

The Lowell Ledger

Volume 30 Issue 50

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

Fewer hours on the road for Lowell school bus drivers



Buses leave Cherry Creek Elementary Monday afternoon. Various factors have caused fewer hours to be available for Lowell bus drivers over the last several years.

By Dan Schneider

The number of available work hours have eroded for Lowell Area Schools bus drivers over the past few years.

Last year, there were 13 drivers working more than 30 hours a week. This year, only eight drivers were able to get that many hours. In order to qualify for fully-paid health insurance in the district, a driver must work 30 or more hours per week.

There were 12 drivers working more than 25 hours last year compared to eight this year. The total number of bus drivers in the district is 34 this year, three fewer than last year.

"The highest run that I could get is 55 minutes per day less than last year," bus driver Bill Collins said.

A number of factors have shortened the run times available to the drivers. The walk zones in the city of Lowell have had the most recent impact on school bus drivers. The walk zones resulted in the elimination of three routes.

"I'm just so fortunate that nobody here lost a job because of the cuts," LAS transportation and operations director Larry Mikulski said. "I know of school districts that just have eliminated runs, and drivers are gone."

Two drivers retired from the Lowell school district this year. Three others moved to bus driving jobs with the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD). Two drivers quit to other jobs this year. The district hired two drivers from its part-time ranks to fill those positions.

The opening of Murray Lake Elementary has allowed for more efficient bus runs in the northern part of the school district. There are seven buses making the runs from Murray Lake.

Fewer hours on the road, pg. 11

City ends up paying for roof repairs

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

It was the hope of the city's engineering firm that the roof warranty for the Englehardt Library would still be honored so the city didn't have to pay for repairs.

But after a year of working on the warranty issue, it became apparent to Dan Durkee of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr, and Huber, that the

city was going to have to dole out the \$5,000 to fix the leaky roof.

"The roof is supposed to have a 10-year totally system warranty period," Durkee said. "We pretty much pursued the warranty work in hopes that we might get total coverage of repair costs or at least partially covered."

The problem occurs in that the roof on the building

was put on by Quality Systems and Designs, Inc., which was sold to another company which has since gone out of business, Durkee explained.

The owner of the original company offered to do the repair work but his price came

City pays repairs, cont'd. pg. 15

Sealing airport runway cracks gets expensive

By J. Lobdell

Contributing Writer

What they thought would be a reasonable job to repair cracks on the Lowell Airport runway turned out to be more expensive than the airport board had planned.

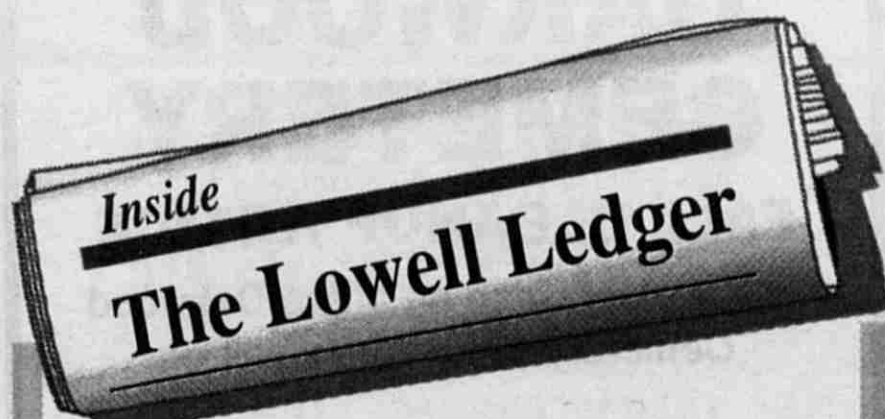
At the Monday night Lowell City Council meeting, airport board manager Jim Sowle sought permission for the board to pay a \$4,500 bill to repair cracks on the runway—a bill that left him a little surprised.

"About a month ago, I was notified we were having

a cracking problem with the runway," Sowle told the council. "It was something we wanted to take care of sooner ... better than later."

Sowle contacted Mike Harding of Harding Enterprises, a Lowell company that had repaired similar cracks on the 10-year-old runway only a few years ago. The bill for that repair came in between \$800 and \$1,200, which Sowle expected would be about the same cost this time around. For that reason, he did not go out and solicit bids for the work, he said.

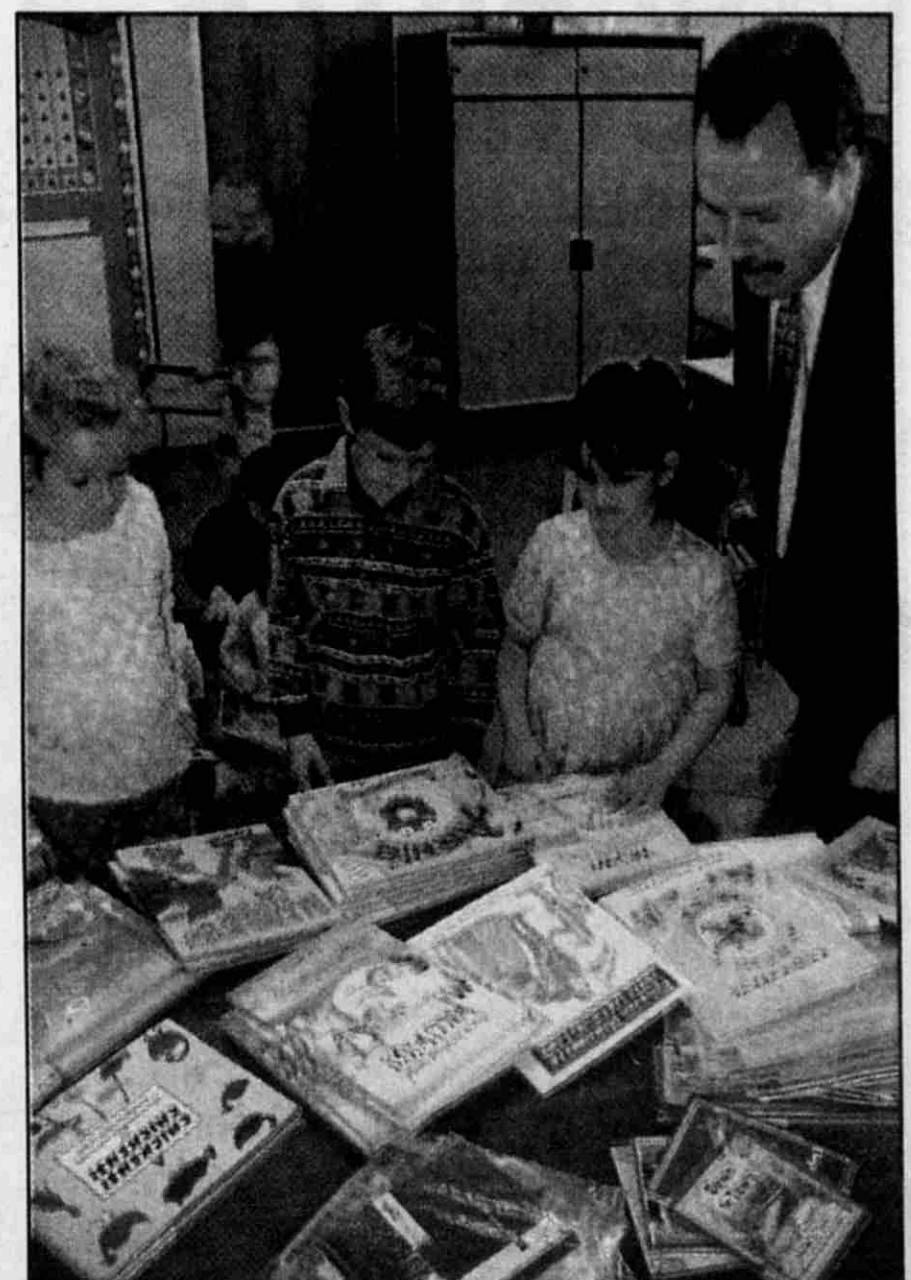
Sealing runway cracks, cont'd., pg. 12



Brief Car Theft... Page 4

House Candidates Debate
... Page 13

Local Man Part of
Baseball's History
... Page 12



Books! Books! Books!

Charlie Jeffrey of Harold Zeigler Ford in Lowell helped Alyse Omillian, Nathan Sees and Abbi Clouse, first graders in Amanda Cell's class at Bushnell Elementary, pick out books last Thursday. The car dealership donated books for all 227 first graders in the Lowell school district for the second year in a row. Students could choose from among several new books. Titles included "Wow! It's Great Being A Duck" by Joan Rankin, "Bonkers Fellini" by Jeanne Titherington and "Daring Dog and Captain Cat" by Arnold Adoff.

OBITUARIES

ALLEN - Linda Lou Allen, aged 60, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, October 16, 2004. She was preceded in death by her son David Allen. She is survived by her significant other Roger Miller; son Darryl Allen; friend Ron Fletcher; daughter-in-law Carol Lee Yurkinas; grandchildren Misty, Michael, Madison; brother Roger (Rhonda) Colthorp; niece Regina (Bret) Freeman; nephew Ryan Colthorp; aunt Margaret VanRiper; cousins Charlene Bryde, Suzanne Black, Scott Bryde. Funeral services were held Tuesday at

Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Rev. Ken Ford officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

BOSSCHER - Jennifer Ann Bosscher, aged 23, passed away October 14, 2004. She was preceded in death by her grandmother Jacoba Bosscher. She is survived by her parents Ken and Linda Bosscher; sister Elizabeth; grandparents Robert and Ann Schultz, Harold and Lillian Bosscher; best friend Carolyn Woldhuis; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral

services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, 1151 W. Main St., Rev. William Renkema officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, 305 N. Hudson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lakewood Christian School or The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

FAULKNER - Russell Lyle Faulkner, aged 83, died in his sleep October 18, 2004. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Janet; family Roger, Vicki and Josh Faulkner of Ada; Joy and Dick Cooper of Lowell; many great nieces and nephews. Russ was a 1939 graduate of Lowell High School and served in the Army during WWII. Russ's second love was hunting and fishing. He will be missed by many friends, for all his stories and the sharing of his wealth of knowledge. Cremation has taken place. Private services were held by the family.

MILLER - Carol D. Miller, aged 67, of Byron Center, passed away Friday, October 15, 2004. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Eugene "Bob" Miller; brothers James (Merlyn) Magle of AZ, Gerald (Doris) Magle of Alto, Marvin (LaVerne) Magle of MN; sister Evangeline (Walter) Rynning of AZ; brothers-in-law Dan Miller, Manuel Miller, Norman Miller of Byron Center; sister-in-law Ramona Harmsen of Burnips; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. Sebastian Church, Byron Center with Msgr. Gaspar Ancona as celebrant. Interment at Star

Cemetery, Jamestown Twp. Memorials may be made to Diabetes Association or Masses to St. Sebastian Church.

VANDER HART - Marian Ruth Vander Hart passed away peacefully Monday morning. A wife, mother, sister, friend, educator and community volunteer, she was 85 years old at the time of her passing. Marian was an active member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, where a memorial service in her honor was held last Friday. She was preceded in death by her husband, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Vander

Hart and brothers George, Fred and the Rev. Bob VanZyl. She is survived by her five children Barbara Nurenberg of Iron Mountain, Mark and wife Barbara Vander Hart of Lowell, Joel and wife Mary Vander Hart of Colorado Springs, Mary and husband Clark Stoller of Van Wert, OH, Robert and wife Cyndi Vander Hart of Decatur, IN; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Harold and Raymond VanZyl; sister Emily Hibma and many nieces and nephews. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Library in her name.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-178,334-DE

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Estate of
MARVEL THIBERT,
deceased
Date of birth:
May 7, 1909

representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. N.W., suite #9500C, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10/13/2004

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, MARVEL THIBERT, who lived at 3911 N. Rosebud Ct., Apt. 2, Kentwood, MI, died 08/04/2004.

FOSTER, SWIFT, COLLINS & SMITH, P.C.
ALLAN J. CLAYPOOL
(P-11957)
313 S. Washington Sq.
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 371-8264

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to NATIONAL CITY BANK OF THE MIDWEST, named personal

NATIONAL CITY BANK OF THE MIDWEST
120 N. Washington Square, Suite 650
Lansing, MI 48933
(517) 334-5297

NOTICE

Bowne Township has several openings on the appointed boards of Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Downtown Development Authority. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please submit a letter expressing this interest to the Bowne Township Board at 8240 Alden Nash S.E., PO Box 35, Alto, Michigan 49302 by December 1, 2004.

Bowne Township Board

OAKWOOD CEMETERY

FALL CLEANUP NOTICE

The annual clean up of the Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of:

NOVEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2004

Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc., you wish to keep by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2004

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the purchase of a sewer jetting trailer (new or reconditioned with warranty) will be accepted at the Lowell City Hall office, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Wednesday, October 27, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. where they will publicly be opened and read aloud. Please be sure to mark envelope "SEWER JETTING TRAILER BID".

Specifications may be secured upon request from the City of Lowell at 616-897-8457 or the Department of Public Works 616-897-5929.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.



Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township Clerk

The Lowell Ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$15⁰⁰ a year in Kent County, \$22⁰⁰ a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331

ROGER K. BROWN.....PUBLISHER
JEANNE BOSS.....MANAGING EDITOR
DAN SCHNEIDER.....LEAD REPORTER
TONI BLOUGH.....COPY EDITOR
TAMMY JANOWIAK.....CLASSIFIEDS/ACCOUNTING
JAY VEZINO.....ADVERTISING SALES

(616) 897-9261

E-Mail: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com
Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI

Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:

The Lowell Ledger

P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331
www.lowellbuyersguide.com

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

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

Monday, October 25, 2004

at 7:00 P.M. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E.

At this hearing, the property owned by Bruce Langlois located at 11826 Fulton Street, PP# 41-20-04-476-001, will be considered for a special use permit to allow Michigan Dutch Barns to operate an open air business to sell portable storage sheds and lawn furniture.

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

City expected to receive bids for loan on two fire trucks

By J.Lobdell
Contributing Writer

If all goes according to plan, the Lowell Area Fire Department will have two pumper trucks in its possession.

After a 16-year wait, the city was informed by Kent County that it was up next to receive a new pumper truck

built for the department. A bid of \$277,922 from Spencer Manufacturing was accepted as the purchase price of the truck. The deal hinged on the Lowell Area Community Fund chipping in on the project. Between the fund and the county, most of the cost will be covered with the city of Lowell, Lowell Township and Vergennes Town-

ship splitting \$34,253.50 the cost.

Within that loan, the fire department also wants to purchase a 1988 pumper from the county for \$14,146.50. This amount would also cover the cost of repairing the truck, said city manager David Pasquale. The total loan amount will be for \$48,400.

On Nov. 1, the city council will receive bids for the loan, which will be paid by the city and the two townships.

Getting its paperwork in order at the Monday night meeting, the council approved a resolution to the proposed lease agreement, which makes certain any costs the city incurs during the loan process

will be covered through the loan, Pasquale said.

The loan would be for three years. Pasquale said solicitations for bids from area banks have been sent.

The city is on a cycle program with the county. The county pools money together from various municipalities and then every so many years

roughly 17, according to city officials—the city is up for a new pumper truck.

The 1988 pumper truck does have quite a bit of life left and should provide the city with some good service, Pasquale said, adding that all that needs to be done is some repainting on the truck to get it ready.

Halloween Masquerade sponsored by LAAC

The first annual Halloween Masquerade will be held at Deer Run Golf Club on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with appetizer menu and cash bar available. Music starts at 8 p.m. Limited tickets are still available for \$10.

This year the Great Lakes Band, at right, will perform along with costume contests and great prizes.

For tickets, call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, 897-8545.



Correction!

In the coverage of the homecoming festivities in last week's edition of the Ledger, a photo of the wrong float was pictured as the junior class's winning parade float.

The "Monopoly" float was actually the sophomore class's second-place entry. The juniors won with their float built on "The Game of Life" theme.

The great enemy of clear language is insincerity. —George Orwell

ADA-LOWELL 5

9:21 5 Minutes East of Amway H.O.
897-FILM
\$5.25 Kids all shows \$5.50 Seniors
\$6.00 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat
\$5.75 DAILY Matinees til 6pm ALL SCREENS
No passes DIGITAL SCREENS
Unlimited Free Drink Refills & 25¢ Coca Cola Refills

MOVIE GUIDE

FREE
FALL MATINEES!
FOR EVERYONE
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 & 11 AM
OCTOBER 23& 24
TWO BROTHERS (PG)
SHOWTIMES 10/18 - 10/21
TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE (R)
2:20, 4:35, 7:15, 9:50
FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS (PG-13) (PG-13)
11:10, 2:15, 5:20, 7:25, 9:35
LADDER 49 (PG-13)
2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
SHARK TALE (PG)
2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:10

COUPON
FREE 20oz DRINK
with \$10 purchase
of food (not in funny room)
at participating restaurants
BEST DEAL in town!
www.ada-lowell.com

SAVE ON YOUR AUTO & HOME INSURANCE...

If you have your personal auto and homeowners insurance with us, both policies will cost you less. Exclusively for Michigan drivers and homeowners... from Farm Bureau Insurance. Call now.

MARK JOHNSON
6095-28th Street Ste. 4
Grand Rapids, MI
49546 - 940-8181

Making Your Future More Predictable
FARM BUREAU INSURANCE
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL - FARM BUREAU LIFE - FARM BUREAU SPECIAL
www.farmbureauinsurance-mi.com

Chimera Design

LOWELL FINE JEWELERS & FINE ART STUDIO
A King's Ransom of Pearls
from all over the world!

By special arrangement with
Betty Sue King
- the Pearl Goddess

Strands of freshwater pearls in fall colors.
• Cultured pearls
• Tahitian • Keshi
• Fancy freeform singles
One of a kind stunning products of nature!

AN EXPLOSION of PEARLS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
(Oct. 22-23)

SPECIAL FREE STRINGING on any strand & clasp purchased during the show! (a \$48 to \$75 value)

SPECIAL HOURS: 10-9 pm FRIDAY & 10-6 SATURDAY
208 EAST MAIN STREET • 897-9480
www.chimeradesign.ws

WARNING:
These Are Not Your Grandmother's Pearls

Beer and wine ordinance passes unanimously in Vergennes

By Dan Schneider

Vergennes Township now has an ordinance regulating applications for beer and wine licenses, preparing it in case such an application should occur.

"It basically lets everybody understand what's going to be required," said township supervisor Tim Wittenbach.

The ordinance, passed unanimously at Monday's

township board meeting, combines Michigan Liquor Control Commission regulations with more local restrictions. For instance, a beer and wine license could not be granted to an establishment within 500 feet of a church or school without written approval from an authorized representative of the church or school.

The township first considered the ordinance after Shady Acres' banquet hall expressed interest in obtaining a license to sell beer and wine in 1998. In the process of investigating the possibility of such a license, the township discovered it had an available license designated by the Liquor Control Commission. It also discovered

that it was a spirit-dry township. This means a license for beer and wine can be granted in the township, but not one for hard liquor.

The township denied Shady Acres' original request, but wanted to establish a basis for handling future requests.

"It's good for the town-

ship to have some regulations so that everybody can be treated the same," said Vergennes zoning administrator Jeanne Vandersloot.

So when Shady Acres approached the township again a little over a year ago, the township began working to draft an ordinance.



COLLEGE STUDENT SUBSCRIPTIONS AVAILABLE
College subscriptions run from Sept. to May for a price of \$14.
Call 897-9261 with address & credit card information & we can start it today!

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE FOR TESTING OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 2, 2004 General Election will be conducted Monday, October 25, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell.

Linda S. Regan, clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Opportunistic car thief apprehended

An Ada man was arrested Sunday morning on charges stemming from the theft of a vehicle on M-21 near

Cumberland Avenue in Lowell Township. The suspect, Scott D. Hall, 30, was walking home

shortly before 5 a.m. after partying in Lowell when he came across a Chevy four-door parked and running on the side of the road. He

car home to get a flashlight, then returned to look for the deer in the field alongside the road. While they hunted for the deer, Hall came upon the car and seized the opportunity for a free ride home. The car's original driver called 911 from his cell phone. Deputies had already been dispatched to the area after calls came in about a suspicious person walking along the road.

They spotted the car near Spaulding and M-21 and made the arrest. Hall was arraigned Monday on charges of UDAA (unlawful driving away automobile), concealing stolen property, second offense driving with suspended/revoked license and third offense habitual offender. He was on parole for prior breaking and entering and stolen vehicle convictions at the time of the incident.



Scott D. Hall

hopped in and began driving home but was soon stopped by Kent County Sheriff's Deputies.

A 19-year-old man from Lowell was returning from a fishing trip with his younger brother when his car struck a deer. The brothers drove the

NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP IS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

SNOWPLOWING BIDS - to plow township office parking lot; to plow fire station area front, side and rear; to plow area behind library (parking area) and to shovel sidewalks at township office building and library. Bids should be submitted by November 10th.

Contact the Township office - (616) 868-6846 for further details.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Justin Quist, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board, reported that homecoming was last week. The pep assembly was excellent, and the junior class won the float contest. A student council sponsored blood drive will be coming up soon. Students will be working on the Adopt-a-Road next week.

ACADEMIC SERVICE LEARNING REPORT - Carla Stone reported on the Academic Service Learning program as a result of the \$24,500 grant that Lowell Area Schools received. 51 staff members will be using this program. Academic Service Learning is a hands-on approach to mastering curriculum objectives and at the same time fostering civic responsibility.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:

- Mark & Michelle Lancaster donation of saxophones valued at \$400 to be used by the Middle School Band Program.
- Paul Seese - Altico donation of computers valued at \$3,200 to be used by the Technology Program.
- Sandi White donation of puzzles and a talking book valued at \$30 to be used by students at Bushnell Elementary.
- Rachel & Travis White donation of children's books valued at \$93.65 and stuffed animals, puzzles, and musical keyboard valued at \$150 to be used by PPI or early 5's students at Bushnell Elementary School.
- Sara Guile donation of microwave valued at \$50 to be used by the Lowell Middle School Health Department.
- Trishanne Winchel donation of baby clothes, blankets, and toys valued at \$100 to be used by Unity High School.

Adopted a resolution to tentatively designate the regular election date for May in both even and odd years and authorize the publication of the Notice of Public Hearing to be held on November 8, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Appointed Pat Nugent, Mark Lessens, and Dan Brubaker as delegates and Peter Haefner as an alternate at the MASB Delegate Assembly on November 5, 2004.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- September 13, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes, September 13, 2004 Regular Meeting and Closed Session minutes, September 27, 2004 Board Workshop minutes, and September 27, 2004 Special Meeting and Closed Session minutes.
- The following payment of bills for September 2004: GENERAL FUND.....\$1,382,034.69 SCHOOL SERVICES FUND A. Food Service Fund.....\$10,541.21 B. Athletic Fund.....\$ 7,715.00 2004 ENERGY BOND FUND.....\$200.00 2004 CONSTRUCTION FUND.....\$ 382,159.05 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$34,553.65 Scholarship Fund.....\$ 500.00
- New Hires: Brenda Buck-Murray Lake - Special Ed EI Teacher
- Overnight student trips for the 2004-05 school year
- Resolution to amend and restate its Cafeteria Plan under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended

TRANSPORTATION REPORT - Jessica Johnston reported on the Walk to School day which was held at Cherry Creek as a result of the Safe Routes to School grant that Cherry Creek received. Several students received stickers for their efforts. Surveys for the Safe Routes to School have been submitted to the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

FACILITY UPDATE - Maureen Dorough reported on the projects that are taking place due to the Honeywell performance contract. Cherry Creek is 95% complete on the lighting replacements. Air conditioning is 50% complete with bleachers being replaced in November. Water savers at faucets have been added. Middle school lighting and bleachers are nearly complete.

BUDGET AND CONTRACT UPDATE - Budget - Connie Gillette reported that budget amendments will be made in December. Student numbers are down and there is talk of a mid-year reduction on the student foundation allowance. A Cost Containment Committee has been established and the group is looking at ways to cut costs and enhance revenue. Recommendations from the group

are expected in March. **Contract** - Connie shared a PowerPoint presentation on the results of the recently settled contracts with the teacher and support staff unions. A calendar for 2005 will be finalized in January.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the various activities taking place during professional development days in the district. There is much work being done to identify kids who need help in the area of literacy, and strategies and programs are being sought to remedy this deficiency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following person addressed the Board: Bill Collins - bus driver stipend. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Shari Miller thanked Curt Kaeb and others who worked on homecoming activities. Congratulations to the fall sports teams. The Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will be having a "Dinner with Friends" fund raiser on October 23. Thank you to Carla for her work with service learning and to Mr. Vashaw and Mrs. Heemstra for helping with the merit award. Thank you to Jessica Johnston for her work with the safe walk zones. The Champions of Diversity committee has been meeting, and they are considering a spring activity to include parents, students, staff, and community members.

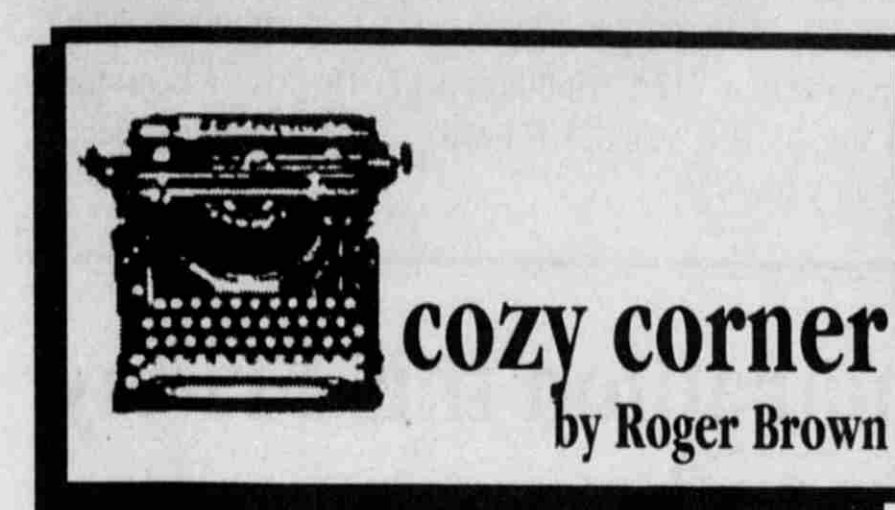
CLOSED SESSION - The Board met in closed session to discuss non-union negotiations and a legal opinion on another matter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Public Hearing - Establishment of Election Date
Monday, November 8, 2004
Runciman Administration Building
Board Room - 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2004
Runciman Administration Building
Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
Please visit our web page at www.lowell.k12.mi.us

We Value:
Responsibility • Integrity • Compassion
• Honesty • Respect • Character Counts

Viewpoint



Oops... overslept! Blame it on post season baseball. Like a Christian who only manages to get to church around Easter and Christmas, I don't follow baseball until the post-season. It doesn't matter what teams are in the mix, I get excited about following the games. It's a good thing the teams don't matter to me. If I were waiting on the Tigers every year, it would be like a Christian waiting on the "Second Coming" before going to church.

My internal alarm failed me and I awoke with a start at 7:00 a.m. My usual Tuesday routine has me at the keyboard around 5:00 a.m. My troubles were compounded by the fact I didn't have any idea of what might be the subject of this week's column.

I thought about plagiarizing a really funny John Kerry hoax resume my daughter had e-mailed to me. I mixed the idea when checking it against one of my basic column principles, "avoid religion and politics." Having already touched on a religious metaphor, politics had better be left to the pundits.

My nearly six-year-old grandson Boog came to the rescue. Boog was born in Arizona and lives in China. He and his family spend the better part of the summer in Michigan. They also visit us here in Florida. Their vacations, since living in China for more than three years, have taken them to Bali, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia, Thailand, Hawaii and various parts of China. For a five-year-old, the kid does get around.

When I was his age, my grandparents lived maybe an hour's drive away. That was about as far from home as I had been.

Boog is your typical five-year-old. That is, he's totally out of control. The problems associated with being his age are compounded by the fact he's kind of a klutz. Can't imagine where he may have picked up those genes.

When you add Boog's travels to his propensity for injury, then throw in his normal susceptibility to childhood illness... you get a kid known in doctor's offices and emergency rooms around the world. From a cast on his arm in Michigan to stitches in Bali (twice), it never seems to end. I hope his mother is keeping a journal. I know she is getting more and more gray hair from these experiences.

Boog's most recent incident happened just yesterday. Boog bolted into traffic while his nanny was escorting him and his sister home from school. He was hit and knocked down by a woman on a motor scooter.

Boog's family recently moved from Shanghai to Chengdu. We haven't visited the kids at their new home in central China, but I can just imagine the scene. There are over a billion people in China, and they are all overtly curious about a little blond Caucasian kid. An incident like this on a busy street could easily attract thousands of onlookers in a matter of minutes. Can you say international incident?

Reports from his sister indicate that Boog jumped up and began screaming (in his rather good Chinese) at the poor woman on the scooter. He told her that it was all her fault. Well, what else would you expect a five-year-old to say? To his nanny's credit, Boog was hustled home before things got too ugly. In central China there isn't much sense in hanging around after an accident to swap insurance companies. There aren't any.

The details are sketchy, but Boog has yet to see a doctor for this one. Boog's after action injury report to me amounted to, "Yup grandpa, she knocked me down and I hurt my elbow and my left butt cheek." Certain people might be awarded a Purple Heart for lesser injuries, but Boog is tough. The impish way Boog talked about hurting his butt cracked me up. When I finally quit laughing, the conversation immediately moved to his list of Christmas presents. He didn't want another scolding about traffic.

That's my Boog story. I know it's not much, but for a guy who overslept by more than two hours, it's just going to have to do for this week.

One last thought on my opening metaphor. I wonder if a combination church/sports bar might work. Fans could watch their favorite sports teams on the big screen while at the same time offering up a little prayer for victory. It might pull in a few parishioners between Easter and Christmas. Just a thought, and like most of my ideas, probably not a very good one.



Ledger Entries

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

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL OCTOBER 22, 1879

Trading in the wheat market has been very active. The warm weather is not good for apples. King's new mill shut down for the season Saturday night. A party of six hunters brought in 72 squirrels one day last week. Buying \$5 worth of goods at the Boston Store will get a chance on a grand piano.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 20, 1904

The Farmers State Bank of Alto is in process of organization. Stock has been sold and the board of directors will be chosen this week. Mount Vesuvius has been in action, so look for bioscope pictures coming along soon. The New York American (publication) gives facts and figures to prove that Standard Oil will own the earth in 10 years. A.F. Behler of South Lowell reports a 9 1/2 pound beet in this year's harvest. Get your potato crates at the Lowell Planing Mill.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO OCTOBER 24, 1929

At the Strand: Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool," followed by William Boyd in "The Flying Fool." The Ladies Aid of Alton Church has one of their famous dinners for 300 persons. Dance at City Hall tomorrow night to the music of Carl Glady and his orchestra. The M-16 detour at South Boston has had several accidents, including a furniture van tipping over. "The best coffee and ham in town" - Hot coffee and a ham sandwich at Chris's (Wm. Christiansen's drug store and lunch counter).

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER OCTOBER 21, 1954

The M-131 expressway through Grand Rapids will receive \$9 million worth of work on 30 miles of road next year. U.S. Representative Gerald R. Ford Jr. will tour Lowell's industrial plants next Monday. He endorses Pres. Eisenhower's program of Peace, Prosperity and Progress. Coons celebrates its 62nd anniversary with a sale. School-sponsored magazine sales are building a fund for a new scoreboard at Recreation Park. Former LHS student Hugh Michael Beahan, now a priest, has the popular Friday afternoon WOOD-TV show, "Fifteen With Father." American Legion, VFW, Rotary, Lions and Board of Trade are sponsoring the big Halloween party for kids this year.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER OCTOBER 24, 1979

Last week's balmy 70- and 80-degree days have turned to cold and wet. Larry Keiser says customers in costume this Saturday get free coffee and donuts. The six contenders for city council meet with 70 Senior Neighbors for some campaigning. First Security Bank of Saranac donates \$6,000 for a new sports time clock for the Saranac High School gym. Secretary of State Richard Austin announces that license plates will be sold according to birthdate of car owner. This will ease the long lines of the once-a-year sales.

To The Editor

Dear Editor: After keeping a low profile for a couple of months, I want to take a moment to publicly thank everyone who supported my run for a second term on the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education. It was a sincere pleasure to serve the community for four years. However, I was saddened that, due to the circumstances, I did not have a public opportunity to say thanks and goodbye, so this will have to be it.

I also want to acknowledge how hard both the wider community and our school teachers and staff have struggled with the contract negotiations. I want to be sure that I have a chance to affirm for anyone who might be wondering that the Lowell Board of Education is an outstanding group of good thinkers who do, indeed, have the students at heart when they grapple with the Big Picture and how to maximize our limited financial resources. Nancy, Mark, Jim, Pat, Peter, and now Dan and Maureen are impressive people who work very hard to do the right thing after grappling long and hard with lots of difficult and often-conflicting pressures. Our community is also blessed to have a strong and smart and wise core administrative team, backed up by outstanding school administrators, who are in turn backed up by teachers and staff whose overall dedication and quality is authentic.

As a community, we cannot afford to descend into negativity and nastiness - both of which were rising uncomfortably in the months before I left the Board. We are all in this together. The limited resources are not the fault of anyone living in the Lowell area, but together we must continue to stretch those dollars any way we can.

So, from the sidelines, I continue to applaud and support our teachers, staff, administrators, and Board of Education. We are human; we make mistakes and have emotions, and we tend always to wish for more. But we are also one wonderful

community which, I hope, will rise above the troubles we have faced recently so that Lowell Area students can continue to receive the outstanding education they have come to expect, and which they deserve.

By an odd set of circumstances, my chance to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee for Lowell Area Community Fund also ended due to term limits on the same day as my term on the Board of Education. I am once again very much a private citizen, but no less a supporter of Lowell and the special, wonderful place we have here. Thanks again to those who have been so kind to me.

Sincerely,
Kate Dermocoer

To The Editor, continued, pg. 15

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Ledger reserves the right to limit submissions from the same writer to twice a month.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Reflections Of Faith

David Sims, pastor
First Baptist Church

I have seen them more and more lately, and often in unexpected places! Grand motor coaches whisking past me on the road, or easing their way 'round curves in the country. 'Tis the season of the annual color tour! Small towns enjoy getting some fresh, albeit brief, notice by these fall flocks of happy excursionists. For those of us who tend toward being too busy, these sightseers remind us that there are some sights right under our noses that are worthy of a timeout. Have you indulged in a pause to appreciate the brilliant artistry yet?

This season is one my wife and I love... the wonderful hues of the wooded horizons, the nip in the air as frost stalks our heels, the autumn aroma of harvest, and leaves, and all. One cannot help but wonder with wonder... where did all these colors come from? Amazingly, it is said that the chemistry of the colors were there all the time, but it took the receding of the green chlorophyll to reveal the behind-the-scenes palette of pigments. And then I wonder, what is the surface covering in my life? God knows what lies under the surface, behind all appearances. The inner, the soul aspect, the spiritual dimension of us,

what and who we are at heart, are key to life now and forever.

Sad, indeed, it would be to live a life with all kinds of "leaves" of nice looking covering, and fail to find a solid core, fail to develop the inner beauty of life as God intended. Just as the deciduous forests around us, we are moving toward a great unveiling when what is holding up our exterior drops away and the architecture of the soul is revealed. 2 Peter 3 tells us that there is a "day of the Lord" appointed when all the works of earth will be laid bare. 1 Corinthians 3 reminds us that every person's life will be "made manifest" and self-generated goodness will fall away; Christ-generated character will remain, witness of the Master Artist's accomplishment.

So what is behind our "leaves?" The Old Testament in

1 Samuel 16:7 prods us to mind what is inside, declaring, "Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks upon the heart." As I watch the dying dendrons drop, the fading leaves fall, I also begin to see something else... bare branches of once-bedecked splendor reaching toward the sun. And as I pause to reflect, I see what I would want God's X-ray gaze to detect in me: that behind what first meets your eye beats a heart uplifted to the Son, daily needing His strength and life, longing for the dawning of His season of endless day. Christ remains the sole solution to Fall... our fall into sin. "Anyone in Christ is a new creation, old things are passed away, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17) He gives a heart that is free to be exposed. His beauty is more than leaf deep! Happy touring!

FLPC will hold music marathon this Friday

There will be 12 straight hours of music going on again this year at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC). The center is holding its fourth annual Music Therapy Marathon Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The performances start with Jim Ens playing dulcimer at 9 a.m. Pianist Judy Lacks takes over at 10 a.m. The rest of the day goes as follows:

- The Lowell High School Jazz Band from 11 a.m. - noon.
- The Catholic Central Capella Choir from 12 - 1 p.m.
- The Thunder Floor Cloggers from 1 - 2 p.m.
- FLPC music staff from 2 - 3 p.m.
- Maria Royce Hesse will play harp from 3 - 4 p.m.
- Rap group F.A.S.T. (Fa-

ther and Son Together) will perform from 4-5 p.m. FLPC music students will play from 5 - 6 p.m. From 6 - 7 p.m. Rhoda Castiglia will play flute. Then guitar group Duck Sauce will perform from 7 - 8 p.m. Sister Mary Margaret Delaski will finish the day with harp music from 8 - 9 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations will be taken at the door. Proceeds benefit the FLPC's music therapy program which helps children with autism throughout Kent County communicate through and experience music. The FLPC is located at 11650 Downes St.

IN THE SERVICE



Sgt. Jason Stoutjesdyk shown during a previous tour of duty with Iraqi children.

Army reservist Sgt. Jason Stoutjesdyk has been called up for active duty with the 180th Transportation Company out of Muskegon. At this time, it looks like he will be mobilized stateside as of Nov. 7 for a month before being deployed to Iraq. The deployment will last between nine and 15 months.

Stoutjesdyk, a student supervisor at Cherry Creek Elementary, returned April 17 after serving more than a year in Iraq. He has been in the Army reserve for four years.

His parents are Jim and Deb Stoutjesdyk and Patrick and Susan Lewis, all of Lowell.

SPC Heather Lee Sterzick graduated from Lowell High School in June 2001. Two weeks following graduation she started her five-year enlistment in the United States Army and attended basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

It was there that she received a Commanding General's award for achieving the highest physical training score within her company. Shortly after graduation, she attended Advanced Individual Training for Air Traffic Control at Fort Rucker, Ala. There she obtained her Air Traffic Control Certification in September 2001.

Her first assignment was Delta Company 58th Aviation, 3/4 Plt, Yongsan, South Korea, where she was assigned to the Tactical Terminal Control System. During her assignment in Yongsan, she graduated from Air Assault School and completed the Combat Lifesaver Course. She also furthered her military and civilian education by completing correspondence courses and attending school at the University of Maryland.

After her one year tour in Yongsan was complete, SPC Sterzick relocated to Camp Humphrey's South Korea for another year where she was assigned to Desiderio Tower. During her tour at Camp Humphreys, she served as the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Installation president and on her own time, she organized events that created a link between the soldiers and the off post community. Some of the events included a Habitat for Humanity trip for soldiers, weekly visits at the local orphanage, and visits to local hospitals during the holiday season.

SPC Sterzick received a certificate of Achievement



SPC Heather Lee Sterzick from the Theater Command and also an Army Accommodation Medal and Military Outstanding Service Ribbon from her Company Command for her efforts while serving there.

In February of 2004, she was reassigned to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where she served in the Ground Controlled Approach section of the Libby Army Airfield/Sierra Vista Municipal Airport. While serving at Fort Huachuca she was named soldier of the quarter. Selection was based on the individual's

exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement, and other specific achievements and notable accomplishments. It was during this assignment that she was placed on orders to Baghdad, Iraq.

In September of 2004, SPC Sterzick deployed to Baghdad where she currently serves in the Army Airspace Command Control section for the Multi-National Corps Iraq.

Her short-term goals include earning her promotion to Sergeant and serving as an Air Traffic Control Tower Operator at Fort Huachuca when she returns from her deployment. Her long-term goals include completing her business management degree through the University of Phoenix, earning her commercial pilot's license and becoming an Air Traffic Control at a Center in the United States while serving in the Army National Guard.

She is the daughter of John and Helen Sterzick of Lowell.

Navy Seaman James H. Haisma recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was honorably promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Haisma completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations" which is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

Haisma, a 2004 graduate of Caledonia High School, is the son of Kimberly and James Haisma of Alto.

Wedding Invitations

We offer the Carlson Craft line of invitations. A wide variety & a wide range in prices. Stop by to check out one of our books today!
Invitations back in 7-10 days
Buyers Guide • The Lowell Ledger • Lowell Litho
105 N. Broadway • Lowell
897-9555 or 897-9261

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us, as the confident knowledge that they will help us. —Epicurus

Maplewood Square Apartments

New-Upscale-Energy Efficient
All apartments on one level, laundry room, attached garage, covered porches, all appliances included.
Now Available: 2-bedroom, 1-bath!
3-bedroom, 2 bath.
Contact: Michael Nosko at
Maplewood Square Apartments • Ph: 616-682-1581

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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
Across the street from the Vermont Design Dealership.
897-6284 or 485-4195
10AM Sunday School; 11AM Morning Service; 6PM Evening Service; Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.

ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Kirby and Harrison
Alto • 616-691-8011
Worship.....9:30 A.M.
Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.
OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS
Pastor Dean Bailey

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
621 E. Main Street • 897-5936
Worship Services
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
DR. MICHAEL T. KONKLIN, PASTOR
Nursery & child care available at both services
Barrier - Free Entrance

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.
Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M.
Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475
ALL ARE WELCOME!
(Barrier-Free)

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
SUNDAYS:
Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS:
Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m.
"XL" Youth: 7 p.m.

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: 10:10-10:30 AM
Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BERENG 897-7915
SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)
Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21
www.goodshepherdlowell.org
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class. 9:00 A.M.
Worship Service.....10:00 A.M.
(Nursery available)
Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

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
Pastor Robert L. Hubbard
Phone: (616) 897-1267
website www.aplighthouse.com

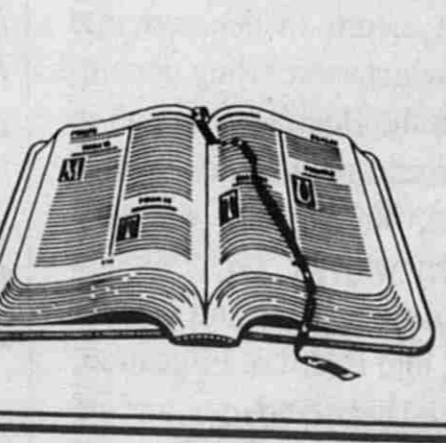
LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
201 N. Washington • 897-8800
Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.
PASTOR RICHARD FORSYTHE
Staffed Nursery Provided
Barrier-Free Entrance

SOUTH BOSTON BIBLE CHURCH
(Kysar 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 - 8th grades)
Prayer and Bible Study
Library, Nursery, College & Children's Services provided. Wheelchair Accessible
Church 897-7623 • Parsonage 897-5464 • sbccb@juno.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
2275 West Main Street • 897-7168
Internet: http://www.fbcloowell.org
Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor
Wayne Holmes, Youth Pastor
Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.
AWANA/CLUB JC.....Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M.
Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times
Nursery Provided • Barrier Free

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!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL
(United Church of Christ)
404 North Hudson • 897-5906
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



A failure is not always a mistake; it may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying.
—B.F. Skinner

LUNCH MENU
Elementary Menu
Week of Oct. 25, 2004
MON: Chicken sticks with a biscuit or turkey & cheese on bun, broccoli, pears, milk.
TUES: Pizza wedge or lasagna roll-up, salad, applesauce, milk.
WED: Macaroni & cheese or hot dog on bun, cinnamon roll, mixed fruit, mixed vegetable, milk.
THURS: French toast, cereal, scrambled eggs, potato wedge, juice, milk.
FRI: Pizza dippers or sloppy joe on bun, peaches, fresh vegetable, milk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- OCT. 21: Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.
- OCT. 22: Troy Abel, Aamir Ismail, Donna Potter.
- OCT. 23: Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Lyle Morrison, Rachael McIntyre.
- OCT. 24: Brian Ray, Elizabeth Cook, Tanja Greenfield, Don Miller, John DeVries.
- OCT. 25: Diane Pretzel, Bill Ellison, Amanda Stoutjesdyk.
- OCT. 26: Ray Jones, Mike Ray, Thomas Cook, Kait Cummings, Judy Purdy.
- OCT. 27: George Cook, Tim VanLaan, Tracey Johnson.

LOWELL LEDGER DEADLINE
Monday at 5 p.m.
for Wednesday Publication

Pianist Wanted
for 10am service,
2 Sundays/month.
If interested please contact:
Pastor Joe Fremer
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Lowell, 897-5790
mailbox@goodshepherdlowell.org

"A CROWN IN ONE VISIT...SIMPLE!"
"If I had known it would be this easy, I wouldn't have put off getting a crown for so long. One visit and it was done. The crown fits and looks great. I have my smile back...simple!"
Family Dentistry of Lowell
— ANN WILSON, D.D.S. —
Tel. 897-4835 • 147 North Center Street • Lowell
NOW ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS 897-4835



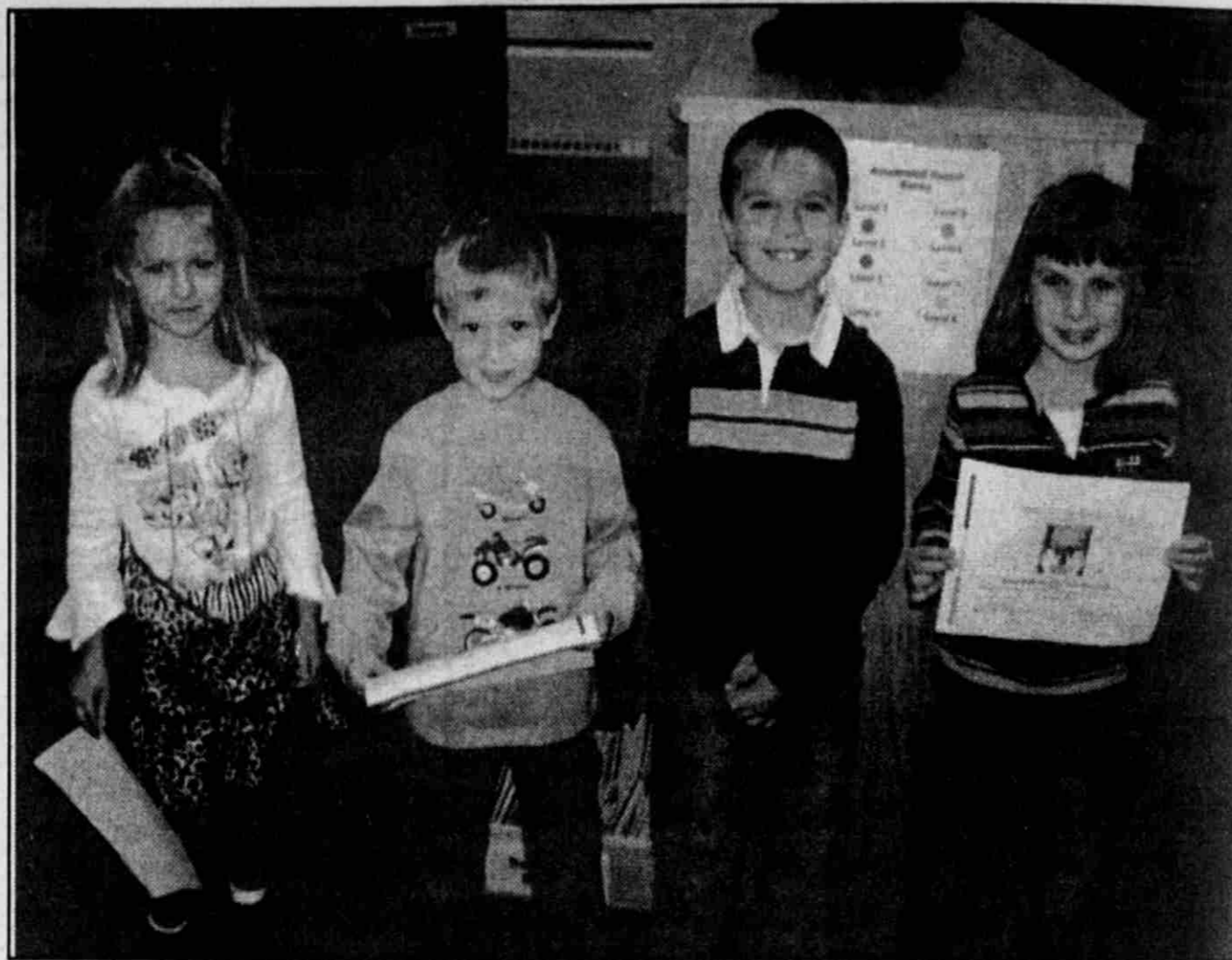
Pictured above, first row, left to right: Taylor Higgins, Racquel Dunneback, David Kruse and Tessa Micho; second row: Elizabeth Miller, Baily Stormzand, Mark Rasch, Madison Kaminski and Anna Barnes; third row: Nick Kloosterman, Catherine Wissman, Thomas Mahalic, Mitchell Strander, Spencer Plattner and Corynn Rogers; back row: Zachary Vanderstelt, Sawyer Buck, Rebekah Betts, Kyra Marks, Meghan Loser and Jessica Johnson.

Pictured at right, from left to right: Katie Lynn, Nicholas Dalessandro, Max Wester and Brianna Homrich.

Murray Lake Elementary Characters in Action for September

Each month Murray Lake Elementary staff members nominate students who live by the character traits of Lowell Area Schools: Caring, Citizenship, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness and Trustworthiness. Each student is given a certificate and a character pin that displays the six character traits.

September Character in Action award winners include the following students:



See David for all your lending needs!



David Lane, Lowell Office Manager

Phone: 616-897-6171
ICNB
 Hometown Banking
 Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender
www.icnb.com

Invest in a CD at ICNB this fall...

4.27% APR
4.34% APY
(Annual Percentage Yield)

(Rate as of September 22, 2004)

\$1,000 Minimum Deposit
 60-Month Certificate
 For a limited time only.
(Penalty for Early Withdrawal)

Store Up For Your Future!

ICNB
 Hometown Banking
 Member FDIC
www.icnb.com

Call your local ICNB office today:

Ionia: 616-527-0220 Lowell: 616-897-6171
 Belding Downtown: 616-794-1195 Southside: 616-527-9250
 Belding West: 616-794-0890 Sunfield: 517-566-8025
 Dexter: 616-527-1550 Woodland: 269-367-4911



'HARDT HAPPENINGS

BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS
 Adult readers are invited to get together at the Englehardt branch for a friendly informal book discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Copies of the featured title are available at the library's checkout desk.

Call the branch at 647-3920 for information or 784-2007 for other book discussions and locations.



Charming, historic, brick home nestled on the Flat River in Lowell. Seven blocks from downtown historic district, shops and restaurants. Large, beautifully landscaped, double corner lot. Two story, three bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, formal dining room, main floor laundry, central air, underground sprinkling. Original woodwork and beautiful views of the Flat River. \$189,000.
 Shown by appointment 897-6994

BLUE'S CLUES AT THE LIBRARY

Kids ages six and under are invited to hear stories and music, and collect clues about blue dog. Help figure out what Blue likes best about the library. Registration is required.

The Englehardt branch offers the program on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. (647-3920); the Alto branch on Monday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m. (647-3820).

The Alto branch will present "Historic Ship Preservation" on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. Using video, anecdotes and artifacts, Mannie Gentile will chronicle the preservation efforts of the world's third largest fleet of the U.S. Navy.

Gentile is an arts and cultural history educator, writer and videographer behind his company - the Museum of America.

For more information call 647-3820.

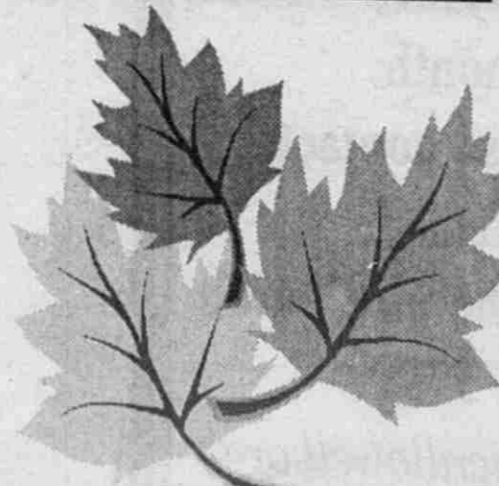
CITY OF LOWELL FALL LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting Oct. 5th leaves will be picked up weekly. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags: City Hall • Bernard's Ace Hardware • Springgrove Variety • Meijer Yard waste pickup will be the same day as your recycling pickup.

2004 FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Tuesday Pickup
 October 19 & 26
 November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Thursday Pickup
 October 21 & 28
 November 4, 11, 18 & 26



NEED COPIES?

Black & White
 15¢ per copy or
 10¢ per copy

if more than 10 of same page

We have a NEW Color Copier!

Color Copies
 8 1/2 x 11 size paper
 95¢ each

discounts for 10 or more of same page

11x17 size paper
 \$1.25 each

discounts for 10 or more of same page

Lowell Ledger
 105 N. Broadway,
 897-9555

Sharing The Vision

NANCY HOPKINS
 Board of Education President



Here is a reminder every parent can never hear enough times. Whether your child has just started pre-school or just entered high school, there are many good reasons and opportunities for you to get involved in your child's education.

And another reminder naturally follows. When parents and educators work together, students experience higher

grades, better school attendance and fewer instances of violent behavior. How can parents encourage their children to do well in school?

- Give them a sense of belonging. Do things together. Kids want to go to school and see the value in school when they have a feeling of community, both at home and at school.

- Make sure your children know there are respectful, supportive people in their lives they can look up to and admire. How about Mom and Dad?

- Recognize and appreciate the small steps children make daily, as well as the accomplishment of larger goals.

- Keep learning exciting. Send them off in the morning with a word of encouragement. Enjoyment in learning keeps kids coming back for more.

- No matter what age, keep the wonders of childhood discovery, inquisitiveness and enthusiasm alive.

Financial Focus

Edward Jones

Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

With Christopher C. Godbold



WHAT DO ALL THOSE INDEXES MEAN, ANYWAY?

The Dow Jones Industrials, the Nasdaq Composite, the S-&P 500, the Russell 2000: The list of stock market indexes goes on and on. But how much attention should you pay to all these lists? Actually, if you know the basics of these indexes, you may be able to gain some insights that can

Health



FLU VACCINATION UPDATE

As you are aware, there is a severe shortage of flu vaccine available this year. As a result of this, rationing the vaccine to the highest risk patients has been done. Most of the area providers are completely out of the flu vaccine, or approaching the end of their supply.

Flu-mist is another vaccination that is available and in good supply. This is a live vaccine delivered intranasally (no injection). Unfortunately, this is not covered by most insurance carriers. The vaccine costs about \$80. It is approved for healthy patients ages five to 49. It is not approved for pregnant women, patients with a weakened immune system (or close contact with those who are affected by this), or patients with chronic long-term health problems.

To avoid contracting the flu, wash your hands frequently. Limit your exposure to those you know that are ill. To prevent spreading the flu, do not go to work if you are ill. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands frequently.

There are also antiviral drugs available to decrease the duration of symptoms. This must be started within 24-48 hours of contracting the flu and is only available by prescription.

help you make better investment decisions.

Some Popular Indexes

By reading *The Wall Street Journal* or other financial publications, you can find a broad listing of stock market indexes. But here, in a nutshell, are a few of the more popular ones:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average**—Comprising 30 leading companies, the Dow is often considered the one index that indicates the general state of the market. Yet, some investment experts criticize this index for encompassing so few companies and for a lack of diversity.

- **Nasdaq Composite Index**—The Nasdaq tracks the stocks on the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (Nasdaq) market. Because the Nasdaq includes many companies in the technology sector, this index can rise and fall quickly.

- **S-&P 500**—This index tracks 500 companies in a variety of industries, including transportation, utilities, financial services and energy. Many money managers and pension plan administrators use the S-&P 500 as a benchmark for judging the overall performance of their fund against the stock market.

- **Russell 2000**—This index measures the performance of 2,000 "small-cap" stocks (stocks of smaller companies just starting to grow). Smaller companies are often newer—and generally have less capital—than the larger companies measured by the S&P 500 and the Dow. Consequently, the Russell 2000 is more volatile than these indexes.

Using Indexes Wisely

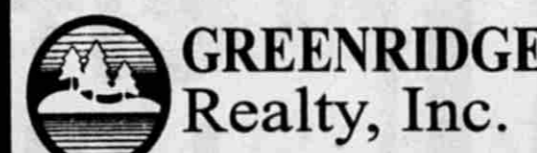
How can you use these indexes to help yourself become a better investor? For starters, you can employ an index as a "measuring stick" to compare the performance of the stocks you own against other stocks in the same general "universe." So, for example, if you own small-company stocks, you might want to contrast their return with that of the Russell 2000. Or, if you have technology holdings, you can see how they stack up against the Nasdaq.

The P.C. Doctor

Weekends and Nights Call Anytime!!

- Custom P.C. Builds
- Reasonable Rates
- Virus Repair
- Personal Service
- Upgrades
- Guaranteed Work

TODD RYDER
 616-540-0739



GREENRIDGE Realty, Inc.

1160 West Main, Lowell

2743 Wildberry Dr. SE.

OPEN HOUSE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 • 1-4 PM

Directions: I-96 to Lowell exit, N on Alden Nash (M-50) to Grand River Dr., W to Grand River Estates.

virtual video tours at

www.greenridge.com

ewingieier@greenridge.com

Real Estate with...

Elaine Wingeier

974-4278



A NATURE LOVER'S DREAM HOME!

Spacious 2-story with walkout on 2 acres of private, wooded and rolling land. Dramatic 2-story, great room with fireplace open to peninsula kitchen and breakfast room. Formal dining room, first-floor master suite and 4-season room for watching wildlife. 2nd floor boasts 2 additional bedrooms with 2 full baths plus a huge skylit bonus room. 3-stall garage. 974-4278

• Instill a sense of adventure by supporting children in healthy risk-taking and learning from successes and failures.

• Teach kids how to make wise choices in life, so they're ready to grow in their own personal responsibility.

• Show that you have confidence in your child's ability to be successful.

Remember, believing and participating in our children and their successes is something all parents can begin today and continue to practice.

Parent involvement is a fundamental priority in Lowell Area Schools. For information on how to become involved in your child's educational experience, contact your building principal. They would welcome hearing from you.

Taken in part from the Michigan Department of Education website.

You also can benefit from looking at indexes from a historic perspective. By comparing today's market movements—as illustrated by various indexes—against similar movements from the past, you can become aware of important trends and what they've signified. Just go back a few years to the late 1990s, when the technology-heavy Nasdaq soared prior to falling hard in 2000. Much of the run-up in that index was caused by unbridled investor enthusiasm in so-called "dot-com" companies. But their poor—or non-existent—earnings couldn't support their stock prices, which eventually tumbled. If at some point you saw a similar thing happening in the Nasdaq, you might want to review your technology holdings.

Look Beyond Indexes

As we've seen, stock market indexes can be useful—but they also can be "over-used." When an index is down, for instance, investor sentiment can become unjustifiably bearish—which could lead you to avoid investing in high-quality, undervalued companies. Remember, an index, no matter how large or well-constructed, is not a substitute for the entire market—or for your own good judgment.

NOTICE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

A public test of the voting equipment to be used in the November 2, 2004 General Election in Vergennes Township will be held on Friday, October 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, MI 49331.

Mari C. Stone
 Vergennes Township Clerk

1984 - 2004
 20 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE

1301 Bowes Rd.,
 Lowell • 616-897-4123

Arctic Inc.
 HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING

BRYANT
\$1,050 REBATE

with a high efficiency heating and air-conditioning system installed.

Call for Details



Visit our website at www.heatingcoolingonline.com

Fall color can be factor in selecting landscape plants

Fall color is important to landscape but there are also other traits to consider.

Whether the tree is hardy— whether it will survive average to colder-than-average winters here in Michigan, whether it will fit the location where you want to plant it when it reaches its mature size, whether it's prone to develop insect or disease problems or suffer damage from ice and wind storms - all these things are more critical to a

plant's success in your landscape. Once you've eliminated those choices, then is a good time to use fall color to help choose your trees.

Fall color can be more than foliage - colorful fruits can add to the fall display and even continue it into the winter. Visit a local nursery or an arboretum where plants are carefully labeled.

Trees frequently recommended to add fall color to the landscape include the red maples "Autumn Blaze",

"October Glory" and "Red Sunset." They turn orange-red, rich golden yellow and flaming red. Sugar maples provide shades of yellow, orange and red. Japanese maple and callery pear add a dash of reddish purple to the landscape. For deep red, consider red or white oak; for yellow, honey locust, hornbeam and poplar.

The burning bush is a colorful shrub with its bright red fall foliage as well as the common witchhazel which

flowers in late October to early November, turning golden yellow.

Ivy and some other creeping ground covers will stay green long after deciduous trees and shrubs have lost their leaves, providing a green counterpoint to the warmer colors of woody ornamentals. The ginkgo, a prehistoric species with fan-shaped leaves, has a pleasant butter-yellow fall color. It is hardy and essentially free of insect and disease

problems. But the female trees bear messy, smelly fruits. To be sure of getting a male tree, buy nursery stock grown from cuttings, rather than seeds.

Sassafras, whose variably shaped leaves turn a brilliant red-orange in the fall, isn't often used in landscapes because it rarely survives transplanting.

Mountain ash is often

planted for its clusters of orange fruits, but it is prone to both insect and disease problems and usually short-lived in the landscape. Some crabapple varieties have serious disease problems, as well. Less problem-prone species and varieties require less maintenance to live longer and perform better in the landscape.

Get your driving record on the spot

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced that customers may now purchase their individual driving records at Secretary of State PLUS offices across Michigan.

"Today's customers are busier than ever before," Land said. "Our constant goal is to make their lives easier. Offering driving records on site does just that. Customers no longer have to mail in a form or drive to Lansing. They can now drop by any PLUS office, show their driver's license, pay a small fee and walk out with their driving record in hand."

Driving records detail violations, points, suspensions and other aspects of a person's driving history.

People requesting the records typically need them for job applications, to negotiate car insurance rates, or to assess the accuracy of the record.

Customers may only purchase their personal driving records. Along with the document, customers will receive a one-page guide that explains how to read the record. The guide also is available online at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

The service costs \$8 per record.

PLUS offices and SUPER! Centers were created to provide customers with expanded hours and other benefits.

For a PLUS office near you, call 517-373-2520.

JC Penney awards \$5,000 grant to Lowell YMCA

The Lowell YMCA is one of 305 YMCAs nationwide selected to receive a \$5,000 JCPenney Afterschool grant, enabling the Lowell YMCA to provide a safe, productive and rewarding environment for youth and teens after the school day ends.

The grant will provide caring, mentoring staff for the Teen Center which serves youth and teens in Lowell and the surrounding area. These funds were awarded in the name of local JCPenney stores and will help YMCAs provide more

staffing and transportation, develop afterschool activities and curriculum, and purchase program supplies.

"Children are our most valuable resource," said Arlene Phillips, Woodland Mall JCPenney store manager. "There are over 2,500 local YMCAs in this country. Our support to YMCAs coast to coast demonstrates our support to all of those communities, allowing us to help more and more children and their families nationwide."

The Lowell YMCA Teen

Center provides a variety of supervised activities including a computer lab and leader's club for kids ages 12-17.

"We're very grateful to JCPenney Afterschool for this important grant," said Lowell YMCA associate executive director Andy Retberg. "The funding will enable us to impact teens with structured activities in a safe environment during critical afterschool hours. With the JCPenney Afterschool grant, and matching funds from our

YMCA Invest-In-Youth campaign, we will be able to sustain our teen program-

ing well into the future." For further information regarding the Lowell

YMCA Teen Center, please contact Dave Leggett at 897-8445.



Curtis Cleaners & Laundry in Lowell has gained membership in the Coin Laundry Association's FiveStar Laundry program by meeting the following goals:

Customer-Focused: Clean, efficient and safe, and machines are in good working order.

Professionalism: Consistent hours, active customer-service policies and an understanding that its services are important to customers.

A Cut Above: Delivers an experience that surpasses customers' expectations.

Progressive: Updates its environments, services and equipment.

Problem-Free: Customers can expect to have a satisfactory experience.

Curtis Cleaners & Laundry is dedicated to delivering the highest quality laundry facilities and service. By providing better equipment, large machines, oversize machines for special needs

and a clean, comfortable and safe environment, FiveStar Laundries offer amenities and advantages that are important to today's customers.

The Coin Laundry Association was established in 1960 and is headquartered in Downers Grove, Ill. The not-for-profit trade organization has more than 2,800 members with a mission to provide education and service to the entrepreneurs of the coin laundry industry and to promote to the general public the best of what the coin laundry industry has to offer.

Curtis Cleaners & Laundry is owned by Bucky Curtis and Kevin Smith and is located at 1410 W. Main St., Lowell.

Fewer hours on the road, continued...From Page 1

They park there over night rather than make the trip back to the central garage on Foreman Street.

"Because the school is where it is, it would have taken eight drivers starting from here to do all those routes," Mikulski said. "I don't know if it's cutting into hours as much as it saved us from having to run another bus out there."

The district's elimination of half-day kindergarten this year resulted in the loss of Friday's mid-day bus run. The run was 1.5 hours long.

The kindergarten run was one of several from which the bus drivers in the district with the highest seniority could choose. They all make the same wage. Drivers keep their previous runs for the first three weeks of each school year to ease the transition into the new year. After

three weeks, the drivers bid on runs based on seniority.

Drivers with seniority get the advantage of choosing extra runs, thus more hours. But they have fewer runs to choose from since the KISD took over special education transportation for most of the county.

Before the '03-'04 school year, the state began requiring districts to have buses designated specifically for special education use only in order to be reimbursed for those transportation expenses. This was not practical for LAS or many of the county's other local districts, so KISD took over special education transportation for the whole county. The change eliminated buses in Lowell, but the drivers moved to KISD and still drive Lowell routes.

"I worked on a committee at the ISD to make sure

that transition was as seamless as possible," said Lowell Area Schools assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette. "The runs that were previously Lowell runs had to be offered to those drivers first, the Lowell drivers."

The walk zones, the new kindergarten schedule and the bus routes originating at Murray Lake saved the district an estimated \$100,000 in this year's budget.

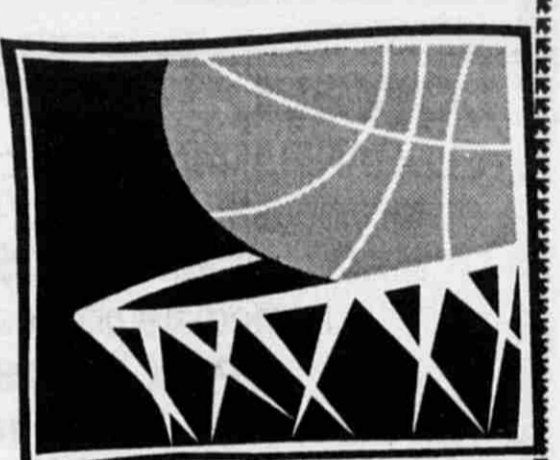
"The bus drivers are not the only ones who took a hard hit, everybody is taking cuts," said Lowell bus drivers association president Shelly VanVeelen. "I have to give the school credit, they saved as much transportation as possible."

Though not a formal trade union, the bus drivers association represents Lowell's drivers in contract negotiations.

CONGRATULATIONS! To the Lowell Red Arrow Varsity Boys Soccer Team Way To Go!



FATHER - SON FALL SHOOTING CLINIC



7th & 8th Grades Sat., Oct. 30 8 - 10:30 a.m. at LHS
4th, 5th & 6th Grades Sat., Nov. 6 8 - 10:30 a.m. at LHS

Cost \$30⁰⁰
Each Camper will receive:
• A Lowell basketball t-shirt which will allow you FREE ADMISSION TO ALL HOME BASKETBALL GAMES!
• 2.5 hours of outstanding instruction provided by our varsity players & coaching staff.
• Please call for financial assistance if needed.
Each Camper should bring:
• A basketball (if you have one)
• Gym Clothes

www.lowellbasketball.com

Registrations must be received by Oct. 22 to guarantee a T-shirt! (Depending on availability, a limited amount of same day registrations may be accepted)

NEED WORK??

MANPOWER IS YOUR SOLUTION

Recruiting for the following jobs:

Forklift/Material Handler:.....\$10.00/Hr
Manpower is looking for reliable and committed experienced forklift operators, must have good math skills, and able to drive sit down propane hilo. RESUME REQUIRED

FAX RESUME TO: 616-897-4801

Part-time Daily Assignments: \$8.00-\$9.50/Hr
Looking for loaders, assembly line, filler/packers for daily assignments and willing to go into work on very short notice...All shifts. Must be reliable w/transportation.

MANPOWER 616-897-0050

Jack's SHOE STORE

Anniversary Sale!

Now through October 30th

It's Jack's 4th Anniversary! It has been a pleasure to serve you and I'm looking forward to offering more great footwear lines in the coming months.

Introducing... **MINNETONKA MOCCASIN** Save 20% on Excellent Minnetonka Wool Pile Lined Sheepskin Slippers for Men & Women Regular \$60⁰⁰ and \$65⁰⁰ Sale \$48⁰⁰ & \$52⁰⁰

Women's Sheepskin Wool Pile Lined Pug Boots 9-inch and 14-inch Save 20% Regular \$99⁰⁰ and \$119⁰⁰ Sale \$79²⁰ & \$95²⁰

Introducing... **SWANY GLOVES** for Men & Women. Better quality Winter Gloves that you can't seem to find... anywhere! Truly warm, waterproof, multi-purpose.

Utilizing... **Thinsulate INSULATION** Choose... Sheepskin • Suede • Nylon Regular \$20⁰⁰ to \$60⁰⁰ Sale \$16⁰⁰ to \$48⁰⁰

THE ENTIRE RED WING® WORK SHOE LINE IS NOW ON SALE... over 200 styles for men and women

In stock, incoming stock, and pre-paid special orders! Including insulated, waterproof and insulated-waterproof.

Retail	Savings
\$85.00 to \$124.00	\$15.00
\$124.00 to \$156.00	\$20.00
\$156.00 to \$187.00	\$25.00
\$187.00 to \$211.00	\$35.00
\$211.00 and up	\$45.00

Your favorite Red Wing® style is on sale. Special orders are constantly in process.

930 Fourth Avenue, Lake Odessa, MI (616) 374-8835 • Fax: (616) 374-8836
Shoes That Fit The Job! • Shoes That Fit, Period! • It's Guaranteed
HOURS: Mon., Wed., Fri. 9am - 5:30pm; Tues. & Thurs. 9am-8pm; Sat. 9am-3pm.
Can't make it? Call for an appointment.

PEBBLE BEACH APARTMENTS

1102 - 1116 Bowes Rd. • Lowell, MI 49331
Call Penny (616) 897-6880

\$995⁰⁰ MOVE IN SPECIAL

13 Month Lease
Includes: Security Deposit, Cleaning Fee (Non Refundable), 1st Month's Rent

CITY OF LOWELL

NOTICE OF TESTING

OPTECH COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the OPTECH Computer Program Testing for the November 2, 2004 General Election will be conducted **Monday, October 25, 2004 at 4:00 P.M.** at the Lowell City Hall Conference Room, Second Floor, 301 East Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Betty R. Morlock
City clerk
616-897-8457

Lowell man recalls a not-so-distant time in baseball's history

"By golly, they was good, though. You had to be good to play with those clubs back in them days." - Raymond Miller, Jr.

By Dan Schneider

When the teams take the field Saturday for baseball's World Series, it will seem absurd that America's national pastime once excluded

players on the basis of race.

But until 1946, major league baseball was exclusively a white man's world. And even after Jackie Robinson first took the field, it was several years before

black players were able to play a prominent role in major league baseball.

In the early days of organized baseball, many ball clubs were mixed-race teams. This was changing as organizers of major league baseball adopted what was called the "gentleman's agreement." It was an unwritten understanding that major league clubs would not field black players.

So talented black players had to form teams, and eventually leagues of their own. In the American midwest, Andrew "Rube" Foster started the first of what would come to be known as the Negro Leagues.

Raymond Miller Jr., who lives on Covered Bridge Road in Vergennes Township, played in the Negro Leagues. He was born in 1927 in the town of Lebanon Junction, Ky., near Louisville.

"I played a lot of baseball around there," Miller said. "Kind of a coal mining district down there. We had a whole family of baseball players."

His first team was the Lebanon Junction Hustlers. This was a team his dad started. He was playing baseball when a man named Charlie Henry asked him if Miller would be interested in playing baseball on one of the teams he was organizing, the Zulu Cannibal Giants out of Alabama.

"I said I know two or three other guys who'd be interested in playing, too, so

we got a ball club going," Miller said.

The Zulu Cannibal Giants played an exhibitionist style of baseball. Something like the Harlem Globetrotters of the baseball diamond, they wore grass skirts as part of their uniforms.

"By golly, they was good, though," Miller said. "You had to be good to play with those clubs back in them days."

After the Cannibal Giants, he played a year with the Indianapolis Clowns. The Clowns played the same type of baseball. Miller's first Negro League team was the Louisville Black Colonels. He played for the Colonels and the Birmingham Black Barons in 1945. He would move from town to town, getting work in factories while he played baseball.

"A lot of the players moved around a lot, follow-

ing clubs that were getting clubs booked," Miller said.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1946, an all-black company called Co. X-473. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of World War II on the battleship U.S.S. Antietam, his captain let him play baseball on shore in California. That's where he played with "Satchel" Paige, one of the legendary figures in black baseball.

"Satch, yeah, quite a few games," Miller said. "I played with him a lot in California when I was in the Navy. He came through short of a catcher and wanted to know if I wanted to play."

A pitcher, Paige "barnstormed" around the country, putting together teams wherever he wanted to stop and play baseball.

Miller played catcher. He batted left and threw right.

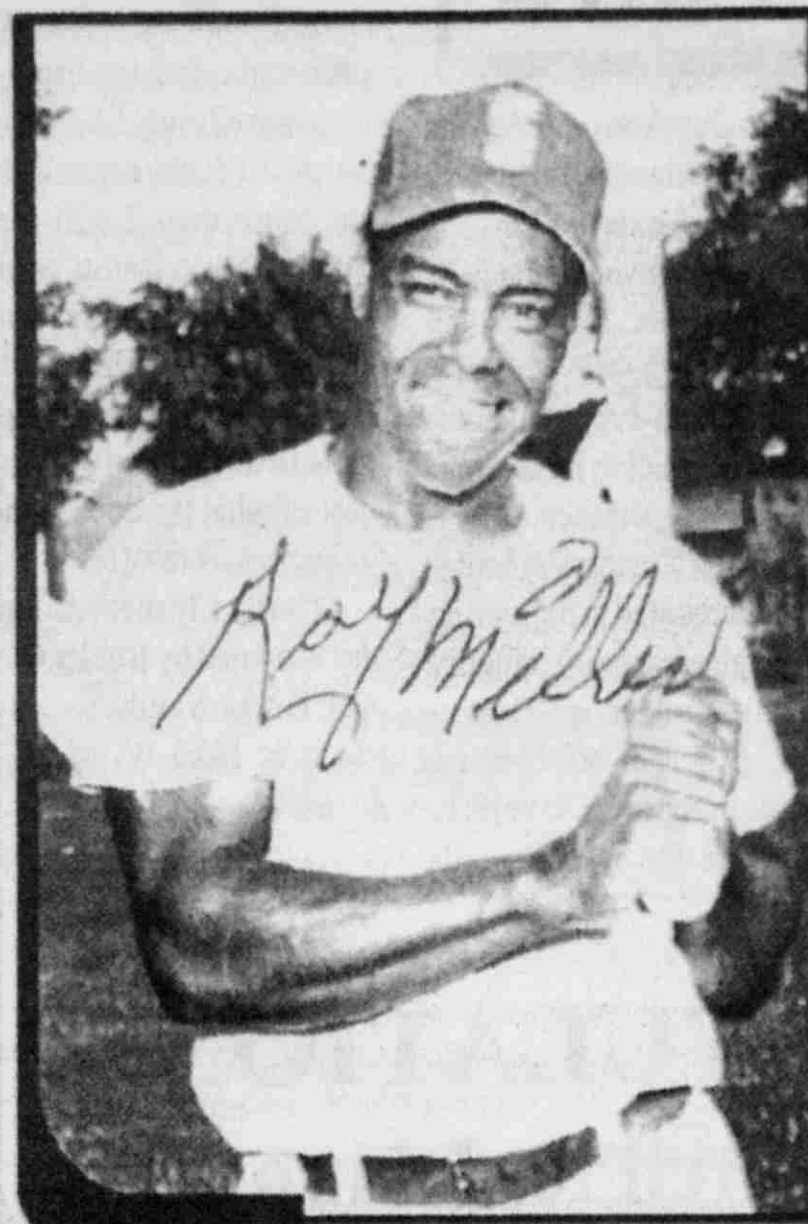
He always batted third or fourth on the batting order.

"They called that 'mucha lingua' in Havana... 'long ball hitter,'" Miller said.

After the Navy he played for Ted Raspberry's Grand Rapids Black Sox, the Detroit Stars and the Kansas City Monarchs. In 1951 he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds, but his major league career ended when he broke his wrist that same year.

He continued to play baseball for teams like Flint Kelly Homes, sponsored by a builder in Flint. He played for Allan Baird's ball club in Lowell.

Now he and his wife keep a basement full of artifacts and memorabilia from the Negro Leagues. Just his folded uniforms inside a glass cabinet are an impressive collection.



Raymond Miller, Jr.

Miller's autographed collectors card from his professional baseball days.

Sealing runway cracks, continued...From Page 1

When the total cost came in, the bill was for 75 cents a foot, covering 6,000 feet totaling \$4,500. Sowle said Harding Enterprises did give the city a break, actually covering cracks on about 7,000 feet of the runway, but charging 1,000 less than that.

"I had no idea it would cost that much," Sowle said. "I should have checked, but I didn't."

Since then, Sowle said he

has checked around on pricing and discovered that 75 cents per foot is not far off from the going rate, but did concede that if bid out, the city might have saved some money on the project.

He also noted that there are very few people who do that type of work which mostly involves walking along the runway with a wheel-type machine filling in cracks. Harding had three people out there and took a full day to fill in the cracks, Sowle said.

"I can say this... that we do try to keep everything local and there isn't anybody locally who would have done this," Sowle said.

The airport manager and board are allowed to make purchases up to \$2,000, but

anything over that amount has to be approved by the city council. Sowle said the airport board has the money in its account and only needs approval from the council to pay the bill.

City councilman Al Mathews said it is important for the city to maintain the asphalt on the runway. It cost the city about \$50,000 a decade ago to put the two-inch-thick asphalt over a gravel bed. City officials said at that time, the state was charging \$250,000 for similar work.

The council approved the expenditure being paid from the airport budget. Sowle said in the future, he plans to check on the cost first and assured the board that something like this would not happen again.

LOWELL • BY OWNER

ELEGANTLY remodeled classic 2-story farmhouse with 3 br, 2+ baths on 1.5 acres with barn. \$228,000 Immediate possession.

OPEN HOUSE

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 23 & 24 from 12-5 p.m. Phone 616-897-2587 after 4 or 616-784-9090 daytime. Ask for Mark. 11461 Foreman Rd.

The habit of saving is itself an education; it fosters every virtue, teaches self-denial, cultivates the sense of order, trains to forethought and so broadens the mind.

—Theodore T. Munger

Woods BUILDERS

OPEN SUNDAY 3-5 pm

9327 Clear Meadow
\$196,025 1640 sq ft

- 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath
- Daylight basement
- Master suite
- Spacious lot
- Large Kitchen, pantry

9318 Clear Meadow
\$199,550 1640 sq ft

- 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath
- Many upgrades
- 1st floor laundry
- Open floor plan
- Great location!

Location: Clear Meadow Estates; 52nd St, 1 mi east of Whitneyville Rd., Lowell Schools

For more information contact:
616/262-0424

THE RESIDENTS OF

THE LAURELS OF KENT

INVITE YOU TO

TRICK OR TREAT

6:30 - 8:00

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31ST

CANDY STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING

CIDER & DOUGHNUTS

Free up your time with... iBANK @ICNB

(FREE) Bill-Pays Per Month!

Includes 10 FREE Bill-Pays Per Month!

www.icnb.com

Offices in Ionia, Belding, Lowell, Sunfield, and Woodland

Candidates address issues during state house debate at City Hall

By Dan Schneider

Candidates for 86th district state house of representatives presented three viewpoints on issues affecting the state of Michigan in a debate last Tuesday night at City Hall.

The Lowell Ledger sponsored the debate, which featured Republican candidate Dave Hildenbrand, Democratic candidate James Turner and Libertarian candidate Bill

possibility of a third-party candidate winning a house seat in Michigan.

"The Republicans and Democrats have conspired in this state to gerrymander just about every district so there are only about 10 districts that are legitimately contestable and this is not one of them," he said of the 86th district, which encompasses an area traditionally dominated by Republicans.

The candidates had different ideas about how the government can create and keep jobs in Michigan.

"Government doesn't create jobs but government has a responsibility to create an environment that encourages economic growth and expansion," Hildenbrand said. "I would like to partner with our private sector to continue to reduce and eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulations on businesses."

Turner talked about improving job growth through education.

"I think we need to target our education funding toward those jobs that are actually the jobs of the 21st century and those are our technical jobs," Turner said. "In Kent County, in particular, we're starting to build a medical research and training capability that promises to produce a lot of jobs. I think we have to continue to encourage that type of development."

In his opening remarks, Hildenbrand stressed his local connections while explaining his decision to run. "I was raised in our community in a working class family," he said. "I have seen the importance of people helping people and am interested in doing the same."

Turner was born in Hastings and grew up in West Michigan. He retired from a job as a wastewater treatment plant operator for the city of Grand Rapids. He, too, related his background to his candidacy. "There's been good times through the years, there's also been tough times," Turner said. "I believe those tough times have taught me how to make decisions from my life experiences and if elected I intend to do that."

Gelineau doubted the possibility of a third-party candidate winning a house seat in Michigan.

"The Republicans and Democrats have conspired in this state to gerrymander just about every district so there are only about 10 districts that are legitimately contestable and this is not one of them," he said of the 86th district, which encompasses an area traditionally dominated by Republicans.

The candidates had different ideas about how the government can create and keep jobs in Michigan. "Government doesn't create jobs but government has a responsibility to create an environment that encourages economic growth and expansion," Hildenbrand said. "I would like to partner with our private sector to continue to reduce and eliminate unnecessary and burdensome regulations on businesses."

Turner talked about improving job growth through education.

"I think we need to target our education funding toward those jobs that are actually the jobs of the 21st century and those are our technical jobs," Turner said. "In Kent County, in particular, we're starting to build a medical research and training capability that promises to produce a lot of jobs. I think we have to continue to encourage that type of development."

Gelineau put a number on how much state government should be reduced: 10 percent.

Turner said the budget must be balanced according to the state constitution, but the government also has a responsibility to provide some services to its citizens. He said the state government has been trimmed "as far as they can do it right now. I don't think they can get any leaner."

The topic of education occupied a lot of time in the debate. Turner supported a two-mill increase in state property tax specifically to stabilize school funding, saying it would cost under \$100 per year for the owner of a \$128,000 house.

"This would help the school aid fund so that

employees have to pay," he said. "I think that's the primary reason our businesses are uncompetitive with other states and even overseas."

Hildenbrand also supported a two mill tax increase, but his would be earmarked for special education. He advocated a more dramatic restructuring of the school funding system.

"I am the one candidate who is completely opposed to proposal A and you can vote on that basis," Gelineau said. "We've shifted an inordinate amount of burden for taxes from business property to residential property."

Hildenbrand said the state should use school funds more wisely in the future.

"I think when the economy is strong we should save the excess revenue instead of starting state programs that are going to be difficult to fund down the road," he said.

Hildenbrand supported charter schools and private schools, and advocated giving local school boards more control over public schools.

Turner was against vouchers and felt the current number of charter schools created enough options for parents. He feared an increase in charter schools would divert resources from the public school system. Gelineau supported reducing taxes for parents who home-school and breaking up public school districts to make them smaller.

Turner proposed a \$250 million bond issue to finance the purchase of development rights on agricultural land.

"There have only been 50 farms put into the PDR program since 1995 across the entire state," he said. "That is because we are woefully underfunded in that program."

Gelineau said market forces should determine how

land is developed and used.

The protection of water resources was the environmental topic in the debate. Turner supported regulation of water withdrawals from the Great Lakes.

"We need to make sure the water doesn't get siphoned off so they can't take our jobs out west and build them in the desert," he said.

Hildenbrand feared the regulation would be a hindrance for farmers who irrigate their crops in Michigan and industries like juice and soda bottling. Gelineau said the best way to protect water would be to give individual citizens the right to file lawsuits against companies that pollute.

"The Department of Environmental Quality has a monopoly on the right to sue businesses that pollute our environment," he said.

The election for 86th district state house of representatives will take place during the general election, Nov. 2. State representatives are elected to two-year terms. A recording of the full debate will be broadcast four times between now and the election on Lowell Cable Channel 20.

The television schedule for the debate is as follows: Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

land is developed and used.

The protection of water resources was the environmental topic in the debate. Turner supported regulation of water withdrawals from the Great Lakes.

"We need to make sure the water doesn't get siphoned off so they can't take our jobs out west and build them in the desert," he said.



Bill Gelineau



James Turner



Dave Hildenbrand

WIN FAROS PIZZA for the office with the most unique costume!

Is Your Business Dressing up for HALLOWEEN?

If you are, on either THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 OR 29 CALL THE LEDGER OFFICE 897-9261

by Wednesday, Oct. 27 to schedule an appointment to have your picture taken!!!

Call Soon! Time slots are filling!

No pictures will be taken after 3 pm Friday

A TRUSTED TRADITION OF AFFORDABLE, PERSONALIZED, AND COMFORTABLE CARE

LIFETIME DENTAL EXCELLENCE

- Professionally Trained, Caring, and Courteous Staff
- State-of-the-Art Procedures, Instruments, and Techniques
- Cosmetic Care: Porcelain Veneers, Bonding, and Whitening
- Mercury-Free Dentistry • Filtered Water Lines
- Orthodontic Care (Braces) • Wisdom Teeth Extraction
- Implants • TMJ (Jaw Pain Therapy)
- Treatment of Periodontal Disease (Latest Non-Surgical Techniques Available)
- Dentures • Partials • Root Canals • Crowns and Bridges
- Emergencies Accepted • Convenient Payment Plans
- Serving the Area Since 1981

TODD GILLAN, DDS, PC

2186 MAIN STREET • LOWELL LOCATED ACROSS FROM ARBYS

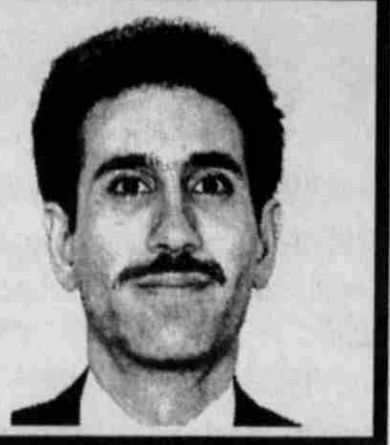
WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CALL

GILLAN DENTAL EXCELLENCE (616) 897-8491

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: What is a section 529 plan?

JONATHAN SAYS: A section 529 plan is a qualified state tuition program. There are two different types of section 529 plans:

- Prepaid tuition plan.
- An educational savings account.

With a prepaid tuition plan, the account owner, who is typically a parent, makes a contribution of cash to a plan account for a beneficiary, who is typically the account owner's child, and that contribution is used to purchase tuition credits based on the then tuition rates. The contribution of the account owner qualifies for the annual gift tax exclusion. When the beneficiary goes to a

college which participates in the program, the tuition credits which were purchased on behalf of the beneficiary are used to pay for all or a part of the beneficiary's tuition and certain other limited expenses.

With an educational savings account, the account owner makes a contribution of cash to a plan account established for a beneficiary, and the contribution is then invested according to the terms of the plan. As before, the account owner's contribution qualifies for the annual gift tax exclusion. When the beneficiary attends college, the funds in the account may be used to pay for the beneficiary's tuition and certain other limited expenses.

You should meet with a financial advisor familiar with section 529 plans who can go over this in more detail with you for the purpose of determining which type of plan best suits your needs.

DEAR JONATHAN: I am thinking of naming my trust as the beneficiary of my section 529 plan. Can I do this?

JONATHAN SAYS: No. The designated beneficiary of a section 529 plan must be a person and the definition of

a person does not include a trust.

The designated beneficiary of your section 529 plan can be changed at any time, but the new beneficiary must be a member of the family of the designated beneficiary named previously. A member of the family is defined as any of the following:

- Son, daughter or descendant of either;
- Stepson or stepdaughter
- Brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister
- Father, mother or ancestor of either father or mother
- Stepfather or stepmother
- Cousin
- Son or daughter of a brother or sister
- Brother or sister of the father or mother
- Son-in-law, daughter-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law
- Spouse of a designated beneficiary who is described above.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.

City pays repairs, continued...From Page 1

in higher than the lowest bidder, Great Lakes System, Inc., and there was some concern that since the original Quality Systems' owner was no longer in the roofing business, how he would continue to maintain the warranty, Durkee said.

Instead, he decided the best option for the city was for Great Lakes to repair the problem. The issue appears to be a sinking spot where water is settling and causing premature deterioration which, in turn, is causing the leak.

Great Lakes Systems will remove the area where the dip is, rebuild it, replace the insulation and re-roof it. The company also offered a two-year warranty on its work.

Several of the council members were concerned about the short-term warranty, with Durkee explaining that since Great Lakes Systems was not the original installer,

the company did not feel comfortable about extending the warranty for longer.

"As soon as we have a rain event, we will be able to get up there on the roof and make sure it is drying out the way it should be and there is no pooling of water," Durkee said, adding that if there is, Great Lakes would come up and make the necessary repairs.

Great Lakes Systems was the installer of the City Hall roof which also experienced a leaking problem that took about a year to be fixed. Pasquale said the issue has been resolved; staff, however, noted that several areas had to be resealed for the leak to stop.

Durkee said he supported Great Lakes Systems because

of its longevity in the Grand Rapids' area and felt the company was one of the top three roofing companies in the area.

"It is something that has to be done," said mayor Jeanne Shores, who noted it has taken long enough to get to this point.

Pasquale said staff plans to do all the inside repairs which include replacing ceiling tiles and repainting, but none of that work can be started until the roof was fixed.

The council unanimously approved the roof repairs. At the end of the meeting, councilman James Pfaller said this should be a lesson to the city in scrutinizing construction bids and that "the lowest bidder is not always the best."

Pete Odland

To The Editor, continued...From Page 5

To the Editor,

In his letter to the editor on October 13, Ron Heffron stated that he didn't see in the Kerry co-sponsored bill, S.1431 where it stated the Browning Auto-5 or Remington 1100 shotguns would be banned. As stated by Ron, the bill lists all semi automatic shotguns that hold 5 rounds or more as an "assault weapon." Both the Browning Auto-5, and the Remington 1100 will hold 5 rounds and are semi automatic shotguns. For that reason, both of these popular hunting shotguns would in fact be banned under the Kerry bill.

Ron also doubted that the Kerry supported "armor piercing" bullet ban, authored by Senator Kennedy, would ban most center fire ammunition used by hunters. Kennedy defined "armor-piercing" as any bullet that would penetrate the vests

worn by most police. That would include practically all rifle ammunition used for hunting.

The vests worn by police are not designed to withstand a rifle bullet. They are designed to protect the officer from pistol bullets, since the overwhelming majority of firearms used by criminals are pistols. It's a matter of velocity, not the type of cartridge. One of the most popular deer hunting rifles is the .30-30. As Ron pointed out, the .30-30 uses a soft round nosed bullet. It's about the weakest rifle usable for hunting, yet it has much greater velocity than a .357 Magnum pistol round. Kennedy's amendment, which Kerry supported, would have rendered useless most of the rifles in America.

Lastly, I agree with Ron that Dan Rather made a serious blunder.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
As Low as **\$750** PER WEEK
Call 897-9261

AT YOUR SERVICE

Thomet
Chevrolet BUICK

SERVICE HOURS: M, T, TH & FR • 8-5; WED • 8-8
Phone 897-9294

KIRK COLLINS
Owner

Showboat
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.

Auto Value

1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
HOURS: MON - FRI 9-7; SAT 9-5:30; SUN 9-3

STOP SUFFERING!

We Successfully Treat:

- Whiplash
- Neck Pain
- All Headaches
- Auto Injuries
- Back Pain
- Numb Hands/Arms
- Sports Injuries
- Work Injuries

See a Specialist and See Results!

897-4999

DOCTORS
CHIROPRACTIC

Dr. Anthony Trombly

Noon Tire

STEVE NOON

11930 E. Fulton (M-21)
Lowell, MI 49331

Dealing In Most Brands (616) 897-5925

Durkee Lumber, Inc.

Lumber and Building Materials

868-6026

6071 Depot St.
Alto, MI

24 Hour Towing & Road Service

Flat Bed Service
Jump Starts
Lock Outs
Tire Changes

Lincoln Lake Auto's

Cell #446-5909

bryant
Heating & Cooling Systems
Since 1904

Arctic, Inc.
HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331
897-4123
www.heatingcoolingonline.com
Licensed & Insured

OCTOBER SPECIAL

20% OFF

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

COMFORTERS, BEDSPREADS, DRAPERIES, SLEEPING BAGS

CURTIS CLEANERS

SHIRT LAUNDRY • TUX RENTAL

Open 7 Days • 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main

IRRIGATION STATION

Jay C. Hobbs
1375 E. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-0563
FAX: 616-897-2773

New Installations, Spring Activations, Mid Summer Inspections, Winterizations, Repairs And Trouble-Shooting For Residential And Commercial Underground Irrigation Systems.

Call the Station for Irrigation!

LEGAL INSURANCE AGENCY

Dale Triplett

835 W. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259
(800)804-3322

PREVIEW PROPERTIES.COM

CALL **JERRY HALE**
897-0229
or 1-800-515-7763

JERRY IS A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL WHO WILL SERVE ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS.

Rich's Service Co.

In-Home Appliance Repair

INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES

209 E. Main St. **RICH CURTIS**
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

HERBERT PETT
Telecommunications Consultant

Phone 616-897-2045
NexTel 616-262-6102
Fax 616-647-4001
Email: hpett@basiccom.com

Being a Loser is not all that bad!

Contours Express

6747 East Fulton
Ada, MI 49301
(616) 682-1300

Ladies Fitness & Weight Loss Studio

CUMBERLAND Retirement Village

A Leisure Living Managed Community

www.leisure-living.com

11535 E. Fulton • Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-8413 • Fax 616-897-7839
e-mail: cmbld@leisure-living.com

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES

Daniel Ulrich

Judy Harrison

Since 1885 **Hastings Mutual Insurance Company**
Hastings, Michigan
www.hastingsmutual.com

6661Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

RE/MAX SunQuest
Peter Smith, Realtor
Call For Immediate,

Professional, Committed Service
(616) 949-6980 Ext. 27 • (800) 800-3915 Ext. 27
(616) 460-6634 Cell
www.realtybypetersmith.com
www.petersmith.com

Curtis Accounting & Tax Services

209 E. Main St. - Suite A, Lowell, MI
Complete accounting, payroll and tax services
(616) 897-4120 • (616) 262-4873

The GARAGE of Lowell

"Complete Automotive Service"
★ 897-9269 ★

Service With A Smile

2400 W. MAIN STREET • LOWELL, MI 49331
616-897-9269
fax 616-897-9819

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ADVERTISE
IN THE
LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY
As Low as **\$750** PER WEEK
Call 897-9261

Noon Tire

STEVE NOON

11930 E. Fulton (M-21)
Lowell, MI 49331

Dealing In Most Brands (616) 897-5925

Durkee Lumber, Inc.

Lumber and Building Materials

868-6026

6071 Depot St.
Alto, MI

24 Hour Towing & Road Service

Flat Bed Service
Jump Starts
Lock Outs
Tire Changes

Lincoln Lake Auto's

Cell #446-5909

bryant
Heating & Cooling Systems
Since 1904

Arctic, Inc.
HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331
897-4123
www.heatingcoolingonline.com
Licensed & Insured

OCTOBER SPECIAL

20% OFF

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

COMFORTERS, BEDSPREADS, DRAPERIES, SLEEPING BAGS

CURTIS CLEANERS

SHIRT LAUNDRY • TUX RENTAL

Open 7 Days • 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main

IRRIGATION STATION

Jay C. Hobbs
1375 E. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-0563
FAX: 616-897-2773

New Installations, Spring Activations, Mid Summer Inspections, Winterizations, Repairs And Trouble-Shooting For Residential And Commercial Underground Irrigation Systems.

Call the Station for Irrigation!

LEGAL INSURANCE AGENCY

Dale Triplett

835 W. Main St.
Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259
(800)804-3322

PREVIEW PROPERTIES.COM

CALL **JERRY HALE**
897-0229
or 1-800-515-7763

JERRY IS A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL WHO WILL SERVE ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS.

Rich's Service Co.

In-Home Appliance Repair

INSURED • 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
WASHERS • DRYERS • REFRIGERATORS
GARBAGE DISPOSALS • STOVES

209 E. Main St. **RICH CURTIS**
Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5686

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

HERBERT PETT
Telecommunications Consultant

Phone 616-897-2045
NexTel 616-262-6102
Fax 616-647-4001
Email: hpett@basiccom.com

Being a Loser is not all that bad!

Contours Express

6747 East Fulton
Ada, MI 49301
(616) 682-1300

Ladies Fitness & Weight Loss Studio

CUMBERLAND Retirement Village

A Leisure Living Managed Community

www.leisure-living.com

11535 E. Fulton • Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-8413 • Fax 616-897-7839
e-mail: cmbld@leisure-living.com

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES

Daniel Ulrich

Judy Harrison

Since 1885 **Hastings Mutual Insurance Company**
Hastings, Michigan
www.hastingsmutual.com

6661Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

RE/MAX SunQuest
Peter Smith, Realtor
Call For Immediate,

Professional, Committed Service
(616) 949-6980 Ext. 27 • (800) 800-3915 Ext. 27
(616) 460-6634 Cell
www.realtybypetersmith.com
www.petersmith.com

Curtis Accounting & Tax Services

209 E. Main St. - Suite A, Lowell, MI
Complete accounting, payroll and tax services
(616) 897-4120 • (616) 262-4873

The GARAGE of Lowell

"Complete Automotive Service"
★ 897-9269 ★

Service With A Smile

2400 W. MAIN STREET • LOWELL, MI 49331
616-897-9269
fax 616-897-9819

VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004

SUBMITTING PHOTO & NEWS COPY TO THE LOWELL LEDGER

PICTURES: Pictures will be kept on file at The Ledger office for two months after it's been published. They will then be discarded.

- a). Pictures submitted to The Ledger for publication **MUST** include names (from left to right) of everyone in the picture. Pictures submitted without names will not be published.
- b). Avoid having more than 5 people in a picture.
- c). If possible, no hats, caps or sunglasses.
- d). Include information on:

When the photo was taken _____

Where the photo was taken _____

Who took the photo _____

Any other information pertinent to the photo _____

STORIES: Stories should include information answering the six basic questions:

Who _____

What _____

When _____

Where _____

Why _____

How _____

- a). Also tell us how The Ledger can find the person who submitted the story and/or gather more information:

Your name _____

address _____

phone number _____

organization _____

contact person _____

his/her phone number _____

other information that may be helpful. _____

- b). Please double space copy.

Mail information to The Lowell Ledger,
105 N. Broadway, PO Box 128, Lowell, MI
49331 or drop it off at The Ledger office.

All items **MUST** be brought in **NO LATER THAN 5 p.m. ON THE MONDAY** before that week's issue.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, OR WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO US ELECTRONICALLY.

Serne receives FFA degree

Pieter Serne will receive the American FFA Degree at the 77th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 30. It is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA organization and recognizes Serne's demonstrated leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing and service programs. To commemorate the achievement, he will receive a gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate.

Serne, a member of the Lowell FFA chapter, is the son of Pat and June Serne and currently attends Michigan State University.



Pieter Serne



IS YOUR OFFICE DRESSING UP FOR HALLOWEEN?

Call the Ledger to be included in our Halloween Costume Contest! Photos taken Thurs., Oct. 28 & Fri., Oct. 29 only. Must have an appointment.

897-9261

GOING TO THE DENTIST DOESN'T HAVE TO HURT ANYMORE!

COMPLETE FAMILY DENTAL CARE

Accepting New Patients

"Gentle & Painless Dentistry Is Our Goal"



COMPLETE SERVICES:

- ✓ Gentle Dentistry for Children & Adults
- ✓ Immediate Emergency Treatment
- ✓ Cosmetic Dentistry, Teeth Whitening
- ✓ Preventive Care
- ✓ Extractions/Broken Tooth Repaired
- ✓ Dentures (Same Day Repair)
- ✓ Insurance Plans Accepted
- ✓ Day & Evening Hours:

Monday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday.....9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday.....8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Judd T. Carroll, D.M.D.
103 East Main • Lowell, Michigan
(616) 897-7595

PACK & SHIP POSTAL CENTER

GRAND OPENING!

- Pack your things and get ready!
- Pack & Ship Postal Center is **NOW OPEN** at 1410-B West Main Street in Lowell.
- Pack & Ship Postal Center is your one-stop neighborhood location for all your packing and shipping services!
- Located between McDonald's & Curtis Cleaners!
- Try our business center! In-store computer rentals equipped with high-speed internet access.

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing & Shipping • Copying Services • Fax Services • UPS/FedEx Shipping • Boxes/Packing Supplies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stamps/Postal Items • Office Supplies • Specialty Gift Shop • Gift Wrapping Services • Greeting Cards | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Center • Word Processing • In-Store Computer Rental • High-Speed Internet Access • Local Pickup Service |
|--|---|--|

Visit our Specialty Gift Shop - Greeting Cards, Gift bags, Distinctive Gift Wrapping & More!

The Ideal Choice for All Your Packaging and Shipping Needs!
1410-B West Main Street • Lowell, MI 49331 • Ph: (616) 897-9701

PACK & SHIP POSTAL CENTER
4¢ ea.
B&W COPIES
8-1/2"x11" on 20lb. White paper. Limit 100. Single-sided only. Self-serve only.
One coupon per customer per day. Not valid with any other offer.
©2004 Pack & Ship Postal Center, LLC

PACK & SHIP POSTAL CENTER
\$1 OFF
PROFESSIONAL PACKING SERVICES & SUPPLIES
Cartons, Bubble Wrap, Specialty Packing
One coupon per customer per day. Not valid with any other offer.
©2004 Pack & Ship Postal Center, LLC

PACK & SHIP POSTAL CENTER
\$1 OFF
UPS or FedEx 3 DAY AIR
One coupon per customer per day. Not valid with any other offer.
©2004 Pack & Ship Postal Center, LLC



**EXTRA
EXTRA!**

**DON'T MISS
YOUR LOCAL NEWS!!!**

LHS Sports • Weddings • Engagements • Births • News of Local High School & College Students & Those In The Armed Forces • Honor Roll • Church News • Several Weekly Columns

And Much, Much More!

The Lowell Ledger

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN KENT COUNTY	OUTSIDE KENT COUNTY
1 year... \$15.00	1 year... \$22.50
2 year... \$29.00	2 year... \$38.00
Senior Citizen Discount \$1.00 per year	

Just Send Your Check to:

The Lowell Ledger
P.O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

Or stop by our office at:

105 N. Broadway



COMING EVENTS

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.

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

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

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

MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, 11 & up or completing 5th grade, meets 7-8:30 p.m. at Scout Cabin, end of N. Washington St. Call Tim Vanderwulp at 897-4302 for more info.

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

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

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

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

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

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m./ Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at Lowell Church of the Nazarene in the Fellowship Hall.

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

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M1#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 at 1st United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Cubmaster Bruce Doll, 897-9782 / email: bruce@imagesofvision.com.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

TUES.: Women's Community Bible Study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/craft time 9:45-11:15 a.m./women only at 7:15 p.m. Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Call 897-7060 or 897-7555.

1ST TUES.: Grattan Historical Society at 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.

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

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

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

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE, 6:30 social; 7 p.m. meeting/program. Call Sandy 285-0621 or June 231-780-1249 for more information.

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.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: Saranac Needlers, needleart/quilting bee, 5-8:30 p.m., 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac. All are welcome. Contact Bev or Melissa, 642-6466. Light dinner is provided.

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

3RD TUES.: Saranac Scrappers, scrapbooking/journaling group meets at 4 Health Wellness Center, Bridge St., Saranac, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Light refreshments are 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. Call 897-8694.

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at Lowell First Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

WED.: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., 5-12 yrs. 897-8800.

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

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

2ND WED.: Lowell Woman's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd.

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

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

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

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

THURS.: St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational help for pregnant women/adolescents, 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., Spectrum Health Kent Community Campus Multipurpose Rm. 750 Fuller Ave. N.E.

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

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., 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

2ND THURS.: Loyal Order of the Moose, men's meeting at 7:30 p.m.-?

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

3RD THURS.: 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Parent Support Group 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for information.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Create scrapbooks, share supplies. Call Dawn at 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. Call 897-7842.

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

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.

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

2ND SAT.: Ada Historical Society, 10:30 a.m. at Averill Historical Museum, 7144 Headley, Ada.

2ND SAT.: Lowell Amateur Radio Club, Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Tues., Sat. & Sun. 1-4; Thurs., 1-8. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; 5-17 \$1.50; members free. 897-7688.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.-Wed., 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri.: 9:30-5 p.m.; Sat.: 9:30-2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe. Call 647-3920.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: Tues.-Fri.: 12-5 p.m.; Sat., 1-4 p.m. Monday / a.m. by appt. 149 S. Hudson. 897-8545 or www.lowellartscouncil.org.

LOWELL SERENITY CLUB MEETINGS: (AA) Mon., Wed., Thurs: 12-1 & 8-9 p.m.; Tues./Fri.: 12-1, 4:30-5:30 & 8-9 p.m.; Sat./Sun.: 10-11 a.m. & 8-9 p.m.; (NA) Mon./Thurs., 6-7:30 p.m. 101 W. Main. 897-8565.

FLAT RIVER OUT-REACH MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP HOURS: Wed.-Fri. 12-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. Call 897-2037.

FRI., OCT. 22: The varsity football game will be played at East Kentwood stadium against South Christian. Tickets are available at the athletic office on Friday from 8-2:30 p.m. or at the gate.

TUES., OCT. 26: Freedom Series: Roundtable: The Veterans of Lowell at 7 p.m. at Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. Public welcome; free admission. Call 974-1955.

SAT., OCT. 30: Halloween on the Showboat, sponsored by Lowell YMCA, 3-6 p.m. Open to all; hot dog cookout. Call 897-8445 for more info.

SAT., OCT. 30: Halloween Masquerade at Deer Run Golf Club. Opens at 7 p.m.; music: 8 p.m. Tickets: \$10. For tickets call

SAT., NOV. 6: St. Patrick/Parnell craft show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch all day; home-baked goods, hourly raffles.

SAT., NOV. 20: Lowell First United Methodist Church craft fair and luncheon. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Booths are still available. Call Joyce at 897-7259 for information.

SAT., OCT. 30: Family, Friends and Neighbors craft show at Grattan Academy High School. Dianna 691-6504.

THURS., NOV. 4: Lowell Vergennes Cooperative Club, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses: Marilyn Cahoon, Marie Rickert, Shirley Weeks. Make reservations for Dec. 2 Christmas dinner, 12 p.m. now; \$7 per person.

SAT., NOV. 20: Lowell First United Methodist Church craft fair and luncheon. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Booths are still available. Call Joyce at 897-7259 for information.

WE HAVE A NEW COLOR COPIER!



PRICES

8 1/2 x 11 size paper
95¢ each
discounts for 10 or more of same page

11x17 size paper
\$1.25 each
discounts for 10 or more of same page

LOWELL LITHO
105 N. Broadway, Lowell • 897-9261

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

897-5949

MON.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 9:00 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., OCT. 20: 12 p.m. Salad & Sandwich; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

THURS., OCT. 21: 12:45 p.m. St. Anne's.

FRI., OCT. 22: 9 a.m. Farmers' Market; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., OCT. 25: 12 p.m. Pizza & Salad.

TUES., OCT. 26: 10:30 a.m. Out & About; 12:45 p.m. Klackles Orchard.

WED., OCT. 27: 8:30 Travel Breakfast, Gathering Place; 11:15 a.m. Coopersville Train Ride and Museum.

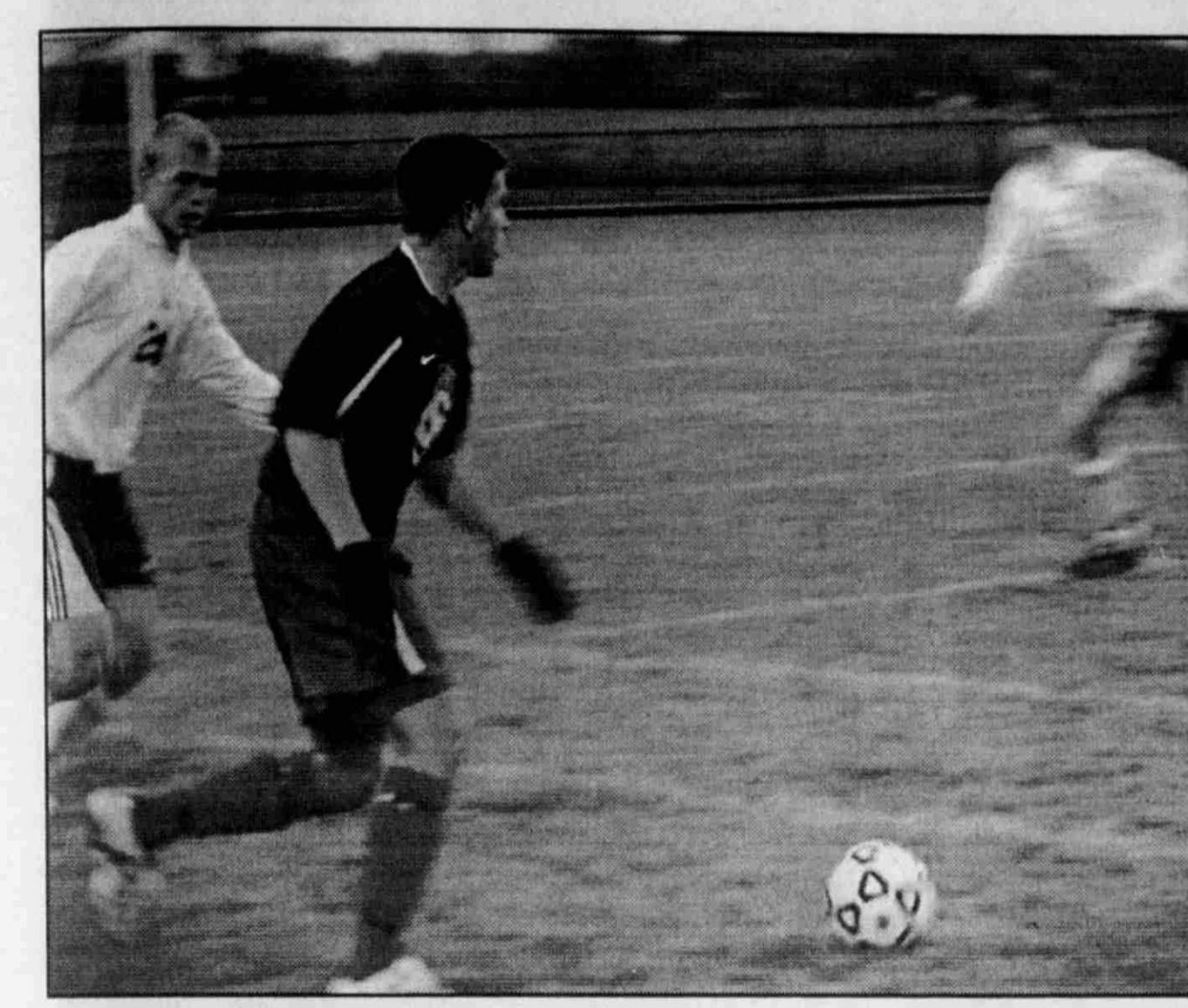
THURS., OCT. 28: 12:45 p.m. Tour Grand Rapids Press.

FRI., OCT. 29: 10:30 a.m. Lunch at Noel's Restaurant, 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

SUN., OCT. 31: Halloween Trick or Treaters, on the Lowell streets from 5:30-8 p.m.

Lowell soccer shares OK White title

Red Arrows win rematch with Unity Christian in conference tournament final, shut out Forest Hills Northern to advance to district semis



Lowell's Shane Stokes tries to get the ball inside against Unity Christian. Stokes scored both of Lowell's goals in the 2-1 victory.

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys varsity soccer team defeated Unity Christian last Thursday in the OK White tournament championship, claiming a share of the conference title for the first time ever.

At the end of the game in Hudsonville, it was 2-1, Lowell.

"It's probably the best game I've ever been in," said Lowell's Shane Stokes, who scored both goals for the Arrows.

The Crusaders were noticeably fast. They could run and they were sharp, too. They moved the ball easily around the field early in the game.

But later in the first half Lowell started to match their intensity. The Arrows moved the ball aggressively and were keeping pressure on Unity Christian's defense.

But Unity would get the chance to score first. They got the ball close to Lowell's goal where things were looking chaotic. Lowell goalie Mike Bushell slipped at an

inopportune time and was unable to get back in position before Unity had kicked the ball into the back of the net. It was a close-range shot.

"We beat them to a lot of balls, we created a lot of opportunities, and we only managed to get that one," Unity Christian coach Randy Heethuis said.

The Red Arrows got into position for a scoring opportunity of their own as the clock ticked down on the first half. Stokes kicked a shot on goal from about 15 yards out and to the right of the Unity goalie. The ball bounced off his hands but no one was in position to get the rebound for Lowell.

Lowell coach Paul Legge didn't say much to the Arrows at halftime.

"Lately, halftime speeches seem to be anti-climactic," Legge said.

So he just asked the team if they were tired of finishing second in conference. They decided they were.

The Crusaders continued to make scoring threats

throughout the second half. But the Lowell defense was scrappy. They'd clear the ball at the last possible second sometimes, but they always got it out of there. Bushell had eight saves in the game.

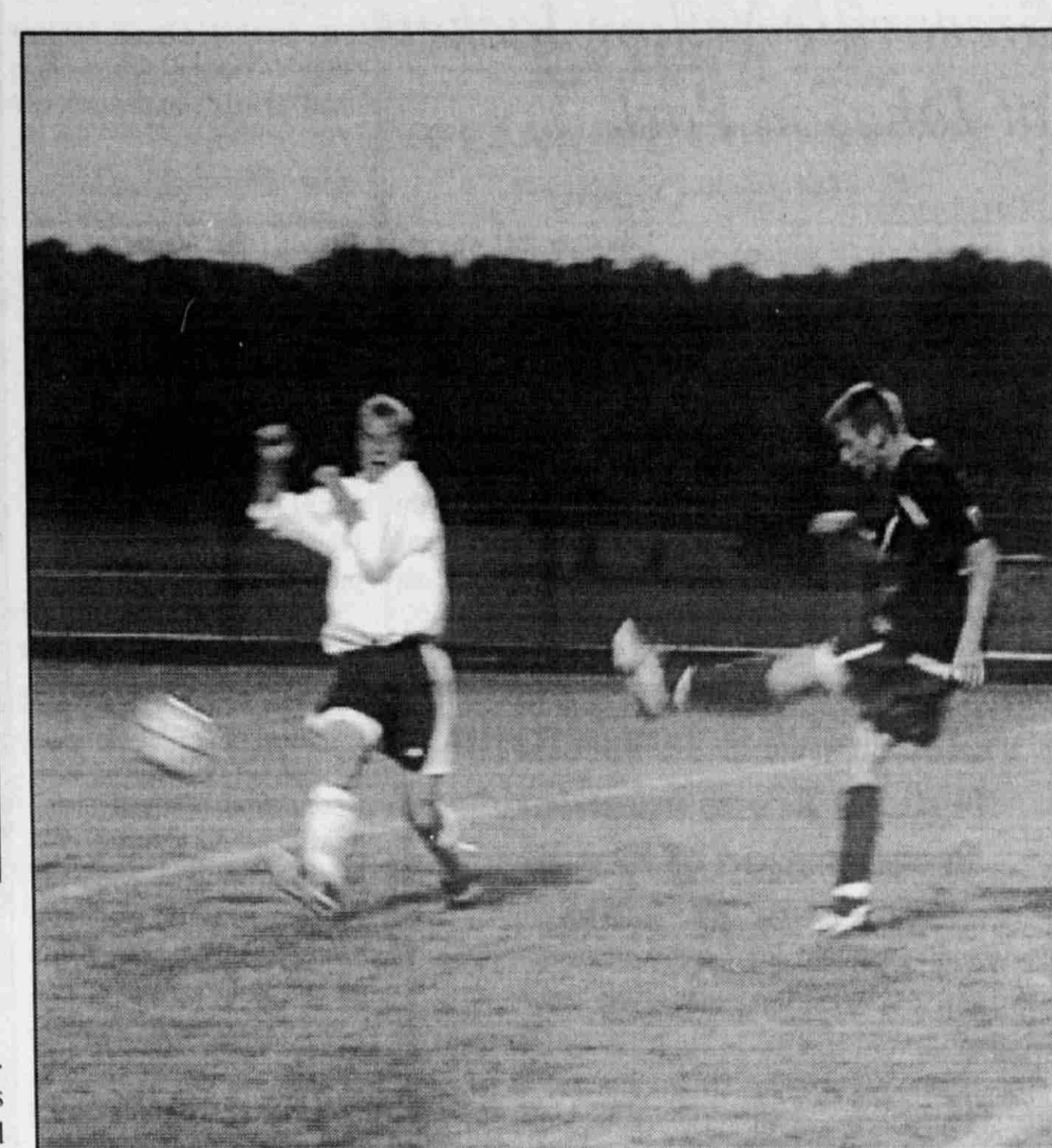
"They kind of knew their backs were against the wall and they came out with some more intensity and they took advantage of a few of our mistakes," Heethuis said.

"It seems that we're a team that has to be put against a wall before we play," Legge said. "We have to be backed into a corner before we start swinging."

Lowell's first goal of the game was poetry in motion with 33:43 left on the clock. Brandon Grochowalski kicked the ball from the left side across the goal. Stokes met it about four feet in the air and kicked it in.

"I saw Brandon Grochowalski, he was kind of caught down in the corner and somehow he got it out," Stokes said.

Chris Barlow had the assist on Lowell's second goal.



Kevin Gillman had this shot on goal in the first half. It was one of Lowell's first scoring threats in the game.

He was down inside and kicked out and to the left to Stokes.

"The goalie came outside toward the near post so I played it far post," Stokes said.

Stokes has emerged this year from under the shadow of Sam Oberlin, who graduated last year. He's adjusted now to the leadership role on the field.

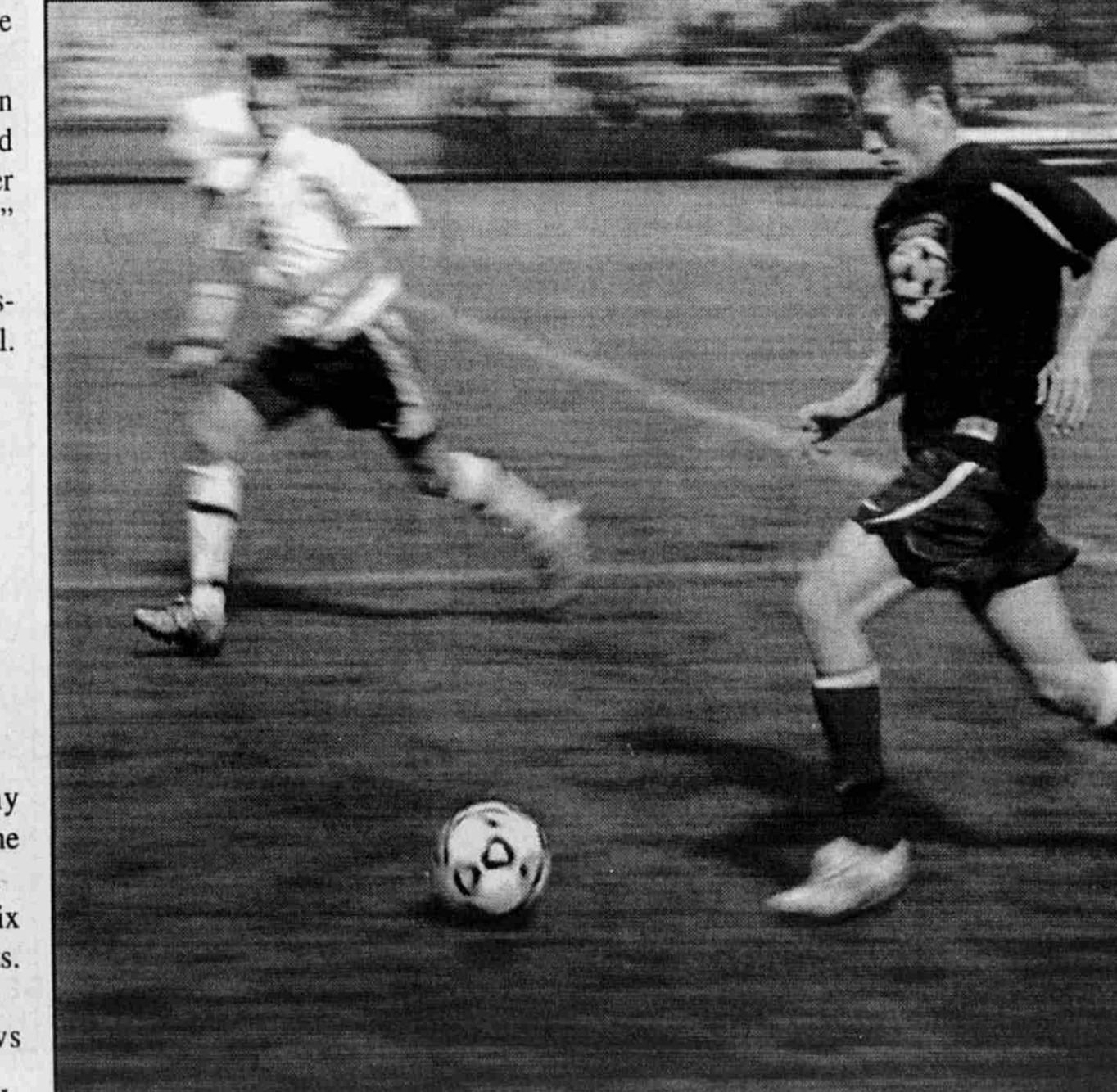
"I love coaching the guys and they seem to listen pretty well," Stokes said. "I think that's why we got the win tonight. We came out together

as a team." Winning the conference tournament put Lowell in a tie with Unity for the overall conference championship. The Crusaders had won 4-1 when the teams matched up during the regular conference season.

"I think you're looking at two teams that were evenly matched," Heethuis said. "I think the outcomes of the two games show that and I think that's why you're seeing these teams sharing the OK White championship," Heethuis said.

The Arrows won 3-0 against Forest Hills Northern in the opening game of the district tournament. Ben Hanson, Zach Ligman and Chris Barlow scored goals for Lowell. The victory made this the third straight 16-win season for Lowell. That's the highest number of wins for a season currently on the Lowell record books.

Lowell will face Grand Rapids Central Thursday at 5 p.m. at Caledonia in the district semifinals. Central defeated East Grand Rapids 2-1 to advance to the next round.



Lowell's Zach Ligman moves the ball forward against Unity Christian.

Basketball, cont'd., pg. 21

Wins all around for Red Arrow cross country

Lowell boys and girls teams beat Greenville Yellow Jackets at Johnson Park

By Dan Schneider

Both Red Arrow cross country teams came away victorious in last Wednesday's race against Greenville at Johnson Park.

The boys' 23-35 win over the Yellow Jackets was their second of the season. The girls claimed their fifth win of the season, 25-35.

"I thought that we ran a great race," Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf said. "They're looking a lot stronger."

In the boys' race, Steve Ellison challenged Greenville's Alex Donaghy early, but Donaghy had outpaced him by the end of the race, finishing in 17:07.

Ellison, finishing second in 17:27, led a pack of three Red Arrows. Lowell's Eric Schumm (17:32) finished third in the race and Mitch Solon finished fourth in 17:42. John Riddle (sixth, 18:31) and Andy Mark (eighth, 19:02) were Lowell's other scoring runners.

Leah Elenbaas (20:19) and Chelsea Pahl (20:22) claimed the two top spots in the girls race for Greenville. But six Lowell runners finished in front of Greenville's third runner. Leading the way for Lowell was Monica Fitzpatrick (21:11), who outkicked Karen Judd (21:19) at the end of the race.

"I was especially pleased and impressed with Monica Fitzpatrick," VanderWarf said. "She ran a super race and she looked especially tough in that last stretch."

Abbie Debiak (21:50), Emily Gerard (22:04), and Jenna Church (22:08) rounded out Lowell's top five.

With the win, the girls have a 5-1 record in the OK White. The boys are 2-4 in the conference.

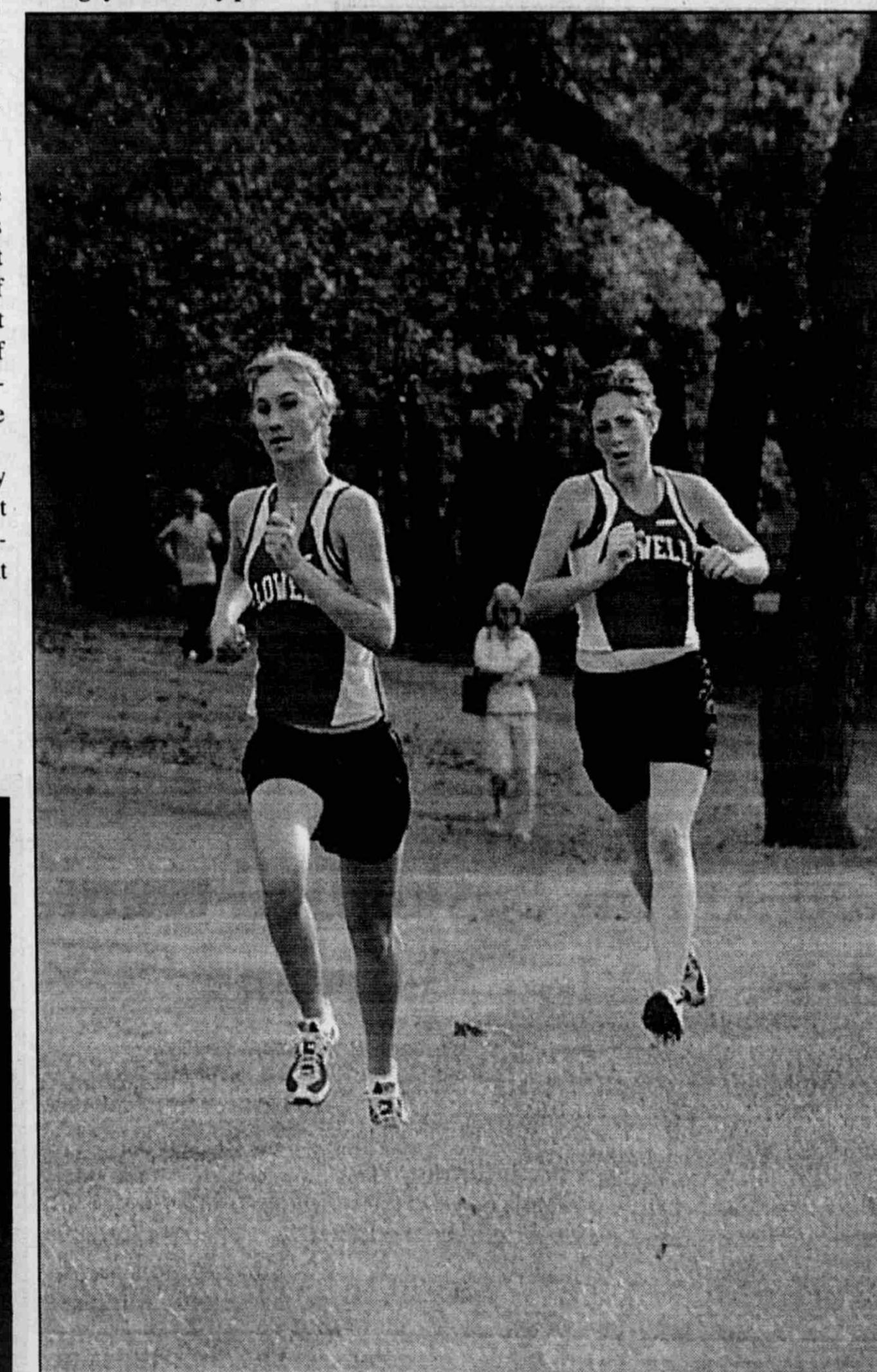
"We've been working the last week and a half on hills and speed, and I think it showed today," VanderWarf said. "Basically, that's what we're going to do the rest of the season... just keep focusing on speed, getting those times down."

Lowell cross country takes on Unity Christian next week at Greenville. The conference meet is Saturday at Johnson Park.

Until you try, you don't know what you can't do.
—Henry James



Steve Ellison stuck close to Greenville's Alex Donaghy early in the race, but Donaghy eventually pulled ahead to win.



Lowell's Karen Judd led Monica Fitzpatrick for most of the race until Fitzpatrick overtook her in the final stretch. They finished third and fourth in the race.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Natural Areas Inventory Presentation of Results October 27, 2004

Work has been completed and presentations will be made on a natural features inventory of Vergennes Township. A slide show and presentation will be given on Wednesday, October 27, 2004 at 7:00 pm, at the Vergennes Township Hall meeting space. Funding for this project was secured by the Vergennes Township Open Space Citizen's Committee through grants received from the Lowell Area Community Fund, The Charles Evenson Fund for the Environment of the Grand Rapids Community Fund, The Frey Foundation, and The Wege Foundation.

With the prior permission of property owners, students and faculty from Calvin College Biology Department identified natural areas with high species diversity and high conservation value by doing rapid field surveys of the plant communities contained within sites they identified. The survey included identifying the general community type as well as the species composition of the site. While conducting the plant survey, they also noted any wildlife observed, including birds, butterflies, and mammals.

Students and faculty of Aquinas College performed a scenic inventory of the Township taking place over the last year, documenting views and images unique and special to Vergennes during all four seasons. This survey was done using public roadways and lands, and shows how the township looked in the year 2004. The presentation is open to the public.

We want to be your Other Family Doctor.

- Sick or Injured Animals Seen Same Day
- Evenings & Saturday Hours Available
- Early Drop-off, & House Calls
- 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Science Diet Pet Foods
- Boarding & Grooming

ANIMAL HOSPITAL OF LOWELL

Call 897-8484
11610 East Fulton Street • Lowell, Michigan

Red Arrows crush Crusaders, win OK White outright

By Dan Schneider

When the number-two ranked team in the state takes on a second-year football program, the focus is not just on winning but on how the game is won.

In last Friday's 55-0 game against Unity Christian at Allendale, the Lowell Red Arrows focused on their execution and discipline.

"You just gotta come out and be focused and be willing to play to win, and I think our kids did a good job of that

Friday night," said Lowell coach Noel Dean.

Lowell jumped out to a 14-0 lead on two short touchdown runs by Ryan Esbaugh in the first quarter. Then Keith Nichol passed to Mike Koster, an 82-yard reception for a touchdown. It was the only passing play of the game and the first of four touchdowns Lowell would score in the second quarter.

Koster also returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown. Nichol kept the ball

for a 35-yard touchdown run and Esbaugh ran in his third touchdown from six yards out before the Arrows headed to the locker room, up 42-0.

Total rushing yards were lopsided in favor of Lowell. The Arrows moved the ball a total of 343 yards on the ground while the Crusaders struggled to gain 65.

Gabe Delnick led Lowell in rushing with 148 yards on 14. He saw more time on the field after making a statement with his running against Greenville.

"We played a two-back set the whole game," Dean said.

Delnick scored both of

Lowell's second-half touchdowns. Esbaugh carried 17 times for 122 yards on the night.

Kameron Blake led the Red Arrow defense with eight tackles. He also teamed up with Adam VanderPols for the Arrows' one sack of the evening.

The win secures the outright conference championship for Lowell and an undefeated record in the OK White.

Lowell will take on South Christian, the OK Gold conference champs, this Friday at East Kentwood. The Sailors went 8-0 this season, as

well. They narrowly defeated claim their conference championship.

CITY OF LOWELL PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, October 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, Second Floor, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Section 2.20 (Vehicle Repair Facilities) and Section 2.03 (Body Shop) of Chapter 2, "Definitions" of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An Ordinance to amend Section 13.02 Uses Permitted by Right, Chapter 13-1 Industrial District, item E of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An Ordinance to amend Section 12.03 Special Land Uses, Chapter 12-C-3 General Business District, item L of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.
- An Ordinance to amend Section 20.08 (Residential District Signs), Chapter 20-Signs of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of proposed Ordinances are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

Betty R. Morlock,
City Clerk
616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 4, 2004

Minutes of the September 20, 2004 meeting were approved as corrected and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the closing of Spring Street on October 10, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
- Motion to approve the proposal from Williams & Works in the amount of \$44,724 for Grindle Drive reconstruction engineering services.
- Motion to approve the agreement with Lowell Rockford Ambulance as proposed extending service to September 30, 2009.
- Motion to approve the legal services agreement with Dickinson Wright as presented.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, October 18, 2004.

Complete minutes are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.



Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
City of Lowell



**2 BRAND NEW HOMES • LOWELL SCHOOLS
PRICE REDUCED
(Below appraisal) to \$139,900**
1 acre, 2-stall garage, beautiful view of area, cathedral ceilings, lots of room for expansion.
**For showings info call
NEIL FRENCH BUILDER LLC
616-292-3481**

The Lowell Ledger NOW AVAILABLE AT:



- MEIJER** (Inside Store)
In Our Community ♥

 - ★ AMOCO
 - ★ SHELL ★ SPEEDWAY
 - ★ RITE AID
 - ★ MEIJER GAS MART
 - ★ LOWELL BEER STORE
 - ★ GARY'S COUNTRY MEATS
 - ★ ALTO MARATHON STATION

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

Got a Pet Peeve To Get Off Your Chest?

Sound Off

The Ledger (Almost) Anything Goes Opinion Forum

897-0787 or www.lowellbuyersguide.com

Last year no spelling bee, this year no progress reports, what is going on at the middle school?

Everyone knows that a movie is a movie and real life is real life. Anyone who votes because of a movie doesn't have all the facts.

Please pray for our troops-that Kerry ISN'T elected!!!!

I'd like to thank everyone who came on the Historic Home Tour. We were on the tour and everyone was very respectful of our home. Not one scratched floor or broken item. Thank you!

I'd like to know why a certain business is building out on the Riverwalk.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Grattan Raceway Park, Inc. for a special land use for an outdoor recreational and entertainment facility for motorized and non-motorized spectator racing events, accessory uses and other related activities. The special land use would be located in the A Agricultural District on lands commonly designated as 7201 Lessiter Avenue, and legally described as follows:

Government Lot 2 and also Government Lot 3 of Section 9, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, and also the North 11.5 acres of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section, and also the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section, and also the North 16.5 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section, and also part of Government Lot 2 located within the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 8, Town 8 North, Range 9 West and comprising that part of the main racetrack and related facilities of Grattan Raceway Park located within said Section 8, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: October 13, 2004

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

The scarecrows are cute and all but, there are way too many of them and no one takes care of the ones that have fallen apart

We went down to get flu shots at Rite Aid and there was quite a line. During the time that we were there, God love him, the manager came around and gave us bottled water, which was I thought very nice. I wanted to let him know that I recognized him and it was very nice.

Just want to say congratulations to everyone involved with the Harvest Festival.

The scarecrows are neat! Love it, Love it! Love it.

RIGHT ON! To the person who DARED to watch Fahrenheit 9/11!!!! Most people that disagree haven't seen it!

The Chicken MARSALA was wonderful! Save the MARSHMALLOWS for campfire!

To the person who watched Fahrenheit 9/11. Of course you will vote for Kerry now. That is the most bias documentary ever made for any party. Try watching Fox News for advice!

To the guy playing football on N. Broadway -you're old enough to know better. That is a high traffic area, you could have been killed. Not to mention the example this sets for our kids.

If Kerry promised to America not to raise taxes, how is he going to create a "better" healthcare system?

Fahrenheit 9/11 is nothing but false propaganda for Kerry, and Michael Moore is nothing but a liar

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER PUBLIC NOTICE

Equipment For Sale: Lowell Light & Power is offering a 1994 Ford F250 4wd for sale to the highest bidder. Instructions for bidding and details can be picked up at the Lowell Light & Power office at 127 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI. The vehicle is also located on the west side of the building for viewing. For more information, contact Jeff Mullins or Bryce Updegraff at (616) 897-8402.

SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY

Bid closes at 12 noon, November 5, 2004



ATTENTION DIABETICS!

Do you have Pain, Tingling or Numbness in your Feet? Do you Lose your Balance or Fall Frequently?

New treatment for Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy Now available at The Laurels of Kent

Anodyne Therapy has been clinically tested on thousands of patients over a 7-year period as an effective treatment for people suffering from the effects of Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN).

Benefits of Anodyne Therapy Include:

- First therapy to consistently restore sensation in DPN
- Improved balance, reducing the risk for falls
- Reduction in pain and pain medications
- Improved wound healing
- Potential to prevent amputations

Proven, Non-invasive, Drug-free, Safe

Call The Laurels of Kent now and ask for an appointment to see if Anodyne Therapy and our Neuropathy Treatment Program is right for you!

THE LAURELS OF KENT A Skilled Nursing Center 350 N. Center St. • Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-8473

To the one who saw Fahrenheit 9/11 and now decided to vote for Kerry. Open your eyes!!! Do you know the difference between real and Fiction? Just what Kerry is all about, lies, lies and more lies!

Really support our troops - vote for Kerry!

You think Fahrenheit 9/11 opened your eyes? Try some intelligent research into Moore's "facts" behind it and be REALLY surprised! Check Kerry's senate record while you're at it...

After all the Lies he has told and deaths he has caused, how can anyone who calls themselves CHRISTIAN vote for BUSH?

Fahrenheit 9/11 a Documentary?!!! I suggest you REALLY open your eyes. It's nothing but Hollywood tripe! It's a movie, for crying out loud, made by Hollywood FOR PROFIT company.

To the "No child left behind" complainer. What? You don't like a little conservative truth for a change?

Most of what we get from our schools is slanted to the liberal attitude.

Forget Fahrenheit 9/11, all you needed to do to decide on who to vote for was watch the debates. Bush calls Kerry a flip flopper - but HE'S the liar!

Vote NO on Proposal 1! It won't do what the commercials make it sound like it will do. READ THE BOTTOM LINE!

Indian tribal gaming is EXCLUDED! VOTE NO!

Thanks to Stock Lumber for opening up after hours so the juniors could get wood for their float.

LAAC - Great play, horrible food. Thank you for the 'Play only' option. Will do that from now on.

Before you vote, do yourself a favor, get informed & watch Fahrenheit 9/11...Thank you!

Congratulations to the Lowell 78ers! Led by Coach Boss. What a great team.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 04-178,303-DE

Estate of CHRISTY ANN AL-JOUHY Date of birth: 02/27/1957

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, CHRISTY ANN AL-JOUHY, who lived at 1815 Farragut, SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49509, died 08/24/2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOYCE KOEGLER / ABDALLA AL-JOUHY, named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Otawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10/13/2004

CRAIG A. BRUGGINK P.L.C. (P-29358) 429 Turner N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 456-5048

JOYCE KOEGLER 4282 Trojan Dr. S.W. Wyoming, MI 49509 292-6543 ABDALLA AL-JOUHY 1632 Martindale, S.W. Wyoming, MI 49509 538-2199

Classifieds

FOR SALE FOR SALE FOR SALE HELP WANTED FOR RENT SERVICES

PROPERTY FOR SALE - 2.2 acre lots for sale. M-21 to Hayes Rd., Muir, North 1/4 mile. Lots are on West Side of road. Look for signs. For more information call 269-367-4900. Phil Bishop.

MATTRESS SETS - Brand names, large selection. Brand new, still in plastic. Twin & full, \$80, queen \$115, King \$150 & up. 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FOR SALE - Honda 22" Snow Blower, 5.5 hp, 4 cycle. Easy start, excellent condition, \$400 or B/O. Call 897-2083.

GOLF BALLS FOR SALE - Previously experienced Titleist ProV1, \$15 per doz.; Titleist NXT & SO/LO, \$6 per doz.; Pinnacle \$5 per doz.; Top-Flite, \$4 per doz. Call 897-8520.

FOR SALE - Newer Cherry crib, very good condition, bought at USA Baby, asking \$350. 616-897-8136.

GENERAL ELECTRIC WASHER/DRYER SET - 5 years old, runs great, large capacity, guaranteed. \$75 each. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

80 YARDS/BERBER CARPET - Beige, brand new. (Bought, never used). Still on roll. New \$800; sell \$325/best. 517-204-0600.

FOR SALE - Entertainment center Thomasville, solid cherry, 4ft. by 5 ft. holds 27 inch TV, \$400. Call 897-9843.

\$175 BRASS BED - Has head & footboard w/ plush mattresses. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.

TWO AQHA WEANLING COLTS - cute, well bred \$750.00 each. Must sell by 10/22/04. APHA yearling gelding and filly, lunging well under saddle, \$1,200.00 each. 989-561-5106.

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

PROFITABLE HOME BASED BUSINESS FOR SALE IN LOWELL - Owners retiring. Owners will provide training and technical support. 897-2083.

PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - New, in plastic, queen \$110; king \$165. 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 18 horsepower MTD garden tractor, 46" mowing deck, 46" snowblower. Engine runs, needs work, \$500 complete. 897-1151.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$59/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FORD 1999 EXPEDITION - Eddie Bauer, black, loaded, 3rd seat, new Michelin tires, 68K miles, trailer pkg., immaculate, \$15,400 obo. Call 897-2601.

APPLIANCES - Refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves. Reconditioned, guaranteed, over 100 to choose from, \$59 and up. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

IF YOU'RE OVER 50, THIS PRODUCT IS FOR YOU! NIGHTWORKS - It helps your body to produce nitric oxide, an important biological messenger that creates a cascade of benefits which can support energy, improve your circulatory and immune system. Taken at night, fights against heart disease, spider veins, high blood pressure, lets you sleep like a baby while your heart and body are growing stronger. Does not interfere with your current medications. Call today. 1-866-280-8654.

KENMORE WASHER - Heavy duty, full size w/warranty. Delivery available. \$75. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - 1992 Pontiac Grand Prix, 108,000 miles on 3.1L V-6 with power windows, power locks and cruise control. \$1,500 O.B.O. Call 897-7266.

FOR SALE - Fiberglass truck cap, full size, short box, fits Chevy '98 & '99, \$300 obo. Call 868-6979.

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.

LIQUID EXERCISE - Burn off fat and calories without working out, \$19.95. Call 1-866-280-8654.

LOWELL HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER - Great open floor plan in this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, daylight ranch! main floor has oak floors, fireplace and a master bdrm with 2 walk-in closets. Large living room & dining room. Full basement. All on a large lot! 702 N. Jefferson, 897-8875.

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.

HOUSE FOR SALE - Owners motivated. 13376 Vergennes St. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch w/full finished basement. New floor coverings, 3 season sun room, central air, family room w/ gas fireplace, attached garage, nicely landscaped yard and home warranty. New Price: \$169,900 Chenoweth Agency, Inc. 207 E. Main St. Stanton, MI 48888. Call Jeff or Judy Cardis at 989-831-8636 or cell 989-560-8636.

LEDGER OFFICE HOURS: MON. - THURS. 8-5 FRI. 8-4 We Have a Drop Box in the Door Closest to the Post Office

WANTED - Reasonable lightweight wheelchair for small elderly woman; wanted - person with experience to drop 6 trees near bldgs; free - 6 pr. hot tub, you move, needs heater pump. 897-7222.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED - Call 987-6481.

WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles, snowmobiles & ATVs. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352.

BABYSITTER NEEDED - Prefer ages 13-16 for occasional evening/parents night out. Lowell area. call 633-6353.

EVENTS HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY - Riverview, Fulton St. Lowell. Friday, October 22, 9pm. \$5 cover, all ages. Eighth Chakra, Genocya, New Crime Icons and Dirt K n a p www.EighthChakra.com

ACCOUNTING/BOOKKEEPER SERVICE - MBA with 8 years of Accounting experience. Proficient in QuickBooks as well as other software. Please call 616-897-2936.

LOWELL AREA MANUFACTURER - has immediate openings on 1st and 2nd shifts. Pay is \$8.00 to \$8.50 per hour and positions are long term to hire. Please apply in person at Forge Industrial Staffing, 5011-28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY - King Milling Co., 115 S. Broadway St., Lowell is seeking a person for its 2nd shift milling operations. Full benefits & retirement plan available. Apply at address listed above.

ATTENTION - Local company needs men & women to fill many full time positions. \$1,600/month. Must start immediately. Call now for interview. 616-475-6603.

HOME HEALTH CARE AIDES - needed immediately in Lowell-Ionia area. Call Amanda at Kelly Home Care 616-447-8070.

STALL CLEANER NEEDED - 6 stalls, 2 hours. Mon., Wed. and Fri. Call 897-5435.

HELP WANTED - MANAGEMENT TRAINEES. No experience necessary, \$400 week to start. Call for interview, 475-6603.

FREE KITTEN - Male calico, very friendly. Adorable! Will make a great pet! Call 897-4581.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

FOR RENT MURRAY LAKE - furnished home Nov - May \$550 + utilities. Call 897-7798.

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath duplex with washer/dryer and garage. Country setting, \$700/month. Call 682-0138.

DIABETIC, HEARING, VISION OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED? - Have a disorder of any kind? You may qualify for special housing at Oak Hill Apartments. A quiet country setting, 24 hour emergency maintenance & more. Average \$392/month includes water, heat & trash removal. Call 616-527-8900. EHO.

FOR RENT - 2 bedroom, 1 bath house in City. \$700 + utilities. \$400 deposit. Includes washer/dryer. 1 year lease. No pets or smoking 897-9317.

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

SNOWPLOWS - Tired of shoveling that driveway? We have great hourly or seasonal rates available. Long, short, straight or curvy driveways. We do them all. Call Homrich Mobile Washing & Snowplowing at 897-0269 for your free quote.

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

SKI PATROL - Ski swap November 6-8, 10 am to 10 pm., November 9, noon to 5pm. at Cannonsburg Ski Area.

FREE KITTEN - Male calico, very friendly. Adorable! Will make a great pet! Call 897-4581.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

LET ME BE YOUR AVON REPRESENTATIVE - Great new products along with the good ole' products. Make great holiday gifts. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for a brochure.

RAY'S SMALL ENGINE REPAIR - Lawn mowers, riders, weedwackers & snow blowers. Pickup & delivery available. Call 485-5835.

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

IF YOU NEED YOUR HOME - or office cleaned call 642-0468.

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

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

SNOWPLOWS - Tired of shoveling that driveway? We have great hourly or seasonal rates available. Long, short, straight or curvy driveways. We do them all. Call Homrich Mobile Washing & Snowplowing at 897-0269 for your free quote.

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

SKI PATROL - Ski swap November 6-8, 10 am to 10 pm., November 9, noon to 5pm. at Cannonsburg Ski Area.

FREE KITTEN - Male calico, very friendly. Adorable! Will make a great pet! Call 897-4581.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway.

THOMET

Where Great Deals Happen Every Day!

2.9% A.P.R.
for up to 60 months on
select used vehicles!

WE ARE OVERSTOCKED WITH QUALITY USED VEHICLES AT GREAT PRICES!



2003 SUBURBAN Z71 4x4
Leather, full power, fully loaded, Stk. # UP20
\$28,995



2004 CHEVROLET ASTRO AWD
Leather, full power, 7 passenger, Stk. # UP223
\$17,995



2003 PONTIAC VIBE
4 door, full power, Stk. #UP212
~~\$15,995~~ **\$14,995**



**2003 DODGE DAKOTA SLT
QUAD CAB**
4 door, 4x4, V8, loaded, Stk. UP200A
Only \$15,995



2002 DODGE RAM 4X4
Full power, one owner, local trade,
Stk. # UP182A
\$14,995



2002 OLDS AURORA
V8, loaded, Stk. #UP211
~~\$15,995~~ **\$14,995**



2002 CHEVROLET PRIZM
Full power, low miles, Stk. # UP205
\$8,495



2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT
4X4, leather, fully loaded, Stk. # 4T228A
\$9,995



2002 GRAND AM SE
4 door, auto., air, Stk. # UP169
\$7,995



**2004 BUICK LESABRE
CUSTOM**
Auto., air, leather, power seats, Stk. #UP178
\$19,995



2003 OLDS ALERO GL
Auto., air, power windows, Stk. #UP188
\$9,995



2003 TAHOE LT
Auto., 4x4, leather, Stk. # 4B058AA
\$25,995



2001 CHEVY LUMINA
4 door, auto., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/cass., full
power, Stk. # UP224
~~\$7,995~~ **\$6,995**



1999 CHEVY TAHOE LT
4 door, 4x4, leather, full power, Stk. # UP225
\$13,995



2003 FORD TAURUS
4 door, CD player, full power, Stk. # UP219
\$10,995



'02, '03, '04 CHEVY IMPALAS
5 to choose from. All levels starting at
\$11,995



2000 C1500 REG. CAB 4X2
Auto., 8 cyl., air, cruise, CD, one owner,
Stk. # 4T219A
\$6,995



2001 SATURN SL1
Auto., air, tilt, Stk. # UP194
\$6,995



2001 GMC EXT. CAB SLE
Auto., 4x4, air, CD, Stk. 4T170A
\$17,995



'03-'04 CENTURYs
Starting at
\$11,995



**2000-2004 JEEP GRAND
CHEROKEEs 4X4**
Starting at
\$12,995



2001 CHEVY VENTURE
4 door, air, 7 passenger, Stk. # IP133
\$8,995



**2002 CHEVY SILVERADO
EXT. CAB**
4x4, Stk. # UP148
\$19,995



**2001 GMC SONOMA ZR2
EXT. CAB**
Auto., 4x4, air, Stk. # UP161
\$13,995



2002 CHEVY VENTURE LT
4 door, auto., air, CD, 7 pass. Stk. # LP167
\$12,995



2000 CHEVY TAHOE Z71
4x4, air, CD, power seats, windows & locks.
Stk. #UP190
\$13,995



2002 AVALANCHE 4X4
Leather, power seats, one owner.
Stk. # 4T216A
\$21,995



2000 FORD EXPLORER XLT
Auto., 6 cyl., 4x4, air, Stk. #UP226A
\$9,495



2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZERs
Three to choose from. Starting at
\$15,995



2002 BLAZER LS
2 door, 4x4, power windows & locks
Stk. # UP221
\$10,995

THOMET

CHEVROLET BUICK



- SALES
- SERVICE
- SELECTION

1250 W. Main, Lowell • 897-9294
SEE THE USA IN A THOMET CHEVROLET

Or check out Thomet's online at: www.thometchevroletbuick.com
or e-mail us at: kurt@thometchevroletbuick.com



CHEVROLET
AN AMERICAN
REVOLUTION



**HOURS: MON & WED - 8-8;
TUES, THURS & FRI - 8-6; SAT - 9-1**

**Kurt
Hieshetter**

**Jason
Westveld**

**Charlie
Craig**

**Stew
Thomet**

**Steve
Thomet**

**Dirk
Eppinga**