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Residents crowd school board meeting to voice opinions on budget cuts



By Dan Schneider

The meeting room at the Runciman Building was packed Monday as the Lowell Area Schools board of education heard reactions from parents, teachers, students and other concerned individuals on suggested district budget cuts.

LAS superintendent Shari Miller began the forum by reminding those in attendance of the difficult financial situation that now faces Lowell and other school districts statewide.

"These are cuts that need to be made to keep our school district solvent and it is not an easy process," Miller said. "It's wonderful that there are so many of you here."

It was again emphasized that the suggested cuts remain merely suggestions. The board will receive a final budget for the 2005-2006 school year in June.

Miller said despite news reports to the contrary, the district has no intention of cutting the alternative education program at Unity High School.

"What was recommended was that we look at another place for that program to be held or collaborate with another school district," she said. "Currently that program is not self-sufficient."

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Monday night's school board meeting was a full house crowded with concerned parents.

Cyclists will take cross-country ride to raise funds for leukemia research

By Dan Schneider

Lowell resident and avid triathlete Roger Bonga will be taking a trip across the country soon.

On June 11, he'll join a friend from Belding, Karen Standley, and another woman from California, Amy Mauch, at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. From there,

they will begin pedaling, between 62 and 103 miles per day, until they reach Yorktown, Virginia, on the Atlantic Coast. In about six weeks, they plan

to cover just shy of 3,782 miles, then bike back to Michigan.

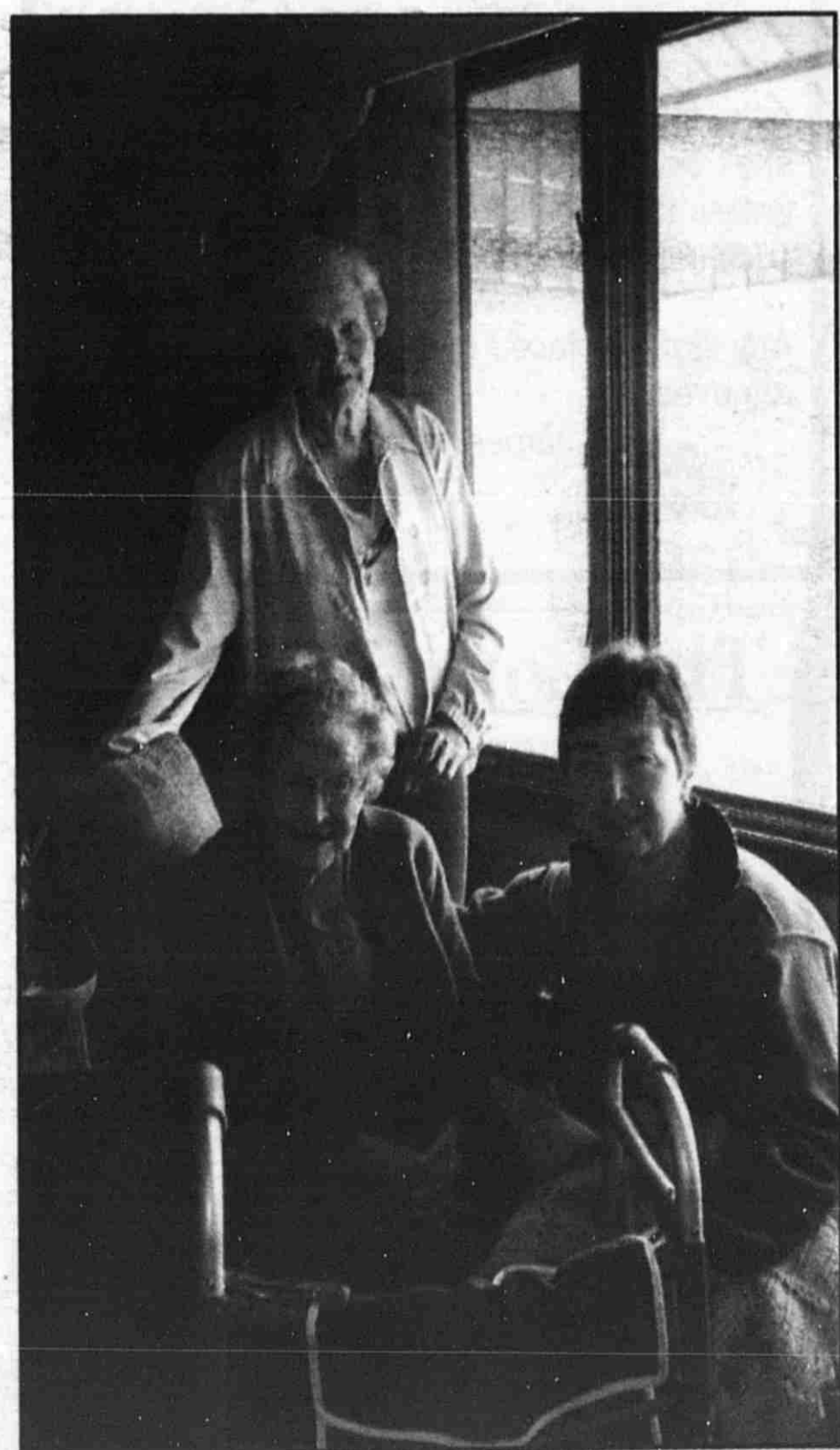
The ride is in memory of Josh Northouse, a friend of Standley's who died from

a form of cancer called "germ cell carcinoma." In addition to covering a lot of miles, the bike tour will raise money to find a cure for the disease through the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

For Bonga, it's mostly about the challenge. He frequently spends weekends

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Christian Caregiver Relief volunteers Caroline Dadd, top, and Joan Cooper, right, with Dorothy Byrne.

Caregivers in need of respite

Local charity seeking help for those who care for others

By Dan Schneider

Home caregiving for elderly parents requires a lot of time, dedication and sacrifice.

Mel Byrne found this out over the last year, when he started taking care of his mother, Dorothy.

"She's had two strokes, the last one was a rough one," Byrne said.

Since his mother's last stroke in February, Byrne has had to keep a close eye on her.

"The thing about it is now I'm going to go out and mow the lawn and it takes four hours to mow the lawn," he said. "I'm worried even with her right there at the window and me out in the yard."

Byrne wouldn't go out and mow the yard—a few acres on a hill overlooking Byrne Lake

in Grattan Township—if he didn't have someone to look after his mother while he was on the mower.

Carter Ryan faced the same kind of dilemma when he was taking care of his mother in suburban Detroit. He needed a break so he asked some of the men at his church if they would be willing to "relieve" him for a while. When no one offered, instead of complaining about not getting a break, he started a charity to recruit volunteers to relieve home caregivers.

Ryan said home caregivers often go unrecognized.

"They're quiet heroes of the community," he said.

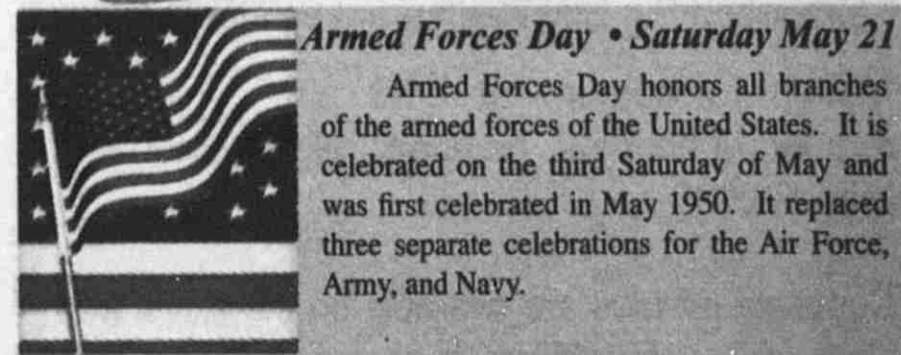
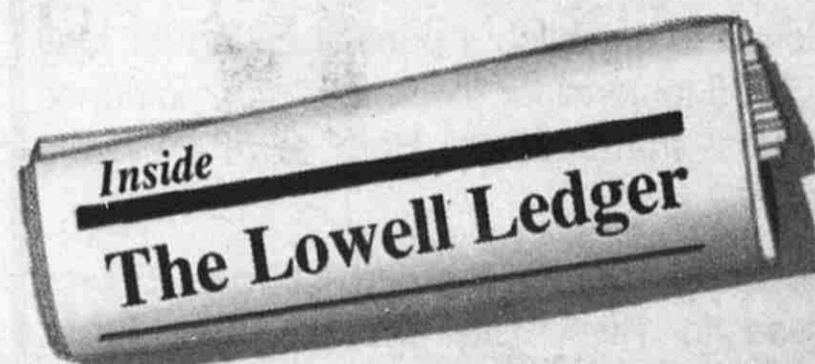
The medical community focuses on the patient, Ryan said. "They just kind of run out of energy or time or money to help out the caregiver."

The name of the charity

is Christian Caregiver Relief. Established in September of 1999, its volunteers gave their first caregiver relief break to a woman in downtown Detroit. Ryan

has since moved to Mears and the charity has grown to include Detroit, a few counties in Ohio, and most of West Michigan.

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Armed Forces Day honors all branches of the armed forces of the United States. It is celebrated on the third Saturday of May and was first celebrated in May 1950. It replaced three separate celebrations for the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Obituaries

KRYGER

Kaden Michael Kryger, aged 10 of Alto, went to be with our Heavenly Father, Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Ron Kryger. He is survived by his parents David and Katherine Kryger of Alto; siblings Cassidy Grace, Collin Edward, Claire Louise and unborn brother; grandparents Barbara Kryger of Lowell, Ken and Marion Adams of Alto; aunts Kathleen DeVoid, Elaine (Scott) Vashaw, Karen Adams; uncles Chris Kryger, Mark (Jackie) Adams; cousins Laura Kryger, Ryan and Lauren Vashaw, Travis, Neal and

Andrea DeVoid, Jon Adams, Ethan, Caroline and Mark Adams. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday at St. Mary Church, Lowell, Rev. George J. Fekete, presiding. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kaden Kryger Memorial Fund.

SINCLAIR

Marie L. Sinclair (Cordtz), aged 88, of McBain, formerly of Alto, passed away Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at Autumnwood of McBain, and is now safely home in the arms of our Lord. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Earle

in 2003, daughter Anine in 2004, son Terrance Sinclair in 2004. She is survived by her children Mary (Ken) Elders of McBain, Kenneth Michael (Linda Marie) Sinclair of Greenville, Kim (Linda Kay) Sinclair of Caledonia; daughter-in-law Barb Sinclair of Alto; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother John Cordtz; sister-in-law Ella Cordtz; brother-in-law Bill Roberts. Marie was born to Danish immigrants Frederick and Anine (Sorenson) Cordtz who made their home in Cascade. Marie married Kenneth Earle in 1942 and lived in Alto until 1998 when they moved to McBain. Marie will be deeply missed for her gentle spirit and beautiful smile. Funeral services were held Sunday at the

Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery.

TREGLIA

Scott Allen Treglia, aged 41, of Lowell, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2005. He was preceded in death by his parents Mary Schutts and Ronald Treglia. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Christina; children Chelsey, Chase; brothers Mike (Kim), Mark (Peggy) Treglia; sister Cheryl (Rich) Dryer; many nieces, nephews and close friends. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell, with Pastor Roger La Warre officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Scott Treglia Children's Fund.

WALDORF-RICH

Linda Marie Waldorf-Rich, aged 55, of Greenville, died suddenly Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus. She was born in Greenville on Nov. 12, 1949, the daughter of Alvin S. and Maude A. Calkins Waldorf. Linda graduated from Greenville High School in 1968 and from Montcalm Community College. She married Larry R. Rich on May 15, 1992. She was a member of Shiloh Community Church and was very musically talented. She played with Country Heart and made quilts and enjoyed crafts. She is survived by her husband Larry of Greenville; son Charles and Trish Jegla of Sidney; daughter Kathy and Ray Kent of Belding; Larry's sons David and Kristy Rich, Eric and Jennifer Rich all of Ionia; grandchildren Chuckie,

Courtney, Aaron, Hannah, Kaitlynn, David Jr., Shane, Meagan, Owen, Heaven; parents Alvin and Maude Waldorf of Greenville; brother Dick Waldorf of Greenville; sisters Barbara and Jim Barber of Lowell, Nancy and Mick Stearns of Fenwick, Debbie and Ken Johnson of Oxford; sister-in-law and brothers-in-law Judy and Jerry Trowbridge of Greenville, Clinton and Schareen Rich of Orleans, George Rich Jr. of Ionia; aunts and uncles Norma and Lyle Minikay, Carrie Smalley all of Sheridan, Nels and Lucile of Hoisington, Jim and Marie Wilson, all of Belding; nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were held Friday at Shiloh Community Church with the Rev. Ken Harger officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Shiloh Community Church.

Senior fitness week activities begin May 23

By Dan Schneider

Mark on your calendar May 23 - 27 for the National Senior Health and Fitness Week 2005. It is not only national, but local as well.

Lowell Senior Neighbors and Schneider Manor will host most of the events, which are free and open to the entire Lowell senior community.

"It's not just for the ones who live at Schneider Manor or who go to Senior Neighbors, it's for all seniors," Lowell Community Wellness director Patty Sellner said.

It starts Monday with a presentation by Sellner about Lowell's community walking program. The program, a community-wide event to help boost fitness, kicks off May 30. Participants will get a book in which to record the miles they walk.

Sellner's presentation will focus on how seniors can participate, even if health restrictions prevent them from walking multiple miles. Several activities can be the exercise equivalent of walking. Gardening for 45 minutes, for instance, is the equivalent of walking a mile.

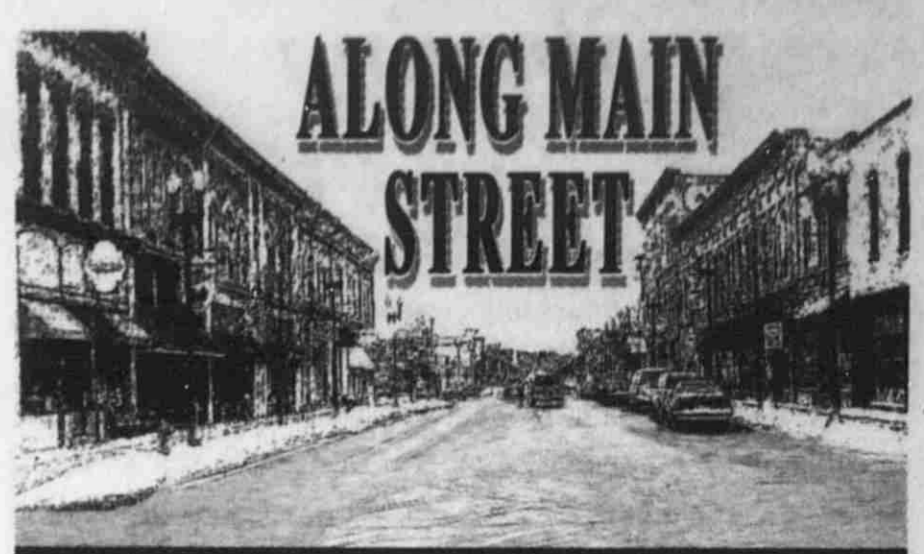
The presentation takes place at 11 a.m. at Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson.

Physical therapist Heather Vavrana will offer seniors instruction in how to start personal exercise programs on Tuesday. That presentation, at 11 a.m., is also at Lowell Senior Neighbors.

The Metro Health Clinic, 2550 W. Main, will be giving senior fitness tests from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. This includes monitoring heart rate and blood pressure.

Thursday's activity is a "gentle exercise" demonstration for seniors by Sara Warren-Roberts of the Lowell YMCA. It begins at 11 a.m. at Schneider Manor.

The fitness week will culminate with a senior miniature golf tournament on Friday at Rollaway Bowling, Skating and Laser Tag, 805 E. Main Street. The course, open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., will offer free golf for seniors. Those wishing to participate in the tournament should bring a foursome for the 11 a.m. shotgun start.



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.

"UNDERGROUND RAILROAD" PROGRAM TONIGHT

The program "Documenting the Underground Railroad - Not So Secret," by Dr. Michelle S. Johnson will be presented at Lowell Twp. Hall, Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum. Free admission.

BLUEGRASS MAYFEST

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

SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS WEEK

The week of May 23-27 is health and fitness events for seniors thru the Lowell Community Wellness Center. Walking program; exercise program; mini golf tournament; stop by 1335 W. Main or call 897-8445.

LHS ALL ALUMNI GATHERING

LAS Education Foundation second annual gathering on May 28. Call 987-2500 or go to www.lowellschools.com: Alumni Information.

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA

Current 6th graders entering 7th grade have the opportunity to take beginning orchestra in the fall. Call LMS orchestra at 987-2868.

ORCHESTRA CLASS

Current string players interested in a high school orchestra class for the '05-'06 school year can sign up by calling 987-2868.

LOWELL REUNION

Need Class of '96 addresses/contact info. in preparation for the 10-year reunion in 2006. Please call 616-460-7479 or email hjvy@hotmail.com.

F.R.O.M. CAN USE YOUR HELP

The food pantry needs: soda crackers, pork and beans, and paper products such as bathroom tissue and paper towels. Any help is greatly appreciated.

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR WRESTLING COACH

Stop by Tom and Katie Mendez, 5874 Morse Lake, Alto, on Friday, May 27 from 6-10 p.m. to say "thanks coach" to Dave Strejc who will be retiring from the wrestling program this year.

PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

On Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 29 & 30, there will be a perennial fundraiser at 520 N. Monroe for Cherry Creek. All proceeds go to teachers' classroom funds.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTED

Free food (commodities) will be distributed Thursday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. Proof of income required.

ARTRAIN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in being a tour guide for the Artrain USA in June, call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545.

ROTARY CLUB TIGER'S GAME

The Lowell Rotary Club is sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Tigers play the White Sox in Detroit on June 30 at 1:05 p.m. Cost: \$57. Call Charlie Doyle at 897-7532 for details.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT
 Estate of LYNDA MARIA TOPOLOSKI, A/K/A LYNDA MARIE TOPOLSKI, deceased
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate
 FILE NO. 05-179,560-DE Date of birth: 10/14/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: Ottawa Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
 05/13/2005
 Susan M. Potraj P-46249
 410 Bridge St. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-454-4119
 Steven D. Topolski 2829 Bark Ct. Cedar Springs, MI 49319

NOTICETOCREDITORS: The decedent LYNDA MARIA TOPOLOSKI A/K/A LYNDA MARIE TOPOLSKI who lived at 1343 Parkhurst NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died 03/28/2005. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to STEVEN D. TOPOLSKI named personal representative or proposed personal representative or to both the probate court at 180

SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL April 18, 2005

Minutes of the April 4, 2005 meeting were approved as submitted and the accounts payable were approved.

The following motions were approved:

- Motion to approve the request of Doria West to use the City property located at the southwest corner of Jackson and Front Streets for her plant swap on May 7, 2005.
- Motion to approve the requests as noted on May 15 and August 14, 2005 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon for the First Congregational Church.
- Motion to recommend approval of the temporary authorization to the Liquor Control Commission for the Flat River Grill to utilize the Lowell Showboat for the eleven dates as scheduled by the Chamber of Commerce and one floating date of the Flat River Grill to utilize for a special event in 2005.
- Motion to establish a public hearing for May 2, 2005 to consider the fence height variance request from Patricia Horn at 504 Lincoln Lake.
- Motion to approve the curb cut onto Bowes Road to River City Brokers, Inc. for a proposed Big Boy Restaurant as stipulated.

Motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2005.

Complete minutes are available on the City's web page at www.ci.lowell.mi.us or at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 or by email to bmorlock@ci.lowell.mi.us

Betty R. Morlock, City Clerk
 City of Lowell

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 Any sign(s) placed in the above areas will be removed.
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New additions for the Mayfest Bluegrass Festival

By Dan Schneider

Several new additions will put a fresh face on this year's Mayfest Bluegrass Festival.

This is the third year the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association (WMBA) has held the festival at the Lowell Fairgrounds. New features include a band contest starting Thursday night at 7 p.m.

"We just wanted to make it more interesting for some

of the local talent," said WMBA president Bobbie Dundas. "We just wanted to give them a chance to get up and play on stage."

The contest is also a chance to hear bluegrass music for free. The winning act gets a contract to play at next year's Mayfest.

The regular program features a rotating bill of nine bluegrass acts and one clogging troupe starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

The biggest day of the

festival is Saturday, when the bands begin playing at 11:45 a.m. and perform until 10:15 p.m. One band performing that day is the Saline Fiddlers, a group of 25 high school students from Saline, Mich. The group has played at the White House and opened for several big-name country music stars.

"Sometimes, people think that bluegrass is a music that's geared toward older people, but these kids are all ages 14-18," Dundas said.

Also playing Saturday is the Williams Family band. The story goes that the Byron Center band got started in the 1960s when Larry Williams, the father in the family, left a variety of instruments around the house for his children to try out. He has since passed away, but his children and now some of his grandchildren did take an interest in the instruments and still play together.

The top-billed act at this year's festival is The Special Consensus. According to Dundas, the band is a favorite of several members of the bluegrass association's

board, and they thought it would be an appropriate selection to highlight their 10th anniversary.

Chicago-native banjo player Greg Cahill started the band in 1975 and it is still going strong with a number of different lineups. The band has toured nationally and internationally, and created the Traditional American Music program in schools all over the country. They've played the Grand Ole Opry and a number of big city arts festivals. The Special Consensus has also performed backup music for the Harry Chapin musical Cotton Patch Gospel and played with symphonic backup.

A new feature this year will be the ice cream socials held Thursday and Friday at 2:30 p.m. in the King Memorial Building at the fairgrounds.

Ticket prices for the festival range from \$7 for Friday and Sunday to \$12 for Saturday. Full-weekend tickets are \$22. The music will move indoors in case of rain.

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Sharing The Vision

With Nancy Hopkins
Board of Education President

Across Michigan, public school administrators, teachers, parents and community members, along with school board members and other friends of public education are calling on our legislators with a strong, unified message. "We must secure adequate funding for public schools now!"

Here in Lowell the state's budget cuts continue to impact our school district. The district is again forced to look for ways to cut at least \$1.6 million from the 2005-'06 budget, after cutting a total of \$2.3 million since 2003. Frozen or reduced per pupil revenues from the state for a third year in a row further strain the district's financial capacity.

School districts simply cannot continue absorbing cuts while costs are increasing. Unfunded mandates like No Child Left Behind strain district budgets with unforeseen costs. Many districts, including Lowell, face huge bus costs, especially in light of climbing fuel costs. Rising energy costs for electricity and gas mean higher monthly heating, maintenance and bus costs. Employee health insurance and retirement costs continue to increase.

The Board of Education has had representation for several years (currently Board treasurer Pat Nugent) on the Grass Roots Network, a Kent County legislative network working to communicate our needs to local legislators. Now you, too, can help. The Grass Roots group, along with concerned people from across the state, is planning a rally on the steps of the Capitol Building in Lansing on Tuesday, June 21 at 2 p.m. We plan also to visit the offices of local legislators to make our voices heard.

If you are interested in joining our group from Lowell

and help exert some real grassroots pressure on our legislators, please contact Superintendent Shari Miller at 987-2500 or smiller@lowellschools.com or the Board of Education at boardofeducation@lowellschools.com.

Lowell Area Schools (and all public schools in Michigan) need help from their community members. The impact of a broad base group from throughout the state will be much more effective than isolated lobbying by a few school districts. Your voice will influence our state legislators and governor to make the changes necessary to guarantee our children continue to receive the best possible education.

More information concerning the Grass Roots project is available at www.grassrootsnetwork.org. You can ask to receive their mailings or email about upcoming activities by calling 365-2218.

Comments may be made to the Board of Education at boardofed@lowellschools.com.

LAAC gets blessing to move forward on chamber building study

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

"You have our blessing," said mayor Jeanne Shores after the Lowell City Council gave a consensus approval of a new plan for a building that currently houses the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from the Lowell Area Arts Council and the chamber came before the council at its Monday night meeting to review a new proposed floor layout of the building located behind the Flat River Grill.

"We are basically trying to massage five different nonprofit groups into this building," said Jim White,

who is on the facility study committee. "But it is your building and we need to have your blessing and make sure you are comfortable with what is taking place before we can go any further."

The new proposal allows space for Lowell Cable, the city's sign shop run by the Department of Public Works, the Lowell Area Arts Council, the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, and bathroom facilities by the Downtown Development Authority.

White said the drawing was created after talking with all the groups involved and trying to accommodate each of their needs.

The difference on this plan from former plans is

that it does allow for direct access to bathrooms from both the side and back of the building, White said. The plan also provides space for the Lowell Cable equipment room and the city's sign shop, which are currently housed on the site.

The chamber's space would stay the same, said Liz Baker, executive director of the chamber.

The LAAC's gallery and offices, currently located in the King Milling building, 149 S. Hudson St., would relocate and be used for educational purposes and rehearsal space for the theater group.

"We've always talked about having a wet space and dry space," said LAAC

executive director Lorain Smalligan, explaining that one area could get dirty and one would stay clean. The LAAC's present location, with its cement floors, would be the perfect place for that "dirty" area, Smalligan said.

There would have to be some modifications to the site such as parking and perhaps inside, she said.

White said the plan does allow for flexibility, indicating that when monies become available,

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riding for six hours at a time. "I've covered 352 miles in 24 hours, so I like to ride," he said.

At 29, he's also at a stage in his life when he

can do this type of thing. "I have the time to do it now," Bonga said. "I might not have the opportunity to do it again."

Standley, who is the captain of the ride, is recruiting other cyclists like Bonga to take the trip. Many may join for only part of the tour, riding from one town to the other along the route.

This Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m., Bonga is hosting a fundraiser wine tasting at his parents' Cascade Winery, where he works as a winemaker. The family business makes custom wines in small batches for individuals. The fundraiser features wines for tasting and snacks. Funds will support the leukemia foundation and the bicycle trip itself.

More details about the bike tour are available at www.biketour2k5.homestead.com.

CITY OF LOWELL

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.



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Cherry Creek teachers and staff really appreciate our newly made-over lunch room!

We would like to thank Family Links' members
and local businesses for donating the time and
materials to makeover our staff lunch room.

Some of the individuals involved were:

Sheri Milstead, Karen Waid, Kim Griffeon,
Heather Lehman and Lynn Draigh.

The local businesses were:

Stock Lumber,
Flat River Outreach Ministries,
and Bernard's Ace Hardware.

We especially appreciate the artistic
eye and creativity of Lisa Stormzand.

We love it!

Thank you
from the
Cherry Creek
Teachers
and Staff

Thank You

Viewpoint



by Roger Brown

cozy corner

In last week's column it was mentioned that my mom is nearing eighty and undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. In light of her age and the illness she is battling, she and the family thought it prudent to see that a living will be in place. Now I know where my tendency to procrastinate comes from.

In Michigan it is not a living will, but a medical power of attorney. No matter, the idea is the same. My mother now has her end of life wishes down on paper with my brother assigned to see that her instructions are followed. With luck these treatments will do what they are supposed to do, and somebody will be scrounging around for this document twenty years from now.

As the recent case with the woman in Florida taught us all, a living will is a prudent document to have on hand... at any age. I have given the matter some thought, but have as yet failed to pull the trigger on a "Roger Brown living will." When I do write such a document... it will be modeled after this one: (Yes, I'm running late in getting mom to radiation and I'm using that as an excuse to yet again plagiarize something from the Internet.)

I, (name), being of sound mind and body, do not wish to be kept alive indefinitely by artificial means.

Under no circumstances should my fate be put in the

hands of knucklehead, ethically challenged politicians who couldn't pass ninth-grade biology if their lives depended on it.

If a reasonable amount of time passes and I fail to sit up and ask for a cold beer (in my case, a pint of Ben & Jerry's), it should be presumed that I won't ever get better.

When such a determination is reached, I hereby instruct my spouse, children and attending physicians to pull the plug, reel in the tubes and call it a day.

Under no circumstances shall the hypocritical members of the Legislature (State or Federal) enact a special law to keep me on life-support machinery.

It is my wish that these conservative boneheads mind their own damn business and pay attention instead to the health, education and future of the millions of Americans who have no health insurance and aren't in a permanent coma.

Under no circumstances shall any politicians butt into this case. I don't care how many right-wing, fundamentalist, base votes (or left-wing radical votes) they are trying to scrounge for an election. It is my wish that they play politics with someone else's life and leave me alone to die in peace.

I couldn't care less if a million religious zealots send e-mails to legislators in which they pretend to care about me. I don't know these people, and I certainly haven't authorized them to preach and crusade on my behalf. They should mind their own business too.

If any of my family goes against my wishes and turns my case into a political cause, I hereby promise to come back from the grave and make his or her existence a living hell.

Signature _____ Date _____

Witness _____ Date _____

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Has anyone tried to get across Main Street in downtown lately? I would like the community, including our city council and other city officials, to be aware of the attitude of MDOT to our repeated requests for an additional stop light in downtown Lowell.

We have been requesting that another light be put in at the intersection of Monroe and Main by City Hall. Our thinking is that since cars coming from the East have nothing to stop them until Hudson and nothing to stop those headed East once they pass Hudson, that another light would not only create much needed breaks in traffic, but it might also help keep the speed down. MDOT says "No." Their excuse is that the North/South traffic on Monroe does not meet the requirements for a traffic light. Lord knows we have enough traffic on Main Street (M-21).

On Saturday, May 7, Liz Baker was in front of the Moose Lodge and she counted 528 cars in 20 minutes starting at about 10:15 am. That comes out to 26.4 cars per minute. Bear in mind this was just a regular Saturday morning - not one with some type of event at the fairgrounds or on the Riverwalk. Over 25 cars per minute and the MDOT people tell us that we do not need another light to put breaks in the traffic so pedestrians can cross the street. What a joke. Do we have to wait until there is an injury or worse in order to get some action?

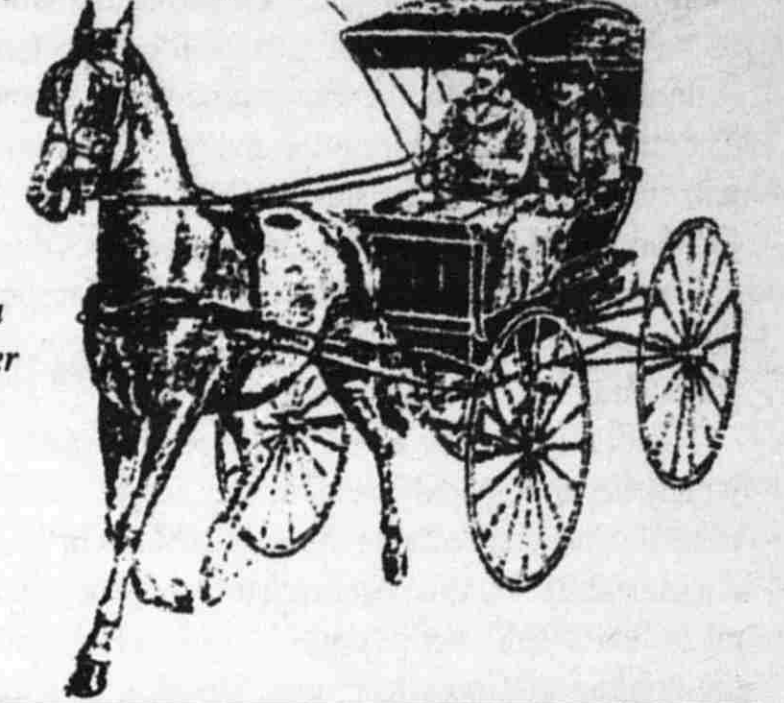
The downtown has been transformed in the last decade, thanks to the efforts of business people, the Downtown Development Authority, the Historical District Commission, the Chamber of Commerce and others. With our beautiful Riverwalk and sidewalks, it makes no sense at all that people coming to downtown Lowell have little to no opportunity to cross from one side to the other in a safe manner. We are at the mercy of the State because Main Street is a state highway (M-21).

I would like to urge my fellow business owners as well as other interested citizens to contact their state representatives, MDOT officials, and even the Governor's office in an effort to "Protect Our Pedestrians in Lowell." I don't think we have to accept a "No" answer in this case.

Cliff Yankovich -Chimera Design

Ledger Entries

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By
Priscilla
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125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL MAY 19, 1880

Severe frosts on Thursday and Friday nights. "Considerable domestic inharmony seems to prevail in our village just now."

Atkins and Adams advertises the "Boss Churn" heavily this week.

Do a spring cleanup on your yard and get rid of trash piles. They can cause disease.

J.C. Train has reconstructed the stage of the opera house and had several curtains and stage scenery sets painted by Sol White of Grand Rapids.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 18, 1905

Four new two-story brick stores should be built by August 1 on the burn site downtown. Hiram Cronk, last survivor of the War of 1812, dies at age 105.

The Ledger offers 10 weeks for 10 cents to new subscribers in Kent, Ionia and Barry counties.

Village Council decrees that gasoline and other explosives be stored underground in locked 50-gallon barrels, or no larger than five gallon cans above ground.

Lightning struck the peak of King Milling's old horse shed and shivered the scantling into splinters.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO MAY 15, 1930

Harvey Callier closes the Strand Theatre, due to poor patronage, but leaves the electricity on, just in case.

Callier also sells his Callier Light and Power company of Saranac to Consumers Power Grand Rapids District. The company had been a distributor in Saranac for Consumers.

Gov. Green defies the federal radio commission in order to get a state police radio station at Lansing.

The Ledger is one of a newspaper minority that does not accept cigarette ads.

The Alton school closed for the summer with a picnic at Fallsburg Park.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 19, 1955

A record turnout of nearly 600 rural school children competed in the annual Field Day last Wednesday. Children competed by weight divisions.

Almost 40 rural eighth-graders met with principal Steven Nisbet for pre-enrollment for high school next fall.

Friday, May 20, Armed Forces Day, Lowell will join countless other localities in a five-minute salute on the air-raid siren.

The Ionia Drive-In Theatre has Dollar Night on Thursday and three double-feature-plus-cartoon bills the rest of the week.

Council discusses having a village employee live at the new landfill property to manage it.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 14, 1980

The School Board discusses artist Joseph Kinnebrew's offer to supervise high school art students placing his graphic mural of school and town on the high school library wall.

A power pole on the south side of Main and Broadway, rotted at the base, leans, held up only by its wires. Corrective action is taken.

Crews make progress in cleaning out brush and trash on the island below the bridge, to become the renewed Island Park.

A picture of the Lowell Cutter Company (torn down last month), is reprinted from a 1908 Homecoming booklet.

To The Editor, cont'd., pg. 9

Reflections of faith

Dr. Roger LaWarre
First Congregational Church

In 1 Thessalonians the fifth chapter, verses 16-17, we read: "Rejoice always, pray constantly (without ceasing), give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." These are the words of Paul as he concludes the first of what will be two letters to this little church, set in the busy prosperous community of Thessalonica. A city located in the heart of Roman control, named after the half-sister of Alexander the Great and located where East and West come together. To have a solid and growing Christian presence in Thessalonica could mean that Christianity would be carried throughout Europe and throughout the Roman Empire.

Paul's preaching about the Second Coming of Christ, which he anticipated to be in the not too distant future, caused some confusion in this early church in Thessalonica. An unhealthy situation occurred as people began to abandon all ordinary daily activity in order to "watch and wait" for the coming of God's Kingdom. Division developed in the church concerning Paul and his authority and there was always the danger that people would continue their old, immoral practices. So, Paul writes this first of two letters, seeking to clarify the way of true Godly living. In his encouragement to live in the power of God's love, holding

tightly to that which is good and shunning that which is evil, he brings an emphasis on prayer - unceasing prayer.

As you and I reflect on this admonition to prayer, I would like to challenge you to think of prayer as a two-step process. First, let us take seriously the importance of what is often called Meditation or Contemplation. This is that first step in prayer that allows us to be in touch with who we are, what we are becoming and the degree our life reflects relationship with God, others and even our own sense of being the self that we know we can be. This is an essential part of prayer in that it allows us to get in touch with our inner desire for God and to grow in awareness and sensitivity. It opens us to confession, intercession and adoration. In fact, Meditation and Contemplation can lead us to affirmation that enables us to truly "Rejoice Always." The second part of prayer is Living for Justice and Peace, Love and Grace in all that we do. This is the part of prayer that Paul emphasizes when he says "pray without ceasing." A statement from Bishop John Spong encapsulates the true power of Paul's insights: "(Through Prayer) I am part of that change process because I am part of who God is. That is my startling conclusion.



New Arrivals



Kate Emma Nelson

Brett and Shari Nelson of Lowell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Emma. She was born November 30, 2004, weighing 5 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 18 inches.

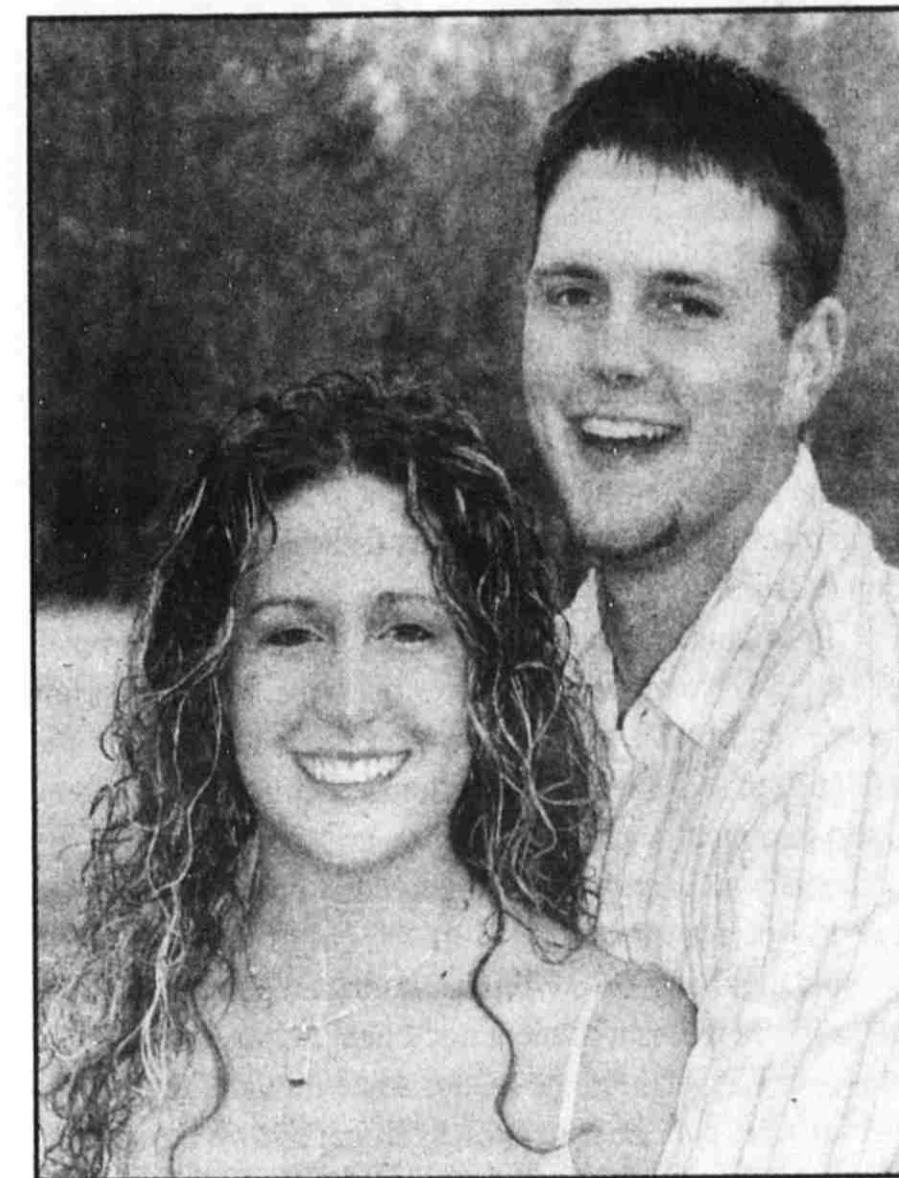
Proud grandparents are Bruce and Sharon Nelson

of Hastings and Carol Ehresman of Alpena and the late John Ehresman. Great-grandparents are William and Marget VanProoyen of Grand Rapids and Reba Phillips of Bare Foot Bay, Fla., and the late Harold Phillips.

Incarnation is not just a fact about Jesus. It is a symbol of how God, who is the source of life, love and being, operates. God was in Christ, reconciling. God is in me (us). God is in you, reconciling, healing, restoring, making whole. Prayer is thus the conscious recognition of that reality." May you and I continue in our journey of faith and prayer.

Engagements

VanSpronsen/Sitzer



Amanda VanSpronsen and Kyle Sitzer

Amanda VanSpronsen and Kyle Sitzer, both of Lowell, will marry in a July 9, 2005 ceremony.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Randy and Sue VanSpronsen of Lowell. She is a 2002 graduate of Lowell High School and currently is attending college for nursing.

The future groom is the son of Mary Boos of Lowell and Ron Sitzer of Lowell. Sitzer also graduated from Lowell High School in 2002. He works as an electrician at Feyen-Zylstra with two years remaining in an apprenticeship.

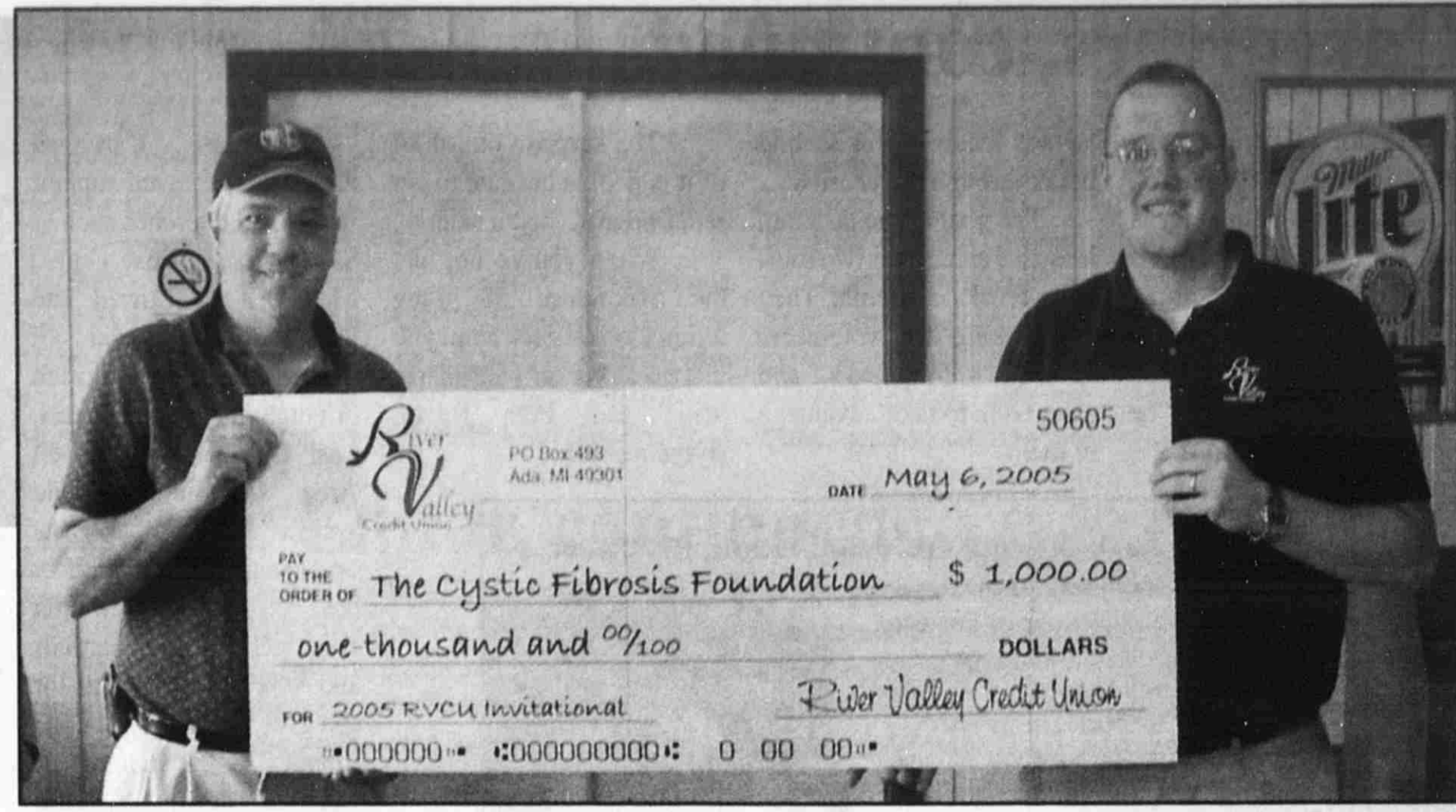
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CF Foundation receives \$1,000 from golf outing

Cutter Phillips, right, of the River Valley Credit Union, is presenting a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Pete Odlund for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The money was raised at the First Annual River Valley Invitational Golf Outing, which was held on May 6. A total of \$1,560 was raised by the River Valley Credit Union for the Foundation.



College News

Grand Valley State University has announced its dean's list for winter semester. From the Lowell area is Virginia Bultema, who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while enrolled full time. She is the daughter of Al and Martha Bultema, also of Lowell.

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Host families are needed for the 2005-2006 school year. Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) has students, ages 15 to 18, arriving in August to attend local high schools from 42 countries. Their interests and hobbies range from swimming, soccer, basketball to music and the arts.

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HEALTH

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



FEBRILE SEIZURES IN CHILDREN

Febrile "fever" seizures are the most common type of seizure in children. They most commonly occur in children under the age of five. While they may appear very frightening to the observer or parent, they generally are harmless to the child. They do not cause brain damage or put the child at risk of swallowing their tongue. Febrile seizures usually last only a couple minutes, then go away on their own. Having a febrile seizure does not mean the child necessarily needs to be hospitalized, but they should be seen by their doctor the same day to determine the need for further testing or treatment.

A fever is the body's natural defense mechanism to fight off an infection. By raising its internal temperature, the body creates an inhospitable environment for the virus or bacteria infecting it. Having a fever less than 101 degrees Fahrenheit is probably beneficial and may not necessarily need to be aggressively treated with fever-reducing medicines.

Fever above 101 should be treated with Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and/or Ibuprofen (Motrin). If a fever ever gets above 104 degrees, or will not get below 101 degrees with medicines, then you should contact your doctor. There is no set temperature that will trigger a seizure in children, but in general the higher the temperature, the greater the risk.

If you happen to witness a child having a seizure:

- Put the child on his/her side to avoid choking on their saliva.
- Do not put anything in their mouth
- Do not restrain their movements
- Remain calm and monitor a clock (most seizures last only a minute or two)
- Call 911 if the seizure lasts longer than five minutes
- Contact their doctor for further instructions

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TO THE LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB

I was humbled by the honor bestowed upon me at the Spring Luncheon on May 11, 2005. A special thanks to my friend, Kate Dernocoeur, for giving the response on my behalf. The flowers were gorgeous and so appreciated. I'm having a picture taken of them today.

It's sad that I cannot do more in the club, but chemo all day, every three weeks just wipes me out. All I do is rest, get my meals, read and listen to the radio. Everything else is done by others.

God bless each and everyone of you. Best wishes to the club and thanks again for honoring me in the great way that you did.

Dorothy H. Randall
(A member since 1974)

Caregivers, continued... From Page 1

"A lot of people have helped and given 197 breaks, at least, at this point," Ryan said.

Byrne heard about Christian Caregiver Relief through St. Patrick Church in Parnell. The day he mowed the lawn, April 29,

he was receiving his second break through the charity.

The goal of the program is to give caregivers two four-hour breaks a month. They are looking for volunteers to help with breaks, and caregivers to take advantage of them.

"The surprise out of all of it is people hesitate to get relief breaks," Ryan said.

"When you've not had the experience of going around looking for help, you just go along on your merry way," said Fran Tolger, Byrne's sister.

Christian Caregiver Relief has received support from local churches such as St. Patrick, First United Methodist of Lowell and First Congregational of Lowell which have hosted orientations for volunteers. Last October, the Lowell Area Community Fund granted \$1,640 to the organization to help cover the cost of recruiting volunteers, orientations and scheduling breaks for caregivers. The Malone Chapter of the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick has also donated to the charity.

New volunteers attend an orientation session where they learn the particulars needed to substitute for

caregivers. A typical day of volunteering can include helping a patient walk to another room, or putting out medications; break givers do not administer medications, however. The orientation also covers how to deal with emergencies and "do not resuscitate" orders.

Volunteers always go in groups of two. The organization does not send volunteers to homes in which doctors have determined terminal patients are within three weeks of dying. In 197 relief breaks, Ryan said, the organization's volunteers have yet to encounter an emergency.

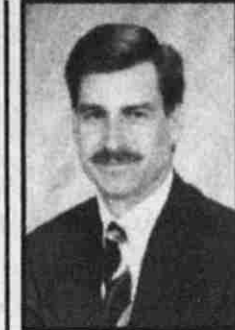
"They're pretty much

companions, they come in and sit with the patients," he said.

That was the experience Caroline Dadd had the first time she spent an afternoon with Dorothy Byrne.

"She told us all about how this house got moved (from across the street) and then we played euchre the rest of the afternoon," Dadd said.

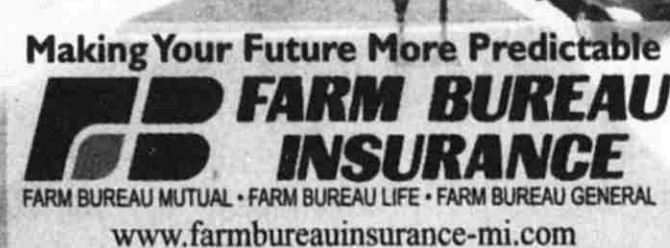
Anyone interested in volunteering with Christian Caregiver Relief, or any caregiver interested in receiving a break, can contact the above-mentioned churches or call Ryan directly at (231) 873-2077.



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City council sends outdoor merchandise ordinance to planning commission

By J. Lobbell
Contributing Writer

Having just completed the residential sign ordinance, the Lowell City Council gave the Lowell Planning Commission a new task: review the outdoor merchandise section of the city ordinance.

Questions over the fairness of the ordinance were raised when Charlie Bernard of Bernard's Ace Hardware came before the council in regards to enforcement of items located outside.

Under the city's ordinance, outdoor merchandise can be displayed up to 10 feet from the front lot line, but must be pulled back at night to within 10 feet of the building.

After researching other municipalities, city manager David Pasquale said clerk Betty Morlock found that many cities do not address outdoor merchandise.

"Many said they haven't had the problem nor do they want to pursue it," Morlock said.

Pasquale said the city's current ordinance was put together with city merchants who helped with the wording and guidelines.

The real issue appears to be the requirement to pull the items back at night, said mayor Jeanne Shores.

Councilman Al Mathews could see where that might get difficult for business owners to have to pull their articles back everyday. Mathews was more concerned about

parked cars that are for sale in parking lots than items set out for display. "It really doesn't make much sense," Mathews said. "I think we need to get rid of setting it back at night."

Shores said, "In these economic times, I think we

really need to support our merchants," adding that sometimes the city can get a little too strict.

Planning commission chair Clark Jahnke, who was in attendance, agreed that the planning commission should review that portion of

the ordinance. Jahnke also suggested the commission examine the open air business section because of questions about an established business adding on to its location. He also planned to talk with the building inspector to see

how he viewed the issue.

With that, the council unanimously voted to have the planning commission review the outdoor merchandise display ordinance and come back to the council with a recommendation.

To The Editor, continued ... From Page 5

As Harry S. Truman was famous for saying, "The buck stops here." Mrs. Miller, for your employees to suggest that it is not their responsibility to do their jobs is very disturbing. And for them to further suggest that if you don't like the fact that a Lowell School employee is not doing their job, that you should volunteer to do it for them, is ludicrous. In this time of further budget cuts, shouldn't you start the cutting with those employees that ask for volunteers to perform their jobs? Perhaps you could address the issue of our schools

disrespecting the American flag, in Sharing the Vision, and let the community know whom you think should ensure that our flag is displayed properly. An employee of Lowell Area Schools paid for with our tax dollars, or a volunteer who is tired of the blatant and continuous disregard shown for the American flag purchased with his own tax dollars. (Good idea?)

Fred Maier
USN (retired)

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-Andy Rooney

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Lowell kindergarten teacher Cyndi Pierce brought in a cart load of books to illustrate the curriculum load kindergarten paraprofessionals help teach.

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A number of people spoke out about this suggestion, as well. Some feared increased class sizes from collaboration would jeopardize the mission of the school.

"I struggled so hard at the high school," said Unity High graduate Monique Colon. "If you're talking about students like me when I was there, it's harder for them to learn. They're there because they need that one-on-one."

Others said collaborating with another school district would create more complications for students who already struggle with a typical educational environment. Unity principal Marlene Heemstra said for some Unity students, skipping school was the way they coped with those struggles before coming to Unity. For them, she said, having to go to school in another district would be a barrier to developing regular attendance habits. One student said she was sure she wouldn't graduate if the alternative education program were moved elsewhere.

Three custodial positions were privatized through attrition at the beginning of the current school year. Miller said the district does not intend to push for a widespread privatization of custodial and maintenance workers in the district. "This is not something we feel we can support because we gave them our word that we would not jeopardize their jobs so they agreed to work with us on the privatizing (of the three positions)," she said.

Lowell high school custodian Dale Inbody stressed the fact that custodians should be part of the community, since they are in contact with students every day.

"Many of them I coached in YMCA, they know me, they know my integrity," he said.

The privatization suggestion included transportation and bus garage mechanics. Rose Botsford was a Lowell bus driver for seven years before switching over to a Kent Intermediate School District bus driving job. She said her KIDS experience has taught her that road support suffers when mechanic

services are contracted out. "When we get broken down and we get stuck, we sit there and wait," Botsford said.

Current LAS bus driver Barb Roth said Lowell's bus mechanics have explored other money-saving options at the garage. She added that the district's parts suppliers are willing to deliver parts on demand, reducing parts inventory from about \$64,000 to as little as \$4,000. She also stressed the importance of in-house mechanical support. "We depend on those guys to make sure we're there on time," Roth said.

Kindergarten teacher Cyndi Pierce spoke out against the suggestion to eliminate kindergarten paraprofessionals. She brought in a cart load of books comprising the current kindergarten curriculum. She said teachers need help getting kids up to speed with the new learning requirements, such as reading.

"The only way I can do this is in small groups, folks, and the only way I can do that is with paraprofessionals," she said.

Kate Democoeur read a letter from the advisory board to the Wittenbach Center. It suggested the district find more creative ways to make the center fit into the budget than just cutting back its funding. "We feel that the Wittenbach Center can be a revenue producer if allowed to do so," she said.

Cherry Creek Elementary second grade teacher Kim Lum said the debate should not be framed in terms of cuts. She said the district needs to consider what elements are essential to the character of the district. "What is important to make our district what we want it to be and what are we willing to do?" she asked.

Sterling Massey, a district parent who served on the cost containment committee and ran for school board this year, also called for a change of focus. He said people should talk about creative new ideas, rather than wrangling over budget cuts. "We can spend that energy talking about how we are going to replace what it is we must inevitably cut," Massey said.

Better than state average scores on MEAP tests for Lowell elementary and middle school students

By Dan Schneider

Lowell elementary and middle school students did better than the state average across all subjects of this winter's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests. Kent Intermediate School District compiled

data this year on the county's test results. Lowell Area Schools' students were ahead of those, as well.

"As a general rule, Kent County does consistently better than the state and ... as a general rule, Lowell Area Schools did better than those scores," LAS

assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction Mark Kasmer said when he presented the results at the May 9 school board meeting.

The school district's best performance this year was on the fourth grade math test.

"Eighty-seven percent mastered the MEAP in

fourth grade math this year," Kasmer said.

That's an improvement of five percent over last year's scores while the state average remained at 73 percent. Lowell schools fell relative to the state average on the fourth grade writing test, though its score remained higher (Lowell: 52 vs. State: 46).

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Kasmer called writing "probably our toughest area in ELA this year for LAS and in the state." ELA stands for "English Language Arts," which is a combination of reading and writing scores.

It was a somewhat different story for ELA at the middle school, where Lowell's seventh grade students improved relative to the state; their writing test score improved at a greater rate than the state average. Lowell's score for seventh grade math was 73 while the state average was 53.

With 80 percent of students' testing proficient, Lowell was 18 points ahead of the state average on the eighth grade math test. The district stayed well ahead of the state average in eighth grade science, with 79 percent proficient compared to 64 percent statewide. Eighth grade students

improved over last year on the social studies test with 44 percent testing proficient, 14 points above the state average.

"Middle school, across the board, had a very strong showing in each area," Kasmer said. "We're starting to move up pretty well in the social studies area at the middle school."

The MEAP test is the state's means of measuring whether students are performing up to standard in the various subjects tested. It is also the basis the federal government uses to determine if Michigan schools are meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. The test, and the way it is administered, change from time to time. Lowell Area Schools is making a few adaptations for the 2005-2006 school year to make sure students are learning what the new test will be teaching.

For instance, seventh grade math will be taught using a pre-algebra text next year.

"In our transitions math program, less than half of it lined up with the new grade level content expectations," Kasmer said.

Also starting next fall, freshmen will be tested in social studies. This replaces the eighth grade social studies test. As a result, Kasmer said, the freshman social studies course will now begin with a review of eighth grade material and then start with American history.

Nature preserve dedicated in Lowell Township

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan received 45 acres in Lowell Township from Evangeline White in honor of her late husband, Bradford Dickinson White.

A dedication ceremony for the new Bradford Dickinson White Nature Preserve was held this past Saturday. Besides White, her family and friends, state representative Dave Hildenbrand and

Lowell township supervisor John Timpson were in attendance.

The property was part of a 155-acre parcel bought in 1940 by Bradford White's father, a Grand Rapids lawyer who grew up in the village of Lowell.

Though many local developers inquired about purchasing the property, "Brad" always turned them

down, with the hopes of keeping the property natural for future generations.

His wife "Van" wanted to create a legacy out of his love of the property by preserving it forever as a nature preserve.

"I think Brad would be pleased. This will not be just another development. It preserves the beauty of nature

for future generations," said White.

The Bradford Dickinson White Preserve is the Land Conservancy's 10th preserve.

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan is a local, nonprofit organization that preserves natural land and open space in seven West Michigan counties.



Evangeline White (far right) and nature preserve neighbors pose with the Bradford Dickinson White Nature Preserve sign.

Local businesses honored for participation in community based instruction program



Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller (from left), is pictured with community based instruction (CBI) student Vaughn Bigelow, Meijer service manager Tom Nasca, CBI instructor Keith Boeve, CBI student Chris Tol, CBI paraprofessional Jayne Mathews and, in front, CBI student Adam Rios. Tol is presenting Nasca with a plaque, thanking Meijer for being a CBI job site. At Meijer, Rios is a greeter, Tol handles shopping carts, and Bigelow polices the floor to remove scuff marks.

Lowell High School community based instruction (CBI) student Adam Covey, right, presents Springgrove Variety owner Mike Sprenger with a plaque, thanking him for being a CBI work site. Lowell Area Schools superintendent Shari Miller is pictured at center. Through CBI, special education students learn job and social skills by applying them in the workplace. Covey stocked shelves and swept floors at Springgrove Variety.



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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 of commerce 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 Egel 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. Beltline) at 7 p.m. Call Linda: 874-5662; teen group: Sarah 281-6588.

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

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

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON upstairs at 1st Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson St.

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.

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

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.

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

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Regular Meeting of May 9, 2005

STUDENT RECOGNITION -

Board members recognized Joe Mendez for receiving his 4th straight individual state title in wrestling.

REPORTS -

8th Grade Honors English: Students Chelsea Van Noord, Racynda Corlis, Megan Eaton and Linzy Zylstra recited poems they had written for their Honors English class.

Freshman Center Activities: Amy Pallo shared information on the service learning projects that the freshman class participated in during April.

Unity - School Improvement Activities: Marlene Heemstra, Unity Principal, and Tonya Sandborn, Unity teacher, shared the goals and activities that Unity students are working on including the construction of a tile mural on the south side of Riverside.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted the following gifts:
 - Altico donation of used computers and monitors valued at \$4850 to be used by the technology department.
 - Jeannie Aitkin donation of red landscaping bricks valued at \$235 to be used by the Wittenbach Center.
 - Lowell Community Fund donation of \$250 to be used by the Lowell Athletic Boosters.
 - Valerie David donation of 150 library books valued at \$600 to be used by Lowell Area Schools.

Adopted the following:
Kent ISD Budget resolution supporting their budget proposal for 2005-2006

CK-4 English/Language Arts K-5 Curriculum

Middle School Math Curriculum

High School Social Studies Curriculum

Bond Refinancing Resolution

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:

- Minutes for April 18, 2005 Regular Meeting, April 25, 2005 Board Workshop and Closed Session, and April 30, 2005 Board Retreat
- The following payment of bills for April 2005:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,744,328.73
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund.....	\$ 93,637.40
B. Athletic Fund.....	\$ 19,569.44
1990 Debt Fund.....	\$3,195,000.00
2000 Debt Fund.....	\$643,065.64
2004 Construction Fund.....	\$15,959.92
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$27,698.44

BUDGET UPDATE -

Connie Gillette shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the steps that have been taken to consider budget cuts for the 2005-06 school year. There have been no decisions made and the Board will give an opportunity for community members to offer input on May 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board room.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the winter MEAP scores for 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th and shared how the recent curriculum adoptions will assist in aligning the district's academic standards to the MEAP.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The following people addressed the Board: Jennifer Johnson (Nancy Hopkins read her email upon Jennifer's request) - potential cuts,

Laurie Kuna - Title IX update, John Mason - Sayles and Marble bus stop safety concern.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Shari Miller indicated that there is a meeting on May 25 at Keene Township to further discuss the bus stop at Sayles and Marble. Shari thanked Mark Kasmer and all of the teachers who were instrumental in researching and recommending the curriculum changes at the last Board Workshop. The K-12 Art Exhibit has opened at the Lowell Area Arts Council. Shari offered congratulations to Coach Dee Crowley and the girls basketball team for receiving #10 (Top 10) in Class A for Team Academic All State for 2004 with Team GPA of 3.690.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Budget Workshop

Monday, May 16, 2005 - 7:00 p.m. - Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Board Workshop

Monday, May 23, 2005 - 5:30 p.m. - Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Board Meeting

Monday, June 13, 2005 - 7:00 p.m. - Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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Red Arrow softball team wins with and without hits

By Dan Schneider

The host Red Arrow softball team managed to win game one of a doubleheader against Greenville last Monday ... without getting a hit.

Ashleigh Inman scored a run for Lowell in the first inning; that was all the scoring that would occur in the 1-0 Lowell victory. Inman was walked to base, then scrambled to third on a sacrifice bunt by Andrea

Dewey; she made it home on a wild pitch.

Becky Plummer struck out 14 batters and allowed only two hits as Lowell defended its lead for the next six innings.

"We were a little flat and I don't know why," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said of Lowell's batting in the first game.

Things turned around dramatically at the plate in game two. The Arrows drove

in 14 runs with 12 hits in a 14-1 fifth-inning mercy rule win. Lowell started out scoring one in the first, then five runs each in the third and fourth. The Yellow Jackets scored their only run in the fourth inning before Lowell scored three runs in the fifth.

Arrow Katie McElroy had two hits for four RBI; one was a double that cleared loaded bases in the third. Plummer was three for three at the plate with three

RBI. Jean Kimberlin hit two doubles. Inman hit a triple.

Plummer struck out five batters, walked none and allowed two hits.

Lowell traveled to East Grand Rapids last Wednesday where they defeated the Pioneers by a staggering score of 21-2 in four innings.

After scoring four in the first, Lowell sent 21 batters to the plate in the fourth inning and scored 17 runs.

"I've never seen anything like it," Rodenhouse said. "We just hit rockets."

The first five were scored before the first out of the inning, then Lowell scored the last nine runs with two outs against them.

The batters' statistics for the fourth inning read like impressive statistics for a full game: Ashley Nawrocki went three-for-three with two base hits and a home run. Kimberlin hit two triples for

four RBI. McElroy had two hits including a double for three RBI. Inman had two hits and an RBI. Brittany Bueche had three hits for four RBI in the game.

Lowell's doubleheader at Sparta last Friday was rained out. It has been rescheduled for this Friday, replacing the scheduled doubleheader at Lakewood. The Red Arrows hosted Cedar Springs Monday and host Kenowa Hills Wednesday.

Baseball splits with Greenville, loses close one at East

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity baseball team split a doubleheader last Monday against Greenville.

Holding a 5-2 lead going into the sixth inning,

the host Red Arrows allowed the Yellow Jackets to come back for their first OK White conference win of the season, 8-5.

Spencer Quinn got the loss for Lowell. Jason

Welsh and Jordan Ickes each hit doubles while Quinn hit a triple.

"We were winning that game and we just let it slide," Lowell coach Justin Miller said. "Second game, we just got out ahead and stayed ahead."

Lowell scored four in the first inning and three in the fifth. With the Arrows

ahead 7-4, the umpire called the game due to darkness after the fifth inning. But a raincloud dispersed and the sky lightened enough to play one more inning, during which the Red Arrows held onto their lead.

Jay Ryan got the win for Lowell. Quinn and Tim Droese each had a double in the game.

Last Wednesday, Lowell played an extra inning at East Grand Rapids. The Pioneers won 2-1 after a base hit drove home a run in the bottom of the eighth inning; East had scored one run in the second. Lowell matched the run in the fourth. Jason Welsh hit a single, stole second and made it to third on a ground ball; he scored the run on a double by Matt Meppelink.

The Arrows learned from their experience in the first game against Greenville, and held East scoreless for five innings to force the eighth inning. Lowell had lost 11-2 when they hosted East Grand Rapids earlier in the season. "We didn't allow the big inning," Miller said. "We just played tough every inning. It was just pretty good baseball."

"Unfortunately, we just

still have to do some of the little things better to win those types of games."

Zach Burger started the game for Lowell, pitching three and a third innings. David Kern finished the game and got the loss for Lowell. He struck out four batters but walked the bases full in the eighth, allowing East to score the winning run off the base hit.

Lowell was scheduled to play at the Otsego Tournament Saturday, but the event was rained out. Lowell's doubleheader at Sparta was also rained out. It has been rescheduled for this Friday instead of the doubleheader against Lakewood. Lowell hosted Cedar Springs Monday and host Kenowa Hills Wednesday.

Girls basketball earns academic honors

The Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan recently announced their academic all-state teams and the 2004 Lowell girls basketball team was ranked tenth in the state. In addition

to achieving an impressive 23-1 record, the team performed impressively in the classroom, maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.69.

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Red Arrow lacrosse victorious over Holland Christian

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell lacrosse team faced Holland Christian last Thursday, at home this time, and this time came away with a 5-2 win against the Maroons.

Holland Christian had won when they hosted the Arrows earlier this season.

The first two goals in the Red Arrow victory were of the pass-pass-pass-go variety. It was the kind of crisp, patient offensive execution Lowell coach Eric Bredin has been getting the Arrows in shape for all year. "I've never seen my team do that," Bredin said.

The goals were scored

by Brett Ostrander with an assist by Adam Bowers, and by Scott Devroy, also on a Bowers' assist. Lowell led 2-1 until the Maroons scored late in the second quarter.

The Red Arrows scored their third goal in the third quarter when Greg Wierenga intercepted the opposing goalkeeper's pass, then whipped the ball right back past him. Next Ben Nugent caught a pass at midfield and carried it all the way through the Holland Christian defense to score an unassisted security goal. For the fifth goal, Austin Blough ducked and dodged in from the right and scored on a close-range

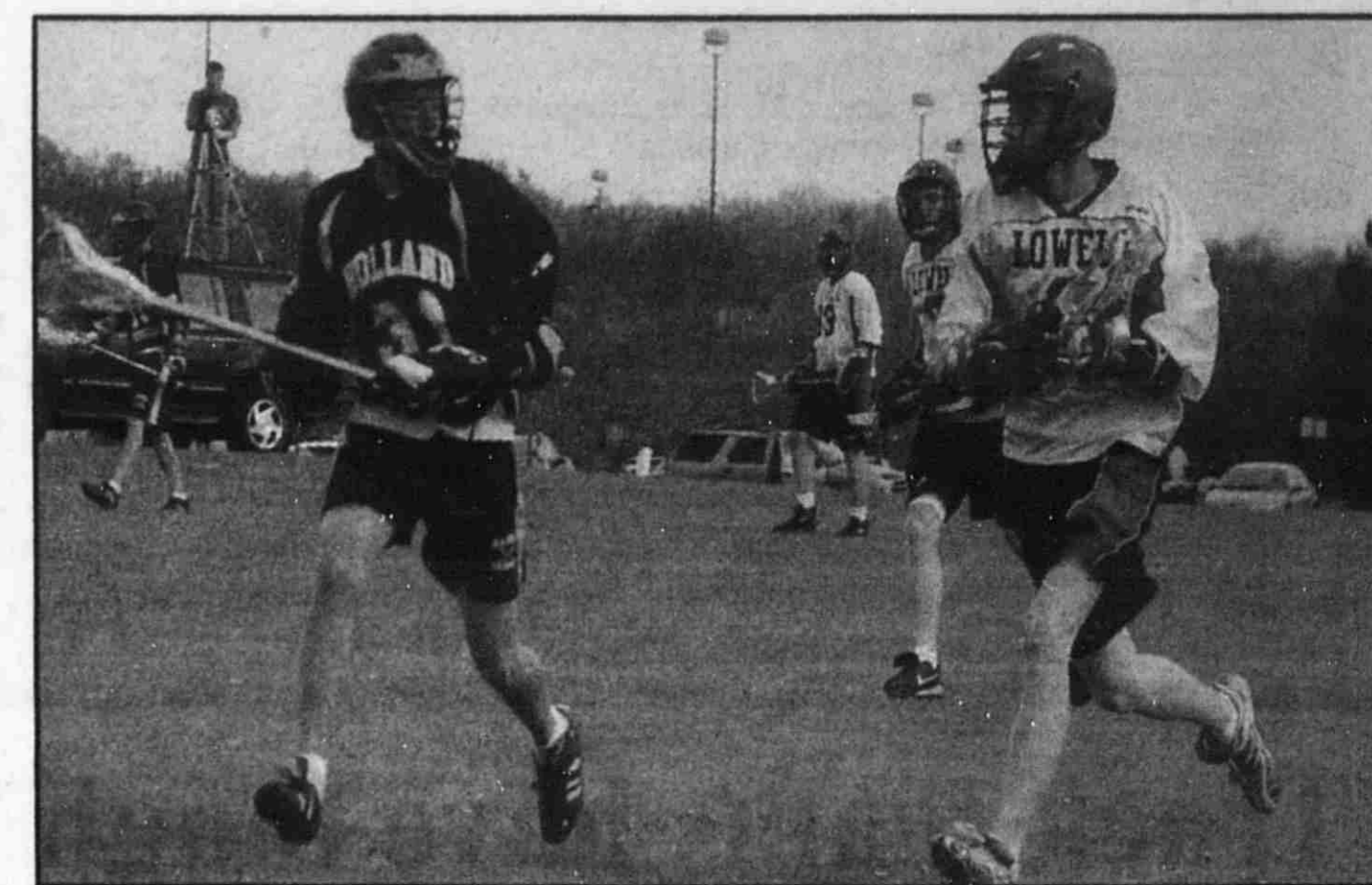
shot with 15 seconds left in the game.

Lowell played the whole game without two of its starters. Three more had to leave at halftime to participate in the high school choir concert. Bredin credits the team for not letting their teammates' absence slow them down.

"They stuck together, kept their heads together, they were smart and did enough to get the win," Bredin said.

"I think that Lowell played hard and they played a great game," said Holland Christian coach Dave Engbers.

Lowell lost a 6-5



Lowell's Greg Huyser carries the ball up the field in last Thursday's win over Holland Christian.

decision last Tuesday at East Kentwood.

The Red Arrows traveled and host Catholic Central to Grand Haven Tuesday Thursday.

Lowell tennis places fourth in conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys tennis team took fourth place Saturday at the OK White conference tournament at Northview. Lowell's team score was 18.5.

Northview finished third, putting them in a tie with Lowell for third place overall in the OK White.

"We had some

opportunities to take third place for ourselves," said Lowell coach Bonnie Wall.

All four flights of singles-Kyle Wittenbach in first singles, Travis Trapp in second, Brett Hobrila in third and Brett McMahon in fourth-finished in third place. They just needed more help from the doubles teams.

The first doubles team

of Justin Quist and Alden Nyson finished fourth. Devon Huisman and Tony Dubbink finished fifth in third doubles and so did the fourth doubles team of Brandon Lawrence and Ben Ritzema. Finishing seventh in second doubles were Andrew Hopkins and Josh Hobrila.

Last week Monday, Lowell beat Greenville 7-1.

Trapp won his second singles match 6-1, 6-1. McMahon won fourth singles 6-0, 6-0. Huisman and Dubbink won third doubles 6-0, 6-0 to round out the big wins.

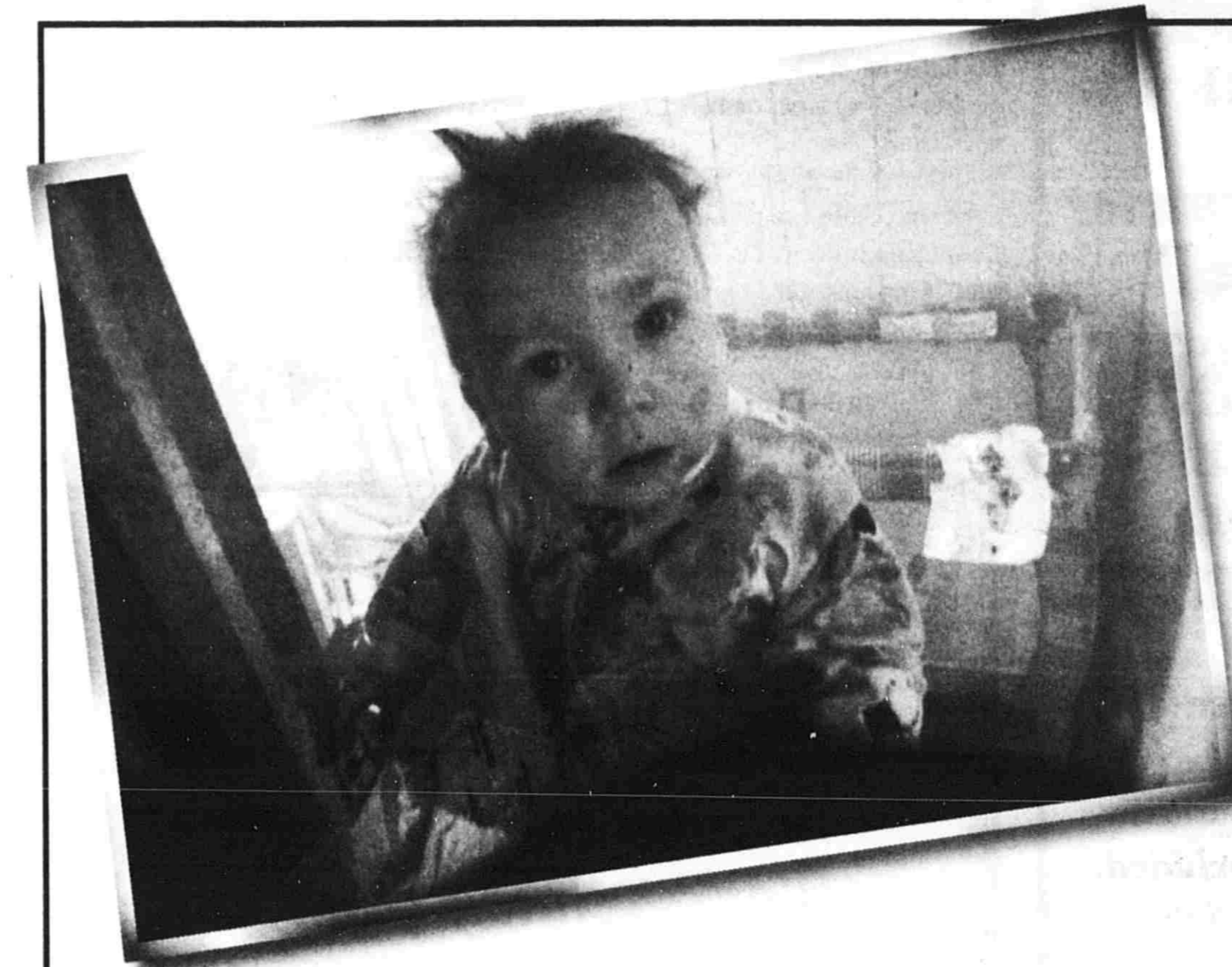
Lowell played Cedar Springs Monday to make up for last Wednesday's canceled match. They play an away crossover match with the OK Gold this Wednesday.

Lowell will begin regional competition Thursday at Forest Hills Central. With three seniors away on their senior trip, some adjustments had to be made to the line-up. Hopkins and Josh Hobrila will move up to first doubles. Lawrence and Ritzema will move up to second doubles while

players from the junior

varsity team will fill in other spots. They will face some tough competition at the regional in teams like Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern.

"We really have some quite good junior varsity players," Wall said. "If we get some good draws, we might beat some teams."



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Red Arrow girls soccer wins two more shutouts

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell varsity girls soccer team shut out two more opponents last week.

The Arrows hosted Cedar Springs last Monday, holding the Redhawks scoreless to win 2-0.

"It was just kind of a ho-hum game," Lowell coach Paul Legge said, as the Arrows had 40 shots on

goal. "Same old story, we weren't finishing."

The Redhawks had a hard time getting near the goal. This year, Lowell has allowed only eight goals in 14 games.

"We're not giving up goals, that's a good thing," Legge said. "Our defense is doing outstanding. We have nine shutouts this year."

The ninth came

Saturday against Zeeland, Lowell defeating the Chix 7-0. But they haven't shown that goal-scoring capacity against other teams this season. Legge thinks tougher competition will bring the offensive intensity out of his team.

"This is about the point in the season last year when we just took off ... and I'm hoping it's going to be the same deal this season," he

said. "We just haven't had that complete perfect game yet that I know we have in us. And when that happens, I don't think there's anybody who can beat us."

Girls soccer at Lowell has grown a lot in the past few years, he said, and the time has come to take further steps to push the team's intensity.

"We're at a point

now where we should be scheduling better competition in our non-conference games," he said.

On Monday, Lowell won 10-2 in an OK Gold crossover match against Middleville Thornapple Kellogg. The Arrows host Greenville Wednesday in game one of the OK White tournament.

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Jim Pfaller, who made the motion to approve the new ordinance.

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Wishing to put itself back in compliance with the courts, the commission spent several months on a first draft which was sent back to them by the council. After a few more months of discussion, the group revised the measure to the recently approved amendment.

Track teams have tough time at conference meet

By Dan Schneider

Some individual performances by both Red Arrow track teams were overshadowed by last-place team finishes at the OK White conference meet at Northview.

"A lot of our guys had PRs," said Lowell boys coach Russ Stevens.

The Lowell girls team scored 28 points, just four shy of overcoming Northview for seventh place at the meet. East Grand Rapids took first in the girls conference meet with a team score of 103.5. Sparta was second with 86.5.

The Lowell boys finished with seven points. They were behind Unity Christian, who scored 15.

First place Greenville and second place Cedar Springs were far ahead of the rest of the competition, scoring 173 and 167, respectively.

Rebekah Woods, who just set a new school record in the pole vault, took second place in that event clearing 9'6" at the conference meet. Mary Calvi placed third in high jump, clearing 5'0".

In the 3200-meter run, Karen Judd finished fourth in 12:22. Megan Majestic took fifth in the 400-meter

dash with a time of 1:02.22. Placing sixth in the pole vault was Alyssa Buikema, clearing 8'6".

The Lowell girls 3200-meter relay team placed fourth in a time of 10:23; the 800-meter relay team took fifth place in 1:54.6; and the 400-meter relay team placed sixth in 54.84.

The highest place at the meet for the Lowell boys team was Eric Dean's fourth-place finish in pole vault. He cleared 11'. The 3200-meter relay team of Steve Ellison, Andy Mark, Eric Mundt and Eric Schumm took sixth place with a time of

8:48.7. Regan Doyle, Adam VanderPols, Joe Mull and Micah Tawney placed sixth in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:41.4. The 800-meter relay team of Ryan Mechaney, Micah Tawney,

Artem Zitser and Joe Mull finished sixth with a time of 1:39.9. Clearing a personal-best 10' was freshman Allen Messing who finished seventh in pole vault.

Lowell will compete

in the regional track meet Saturday at Houseman Field. It will be a tough regional, with teams like Rockford, Grandville and East Kentwood competing.

Golf team takes fifth at conference tournament

By Dan Schneider

Finishing fifth at the conference tournament Monday, the Lowell girls golf team shot a team score of 417 for 18 holes at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

Mandy Gunberg led Lowell with a score of 94, despite scoring nines on two holes in the game.

"That's hard to overcome, those two nines," Lowell coach Becky Lecuru said. "She shot a good round except for those two holes."

Gunberg finished 11th overall as an individual in the conference tournament.

Stef Stuewe was Lowell's second golfer with 100. Sarah Eickhoff followed with a 110 and Jacki DeBoer shot 113.

East Grand Rapids won the conference tournament. Lowell finished the conference dual season 3-3. They beat East Grand Rapids earlier in the season on the Pioneers' home course.

"There were a lot of good teams this year in the league," Lecuru said. "Lowell is 5-6 this year overall."

One of those losses was last Thursday against

Caledonia at Broadmoor Golf Course. Caledonia shot 176 while Lowell shot 214.

Lowell won their final league dual match of the season last Monday at Deer Run. The Red Arrows beat Greenville, scoring 191 to the Yellow Jackets' 208.

Lowell will compete Thursday in the regionals at The Highlands Golf Course in Grand Rapids. With some of their seniors away on the senior trip, the Red Arrows will move some younger players up on the playing list.

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City council approves new residential sign ordinance

With little public comment and few kind words from the council, the Lowell City Council approved a new amendment addressing residential signs at its Monday night meeting.

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Fri. & Sat., May 20 & 21, 8-5 p.m. 11344 36th St., Lowell. One mile W. of Alden Nash. Household items, twin day bed frame, portable basketball net, sofa bed, D.R. table only & PLUS-SIZE LADIES will love the clothes; much more.

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1234 Laurie Hill May 20 & 21, 9 to 5, furniture, stove, bunkbed, lots of clothes, Legos.

SUBDIVISION SALE ADA/LOWELL AREA

Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22, 9-3 p.m. on Bloomington Hills Dr. S.E. off 36th St. between Buttrick and Snow. Quality queen size clothes up to 5X, baby items/clothes, "New Salesman Samples," furniture, elephant collection, household and electronics. Phone 987-9011.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALES

Lots of stuff! Little Tikes toys & kids' clothes. Forstrom Dr. Neighborhood; off Vergennes bet. Lincoln Lake & Flat River Dr. Sat., May 21, 8-4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

May 19 & 20, 8:30 - 6 p.m. 9356 Centerline Rd. M-21 to Pinckney north. Cheap prices on antiques, books, clothes & much more.

MULTIPLE FAMILIES BARN SALE

All sizes of clothing, housewares, toys, 36" gas stove, microwave, dishware, stereo, car seat, Christmas, crafts, dining table, lots of things. Fri., May 20, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Sat., May 21 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1056 Lee Rd., N. of Potters Rd., Saranac.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE NEIGHBORHOOD MULTI-FAMILY SALES

If you need it, we will have it!! Nice wood dressers, nightstand, recliner, computer desk & other furniture; air conditioner; swing set & other outdoor goodies; PlayStation 1 w/games; nice toys, some NEW! Name brand infant & children's clothing boy/girl ALL SIZES; baby items - strollers, car seat, high chair, etc.; name brand maternity & adult clothing; TONS of household items. WAY TOO MUCH TO LIST! Sudan Dr. Pvt. off of Vergennes, Lowell. Thurs. & Fri., May 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - ?

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY MOVING & ESTATE SALE

13235 Burroughs, 2 miles N. of Lowell, May 20 & 21. Antiques, furniture, great primitives, tools, microwave, cottage home/ treasures.

WOULD THE MAN WHO BOUGHT THE PIN BALL MACHINE

at the garage sale on Lincoln Lake Road last weekend, please call 691-8193 or 901-1781.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH MINISTRIES IS HAVING A YARD SALE

Wed., May 18 & Thurs., May 19 (Rain dates May 25 & 26). Toys, housewares & summer items. 519 E. Main St., Lowell.

SALE

Antiques, clothing, household goods. Sat., May 21, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 4043 Hilton Ave., Lowell. Directly off of Cascade Rd. or 36th St. between Alden Nash & Snow.

CASCADE STREET SALES

28th to Thornhills to 10 homes on TANGLEWOOD - Friday, 9-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9-2 p.m. May 20 & 21. Tons of quality items, furniture, electronics, clothing (0-adult), computers (some free), housewares, new gift items, yard equipment & tools.

MULTI-FAMILY SALE

1297 Whites Bridge Rd. May 19 - 21, 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

Calvary Church Admin. Bldg. across from Burger King. Thurs. & Fri., May 19 & 20. Cleaning houses, garages & attics. Good items for families - kids to grandparents. Gas & elec. stove, dishes, toys, books, games. Clothes galore. You name it! Benefits Coffee Break Ministry!

YARD SALE

May 19 & 20, 8-5 p.m. 520 Lincoln Lake near Howard St. Some antiques.

GARAGE SALE

Friday, May 20. Adult, teens & kids brand name clothing, toys, video games, furniture, glassware, books & lots of misc. items. 7303 Centerline Rd., Saranac.

BIG GARAGE SALE

all new Rubey's Auto 11250 E. Fulton, Lowell. Wed. May 18 3:30 - 8 p.m.; Thurs. 11-6, Fri. 1-6. Everything from furniture, hunting & fishing equipment, toys, clothes, etc.

GRATTAN BIG PINE ISLAND LAKE STREET SALE

Hallridge Rd follow bright signs. Antiques (sad iron collection) etc.; large women's clothing, mens clothing, children's videos, old Greenville radio show tape & old records. Fri. & Sat. May 20 & 21, 9-?

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

11275 & 11269 Barnsley (off Cumberland between M-21 & Foreman). May 20 & 21, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Adult & children's clothes, toys, window AC unit, humidifier & many other misc. items.

HUGE CHURCH YARD SALE

at Day Bible Chapel - over 25 families have donated "Rescued Treasures." May 19-21, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 9305 Centerline, M21 to Pinckney, right on Centerline. 897-6332. Proceeds benefit VBS, July 11-15.

GARAGE SALE

Fri., 4-8; Sat., 8-6 & Sun., 12-6 at 11350 Bailey Dr.

VERY LARGE QUALITY SALE

May 19 & 20, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Lot 203 Veronica in Key Heights Trailer Park. Sporting goods, fishing/animal traps; 22 Marlin rifle; saddle bags; power washers; upright air compressor; hand and lawn tools, housewares, furniture, compound bow, Fenton & Carnival glass; pots, pans, bowls; bayonet & knives; gold pocket watch, antiques and collectibles; 2 TV's both working. Items too numerous to mention. Don't miss this one! Early birds welcome!

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Sat., May 21, 9-4 p.m. Furniture, clothing, toys, sporting goods, household items & much more. Prairie View Lane, off Whitneyville, 1/2 mile S. of 60th St.

GARAGE SALE MULTI-FAMILY

759 Flat River Dr., Lowell. May 20-21, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MULTI FAMILIES 1ST GARAGE SALE

air conditioners, lamps, stereo, 2 new swivel rocker recliners, oriental tables w/matching bases, table w/ leaf & 6 chairs, small appliances, glassware, much more. Priced to sell! May 19 & 20, 9-5 p.m. 104 Flat River, Lowell.

CAVANAUGH'S POLE BARN SALE

5960 McCords between 60th & 52nd, Alto. May 19 & 20, 8:30-? Everything marked to sell.

HUGE ESTATE & GARAGE SALE

Kitchen supplies, furniture, holiday decorating, knick-knacks, 3776 Buttrick, Ada. Sat. 5/21, 9-5, Sun. 5/22, 10-5.

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FOR SALE

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

HAIR FOR SALE - \$2.00 a bale. Call 691-7944 or 691-8157.

A MEMORY FOAM BED - NASA developed memory foam. Brand name, never used. Queen \$475; king \$695. Can deliver. Call 682-4767 or 616-293-6160.

BOAT MOTORS - elec. foot control, 55 lb. Motor Guide, \$275; 36 lb. foot Evinrude, \$225; 18 hp elec. start Mercury, \$750. Ph. 540-0540.

2 STORY HOUSE LOCATED IN CITY OF LOWELL - has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fieldstone fireplace, wrap around porch, main floor laundry, formal dining room, large kitchen w/eating area on large lot. Call 897-7919.

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

HARLEY DAVIDSON - 1993 Electraglide Classic, lots of extras, beautiful. Call for details, \$10,700. Call 897-5957.

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

FOR SALE - Doublewide mobile home 26'x60'. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Fireplace in family room. Excellent condition. Call 616-299-9346.

\$195 4 POST BED - (king) with pillowtop mattress set. Bought, never used. Was \$800. 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - 1994 Ford Ranger, 4cyl., 5 speed, new clutch, rebuilt transmission, high mileage, \$2,000 obo. Call 616-897-5295.

CONTROL HOOK, ROUND & TAPEWORMS - Rotate Happy Jack Liquidict® & tapeworm tablets. Contains NO fenbendazole. TSC Stores (987-9338).

BOAT MOTORS - 4 hp Suzuki, \$375; 9.5 hp Johnson, \$375; 15 hp Sea King, \$400 & others. Ph. 540-0540.

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

1-1/2 YEAR OLD NEUTERED MALE - Pembroke Corgie. Loves kids. \$100. Call 897-0771 after 5 p.m.

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

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

FOR SALE

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER IN IONIA - 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer & dryer, den, computer room, sun porch, back patio, walkout basement, on approx. 2 1/2 acres, 1 1/2 is woods. in the country, 5 min. from city limits. Asking \$179,000. Ionia, 616-527-9599.

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

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT - Upright freezer, \$800; 2 door refrigerator, \$1,600; LaPavoni espresso machine, \$2,700; refrigerated display case, \$1,400; ice cream dipping case, \$1,100 & more. 868-7271 or 633-3626.

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

LOWELL LISTING! - Great private frontage on the Flat River, only \$117,900 Pat Schaefer Five Star 581-7580.

1996 COLEMAN POPUP CAMPER - sleeps 6, lots of storage. \$2500 obo. Call 897-5142.

BOAT MOTORS - 1 1/2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 4 1/2, guaranteed. \$200 - \$375. Ph. 540-0540

MEMORY FOAM BED - Queen (never used) Cost \$1,600 sell \$495. 517-719-8062.

FOR SALE - Paddleboat, 3 years old, seldom used. \$250. Call 897-5070.

GULBRANSEN ELECTRIC ORGAN - Sounds great! Has 9 rhythms with varying tempo & volume, several solo & accompaniment settings & more, \$35 obo; Computer desk, 60 in. long, 30 in. deep & 66 in. tall. Has locking cabinets, pull-out keyboard shelf, pull-out printer shelf & file drawer, \$40 obo. Call 897-1317.

1950 FARMALL CUB - nice condition, runs good with plow and mower deck, \$2,500. Call (616) 340-0589.

FOR SALE - 13 inch tires, Set of 6 brand new tires for Neon. Asking \$450 for all 6. Call 897-9067 ask for Heather.

BRAND NEW 3 BEDROOM HOME - on 2.13 acres, near new Murray Lake Elementary, 1,456 sq. ft. on main floor, fireplace, bay window, main floor utility, honey maple cupboards, master bath w/garden tub & his/her walk-in closets, Andersen windows, deck, paved driveway & walk-out basement w/ lots of windows. \$229,000. Call 691-6006.

JOHN DEERE - 3020 diesel, very nice, with bushhog, 3 bottom plow & wheel disk, \$7,000 for all. 437-3399.

PONTOON BOAT - 18 - 20 ft., 18 hp Evinrude; older boat but in good shape on Slayton Lake. \$1,250. Call 363-8442 or 450-7245.

FOR SALE

Cottage, Morrison Lake, year round. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$132,500. 269-945-8887.

New Andersen vinyl clad window, 48x48 double casement, white, still in box, \$120 obo. Call after 6 p.m. 987-6481.

2001 ROCKWOOD PREMIERE POPUP CAMPER - refrigerator, furnace, sleeps 6-8, real nice condition. \$4,200 obo. Call 616-299-9335.

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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.

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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.

3 BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT IN LOWELL - Close to schools & downtown. No pets, non-smoking, \$700 per month plus utilities & one month deposit. Call 897-9331.

SERVICES

DOG SITTING - Let me take care of your puppy in my home while you're at work or on vacation. In country setting. Will give daily walks, will play and sleep inside with my two dogs. 7 mi. S. of Lowell, 1-1/2 mi. W. of 196 exit 53. Call 868-6510.

DRYWALL REPAIRS, REMODELING - new homes. No job too small. Home owners, contractors. Free estimates. Insured. Member of the Greater Grand Rapids Home Builders Association. Drywall Specialist Inc. 897-0389 or 616-862-6487.

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ALTERATIONS - Experienced professional men's, women's, leather coats, all fabrics, zippers replaced, wedding & prom dresses altered. Call Helen 897-6071.

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

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

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