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Hovering hobbyists skim through town over the weekend

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell Fairgrounds was the place to be over the weekend if you are a hovercraft hobbyist. Members of the Hovercraft Club of America brought their machines there, finding it to be a pretty ideal location. There's ample grassy area; small stones in the gravel drives, which lessen wear on the hovercraft; and a boat launch with a gradual slope for an easy transition into and out of the river.

The river is where the hovercrafters spent most of their time. They cruised downstream to Grand Rapids, upstream to Lyons, and in between. It is a good river for hovering, event organizer Don Bender said. This year especially, with the river low, there were few boats on the river and a large number of sand bars to stop the craft on mid-cruise.

"Hovercrafters" is a good name for the people who built these rigs. Half of the word being "crafters," it puts an emphasis on the construction aspect of the crafts. Hovercraft kits are widely available, but would take the fun out of it for this crowd.

"I enjoy building them. I enjoy building them about as much as I do operating them," said association member Terry Chapman.

"More for me," said Bender, whose craft won the club's 2005 award for quality construction.

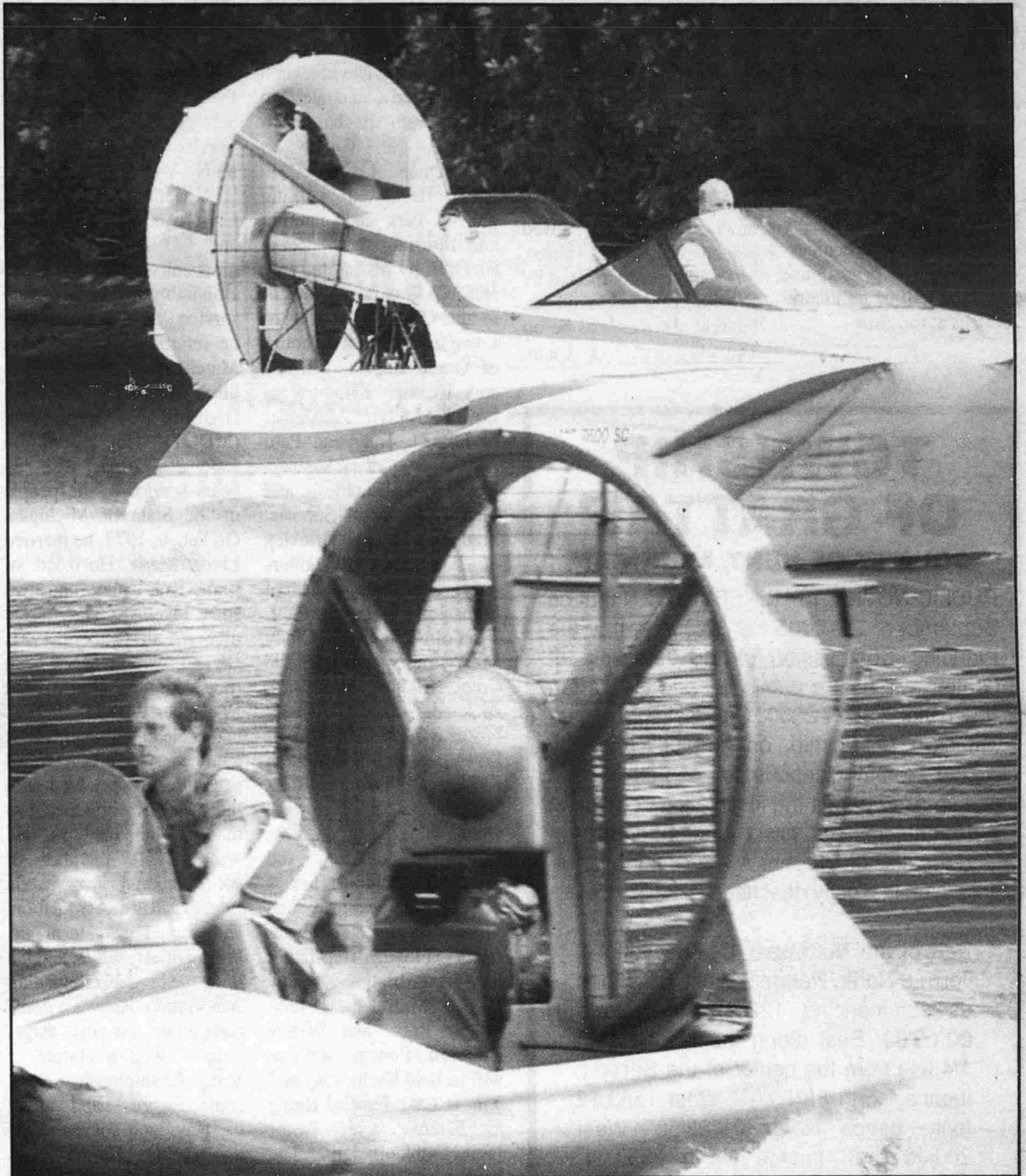
The crafts run a wide range in sophistication and technology. Bender enlisted the help of Boeing engineer and hovercraft builder Dean Pollee, and the Boeing software Pollee works with, in designing the prop for his craft. Other crafts had simple foam hulls--made from a few sheets of styrofoam insulation glued to a sheet of eighth-inch plywood for rigidity. Coated in fiberglass, the foam is sufficiently strong, structurally.

The rough silver and blue paint on Stan Sykes' craft indicated he was still experimenting. He has built "five or six, I don't know" hovercrafts.

"Some of them were more successful than others," he said.

Even with a simple foam hull, hovercrafts can be a tricky species. Light weight is important. Proper thrust, balance and aerodynamics are all important to even get moving, and are essential at speed.

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Stan Sykes (foreground) and Dean Pollee cruise down the Grand River by the Lowell Fairgrounds.

Smooth start to the new school year for area kids

By Dan Schneider

Another year of school started last Wednesday in Lowell.

While last year saw the opening of a new elementary school and the year before that, the Freshman Center, this year there were no

major changes. A few Cherry Creek Elementary students talked about their transition from second to third grade.

"It's new to me and I'm enjoying it," said Zach Diamond of Jenny Cole's third grade class. "I'm really looking forward to math."

"I like Mrs. Cole so far" was Allison Annable's assessment of her new teacher.

Third grader and baseball fan Gabriel White looked back at his summer and said his favorite thing was "watching Whitecaps games."

The students were not the only ones to make adjustments. Cherry Creek teacher Sheri Melle made the transition from teaching fifth grade to third grade.

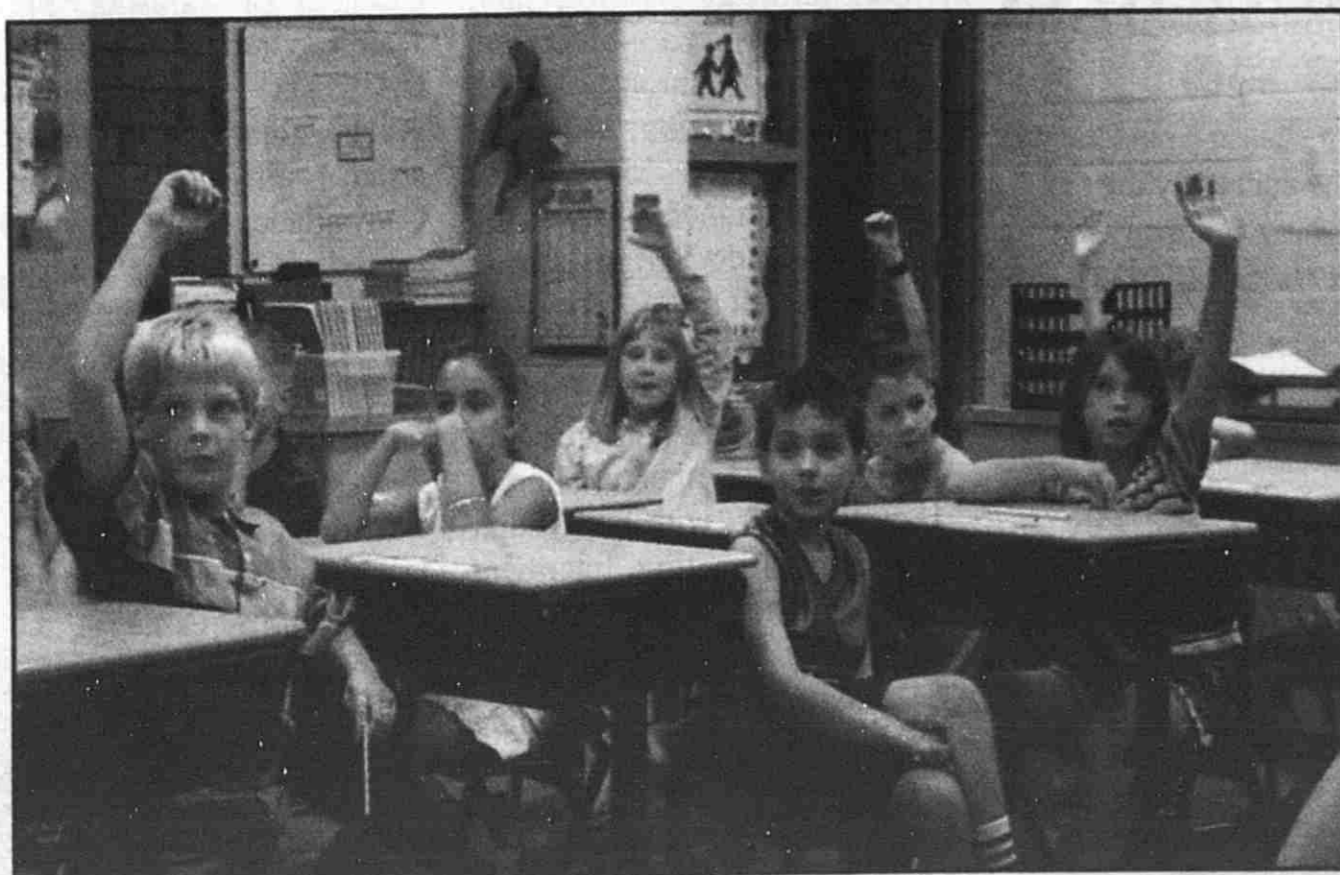
"I'm so used to fifth graders, it's like 'gotta slow down,'" she said.

But it didn't dampen her enthusiasm. "I'm just having a great time today," she said.

There were a few minor bumps in the fabric of the first day at Cherry

Creek. With a new school day schedule, one teacher forgot to bring her students

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Third graders in Jenny Cole's class at Cherry Creek Elementary were eager to participate on the first day of school.



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Obituaries

BIRMAN
Franklin John Birman, aged 52 of Lowell, passed away peacefully August 29, 2005 after living the past 31 years with Multiple Sclerosis. He was preceded in death by his father Russell Birman and father-in-law Matthew Metternick. Surviving are his wife Susan; sons Kyle and Jason; mother Nellie Birman of Cascade; mother-in-law Shirley Metternick of Benzonia; brothers and sisters-in-law Steve and Barb Metternick of Ada, Mike and Kathy Stevens of Benzonia, Ron and Carrie Metternick of Lowell. Mr. Birman was an avid fisherman and hunter. The family requests memorial contributions be made to: Multiple Sclerosis Society or Hospice of Michigan. Cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral services at this time.

CLEMENZ
Esther Clemenz, aged 96, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, August 28, 2005 after a brief illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Wesley Clemenz. She is survived by her son Bruce (Joann) Clemenz of Haymarket, Virginia; granddaughters Joy (Walter) Heuer of Herndon, Virginia, Kara (Carl) Mathews of Charlottesville, Virginia; great-grandchildren Sarah and Bradley Heuer and Rachel and Erin Mathews; sister-in-law Marie Rickert of Lowell; special nieces Katherine Geiger, Darlene Gahan, many other nieces and nephews. Esther was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Esther loved playing cards and bingo. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her. Funeral services will be on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 11 a.m.

at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, Dr. Michael Conklin officiating. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lowell or the Lowell Historical Society.

KILBOURN
David Floyd Kilbourn, aged 68, of Lowell, passed away August 26, 2005 in Grand Rapids. He was born Aug. 24, 1937 in White Lake Twp., Michigan, the son of Floyd David and Katherine (Diebler) Kilbourn. He married Jacklyn Mutschler Oct. 29, 1994. David owned and operated a car dealership called Auto Exchange in Saranac. He worked as a salesman at Caswell in Ionia. He loved working on old cars and painting and restoring them. He is survived by his loving wife Jackie Kilbourn of Lowell; mother Catherine M. King of Lowell; sons Mark Kilbourn of Grand Rapids, Michael and Heather Kilbourn of Lowell, Melvin Alexander of Lowell, Tony and Patti Alexander of Saranac, Douglas Alexander and Sheila Whaley of Saranac, Fred and Jenny Brickley of Fine Lake; daughters Joyce and Frank Jones of Mancelona, Dawn Paul-Tyler of Battle Creek, Cindy and Victor Esquivel of Battle Creek, Tammy and Mark Alexander of Battle Creek; brothers Jerry Kilbourn of Lowell, Kenny and Bonnie Kilbourn of Marshall; sisters Barbara Baxter of Lowell, Donna Shea of Battle Creek; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son Phillip (Skeeter) Hyatt, father Floyd, step-father Roy King, brother-in-law Marion Mutschler, sisters-in-law Reba and Nancy Kilbourn. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Pastor James Frank officiating. The family will receive friends and relatives Wednesday 1 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Ionia Area Hospice or Lincare.

MARSHALL
On August 29, 2005 Gordon

E. Marshall lost his battle with cancer and went joyously to abide with God. Born August 7, 1942 in the family farmhouse on Kyser Rd. in Boston Township, he was the eldest of nine children of Edwin Yancy and Faith Venola (Truesdell) Marshall. He attended Lowell Schools. Gordon graduated with the Class of 1960. On St. Patrick's Day 1964, he volunteered for duty in the United States Coast Guard, where he attained the rank of Engineman 3rd Class. In April 1967, he volunteered for duty aboard the USCG Cutter Gresham (WHEC-387), and duty in South Vietnam. He was subsequently awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, the CG Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 stars, RVN Vietnam Campaign, RVN Gallantry Cross, RVN Civil Actions 1st Class, and CG Rifle and Pistol marksmanship ribbons. Honorably discharged from service in March 1968, he returned to Lowell. On March 23 of 1969, he was hired by the Michigan Highway Department (MDOT). He retired on June 30, 2005, with 36 years service to the people of the State of Michigan. On Feb. 9, 1973, he married Linda Marie Horwood of Ionia and they had two sons together. They were divorced in October 1981. He and Marlene Marie Cain (nee Nummer) were married December 1, 1984 and they had celebrated their 20th anniversary. Gordon tended to get deeply involved with the various organizations that he belonged to. He was a Life member of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, and served two terms as President of the Michigan State Muzzleloading Association. He was a fierce competitor on the target range, won a couple of State Championships, set some records, and along the way, won some medals and trophies. He served as National Vice President of the Coast Guard S.E. Asia Veterans of America, the Commander of the United Veterans Council of Kent County, and he was Vice Commander of American Legion Clark Ellis Post #152 of Lowell for several years. He had a great interest in

tracing his family history (Wm. Marshall Maryland, 1670), but his greatest interest and advocacy was the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Gordon joined Flat River VFW Post 8303 in 1982. In April 1994, he was elected Commander for a one-year term that eventually became seven (7) years. During his tenure as Post Commander, he helped rebuild the Post membership, and the Post building as well. He "ran" the Bingo game at the Kent County 4-H Fair for many years, using his vacation time to do so. Whether it was sweeping floors, scrubbing potatoes, or trying to stop leaks in the roof (or at least moving the buckets to best advantage), he helped guide the Post through the sale of the old Main St. Post building and parking lot. Whatever was needed, Gordon was there to help. Also during this period, he helped Post #8303 achieve VFW State recognition by three times being declared an "All State Post." He served as Commander of the Kent County Veteran's Council, and was an "All State District" Commander" in 2003. He made many, many friends in the Michigan VFW "family." Gordon is survived by his loving wife Marlene; son Gordon (Nichole) Marshall of Grand Haven, son MM 1st Class Ross Edwin Marshall, USN, son Mark (Janna) Cain of Ionia, daughter Jody Cain of Lowell; father Edwin (Barbara) Marshall of Howard City; sister Janice Lee Sampson of CA; brothers Charles Edward of Colo., Dale Eugene of Texas; sisters Margaret (Richard) Howey of Grand Rapids, Janelle Faith of Muskegon; four wonderful grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by mommy Faith, brother Donnal Edwin, sisters Geryalyn Elisabeth and Laurie Ellen. Donations may be made to the VFW National Home for Children through VFW Post #8303. Funeral arrangements are pending.

MEYERING
Charles Allen "Chuck" Meyering, aged 46, of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly at his home. Surviving are his son Michael Meyering of Sparta; parents Jack and Char Meyering of Ada; brothers John and Laura Meyering of Grand Rapids, Ronald and Jane Meyering of Byron Center; niece Andrea Meyering; nephews Aaron, David, Kevin Meyering; uncle Bill and aunt Gerri Meyering of Jenison; aunt Phyllis Acton of Colorado Springs, Colo.; cousin Bob Meyering of Lowell. Chuck loved boat racing and politics. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Bethel Lutheran Church, Grandville, with Rev. Ralph Carey officiating. Interment in Winchester Cemetery, Byron Center. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army.

STRENG
Mary Anne Smith Gauthier Streng, aged 79, of Grand

Rapids, on August 21, 2005 hugged to her breast her two predeceased grandchildren Patrick and Katie Gauthier, while celebrating and kicking up her heels drinking Dry Manhattans with her father Dewitt Smith, mother Marion Debree, stepfather Ray Debree, brother Joseph (Marilyn) Smith, and first husband of 14 years, Richard E. Gauthier. Waiting to eventually join her is her husband of 39 years, 2 months and 21 days, Richard Streng; children Brendan (Dee) Gauthier, Paul (Karen) Gauthier, Daniel (Marion) Gauthier, Claire Marie (Robert) Eady, Brian (Katherine) Gauthier, Richard (Samantha) Gauthier, Andrew Gauthier, and Philip (Dawnielle) Streng; 21 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a raft of nieces and nephews; and innumerable friends. Mary Anne graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central and Michigan State University. She taught Spanish and English at Grand Rapids Catholic Central in the late '40s. Mary Anne was the love of Rich Streng's life and the life of his love-a terrific stay-at-home wife and mother. Mary Anne also tutored at St. John's Home for 10 years once her last baby Philip had been in school a few years. Mary Anne loved parties and seldom missed one. A celebration of her life and the Mass of Christian Burial was offered Aug. 24 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church with Rev. James A. Chelich, presiding. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Home, 2355 Knapp St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

WOOD
Clara E. Wood, aged 80, of Lowell, died August 25, 2005. She was born November 24, 1924 in Goodland Ind., the daughter of the late Jesse and Gertrude (Vanderwallt) Braaksma. On Nov. 27, 1942, Clara married Eugene R. Wood who preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1973. Besides being a homemaker and mother, Clara worked as a clerk at Purdue University for 17 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of Phi Sigma Alpha, West Lafayette Methodist Church, Eastern Star of Winchester, Ind., and the Lowell YMCA. She is survived by son Ted (Linda) Wood of Benzonia; daughters Patricia (Rick) Chastain of Sarasota, FL, Jean Lavine of San Diego, CA; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister Phyllis (Ralph) Cadwallader of Lowell. Preceding her in death are Eugene, her husband of 31 years; her parents; sister Jennie Bargrover; brothers Take and Martin Braaksma; grandchildren Christina Lynn Lavine and Douglas Lavine. Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Hospice. Interment has taken place at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens, West Lafayette, IN.

"Life is Good"



Sue Mooney (from left), Karen Hale and Amy Gasper of Cousin's Hallmark presented a check to Anna Organek last Friday. Pictured next to Anna is her sister, Emma, and mother, Heather. The Hallmark store sold a selection of "Life is Good" T-shirts for three weeks with 70 percent of the profits going to help Organek, who is being treated for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. From Aug. 4-23, the sale raised close to \$2,400.

Lowell Moose Lodge hosts hog roast to benefit spina bifida support group

By Dan Schneider

A hog roast Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Lowell Moose Lodge recreational hall will benefit a West Michigan spina bifida support group. All proceeds benefit the West Michigan Spina Bifida Association.

"We try to help individuals and families that are affected by spina bifida," said association president Cheryl DesJardines of Crystal.

She added that spina bifida is the most devastating and least researched birth defect. One out of every 1,000 children born in the United States has the condition. Babies born with spina bifida have a hole in their spinal column. The opening goes through their tissues and skin to the outside. This requires major surgery to close the opening within 24 hours of birth.

Hydrocephalus, a condition in which excess fluid builds up in the brain, accompanies 97 percent of spina bifida cases. Therefore, most newborns with spina bifida must also undergo a

second major surgery within two weeks of birth to install a shunt to drain the excess fluid.

Spina bifida affects all nervous functions below the opening in the spinal column. Some children are paralyzed from the waist down. DesJardines' seven-year-old daughter, who has spina bifida, can walk with the aid of leg braces and physical therapy. The defect causes other impediments to everyday life, such as loss of bowel or bladder control.

The West Michigan Spina Bifida Association's

goal is to help the affected individuals live normal as possible lives. "We want to help these little guys become as independent as they possibly can," DesJardines said.

The association helps its 65-member families pay medical costs and go to local and national conferences on spina bifida. It also helps pay for the kids to go to summer camp, which is an expensive prospect for children who need so much help day to day.

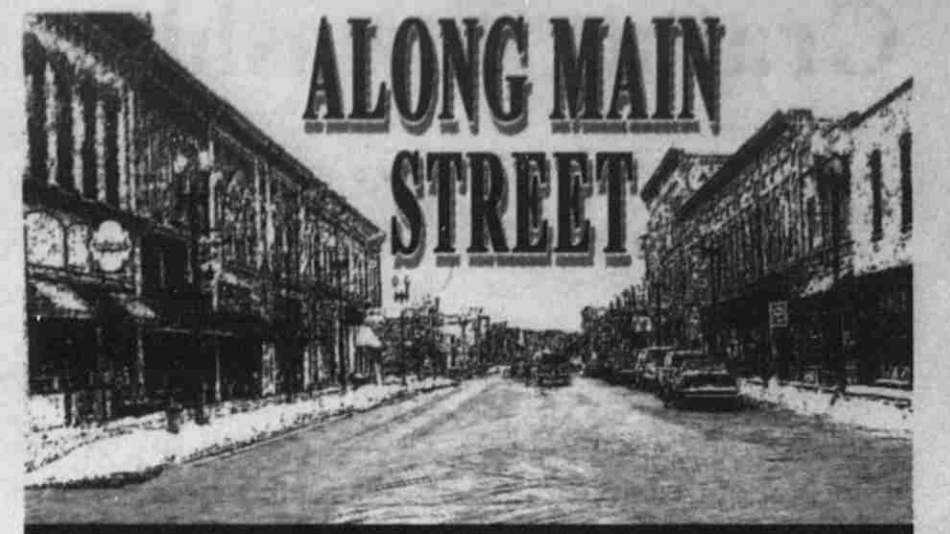
Dinner tickets are \$5 and the event is open

to everyone. There are a number of other fundraising activities associated with the hog roast, including 50/50 raffles, cow pie bingo and regular bingo. Also planned are music, children's games and a live auction. Items already donated for the auction include a night at the Amway Grand Plaza and a golf/dinner package at Centennial Country Club in Cascade.

For more information on the hog roast or about donating items for the live auction, contact DesJardines at 989-235-1021.

Humanity has advanced, when it has advanced, not because it has been sober, responsible, and cautious, but because it has been playful, rebellious, and immature.

- Tom Robbins



COMMODITIES

Free food will be given out at the Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main St. on Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Available are applesauce, beef stew, apple juice, veg. oil, milk UHT, chicken - canned, peanut butter, pudding (4 pk.).

FIRST CUB SCOUT MEETING

Cub Scout Pack 3188 will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main. Boys in 1st-5th grade are invited to join the pack. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more information.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

The Lowell Police Dept. will be collecting old/retired cell phones through Sept. 30. The phones will be reconditioned and donated to domestic violence shelters in W. Michigan. A donation will be made to the LPD D.A.R.E. program from Shelter Alliance. Drop off old cell phones at the Lowell Police Dept. from 6 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. Or bring to any Lowell police officer.

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS

The Academic Boosters meeting is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the volunteer room at LHS. Call Lynnae at 897-4289 with questions.

1ST HOME FOOTBALL GAME FOOD DRIVE

Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry needs food. Please bring non-perishable food items to Red Arrow Stadium on Friday, Sept. 9 for the Lowell/Kenowa Hills game; look for the FROM table at the main concourse inside the stadium. Also drop-off locations are at 519 E. Main or the Lowell Ledger.

DRESS SWAP 2005

The Lowell class of 2007 will join the Northview class of 2007 for a fundraising dress swap. Students may drop off their dresses to C-102 (Mrs. Schutte's room) on Sept. 7 and 8, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Others can drop off dresses in front of the high school office, Sept. 7 from 7-8 a.m. or 4-5 p.m. The dress swap will be in the seminar room at Northview High School, Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - all priced at \$25.

2006 SENIOR PARENTS MEETING

A parents class of 2006 senior trip planning meeting is Monday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at LHS in the math classroom.

LACROSSE COACHES NEEDED

If you are interested in coaching Lowell middle school or high school lacrosse in the spring, please call Kristi at 897-9227, ext. 247.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Hall, Department of Public Works, Police Office, Light and Power and Cable TV will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2005 in observance of Labor Day.

The City of Lowell refuse schedule will be delayed one day, Tuesday pickup will be on Wednesday and Thursday pickup will be on Friday due to the holiday.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, on an application by Nextel Communications for a special land use so as to permit the installation and use of a communications tower and antennas on land located off Nugent Avenue, north of M-44, which is legally described as follows:

Part of the Northwest 1/4, Section 17, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing 1220.48 feet North 00°00'03" East along the North-South 1/4 line from the center of the Section; thence North 88°59'04" West 1583.32 feet; thence North 01°32'58" West 200.00 feet; thence North 8859'04" West 600.60 feet; thence South 01°32'58" East 200.00 feet; thence North 88°59'04" West 394.08 feet more or less, to the West section line; thence North along the West section line to the North section line; thence East along the North section line to the North-South 1/4 line; thence South to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

The proposed special land use would comprise an approximate 1/4 acre site, with an access driveway, within the above described lands. The special land use is proposed to include the construction and use of an equipment shelter located at or near the base of the proposed tower.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing, to the Township office, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, up to the time of the public hearing. Dated: August 25, 2005

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Grattan Township plans fundraiser for farmland preservation

By Dan Schneider

A "Chuck Wagon Roundup" is planned to raise money to preserve farmland in Grattan Township.

The event, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11 from 2 to 7 p.m., will be held at Wabasis Park. The cost is \$15; free for kids under 12. That includes dinner and country/gospel music entertainment. On the menu are hamburgers, baked beans and corn. There will be hourly 50/50 raffles.

Money raised will go to preserve farmland through the Kent County Purchase of Development Rights program (PDR). Through PDR, townships pay owners of agricultural property for an easement that guarantees the land will stay in agriculture. The program is designed to ease farmers' financial pressure to sell their land to developers.

The Howard farm on Parnell Ave. in Vergennes Township became the first Kent County land to be permanently preserved

under the PDR program. A dedication ceremony was held there in June.

With township, foundation and federal money, Grattan has already raised enough to preserve three farms in the township; the total acreage: 350. Grattan is also one of only nine townships in the state currently eligible to receive state matching funds that became available this year.

The new state funding program matches every locally raised dollar with three more dollars. Grattan Township trustee and PDR committee member Dennis Heffron said the township can get foundation backing to match every dollar it raises. The state would then add \$6 to that amount. Then the federal government will match the township, foundation and state money, combined.

That means every dollar raised by the township for PDR becomes \$16.

"It's really a terrific

thing when one dollar will go so far," Heffron said. With those funding sources in place "a fundraiser could raise quite a lot of money."

For instance, every \$15 admission to the Chuck Wagon Roundup means \$240 for PDR in Grattan.

The township has been among the most active in Kent County at pursuing PDR projects. During the first application cycle in

Kent County in 2003-2004, nine farms applied ... the most in Kent County.

"Grattan Township has had the most applicants of any township in Kent County," Heffron said. "There has just been a tremendous desire to get into the program, to preserve some of our farmland in Kent County."

The township had seven applicants during last year's

cycle and seven more this year.

Even before 2000, when PDR was still a state program, there were farmers interested in getting their farmland preserved. There were two applications waiting for approval from the state program when a statute localized PDR in 2000.

"Even back into the 1980s, they had people

interested in Purchase of Development Rights," said Kendra Wills, land use educator with the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension.

Tickets for the fundraiser are available at H&W Farms, the Grattan Store, and the Grist Mill in Cannonsburg or by calling Jerry Herrmann (691-7948) or Doris Crist (691-7633).

Lend A Hand



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FINAL PLEA FOR KENT AREA HOST FAMILIES

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) executive director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to

match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective house families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also legible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they house a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from

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out for morning recess. With tile in the front entryway this year instead of carpet, students had to be briefed on closing their lockers softly, as there is no more carpet to subdue the sound.

But small things aside, the principals in all of the district's school buildings reported a good start to the school year.

"I've had many veteran teachers say it was the

smoothest day they can remember," said middle school principal Linda Warren.

"A lot of the bugs we worked out last year," said Brett Noskey, principal of Murray Lake Elementary, which is starting its second year of existence.

One principal was driven to hyperbole in describing the first day of school.

"It was wonderful, it was joyful, it was exciting, it was exhausting, it was everything," Bushnell Elementary principal Karen Burd said.

Principals said open houses and meet-the-teacher nights helped smooth the transition for students entering new schools.

"Knowing who the teacher is, knowing where their room is, knowing

where to line up really makes a difference," Burd said.

At the high school, principal Scott Vashaw also said the first day went well. However, he said, the school is working on lessening congestion in the parking lot and making the drop-off and pickup zone safer for students, buses and parents.

The student count at

the high school increased by 51 over last year. There were 1,314 students the first day of school. Murray Lake Elementary also saw a rise in student numbers. The first day, 425 students showed up, 50 more than last year. More students also arrived at Alto Elementary this year, 393 compared to 380.

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Chapman's sons, Chris, 14, and Tom, 10, began familiarizing themselves with these factors as six year olds.

"We were doing this since we were really young, driving them around our yard and everything," Chris Chapman said. "I would have learned how props work in fourth grade whereas I

would learn it in sixth grade in school. It definitely helps with math and science."

And it isn't as common a hobby as collecting baseball cards, Chris Chapman has found out at school.

"It's always a shock when I tell them I drive hovercrafts," he said. "It's a big surprise."

Hovering is a year-

round pastime: crafts can go over water whether it's frozen or not, and snow helps them traverse fields on land.

"The neat thing about these is you never have to put them away for a season," Chapman said.

The hovercrafters plan to return next year.



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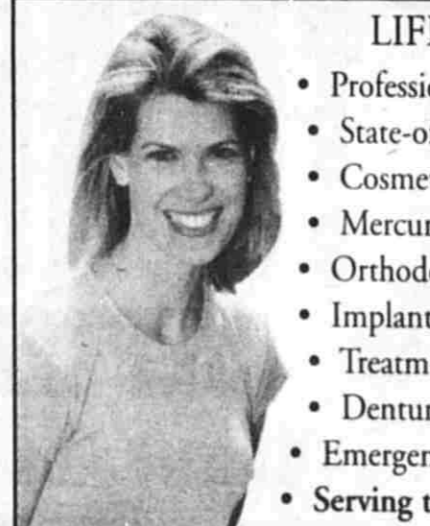
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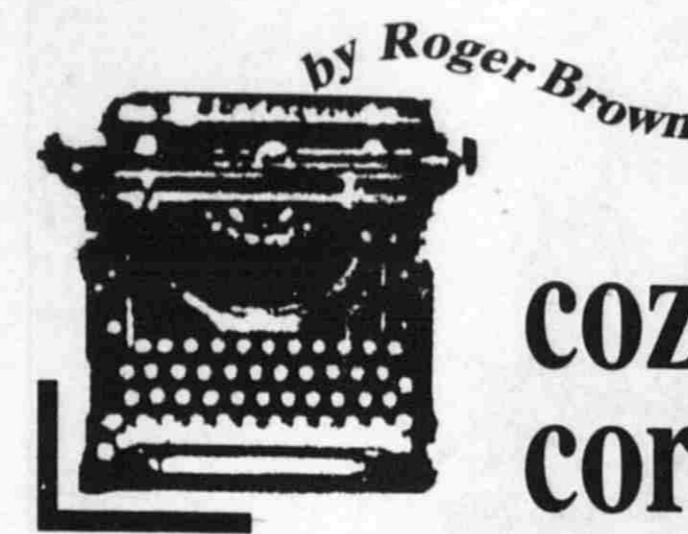
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Viewpoint



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As noted here numerous times, I'm a sucker for dogs. That statement does cover all dogs, but some more than others. At the top of the list are big, goofy, slobbering, gregarious dogs. The John Madden and Willard Scott personality types of the dog world.

Just because a dog is big and slobbering doesn't mean it's high on my "loveable" list. A neighbor has two monstrous Rottweilers that strain at their leashes when I pass by on my morning walk. They act like they want a piece of me. As big as these two monsters are, they may want more than a piece.

Their combined weight is easily a hundred pounds more than their owner weighs. When the owner sees me coming she wraps the leashes around her wrists, digs in her heels and holds on tight. Rather than love, I'm more apt to associate fear with these dogs.

Several neighbors have those little white curly-haired yipping dogs. These dogs are different breeds, but they are all pretty much the same to me. Their common characteristics include hyperactivity, a piercing yip and owners who think everything they do, to include ankle biting, is cute.

Again, I do love all dogs, but these yipping little guys are tough for me to warm up to. First I have to get past being annoyed.

Another neighbor has two medium-sized Airedales. Being terriers, they live up to their name and terrorize the neighborhood. They have had zero training and are totally out of control.

Everything is a big game to them. When these two are around it's a laugh a minute. Whatever it is, they find a way to chase it, dig it, chew it or get it ("it" being me) to chase them. I really do love these two, but like grandkids, it's nice to send them home after we've had our fun.

Another neighbor has a big old mutt of a dog. He's been neutered, run over by a truck, bitten by a rattlesnake, washed away by a hurricane and is hobbled by arthritis. He casually wanders around the neighborhood looking for handouts and answers to "Lucky." It's easy to love Lucky.

One neighbor runs a regular kennel. He has at least a half-dozen dogs confined to his porch. They are all on the smallish side and create quite a ruckus when I walk by. The interesting thing about his pack is the fact he didn't get to pick any of them. All these dogs were pawed off on him by his kids, his current wife's kids and even by an ex-wife. This guy obviously loves dogs more than I do. That or he's a real soft touch. Hmmm ... next time I need a loan ...

All this dog talk brings us to a trip to the vet yesterday. I took my two elderly boys in for their annual check-ups. My dogs are ten and thirteen. They are both being treated with medication for arthritis. Throw in heartworm meds, flea and tick treatment, vet bills plus Max's recent bout with a car, and their medical costs far exceed mine. I guess that's a good thing.

After the check-ups, we had to get the meds and settle the bill. The waiting room was pandemonium. There were lots of people and pets causing the confusion, but the main culprit was one of those big gregarious guys I described at the beginning of this. He happened to belong to a customer of mine. She was trying to pay her bill and keep her dog under control at the same time. She wasn't having much luck.

Leaning on the counter amid the confusion was an old man trying to get some medication for his dog. He spoke with a thick accent that I took for French. We'll get back to him in a second.

I asked the woman, my customer with the out-of-control dog, what his breed is. He is a big dog with a short brindle coat and short black muzzle. He had the beginnings of a pattern in the hair on his back, like a Rhodesian Ridgeback. I've long had a fondness for "Rhoddies" and think I'd like to have one someday. Hence my curiosity.

His muzzle and sheer size weren't right, but I asked if he had some "Rhoddie" in him. His owner said she didn't have papers, but was told he was an Australian Bull Mastiff when she got him as a puppy. That breed is certainly a new one on me. Whatever he is, he's a good-looking boy.

Back to the old guy with the French accent. He had apparently been listening to our conversation. He jumped in with, "Either of you ever see a French Bull Mastiff?" I looked at my customer, and she at me. We replied in unison that we had not ever seen, or heard of, a French Bull Mastiff.

With a glint in his eye, the old guy said in his geriatric Pepe LePew accent, "Go outside and look in my car. You'll see a French Bull Mastiff. I've been married to her for over fifty years."

Needless to say, everybody in the place cracked up. Dog lovers ... you've gotta love 'em!

Ledger Entries

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



By Priscilla Lussmyer

125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL SEPTEMBER 1, 1880

"The weather is more independent than we like to see it."

The village tax roll has been handed over to the Marshall; be sure yours are paid.

The plum tree raiders got caught. Many coughs and colds have resulted from the past week's wet weather.

Prof. Grant, the new principal, is ill, but hoping to be on hand for school opening Monday the 6th.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AUGUST 31, 1905

The bragging of a thief at the Moseley Saloon results in his arrest by deputy Jacobi at the Lowell train station.

Automobile parties from Grand Rapids are coming to Fallsburg to fish.

President Theodore Roosevelt negotiates peace terms between Russia and Japan in the wake of their war.

Next Monday is School Book Day at Look's Drug and Book Store, for new and used books and school supplies.

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO AUGUST 28, 1930

Americans spend more on sweets than they do on electricity -- about two cents per day in either case.

Over 500 licenses at \$10 each to sell "minnies" (minnows) have been issued this season in Michigan (there are also minnie bootleggers).

Edwin Fallas has completed the Fallasburg Park Arch, pictured with his article on Fallasburg history.

The old school bell has been mounted on top of the school building and will be rung daily at 8 a.m. and 12:45.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER SEPTEMBER 1, 1955

The Port of Muskegon will ship about 2000 tons of navy beans for C.H. Runciman Company to foreign ports this year.

Thirty-five boys and girls show up for the first Lowell Tennis Tournament.

Gov. Williams calls out the National Guard to beef up highway patrols during the Labor Day weekend.

Four LHS graduates receive Blodgett School of Nursing diplomas: Delores Seeley, June Dyke, Lois Bieri and Alice Althaus.

High school courses and requirements for graduation are listed. School will start on the 6th.

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER AUGUST 27, 1980

A "Children's Barnyard" for petting, and reduced-fare Friday rides are features of this year's 4-H Fair.

An Open House is held for retiring librarian Evelyn Briggs.

Postmaster Charlie Doyle reminds college students to file change-of-address forms with the PO.

"Lowell: Fine opening for manufacturers and men of means" is reprinted from an 1885 article in the Detroit Free Press.

HEALTH

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



MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE

Meningitis is a serious infection of the fluid surrounding the brain. About 2600 people get meningococcal infections each year in the U.S. and 10-15 percent will die in spite of appropriate medical treatment. Meningococcal infections are more common in infants < 1 year old, people who have had their spleen removed, and college freshmen who live in dormitories.

Two meningococcal vaccines are available. The newer vaccine, just released this year, is expected to give better, longer lasting protection than the older vaccine.

The new meningococcal vaccine is recommended for all children at their routine preadolescent visit about 11-

12 years of age or at high school entry. The vaccine is also recommended for others at increased risk for exposure and include:

- college freshmen living in a dorm
- U.S. military recruits
- anyone traveling to another country where meningococcal infections are common
- anyone without a spleen
- people who may have been exposed to meningitis during an outbreak.

The newer vaccine is the preferred agent for people 11-15 years of age but the older vaccine can be used if the new vaccine is not available.

The older vaccine should be used in children 2-10 years old and those older than 55 years if they are at risk.

Side effects of the vaccine are minimal. About 1/2 of the people receiving the vaccine will have localized redness or pain at the injection site for a day or two. Very few will experience a fever and serious allergic reactions are extremely rare.

For more information regarding the new meningococcal vaccine go to the CDC's National Immunization Program web site at www.cdc.gov/nip.

Reflections of faith

By Bob Roush, pastor
Friendship Country Chapel

THE PROMISE

I was born and raised in West Virginia. When I was six years old, WWII was in progress and employment was scarce. As a result my father and mother went to Portland, Ore., to gain employment in the shipyards where they built those large liberty ships. I was entrusted to the care of a loving, Godly grandmother while they were gone. I remember the day my father left. Kneeling before me he put his big hands on my shoulders and looking me straight in the eye said, "Your mother and I are going away for a while but we will come back when we're finished." Every day from that point on I looked for, and dreamed of, their return because I had the assurance of my father's word, and I knew he wouldn't lie to me. But as time gave way to time, I began to doubt that they were really ever coming back. Then one day as I was walking home from school, I saw the old '39 Ford parked out by the curb filled with suitcases and boxes, and I knew they had returned. As I entered the living room my grandmother said to me, "Do you know who's here?" And then they popped into the room and grabbed me, it was one of those Kodak moments, ya' know.

On the night Jesus was crucified he told His disciples that He was going back to the Father but that if He went, He was going to come again and receive them that where He was, they could be also. Two thousand years have passed since the day those words fell from the savior's lips. As time goes by, the reality of the promise can lose its definition, become hazy and blurred and we can, in a sense, lose hope in its integrity. Like me waiting for my parents return we can begin to think it's not ever going to happen.

In 2 Peter 3:3-4 the Bible talks about the very thing. It says, "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

And so we find the Bible closing with this promise not yet fulfilled. Down through the countless ages scoffers have doubted the integrity of the promise. But God is not bound by time and He will bring to pass that which He has spoken, so don't you lose hope in the promise. Some day just as sure as these words were spoken Jesus will come again. We have the assurance of our Father's word and we know he would not lie to us.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:1-3 Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Weddings

Moerdyke/Ryerson



Jeremy and Jayme Moerdyke

Fallasburg Park in Lowell was the setting for the July 9, 2005 wedding of Jayme Ryerson and Jeremy Moerdyke. Rev. Gregory Freed of Elmdale Church of the Nazarene officiated.

Parents of the couple are Marshall Ryerson and the late Gina Ryerson, and Roger and Maggie Moerdyke of Lowell. Maid of honor was Mollie Seeber; bridesmaids were Christina Bennet and Jaclyn Moerdyke.

Best man was Erik Byle; groomsmen were Philip Moerdyke and Levi Ryerson

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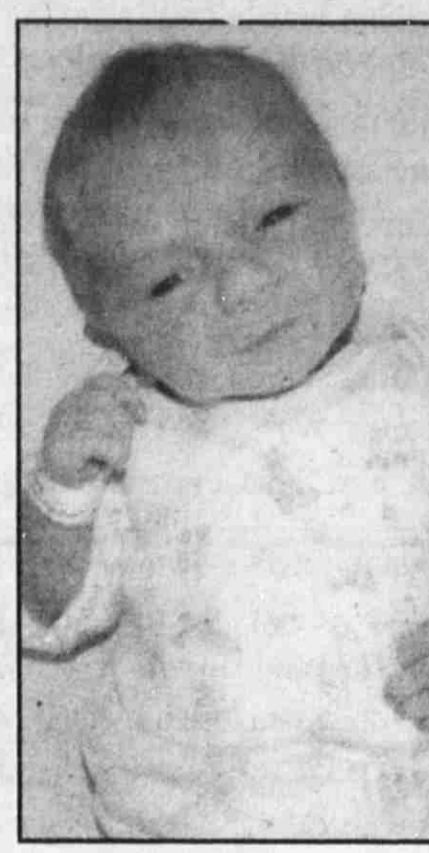
Golden anniversary celebrated



Donald and Donna (Walters) Gerard celebrated their golden anniversary with a family dinner and an open house. The couple were married 50 years ago on Aug. 27.

Children of the couple are Phil and Diane Gerard, Phil and Becky VanLaan, John and Lori Gerard, Bill and Dolly Johnson, James (Jim) and Polly Gerard, and Rick and Betsy Voetberg. They have 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

New Arrivals



Colton Christopher

Byrne

Chris and Karla Byrne of Rockford are the proud parents of a son, Colton Christopher.

Born August 9, 2005, he weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 18 inches.

He is welcomed home by his big sister Kaylee.

Proud grandparents are Dave and Darlene Carpenter of Ludington and Bruce and Peggy Byrne of Lowell.

Miller

Kevin and Kristin Miller are happy to announce the birth of their son, Dylan James, on July 15, 2005 at 11:10 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 22 inches.

Welcoming him home was big sister Allison.

Proud grandparents are Kelvin and Mindy Potter of Lowell, Dale and Louise Miller of Lake Odessa, and Daisy Miller of Lake Odessa. Proud great-grandparents are David and Janice Miller of Lake Odessa, and Avis Hoag of Alto.



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Annual Farm Fest set for September 10

The Franciscan Life Process Center holds its annual "Farm Fest" event on Saturday, Sept. 10. Until that day area residents may preview more than 80 auction items and gift baskets containing donations from local individuals and businesses at the center, 11650 Downes, from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

This year's Farm Fest event, "Opening Doors to Creativity," marks the nonprofit organization's 17th such auction benefit where proceeds enhance the center's scholarship fund.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception of hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and music by Duck Sauce. A full-course meal prepared by Steven Brechting of Chef Brech, desserts, and an open wine and beer bar are also available.

Jon McDonald, art instructor at Kendall

College of Art and Design, and Roy Brown, watercolor artist, designed and painted colorful motifs and decorations to enhance the theme of "Opening Doors to Creativity." Emcee is George Lessens, chief meteorologist for WZZM-TV 13.

Entertainment includes the Lowell Thebes Players performing from their upcoming play, "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," vocals by Sinatra impersonator/singer Tom Patton, a musical duet performed by Julie Palmieri on flute and Miranda Eden on keyboard, and a comic sketch by Cusack.

An award will be presented to a local individual for demonstrating qualities of leadership and community service.

Silent auction bids (4) may be placed upon entering the main tent area. A live auction will be led by Jason Lamoreaux of Pinnacle

Auction Benefits; live bids include items such as an oak fireplace, LandRider men's bicycle, pastel and watercolor paintings, a Victorian doll-house, dinner for four couples prepared by Father Mark Przybysz, a wheelbarrow filled with gardening tools and supplies, and a Tiffany-style lamp.

The evening concludes at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person. For more information, call 897-7842 or visit the website at www.lifeprocesscenter.org.

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WED: Grilled cheese sandwich (Alto & Murray Lake - corndog also offered), tomato soup & crackers, assorted fruit, milk.

THURS: Chicken patty on bun (Alto & Murray Lake - stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered), oven French fries, assorted fruit, milk.

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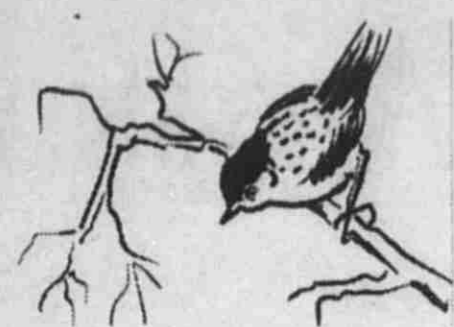
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Outdoors

By Dave Stegehuis



KID CAMPING FRIENDLY

Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell are located in the central part of the Lower Peninsula. The lakes and surrounding area provide a variety of outdoor experiences for children of all ages.

Mitchell State Park is located between the lakes on a boating channel which connects the two bodies of water. The park maintains a buoyed swim area on each lake. Although the beach on Lake Mitchell is across a busy highway from the park, a walkway along the channel passes under the road through a tunnel.

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center is a short walk from the campground. The museum's purpose is to showcase the great hunting and fishing traditions that we have in Michigan. The center features displays of native fish and wildlife. Many exhibits are interactive and are fun and educational. It features full mounts of elk, deer, wolves and other wildlife as well as live fish.

A nature trail begins at the center and continues for two and a half miles through a variety of forest types and wetlands with interpretative markers at points along the

trail. Encounters with resident wildlife are common. Don't forget to take a camera and binoculars.

The museum staff conducts educational programs at the center and in the park during the summer camping season. The program themes vary over time, but when we were there, topics included rigging a fishing line, marksmanship training with a laser shooting simulator, a family fishing outing on the channel, pan fishing techniques, and hands on wildlife identification using fur from a variety of animals. Anyone can attend these free programs, which are generally geared for children. We attended several activities with our four- and seven-year-old grandchildren, and were able to participate ourselves.

In addition, the lakes are loaded with a variety of fish species. We fished places where fishing was a little slow, but were able to catch enough keepers to make a good

fish dinner. We found other locations where the fish bit continually, but were small. Size is not an issue with a four year old, but constant action is necessary to maintain interest. Fishing along the relatively shallow channel is easy and productive.

For those unsure about camping with young children, I should mention that there is a water park and miniature golf within walking distance of the state park. Restaurants and fast food establishments are also close by. These might not be considered traditional camping activities like campfires and smores, but having a backup plan may be more comfortable for beginning campers or grandparents.

Mitchell State Park is handy to get to especially with active young travelers. It is located near the city of Cadillac on Highway 115.

With Our Counsel



Donna Warber M.A. LLP, Rev. Bob Baird M.S.W., Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.

The definition of ASD or Autism Spectrum Disorder was presented last month. We will now look at the possible indicators of ASD.

From the time a baby is born we are comparing our baby with his or her age mates. Questions often include: Does my baby have all that he/she needs to survive and/or compete in this complicated world? We fill the pages of our baby books with: "She smiled for the first time," "he crawled from the living room to the dining room today" or "he took his first step today--just a few days before turning one year old."

Sometimes, however, parents begin to worry when their child has delays in these developmental milestones or maybe

some of their baby's behaviors seem peculiar. It would be advisable at that time to check out the indicators of ASD.

Indicators may include: 1.) doesn't seem to babble, point, or make meaningful gestures (by 1st birthday), 2.) has not spoken a word by 16 months, 3.) is not able to combine two words by the age of two, 4.) does not respond to his/her name, or 5.) language and social skills that he has acquired seem to have been forgotten.

Other indicators (these are not as strong as the ones previously mentioned) might include: 1.) poor eye contact, 2.) doesn't know how to play with toys, 3.) overly concerned about ordering toys in a certain way, and seems to be attached to one particular toy or object and finally, 4.) doesn't smile and seems to be hearing-impaired. Please note that these symptoms do not always indicate ASD. It is the cluster of these symptoms that create the disorder.

As is evident, many of the behaviors that are a concern are social skills. From early beginnings, developing infants are social creatures. They gaze at people, turn toward voices, grasp a finger and smile. However, infants and children with ASD have difficulty engaging in day-to-day human interaction. Even as infants, they tend to avoid eye contact, often they prefer being alone and many times their attachment behavior is atypical. As they develop, children with ASD are slower to read body language and often do not pick up social cues of other people.

Regulating their emotions is also challenging for some individuals with ASD. Their behaviors might be immature such as having emotional outbursts in class or aggressive behavior when talking something through might be a better strategy.

In summary, the social skills of a child with ASD are impaired. This can take several different forms, but some social impairment is generally characteristic of an individual with ASD.

Next month, the communication patterns of a child who has been identified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder will be discussed.

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Tips for making lunches heart healthy

It's back-to-school time and the American Heart Association suggests fueling your kids' education with heart healthy lunches that will help them achieve in school and promote a lifetime of positive eating habits. Research shows that today's children are eating too much of the wrong foods: only 14 percent of children and teens, ages 6-19, are eating the recommended daily allowance for fruit each day; only 30 percent are eating green vegetables; and consumption of added sugars is on the rise.

These trends lead to some dismal statistics. Today, more than twice as many children - and almost three times as many teens - are overweight as in 1980. Adolescents who are overweight have a 70 percent chance of being overweight or obese adults.

Combat these statistics by making sure your kids are eating a healthy lunch during the day. Consider some of these ideas for a heart-healthy lunchbox:

- Build a better sandwich by using whole-grain breads

and rolls whenever possible to increase the total fiber in your child's diet. Include whole grain crackers with soups, chili and stew and always push the fresh fruit - with the skin.

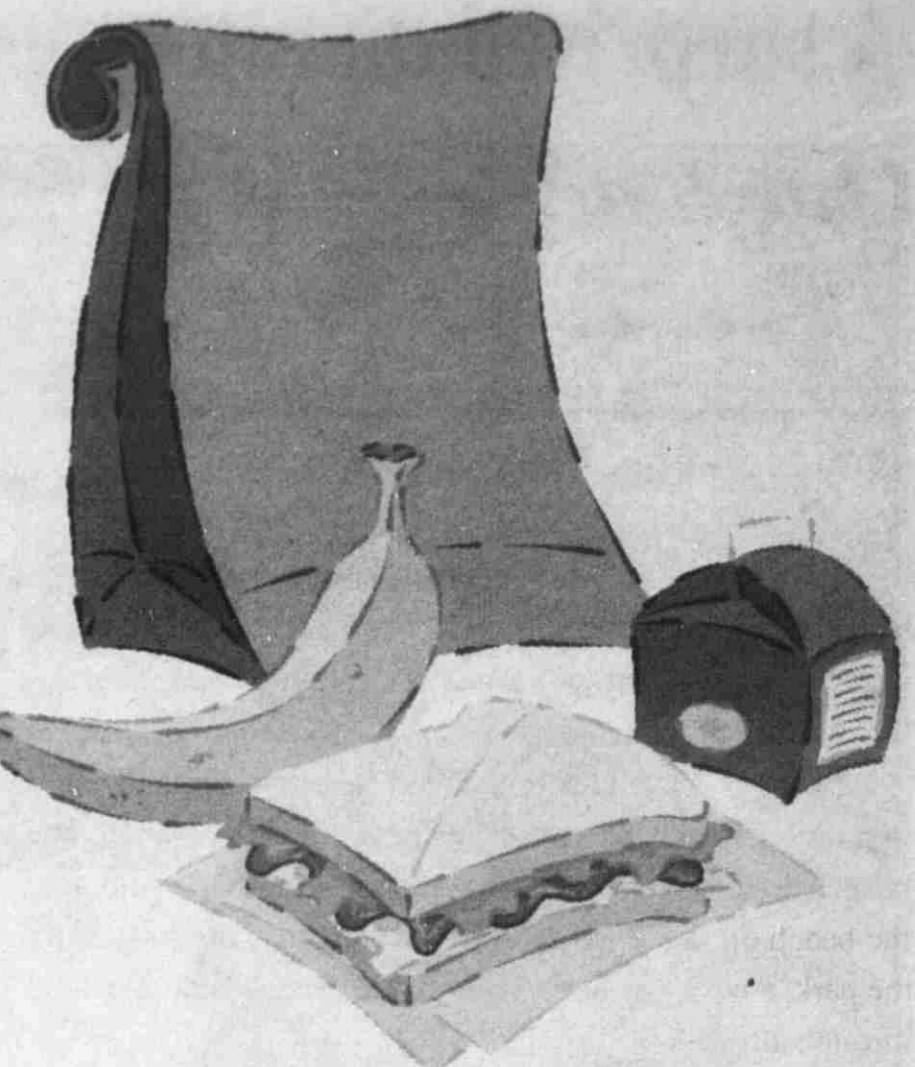
- Use leftover chicken or turkey strips to make a cold fajita - go heavy on the vegetables. Try one of the fat-free sour creams as a dressing.

- Tuna salad with chopped vegetables like onion, carrot, celery and green peppers mixed with fat-free or low-fat mayonnaise is a great option. Try mixing with a fat-free or low-fat Russian dressing for a different flavor.

- Chunky chicken salad mixed with fat-free mayonnaise, raisins, shredded carrots, and sliced almonds in a pita is a winner. Top it with salsa for a Southwestern flavor.

- Mix cranberry sauce and non-fat mayonnaise to dress up a turkey sandwich.

Visit www.heart.org for more information on childhood obesity or heart-healthy lunch tips.



Points to ponder when traveling this Labor Day weekend

An estimated 1.4 million Michiganians have Labor Day holiday travel plans, according to a recent survey by AAA Michigan. That's the highest number of state residents with Labor Day travel intentions since 2001, when 1.7 million took advantage of the last long weekend of summer.

Record high gas prices will do little to deter travelers, according to AAA's survey of 400 state residents, conducted in July. The vast majority (82 percent) said the price of gasoline would not influence their travel plans in any way.

Eighty-two percent will travel by car, truck or van. Fourteen percent will travel by air, and two percent will

would have no impact on their travel plans this holiday weekend.

Poor weather will have little effect on Labor Day travel plans. More than three-fourths (77 percent) said they will not cancel their trip if the forecast calls for rain or cool weather - last year only 58 percent were certain their plans would be affected. Major findings from AAA Michigan's 2005 Labor Day survey:

- Eighty-nine percent of the trips will be more than 100 miles from home (up from 87 percent last year)

- More than half of travelers (57 percent) will stay in Michigan

- Approximately 82 percent of all trips will be by car, truck or van, up from 78 percent in 2004

- Travelers' accommodations are distributed as follows: hotel, motel or resort (30 percent), rental cottage (25 percent), staying

with relatives (11 percent), in a trailer or RV (11 percent).

The official 78-hour Labor Day holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Friday, (Sept. 2) and runs to 11:59 p.m. Monday, (Sept. 5).

During last year's Labor Day holiday period, 11 people died in nine fatal crashes on roads across the state. That was down from the 2003 holiday, when 12 people died in 11 fatal crashes. Four of

last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related, and safety restraints were used by four of the victims who had them available.

To reduce these numbers this Labor Day holiday, all drivers are urged to use safety belts, avoid alcohol, stay alert at the wheel and observe all traffic laws.

Honoring grandparents Sept. 12

Christopher Godbold will be hosting a coffee club at Voyages Coffee Shop in downtown Lowell on Sept. 12 in celebration of Grandparents' Day.

The coffee club, which meets at 8 a.m., is an informal gathering whereby grandparents can participate in roundtable discussions on the economy, college savings for grandchildren, estate-planning issues and other topics.

"The coffee club offers us an opportunity to learn from one another and exchange ideas on a variety of issues," Godbold said. "I look forward to sharing my expertise on how grandparents can help their grandchildren prepare financially for college and manage their estate, as well as have fun and get to know some of my neighbors better."

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A surprised director showered with appreciation by chamber members



Liz Baker, executive director of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, was surprised to see a sizeable crowd of people standing next to the showboat Monday evening.

Chamber members greeted her with a surprise party to express their appreciation for the work she's done and the impact she's had on Lowell. When she started the job 11 years ago, the chamber was located in the tiny former gas station at the corner of Main and Division streets. Eleven years and 11 Riverwalk Festivals later, the chamber is in a different kind of spot and Lowell is a different kind of place. There's a lot going on here.

Chamber-sponsored events that have started up under Baker's watch include the fall Harvest Festival, the Lowell Community Expo and the Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.

Though she wouldn't take credit for these events herself, everyone in attendance Monday knew it was no coincidence that these and many more community activities began and have thrived under her leadership.

"I just do what I do because I love Lowell," Baker said. "This city means a lot to me and I hope it does to each of you."

The appreciation dinner was the brainchild of Digital Imaging Signs and Graphics owner Randy Crawford and Airwave Computer Services owner David Yomtoob. The surprise was accomplished by Yomtoob's faking a technology seminar at Lowell City Hall while chamber members set up for the dinner. Chamber members also pooled together to give Baker a check for \$600.

At the surprise event Monday night, David Yomtoob presented Liz Baker with a check which by Tuesday afternoon had an additional \$200 added to it.

Longtime Lowell residents know their Red Arrows' mascot

By Dan Schneider

New light has been shed on the subject of the origins of the "Red Arrows" mascot since last week's article.

It turns out that at the time students voted for "Red Arrows" as the mascot, the name didn't have any official meaning attached to

it. And some of the students weren't very happy about the new name.

"How many think that our new name and emblem, 'The Red Arrows,' has any significance other than 'it's the name we don't like?'" read a column in the Lowell High School newspaper Scoop the fall of 1947.

In the spring of that year, the Lowell High School Student Athletic Association had been charged with coming up with a new nickname. "Red Devils," which had been the informal name for years and which the students made official in 1946, had almost immediately fallen out of favor with churches

and other groups around town. The Student Athletic Association, therefore, solicited suggestions from the student body, narrowed them down to four choices, and held an election.

"Red Arrows" won with 109 votes. "Lightning Reds" came in second with 82, then "Red Skins" with 50 and "Lowell Leopards" with 28.

One of the most popular suggestions was left off the ballot.

"Most of us wanted 'River Rats,' but they wouldn't let us vote on that," said Carmen Roudabush, who graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1948.

The person who originally nominated "Red Arrows" for the ballot may have had some particular meaning in mind. But that was lost by the time the balloting took place. In the fall of 1947 column quoted earlier, the student newspaper took on the task of assigning some meaning to the name.

"With our name chosen, there is dire need for some significance for the emblem to make us proud of it," the column read.

The writer set up an archery-based metaphor for the new name: the arrow represented athletics "in all fields practiced in L.H.S.; the bow, the school itself including "its principles, faculty, school board, etc."; the bowstring, the force behind the arrow, was the student body -- "the harder we pull, the farther goes the

arrow"; and the target is the objective of success against "our opponent in all athletic fields."

"So OUR emblem, and name 'The Red Arrows,'" the column concluded. "Now signifies full cooperation of all: the school, students and athletic teams."

That was the student newspaper's take on the then new school emblem's meeting. The association of the name with the Red Arrow Division of the U.S. Army, described in last week's Ledger, developed later. This was likely because of the coincidence of World War II ending around the same time Lowell was looking for an official name.

So the name "The Red Arrows" has developed more than one meaning over the years, but it has always stood for one thing: Lowell.

Successful 3rd annual Art Attack is a day at the beach

By Dan Schneider

Art Attack, which took place Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Lowell Area Arts Council, was an even bigger hit than usual this year.

In its third year, the annual fundraising event drew about 160 people. The crowd, including ticketed attendees, volunteers and musicians, was larger than last year's. Flat River Grill, which catered the event, had to make a trip back to the

kitchen midway through the evening for more food.

More than 100 artists, businesses and organizations (theaters, etc.) donated items for the fundraising auction. A new twist this year was that it was a live auction, with Jim Cook doing the auctioneering. "I think it really took some of the higher-valued pieces and was able to get better prices," said arts council executive director Lorain Smalligan.

The auction brought in almost \$11,000 for the arts council. Including jewelry, there were 55 works of art in the auction and 33 gift baskets. Everything sold.

"It's good for the artists, good for everybody," Smalligan said.

It was also a good time socially, with a beach theme. Stuffed paper fish decorated by a Lowell Middle School art class provided the festive decor.



Jan Johnson, left, and Barb Pierce sported flowery, oversized shades for the event.

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Items the food pantry is especially in need of include:
Canned corn, boxed and canned potatoes, baked beans, soup and crackers, canned fruit, stewed tomatoes and tomato sauce, tuna and other canned meat, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, cereal, Jell-O pudding, flour, sugar and personal care products such as soap, toilet paper and toothpaste.

Thanks to the Lowell Area Schools for making this drive possible. If you can't attend the football game, food items can also be dropped at Flat River Outreach Ministries, 519 East Main St. at The Lowell Ledger.

Local authors will donate profits to children's charities

Martha and Jeff Gottlieb, of Lowell Township, are authors and publishers of the award-winning Spriggles Motivational Book Series for children and their families.

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Jeff and Martha Gottlieb

Local A.R.G.Y.L. members receive amateur radio awards

Several A.R.G.Y.L. (Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell) members received awards for their amateur radio activities for the 2004/2005 school year. Thomas Wodarek, of Ada, received a "participation" award. Gus Geldersma and Nick Myaard, of Lowell, and Scott Werkema, of Rockford, received a "radio-active" award. Chris Gerard, of Lowell, was the recipient of the "leadership" award.

With 29 licensed students, the school-sponsored club takes part in several amateur radio related activities and fundraisers. It is open to any student whether they attend Lowell Schools, another school, or are home-schooled.

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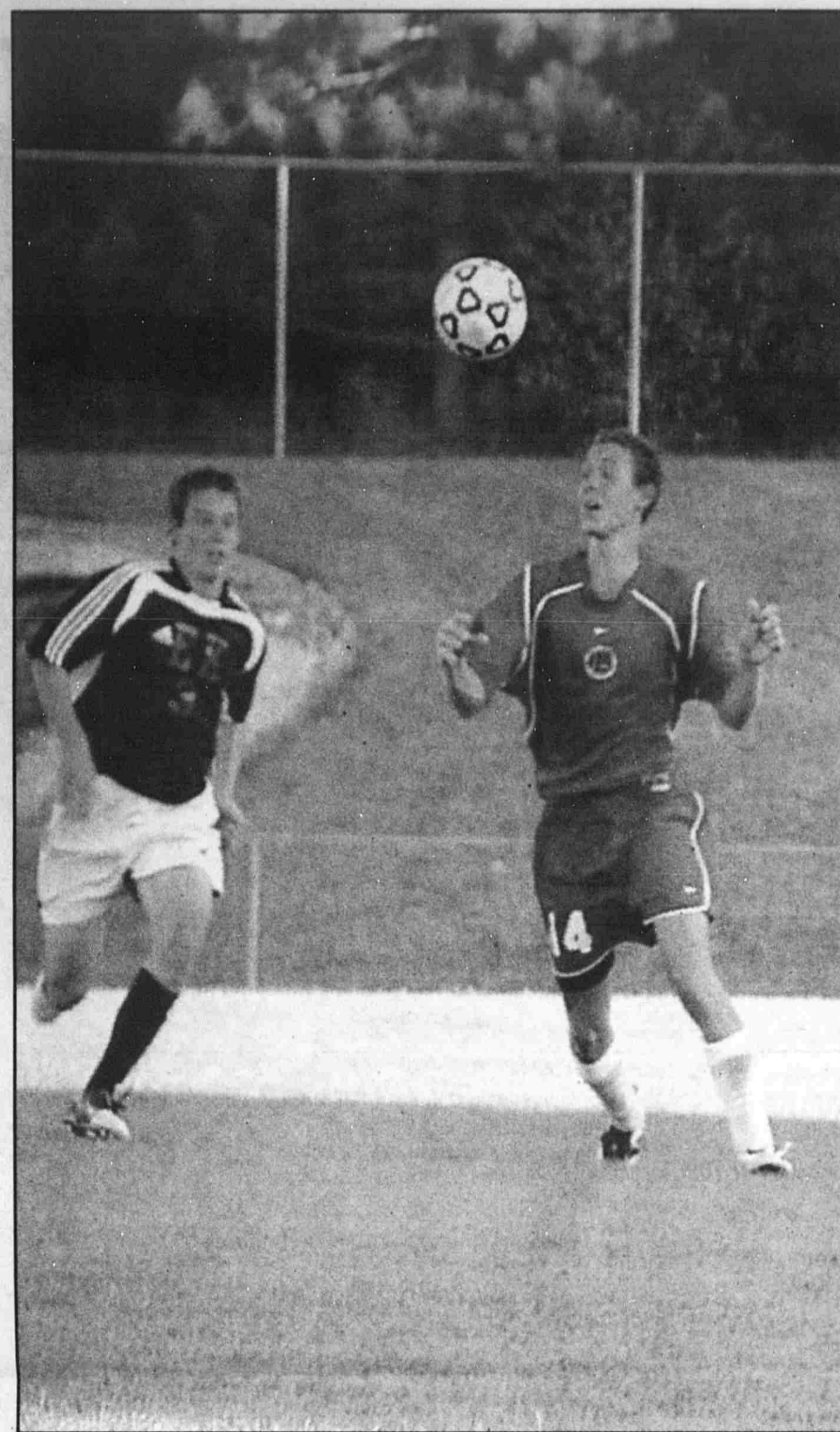
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Red Arrow soccer starts season with loss to East Kentwood Falcons

By Dan Schneider

Lowell soccer took a loss Monday in its first match of the season, hosting East Kentwood.

The Falcons went up 1-0 and the action was back and forth from there. With 13:39 remaining in the first period, Brandon Grochowalski scored a goal on a slick assist from Ben Hanson. With the score tied 1-1, Lowell was generating noticeable consternation for the Falcons' defense for the rest of the half. Lowell took the lead at the 25:04 mark in the second half. The goal was scored by Hanson with a header on a throw-in by Alex Carpenter.

But Lowell struggled to keep the ball forward in order to make scoring threats. East Kentwood scored with 13:23 left and again with 6:37 remaining.

Lowell's best opportunity to score late in

At left: Lowell's Adam Bowers (right) gets ready to head the ball in the first half of Monday's game against East Kentwood.

the game was on a penalty kick with six seconds left. Hanson took the kick, but the East Kentwood goalkeeper made the save in the lower left corner of the goal.

It was a disappointing loss for the Red Arrows, but coach Paul Legge was impressed with their level of play.

"We played well tonight, we played very well," Legge said. "That's one of the top five teams in the state, all divisions, and we were 12 minutes away from getting them. We just ran out of gas before we could close the door on them."

East Kentwood is the toughest first-game opponent Lowell has scheduled in Legge's six seasons coaching boys soccer, he said. It was also the first time the Red Arrows have played the Falcons.

"We've been talking about it for the last few years or so," Legge said. "This is the toughest team we've played in the opening game, hands down. We may not see a better team all year."

"You're never happy

with a loss, but it definitely showed us we can play and beat any team we come up against this season."

Lowell returns seven starters from last year's team. That team won a share of the conference championship with Unity Christian. With the new OK White conference alignment, Unity Christian is out of the picture. But Lowell will now have to deal with Forest Hills Central and Forest Hills Northern. Lowell shut out Northern 3-0 in last year's district opener. The Rangers are the defending division 2 state champions.

Gone from last year's Red Arrow squad are Shane Stokes, Kevin Gillman and Zach Ligman, but Monday's game eased some fears about Lowell's offensive punch for Legge.

"We didn't seem to have trouble scoring goals against one of the top teams in the state, so I was pleased with that," he said.

Lowell hosted Caledonia Tuesday. The Red Arrows host Grandville next Tuesday.

Cross country teams off to strong start in 2005

By Dan Schneider

The season started Saturday for the Lowell varsity cross country teams at the Wayland Invitational.

"Can't complain,"

said Lowell coach Clay VanderWarf. "The guys took third and the girls took second."

The girls team, led by Karen Judd and Monica

Fitzpatrick, finished second behind Wayland in a field of 14 teams. Lowell's score was 63 to Wayland's 58.

Judd finished third in the race with a time of 20:33 and

Fitzpatrick was right behind her, finishing in fourth place with a time of 20:40.

Hayley Getzen, third for Lowell, came in 15th with a time of 22:01. Erin

Beddows finished fourth for Lowell and 19th in the race. Katie Riddle finished 22nd in the race and fifth for Lowell with a time of 22:47. Emily Hauschild and Becky DeLiefde rounded out the varsity seven for the girls.

The team finished ahead of Forest Hills Eastern (83) and Middleville (111).

The boys team scored 86 to finish behind Forest Hills Eastern (54) and Northview (56) and ahead of Byron Center (105) and Wayland (119).

The top seven consisted of Keaton Dilly (third place in 17:30), Andy Mark

(ninth place in 18:00), Mike Schumm (17th place in 18:32), Kirk Geldersma (26th place in 18:56), Scott Riddle (31st place in 19:14), Cameron Dilly (19:21) and Justin Boss (19:45).

The girls team is a small group this year, with only nine runners.

"They're small but we have a lot of quality runners in that group," VanderWarf said.

Getzen and Riddle, who were both in the scoring top five for Lowell Saturday, are new to the sport this year.

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Lowell tennis takes first place at Ionia Invitational

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls tennis team got a look at some of its new OK White competition last Monday at the Grand Rapids Christian Tournament, and it looked, in a word, tough.

Forest Hills Northern won all of its matches to take first place. Lowell took fourth out of four teams, behind host Grand Rapids Christian and Portage Northern.

The Red Arrows did win five matches. Heather Spratt won a number-two singles match and Melissa Zuiderveen won a number-four singles match, both against opponents from Christian. Three Lowell doubles teams won matches against Portage Northern:

Lindsay Aiken and Terrah Tawney got a win at second doubles, Meghan Vaught and Julie Geelhoed won number three doubles, and Paula Lawrence and Tanya Baker secured fourth doubles.

Saturday at the Ionia Invitational, it was Lowell doing the sweeping as the Red Arrows won all of their matches for the tournament championship.

The singles lineup was Rachele Livingston at first-flight, Spratt at second, Kayla Irwin at third and Geelhoed at fourth. Becky Plummer and Kelly Koning were at first doubles, Aiken and Tawney were at second, Vaught and Lawrence at third. Lowell was allowed to do some experimenting with its fourth doubles team.

Playing in that flight over the course of the tournament were Baker, Zuiderveen and Katie Barnes.

The tennis team is looking forward to a tough OK White this year. The Arrows finished fourth in the conference last year. Perennial contender Unity Christian is no longer in the conference, Forest Hills Northern and Forest Hills Central are the replacements.

"They're always good in tennis," Lowell tennis coach Bonnie Wall said.

Lowell will face a few challenges early in the season. Livingston, for example, is playing with an injured arm. But they have experience at their top two doubles flights and a

roster comprised mostly of consistent players.

"We don't have the big, strong players but we have a

lot of depth," Wall said. Lowell hosted Portland Monday. Their next game is Tuesday at Middleville

Thornapple Kellogg, one of the teams they beat Saturday.

Boys golf wins first match



Brian Scheider sunk this eight-foot putt in Lowell's victory last Wednesday over Northpointe Christian. Holding the flag is Josh Gilliard.

In their first dual match last Wednesday against Northpointe Christian, the host Lowell boys varsity golf team scored a 158 for nine holes, and with that the victory.

"I'll take that (score)," said Lowell coach Gary Fredline. "Most of the time that's real competitive."

Northpointe's score was 172. Ryan Kalman and Josh Gilliard led the Red Arrows, both scoring 38 on the front nine at Deer Run Golf Club. Kyle Wittenbach shot a 40 and Brian Scheider, a 42.

"We shot really well," Fredline said.

Lowell finished fifth in the OK White pre-conference tournament Friday at Boulder Creek Golf Club in Belmont. The Arrows shot a team score of 326 for 18 holes. East Grand Rapids won the tournament.

Lowell wrestlers compete in "Border Wars"

Two Lowell wrestlers qualified for the Border Wars Fall Wrestling Championships in Montrose on Aug. 26.

They competed against wrestlers from nine states, including Michigan.

Jackson Morse, a freshman at Lowell High School, won the 103-pound division in the 15-18 year old division. He defeated Alex Minnard of Pennsylvania in the finals by a score of

12-3. Morse won four matches en route to the championship.

Robbie Karasiewicz, a junior at Lowell High School, placed third in the 135-pound division. He defeated Roshawn Jones of Ohio and had a record of 5 wins and 1 loss for the event.

The Lowell Wrestling Club's next event will be at Grandville on Sept. 24.

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In terms of team size, it's the opposite story for the boys team. An army of 30 runners came out for their team this year.

"We had a huge J.V. representing Lowell Saturday," VanderWarf said.

And some new runners (the Dilly brothers, Geldersma and Boss) are

already making an impact on the varsity squad.

Lowell's next cross country race is not until Wednesday, Sept. 7, when the Red Arrows host Kenowa Hills in the conference opener. Lowell travels to the Thornapple Kellogg Invitational Sept. 12.

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COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on September 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed ordinance that would amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan. The proposed ordinance would revise Section 14A.05.G of the Zoning Ordinance to require that the Township Board hold a public hearing, and provide prior notice of that public hearing, prior to making a final decision on an application for administrative approval of a proposed planned unit development under Article 14A.

A copy of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, during Township office hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed amendment. Written comments concerning the same may be submitted to the Township office at the above-listed address, up to the time of the public hearing.
Dated: August 1, 2005

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing before the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:00 PM, at the Vergennes Township Hall, located at 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI** to consider a special exception use permit as follows:

Grand River Veterinary Hospital, PC, currently located on Bowes Rd in Lowell, has requested an application review for a special exception use permit to construct a new animal hospital building within the industrial zoning district. The property is located on the west side of Lincoln Lake Ave across from the cemeteries in the NE quarter of section 34, parcel number 41-16-34-226-014.

Residents and property owners within 300 feet of the applicant's property will be sent this notice by mail.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, PO Box 208, Lowell, MI 49331 - Phone: (616) 897-5671 [fax 897-5674]. Written and oral comments will be received until the conclusion of the public hearing. Written comments may be addressed to the Planning Commission Chairman or the Planning Coordinator at the Township Offices. Comments may be emailed to the Planning Commission at: zoning@vergennestwp.org.

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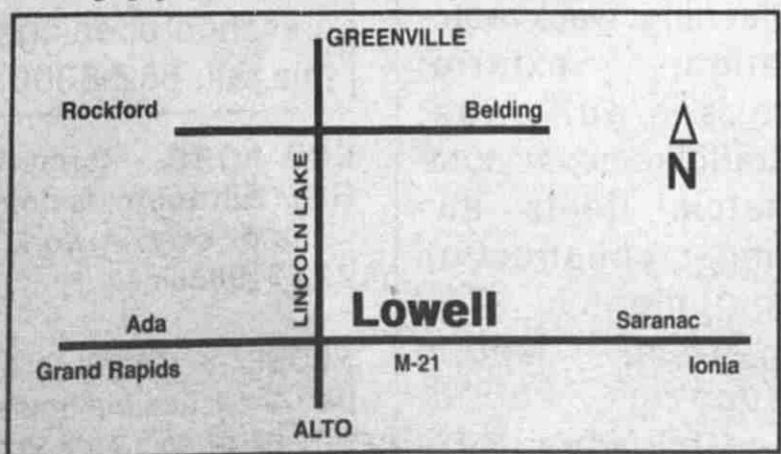
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