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## LHS student wins essay contest - gets milk!

By Dan Schneider

Lowell High School got milk last Tuesday and a visit from Greg Kelsner of the 1979 national championship Michigan State basketball team.

Students received several cases of mostly chocolate milk, a talk from Kelsner and \$1,000 for the Lady Arrow Varsity Club as a result of winning the national Got Milk? for Michigan Healthy Schools Challenge. Kelsey Crowley, a sophomore at the high school and member of the Lady Arrow Varsity Club, submitted an online application and essay to the contest on behalf of the club.

The essay talked about what the school has done to promote healthy lifestyles—a milk machine in the cafeteria, pop machines turned off at lunchtime, the

cafeteria's salad and sandwich bar, the school's offering zero-hour physical education credits. Also mentioned were activities of the Lady Arrow Varsity Club. These include hosting a Women in Sports conference earlier this year—which extensively integrated fitness activities, community service, promoting women in sports, and mentoring younger girls.

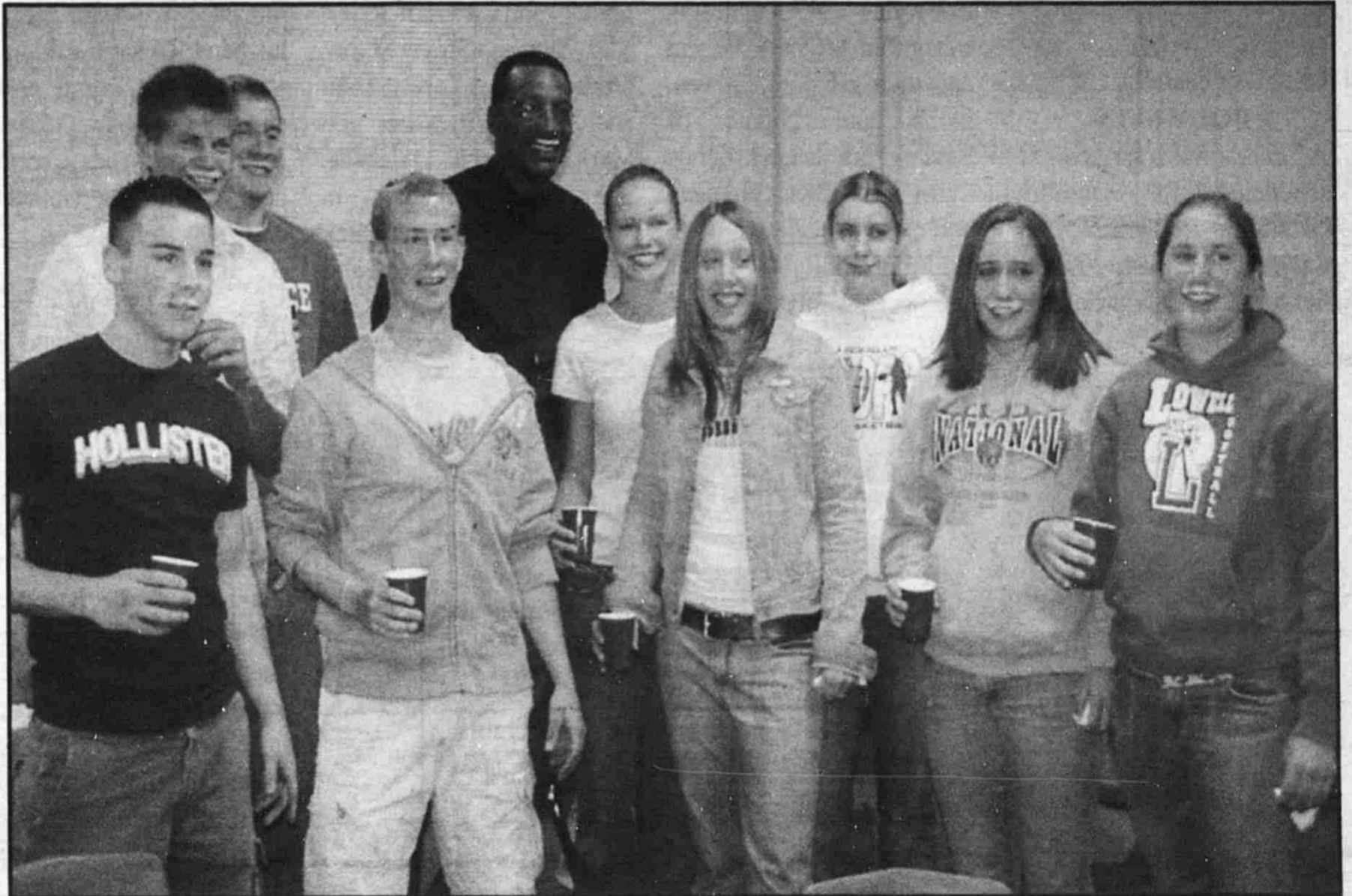
"Me personally, I mentor a pre-K special ed girl," Crowley said.

The club also hosts fitness days at East Hills Athletic Club for all girls sports.

"It gives girls an opportunity to meet girls from other sports who they don't necessarily compete with," said Lowell High School athletic trainer Patty Sellner.

As a result of winning the contest, Crowley and other members of the club along with

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Lowell High School students sported milk mustaches with Greg Kelsner, a member of the 1979 national championship Michigan State basketball team and former Detroit Pistons player. Pictured, from left to right, are basketball players Josh Hettinga, Drew Happie, Ryan Lane and Ben Hanson; Kelsner; Lady Arrow Varsity Club members Kelsey Crowley, Brittany Bueche, Amanda Geelhoed, Chelsea Harrison and Brittany Lyman.



The driver of this van nearly landed in the Flat River last Tuesday afternoon.

## Too close for comfort on Main St.

A full-sized van and its driver came within a few feet of landing in the Flat River last Tuesday on Main Street in Lowell.

At approximately 2:15 p.m., the eastbound Ford conversion van crossed the centerline near the intersection of Main Street and Riverside Drive and sideswiped a westbound Nissan Altima. The collision likely disabled the van's driver-side front tire, causing the vehicle to turn abruptly left, jumping the curb on the north side of the street and plowing into the guard rail.

"My whole place shook," said Jonathan Shuff, who owns Crooked Tree Gallery and Gifts, located next to where the van made impact with the guard rail. "When I saw him out the side window, I thought he was going all the way in."

Neither the driver of the van, 58-year-old Doug Trumbull, nor the occupants of the Altima were injured. But Trumbull was noticeably shaken.

"I remember coming through the light and I'm looking at the clock to see what time it is and the next thing I know, I'm coming

over the curb right there," he pointed.

Police investigating the incident did not speculate about what caused Trumbull to lose control of his vehicle.

The van's impact took out two sections of guard rail, shearing four re-bar rods on one concrete rail support, which now hangs three feet over the river. The city has placed seven road construction barrels in front of the damaged area until the Michigan Department of Transportation can repair the bridge.

## Turner wins school board seat in close election

By Dan Schneider

Voters in the Lowell School District gave the nod to James Turner in a close school board election last Tuesday.

Turner won the single open seat with 390 votes. Sterling Massey garnered 383 votes.

"It was a close victory," Turner said. "I think that just shows there were two good candidates running."

The election was one of two in Kent County to be decided by fewer than 10 votes. In Cedar Springs, Gerald Hall won a school board seat by a solitary vote.

Turner, 57, a retired Grand Rapids waste treatment operator, will take office officially July 1. "I think probably the first thing we're going to have to tackle is the budget," said Turner.

He explained it is important to push the case for better state funding for schools. "They have to come up with a way to adequately finance public schools and I think that we should help them do that as much as we possibly can," he said.

Toward that end Turner, supports the work of the K-16 Coalition for Michigan's Future, a broad-based, grassroots lobby group working to get more school funding from Lansing.

"I think it's a good idea and I think school board members should be active in that sort of thing," Turner said.



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# Obituaries



**BOUWMAN**  
A memorial service is scheduled for Dorothy (Dottie) Bouwman on Saturday, May 14, 2005 at 3 p.m. at the Calvin College

Chapel with Rev. Dale Cooper, chaplain of Calvin College, officiating. She passed away on April 27 at her home in Lowell. There will be a time of visitation with her family one hour prior to the service and a Celebration of her Life reception following the service in the lower level of the Chapel. Surviving are her children and grandchildren: Robert Bouwman of Chicago, Betsy and Michael Nugent and their children, Steven, Jacob and Nicole of Belding; her dearest friends Carol and Dick Gootjes; her close association with the Grin family; Dr. Oliver and wife Carolyn, Martin,

Oliver III and Hulda; the entire community of nurses, many of whom she was privileged to teach; her longtime friends with special focus on the 1957 Holland Christian High School group and her caring neighbors on Thompson Drive in Lowell; sister June Reimink and her family Steve and Jackie Reimink and their sons Keith, Troy and Joel and Mary Reimink; sister and her husband Marilyn and Gord Disselkoe and their family Sandra and Steve Kodhl, Chad and Ryan; Susan Howe; Mackenzie and Alex; Shelly and Wayne Jones, Max, Sam and Stevie Marie; brother and his family: John and Tina Witteveen and Mark, Breeland Melissa. She was preceded in death by her parents Jack and Nina Witteveen and her brother-in-law Carl

Reimink. Her many years as a neurosurgical, clinical specialist were spent in the neurosurgical practice of Dr. Oliver Grin. Memorials in memory of Dottie may be given to her newly formed nonprofit charity, Oncology Nurses Reach Out (ONRO). Donations may be sent to Cancer and Hematology Center, 710 Kenmoor S.E., Ste. 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49546 - Attn: Shanna Shemwell.

**DYKSTRA**

Audrey L. Dykstra, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away May 4, 2005. She was preceded in death by her husband Richard. Audrey is survived by several nieces and a nephew. Private family graveside service held at Oakwood Cemetery on Friday.

**ELLISON**

Ilene M. Ellison, aged 69, of Saranac, formerly of Charlotte, Mich., passed away Thursday, May 5, 2005 after a brief illness. Mrs. Ellison was born July 4, 1935, in Charlotte, the daughter of the late Vern and Golda (Wyrick) Sharp. She and her husband were owners/operators of a party store for many years and enjoyed helping people. She was a member of the West Berlin Wesleyan Church,

the Wesleyan Women and the church choir. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles. She is survived by two sons Bruce (Mickie) Ellison Jr. of Belding; Brian (Michelle) Ellison of Lowell, daughter Bonna Berge of Saranac; six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bruce Ellison in 2004, son-in-law Steve Berge. Graveside service was Monday at Maple Hill Cemetery, Charlotte, with Pastor Mark Lipscomb officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ebenezer Center of the West Berlin Wesleyan Church, 5110 W. Portland Rd., Lake Odessa, MI 48849.

**KING**

Barbara Jean (BeVier) King, aged 62, died May 1, 2005. She was preceded in death by her son Earl L. King, parents Newton and Mildred BeVier, sisters Leona Miller, Shirley Richter. She is survived by her husband Burton King; daughters Jane King, Dawn (Gary) Drake; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren all of Philomath, Ore.; two brothers Bud (Pat) BeVier of Lowell, Jim (Bernie) BeVier of Iowa, one sister Betty (Bill) Richter of Mich. Cremation has occurred.



**PINCKNEY**

Nicholas Shaye Pinckney, born April 10, 2005, passed away unexpectedly April 30, 2005. He is survived by his mother Brandy; grandparents Steve Shepard, Debbie Pinckney (NaNa); Uncle Teeb, Auntie Belle, Uncle David, Aunt Autumn; cousins ShiLeigh, Cody, Tyler; great-grandmother Donna Pinckney; great-grandparents Tilden (Judy) Pinckney; great-grandmother Diane Shepard; Aunt Dawn and Uncle John, BJ and Amy; godparents Karen Payne, Joe Noon and Aunt Sammy. A memorial service was held on May 6 at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Dr. Michael Conklin officiating.

## Mayfest Bluegrass Music Festival ... May 19-22

Next week bluegrass music will be heard throughout the Lowell Fairgrounds as the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association brings its annual Mayfest to Lowell.

Beginning Thursday, May 19, bands will audition for a spot in next year's bill.

Topping the bill this year is the bluegrass supergroup "Special Consensus." It first takes the stage Saturday at 3:30 p.m. The festival consists of a regular rotation of several bands, including Schlitz Creek, Backburner, Patchwork,

the Saline Fiddlers and the Thunderfloor Cloggers. This is the 10th anniversary of Mayfest and the third time the event has been held in Lowell. The Lowell Fairgrounds has become the regular venue for the West Michigan Bluegrass Music

Association's Mayfest and Fallfest bluegrass festivals. Ticket prices are \$7 for single days Friday and Sunday and \$12 for Saturday, which features about twice as many performances. A pass for the entire weekend costs \$22. Camping is available at the fairgrounds.

## Country music concert to benefit A.R.G.Y.L.

By Dan Schneider

The Country Roots Band will perform Saturday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (A.R.G.Y.L.).

The band plays old-time country music in the Grand-Ole Opry style. It'll play a two-hour set starting at 7 p.m. General admission

tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door.

A.R.G.Y.L. is a radio club open to any student, not just those from the Lowell district. The club's current president is a home-school student. There are 29 licensed amateur radio operators in the club ranging in age from elementary to high school.

With their storage room full of equipment

at Lowell High School—repeaters, transceivers, etc.—the club members can communicate with people all over the world. Members have done a variety of odd jobs to finance the club, including directing parking at Lowell's home football games and cleaning up the bleachers. In December, they host a HAM-vention, a small convention and

swap meet for amateur radio enthusiasts.

All of this finances an annual club trip to the HAM-vention in Dayton, Ohio, the largest such event in the world. The club also takes part in Field Day the last full weekend in June, where they gain experience that may be of great use to the general public in the event of an emergency.

"It's to show that you can go out in the field with emergency power supplies and operate in the field so that if there is an emergency ... they can turn to amateur radio operators (to communicate)," said club advisor Al Eckman.

Clubs from all over the United States and Canada participate in the event. This year's Field Day takes place June 25 and 26.



Members of The Country Roots Band will appear at the Lowell Performing Arts Center this Saturday, May 14.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT**  
Admission is \$3 for the Airwave party on Friday, May 13 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Lowell Middle School. There is no charge if you participated in the fundraiser and sold at least 15 items.

**BACCALAUREATE AT LPAC**  
All LHS seniors, their family and friends are invited to attend the baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Performing Arts Center. A dessert will follow.

**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.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 9, 2005 the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance to amend Article 17 of Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan, pertaining to site plan review.

The ordinance amends Article 17 in its entirety. The amending ordinance includes provisions on land uses requiring site plan review; procedures for applications for site plan review by the Planning Commission; the required contents and information to be included in a site plan, including site data, access and circulation, landscaping, buildings and structures, utilities, drainage and other matters; standards under which site plans would be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission; procedures for approval of changes in an approved site plan; the imposing of terms and conditions on site plan approval; time limitations for the commencement of construction under an approved site plan; performance guarantees; and other provisions.

The ordinance will become effective May 18, 2005. A copy of the amending ordinance can be examined or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

Dated: May 6, 2005  
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

### SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 18, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the March 21, 2005 Regular Meeting were approved. The meeting agenda and a list of invoices were also approved.

Motions approved:

- Motion to keep '04-'05 lawn care contract with Luscious Landscapes
- Motion to approve facility addition for Elite Auto Body
- Motion to approve Ionia County and Huntington Banks and Kent County Money Max as designated depositories
- Motion to retain current attorney, auditor, engineer and planner for '05-'06
- Motion to approve amendments to Comcast franchise agreement
- Motion to instruct building inspector to not issue occupancy permit for 550 Wildview until owner has satisfied all agreed upon issues

Complete minutes are available on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org), or at the township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Vergennes Township Board is May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall located at the corner of Parnell Road and Bailey Drive.

Mari Stone,  
Vergennes Township Clerk

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## Funds down - better outlook for next year's city budget

By J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell received some good financial news last week as two local organizations approved more than \$140,000 to help with the City Hall/police station bond payment.

The Downtown Development Authority authorized \$128,147 and Look Memorial Fund approved \$15,000. Both amounts will be put in the city's general fund, from where bond payments are paid.

The announcement was made just before the Lowell

City Council scheduled its public hearings on the 2005-2006 budget, the first being May 16. Following the second hearing on June 6, the council can approve adoption of the budget. The new budget goes into effect July 1.

"We have proposed a positive fund balance," said city manager David Pasquale, "but basically this is a very lean budget."

Even with the additional monies and another \$10,000 from the Lee Fund for park maintenance in its preliminary 2005-2006 budget proposal, the city's fund balance will still be low, Pasquale said.

The proposed fund balance will come to about \$27,000, approximately one percent of the city's expenditures which will be around \$2.4 million for 2005-2006, and is about \$300,000 down from last year's proposed expenditures. Pasquale said most cities strive for 15 to 20 percent of the expenditures as its fund balance, but due to cuts in state revenue sharing and the current economic times, it has been difficult for many municipalities to maintain such a fund balance.

"From what we have been told, the state plans to hold the line for another year,"

Pasquale said, meaning that the city should expect to receive about the same amount of state revenue sharing, (around \$414,000) as it did last year.

While cuts in state funding, approximately a \$700,000 loss to the city over the past eight years, have had their effect on Lowell, the city is

starting to see a glimmer of a silver lining. A key factor is that the city has been growing, the net result being an increase in revenues from property taxes of \$1,545,719 this year to a proposed estimate of \$1,611,500. This has also had a positive impact on the value of a city mill, which increased by \$4,000 over last

year going from about \$83,106 to \$87,258.

The short presentation on the budget ended on a positive note. Pasquale said the city will mark a special occasion in March of 2006 when it makes the final \$45,000 payment for the Englehardt Library, freeing up even more funds for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

## Familiar faces will seek three seats on city council

J. Lobdell  
Contributing Writer

It appears four candidates will be vying for three spots on the Lowell City Council this fall.

Candidates had until Tuesday to file petitions with the city for the upcoming election, set for Nov. 8. As of Monday, the three incumbents, mayor Jeanne Shores, and councilmen Jim Pfaller and Jim Hodges, along with challenger Jim Hall, had filed with the city clerk's office. No other petitions had been taken out.

The four will be vying for 2 four-year seats and 1 two-year seat; the lowest vote getter secures the two-year term.

Currently, Hodges is wrapping up a two-year term on the council, having been elected in 2003. Pfaller, who

is also seeking a second term, has been on the council since 2002. Shores is seeking her fourth term on the council and has been serving since 1994. Hall has been serving on the Lowell Planning Commission for the past several years and has also been on the council.

The mayor and pro tem mayor positions are selected by the council from members who are currently serving.

Currently, the city has no other issues scheduled for the November ballot, Morlock said.

## Dealership gets first body shop under newly redesigned ordinance

A local car dealership received the green light to move forward on constructing a body shop on its West Main Street site.

At a special meeting in April, the Lowell Planning Commission unanimously granted a special use permit to Grand Wittenbach, 749 W. Main, for a body shop at its location and to construct a 1,920-square foot addition to the facility. The planning commission changed the ordi-

nance in October to allow for body shops by special use in the general business district.

The shop, at the corner of W. Main and S. Pleasant streets, was approved with several conditions: that a detail for the light fixtures be submitted to the city, that curb and sidewalk along Pleasant Street to the south lot line be installed, that the stormwater detention be reconfigured, screening of dumpster, and that the elimination of a 24-

foot fence with a landscape plan be approved by staff.

The conditions addressed concerns the commission had with the site, which centered on keeping it maintained and looking nice for those living nearby and driving by.

Construction of the body shop is expected to start soon, since the dealership has plans to have it operational as soon as possible.

## More suggestions made to trim 2005-2006 school budget

By Dan Schneider

Deadline for teachers to sign up for Lowell Area Schools' severance plan is Friday.

The early retirement incentive topped the list of suggestions for cuts to the 2005-2006 school budget.

LAS assistant superintendent for finance and personnel Connie Gillette presented the list of suggested cuts and revenue enhancements at Monday's board meeting.

The administration anticipates savings of up to \$756,000 from the severance plan. The district is again

contending with a large budget gap for the upcoming school year.

"We are looking at potentially one and a half million dollars to cut this year," said Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller.

Budget cuts for the previous two school years exceeded \$2.3 million.

Behind the severance plan, the suggestion list included staff reductions to align staff with student numbers, potentially saving the district \$240,000. The other big-ticket spending cut suggestion was to restructure the WINGS program for a potential savings of \$158,000.

Privatization of transportation, mechanics and custodians was among the most radical of the suggestions. Three custodial positions were already privatized through attrition in the current

school year's budget.

School officials were quick to point out that the cuts are merely suggestions at this point.

"No decisions have been made and the board is providing an opportunity for input on our budget reduction suggestions," Gillette said.

That opportunity will be Monday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Schools board room at the Runciman building. During the meeting, the proposed cuts will be discussed in more detail. Suggestions were compiled over the course of 16 meetings with school staff, parents, the student council, key communicators and the district's cost-containment committee.

The suggestions were not limited to cuts. Several were also given to boost the district's revenue stream, such as charging a fee to ride the

bus, increasing the fees for participating in sports, proposing a sinking fund millage and accepting more students at Unity High School.

A complete list can be obtained from the LAS central office.

"This information came from the meetings, the board has not made a decision," Miller re-iterated. "We are

waiting for one more input session before we make our decision and that will be next Monday in this room."

The board will take the feedback from Monday's forum into consideration throughout the rest of the budgeting process. The final budget for the 2005-2006 school year will be submitted for adoption in June.

## College News

Taylor R. Verdon, who will graduate from Lowell High School this year, is the recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year at Northwood University in Midland. The scholarship, \$5,000

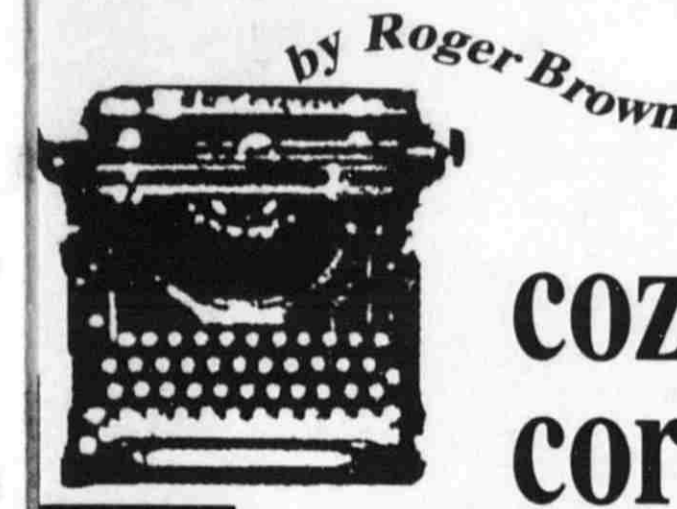
per year, is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Verdon, the daughter of Michael and DeeLayne Verdon of Lowell, will work toward a business degree when she attends Northwood this fall as a freshman.

The 2005 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 18 students from Northwood University who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

From Lowell is Ashley S. Rickert, a senior and the daughter of Jeff and Julie Rickert. To be named to this annual directory, the campus nominating committees and editors look at students' academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

# Viewpoint



## cozy corner

This morning presents a pretty full plate for me. I ave to be at my mom's house early. She will undergo her rst radiation treatment in a seven week course. She's facing pretty rough road, but she has worked through a lot of ard spots in her eighty years. She'll get through this as well. he's tough.

As for me... I'm not so tough. When faced with adversity tend to wimp out. In the case of trying to come up with quick column this morning I'm falling back on my old standby... plagiarism. The following came to me via the internet:

The Washington Post's Style Invitational once again sked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it y adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a ew definition. Here are this year's winners:

1. Intoxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which asts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. Reintarnation (I love this one): Coming back to life s a hillbilly.
3. Bozone (n): The substance surrounding stupid people hat stops bright ideas from penetrating The Bozone layer unfortunately shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
4. Foreplay: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of scoring with chicks.
5. Cashtration (n): The act of buying a house, which enders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite eriod.
6. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
7. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarchastic it and the person who doesn't get it.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to my neighbors, Patty and Joe McBride, and to the people of Lowell for their support and contributions after my husband Chad was killed.

We had been renovating a room during our spare time. It still needed wiring and drywall on the ceiling.

The McBride's have also been renovating their home and they told their crew, electrician Brian Dohm of Belding; Jeff Rininger of Lowell; and Ryan Rutledge of Lyons about Chad. These three wonderful men along with C&S Drywall of Clarksville donated their time and materials to finish the job.

There are no words to express my gratitude to them for their selfless generosity. I shall be eternally grateful to them and to all of you for your spirit of kindness during the darkest time of my life.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Kingsbury

## Letters • Letters • Letters

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P.S. Tammy and her staff spend all spring planting and will have to find homes for all of these plants if the center is closed for the summer.

## Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL  
MAY 12, 1880

A "Woman Suffrage Convention" will be held in June at the congregational church in Grand Rapids. Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton will probably be there.

The editor will be back from Texas at the end of the week.

Mastodon bones have been found while digging a well in Dallas, Texas.

Prof. Jamieson's lecture Wednesday evening will be on electricity, attractions and repulsions; Thursday, electric points and flames; Friday, evolution. All illustrated.

Freeport has a news depot at the harness shop, with many periodicals.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MAY 11, 1905

The young men who did the charivari told the Grand Rapids Herald that it was an old custom in Vergennes, they behaved well and were not drunk, and the groom fired not over their heads but into the group, injuring four.

The Grand Rapids and Ionia Electric Railway asks a 60-day extension for the franchise from the Ionia Council.

D. G. Look advertises their wallpaper sale at 7, 8 and 9 cents per double roll.

Seventeen cases of smallpox are discovered in Bay City; so far the disease has been mild, and people were avoiding quarantine.

It's exam time, and six eighth-graders from rural schools at South Lowell and Vergennes took theirs at the high school last week.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 8, 1930

Robert Palmer sells his Belding elevator, grain and bean business to C.H. Runciman (grain and beans) and King Milling (feed).

A carload of King Flake flour is delivered to Rocky Mount, NC, via three railroads in 3 1/2 days, probably a record.

About 1100 W.W.I veterans live in the two Battle Creek hospitals. Very few receive money from the government; they earn some by making poppies.

The Grand Rapids Woman's Club invites Lowell Woman's Club to lunch and in turn is entertained with music and a one-act comedy.

Besides the weekly serial, "Black Sheep's Gold," there is a kiddies' evening story.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER  
MAY 12, 1955

Moose softball against the Grand Rapids Teamsters will open on the 17th with a high school band concert, boy scout flag ceremony and village president W.A. Roth throwing out the ball.

Bids are let for removal of four houses on the new elementary school site.

County Board of Supervisors meeting minutes cover more than a full page.

Agnes Perry is the correspondent for "Lowell Happenings," one of the larger neighborhood news columns.

25 YEARS  
THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER  
MAY 7, 1980

Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music Missionary pilots hold an open house at the airport.

Country Roads would like potential customers to know they rejuvenate theatre seats behind the Zephyr station, near the RR tracks.

The presidential primary election will be May 20, then school board election on June 9.

## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

- An Ordinance to amend Sections 20.05 (Exempted Signs) and 20.05 (Residential District Signs), Chapter 20 - Signs of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance are available for public inspection during normal business hours at City Hall and Englehardt Public Library.

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

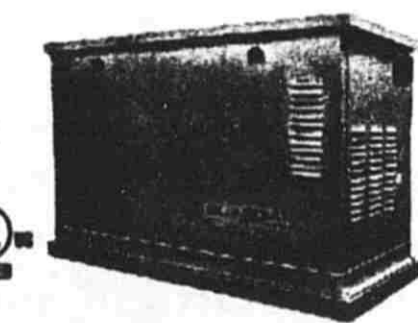
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# Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger La Warre, pastor  
First Congregational United Church of Christ

Let's take a look at the First Letter of John. You will need to read the first chapter to get the entire statement from the writer. I will only quote what seems to me to be central to that chapter. The writer says of his Christian witness, "... that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father (God) and with his (God's) Son Jesus Christ." ... "If we say we have fellowship with him (God) while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; ... If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." The writer of John then affirms that acknowledgement of sin ("confession") leads the way to growing in right relationship with God.

For the sake of understanding, let's define "sin" (also known as evil) as that which arises from within humankind blocking open and affirming relationships with God, self and/or others. Sin can be our thought process, our actions toward others, our lack of concern and care for who we are as a human being - anything that destroys true fellowship and the joy arising from the wholeness of being in true community with God, and others. The writer of John understands the power of distorted relationships and is clear to point out that all of us experience this thing called "sin." The writer is also quick to remind us that God, as revealed in the life and teachings of

Jesus, brings us the power of forgiveness from which we can know and share in true Peace.

"All men (humankind) are captives. You and I are captured by something. Whether our conquerors be prestige or money, our work or family, our hobbies and pleasures - whatever they may be, we are all captured by something and we live under its influence. The important question, therefore, is not whether we are to be captured, but far more fundamentally, what captures us." (Author Unknown) That which separates us from the love of God can even be the very doctrine or theology or philosophy by which we seek to understand God particularly when our belief systems ignore the command of Love or relegates God's love to sectarian parochialisms.

You and I as Christians and all who seek to know God in any way must take seriously the power of confession as a means of strengthening our relationship with God and as a power to keep us from making anything more important than God's love - not our theologies, not the Bible or our sacred texts, not our denomination or our political affiliations nor anything else. Confession becomes a vaccine against all the morbid poisons left in the system by the infections of yesterday. It is a vaccine that you and I must not neglect if we are to make visible the true nature of God - for God is love and the source of all Being. Amen!

## Baccalaureate set for seniors on May 18

Lowell High School baccalaureate, sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association, will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school. All seniors are invited to attend and they should wear their cap and gown.

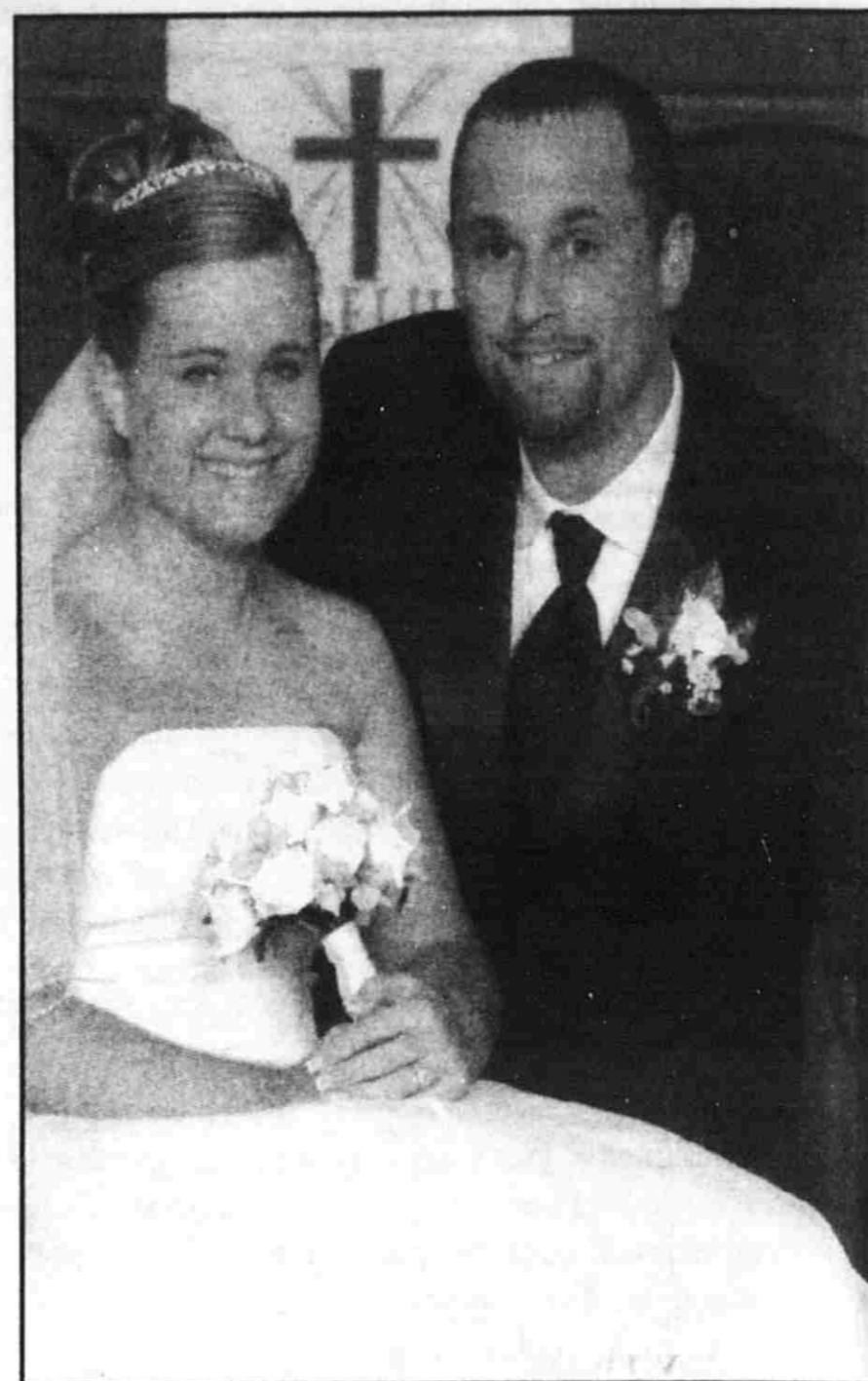
The keynote speaker is Pete McGowan, youth pastor at Vergennes United Methodist Church. A graduate of Cornerstone University in 2004, McGowan will share on the developmental process of shaping a Christian worldview.

Student speakers are Sam Girvarnauth and David Sef-ton. An interpretive dance will be performed by Katelynn Zuiderveen (junior) with special music provided by Jenny Tozer and Melody Democour. The worship is presented by Christian Life Center Youth Worship Team. A dessert will follow in the cafeteria.

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# Weddings

May/Brower



Mr. and Mrs. Gary May

First United Methodist Church in Lowell was the setting for the April 16, 2005 wedding of Renee Brower and Gary May. Parents of the couple are John and Laura Brower and Gary and Virginia May.

Maid of honor was Amanda Cox. Bridesmaids were Kara Bykerk, Misty Crandell and Jocelynn May. Flower girls were Taylor and Amiah May. Miniature bride was Amber Curtis.

Best man was Stacy Hawley. Groomsmen were Paul Lorenz, Jake Brower and Luke Brower. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Rich and Carrie Curtis.

## Koning appointed AjPHA national director

Christian Koning, a student at Lowell High School, has been appointed AjPHA national director. The American Junior Paint Horse Association promotes youth involvement on a local, state and national level.

Koning will attend the AjPHA National Convention, participate in the AjPHA President's service project, promote the paint horse, and recruit new youth membership.

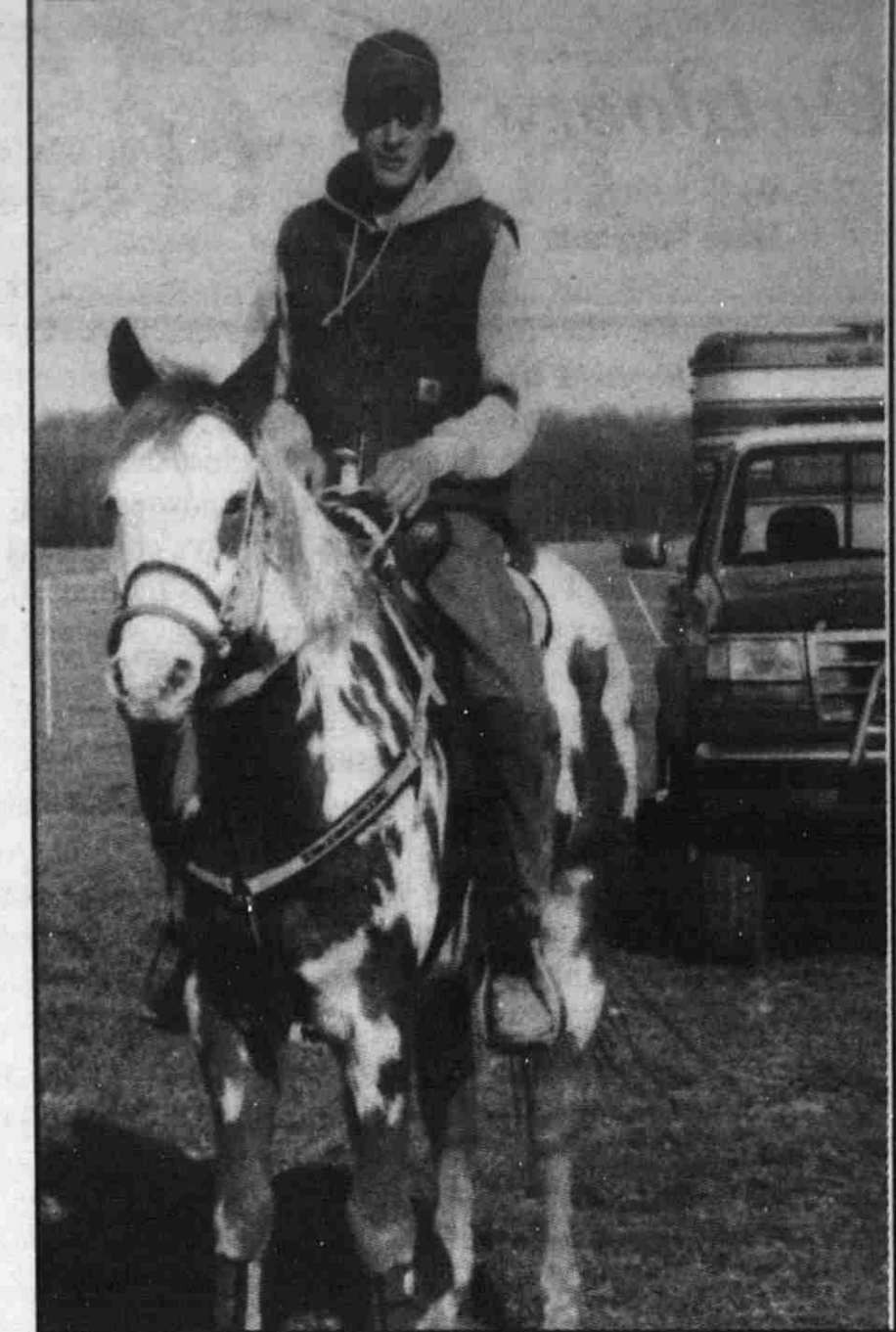
## Hospice of Michigan offers workshop in June

With the confusing details presented during the Terry Schiavo case, one message stood out - people need to talk about their wishes ahead of time should they be unable to speak for themselves in the future.

Hospice of Michigan will offer a workshop titled "End of Life Decision Making Planning" on Tuesday, June 7 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Hospice of Michigan office, 1260 Ekhart N.E. in Grand Rapids.

This workshop will utilize "The Five Wishes" decision-making tool and focus on how to have end-of-life care discussions with family, friends and healthcare providers. It will also provide instruction on how to prepare Advance Directives, such as the Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare, which are legal documents that appoint a person to make decisions for an individual if he/she is not able to do so.

Because space is limited, registration is required. Call 616-356-5258. More information about hospice care is available on the website, www.hom.org.



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## College News

Michigan Technological University in Houghton honored the achievements of more than 800 graduates at spring Commencement ceremonies on April 30.

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**Melissa J. Collins**, bachelor of science in biomedical engineering - Magna Cum Laude;

**Rebecca M. Trierweiler**, bachelor of science in mechanical engineering - Cum Laude; and **Corey L. Wilcox**, bachelor of science in computer engineering; honored from Alto was **Nicole J. Burger**, bachelor of science in clinical laboratory science.

## Happy Birthday

MAY 12: Michele Lindhout-Barber, Jessica Covell, Carrie Kiczanski, Ian Duiven, Ryan Timmers, Christine Vickers.

MAY 13: Melanie Ligman, Jean Daverman.

MAY 14: Winnifred Snieder, Kathy Thomas.

MAY 15: Maxine Gasper.

MAY 16: Richie Ford, Kristi Ford, Ryan Phillips, Angela Dixon, Janet Boerema, Ruby Christiansen.

MAY 17: Maurice Hannah, Andy Dibble, Shawn Witherell.

MAY 18: Ashlee Patnode, Robin Hewitt, Karen Patnode, Karen Kennedy, Cody Sokolowski, Nola Beth Bristol, Kristin Hufstader, Phil Dibble, Melissa Borton.

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# Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



## FLY FISHING

Fly-fishing has long been perceived as a sophisticated sport pursued by only those with special piscatorial knowledge and a bank roll with which to outfit with an extensive collection of fancy equipment. For some fishermen, this is the way it is and they enjoy every facet of their sport. Be advised, you could get hooked on it yourself.

There is an opportunity to experience the joys of fly-fishing without getting a degree in entomology and taking out a mortgage for tackle. The answer is to fish for bluegills with a fly rod.

After ice-out when the water begins to warm the shallow areas of lakes and channels, bluegills gather to feed and later fan out beds for spawning. At this time, the fish are actively feeding after a long hard winter and will aggressively attack anything (including a rubber spider) that invades their space. Weeds have not yet had time to develop, so fly-fishing provides easy snag free angling.

A basic fly-fishing outfit will work when fishing under these conditions. Nothing fancy required. A number 5 to 8

fly rod made of fiberglass or graphite and a single action reel will do the job. A matching weight forward line and a rubber spider or cork popper tied to a six-pound test monofilament leader will catch active fish.

It is possible that using a lighter rod, tapered fly line, tapered leader and special hand tied flies could give one an edge. On the other hand, I have found the most important part is locating fish. Once located, the fish will eat the spider, and the heavy mono will hold up if the gill gets into cover or a large bass swims off with the bait.

When using a fly rod, the line is cast instead of the bait as in spin casting. Cast the line by first stripping it off the reel, then with the line lying straight out in front of you hold

the rod level and lift the line by bringing the rod back to the 11 o'clock position throwing the line up and back until it straightens out behind you, then using your forearm bring the rod forward driving the line out to the target. Play out more line, if needed, by stripping it off the reel on the back cast, and let it out on the forward cast working between the 11 and 1 o'clock positions.

Remember, the fish are spawning when they are on the light sandy dished-out beds. The fish are usually easy to catch, so don't take so many that long range numbers will be affected. It is easy to release fish because they are usually only hooked in the lip. The fishing is fun and productive, yet uncomplicated and a great way to experience the joy of fly-fishing.

# HEALTH



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

## SWIMMER'S ITCH

Swimmer's itch is a skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to certain microscopic parasites in the water. The

parasite lives in ducks, geese, certain mammals and snails. Instead of finding a host bird, the parasite burrows into the skin of a swimmer and then dies.

The affected swimmer may experience tingling, burning or itching of the skin. Small red pimples or blisters may appear. This may occur minutes to hours afterwards. This is an allergic reaction, so repeated exposure leads to more intense and immediate symptoms.

This rash is treatable without seeing a doctor. Use over the counter cortisone lotion and bathe in Epsom salts/oatmeal baths, and use anti-itch lotions such as calamine.

Swimmer's itch cannot be passed from person to person.

# At long last Perry receives new commander's cap

Post Commander John Vander Wilp, of Flat River VFW Post 8303, made an "error" correct when he presented Past Commander Bob Perry with a new post commander's cap on May 2.

When the Post was moving from its old home on Main St., a small old two-drawer filing cabinet was discovered in a storage room covered up with many other old things," said Vander Wilp. "When we finally dumped out the stuff inside

it (it hadn't been used in 20 years), a stamped envelope addressed to the VFW Supply in Kansas City, Mo., fell out of the back where it had been stuck all those years. It had never been mailed." Inside was an order form

and a check from Perry (the commander-elect then) for one post commander's cap with the years 1959-1960 embroidered on it.

"At the time we found it, we laughed about it and returned the check to Bob,"

said Vander Wilp. "We were too involved in moving and then later buying the new building, and we forgot about it again. But now it has been corrected. The Post has brought and presented Bob with his post commander's

cap and the membership voted to pay for this one."

The cost of the cap in 1959 was \$12.50; in 2005, \$53. Perry thanked the Post and said, "I was finally able to balance my checking account."



Bob Perry is presented his commander's cap by Post Commander John Vander Wilp.

## Essay contest, continued... From Page 1

the boys varsity basketball team were able to meet Kelsner, who autographed T-shirts before addressing the rest of the student body. He focused on making choices, stressing that staying away from drugs and alcohol and making other positive choices is what allowed him to play basketball for an NCAA championship team and the Detroit Pistons. He spoke about making healthy

choices in nutrition, including drinking a lot of milk.

"I played organized basketball for a very long time," Kelsner said. "I spent a lot of time on the ground because I got knocked around. I would get knocked out of the air going for a dunk."

"I was able to play that way with wreckless abandon... and remain healthy because of the choices I made earlier

in life. I gotta think that I was able to do all that without any broken bones because of all the milk I drank."

The former NBA player and current Fox Sports Network Detroit basketball commentator, still drinks milk. While signing T-shirts, Kelsner lamented he had no milk for his cereal that morning since his wife had used it all the night before.

As a result of winning the contest, Lowell High School is one of 50 schools nationwide eligible to win a \$50,000 gym makeover from the Got Milk? campaign.

Lady Arrow Varsity Club will use its \$1,000 to help fund the activities described above. Current club membership is between 40 and 50 girls, and is open to all girls who have earned a varsity letter in any sport at Lowell High School.

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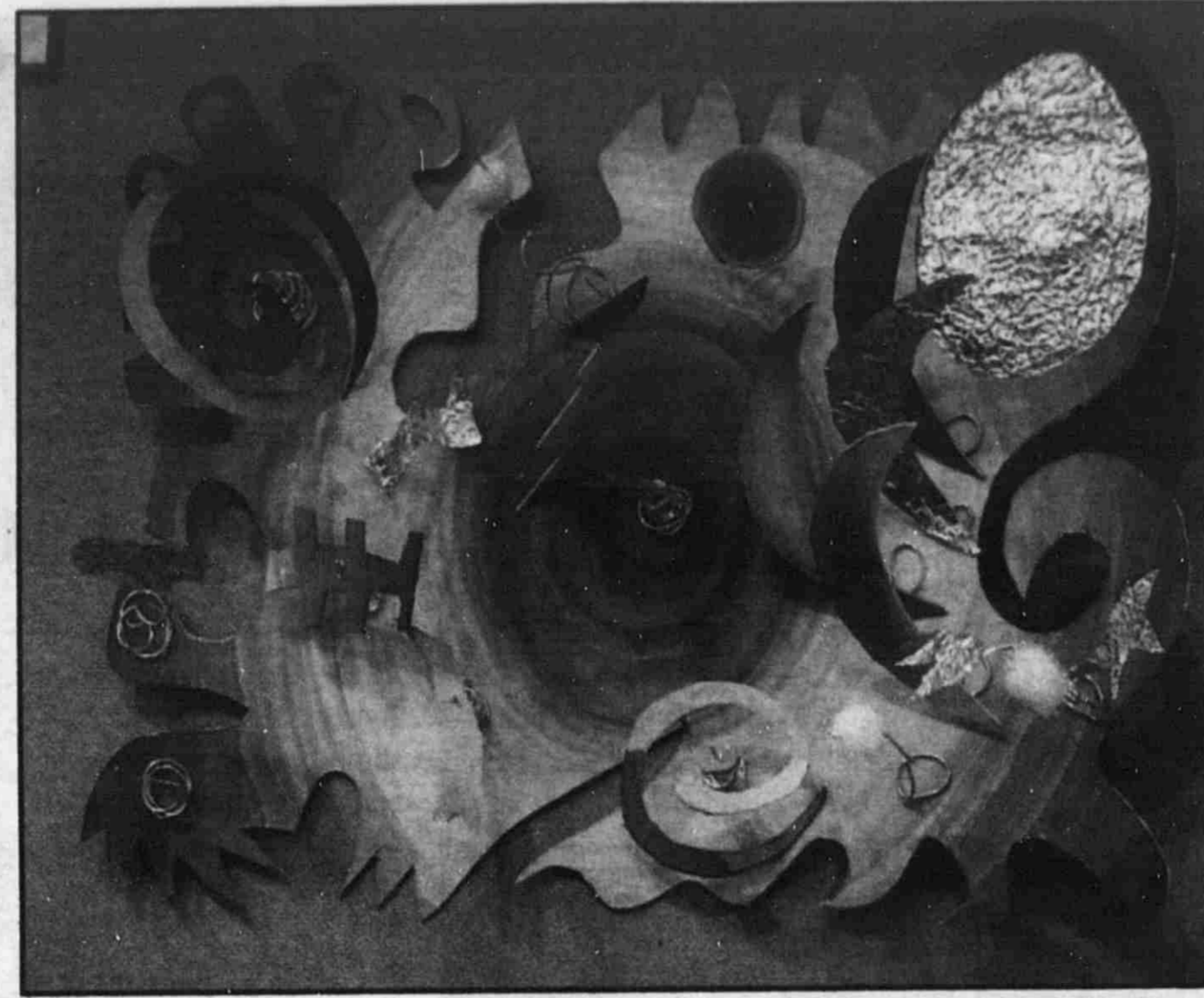
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## Student art on display

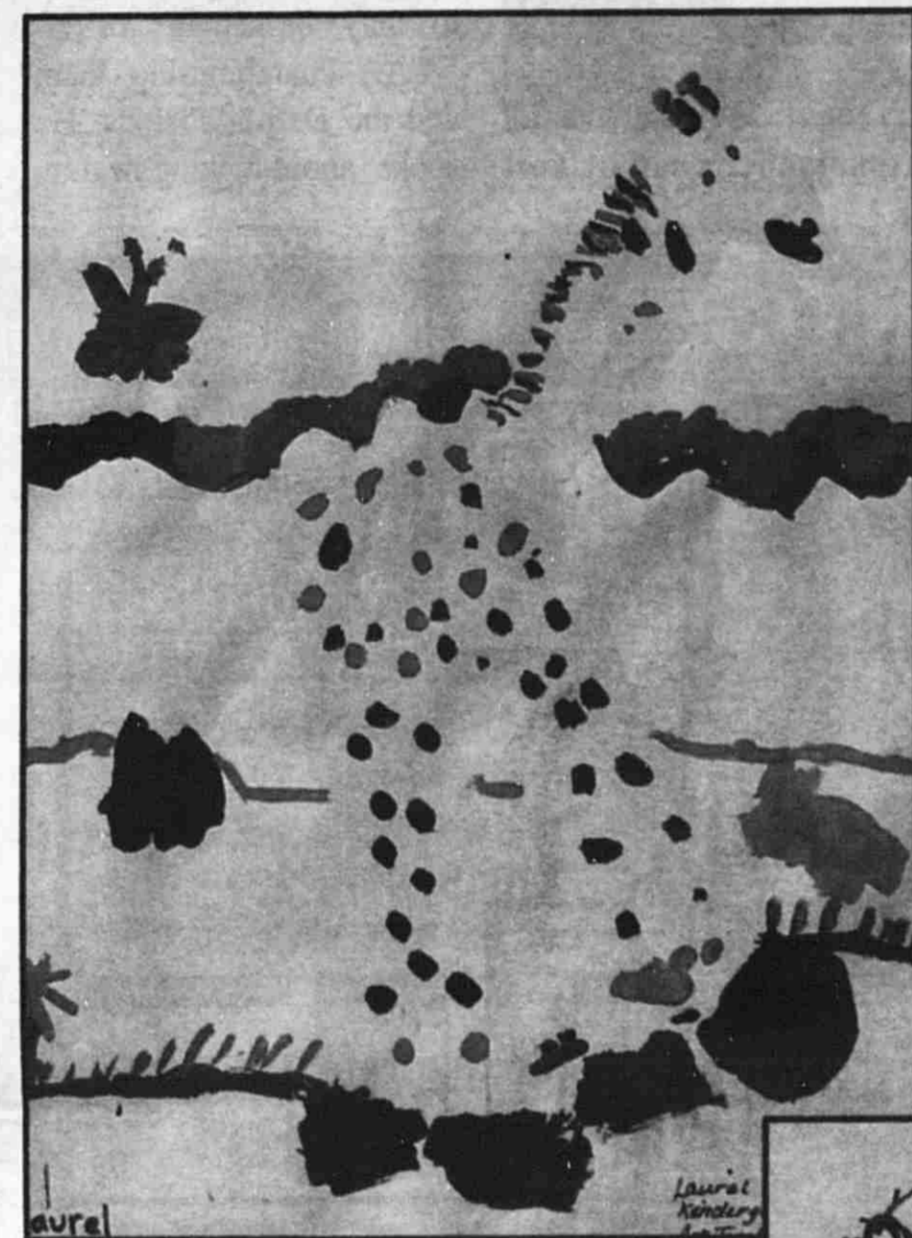
The Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery is featuring artwork by students in the Lowell Area Schools and St. Patrick's School in Parnell. On display through May 26 are selections created by artists in kindergarten through 12th grade. The arts council gallery is located at 149 S. Hudson St.



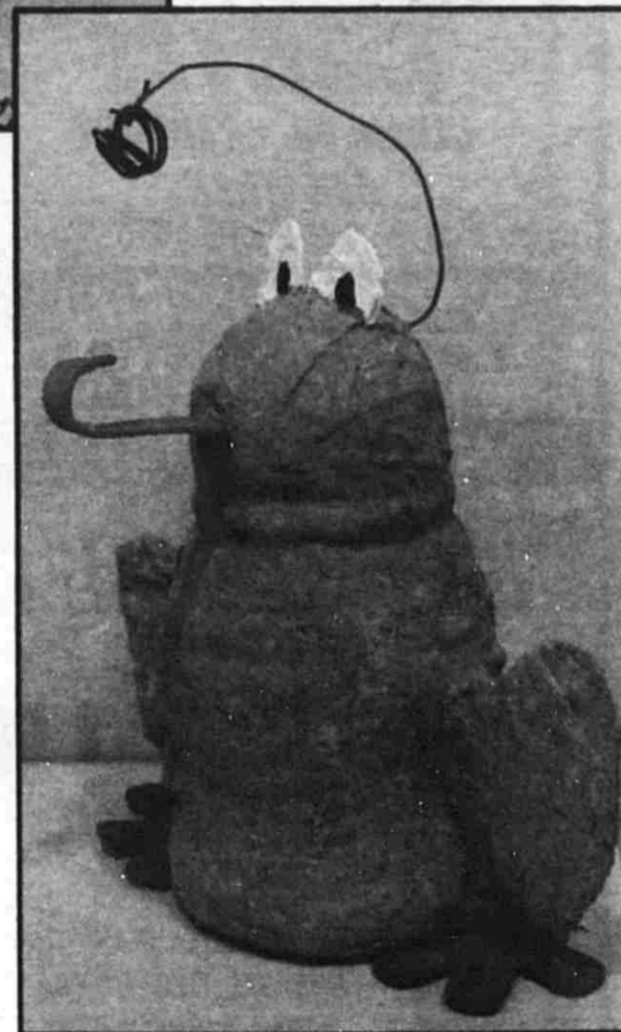
"Crazy World" by Lowell High School senior Elise Wisniewski.



"My World" by Lowell High School junior Erin Nugent.



At right, Stephanie Kramer's "Froggy Gets a Fly." She is in 8th grade at St. Patrick's School.



At left, a giraffe by Alto Elementary kindergartener Laurel Frederickson.

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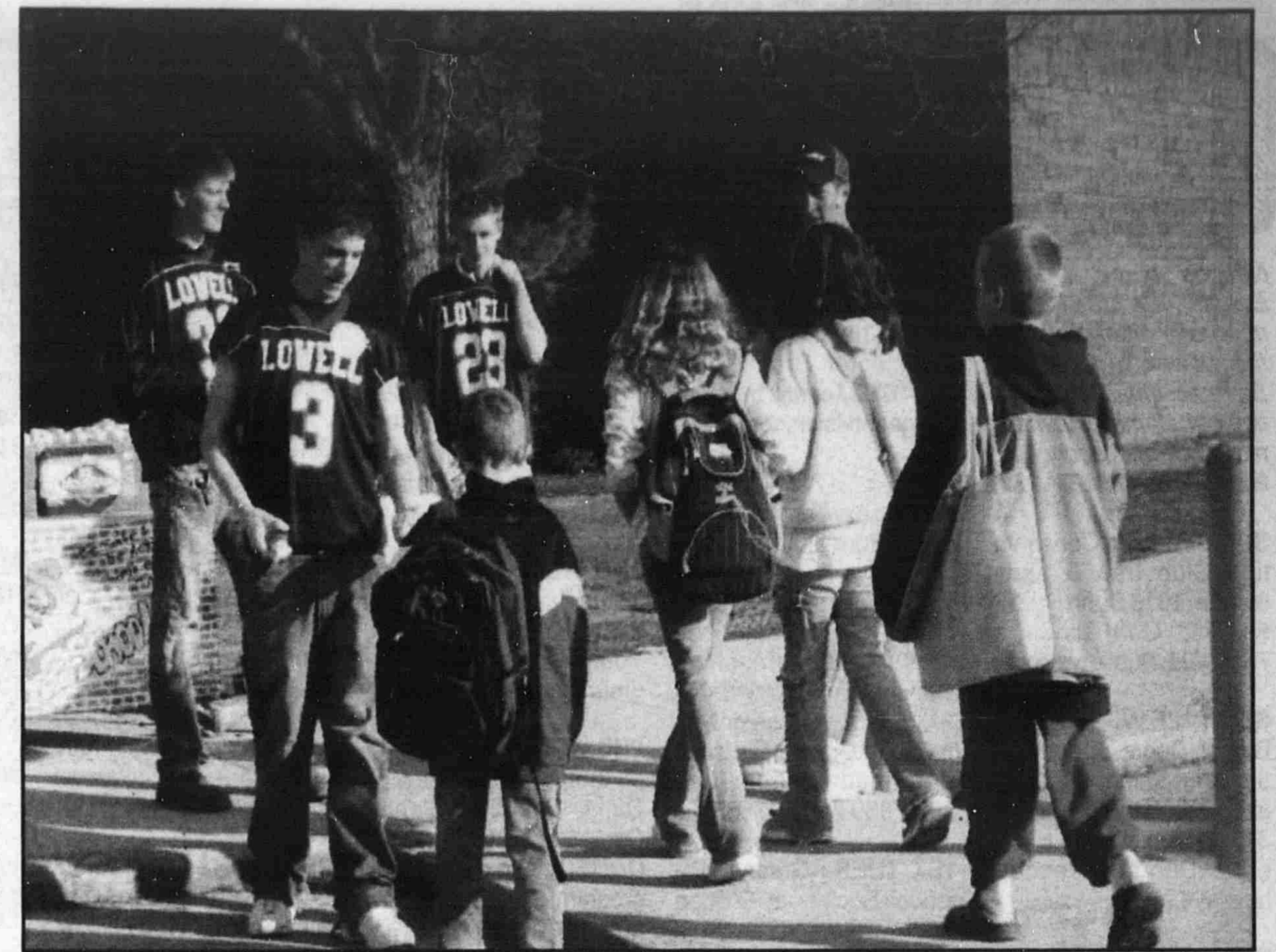
## Walk to School Day at Cherry Creek

Ben Nugent (#3) of the Lowell varsity lacrosse team is pictured passing out snacks to students on their way into school last Thursday. The Red Arrow lacrosse team, Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller, Lowell mayor Jeanne Shores and Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale were among those who greeted students along a walking route to school on May 5, "Walk to School" day when hundreds of Cherry Creek students walked to school. School buses even dropped their riders off at Creekside Park, so that students used to riding the bus could walk to school too.

In 2004 Cherry Creek Elementary was chosen as one of 11 pilot schools in the state to participate in the Safe Routes to School program run by the Governors council on Physical Fitness out of Lansing.

Currently they have a team that meets monthly to walk the routes and talk about how to promote walking/biking in the district.

The team consists of representatives from the physical education department, the Trails groups in Michigan, the head of security at LAS, a school board member, the head of transportation at LAS, the chief of police in Lowell, the city Department of Public Works, a high school student representative, a representative from Cherry Creek and parent volunteers.



By Dan Schneider

## Featured Artist Gerard Wood

The exhibit currently on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is that of artist, Gerard Wood ... his third time there.

He's put together a mix of his artwork that dates back to 1989.

"It's just fun looking

back and seeing the different style, how it's evolved," Wood said.

His paintings have become less representative, a little more undisciplined over the years.

"I think I was definitely more structured in the early paintings and I'm definitely

more loose now in my style," Wood said.

One piece, "A Flight of Parrots," has some tight lines and sharp colors in a painting of some flowers.

Then there's "Lobster Dance All Night Long," which is more recent and started out as a painting of some sumac.

"That was the inspiration, but it didn't turn out like that," Wood said.

Most of his paintings are watercolors because he likes the way the paint reacts with paper.

"I've probably been messing around with

watercolors close to 20 years," Wood said. "I guess I'm drawn to it because of the spontaneity of what it does."

To boost that effect, Wood has recently been experimenting with a brand of plastic-coated paper called Yupo. Its smooth surface makes the paint fly all over it.

The Ada resident has been taking painting classes since 1987 or so. His show continues until May 24. Wood will host an artist's reception Friday from 6-8 p.m.



"My Eyes on You," a painting by Gerard Wood, is now on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.



Wood's "A Flight of Parrots," on display at the chamber.

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# COMING EVENTS

Notices in the "Coming Events" are free to any nonprofit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & Saranac areas. Keep notices brief; may submit by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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

**SUN.:** V.F.W. Post 8303 Bingo. Doors open: 11:30 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.

**3RDMON.:** 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 MI#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

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

**1ST TUES.:** Diabetic Support group, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes Rd. 897-2760 or 897-9160.

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

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

**2ND & 3RD TUES.:** Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11440 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. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

**EVERY OTHER WED.:** 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Ages 8-13. Call 897-8694.

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

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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.

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

**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.

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, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7. Support for pregnant/breastfeeding women, Ada 752-8300.

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**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.

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### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES 897-5949

**MON.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10 a.m. Out & About.

**TUES.:** 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**WED., MAY 11:** Bosnia Shoppers 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Math Games; 12:45 p.m. Shop Meijer; 12:45 p.m. Arrest party; 4:30 p.m. Snow Church Dinner.

**THURS., MAY 12:** 12 p.m. Shop Target, Dollar Store & Costco.

**FRI., MAY 13:** 10 a.m. Windmill Island; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

**MON., MAY 16:** 12:45 p.m. Movie at Center "Two Brothers"

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

**WED., MAY 18:** LHS baccalaureate in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. for seniors and their families. Wear cap and gown; a dessert will follow.

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

**SUN., MAY 22:** YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin open house, 2-4 p.m. Wagon rides, pony rides, rock climbing, all free at 1095 Briggs Rd. on Barlow Lake.

**SAT., MAY 28:** 2nd annual LHS all alumni gathering, 11 a.m. brunch at high school. Call 987-2500 for more information.

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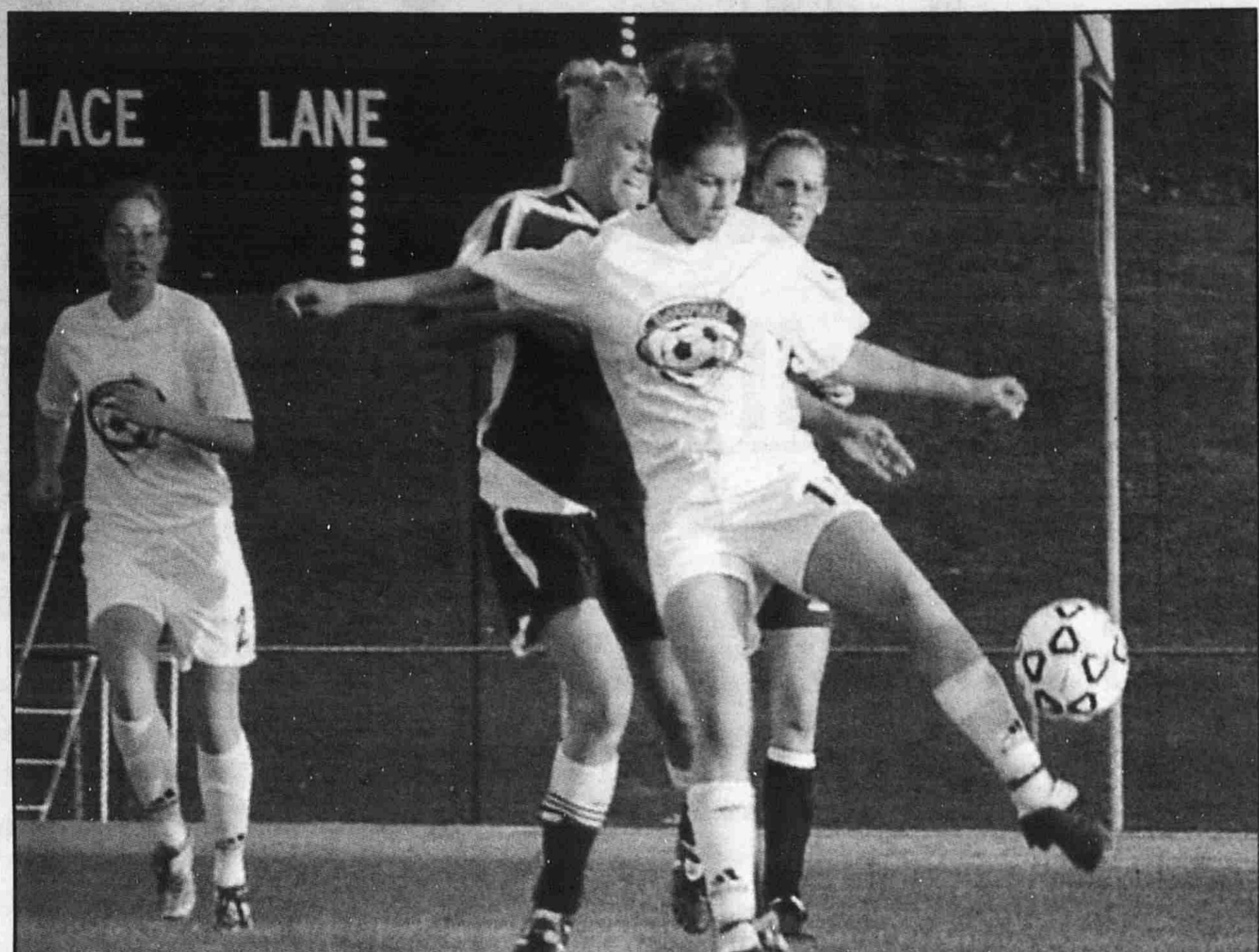
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# Unity Christian hands Lowell first soccer loss

By Dan Schneider

White girls soccer teams host Lowell--clashed last Wednesday. The outcome was a 3-0 victory by the Crusaders.



Lowell's Amy Oberlin controls the ball in the second half of last Wednesday's game against Unity Christian.

Though Lowell controlled play in the opening minutes, Unity jumped ahead, scoring a goal at 5:49 with a header off a penalty kick.

The Crusaders spent the rest of the first half keeping the Lowell defense busier than in previous games this season at Red Arrow Stadium. Lowell got the ball into scoring range a few times, but few opportunities.

"We just didn't get up for the game," said Lowell coach Paul Legge. "We finally played a good team and it hurt us not finishing."

Their best chance to score in the first half came with under a minute left to play. The Arrows got a shot and a couple of rebounds, but Unity's goalie and defense kept the ball out of the net and the Crusaders went into halftime with their 1-0 lead intact.

"They changed the complexion of the game," Legge said. "At the end of the first, we had that at point-blank range."

It was 24:14 into the second half before Unity

would score again. Then, with 11:08 remaining, the Crusaders made it a three-goal game.

"It's nice to come out and get a win over a very quality team like Lowell," said Unity coach Randy Heethuis, adding his team really warmed up in the second half. "The first half, I credit that to Lowell, they kept us on our heels. Our defense functioned well as a unit, they (Lowell) did not get many looks. It was a hard-fought game and we hope to build on this."

The same can be said for Lowell. Last year, the Crusaders beat Lowell 5-0 during the regular season, and the Arrows were victorious in the conference tournament.

"I'm sure we'll see them again in the conference final and hopefully beat them again," Legge said.

Last week, the Red Arrows won 7-0 at Greenville. They hosted Cedar Springs Monday and will play Zeeland on Saturday at home.

## Same score plagues Lowell golf team in last week's losses

Lowell girls golf team week by identical scores. Last Monday at

Gracewil Country Club, the Arrows were defeated by Kenowa Hills. The Knights shot a team score of 187 for nine holes while Lowell shot 204 at Deer Run. On Thursday, Lowell linksters shot the same score while the visiting Northview Wildcats shot 187.

Playing 18 holes last Friday at Gracewil in the Russ Johnson Memorial Tournament, Lowell shot a team score of 439. That put them in 14th place, behind Rockford, out of 22 teams. Caledonia took first place in the tournament with a score of 342.

The lady linksters were playing without their top golfer, Mandy Gunberg, who was attending an AP review session that day.

"We probably would have finished 11th or 10th otherwise," said Lowell coach Becky Lecuru. "There was some good competition, so finishing 14th wasn't bad."

The Red Arrows played their last match of the conference season Monday against Greenville. They host Forest Hills Central Thursday for the final dual match of the season. The OK White conference tournament is Monday at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

Dated: May 6, 2005

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## CITY OF LOWELL, LOWELL AND VERGENNES TOWNSHIPS

### PUBLIC NOTICE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PICK UP DAY

The City of Lowell, Lowell and Vergennes Townships have agreed to sponsor the Kent County Household Hazardous Waste collection day for their residents on Saturday, May 21, 2005 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Information brochures are available at the following locations:

Lowell City Hall	301 East Main Street
Lowell Dept of Public Works	217 S Hudson
Lowell Township	2910 Alden Nash
Vergennes Township	10381 Bailey Drive
Englehardt Library	200 N Monroe
Lowell Chamber of Commerce	113 Riverwalk Plaza

To participate in this program you must call the county program at 336-3695 or 336-4617 to set up an appointment. If you have any further questions, contact Dan DesJarden at 897-5929.



## Baseball splits with Northview

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity baseball team took the first game of a doubleheader last Friday, beating Northview 5-4.

Spencer Quinn got the win for Lowell in his first start as a pitcher. Quinn pitched all seven innings, allowing seven hits.

Lowell and Northview scored one run each in the first inning. Then the Arrows scored three runs with two outs against them in the second. Jordan Ickes got on base on a fielder's choice that forced David Kern out at second. Josh Gilliard hit a single, then Zach Burger hit a single that drove home Ickes. Quinn then hit a triple to drive in Gilliard and

Burger. Quinn was 2-3 with three RBIs in the game.

"He helped himself while he was pitching," said Lowell coach Justin Miller.

Northview and Lowell each scored a run in the fourth. The Wildcats threatened in the fifth, scoring two runs. But the Arrows held them scoreless in the sixth. Northview grounded out twice and flew out in the seventh to end the game.

"Northview is a very credible team to beat, so that was good coming off our loss at Cedar Springs," Miller said.

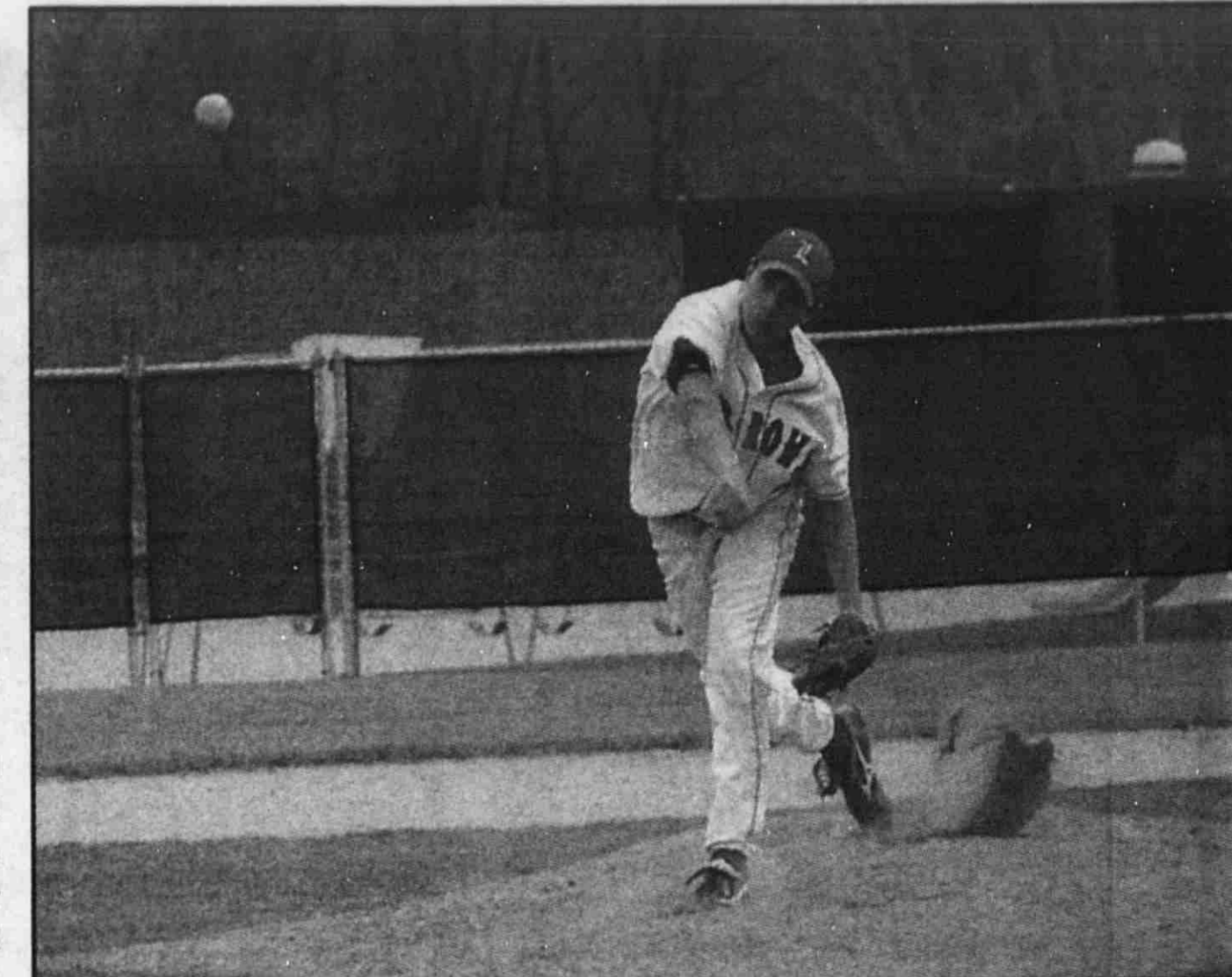
Lowell lost game two of the doubleheader, 9-2. David Kern got the loss, allowing three runs in the first inning to start the game.

"We dug ourselves in a hole in the beginning but we bounced back with two (runs) of our own in the first, but that was the only scoring we did," Miller said. "The bats went cold."

David Welsch hit a triple in the first inning, which would become Lowell's only hit of the game. Northview, meanwhile, had 15 hits in the game.

Ryan Kalman finished the fourth inning for Lowell and pitched the fifth. Zach Burger finished the game for Lowell with a strikeout and two groundouts in the sixth inning.

The Arrows lost 6-1 Wednesday at Cedar Springs. A week ago on Monday, East Grand Rapids beat Lowell



Lowell's Spencer Quinn throws a pitch last Friday against Northview. Quinn got the win in his first start at pitcher this season.

11-2. Lowell hosted Greenville in a doubleheader Monday that made up for a rained-out game earlier in the season. Rapids on Wednesday and to Sparta Friday. They travel to East Grand

## Softball takes half of doubleheader from Wildcats

By Dan Schneider

A three-run third inning was not enough for host Lowell to win the first game of a doubleheader Friday against Northview at the

Cherry Creek softball field.

The Wildcats scored one run each in the first and fourth innings, two in the fifth to take the lead, then another in the seventh to

win 5-3. To start Lowell's scoring in the third, Andrea Dewey and Jean Kimberlin walked to base. Ashleigh Inman hit a sacrifice bunt to advance them to third

and second, respectively. Ashley Nawrocki came up to bat and hit to the shortstop. The shortstop threw the ball to home plate but not fast enough to beat Dewey, who scored Lowell's first run.

"Really, it was good base-running on Dewey's part, she got a good jump on that and scored," said Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Coming up to bat next was Becky Plummer; she hit a triple to score Kimberlin and Nawrocki for Lowell's other two runs that game.

Plummer pitched a shutout for Lowell in game two, striking out five and walking one while giving up only three hits. The Lowell batters, meanwhile, knocked in a run in the fourth, two in the fifth and another in the sixth to win 4-0. Lowell scored both runs in the fifth

Ashleigh Inman's sacrifice bunt put two runners in scoring position in the first game of Lowell's doubleheader against Northview last Friday.

with two outs against them.

Inman and Dewey started things, each with a base hit. Then they pulled off a double steal--Inman to third and Dewey to second. Plummer drove them both home with a single.

Nawrocki hit a triple in the sixth inning and scored on a catcher's error. Inman,

Dewey and Plummer each had two hits in the game.

"We played good defense in that game, no errors, where in the first game, we had three errors, cost us some runs," Rodenhouse said.

Last Wednesday at



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## CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 16 and June 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

- City Operating Budget for 2005-2006. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,362,749 in proposed expenditures. After the hearings, the Council will consider adoption.

Copies of the proposed 2005-2006 Budget will be available for public inspection starting May 16, 2005 during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall and at the Englehardt Public Library during scheduled hours Monday through Saturday.

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



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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on June 1, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on proposed ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance.

The principal provisions of the proposed amending ordinances are the following:

**1. Ordinance No. 1.** This ordinance creates a new Section 13.24 of the Zoning Ordinance, covering outdoor lighting within the Township. Unless a specific exemption applies, all outdoor lighting fixtures must be shielded in such a manner that light rays emitted by the fixture are projected only below the point on the fixture where light is emitted, must be installed and located such that light does not spill onto adjacent properties or roadways, and must have a light source which is not greater than a specified level of intensity.

Outdoor light fixtures on free-standing poles cannot exceed a height of 20 feet, unless the fixtures serve outdoor recreation areas. Street lights must be of the type listed on the Grattan Township List of Approved Types of Street Lights, available in the Township office.

The ordinance exempts certain specified light fixtures, including but not limited to fixtures installed prior to the effective date of the ordinance; fixtures used for certain temporary recreational events; fixtures at and for public schools and certain other publicly-owned facilities; fixtures which use an incandescent light bulb of 150 watts or less; and lighting necessary for road or utility construction or emergencies.

Other matters addressed in the ordinance include lighting for signs; lighting for outdoor recreation areas; time periods within which certain outdoor lighting is permitted; inclusion of information on outdoor light fixtures in certain building permit applications; and other matters.

**2. Ordinance No. 2.** This ordinance would amend existing sections of the Zoning Ordinance which pertain to communications antennas and towers. Section 3.51 would be amended to prescribe certain restrictions for non-commercial antennas and towers regarding the height of antennas and towers, advertising on antennas and towers and other matters. Private towers and antennas used for amateur radio purposes are exempt from certain of these restrictions. In addition, Section 3.51 would require special land use approval under Chapter 13 of the Zoning Ordinance for antennas and towers used for commercial communications services.

Section 13.23 would be amended to prescribe additional requirements for special land use approval of commercial antennas and towers, including landscaping requirements, requirements pertaining to co-location of antennas on existing towers, removal of antennas and towers, and other requirements.

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

Dated: May 6, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## Both Lowell track teams fall to Unity Christian, Cedar Springs

Both Lowell track teams finished out the conference dual season with losses to Cedar Springs last Thursday at Red Arrow Stadium.

The boys fell 116-21 while the girls' score was 76-61.

Against Unity Christian last Tuesday it was the same story but with different scores. The Crusader ladies won 81-56 while the boys

beat the Arrows 74-62.

Joe Woodhead won the shot put for Lowell against Unity, throwing 36'6.25". Eric Dean cleared 10' to win the pole vault event. Tom Doll took first in 11.79 in the 100-meter dash. The 800-meter relay team of Doll, Ryan Mechaney, Justin Story and Micah Tawney won in 1:40.16. Steve Ellison won the 1600-meter

run for Lowell. Tawney claimed victory in the 400-meter dash. Andy Mark won the 3200-meter run. He also won that event against Cedar Springs, Lowell's only event win in that dual.

Carlee Nickodemski, Cahoon, VanEns and Meggy Fitzpatrick took first place in the 400-meter relay in a time of 53.74.

The Red Arrows travel to Northview Thursday for the OK White conference meet.

## Red Arrow tennis team wins close match over Northview Wildcats

By Dan Schneider

Lowell won five of eight matches last Wednesday to claim the first victory over Northview in recent memory for the Arrows.

"I told them I felt we had a better team this year and this would be a good time to show it," said Lowell coach Bonnie Wall.

Lowell stepped up and

won 5-3 over the Wildcats. The Arrows claimed all four singles flights. Kyle Wittenbach beat Matt Fenech 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 for a key victory.

"Wittenbach really came through with that one," Wall said.

Winning singles matches were Travis Trapp (second singles), Brett Hobrla (third) and Brett McMahon (fourth). Lowell needed a doubles win—and doubles play has been the team's Achilles heel this season. Against Northview, Devon Huisman and Drew Kyllonen stepped up to claim a 6-4, 6-4 victory in fourth doubles and help Lowell win the match.

"It was a real thrill for us because it puts us third place in conference," Wall said.

Lowell had started last week with a 7-1 victory at Kenowa Hills on a cold and windy Monday.

Lowell finished second at the Big Rapids Tournament despite having four junior varsity players on their roster. Spring Lake won the tournament with 19 points; Lowell scored 13. Hobrla was the tournament champion in third-flight singles and Lowell recorded a number of second-place finishes.

The Arrows lost 6-2 to an undefeated NorthPointe Christian team Thursday. McMahon won fourth singles and Huisman and Kyllonen won fourth doubles. Hobrla at third singles and Justin Quist and Alden Nyson at first doubles ended up on the losing end of close, three-set matches.

"It was a losing effort but it was probably the best doubles they've played all year," Wall said of Quist's and Nyson's match.

Lowell faced Greenville on Monday and will host Cedar Springs Wednesday for the final duals of the conference season. A pair of wins in those matches and a strong showing at Saturday's conference meet at Northview should secure third place in the OK White for the Red Arrows this season.

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## Lacrosse outruns Holt Rams, loses to Rockford Rams

By Dan Schneider

Claiming its third victory of the season last Thursday, the Lowell varsity lacrosse team defeated Holt with a 6-3 home win.

Both teams were a pretty even match throughout the first half.

The Arrows' first goal was made by Ben Nugent on an assist from Scott Devroy in the first quarter. Another goal, an unassisted shot by Gregg Wierenga, put Lowell up 2-1 at the end of the first quarter.

Holt tied the game early in the second. Then Brett Ostrander scored his first goal of the year on a jumping shot from the right with an assist by Will Moore.

"Our man-down defense killed three penalties at the end of the first half," Lowell coach Eric Bredin said. "That gave us some momentum going into halftime."

Though Holt tied the game at 3-3 in the opening

minutes of the third quarter, it was soon clear that Lowell was playing at a higher level of intensity. The Arrows took advantage of a penalty on Holt's starting goalie as Nugent shot a quick goal past the Rams' reserve. Adam Bowers had an assist on that goal.

Devroy came around the back of the goal in the fourth quarter for a shot. The Holt goalkeeper mishandled it and Lowell took a 5-3 lead. Wierenga had the final goal with a straight-on shot from about 25 yards out.

"I was disappointed to come out here and lose, but those guys played a good game so they deserve to win," said Holt coach Mike Van Antwerp, whose team, like Lowell, is in its first varsity year. "I think they wanted the ball a little bit more than we did and that's what made the difference."

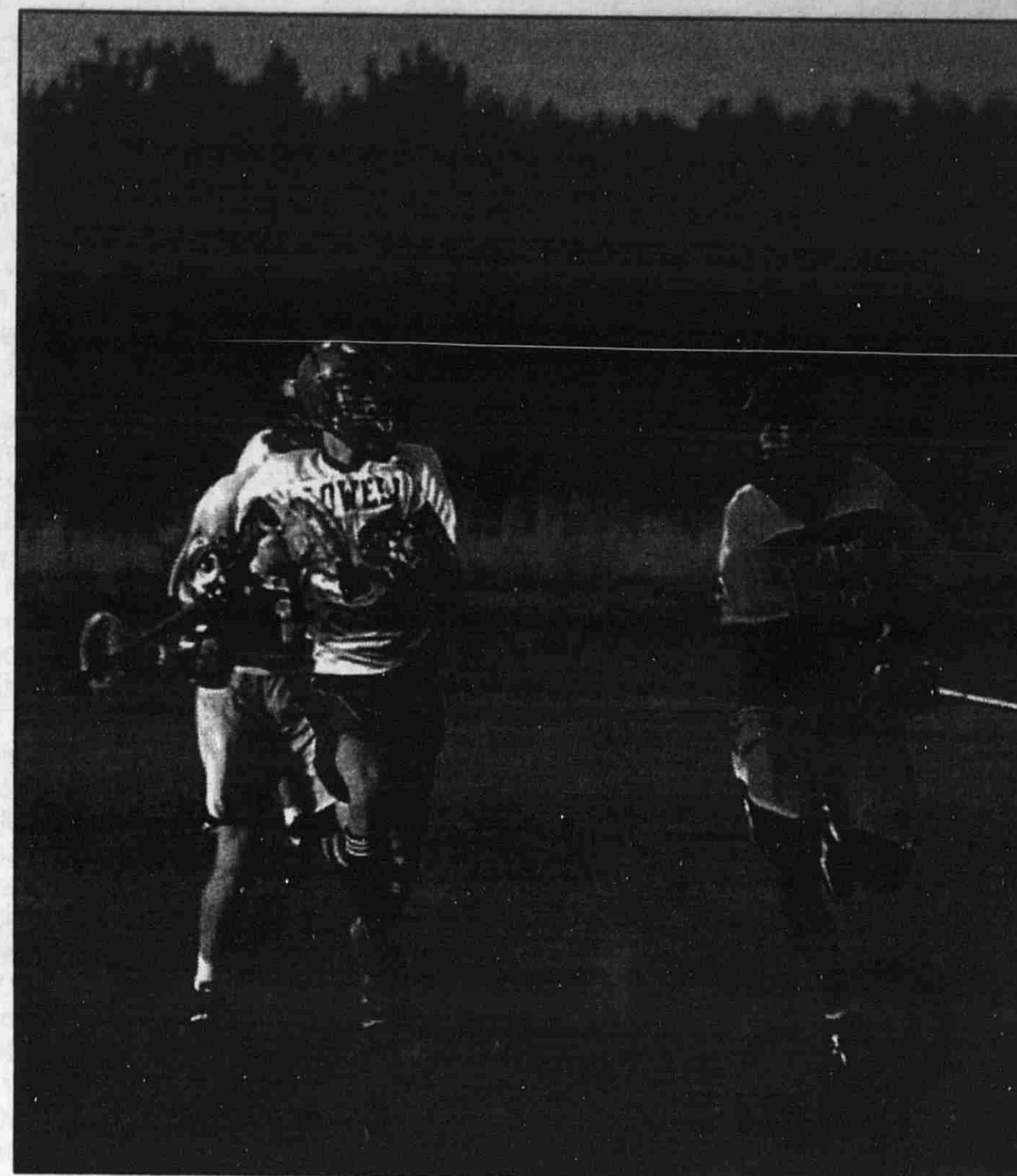
"The game was played with a lot of intensity at the

beginning which is what we should be doing for all our games," said Lowell captain and goalie Brent Sutterfield. "Everybody had their heads on straight, we were prepared for this game."

The victory helped Lowell recover from a 13-1 loss to Rockford last Tuesday. On Saturday, the Arrows lost to visiting West Ottawa, 11-5. That score showed improvement over the 13-2 loss at West Ottawa earlier in the season. After Saturday's loss, the Red Arrows' record was 4-7-1.

Lowell played at East Kentwood Tuesday. The Arrows host Holland Christian Thursday at 6 p.m.

**Lowell's Brett Ostrander (in white) takes the ball up the field during last Thursday's win over Holt.**



## Softball, continued...From Page 15

Cedar Springs, Lowell won 7-2 on the strength of five runs scored in the final three innings. Plummer had two hits for Lowell.

With East Grand Rapids hosting the game last Monday, Lowell beat the Pioneers 12-0.

"We jumped out and

scored seven runs in the first inning and the game was over," Rodenhouse said.

Lowell had five hits in the first inning and was helped by one walk and two errors by the Pioneers.

Plummer pitched a no-hitter in the game, striking out 13 including 12 of the

last 13 batters she faced.


Lowell hosted Greenville Monday for a doubleheader. They travel to East Grand

Rapids on Wednesday and to Sparta for a doubleheader Friday.

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8-5, May 12. Toys, lawn equipment, clothing and misc. 1/2 mile S. of 84th St. on Whitneyville; Shannon Ranch.

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Kettle Lake Elementary yard sale, May 14, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Over 300 families donating items. Sale held inside school gym on Garbow Dr. off Whitneyville Rd. Last hour of sale, fill a bag for \$2.

## MULTI FAMILY SALE

239 Orchard St., Saranac. Friday, May 13, 7:30 to 6. Weber grill, furniture, fuzball table, toys; boys, girls, men's and women's clothes, all sizes.

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## GARAGE SALE

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## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD WORKSHOP ON 2005/06 BUDGET

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**Runciman Administration Building Board Room 300 High St., Lowell**

**Monday, May 16, 2005 7:00 p.m.**

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

### COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT AND SUMMARY OF THE REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 9, 2005 the Township Board of the Township of Grattan adopted an ordinance to amend Section 21.01 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan, pertaining to the severability of provisions in the ordinance, so as to delete a reference to a prior version of the Zoning Ordinance.

The ordinance will become effective May 18, 2005. A copy of the amending ordinance can be examined or purchased at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township.

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<p><b>AIR BED</b> - Selecta comfort firmness for each of you. Dual chambers. Remote control. Warranty. Never used. \$800. Can deliver. Call 682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE</b> - '87 Honda Goldwing Escapade, 58,000 miles. \$3,500. Call 204-7385.</p> <p><b>A MEMORY FOAM BED</b> - NASA developed memory foam. Brand name, never used. Queen \$475; king \$695. Call Delver. Call 682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p>'99 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GT - 4 dr., red, 3800, loaded! CD, heads up display, new tires, heated leather, 72,000 miles. \$6,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p>1-1/2 YEAR OLD NEUTERED MALE - Pembroke Corgie. Loves kids. \$100. Call 897-0771 after 5pm.</p> <p><b>BEDS</b> - Name brand mattress sets. Twin, \$70, full \$80, queen \$95, king \$150 up. Call 616-682-4767 or 616-293-6160.</p> <p><b>MED. OAK KING SIZE BED</b> - with custom made pillowtop mattress. Has 6 drawers below. \$600 or best offer. 897-7555.</p> <p><b>OAK BUNK BED</b> - Includes mattress, like new, sell \$99. Dennis Distributing. 989-224-4822.</p> <p><b>POLE BARN - 30X50X10'</b> \$7,195.00 includes painted metal, slider, Free delivery. Call 937-559-7740. 24X32X10' - \$4,995.00. 30X60X12' - \$9,995.00. h t t p : / / nationwidepolebarns.com</p> <p>1997 WILDERNESS TRAILER FOR SALE - excellent condition, electric hitch, sleeps 8, all the extras, \$8,500. Call after 6 pm 987-6481.</p> <p>\$195 4 POST BED - (king) with pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Was \$800. 517-719-8062.</p> <p>'96 CHEVY CONVERSION - White, high top, black leather, 38,000 miles. \$10,500. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p>FOR SALE - 1994 Ford Ranger, 4cyl., 5 speed, new clutch, rebuilt transmission, high mileage, \$2,000 obo. Call 616-897-5295.</p> <p>MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS - Brand new, \$49/set. Twin, full, queen, delivery available. Dennis Distributing. 989-224-4822.</p> <p>'98 JEEP CHEROKEE - Burgundy, 4x4, loaded, 4 dr., 62,000 miles. \$6,300. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p>\$110 QUEEN PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET - (Brand new). Call 517-719-8062.</p> <p>APPLIANCES - Refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves, reconditioned, guaranteed, over 100 to choose from, \$59 &amp; up. Dennis Distributing 989-224-4822.</p>	<p>\$125 AMISH QUEEN LOG BED - w/plush mattress. Bought, never used. Cost \$800. 517-719-8062.</p> <p>'98 CHEVY PICKUP - Long box, 2 wd, new tires, brakes, etc. \$3,200. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p>FOR SALE - Brushguard, black, \$100. Almost new. 897-7658.</p> <p>HAY FOR SALE - \$2.00 a bale. Call 691-7944 or 691-8157.</p> <p>1950 FARMALL CUB - nice condition, runs good with plow, \$2,500. Call (616) 340-0589.</p> <p>FOR SALE - Boat motor, Mercury 25 hp outboard motor, very good condition, electric start and new propeller, \$1,400. 897-6527.</p> <p>BERBER CARPET - 80 yards, beige color, bought, never used. Cost \$800, sell \$295. 517-719-0451.</p> <p>FLATBED SCANNER SCANMAKER 3700 - by Microtek. Plus handheld, software and instructions, \$50 obo. Call 897-6928.</p> <p>'99 CHRYSLER 300 M - loaded, Platinum, 42,000 miles, \$9,800. Call 897-1597 or 450-7910.</p> <p>FOR SALE - New Andersen vinyl clad window, 48x48 double casement, white, still in box, \$120 obo. Call after 6pm 987-6481.</p> <p>MEMORY FOAM BED - Queen (never used) Cost \$1,600 sell \$495. 517-719-8062.</p> <p>ADA/LOWELL - Quality queen size clothes, up to 5x, some never worn. Cell 517-449-3429.</p> <p>FOR SALE - Cottage, Morrison Lake, year round. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$132,500. 616-540-5310.</p> <p>FOR SALE - 1984 28 ft. Lindy motorhome. Runs great, sleeps 6. \$2,400 or best offer. 616-868-0009.</p> <p>RECREATIONAL AND RETIREMENT PROPERTY - located in Yuma. Land contract, starting at \$11,900. Call 231-885-1812.</p> <p>FISH FOR STOCKING - Most varieties. Ponds, lakes. Laggis' Fish Farm. 269-628-2056 days or 269-624-6215 eves.</p> <p>FOR SALE BY BUILDER - New 1,950 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath 2 story home. Lowell Schools, Boston Township. Walkout basement is ready for future bath, bedroom &amp; rec room. \$245,000! Financing available. Contact Travis Miller 616-292-6826.</p> <p>'81 OLDS CUTLASS - 12,000 miles, cruise, AM/FM radio, cassette player, leather, bucket seats, real good condition, \$5,000. Call 269-792-2838.</p>	<p>CANOE WANTED - Used, stable, not too heavy, around \$250 obo. Call 897-6465.</p> <p>CHIHUAHUA MALE NEEDED - ASAP to service female Chihuahua. 868-7018.</p> <p>WANTED - Hunting lease, 2 honest Christian bow hunters seeking hunting lease for 50 + acres. 616-560-8686.</p> <p>WANTED - Cash paid for old or junk motorcycles. Running or not. Call Rich 616-446-8352.</p> <p>WANTED - Farmland to purchase, 30-50 acres, suitable for small farm rotational grazing, ample water, Lowell Schools. Call 447-1467.</p>	<p>LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS IS CURRENTLY seeking qualified applicants for the following position: Middle School Spanish Teacher - First Semester. A Spanish Teacher is required for the first semester of the 2005-06 school year (commencing August 2005) at the Middle School level. Candidates must possess a valid Michigan Teaching certificate with a Spanish endorsement. Candidates must also be certified to teach at the 6-8 grade levels. Interested applicants should apply online to: www.greatschools.com no later than Monday, May 23, 2005. Ensure that an updated resume and cover letter are attached to your application.</p> <p><b>DRILLER'S ASSISTANT</b> - for geotechnical/environmental drilling out of Lowell office. Position requires heavy lifting, good driving record &amp; frequent in-state, overnight travel. CDL Class A &amp; 40-hour HAZWOPER training a plus, but will train. Resumes can be faxed to 269-345-4945 or mailed to West Michigan Drilling, 2960 Interstate Pkwy, Kalamazoo, MI 49048.</p> <p>GENERAL LABOR - Phoenix Personnel is currently accepting applications in our new Lowell location. Monday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm at 615 Chatham just off M21 Call 249-0044 for directions.</p> <p>HELP WANTED - Jack/Jill of all trades for a few hours to help with yard work and possibly other jobs. 897-7161.</p> <p>TWO POSITIONS NOW OPEN - in a growing, high tech company. (1) CNC Mill Operator with Master Cam programming experience. (2) Die Designer for progressive dies with 3D solid modeling experience. Please send resume to: Envision Engineering, 1016 N. Monroe St., Lowell, MI 49331.</p> <p>MAINTENANCE TECH NEEDED - For apt. community in Lowell, approx 25-30 hours per week. Experience required. For more information and applications, call Heather at 897-7135.</p> <p>HELP WANTED - Attn: Work from home Online. No Recession Here! FREE info online - Full Training. www.2yourhealththeonlinebusiness.com</p>	<p>HALL FOR RENT - with kitchen, seats 150. Call 897-6050.</p> <p>TWO APARTMENTS - Alto: large 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, \$650, woods/lake. Caledonia 2 bedroom, \$570 heat included, lake/park. (No dogs). 616-891-1840. apartmentsoutheast@charter.net</p> <p>WATERFRONT COTTAGES - weekly or daily rental. Completely furnished, 10 miles N. of Remus. Ron, 897-5062.</p> <p>HALL FOR RENT - Meetings, banquets, family gatherings, best rates in town! 616-262-9114.</p> <p>HOUSE FOR RENT - Big Pine Island Lake, lake front w/ dock, 2 or 3 bedroom, 2 baths, large deck, laundry hookup. 616-691-8523.</p> <p>POLE BARN FOR RENT - Large pole barn for rent just N. of Lowell. 2 sections: 1 with heat &amp; cement floor, other gravel floor. Can be rented together or separate. Call 897-0686.</p> <p>LOWELL - SPRING SPECIAL - \$400 moves you in. 1-2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, washer/dryer hookup. \$625/\$650/mo. Open house Tues. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Stoneridge Apartments 616-363-5430. www.wmpmonline.com.</p> <p>BUILDING AVAILABLE - for lease, downtown Lowell. Commercial kitchen. 616-262-9114.</p> <p>3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT IN LOWELL - Close to schools &amp; downtown. No pets, non-smoking. \$700 per month plus utilities &amp; one month deposit. Call 897-9331.</p> <p>SOUND OFF LINE 897-0787 or go to: www.lowellbuyersguide.com</p>	<p>IT'S SPRING - so treat your deck, trailer or house to a powerwashing or staining. Call John at 551-8364.</p> <p>I HAVE FT/PT DAYCARE OPENINGS - for 3 children, 1 to 6, 5:00am - 5:30pm, fenced backyard, CPR and 1st Aid trained. Headstart bus pickup. 897-4389.</p> <p>RELIABLE LAWN CARE - Reasonable prices, good service. Free estimates. Call 262-9114.</p> <p>DAYCARE OPENING - 1st &amp; 2nd shift. 1 &amp; older, low rate, FIA payments welcome, food program, CPR &amp; 1st Aid trained. For more info call 897-7911 or 886-9492.</p> <p><b>SPRING CLEAN UP</b> - Let us help you w/ your Spring Cleaning! Deck restoration; exterior houses/buildings; Graffiti removal; commercial fleets; awnings; construction equipment. Call Homrich Mobile Washing &amp; Snowplowing 897-0269 for your free estimate.</p> <p>GRADUATION CAKES, BIRTHDAY CAKES - Ice cream cakes, Mother's Day cakes, made to order. Now at Monica's Bakery &amp; Deli 2001 W. Main, Lowell (in the big Admiral Gas Station).</p> <p>BANKRUPTCY - Chapters 7 and 13. STOP harassing phone calls from bill collectors; STOP garnishments from your paycheck. Reorganize your life. GET A FRESH START. Chapter 7 starting at \$500 (plus filing fee). Attorney Patrick J. Puhalski (616) 235-0330.</p>

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## Murray Lake Character Awards

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Front row, left to right, are: Nate Stephens, Avery Buckius, Garrett Nauta, Noah Houghtaling, Karson Murley, John Rogalke, Adam Anderson, Bailey Koewers-Teft, Tony Polise and Bethany Kaczanowski; middle row: Jacob Stephens, Grant Peterson, Abbi Bladey, Jake Denison, Kortney Beachler, Abigail Downing, Montana Launer, Emily Cornell, Rachel Hindley, Trevor Crist and Hannah Briggs; back row: Morgan McVey, Molly Denison, Heather Dimmick, Jordan Johnson, Alicia Noffke, Alexis Noffke, Madelynn Willemstein, Catherine Majinska, Allysen Dubisky, Foster Hovey, Doug Nordman, Justin Castro and Grant Noskey. Not available for the picture were Selena Mata, Noah Roth, John Wade, Eric Dimmick and Maysen Yaw.



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