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Community Spirit accolades

By Dan Schneider

The citizens of Lowell collected Friday at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce to celebrate their community's spirit.

The event culminated with the presentation of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award. This year, the award went to Kraig and Jody Haybarker. The couple was recognized for their years of volunteer service to the Lowell community. That includes the food pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries, CROP Walk, being Lowell's Mr. and Mrs. Claus and helping out with Boy Scouts.

"It makes this community a better place to live to have them here," said Jim White, last year's recipient of the award, who gave a speech about the Haybarkers during the awards presentation.

Accepting the award with humility, the Haybarkers remained seated in the audience while White delivered his speech with some light ribbing.

Barb Pierce the chairperson of the Lowell Area Arts Council board presented the annual Arty Award to Carol and Rick Briggs. They received the award--an eclectic, glued-together conglomeration of colorful elements built up over several years--for their years of volunteer work in support of the arts council's Fallasburg Fall Festival. Carol Briggs is annually responsible for creating the floral arrangements that provide the decor for the event. Rick Briggs has for years set up the arts council's information booth and the entertainment stage. He will retire from that role this year, however, as he wants to put more time into his church's food booth at the festival. He will be looking for a new volunteer to train.

Margaret Hoats was the recipient of this year's Marsha Wilcox Award. A teacher at Lowell elementary schools for many years, Hoats took her first post here because she liked the rivers. She stayed around until retirement and now volunteers countless hours at the Cherry Creek Elementary media center.

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education president Nancy Hopkins, who presented the award, called Hoats "a strong, dedicated, earnest, always-for-kids and all-about-kids person."

The Lowell Education Foundation dedicated six brass leaves to its tribute tree in the hallway of Lowell High

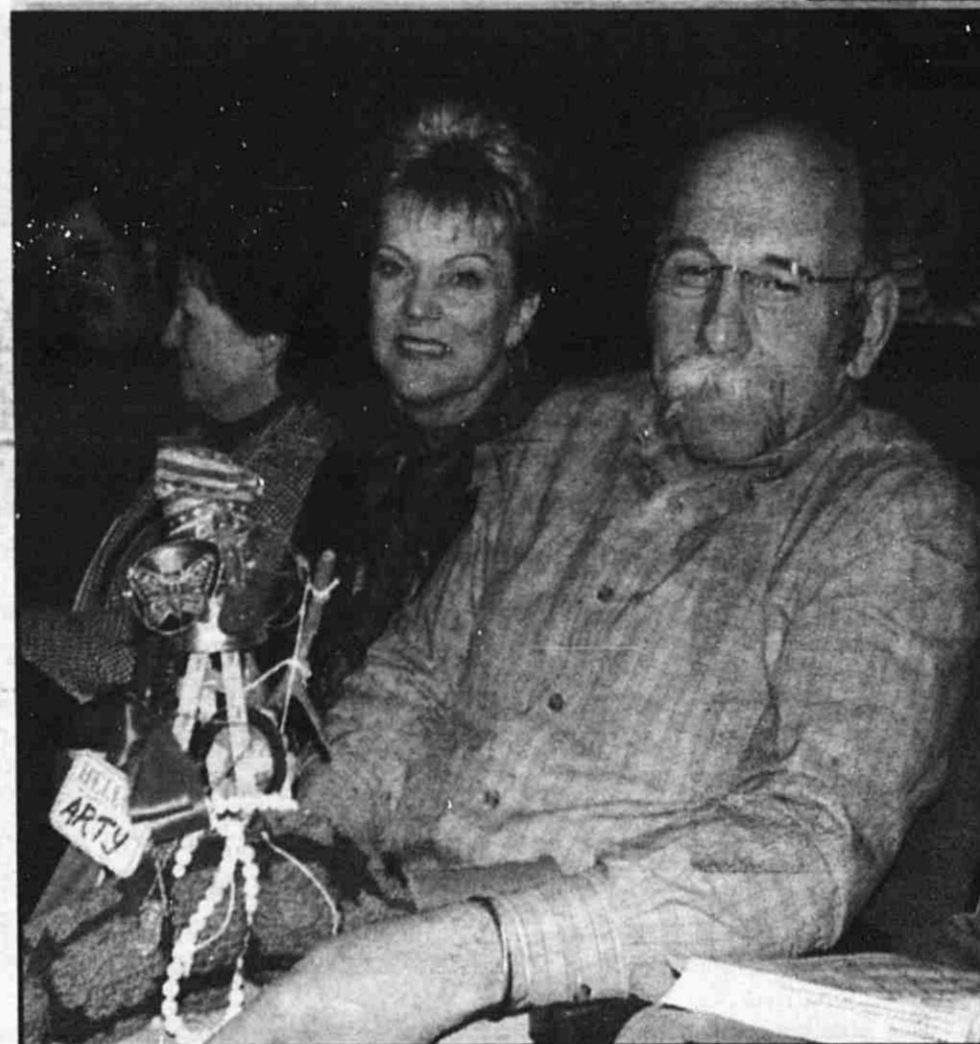
School. The leaves were dedicated to Emma Kropf McDonald Herron, Ann Mulder, Margaret Hoats, Kelsay Myers, Shelley Swift and the 2004-2005 Lowell Area Schools teachers and staff.

This year's event, the fifth annual "Spirit of Community Celebration," will be the last. The organizations that came together five years ago to hold the event--Lowell Area Schools, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Lowell Area Arts Council--have now grown sufficiently to hold individual ceremonies for their respective awards.

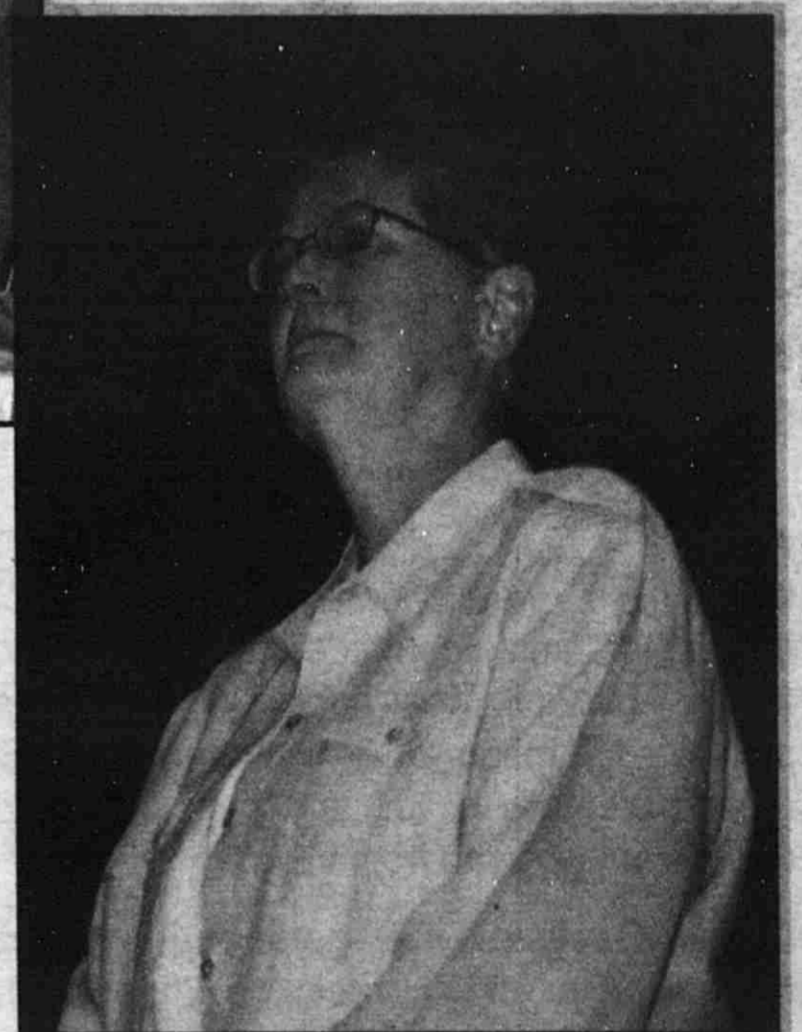
The Spirit of Community Celebration was conceived originally to honor the memory of Ray Quada. Quada served the community in a number of volunteer and elected capacities and had the spirit the event celebrated for five years.



Kraig and Jody Haybarker were named this year's Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year.



Carol and Rick Briggs with the Lowell Area Arts Council's Arty Award.



Margaret Hoats received this year's Marsha Wilcox Award.

Monument at power substation dedicated

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Light and Power board members, employees

and friends and family of the late Norman Borgerson met at the utility's substation on Bowes Road to dedicate a stone monument to him.

The dedication took place Friday, April 22.

Borgerson, who died last year of cancer, was on the Lowell Light and

Power board for 13 years, several of them as chairman. During that time, he helped the board make decisions that have kept the utility up-to-date and ready to meet future challenges, Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards said. An example was the decision to build the new substation where a stone and plaque now bear his name.

"It was the kind of foresight that I think the board had at that time to take the bull by the horns ... and make sure we were ready for the growth and the needs of future electric customers," Richards said.

He also valued the utility's independence as the board worked to stay out of contracts with larger electric companies like Consumers Power and Detroit Edison.

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Judy Straub and Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards unveil the stone monument recently dedicated to the late Norman Borgerson.



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Obituaries

AMTHOR-NEVINS Amthor and Tammy and Jack Carlton (LJ), aged 8 days, went unexpectedly to be with the Lord April 30, 2005. Little Jack is survived by his loving parents Amanda and Joe, his twin brother Damien Michael and sister Cloey; several great-great grandparents; grandparents Ben and Marilyn Piersma, Grandpa Jack, Rick and Deb Cain, Joseph B. Amthor, Matthew Nevins, Cindy and Larry Cox; several aunts and uncles, Nicole and Terry Jackson, Dawn and Andy Snyder, Rick and Bobbie Jo Cain, Ricky Cox, Matt

MCINTYRE Lois McIntyre (nee Lindquist), aged 84, died April 27, 2005. A woman who loved life, family, fashion and travel, Mrs. McIntyre is survived by

her two daughters Christine (Charlie) McIntyre-Cope of Alto, Lisa McIntyre of Grand Rapids. Her son John McIntyre preceded her in death. She graduated from Ottawa Hills High School and Northwestern University (Chicago) and was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority. Her professional career began as a buyer for Carson Pirie Scott in Chicago and later Herpolzheimer's. Lois was a 25-year employee of The Grand Rapids Press, working as a writer, columnist and fashion editor. She also was

preceded in death by her sister Ruth Collins, brother Art Lindquist, parents Arthur and Esther Lindquist. She will be dearly missed for the light, love and warmth she brought to so many lives - her daughters and son-in-law, friends, family, Meyer May House docents, her supper club and pets (Lilly and Ali). A memorial service was held Saturday in the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society would be appreciated.

REYNOLDS Burl Lester Reynolds, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, passed away on April 25, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann, one brother, four sisters. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Marty and Lynda Reynolds of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Al and Shawn Juarez of Ada, Chad and Joanne Reynolds of Lowell, Al and Jodi Reynolds of Lowell, John Reynolds and fiancée Jennifer of Cincinnati, Ohio; great-grandchildren Alec Juarez,

Brendan Juarez, Andi Reynolds, Reid Reynolds, Rian Reynolds; sisters-in-law Evelyn Bailey, Mary Bruno, Yolanda Bailey; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Friday at Metcalf & Jonkhoff chapel with his pastor the Rev. Robert Appold of St. Matthew Lutheran Church officiating. Burial in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association would be appreciated.

Goodwill teaches students value of giving

Cherry Creek, Murray Lake, Alto, Bushnell, Lowell Middle and Lowell High schools have all teamed up with Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids to teach students the value of giving back to their community. "Bag It Up," a donation drive, started May 2 and will continue through Friday, May 6.

Students have been bringing in gently used clothing and household items for donation to Goodwill. Following the drive, the items will be sold in the Lowell Goodwill store.

Proceeds fund job training programs that help people in the Lowell community find and keep jobs.

"Goodwill's Lowell store has been a huge success and we are pleased that the Lowell community supports Goodwill's mission of changing lives through the power of work," said Dave Brinza, COO of Goodwill Industries.

Mother's Day sale to benefit Education Foundation

A local jewelry shop is holding a Mother's Day sale that will benefit the Lowell Schools Education Foundation.

The sale takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Chimera Design, 208 E. Main Street.

The Lowell Area Community Fund will match all funds raised through the sale.

Thank You!

Alto PTO would like to say thank you to everyone involved in the development of our new playground at Alto Elementary School from take down of the old playground to the successful finishing of the new. Thank you to all the community volunteers and parents and Alto Lions Club that helped in the construction, food donations and clean up. Thank you to all the businesses that donated time, equipment and products. A special thank you to Sherri Litchfield and family for her dedication and months of planning to make all this happen.

Thank you all again!
The Alto PTO Board
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Secretary Laurie Blough

CITY OF LOWELL

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*****PAPER*****
PLACE THESE ITEMS IN A GROCERY SACK (BROWN PAPER OR PLASTIC) DO NOT USE STRING OR TWINE.

Newspaper (including inserts), brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs, discarded mail, envelopes, fliers, writing, typing and computer paper, corrugated cardboard (cut down to 2'x2' size) and cereal boxes (inserts removed). **NO PHONE BOOKS**

The following items may be commingled in your recycle tote:

*****GLASS*****
Clear food and beverage containers (rinsed clean with lids and rings removed).

Do Not Recycle: Pyrex, ceramic, light bulbs, mirrors, windows, brown and green glass.

*****PLASTICS*****
Milk, Juice, water, detergent and bleach bottles, jars and jugs made of #1 (PET) & #2 (HDPE) plastic. Meat and food trays, cups, plates, etc. made of polystyrene #6 (PS) (rinsed clean with lids and rings removed, remove plastic wrap from trays).

Do Not Recycle: cottage cheese, yogurt, margarine or deli containers, disposable diapers, shipping peanuts, motor oil or antifreeze containers.

*****METAL*****
Food and beverage containers (tin, aluminum, steel, etc.) aluminum foil, pie plates (rinsed clean with labels removed).

Do Not Recycle: Jar or bottle lids and caps, cans with an enamel (white) lining, aerosol or paint cans.

*****BATTERIES*****
Household batteries only (Put in clear resealable plastic bags).

***If you are not sure if an item is recyclable, throw it out.

Any questions, please contact City Hall at 616-897-8457

SYNOPSIS BOWNE TOWNSHIP

Regular Board Meeting April 18, 2005 7:30 p.m.

- Motions approved:
- Minutes of the March 21st regular meeting and the April 6 special meeting approved as printed. List of invoices approved.
 - Motion to repeal section 9.06H of the township zoning ordinance.
 - Motion to approve Durkee Construction settlement.
 - Motion to appoint Johnson & Droog to DDA board.
 - Motion to appoint Oosting, Wingeier, Fuss, Hoekstra to the Planning Commission board.
 - Motion to purchase Cemetery Management Software.
- Sandra L. Kowalczyk
Clerk-Bowne Township

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION CITY OF LOWELL WATER CUSTOMERS

The Department of Public Works will conduct a hydrant-flushing program of the complete water system. Flushing will begin on Monday, May 9 through Friday, May 27, 2005.

City of Lowell
Water Department

"Making Choices"

Lowell resident's documentary airs Thursday on PBS

By Dan Schneider

A documentary "Making Choices: The Dutch Resistance During World War II" will air this Thursday evening.

It is the story of Dutch people who sheltered Jews from the Nazis after the Nazis invaded the Netherlands at the start of the second World War. Robert Prince, a resident of Lowell Township for two years, assembled the documentary from interviews with four members of the Dutch Resistance who

later immigrated to West Michigan and archival photographs and footage.

The documentary got started when Prince took a trip to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. On a wall listing the names of people who helped Jews escape the Nazis, Prince looked at the Dutch section to see if any of his family members were among the names. He ended up with a book on the Dutch Resistance written by Diet Eman. Eman happened to live in Grand Rapids.

"It was just sort of serendipitous that those things fell into place," Prince said.

Prince is a visiting professor and video producer at Calvin College. He is also an assistant professor of journalism at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. He tracked down Eman and found three other veterans of the Dutch Resistance living nearby, packed his camera and did the interviews.

What he found is that

during the war, the invading German armies would let the Dutch go about their business, so long as they walked the line. That's why he titled his documentary "Making Choices."

"What the Dutch did is they made a choice to put their lives on the line and help the Jews and fight the Nazis," Prince said.

The documentary airs Thursday at 10 p.m. on WGVU, channel 35, Lowell Cable channel 6.

Airport takes another step toward upgrading status

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Securing air easements is the next step for the Lowell City Airport as it continues to upgrade its status to a general utility airport.

Jim Sowle, the airport manager, came before the council, seeking an approval for a contract with URS to secure air easements for the airport, at no cost to the city.

"Originally the city was to pay the \$47,500 price tag, but the state [the Michigan Department of Transportation] determined that no, it would be a 90/10 split with the airport's

portion being \$4,750," Sowle said.

Since the airport has put about \$30,000 in an escrow account with the state toward survey work and acquiring air easements, the state has decided to take the airport's portion for the URS contract. URS would survey the trees which require trimming and do what has to be done to secure the air easements. The remaining money in the state account would be used toward purchasing the air easements.

The estimation of air easements is \$350,000; the airport is only expected to pay 10 percent of that. There are about eight parcels involved in this portion of

the project, Sowle said. Since the cost was already covered by the airport's existing account and MDOT has already approved the contract, URS started contacting land owners and has received five replies from the eight parcel owners giving permission for URS to come on to their property and determine what needs to be done.

Only letters have been sent out at this point; plans are being made to phone the remaining three, Sowle said. According to a letter from URS, the project could take up to two months, based on similar timelines for the cities of Grand Haven and Frankfort.

"Things are going well," Sowle said, adding that the airport board feels it is on schedule with upgrading.

Specifics on when that process would be completed were not given. The airport manager said there are still several projects, such as fencing around the airport, getting a rotating beacon and installing an outside telephone that need to be completed before the official upgrade in status can take place.

Businesses get temporary relief on displays

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer


Realizing that in the current economic climate the city needs to be more supportive to its businesses, the Lowell City Council has decided to review the city's ordinance on outdoor merchandise displays.

The decision to do so came after Charlie Bernard of Bernard's Ace Hardware,

1601 W. Main Street, came before the council at its April 25 meeting requesting some relief from the ordinance which requires businesses to have outdoor merchandise no closer than 10 feet from any lot line abutting a public street. When the business is closed, the outdoor merchandise is required to be stored within 10 feet of the building.

While the council reviews the matter, it has suspended enforcement on the requirement that businesses move outdoor merchandise to within 10 feet of the building. The suspension only runs through May 31. The items must still be at least 10 feet

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- XXX: STATE OF THE UNION (PG-13)
2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15
- A LOT LIKE LOVE (PG-13)
2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
- THE INTERPRETER (PG-13)
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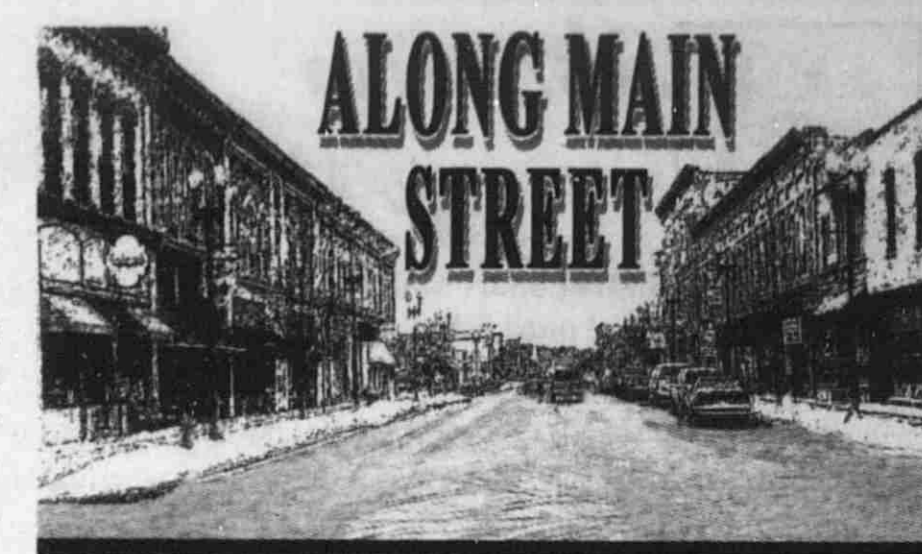
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GOODWILL DONATION DRIVE
Large donation trucks will be in the Cherry Creek parking lot and at the Goodwill Outlet store the week of May 2-6. Please donate your gently used clothing, toys, books, sports equip., etc., to school to donate to Goodwill.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR COUNTRY ROOTS BAND
A.R.G.Y.L. presents the Country Roots Band on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in Lowell Performing Arts Center. Call Al Eckman at 987-2966 for info. and tickets. \$5 general admission or purchase at the door.

BLUEGRASS MAYFEST
WMBMA Bluegrass Mayfest, May 19-22 at Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds. Ice cream social Thurs. & Fri./free concert Thursday night.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING
Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation will host its 2nd annual gathering on Saturday, May 28. A brunch is at 11 a.m.; following are a musical program, door prize drawings, tours of the school. For information call 987-2500 or go to www.lowellschools.com: Alumni Information.

LOWELL REUNION
Class of '96 student council officers are looking for addresses and other contact info. in preparation for the 10-year reunion in 2006. Please call 616-460-7479 or email hjvy@hotmail.com.



Sharing The Vision

With Shari Miller
Lowell Schools Superintendent

Lowell Area Schools benefits directly from parent and community support. Many examples of this occur throughout the school year. We have vibrant Family Links groups that lead parent involvement, boosters for academics, athletics, and other extracurricular activities, an Education Foundation that funds grants for teachers and students, Key Communicators, and Champions of Diversity to name a few.

We also have major projects that parents and community members support. Fund raisers, 5th grade camps, Wittenbach/Wege Center activities, FFA activities, athletic and club events, and the Senior Class Trip represent examples of this support. Parent and community volunteers give their time, energy, talents, and money to help our students have a great educational experience.

We also have volunteers come together for a concentrated activity. The most recent example saw parent and community volunteers creating a new playground for the Alto students. This also occurred last summer for

Murray Lake Elementary. Our students are so excited about the colorful, fun equipment that they can enjoy during school recesses as well as during their free time after school and in the summer. The volunteers take all the separate pieces and over a week-end transform a playground with old, inadequate equipment to an up to date, modern playground.

Volunteerism is alive and well in our community! We in the Lowell Area Schools thank each and every parent and community member for your support of our schools and our children.



Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or smiller@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowellschools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com)



The Long Road to Better Highways

With Senator Carl Levin

Highways laden with potholes. Bumper-to-bumper traffic on overcrowded streets. Large orange barrels and "detour" signs and roadway closures.

Sound familiar? Traffic congestion and weathered roads have become all-too-familiar to Michigan motorists, who end up with deteriorating cars and white knuckles. We need adequate federal funding to get our roads back in working order.

The Senate is currently considering a highway funding bill that provides federal funding for highways and bridges, highway safety initiatives, and transit programs.

Unfortunately, the bill maintains discriminatory funding formulas that require about 20 states, including Michigan

— known as "donor" states — to send more gas tax dollars to the Highway Trust Fund in Washington than they receive in transportation infrastructure spending, while the remaining 30 states — known as "donee" states — receive more in transportation funding than they pay into the Highway Trust Fund. This formula was developed in 1956, and for the past 50 years, those states that benefit from it have fought tenaciously to defend it.

For many years, I have worked with other members of the Michigan congressional delegation to fight for a fairer return on our state's highway dollars. We have made some progress over the years — for instance, 25 years ago Michigan received about 75 cents out of every dollar we paid in federal gas taxes, and we've clawed our way to where we now receive over 90 cents. I won't be satisfied until we get our full return.

I introduced a bill earlier this year with Republican Senator George Voinovich from Ohio that would increase the federal minimum guaranteed funding level, which would bring us one step closer to achieving fairness in the distribution of federal highway funding to states. At stake are tens of millions of dollars a year in additional funding for Michigan to pay for badly needed transportation improvements — as well as the jobs that go with it.

Last year, the Senate passed a highway bill that would have given Michigan about \$7.4 billion in highway funding over six years, which would produce about 100,000 new jobs. While it would not have fully corrected the inequities in funding formulas, it would have made some progress. The bill was never signed into law, however, because the

President vowed to veto the Senate-passed bill, despite the fact that a strong, bipartisan majority approved the legislation.

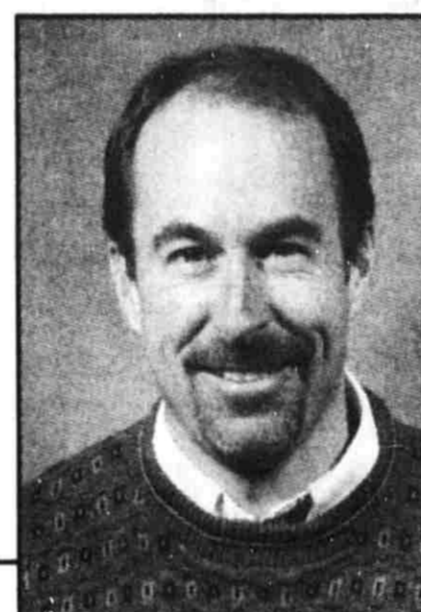
The bill that the Senate is currently considering falls short of last year's effort. It provides fewer resources than the bipartisan bill that the Senate passed last year, and it fails to adequately raise the guaranteed rate of return to the states to 95 cents. I'm going to fight for a fairer bill — along with Senators from some other donor states — but we need the President to agree to support a bill that does not favor one group of states over another. We need a bill that is fair to everyone.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Kim Schwacha received Realtor of the Month in April.

This award recognizes Kim for his outstanding success and achievement.

Kim Schwacha



Show Us Your Smile!

APRIL SMILES OF THE MONTH:

"No Cavities" Club Members

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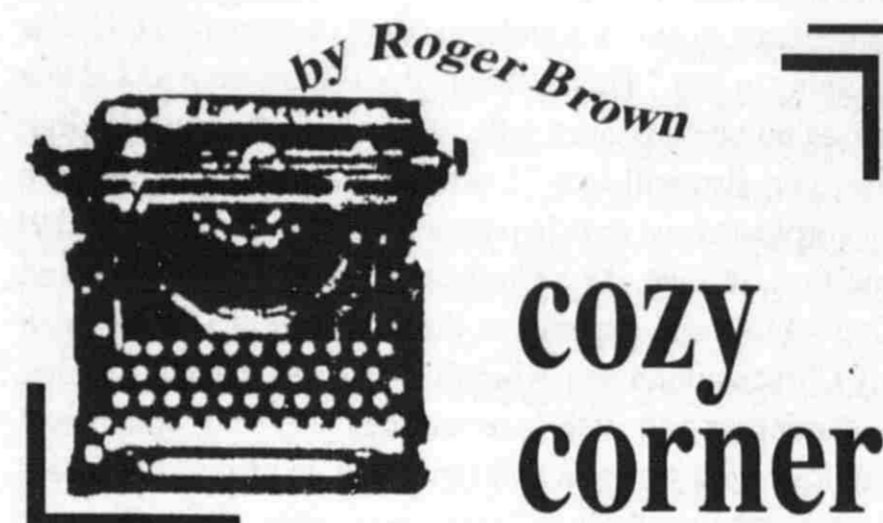
Thank you to our children, their spouses and their special friends, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for the very special day they made for us.

We will always remember our party and day.

Also, to our mother and family members, friends to Valerie and family for our wedding cake and Kim Lambert for all her work.

Love, Dad & Mom,
Grandma & Grandpa,
Great-Grandpa & Grandma,
Harvey & Shirley

Viewpoint



A few weeks ago this column was written about my neighbor's Roomba, a little robotic vacuum cleaner that is all the rage around here. At least three neighbor women now have Roomba's. Despite the incident detailed in my column, they love them. I've never seen "Desperate Housewives," but I'm guessing this Roomba infatuation I'm witnessing could somehow be worked into an episode.

In my Roomba column, it was mentioned that I was teasing my wife about getting her one for a combined birthday, Mother's Day and anniversary gift. These three gift-giving occasions are packed into a three-week period for me. The tease evolved from a stern directive as old as our marriage. This rule absolutely forbids the giving of household appliances as gifts. I am not sure what the punishment for violating the rule might be, but the mid-eastern practice of stoning spouses for marital violations might pale in contrast.

I kept up the tease, but all the while I had a gift waiting in the wings. As you might guess, this is not the norm. As with Christmas and other gift giving holidays, I'm scrambling around at the last minute trying to come up with something. Not so this time around.

A neighbor of ours used to own a dive shop. In a conversation some time ago, my wife was complaining about her fifteen-year-old buoyancy compensator, or BC. For you non-divers, a BC is a vest that the tank of compressed air straps to. A BC is inflated or deflated for correct buoyancy and can incorporate other features and functions. My ears perked up when the neighbor said he could still get dive gear at cost.

My momma didn't raise no dummies. I seized the opportunity for some expert (free) advice on what to buy and took him up on "at cost" offer. A new BC was ordered and I had it in my possession well in advance of Terese's birthday last Thursday. Even with the discounted price, the

new BC was just about the right price range to span all three of my looming gift-giving commitments. It was the perfect (in my humble opinion) gift!

The neighbors got wind of Terese's birthday and put together a surprise party at a local restaurant. Just so you guys out there aren't too disappointed in me with this early gift buying thing, I want you to know I hadn't wrapped the gift or purchased a card until an hour or two before the event.

In my search for a card, I happened across the perfect one. A light went off in my head and the theatrics began.

I arranged for the gift and card to ride with a neighbor. They were stashed at the restaurant's front door until just the right moment. We went through the whole surprise thing when we arrived and found all the neighbors seated around a big table. After dinner, a birthday cake, the traditional song and cards from the neighbors, it was time for my big event. I dashed out for the gift. Dashed might not be the right word for a rather large fifty-something man working his way through a crowded restaurant. I did make haste.

When Terese saw the box, I knew immediately what she was thinking, and it wasn't "new buoyancy compensator." The box, disguised in festive birthday wrap, was just about the right size, shape and heft to be the Roomba I'd been teasing her about. I got "that look" the second she saw it.

Now to the "perfect" card. She opened the envelope to find the front of a card bearing a black and white photo of a typically frumpy housewife from the 1940's or '50's. The stern looking woman in the photo was standing with a vintage upright vacuum cleaner. The caption read "Vacuuming Sucks." The message continued inside with "And birthdays aren't far behind."

I added, "I just couldn't resist ... hope you enjoy your new Roomba! Love Rog." If looks could kill ... I was waiting for Terese to organize a public stoning using any heavy dinnerware left on the table.

As she opened the gift I could tell she was wondering how to respond. I knew she wanted to kill me, but there were three happy Roomba owners seated at the table. They wouldn't understand why I was being beaten about the head with a household appliance.

When Terese finally got the gift wrap off and realized she'd been duped, a huge sense of relief came across her face. She wasn't going to have to kill me after all. She may still be a desperate housewife, but at least she isn't getting household appliances for her birthday.

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This is in response to the letter from Fred Maier, USN (retired) April 27, 2005.

His letter touched my heart and it made me think. If flags are not being flown properly on the school buildings, what is being taught about this flag?

May 30 is Memorial Day. A day of somber reflection. A time to remember those who gave their lives for freedom.

Perhaps the Lowell School system can redeem themselves by putting up new flags and putting up new yellow ribbons.

We have many Lowell graduates who are, and have, served in the military. My daughter Mindy Tarney served one year in Iraq, U.S. Army.

How about the Lowell Ledger? Perhaps you could have a special page or two set aside for our military people, active and retired. And to this community, fly your flag proudly.

Respectfully yours,
Dena Hofman

Dear Editor,

This letter is being written to 1) respond to a letter from John Scott, a Grand Rapids resident, which appeared in the Ledger (April 27) and 2) voice the support of Grattan Township residents for the Grattan Township Board and the Grattan Township Planning Commission.

He appears to be disturbed by the Planning Commission's efforts to move to larger minimum lot sizes (from 3 acres to 5 acres) for certain types of residential development. We who actually live here in Grattan Township heartily applaud the Planning Commission's efforts.

The vast majority of those who live in Grattan Township have reaffirmed many times through public surveys, township workshops, recalls, and re-elections the desire to promote a rural character here in Grattan Township. And, we are very supportive of the efforts we see the Grattan

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Ledger Entries

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



By
Priscilla
Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
MAY 5, 1880

Peach trees are in full bloom. The Ladies Literary Club (LLC) will hold its meetings in the bank parlors.

Logs are jammed and piled high on the Flat River, about a half-mile north of town.

Temperance preacher Alexander Cooper has had great success in Vergennes and will be at the Congregational Church in Lowell this Sunday.

Parents are warned that boys are down at the river engaged in the dangerous practice of retrieving "flood wood."

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 4, 1905

There is some hilarity at the Sam Vandembroek trial over what kind of cider the men doing the charivari were drinking. The trial is continuing.

A.D. Oliver's china and glassware, and R.D. Stocking's furniture are two of the fire sales this week.

The cheese factory at Vergennes Station has Godfrey Bieri as foreman.

A monster tarantula found in bananas is on display at VanDyke's.

Janitor Townsend has done a fine job of keeping the Central building warm and clean, and has planted tulips along the walks.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
MAY 1, 1930

Forty-nine seniors, the largest class in years, will graduate at City Hall next month.

Will Ross represents the Lowell Lodge of Mystic Workers, a life insurance society.

Warren Ford is a U.S. Marine in Balboa, Panama. It's time for pickle contracts and H.J. Heinz is offering farmers \$3.25 per 100 pounds for first-grade pickles.

Local teachers at a workshop at Ionia State Hospital hear that physical activity for adolescents is excellent for future mental health.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER
MAY 5, 1955

LHS students try an exchange: six weeks of shop for girls and home ec for boys.

Street improvements this year—blacktopping and repairs—for nearly \$5,000 are planned.

The school board looks for bids to raze four houses on the site of the planned elementary building.

William Stephens is one of 164 All A- students who receive awards from Dr. John Hannah at Michigan State College.

Congressman Gerald Ford prais the U.S. distribution of surplus food to relief agencies for distribution both here and abroad.

25 YEARS
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
APRIL 30, 1980

The LHS musical, "Riverwind", combines comic and serious elements, a departure from the usual.

Last week's weather ranged from 80 degrees to two inches of snow.

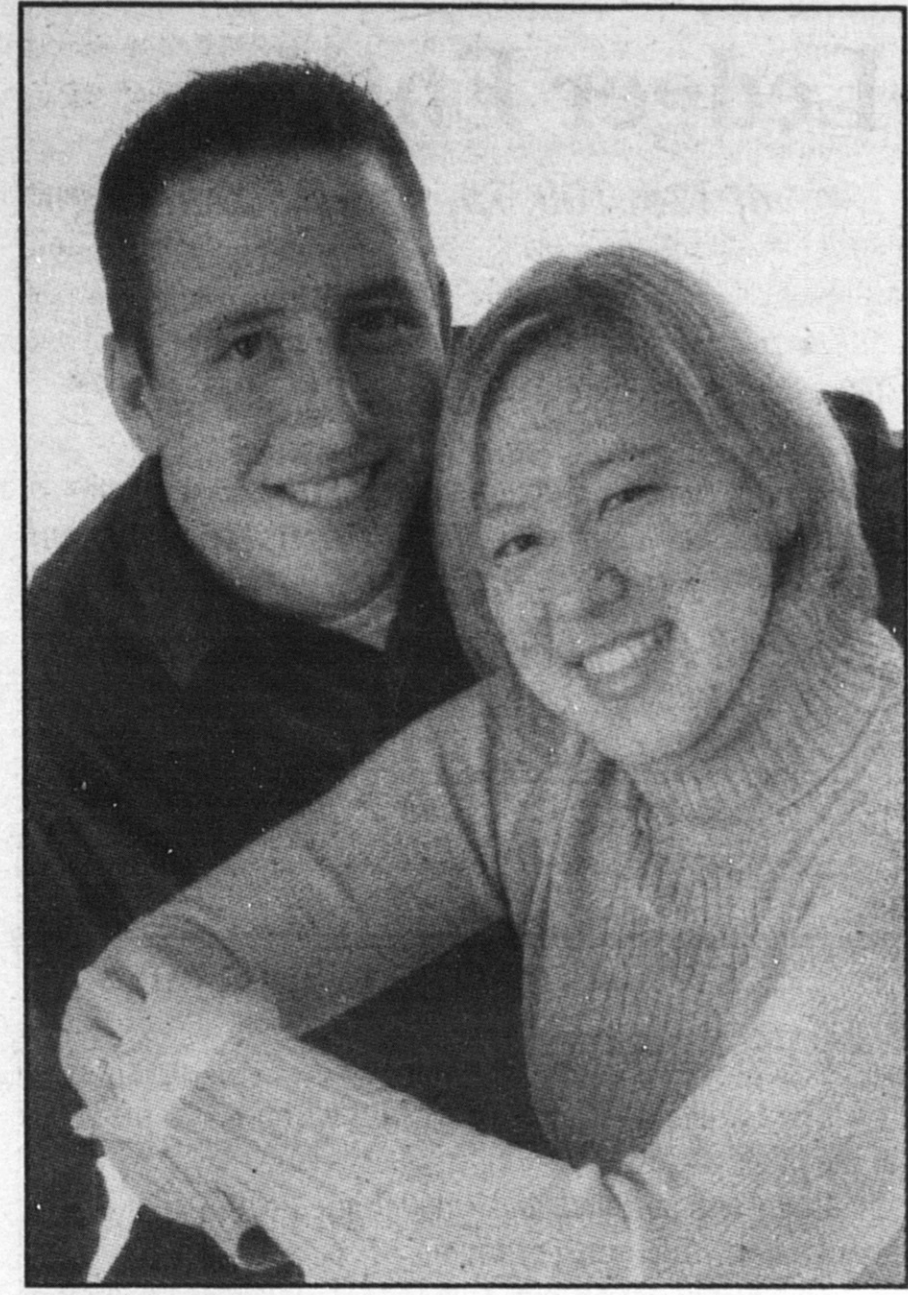
A tour of homes is the next fundraiser for rebuilding the Ada Bridge.

A rash of stolen bicycles prompts warnings to get and use locks.

Johnson's Food Basket on W. Main St. has an eye-catching new sign in the parking lot.

Engagements

Anderson/Wright



David Wright and Katie Anderson

Katie Lynn Anderson and David Nelson Wright, both of Kalamazoo, will be joined in marriage on June 18, 2005. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Gordy and Deb Anderson of Ada. She is a graduate of Lowell High School and Western Michigan University. Her fiancé is the son of James and Linda Wright of Hastings. He is a graduate of Hastings High School and is currently attending Western Michigan University.

Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, Pastor
First Congregational UCC

In John's gospel, the fourteenth chapter, the 18th and 19th verses, we read these thoughts: "I (God speaking in Jesus) will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live."

In this one little passage there are a tremendous number of images that are important to human life. Who of us wants to be orphaned? In the very thought of this are images of abandonment, violence and desertion. Some reading this will be able to relate to these feels with a level of strength built from personal experience. Others of us can only imagine the pain that is connected to this concept - orphaned.

Then there is the image of "no longer being able to see" and not just one individual or group of people going blind to God's presence but the "world" going blind to God's presence. With this thought comes the blindness that we know in discrimination and stereotyping. We think of the blindness of hate and brutality spawned from abusive relationships. We think of the blindness that occurs anytime one system of beliefs is espoused as the only truth, the only right way to God. Oh, what pain and divisiveness is associated with "a blindness where God is not visible" to the world in which we are a resident.

I would submit that Jesus is talking to the church then and now. It is the church that throughout its history has been so quick to condemn others, to take the sacred scriptures of Christianity and to so worship the Bible as a literal word that all who question the scriptures become labeled as "the blind" and are made to feel "orphaned."

I submit that this passage points the way for a new time of reformation in the church. The writer of John speaks of a God that is bigger than the scriptures, the creeds, the traditions and the dogmas. God can't be contained in these or confined to any one understanding or sacred text. God is "coming to you." This testimonial to the power of a God that leaves no one orphaned tells you and me "because I (God) live, you also will live." Until we grasp this certainty, we feel orphaned and remain part of a world that is blind to God and thus, to love. As a Christian I know that I understand God's Love and experience the Lordship of God through my Christian faith and symbols. I also understand that God is coming to you with love and that you may understand that love with symbols and faith spawned from other faith systems and symbols different from mine. Regardless of your upbringing, or the system that has been the source of your revelation of God, I "orphan" myself and put myself in a "non-seeing world" until I understand that God brings life; life that is built simply from the recognition "because God lives, you and I shall live also." Let all praise be to God, the source of all life and the power of all love. Amen!

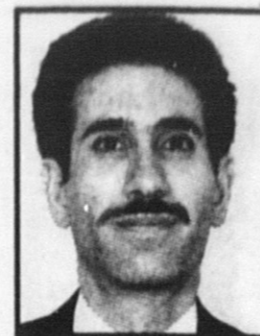
New Arrivals

Colleen and Reuben Miller are happy to announce the birth of their son, Conner Ethan. He was born at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus on March 24, 2005 at 11:22 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 19 inches.

Proud grandparents are Kevin Donahue, Sally Donahue and Marjorie and John Miller. Great-grandparents are Patricia and Henry Norton, Rosemary Goodell and Nancy and Alfred Miller.



Conner Ethan Miller



Legal Ease

With Jonathan David

DEAR JONATHAN:

My son is a single parent. He is in the Army Reserves and there is some talk that he may be deployed to Iraq some time in the next six months. Any time he has been deployed in the past he has had us care for his two children, and he has given us a power of attorney which gives us the authority to act as his children's parents in his absence. In looking at the last power of attorney he gave us, I noticed that it is only good for six months. What happens if his deployment is longer than six months?

JONATHAN SAYS: In the past, Michigan's delegation of powers law read in part as follows: Sec. 5103. (1) By a properly executed power of attorney, a parent or guardian of a minor or a guardian of a legally incapacitated individual may delegate to another person, for a period not exceeding six months, any of the parent's or guardian's powers regarding care, custody, or property of the minor child or ward, except the power to consent to marriage or adoption of a minor ward or to release of a minor ward for adoption.

In the spring of 2004, however, the law was effectively

amended to address the problem you raised in your question. The following language was added to this statute:

(2) If a parent or guardian is serving in the armed forces of the United States and is deployed to a foreign nation, and if the power of attorney so provides, a delegation under this section is effective until the 31st day after the end of the deployment.

So, under the amended statute, so long as the power of attorney your son executes delegating his parental powers to you includes the appropriate language, the delegation of his parental rights under the Michigan law cited above will stay effective until the 31st day after his deployment comes to an end.

DEAR JONATHAN: I am engaged to be married and our wedding is going to take place a little less than one year from now. Although I am still in my 20s, I have been thinking about preparing a will and possibly a trust. Should I wait until I get married to do this rather than do it twice - once I am married, I will have my fiancé's last name and I will want to involve him in my estate plan as both a beneficiary and a fiduciary. What do you think?

JONATHAN SAYS: You are right that if you implement an estate plan now, you will want to redo it once you are married for the reasons stated in your question. You could wait until you are married to implement an estate plan with your husband, but until that estate plan is actually implemented by you, you are taking a risk that nothing is going to happen

to you before that time comes. In other words, if you decide that you are going to wait until after you are married to implement an estate plan but you die before that happens, then your assets would not only be subject to probate, but would pass pursuant to Michigan law, i.e., you would not be able to direct where your assets are to go. Also, if you become disabled and it became necessary for someone to act on your behalf, you would be subjected to the probate court for the purpose of having a guardian and conservator appointed on your behalf, which could have been avoided by your preparing both a financial durable power of attorney and a patient advocate designation.

My recommendation is that you implement an estate plan now that at least covers the basics, i.e., a last will and testament, a financial durable power of attorney and a patient advocate designation, then prepare a more involved estate plan once you are married.

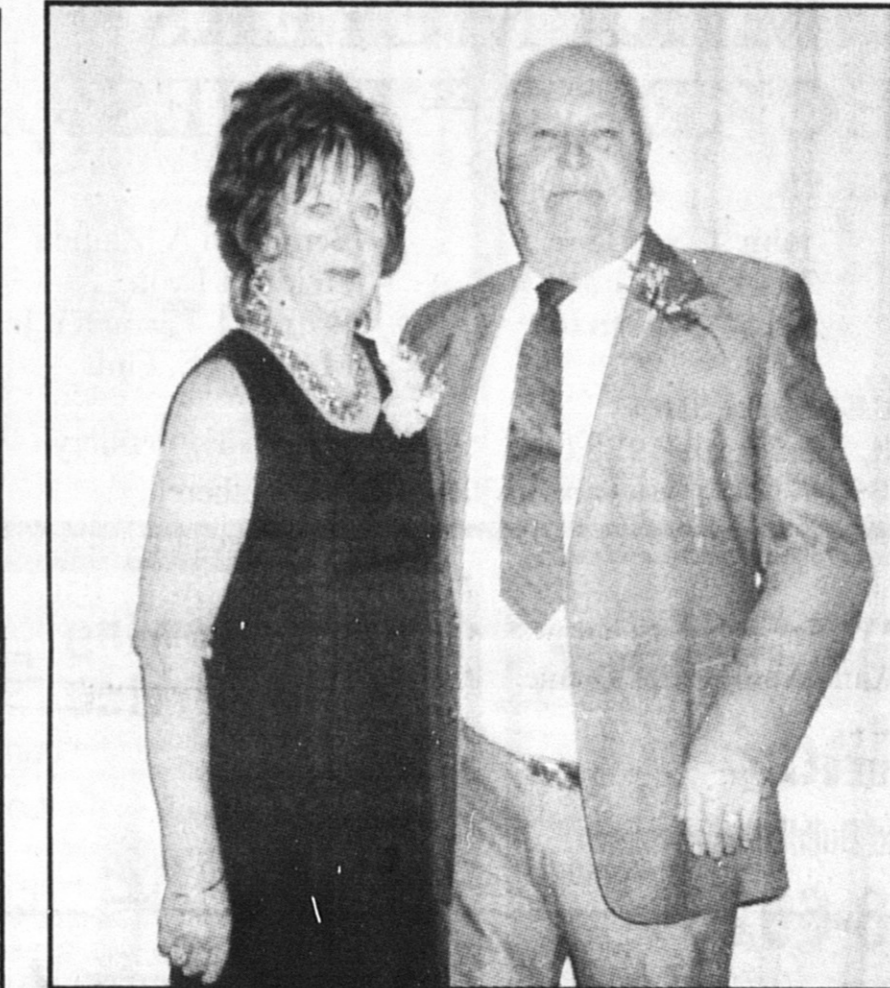
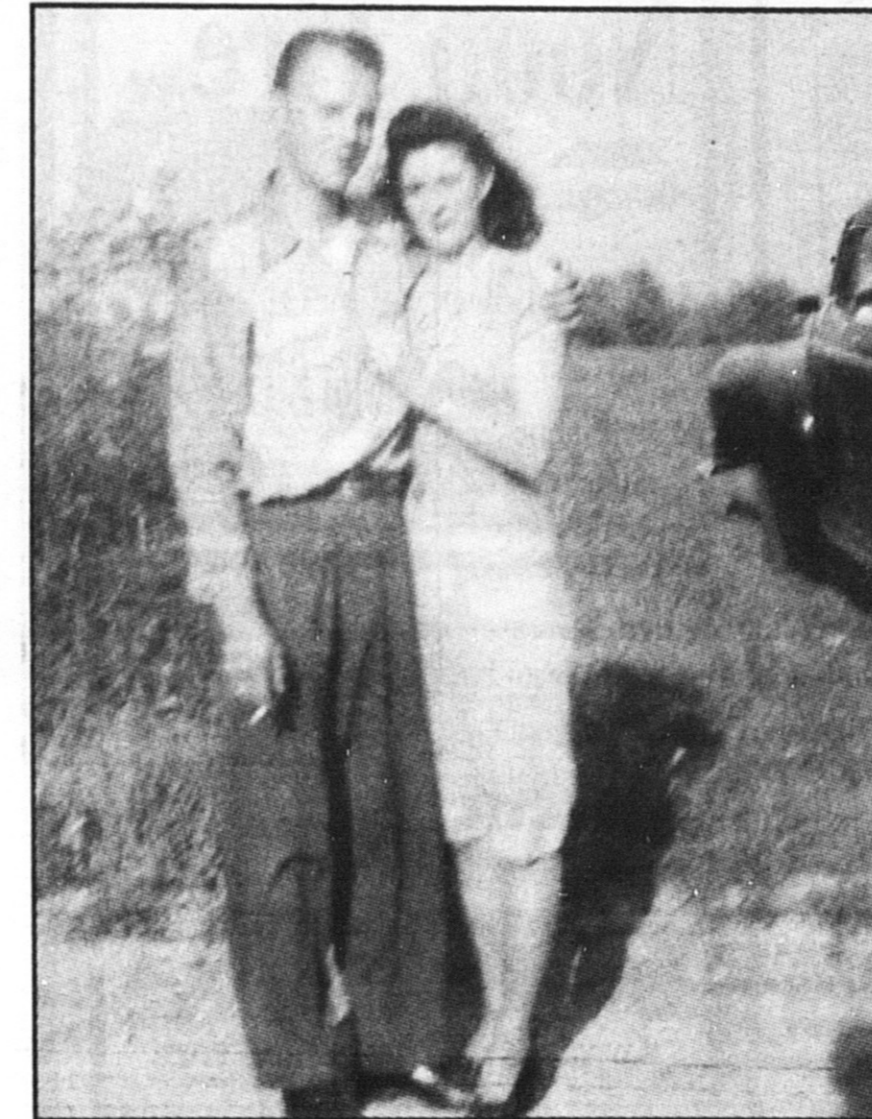
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Township Board and the Planning Commission making to manage development in accordance with those desires.

Most would agree that the examples of great development cited (the Lowell Meijer store, the Whispering Hills housing development, and the Cumberland Ridge condos) would not be components of rural character.

He also tries to paint the misleading picture that somehow demand for a given number of houses in Grattan Township will trigger the sale of the corresponding amount of property necessary for those houses (a demand for 50 houses will trigger the sale of 250 acres). This misleading picture is used to support the false claim that larger lot sizes cause more farmland to be developed.

A more accurate view of what really happens is that first a property owner decides to sell their property (for whatever reason), and then the township is engaged to determine how many houses will fit on that given piece of property (a sale of 150 acres could accommodate 30 houses). The importance of this view is that it encourages actively managing development on a parcel-by-parcel basis, with limits if necessary, to help Grattan Township achieve its goal of promoting rural character.

Why should Grattan Township development be managed? Primarily because that is what the residents have repeatedly requested. Secondly, Grattan Township has

limited financial resources. Since the township does not control when property is developed, the tool available for the township to control demands for township services (fire protection, sewer services, new roads, etc.) is to manage how it is developed.

How does managing Grattan Township development help promote rural character? Two management strategies that have been effective have been encouraging development to occur on non-farmland acreage, and managing house density (the number of houses on a given parcel).

How does managing housing density help promote rural character in Grattan Township? Basically it's pretty straightforward, for any given area, the more densely packed the houses are, the more city-like the area will be. As the density of people increases, so too does pollution, traffic congestion, crime, need for public services, property taxes, convenience stores, strip malls, etc. Establishing minimum lot sizes is a simple and effective technique for managing the density of houses. By managing housing density within developments, Grattan Township has the opportunity to facilitate controlled growth in a way that does not severely impact the desired rural character.

Finally, he notes the significant amount Grattan Township has spent on legal fees in recent years. I am in

agreement, recent legal costs have been high. So, what have the bulk of these legal fees been spent on?

In recent years Grattan Township has encountered uncooperative developers who have been unwilling to work with the township planning commission. The two most glaring examples of this are the Detroit area developer who wants to insert a 600 unit mobile home park and the Chicago area developer who wants to shoehorn 157 residential units into 220 acres of farmland. These non-resident developers are fixated on maximizing profits and have little regard for the mess they will leave behind after they're gone. These uncooperative developers have disregarded the wishes of the planning commission and residents of Grattan Township and chosen to sue the township to get their way.

Thankfully, township officials have chosen to defend the township in court. It is unfortunate so much has been spent defending Grattan Township from these needless lawsuits. This is where the bulk of legal fees have been spent.

Those of us who actually live in Grattan Township are very supportive of the efforts by township board and the planning commission to actively manage development and to promote rural character.

Sincerely,
Mark A. Nordman

Canopy request has the planning commission reviewing ordinance

A canopy request has the Lowell Planning Commission reviewing the city's ordinance on awnings.

Last week, Craig Ellis from Appearance Products and representing the Lowell Water Works, a car wash located at 1941 W. Main Street, came before the planning commission seeking to place canopies over the business's vacuum islands.

Ellis said the canopies help to create a safe environment while redirecting light down towards the vacuums so that customers can use the area during evening hours. The canopies would be constructed with aluminum frame material and wrapped

in high quality vinyl awning material.

The problem is that the city's ordinance doesn't address canopies specifically. In fact, it only allows for one awning per location, which the Water Works will have on its building. City manager David Pasquale said it was the decision of the city's building inspector Brian MacCartny to bring the request before the planning commission for review and approval.

Pasquale said he had spoken to the owner, Jim Sowle, who had asked that the request be approved.

Ellis said the type of canopies that would be placed on the vacuum islands are popular with car

washes and, in fact, awnings and canopies are making a comeback on buildings and other types of facilities.

"You see them

[buildings with canopies] popping up more and more," Ellis said, pointing to just places like Panera Bread, which uses several

awnings on the side of their building.

However, the likelihood of such establishments coming to

Lowell was questioned by some commissioners.

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away from any lot line abutting a public street.

"In today's environment, we need to be as business-friendly as we can," said councilman

Jim Pfaller who opened discussion reviewing the ordinance. Recognizing that the emphasis behind the ordinance was to prevent a cluttered look along the roadside, Pfaller said he could see where the ordinance might be a little too restrictive.

The trick is how to define nice and clean, Hopkins said. Leaving such words open for interpretation could lead the city into problems.

"I'm more concerned with people clearing the sidewalks of snow than having stuff in their parking lots," he explained.

City clerk Betty Morlock said the city does enforcement on a complaint by complaint basis. The city has received complaints from other business owners wondering why so and so can do it, yet they can't, said building inspector Doug Hopkins, who added that everyone goes through the

same procedure when it comes to enforcement with letters and visits.

Councilman Al Mathews said as long as the area looks nice and clean, and is safe, he had no issues with items being displayed outside.

The council decided to review the ordinance while city manager David Pasquale checks with the Municipal League for sample ordinances dealing with similar outdoor merchandise displays.

Councilman Jim Hodges wondered if such items could be addressed on an issue-by-issue basis, but mayor Jeanne Shores said, "If we do it for one, we have to do it for everyone."

The council decided to review the ordinance while city manager David Pasquale checks with the Municipal League for sample ordinances dealing with similar outdoor merchandise displays.

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Weather deters some - annual CROP Walk still 147 strong

By Dan Schneider

A brief cloudburst Sunday was the first rain ever to fall on a CROP Walk in Lowell.

It was a cool day and rain threatened, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 147 walkers who hit the streets of Lowell for the event. They raised a total of \$11,300 as of Monday, but CROP Walk committee treasurer Inge Whittemore expects that number to

increase as fundraisers who didn't walk turn in their envelopes.

"I think there was a fair share that didn't walk because of the weather," Whittemore said.

By the time a final count is made, she expects the total to top \$20,000 as it did last year. That total will include \$150 raised by Griffin, a great dane and the only dog walking in the event who actually raised

money. The large gray dog has collected donations for CROP Walk for several years, Whittemore said.

A total of nine area churches were part of this year's CROP Walk.

By the time all the donations are collected, CROP Walk in Lowell will likely exceed \$240,000 over its 11-year history. A quarter of that money stays in Lowell while the rest goes

to fight hunger worldwide. Of the portion that stays in Lowell, 75 percent goes to the food pantry at Flat River Outreach Ministries and the remainder goes to Lowell

Volunteers construct new playground

Volunteers were out in force two weeks ago to construct a new playground at Alto Elementary.

From Friday, April 22 to Sunday, April 24, a total of 58 families including members of the Alto Lions Club descended upon the school to dismantle old play equipment and put up colorful new structures. The Alto Elementary PTO started working to replace the school's playground equipment, much of which was more than 20 years old, last September. Using Lowell Area Schools bond money allotted for that purpose, they bought \$46,000 worth of equipment--enough for two large play structures--from GameTime, Inc., in Alabama.

The equipment was delivered in December and stored over the winter. The workers who spent a weekend assembling it did so in winter weather as well, as unseasonably cold temperatures and snow made the project difficult. But the structures--one for upper elementary students and the other for lower--were ready to be played on last week. They were met with enthusiasm from

Senior Neighbors' meals on wheels program.

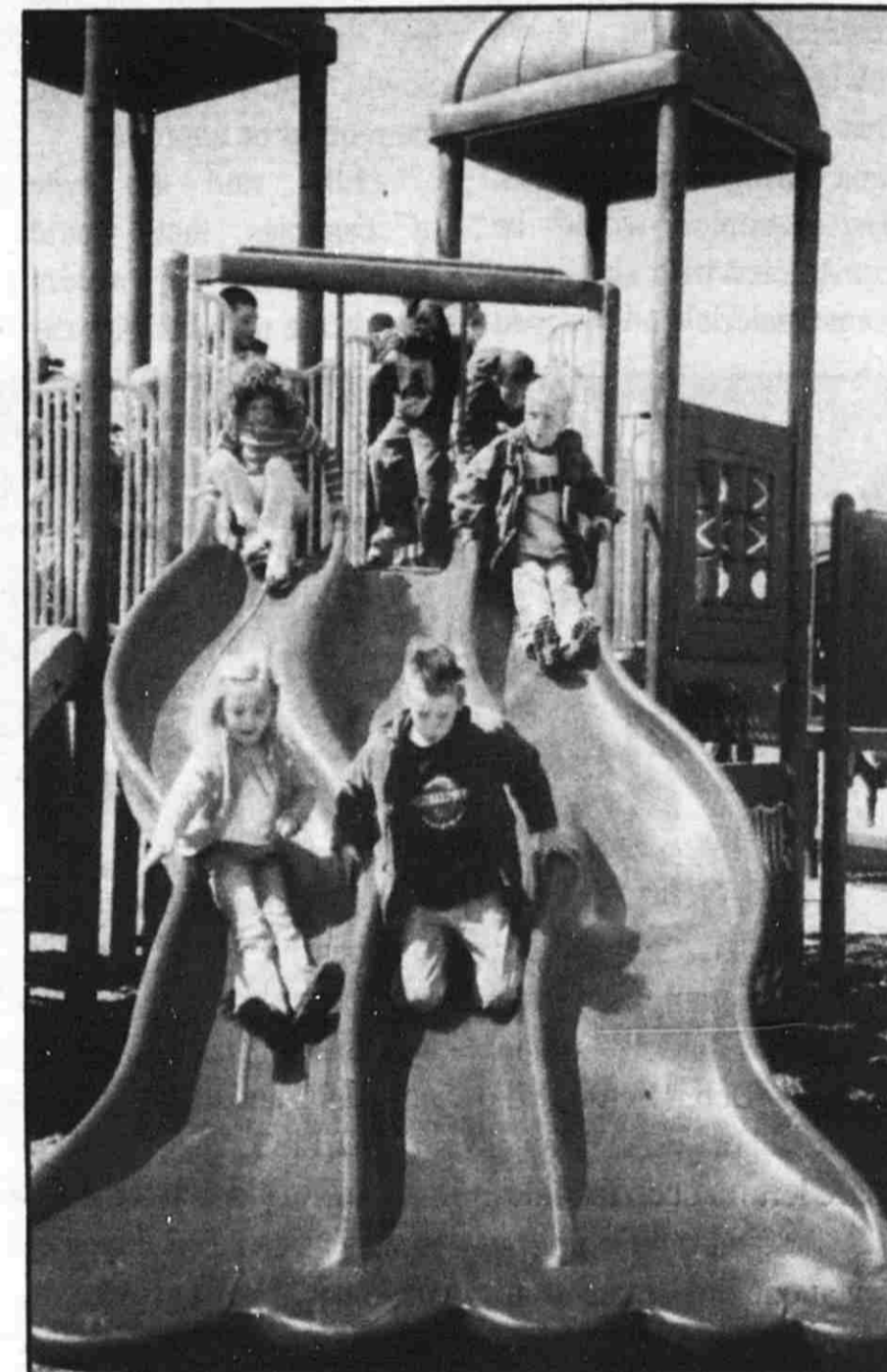
Lowell is consistently among the top CROP Walk communities in the state of Michigan, which is the most

active CROP Walk state in the U.S. Whittemore said the CROP Walk committee is looking for new members to help make next year's walk even bigger.

the children. In addition to the two play structures, volunteers installed new basketball hoops and other playground essentials.

In addition to the families and Lions Club members, seven high school volunteers

and six Alto Elementary staff members took part in the project. Donations from the community of such things as sand and bulldozers--and mulch from a company in Hudsonville--exceeded \$4,000 in value.



Students try out the slide on the new lower elementary playground at Alto Elementary.

Monument dedication, cont'd. ...From Page 1

"He felt very strongly that we as much as possible would always be able to serve our customers and also be as self-reliant as possible," Richards said.

When he started on the board, Borgerson was not familiar with electricity and public power. But that changed quickly.

"He jumped in and he learned and they would bring over huge packets of information and he would read over all that stuff before

he went to the meeting," said Judy Straub, Borgerson's wife.

"He took a great interest in it," Richards said. "He was very much aware and tried to learn as much as he could about energy and especially the public power side of it."

This included touring power plants and traveling to national conferences, Richards added.

The board post itself

was important to Borgerson. He regretted having to resign after he was diagnosed with cancer in January, 2004.

"He said, 'Honey, it was one of the hardest things I've ever done to resign from that board,'" Straub said. "I think he really and truly loved serving the community in that capacity."

The stone and plaque are located at the northeast corner of the Bowes Road substation.

Ancestral portraits found to be surprisingly valuable

By Dan Schneider

A portrait of a Lowell man's great-great-grandfather, Lemuel North, has withstood the test of time quite well. A portrait of his great-great-grandmother, Polly North, has been through some rough times.

"Another member of the family didn't like her and threw her (portrait) down in a well," said Tonia North.

Her husband John is a descendant of Lemuel North, who was a New York cavalry captain during the War of 1812. The portraits had been stored, for probably about 100 years, at the North family homestead in Chazy, New York, a town founded by some of John North's ancestors. The Lowell Norths acquired the paintings from John's 90-year old aunt.

"Eventually, the house was sold out of the family, not too long ago, and aunt Lynne went over before the sale of the house and retained several things and these paintings were among them," John North said.

The painting of Lemuel North, with his staid posture and high, tight collar, was appraised at between \$15,000 and \$25,000 at the April 23 Comstock Park Antique Appraisal Show by David McCarron. McCarron did not see the portrait of the slightly plump, bespectacled Polly North, but estimated it would be worth nearly the same, scuffs and all.

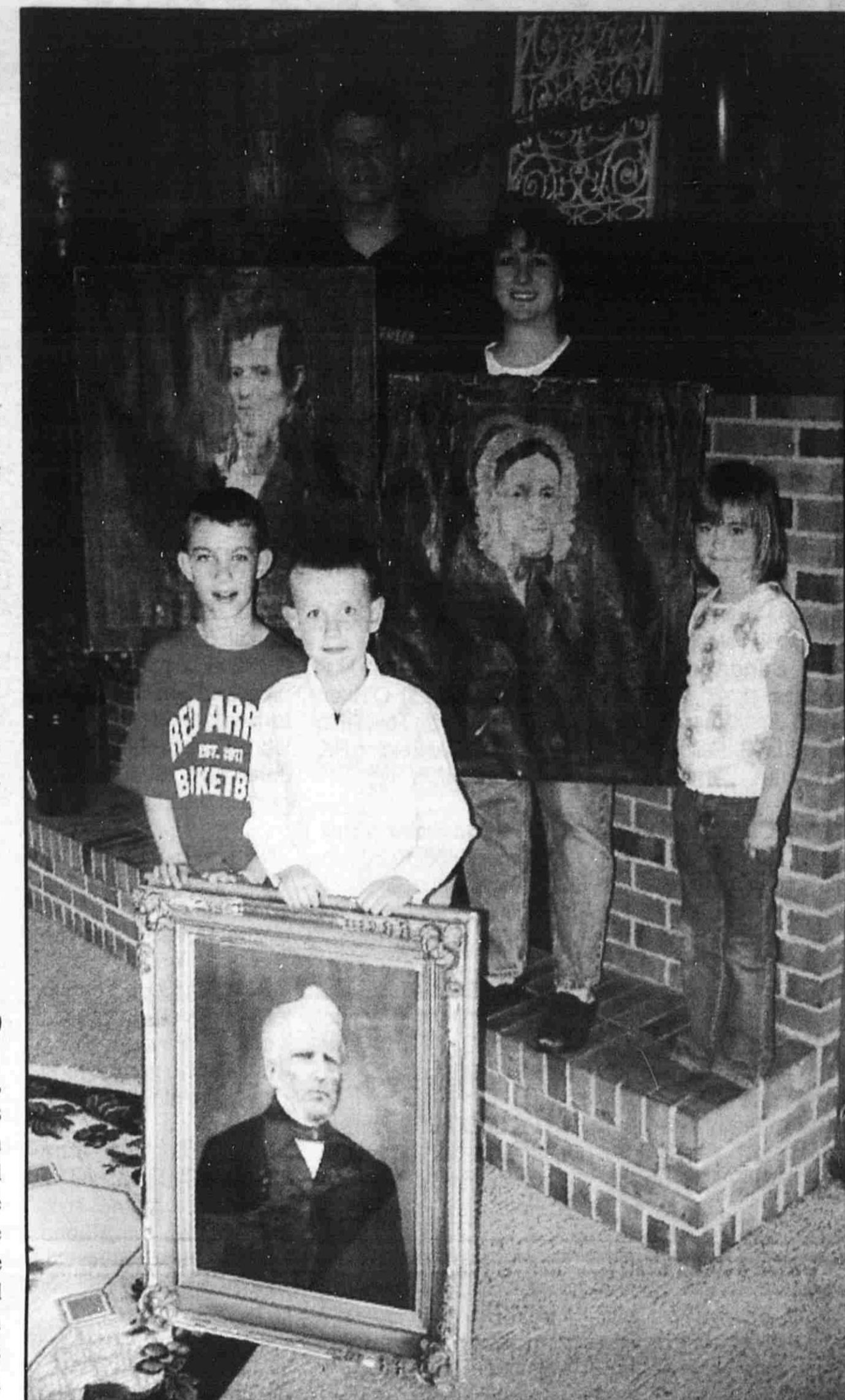
Asahel Lynde Powers, who was known as an "itinerant folk portraitist," painted the portraits in 1841 while traveling between Illinois and Vermont. He would paint with several

canvases before ever meeting his subjects, later adding the faces of his customers.

The North portraits are from late in Powers' career. He died two years after painting them. The likenesses are technically precise, which was characteristic of his later work.

McCarron was at first skeptical that the pieces were by Powers, since the painter was known for painting mostly portraits of dignitaries at that time. But John North informed him of Lemuel's cavalry captaincy, which was enough to merit a Powers' portrait.

The North family has a history in America going back to 1635, when John North--a popular name in the family--sailed from London to Boston.



John and Tonia North, top, holding portraits of Lemuel and Polly North. The portraits, from the 1800s, were appraised at up to \$50,000 recently. In front, from left, with a portrait of John North's great-great-grandfather, are J.P., Jacob and MacKenzie North. Not available for the picture is Morgan North.

Awning ordinance, continued

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"I don't think we are going to have a Panera or Wendy's coming within the city limits," said commission member Deb Hinton, who noted there wasn't much space left for such facilities.

Pasquale did point out that at one time, many of the historical buildings did have awnings or canopies and that the city hall itself was originally designed to have awnings. The restriction probably came when the items were not as popular and to help reduce verbiage on the buildings, he said.

"I think it is unreasonable to omit the

awnings," said commission member Sherri Grimm, who was in favor of the commission reviewing the ordinance and updating it.

"I think we should go for it," said commission member Maryalene LaPonsie. "You never know, we might get a Wendy's or a Panera's or something else."

Chair Clark Jahnke asked that city staff, including the building inspector, review the ordinance and bring back some recommended changes to the planning commission at its next meeting May 23.

As for Water Works, several commissioners commented positively on the improvements and were pleased by the care that has been taken in the overall appearance of the site. The commission voted unanimously to approve an exception for the canopies to be put up over the vacuum islands.

"It's really more of a necessity than an accessory," said commission member Jerri Teelander.

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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: 11:30 a.m.; 1st game: 1:30 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.: Overeaters Anonymous, 7 p.m. at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building, no dues, no joining fee, no weight ins.

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.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallsburg, 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. 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 M#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 & 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.

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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

2ND WED.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. meeting/program: Carol Beard-how to handle and sew on Lycra fabric. Olga 616-975-9977/ June 231-780-1249 for more information.

2ND WED.: Lowell Women's Club, noon in Schneider Manor Community Room, 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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

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3RD WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, Alpine NW, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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 Monterey Grill 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 meet-

ing 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. Topic: Medication, Behavior and Your Child. Call 642-6466 for info. and to preregister.

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, ventriloquist/chalk artist, at 7:30 p.m. Hot dog & B.B.Q. dinner at 6:30 p.m. in dining room. Free will offering.

2ND & 4TH FRI.: GR area Scrabble Club at Meijer Cafe, Knapp's Corners, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Round Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. Call Jan 897-5759.

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.

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

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THURS., MAY 5: Vergennes Co-op Club s at Schneider Manor Activity Room, 1 p.m. Program: Marsha Wilcox, "91 years of Vergennes Co-op Club." Hostesses: Phyllis Bieri and Roma Minnie.

FRI., MAY 6: 1st United Methodist Church will present Rod Snow, ventriloquist/chalk artist, at 7:30 p.m. Hot dog & B.B.Q. dinner at 6:30 p.m. in dining room. Free will offering.

SAT., MAY 7: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers presents "Movie Magic" at 7 p.m. in the Saranac Auditorium. Adults: \$5; children & seniors: \$3.

WED., MAY 11: Snow United Methodist Church family style pork & dressing dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Adults: \$8; 5-12: \$2.

SAT., MAY 14: Country Roots Band in LPAC at LHS at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5 or call Al Eckman at 987-2966. Also available at the door.

TUES., MAY 17: Rex Collins Memorial golf outing. Call 897-2184 for entry forms.

MAY 19-22: WMBMA Bluegrass Mayfest at Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds. Ice cream social Thurs./Fri. free concert Thurs. eve.

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Lowell High School Honor Roll 3rd MARKING PERIOD

Table listing honor roll students by grade level (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th) with names and initials. Includes a note: *Denotes a 3.667 Or Higher GPA For The Marking Period.

One stroke decides golf match as Lowell beats East

By Dan Schneider

The highlight of last week's golf action for Lowell was the close defeat of East Grand Rapids at Thousand Oaks Golf Club last Wednesday.

With Mandy Gunberg's school-record-tying, two-over-par 38, the Red Arrows shot a team score of 194. East Grand Rapids was behind by only one stroke with a team score of 195.

Also contributing to Lowell's score were Sarah Eickhoff (48), Brittany Foley (51) and Stef Stuewe

(57). East Grand Rapids' top scorer was Susie Barbour, who shot a 45.

Lowell lost to Grand Rapids Christian 192-208 Friday at Deer Run.

The Arrows finished tenth in last Monday's Forest Hills Northern Invitational, shooting a team score of 419 for 18 holes at Egypt Valley Country Club. OK White teams Greenville (second place, scoring 385) and East Grand Rapids (tying for third with Forest Hills Northern, both shooting 396) placed ahead of Lowell in the

invitational. Caledonia took first place with a team score of 366.

"We played okay, it's just there's a lot of good competition this year," Lowell coach Becky Lecuru said.

The competition is tough in conference this year, too. Lowell's sub-400 score at Boulder Creek, for instance, was only good enough for fifth place in the pre-conference tournament. But the top spots in the conference are still up for grabs, as Lowell illustrated

by defeating East Grand Rapids last week.

"The conference is very competitive this year, the teams are very close together," Lecuru said.

"We're shooting better scores this year, but so is everybody else, but I'm happy with the way they're playing."

Lowell golfed against

Kenowa Hills Monday. The Arrows' next match is Wednesday at Deer Run Golf Club versus Northview. Lowell travels to the Kenowa Hills Tournament, Friday.

"Team effort" at Holland nets Red Arrows season's third lacrosse win

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity lacrosse team won 8-6 last Tuesday at Holland.

"It was a team effort," Lowell coach Eric Bredin said.

Eight Lowell players contributed either goals or assists in the win. Mike Nichols had one goal and two assists while Ben Nugent scored two goals.

The win is the third of the season for the Red Arrows. That matches last

year's season win total, and this season is just past the halfway point.

Lowell lost Thursday at Catholic Central by a score of 7-0. The Red Arrows also fell to Portage Central 14-4 Saturday. The Arrows won 4-2 when they hosted the Mustangs earlier in the year.

"We've been inconsistent so far this season but hopefully as the program grows we'll get some consistency," Bredin said.

Lacrosse is a young sport at Lowell. It is in its third year of existence and its first year as a varsity sport. This year, fifth-and-sixth- and seventh-and-eighth-grade teams have been added to help develop experienced players for the junior varsity and varsity teams at the high school.

Lowell played Rockford Tuesday night. The Red Arrows host Holt Thursday at 6:30.

Lowell softball loses doubleheader at Unity

By Dan Schneider

Lowell softball lost both games in a doubleheader last Thursday at Unity Christian.

The Crusaders won the first game 2-1 as Lowell's batters had a hard time driving in runs.

"We had all kinds of opportunities," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "In the first four innings, we left 10 on base. We just couldn't get a key base hit to drive in some runs."

Ashleigh Inman had Lowell's lone RBI, driving home Katie McElroy, who hit a single and was bunted to second before Inman's hit.

Becky Plummer pitched for Lowell, giving up four hits and one earned run. Unity Christian's first run made it to base on an error.

Lowell then struggled against the Unity Christian pitcher, losing 5-0 in the second half of the doubleheader.

"She shut us down," Rodenhouse said. "They had

some timely hits again to drive some people in."

Plummer struck out two batters for Lowell in game two and gave up her first walk of the season. She went 11 games without walking a batter.

Last Tuesday, the Red Arrows were victorious. They won 6-0 at Grand Rapids Christian, scoring four runs in a big fifth inning.

The score at 0-0, Brittany Bueche led off the fifth inning

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Red Arrow soccer continues unbeaten season

By Dan Schneider

Last Wednesday's girls soccer game against Northview ended in a 1-1 deadlock after 110 minutes of play.

The score was tied at a goal each when regulation time expired. The Red Arrows, who controlled the action throughout the entire game, struggled to score.

"It wasn't for lack of opportunities, we had lots of opportunities," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "Had we finished some of the balls we should have finished, it's a four or five to one game."

With the score 0-0, the Red Arrows opened the second half with four shots

on goal in the first seven minutes of play. But nothing disturbed Northview's net until 16:44 into the period. Amy Oberlin broke down the left side, beating two defenders, and scored the first goal of the game.

Northview countered seven minutes later. Red Arrow goalkeeper Chelsea Smit came out to cover the ball. The ball got past, though, and Northview's Emily Van Slooten followed it in for the tying goal.

Lowell continued to control the play of the game during two overtimes, but could not break the deadlock.

Friday, at Fruitport,

Lowell played the best they've played all year in winning 3-1, according to Legge.

"I think that the Fruitport game was a breakthrough game for us because we finally put everything together and we finally started playing like last year," he said. "We were on the ball 90 percent of the game."

The Arrows also beat Kenowa Hills last Monday by a 7-1 score. The victory over Fruitport improved their record to 8-0-2.

Lowell played at Greenville, Monday. Their next game is Wednesday against Unity Christian, 6:45 at Red Arrow Stadium.

Tennis takes tough loss at East

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys tennis team fell to East Grand Rapids 7-1 last Wednesday.

Brett Hobria was the only Red Arrow to take a flight away from the Pioneers. He won third singles 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 against Kyle MacIntosh.

Brett McMahon came close to keeping his unbeaten record in fourth singles alive for Lowell.

"Brett lost a cliffhanger in the third set, 7-5," Lowell coach Bonnie Wall said. "I'm looking for him to come back and beat him in conference."

East's Ryan Wallace came back from a 5-2 deficit in the third set to win that match, Wednesday.

Justin Quist and Alden Nyson on the first doubles team did the best out of Lowell's recently reorganized doubles squads. They lost in two sets: 6-4, 6-3.

Last Monday, Lowell

swept Sparta, 8-0. The Red Arrows played at Kenowa Hills Monday, host Northview Wednesday

and NorthPointe Christian on Thursday.

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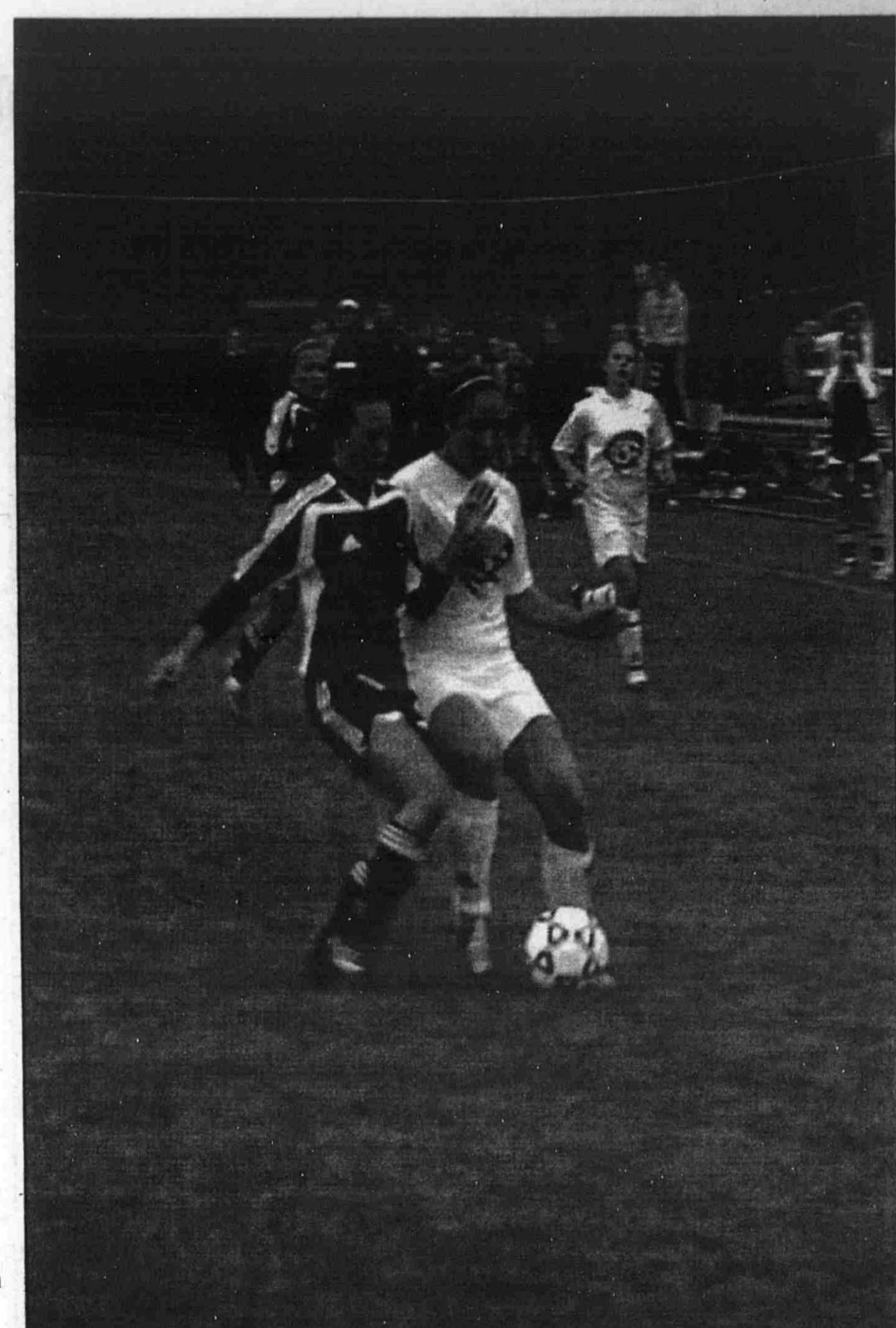
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Lowell's Emily Timpson fights for the ball against a Northview defender in last Wednesday's double-overtime draw.

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Track teams struggle at Greenville, girls beat Northview

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls track team claimed its second straight conference win last Tuesday.

The host Red Arrows dispatched the Wildcats 102-35. The boys team lost to Northview by a score of 101 to 82.

Lowell swept the first four places in high jump and pole vault, with freshman Amy VanEns clearing 5'2" to win the high jump and

Rebekah Woods first in pole vault, clearing 8'6". The Arrows took the top three places in four track events: 100-meter dash,

1600-meter run, 400-meter dash, and 800-meter run. Carlee Nikodemski won the 100-meter dash in 13.5 seconds, Karen Judd took the

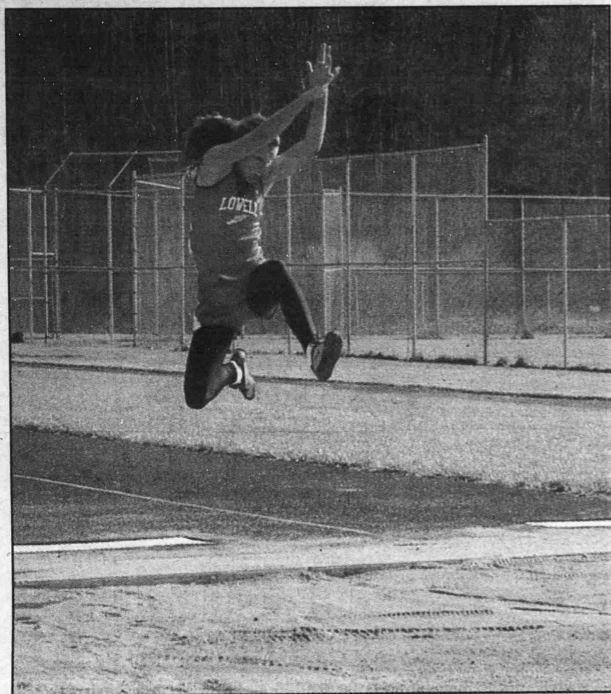
top spot in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:50. Morgan Olin won the 400 meter with a time of 1:07.8, and Monica Fitzpatrick won the 800 in a time of 2:50.9.

Other first place finishers for the Lowell girls team were Meggy Fitzpatrick in the 200 meters; Hayley Getzen in the 3200 meter; the 3200 meter relay team of Emily Hauschild, Crystal Dietz, Hayley Getzen and Monica Fitzpatrick; the 800-meter relay team of Olin, VanEns, Dietz and Fitzpatrick; the 400-meter relay team of Nikodemski, VanEns, Malley Cahoon and Meggy Fitzpatrick; and the 1600-meter relay team of Megan Majestic, Austyn Foster, Woods and Stacey Janeschek.

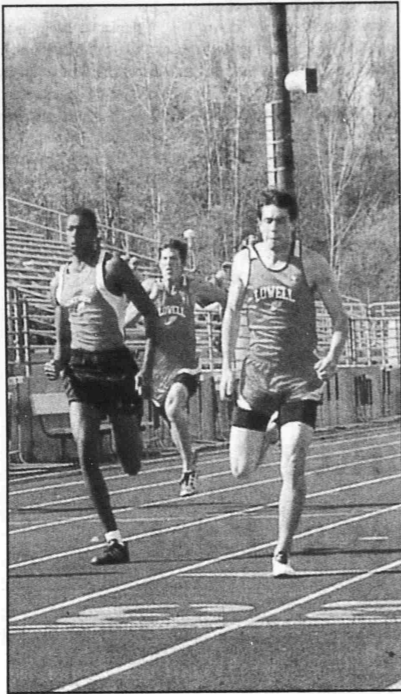
Taking first for the Lowell boys team were Thomas Doll in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.8; and Eric Dean, who cleared 10'6" in winning an uncontested pole vault event. Justin Story, Doll, Ryan Mechaney and Micah Tawney ran an uncontested 800-meter relay in a time of 1:40.7.

Both teams lost Thursday at Greenville. The score in the girls meet was 77-60. The Yellow Jackets won the boys meet by a score of 122-15.

Lowell faced Unity Christian Tuesday. The Red Arrows host Cedar Springs Thursday and the Lowell Invitational Saturday. The invitational begins at 8:30 a.m. in Red Arrow Stadium.



Lowell's Morgan Olin took first place in the long jump event in last Tuesday's meet versus Northview.



Lowell's Thomas Doll won the 100-meter dash by a fraction of a second last Tuesday against Northview.

Baseball splits doubleheader at Unity Christian

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell baseball team rallied in the top of the seventh to beat Unity Christian 6-5 in the first half of an away doubleheader Friday.

The score was tied at

two runs each going into the bottom of the fifth, when Lowell allowed the Crusaders to score three runs. Then the Unity batters went down one, two, three in the sixth and Lowell hit a four-run seventh inning.

Jason Welsch hit a double and a triple, scoring two runs in three at-bats in the game. Tony Adrianse went three for four with a double and two base hits. Ryan Kalman got the win and Jay Ryan got the save.

Lowell lost the second game of the night 11-4. It was shortened to six innings due to darkness. Unity Christian scored four runs in the first inning and five runs in the sixth as Ryan took the loss for Lowell.

Spencer Quinn went two for two with three stolen bases. Welsch was two for three and stole two bases. Quinn, Welsch, Adrianse and Matt Meppelink each had an RBI for Lowell. Last Wednesday's

conference opener at Greenville was rained out. Lowell hosted East Grand Rapids Monday. The Arrows travel to Cedar Springs Wednesday and host Northview Friday.

Lowell High School May Students of the Month

The May students of the month at Lowell High School have displayed a positive attitude and their accomplishments are an excellent example for all.

Steve Ellison was chosen by the English Department. A senior, he is the son of Tony and Sharon Ellison of Lowell. His extracurricular activities include choir, cross country and track. He is captain of both teams. In addition, he is employed at McDonald's. Next year he plans to attend Grand Valley State University, majoring in business. Ellison's nominating teacher said he is enthusiastic and hardworking. He is willing to go the extra mile not only in the work he produces, but in his willingness to help fellow classmates. He is a joy to have in class.

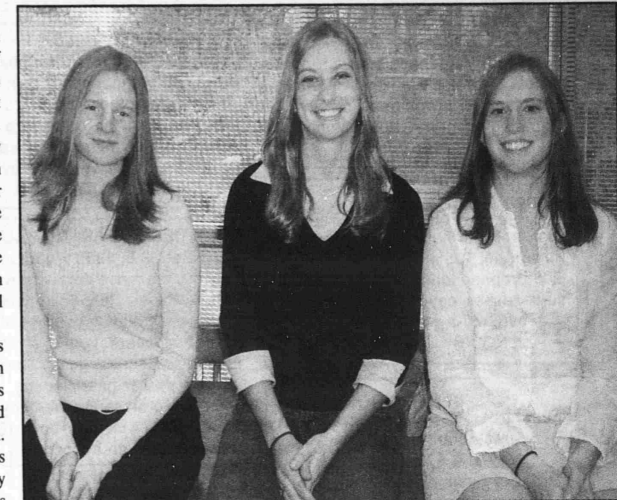
Kelly Foote is the

selection of the Foreign Language Department. A senior, she is the daughter of Michael and Linda Foote, both of Lowell. Her extracurricular activities include captain of the Equestrian team, treasurer of FFA and a participant in the Pals mentoring program. Foote is also employed at Cumberland Retirement Village and is a member of the Ionia County 4-H Horse program. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University next year to study international business. Her nominating teacher said she never chooses the easy way out over a challenge. She works hard and finishes what she starts. She is every teacher's dream.

Elly Drain was the choice of the Social Studies Department. A junior, she is the daughter of David and Doris Drain of Lowell. She is involved in cross

country, track and the all-school musical at LHS. In addition, she is co-chair of Young Women for Change and was a summer intern at United Bank of Michigan. Drain would like to study plant biology at Michigan State University. Her teacher nominator said she was chosen for the poise she shows under pressure and above all, dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

Hannah Kinney is being honored by the Math Department. A junior, she is the daughter of Thomas and Susan Kinney of Lowell. Extracurricular activities include Model UN, varsity soccer, FFA, Pals, cross country, treasurer of Student Council, National Honor Society, captain of the JV soccer team, annual, club soccer and boys' basketball manager. In addition, she is active in Leader's Club.



Pictured, left to right, are: Elly Drain, Kelly Foote and Hannah Kinney. Steve Ellison was unavailable for the photo.

Her nominating teacher said Kinney was selected because of her excellent performance.

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with a double. McElroy drove her home with a single. McElroy scored as Christian committed an error trying to throw out Jean Kimberlin at first base. Then Inman drove home Kimberlin with a double. Inman advanced to third on an Ashley Nawrocki

base hit and then scored on a pass-ball. Lowell scored two runs in the sixth inning to round out the final score. Plummer struck out nine batters in the game and walked none. Bueche had two hits in the game including a double.

Lowell's conference-opener last Wednesday at Greenville was postponed due to rain. To make up the game, next Monday's home game against Greenville becomes a doubleheader. Lowell hosted East Grand Rapids

Monday, played at Cedar Springs, Wednesday, and hosts Northview for a doubleheader Friday.

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