

The Lowell Ledger

Volume 31 Issue 14

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Downtown loses oldest, continuously-operating store



Hahn Hardware owner Bob Ford stands among the shelves at his hardware store, the longest-running retail store in Lowell.

By Dan Schneider

After more than 50 years, Lowell is losing its downtown hardware store at 207 E. Main. Hahn Hardware owner Bob Ford plans to close up shop by the end of the month.

"It was a tough decision, real hard decision, it's just one that I had to make finally," he said.

The store will close at 3 p.m., Feb. 24. It has been in continuous operation since 1950, when Ware Story and Gurney Hahn bought it. That makes it the longest-running retail store in town. But declining sales and changing times have been hard on the business.

"For me, I really started to have a decline in about '97, '98, and it's progressively gotten worse," Ford said. "Progress at the other side of town caught up with me. New people don't even know I'm here."

The boards of the store's wood floor have been scuffed by workboots since the 1940s, when it was Price Rite Hardware. The floor has been in place since the building was rebuilt after the 1905 fire that destroyed much of downtown Lowell. The plaster crown molding is as old, too, painted white and with chinks busted out where racks of rubber V-belts are screwed into the wall.

Inside a chaos of pipe fittings and electrical components hang on pegboard all the way to the ceiling. About the only change Ford has made to the place since he bought it in 1993 is moving the pegboard walls to run north-south rather than east-west and building them up to the ceiling, probably 12 feet high, to fit more inventory. When he started working at the store, most of the hardware was in drawers on the west wall. Now people like to be able to look at the hardware when they're shopping, he explained.

That's one of several changes that have conspired to make Hahn Hardware something hard to find in America.

"They don't make 'em like this any more, I've said that for a long time," Ford said. "It's happening all over the country, if you go to any small town."

Hahn Hardware closes, cont'd., pg. 10

Team challenge has Lowell a lot lighter - by 1/2 ton!

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Community Wellness team weight-loss challenge is well on the way to achieving its goal for collective pounds shed by the Lowell community.

The project hoped to get 40 teams of four people to lose a total of 2,005 pounds over the course of 11 weeks. Interest was higher than anticipated for the challenge, which is also

sponsored by the Lowell YMCA, Lowell Area Schools and Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sixty-five teams have signed up. They have been weighing in at the YMCA

every Tuesday since Jan. 11. Each team weighs in all together on the same scale. In three weeks, Lowell's cumulative weight loss has totaled 1,143 pounds.

The teams are on a pace to break the 2,005-pound weight-loss mark before the week six weigh-in. Lowell YMCA associate director Andy Retberg said some

of the early success can be attributed to water-weight loss and general enthusiasm at the start of a new activity.

Lowell's lighter, cont'd., pg. 11

Annual Chamber membership meeting right around the corner

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will host its annual meeting of the membership Thursday, Feb. 17 at Deer Run Golf Club. "It's a fun night to get together and network with some people, meet some people," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Liz Baker.

The evening begins with social time and appetizers at 6 p.m.; dinner follows at 6:30. The menu includes salad and bread, raspberry chicken, walnut salmon and beef tenderloin, mixed vegetables, redskin potatoes and rice pilaf plus beverages. There will be a cash bar for the evening.

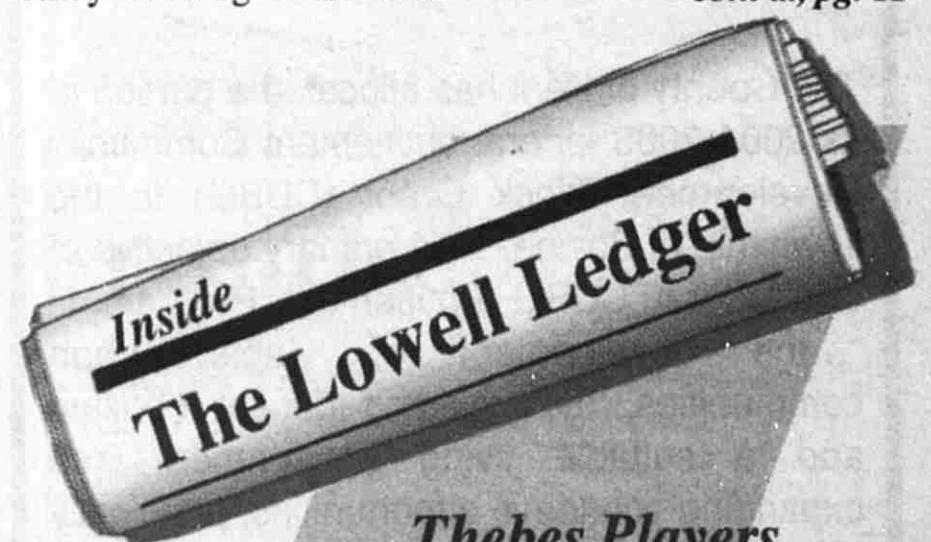
Chamber business on the agenda starting at 7:15

includes updates from the marketing committee and the Chamber Foundation.

This year's Business Appreciation Award will go to Ball's Softee Creme following chamber business.

At 7:45, Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale will give a city update. This will be followed by "How Customer Service Can Build or Destroy Your Organization," a keynote speech by Tony Rubleski of Mind Capture.

Registration is still open for the event. Tickets are \$25 each or \$190 for a company table of eight. Call 897-9161 for more details on the event. Deer Run Golf Club is located at 13955 Cascade Road S.E.



Thebes Players Present "Babe" ... Pg. 3

More Spirit In Town... Pg. 4

Lowell's Generosity Shows ... Pg. 10

Obituaries

DROLLINGER - David Don Drollinger, aged 92, of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Wyoming, Mich., passed away January 30, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice in 2002. He is survived by his children Betty Ellinger of Pompano Beach, Charles (Micky) Drollinger of Alto; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 5 at Home Acres Reformed Church, Kentwood, with Rev. Rich Baukema officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Contributions may be made to Hospice By The Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33486.

CUMMINS - James L. Cummins, aged 82, died

peacefully in his home, surrounded by family and friends on Friday, February 4, 2005. He was preceded in death by his son Michael. Jim is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Grace; children Richard (Charleen) Cummins of Lowell, Barbara (Kyle) Norgaard of Traverse City; daughter-in-law Anita (Bill) Crawford of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Matthew (Lillian) Cummins, Katie (Paul) Brouman, Ryan P. Cummins, Skyler James, Evan Grace, and Kate Lucille Norgaard, Julianne (James) Baca, and Clayton Rossman; great-grandchildren Avery Lin and Liam; brother Joseph S. Cummins of Bloomfield; sister Dorothy Dunlop of Rochester; many in-laws, nieces and nephews. He worked for Mass Mutual Life Insurance for 35 years. Jim's great joys in life were his children, grandchildren,

friends, clients and his dogs (Nick and Max). Respecting his wishes, cremation has taken place. Memorial Mass was held Tuesday at St. Robert of Newminster with Fr. R. Louis Stasker and Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider co-celebrants. Interment Findlay Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 1260 Ekhart St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

GENT - Patricia Ann Gent (Patti to her friends) passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2005 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids after fighting with respiratory failure. Patti was 67 and had been married to Nick Gent for four years and four months. She had previously been married to Ted Lane who died some nine years ago. Patti had spent many years as an apartment manager in various parts of the country, finishing up in Lowell at Center Court Apartments. She was a manager for Regency Town Homes in Lansing prior to that. She spent some time working with the police as a finger print specialist. She will be sadly missed by her husband Nick, daughter Susan Green, and son Danny Lee Lane. Patti donated her body to MSU for research but a memorial service will be held in March.

GREENHOE - Mrs. Gretchen N. Greenhoe, aged 83, passed away on Saturday morning, February 5, 2005. She is survived by her children Janet Greenhoe of Belmont, Robert H.

and Marsella Greenhoe of Ada, Jean Greenhoe of Grand Rapids, William and Catherine Greenhoe of Sand Lake, Jennifer and Raymond Kasul of Rockford; grandchildren Rebekah and Justin Hughes, Michael Greenhoe, Jonathan Greenhoe, Benjamin Greenhoe, Nathan Greenhoe, Brian Greenhoe, Rachel Kasul, Ashley Kasul; brother Glen Gerring (Helga) of S. Broadman; sister Frances Olin of Lowell; sisters-in-law Peggy Gerring of S. Broadman, Doris Trowbridge of Grand Rapids; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Merle on March 22, 1999, her brothers and sisters Leslie Gerring, Juanita Gerring, Margery Gerring, Wendell Gerring, and Imogene. A service celebrating her faith life and physical life was held Tuesday at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with Pastor Timothy Hall officiating. Interment in Plainfield Twp. Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Alzheimer's Disease Foundation.

McCLELLAND - Patricia McClelland of Cincinnati, Ohio, Frank (Sue) McClelland of Lowell, David Willam McClelland of White Cloud, Richard Allen McClelland of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Chantelle, Dennis, Jennifer, Melissa; great-grandchildren Sydney, Maddie, Matthew, Ethan. She was active in The Foster Grandparent program in Lansing and White Cloud. A private service was held by the family. Interment at Kent Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids.

MONROE - Hanford D. Monroe, aged 72, of Greenbrier, formerly of Lowell, passed away March 13, 2004. Mr. Monroe was born April 13, 1931, in Detroit to the late Erwin Monroe and Beryl Blythe Monroe. He was a devout Christian and member of New Hope Baptist Church in Conway. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marion Monroe, a number of children including Jon Monroe of Lowell, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held March 21, 2004 at New Hope Baptist Church with Brother Rodney Fry officiating.

Verdie Valentine (Saling) McClelland, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, passed away February 6, 2005 in Lowell. Verdie resided in Grand Rapids since 1945. She originally came from Chilhowee, MO where she was born in 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Harrison McClelland. She is survived by her brother George Saling of Kansas City, MO; sister Charlene Clark of Iowa, Kansas; children Peggy Ann (Dennis) Visser of Marengo,



IL, Patricia McClelland of Cincinnati, Ohio, Frank (Sue) McClelland of Lowell, David Willam McClelland of White Cloud, Richard Allen McClelland of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Chantelle, Dennis, Jennifer, Melissa; great-grandchildren Sydney, Maddie, Matthew, Ethan. She was active in The Foster Grandparent program in Lansing and White Cloud. A private service was held by the family. Interment at Kent Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids.

Verdie Valentine (Saling) McClelland, aged 85, of Grand Rapids, passed away February 6, 2005 in Lowell. Verdie resided in Grand Rapids since 1945. She originally came from Chilhowee, MO where she was born in 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Harrison McClelland. She is survived by her brother George Saling of Kansas City, MO; sister Charlene Clark of Iowa, Kansas; children Peggy Ann (Dennis) Visser of Marengo,

Friendly farm animals featured in children's stage production this week

By Dan Schneider

The production by Lowell Area Arts Council's Thebes Players will include a large number of farm animals ... and one in particular.

"We've got a guy who plays a turkey," said director Brent Alles.

But the main character is a pig. The play is "Babe the Sheep Pig," which was written after the success of a movie. Both are based on a book by Dick King-Smith.

Babe (Rachel Wold) is a pig that was bought by farmer Hoggett (Ken Trupke) and raised by a sheep dog named Fly (Stephanie Scholten). The pig soon demonstrates

an aptitude for herding ducks and various other barnyard animals. Babe faces sheep rustlers, befriends an old sheep named Ma (Judy Wills) and eventually works his way up to the Grand Challenge Sheep-dog Trials. This is the moment of high drama in the play, where, according to Alles, "Babe gives it his best and saves the day."

The animals behave like humans when they are around each other, but revert to animal form in the presence of the human characters. Early rehearsals were spent specifically with the cast doing exercises related to animal movement.

Of the 42 members in the cast, 38 are children. Alles said the production includes elements and humor appealing to all ages, even adults.

"It's a mix of comedy and drama and a little bit of pathos," Alles said. "I think anybody who comes to see it is really going to get some enjoyment out of it."

Alles previously directed a production of "Babe" at Circle Theater in Grand Rapids. It is his third production in Lowell, having directed "The Snow Queen and the Goblin" and "Arsenic and Old Lace." His mother, Yvonne Alles, is

assistant director and stage manager for the Thebes Players' production of "Babe."

The play opens this week at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Thursday and Friday performances are at 7 p.m.; matinee performances are Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

General admission is \$8; admission for students, seniors and LAAC members is \$6.50. A special rate of \$5 each is available for groups with 10 or more. For tickets or more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

Historical bus trip to benefit Lowell Area Historical Museum

Retired Lowell Middle School teacher Jack Misner is leading a tour to sites of historical significance during the week of April 26 - 29.

The four-day trip by charter bus will travel to St. Louis, Mo., to visit the history of Lewis and Clark and to Springfield, Ill. to experience Abraham Lincoln events.

The first two days will focus on Lewis and Clark, including the Museum for the Westward Expansion and Camp River DuBois, staging grounds for the Lewis and Clark expedition and an IMAX movie about Lewis and Clark.

The last two days

cover Lincoln with a stop in New Salem, Ill. where he developed as a statesman, the Old State Capital where the famous "House Divided" speech was delivered, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The trip includes overnight stays at Hampton and Hilton hotels as well as several dinners. The cost is \$499 per person for double occupancy or \$639 for a single. A donation of \$25 (included in the cost) goes to

the Lowell Area Historical Museum. Itineraries and more details are available at the museum.

Misner began leading historical trips several years

ago as faculty adviser to the Benjamin Morse Society at the Lowell Middle School. Misner is also a board member of the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that **Jayne Overbeck** received Realtor of the Month in both December and January.

This award recognizes Overbeck for her outstanding success and achievements.



You Always Protect The Ones You Love
The security of life insurance, the smiles of your children, the help of your Farm Bureau Insurance agent. The best things in life are pretty simple. Call today.

Denise Arnesen
1973 South State Road
Ionia
616-527-3960

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

Remember our deadline is Fridays at 4 p.m. for the Wednesday publication.

Lowell Ledger
105 N. Broadway • 897-9261

ADA-LOWELL 5
M 21 5 Minutes East of Arway H.O.
897-7-FILM
\$8.99 Kids all shows • \$9.50 Seniors
\$6.00 Students & Late Shows Fri & Sat
\$5.75 Daily Matinees till 6pm ALL SCREENS DIGITAL STEREO
No passes
Unlimited Free Brisk Bettle & 25¢ Care Bettle

MOVIE GUIDE
SHOWTIMES 2/07 - 2/10
TITLES & TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE
BOOGYMAN (PG-13)
1:25, 3:20, 5:15, 7:10, 9:05
HIDE AND SEEK (R)
3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
ALONE IN THE DARK (R)
9:00
ARE WE THERE YET? (PG)
1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35, 9:35
IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13)
2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
RACING STRIPES (PG)
1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

COUPON
FREE 20oz DRINK
with \$10 purchase
at select participating locations
while supplies last. See the ad for details.
BEST DEAL in town
www.ada-lowell.com

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
(616) 897-8491

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN LOWELL

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.....CLASSIFIED/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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is a notice of public hearing on the Township of Bowne's proposed use of Kent County 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant funds.

A public hearing will be conducted by Bowne Township on Monday, February 21, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Office, 8240 Alden Nash SE., Alto, MI.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding Bowne Township's proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant funds for the following projects:

Historic Town Hall Access Improvement \$15,000.00
Unprogrammed funds \$77,673.56

The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 2004-2005 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the Township of Bowne. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program is "...the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income."

Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk-Clerk
Bowne Township



Our Prices Can't Be Beat!
Call Us for a Price Quote!
Weight & Zip Code Required for a Quote

The Lowell Ledger
105 N. Broadway, 897-9261

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request from Steve Vander Ziel to rezone property located at 5960 Alden Nash SE from Agricultural to Light Industrial for the purpose of constructing a machine storage building. This property consists of 10.1 acres and is located on the east side of Alden Nash near 60th Street with the permanent parcel number 41-20-34-300-016.

The hearing will be held as follows:
WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE
Lowell, MI 49331

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

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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, February 14, 2005

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

At this hearing, the property owned by Timpson Orchards, located at 11998 Cascade Road, PP# 41-20-28-200-018, will be considered for a special use permit for a gas station and convenience store.

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.

Linda S. Regan
Lowell Township Clerk



Need a "pep" talk? New store looks to lift Lowell's spirits

By Dan Schneider

The basic theme of Pep Talk, a new store in town, is spirit.

One side of the store is devoted to Lowell Red Arrow spirit with everything from Red Arrow T-shirts and sweatshirts to hats and name plates for doors.

The other side is filled with inspirational home decorating items—metal signs saying things like "Smile" and "Be Nice" and "Believe" and other items with more complex but still positive statements.

"I think you should leave the store feeling better than when you came in," said store owner Amy Hayes. "That's what it's about, motivational print."

The store opened Jan. 24 at 505 W. Main Street in the space formerly occupied by Curves for Women.

Amy Hayes has opened Pep Talk, a store that sells Red Arrow fan gear and uplifting decorative items.

The Red Arrow gear covers a wide variety of sports. "I really want to make sure all the sports are covered, whether it's cross country, equestrian, lacrosse, those kids work really hard, too," said Hayes.

She doesn't plan to compete with the spirit store at the high school. "I just want to be able to provide things that aren't already up there."

Hayes used to be an assistant principal at Cherry Creek Elementary, a job she left in order to be a full-time mom. A big part of why she opened the store was to get back in touch with kids again.

"This is still a way for me to be positive and motivational for them, but I get to set my own parameters," she said.

The store also reflects the two sides of her life as a mother: sports for her two sons who play hockey, and decorations and jewelry-type things for her younger daughters.

As well as jewelry made by her sister and sister-in-law, she carries locally-made greeting cards.

"I'm really happy kids will find these one-of-a-kind things," she said.

The store does custom screen-printing and T-shirt orders. The shirts are produced by a friend of hers whose company supplies merchandise for the NHL and several NCAA Division I teams.

Hayes plans a grand opening some time in March, once the weather improves and the spring sports gear arrives.

Second hand business gets go ahead to open its doors

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Business owners hoping to operate a second hand store in downtown Lowell may be able to open yet this week following approval by the Lowell City Council.

Melissa Riehl and Janis Preston approached the council at Monday's meeting about obtaining a second hand dealer license to establish a business called Daily Cash Outlet at 423 W. Main St. where First Class

Auto was located.

After the meeting, Lowell police officer James Hinton said the only thing needed to open their business was the council's approval and the mayor's signature on the license. Because mayor Jeanne Shores is in the Dominican Republic delivering an ambulance with Rockford Ambulance, Hinton was going to inquire into whether mayor pro tem Charles Myers could sign the license in her absence.

The owners, who are

from Crystal, were pleased with the news and are hopeful they can open as early as Wednesday.

"We've been driving through the area for the past several years and really liked it," said Riehl, with Preston adding that "it's really been growing." Riehl said the store's unique niche is that it will carry a wide variety of items from diamonds to tools and even DVDs for children. When asked if the operation would be a pawn shop, the answer was

quickly no. The difference between the two is that Riehl's and Preston's store buys everything outright, whereas with a pawn shop, people can borrow against items and then pay off the loan to get those items back.

The regulations for the two businesses are similar in that the Daily Cash Outlet will be required to report purchases to the police department and hold items before selling them.

In a letter to the city, Riehl and Preston refer to the state statute, writing that they plan to report all items purchased to the local police for review and will keep items for the full holding period, which is 15 days.

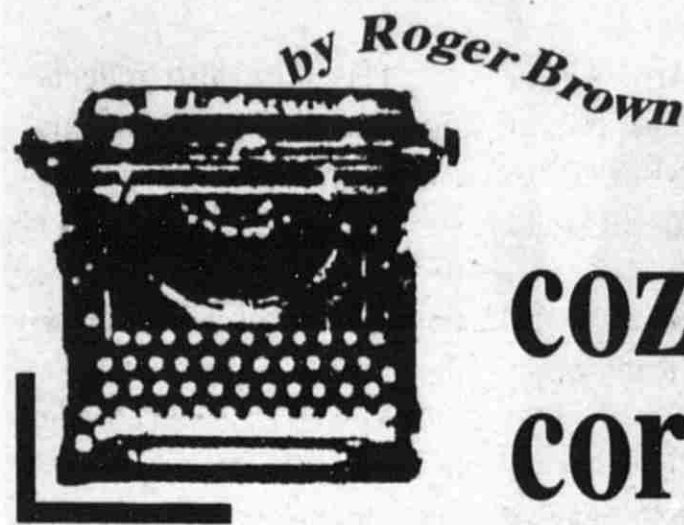
Also under the statute, people must be 18 years of age or older to sell items, and must present

proper identification and be fingerprinted.

Chief of police Jim Valentine said the license is good for up to a year and can be renewed but is non-transferable. It can also be revoked if the business is not following the state statute, adding that criminal charges can be brought against the owners if that should happen.

Because the city does not have a specific ordinance dealing with second hand dealers, Valentine said the state statute then comes into place. He said the owners went to the county seeking the license before realizing it was something the city council needed to handle. With a welcome to Lowell and good luck, the Lowell City Council unanimously approved the license request.

Viewpoint



cozy corner

A few weeks ago I touched on the "small world" syndrome in this space. We're going there again. And, I'll once again repeat the Steven Wright joke, "Small world, isn't it? (a short pause) Wouldn't want to paint it though." I love that joke, which could have something to do with my disdain for painting.

A friend of mine is from New York ... state ... not city ... big difference. Some time ago he related a humorous story from his high school days. The story was forgettable, but the name of the school got my attention. He went to Saranac High. We are close enough in age, and Saranac is so small, we should have known each other. In fact we would likely be related.

I had heard of Saranac Lake, New York. Turns out, there is a village of Saranac, with its own Saranac High School. The village and school are similar in size to Saranac, Michigan. They are the Chiefs ... we are the Redskins. Our colors are red and white, so are theirs. Cheers ... all the same. "Red and White, fight, fight!!!" etc.

My wife is also a Saranac grad. She and Carl compared our school songs. They were different. That's where our little "Bizarro World" ended. "Bizarro World" was a Seinfeld episode that was a spoof on a Superman comic book story line about a world of exact opposites.

Someday we are going to get together with our old high school yearbooks. I'm guessing there will be students and teachers that overlap from school to school, or at least look like their counterparts in Bizarro Saranac. We also have to determine which Saranac is real and which is Bizarro. I'm guessing my Saranac is Bizarro.

Another "small world" story goes like this. I'm pumping gas in my truck and a guy pulls up riding a '65 Harley like mine. Not many of those around, so we chat. As we talk, I notice he's wearing a T-shirt from a small company here that installs closet shelving and shower enclosures. The company is owned by a guy from Lowell, Michigan, not

Massachusetts. You have to remember, "here" is 1,600 miles from Lowell.

The Harley rider tells me he is a carpenter and does some work for the guy from Lowell. Hence the free T-shirt. I mentioned that I knew the company owner because we are both from Lowell. He says, "Then you must have known Coach Rivers." I jumped in with, "Yeah, I lived next door to him for seven or eight years."

The Harley rider had recently been at lunch with the guy from Lowell when a Michigan connection was made with someone at the next table. The guy at the next table had wrestled for a school that competed with Lowell. Of course Coach Rivers came up. The Harley rider has never even been near Michigan, but after being subjected to an hour's worth of Coach Rivers stories, he felt like he knew the guy.

I unloaded a couple of my Coach Rivers stories from being his neighbor. Finally, people waiting for the gas pumps made us move on. I think Gary Rivers would be happy that his unique personality lives on, even if only in "Bizarro World" reminiscing.

One more "Small World" story before I let you go. I was in the grocery store the other day, and bumped into a neighbor. I don't know the guy very well, and he is only here in the winter months. I do know the guy lives in New Mexico the rest of the year. I told him my wife and I had taken a trip this past fall that included much of New Mexico. We compared notes on many of the places Terese and I had visited. I finally learned that my neighbor lives in Santa Fe. Our trip didn't include Santa Fe, but I did have one little Santa Fe link to throw out.

I said, "Back in Michigan I used to fly with a guy named Dave Stevens. He moved to Santa Fe a few years ago. Don't happen to know him do you?" The neighbor drew a blank until I threw out one last little piece of information. "He's a dentist, but I'm not sure if he is practicing in Santa Fe." "Oh! David Stevens ... sure, he's my dentist," the guy blurts out. BINGO! Another Bizarro World!

Look at it this way. There are close to 300 million people in this country. Two guys from West Michigan move to opposite ends of the country. The next thing you know, there is this "Bizarro World" guy who knows them both. Is it just me, or is this kinda stuff really weird? Please don't tell me it's just me!

Yup ... it's a small world all right ... but I wouldn't want to wallpaper it either.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Congratulations for your new format. It's superb! I read every article with interest including the high school group who marched in opposition of the Bush inauguration. Hooray for them and also for mama and grandma who marched with them!

This week's Ledger pictured the boys who went to the inauguration and were proud to have been there. These young people will, in the future, represent us in local elections and in Congress!

And hooray for the showboat and Ivan Blough, a truly great citizen! Our whole town took part in that showboat. Our children sang in the chorus, Bill Jones played on his little horn, and my husband Don Mullen rehearsed the Endmen for six weeks before the performance. And we saw some of the best artists in the country there!

My appreciation,
Blanche Mullen

To the Editor:

This community is such a great place to live! Two rural townships bursting with country life surround a lovely little town situated on a river. We can boast about a fine school system, a dynamic downtown business district, and community cooperation galore.

Then, urban sprawl raises its ugly head in the form of a petition for annexation.

Annexation is a difficult issue. Its definition is: Obtaining or taking for oneself. In our case, a developer has asked the State Boundary Commission to give permission for the city

of Lowell to take 177 acres from the township of Vergennes for itself - and for the developer's benefit.

AH of these parties (developer, city of Lowell, Vergennes Township) have reasonable interests. The developer is in business to make money (the higher the density, the more money). The city of Lowell is also looking for more money because it presently has very little land left to expand its tax base, has lost sewer customers, and now has excess capacity (the higher the density, the more taxes and sewer revenue). Vergennes Township has included that 177 acres within its boundaries since 1836. It consists of farmland and wetlands that have been an important part of agriculture and the ecology for generations. For Vergennes' residents, the attempt to tear the property away from the place they call home, especially for a high density development, causes a sound like Velcro.

The property, itself, seems ill-suited for development. Most of it does not perk. Lee Creek, which comes down to the 177 acres from the Wittenbach Center and Wege Natural Area, runs the entire one mile length of the parcels. Located at the south end is a 60-acre wetland which serves as Lee Creek's flood plain. That is a rare pre-settlement wetland which means it has not been disturbed by farming or pasturing since its formation. Lee Creek joins Cherry Creek and they flow to the Grand River.

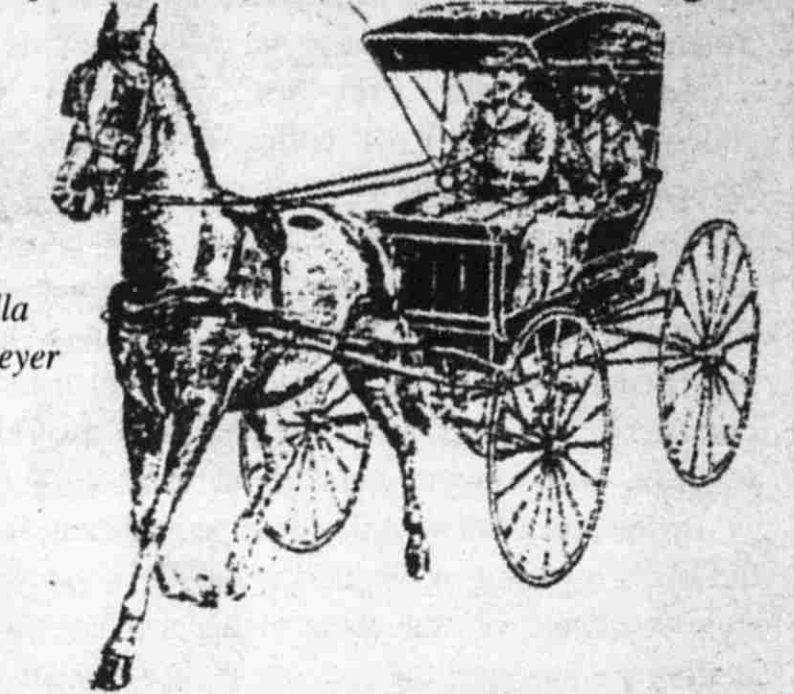
The 60-acre wetland would, hopefully, be protected by the State DEQ. However, much of the remaining land drains into Lee Creek. High density development would present a high threshold of impervious surfaces. These include roofs, patios, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks, and roads which do not absorb storm water. Because of the reduced soil and plant areas, water would run off, and take pollutants, such as motor oils, antifreeze, fertilizers, and pesticides to the creek.

To The Editor, continued, pg. 8

Ledger Entries

of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

By Priscilla Lussmeyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
FEBRUARY 11, 1880

"No snow, good wheeling, fine spring weather." Beware of those who melt down old maple sugar and sell it for new.

The Flint and Pere Marquette Railway sold 2,357 acres of land in January for \$42,046.

Americans have responded generously to the famine in Ireland. The country is recovering.

The Grand Opening of Beehler's Saloon on Friday will include free lunches from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
FEBRUARY 9, 1905

Tom Reed and family of Vergennes are on their way back from England.

"East Lowell: Mrs. L. Burk burned her thumb seriously last week."

J.D. Kelley & Sons will widen your narrow sleigh boxes for your comfort.

Pere Marquette offers low excursion rates to the West during March and to New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

MaplFlake is "the main diet for breakfast, delicious for lunch and appetizing for supper. Ask your grocer."

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
FEBRUARY 6, 1930

Village Council turns down a Consumers Power offer to establish a natural gas franchise in Lowell.

Mrs. Reuben Lee has her fourth-place article on "Family Good Times" published in the magazine Successful Farming.

Melville B. McPherson proposes and is named to a committee to reach compromise on where auto tax dollars be spent

The name of one column (recent change?): "Bowne Center Buns."

Ice is being harvested at the Fallsburg pond.

50 YEARS
THE LOWELL LEDGER
FEBRUARY 10, 1955

The hard winter has brought flocks of evening grosbeaks to bird feeders.

Esther Fahrni, branch manager of the Lowell License Bureau for the past 16 years, turns the office over to the person she has been training, Carl L. Smith.

Lowell barber shoppers will host area SPEBSQUA chapters tonight at their regular meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Faculty won the basketball game against the Lions; long, fancy shots were a feature and John Scholten was the best-dressed player.

Clara McCarty retires after 25 years with the Lowell Lumber and Coal Company.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
FEBRUARY 6, 1980

The fire department gets a new 1500-gallon tank truck. George F. Jacob of Grandville is the new assistant superintendent of business and personnel for the school system.

State Savings Bank is paying 10.15 percent annual interest on 2 1/2-year CD's.

The Zephyr gas station explains the use of gasohol in its ad.

The post office helps get the new Susan B. Anthony dollar into circulation by making change with it. Paper dollars last only a year; the coin will last 15.

**These children achieved
DENTAL HYGIENE EXCELLENCE
For The Month of January 2005
DR. J.E. REAGAN
207 W. Main - Lowell 897-7179**

Heather Alderink
Michael Brown
Chelsea Comdure
Nicholas Comdure
Tyler Cross
Hanna Haner
Wyat Haner
Annalyse Hopping
Alyson Huver
Thomas Jeffrey
Danton Jernberg
Dylan Jernberg
Jackson Kempker
Kendall Kempker
Francis LaPenna
Joseph LaPenna
Vincent LaPenna
Isabell Lillie
Jasmine Lillie
Jordan Lillie
Daniel McQueen
Audrey Pearson
Brendan Pearson

**DENTISTRY:
HEALTH CARE
THAT WORKS!**

**REMEMBER:
One ounce
of prevention is worth
a pound of cure.**

**ARE YOU DUE FOR
YOUR SIX-MONTH
CLEANING?**

Gloria Rivera
Samariz Rivera
Matthew Schloop
Molly Seese
Reed Stormzand
Garret Taylor
Bryce Tulppo
Nicholas Wade
Stephanie Wade
Kourtney Wittenbach
Charles Young

**How about
a little extra
summer cash?**



**Invest in a
5-month CD
from ICNB!
2.75% APR
2.78% APY
Annual Percentage Yield**

NOTE: Our Classic or Funds Management customers are eligible for a 10-basis-point rate increase! The rate for this is 2.85% APR (2.89% APY)!

\$500 minimum deposit required • For a limited time only
Penalty for early withdrawal • Rate as of January 24, 2005

Call your local ICNB office today!

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

ICNB
Member FDIC
Hometown Banking
www.icnb.com

**PEBBLE BEACH
APARTMENTS**

LAKESIDE LIVING - BOWES ROAD
LOWELL, MI

INCLUDED: HEAT, WATER, BLINDS, CARPORT

On-Site Property Manager
24-Hour Maintenance

1-2 Bedroom residences
Starting at \$525

FIRST MONTH'S RENT FREE
www.PebbleBeachApts.com

Call Penny at (616) 897-6880

Reflections of faith

Joseph Fremer, pastor
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

I am told, from someone who grew up in Louisiana, that I can't get authentic Cajun food here. He has traveled around quite a bit, and he says it's the same everywhere. You have to go to Louisiana to get real Cajun food.

Likewise with "Tex-Mex" cooking. "German" chocolate. "French Roast" coffee. Things with labels like these appear all around us on menus and grocery shelves, but those fortunate enough to have tried the real thing will tell you that these commercially available copies are just a shadow of the real thing. There may be some similarity in the way they are prepared, some recognizable distinguishing characteristic (e.g., "Cajun" blackened and spicy) but it's a wannabe: ersatz, bogus, counterfeit.

In the interest of accuracy, I suppose we could insist that the labels be changed. Perhaps it should be called "Cajun-style" cooking, with the quote marks and the -style suffix alerting the consumer that they are about to lay down money for an inferior imitation of the authentic item.

Many things today are being cooked up with a dash of piety or God-talk thrown in, and served up as "Christian." Jesus Himself wouldn't endorse them. The apostles Peter or Paul wouldn't recognize them. It leads you to wonder, where is authentic Christianity—beliefs or actions—to be found?

You don't travel to a region on earth to find it. Just as real Cajun cooking requires authentic raw materials and genuine techniques of preparing them, so real Christian truth must be believed with Christ-created faith and lived out in real Christ-pleasing action, in order for it to be real Christianity.

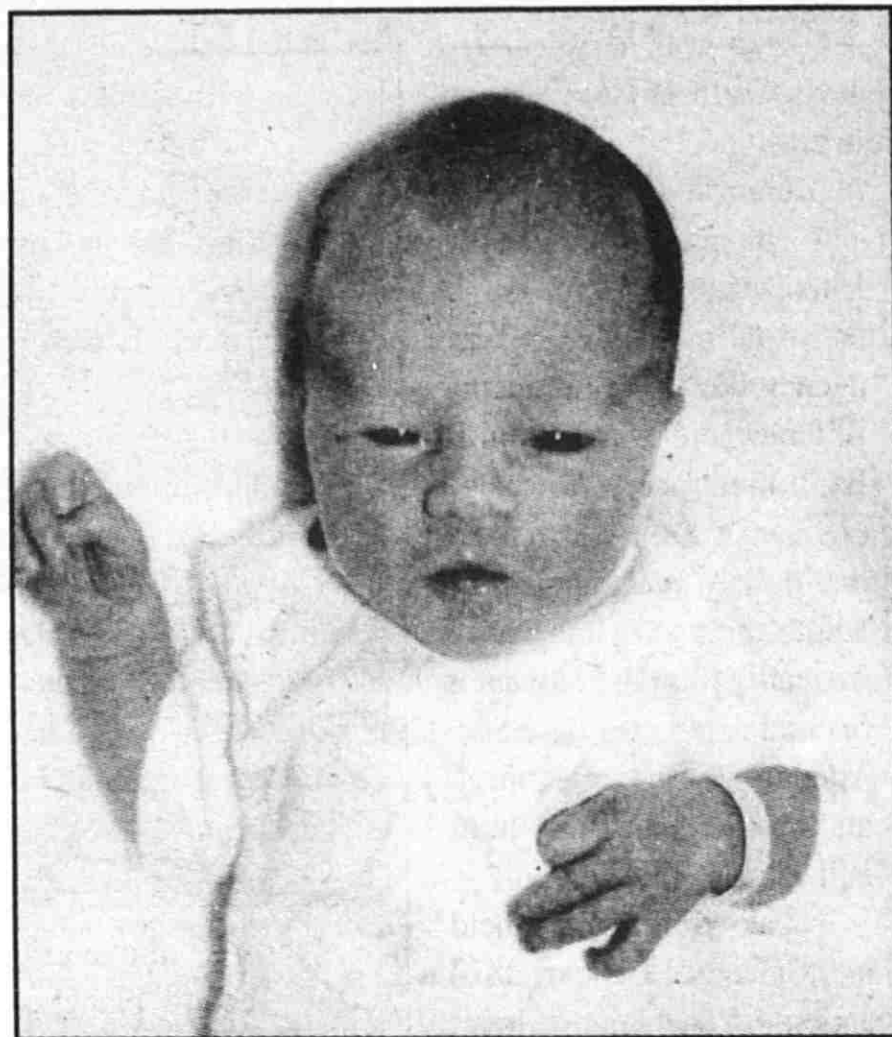
You have to go to the source. Some try to "imagine" or "visualize" what Jesus would say or do, based on their own imaginations, and cook according to their imaginary Jesus. The Bible calls that idolatry. The real truth is in the Bible, because that is where you meet the real Jesus, not in your imagination. The real recipes are there too.

Today is Ash Wednesday, a traditional time of re-examining where our lives have departed from God's recipe. We forsake the fast-food of man-made spirituality, with its empty calories, and go back to the source. He tells

us to scrape out our pans and clean out the fridge when He reminds us that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. We start from zero, with a clean plate, and let Him feed us first; and then He takes us over to the stove and shows us how to feed others with the good stuff. He gathers us in cooking classes (we call them churches, but they'd better be working from the Bible!) so we can help each other get better at cooking up and serving the Bread of Life.

Lose the spiritual junk food and the MacReligion. Repent, and return to the Jesus of the Bible. Now you're cooking!

New Arrivals



Eva Thelma Belle Morgan

Justin and Becky Morgan are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Eva Thelma Belle. She was born on January 11, 2005 weighing 5 lbs. 4 oz.

Proud grandparents are Kris and Roger Blough of Alto and Mike and Cathy Morgan of Lowell, also many proud aunts, uncles and cousins.

McCauls celebrate golden anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Clare McCaul

Clare and Rosemary McCaul of Lowell will celebrate 50 years of marriage on February 12.

Children of the couple are Valerie McCaul, Dan and Annette Bergy, Terry and Roxanne Witherell, Jim and Laurie Sisson and Mike McCaul. They have nine grandchildren.

Local student wins national award for musical talent



Victoria Hekman

Lend A Hand

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Tuesday, Feb. 15 for prospective volunteer tutors. This session is held at

Victoria Hekman of Lowell has earned the "Five Year National Winner" award from the National Guild of Piano Teachers.

Hekman, who is a freshman at Michigan State University, was a student of Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E., of the Franciscan Life Process Center.

More than 100,000 students compete each year for awards presented by the Guild, which is an educational organization of 10,000 piano teachers throughout the United States.

Hekman and Delaski received recognition in the winter 2005 edition of "Piano Guild Notes."

session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training.

The Kent County Literacy Council is a non-profit, United Way agency devoted to reducing illiteracy in our community. By training people to be tutors, the council can offer one-on-one reading help to adults asking for assistance in reading or English as a Second Language (ESL). You do not need to speak another language to tutor ESL.

The session will be held at the Cascade Library, 2870 Jacksmith Ave. SE, Grand Rapids. Call 459-5151 to register.

Hildenbrand receives committee assignments

State Rep. Dave Hildenbrand was appointed by House Speaker Craig DeRoche to serve on the House Commerce, Education and Insurance committees, as well as vice chair of the House Conservation, Forestry and Outdoor Recreation committee.

"I'm very pleased to have the opportunity to serve on these committees," said

Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "The business, education and outdoor policies I will be working on have a direct impact on the 86th House District as well as the entire state."

The 86th House District includes the cities of Lowell, Walker, East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids (part) and Grattan, Vergennes, Lowell, Bowne, Ada and Grand Rapids townships.

Area spellers are top notch

The Cherry Creek Elementary Spelling Bee was held on Monday, January 24. A total of 35 fifth grade students participated.

At right, runner-up Hope Oudbier from MaryBeth Reed's class, and first-place winner Jeffrey Onan from Ausma Pospel's class. Both winners will advance to the regional bee at Potter's House Christian School in Grand Rapids on Feb. 22.



Pictured above are the winners of the St. Patrick School spelling bee: Michael Lazar (second place) and Patrick Firlik (first place). The two students will now participate in the regional competition.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ATTENTION: BIBLE BELIEVERS If you would like to attend a church where the King James Bible is held up as the perfect, preserved word of God with all the words of God for all English speaking people, then give us a visit at: 901 W. Main, Lowell</p> <p>Across the street from the Verren Dodge dealership. 897-6284 or 485-4195 10AM Sunday School, 11AM Morning Service, 6PM Evening Service Wed., 7:30PM Prayer Meeting.</p>	<p>ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M.</p> <p>OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey</p>	<p>Contemporary Services Lowell High School Auditorium (Nursery & Children's Ministry Provided) Sunday Mornings.....10 AM Impact Youth (Sunday's at the Pastor's home) . . .5 PM Phone us @ 897-0333 or 437-5093 Call for a free CD Service Sample</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. Randy Meyers • 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p> <p>DR. MICHAEL T. CONKLIN, PASTOR Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:00 P.M. Rev. Rick Ferguson - 987-6475 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (Assembly of God) 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • 897-1100 • Staffed Nursery Robert W. Holmes, Senior Pastor Dave Noonan, Asst. Pastor Jonathan & Stacy Holmes, Youth Pastors SUNDAYS: Worship: 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (For All Ages) 7 p.m. "XL" Youth: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM; SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10:10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL BRENDA BERGHEM 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48, EMTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org 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</p>	<p>APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES 6:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M. At 215 1/2 W. Main, Lowell (entrance in rear of building) CALL FOR FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES Pastor Robert L. Hubbard Phone: (616) 897-1267 website www.aplighthouse.com</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....10:50 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>PASTOR KEN ANDERSON Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>SOUTH BOSTON BIBLE CHURCH (Kyser Road SE at Grand River Ave.) WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS - WE CARE ABOUT YOU Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Word of Life (for Jr. & Sr. High).....6:30 P.M. Evening Praise.....7:00 P.M. Wednesday Kids Klub (ages 2-5).....7:00 P.M. Olympians (1st-6th grades) Prayer and Bible Study Library, Nursery, College & Children's Services provided - Wheelchair Accessible Church 897-7823 • Parsonage 897-5464 • sbcbcc@juno.com</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Haines, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:30 A.M. AWANA CLUB J.C.Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided - Barrier Free</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road 897-5648 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise & Worship</p>	<p>"Lowell Mission" of the Evangelical Apostolic Church Of North America Located at 404 North Hudson (First Congregational Church Facility) Christ Centered Sunday Worship.....4:00 PM Bishop Alex McCullough.....Clergy In Charge Reverend Deacon Mark O. Fleet, Clergy In Assistance Stacy, Ben, and Alex Fleet.....Musicians Parsonage.....(616) 897-2587 Corporate Web Page.....http://www.caena.org May the Lord fill you and bless you this day!</p>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 10: Richard Korb, Eric Kimble.

FEBRUARY 11: Gladys Thorne, Julie Kenney, Judy Goodwin.

FEBRUARY 12: Peg Stanford, Kurt Roudabush, Travis Bergy.

FEBRUARY 13: Deb Heydenburg, Emily Gerard.

FEBRUARY 14: Heather Claypool, Carol Leyman, Gerri Ellison, Scott Treglia, Lori Rice.

FEBRUARY 15: Jim VanDyke, DeeAnn Merriman, Deanne Newell, Marcus Kline.

FEBRUARY 16: George Blocher, Matthew Schuitema, Tracey Main.

HEALTH

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

PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Peripheral Neuropathy (PN) is a syndrome related to disorder or injury of the peripheral nerves - the nerves outside of the spinal cord. PN usually affects the hands and feet, often causing numbness, tingling, weakness and sometimes significant pain. Some people find PN to be actually disabling.

PN may manifest in many ways. Some people experience altered sensations in their upper or lower extremities. Some report weakness or a heaviness in their feet or hands. Balance may be affected, and clumsiness may result.

Over 20 million people in the U.S. may have PN. It is not a rare occurrence. Because the symptoms may not be severe, it is frequently under-reported. Some patients confuse it with arthritis or "just getting old."

In about one third of cases, the cause for PN is not known. In others, it is related to auto-immune disorders, infections, nutritional imbalance or toxins. PN occurs with other diseases like diabetes, kidney failure, or certain cancers.

PN is treatable for many, although like many other treatable entities, there is no known cure. Medications are available which are very effective in lessening symptoms. More information on PN can be obtained by calling 1-800-247-6968 or by logging on to www.neuropathy.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAROLD K. FEB. 12, 2005

Gotcha On Your Birthday!

That's Just Tough-You Didn't Head South Soon Enough! HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE!

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

To The Editor, cont'd...

From Page 5

Vergennes Township's Master Plan does allow for sensible development in the area proposed for annexation. Sensible, for that area, means allowing a gradual increase in density from rural agricultural lands to the city. It does not mean squeezing in every possible structure, plunking a highly dense city development across the street from farmland, and endangering the environment.

Annexation to the city would be an inefficient and environmentally threatening land use. The city has no housing even near the area. The city has no direct road access to the 177 acres for police and fire protection, and would have to come at least one mile out of the city to enter the property via Foreman/Alden Nash, and one and a half miles to enter the property via Lincoln Lake/Vergennes Rd. And, should a 60-acre wetland home to plants and wildlife sit in the city?

Vergennes Township is one of the "It's-not-too-late" places to save from urban sprawl. All that is missing for suitable development which fits the Vergennes Master Plan is sewer capacity. There is already a sewer line to serve the nearby high school. And the city of Lowell has excess sewer capacity to sell ...

Sincerely,
Marsha Wilcox

To the Editor,

We lament a constant dirge rising in pitch when a tree falls, wetlands are buried, water and air are polluted in the name of commerce and property rights. Our state laws and money favor this degradation with little afforded to that which protects the diversity and health of our ecosystem. This is just fine for developers and lawyers. The property at the end of N. Washington should be different: It is public land (city of Lowell) being developed by our public utilities (Lowell Light and Power/Cable/TV). It is our right and responsibility to stop this degradation of a valuable possession.

Still unable to completely annex all of this 27 acres from Vergennes Township, even after some creative surveying, I believe they will want to expand into the pines east of the present site. Inept planning built and kept the current awkward operation here.

Common sense counters approval to remain or expand at this site. It is on a dead end road where some unforeseen event could delay access to critical equipment. How is this reliable? It is a narrow, deteriorating roadway with no sidewalks shared by three governments. When would these safety concerns be rectified - perhaps too late?

It is a residential area: eight homes adjoin it, 30 on this end, 40 on Jefferson and 40 on Washington having to deal with heavy truck traffic through town. Past and future pollution are intrinsic to their functions: consider the oils, runoff, light, noise, exhaust and its nearness to the river. Think of how it is close to that river access.

Consider the extended future of this development. It will either flourish and perhaps expand to accommodate other facilities, or it will dwindle and lie empty as a relic of a past indiscretion. Neither is acceptable. I suspect the latter. Our small utility will soon meet its boundaries. With the present inflation of equipment and employees with their health and retirement issues pending, we'll be wondering about survival.

And, how is energy deregulation going to impact us? The argument is now made that this area was always utilized this way ... not so. Inventory, equipment, personnel, and traffic doubled, then tripled, as Main St. was lit and growth was evident just a few years ago. Lowell is a boom town and it will only "boom 'til there's no more room." The only planning our utility should be doing is to eliminate waste, centralize their entire operation in an area fit for industry that has proper infrastructure ... with less impact on environment and residents; and to remain flexible for the future. This criteria is not being met here.

That's the business end. I'd go on plenty about the 100 bird species, various plants, wildlife, trees, friends, neighbors, walkers and the joys about here. I know so much and I am so emotional about the health and waste of this area that I have to cry aloud. Join me. I don't feel alone, but the trees Elmer and Charley helped plant are being cut. Resources are being spent. Please let our city and utility know soon how we feel.

Thank you,
Gary Dietzel

FREE-THROW CHAMPS



Over 50 Lowell students, ages 9-14, participated in the Lowell Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship. Winners in each age group will take part in the district tournament on Feb. 12. Pictured are the 2005 winners. Back row, left to right, are: Michael Plite, Jonathon Hanson, Mike Schumm, Sara Messing, Kallie Holzhueter and Jenna Smith; front row are: Tyler Gorby, Blake Lyman, James Herb and Sara Messing. Missing from the picture is Catherine Howard.

College News

Michael L. Gustafson of Lowell, a student in the School of Communication at Northwestern University, has been named to the dean's list for the fall quarter of the 2004-'05 academic year.

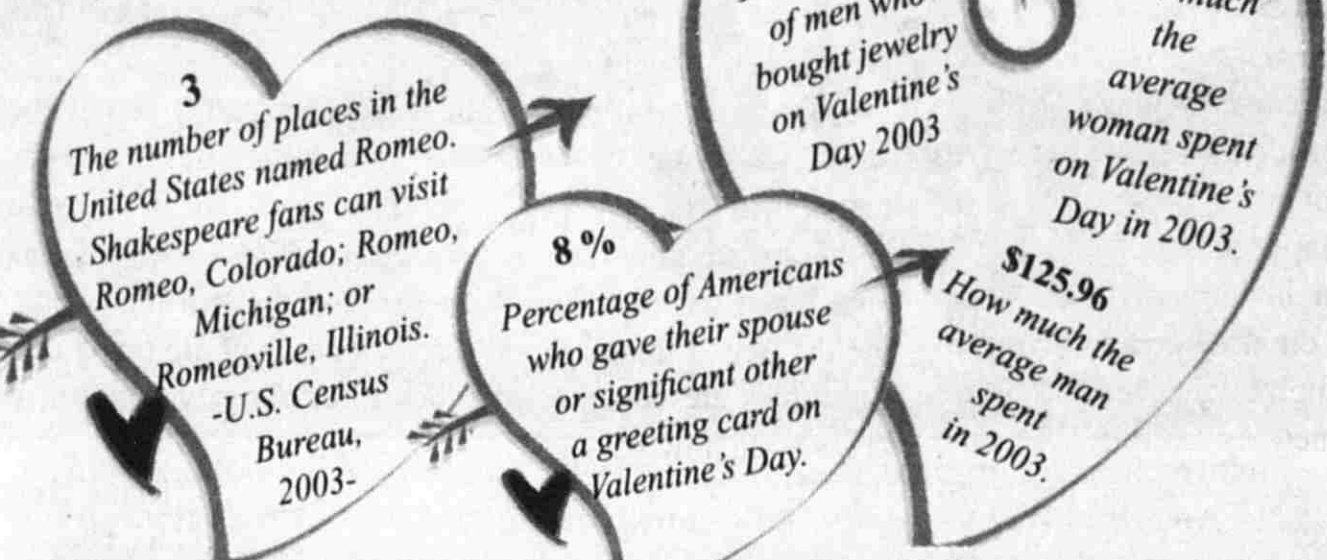
Students on the dean's list have attained a grade point average of at least 3.75/4.0.

Todd Drenth, a junior majoring in political economy and history at Hillsdale College, was named to the dean's list for the 2004 fall semester.

Drenth, a 2002 graduate of Lowell High School, is the son of Tom and Carol Drenth of Lowell.

Cornerstone University recently announced its dean's list for the 2004 fall semester. The following Lowell area students maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average to be included on the list: **Janelle M. Horton** and **Jessica Ann Tjapkes**.

Valentine's Day by the Numbers



TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

MIKA MEYERS BECKETT & JONES PLC
ATTORNEYS

John T. Sperla
Mark A. Kehoe
Ross A. Leisman

Benjamin A. Zainea
Heidi A. Lyon
Daniel J. Parmeter, Jr.

307-A E. Main Street
Lowell, Michigan 49331
(616) 897-3111 www.mmbjlaw.com

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

Arctic, Inc.

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING

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

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

HERBERT PETT
Telecommunications Consultant

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

CUMBERLAND Retirement Village

A Leisure Living Managed Community

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

NEED PAIN RELIEF?

DOCTORS CHIROPRACTIC & MASSAGE THERAPY CAN HELP:

- ARTHRITIS • HEADACHES • NECK & LOW BACK PAIN
- NUMBNESS & TINGLING • HIP & SHOULDER PAIN
- HERNIATED DISCS • SPORTS INJURIES

... WITHOUT THE USE OF DRUGS OR SURGERY (Most Insurances Accepted)

Call us today for a **FREE** stress buster massage and consultation at "NO" Charge!!!
897-4999

Dr. Paul Tuthill
Certified Computer Spine Analyst
RIGHT IN FRONT OF MEIJER

YOU COULD BE SAVING \$\$\$\$ ADVERTISING IN THIS SPACE!!!

Curtis Accounting & Tax Services

209 E. Main St. - Suite A, Lowell, MI

Complete accounting, payroll and tax services
(616) 897-4120 • (616) 262-4873

Look for our LENT SPECIALS in the Ledger!

Stop in any time for our **DAILY SPECIALS!**

We have the best selection of **FRESH FISH** and chicken, something to make everyone happy!

FRY DADDY'S
608 West Main CALL 897-FISH

TO ADVERTISE IN THE LEDGER BUSINESS DIRECTORY Call 897-9261

AT YOUR SERVICE

Thomet
Chevrolet BUICK

SERVICE HOURS: M, T, TH & FR • 8-5; WED • 8-9
Phone 897-9294

KIRK COLLINS
Owner

Showboat
AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY, INC.

Auto Value

1450 W. Main St., Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231
HOURS: MON - FRI 8-7; SAT 8-5:30; SUN 9-3

BILL WHEELER
Certified Public Accountant

W.J. WHEELER MICHIGAN

103 Riverside Dr.
Lowell, Michigan 49331
616-897-7711

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL WETCLEANER SAME DAY SERVICE MON-FRI in by 9:30 a.m.

CURTIS CLEANERS • LAUNDRY CAR WASH

Open 7 days • 897-9809 • 1410 W. Main

FEBRUARY SPECIAL

SWEATERS 25% OFF

6th LAUNDERED SHIRT ALWAYS FREE

Turn Laundry Day... Into Laundry Hour

- * 20 lb., 30 lb. & 60 lb. Washers Spins Clothes Almost Dry
- * Fast-Drying 30 lb. & 75 lb. Dryers
- * Special Cycle for Rugs & Blankets

Buy life insurance and save on your home and car.

When you buy your life insurance from us through Auto-Owners Insurance, you'll receive special discounts on your home, mobile home or car insurance. We'll save you money. As an independent Auto-Owners agent, we take great interest in you - as well as your home and car. We are specialists in insuring people and the things they own.

Auto-Owners Insurance

LEGAL INSURANCE AGENCY

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

Dale Triplett

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

JB HARRISON INSURANCE AGENCY
COMPETITIVE AUTO RATES

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

Daniel Urich Judy Harrison

6661 Alden Nash, Alto 868-0050

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

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

BUSINESSES SERVICES

BUSINESSES SERVICES

F.R.O.M. raises \$5,000 for tsunami relief aid

By Dan Schneider

At the end of a month of communitywide fundraising, Flat River Outreach Ministries Inc. handed the American Red Cross checks and cash totaling \$5,000. It will benefit disaster relief efforts in the southeast Asia region struck by the tsunami in December.

Donations came from a variety of sources in the community, including individuals and students. The student council at Lowell Middle School, for instance, made a donation of \$750 to the fund. Cherry Creek Elementary students raised money by doing such things as shoveling

snow and collecting pop cans. Their combined efforts raised over \$1,500 for the fund.

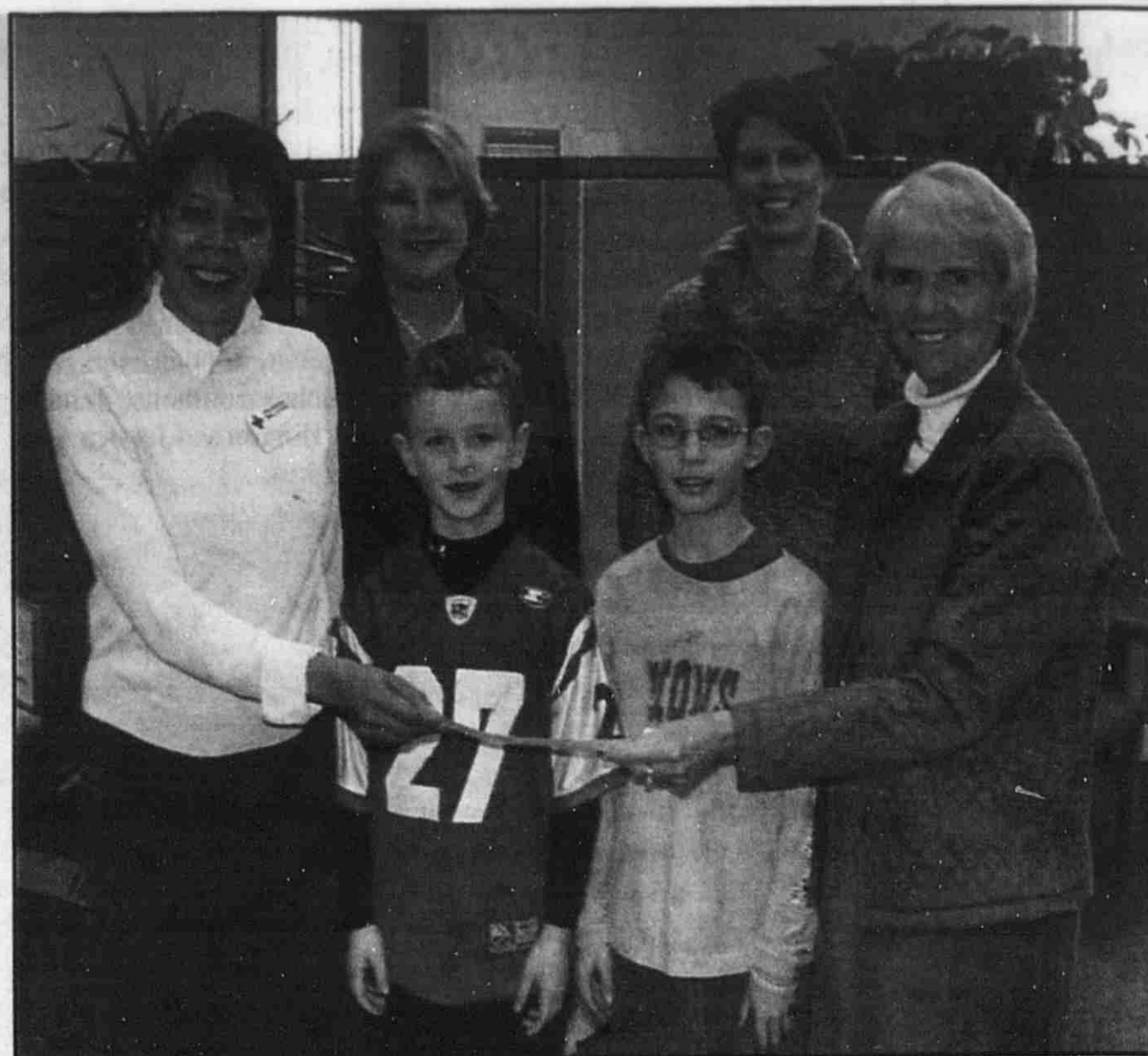
Halfway through the month, F.R.O.M. had raised \$1,229. With school and other donations, the fund had grown to \$4,979.94 by last Thursday when a Red Cross representative came to pick up funds at Huntington Bank in Lowell. Ann Dimmick, the F.R.O.M. committee member who organized the drive, chipped in \$20.06 to make it an even \$5,000.

Dollie Grant, fund development officer for the American Red Cross of West Central Michigan, which covers Kent, Ionia,

Barry and Montcalm counties, said donations have been pouring in from around the region since the tsunami. These include other communitywide fund drives similar to the one organized by F.R.O.M.

"We've probably received close to a couple thousand individual donations from the West Michigan area," Grant said. "That will go for providing food, clothing, shelter, any medical needs as well as mental health needs."

The Flat River Outreach Ministries Tsunami Relief Fund at Huntington Bank will remain open for further donations until Feb. 15.



Pictured from left to right, front row, are: Dollie Grant, fund development officer for the American Red Cross of West Central Michigan; Cherry Creek third grade student Jacob North; Cherry Creek fifth grade student and Jacob's older brother J.P. North; and Flat River Outreach Ministries committee member Ann Dimmick. Pictured in the back are Lowell Middle School teacher Jane Bushell and Cherry Creek Elementary teacher Sheri Milstead.

Hahn Hardware closes, continued... From Page 1

Ford has been working at the shop since Hahn hired him in 1973. He bought the store 19 years later.

"It was the job I had when I was in high school and I always enjoyed coming in, trouble-shooting people's problems and helping them find what they needed," Ford said. "And I still enjoy coming to work after 30 years, I just can't make a living at it. And that's what's hard for me, I still don't mind coming in here every morning."

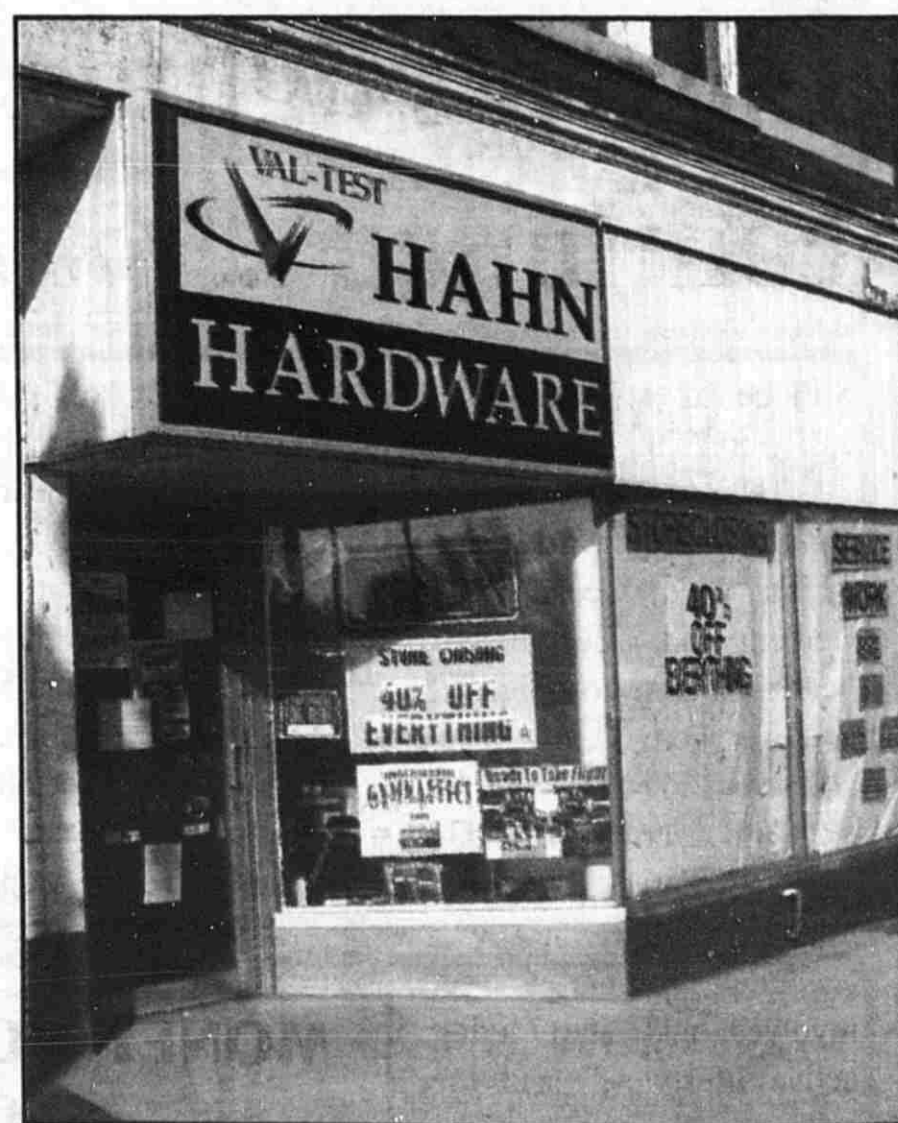
The store has given jobs to many high school students over the years. Lowell High School junior Quade Chesebro runs the store from 3 to 6 p.m., weekdays.

"It was a good experience working here, it's a shame to see it go," he said. "Bob taught me numerous things that I never would have learned anywhere else."

Chesebro started working there through the Community Based Instruction (CBI) program at the high school and then Ford hired him on a year ago. Ford's store has been a CBI work site for a few years now.

"He used to work right alongside the kids and show them the ropes ... it's the only way to say it; he showed them how to do everything," said CBI instructor Keith Boeve. "Showed them how to fix the screens, everything."

For the last several years, Ford has done handyman and lock work as a side business. He plans to expand this business after the hardware store closes. Out of his home,



Hahn Hardware, a fixture on Lowell's Main Street since 1950, will close Feb. 24.

he will continue doing screen and window repair, pipe threading, and some other services for contractors. Ford will also continue to special-order products for people.

"If they want some special order stuff, I can help them there," Ford said. "We've always been known for having hard-to-find stuff."

Featured Artist Cheryl Perry

By Dan Schneider

The watercolorist says her favorite color is green, but it is the yellow that jumps out of the lemons and sunflowers in paintings by Cheryl Perry currently on display at Huntington Galleria.

Like many artists whose work has been exhibited in Lowell, Perry, of Ada, has had a lifelong interest in art. As a young child, she drew all the time. Now that her own children are grown, she has some free time to enjoy art again. For the last seven years, that has meant painting with watercolors.

"The watercolor paper is a little washier and loose, and so that's what I like about it," Perry explained. "The paint goes where it wants to and you get things that you don't expect that just show up."



Elementary patriotism

Fifth grade students at Alto Elementary presented a selection of skits on the theme of "The Core Democratic Values" Friday, Jan. 28. Pictured, from left to right, are Kristin Reid, Blake Lyman as George Washington, Kayla Blough as Betsy Ross and Greg Blanton as Francis Scott Key. This photo was taken shortly after a rendition of "Yankee Doodle Dandy" by the Alto school choir. The performance, in six acts, was called "Welcome to the Red, White and Blue Museum." It addressed the principles that are the basis for American government, such as popular sovereignty and the common good, life and liberty, justice and equality, and diversity and patriotism. The skits were well-received by a large audience composed mostly of parents. In its entirety, the performance lasted about 45 minutes.

Lowell's lighter, continued ... From Page 1

Still, he expects Lowell will easily break the record.

"Things will slow down, but I'm guessing we'll beat that at about week eight," Retberg said. "Everybody's been getting in (to weigh in) and everybody's enthusiasm still seems to be high."

Organizers want things to stay that way.

"Hopefully, it will encourage people to get involved and start living active lifestyles," said the associate director. "The whole goal is to keep people going through the summer."

Participants are given healthy-living tips, recipes and exercises at weekly weigh-ins. Apples were once passed out as reminders of healthy eating.

"We try to give everybody something every week just to keep people excited and keep it fun," Retberg said.

It is hoped that these measures, in addition to the team approach, will keep people living healthy lifestyles in Lowell.

"They've made those friends and now they have

that support system," said Retberg. Some teams formed from groups of relative strangers.

The higher-than-anticipated participation will make attaining the goal easier. But event organizers will probably leave the goal at 2,005 pounds and "blow it out of the water," according to Retberg.

MONEY DOESN'T GROW ON TREES!

But it may be hanging out in your garage, attic or basement! Cash that money in with a classified in the Lowell Ledger! Ph. 897-9261 • Fax 897-4809 email: classifieds@lowellbuyersguide.com

She had previously painted mainly with acrylic, a more solid and predictable paint. "Now that I've been painting as long as I have, in seven years I've become a lot more loose and free," she said.

Painting, for Perry, is a stress release; it also gives her the opportunity to meet other artists. Perry paints "a lot of nature scenes, landscapes at different times of the year, seasons."

The artwork on display includes several floral pieces, abstract natural landscapes and a big blue jay. Perry takes photographs outside and paints from them; all were completed within the last three years.

The watercolorist's work is on exhibit through March 5 at Huntington Galleria, 414 E. Main St. All art shows at the gallery are presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council.



Watercolor artist Cheryl Perry with her painting "Glass Jars." This is one of her 18 paintings currently on display at the Huntington Galleria



Remember our deadline is Fridays at 4 p.m. for the Wednesday publication. Lowell Ledger 105 N. Broadway • 897-9261

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

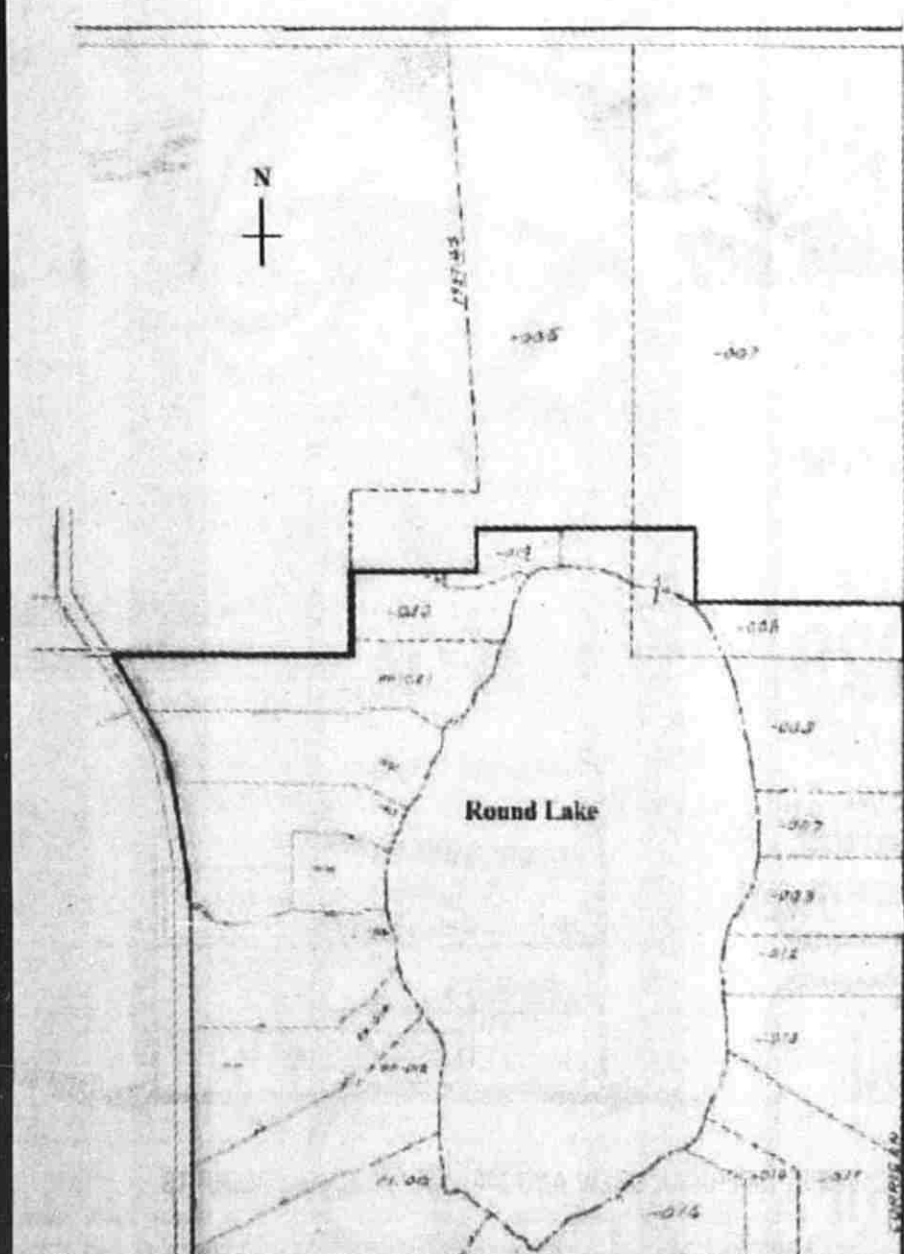
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan, Kent County, Michigan, having received petitions to make certain public improvements to Round Lake consisting of the application of herbicide treatments for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants, from record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area in the proposed special assessment district described below, has resolved its intention to proceed on the petitions and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said Improvements in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and which together comprise the following proposed special assessment district:

ROUND LAKE WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

The lots included within the proposed special assessment district are depicted on the map appearing below the lots and parcel numbers.

Lots and Parcels Numbered:

41-12-21-400-003, 41-12-21-400-007, 41-12-21-400-008, 41-12-21-400-011, 41-12-21-400-012, 41-12-21-400-013, 41-12-21-400-014, 41-12-21-400-016, 41-12-21-326-002, 41-12-21-326-006, 41-12-21-326-012, 41-12-21-326-013, 41-12-21-326-014, 41-12-21-326-015, 41-12-21-326-018, 41-12-21-326-019, 41-12-21-326-020, 41-12-21-326-021, 41-12-21-200-005, 41-12-21-200-007, 41-12-21-200-008



TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

Periodic redeterminations of the cost of the Improvements may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 188.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: January 24, 2005. Lana F. Green, Clerk Township of Grattan

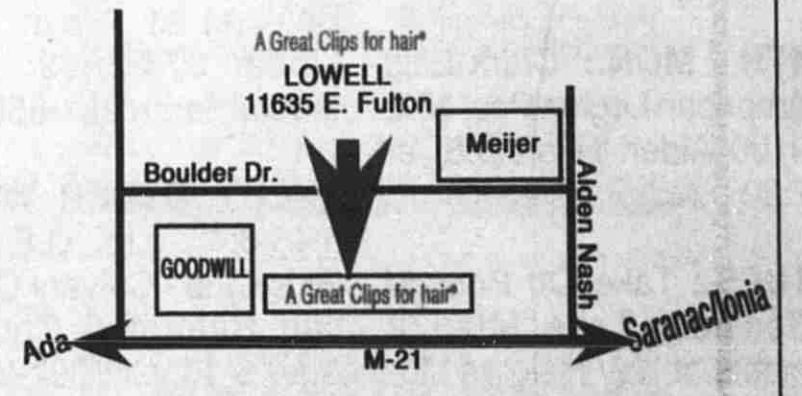
Grand Opening



Here's an offer you can't refuse.

Great Clips for hair!

Stone Ridge Center 11635 Fulton St. - Lowell Hours: Mon-Fri 9-9, Sat 9-6, Sun 12-5 616-897-9520 No appointments necessary. Great Haircuts. Every Time. Every Where.



WE CARRY GREAT CLIPS, AMERICAN CREW AND MATRIX HAIRCARE PRODUCTS. HAIRCUT & BLOWDRY \$4.99 Not valid with other offers. Limit one coupon per customer. Good at participating locations. OFFER EXPIRES 2-26-05. HAIRCUT & BLOWDRY \$4.99 Not valid with other offers. Limit one coupon per customer. Good at participating locations. OFFER EXPIRES 2-26-05.

COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit 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.

SUN.: V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo. Doors open: 11 a.m.; 1st game: 1 p.m. at Lowell Veterans Center, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. Every Sunday except holidays.

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 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. Next meeting Feb. 21 at 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 MI#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, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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.: 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 & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. New members are welcome.

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 at St. Mary School at 7:30 p.m.

3RD TUES.: Parents of children w/AD/HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE/ E. Bellline 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 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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 Women'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. 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, 750 Fuller NE.

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. "Parenting For Success", 7-8:30 p.m. Call 642-6466 for info.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. 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.: LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers at Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Pat or Judy at 897-7842.

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.

3RD SAT.: Scrapbooking the holidays, one Saturday only, March 19, 10-5 p.m. at 4Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Bring scrapbooking supplies, pictures and sack lunch. Call 642-6466 to register.

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.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Mon. & Sat. 9:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 12-8 p.m.; Thurs. 1-5 p.m.

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.

THURS., FEB. 10: Academic Boosters meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. in volunteer room at Lowell High School. Parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

SAT., FEB. 12: Foodmobile at Lowell fairgrounds, 10-11 a.m. Bring box or bag for mostly produce. Available to anyone in the Greater Lowell area. Distributed by F.R.O.M.

SAT., FEB. 12: Ukrainian egg decorating workshop for adults at the Wittenbach Wege Center. \$15. Call Luanne or Judy at 897-7688 (Lowell Area Historical Museum) to register.

WED., FEB. 16: Open Space Committee of Vergennes Twp. annexation info. session from 7-9 p.m. at Wittenbach Center. Call 897-5671 with questions.

WED., FEB. 16: Lowell Area Fire Dept. blood drive from 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

WED., FEB. 17: Parenting

For Success, held at 4 Health Wellness Center in Saranac. Topic on "Risk/Protective Factors, Substance Use," 7 p.m. Call 642-6466 to sign up.

TUES., FEB. 22: Freshman Center parent meeting, 7:30 p.m. West House parents meet in Commons; East House in LPAC.

THURS., MARCH 3: Free food commodities for low income families, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 1320 E. Main (Moose Lodge). 897-5150 or 897-8754. Show proof of income; S.S.#s required.

SAT., MARCH 5: Indoor Garage Sale at LHS cafeteria, 9-2 p.m. Adm.: \$1. Sponsored by Class of '07. Concession open.

SUN., MARCH 6: Lowell Day in Lakeland, 1 p.m. buffet at Huntington Hills Golf and Country Club, Duff Rd. 863-683-6336 Mary.

WE SHIP UPS!

Our Prices Can't Be Beat!
Call Us for a Price Quote!
Weight & Zip Code Required for a Quote



The Lowell Ledger
105 N. Broadway, 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; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

WED., FEB. 9: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Cheshire; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Math Games.

THURS., FEB. 10: 9:30 a.m. Glaucoma Testing; 12:15 p.m. Dance Westside; 6:30 p.m. LAAC Play "Babe."

FRI., FEB. 11: 10 a.m. Community Senior Neighbors Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON. FEB. 14: 12 p.m. Pizza & Salad; 12:30 p.m. Valentine Party.

TUES., FEB. 15: 10:30 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 4:30 p.m. Brann's.

WED., FEB. 16: 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer.

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.

THURS., FEB. 17: 12:45 p.m. Shop Wal-Mart & Dollar Store.

FRI., FEB. 18: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., FEB. 21: 12:45 p.m. Shop Ionia K-Mart & Save-A-Lot.

TUES., FEB. 22: 10:30 a.m. Reading Grandparents; 12:15 p.m. Alto School Lunch.

WED., FEB. 23: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast at Bob Evans.

THURS., FEB. 24: 4:30 p.m. Dinner at Chinese Restaurant.

LOWELL COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Look Memorial Fire Station
315 S. Hudson, Lowell

2 to 7 P.M.

Sponsored by the
Lowell Area Fire Department and Grand Valley Blood Program...



This Message Sponsored By These Lowell Businesses & Professionals...

FIFTH THIRD BANK
11915 Fulton St.,
Lowell, Michigan
897-1800

KING MILLING CO.
115 S. Broadway,
Lowell, Michigan
897-9264

TIMPSON ORCHARDS
3175 Segwun,
Lowell, Michigan
897-9032

REGAL INS. AGENCY
835 W. Main,
Lowell, Michigan
897-9259

ICNB Hometown Banking
2601 W. Main
Lowell, Michigan
897-6171

LOWELL MEDICAL SPECIALISTS
Mark Evenhouse M.D.
John Mogor M.D.
Joan Miedema M.D.
897-8436

JAMES REAGAN, DDS
207 W. Main
Lowell, Michigan
897-7179

ROTH-GERST FUNERAL HOME
305 N. Hudson
Lowell, Michigan
897-7101

LOWELL LIGHT & POWER/CABLE
127 N. Broadway
Lowell, Michigan
897-8405

STATE FARM INSURANCE
Roger Chapman
217 W. Main
Lowell, Michigan
897-9237

LOWELL FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER
Dr. Paul R. Gauthier, D.O.
Dr. James C. Lang, D.O.
Dr. John G. Meier D.O.
Dr. Wayne A. Christenson D.O.
Dr. Tracy Lixie D.O.
252-5600

THE CITY OF LOWELL
301 E. Main,
Lowell, Michigan
897-8457

LOWELL GRANITE
306 E. Main
Lowell, Michigan
897-7191

SHOWBOAT AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY INC.
1450 W. Main
Lowell, Michigan
897-9231

ANIMAL HOSPITAL & PET COMPLEX OF LOWELL
11610 E. Fulton
Lowell, Michigan
897-8484

BUYERS GUIDE
105 N. Broadway
Lowell, Michigan
897-9555

Murray Lake Character in Action Award Winners

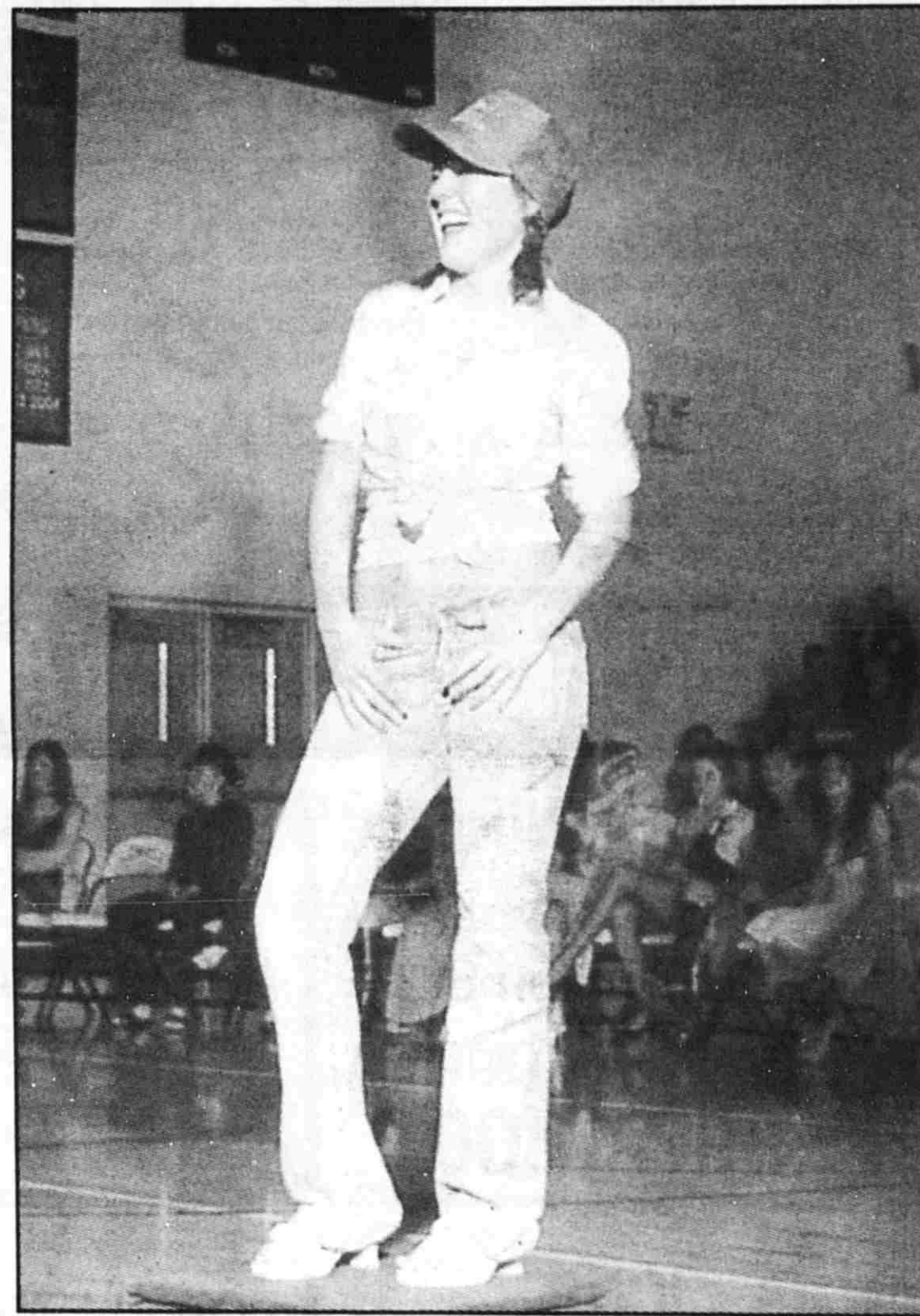
Staff members at Murray Lake Elementary nominated the following students for the January Character in Action Award. These students put the character trait trustworthiness into action.

Pictured, front row: Kyle Mankel, Cody Lavallee, Carter Noskey, Evan Mierendorf, Micaela Vandenberg, Maria Briggs, Santana Boulton, Andi Reynolds, Allison Mooney, Adam Marks and Dawson Cooper; middle row: Alexandra Chapdelaine, Morgan Vulpetti, Nathan Kyburz, Laurel Bronkella, Rachel Yomtoob and Francesca Robinson; back row: Michael Fogarty-Thomas, Skylar DeVries, Justin Doll, Aaron Nowak, Garrett DeBoer, Katy Mork, Alex Kaminski and Ben Kohtz. Missing from the picture are: Rose Ford-Weber, Keana Fahrni and Bravot Morris.



Soccer team on the block

The Lowell varsity soccer team put Sarah Smith and 14 other members of the team on the auction block last Friday. The bachelorette auction raised money to cover unexpected costs for the team's training and team-building spring break trip to Tucson, Ariz. The airline they were planning to fly on, ATA, no longer flies out of Gerald R. Ford Airport, forcing the team to buy more expensive tickets with another airline. Winning bidders won a date to this weekend's Sweetheart Swirl dance and dinner with the whole gang of soccer girls. A portion of the money raised will also be donated to Flat River Outreach Ministries.



You Always Protect The Ones You Love
The security of life insurance, the smiles of your children, the help of your Farm Bureau Insurance agent. The best things in life are pretty simple. Call today.

Mark Johnson
6095 28th St., SE, Ste. 4
Grand Rapids
940-8181

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

NEW!!!
STARTING FEB. 5TH
SATURDAY NIGHT
SERVICE...
5:30PM

IMPACT presents

1

THE INCREDIBLES
"everyone's incredible until you get to know them"

Feb. 5, 6 "Myth Busters: Superheroes Unmasked"
Feb. 12, 13 "Desperate Housewives"
Feb. 19, 20 "Meet the Fakers: Lie behind closed doors"
Feb. 26, 27 "Doing Life Together... really?"

FOR MORE INFO
CALL THE IMPACT OFFICES • 897-8301
OR VISIT US AT IMPACT-CHURCH.ORG

Woods BUILDERS

OPEN SUNDAY 3-5 pm

9327 Clear Meadow \$196,025 1640 sq ft	5018 Clear Ridge \$210,125 1878 sq ft
• 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath	• 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath
• Daylight basement	• Crown molding
• Master suite	• 2nd floor laundry
• Spacious lot	• Open floor plan
• Large Kitchen, pantry	• 1 acre lot, walkout

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

For more information contact:
616/262-0424
woodsbuildershomes.com

A robin - could spring be far behind?

Bonnie Nethercott spotted the first robin of the year last Thursday morning at 8 o'clock in the backyard of her home on Bailey Drive. The robin was perched on the branch of a maple tree "singing a beautiful song," Nethercott said. "I had to look to find her or him." She first heard the robin upon letting her dogs out, and the bird was still singing when she returned to let them in.

As I would not be a slave,
so I would not be a master.
This expresses my
idea of democracy.
-Abraham Lincoln

Lowell basketball falls to Pioneers, Knights

East Grand Rapids rematch decided in final minutes of play

By Dan Schneider

Lowell suffered a pair of losses in last week's basketball action.

The first came last Tuesday hosting East, and then on Friday, the Arrows fell 53-44 at Kenowa Hills. The Knights held the lead through that entire game, despite a close-scoring second half.

Kenowa hit five 3-pointers to Lowell's two and outrebounded the Arrows 39-33 but the game was close, statistically. Ryan Lane led Lowell in scoring with 11 points and Mike Koster led on the boards with seven rebounds.

Against East Grand Rapids, it was a hard-fought, close game. Unfortunately for Lowell, it was another game that slipped away in the final minutes as the

Pioneers won 49-42.

Lowell and East went back and forth through a low-scoring first half. Lowell led after the first quarter and East was up 17-16 at halftime.

The Pioneers got the jump on Lowell in the third quarter. They were up 26-18 at one point before the Red Arrows got some fast break opportunities and closed the gap to 28-26, to the excitement of the crowd. Ryan Lane later tied the game at 35 with a swooping reverse layup.

The game was tied again at 39 with 3:44 left to play. East took control at that point, despite turning the ball over repeatedly. Lowell was unable to get shots to fall on the other end.

"It seemed like that rim for about a minute and a half

had a lid on it," said Lowell coach Jeff McDonald.

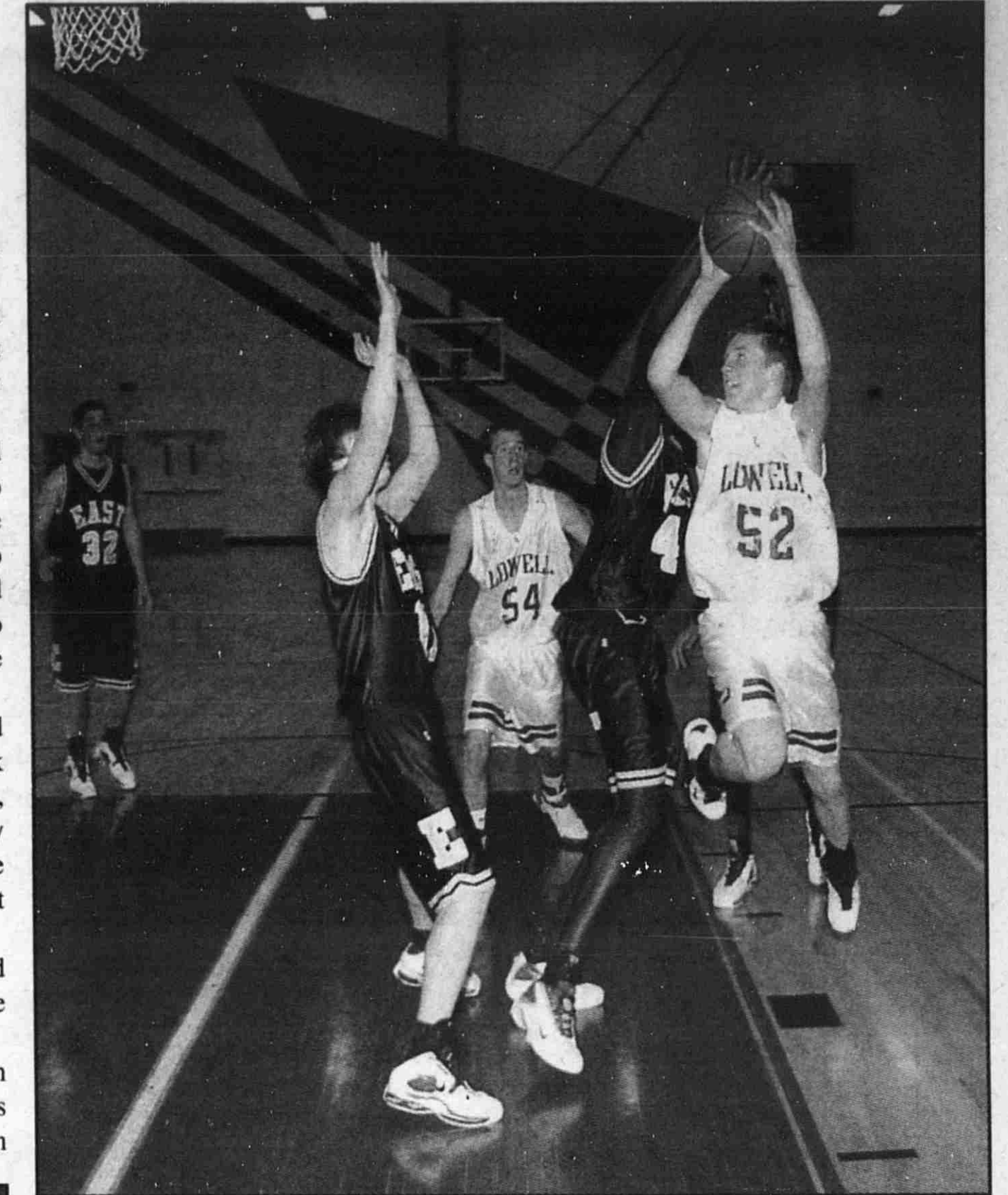
For Lowell, it was another game that frustratingly slipped away in the final minutes.

"Once again we played a state rated team down to the last two minutes of the game and we just need to finish those," McDonald said. "Nobody deserves to win a close game like these kids."

Lowell held the lead at the two-minute mark in losses to Greenville, Middleville and Unity Christian this season. The Unity Christian game went into overtime.

To East coach Ed Crisman, the key to the victory was defense.

"Everybody's been talking about DeMarcus (Grady)'s 18 and Kelvin



Lowell's Mike McElroy goes up for a shot against East Grand Rapids' defenders. A foul was called against East on the ground before the shot.

(Grady)'s 17, but the key was Cam Pekham, Doug Price and Chris Teets," he said.

Crisman credited the three with containing Lowell's Josh Hettinga, whose three-point shooting plagued the Pioneers when the teams met earlier this year. East won 59-57 when they hosted Lowell in that game. Hettinga was held scoreless from the field in last Tuesday's game.

"We felt the defensive key was to keep him covered," Crisman said. McDonald is also happy with his team's defense.

"We wanted to keep the ball out of Kelvin Grady's hands and we made him give it up enough that they would make some mistakes," he said.

East remains undefeated in the OK White. Lowell is 4-5 in the OK White and 6-8 overall this season.

According to McDonald, the team isn't getting discouraged.

"We deserve to win a close one against a great team," he said. "We'll keep fighting, that's the thing with this team is we'll keep fighting. It's a joy to come to practice every day; these guys have a great attitude and they play hard."

East won the junior varsity game 42-29 and the freshman game 44-42.



Lowell's Mike Koster drives inside against East's DeMarcus Grady. He made the layup at the end of the drive.

NEED COPIES?

BLACK & WHITE
Only 15¢ per copy
or
11 OR MORE
Only 10¢ per copy

COLOR COPIES
Only 95¢ per copy - 8 1/2" x 11"
or
Only \$1.25 per copy - 11" x 17"

The Lowell Ledger
105 N. Broadway
897-9261

We're Having A Party!

Learn everything you need to know about buying a house.

Professionals will be there to help.
Class will be held
Feb. 17, 2005, 7:00 P.M.
at the 5/3 Lowell Branch
11915 Fulton St.
Lowell, MI 49331

Call Darlene VanHalsema at 616-653-9626 if interested.

Our deferred annuity plan will interest you.

If you're interested in earning high interest on your savings, tax deferred and with no-load, then we have the plan for you with Auto-Owners Insurance Company. Contributions to the plan can be made when it's convenient for you. Stop in our agency and see us today!

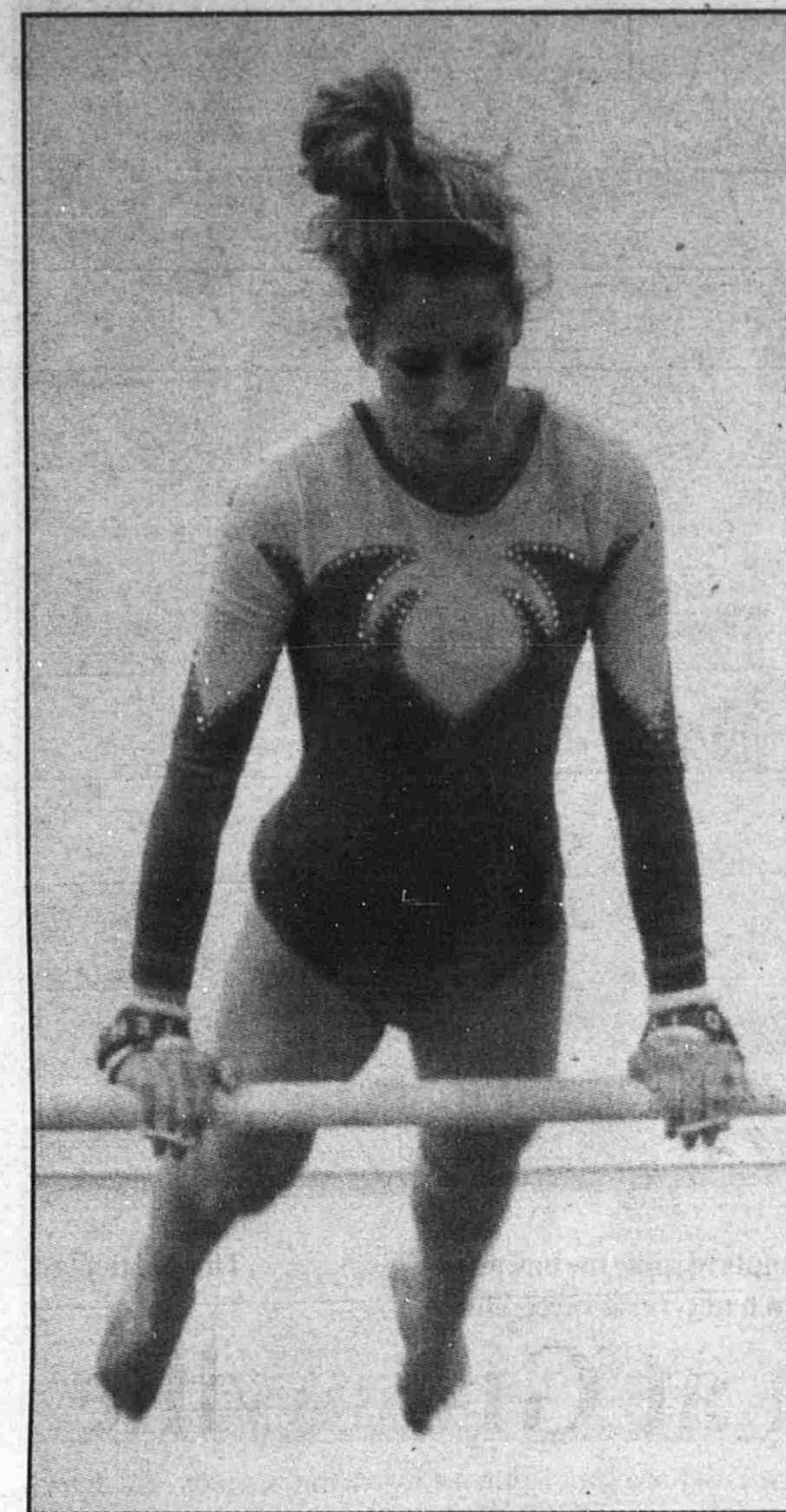
Auto-Owners Insurance
Life Home Car Business
The No Problem People®

Regal Insurance Agency
835 W. Main St. • Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-9259
(800) 804-3322



Red Arrow gymnasts victorious over Dutch

By Dan Schneider



Lowell's Amanda Rau performs on the uneven bars against Holland.

The Lowell gymnastics team outscored visiting Holland last Wednesday in the high school auxiliary gym.

The Red Arrows' score was 130.65 to the Dutch's 126.075.

"They did really good," Lowell coach Michele DeHaan said. "Really good floor routines. Vault was really good today, too."

"I think my team did pretty well," Holland coach Andrea Wiersma said. "Probably our strongest event is floor and beam. We have a lot of bonus in some of our jumps so as long as we can hit them, we do pretty well."

Rebecca Underwood and Amanda Rauscored 8.95,

the top score of the night, on floor. After failing to land an Arabian—a half twist in the air and back flip out of a back hand spring—in two practice passes, Underwood stuck the landing during her routine.

"That pass has been giving all three of them—Jenna and Becca and Amanda—trouble all year," DeHaan said.

Jenna Dickerman scored 8.6 on floor for fourth place. Kelli Kowalski scored 8.05.

Dickerman scored 8.8 on the vault to take second place. Kowalski and Rau scored 8.5 on vault, which was the third-highest score that night. Underwood scored 8.05.

Dickerman took first place and scored 8.65 on

an impressive uneven bars routine that included a stuck landing.

"Bars is extremely hard to hit a nine and Jenna has just been trying her hardest, and we're hoping by the end of the season she'll get there," DeHaan said.

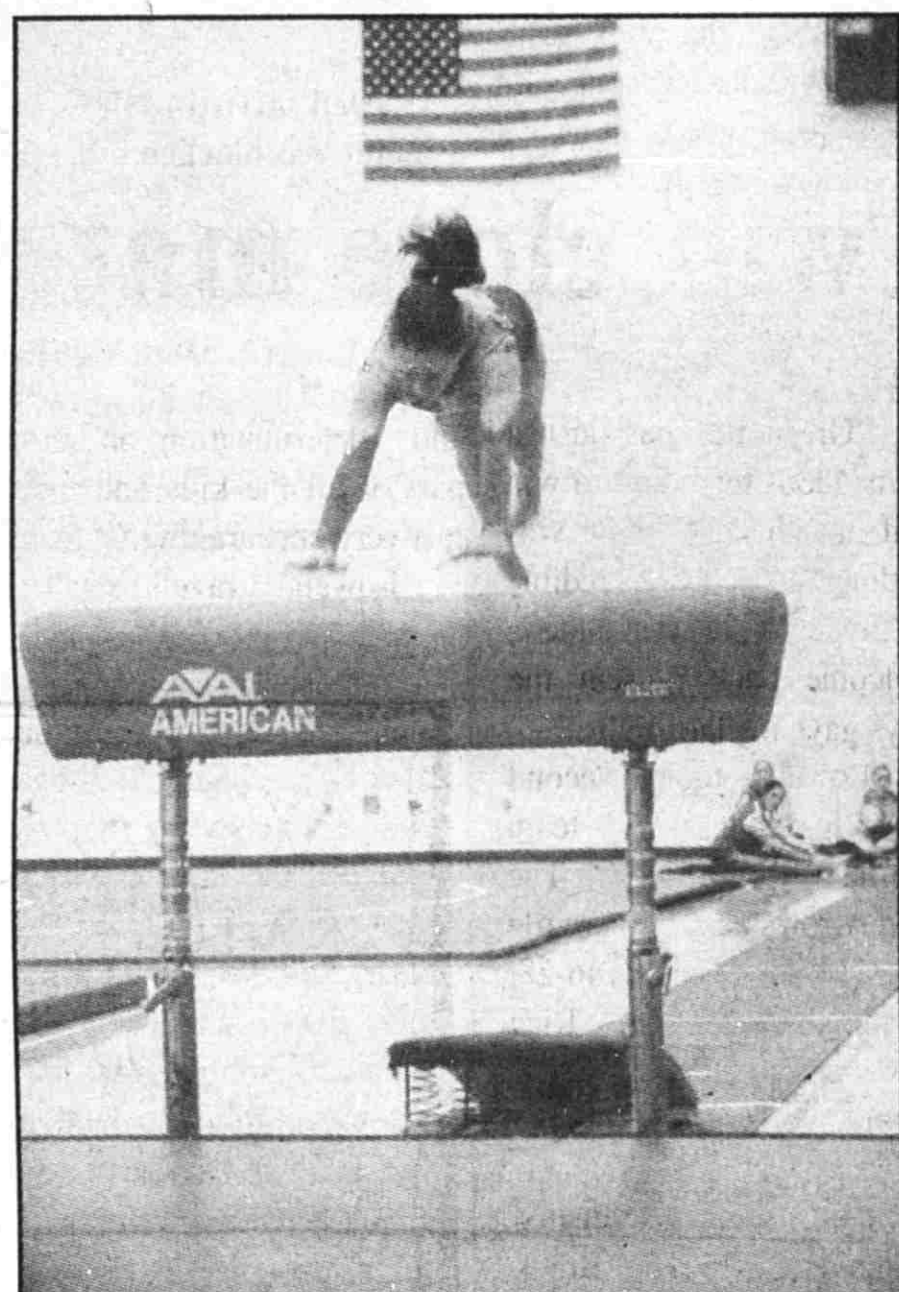
Rau scored 7.9 on bars to take third place on the night while Underwood took fourth with a 7.55. Kowalski followed in fifth place with a 7.2.

Dickerman placed second on beam with an 8.05. Underwood placed fourth with 7.9. Rau scored 7.8 for fifth place and

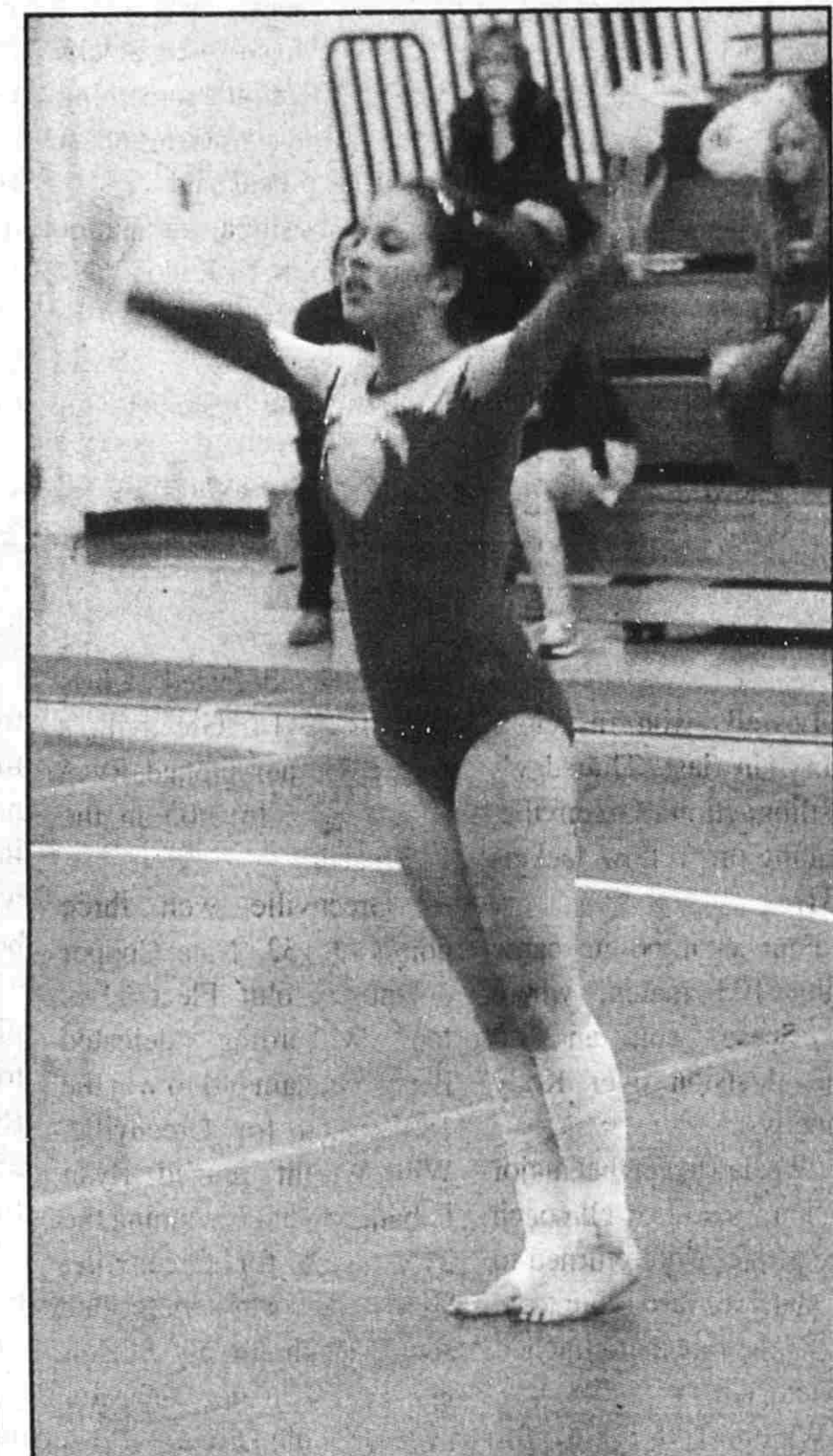
Kowalski scored 7.25.

Three Red Arrows are qualified for all-around competition at this year's regionals: Dickerman, Rau and Underwood. Kowalski is qualified on vault and bars and Leannah Seese, on vault and floor. To qualify for each event, a gymnast must post four regional qualifying scores during the course of the regular season: 7.7 for vault, 7.0 for bars, 7.4 for beam and 7.9 for floor exercise.

Lowell faced Kenowa Hills at home Monday and hosted Forest Hills Tuesday.



Lowell's Rebecca Underwood on vault last Wednesday.



Lowell's Olivia Breuker in the middle of her floor exercise routine against Holland.

ACE SUPER COUPON
RENT THE STEAMER-CLEANER \$5 OFF
BERNARD'S ACE HARDWARE
 1601 W. Main • Lowell
 (616) 897-9490
 LIMIT 1 COUPON PER CUSTOMER
 EXPIRES 2-28-05

Red Arrow volleyball trounces visiting Yellow Jackets

Lowell finishes fifth in tournament at Northwood University in Midland

By Dan Schneider

The host Lowell Red Arrows won a match against Greenville last Thursday in three games.

The Arrows won the first game 25-17 and didn't let the Yellow Jackets get even that close in the subsequent two games. Lowell won those 25-10 and 25-12, respectively.

"We played really well tonight," said Lowell coach Gigi Peal. This included both the offense, with a night of big kills by Kristin Johnson and several service aces by various Arrows, and the defense.

"Our coverage was really good," said Peal. "This team (Greenville) is really scrappy, so we knew we had to cover the court well."

The Lowell defenders were ready for the ball from anywhere; sometimes Lowell even prevented the ball from crossing over the net.

"We had some big blocks which is good, it's something we're always working on in our game," Peal said.

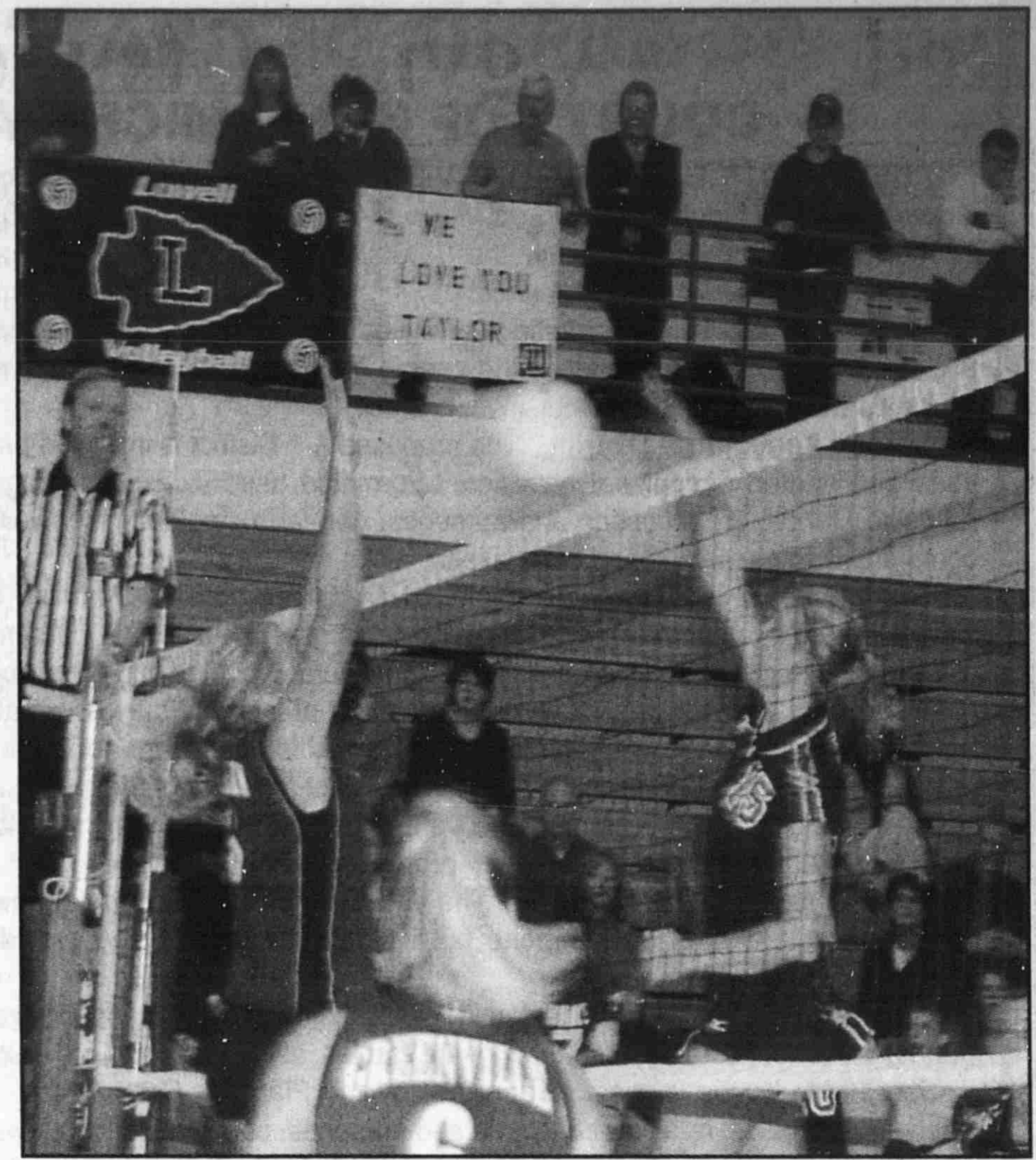
The freshman and junior varsity teams both won their matches in two games. The junior varsity won 25-21, 25-17 and the freshmen won

25-11, 25-15.

Last Saturday, Lowell traveled to the Northwood University Invitational. The Red Arrows finished fifth out of 30 teams competing in the event.

Lowell finished second in a pool that included Port Huron Northern, Swartz Creek, Arthur Hill and Frankenmuth. The Arrows split two games with Port Huron, who took first place in the pool based on number of points scored.

Lowell will travel to Unity Christian on Thursday to take on the Crusaders.



Lowell's Kristin Johnson attempts to spike the ball against Greenville. This particular attempt was blocked but Johnson had several successful kills.

Lowell wrestlers win close match at Greenville

By Dan Schneider

Lowell won a close victory in last Thursday's wrestling action at Greenville, defeating the Yellow Jackets 32-31.

Four vital points came in the 103 match, where Ray Seese won an 8-0 major decision over Kody Donnelly.

"We had to get that major decision," said Lowell coach Dave Strejc, who returned to the matside last Thursday. "That's the one that clinched the victory for us."

Winning by pin for Lowell were Joe Mendez and Alex Fleet. Mendez pinned Brandon Athey in 2:47 in the 135 match. Fleet pinned Mitch Bennett in 5:00 at 160.

"The last time they wrestled last year at team districts, Bennett pinned Fleet and last night Fleet pinned Bennett," Strejc said.

Lowell earned a vital six points at 160, where Justin Boss won when his opponent was disqualified for repeated stalling.

"Every match was a key match last night," Strejc said.

Lowell's Rob Karasiewicz won the 119 match by major decision, 18-9 over Zach Brown. At 125, Lowell's Mike Thomas defeated Robert Port 4-2. At 171, Lowell's Matt Francisco defeated Adam Tipton 10-5.

Greenville's Peter Hansen pinned Cory Fitzpatrick in :46 in the 112 match. In a hard-fought 140 match, Nate Gibson of

Greenville defeated Chris Roelofs 17-14. Greenville's Jordan Garner pinned Ryan Karasiewicz in 3:05 in the 145 match.

Greenville won three points at 152, Nate Cooper defeating John Fleet 11-6. Ian Wilberding defeated Brock Graham 5-4 to win the 189 match for Greenville. Will Wright pinned Ryan Esbaugh in 5:47, winning the 215 match for Greenville. Greenville was victorious at 275, with Jeremy Stilson winning a major decision over Dominic Doyle.

It was a good win for Lowell.

"They wrestled with a lot of heart; for that matter, Greenville wrestled with a lot of heart," Strejc said. "Both teams were going at it with everything they had and it was just very exciting to watch."

"Greenville has just a tremendous team and to win that match last night was nothing short of incredible in my eyes. It was quite a welcome back present the boys gave me last night."

Lowell took second place in the Goodrich team tournament Saturday. The Red Arrows beat Fowlerville 35-31, Goodrich 46-28, Birmingham-Brother Rice 54-19 and East Detroit 68-12 before losing to Richmond 37-31 in the finals.

Mendez went undefeated on the day at 135 and Brock Graham was also undefeated, wrestling four matches at 189 and one at 215.

"It was disappointing to take second place behind Richmond, Saturday," Strejc said. "But it finished off a week that demonstrated championship effort all week long. I'm seeing such heart

and determination on the part of all the kids and it's just very encouraging."

Lowell travels with

Sparta to Middleville on Wednesday for a crossover match with OK Gold teams' Hastings and Thornapple

Kellogg. The OK White conference tournament is Saturday at Northview.

Show Us Your Smile!

JANUARY SMILES OF THE MONTH:

"No Cavities" Club Members

Aaron Jefferson	Jennifer McQueen	Levi Churches
Madison Schram	Briar Zimmerman	Emily Sutton
Gage Schell	Matthew Sova	Molly Clarke
Andrew Martin	Johnathon Harwood	Brianna Clarke
Ethan Veenstra	Dakota Holford	Cassandra Ries

FAMILY DENTISTRY

Ann Wilson, D.D.S.

New Patients Welcome!

147 N. Center St. • Lowell, MI 49331

897-4835

Bowling teams lose to Northview, boys beat Sparta

By Dan Schneider

Host Northview beat Lowell's boys and girls team in last Wednesday's match.

The Red Arrow boys fell 17-13. The Lowell bowlers with their two-game totals were Jim Denny (450), Jon Eickhoff (418), Josh Vaughn (390), Anthony Everitt (351) and Carl Bouwhuis (344).

Northview won the girls' match 21-9. Lowell's leading bowlers with their two-game totals were Chelsea Freed (278), Erin Soules (255), Carey Crout (247) and Kim Ward (230).

The Lowell boys' bowling team rolled past host Sparta last Monday, beating them 22-8.

The Lowell girls'

team struggled against a Sparta team that has been a dominant force in OK White girls' bowling this season.

Jon Eickhoff rolled the high game for Lowell with a 237. He rolled 179 in his first game of the night. Jim Denny (202, 195) and Anthony Everitt (201, 218) also rolled two games for Lowell. Greg Sherman rolled 159; Josh Vaughn, 167; Sean Adrianse, 205; and Karle Bouwhuis, 182 games.

Lowell won both Bakers, game two and on both, total game scores and total pin score.

The Red Arrow girls' team won the second Baker and total Baker score but

Sparta won both games and had higher total game and total pin scores.

Lowell's high-game bowler was Chelsea Freed, rolling a 169 in her first game and a 129 in her second. Carey Crout (114, 145) and Lisa Brown (145, 131) also rolled two games for Lowell. Cassie Bodus (97), Kim Ward (108), Tiffany Blanchard (140) and Erin Soules (110) bowled one game each.

Both teams defeated East Grand Rapids Jan. 26. The boys won 25-5 while the girls won 22-8.

Lowell hosted Kenowa Hills on Monday. Lowell's next meet is Wednesday night at Unity Christian.

FOR RENT IN LOWELL



3 BEDROOM TRI-LEVEL HOME

With 1 1/2 baths. Finished rec room. Appliances include: stove, fridge, washer & dryer, dishwasher & microwave. 2 stall carport w/large country lot & plenty of storage. \$900 per mo. No pets.

Call 897-8555 or if no answer Call 446-5909

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

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on March 2, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning two ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1. This ordinance would add Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District and Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District to the zoning ordinance. These articles would replace current Article 6, the A Agricultural District, in its entirety.

1. **A-1 Agricultural District.** The proposed A-1 District is intended primarily for agricultural uses and related agricultural activities. Permitted uses include farming and farm dwellings, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, non-farm single-family dwellings, private stables, commercial riding stables and other uses.

Certain special land uses are permitted if approved by the Planning Commission. These include agricultural labor housing, kennels, retail greenhouses and nurseries, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the number of lots that may be created out of a parcel of land, in addition to an existing principal dwelling. Lots created for non-farm residential purposes are to be of a specified minimum size. The district includes other provisions on minimum yard sizes, building height, maximum lot coverage, minimum and maximum lot area, minimum lot width, minimum dwelling size and other provisions.

2. **A-2 Agricultural District.** The A-2 District is intended for low density residential development in a rural environment, but including farm land and providing for protection of valued natural features.

Permitted uses include single-family dwellings, general and specialized farming, roadside stands, greenhouses and nurseries, private stables, cemeteries and other specified uses.

Special land uses, subject to approval by the Planning Commission, include kennels and veterinary hospitals, retail greenhouses and nurseries, communications towers, removal of sand, gravel and other resources, processing of agricultural products, country clubs and golf courses, athletic grounds, bed and breakfast establishments, churches, commercial riding stables, public utility buildings and other special land uses.

The district includes provisions on the maximum number of lots, in addition to an existing principal dwelling, that may be created out of a parcel of land, based on the gross area of the parcel. The district includes other provisions on minimum lot area, minimum lot width, yard sizes, maximum width to depth ratio, agricultural buffer, maximum lot coverage, minimum dwelling unit size and other provisions.

3. **Other Provisions in the Ordinance.** Sections 3.49 and 14.17 of the Township zoning ordinance would be amended so as to make appropriate references to the A-1 and the A-2 zoning districts and so as to adopt certain minor changes in the existing provisions.

Ordinance No. 2. This ordinance would amend Section 5.03 of the zoning ordinance, pertaining to the zoning map, so as to rezone lands in the Township as follows:

1. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-1 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-1 Zoning."

2. To rezone from the A Agricultural District to the proposed A-2 Agricultural District those lands shaded or otherwise marked on the parcel map of the Township included in this notice and titled "Grattan Township Proposed A-2 Zoning District."

3. The above-stated ordinance to rezone the described lands would become effective only on or following the effective date of the ordinance adopting proposed Article 6, the A-1 Agricultural District, and proposed Article 6A, the A-2 Agricultural District.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing on the above-stated amending ordinances. Written comments concerning the ordinances may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: February 7, 2005
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

EXHIBIT A
Grattan Township
Proposed A-1 Zoning

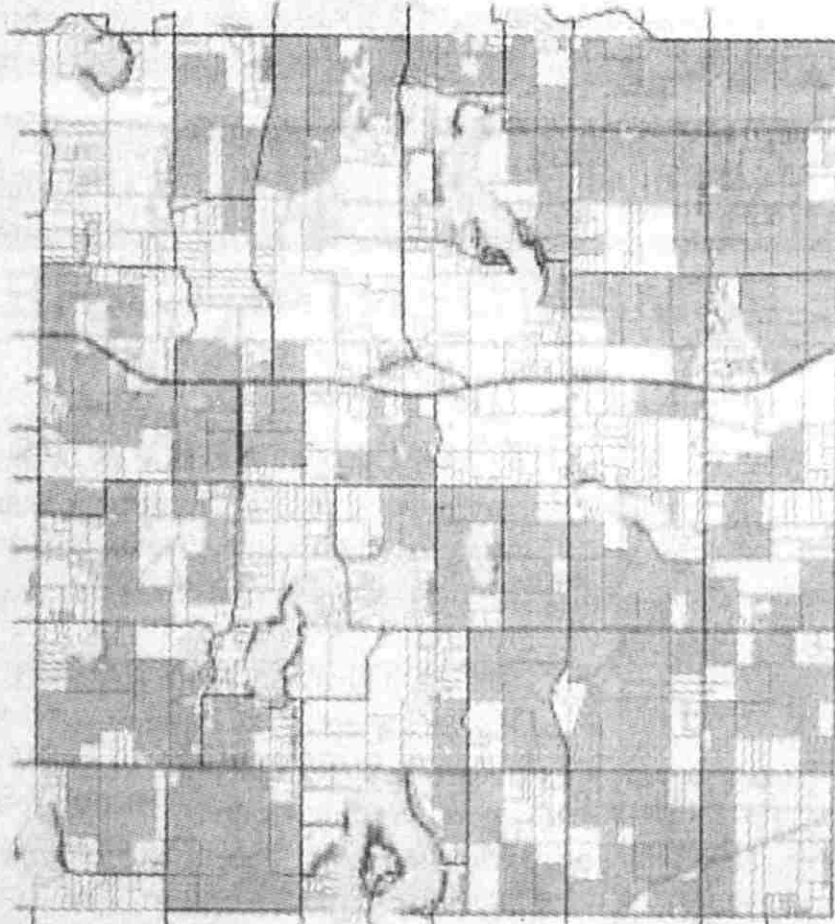
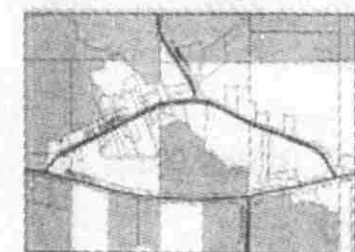
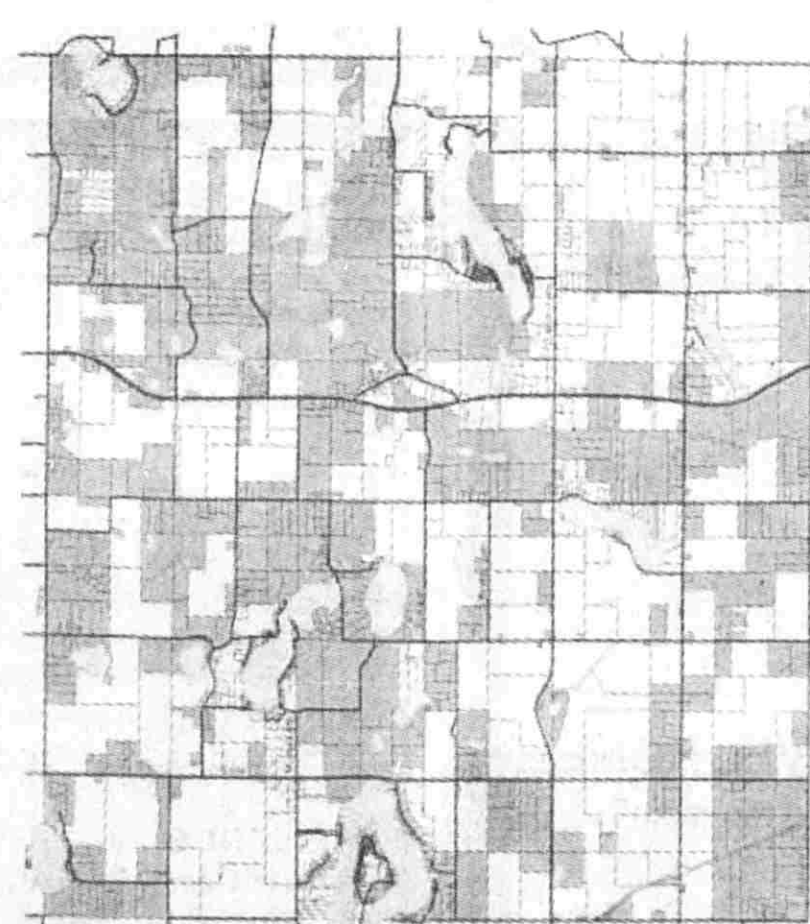


EXHIBIT B
Grattan Township
Proposed A-2 Zoning District



www.lowellbuyersguide.com OR
897-0787

THANKS!! Wildlife Rescue Center. They took a swan we rescued off the Flat River last week & cared for him. Now they could use your help. PLEASE donate if you can. www.wildlife-rescue-center.org

It's too bad we are losing a fine business like Hahn Hardware. Thanks Bob for all of your hard work and generous help. We need more businesses like yours. We will miss you. Good luck!

Our sincerest thanks to the folks who stopped to help my husband stuck in the snowdrift Sunday Jan. 30 on M-21 and to the gentleman who brought him back to Lowell.

For the people complaining to the lady about wanting her kid in school If you drivers can not handle one little snowflake, then you should not even have a driver's license.
- Cody Soyka

The "Residential - One Foot, Three Feet, Fence Sign, Ground Sign- Ordinance" reads like my 22 month old son's Dr. Seuss book. How about a "Residential - No Snowmobiles Between the Sidewalk and Street, Vans Without Windows or Cars Without Hoods in the Front Lawn- Ordinance" to improve Lowell's image?

Social Security reform brought to you by the same party that brought you WMD and the Iraq war...coming soon the Iran War. You getting it yet?

Thanks to the LHS band for selling the entertainment books. I saved over \$200 last year.

To the person who said God bombed nations- Does that justify us going and bombing nations? We're not God.

Congratulations Lowell cheerleaders on your wins Saturday. Way to go!

Don't you think you should let the owners of the bear make their own decisions to what the bear will be?

Having school lunches transferred from the high school to Cherry Creek & Bushnell, how much money are we saving? I ask this because there is limited food & cold food. Us kids should be able to depend on a nice, warm meal.
- Sam Whaley

Shouldn't those high school kids that protested on Main St. have been in school? That is a waste of my tax dollars.

Isn't it amazing that those who claim to be so pious are the biggest hypocrites?

Support the arts and the Thebes Players. Attend the performance of "Babe" at the Performing Arts Center.

Maplewood Square Apartments

All apartments on one level
Senior citizen friendly
Large 940 s.f. - 2 bedroom, 1 bath
Huge 1400 s.f. - 3 bedroom, 2 bath
Laundry room with washer/dryer,
attached garage, covered porches,
all kitchen appliances included.

Contact:
Michael Nosko at 616-682-1581
www.maplewoodsquareapts.com

Classifieds

PRICES

15 words for \$1.00
each additional
word is 10¢
\$1 extra for bold
\$1 extra for
a box

HOW TO REACH US

By Phone: 897-9261

By Fax: 897-4809

By E-Mail:

ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com

By Mail:

PO Box 128

Lowell, MI 49331

DEADLINE

Friday at 4 p.m.

For the Wednesday

Publication

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

In Kent County

\$15 - 1 year

\$29 - 2 years

Outside Kent County

\$22.50 - 1 yr.

\$38.00 - 2 yrs.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Thurs.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri.

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed Sat. & Sun.

GET THE LEDGER DELIVERED RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!
Subscriptions make great Birthday gifts for that person who has everything!
Subscriptions in county are only \$15!

Call Our Office at 897-9261
Or Stop by 105 N. Broadway

Credit Card Required
For a Phone-in order.

FOR SALE

AIR BED - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Remote control. Warranty. Never used. \$600. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

LOWELL - New listing. 3 bedroom 2 bath on 1 acre. 6 year old manufactured home. Cathedral ceilings, big kitchen & built-in china cabinets. Check it out online at www.grar.com MLS#518067 or call Joice at 293-0980. Country Hills Realty.

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

A MEMORY FOAM BED - NASA developed memory foam. Brand name, never used. Queen \$650; king \$850. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

A VALENTINE'S DAY PRESENT - AKC golden retriever puppies. Raised with daycare children. Light blond beauties, block heads. They will have 1st shots, wormed and dewclaws removed. Taking deposits now. Call 897-5563.

BEDS - Name brand mattress sets. Twin, \$70, full \$80, queen \$95, king \$150 up. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

NEW 3 BEDROOM - 2 bath ranch home. Full basement. No \$ down, no prepaid items, no closing cost. \$125,000. (\$939/mo.). Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FURNITURE - Bedroom & dining room, headboards, canopy beds, living room. Large selection. Wholesale prices. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

FIBERGLASS CAP FOR FORD TRUCK - Like new, color white & Tonneau cover, \$650. 868-7354.

OAK BUNK BED - Includes mattress, like new, sell \$99. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

1999 JEEP CHEROKEE - 4 dr., 4x4, light blue, hwy miles. \$4,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing, 989-224-4822.

FOR SALE - 10 hp AC lawn tractor w/mower, snowblower, rototiller, brush hog, lawn vacuum & trailer. \$600. Call 698-6027.

\$110 QUEEN PILLLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (Brand new). Call 517-719-8062.

HAY - 2nd cutting, square bales. No mold. Call 616-794-2527.

1993 MOBILE HOME - 3 bedroom, great layout, excellent shape. \$13,500 obo. Call 897-8361.

FOR SALE

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

SARANAC - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 acre. Jim Collins, Five Star Real Estate, 293-4548, 977-7790.

'99 CHRYSLER 300 M - loaded, Platinum, 42,000 miles, \$10,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

2000 DODGE DURANGO RT - High performance, fully loaded. Call 897-0838.

SHELLED CORN - Bagged, 50 lb. bag, \$3.50 Call 616-794-2527.

\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/plush mattress. Bought, never used. Cost \$800. 517-719-8062.

CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES - 1 male, 1 female, black & ta, 6 weeks old, short hair, will be about 7 pounds full grown, first shots & wormed. No papers. \$300.00. No checks. Call 616-868-7018.

APARTMENT SIZED WASHER/DRYER - stack unit. Approx. 5 years old. Clean and runs great. \$200 obo. From 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. call Hope at 989-737-5360 or leave a message.

1999 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT - 4 dr., red, 3800, loaded, CD, heads up display, new tires, heated leather, 72,000 miles, \$7,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.

STEP BACK IN TIME AND GO TO GRANDMA'S HOUSE - This 2-story home comes with 3 stall garage, white picket fence, 1.5 acres in addition to 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 bath rooms. Beautiful country setting, large spacious kitchen with island and built in China. Hard wood flooring. This is a must see to experience. Very homey. Call Mark @ 784-9090 days or 897-2587 evenings.

BERBER CARPET - 80 yards, beige color, bought, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$295. 517-719-0451.

OPEN HOUSE - For Sale By Owner: Sat. 2/ 12, 2-4pm., 825 Hunt St. One block to schools, 2 plus bedrooms, one bath, new siding, windows and slider to deck. Attached garage, nicely decorated and clean, \$114,900. Call 897-2665.

FREE

FREE TO GOOD HOME - 2 year old female Blue Heeler. Call 616-481-2490.

FOR RENT

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

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

STONERIDGE APARTMENTS - \$400 moves you in. \$670 a month, 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/garage. 953 sq. ft. Washer/dryer hook-ups. Convenient location. New open house hours Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call 616-363-5430 www.wmpmonline.com.

HOUSE FOR RENT - Ada, 2 bedroom country home available March 1. Rent discount to \$550 + utilities for weekend horse care. Call 676-3378.

APT. FOR RENT - Clean upper 2 bedroom, garage, basement with laundry hookup. No pets, \$450 plus utilities. 676-2156.

DUPLEX FOR RENT - 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, laundry, garage, country setting, 1 mile from downtown Lowell, \$700 a month. Call 682-0138.

APARTMENT - Very spacious THREE bedroom, 1-1/2 baths. (No dogs). \$695 plus utilities, M-50/1-96 Alto area. Call 616-891-1840.

FOR RENT - one bedroom upper apartment, 1078 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Available immediately; heat, water included. Will rent by week. \$475/month. 987-9124.

FOR RENT - 3 bedroom home in country, paved road. Lowell Schools. Call 897-0058 or 293-7399.

HALL FOR RENT - Caledonia Sportsman Club. Newly renovated. For more information call 616-891-1168.

SHIP UPS AT THE LEDGER OFFICE - Daily pickup. Small box packaging available. 105 N. Broadway. Compare our prices! Call for a price quote! 897-9261.

EVENTS

THINK SPRING!!! 2nd ANNUAL REX COLLINS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING!!! - May 17. Get your teams together early! Watch for entry forms soon or E-mail JTL@aol.com.

HEY KIDS! - Join the SandCastle Riverside Birthday Club & SAVE MONEY on your favorite toys. Just call (or have your parents call) for details 897-8898 or stop by 209 W. Main between 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. - Sat.

EXPERIENCE A FRANCISCAN LUNCH - Each Wednesday, February 9 through March 23, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Franciscan Life Process Center (11650 Downes, Lowell). Soup, bread, dessert, beverage. Cost: donation. Call 897-7842.

HELP WANTED

CASHIER/PROCESSOR - We are looking for a part-time cashier w/a friendly smile & a willingness to work various shifts. Apply in person at the Goodwill Industries store located at 11625 Fulton St., Lowell, by email employment@goodwillgr.org or fax 616-532-3044. EOE/MFH.

ADA HORSE FARM - Needs morning barn help. Call 676-3378.

SERVICES

ALTO AREA DAY CARE - has 2 full-time or part-time openings for 1st shift for ages 1 and up. Licensed, CPR certified, accepting FIA. Call 868-0752.

ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME - Huffs Back "Achers" in Saranac is offering full & part-time care for your loved one. Immediate openings for men or women. Newer home, quiet country setting. Call 616-642-9210.

MUSIC LESSONS - The Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., Lowell, has hired additional staff. Openings now available for piano, guitar, flute, recorder & percussion students. Music therapy & KinderMusik also offered. Call FLPC at 897-7842.

LICENSED DAYCARE - has summer openings. FIA accepted. Call 897-7656, ask for Missy.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

Available at Lowell Litho 105 N. Broadway. Stop by & check out a Carlson Craft book! 4 books to choose from. Wide variety of invitations & prices. Usually back within 7-10 business days after ordering. Phone 897-9261

CHILDCARE FOREMAN/ CUMBERLAND AREA - looking for 2 new friends to join our daycare family. Any age is welcome. Lots of fun & love. Nutritious meals & snacks provided. CPR - First Aid Trained, excellent references. Please call 897-5068 for information.

SATURDAY NIGHT & DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY?? - Go to Larkin's! Free music & great prices!

COLD WEATHER IS COMING - attic, sidewall insulation. Call B Wise Insulation, fully insured. Doug, 642-0323, 821-3110.

ALTO ELEMENTARY - before and/or after school daycare, licensed, breakfast/snack included, register for Spring Break care, near fairgrounds. Call 897-1392.

NEED A DUMPSTER? - New company wants to earn your business. 10-30 yd. containers. Hietala Hauling 616-915-0506 or 868-6051

SERVICES

IF YOU HAVE TRASH - Call ALL TRASH. All Trash LLC. 15 yd. rolloff dumpsters. 616-887-8870 or local 299-1249.

SNOWPLOWING - 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.

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

UHEN CONSTRUCTION SNOWPLOWING - Snow removal, driveways, roofs, etc. 299-1249.

LISA'S DAYCARE - Has full-time positions available. Kids welcome for Murray Lake School. Great country setting with indoor & outdoor play areas. Planned daily activities & occasional field trips. Call Lisa at 897-3065 for an interview.

DO YOU HAVE A DAMAGED FLOOR THAT NEEDS REPAIRING? - Call Ayers Flooring LLC today 616-498-0476.

TAX PREPARATION - Personal, Small Business, Independent Contractors. Reasonable rates. Fast service. Electronic filing. 616-723-6860.

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

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

WE WANT TO SELL YOUR UNWANTED - musical instruments or cell phones. We'll sell your unwanted items for you! As Ebay Power Sellers, we'll get you maximum dollars as Ebay Trading Assistants. Call Amy today at E-Seller4U (616) 890-2594 or stop in at our newly opened Lowell Store at 119 W. Main St.

SOUND OFF LINE 897-0787 or go to: www.lowellbuyersguide.com Voice your opinion!

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

HAROLD ZEIGLER

MICHIGAN'S GIANT

ALL NEW

2005 MUSTANG
Starting At \$19,990



2005 RANGER 4x4



Drive For **\$169 MO.**

Drive For **\$199 MO.**

2005 F-150 4x4



'00 TOYOTA CELICA GT
Auto., aluminum wheels, sharp car #L8766A
ONLY \$239 PER MO.



'01 MONTE CARLO LS
OnStar, CD, loaded #L8928
ONLY \$189 PER MO.



'02 PONTIAC TRANS AM
T-tops, leather, loaded #L8926
ONLY \$329 PER MO.



'01 OLDS INTRIGUE
Leather, moonroof, chrome wheels #L8893
ONLY \$199 PER MO.



'02 FORD TAURUS SEL
Leather, moonroof, loaded #L8891
ONLY \$199 PER MO.



'040 FORD FOCUS SE
Auto., air, CD #L8925
ONLY \$139 PER MO.



'00 CHEVY MALIBU LS
Leather, moonroof, V-6 #L8902
ONLY \$159 PER MO.



'99 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE
Power group, clean local trade #L8941A
ONLY \$219 PER MO.



'02 DODGE DURANGO 4X4
Third row seat, V-8 & more #L8944
ONLY \$239 PER MO.



'02 FORD ESCAPE 4X4
XLT, V-6, auto. #L8684
ONLY \$239 PER MO.



'03 CHEVY BLAZER 4X4
LT, V-6, clean local trade #24696A
ONLY \$249 PER MO.



'02 BUICK RENDEZVOUS AWD
Leather, moonroof, chrome wheels #L8884
ONLY \$269 PER MO.



'01 CHEVY VENTURE
7-pass., V-6, dual slides #L8936
ONLY \$179 PER MO.



'01 GRAND CARAVAN
V-6, 7-passenger, low miles #24617A
ONLY \$219 PER MO.



'99 FORD EXPEDITION 4X4
Eddie Bauer, 2 to choose from #L8937
ONLY \$13,990



'02 CHEVY TAHOE 4X4
Z71, moonroof, OnStar #L8932
ONLY \$399 PER MO.



'02 CHEVY S-10 4X4
ZR2, auto., loaded #L8939
ONLY \$279 PER MO.



'93 FORD F-150 SUPERCAB
V-8, XLT, auto. #L8899
ONLY \$4,990

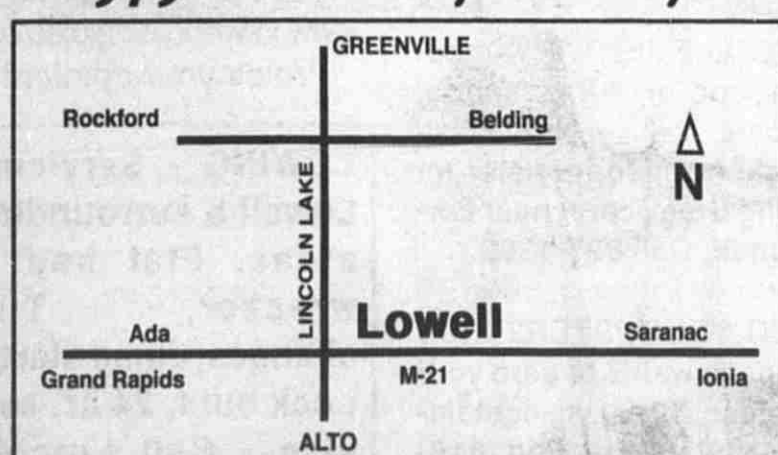


'01 FORD F-150 SUPERCREW 4X4
XLT, power windows, locks #L8857
ONLY \$289 PER MO.



'01 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB 4X4
Sport, off-road pkg. #L8920
ONLY \$329 PER MO.

11979 E. Fulton, Lowell, MI



ALL ROADS LEAD TO LOWELL!

HAROLD ZEIGLER

FORD

*Sale prices plus state fees & DOC fee, monthly payments based on best rate best term state fees & DOC fee due at delivery. Drive payments-60 month lease. \$1,000 plus first payment due at delivery. See dealer for details.



HOURS: MON. 9-8;
TUES. 9-8;
WED. 9-8; THURS. 9-8;
FRI. 9-6 & SAT. 9-3

616-897-8431 or 1-888-327-4164

Check Out Our Web site!
www.haroldzeigler.com