show a little compassion and sympathy. We just have to wait until the work is done. Happy Anniversary Terese! And, thanks for the help.



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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
MAY 21, 1879

"Rumor says that church matters at Bowne Center are decidedly hot."

J.M. Mathews will be entering several horse races this summer.

J. Kopf has a new kind of musical instrument called an organette for sale.

The Ionia Sentinel says that 16 Ionia County townships averaged 100,000 bushels of wheat last year.

The Marshal wants everybody to stop throwing paper and rubbish in the streets.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 19, 1904

A student, ill but not knowing why, spreads smallpox on his way to a visit at home, elsewhere in Michigan.

The Marine Engineering department at the University of Michigan has built a tank 320 feet long by 22 feet wide for testing ship models.

The Pasteur Institute at the U of M has successfully treated 38 people for rabies in the past year.

The Lowell Band buys several new caps and coats to start off the new summer season on Decoration Day.

Six boys and six girls will graduate from Ada High School next week.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
MAY 23, 1929

Extensive preparations are being made by many organizations plus schools and churches for the Memorial Day parade, decoration of graves and services at the cemetery.

Clyde VanDusen, the winning horse of the Kentucky Derby this year, is named after trainer Clyde VanDusen, who got his start training and racing horses on the Lowell track.

Kent County will construct two gravel roads in Vergennes Township, the Fallsburg Bridge Road and the Murray Lake Road.

The Bennett Schoolhouse on Vergennes Road will be moved 1000 feet west. A gravel pit is to be constructed at the present site.

Don't forget Business Bargain Day this Saturday.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 20, 1954

Everett Carey and John Christoff have started a trout farm on Grand River Drive west of Segwun.

LHS hosted 450 rural students at Field Day last week. Cutler School won the "One Room" trophy and Alto the "Two-Room" trophy.

Safety slogan: Watch Out For School Children Especially If They're Driving Cars."

An old well was re-opened because of high lawn-watering on Sunday, resulting in red water for Monday's laundering.

Cars to be repaired, sitting on sidewalks in front of garages, make a pedestrian problem at the west end of town.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
MAY 23, 1979

Harold Zeigler expands his Lincoln-Mercury dealership to Kalamazoo.

A hot-air balloon crash into live Ada power lines slightly injures the pilot, but darkens about 900 homes.

Edward Boyd of Lowell completes 30 years of volunteer weather observation.

George Dey has 15 extra hubcaps, from the monstrous chuckhole outside the Dey Machine Shop on Lincoln Lake Avenue.

The new self-service car wash across from Eberhard's opens this week.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

When I first heard of Nick Berg's murder I was enraged. I was also enraged that his murder was filmed and distributed. But what was disheartening and appalling was that millions of Americans justified themselves into viewing this film.

The reasoning is this: "To come to grips or shock us to what we are dealing with." Do we need to be educated in evil

to be against it? I cannot help thinking that the actual impetus of turning on the screen is an immoral urge to see a filmed murder and to satisfy our own visual curiosity. We are becoming desensitized. The murderers are already desensitized. A simple description should cause us to have rage in our very core.

I believe that watching this film will only bring about an adverse effect. It will breed fear of the enemy, not the faith we need to get us through this war. It will breed consuming hate and paranoia, not the clarity of mind we need to embrace this conflict and deal righteously with our fellow man.

Mike Pelz



2003-2004 has been a memorable year. While we have had our challenges, we have also had our points of pride. I want to share with you some of these and to salute staff, students, parents and community members for their work and support.

At the District level, we have seen growth in student achievement through improved MEAP scores. Cherry Creek students improved their scores, and Alto had several scores in the 90's. Way to go! We are going to continue to target reading and math. Our goal - to have 95 percent of our students at or above grade level.

We have had continued growth through professional development. Teachers are developing curriculum maps to show what is taught and common assessments to provide baseline data to measure improvement. Teachers in grades K-2 recently worked with a reading expert to add to their knowledge and skills. Our principals have participated in instructional walk-throughs, a method to see what is happening in all the classrooms in an efficient and effective manner. For example, elementary principals look to see if the classrooms provide a print-rich environment and effective, research-based best instructional practices. They also check to see how many students are engaged in the work.

Lowell Area Schools is moving ahead in technology. Each elementary classroom over the next two years will have four computers for student use. The middle school and high school will each add an additional lab to provide individualized instruction for students that need a boost in math and reading. A+ Certification will be taught at LHS, and computer skills will become a regular part of the middle school curriculum. We are accomplishing these goals through grant funding and the purchase of high quality used computers and monitors.

Elementary teachers have been piloting hands-on science lab kits and will implement these next year. Secondary science teachers will be piloting textbooks next year. Cherry Creek has piloted a LEGO unit as part of science instruction; we hope to expand this program next year to all fifth graders. Students learn by doing and use the LEGOS to build simple machines; students are also introduced to robotics. This project was made possible through the support of the Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation.

Our students have had outstanding successes this year - in academics, in athletics, in the arts, and in extracurricular activities. State and national championships have made us all proud. These are just some of the areas of success this year.

Lowell is a great place to live and to work and provides a firm educational foundation for our children.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools.com.

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Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor
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In the first nine verses of the fifth chapter of John's gospel we hear a story of Jesus healing a person who has been incapacitated for 38 years due to an unidentified illness. The question that Jesus asks the person is an important one for the church of today to hear: "Do you want to be healed?" This question is particularly important in light of the great opportunities for meaningful dialogue and expressed clarity that the church could bring to some very difficult issues that face our country.

"Do you want to be healed?" is a question that Jesus asks as we respond to hard, divisive and very explosive issues confronting all of us from every walk of life and every Christian and non-Christian sector of our nation. It is as if God is asking the church "Do you want to be healed?" and then pointing us to consider the vision of John of the New Jerusalem, the city of inclusiveness. For this new city of John's vision challenges the city as viewed by the patriarchs of old who could only see a God of one people. John reveals that God is a God of all peoples. The Easter dream of God is not limited to new life given to those whom we expect - the believers who believe as we do. We ourselves will be healed of our exclusiveness.

"Do you want to be healed?" is a very important question in light of all the questions that face us from issues of marriage, the brutality toward prisoners in Iraq, poverty and hunger in these United States, and the state of public education; just to mention a few. The church's response to these issues can be dogmatic, critical of others of differing theology and condemnatory. The church universal has too often argued among ourselves based on denominational or individual church fellowship stances.

But Jesus asks us, as he asked the person at Bethesda

(House of Mercy), "Do you want to be healed?" When the person's response was a whiny effort to justify why he has not been healed, a lament on not having adequate help from understanding people, Jesus tells him to act: "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk."

Perhaps it is time for the church, the faithful of God, grace and love of all denominations and Christian fellowships to act,

to come together in dialogue. We can argue and fuss and fume about conditions, condemning those who don't seem to be helpful to our cause, our point of view, or we can act in the love and grace of God, coming together in dialogue to bring clarity to the complexity of the issues, to recognize the insights of differing points of view, and to heal the nation. For, God is still speaking.

Board honors volunteers and donors

Flat River Outreach Ministries, Inc. board of directors held a celebration on Friday, May 7 to recognize the many volunteers and donors who share their gifts of time, talents and support. Approximately 80 people attended the event held at St. Mary's Family Center to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by board members and local businesses. Roger La Warre, board president, highlighted the many ways the organization provides invaluable assistance to community members and how wonderfully it has grown since its beginning almost four years ago.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As a public service, The Lowell Ledger will be periodically listing the need for volunteers throughout organizations in our community. Organizations who need volunteers should feel free to contact the Ledger office by phone, 997-9261 or fax 897-4809 to have their requests printed. Please try to keep your requests as short as possible. We reserve the right to edit submissions.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, May 25 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session lasts one hour and meets at 6:30 p.m. It allows persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to find out more about the council and its literacy programs. At the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The council offers one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). It is not necessary to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The session will be at Gaines Township Library, 421 68th St. SE in Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed a few hours per week to relieve an exhausted caregiver, to hold the hand of a patient dying alone, to comfort a grieving family. Training is provided. Hours are flexible.

If you have the time and are willing to be a volunteer, call 774-2702 and ask for Georgiann.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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150 years celebrated at Alto First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Alto will celebrate its 150th anniversary with three special services on June 13, 17 and 20. The church was established June 17, 1854 and soon moved to the corner of 52nd and Bancroft Ave. Later it moved to its current location at 60th and Bancroft in Alto. The church has purchased land on M-50 and is planning to build a new complex in the next few years.

The celebration will include several former pastors on the 13th followed by a Fellowship dinner. The community is invited to attend.

ENGAGEMENTS

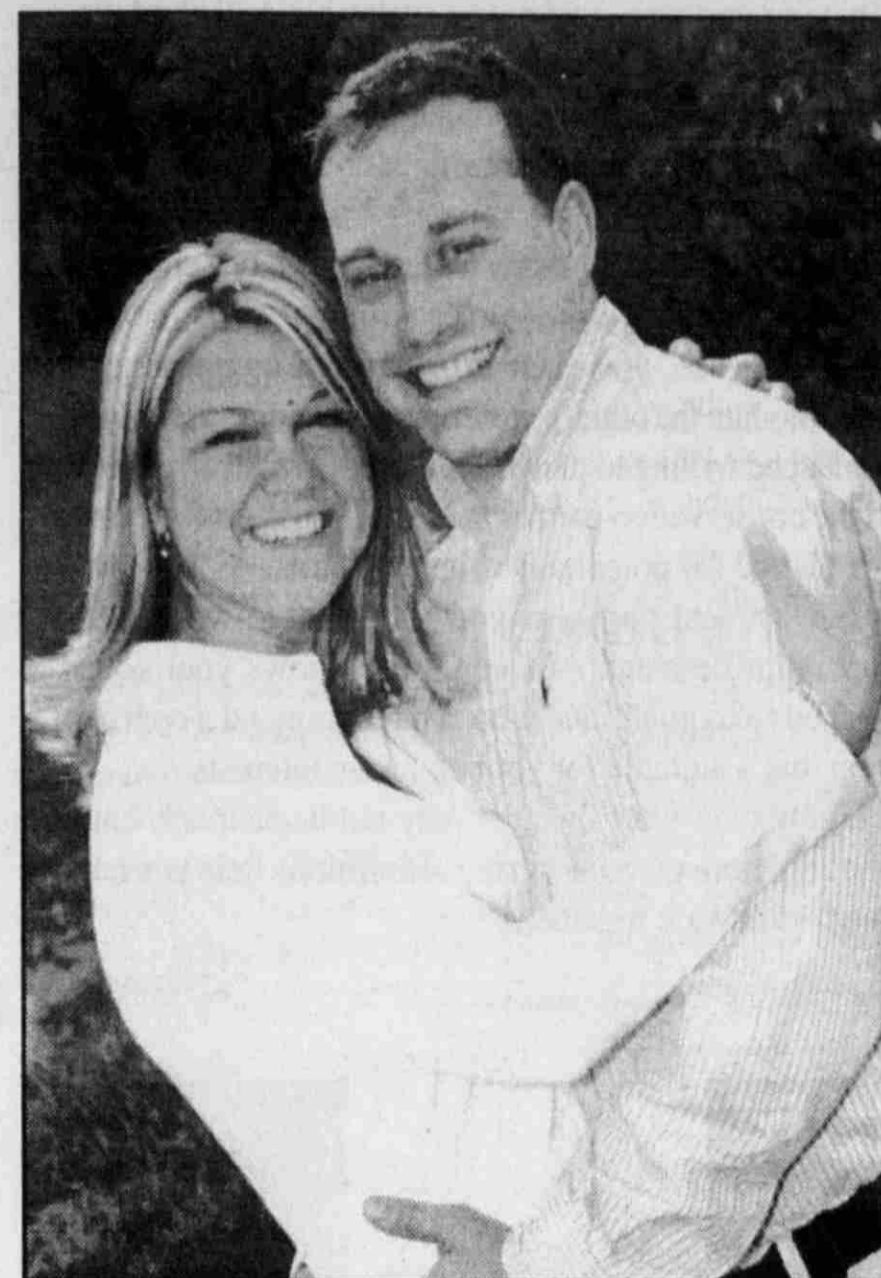
Chapman/Maatman



Kelly Chapman and Mark Maatman

Roger Chapman of Clarksville and Charlene Chapman of Jasper, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Marie to Mark Jonathan Maatman, son of James and Kathleen Maatman of Lowell. The bride to be, of Clarksville, is a graduate of

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Jessica Koopman and Michael Curtis

School and attended Central Michigan University. The groom-elect is of Lowell. He graduated from Lowell High School and attended Grand Valley State University. The future bride is the daughter of Merrie Koopman of Grand Rapids and Al Koopman of Standale. She is a graduate of Lowell High

Health



PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Parkinson's disease is a progressive disorder of the nervous system that affects movement and muscle coordination. More than one million people in the United States have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. The condition is more common in older individuals. If left untreated, the disease is progressive and can severely affect activities of daily living.

Symptoms include tremor, rigidity and slowness of movements. The tremor is classic for the disorder. It is commonly described as a "pill-rolling" movement of the fingers. A fine tremor can often be seen in the face, head, hands and arms. Movement is often jerking or rigid. A person with Parkinson's disease will have a tough time initiating movement, and overall movement is generally slower. The gait is often unstable and wide based. Because this neurologic disorder also affects the muscles of the face, an affected individual will have a flat facial expression.

The disorder is usually diagnosed by your doctor after obtaining a careful history and performing a neurologic exam. A neurologist may be consulted to help with the diagnosis. Other lab and X-rays may be ordered to eliminate other possible causes.

Although there is no cure to Parkinson's disease, there is effective medical and surgical therapy that will improve the symptoms of the disease. For more information contact the American Parkinson Disease Association at 1-888-406-2732 or www.apdaparkinson.org.

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to Memorial Day our Deadline for the June 2, 2004 edition of the Lowell Ledger has been changed to:
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COLLEGE NEWS

Melissa (Peterson) Roudabush, formerly of Lowell, graduated from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Law on May 9. She holds a bachelor's degree from Albion College and graduated from Lowell High School in 1996.

Emily Louise Myers, a senior at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., has been named to the dean's list of distinguished students for the winter term of the 2003-04 academic year. Selection to the dean's list requires a grade point average of at least 3.45 on a 4.0 scale.

Myers is a 2001 Lowell High School graduate.

David M. Barry graduated from Albion College on May 8, receiving a degree in anthropology and sociology and history.

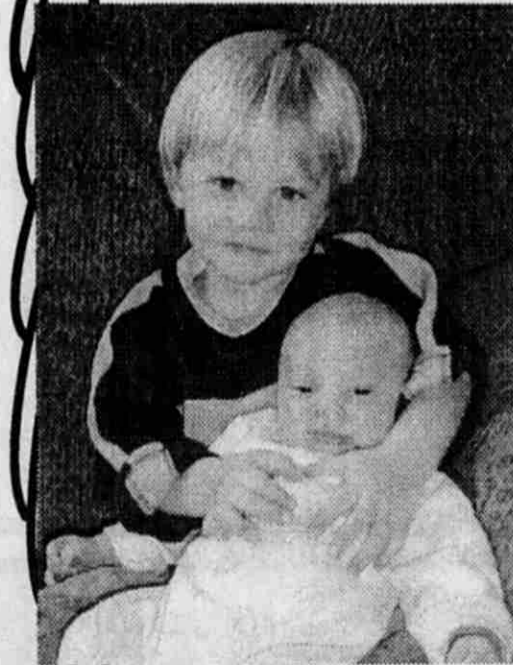
Barry is a 2000 Lowell High School graduate and the son of Gordie and Susan Barry, formerly of Lowell, now residing in Stevensville.

Jennifer V. Den Houter (Jenna) graduated with honors from Michigan State University. The Lowell High School graduate has been admitted into the School of Veterinary Medicine and will begin her course of study in the fall. Her special interest area is Genetics.

Birth Announcement

Lee Reinsma is pleased to announce the birth of his little brother
Joe Douglas

Joe was born on Lee's second birthday, March 28, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 20 inches long.



Proud parents are Matt & Jennifer Reinsma of Rockford. Grandparents are Jeanette & Sam Yelter of Lowell & Frits & Susan Hoendervanger of Detroit. Great-grandparents are Clarence & Rena VanderWip of Jenison.

BUSINESS MATTERS

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<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 Worship Hours...8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School...9:45 a.m.</p> <p>DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonon, Asst. Pastor Stacy Holmes, College & Twenties Brian Baber, Youth Pastor SUNDAYS: Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. Generation Jacob Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fakala 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10:10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration to each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BEISING: 897-7515 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EVENT FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>
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TUESDAY, MAY 25 - "A Smorgasbord of Nutrition" hosted by the Riverside Fellowship of Seventh Day Adventists and the Diabetic Support Group. Information on the Gerontology Network will be available, as well. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM at Schneider Manor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 - "Senior Fitness Test" in the Metro Health - Lowell Plaza Community Room. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Pre-registration requested, call Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.

THURSDAY, MAY 27 - "Medicare Changes and You!" with Jeffrey Oakes - Elder Planner with American Benefits Concepts, Inc. 10:30 AM at Senior Neighbors.

THURSDAY, MAY 27 - "Use It or Lose It" workshop at Dery Physical Therapy. 1:00 PM. "Gravity Is Not Your Friend!": A look at exercise, balance, and flexibility as you age. 2:30 PM - "Brain Boosters": Learn skills to enhance your memory.

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WALK THROUGH FINANCES BEFORE STROLLING DOWN THE AISLE

Soon it will be June - a popular month for weddings. If you are planning to exchange vows in the near future, you've obviously got a lot to think about beforehand. But, in the midst of going over wedding plans, don't neglect a topic that will be important during your entire married life - your finances.

Open and honest communication is the key to a successful marriage - and communicating about money is essential. That's why you will want to get off on the right foot by learning now how you and your partner's finances and financial attitudes fit together.

Of course, you may be thinking that talking about money during the pre-wedding rush can add to the stress of

what may already be a hectic time. But if you can block out a few hours to discuss your finances, you should be able to make a lot of progress. In any case, you'll certainly need to revisit your financial situation and attitudes on a regular basis throughout your marriage.

For starters, though, here are a few questions to ask of each other:

• **What are your financial assets?** - You'll want to find out the scope of each other's assets: savings, investments, retirement plans, etc. This information will serve as a foundation from which you can base your short-and long-term financial goals - such as buying a house and saving for retirement.

• **What are your debts?** - Here's the flip side of the asset question. You might find it hard to ask about each other's financial obligations, but it's vitally important that you share this information - because, whether you realize it or not, you may end up sharing some of these debts. Find out about student loans, car loans, mortgages, credit card bills - everything. While going over these debts, you may even get some ideas about how you can consolidate them.

• **What expenses shall we share?** - Sooner or later, most married couples face the "two checkbook or one" question - but there's no one "right" answer. How you handle the payment of your living expenses is really a personal matter. Many couples have found a workable solution by

paying major expenses - mortgage, car payment, utilities, etc. - out of a joint checking account, while maintaining separate accounts to handle incidentals, gifts and other costs incurred by just one partner.

• **What type of investor are you?** - At first glance, you might think that having a different investment personality from your partner would not be such a big deal. And yet, a substantial number of couples do experience tension when one partner wants to invest much more aggressively than the other. While there's nothing stopping you and your spouse from maintaining separate investment accounts, you may find that, in many cases, you may actually do better by pooling your resources into joint investments. If this is the case, you each may have to compromise to accommodate the other's preferences: The aggressive partner must be willing to play it a bit safer to reduce volatility, and the conservation partner needs to accept a bit more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns. As you shape your investment portfolio, you may want to work with a financial professional - someone who knows your collective needs and goals, and who can recommend a course of action that's suitable for your common interests.

Going over your finances may not be as much fun as planning a honeymoon - but it can definitely help you build a harmonious life together.

Mayor exchange, cont'd...From Page 1

Lowell has been participating in mayor exchange days since it became a city in 1960.

"We've been doing it continuously since 1985," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. "For the most part, it's cities of similar size. "Usually if you're about the same size you have similar issues that you're dealing with."

The city leaders from the two towns had a chance to talk about their mutual challenges while touring Lowell's businesses and municipal facilities. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. That's where the city tour started.

They got a look at the Lowell Area Fire Department in action. The department responded to a medical emergency at Keiser's and a fire call in Valley Vista while the city leaders were eating lunch at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

The tour did not include the Lowell Area Arts Council but Wayland saw its impact on the community with the art exhibit at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a beautiful city, we were very impressed," Wayland's mayor said to sum up his impressions of Lowell.

At the end of the day, after a dinner in the council chambers at Lowell City Hall, Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores presented Stein with a symbolic key to the city.

This Thursday, representatives from Lowell will complete the mayor exchange by visiting Wayland.



Jumping for heart health

Cherry Creek Elementary third grader Summer Bevan jumps rope during last Friday's jump rope-a-thon. Cherry Creek students raised pledges over the past few weeks and then jumped rope and did other activities for 45 minutes on Friday. The pledges raised money for the American Heart Association.

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Creative kids

The gallery at the Lowell Area Arts Council is now featuring artworks by students from Alto Elementary School, Lowell Middle School and Saint Patrick's School. Hours for the show which runs through May 29 have been extended: 12-5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.



Collaborative art show runs through June 7 at Chamber

By Dan Schneider

There is some wild colorful art being displayed right now at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

It's a collaborative show between Lowell's Kathleen Mooney and Dan Barney. Barney does his art in an old garage-type building in Grand Rapids Township. He calls it Studio B.

Mooney's work is mostly fused glass... a special kind of glass that gets sticky at about 1,500 degrees. It melts together to form smooth shapes and color compositions.

Before Mooney discovered glass, she was doing most of her work in watercolor. The two media are similar in that both involve putting layers of color on top of each other. The layers of glass are just much thicker.

"I feel in glass I've got something that really helps me convey my different themes," Mooney said. "My watercolors have been so much stronger since I've been working with the glass."

The glass used in the "Journey" series, so-called because it is the journey of life, is mostly in the shape of a seed or the hull of a boat. It's one of her favorite shapes and gets across all kinds of ideas, like sunsets and diving fish, and a small boat and dark waters.

"That shape comes through in a lot of things I do," Mooney said. "That's something that, to me, really speaks of boats, pods, seeds. It's just been with me for many years."

"And you see that same shape represented in the human figures in the collages."

Mooney also did a series of wild-colored collages. With names like "Regeneration," "The Planet," and "Dance," the collages expand on the ideas and the imagery of the "Journey" series glass pieces.

Mooney made the glass shapes and fastened them onto steel frames. Barney made the frames.

"I've got about four months in the metal," Barney said. "I had to teach myself to weld and use a plasma cutter real quick."

It's a cooperative effort to make the art.

"It's not something that's often done in art because one artist wants the line to go left, the other artist wants the line to go right, and they both feel very strongly about it," Barney said.

For Barney and Mooney, it's a collaboration that's worked well. Barney's metal cutting leaves rough edges on the frames, and the metal gets specked with rust and this adds another dimension to the pieces.

"He understands the fact that I don't want perfect edges on it - I want something organic-looking," Mooney explained.

"The intent of plasma cutting is not to have that," Barney said. "I take my plasma cutter and deliberately create the rough edges."

He's been making art out of steel for about four months. Some of his sculptures are exhibited at the chamber. They're designed for outside display where the wind can move them around and the sculptures can be part of nature. That's why most of them are along the Riverwalk.

The sculptures are designed to help frame a viewer's perspective on the world. "Digger the Gardener" has holes to see plants in the garden. There's a hole in his head to see what he's thinking about... it's plants; there's a hole where his heart is to see what he cares about and what inspires him... that's plants, too.

In his work, Barney is driving at happiness and humor.

"I always want people to

be happy. I want them to feel really good around my art," Barney said. "I don't like dark art. I don't like straight lines. If something is too perfect, it might as well be manufactured."

Before working with steel, Barney was doing a lot of art with wood and other found objects. Some of these are on display, bright-colored, in the chamber.

He's done brightly-painted sculptures of a whole range of different people. Among them are a dancer, a photographer, and a particularly cool electrician climbing a ladder to hang a lamp. He's also done wood and found object dioramas—a very bright one of a boat is on display as well as one of a motorcycle shop.

Barney is a completely self-taught artist who is into making art out of things he finds; he re-uses old materials.

"Anything you can take that's alleged garbage and turn it into something, that's a great thing," Barney said. He gets his steel out of scrap piles, for instance.

"I have lots of friends in the industry who will let me steal the scrap right out of their scrap piles," Barney said. "Most of the time it's either free or a very minimal charge. All my suppliers seem to have my art."

The steel gets re-used on the frames for Mooney's glass pieces.

"I have the joy of scavenging the pieces from his workshop," Mooney said. "As he's doing his large sculptures, small pieces of metal are left over. So I reclaim them and apply them to my frames."

The steel protects the glass. Its fragments, welded to the frames, play off the themes going on in the glass, especially waves. The steel also gets the glass up on the wall. It adds three-dimension-



Dan Barney is framed by a hole in the wing of his steel sculpture, "Dragonfly." Some of the artist's steel works are on display along the Riverwalk.

ality and gets the colored glass series have been featured in Saugatuck. The exhibition at galleries in New York, the chamber runs through June Florida, Grand Rapids and 7.

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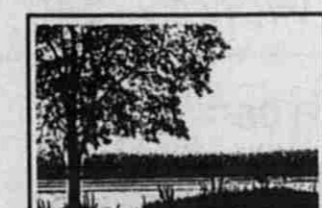
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Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club, 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Nazarene Church. Call Dave, 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES.: Cub Scouts, boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell. Call school for more info.

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

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

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th-grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin. Call Terry 868-6481.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society meets in O'Brien Room of Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Rd. Public invited.

1ST & 3RD TUES.: Diabetic Support group, 9:30 Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

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

EVERY TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops 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.

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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THURS., MAY 20: 12:30 p.m. St. Anne's Dessert & Music; 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Star East.

FRI., MAY 21: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 p.m. Tour VanAndel Arena; Bingo.

MON., MAY 24: 12:45 p.m. Shop Horrocks's.

TUES., MAY 25: 12:15 p.m. Alto Senior Lunch.

WED., MAY 26: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Perkins.

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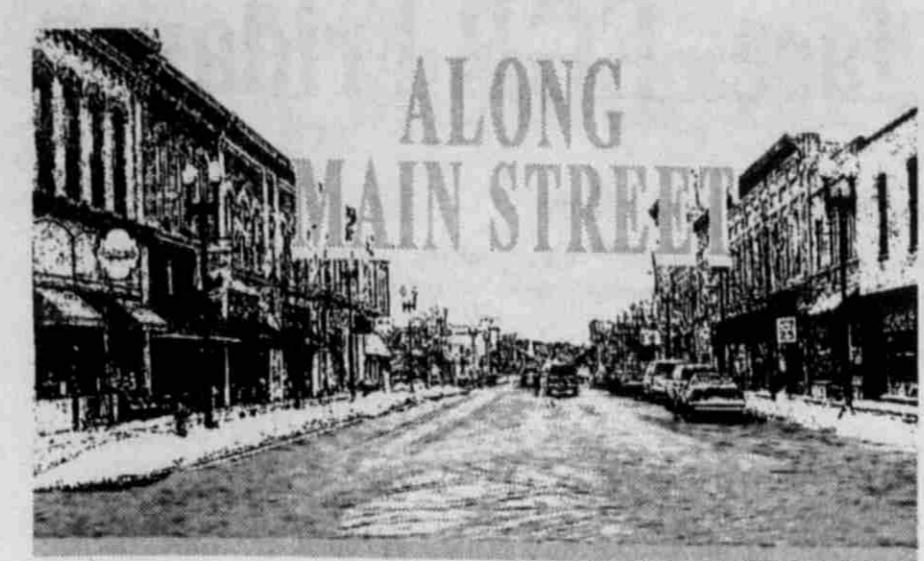
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WATERCOLOR EXHIBIT
Huntington National Bank is featuring a watercolor painting exhibition by Lowell artist, Mary Bommarito now through June 21 during regular business hours.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT KENT COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 04-177518-DA
In the matter of **JOHNNIE L. FELTY a/k/a JOHN FELTY JR., Deceased** 05/13/04

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address (es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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Parents, students and community members are invited to attend an open house at Murray Lake Elementary (3275 Alden Nash) on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m. The school will be about 95 percent complete by Saturday.

YMCA HEALTH/FITNESS WEEK
The Lowell YMCA will celebrate 50+, Fit and Fabulous! the week of May 24. Call 897-8545 or 340-7781 for more information.

40TH REUNION SCHEDULED
The Class of 1964 and past classmates will have their 40th reunion on May 29 at Deer Run Golf Course at 8 p.m. All Lowell alumni are invited to join for a time of socializing and reminiscing. Call Jean (Stormzand) Jeltema at 897-7511 with questions.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, **JACOB J. SPRUIT, SR.**, who lived at 1315 Walker Ave., N.W., #4308, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 2/11/04.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 04-177,565-DE
May 12, 2004
Estate of **JACOB J. SPRUIT, SR.** D.O.B. 7/18/12
JOHN D. MITUS (P-31244)
410 Bridge Street, N.W.

LHS ALUMNI GATHERING
The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will host its first annual Lowell High School all alumni gathering, Saturday, May 29 at the high school. Brunch at 11 a.m., short program and door prizes; cost \$18 per person. Call 897-8415 for more information.

LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the Christmas Through Lowell event, held Nov. 19-21. Deadline is June 1. Call Liz for an application at 897-9161.

KDL BRANCHES CLOSE
The Englehardt and Alto branches will be closed along with the other 16 branches on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, June 1.

68TH LHS REUNION COMING IN JULY
The Class of 1936 will celebrate its reunion on July 9 at Schneider Manor. Classes of 1929 - 1939 are also invited to the potluck at 1 p.m. RSVP to Irene Osborne at 691-8939 or send confirmation to 4076 Murray View Dr., Lowell.

SUMMER ART CLASSES
The Lowell Area Arts Council will offer a variety of classes for youth and adults in the visual arts. To receive a listing of all class offerings with dates and times, call 897-8545 or visit the website at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

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Soccer advances in conference tournament; faces EGR Friday



Lowell's Jessica Visser handles the ball Monday against Cedar Springs. Visser had two goals. Lowell advances to Friday's contest at East Grand Rapids in the OK-White tournament.

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrows crushed the Redhawks in Monday's OK-White tournament opener. The score was 8-0 as Lowell claimed its twelfth win of the season.

"Twelfth win and tenth shutout of the season," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "We tied the (school record) for most wins in a season... and we still have a ways to go."

Abby Debiak had two goals and three assists in the game for Lowell. Jessica Visser had two goals and one assist.

"Sarah had a great game tonight," Legge said. "She's hit or miss but when she's on, she's definitely on and tonight she really was."

The Arrows kept the ball in the Cedar Springs half of the field for most of the game, putting relentless pressure on the Cedar Springs goalie. Lowell took 36 shots on goal while the Redhawks managed only five. "We had to possess the ball a little more, and

passes out of the back had to find our players more," Cedar Springs coach Scott Modisher said. "The second half we played with a lot more guts."

Nevertheless, Lowell scored four goals in the second half... the same as in the first.

The win advances the Arrows in the winners bracket of the tournament. They'll face East Grand Rapids at East. The Pioneers mercied Sparta Monday night, 10-0.

"That's a big game," Legge said. "That's the game we've been waiting for since they beat us 1-0 here."

Last Wednesday, Lowell beat Greenville 7-0.

"They came out and played as well as they have this season, it was just an all-around team effort," Legge said.

Debiak scored a hat trick and had an assist in the game. Amy Oberlin scored two goals and assisted a third.

The win, and the teamwork, were a breath of fresh air for a Red Arrow team that had suffered a meltdown in its previous game against Unity Christian.

"We had some internal issues previous to that game, some conflict issues and that distracted us," Legge said.

The result was a 5-0 loss, Lowell's third of the season, but the only loss by a wide margin.

The Arrows went to Rockford on May 5 where the Rams handed them their second loss of the season. The score was 2-0 Rockford despite Lowell's having 17 shots on goal to Rockford's 14.

"That was just a game where we couldn't put the ball in the net," Legge said. "In six years of coaching here I've never seen a game in which a team dominated as well as we did and come out with a loss."

Lowell's record stands at 12-3 for the season.

Relay teams have surprise showing at conference track meet

By Dan Schneider

Personal-best performances characterized the conference track meet for Lowell.

The OK-White conference meet at Greenville started

last Thursday. Friday's events were rained out and the meet continued Monday. By the time it all ended Monday night, both Lowell teams had finished sixth in the conference.

Heather Becker received all-conference honors. She took second place in the discus, throwing 108'3". She finished fourth in shot put, throwing 32'1 1/2". On the track, Becker took fifth in the 300-meter hurdles,

finishing in 50.7 seconds. She placed sixth in 100-meter hurdles, clocking in at 17.54.

Taking all-conference honors for the boys team was Jeff McPherson. He took third in discus and was on the 800 meter relay team that took fifth with a season-best time of 1:35.18. The same team of McPherson, Tom Doll, Dan Vegter and Collin Walsh turned some heads in the 400-meter relay. After winning that event only once in the conference dual season, they raced to a second-place finish at the tournament in 45.91 seconds. It was their best race of the season.

"That's a very big deal, nobody saw that coming," Lowell coach Russ Stevens said. "The guys really worked hard on that one in practice. I told them once we got it down, we can be the sleeper."

Doll ran his personal-best time in the 100-meter dash; he finished sixth in the event in 11.67.

The 1600-meter relay team of Pat Doyle, Adam VanderPols, Jake Baker and Josh Abdo took sixth place in 3:39. It was their best recorded time.

The boys team scored a total of 21 points in the conference meet.

The girls team did well in several field events. Rebecca Wood took second in pole vault, clearing a personal-best nine feet. Mary Calvi took third in high jump, clearing

4'10". Malley Cahoon finished sixth in that event, clearing 4'8". Freshman Morgan Olin took fifth place in the long jump, jumping 14'11". Freshman Samantha Lambert took third in shot put, throwing 32'3 1/4".

Freshman Hayley Getzen placed fifth in the 3200-meter run. Her time was a personal-best 12:49.07.

The 400-meter relay team of Amanda Grochowalski, Lynda Horsley, Danielle White and Cahoon took fifth place in 53.63. The 3200-meter relay team of Brittany Dietz, Getzen, Monica Fitzpatrick and Sarah Swab took sixth place in 10:49.

The team score for the girls was 40. "It was a great finish. I was very pleased with the girls," Lowell coach Robin Briggs said. "Excellent effort."

East Grand Rapids finished first at the conference meet with 130. The rest of the scores are as follows:
Sparta, 112
Cedar Springs, 69
Kenowa Hills, 65
Unity Christian, 47
Lowell, 40
Northview, 34
Greenville, 30
Cedar Springs took the top spot in the boys conference meet. The scores are as follows:
Cedar Springs, 147
Greenville, 136
Sparta, 89
East Grand Rapids, 56
Kenowa Hills, 49
Lowell, 21
Northview, 15
Unity Christian, 12
Lowell hosts the regional meet this Saturday at Red Arrow stadium.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

UPCOMING STREET CLOSING NOTICE
Foreman Road (Hudson to Gee Drive) will be closed through traffic from mid-June until August 20th for street and water main improvements. Traffic will be limited to local access only. Through traffic will be detoured.

Prior to the beginning of construction, the City of Lowell will meet with local residents and businesses to discuss project staging and local access.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience.



Dan DesJarden, Director
Department of Public Works

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 24, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 Alden Nash Avenue S.E.
Lowell, MI 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, S.E., Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission

Strong showing for Lowell tennis at conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

A favorable conclusion to Lowell's rain-suspended match against Greenville set the tone for the Red Arrows at the OK-White conference tournament Saturday in Lowell.

The match had hinged on the result of the second-flight doubles contest be-

tween Justin Quist and Brandon Lawrence of Lowell and Tyler Athey and Zach Conroe of Greenville. The doubles match was tied at five all in the third set last Monday when rain began to pour and cut the match short.

Quist and Lawrence pulled off the final set. This gave Lowell a 5-3 victory over the Yellow Jackets. It also

gave them a 4-3 record in the OK-White conference to cap off a big year for Lowell tennis.

"It's the first time we've been over 500 in...I don't know if we ever have been," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said.

Lowell then went on to claim fourth place in the tournament. It was a strong finish

for a school that in the past has not been recognized for its tennis ability.

"I don't know if Lowell's ever finished in the top half," Wall said. "It used to be eight for us all the time."

Efforts like the summer tennis program at the high school have improved the pool of players in the sport for Lowell.

The Red Arrows scored 16.5 team points in the tournament. The winning East Grand Rapids team scored 40.

Chris Gallagher battled to the final round for Lowell. He lost there to East's Dylan Irwin. But on the way he won a second-round match to Joe VanderLugt of Unity Christian, who had beaten Gallagher earlier in the season. The score in that second-flight singles match was 3-6, 7-6(7), 6-4.

"That was quite an achievement because he came up in the middle of the season from fourth singles," Wall said.

Third-flight singles player Brett Hobrla defeated Cedar Springs' Adam Hutchinson 2-6, 6-3, 7-6(5). That win also avenged a loss earlier in the season. Hobrla finished fourth in the conference.

Lowell's first-flight singles player, Kyle Wittenbach finished fourth in the conference.

Andrew Hopkins, recently up from junior varsity, won his final match of the day to claim seventh place in fourth singles.

The first doubles team of David Maylone and Brendon Harden took third in the conference. They won their first match against Sparta 6-3, 6-3. They then fell to East Grand Rapids in round two but beat Greenville opponents in their

final match. It was the third time they'd beaten the Greenville doubles team.

Quist and Lawrence finished sixth in second doubles.

Justin Peterson and Nathan Huisman won their first third doubles match but lost the next two to finish fourth.

The fourth doubles team of Dustin Pedley and Alden Nyson also finished fourth in the tournament.

The tournament had started out split, with matches on the courts at Lowell and East Grand Rapids high schools. The final matches were all held in Lowell. Six of those eight matches were between players from conference champion East Grand Rapids and players from Unity Christian, which finished a close second.

"The championship really depended on those matches so it was exciting to have them all in one place," Wall said. The complete team results for the tournament were:

East Grand Rapids, 40
Unity Christian, 37
Northview, 21
Lowell, 16.5
Greenville, 12.5
Kenowa Hills, 10.5
Sparta, 6
Cedar Springs, 4.5
Lowell hosts the regional tournament starting this Friday.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of May 10, 2004

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Matt Hansen reported that the testing season is almost complete. Prom was held on Friday evening, and 13 school days are left for the seniors. Honors Night is May 17, and Baccalaureate is May 26. Students are helping to create a brim near the road next to the soccer field to help with safety. Graduation is June 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lowell Red Arrow Stadium.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - Board members recognized the following students:
Matt Hansen - Board members expressed their appreciation to Matt Hansen for his time serving as the student representative to the Board of Education.
Business Professionals of America - Megan Shellenbarger was recognized for receiving 1st place in Graphic Design at the BPA National Convention.
Cherry Creek Character Award Winner - Josh Skinner, 2nd grader.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION - Shari Miller announced that Sue Stouffer was named Cherry Creek's Staff Member of the month.
Middle School Character Award Winner - Megan Young, 6th grader.
Premier Software Report - Occupational Therapist, Pat Sinen, along with middle school student, Alex Zoulek, demonstrated the free Premier Software which enables students to scan text or access text through the internet and the computer will read the text aloud.

SENIOR CAREER INTERNSHIP AND SERVICE LEARNING - School to Career Coordinator, Carla Stone, shared information on a pilot program at the high school for senior career internships. This program allows students to experience careers outside of the school setting. Carla also explained that students are participating in service learning projects and that service learning will be incorporated into the K-12 curriculum. Kristen McAlpine, the LHS student representative for service learning, shared information regarding her role.

CONSTRUCTION FOLLOW-UP - Jim White reported that Murray Lake is 90% complete and there will be an Open House on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 pm.

BUDGET AND NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that with mid-year State funding cuts and no budget cuts being made in the district at this time, there will be an approximate \$700,000 budget deficit for this fiscal year. In order to end the year with a balanced budget, the district will pull from the fund balance; the amended budget at the end of June will show the fund balance at less than 10%. There is no change in bargaining proposals. MESSA insurance rates increased by over 16%, and the retirement rate is expected to increase by 18%.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE - Larry Mikulski reported on discussions held with the Safety

Forum, April 19, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session.

The following payment of bills for April 2004:
GENERAL FUND.....\$ 1,235,843.37
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$71,484.95
B. Athletic Fund.....\$9,799.63
2000 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$142,820.00
2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$351,164.99
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$ 29,451.83
1990 Debt.....\$2,967,650.00
2000 Debt.....\$ 650,734.39
• Personnel Report
• Appointment of Election workers

PEER MEDIATION - High School Counselor, Tory Parsons, reported on the newly implemented Peer Mediation Program in the Freshman Center. Students are trained as peer mediators where they learn how to facilitate conflict resolution between two students or small groups.

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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE - Larry Mikulski reported on discussions held with the Safety

Committee in regards to the walk zones being established for students next year. Volunteers will be sought to help with the child watch program. A grant to help with safety materials and training has been completed. The City of Lowell has completed the path through Creekside Park.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board regarding contract negotiations: Kim Lum, Martha Hayden, Bill Stouffer, Kris Kropf, Laurie Kuna, Sharon MacDermaid, Ken Akers, Tom Rhein, and Laurie Summerfield. Jennifer Johnson, Melissa Casalina, and Carmen Campbell made comments regarding the Readiness Program. Tammy Beaton expressed her appreciation for the WINGS program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller made general comments regarding the requirement for the district to negotiate with the bargaining teams and not with individual teachers. She also shared that middle school teacher input is welcomed regarding the pilot program. Upon Shari's request, Pam Thomas explained about special education services for younger children. Shari commented upon the middle school pilot program for math and reading that will provide 55 minutes of regular instruction and an additional 55 minutes for students needing individualized instruction. Shari recognized the Cherry Creek LEGO project and the support for this project from the Lowell Area School Education Foundation. Shari spoke of the outstanding string concert and recognized Marti DeYoung for her dedication to this program. The Spirit of Community Celebration was highlighted, and Shari thanked staff members for their presentations to the Board.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop
Monday, May 24, 2004
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2004
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
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Red Arrow baseball back in the game

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's batting in recent games has bounced back from a slump earlier in the season.

Lowell won at Sparta, 11-2, Monday.

Andrew Benedict's bat was on fire ... or at least the aluminum was heated up. He went three for three that game and they were all big hits. Two were triples and one was a double. Benedict crossed home plate three times, had three RBIs and stole three bases.

Tim Droese went three for four, hitting two doubles and an RBI.

Alan Nugent pitched five innings for the win. He struck out one, walked one and gave up five hits.

"It was a very complete game," Lowell coach Jared Curtis said. "We played extremely well defensively, we turned two double plays and they didn't have a runner reach second base until the seventh inning."

The win improves Lowell's record to 4-6 in conference, 12-11 overall as they head into a Wednesday double header at home against Greenville and a rescheduled double header at Cedar Springs on Friday. Last Friday's games at Cedar Springs were rained out.

"If we do well out there, we should finish tied for third in the conference," Curtis said.

At the Otsego Tourna-

ment last Saturday, the Red Arrows dropped the first game, 3-0, to Otsego.

"We couldn't hit the first game but we played well defensively and we pitched well enough to win, but we just couldn't get the bats going," Curtis said.

The second game was a 15-0 trouncing of Decatur for Lowell. The Raiders committed a lot of errors in the game.

"With all the errors it makes it look like we did a lot

more hitting than we actually did," Curtis said.

It came down to the bottom of the seventh inning in the last game Saturday against Kalamazoo Loy Norrix. The Knights won 5-3 after loading the bases and scoring two runs with two outs against them.

The tournament named three all-tournament players from each team. Lowell's were Benedict, Luke Tomczak and Jon Eickhoff.

Last Wednesday, Lowell beat Northview 10-1, scoring five runs in the fifth inning.

Benedict was two for three with two stolen bases. Tomczak was two for three, crossing home base three times, hitting two RBIs and a double.

Kyle Rozema pitched four innings for the win, giving up one earned run and four hits. He struck out one batter and walked one.

Last week Monday, Lowell beat Unity Christian for the second time this season. The score was tied 3-3 going into the eighth inning. Tomczak hit a double with one out, then Jason Welsch hit him home with a single. With bases loaded and two outs, Alan Nugent hit a two-RBI single. Lowell sent three Unity Christian batters back to the dugout to finish the game.

The wins against Northview and Unity Christian ended a drought for the Red Arrows.

"We started out 8-3 and then that game right after we played Unity Christian, we just went into a major skid," Curtis said about the conference season. "We lost six in a row in conference and the frustrating thing about it was the games we lost, the six in a row, were in those games."

Lowell struggled to hit the ball well in those games and gave up too many errors.

"The rest of the games we would be able to hold them in check, then we'd just implode and we couldn't get back," Curtis said.

It seems the batting woes are, for the most part, behind Lowell as they get ready to take on Greenville Wednesday. That game starts at 4:15 p.m. at the Cherry Creek baseball field.



The Red Arrow batters are making contact with the ball again. A string of three conference wins has pulled Lowell out of its mid-season baseball slump.

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Batting problems hurt Arrows in loss to Sparta

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrows softball team scored a lackluster victory Monday against Sparta.

"We did okay tonight, okay, not great," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Lowell won 2-0, scoring a run in the fourth inning when Becky Plummer tripled and made it in on an error. The other run came during the sixth inning when Andrea Dewey walked, then Plummer doubled to send her home.

Jamie Cardani had two hits for Lowell. Plummer hit a double and a triple.

On the mound, Plummer struck out nine, walked three and gave up four hits. Lowell

had no errors in the game.

"Amber VanSpronson made a nice catch in left field to hold them," Rodenhouse said. "It was a nice catch, over her shoulder, running away from home base and she caught it and got the out at second, made the throw."

Last Wednesday, Northview scored seven runs in the sixth inning to beat Lowell 10-0.

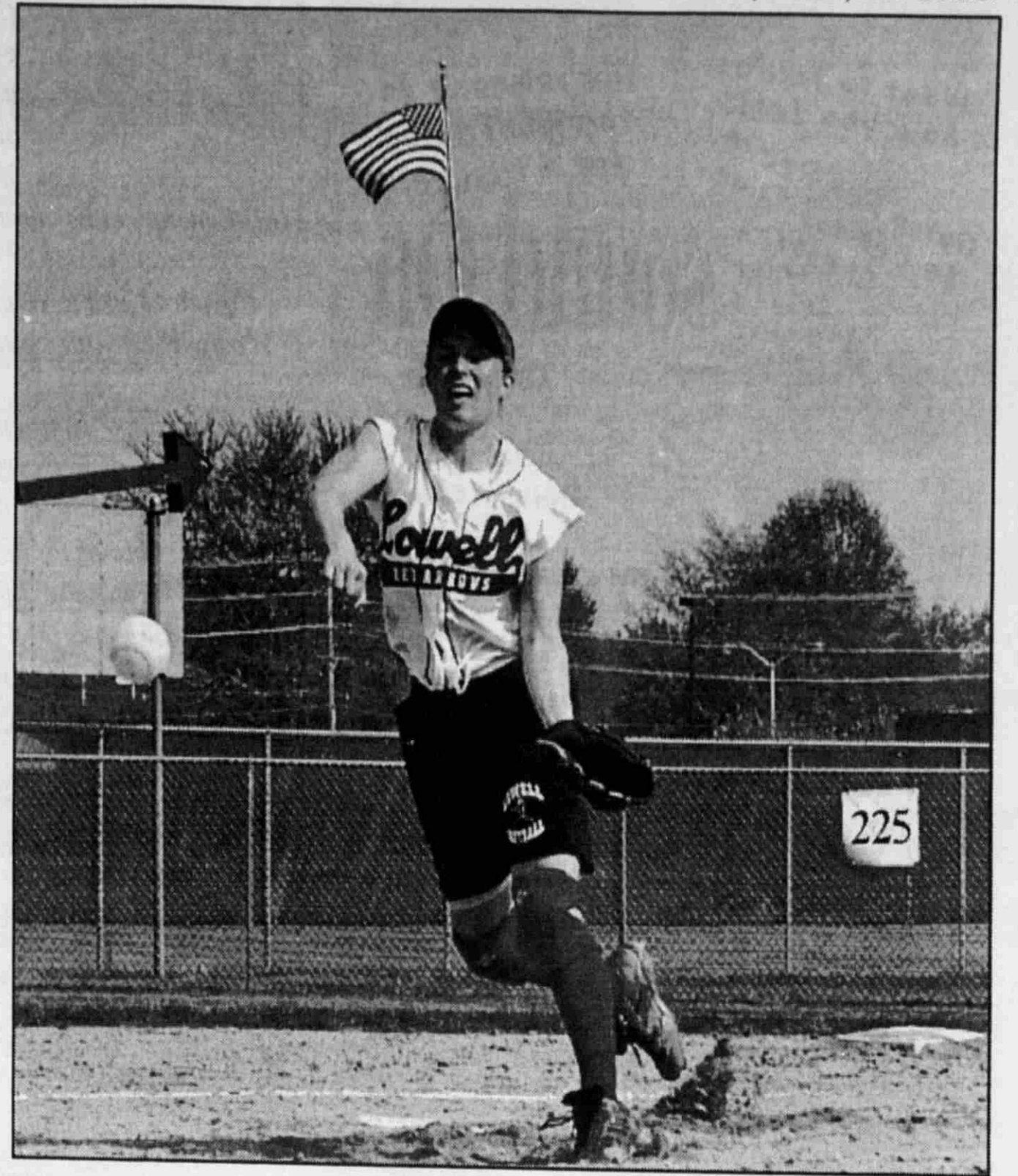
"They just hit the ball," Rodenhouse said. "They had

a triple, a base hit, a triple, a base hit, a double, a walk.

"So they just hit the ball and we didn't hit. In fact, we had a perfect game thrown at us."

Lowell's double header at Cedar Springs was rained out and rescheduled for this Friday in place of the double header at Lakewood. Lowell plays two games at home against Greenville on Wednesday.

At right, Lowell's Becky Plummer fires one across the plate against Northview last Wednesday. The Wildcats beat the Arrows, who rebounded Monday against Sparta.



Golf team finishes sixth in last Friday's conference

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow girls golf team has improved steadily over the course of the season. The problem is, so have the rest of the OK-White teams.

At last Friday's OK-White conference tournament at L.E. Kaufman Golf Course in Grand Rapids, the Arrows shot a team score of 432. That's an improvement of 10 strokes over their score at the same course in the pre-conference tournament at the beginning of the season. But Lowell finished in the same position: sixth place.

Stefanie Stuewe shot 99 for 18 holes. Mandy Gunberg

had Lowell's next-highest score with 105. Then it was Cara Mooney shooting 112 followed by Stacey Anderson's 116.

"It was quite wet out here, it had rained a lot so we didn't get much roll on the ball," Lowell coach Becky Lecuru said.

The team scores for the tournament are as follows:

- Greenville, 367
- East Grand Rapids, 372
- Kenowa Hills, 402
- Northview, 409
- Cedar Springs, 428
- Lowell, 432
- Unity Christian, 441

Last Wednesday, Lowell golfed against Forest Hills Central at Deer Run Golf Course. The Rangers won the match, shooting a team score of 192 on nine holes. Lowell shot 219.

Gunberg shot a 47. Stuewe had a 55, Sarah Eickhoff was 58 and Anderson shot a 59.

Lowell goes into regional action next Monday at Bowen Lake Golf Course north of Greenville.

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL MAY 3, 2004

Minutes of the April 19, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following items were presented and discussed:

- Presentation of the annual report of the Kent district Library - Englehardt Branch and Millage Renewal.
- Waste management - Service Review.
- City Hall - Police Station Project - progress report from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber regarding roof.
- Contract services.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to grant the request by Dorla West to use the City owned property at the southwest corner of Jackson and Front Street for a plant swap on Saturday, May 8, 2004.
- Motion to set a public hearing for May 17, 2004 to consider the lot width variance for one of four single family home lots location at 885, 875, 855 and 845 N. Jefferson.
- Motion to waive the sidewalk requirement at 1018 Riverside Drive for Dick and Kathy Noskey.
- Motion to approve the bid from True Vine of \$400 for the tree removal in front of 323 Sherman, contingent upon a new tree being planted outside of the right of way with homeowner being responsible.
- Motion to set public hearing dates for May 17 and June 7, 2004 for purpose of reviewing and adopting the 2004-2005 budget.

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

Betty R. Morlock,
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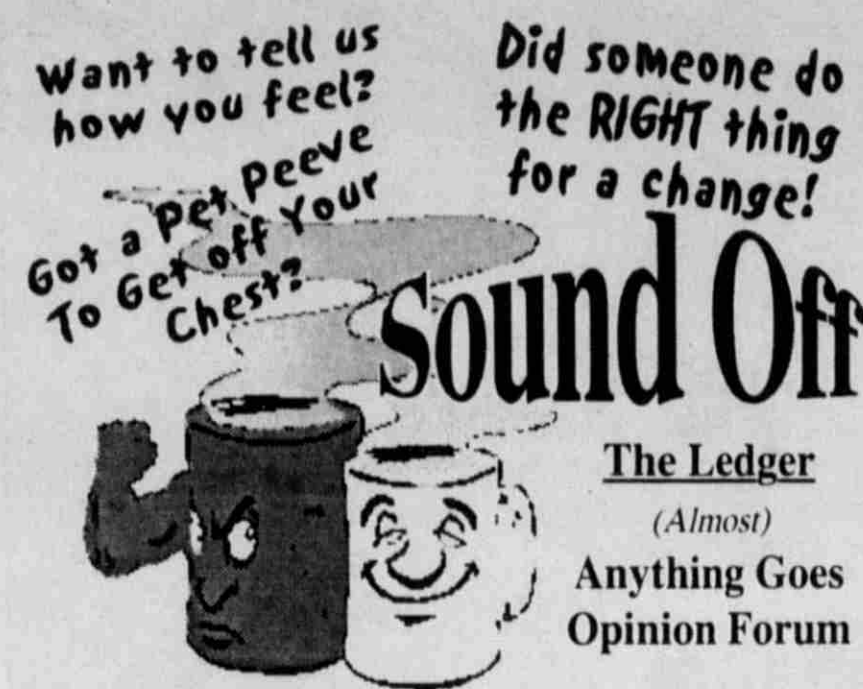
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Correction: In the May 12 edition of the Lowell Ledger, under the headline "Lowell schools face heavy budget cuts for '04-'05," the story incorrectly reported that Lowell Area Schools will contract with the private firm Enviro-clean to fill "three" third-shift custodial positions at Murray Lake Elementary, Cherry Creek Elementary and Lowell Middle School. The district will privatize three custodial positions: two third-shift positions at the high school and one second-shift position at the middle school. We apologize for the error.

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May 21 & 22, 4.5 miles
north of Saranac at
621 Hawley Hwy. First
place north of Bowen
Rd. 8 - 5 p.m. Nascar
sheets, curtain & bed-
spread, foosball game &
living room chair, \$35
each firm. Crafts, old
cameras, bedding, fabric
& much more.

BLOCK SALE
Thurs., Fri., May 20 & 21,
9-6, on Sudan Dr. off
Vergennes St. Lots of
brand name kids clothes,
Little Tike toys, double
stroller, misc. furniture,
gas leaf blower, framing
nailer, amps & subs, 12
gauge shot gun, bedding,
home decor, exercise
bikes, men's clothing,
women's clothing all sizes,
some antiques, some
collectibles, & many other
items.

**HILLSIDE COURT
NEIGHBORHOOD SALE**
Thurs., Fri., May 20 and
21, 8am - 2pm.
Appliances, clothing,
cars, bikes, toys and
more. M-21 turn North on
Jackson (by Mission) East
on Grindle, North on
Hillside Ct.

**YOURS, MINE & OURS
SALE**
5/21, 8-3 p.m. & 5/22, 8-3
p.m. Household items,
men's & women's cloth-
ing (g. sizes), small
appliances & much more.
10702 Settlewood, M-21
to Settlewood/Parnell.

**MULTI-FAMILY YARD
SALE**
Something for everyone.
10885 Sayles. Thurs.,
May 20 & Fri., May 21.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., May 20 &
21, 9 a.m. 8 ft. hauling
trailer; antique dining
table; rose Chippendale
chair; office chair; lawn
furniture; Step 2 crab
sandbox; Little Tikes
desk; toys; household;
decorating; jewelry;
boys, girls, adult clothes,
all sizes. 6022 Bancroft
Ave., Alto (off 60th St.)

GARAGE SALE
Fri. and Sat., May 21 &
22, 9-5 p.m. 1983
Woodrun. Mostly new
clothing for juniors, miss-
es, boys youth; bikes, fur-
niture, household items.

GARAGE SALE
Friday & Saturday, May
21 & 22, 9-4 p.m. 12024
Four Mile (corner 4 Mile
& Alden Nash off Lincoln
Lake). Toys, Rescue
Heroes, doll house w/ac-
cessories, Little Tikes,
Fisher Price, baby items,
car seats, crib bedding,
Tupperware, pampered
chef, cook books, snow-
man dishes, air condi-
tioner, precious
moments, kids
Halloween costumes,
plus lots more.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 22, 9 a.m. - 5
p.m. 1236 Valley Vista,
Lowell. Proceeds go to
our daughter's missions
trip.

YARD SALE
Fri. & Sat., May 21 & 22,
9-5, 541 Forstrom Dr. Lots
of inexpensive children
items.

MOVING SALE
Fri., May 21, 9-5 & Sat.,
May 22, 9-12 noon.
10448 Bailey NE. Many
household items, bicy-
cles, camping supplies,
LP's, golf set & much
more.

3 GARAGE SALES
Ada-Driftwood Dr., off
Thornapple River b/w
Buttrick & Camelback
Bridges. Thurs. - Sat.,
May 20 - 22, 8 a.m. - 5
p.m. Clothing: men's,
women's, maternity &
boys. Toys, household
items, stairmaster, pop-
up camper, much, much
more!

GARAGE SALE
Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.
to 2 p.m. The Franciscan
Life Process Center,
11650 Downes Street,
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Society's Relay for Life.

**SPOILED ROTTEN CHILDREN TOO BIG FOR THEIR
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Tikes, toys, bikes, bedding & More! TH, FRI, SAT. May
20, 21, 22, 9 a.m. - dark. Alden Nash S. to 12011 72nd
St., Alto.

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
bedroom set, furniture, couch, baby & toddler girls
clothes, much more! Sat., May 22, 9-4 p.m. Cancelled if
rain. 1805 Huntwood, Eastgate subdivision, enter from
Settlewood.

We need a signal light at the
intersection of Hunt & Hudson.

To the jerk who was abusing his little boy at
Sneakers on Tuesday night: You deserve to be
abused by someone 1000 times your size.
You are a coward.

Congratulations to all the seniors for doing a
tremendous job on honors night.

When will we get Fox News
on Lowell Cable?

A woman insisted on paying for what
I bought for a senior at the checkout.
She heard on the news that people were
having trouble delivering meals
because of the cost of gas.
I deliver meals - God bless her.

According to the paper the library needs money.
Why don't they charge the people who use it.
Those of us who don't use the library shouldn't
have to pay for it.

I think memoriams should be free in the paper.

Carmen Kimble you are 100% right on.
We applaud your courage and conviction.

Some "additions" in town don't look historical to
us. What's up with that?

Why can't some of the money in the Englehardt
Fund be used to build another senior
housing complex? With a 15-year
waiting list, the need is obvious.
Once established, it would be self-supporting.

Corner of Jefferson & E. Main -
Why is it a used car lot?

FOR SALE

2000 BLACK CHEROKEE
SPORT - 47k miles, inline
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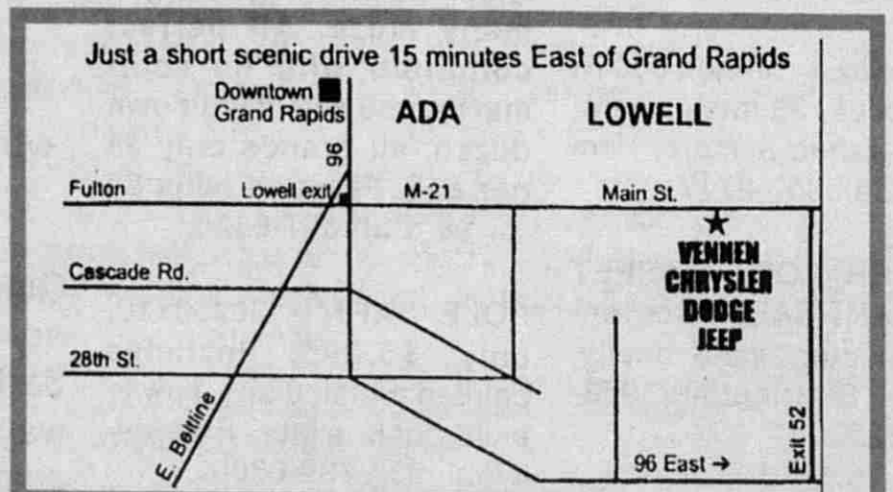


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