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Freshmen Center service project benefits Grand Rapids charity camp

"Our primary goal was to broaden the kids sense of community and to help them realize they are part of a bigger community than just the Lowell area." — Jamie Christians

By Dan Schneider



Students from the West House of the Freshman Center at Lowell High School teamed up with freshmen from Ottawa Hills High School to clean up a neighborhood on Grand Rapids' southeast side. Pictured, left to right, are members of team two: Bo Adams, Jermaine Baker, Becca Happie, Drake Chittenden, Antonio Banks and Chance DeBee, loading up a pile of brush from the backyard of a house on Alexander Street.

Freshmen at Lowell High School split into two groups at the end of last week to do service work in different places.

The East House visited the woods near Hopkins, where they did a variety of work at Camp Mel Trotter, a charity that provides a summer camp experience for underprivileged youth from inner-city Grand Rapids. The West House went to Grand Rapids' inner city, where they undertook a large-scale neighborhood cleanup project on the southeast side.

West House students joined with freshmen from Grand Rapids' Ottawa Hills High School. Together, the group numbered nearly 350. In teams of about 10 students each, they flooded an area eight city blocks long and six city blocks wide. Some groups cleaned up litter along the sidewalks, others did yard work and light home improvements for residents, many of whom were senior citizens.

Team two consisted of five LHS freshmen and three freshmen from Ottawa Hills on Thursday. In about two hours of work, they were able to take a backyard that looked like a jungle of brush, fallen magnolia petals, and construction debris and clean it out completely. Two tires, several trash bags and a large pile of sticks were removed.

Comments from group two members were brief at the end of the day of work.

"We did what we needed to get done," Ottawa Hills freshman Antonio Banks said. "It was fun, hard work."

LHS freshman Drake Chittenden had a similar reaction.

"I thought it was a good accomplishment," he said.

During the first day, most of the litter was cleaned up from the neighborhood. Friday, the groups continued work on individual houses and planted a few landscape plots. Rain cut the day short, however.

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Lowell celebrates Spirit of Community this Friday

Kraig and Jody Haybarker recognized as "People" of the Year

By Dan Schneider

Lowell will once again take time to recognize the people who have made this place what it is with the "Spirit of Community" celebration this Friday in the Lowell Performing Arts Center (LPAC).

For the fifth year, the collective awards presentation will confer recognition for people's contributions to the community in the form of three different awards.

This year's Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award is going to Kraig and Jody Haybarker. The couple grew up in Lowell

and have become active in many aspects of the community.

"Kraig and Jody are basically a class act," said Jim White, last year's person of the year and a member of the committee that selected the recipients of this year's award.

"They're just classy people who are not about being showy but about being helpful wherever they can in the community."

That includes the Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry, which Jody Haybarker has been director of since 1989 when it

was still the First United Methodist Church food pantry.

"They have been committed to ending hunger for as long as I've known them and I've known them for 14 years," Flat River Outreach Ministries board chairman Roger La Ware

said. "That really does exemplify what we value as a community in terms of compassion."

Both have been very involved in the annual CROP walk in Lowell. Jody Haybarker has walked in

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Voters will choose new board member May 3

By Dan Schneider

Two candidates are on the ballot for next Tuesday's Lowell Area Schools board of education election.

Sterling Massey and James Turner are running for the school board seat currently held by Jim Reagan, who is not running for re-election. The election is for a four-year term.

Massey, 44, is the director of treatment services, West Michigan programs, for Project Rehab, Inc. He believes his experience as a social worker and therapist would serve him well on the school board.

"I have 20 years of experience working with children and their families for the benefit of the children," Massey said.

He also thinks his experience working for a

nonprofit organization will be of benefit as the school district continues to confront increasing requirements while facing budget constraints. Nonprofits, he said, have been through some of the economic hard knocks that are now hitting schools.

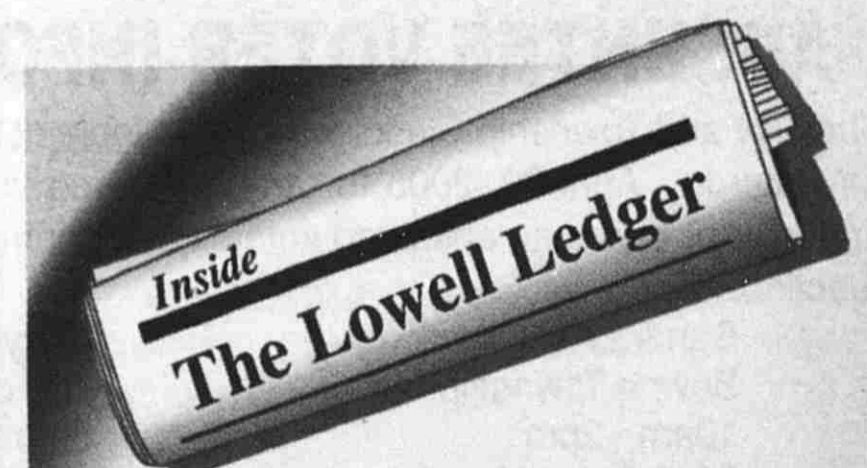
"In the nonprofit sector we've had to come up with creative ways to deal with decreasing revenue streams and also

keep up services that are up to our standards," he said.

Massey has three children in the school district, which he said is the first reason he decided to run for the school board seat.

"My wife and I decided we would do whatever it took to be involved in their education," he explained.

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Reflections of faith

Rev. Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

"Nothing good happens after 2 a.m.," I remember my mother telling me one morning I came home well after that and curfew.

Those were the days when people started to gather at 10 p.m. and the so-called cool ones showed up at 11 p.m. Nowadays I'm satisfied if I have my son in bed and the

dirty dishes done by 10. No time to be cool after that. Just enough time to skim the paper for sermon illustrations, catch some of the old evening news, and hit the hay.

David wrote Psalm 77 one night when he could not sleep. For he said God kept his eyes from closing. Occasionally I have that productive late night blessing. One morning I awoke with a start, could not sleep, and wrote an entire sermon before the sun came up. Another time I checked my computer to see an e-mail from a friend in China. He said he was moved to prayer and tears on my behalf. It was good encouragement and I fell fast asleep, well sort of, as I pondered the content of his middle of the night prayer.

Recently I woke up at 2 a.m. which was an hour earlier than my usual middle of the night stirrings. I was groggy so I thought I'd stay in bed, but then the greatest idea of all time hit me. A book! Title, subtitle, and several chapters flashed before my eyes as if they were my very last moments. I toyed with the idea of getting up, turning on the computer, and starting to write but figured if it was meant to last and be, it would still be there in the morning.

I woke up late that morning, 7:45 a.m., partially because of the mental gymnastics that evening. Over oatmeal, I thought and thought about the book I knew was somewhere in my head. Slowly the title and one chapter came limping to me. I guess I should have gotten up after all, but soothed my soul with, "Is anything good written after 2 a.m.?" Sure if you are David. Maybe if you are me. Next time I vow to try.

Lend A Hand VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

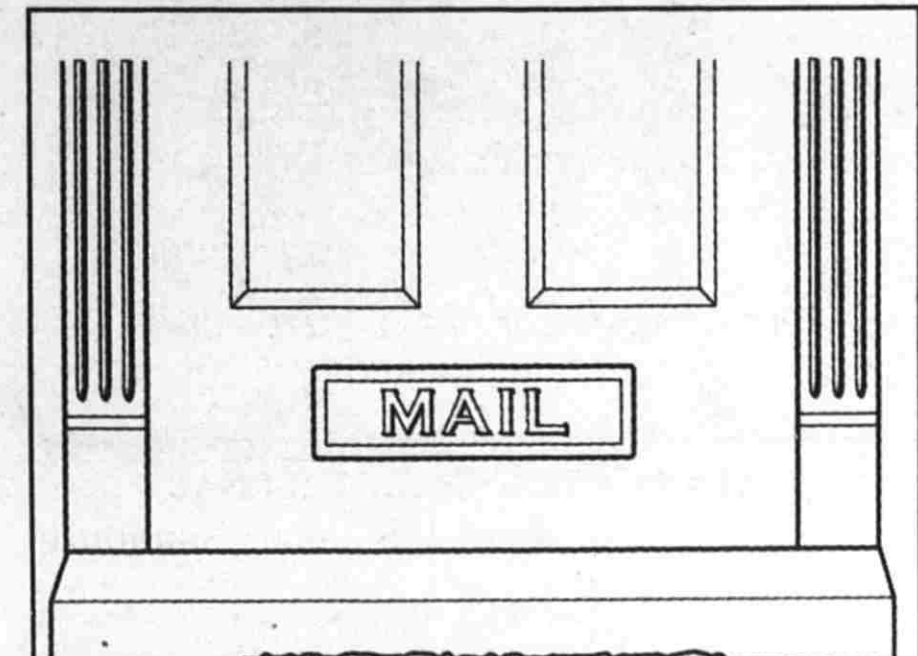
Saturday was the start of three Adopt-A-Highway pickup dates scheduled for 2005. It runs through May 1.

Volunteer cleanup crews meet with local Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) coordinators to receive gloves, trash bags and other materials before they report to their sites to clean debris from Michigan roads, bridges and freeways.

"The Adopt-A-Highway program is a valuable asset to MDOT and provides a great opportunity for people to give something back to their community," said State Transportation director Gloria J. Jeff. "Without these volunteers, we could not handle all of the services that they provide to the state."

Additional pickups are scheduled for July 9-17 and Sept. 10-18.

Individuals, companies and organizations are invited to participate. More information is available on the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/mdot. Select "Projects and Programs," "Highway Programs," and "Adopt-A-Highway."



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Ventriloquist to perform at First United Methodist Church

Chalk artist and ventriloquist Rod Snow will entertain with his program "Chalk with Christ" at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main., on Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

a commercial artist and teacher in community art programs. Now married, he is the father of two, and travels throughout the United States with his full-time Chalk-art Ministry.



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TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION
The Englehardt branch invites teen readers, ages 13 and older, to get together for a friendly, informal book discussion on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m.
For more information, call the branch at 647-3920. The library is located at 200 N. Monroe St., Lowell.

Humane Society joins Paws in nat'l. adoptathon

The Humane Society of Kent County will be joining Paws with thousands of other animal welfare organizations in an international Pet Adoptathon from April 29 - May 1.

"We're doing a variety of things to help boost pet adoptions during this important weekend," said Veronica Minard, Animal Care and Placement coordinator. "In addition to being out in the community with animals Friday night and Saturday, we'll be hosting an open house on Sunday."

The open house will feature a variety of companion animals (cats, dogs, kittens, puppies) available for adoption at reduced rates, microchipping services, professional pet photography and children's activities.

Dogs and puppies will be \$75 or less; cats and kittens will be \$50 or less. All adoption fees include a veterinary exam, disease screening, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, a pet identification microchip and a bag of premium food.

The open house on Sunday will be at the Humane Society, 3077 Wilson NW, Grand Rapids from 12-4 p.m. There is no charge to attend and reservations are not necessary.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION
The Englehardt branch will offer another book discussion for adults on Tuesday, May 10 at 10 a.m. Call 647-3920 or stop by the checkout desk for the featured title.

Poetry is the silence and speech between a wet struggling root of a flower and a sunlit blossom of that flower.
-Carl Sandburg



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Coyotes a fact of life as people move into the countryside

By Dan Schneider

Two reports have emerged so far this year describing the increasingly

brash antics of the coyotes around Lowell.

Cathy Ciganek saw a coyote the morning of March 27 in the backyard of her

residence in the Stoneridge apartment complex.

"I was making toast Sunday morning and I looked out the kitchen

window and I saw what I thought was a dog coming through the field in from the west," Ciganek said.

What she perceived as a dog was actually a coyote, and it behaved casually.

"It wasn't running and it wasn't walking slow," Ciganek said. "I've never seen one this close to people before. I've seen them, but out in the country."

"They're just terrible this year," said Jill Moore, who is used to hearing coyotes barking and yipping at night near her home on Grindle Dr.

Last Friday, a toy Australian shepherd—a dog about the size of a rabbit—at her kennel nearly became breakfast for a coyote.

Fortunately, Moore had recently acquired a German shepherd named Cinder that was trained as a search and rescue dog.

"The reason the coyote dropped him (the

toy Australian shepherd) was because the (German) shepherd body-slammed him (the coyote)," Moore said.

Moore, the dog catcher for the city of Lowell, said she has heard coyotes outside her house for several years. But this is the first time she had seen one in broad daylight.

"All of a sudden, these guys are getting really bold," she said. "We're on the dirt part of Grindle, but we're not in the boonocks at all."

Nick Kalejs, Michigan DNR biologist for Kent County, said it is not unusual for coyotes to co-exist in close proximity to humans.

"They get along well in areas where people do live because they're pretty wary and adaptable animals," he said.

Coyotes are not unusual even in the

urbanized counties of southeast Michigan, such as Wayne County. As people increasingly move into formerly agricultural areas, contact with coyotes is bound to occur.

"Folks have pets and coyotes are equal opportunity predators," Kalejs said.

Development in previously open spaces also puts habitat pressure on Michigan's coyote population. Since coyotes can co-exist with humans, this pressure may not have the same detrimental effect it has on several other animal populations. But it means people will be sighting more coyotes. "I think it's safe to say that, especially in areas where you have regional growth, habitat is lost and that may explain why people are seeing coyotes more than in the past," Kalejs said.

Planning commission sends revised residential sign ordinance to council

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Keeping its fingers crossed that the city council will approve it, the Lowell Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve its second revised residential sign ordinance.

The commission, which has been working on the residential sign ordinance for almost a year, sent its

second proposal, making only a few minor changes. The first proposal was shot down by the council because it felt it was too vague and needed more specifics on what was considered residential signage and what was not.

Under the new proposal, the commission amended the section of exempted signs to include address, owner and occupant name

signs that are no larger than three square feet and attached to a mailbox, light fixture, or exterior wall.

A new addition to the ordinance would be included: residential ground signs. One sign would be allowed per lot or parcel; it could not be any greater than three feet; it could be placed in the front yard; and it could not be any closer

than half of the required setback distance.

City manager David Pasquale said in most cases, the front yard set back is about 34 feet, which means the sign would have to be at least 15 feet back.

The commission held a public hearing on the matter at its Monday night meeting with no comments received. The commission members

had little say on the revised proposal, except to vote on it and send it on to the city council.

The council is expected to review the new proposal at its regular meeting on May 2 at City Hall.

The issue of residential ground signs occurred when Josh Langdon was cited for having one on his property. He pointed out

that according to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling, cities could regulate such signage but could not prohibit it.

Since the city ordinance did not allow for such signs in residential area, the planning commission was required to review and change the ordinance. A moratorium has been in effect until the new ordinance is adopted.

Planning commission recommends denial of six-foot fence variance

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

A Lowell family hoping to get a six-foot fence in a secondary front yard for safety reasons learned that it might not be possible.

Patricia Horn, co-owner of a home with her son Tim Wolfe at 504 Lincoln Lake, asked the Lowell Planning Commission for a variance allowing her son to erect a six-foot fence along Howard Street. The home is on the northwest corner of Lincoln Lake and Howard.

Because of its corner lot status, the home has two front yards. Wolfer said their backyard has a deck and a large Koi pond filled with the Japanese fish. The family wanted to create a greenspace for their animals and children.

With Howard being such a busy street due to school traffic, Wolfe wanted to place a six-foot

fence about three feet from the sidewalk along Howard Street for security and safety issues.

But commission member Garland Barry pointed out that this would create a hazard for the neighbors trying to back out of their driveway.

"You're taking away that person's line of sight," Barry said, adding that it would make it difficult for someone to see pedestrians on the sidewalk or cars passing in the street.

"There are things that I would like to do at my home, but I can't," said commission member Jim Hall, adding that it was because of ordinance requirements. He also noted the planning commission recently denied a similar request at Amity and Main streets.

After reviewing the six criteria for a variance—which the request did not meet—the commission voted to recommend denial of the

request. The zoning board of appeals makes the final decision and will review it at its Monday night meeting.

City manager David Pasquale said the homeowner does have two options. The six-foot fence is allowed through the ordinance, provided it is 15 feet from the sidewalk.

"That would take away a huge chunk of yard for our animals and our children and their friends to play in," Wolfe said.

A three-foot fence could be put up three feet from the sidewalk, Pasquale explained. This would not impair sight lines.

Wolfe said he still wanted to pursue the request, but did weigh his options on the three-foot fence, asking how it could be tapered and where the six-foot part could be allowed, which Pasquale said could start 15 feet from the sidewalk.

Hildenbrand introduces the Pricing Modernization Act

Bipartisan legislation focuses on consumer protection, strengthening the economy and accountability.

Regulations on retailers could soon lessen under the Pricing Modernization Act introduced recently by Rep. Dave Hildenbrand which focuses on consumer protection, strengthening the economy and accountability while easing red tape for retailers.

"The Pricing Modernization Act updates a 30-year-old law so that it continues to protect Michigan consumers while making Michigan's business environment more competitive," said Hildenbrand, R-Lowell. "We need to put Michigan back on the cutting edge of business and retail

technology by creating an environment where we can compete in the new economy."

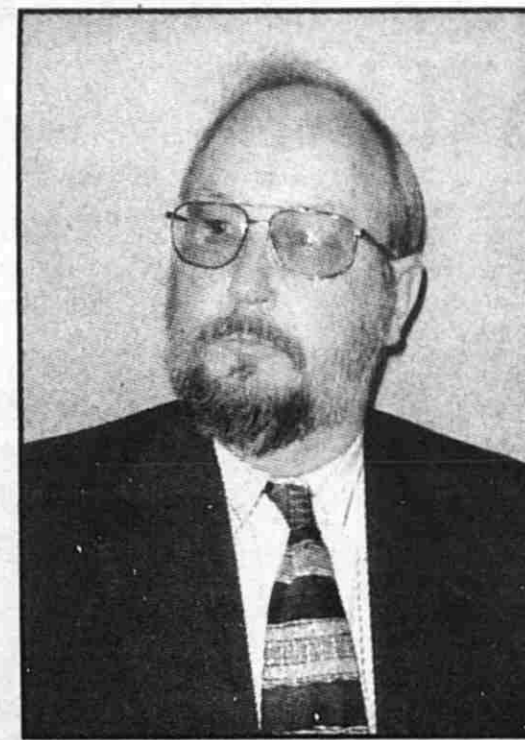
Michigan is the only state in the nation with this law that requires almost every item in a store, from Chap Stick to refrigerators, to have a price tag. Excluding food and over-the-counter medication, the Pricing Modernization Act would eliminate the requirement of retailers to affix a price tag to each individual item, but would require a retailer to post a sign indicating the price of an item immediately above, below or adjacent to the item which clearly states a detailed description of the product. In addition, price check scanners, some printable and nonprintable, must be installed throughout

the store. Quarterly audits of scanners will take place to ensure they are 98 percent accurate.

"We are building upon our heritage of consumer protection," Hildenbrand said. "In order to keep our residents safe as they purchase goods, we are creating a modern set of checks and balances by establishing tougher penalties for those who do not comply with the law."

Penalties for retailers who wrongly charge customers will double under the Pricing Modernization Act. Customers would get the difference they were wrongly charged plus an amount equal to 20 times the difference which is not less than \$2 and not more than \$10.

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ELECT
Jim Turner
Lowell School Board
May 3
Communication, Cooperation
Experience

Educational needs should drive the budget not the other way around.

The Board should have open communications with the public.

I believe that we as a school district have a responsibility to live within our means, therefore available funds must be spent where we get the most educational value for our dollars.

I do not believe we should make cuts in early childhood development programs as cuts here will jeopardize the district's future standing in No Child Left Behind.

We must provide an equal opportunity for all our children to have a good education by doing what we can as a school system to make the educational experience fit for all families.

My wife Pat and I have lived in the Lowell School District for 35 years. Both of our daughters attended Lowell Schools and graduated from the same. We have 7 grandchildren all of whom attend Lowell Schools.

We have enjoyed participating in school activities, both with our children and with our grandchildren and view family participation as an essential part of the educational experience.

I am retired from the city of Grand Rapids where I was employed for 30 years, most of which I spent representing other employees. Because of these activities I have become very familiar with the workings of local governments and boards.

I presently sit on the Gerald R. Ford Job Corps Center Industry Council and also serve as Director on the G.R.M.E.C.U. Board.

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I appreciate our community's beauty and serenity. I also value the importance of making informed decisions.

So, I've decided not to litter our neighborhoods with those ugly political signs.

Instead, I've decided to give you a summary of my history and intent so that you can decide using pertinent information.

Personal History:

- Lowell Township resident since 1995.
- 3 children who attend elementary school in the Lowell District
- Married to a Grand Rapids Public School Teacher
- Participated with various Lowell Schools committees and work groups during the past 4 years

Education:

- Master's of Arts Degree in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy
- Bachelor's of Social Work, with Child Welfare concentration

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I'd like to hear your views about how best to represent our community on this board. I invite you to send them and any related questions or comments to my e-mail address Sters1@aol.com. I'll respond as quickly and completely as possible.

Let me have your vote. You'll be glad you did.

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To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

the math. Let's say that next year demand for housing in Grattan Township will create a need for 50 new homes. Under the old zoning with a three-acre minimum lot size, 150 acres would be developed. With the new zoning of five-acre minimums, we will now develop at least 250 acres.

Most residents would like to think that the township board and the planning commission are working in the best interests of the community. Some of these elected officials and appointees are doing the best job they can. Some of the other officials seem to enjoy the prestige and the control ... that feeling of being in charge! The recently elected township supervisor is learning the new job, but he doesn't stand a chance against a couple of the trustees. Those trustees do whatever they feel like.

As an example of just how much the township is making life difficult, look at how much is spent on legal fees. Over the last couple of years Grattan Township has spent an average of over \$134,000 in attorney fees. To put this in perspective we can look at Lowell Township, which happens to use the same law firm. Their annual legal fees are just over \$19,000. Grattan spends seven times what Lowell spends! And even more remarkable is that Lowell Township has some great developments going on like the new Meijer store, the Whispering Hills housing development, Cumberland Ridge Condos along with many more projects that actually do require the township to seek legal counsel.

On May 4, 2005 at 7 p.m., the Grattan Township Planning Commission is having a public hearing to discuss more ordinance changes to give the township additional control over your life and property. May I suggest that you get off your Layzboy and go to this and other township meetings? They are wasting your tax dollars and making zoning changes that are making your property less valuable. Who needs it!

John Scott, Grand Rapids resident and Grattan Township property owner

Dear Editor,

I am the American Flag that is displayed at the Lowell Red Arrow baseball field. I would like to ask the superintendent of Lowell Area Schools why I am not displayed properly. It does not surprise me that you do not observe proper flag etiquette, as you have been ignoring it for quite some time. The graduating class of 2004 had a beautiful ceremony in Red Arrow Stadium as I flew proudly from the top of the flagpole. Too bad you did not take the time to lower me to half staff. The rest of America had me at half staff mourning the death of President Ronald Reagan. On any given day, one can drive past any of the buildings of Lowell Area Schools and see me flown in various positions. I might be at half staff on one side of the high school, and full staff on the other side. When flying at half staff at Bushnell, you let me get tangled and tattered in the branches of the tree that is next to the staff. Last year you left me displayed at both the ball field, and at the Wittenbach Center until I was a faded shredded mess barely recognizable as the symbol of your nation. I flew that way day and night until an ordinary citizen, disgusted with the way you were treating me, respectfully lowered me and disposed of me in a dignified manner. You fly me at the ball field all night long without any illumination. I know that you have been made aware of my situation in the past but you still allow me to be displayed improperly.

You state that Lowell Area Schools places a value on Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Respect. I ask you which of these values you are following as you fail to display me in the manner that proper flag etiquette dictates.

Allow me to give you a brief history lesson. I was officially born on June 14, 1777, after the First Flag Act of the Continental Congress. I accompanied General Washington throughout the long bloody battles of the Revolution, and

flew proudly as General Cornwallis surrendered to him at Yorktown. I too have values. My 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies that were tired of being oppressed and started this whole freedom thing that you seem to take for granted. The 50 white stars on a field of blue represent the states in the Union. They also represent a new constellation in the sky for the world to recognize. My colors have significance also. My Red symbolizes hardness and valor. The White I display stands for purity and innocence. And the Blue on me represents vigilance, perseverance and justice. On the morning of Sept. 14, 1814, a lawyer on board a ship outside Baltimore Harbor saw me flying over Fort McHenry. I was ripped, shredded, and torn by cannon fire. He was so moved that he wrote a poem about me. It was later put to music, perhaps you have heard of it.

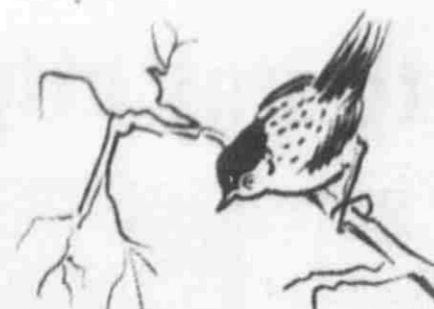
I fly over the USS Arizona and the hundreds of American Sailors entombed forever inside her. I was raised on a water pipe on top of Mt. Surabachi by a group of war-weary Marines after a long and bloody battle at Iwo Jima. Perhaps you remember back in 1969 when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldren placed me on the surface of the moon and saluted me. Another recent and more poignant image is that of the New York City Firefighters finding me and placing me atop of the rubble that had once been the World Trade Center. I have had the honor and privilege to be draped over the caskets of veterans who have died defending the freedoms I represent. I am then folded crisply and with honor, and given to a grieving widow or family member.

Mrs. Miller, I am the symbol of YOUR country. Your ancestors looked to me with hope of a new life filled with freedom. Thousands of American men and women have died defending me and preserving your freedom. Please, do not disregard the sacrifice that they have made. Please do not dishonor the men and women in our Armed Forces that are defending you today. Please fly me properly, or don't fly me at all. I am not just a piece of cloth. I AM YOUR FLAG. -Signed, Old Glory

Fred Maier, USN (retired)

Outdoors

By Dave Stegehus



OFF ROAD

In the early '80s, a motorcycle manufacturer came out with a motorized tricycle with large balloon tires. The vehicle was commonly called a three-wheeler and could be ridden over difficult terrain. It was the forerunner of a class of vehicles soon to be called all-terrain vehicles or ATVs.

The three-wheelers had one serious shortcoming ... that was inherent instability. The vehicle was prone to tipping over in turns. The basic concept was carried forward and a forth wheel was added for stability. This was just the beginning of the evolution of the ATV. Many of the surviving snowmobile manufacturers got into the ATV business. Competition and public demand encouraged manufacturers to continually raise the engineering bar.

Today, the rugged-looking machines feature disk brakes, 4-WD, 4-wheel independent suspension, automatic transmissions and built-in GPS. The engines now have displacements from 90cc to over 750cc.

The machines have been adopted by a variety of users such as farmers, ranchers, utility companies, railroads,

hunters, fishermen and recreational riders. ATVs can carry a rider to out-of-the-way places that are inaccessible by conventional vehicles. They are, of course, also fun to ride. Often family groups create a day or weekend outing around motor-sport activities.

Recreational ATV riders have joined snowmobile and off-road motorcycle riders in the quest for space to pursue their sport. Finding a place to operate ATVs on public land takes some research. These vehicles are equipped with aggressive tires and when operated at higher speeds can cause soil erosion and damage plant communities. For this reason, operation on public land (state and federal) is strictly controlled. Regulations are different for state and federal lands.

There are potential hazards associated with ATV operation and for that reason there are rules regarding the age of riders, required safety equipment, and training. It would be wise for anyone to complete a safety course before participating in the sport. Buyers of new vehicles are generally offered a free safety course. Most dealers have information on when and where classes are held. One source for information on where riding is permitted, rules of operation, and safety training is the Michigan Off-Road Vehicle Guide provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

With proper training and respect for the land and others who share the outdoors, ATV riding can be an enjoyable outdoor experience.

Outdoor fires, continued ... From Page 9

the damages that result from negligent burning. In early April, an Upper Peninsula man was burning debris that ignited a seven-acre grass fire, which destroyed two barns causing an estimated \$20,000 in damages. And losses in the Stephan Bridge

Road Fire in 1990, which destroyed 76 homes east of Grayling, were estimated at \$5.5 million.

To avoid this costly expense, the DNR recommends the following safety precautions for any outdoor burning:

- Always obtain a burning permit from your local fire agency.
- Monitor the weather and never burn on windy days.
- Have water and tools available to extinguish any sparks and flames.
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Murray Lake Elementary students volunteer to stay after school

Over 340 Murray Lake Elementary students stayed after school for an all-school Fun Night they earned for "March is Reading" month. The event was a reward for the over 2,700 "at home" reading hours they accumulated during the month.

Fourth grader Matt Majinska said, "I read over 15 hours during March, and it was worth it. I had a great time, plus I love to read."

Following an after school recess, juggler and comedian extraordinaire Josh Casey entertained the group with a performance which included juggling up to six items at a time and catching a guitar on his chin.

Murray Lake student Katelyn Kazcanowski commented, "The

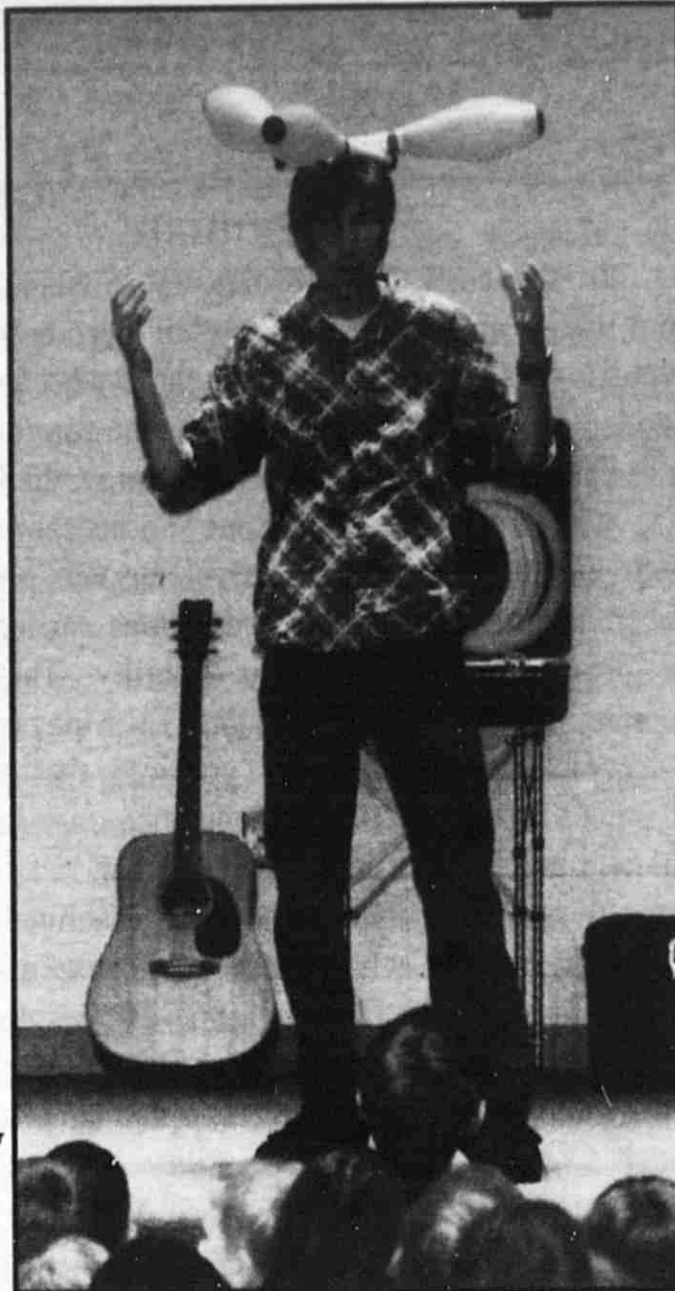
comedian was the best part of the night. It was so cool when he did his juggling on the pogo stick."

Following a pizza dinner and music, the students headed outside for evening games and activities. "I really liked all the games we got to play outside," said fourth grader Heather Dimmick.

"I thought dancing on the stage was the most fun," said student Kolby Kloosterman.

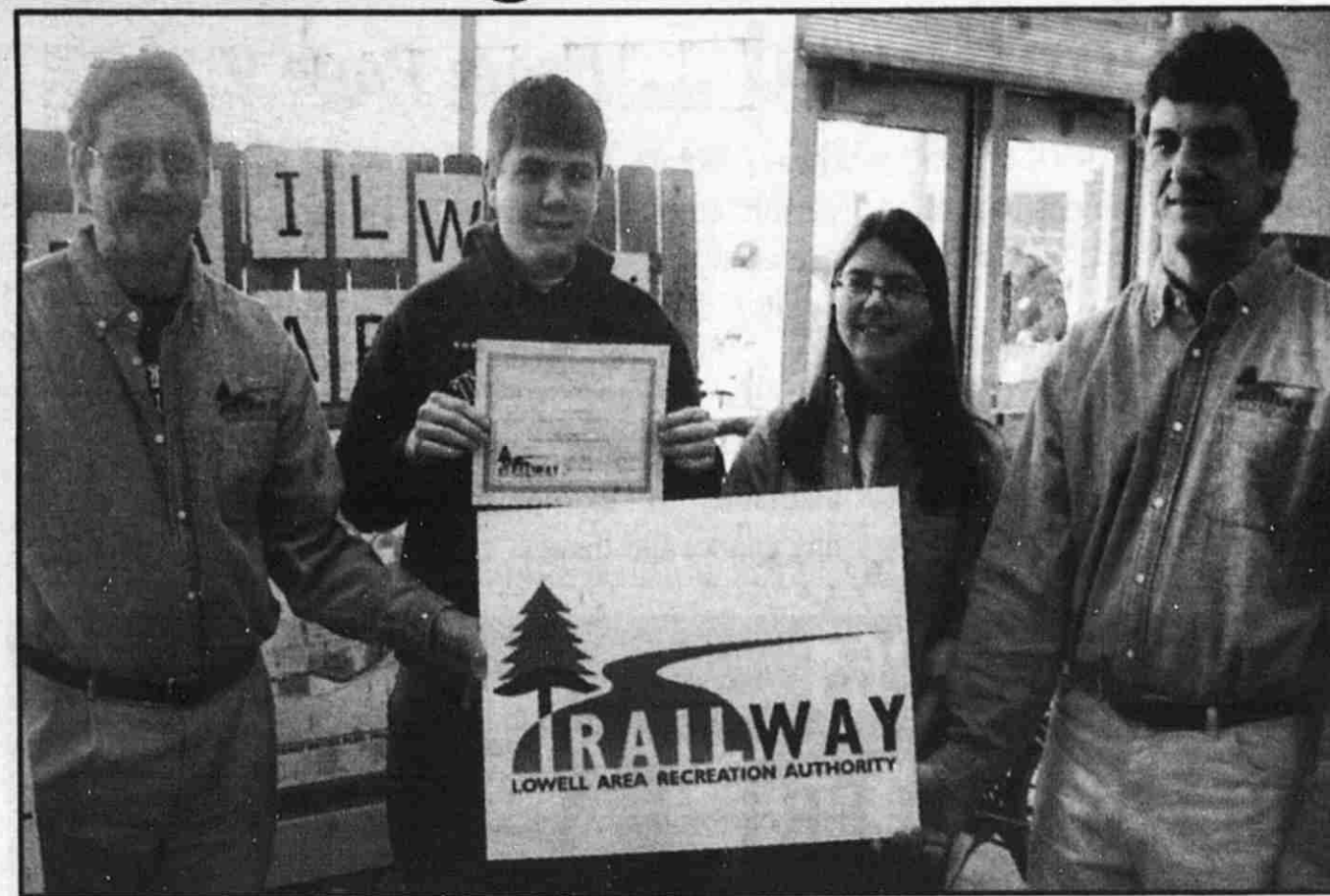
Students also earned a movie and a popcorn night, a Frisbee team assembly, choosing their classroom seats, and a Crazy Days week, for obtaining each weekly 500-hour reading goal in March.

Murray Lake principal Brent Noskey said, "Fun Night was a big hit. It did make for a very long day, but there isn't too much I wouldn't do to get kids to read at home. A student's reading ability is directly tied to how well he or she will do in school. This night was well worth the effort. The volunteers were outstanding. I think we will begin resting up for next year."



At right, juggler Josh Casey entertains students during Fun Night.

LARA logo contest winner



Brennan Heldt, a junior at Northview High School, won the Lowell Area Recreation Authority's logo contest. His entry was chosen from among 21 logos submitted. For his effort, he received a \$500 savings bond from Ionia County National Bank. Heldt is pictured second from left with LARA board members, Jim Pfaller, Betsy Davidson and Al Halbeisen.

Freshmen Center project, continued ... From Page 1

"For the time that it was dry Friday, we were able to get a lot of work done," said Ben Botwinski, the LHS teacher primarily responsible for organizing the service project.

East House students had brought rain coats to Hopkins, so the weather didn't slow them down too much. Their main focus was to get the 180-acre camp ready for the summer camp season. This included maintenance tasks like clearing brush from trails.

But the students also did projects that included digging sediment out of a choked creek bed, demolishing a concrete slide, building park benches and replacing cabin floors.

They also built some wooden platforms for the goats at the camp's barnyard area.

"The goats were so appreciative that as soon as the kids left their pen, they were up on the platforms bouncing up and down," said Lowell Freshmen Center

teacher Jamie Christians. "I didn't see them get off those platforms the whole time we were there."

Similar to the southeast side neighborhood, the impact of a large group of students was visible at the camp.

"It was overwhelming to see what 160 kids could do in an area of about 200 acres," Christians said.

The LHS freshmen spent the night at the camp. They also went through team-building exercises on the low ropes course at the camp.

But for both houses, the project was about more than cleaning up a woods or a neighborhood.

"Our primary goal was to broaden the kids sense of community and to help them realize they are part of a bigger community than just the Lowell area," Christians said.

"I think we dispelled some of the myths about what kids think it's like to live there," Botwinski said of the city project.

He said it showed the kids, "I don't have to be scared to walk downtown, I don't have to be scared of the people I meet."

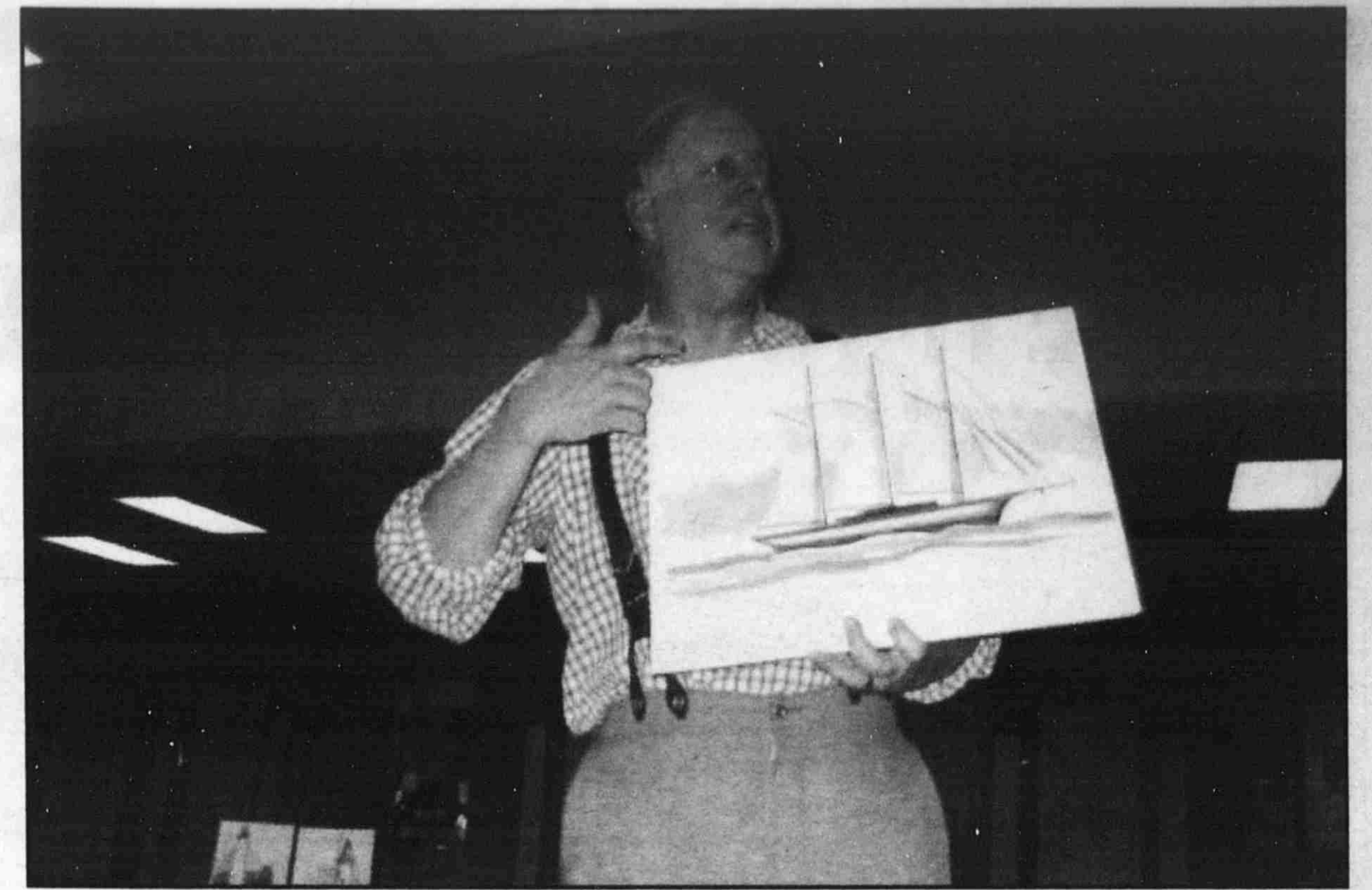
The Lowell students were also able to meet students from Ottawa Hills, when otherwise they probably wouldn't have had the occasion to do so.

"In general, I think there is a lot more comfort between the two schools," Botwinski said.

Another service learning project will be in the works for next year. This was the first time a service learning project involved an entire grade level of students.

Cherry Creek Elementary students enjoy "edutainment"

Fourth grade students at Cherry Creek Elementary experienced going back in time on Wednesday, April 20. Michael Deren "edutained" (or educated through entertainment) them with a performance as a schooner captain on the Great Lakes. His performance included lessons in geography, transportation, environmental studies, and a vast overview of the history of Michigan. Both students and teachers were actively involved, and Deren brought the social studies and science curriculums to life. Funding for this program was provided by the Family Links Organization of Cherry Creek Elementary.



Spirit of Community, continued... From Page 1

every one since the first walk 11 years ago. A few years back, the Haybarkers were the grand marshals for the walk.

They are very involved with the First United Methodist Church, including Sunday school and coordinating youth activities. They are both involved with scouting--Jody as a cub scout leader and Kraig with boy scout troop 102. Kraig and one of his sons are the only father and son to have both earned the Eagle rank in Troop 102.

Jody is one of the original organizers of Christmas Through Lowell. Kraig spent several evenings last Christmas reading stories to children aboard the showboat. He wears a red suit in the annual Lowell Santa Parade but, according to La Warre, that's not the only time he exhibits the spirit of Christmas.

"Kraig is truly Santa Claus in his heart," he said.

The Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award also goes to a husband-and-wife duo this year: Rick and Carol Briggs. The two have been involved as volunteers for the Fallsburg Arts Festival since the late 1980s. For

many years, Rick has done the heavy lifting work of setting up the entertainment stage and the arts council's information booth. Carol has been in charge of the decorations for the event. Each year, she coordinates a team of local gardeners, making sure they plant the flowers needed to create the floral arrangements at the art fair.

"Rick and Carol have been a part of Fallsburg for a very long time," said Michelle Ellison, who organizes the art fair at the Lowell Area Arts Council. "Another important thing is they are very involved in their church, and their church has a food booth at Fallsburg."

So they are busy before, during and after as volunteers for the festival.

This year's Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award, which recognizes its recipient for contributions to education in Lowell, will be presented to Margaret Hoats. Hoats was an elementary teacher in Lowell schools for many years. For two years before she retired, Hoats was the media center coordinator at Cherry Creek Elementary.

Since retirement, she has volunteered hundreds of hours in the media center at Cherry Creek. This includes checking out books, listening to children read aloud, and advising current media center director Christine Beachler. Hoats also comes in once a week to listen to students read in classrooms at Cherry Creek. She is enthusiastic in this capacity,

according to Cherry Creek principal Maureen Dorough, and patiently listens even as the most popular books are read for the 100th time.

Many new Tribute Tree leaves will be dedicated during the celebration, as well. Displayed in the hallway of Lowell High School, the brass leaves allow people to honor individuals for helping the

school system. They also raise money for the Lowell Education Foundation.

The celebration begins at 7 p.m. with punch and cookies in the hallway next to the LPAC at Lowell High School. Providing entertainment during the reception will be the Lowell Middle School Red Arrow orchestra. At 7:30 the

awards presentation will begin; it is free and open to everyone.

The Spirit of Community Celebration began in the spring of 2001 as a way to honor Ray Quada. Quada, who served in government and volunteer capacities in Lowell, embodied the spirit the event celebrates.

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Betty R. Morlock
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Cherry Creek Activities (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

- Ice Cream Social - Enjoy ice cream in the cafeteria (50 cents per dish), served by our teachers and support staff.
- Family Portrait - Photographers from Geskus will be in the gym for families who have pre-arranged to have their picture taken. Please call the school office by April 27th to set up an appointment for your family photo session.
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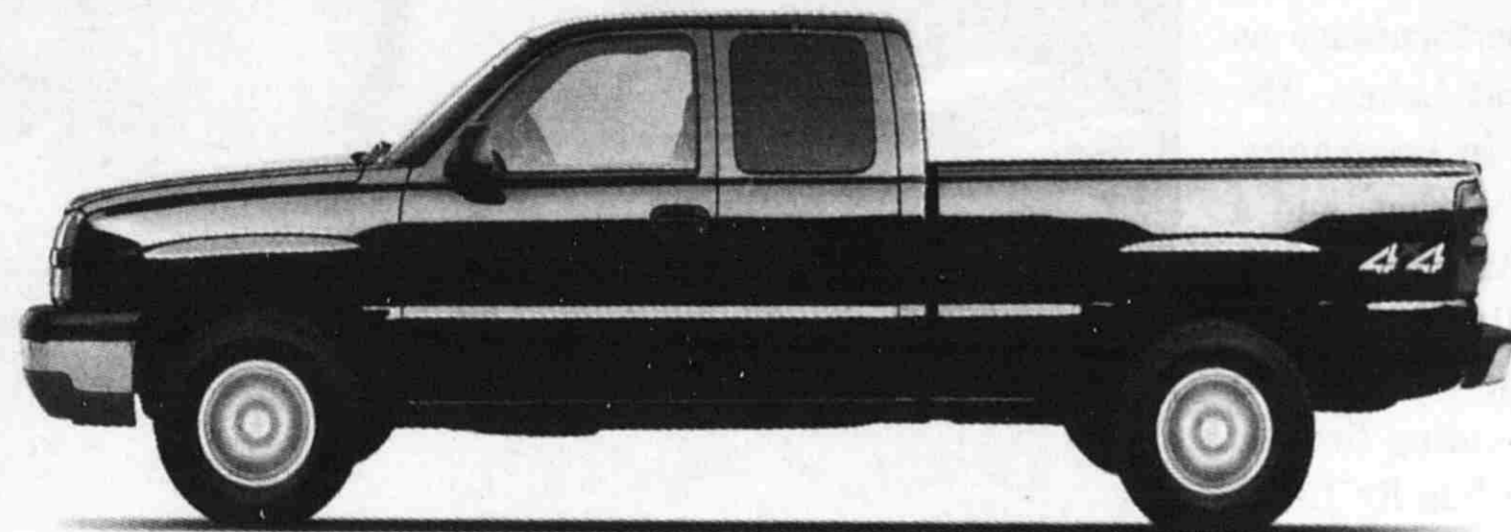
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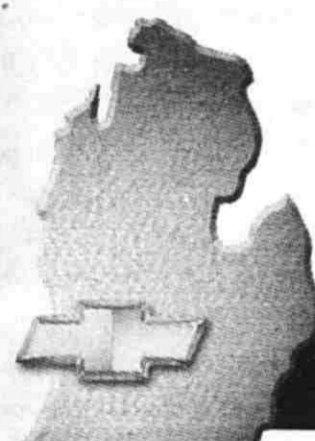
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Girls get first track win against Kenowa Hills Boys team still waiting for season's first victory

By Dan Schneider

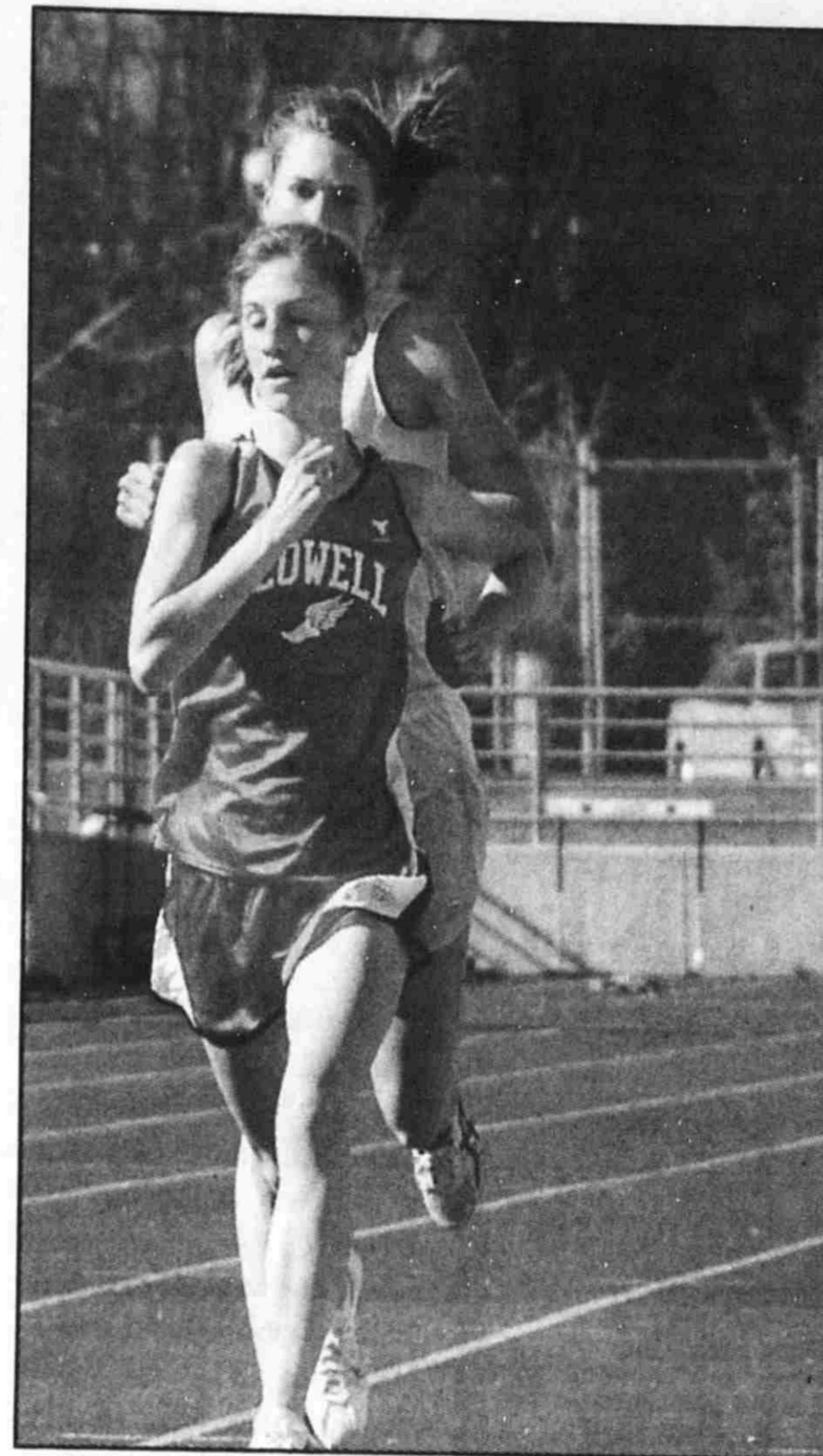
With a young track season, the Lowell girls team claimed their first victory, beating Kenowa Hills 78-59 last Thursday at home.

The Red Arrows were helped by strong performances in the field events. Lowell swept the top four places in pole vault and high jump. Rebekah Woods, 8'0" vault was enough for first place in that event while Amy VanEns took first in high jump, clearing 5'5".

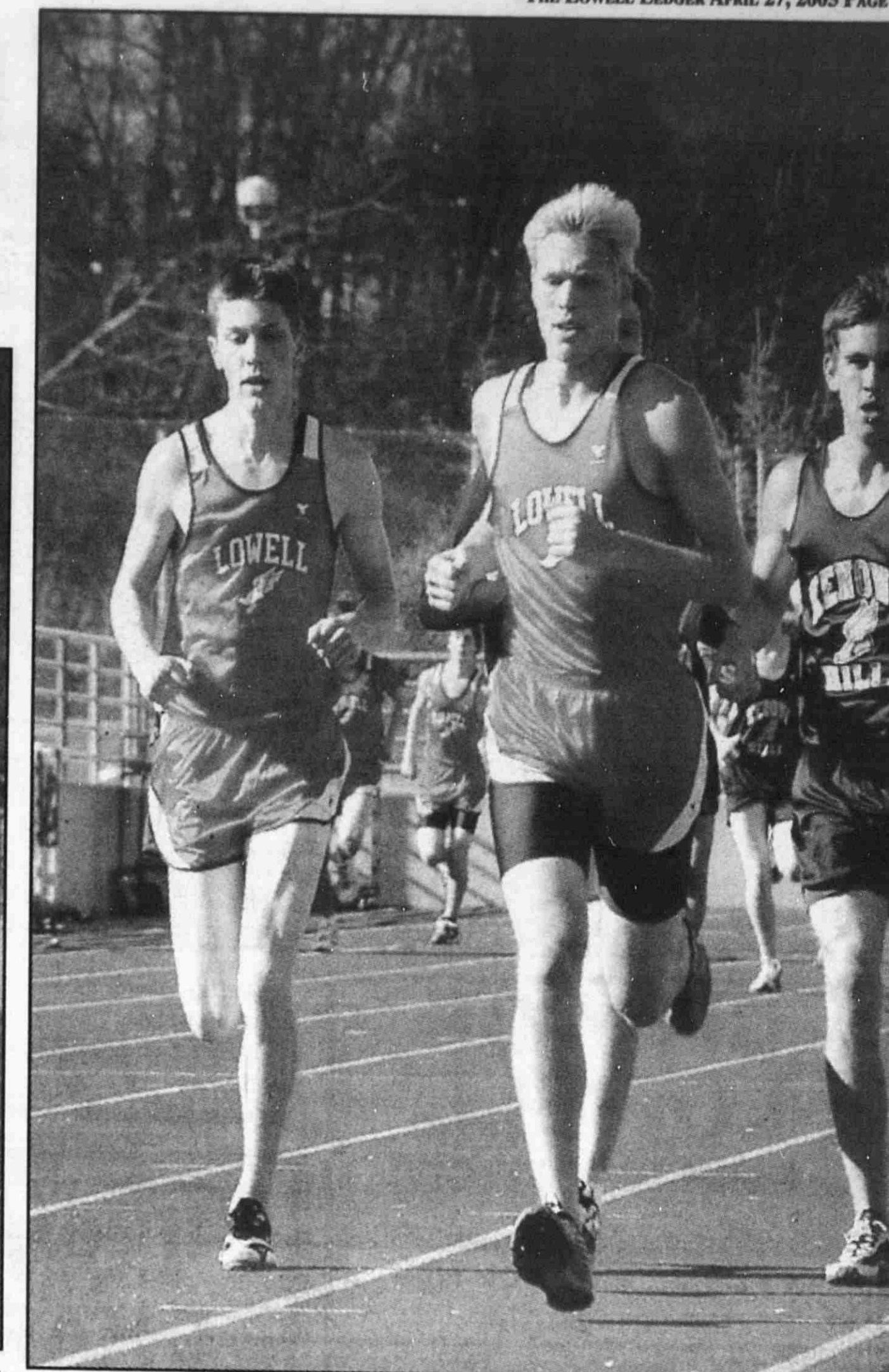
Jasmine Holliman won the shot put event, throwing the shot 30'6.25". Malley Cahoon threw the discus 87'4" to take first in that event.

The Lowell girls swept the top three places in the 100-meter dash, Cahoon taking first in 13.9. Karen Judd won the 3200-meter run for Lowell. Austyn Foster bested the 400 meter.

The boys team fell to the Knights, 75-62, but



Lowell's Karen Judd took over first place for the third lap of the 1600-meter run but fell to second during the last lap.



Lowell's Steve Ellison (in front) and Andy Mark finished one-two in the 1600-meter run last Thursday against Kenowa Hills.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular Meeting of April 18, 2005

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Brooke Liu, Student Council Vice-President, gave a report to the Board in the absence of Justin Quist. Brooke announced that May 19 is the senior trip and senior release day, and graduation will be held on Sunday, June 5. Athletics are going well. The Student Council will be meeting next week to talk about elections and more community service projects for next school year, and they will also be meeting with the Alto 2nd semester student council. Prom is Saturday, May 7 at the new DeVos Center.

STUDENT RECOGNITION - **BPA:** The Board presented certificates to Scott Beatson who took 1st place in Graphic Design at the State Business Professionals Association competition and Kelsey Crowley who placed 5th in Keyboarding Production. Scott and Kelsey qualify to go to the BPA Nationals in Anaheim, California.

Band Students: Certificates were handed out to recognize Nick Myers and Adam Ingraham who were chosen to perform with the MSBOA District Ten High School Honors Band. Nick Myers also made the All-State Honors Band. Audrey Fleet also received a certificate for scoring a 96 in Proficiency I at the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

STUDENT REPORTS - **FFA:** Kevin Nugent along with FFA members Katie Serne, Marie Wade, Katie Ward and Shelly Wernet reported on their activities this school year.

REPORTS - **TOTS/Curiosity Corner Preschool Update:** Kathy Cole gave an update on the TOTS/Curiosity Corner Preschool program.

Alto Elementary School Update Mary Ann Schramm along with students Marissa Hills, Jason Strickland, Shelby Gaskin, and Michelle Foote gave PowerPoint demonstrations highlighting the school improvement activities for Alto Elementary School. Alto teacher Mark MacDonald also emphasized that students are being taught to obtain adequate verifiable data from the internet to include in student reports.

Cost Containment Committee Recommendations Mike Blough reported on recommendations made by the Cost Containment Committee to cut \$1 million from the 2005-06 budget. Options given were Early Retirement Incentive, Shorten School Year (cut days but make up instruction time by adding minutes), Outsource Bus Maintenance, Outsource Copy Center and Warehouse Operations, Secure Additional Grants, Find Another Program to Offset the Cost of Unity and Community Ed, Generate Dollars by Selling the Monroe Street Site.

High School Counselors

Bob VanBelois, Tory Parsons, and Mary Moore updated the Board on their counseling activities at the high school. They also announced that Marie Lazar & Kristen McAlpine qualified for the National Merit Scholarship.

MARSHA WILCOX COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - The Board announced that Margaret Hoats is the winner of the Marsha Wilcox Community Service Award. The annual award is presented to those individuals who have made long and worthwhile contributions to the school and the community. The formal presentation will be made at the Spirit of Community Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2005 at the Lowell High School.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
 - Altior donation of used computers and monitors valued at \$4900 to be used by the technology department.
 - Kim Pallottini donation of diapers valued at \$45 to be used by the TOTS Program and donation of baby items valued at \$500 to be used by the Teen moms.
 - The Damm Family donation of videos valued at \$45 to be used by Curiosity Corner Preschool.
 - Betty Brink donation of 150 books valued at \$540 to be used by the Middle School Media Center and the Gifted & Talented program.
- Adopted the resolution naming Michigan Teacher Day as Tuesday, May 3 and purchase reading materials for each of the school libraries.
- Adopted the resolution naming Peter Haefner as the designated electoral representative for the ISD Election and Patrick Nugent as the alternate representative.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- Minutes for March 14, 2005 Regular Meeting and March 28, 2005 Workshop
- The following payment of bills for March 2005:
 - GENERAL FUND.....\$ 1,182,057.64
 - SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 - A. Food Service Fund.....\$ 89,155.10
 - B. Athletic Fund.....\$ 44,419.28
 - 2004 Debt Fund.....\$18,190.94
 - 2004 Energy Bond Fund.....\$ 317,162.00
 - TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$ 60,412.25
- Personnel Report
- Shared Time Program at St. Patrick School

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that there is still no word from Lansing on the school financing for 2005-06 and that more

should be known after the May 19 Revenue Consensus Conference. A list of potential cuts will be reported at the May 9 Board meeting, and a community budget meeting will be held on May 16 to discuss the recommendations. The severance package being offered to teachers has seen a number of teachers interested. The district will be handling new teacher applications via the internet using GreatSchoolJobs.com. Several generic positions were posted and so far there have been 1200 applications received.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasper reported on the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) level test for grades 2, 5, 6, 8, and 9 being administered in its pilot year. MAP is a computerized adaptive test where the difficulty of the test is adjusted to the student's performance. The advantage of this testing process is that teachers receive immediate feedback and can then personalize instruction based on the student's needs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Todd Smithee - district communications, Vicki Fredline - lost benefits for support staff member, Sonnie Sullivan - her child's health concerns.

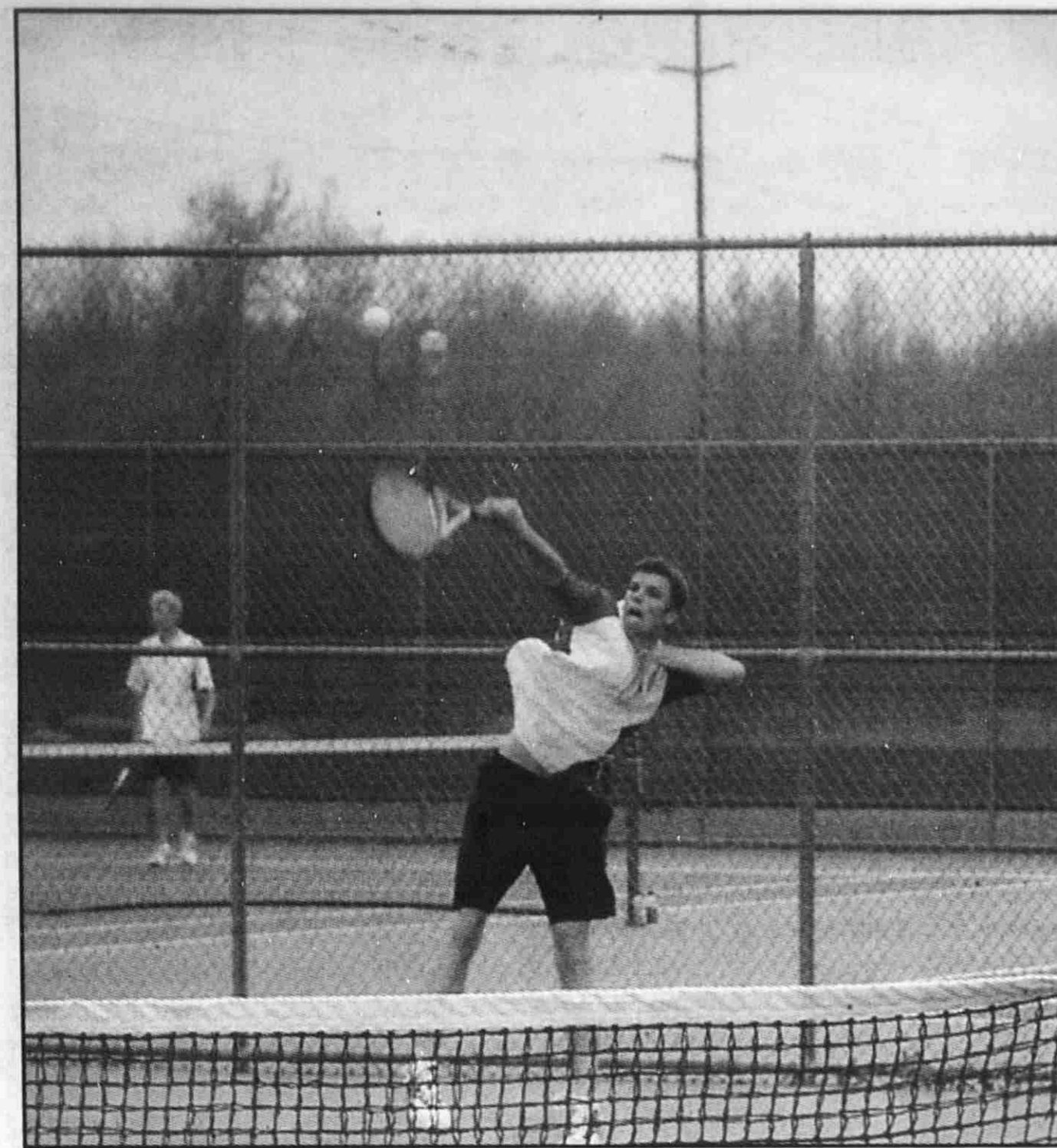
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller had Linda Warren give a brief report on the status of the middle school air quality. Mrs. Warren shared that an environmental firm was called in to check the air quality. They found no problems and the report was sent to the County agency to verify the report. The Health Department reviewed the reports and told Linda she was doing all that she could to make sure that the school was environmentally safe. Shari then expressed her excitement to hear about the two students who qualified for the National Merit Scholarship. Shari thanked the presenters for their reports: Mary Ann Schramm, Kathy Cole, high school counselors. A May 16 board workshop is planned for 7 p.m. in the Board room and community members are welcome to attend and give input on potential cuts for next school year. On Saturday, April 23, there will be a work day at Alto Elementary to work on the new playground being installed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop
Monday, April 25, 2005 - 5:00 p.m. - Bus Garage then move to Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2005
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room - 7:00 p.m.
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Boys tennis claims second tournament win

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity boys tennis team took first place last Monday at the Portland Invitational Tournament.

The Arrows' team score was 27. Host Portland finished second with 24 while Lansing-Waverly scored 19 points and Ithaca scored 10.

"It was a really good day, we were excited to win," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said. "I think it's probably the first time in recorded history that a Lowell team has won two tournaments in the season, a boys team."

Travis Trapp won the

individual championship at second singles. Brett Hobrla was the tournament champion at third singles while Brett McMahon won the tournament in fourth singles. The fourth doubles team of Brandon Lawrence and Ben Ritzema also defeated all of their opponents.

At home last Wednesday Lowell lost 6-2 in a league-opener dual match against Unity Christian. Hobrla beat Andrew Meyer 6-3, 6-1 to win third singles.

"Brett's playing some really strong tennis," Wall said.

McMahon beat Andrew Dekkinga 6-3, 6-4 to win fourth singles for Lowell. He was 9-0 for the season after the win.

Unity Christian is a perennial tennis power in the OK White. This week, Lowell takes on another perennial OK White power when they travel to East Grand Rapids Wednesday. The Red Arrows travel to the Caledonia Tournament on Saturday.

Over the weekend, rain cancelled the Big Rapids Tournament. Plans are to reschedule for May 3.

Lowell's Brett Hobrla serves against Unity Christian's Andrew Meyer. Hobrla won the third singles match 6-3, 6-1.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

POSTING OF SIGNS IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Chapter 20 Section 20.04 C and D of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Lowell states "No sign(s) shall be placed in, upon or over any public street right-of-way, alley, or other public place, except as may be otherwise permitted by this ordinance or other ordinances of the City of Lowell" and "No light pole, utility pole, or other supporting member shall be used for the placement of any sign unless specifically designed and approved for such use".

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James Valentine, Chief of Police
Lowell Police Department

NOTICE OF REZONING LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that at the regular meeting of April 18, 2005, the Lowell Township Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and rezoned property located at 5960 Alden Nash S.E., Permanent Parcel No. 41-20-34-300-016, from AG-1, Prime Agricultural, to Light Industrial. This rezoning will take effect 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

Girls soccer keeps winning

With an undefeated season, the Lowell varsity girls soccer team had wins

at Sparta and East Grand Rapids last week.

Lowell opened OK White conference play with a 9-0 win at Sparta last Monday.

The Arrows defeated East Grand Rapids last Wednesday by a score of 2-0. That win boosted Lowell's record to 6-0-1 for

the season. It was their fifth shut-out victory. Their only win that was not a shutout was the season-opener against Caledonia with a score of 4-2. Lowell faced Kenowa Hills Monday and host Northview Wednesday. The team travels to Fruitport Friday.

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Lacrosse gets second win in cold wind, rain, snow

By Dan Schneider

Playing in cold, blowing rain and snow Saturday, the Lowell varsity lacrosse team beat the varsity B team from the Culver Military Academy, 4-2.

The academy brought three teams--varsity A and

B and junior varsity--up from Indiana to play some Michigan teams at East Grand Rapids High School. They likely got more of a climatic change than they bargained for.

"It was just icy cold," Lowell coach Eric Bredin said. "There was snow and

freezing rain and winds coming off the lake."

The Red Arrows, who had lost 7-5 when these two teams met last year, scored a goal in each period of play for the win.

In the first quarter, Mitch Solon scored on an assist by Scott Devereaux. David Gallagher scored unassisted

Austin Blough scored an unassisted goal in the second quarter.

Culver also managed two goals in the first half. But Lowell took the lead in the third quarter with a goal by Greg Huizer on an assist by Scott Devereaux. David Gallagher scored unassisted

in the fourth quarter.

With its second win coming in the sixth game of the season, and 11 games left to play, the Red Arrows are well on pace to best last year's three-win season. This is the first year lacrosse is a varsity sport at Lowell High School.

Last Tuesday, the Arrows lost a 13-2 decision against West Ottawa. Lowell, in the middle of a road trip, played at Holland Tuesday, travel to Grand Rapids Catholic Central Thursday and face Portage Central away on Saturday.

Lowell baseball wins one at Portland, two at FHE

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell baseball squad was on both sides of two blowouts last Monday at Portland.

The first game of the doubleheader was an 11-1 loss as Lowell struggled with "throwing strikes," according to coach Justin

Miller. Lowell walked the first four Portland batters in the first inning and the Raiders went up 4-0 by the end of it.

Portland scored five more runs in the fifth to put a win out of reach for the Red Arrows.

But Lowell was on the

winning side in the second game of the doubleheader.

"Each game we scored in the first inning, but this time we got on top, stayed on top and the guys didn't lose focus," Miller said.

Tim Droese got the win at the mound for Lowell.

At Ionia last Wednesday, Lowell had a 4-0 lead until the bottom of the fourth

inning. The Bulldogs scored three in that inning and ended up winning 11-8. Game two of the doubleheader was suspended due to darkness.

Lowell won two five-inning games last Thursday at Forest Hills Eastern; they won the first 11-0, scoring in

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Softball wins four road games

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity softball team put together a successful run last week, winning four of their five games.

It started with a 1-0 win in the first game of a doubleheader at Portland last Monday. No team scored until the top of the seventh inning. Ashleigh Inman hit a base hit. Ashley Nawrocki advanced her to second with a sacrifice bunt. Then Becky Plummer hit a triple that bounced off the top of the fence to score Inman for the only run of the game.

Plummer gave up no hits in the game. One Portland baserunner got on via an error, preventing a perfect game. The Raiders' pitcher had a perfect game going until the seventh inning.

In the second game of the night, Portland scored in the sixth inning off an error at third for the only run of the game.

"Lowell only had three hits in that game but we loaded the bases in the sixth inning and we couldn't

score," said Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse.

So the Red Arrows split the doubleheader with Portland.

"It's always nice to beat Portland," Rodenhouse said. "They always have good pitching and good teams, and when you can beat Portland, you know you're pretty decent yourselves."

Ionia got out to a 3-0 lead in the first game of a doubleheader last Wednesday. Then the visiting Red Arrows scored four runs in the sixth on three hits and three Ionia errors. The game-winner was an RBI single from Andrea Dewey with two outs to drive home Brittany Bueche.

Lowell won game two 3-1, scoring one in the first until the seventh inning. Inman had the game-winning RBI single that drove in two runs with two outs.

Plummer secured both wins against Ionia for a 5-3 record so far this season. Against Ionia, she struck out seven batters in game one and six in game two, and walked no one.

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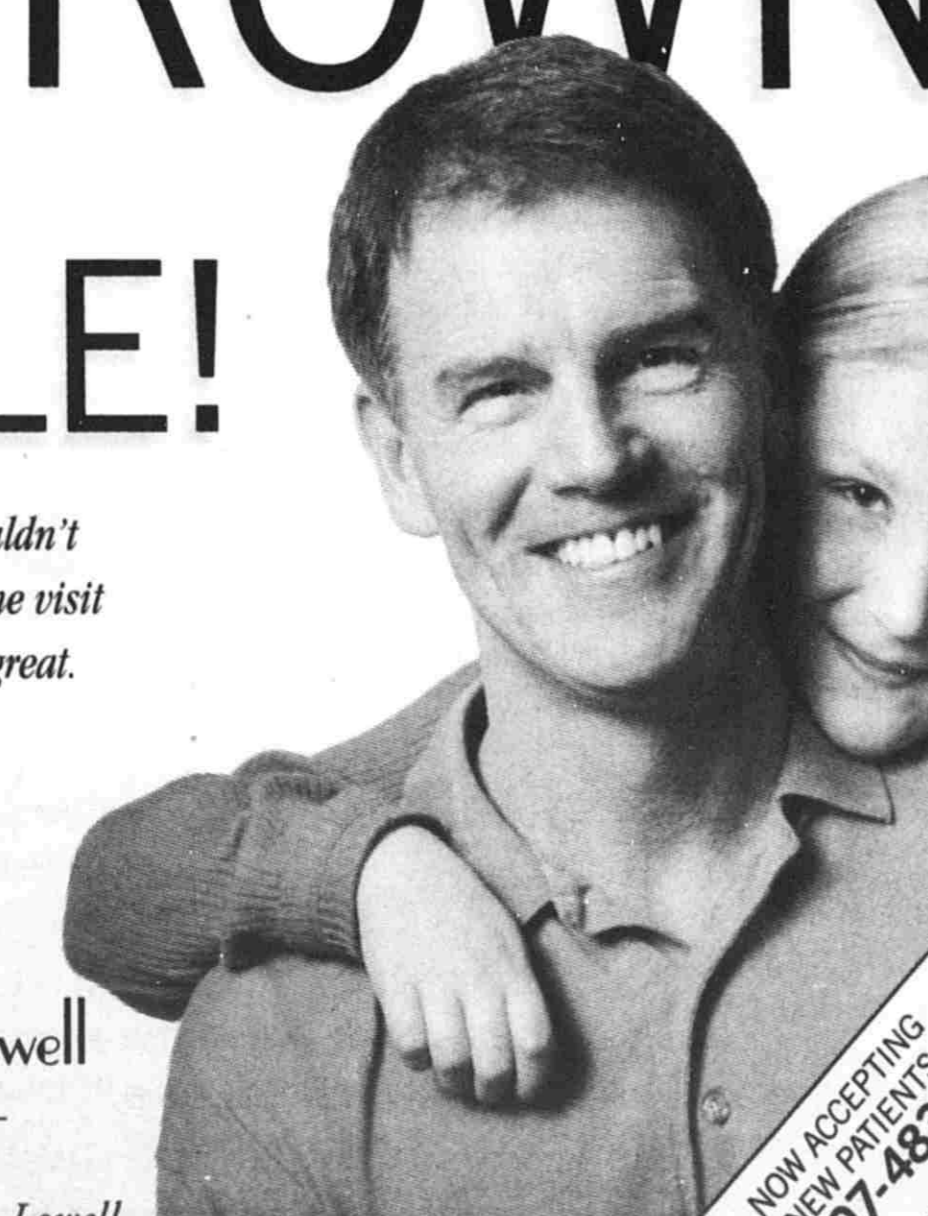
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Girls golf splits last week's dual matches

The Lowell girls varsity golf team started last week with a 213-235 victory over Cedar Springs at Deer Run Golf Club Wednesday.

Mandy Gunberg led the Red Arrows and the field

Lowell's Mandy Gunberg tees off on hole number two last Thursday at Deer Run Golf Club. Gunberg had the low score of the match with a 46.

with a 46 for nine holes. Stef Stuewe scored a 51.

Cedar Springs' first three scorers each shot a 58. Lowell's Brittany Foley was close behind with a 59.

The Red Arrows' undefeated streak in dual meets came to an end last Thursday as they fell to Middleville by a score of 195-203. Lowell remains undefeated in OK White dual competition.

The Arrows played in the Forest Hills Northern Invitational Monday. They travel to East Grand Rapids Wednesday and host Grand Rapids Christian on Friday.

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every inning.

Tony Adriane went three for four with two doubles. David Kern also hit a double in that game. Spencer Quinn stole two bases and Jay Ryan got his second win of the year at the mound.

Zach Burger pitched for Lowell's second win of the night, a 7-0 victory.

"We played a lot of

people who haven't played," Miller said.

Quinn was walked to base twice in the game and managed to score two runs, one on a triple by Jason Welsch. Ryan Kalman went 2-3 in the game with a double.

The next game, the league-opener, is Wednesday at Greenville. On Friday, they travel to Unity Christian.

Track, continued...From page 15

several recorded strong performances. Eric Dean won the pole vault, clearing 10'6". Tom Doll won the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.93. Steve Ellison (4:47) and Andy Mark (4:49) finished first and second, respectively, in the 1600 meter. Adam VanderPols won the 400 meter in a close finish with a time of 56.3.

Winning the 300-meter hurdles for Lowell was Regan Doyle in 46.8. Mark won the 3200-meter run in

10:40. Lowell also won the 1600-meter relay.

Both the boys team and the girls team lost to East Grand Rapids last Tuesday by the same score: 82-55.

The girls team opened their OK White season with a 96-42 loss to Sparta Thursday, April 14. The boys team lost 132-5 that day.

Lowell hosted Northview Tuesday and the teams travel to Greenville on Thursday.

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Financial Focus

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Diversify Your Mutual Fund Holdings

You've probably heard that it's important to diversify your investments. And it's true: By spreading your money among a range of financial vehicles - stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, etc. - you can give yourself more opportunities for success, and you'll reduce the chances of being hurt by a downturn that primarily affects one type of asset. So here's the big question: How do you diversify?

You'd need to spend a great deal of money to build a diversified portfolio containing a variety of individual investments. Consequently, you may want to invest in mutual funds which, by definition, offer significantly more diversification than investments in solitary stocks or individual bonds.

The More, The Merrier? Each mutual fund contains dozens, or even hundreds, of securities, so it's tempting to think that the more funds you own, the better diversified you'll be.

But that's not always the case. Suppose, for example, that you are interested in "growth" funds - those mutual funds whose investment goal is long-term capital appreciation. These types of funds invest heavily in stocks of growing companies that are more likely to reinvest their profits into growing their business, rather than paying cash dividends to shareholders. Although there are hundreds of different growth funds, many of them look alike. If you bought several growth

funds, you would probably wind up with many similar stocks in slightly different packages. And if one of your funds is adversely affected by market circumstances, the others might be similarly hit, so you could end up losing the key benefit of mutual funds: diversification.

How can you avoid buying a bunch of nearly identical growth funds? Review the prospectuses or annual reports of all the funds you're considering. These documents typically list their funds' individual holdings and the percentages of different types of assets.

Types of Funds

Thus far, we've mostly discussed growth funds. To create a diversified mutual fund portfolio, though, you'll need to consider other types of funds, such as:

- **Growth-and-income funds** - As the name suggests, growth-and-income funds strive to achieve a mix of capital growth and current income. These types of funds invest in dividend-paying stocks and some bonds.

- **Bond funds** - You can find mutual funds that focus on corporate, Treasury or municipal bonds. While all these funds seek to provide income, they differ in risk level and tax consequences.

- **International funds** - International funds invest in stocks in non-U.S. companies. Although such funds can achieve large gains, they are frequently volatile, as they are subject to currency fluctuation and other risks inherent in foreign investments.

Not all types of mutual funds are particularly helpful in building a diversified portfolio. For example, some investors purchase "sector" funds, which primarily invest in the stocks of a particular industry or segment of the economy, such as technology, health care or financial services. Sector funds are, by design, less diversified than other types of mutual funds; as a result, they are generally more risky.

Choose Your Funds Wisely

With the thousands of mutual funds available, how can you choose the mix that is right for you? You might want to

BOWNE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 05-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.06.H. OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

At a regular meeting of the Bowne Township Board, Kent County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 18th day of April, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., local time.

PRESENT: Christian Wenger, Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Tammi Wingeier, David Fuss, Kim Culbertson.
ABSENT: None.

The following ordinance was offered by Culbertson and seconded by Fuss.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BOWNE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9.06.H.

Section 9.06.H. of the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-03, as amended) is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

H. The provisions of Section 3.02 shall not apply to garages, carports or other accessory buildings for multiple-family dwellings. Not more than 2 garage or carport spaces shall be permitted for each dwelling unit of a multiple-family dwelling use. Each garage and carport shall be set back a minimum of 35 feet from any property line abutting a street and shall be set back at least 30 feet from all other property lines and buildings or structures. Not more than 2 accessory buildings, other than garages or carports, shall be permitted for a multiple-family dwelling use and such accessory buildings shall not be located within any front yard and not closer than 30 feet from any property line. No garage, carport, or other accessory building shall be used for dwelling purposes.

SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or the

application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be found to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

As amended by this ordinance, the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2000-3, as amended) shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days after publication hereof.

The Township of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, hereby approves this Ordinance.

ADOPTED:

Ayes: Wenger, Kowalczyk, Wingeier, Fuss, Culbertson.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

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COUNTY OF KENT)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted by the township board of Bowne Township, Kent County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on April 18, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to an in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, P.A. of Michigan 1967, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by law.

This ordinance can be inspected or purchased at the Bowne Township Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and on Fridays between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk, Clerk

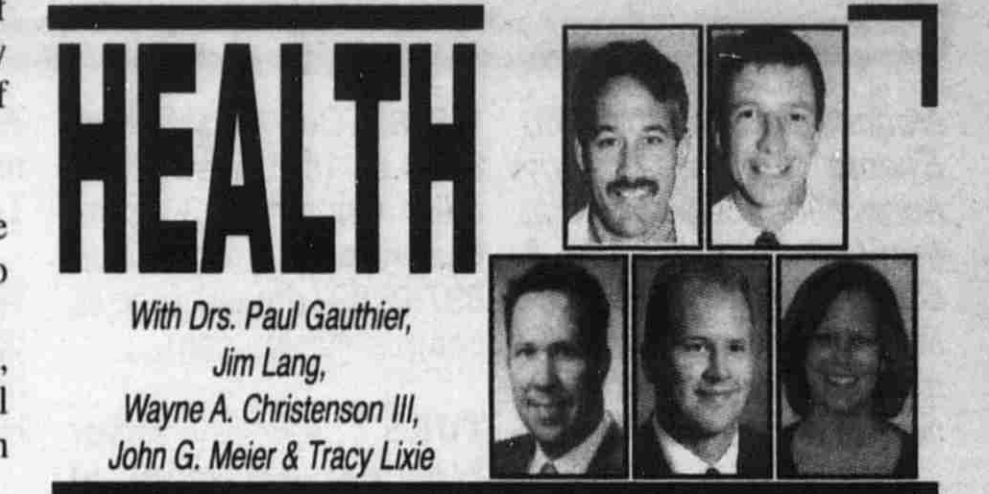
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TRACTORS: John Deere 720 diesel with narrow front; Case 1030 diesel with wide front

FARM MACHINERY: 14' Harts tandem axle horse trailer with tack and hay room - must seal; 1981 Onan generator, 3 or single phase; 16' Smalley square tube bale conveyor, elec.; 8' drag; 225-gallon Century spray tank; 32' hay and grain elevator; hayrack; Int. 6-row corn planter with 400 cyclone dry fertilizer; N.I. 42' elevator; N.I. 52' PTO elevator; 16' Brillion culti-mulcher; hay

VEHICLES: 1993 3/4 ton Chevy Cheyenne truck with Western Uni-mount Pro plow; 1994 Ford Escort wagon; 2000 Saturn; 1989 22' Chevy motorhome - must seal; and more

TOOLS: Ind. 6" Delta jointer/planner and table saw; Craftsman radial arm saw; bandsaw; circular saw; hobby wood lathe; sawzall; air compressor; auto floor jack; acetylene torch; many hand tools & miscellaneous

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Porcelain kitchen stove; trunk; children's desk; graniteware; cast iron stove; bottle capper; large anvil; pitcher pump; comic books; baseball cards; Shakespeare rod and reel; lanterns; clothes wringer; doll beds; dolls; cast iron dishes; tools; car & truck toys; cream can; bottles; keys; 1858 gum ball machine; buttons; marbles; copper fire extinguisher; more!

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Nothing is more irritating than Lowell's cable going out in the middle of a program, then to get a late fee for being 1 day late.

I completely agree with the kind words for Ms. Annie Charles. Your child is so lucky to have her for a teacher. There is none better than that sweet lady. We all love her tons.

To the person that doesn't want sports on the front page of our papers: It's about the best thing we have going on around here.

VFW Bingo - you people need to get it together before everyone quits coming.

Is there anywhere in town to get some good steak fajitas?

What's the best kept secret in Bowne Center? It's the newly remodeled Ladies Aide Museum. It is great!

Why does Lowell need a Secretary of State's office? We can go to Ionia.

Why is it so hard to throw my Buyers Guide on my porch instead of my roof or the mud puddle?

Is it just me or does anyone else find it odd that there is always a gas crisis on the weekend, and that gas can jump up one day and down the next and then back up.

All interested in having a skate park for the kids in Lowell please come to the city hall meeting Saturday May 14 at 8:30 a.m. We

Hildenbrand, cont'd. ... From Page 8

"Last week Meijer announced they intend to build 50 new stores in the next five years. We want many of these 50 new stores to locate in Michigan. Passing the Pricing Modernization Act will make

need ideas and the kids need our help to get this going.

A big thank you to those responsible for the changing themes on the Showboat. Adult and children watch for the special lighted displays.

A huge thank you to Mr. Noskey and the staff and parents from

Murray Lake. Fun Night was great and so are you!! The kids had a terrific time!!

Thank you, Lowell Freshman staff, for giving our kids such a wonderful opportunity last week in both Hopkins and S.E. Grand Rapids. We REALLY appreciate you!

our state more appealing for retailers like Meijer to do business and will put Michigan on a level playing field with our neighboring states. We cannot afford not to implement this law," Hildenbrand said.

With bipartisan support and more than one-third of representatives co-sponsoring the legislation, HB 4636 is expected to be referred to the House Commerce Committee in the coming weeks.

GARAGE SALES

HUGE YARD SALE
9071 Bailey, Ada.
Thurs., 4/28, Fri.,
4/29 & Sat. 4/30.

SECOND BEST SALE
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
April 28 & 29, 3 miles east on M-21. Clothes, household items, books, toys and knick-knacks. Hours are Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

GROUP GARAGE SALE
6793 Adaridge SE, Ada. April 28 & 29, 9am - 5pm. To benefit Orphanage. Lots of good stuff including perennial flowers.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE
850 Boynton Hills, 8-6 p.m. Saturday, May 7.

GARAGE SALE
April 29 & 30, 8:30 -5:30 at 6244 Pratt Lake, Alto, between 60th & 64th streets. Women's XL business casual clothing, boys clothes, skis, toys, bunkbeds and dresser, and lots more household miscellaneous stuff. We're downsizing! Priced to sell.

CLEAN SWEEP SALE
Fri. & Sat., 4/29 & 4/30. Open 9 a.m. - ? Graco; Little Tikes; fridge; weights; tables; baby, women's & men's clothes; some hand tools. 3333 Emery between Alden Nash & 36th St.

GARAGE SALE
Many different items, Fri. 4/29 & Sat., 4/30, 9-4 p.m. 12584 5 Mile.

SALE
Kids' clothes, adult clothes - women's sizes, books, housewares, lots of other goodies! Wed. & Thurs., May 4 & 5, 9-5 p.m. Spruce Forest, off Montcalm between Grand River & Oberley.

YARD SALE
Don't miss this one! 3 family, furniture, sports equip., household items, gardening items, books, toys & more. Thurs., April 28, 9-5 p.m. and Fri., April 29, 9-12 p.m., 2754 Bewell, located between Grand River & 36th St.

MOVING SALE
916 Sargent, Ada. Fri., April 29, 9 a.m./Saturday, 9-? Collectibles, dishes, pans, books, you name it!

HUGE BARN SALE
Round baler, cut conditioner, horse trailer, rakes, 5 bottom plow, corn picker, cultivator, corn planter, large round bales, pickup truck camper (free), 1988 Cadillac El Dorado (needs work), Model 1300 Skeet gun, antique bar cooler, tools, furniture, vanities, pictures, household items, clothes and so much more. April 29 & 30. 8381 Two Mile Rd.

SALE
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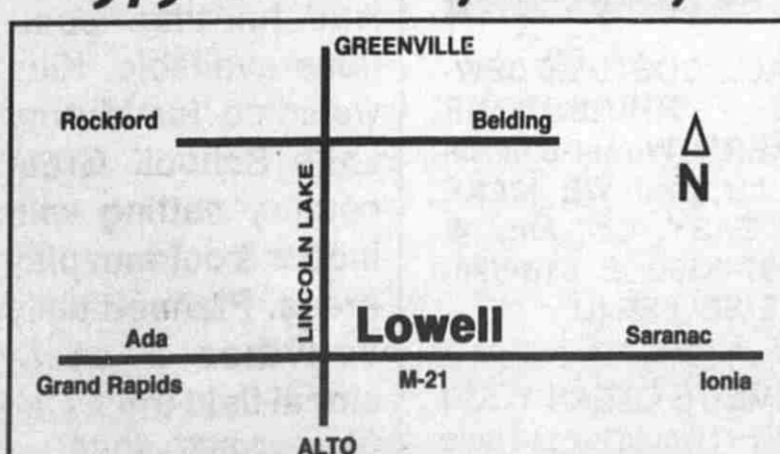
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