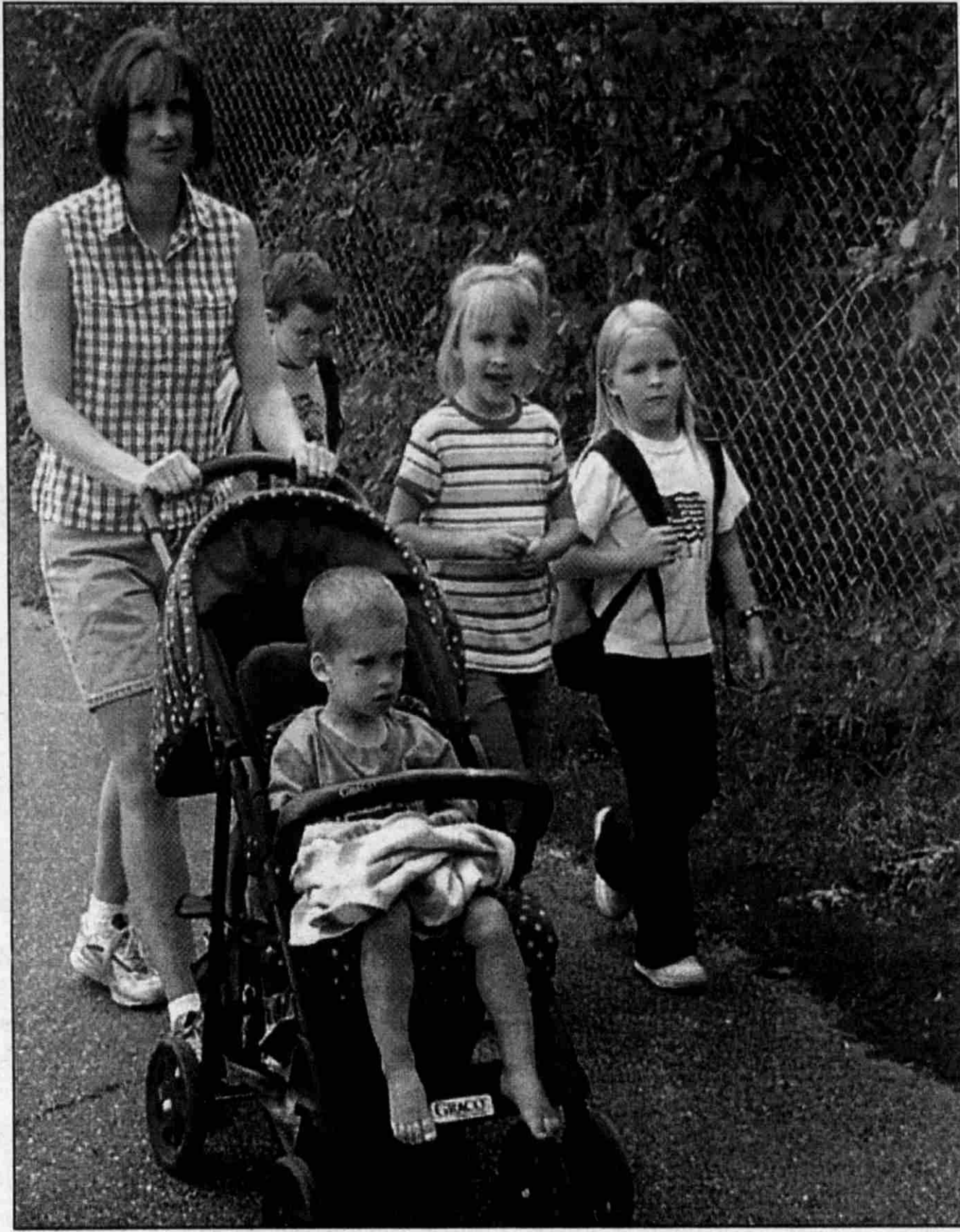


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Kris Norder walks with her daughter Anna (from left), Austin, a second-grader and Paige, a first-grader, along the trail to Creekside Park.

Students and parents take walk zones in stride

By Dan Schneider

While parents and students were adjusting to walk zones last week, Lowell Area Schools was adjusting to new bus routes.

"I think they (the walk zones) are working just fine but I think on our side, we're having a little trouble with the buses," said Larry Mikulski, Lowell Area Schools director of transportation and operations.

Several bus routes were still getting up to speed last week, adjusting to route changes necessitated by the opening of Murray Lake Elementary. The district now bases eight buses at the new school.

"That started out kind of slow for us," Mikulski said. "We weren't sure about the runs and the drivers—we had

new drivers on new routes."

Buses were running late on the first few days of school.

"The kids were on the bus a little longer than they should have been," Mikulski said.

The district had hoped to shorten bus rides by parking buses at Murray Lake. By the end of the week, this was finally happening.

"We got runs down to about 45 minutes which is where we expected them to be," Mikulski said.

At the middle school and Bushnell and Cherry Creek elementaries, getting used to walk zones has been an adjustment. Naturally, there has been an increase in the number of students walking or riding, or riding their bikes compared to last year.

"We had roughly 10 or 15 (regular walkers) last

year," Cherry Creek crossing guard Dirk Ritzema said. "This year, probably about 50."

Ritzema said there haven't been a lot of parents walking with their children.

"The first day we maybe had 10 or 12 parents, but now it's down to three or four," he said last Wednesday afternoon.

Kris Norder, a stay at home mom whose daughter, Anna, is in second grade at Cherry Creek, was walking a group of kids home last Wednesday.

"It's alright for now," Norder said. "I'm not a proponent of it for younger kids, but I'm enjoying it for now until the weather gets cold."

Several Cherry Creek

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Cooperation helps locate customer who purchased contaminated fuel

By Dan Schneider

Contaminated kerosene bought from a Lowell Admiral station early last week burned off safely before the customer was found.

Last Wednesday morning, Admiral Petroleum Company discovered contaminants in its kerosene supply.

"We determined that we might have a problem with the kerosene in our store," Admiral Petroleum Company

director of distribution Shawn MacFarland said. "We had only clocked one sale."

Sometime last Monday or Tuesday, a Vergennes Township woman had purchased 5.8 gallons of kerosene from the Admiral station at 2222 W. Main. She had paid in cash, so her identity could not be determined from records of the transaction. A description was obtained from security camera footage.

"Seeing as how it was a cash sale and we didn't recognize the person, I myself contacted the Lowell Police Department," MacFarland said. "I was told, actually, that they didn't think there was too much they could do.

"Then I called Frank Martin at the fire department. They responded immediately. They helped set me up with the police department and with

the director of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV, and he helped me contact all the local media."

A notice was sent to area television networks and put on Lowell Cable channel 20. Around 4:30 p.m., a woman in Vergennes Township was looking at the WOOD-TV8 web site for Lowell news. She spotted the notice, and the description matched her neighbor. She called Admiral, and they contacted the Lowell Fire Department.

"It was the first tip that we received and it turned out to be the only one we needed," Lowell fire investigator Ron van Oberbeek said.

The Lowell Fire Department responded, discovering that the tainted kerosene had been burned off without incident in a hot water heater.

"They had put it in the tank and wondered why it didn't last for more than a

day," van Overbeek explained.

MacFarland said it has not yet been determined what caused the contamination or what contaminants were involved. A sample of the kerosene has been sent to a lab for testing.

"It just opens up the potential for a lot of things that are really quite unpredictable," van Overbeek said of

the danger the contaminated kerosene posed.

The kerosene pump at the Admiral station has been sealed. The tank will be emptied and cleaned following the testing.

Admiral was prompt in reporting the problem, said van Overbeek, who also commended the local news stations for their help in distributing the public safety alert.

Friday afternoon accident claims life of Gowen girl

A car accident at 2:30 p.m. last Friday in Vergennes Township took the life of 10-year-old Catrina Zanders. She was a passenger in an Oldsmobile driven by Dawn Warner, 33, of Greenville. The car was making a left turn off

Lincoln Lake Avenue into a private drive just north of Three Mile Road when a southbound full-size van, driven by Junior Driesenga, of Caledonia, crashed into the passenger side of the car. The collision caused both cars to

roll over. Driesenga sustained minor scrapes in the accident. Warner and another passenger, Jessica Parrish, 14, also of Greenville, were taken to Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus for treatment of minor injuries.



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OBITUARIES

CRISMAN - Harold L. Crisman, aged 67, passed away August 28, 2004 at Laurels of Kent. He is survived by his two sons Harold Jr., Adam; two daughters Jeanne Bean, Susan Gietzen; sisters Ruth Worthington, Betty Mitchell; sister-in-law Mary Lou Crisman; friend Bernard Sanic; many nieces and nephews. A memorial will be planned later for Harold. "Rest in peace by Big Bro."

GRAY - James Patrick Gray, aged 23, of Alto, passed away suddenly. He is survived by

his parents Jeff and Kris Gray; brother J.T. and his wife Katie Gray; grandparents Harry and Ruby Gray of Middleton, James and Joan Dorris of Vicksburg. Jim was a special son and brother whom God shared with us for a little while. Funeral services for Jim were held Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Peace Reformed Church with Rev. David Korsen officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Other Way Ministries.

MILLER - Walter (Joe) Miller, aged 65, passed away suddenly August 23, 2004. He was a resident of Lowell area from 1965-1989, at which time he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy J. Miller and Nell Swierenga (Lowell); two brothers Eugene B., Lester M. Miller; a daughter Candice Jo Davis. He is survived by his children all of Lincoln, Neb.: Cindy (Larry) Musilek, Kelley (Robert) Hegwood, Walt aka Miek (Tammy) Miller, Preston aka Pete (Diane) Miller, his

"adopted son" James Jones; two brothers Leroy (Nina) Miller of Lowell, Robert (Judy) Miller of Lincoln; four sisters Eleanor Clawson of Hastings, Neb., Wanda Fuller of Marshfield Mo., Sharon Bowden, Elaine Starkweather, both of Lowell; a plethora of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, many from Lowell area; also his most beloved companion Peggy Helner of Red Oak, Iowa. Funeral was held in Lincoln on Friday, Aug. 27, with burial in Firth, Neb.

LEGAL NOTICES

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7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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Grand Rapids, MI 49503

ORDER FOR SERVICE
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CASE NO. 04-06758-DM

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TO DEFENDANT,
CASEY LEE MITCHELL
IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before October 7, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded

in the complaint file in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER of three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F).

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

August 13, 2004
DANIEL V. ZEMAITIS
P32490

Correction

The Ledger, dated Sept. 1, published a photo of the class of '44 holding their 60th reunion at Schneider Manor. Two names were submitted incorrectly; the correct names are Vivian Wingeier Feldman and Irma Krebs Porter (not Virginia Wingeier Feldman and Treva Fox, who was absent).

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BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004 7:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, September 16, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE., the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a proposed appeal of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance.

Request from Timothy Zych for a variance in the agricultural zone to place a private road in order to split up his property. Parcel #41-24-28-400-020, 44 acres, located on Alden Nash between 92nd and 100th Streets.

All written comments may be sent to Gloria King, Chairperson of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals 8240 Alden Nash SE., PO Box 35, Alto, MI 49302-0035.

Gloria King, Chairperson
Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals

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Year round site available for hazardous waste disposal

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Getting rid of hazardous waste is a lot easier than many people may think—and it doesn't mean having to wait until May for the city's annual hazardous waste pick-up day.

Public Works director Dan DesJarden said at a recent city council meeting that he has received some inquiries concerning what to do with hazardous waste.

"The city will have a hazardous waste day in spring 2005," DesJarden said. "The county, however, has a site that is open year round where residents can get rid of hazardous waste."

The site is located in Kentwood and is open by appointment only. Kent County residents must call 336-3695 to set up an appointment to participate. The program is free, and

the appointment is required to ensure that businesses are not dumping materials at the site and to make it easier for residents to drop off materials without waiting in long lines. No materials from farms, businesses, offices, or institutions are accepted.

Specific guidelines must be followed, as during the city's annual household hazardous waste collection.

Residents should always wear protective gloves when dealing with hazardous waste.

All containers should have secure lids; any material in a leaky container should be placed in a non-leaky container and labeled. Containers cannot be any

larger than five gallons. If material is not in its original

container, the container should be labeled. All containers should be safe for transport. Chemicals should not be mixed together. All containers need to be placed in a box, not garbage bags. A recommended place to transport is on the floor or in the back of the vehicle.

A county staff person will be at the site to remove waste materials from the vehicle.

While household hazardous waste is defined as any material discarded from a home that may threaten human health or the environment, there are some materials the site will not accept such as motor oil, latex paint, smoke detectors radioactive materials, asbestos, and explosives (ammunition, fireworks and flares).

A number of items are accepted; the words "danger," "poison," "warning," or "caution" are clues that they are hazardous. Most hazardous waste products fall under these categories: cleaning products, automotive products, paint and paint products, pesticides, and others such as pool chemicals, driveway sealer, roofing tar, hobby or photo chemicals, and batteries.

Now that they have the guards, I feel a lot safer," Ward said.

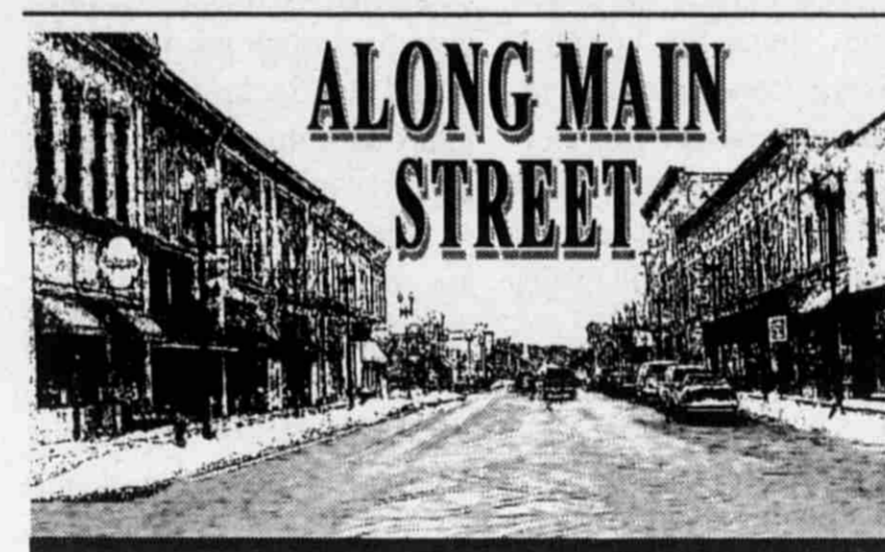
The district hired a security guard for Creekside Park. Lowell police have increased patrols in the walk zones. There are also two Retired Senior Volunteer Police vans on patrol and the beginnings of a safe house program.

"It's good to know that if you are just halfway through (the park)—and just pass out or something, there will be someone there to help you," Ward and Eaton said.

The district has discovered some improvements need to be made along the walk zone routes. Brush will have to be cleared along the trail to the park, for instance, to improve the security guard's

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery



Getting to school, continued...From Page 1

Seventh grader Travis Meade was walking home from the middle school last Thursday.

"It's warm out, that's the only bad thing," he said. "Once it gets to be fall, it'll be good."

Meade, who rode a bus to school last year, said his walk is "not even a mile." "Once I start riding my bike, it will be better," Meade said.

Eighth-graders Emma Ward and Meagan Eaton frequently walked from school last year, either to get home or to go to the Teen Center at the Lowell YMCA.

FOOD MOBILE, FREE FOOD

Bring a box or bag to the Foodmobile at the 4-H Fairgrounds on S. Broadway on Sat., Sept. 11 from 10-11 a.m. or until the food (mostly produce) is gone. Distributed by FROM. Visit www.flatriveroutreachministries.org.

YMCA OFFERS PACE

A new session of PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) at the YMCA, Sept. 13-Oct. 20, Mondays and Wednesdays. Call 897-8445 to sign up.

LOWELL MIDDLE FEST

Lowell Middle School will hold its annual Middle Fest open house on Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. Community and school information will be available, as well as a hot dog dinner and a shortened schedule of your student's school day. Call 897-9222 with questions.

FOOD PANTRY

If you are able to help, the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry is in need of crackers, canned meat, canned fruits, fruit juice and baking mixes.

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Lowell gears up for annual Toy Run - Sept. 12

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

David Stevens knows what it is like having a young child in the hospital. In 1990, his son Tony died at the age of 3 1/2 from a brain tumor.

Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus and bring some cheer to children in the hospital, Stevens and his wife Sherrie began to play "Santa and his helper" and passed out toys they had purchased.

Doug Morrell and Jeff Proctor read about the

couple's efforts and called them with an idea—an idea that will mark its tenth anniversary when hundreds of bikers ride through the streets of Lowell Sept. 12 as part of the annual Toy Run.

"I believe Doug [Morrell] had been thinking about some-

thing like this," Stevens said. "When he read about us, he contacted us about the possibility of joining forces."

The run is in memory of Tony, the Stevens' son, and all of the toys collected are donated to West Michigan hospitals, missions such as

Mel Trotter Ministry and women's shelters.

"We started at Fallasburg Park with 75 motorcycles," said Stevens, of the first year. "Every year, it has grown."

The event has increased enough to attract 700 to 1,000 bikers riding all kinds of bikes from Harley Davidsons to BMWs.

"Santa rides in a 1957 three-wheel Harley," Stevens said. "It's kind of like a Harley limo. He leads the procession with his little elf."

The motorcade, which gathers at noon at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, arrives in Lowell about 1 p.m. A parade on Main Street concludes at the fairgrounds with a bike show with awards, a Harley Davidson quilt raffle, music, and T-shirts. The entire event wraps up around 4 p.m.

"It is an impressive event," said Lowell mayor Jeanne

Shores during a recent council meeting when Stevens approached the city about having the run again this year. "I have seen it every year, but one. It is very impressive, especially the big boxes of toys that are collected."

The entry fee is an unwrapped toy which both bikers and the public are encouraged to bring. The Toy Run has brought in "tons" of toys, according to Stevens, who said they are redistributed to area hospitals.

"It has allowed us to expand what we were doing and even have other people come in and play Santa at area hospitals to help distribute the toys," he explained.

The event, Stevens said, has really turned into a fun time for all who attend and a great way to help bring a little bit of cheer to those who need it.

Use extra care when driving during "most dangerous" times for children

Pick-up time at most schools and day care centers—between 3 and 6 p.m.—is the most dangerous time of day for children under 13 years of age, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). That's when the most children are killed by motor vehicles.

Drop-off time—between 6 and 9 a.m.—accounts for 11 percent of child motor vehicle deaths. Taken together, the time periods when children are either coming from or going to school or day care account for more than one third of all child vehicle deaths. As the school year begins, use caution in school zones and residential areas,

where pedestrians, bicyclists and other motor vehicles, including school buses, operate during drop-off and pick-up times.

"Motor vehicles remain the number one cause of death for children ages 2-14," said Richard J. Miller, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Loading and unloading children from school buses and passenger cars requires careful attention and deliberate action."

Driving carefully begins with focusing on basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

Motorists are urged to follow these safety tips:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.

- Drive with your headlights on—even during the day—so children and others can see you.

- Look for clues such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds, that indicate children may be in the area.

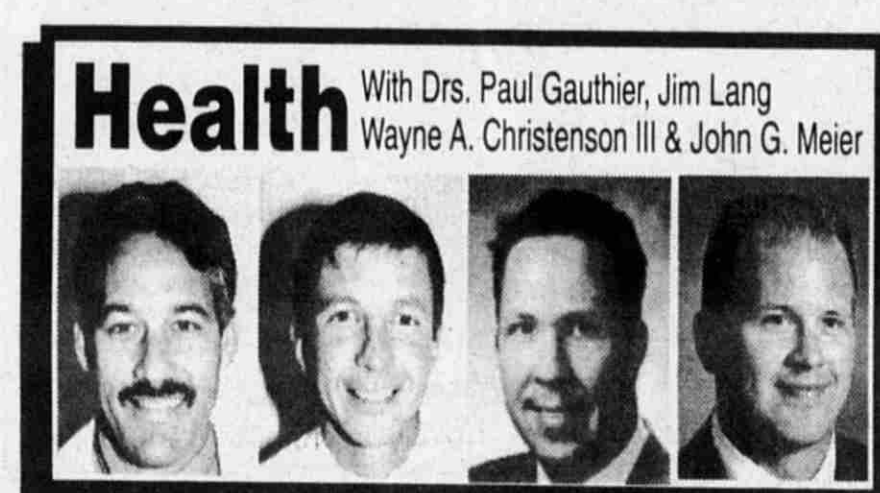
- Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.

- Practice extra caution in bad weather.

- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).

- When using a booster seat, always use the shoulder harness. Don't tuck it behind the child's back. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug across the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.

As we get back to school, it's probably time to talk about head lice again. Head lice are actually wingless bugs that infest the scalp and hair of humans. They are usually spread by direct contact but may also be spread by sharing hats. They do not jump or fly from one person to another.



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

HEAD LICE

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A frequent sign of head lice is persistent scratching of the scalp. Examine your child's scalp closely, looking for lice eggs. They appear as small little buds (called nits) attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Everyone in the family should be checked if one is infested.

Treatment involves using shampoos or lotions applied to the scalp to kill the lice. These are actually pesticides and the over-the-counter products seem to be as effective as the prescription products. No matter what product you use, it may not kill all the nits. They should be removed by hand with tweezers or a nit removal comb.

Head lice do not infest a home or room. They need human blood to survive and can't live for too long if they are not on the human head. Therefore, hot water washing of bed linen, towels, and recently worn clothing is all that is needed. You can use a vacuum cleaner on your child's carseat or chair.

After treatment, check the scalp closely every few days, and use the nit comb for a couple of weeks. No treatment is 100 percent effective and sometimes your physician may prescribe a potent oral medication to take in recurrent cases.

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The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Section 3.9, Site Condominium Subdivisions, of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendments specify procedures to review a site condominium, the information required to be provided for the proper review of a site condominium subdivision plan as well as definitions applicable to site condominiums.

The Planning Commission will also hold a public hearing to consider a new Subdivision Ordinance. This Ordinance provides procedures and standards for the division of land in accordance with the State of Michigan Land Division Act.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2004
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments and Subdivision Ordinance are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, 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

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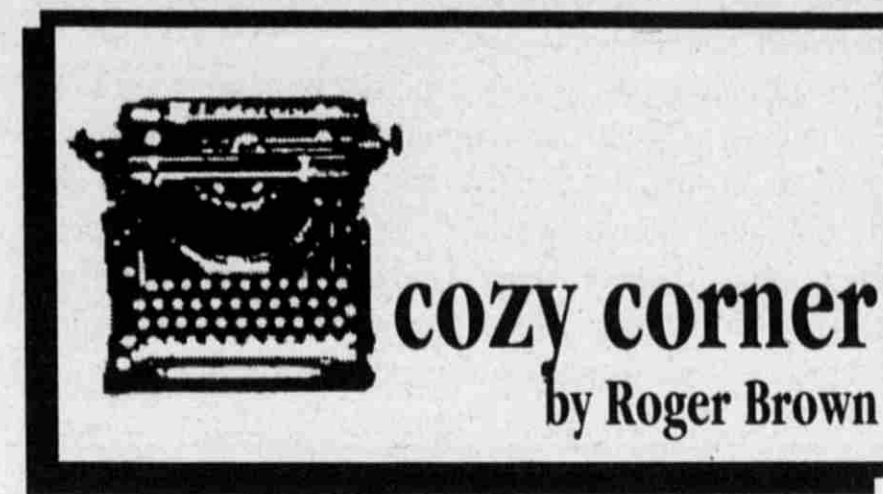
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Viewpoint



cozy corner
by Roger Brown

Max is my wife's dog. Tito is my dog. That may sound crazy to some ... his and her dogs. The idea doesn't seem so strange to me. We have his and her toothbrushes, towels, living room chairs, etc. We even have his and her money. There is her money and my money. Of course, my money also doubles as her money. So, his and her dogs isn't a big stretch for us.

Terese found Max at the dog pound when he was just a puppy and raised him to her standards. She thought she was getting an Australian shepherd that would grow to a medium sized dog. Hopefully on the small side of medium. He seems to be an Aussie all right, but he grew to the size of a Doberman.

The best way to describe Max's size is to tell you he can walk up to the dinner table and look right on your plate. He'll look up at you with his pale blue Aussie eyes and then back at the roast beef, pointing with his long nose as if to say, "I'll have some of that ... skip the broccoli."

Max is getting old. He's nearly twelve years old, which is getting up there in dog years. If my fourth grade multiplication tables still serve me, Max is in his eighties in human terms.

Max is in pretty good shape, especially for eighty-something. He has a full shaggy coat of white, black and a little brown hair. No gray ... no thinning. He may be thirty human years older than me, but he sure has me beat on the hair issue. What I have left is all gray.

Max and Tito, still bark incessantly each morning until we put on our shoes and head out for a three-mile walk. On the walk Max often leads the way. He still finds it great fun to do his shepherd thing and herd me. He'll trot on ahead, slow to a crawl and wander in front of me until I have to break stride and walk around him. It makes me crazy and he does it all the time.

If I'm working on a handyman project, he's constantly trying to herd me when I'm already struggling with an armload of tools or materials. He'll work an angle on my forward motion, cut me off and stop. I either have to walk around, or trip over him ... which I've done when my load obscures my forward vision.

Remember how the Coyote would snicker under his breath after he'd set up and elaborate trap for the Road Runner? I swear I've heard Max snicker like that.

Terese is worried about her dog. He sleeps a lot! I tell her, "Hey, it's August. It's hot. He's eighty-something years old. He has a soft bed in the shade with a fan blowing on him. I'd sleep all day too."

Terese is also worried about Max's hearing. She thinks he's going deaf. I'm not so sure. He seems to hear just fine if I shake the box of dog treats or open the refrigerator door.

I think he's just getting obstinate in his old age. If you call him, there's a pretty good chance he'll flat-out ignore you. Unless he thinks it's time for the morning walk or some kind of treat, he could care less. He might lift his head and peek over at you, then it's back to sleep. He could care less about our whistles and calls.

If he thinks you want him for something bad, like a bath or trip to the vet, forget about it. Max is stone deaf in these situations. He won't even give a look your way. Again, I think I hear him do that Coyote snicker as I'm hollering my fool head off trying to get him to come to me.

Another of my wife's concerns is that Max seems to care less if he is around us or not. We can be outside doing yard work, out on the dock for sunset, washing cars, whatever. Tito is our constant shadow. Max is wherever he cares to be. He might be curious enough to check us out, maybe herd me around a little, then back to his snooze by the fan.

Remember the movie, "Grumpy Old Men?" Max could have been cast as Walter Matthau's dog. They would have made a great pair of grumps. Loveable grumps, but grumps nonetheless.

All of this brings me to a realization I've come to. Max is a great role model. If I should be so lucky as to live into my eighties, I'm going to be just like Max. I'm taking notes. The selective hearing, the mind games, the laziness, the obstinance ... that's all great stuff. I've just got to get that Coyote snicker down.



By Priscilla Lussmeyer

Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 10, 1879

Fall term of school opened Monday with a large attendance.

The village tax roll is given to the marshal for collection. Ad: "A man died the other day while reading a borrowed paper. Terms: \$1.50 a year."

August went out in a big sweat: 100 degrees in the shade on Saturday, 98 on Sunday.

The grist mill of Mr. John Burgess is operating at Fallasburg in good running order and is doing a good business.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 8, 1904

"Fresh salted peanuts 10¢ per lb. at Sherman's Bazaar." William and Gertrude Burt sell their house on East Bridge Street to Hiram Hawley for \$400. They buy Mrs. Horace Robinson's house just east of the M.E. church for \$1,200.

Due to rising flour prices, Smith and Behl raise the price on their bread to six cents a loaf.

"Mrs. Phila Clark has returned from Alto, where she spent the summer."

Jack Laughlin of Parnell had a barn raising Saturday, attended by a very large crowd.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO SEPTEMBER 12, 1929

The I.O.O.F. sponsors and furnishes actors for "Aunt Lucia," a comedy play, at City Hall for two nights next week. Fineis Oils beats Comstock Park 3-1 in the second round of the state independent championship tournament at Ramona Athletic Park.

State Fire inspector O'Brien finds the Lowell department in good shape and recommends some additional equipment. Clara Walker drives from Lowell to Portland, Oregon in just 13 days.

School opens with more students in most grades and the prospect of 50 seniors graduating next year. Lee Miller is a new teacher.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 9, 1954

Lowell schools open with "unprecedented" enrollments of 925 and St. Mary's 111. Sophomore (135, 100 expected) and kindergarten (78) classes lead. Virginia Fonger and Betty Yeiter are hired on short notice for the high school.

The Lions Club makes plans to raise funds for a village swimming pool.

Supt. W.W. Gumsier, president of Michigan Association of School Administrators, gets to ride in a jet plane at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas with other educators.

Holland and Grand Haven state parks went over the million mark in visitors this summer.

Requested: Bids to widen U.S. 16 from Blacksmith Corners to Cascade, to four lanes with divider.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER SEPTEMBER 12, 1929

The four-day teacher strike is over and schools open Monday morning.

The historic Ada Covered Bridge goes down in flames Sunday evening. Arson is suspected.

The Ledger sells off the 1931 Centennial booklets discovered in storage, at \$5 each. They went quickly, only five left.

The Fallasburg Cubs Baseball Team holds a reunion at Fallasburg Park. They see action films of games, taken in the thirties.

Honey Creek Christian Homes holds their second annual Country Fair.

Financial Focus

Edward Jones

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IS YOUR MONEY WORKING HARD ENOUGH?

We "officially" recognized, on Labor Day, the contributions that workers have made to this country. With the holiday over, consider how hard your money is working for you. You may be surprised by what you find.

Don't Overload on "Lazy" Investments ...

As you review your portfolio, try to determine if you have too many "lazy" investments, such as Treasury securities and certificates of deposit (CDs). Of course, these vehicles will almost certainly preserve your principal, and they pay you a fixed rate of return in the form of interest payments. So, why are they lazy?

Here's why: They may not produce the growth you need to achieve your long-term goals—and the income they provide may not even keep you ahead of inflation.

This second point should be of particular concern now, when inflation may be heating up. Over time, inflation can significantly erode the purchasing power of your investment income. Unfortunately, most types of fixed-income securities are not adjusted for inflation—so, each year, your investment income may be falling further and further behind the amount you need to keep up with the cost of living.

Look for "Hard-working" Alternatives

If you rely on your investment income to supplement your

cash flow, what are your alternatives to the above-mentioned vehicles? Here's one possibility: Invest in stocks that have historically paid *dividends*. You can find some high-quality stocks that raise their dividend payments year after year, thereby providing you with a source of income that can help you stay ahead of inflation.

Furthermore, most domestic stock dividends are now less "taxing" than they were a couple of years ago. Before 2003, dividends were taxed at your individual income tax rate. But after the passage of new tax laws last year, qualified dividends are now taxed at a maximum of 15 percent. (The law expires on Dec. 31, 2008; after that, dividends are again scheduled to be taxed at your personal tax rate.)

Not all stocks may distribute dividends—but even those that don't can work hard for you by providing *growth* opportunities. In fact, over the past seven decades, stocks have significantly outperformed all other asset classes. From 1926 through 2003, stocks, as represented by the S&P 500, returned, on average, 10.4 percent per year, according to Ibbotson Associates, an investment research firm. (Keep in mind, though, that the S&P 500 is an unmanaged index; you cannot invest into it directly.) Over that same time period, according to Ibbotson, long-term corporate bonds averaged just a 5.9 percent annual return, while U.S. Treasury bills returned just 3.7 percent annually.

Consider Risk Tolerance and Time Horizon

While stocks may be the hardest-working investments you can own, you don't want to own *only* stocks; they are subject to market risk, including the potential loss of principal invested. Instead, place your stocks in a diversified portfolio that also contains bonds, government securities, money market accounts and CDs.

And make sure your portfolio reflects your individual risk tolerance and time horizon (the number of years in which you plan to invest). Within this context, your hard-working stocks can pay off for you in the years to come.

Reflections Of Faith

Dr. Roger La Warre
First Congregational UCC

The church and those who call themselves Christian have come under tough scrutiny by people in our communities across this continent and the world. Why shouldn't this happen when you can find so-called Christians endorsing everything from violence to pacifism, fighting amongst themselves over issues of marriage, ordination, Christian doctrine, worship practices, as well as many social and political concerns. Being Christian is no easy walk in the park and it takes a person of great commitment and patience to stay on track in dealing with the many facets of our Christian faith and our denominationalism.

But to what are we to be committed? I would like us to take a shot at least at partially answering that question by looking at the writings of a non-Jew (gentile) named Luke. Luke wrote so that non-religious, common people could understand that Jesus is the sacrifice for all the world, breaking down, for all time and for all people, the barriers that prevent having a positive relationship with God. Luke 14, verses 7-14, is meant

to cause you and me to think about that to which we are "really" committed. In verses 7-11, we find Jesus challenging the guests who are also invited (as is Jesus) to this Pharisee's house. These guests are experienced in the ways of the society. They know that where you sit at the banquet is a symbol of the importance you wish to portray to the community. So, get to the party early and get the best seat in the house. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

The Pharisee holding the party was not one who "just got off the boat," so to speak. He has invited people of means. He wants the right people, people of wealth and power, to be on his team when it comes to dealing with Jesus and religion.

Jesus uses a common sense approach to speak to the guests and to the host that has invited him. In essence, Jesus is telling you and me to think about our actions and the consequences of our actions. The standards of the Kingdom of

God are not bound to the social standards of any society. The self-seeking attitude that often has divided people, religious people, from one another is wrong and not of God. Self-interest is too often the motivation for our actions, even for our alleged hospitality—actually, for most of our behaviors. The church that truly serves God must be more than a broker of money and programs. It must be a body united in love for God and for people in all their diversity. For, in the words of Mary's song in the beginning of Luke's writing, with the coming of the Messiah, the mighty and proud will be brought low and the lowly will be lifted up.

So to what are we to be committed? It seems to me Luke is telling us to focus our commitment on God and God's Kingdom so that we can live our life with an open and affirming style of love for even those outside our tax bracket. Maybe through commitment to God and God's Kingdom, we can learn to dialogue over differences rather than letting differences divide us into opposing camps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 9: Sarah Schalow, Amy Cook, Allison Mahalic, Linda Morrison, Charles Gee.

SEPTEMBER 13: Beatrice Kuiper, Randy McIntyre, Gloria Ossewaarde, Haley Briggs.

SEPTEMBER 10: Brecken Hendrick, Chris Gerard.

SEPTEMBER 14: Christian Barnes, Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Ossewaarde, Megan Gee.

SEPTEMBER 11: Sean Ellis, Justin VanDyke, Susan Barry, Diane Johnson.

SEPTEMBER 15: Brandi Phillips, Mark Trierweiler, Nick Baker.

SEPTEMBER 12: Deborah Claypool, Nathan Propst, Jim Smith.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 180 Ottawa NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION

CASE NO. 04-06961-DO
STEPHANIE MCCARTY (aka WILCOX)
7874 Wilson Ave., SW Byron Center, MI 49315 (616) 878-3638

WESTERN MICHIGAN LEGAL SERVICES
By: **DANELLE KISTKA (P65483)**
Attorneys for Plaintiff
89 Ionia, NW, Suite 400 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-0672, ext. 117

ERIC MCCARTY
837 Thomas St., SE Grand Rapids, MI 49506 (616) 856-0216 (last known address)

TO DEFENDANT, ERIC MCCARTY IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before October 22, 2004. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint file in this case.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in THE LOWELL LEDGER of three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court. The publication costs shall be paid by Kent County pursuant to MCR 2.002(F).

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

August 23, 2004
ROBERT A. BENSON
Acting for
KATHLEEN A. FEENEY
10702

It's just ducky recycling for 2005 Riverwalk Festival

May Stanard (from left), Pauline LaDue, Joyce Van Dyke, Joyce Van Asperen, Arlene Fansher and Caroline Dadd are shown with a substantial pile of yellow, plastic ducks last Thursday at Lowell Senior Neighbors. The ducks are from Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce duck race, which took place during the Riverwalk Festival in July. The senior volunteers counted the ducks—there were more than 6,000—and organized them into bags to be used in next year's race. It costs the chamber about \$800 each year to buy new racing ducks, but next year the racing ducks will be recycled.



Local couple seeks help in adopting child

Deb and Joe Karasiewicz had frequently thought about adopting a child, another sibling for their three children. But it was only recently, when they received a picture of a severely handicapped child from central Asia, that they felt it was time to act.

"We are strong in our faith so we feel like the Lord is telling us to bring her here," Deb Karasiewicz said.

The young girl's handicap is physical, Karasiewicz said, and because of it, the girl will be denied opportunities in her home country. Karasiewicz said she has been informed that the girl receives one-on-one care in her home country, but is left alone most of the time. She feels strongly that the child should be given the opportunities living in America would provide her.

Karasiewicz said it will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to adopt the child. There will also be extended costs associated with the child's medical care. Since the pressing need to adopt the child rose so abruptly for the Karasiewicz family, they did

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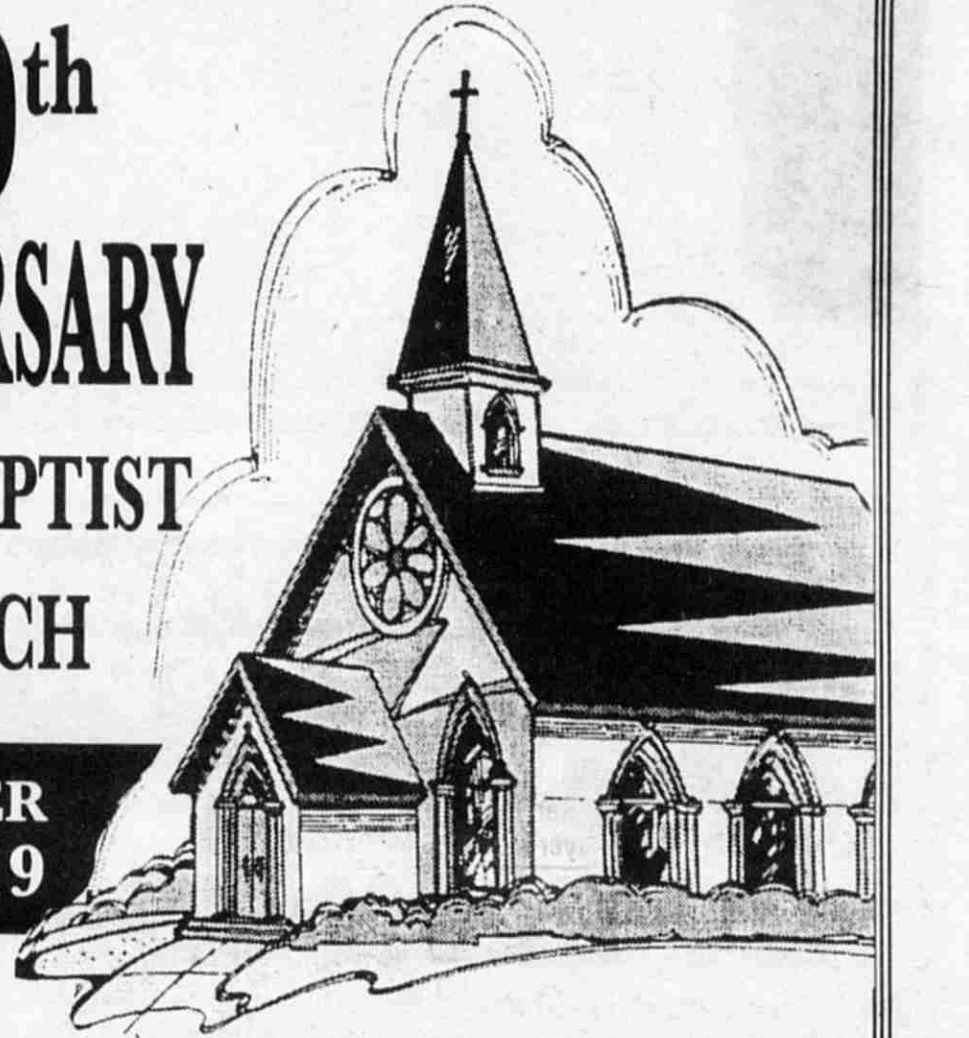
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<p>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Vermont Dodge dealership. 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p>Contemporary Services Lowell High School Auditorium (Nursery & Children's Ministry Provided) Sunday Mornings.....10 AM Impact Youth (Sunday's at the Pastor's home).....5 PM Phone us @ 897-0333 or 437-5093 Call for a free CD Service Sample</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship Services 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 Settlewood • 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 Noonan, Asst. Pastor Jonathan & Stacy Holmes, Youth Pastors</p> <p>SUNDAYS: Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. "XL" Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 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: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BEGOND 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. At 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell (entrance in rear of building) CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES</p> <p>Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR RICHARD FORTSYTHE Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>SOUTH BOSTON BIBLE CHURCH (Kyser Road SE at Grand River Ave.) WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS • WE CARE ABOUT YOU SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Word of Life (for Jr. & Sr. High).....6:30 P.M. Evening Praise.....7:00 P.M. Wednesday Kids Klub (ages 2-9).....7:00 P.M. Olympians (1st-6th grades) Prayer and Bible Study Library, Nursery, College & Children's Services provided. Wheelchair Accessible Church 897-7623 • Parsonage 897-5464 • sbccbch@juno.com</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. W. Lee Taylor & Wayne Hanes, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA JUNIORS.....Wed. 6:15 & 7 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free "You Matter To God"</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Megan MacNaughton.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	

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Tour group passes through Lowell on way to Mackinaw

By Dan Schneider

Over 300 bicyclists, in a staggering variety of colors, pedaled through Lowell last Thursday morning.

This year, for the first time, Lowell was part of the longest, most exclusive route in the 34th annual Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour (DALMAC). The tour takes 1,600 cyclists, by way of four routes, from the MSU Pavilion in East Lansing to Mackinaw City and across the Mackinaw Bridge.

The "Quad-Century" route—the route that includes Lowell—is 405 miles long and takes four days to complete.

It was the first time Gary Shubitowski of Redford, near Detroit, had visited Lowell and the sixth time on the tour. He was riding with his three brothers.

Cyclists train extensively in preparation for the long ride. Rick Acker, of Jackson, was riding in his 15th DALMAC tour. He rides with friends at least three times a week—about 25 miles on weekdays and up to 60 on weekends.

"You start out early in the spring and you might only go out and do 10 miles the first day and slowly over the summer you build up your mileage," Acker said.

Thursday was the first day for the Quad Century, with cyclists leaving East Lansing around 7:30 a.m. The bikes first appeared along Main Street in Lowell just after 10

a.m. Many cyclists stopped for lunch, reportedly catching local restaurants off guard with the large amount of business.

With chrome wheels and bright paint shining in the sun, riders left the downtown historic district by way of a right turn onto Hudson Street. The cyclists continued north, ending in Morley-Stanwood after 110 miles. The riders spent Friday riding to Mesick, then pedaled to a YMCA camp in the northern lower peninsula. Sunday involved 97 miles of hard biking to Mackinaw City High School, then across the bridge to St. Ignace.

"It's the only time of year you can ride your bike across the bridge," said Tri-County Bicycle Association (TCBA) secretary Dave Ford, who estimated he was averaging about 18 mph from Lansing to Lowell.

The TCBA is the Lansing-based bicycling organization that puts on the ride every year. The DALMAC tour started in 1971 when former state representative Dick Allen began promoting bicycling as a healthy way of exercise and transportation.

Once the cyclists complete the ride across the bridge, they travel back to Lansing by bus. More information on the DALMAC tour, eventually including registration for next year's tour, can be found at www.biketcba.org.

Lowell football steamrolls into 2004 OK White season

By Dan Schneider

For the first half of last Thursday's football game, the only thing that could stop the Red Arrows was the end zone.

With the exception of one early drive ending in a fumble, every one of Lowell's first-half offensive efforts ended in a touchdown. At the half, it was Lowell 42, Cedar Springs 0.

The second half also started on a high note for Lowell. Frank Mulder returned the kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown.

Lowell's second string played the entire second half, continuing to hold the Redhawks scoreless. They, too, scored a touchdown but missed the extra point, making the final score 55-0.

For the Redhawks, fresh off a victory against Lakewood the previous week, the game was a learning experience.

"We just got dominated in every phase of the game," Cedar Springs coach Brian Busen said. "And hopefully what you take from it is you watch a little film, you see how things were supposed to be done, you see what you did wrong, you correct it and move on."

"It's a heck of a team Lowell has and we didn't come out to play with them tonight."

Lowell moved the ball for 26 first downs in the game, holding Cedar Springs to only six.

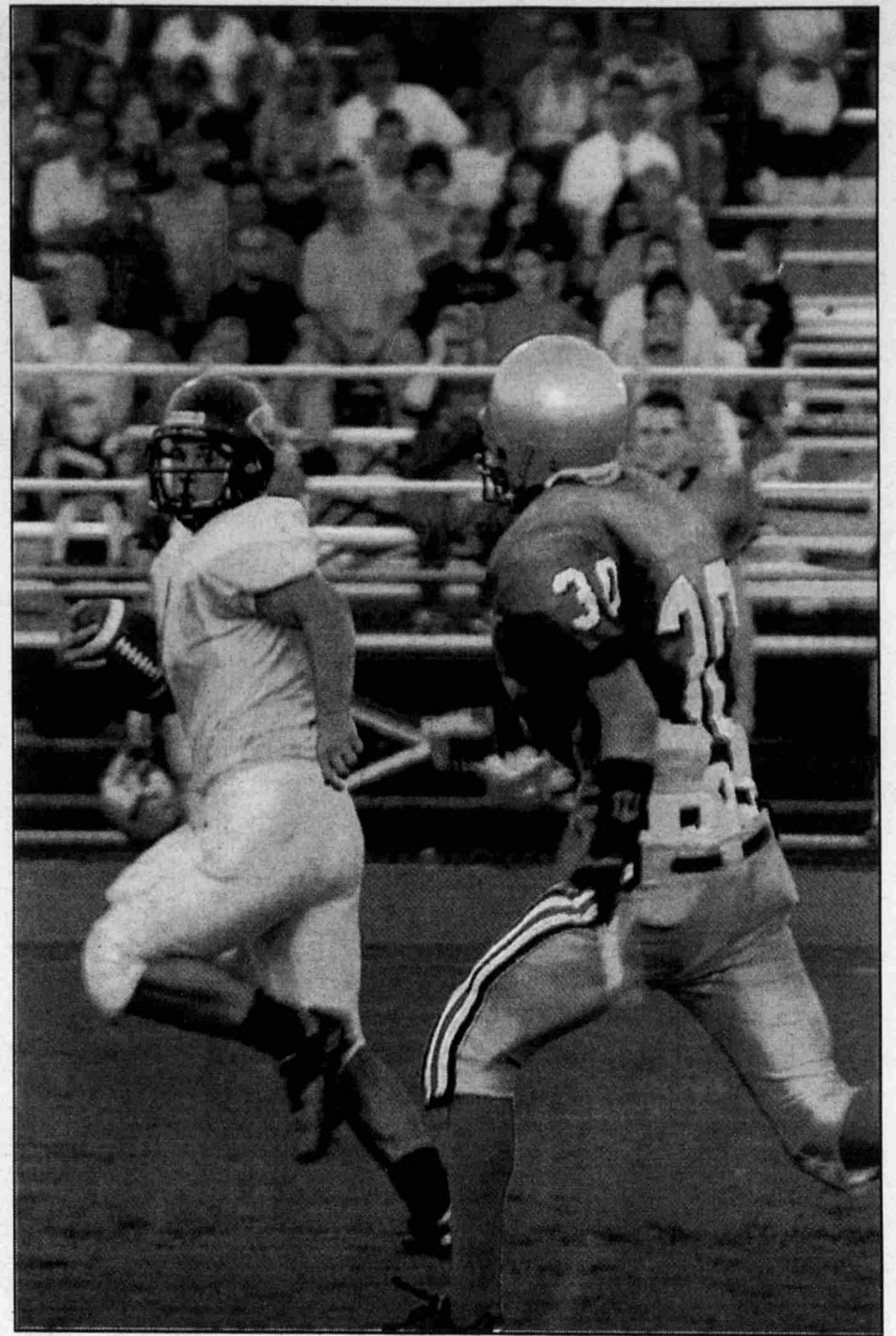
The Arrows dominated on the ground and in the air. Total yards for Lowell: 450; for Cedar Springs: 99.

Rushing yards accounted for 320 of Lowell's total.

"Our ability to run-block was pretty good, we did a nice job on that," Lowell coach Noel Dean said.

Ryan Esbaugh led the Arrows in rushing with 142 yards in 12 carries. Esbaugh ran for two touchdowns, the first a 30-yard run and the second a 58-yarder.

Lowell quarterback Keith Nichol was seven for 11 passing with no interceptions. He passed for a total of 133 yards. Mike Koster was the leading receiver for the Arrows. His three receptions gained 78 yards for Lowell.



Lowell football takes on Sparta this Friday at Red Arrow Stadium. Dean expects the Spartans and the East Grand Rapids Pioneers to be the biggest challenges in the OK White this year. The East game, also a home game, will take place Sept. 17.



The Friends of the Englehardt Library will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the library (200 N. Monroe). All members and prospective members are invited to attend. The group, open to adults, conducts book sales and other fundraisers to help purchase books and pay for programs.

For more information, call the Englehardt branch at 647-3920.

Lowell's Ryan Esbaugh eludes a Cedar Springs defender in a 58-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter of last Thursday's game.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

Notice of Public Hearing
(Under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as Amended)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will hold a public hearing on September 20, 2004, at or after 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, telephone (616) 897-5671, to consider a request from J & T Machining, Inc., for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property improvements to the property located at 681 Lincoln Lake Road, S.E., Lowell, Michigan 49331 in Vergennes Township, Michigan, under the provisions of Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended. The improvements will be located within an Industrial Development District located within the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as follows:

Land in the Township of Vergennes, County of Kent, State of Michigan, described as:

Condominium Unit 2 in Lincoln Lake Business Park, a condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3554, pages 52-98, inclusive, in the office of the Kent County Register of Deeds, and designated as Kent County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 294, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. P.P. No. 41-16-34-299-002.

The property and equipment to which the application relates lies within the above-described parcel and itself is described in the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

The applicant, the Township Assessor, representatives of each taxing unit affected that levies ad valorem property taxes within the Township of Vergennes, or any other person may appear at this meeting and give testimony.

Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

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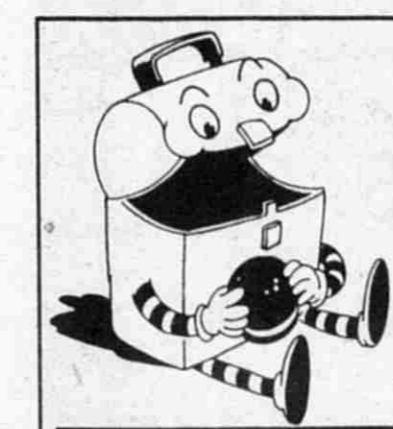
In re: Application of J & T Machining, Inc., for Establishment of Industrial Development District within the Township of Vergennes

Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Establishment of an Industrial Development District
(Under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as Amended)

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes has been requested by J & T Machining, Inc., to establish an Industrial Development District on land commonly known as 681 Lincoln Lake Road, S.E., also described as Condominium Unit 2 in Lincoln Lake Business Park, within the Township of Vergennes, Kent County, Michigan, as authorized by the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended. Such lands and such request are more fully described and set forth in documents on file with the offices of the Vergennes Township Clerk, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Vergennes will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, Michigan, on September 20, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing the owners of said land and any other resident or taxpayer of the Township with respect to the establishment of said Industrial Development District.

Dated: September 8, 2004
Mari C. Stone
Township Clerk



LUNCH MENU

Elementary Menu
Week of Sept. 13, 2004

MON: Burrito & cheese or sausage & cheese on English muffin, tater tots, orange wedges, milk.

TUES: Chicken tenders or lasagna roll-up, mashed potato, fruited Jell-O, milk.

WED: Mozzarella cheese sticks w/spaghetti sauce or ham & cheese on bun, carrot & celery sticks, pears, milk.

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A team of soccer shut outs...Caledonia & Rockford

By Dan Schneider

The Red Arrow soccer team held two more opponents scoreless in games last week.

Against Rockford last Thursday, the final score was 4-0, Red Arrows.

"And they had a pretty good team, too, so that was a big win," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "We were pretty explosive in the second half."

The teams remained scoreless for the first 40 minutes.

About four minutes into the second half, Brandon Grochowalski put one in for the Arrows. Shane Stokes followed soon after with another goal for Lowell.

Stokes had two goals in

the game. The second was in the last 10 minutes of the second half. Alex Carpenter scored shortly thereafter to achieve the final goal.

"Once we scored, we just had so much momentum the

pace of the game was frantic," Legge explained.

He said Lowell soccer teams tend to back off a bit after going up a goal or two, but that was not the case with his team in this game.

After the first goal, "Everyone on the team smelled blood," Legge said.

The Red Arrows kept on top of the pace. Rockford didn't. The Rams were given few scoring opportunities.

"The defense has been tough; that's three shutouts in a row for them," Legge said.

Last Tuesday, Lowell took out Caledonia. The score in that game was 3-0. In the previous game, they shut out

Grandville. For that game, Legge moved Kory Anderson to sweeper and Ryan Converse to outside back. The change has worked well for the Red Arrow defense.

Legge said he could see the Red Arrows beginning to put things together against the Rams.

"We're starting to click a little bit better," he said. "It's the first time we've played and think as a team, 11 guys across. Everybody played with a lot of intensity."

Lowell started OK White conference play Tuesday at Sparta. They travel to East Grand Rapids on Thursday to take on the Pioneers.



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Lowell basketball hammers Belding

By Dan Schneider

A full court press and a fast pace pushed the Red Arrows past Belding last Tuesday.

The press led to frequent turnovers by the Redskins. Lowell forced 33 turnovers, stealing the ball 24 times. Amy Oberlin stole the ball seven times.

"We had great defensive intensity," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said.

The turnovers gave the Arrows repeated fast-break opportunities. Lowell came out strong at the beginning and stayed that way. They built up a 14-point lead by half-time.

In the fourth quarter, they jumped further ahead. Lowell was controlling the ball and finding open shots at the perimeter. Kendra Gallert would pull up at the three point line,

mid fast break, and drain the Arrows' three-pointers before the defense could compose itself. She hit five three-pointers in the third quarter.

In the end, victory was Lowell's, 58-35. Three Red Arrows hit double digits in scoring. Gallert had 19, Oberlin 18, and Devon Collins 10.

Lowell also overcame the rebounding woes they experienced in their season-opener against Jenison. The Red Arrows routed the Wildcats, but still managed fewer boards. They out-rebounded the Redskins 35-32. Brook VanEck and Brittany Lyman grabbed six rebounds each.

On a few fast breaks, Lowell struggled with poorly-timed passes to the corners. These missed their targets and went out of bounds, but Crowley looked at them as

casualties of a fast-paced offense.

"You're going to have some turnovers like that because you're going at such a high speed," Crowley said.

But for the most part, the fast break worked to Lowell's advantage.

"We just played at their tempo and that's what they want," Belding coach Sara Holt said.

She had few regrets about the effort her team put on the court.

"We played defense the entire game and we played the entire game with heart," Holt said. "Lowell's a good team and we made some young mistakes against them."

Last year, a more experienced Belding team had been one of only three teams to beat the Red Arrows.



Lowell's Brittany Lyman takes a jumper from the top of the key.

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

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

3RD MON.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber of commerce or Fallsburg, 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 meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

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.

LAST MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. Call Dorothy at 897-9794.

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

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

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

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2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, D.W. Richardson Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social 7 p.m. meeting/program. 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.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 6:30 at the First United Methodist Church. For info., call cubmaster Bruce Doll 897-9782 or email him at bruce@imagesofvision.com.

EVERY TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at the LAAC from 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., 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Anyone is welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466 for info. Light dinner 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 upstairs @ Lowell Congregational Church.

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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.

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

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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.

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Thursday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 10763 Grand River Dr. (between Lowell & Ada, near Kissing Rock Rd.) Nice items, inexpensive prices. Mostly \$3 & less. You really should come and take a look.

THURS. & FRI., SEPT. 9 & 10
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1297 Jane Ellen. Infant - adult clothing, home interiors, housewares, CD, toys, weed trimmer, hedge trimmer, free stereo.

ADOPTION FUND RAISER
Sept. 10 & 11, Fri., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. & Sat., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Multi-family. 42 Flat River Dr., Lowell.

HUGE SALE
Antiques, collectibles, including salt & pepper collection, glass insulators, blue jars, glassware, 2 gas cooking stoves, 1 antique. Remodeling items: sinks, oak bath mirror/cabinet & 2 log staircases. Wood furnace, wood burner, propane furnace with many feet of ductwork, 2-wheel trailer. Bikes including antique 3-wheel, exercise equipment, books, adult clothing, household items, lots of high-class junk priced to go. Being held Sept. 10 & 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 9730 Grand River Ave., Clarksville. Between Nash Hwy. & Hastings Rd. (Kietzman Asparagus Barn).

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Tools, lawn mower, 1995 Ford Windstar, furniture, antiques, household goods, namebrand women's & men's clothes, lots of baby clothes, toys & other baby stuff. All in excellent condition. 11111 60th St., Alto. Sept. 10-11, 9-5 p.m.

DAYCARE CLOTHES & REDECORATED SALE
Namebrand boys clothing, 10-16, Little Tikes climber, bikes, toys, entertainment center, coffee table, much more! Fri., Sept. 10, 8-4 & Sat., Sept. 11, 8-12 p.m. 4737 Morse Lake Ave., Alto. 3rd house S. of Cascade Rd.

3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 10 & 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 13500 Forest River Dr., Lowell. Furniture, sporting goods, hockey equipment, motorcycle helmets, leather jackets, men's & women's clothing, misc. housewares, weight set w/bench, 13" color TV & MUCH more!!

MOVING SALE
8540 Bolt Dr., Ada. Sept. 9, 10, 11, 9-?

COMMUNITY YARD SALE
Sept. 10 & 11, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 765 Hunt St. Birchwood Garden Apartments.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE
Thurs., Sept. 9 - Sat., Sept. 11, 8:30 - 4:30. Antique claw foot tub, oak pedestal table, vintage 1950's bedroom suite, 60" swisher mower, oak drop leaf table, coffee table, exercise bike, kids' clothes & much more! 7271 Bluewater Hwy., Saranac. Interested in any of the items? Please call 642-0623.

MOVING SALE
Toys, antique furniture, English saddles & tack, sports cards & much more! Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 9 & 10, 9-4 p.m. 260 Lincoln Lake (just N. of Bailey).

MULTI-FAMILY BARN SALE
Children's clothing (newborn to 3 yrs), toys, kitchen items, books, telescope, lots of misc. Also offering a FREE ShapeScan Body Analysis & samples of herbal products & energy drinks. Fri., Sept. 10, 9-6 p.m. & Sat., Sept. 11, 9-2 p.m. No priors. 10015 Cascade between Snow & Morse Lake.

INDOOR SALE
Cumberland Retirement Village employees. 11535 E. Fulton, Sat., Sept. 11, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ONLY!

MOVING SALE
Various furniture including Thomasville Cherry Ent. Center, dinette set, office furniture/supplies, household items, kerosene heater, garage/lawn items, bikes, clothing, misc items. Fri./Sat., Sept. 10 & 11, 9-3 p.m. 985 Flat River Dr., Lowell (not the same moving sale as last week's neighbors).

CALVARY CHURCH GARAGE SALE
Administration Bldg. across from Lowell Burger King. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 9 & 10. Cleaning out houses, garages, and attics. Good stuff for kids to grandparents! Bike, bread machine, books, games, small appliances, dishes & clothes galore. You name it! Great Prices. Benefits Coffee Break Ministry.

GARAGE SALE
Sept. 9 & 10, 8551 Rickert Rd. 1 1/2 mi. N. & 1 1/2 mi. W. of Saranac corner. Bar stools, teaching materials, books, all size clothing kids-3X, lots of misc. 2N Ford Tractor w/blade & disc.

2 FAMILY SALE
Sept. 10 & 11, 8:30 a.m. Girl's clothes & misc. items. 4102 Segwun Ave.

HONEY CREEK COMMUNITY CHURCH GARAGE SALE
Mission fundraiser, lots of terrific items, 12151 Vergennes. Thurs. Sept. 9 to Sat., Sept. 11, 9-5 p.m.

SALE
Sept. 10 & 11, 9-5 p.m. 2827 Segwun Dr., Lowell. 2 row boats, household items, furniture, clothes, kids toys & more.

Want to tell us how you feel? Got a Pet Peeve To Get off Your Chest? Did someone do the RIGHT thing for a change!

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At Cherry Creek the sign that says "don't leave your vehicle" is dumb. I'll get out of my vehicle if I want to!

I would like to thank the Lowell Police Department, the officers, and the chief of police for calls made to East Main Street on July 22 and 23. They were professional, courteous and very understanding - M.D.

To the kids who stole the pop cans out of our Eastgate garage... Ahhhh the respect you must have. - Sincerely, the Westons

Please tell me they're going to repave Gee Drive. The road is the pits.

Why don't they do something about the old building on the corner of Jefferson and Main? That is an eyesore for the town.

People in our community need to stop letting their children run wild, step up to the plate! They need you!

Why on earth doesn't the Lowell Middle School send home lunch menus? It would be greatly appreciated!

To the lady who dropped her child off at the Middle School, "Is your glass half empty or half full"? You now have twice the security for your child, lighten up. Thanks Lowell Area Schools.

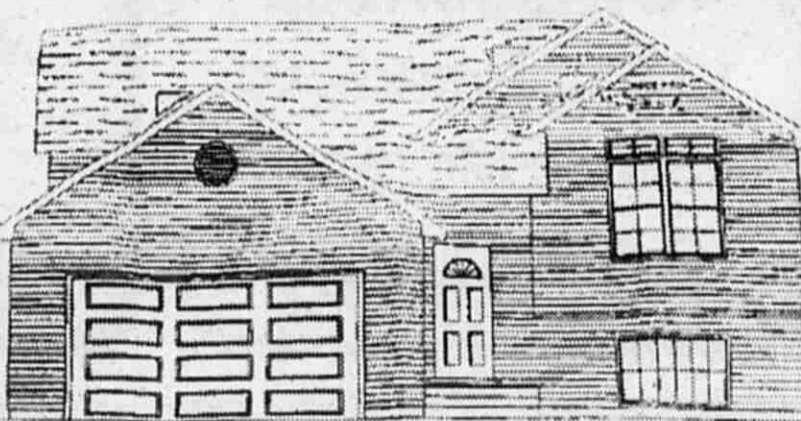
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\$150 BERBER CARPET - Beautiful oatmeal, 40 yards (new, still in plastic). 517-719-0451.

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GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - All in perfect condition with no scuff marks. Assorted brands now only 25¢ each. Call 897-8520.

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\$175 CANOPY BED - Mid-night black, iron scroll. Has head, foot, plush mattresses. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

PROFITABLE HOME-BASED BUSINESS - for sale in Lowell. Owners Retiring. Owners will provide training and technical support. 897-2083.

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40 FURNITURE ITEMS GIVEN AWAY - September only! Tables, beds, chairs, chests, dressers. Recent trade-ins, too good to throw, we need more room! Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - 1957 Ford 800 tractor, can be seen at Sam Noon's on Fulton or call 897-2083. \$3,000.

\$99 KIDS BEDS - Mattresses included. Daybeds, captains beds, futons, twin beds w/frames. Limited quantity at \$99. Hurry! Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

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DOG KENNEL - (4) 6x12 ft.; (2) 6x6, 1 with gate, \$100. Call 318-3472.

AIRBED - Why pay mall price?? Dual chambers, remote control & warranty. Brand new, name brand. Queen at mall \$1,500, sell \$700; King \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FOR SALE

MEMORY CELL MATTRESS - NASA developed, 20 year warranty. Brand new. Queen Cost \$1,800, sell \$650, King \$950. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

'98 CHEVY PICKUP - Long box, 2 wd., new tires, brakes, etc. \$4,200. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

BUNK BED W/DRESSER - and desk, 2 mattresses. \$400. Call 987-9441.

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 3791 Nordic Lane NW, Grand Rapids. Alpine Meadows Mobile Home Park. '93 Carrollton, 16x80, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 12x24 family room, fieldstone gas fireplace, central air, all appliances, new carpets & paint. Best offer! Call for an appointment, 616-318-5772, ask for Gary.

DINING ROOM SET - Solid oak, butterfly, leaf table, 6 chairs (2A45) New in boxes. Must sell \$800. Call 682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FOR SALE - 40 acres, near Irons. Call 676-9257.

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

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

HOUSE FOR RENT - 8761 Bailey Dr., Ada. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, deck, 24x28 garage on 1 1/4 acre. \$900/mo. + deposit & utilities. Call 616-437-6614.

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ALTO - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath apartment, \$675 + utilities. (No dogs). 616-891-1840.

FOR RENT - 4 bedroom house, full basement, 2-stall garage. Beautiful country setting. \$750/mo. Call 897-5426 or 581-5265.

HELP WANTED

CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED - Lowell-Ada area. Seeking: non-smoker, health orientation & good office/people skills. Need: reliability & energy plus a team player mentality. Great working environment for intelligent organized person. Personal integrity and high personal standards required. Long term, career oriented relationship intended. 30-40 hours per week. Starting pay based on skills and commitment. Resumes: Mail to: DOCTOR, 6592 Forest Valley SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546; Fax: 616-897-1133; E-mail: PT@airwavecomputer.com.

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ALTO AREA DAYCARE HAS OPENINGS - for children all ages. Bus pickup for Alto School. CPR/1st aid trained. Fenced in back yard. Call 868-0752.

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ANNUAL FIREMEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:00-9:00 AM
At Alto Fire Barn
6260 Bancroft

PARADE
12:15-1:00

BAKING AUCTION
1:00-1:45

MISS ALTO & LITTLE MISS ALTO CONTEST & CROWNING
9:30-10:30 AM
at stage area

9:00 to 10:30

BLUE RIBBON BAKING CONTEST JUDGING and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM CONTEST
Pre-register at 8:45 am at Alto Library

9:00 to 1:30 ALTO LIBRARY

GENTLY USED BOOK SALE At Library

10:00 to 11:30 PET SHOW

Pre-register at 9:30 am at Colby Park

10:00 to 5:00 FOOD BOOTHS

10:00 to 5:00 ARTS & CRAFTS

10:00 to 5:00 MOONWALK

Alley Green

10:00 to 5:00

FRENCH & INDIAN WAR REENACTMENT
Church Green

10:00 to 5:00 KIDS GAMES

Stage Area

10:00 to 5:00 ANTIQUE TRACTORS

at Jerry's Garage, corner Bancroft & Depot Streets

10:30 to 11:00

BEST DRESSED DECORATIVE GOOSE CONTEST
Stage Area

11:00 to 12:00 LUKE LENHART

Bluegrass musician at stage

1:30 to 3:00 PUFF & PEDAL *Depot Street*

1:45 to 2:15

PIE & WATERMELON EATING CONTESTS
Stage Area

2:15 to 2:45 LEGS CONTEST *14 & up, Stage*

OPENING CEREMONIES

9:15 AM

*Raising of the Flag,
Singing of the Star Spangled Banner,
Stage Area*

TALENT SHOW

3:00-4:30

Stage

ELVIS: THE MEMORIES OF ELVIS SHOW

4:30-???

*Featuring Michigan's newest Elvis Tribute Artist,
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Stage*

