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Well-known West Michigan distance swimmer speaks to Lowell Rotary

By Dan Schneider

Long-distance swimmer Jim Dreyer, who made history this August by becoming the first person to swim across Lake Superior, spoke to the Lowell Rotary Club last Wednesday.

His basic inspirational message about not giving up was summed up in the following quote: "We all have this tremendous reserve tank. A lot of people don't know they have a reserve tank because they quit before they get there."

Dreyer was running on his reserve tank for most of

the swim across Superior. It was his sixth attempt to swim the almost 60 miles from Whitefish Point in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to Port Gargantua, Canada. The successful completion meant he had swum across all five Great Lakes; the first one was Lake Michigan.

The Lake Superior water temperature when he made his swim this year was 56 degrees. That was warm compared to the high-30 temperatures he swam in on some of his previous tries.

Dreyer failed five times in earlier attempts to cross the lake. He made that part of his message too.

"I failed five times to swim across Lake Superior, but I broke three world records trying," he said.

The first year, he made it 47 miles. On one attempt, the water was so cold (around 37 degrees) that his body started metabolizing his muscle tissue.

"There is no part of your body that wants to be in the water when its 37 degrees," Dreyer said.

This year, he made the swim solo, pulling behind him a 10-foot dingy with his supplies on it. His message included the importance of physical, mental and spiritual toughness.

"For the better part of three days, I had to keep my wits about me," Dreyer said. "The toughest part of this event was psychological."

It was hard to keep his wits about him when his GPS broke and he had to rely on a \$6 compass bought at a gas station to keep his direction. It was also hard when his dingy became

detached and he had to swim back and find it at night. Finally, it was hard to keep his wits together when he had to weather a storm with 15-foot waves just a few miles from his objective.

Dreyer said he is planning another feat, which will also likely involve swimming. His Great Lakes

swims have helped raise significant awareness and funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"I'm in the best shape of my life and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program continues to grow, and as long as those two things keep happening, I'm going to keep going," Dreyer said.

Storing the "shells," protecting the water and preserving land all part of township discussions

By Dan Schneider

Lowell Charter Township and Lowell High School crew team will have to go back to the drawing board this winter to figure out how the team will store its rowing shells during the spring crew season.

Crew practices were held at the township's Grand River Riverfront Park for the first time last spring. The township paid for a floating dock that allows the crew team to launch their boats into the river. This was viewed as a mutual benefit for the team and the township, as the dock

doubles as a scenic viewing area for park users.

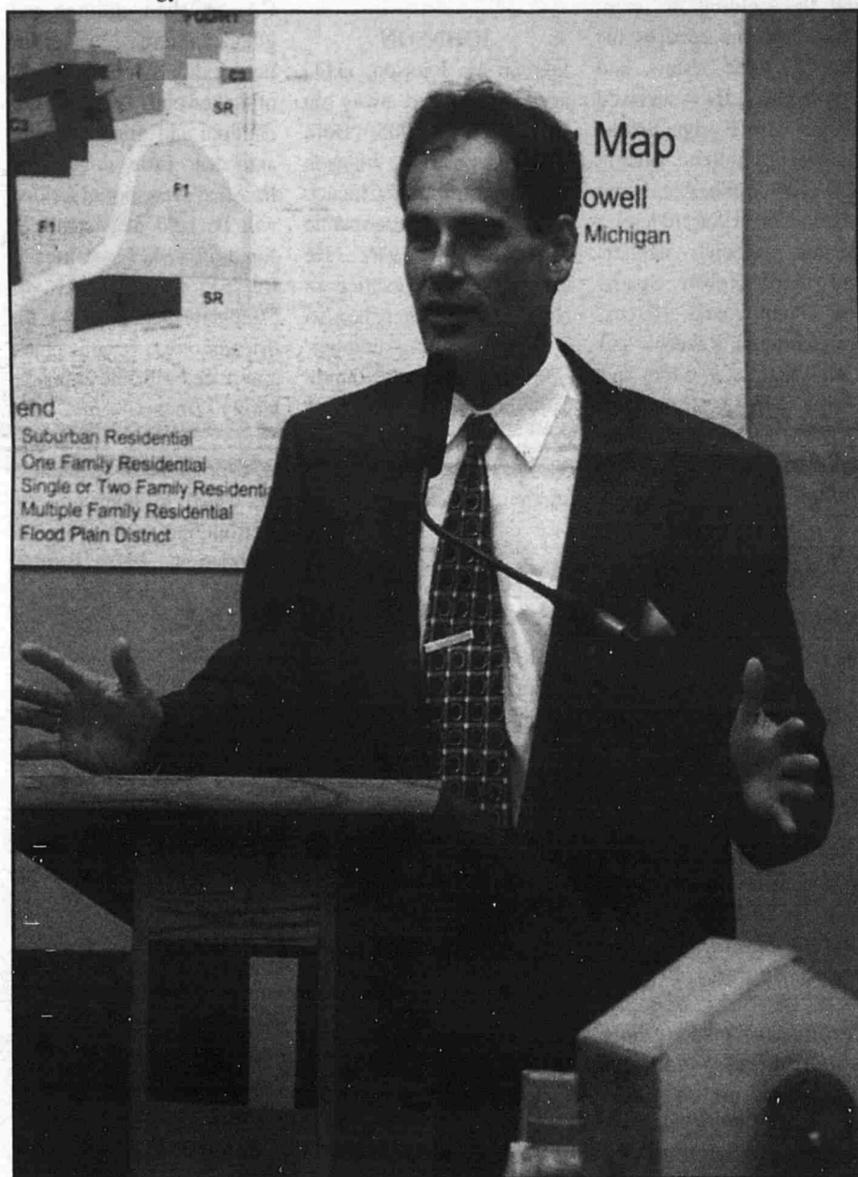
But the long, trim boats, called "shells" and the trailers they ride on take up a lot of space. This season, the shells were stored to the northwest of the park's main parking lot, in a chain-link fence enclosure the crew team installed. The problem is, they didn't consult with the township before putting the fence up. On Monday, the Lowell Charter Township board voted to give the crew team 30 days to remove the fence, beginning Monday.

Trustee Clifford Bonn said that buildings in the township park should be

approved, built and owned by the township. Township supervisor John Timpson's was the only "nay" vote on the measure. Trustee Richard Huver was absent.

Before Bonn made the motion to require the removal of the fence, township parks board member Paula Blumm talked about the possibility of renting storage space to the crew team in the township's maintenance barn on the park property. The township would also like the crew team to furnish proof of insurance for their activities and equipment at the park.

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Jim Dreyer talks to Lowell Rotary Club about his experience swimming across Lake Superior during the club's meeting last Wednesday at City Hall.

City feels it needs to retain zoning control in 425 agreement

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

For the city of Lowell, the deadlock over a possible 425 agreement came down to which municipality would have zoning authority.

The city of Lowell and Vergennes Township, at the request of the state's Boundary Commission, have for the past couple of months tried again to work out a 425 agreement on a 177-acre parcel located in

Vergennes Township near the corner of Vergennes and Alden Nash. The developer, DuRay Development, has sought to have the property annexed to the city so as to get city services.

A 425 agreement is designed to allow municipalities to work with each other to resolve such issues before the state is called in to decide over an annexation, which would remove the property from Vergennes' governing and place it under the city. "We

have cordial discussions," said city manager David Pasquale, who with mayor Jeanne Shores and councilman Jim Pfaller met with Vergennes Township supervisor Tim Wittenbach and clerk Mari Stone.

"We had many meetings and made good progress. However, when it came to the issue of zoning, we met an impasse."

Since the city would be providing city services to the property, city committee members felt the city should

retain zoning authority over the property, Pasquale said, adding this would include the township having an advisory capacity on zoning issues, but that the final decision would be the city's. Township officials felt because of nearby township properties, it should keep the zoning authority, he said.

"This is just the beginning of what is going to happen," said Pfaller, adding that future situations

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GEIGER

Ernest August Geiger, aged 91, of Belding, passed away at his home October 10, 2005. Ernest was born on November 25, 1913, in Belding, the son of Carl F. and Mary Agnes Krupp Geiger. Ernest served in the US Navy/Seabees during WWII. Some past jobs included construction of the Ford Rotunda, Detroit; grains mills at Hillsdale, King Milling, Lowell; and Belding post office. Ernest was married to Evelyn Sparks on July 1, 1939 in Keene Township. In 1944, they started their dairy, orchard and crop farming operation near Smyrna. He was a member of the Friendship Club, Farmers club of Smyrna, The German-American Club, The Good Fellowship Club and the Belding Museum. Ernest was preceded by his parents, three sisters and five brothers. He is survived by his wife Evelyn Sparks Geiger; children Sharon and Terry Webb, Glenn and Marcia Geiger, Susan Hessler Geiger; special nephew and niece Robert Sparks and Gayla Sparks Haines; grandchildren Rebecca and Rich Tokarchick, Sarah and Chris Galletta, Ralph E. Brecken, and fiancée Lauri DeVries, Rachel and Todd Phillips, Lynn and Aaron

Wester, Erin and Dave Nostandt, Ryan and Mindy Webb, Rudy and Darcy Webb; nine very special great-grandchildren Brittany and Tyler Tokarchick, Abigail and Madelyn Wester, Brayton Phillips, Caleb, Trenton and Owen and Reilly Webb; sister Nora Rich; brother Raymond L. Geiger; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law Stephen and Ila Sparks and Pauline Sparks; several great-nieces and nephews; special friends Carl and Julia Rasch; many friends and neighbors. Funeral services were held Oct. 13 at Johnson Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to Smyrna Social Club, West Michigan Parkinson's Association or Belding Museum.

JOHNSON

Eugene M. Johnson, D.O., aged 84, passed away on October 12, 2005. Born in Chicago, Dr. Johnson graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1945. He entered private practice in Northport, MI, where he also served as county coroner. He moved to Grand Rapids with his family in 1950, and served in private General Practice specializing in Internal Medicine and

Cardiology. In 1962 he became Medical Director of Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital, now Metropolitan Hospital serving with distinction in that role until his retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Dolley McGary Johnson; children Lynn and Roger Rathburn of Upper Montclair, NJ, Candace Worthington and Jacob Silver of Marquette, Deborah and Tim Clements of Lowell, Kevin and Evan Johnson of Clearwater, FL; grandchildren Caitlin Rathburn, Abigail Worthington, Darcie Clements; step-grandchildren David Silver and Liberty Rose Matlock; sister and brother-in-law Elaine and John Tockston of Burr Ridge, IL, their children and grandchildren; sister-in-law Dorothy McGary Michael of Belmont and her children and granddaughter; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Charles and Janet McGary of Mountain View, CA, and their children and grandchildren; sister-in-law Judith McGary Early of Lakewood, CO, and her children and grandchildren; and dear little dog "Wee Beastie." A memorial service will be held at Metcalf & Jonkhoff, 4291 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. Friends and colleagues may meet with the Johnson family from 1 until the service. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Metropolitan Hospital Foundation, 1919 Boston St. SE, Grand Rapids or the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University, 555 31st St., Downers Grove, IL 60515.

LATIMER

Mr. Jimm Latimer, aged 60, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2005. In 1963, Jimm graduated from Rockford High School and worked for Electrolux for 40 years. As a young man he accepted Christ and attended Grace Community Church. Jimm was a member of the Tri-County Conservation Club and loved the out-of-doors. He is survived by his wife, the former Janet Johnson, whom he married August 20, 1965; children

Mark and Carrie Latimer of Northport, Theresa Latimer and Mary Latimer, both of Rockford; granddaughter Kaytlin; sister Jill Latimer of Belmont; Janet's family Josephine Spoelstra of Grand Rapids, Steve Johnson of Rockford, Marilyn Savidge of Grand Rapids, Les and Cathy Johnson of Lowell; nieces and nephews; many friends including Tom Bilello and Lynda Huff. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Velma (nee Drake) Latimer. The service was held Saturday at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with Pastor Mark Cizauskas officiating. Interment in Plainfield Twp. Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Visiting Nurses Hospice, 1401 Cedar St. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

PECKHAM

Mr. Robert K. Peckham, aged 72, of Sand Lake, went to be with his Lord on October 8, 2005. He was born August 31, 1933, to William and Lena Peckham in Lowell. He is survived by his wife Esther DeGood, whom he married more than 52 years ago. He was a member of the Church of the Full Gospel in Sand Lake. He is survived by his children Joanna Peckham and Bobby Hardin of Greenville, Kenneth and Margaret Peckham of Kenai, Alaska, Nancy and Tim Stark of Greenville, Carol and Gordon Pelkey of Greenville, Jane Peckham and Dan Buckmaster of Greenville, Donald and Paula Peckham of Sand Lake, Susan and Steve Lewis of Sand Lake, Robert W. and Melissa Peckham of Shelbyville, and Amy-Jo and A. Doug Fankhauser of Howard City; many many grandchildren; many many great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters Howard and Rowena Peckham, Wesley and Betty Peckham, Oscar and Shirley Peckham, Mrs. Hazel Nummer, Mrs. Cora Yeiter, Mrs. Margie Lowery, Dolores Peckham; many nieces and nephews; in-laws Henry and Deloris DeGood, James and Marlene DeGood, Donald and Doris DeGood, Ruth and Donald Waller. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life

through Jesus Christ for Mr. Peckham was held October 11 at Church of Full Gospel in Sand Lake with Pastor Verda Giddings and Pastor Gary Giddings officiating. Interment in Reynolds Township Cemetery.

STAHL

Irene Stahl, aged 90, of Clarksville, passed away on October 11, 2005. The last of the family of Godfrey Reusser and Hattie Mead Reusser Crooks, she was preceded in death by her brothers Alex Reusser and Fred (Margaret) Reusser; sister Lena (Dan) Reusser Lehman; step-brother and sister Edson Crooks and Edna Crooks Barkley Eaton. Irene was married to Orvie Stahl on December 22, 1934. Orvie went to his heavenly home on May 22, 1962, but was never forgotten. She is survived by sisters and brothers-in-law Mrs. Alex (Theresa) Reusser, Glenna and George Eldred, and Ada Rogers Koltkamp; many nieces and nephews. At her request there was no visitation or funeral service. A graveside service was held on October 12 at the Bowne Mennonite Cemetery.

SWIDERSKI

William C. Swiderski, aged 92, of Wyoming, passed away Friday, October 14, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife Matilda. He is survived by his children Bill (Deborah) Swiderski of Cascade, Mary (Cris) Anderson of Caledonia, Linda (Robert) Vesely of Stanton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Florence Swiderski of Alto; niece Kathy (Richard) Stroba of Allegan. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. John Vianney Church with Fr. Loc Trinh presiding. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Allegan. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

ZANDBERGEN

Delores Marie Zandbergen, aged 75, of Grand Rapids, passed away October 13, 2005 after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward and her brother James Neely. She is survived by her special friend William Thorpe; brothers Ron (Peg) Topolski of Lowell, Elmer Neely of Saranac; children Wanda (Scott) Wines of Cedar Springs, Leslie Courtney of Grand Rapids, Guy (Nancy) Zandbergen of Lowell, Wayne Zandbergen of Arlington, VA, Melanie (Larry) Taylor, Camille (Christopher) Thomas) Zandbergen of Grand Rapids, Keith (Jung-A) Zandbergen of Seoul, South Korea; 20 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren. Cremation has already taken place. Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Grand Rapids Public Library.

VANDEN BERG

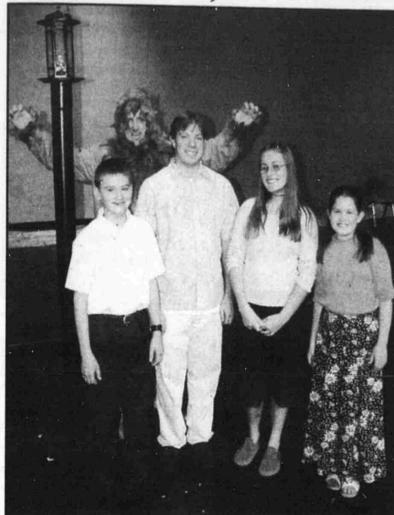
Mr. Frank W. Vandenberg, aged 65, of Stanton, formerly of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, October 9, 2005. Surviving are his companion and caregiver Elsie Moore; children Debra (Samuel) Juarez, Sue (Mike) Berry, Jim (Ginny) Vandenberg, Terri (Augustine) Juarez, Dan (Becky) Vandenberg, Rick (Heather) Murphy, Patti (Gary) Buskirk; 21 grandchildren; sisters and brother Laura (Gary) Chase, Virginia (Dennis) Brown, John Vandenberg, Ruth (Frankie) Murphy; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Frank Vandenberg. He was a retiree of Gordon Manufacturing. A funeral service was held October 12 at Arsulowicz

Brothers West Chapel. Memorial contributions in Frank's memory will be appreciated.

WAITE

Mrs. Ruth Waite (Curtis), aged 78, of Grand Haven, loving wife of Everett Waite and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, died at her home Sunday, October 9, 2005. Ruthie, married to Everett for 30 years, has been the mainstay for the family for her lifetime and will be greatly missed by all. Ruth had been church librarian at 44th Street Chapel, was retired from Zelenka Nursery and spent several years as an antique dealer at W. Mich. Antique Mall. She will be missed by her children Marv and Cherie Curtis of Marne, Linda and Charlie Mollsen of Grand Haven, Ron Waite and Wanda and Bill Avery of Manton, Jerry Waite of Lowell, Gary Waite of Florida; grandchildren Dawn and Justin White and Jennie Curtis of Wyoming, Jeff and Sharry Curtis of Ludington, Teresa Avery of Manton, Amber Pierce, Courtney Pierce and Deanna and Derek Bennis of Grand Haven, Ben and Erin Pierce of MN, Brittany, Lori Beth and Matt Waite of Lowell, Kathy Reed of Connecticut, Barb Waite of Cadillac; great-grandchildren; sister Norma (Ken) Rau of Sand Lake, brothers Donald (Margaret) Butler, Morey (Joanne) Butler of Howard City; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held October 13 at Clock Funeral Home, Grand Haven, with Pastor Kenneth Navis officiating. Interment at Lakeshore Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of North Ottawa Community.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" opens Friday



Some cast members from "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe": (front row, left to right) Dan Trupke as Edmund, Casey Berg as Peter, Hanna Vanderhorst as Susan and Annie Trupke as Lucy. Mike Lally is the lion Aslan, in the background.

By Dan Schneider

The Thebes Players production of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," which opens Friday at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, promises to be one of their largest children's productions yet.

Of the 52 performers in the show, 44 are youth. As of last week's rehearsals, director Brent Alles, who is familiar with large casts, was predicting smooth sailing for Friday's opening.

"It's the fourth play I've directed here and it's the one I'm worried least about," Alles said.

The play is an adaptation of the classic C.S. Lewis novel. It's an allegorical fantasy combining elements of New Testament theology with fawns, witches and talking beavers. But the biblical undertones are hidden quite far below the surface of the action and adventure.

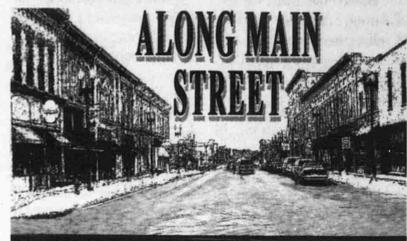
The story starts with a group of four children who are sent off to a big old house in the country. While exploring, they stumble upon a wardrobe that magically transports them to a place called Narnia. It's always winter in Narnia, and there is a witch/queen who is always turning people to stone.

Since there aren't many people in Narnia to begin with, the arrival of the children is an important event. The task of defeating the witch/queen is given to them and they go through several adventures in the process.

Such a storyline calls for impressive visuals. Final touches were just being completed this week for some of the most ambitious scenery yet in a Thebes Players' production.

The first show is Friday at 7 p.m. Performances on Saturday are at 2:30 and 7 p.m. There is a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. The second weekend

consists of a 7 p.m. show Saturday, Oct. 29, and a 2:30 p.m. performance Sunday, Oct. 30. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$8 for Lowell Area Arts Council members, seniors and students, and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 for more details.



CALENDAR MAGNETS

Lowell High School calendar magnets are available in all high school offices. One per family please.

F.R.O.M. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

If you are able to donate, F.R.O.M. food pantry needs hot cereals, hamburger & tuna helper, tuna, canned fruits, soups, crackers & paper products.

LAAC THEBES PLAYERS

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" by the Thebes Players at LPAC in October: 21st, 7 p.m.; 22nd, 3 & 7 p.m.; 23rd, 2 p.m.; 29th, 7 p.m.; & 30th, 2 p.m. Ticket info., call 897-8545.

PUMPKIN DECORATING

Kids, ages 6-12, bring your pumpkin to the Lowell post office lobby on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. and decorate the outside of the pumpkin. No carving! Materials, candy & prizes provided.

TOTS HALLOWEEN PARTY

TOTS will have their annual Halloween party on Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the gym at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. Wear costumes. Parade, crafts, games and refreshments. \$1 per child. Call 987-2532 for info.

HAUNTED SHOWBOAT

The 2nd annual Haunted Showboat will be on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1-5 p.m. One side kid friendly, one side scarier! Games, contests, lunch served, costumes encouraged. \$2 per person and a canned good for FROM (\$10) max per family. Call 897-8445.

CALL FOR AUDITIONS

The Thebes Players are seeking actors for "The For-eigner" by Larry Shue. Production dates: Feb. 3, 4, 10-12. Auditions: Nov. 1 & 2, 7 p.m. at Englehardt Library. Call-backs: Nov. 3. For info. and to borrow a script, call Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 or email www.lowellartscouncil.org.

DRIVER'S TRAINING SEGMENT 2

Held on Nov. 7, 8, 9, from 3-5 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Students must attend all classes to receive certificate. Registration: Now thru Oct. 21. To be assigned a class, bring \$30 to the main office. Students must show log sheets and Level 1 License 1st day of class.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Belding, Ionia, Lowell Masonic Lodge will hold a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Scholarship fundraiser at the Masonic Lodge, 211 E. Main, Belding, on Sat., Oct. 22, starting at 3 p.m. For more info., contact Bob Rodgers at (616) 794-3100 or (989) 637-4258 or Paul Neal at (616) 625-3600.

CATERER NEEDED

Lowell Rotary Club is looking for a caterer for its Wednesday meetings at City Hall. Deadline is Nov. 4. Call Lorain at 897-8545 (weekdays) or 897-9384. Food service license required.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Orientations for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be Oct. 30 at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson at 3 p.m. Classes begin Nov. 6. Call 987-0142 or email pack3188@yahoo.com

WIN AN ORLANDO VACATION

Lowell Rotary Club will raffie off an Orlando condo vacation worth \$2700, air fare for 2 included. Held March 29 at Lowell City Hall. Raffle tickets are \$5 ea. or \$5 for \$20. Proceeds to benefit Rotary International & Rotary Club of Lowell local projects. Tickets available at Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide, J.B. Harrison, Lowell Chamber, State Farm, Regal Insurance or Bernard's Ace Hardware.

Business Matters

Jim Doyle, the senior vice president of King Milling Company in Lowell, spoke at the opening session of the International Association of Operative Millers (IAOM) Midwest and Africa district conference on Sept. 25 in Marrakech, Morocco. As president of IAOM, he participated in the MEA district's leadership council meeting, and in

discussions on the formation of an education committee. He also spoke on the benefits of IAOM membership to a group of Central Asian mill- ing professionals who were participating in the conference with the view to creating their own regional district.

Doyle has served as an international officer of the flour milling association

since being elected to the position of treasurer in 2003. He is the third representative from King Milling to hold the national office. His father, Roland "Mike" Doyle was president from 1978-79; and Oscar Nelson, then King Milling president held the post from 1954-55. Doyle is a fourth generation owner in his family's flour milling company.

The annual three-day event gathers milling and

allied trade professionals from around the world for education, networking and fellowship.

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dozen community projects and organizations. These include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Senior Neighbors, the Lowell YMCA, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, the Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Fire Department.

Designation forms are

available at Huntington Bank, 414 E. Main St., and at Dr. Jim Reagan's office, 207 W. Main St.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC HEARING

The Lowell City Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:

To consider a Special Use Permit request from Richard Craig who wishes to provide four condominium units on the second and third floors of 202 West Main Street. Since the property is zoned Central Business District (C-2), a Special Use Permit is required.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock
City Clerk
(616) 897-8457

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Ann R. Erasmus Trust
Re: Ann R. Erasmus
Date of Birth: 08/05/1914

Walker Woods Ct. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49544 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 17, 2005

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

ANN R. ERAZMUS, who lived at 824 Spring N.E., Grand Rapids, MI, died 09/28/05. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOHN AMPULSKI, 2497

John D. Mitus (P-31244), 410 Bridge St., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 774-4001

John Ampulski, Trustee 2497 Walker Woods Ct. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49544

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Outstanding debt holding up lease agreement for wireless company

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

An outstanding bill of almost \$9,000 has put a stop on the city discussing the rental space of its tower with a wireless internet provider.

David Yomtoob, owner of Airwave, is in the process of selling his company to All in One Wireless, but before doing so he must work out an agreement with the city for the new company to rent the space he currently has on the Lowell Light and Power tower.

"My concern has been that there is money owing, so it is very hard to look at a new agreement," said city manager David Pasquale who added that Yomtoob's company owes about \$8,925 in back rent.

Under the new lease agreement drafted by All in One, it would pay \$80 a month to lease space on the tower with the company prepaying up to two years and the city excusing the past debt.

Yomtoob said that the debt was from his previous wireless company, Wifnet, which went out of business in October of 2003. He said the company would have to file bankruptcy which would totally delete the debt.

Chief Jim Valentine said he had discussions with Yomtoob about the rental of the tower a couple of years ago, addressing the debt. He also mentioned there was no liability insurance being carried on the equipment which, to date, still has not been taken care of. Valentine said at that time he also brought up the point that none of the equipment had changed on the pole even though the company's name had changed.

"We can't go forward until we get these back issues taken care of," said mayor Jeanne Shores.

Yomtoob wanted to know if he took care of the past debt issues, whether the city would consider a new lease. Pasquale

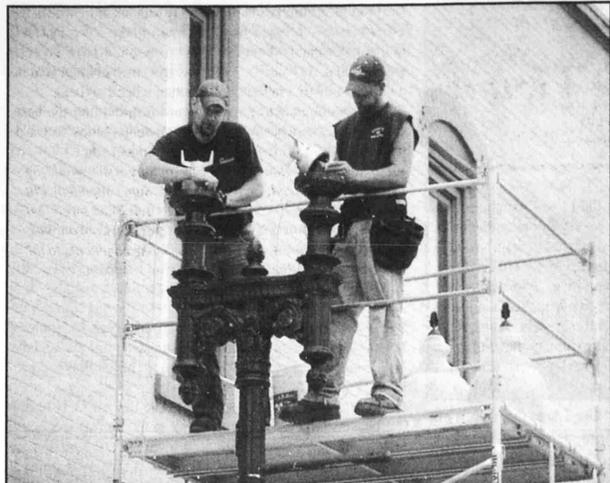
said it would consider it, but could not guarantee it would be approved.

Other issues on the proposed lease had to be investigated, said Pasquale, including the amount of \$80 per

month, which seemed a little low to the city. He wanted to have Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards examine rental fees and come up with a suggestion on a reasonable lease amount.

Yomtoob said a tower lease is usually based on a \$1 per foot height on the tower. The tower was about 80 feet and his equipment was about 70 feet up, which made the fee more than fair.

He said he planned to get a new lease agreement drafted and work on getting the past debt rectified so the sale of his business could be completed.



Only 161 more to go!

Shawn Patterson and Evan Kluting, employees of Spring Electric, Inc., replaced the light bulbs in this street lamp on North Broadway last Wednesday. The workers were starting on a project to replace all 163 light bulbs on the city's historic-looking light poles. The new bulbs, with lower wattage, are calculated to shave some electrical expenses from the city's operating budget.

Township, continued ...From Page 1

"I think one of the things that needs to be resolved before they come back and use the park, and I certainly hope they do continue to use the park, is the insurance issue," said township clerk Linda Regan.

More than one board member echoed her statement about hoping the crew team returns next year. The township just wants things done in a more orderly fashion next season.

The township board unanimously approved an ordinance defining the township's participation

in the Wellhead Protection program for the city of Lowell's municipal water wells. The program requires stricter permitting for activities that may present a contamination risk that takes place within the Wellhead Protection Area (WPA). The township tabled its ordinance in August in order to add wording that limited the need for stricter permitting to the part of the township within the WPA. Only a small area in the northern part of the township is within the WPA.

The township also

approved an ordinance rezoning five parcels totaling about 270 acres at the corner of Cascade Road and Alden Nash Avenue from light industrial to light industrial PUD. With this new zoning, the planning commission will have more input on any future development on the properties. The new zoning does not affect the 10 acres on the corner where J & H Oil Company is building a gas station.

In other land-related action, the township unanimously approved an application by the Frederick

and Darlene Klahn family trust to enroll two parcels totaling 98 acres into the state's PA116 land preservation program. The program gives farmers tax incentives in exchange for guarantees that the land will remain in agriculture

and will not be developed. Ten years is the minimum contract length. The Klahn application is still subject to two regional approvals, including one from the Soil Conservation District, before it can go to the state for approval.

The township voted to renew its contract with Terry Smith Snowplowing to plow the township office parking lots and the township's water tower.

Zoning control, cont'd. ...From Page 1

may come down the pipe with Lowell Township or any of the municipalities surrounding the city. "We need to be very careful in what we do now because it is going to set a precedent for the next one."

Pfaller said the com-

mittee was able to negotiate the length of the contract and that township officials, from his take, felt they would probably concede that the property would revert back to the city after the agreement had run out.

up coming under the city's jurisdiction, I feel that the city should have control over the zoning," Pfaller said. "My position is that if the city is providing the services, we need to have the say in what goes in there," Shores said. The rest of the council agreed, passing unanimously a resolution stating that the city wanted zoning authority over the parcel.

Pasquale said the Boundary Commission meets Thursday in Lansing and the situation will be presented to the commission at that time for its decision.

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Viewpoint



Sharing The Vision

With Pat Murphy
Interim Superintendent

In my first weeks as serving the Lowell community as interim superintendent, I have been very impressed with the caring attitude and commitment from staff members in providing the highest quality of education for the children of Lowell.

The board of education and employees work extremely hard to fulfill this commitment to everyone in the Lowell Area Schools community. Staff and board members, students and parents, and community members all exhibit tremendous pride in the Lowell Area Schools, and those whom I have met have been very friendly and helpful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped me to acclimate in my role as interim superintendent and for the important work that they do for the children of Lowell Area Schools. As I carry out my new role, my personal goal is to leave the district in better shape than when I arrived.

As we continue to move forward in providing the best educational experience for all of our students, I look forward to meeting and working with you in this endeavor.

Your comments about this matter or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Interim Superintendent Pat Murphy, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., Lowell, MI 49331 or pmurphy@lowellschools.com (check out our Web page at www.lowell.schools.com or make comments to the Board of Education at boardfed@lowellschools.com)



Consumer Safety in Cyberspace

With Senator Carl Levin

We all get them: those annoying e-mails trying to sell us just about anything. But lurking in those unsolicited e-mails or "spam" may be several unsavory scams. Those spam scams aren't trying to sell but to steal - the unsuspecting victim's financial and personal information, and their identity.

But spam isn't the only cause for worry while online. While folks usually know it when they get spammed, they may not know it when spyware has been installed on their computer. Spyware is software installed on a computer without the owner's knowledge or permission that monitors or controls the computer use, and it can also be used by cyber crooks to steal someone's identity.

As part of October's National Cyber Security Month, the Federal Trade Commission launched a new website, <http://OnGuardOnline.gov> which provides valuable information on safe computing practices, securing computers from hackers and viruses, and guarding against Internet fraud. The On Guard Online website offers several resources and recommendations for computer users, some of which are outlined below.

Cybercon artists use all manner of deception to steal money and information from unsuspecting computer owners through devices such as spam, phishing and spyware. Knowing about these scams is the first step in protecting oneself.

Spam scams come in several flavors. There's the scam where the sender claims to be an official of a foreign government whose money is tied up for a period of time. The con artist offers to transfer money into the individual's account if he or she will pay a fee to help the "government official" access their money. These crooks want to steal both the victim's money and identity.

Some spams claim that the recipient has just won a foreign lottery. The catch is that the "winner" has to pay to collect the winnings. A number of scams attempt to get unsuspecting victims to purchase worthless products or services, such as weight loss or cure-all products. They claim that the patch, pill or cream will just melt away the pounds or that the product is a scientific breakthrough or a miracle cure.



Financial Focus

With Christopher C. Godbold
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HOW WILL OIL PRICES AFFECT YOUR INVESTMENT PLANS

Even before Hurricane Katrina caused its almost incomprehensible damage to the Gulf Coast, most of us shuddered when we had to fill our cars' gas tanks. With prices at \$3 a gallon in some parts of the country, and crude oil hitting \$70 per barrel, we were already in uncharted territory. Then, Katrina temporarily knocked out about 12 percent of U.S. refining capacity, along with a significant part of the Gulf's natural gas and oil production. So, as a driver, you probably shouldn't expect too much relief at the pump any time soon. But how about as an investor? Do you need to adjust your investment strategy in response to high oil prices?

There's a name for products such as these - snake oil. In the old days it was a traveling medicine show trying to foist these "cures" on the unsuspecting. Today, it's con artists and their e-mail.

While losing \$50 to a bogus cure-all hurts, the real pain comes if the con artist is able to extract something even more valuable than money - a victim's identity.

Cyber crooks are increasingly turning to phishing and spyware to perpetrate identity theft. Phishing occurs when a computer user receives an e-mail from an authentic looking business or organization that asks for personal or financial information. Often the sender of the e-mail will say that they are updating their records and want to validate or confirm the account information.

People can avoid getting hooked by phishing scams by not replying or clicking on a link in the message. Legitimate companies don't ask for this type of information by e-mail. Sometimes the phisher sends messages that direct the user to a website that looks just like the real company's site. But it's not. These bogus sites try to get the computer user to divulge his or her personal information.

Spyware can be used to record the computer user's keystrokes and monitor their Internet surfing, which in turn could lead to identity theft. Some tell-tale signs that spyware has infected a computer include: a stream of pop-up ads; random error messages; the browser goes to other sites than the one entered in the address field; and slow or sluggish computer operation.

Identity theft occurs when a crook acquires someone's personal information such as their name, Social Security number or credit card number and uses it to perpetrate fraud or other crimes. Anyone who suspects that their identity has been stolen should contact one of the three consumer reporting companies (Equifax 1-800-525-6285 <http://www.equifax.com>; Experian 1-888-397-3742 <http://www.experian.com>; TransUnion <http://www.transunion.com> 1-800-680-7289) and place an initial fraud alert on their credit reports.

As a precaution, it's also a good idea for everyone to keep track of their credit report. Beginning this year, everyone can get one free credit report a year by calling 1-877-322-8228 or going to <http://annual.credireport.com>.

These are just a few steps consumers can take to protect themselves on the Internet. For more information on safe computing practices, visit the Federal Trade Commission's web site, <http://OnGuardOnline.gov>

Ledger Entries

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

By Priscilla Lussmyer



125 YEARS

THE WEEKLY JOURNAL
OCTOBER 20, 1880

Mrs. Hazlett, a very well-known speaker, will be at Music Hall tonight. A big Republican rally is also promised.

Several inches of snow fell Saturday night and Sunday, ending the Indian summer.

The new church being built in Cascade has the first bell in town.

A fire in Stanton last Tuesday burned down a block of 16 buildings with almost \$80,000 in losses, insurance "light."

100 YEARS

THE LOWELL LEDGER
OCTOBER 19, 1905

A picture of the new cement-block transforming station built by the Lowell Municipal Electric Plant is shown. Nonstop moving of equipment resulted in minimal power interruption.

The new Negonce Block is filling rapidly, and the King Block, almost finished, has most spaces rented.

Lowell High School boys held the strong Muskegon team to a 17-point lead Saturday in a well-played game, commended by the Herald reporter.

A quarter-page ad to explain the advantages of gas lighting with acetylene is signed, "Acetylene Jones" of Chicago.

75 YEARS

THE LOWELL LEDGER
AND THE ALTO SOLO
OCTOBER 16, 1930

The American Legion and the Board of Trade furnished playground equipment and tennis courts at Recreation Park; Maryann Ashley directed activities for a very successful summer playground.

Melville B. McPherson urges voters to pass the cigarette tax; he is opposed to sales taxes.

Yo-yo's are the latest craze.

A photograph of Main Street, taken about 1870 and found in South Boston Grange Hall, is on display at the Ledger for identification of buildings.

50 YEARS

THE LOWELL LEDGER
OCTOBER 20, 1955

A Norton Avery print of a Timpson Orchard branch of apples takes a full page of the current issue of Inside Michigan.

This is the last year that Christmas decorations will be strung over Main Street, due to the new State Highway law.

The county road commission requests the state to install "creeper lanes" on the M-211 hill west of Ada.

Mrs. George F. Johnson receives a bouquet of American Beauty roses from Kent County Community Chest in honor of the 39th year she has chaired a drive.

25 YEARS

THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER
OCTOBER 15, 1980

An old caboose is moved into the vacant space on East Main, to be a visitor center for the Jaycees' planned mini-park.

School enrollment is down about 80 students, says Supt. Don Kelly.

Keiser's Restaurant, closed for months, is redecorated and ready to open again with owners Doc and Darlene Westcott.

The Ledger half-price subscription runs out soon. Regular subscriptions are \$6 in Kent County, 50¢ less for seniors.

Reflections of faith

David O. Sims, pastor
First Baptist Church

"New and Improved!" Home Improvement. Extreme Makeover. Such slogans are being used so much that we stop giving them even a morsel of credibility these days.

How many of us have purchased that supposedly improved item and found that we had been taken advantage of! So we buck up and learn our lesson and vow to not be played the fool again... and we get suspicious and cynical... even to the point of disbelieving God when He tells us His way is truly new, and truly an improvement, and truly better. But He stands by His claim - there is a better life for us.

We feel the tension, for the world around us has become a fast-growing, deep-flowing, never-slowing sea of despair. Statistics show that an alarming number of young people are being caught in the rip-tide of hopelessness, taking their own lives in some desperate attempt at escaping the painful tentacles of meaninglessness.

Violent crimes are on the increase as more and more people become convinced that unless they take drastic, dangerous and damaging measures themselves, they will never have any hope of getting what they want or think they need in life.

Escalating numbers of families are giving in to the downhill slide into dependency as they give up hope of making a living or ever knowing a higher standard of existence. Their hope has become only a wishing in the wind.

But God comes to us with the "improvement formula" we all deeply desire - HOPE! This isn't the kind of "hope so" thinking I have when I go fishing or hunting, or that you might have when you go garage sale-ing. That is, we really wish that we'll get the big one, or find an awesome deal, but we're not sure it will happen. God's hope is confident expectation, a certainty.

Notice how He provides us a better life with real hope: 1) Hebrews 7:19b "A better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God." Christianity provides a truly confident expectation! Here we find that a person can face life and forever with assurance that he or she will be with God. Only Jesus makes the way back to God, and faith in Him alone surely guarantees salvation (John 14:6; Heb 7:22,25)

2) Hebrews 10:34b-35 "You yourselves [have] better and lasting possessions. So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded." Salvation brings a deeply contented satisfaction! Even if we lose all in this world, we know for certain that there is much more for us beyond. We can live with lack and loss here, knowing eternity's measure is boundless.

Hebrews 11:35 "Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection."

Many people in the world have been and still are undergoing great distress for their faith. Why not cave in? Because faith builds a greatly comforting anticipation! This is the ultimate hope... a certitude of joy and reward for faithfulness in the end, no matter what happens here. (see Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Finally, Hebrews 11:16 tells us: "Instead, they were longing for a better country - a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them!" Salvation guarantees a gloriously constructed homeland! Life in Christ really is a true improvement, a very extreme makeover - for where we have nothing in the end without Him, we gain all with Him.

And this footnote from 1 John 3:2 - "But we know that when He [Christ] appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Wow, now that's BETTER, that's definitely a makeover, an extreme improvement for me... how about you? God really does meet our deepest longing.

New Arrivals

Hoeksema



Rebecca Ann Hoeksema

Steve and Deb Hoeksema of Marne are proud to introduce their daughter, Rebecca Ann. Born on August 16, 2005, she weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Mark and Ruth Hoeksema of Hudsonville, Bill and Diane Wieland of Lowell, and the late Carol Wieland. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Bol of Hudsonville, Charles and Nancy Conyer of Indiana, and Agnes Wieland of Lowell.

She is welcomed home by many aunts and uncles.

Tiede

Matt and Mindy Tiede are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kadence Lyn. She arrived October 5, 2005, at 4:57 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

Proud grandparents are Barry and Nancy Onan of Belding and Merlin and Mary Tiede of Ada.

HEALTH

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



CANKER SORES

Canker sores are shallow, painful sores in your mouth. They can occur inside your lips, inside your cheeks or under your tongue. They differ from cold sores which usually occur on the outside of your lips or the corners of your mouth. Canker sores can affect people of all ages but most often occur in

adolescents and young adults. The exact cause of canker sores is unknown but stress appears to be a factor.

Several over-the-counter medicines can be used to treat canker sores. Ibuprofen or acetaminophen can be used for pain. Oral pain relieving gels, like those used on teething baby's gums, can also be used for temporary relief. Another treatment consists of mixing equal parts of Milk of Magnesia and Benadryl allergy liquid. This mixture is then swished about inside the mouth for one minute and then spit out. This can be repeated every four to six hours. This is thought to provide a temporary protective barrier over the sore. Alternative treatments of possible benefits include sucking on zinc lozenges, taking vitamin C or vitamin B complex and taking a lysine supplement.

You should be evaluated by your healthcare provider if your canker sores are accompanied by a fever or any other signs of illness, or if they are large, last longer than a week or prevent you from eating.



In The Service

Army National Guard Pvt. Zachary Sherman has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

Happy Birthday

OCT. 20: Jack Thomet, Bob Hildenbrand, Michael V. Johnson, Charlene Wilson.

OCT. 21: Andrew Mercer, Madison Hacker.

OCT. 22: Donna Potter, Troy Abel, Amir Ismail.

OCT. 23: Lyle Morrison, Bill Stouffer, Melody Kastanek, Rachael McIntyre.

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The brochure "Be an AARP Volunteer in Michigan" is available by calling AARP Michigan toll free at 1-866-227-7448, or by downloading it at www.aarp.org/mi.

HELP PROMOTE LITERACY

The Kent County Literacy Council has scheduled an information session on Thursday, Oct. 27 for prospective volunteer tutors. The session is held at the Gaines Township Library, 421 68th St. SE, Grand Rapids at 6:30 p.m. After the session, there will be an opportunity to sign up for tutor training. You do not need to speak another language to tutor English as a Second Language (ESL).

For persons interested in learning more about the program, call 459-5151 to register.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Regular meeting of October 12, 2005

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brooke Liu, Student Council President and Student Representative to the Board of Education, reported that Homecoming was a success and that students had participated in a fund raiser for Anna Organek as part of the homecoming activities. If anyone has suggestions for improving Homecoming for next year, please contact her. There is a Student Council sponsored blood drive on November 4 with another one scheduled in February. There will again be a canned food drive for the Flat River Outreach Ministries and an Adopt a Family for Christmas.

REPORTS - Gifted Education

Mark Kasmer reported on the district's direction with gifted students. A draft process for identifying students is in progress with a multitude of opportunities being offered for students of all grades.

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• Karen Corbett donation of books and teacher supplies valued at \$800 to be used by Cherry Creek's 3rd grade.
• Ruth Thurtell donation of trombone valued at \$100 to be used by the Lowell Middle School.
• Altior donation of computer monitors valued at \$4000 to be used by the Tech Department.
• Altior donation of 32 computers valued at \$4000 to be used by the Tech Department.

The Board ratified the bus driver wage increase of 1.1% based upon a 4% total compensation calculation.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/adopted were:
• Minutes for September 10, 2005 Board Retreat, September 12, 2005 Special Meeting, September 12, 2005 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, September 19, 2005 Special Meeting, September 22, 2005 Special Meeting, and September 26, 2005 Workshop and Closed Session.

GENERAL FUND.....\$1,336,144.79

SCHOOL SERVICES FUND

A. Food Service Fund.....\$618.79
B. Athletic Fund.....\$7,527.64
Scholarship Fund.....\$2,000.00
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$15,769.57

• Superintendent evaluation for Shari Miller for 2004-2005

• Overnight student trips for 2005-2006

• Cafeteria Plan resolution

BUDGET UPDATE - Connie Gillette reported that the State Aid bill has finally passed and Lowell will receive an additional \$175 per student. Connie said the State had indicated previously that the Young 5's program funding may be cut but that the State did decide to fund it. The district will continue to watch this program closely. It is hoped that an amended budget will be brought to the December Board meeting for Board approval.

CURRICULUM REPORT - Mark Kasmer reported on the various professional development training that is taking place for staff members. Middle school and high school teachers will attend workshops on secondary literacy strategies. LAS teachers Cyndi Gibson and Mary Blanchard are being utilized as PD trainers. Outside trainers include Mark Dressel working with elementary science teachers and Jackie Melin working with cluster teachers in meeting the needs of gifted students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Pat Murphy thanked Mary Moore, Mark Kasmer, and Connie Gillette along with parents who gave input at the meeting. He is impressed with the hard working staff, administrators, board members and community members in helping the students of Lowell. He offered best wishes to Shari for her return. A request has been made for the naming of a school facility after an individual. No board policy is in place at this time so he will recommend that a Board policy be established to handle this prior to a decision. The board will review a sample board policy at their next workshop session.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board went into closed session to discuss negotiations.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop
Monday, October 24, 2005 - 5:30 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 2868 spent over an hour pulling weeds from landscaping that is in front of Murray Lake Elementary School. Those participating in the community service project were Keirsten Ashenbrenner, Alix Bohn, Allysen Dubisky, Savannah Rice, KZ Bladey, Khalley Scott, Cassandra Ries, Alyssa McCormick and Becka Ries, Cassandra's little sister.



KEEP A LOOKOUT!
The Ledger "First Buck Contest" is coming up...
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- Peter Ustinov (1921 - 2004)

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Lowell area ghost towns topic of museum presentation

By Dan Schneider



There is not a lot going on in Elmdale these days.

Some signs with the name "Elmdale" are located along several dirt roads and some railroad tracks. But like Alton, South Boston, Waterville and Fallsburg, Elmdale is not a place one hears about very often.

But in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, there was more to talk about in Elmdale. The town had a grain elevator, two stores, one hotel, one sawmill and one church. The church is the only thing still standing, at the corner of Elmdale Road and the CSX rail line. It has now been converted into a church. Elmdale even had a post-office, though it was just a glass-doored cabinet with 26 small cubby holes inside, located in one of the stores.

There will be more talk about Elmdale Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Lowell Township Hall as the Lowell Area Historical Museum presents "Ghost Towns of the Lowell Area." Local residents will talk about the history of the towns listed above, along with others.

The rise of Elmdale probably corresponded with the fading away of Bowne Center, another of the "ghost towns" to be addressed at the museum's program.

"It was just a little crossroads

town back in the 1850s or so," said Dick Johnson, who will be giving the talk on Bowne Center with his wife, Bowne Township Historical Society president Sally Johnson.

There is more left of Bowne Center than can be seen of Elmdale. Four 100-year-old buildings remain at the crossroads: Bowne Center United Methodist Church, Bowne Township Hall, Bowne Center Schoolhouse and the Ladies Aid Hall, which now houses a museum of township artifacts. The Bowne Center Cemetery is also still very visible at the corner of Alden Nash Avenue and 84th Street.

Bowne Center had two general stores, a post office, a couple blacksmiths' shops and a doctor who practiced out of his house. This was in the 1850s.

When the Grand Rapids, Lansing and Detroit Railroad went through Alto to the north, the post office was moved up there and Bowne Center faded away. The same rail line went through Elmdale and put that town on the map for a while.

Allen Wisner will give the presentation on Alton and Moseley next Tuesday. He and his wife bought a 93-acre farm on the corner of Lincoln Lake Ave. and Four Mile Road in 1947.

"Moseley used to be a

crossroads that was quite important in the area," Wisner said.

The Pere Marquette Railroad ran nearby. But most of the town's prosperity occurred before the Wisner's moved there. In 1947, the former blacksmith shop was being used for a car repair garage. There was still a grocery store at the corner. Orchards, farmland, five or six small dairy farms were all within a few miles of Moseley.

"All but one have disappeared now," Wisner said.

His farm was a dairy operation. There was a Grange Hall in Moseley, about a quarter mile east of Lincoln Lake.

"The foundation is still there," Wisner said.

Potatoes were a big crop in the area, and "table beans." There were potato storage buildings and a bean elevator. Farmers with horse-drawn wagons would line up to get their potatoes put on rail cars, similar to the way wheat trucks line up every summer at King Milling Company in Lowell.

South on Lincoln Lake at Three Mile Road, the last remnant of Alton, Alton Bible Church, still sits up on a hill.

The Lowell Area Historical Museum presentation, scheduled for 7 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. - Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

Comic book gaming groups drawing fans

By Dan Schneider

Some plastic figures are set out on a mat, striking poses and looking menacingly at each other.

"Moonstar is going to attack Lockjaw," 17-year-old Nathan Clements says.

Then he reconsiders. "Actually, I'll move up here and attack Asp, so I'll need a four and I'll use Nightcrawler."

The attack pretty much cleans Asp's clock. The combat dial on her circular plastic base registers three red "KO's." Ryan Durkee, 11, sets the figure on the side of the game mat, next to Awesome Android. Things aren't going so well for Durkee in the second game of the night.

"My first game I got 600 points by having all my guys survive and all my opponents' died (were KO'ed)," Durkee said.

But that's the way it sometimes goes in a game of HeroClix. It's a game involving dice battles between miniature plastic

superheroes. Last Tuesday, six teenagers were moving the painted pieces over the grids on plastic mats, set up on tables at B.C. Pizza.

Rookies Sportscards has held tournaments there throughout the month of October. Last week's tournament had one of the lower turnouts. Most nights, there are three or four times as many players.

And not all of them are kids. Will Heiss is 35, and he is an official tournament judge. He took a test on making close-call judgments. Sometimes it's hard to determine whether a character is in another's line of fire or not.

"I hate to admit this, but the first time I took it (the test), I failed," said Heiss, who holds two master's degrees in business.

The game can get complicated. It's a combination of standard board games and comic-book action, with elements of Advanced Dungeons and Dragons thrown in.

"It's like chess on steroids," Heiss said.

The character pieces have number wheels attached to their feet. These determine their movement, attack, and defense. When they are damaged in combat or by fatigue from movement, it is reflected in the numbers on the wheels. The number wheels also reflect the traits of the comic characters the figures represent. For instance, the Incredible Hulk gets stronger when he is hit by an opponent, because he becomes angry.

"If you have a character like Hulk, you push him ... because you want him to get cool," Rookies' owner Jack Reedy said.

Rookies is hosting a "New Guy Night" Saturday at the shop at 106 W. Main Street during open hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registered players can bring in a friend and teach him or her how to play. Both receive a free "Spider Girl" figure. The "new guy" also gets a Marvel HeroClix starter set.



Nathan Clements rolls the dice while Ryan Durkee adjusts his figure's combat dial during a HeroClix battle last Tuesday night at B.C. Pizza.



The "Fantastic Four" set of HeroClix action figures, fresh out of their boxes.

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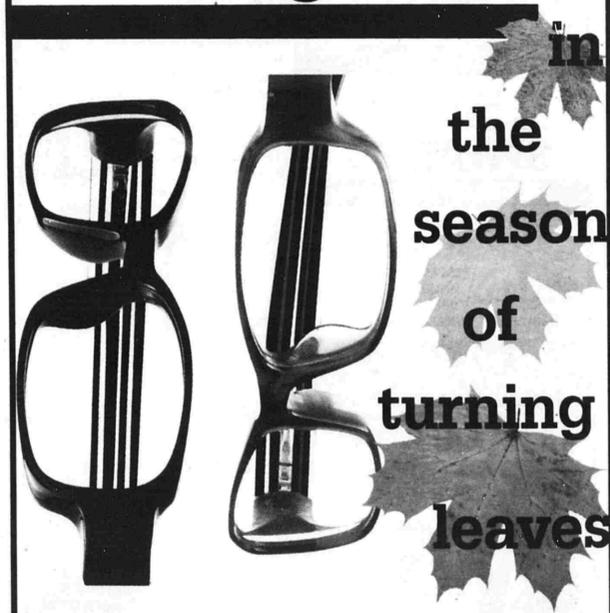
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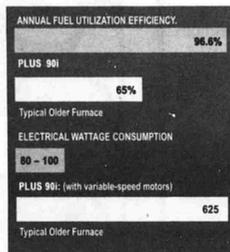
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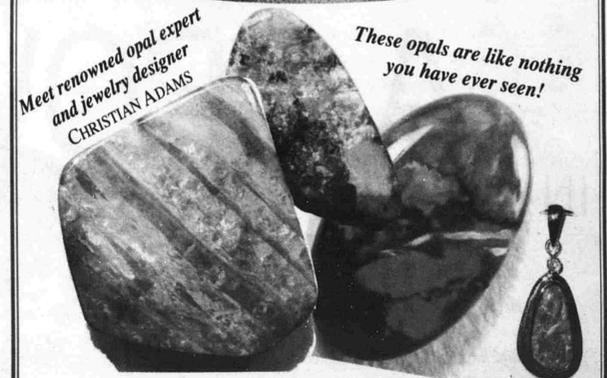
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Local woman attends reunion and ceremony for "The Third"

Betty Yeiter, longtime resident of Lowell, was one of 15 veterans and four widows who attended a ceremony in September dedicating a plaque to the Third Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Ft. Riley, Kan.



Betty Yeiter, widow of Don Yeiter, a wartime member of The Third Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Ft. Riley, Kan.

I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

Yeiter, whose late husband Don was a wartime member of The Third, has remained active in The Third's retirement association after his death. Those attending the ceremony designed and paid for the plaque with approval of the Secretary of the Army and cooperation of Post officials. It was installed near Ft. Riley's historic U.S. Cavalry museum.

The plaque cites the

Third for repulsing an entire German division during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. It also honors Don Yeiter's wartime commander, the late Major General George Ruhlen, who joined The Third as a lieutenant in 1940. Ruhlen, a 1935 Military Academy graduate, trained the battalion as a lieutenant colonel. After serving in several capacities, he retired as commanding general, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and died

there in November 2003. The plaque tells the WWII story of The Third, which fired an average of one 105-mm artillery round every 40 seconds for six days, Dec. 16-22, 1944.

Its fire disrupted repeated German attacks and anchored the south shoulder of the Bulge, near Luxembourg City, against advancement by the Germans. That action earned The Third, a Presidential Unit Citation "for extraordinary heroism," citing the "out-

standingly responsive and accurate fire of its artillery battalion."

The Third, one of the oldest artillery units in the U.S. Army, traces its history to 1794. It has won 37 battle honors, the last four for WWII action, fighting "with valor and distinction in the Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns." The last battle streamer, embroidered "Luxembourg," is for action during the Bulge.

The Third also provided supporting fire at Remagen Bridge, the only bridge across the Rhine River seized while still standing.

Members of The Third have held reunions regularly at Junction City, Kan., hometown of Ft. Riley, since 1977. The remaining veterans, now most in their '80s, are the remnant of more than 600 men and officers who made up The Third during WWII.



Veterans, widows and wives behind the Third Armored Field Artillery Battalion plaque dedicated at Ft. Riley, Kan. The Remagen Bridge plaque is to its right.

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College News

Some 541 students completed the requirements for certificates, associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Ferris State University, Kendall College of Art and Design and the College of Professional and Technological Studies during the summer semester that ended in August 2005.

From the Lowell area are Erik J. Byle, David R. Gutierrez and Samantha J. Johnson.

From the Alto area is Lori M. Oland.

University officials have announced that 1,170 students received Academic Honors for the summer 2005 semester at Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art

and Design which ended in August.

From the Lowell area are Audrey N. Bailey, Brian P. Bodemann, Jill L. Egler, Christine M. Harwood, Seth T. Hay and Megan R. Shellenbarger.

From the Alto area are Paula M. Cronk, Jaime J. Ekkens and Michelle L. Lindale.

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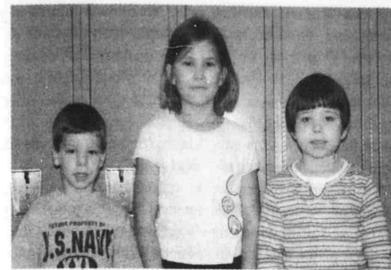
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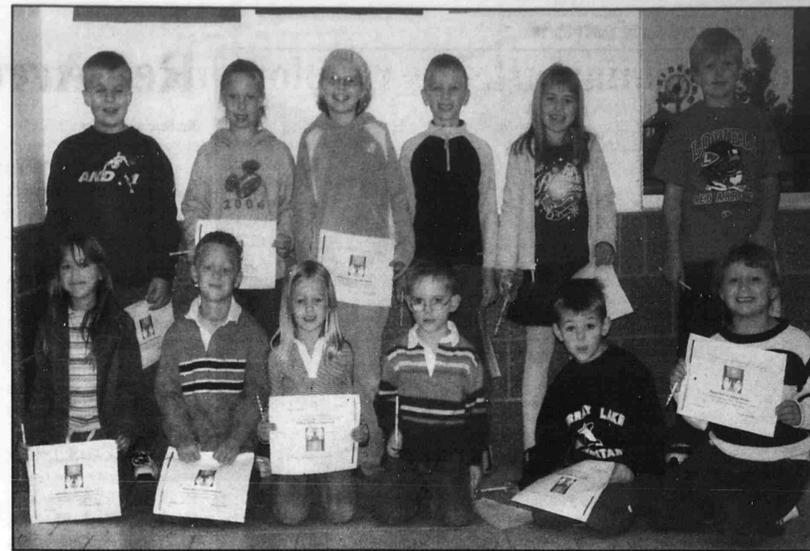
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Character in Action

A number of Murray Lake Elementary students received Character in Action awards for having gone above and beyond implementing Lowell Area Schools' Character Traits.



Above, Ryan Noffke, Lyndsey Mellema and Emma Stockreef; at right, front row, left to right: Justine Anes, Collin Bowers, Maria Briggs, Conner Dekok, Nathan Bush and Tessa Micho; back row: Billy Dickson, Taylare Harris, Morgan Fuller, Kyle Mankel, Josey Pontius and Alex Kaminski. Not available for picture is Derek Krajewski.



Beware of autumn falls and stay safe while cleaning up

When the leaves start falling and the weather starts changing, for many homeowners it's time to complete a slew of home improvement projects.

According to the National Safety Council (NSC), 54,400 fatalities occurred in the home in 2003, and there were 15 million disabling injuries.

Many accidents might be avoided if you take the proper precautions, experts say.

Ladder safety

When climbing ladders,

be sure that your ladder is properly stabilized. Follow the manufacturer's instructions and don't reach too far, as you can easily lose your balance. Also be sure to stay clear of power lines.

While it may be tempting to reach beyond your ladder and beyond what is comfortable to get a job done,

take the extra few minutes to readjust your ladder in order to finish. Recovering from a fall could take weeks and even months that could have been

spared by just five minutes of preparation.

Keep walkways clear of leaves and debris.

Falls keep emergency rooms busy. In 2003, seven million visitors to emergency rooms cited falls as the reason they ended up there.

Falls can be particularly damaging to the elderly. Be sure to keep your steps and walkways clear of leaves which could become slippery.

Also, avoid tragedy by repairing cracks and broken steps in walkways.

Properly dispose of garden and cleaning supplies, fertilizers and pesticides.

According to the NSC, accidental poisoning killed 11,200 people in 2003. This number includes deaths from drugs, medicines, other solid and liquid substances, gases and vapors.

Mixing chemicals can cause serious harm, as can improper disposing of chemicals. Follow the instructions on the container. Also, keep them in the original packaging, unless the manufacturer instructs otherwise.

Experts also suggest a professional inspect and clean furnaces, heat pumps, central and wall air-conditioning units and humidifiers.



Snowbirds: Renew license, plates

Michigan residents leaving for warmer climates are reminded by Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land to renew their driver's licenses and vehicle plates before hitting the road. Seasonal residents, or "snowbirds," as well as winter vacationers should check the expiration dates of their licenses and plates before leaving. That saves them the inconvenience of renewing while they are out of state. It's fast, easy - and a good way to avoid possible late fees.

Driver's licenses and most license plates registered to an individual can be renewed up to six months before they expire. Plates that can be renewed early are:

- Individually owned or leased vehicles
- All pickup truck and van plates
- Motorcycles

To renew plates six months early, you must do so at a Secretary of State branch office. Many people may be able to take advantage of the online plate renewal option up to 45 days before expiration. To use this feature, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) must have been assigned to the vehicle and be printed on the renewal notice.

Michigan law does not allow motorcycle plates or company-owned passenger plates to be renewed early. For more information on renewal options and other services, visit the Secretary of State web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

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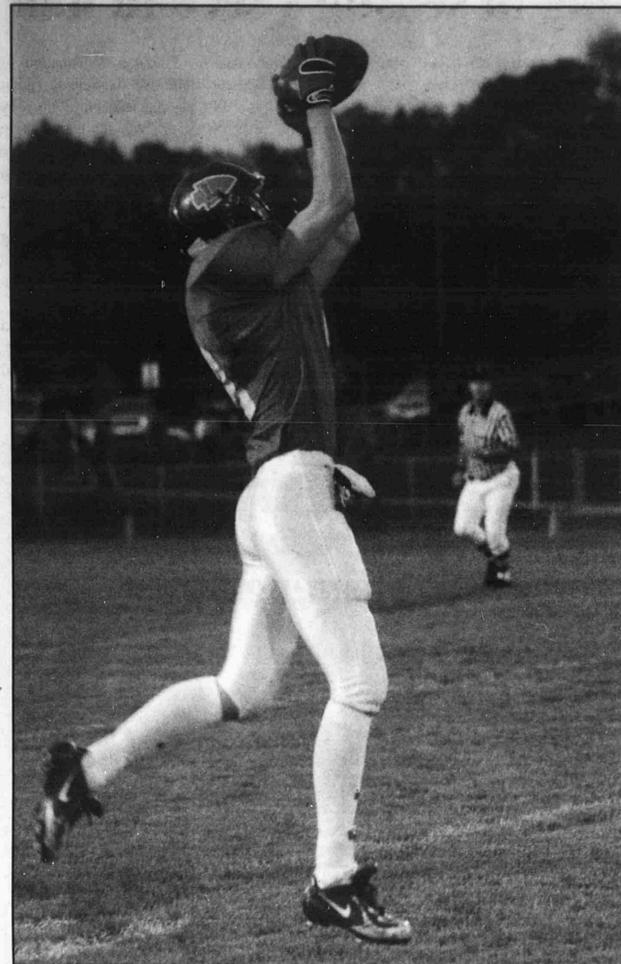
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Lowell's Mike McElroy catches a pass in Friday's game. Photo by Joe Prouvance.

Red Arrows stop Rangers

By Dan Schneider

Forest Hills Central upended Muskegon in week seven of area high school football action.

But a second straight upset was not in the cards when the Rangers came to Red Arrow Stadium for a conference game against Lowell.

The Red Arrows prevailed 35-13, racking up 396 yards of total offense. Running back Gabe Delnick was the biggest single reason for all that offensive yardage. He rushed for 191 yards on 27 carries. Quarterback Keith Nichol made the start after sitting out most of the

previous game with a twisted ankle, and provided most of Lowell's scoring. He ran for four of Lowell's five touchdowns.

Lowell was the first to go on the board with a two-yard Delnick touchdown run in the first quarter.

Then Forest Hills Central tied it up on a long passing play. Quarterback Dayne Hoffman connected with Mark Ott for 50 yards and a touchdown.

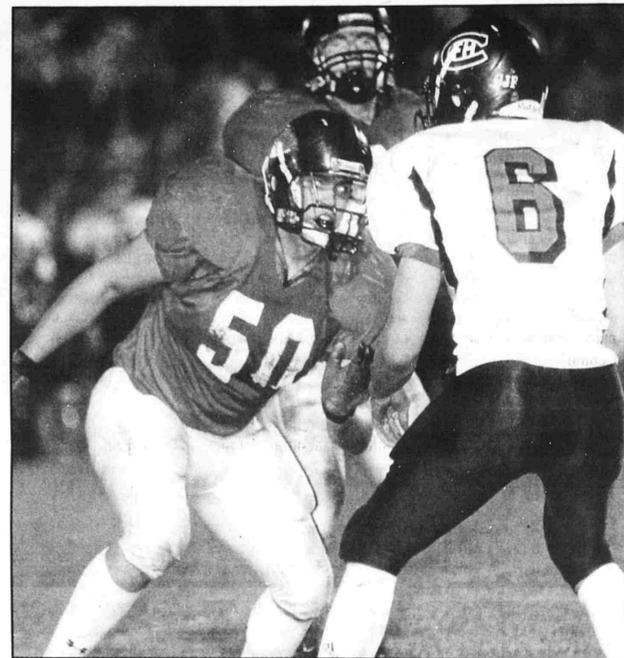
Lowell took the lead again, this time for good, on a four-yard touchdown run by Nichol. He ran seven yards for his second touchdown of the game later in the quarter.

Nichol's third touchdown was on a one-yard run in the third quarter, and his two-yard run in the fourth was Lowell's final score. Ben Hanson connected on all of his extra-point attempts in the game.

Hoffman connected with Ott for another long touchdown in the third quarter. This was a 64-yarder with a failed extra-point kick.

The two long passing plays accounted for the majority of the Rangers' 197 passing yards. The Arrows

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Lowell's Philip Burton squares off against a Forest Hills Central opponent. Photo by Joe Prouvance.

Girls basketball keeps winning in season's second half

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell girls varsity basketball team crossed the halfway point in their regular season last week.

Lowell beat Kenowa Hills in an away game and East Kentwood in front of a home crowd for the 11th and 12th victories of the season. The Red Arrows remain undefeated.

The score in Thursday's game at Kenowa Hills was 51-37. It was the second time Lowell beat the Knights this season, though

this latest victory was by a smaller margin than the 55-25 blowout earlier in the season.

Lowell started the game strong with a 14-4 lead after one quarter of play.

"We started off really good, but we had a hard time in the second quarter, we got in some foul trouble," Lowell coach Dee Crowley said.

Brook VanEck and Brittany Bueche were both on the bench by the end of the first quarter with two fouls each. Brittany Lyman

joined them early in the second quarter.

Kenowa took advantage of the situation and tied the game 22-22 by halftime. Lowell came back full strength in the second half. The Arrows outscored the Knights 17-5 in the third quarter and 12-10 in the fourth to clinch the win.

Chelsea Harrison led Lowell scoring with 12 points. Van Eck added 10. Bueche, Kelsey Crowley and Amanda Geelhoed each scored seven in the game.

Host Lowell struggled to a 14-12 lead after one quarter of play Saturday against East Kentwood. But the Arrows were up 26-16 at the half. Lowell allowed only four points in the second quarter and held the Falcons scoreless in the third.

The final score in the game was 46-26.

With her 15 points, Geelhoed became the seventh Red Arrow player this season to lead in scoring for a game.

"The significant thing

after these last two games is we've had seven different leading scorers after 12 games," Crowley said. "I don't think there are many other teams in the state who have had that."

That statistic means Lowell's other leading scorers in the East Kentwood game were Crowley with nine and Lyman with eight.

Lowell traveled to Northview Monday. The Red Arrows host East Grand Rapids Thursday.

"It's a combination of unselfish basketball, good passing, team play," Crowley said. "We don't emphasize one or two players, we emphasize the whole team and everybody's gotta be capable of scoring."

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Lowell traveled to Northview Monday. The Red Arrows host East Grand Rapids Thursday.

Lowell soccer passes first conference tournament test

By Dan Schneider

Lowell varsity soccer recovered from a loss in its final regular conference

game with a dominating win in the conference tournament opener.

Last Tuesday at

Northview, Lowell struggled to a 2-1 overtime loss. It was Lowell's first loss to the Wildcats in six years.

"We struggled from beginning to end in that game," Lowell coach Paul Legge said. "We had chances

... we just didn't put it away."

Northview was the first on the scoreboard. Then Ben Hanson tied the game with Lowell's only goal, but Northview was first to score in overtime.

"I don't know if we thought it was an easy win, but we didn't play hard at any point in the game," said Legge.

It was a different story last Thursday at home against Kenowa Hills, when Lowell won 7-1.

"Thursday we walloped Kenowa, total opposite—everything was on, we connected well," Legge said. Cory Anderson had a big

game for Lowell offensively against the Knights, scoring two goals and providing three assists. Alex Carpenter had a goal and three assists. Austin DeClercq scored two goals. Ian Beddows and Nick Abdo each scored one goal.

Lowell got another shot at Northview, this time at home, in Tuesday's conference semifinal match. The conference final is Thursday. Lowell opens district play Monday at East Grand Rapids.

Girls cross country wins, boys fall short against Forest Hills Central

By Dan Schneider

Lowell's girls team won and the boys team lost in last Wednesday's cross country meet against Forest Hills Central.

The meet was held at Northview High School's course.

The Arrow girls scored 24 to Forest Hills Central's 31. The first six finishing positions alternated between Red Arrows and Rangers. Two Lowell runners cracked the 20-minute mark.

Lowell's Monica Fitzpatrick won the race in

a time of 19:30. Karen Judd was second for Lowell and finished third in the race with a time of 19:50.

Lowell's third runner, Erin Beddows, finished fifth in 21:10 followed by Katie Riddle (seventh, 21:29), Britney Dietz (eighth, 21:38), Emily Hauschild (12th, 22:07) and Becky DeLiefde (17th, 23:06).

The Lowell boys team was without its usual top finisher, Keaton Dilly, whose presence may have helped close the five-point gap between the two teams. The

Rangers won 25-30 in the boys race.

Andy Mark was Lowell's top finisher in second place with a time of 17:32. Mike Schumm (17:41) finished fourth in the race. Kyle Ingebreton, Lowell's third runner, finished eighth in a time of 18:04 followed by Jon Riddle (ninth, 18:15), Kirk Geldersma (11th, 18:22), Cameron Dilly (13th,

18:35), and Kenny Hayes (14th, 18:42).

The Red Arrows' next meet is Wednesday against Northview at East Grand Rapids (Manhattan Park). Lowell hosts the OK White conference meet Friday. The girls run at 3 p.m. and the boys run at 3:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider amending Sections 6.6.2 through 6.7.4 of the Lowell Charter Township Zoning Ordinance which pertains to the Township Zoning Board of Appeals. The proposed amendments provide specific standards for the review of variance requests, prohibit the Board from granting use variances and prohibit the Board from hearing appeals pertaining to special land uses and planned unit developments.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2005
TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
2910 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE
LOWELL, MI 49331

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Lowell Charter Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or by calling 897-7600.

Dave Simmonds, Secretary
Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission



LUNCH MENU

ELEMENTARY MENU
Week of October 24, 2005

MON: Hot dog on bun (Alto & Murray Lake - fish patty on bun also offered), oven baked beans, assorted fruit, milk.

TUES: Sausage pizza (Alto & Murray Lake - stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered), fresh vegetable sticks, assorted fruit, milk.

WED: Soft shell taco w/meat, cheese, lettuce (Alto & Murray Lake - chicken salad sandwich also offered), whole kernel corn, assorted fruit, milk.

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

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich (Alto & Murray Lake - corn dog also offered), tomato soup & crackers, assorted fruit, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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 weigh-ins. Brenda 897-9141.

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 Vandervulp at 897-4302 for more info.

MON.: Lowell Board of Education meets 7 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

1ST MON.: Regular communication of the Belding-Ionia-Lowell Masonic Lodge #355 at 7:30 p.m. in lodge room, 211 E. Main, Belding. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Masons may attend.

1ST MON.: V.F.W. Post #8303, 3116 Alden Nash S.E. at 7 p.m.

2ND MON.: Bowne Township Historical Society meets 7:30 at historic museum, 84th/Alden Nash.

3RD MON.: Fallsburg Historical Society board meetings at chamber office or Fallsburg, 7 p.m. All invited. Call 897-7161 for info. or location.

3RD MON.: Women of the Moose meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3RD MON.: Peripheral Neuropathy support group, 7 p.m. at Schneider Manor Community Rm., 725 Bowes. Dorothy 897-9794.

3RD MON.: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall at the Church of the Nazarene at 7 p.m.

4TH MON.: Clark-Ellis American Legion Post 152, 3100 Alden Nash S.E. at 7:30 p.m.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M#372 meets at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community

Bldg. Weigh-ins are at 5:45 p.m.

TUES.: Cub Scout Pack 3188 meets at 1st United Methodist Church (as long as there is school), 6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade boys. Contact Gary Liu at (616) 292-6039 for more info.

TUES.: Weight Watchers at Alto United Methodist Church, corner of Kirby & Harrison meets at 5:30 p.m. Register 1 1/2 hrs. before meeting. 800-651-6000.

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. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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

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

2ND TUES.: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild, Plainfield Senior Center, 5255 Grand River Dr. NE. 6:30 p.m. refreshments/ 7 p.m. program Olga 616-975-9977/June 231-780-1249 info.

2ND & 3RD TUES.: Quake-Zik Sportsman's Club, 11400 Foreman Rd. at 8 p.m. 3D archery range open to public daily except Tues. evenings.

2ND & 4TH TUES.: MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers ... because mothering matters. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Impact 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

at 874-5662; teen group: call Sarah at 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 at City Hall, 301 E. Main, 2nd floor.

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

WED.: Tri-town Conservation Club trap & skeet league, 5616 Dunn Rd. 6-10 p.m. Larry 754-7104.

1ST WED.: GR area Scrabble Club at Schuler's Bookstore, 28th St. 5:30-9:30 p.m. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins welcome. 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.: Royal Arch Masons, Hooker Chapter #73 meets at 7:30 p.m. in Belding Masonic Temple, 211 E. Main; dinner at 6:30 p.m. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome.

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. Rd. Robin open play, all levels, walk-ins. 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. 250 Cherry, Lacks Cancer Center, Grand Rapids.

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 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

2ND THURS.: Genealogy-Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30-8 p.m.

3RD THURS.: Rubber stamping at Christian Life Center 6-9 p.m. Dawn 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.

1ST & 3RD FRI.: Teen MOPS support group for pregnant teens and teen moms, 9:15-11:30 a.m. at Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson. 897-8304.

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

FRI.: Arts/Crafts volunteers, Franciscan Life Process Center, 9:30-12:30 p.m. 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, held at Lowell Airport, 730 Lincoln Lake NE. 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system.

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

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SAT., OCT. 22: Texas Hold 'em Tournament fundraiser at Belding/Ionia Masonic Lodge, 211

E. Main, Belding. Pre-registered, must be at least 18 years old, \$50 admission. Call Duane at 527-2610 for more info.

TUES., OCT. 25: TOTS Halloween party, 6:30-7:30 for children birth-beginning school at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High. \$1 per child. Call 987-2532 for information.

SAT., OCT. 29: Haunted Showboat, 1-5 p.m. Games, pumpkin/face painting, lunch. Wear your costumes. Call 897-8445 for more information.

SAT., OCT. 29: Pumpkin decorating contest at Lowell post office, 1 p.m. for ages 6-12. Bring pumpkin; materials, candy and prizes are provided. No carving.

SUN., OCT. 30: Impact Church, 1070 N. Hudson orientation at 3 p.m. for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University classes to start Nov. 6. 987-0142.

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TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 10:30 a.m. Exercise Class.
FRI., SAT. AND SUN.: Averill Historical Museum of Ada, located at 7144 Headley. Hours are 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 676-9346.
SPECIAL EVENTS
WED., OCT. 19: 8:30 a.m. Traveling Breakfast "Perkins"; 12:45 p.m. Alto School Lunch.
THURS., OCT. 20: 12:45 p.m. Shop Perrigo.
FRI., OCT. 21: 10 a.m. Turkeyville "Singing in the Rain"; 12:45 p.m. Bingo.
MON., OCT. 24: 11 a.m. Food Pantry.
THURS.: 9 a.m. Walk/Shop at Malls; 9:30 a.m. Crafts; 1:00 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall; 9:30 a.m. Exercise Class.
WED., OCT. 26: Bosnia Shoppers. 12:45 p.m. Shop; 5 p.m. Chop Suey by Caroline Dadd.
THURS., OCT. 27: 10:30-12:30 p.m. Flu Shots at Schneider Manor; 12:45 p.m. Meijer Gardens.
FRI., OCT. 28: 12 p.m. Birthday/Anniversary; 12:45 Bingo; 1 Bowling.
MON., OCT. 31: 12 p.m. Halloween Pot Lunch.

Lowell equestrian team competes in state finals in Midland Red Arrow B team has best Lowell finish with reserve championship

The Lowell equestrian team competed at the Midland Fairgrounds for the Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (MIHA) State Championship over the weekend.

The Lowell B-team competed against some tough teams. In fifth place

Lowell rider part of national championship penning team Competing on three teams VanDerWarf also takes second, third place

Ashton VanDerWarf, 14, of Lowell, took first, second and third place awards in the youth division of the Team Pen America National Finals in Oklahoma City, Okla. The event was held Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. VanDerWarf also placed second in the Open Team Sorting event with her father, Ken VanDerWarf and Greg Fisk, both of Lowell.

Team penning requires a team of three riders to cut three cows out of a herd and drive them into a small pen within 60 seconds. In the youth division, there were 41 teams competing,

each team had two goes. The first-place team of VanDerWarf, Cydney Free of Louisiana and Jordan Lesh of Oklahoma won the event with six cattle at 81.46 seconds. VanDerWarf was "really nervous" but "riding the second go" was still the most memorable part of the National Finals for her. She was also on the second-place team with a time of 87.45 on six cattle and the third-place team with a time of 90.226 on six head of cattle.

VanDerWarf practices penning every Tuesday and Thursday, plus a competition

usually every Saturday. VanDerWarf rides Shadow, a talented quarter horse owned by Aaron Decker.

She and Shadow also ride for the Lowell High School Equestrian Team. She is the daughter of Ken and Vicki VanDerWarf of Lowell.

At right: Cydney Free, Jordan Lesh and Ashton VanDerWarf took first place in the youth division at the National Team Penning Finals in Oklahoma City.



"Future Red Arrows" program now starts in kindergarten

In its fifth year, the Lowell basketball "Future Red Arrows" program will expand to include players all the way down to the kindergarten level. That means there is now a consistent boys basketball development program from kindergarten through sixth grade. It feeds into the

middle school basketball teams and on into the varsity program at the high school. "We, as a basketball staff, are thrilled that we finally have the opportunity to implement an instructional, developmental and fundamental basketball program in our community for all grade levels that is directly connected to our high school program," Lowell varsity basketball coach Jeff McDonald said in a statement issued last week. "In the past, our youth basketball program has been run by an outside entity. This new format will allow us to have consistency in our program so we know exactly... at what grade level our Lowell kids are learning different skills."

McDonald said the new format will make Lowell's boys basketball development comparable to what's going on in other districts.

"I truly feel that this puts us on a level playing field with other sports in our community and with other schools that we compete against," McDonald said. "I know that in five years, it will be noticeable in terms of the skill level of our Lowell boys."

The cost for the "Future Red Arrows" program is \$30 for kindergartners, who start Jan. 9, 2006, at Murray Lake Elementary and have their sessions Monday nights. The cost is \$58 for first through sixth graders, who start Dec. 10, meet Saturdays, and have a longer schedule of sessions. First and second graders meet at Murray Lake Elementary; third and fourth graders, at Cherry Creek Elementary; and fifth and sixth graders, at Lowell Middle School.

The first three weeks consist of skills and drills. The last six weeks consist of skills, drills, and developmental games. Each level has its own commissioner, and McDonald and the varsity boys basketball team will participate in instruction.

Football game, continued...From Page 14

limited Forest Hills Central's running game to only 70 yards on 30 carries.

Lowell's running game, however, picked up 266 yards. Most of these were from Delnick, but Nichol added 68 on the ground. Nichol also completed

10 out of 18 pass attempts for 121 yards. Mike McElroy was the leading receiver, catching four passes for 55 yards.

Kameron Blake led the Lowell defense with nine tackles. Mike Racine had seven tackles, one solo sack and was in on a second sack.

The Arrows' next game, the last conference football game of the year, is Friday at Northview. The Wildcats are currently tied with Greenville for third place in the OK White standings. Lowell is in second place behind East Grand Rapids.

PLEASE NOTE
THE GRATAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FOR NOVEMBER.
THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2005 INSTEAD OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 14.

CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST OF THE OPTICAL SCAN TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2005 CITY GENERAL ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test of the Optical Scan Tabulating Equipment for the November 8, 2005 City General Election will be conducted Monday, October 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan.
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Halloween safety tips

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Halloween is just around the corner and in order for the event to be as safe as possible, the following tips are suggested for parents and children:

- An adult should accompany children when trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in your own neighborhood or at homes in which you are familiar.
- Always look for cars before crossing the street. Only cross the street at intersections and never cross between parked cars.
- Use sidewalks. If none are present walk on the side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic.
- Wear light-colored costumes or clothing. If a costume is dark-colored, place reflective material on the costume. Carry a flashlight.
- Masks or face coverings should have large eyeholes. Consider make-up as an alternative to costume masks.
- Bring treats home so parents can inspect them. Children should not be allowed to eat the treats until a parent has an opportunity to inspect them.

If you reside in the Lowell area and would like to treat the Trick or Treaters on Monday, Oct. 31, please leave your porch lights on between 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Financial Focus, continued ...From Page 5

keeping you up at night, then you are taking on too much risk. On the other hand, if "ultra-conservative" vehicles, such as certificates of deposit, dominate your holdings, you may be limiting your needed growth potential. You may want to work with an investment professional to create a diversified portfolio that accurately reflects both your risk tolerance and your long-term goals.

• Look at the "fundamentals" - You'll find it much easier to avoid being influenced by short-term events if you become

familiar with the fundamentals of an investment. For example, if you're considering a stock, you can take into account how it might be affected by rising energy prices, but don't stop there. Is it a stable company? Does it seem to be priced fairly? Do its products or services have good long-term potential? Does it have a solid management team? And, perhaps most importantly, does it meet your specific investment needs? By digging deep into your reasons for investing in any security, you'll position yourself to make smart decisions.

Focus on the future

Today, high energy prices, and their possible impact on the economy and the financial markets, are making big news. Next year - who knows? The fact is that there will always be "reasons" to shake up your investment strategies. But the smartest investors are the ones who find the course that's right for them - and stick with it.

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Please note: This Title-One position is contingent upon state and federal funding. Each year the district shall determine continuation based upon state allocation of resources from the District Title 1 Grant.
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Editor's note: Express yourself! We welcome comments from the community. Keep in mind that they may be edited for content and you can sign your name or leave it with your Sound Off if you wish. Keep it short (and hopefully sweet) and remember if you have more to say...write the editor.

- Downtown is looking so good with all the painted storefronts.**
Thanks to Dave and Dale from O. E. Bieri and Sons for getting Duty the cat out of the tree.
- From Erin & Lauren
- Why can't the cable Channel 20 televise varsity football games? That would make all of their frequent outages worth it.**
If you want more books for the school, set up your own fundraiser!
- To the lady that walks her dog. I'd appreciate it if when it stops to dump at the end of my driveway you'd clean it up.**
Think of the savings we are making by having turf, no maintenance!
- Who are all those people tied to the light poles along Main St. and what did they do?**
Recent dealings with Lowell Township officers was an unexpected delight. My concern was handled promptly and fairly. These individuals deserve our gratitude and respect for jobs seldom publicized.

- Republicans probably have more than a 4th grade education...they just need to realize that even though you consider yourself a Republican...you don't have to vote for a stupid candidate.**
Now that you're removing your very rude service writer, I'll bring my business back to you for sure!
- To all of the volunteers in the Lowell Youth Football Program, without you it would not be a success!! A special thanks to Mike & Lois!**
I was very entertained last week as I was getting my pizza. To the woman ranting & raving, I guess now I have seen everything.
- BB, you managed to call over half of your voting neighbors stupid. Thanks for showing all of us just how smart you are.**
This is to the guy who stole an Old Kent money bag from my yard. How did you like my kid's rock collection? Like they say, crime doesn't pay!
- We need a left turn signal light for Hudson and Main, it's awful trying to turn during rush hour. One day I sat through four lights before I could go.**

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, October 24 through Friday, November 4, 2005.

Some customers will experience low water pressure.

City of Lowell Water Department

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Council deadlocked on sidewalk waiver for developer

By J. Lobdell
Contributing Writer

Even the enticement of a developer reducing the number of homes on his proposed development couldn't break a deadlock on whether he should receive a sidewalk waiver.

Holwerda Builders came before the Lowell City Council Monday night seeking a sidewalk waiver for three parcels, 885, 875 and 855 North Jefferson.

Kevin Katt, of Holwerda, said there were

several variables causing the builder to seek the request which included that the sidewalk stop one house short of the property and that there be no sidewalk on the other side. The biggest issue came down to cost: it could get expensive to match the grade required for a sidewalk, resulting in making the house more expensive.

"This is so important to us that we are even willing to reduce the number of homes to two evenly spaced on the parcels," Katt said.

But the offer did little to change minds on the council, of which there were only four due to mayor pro tem Charles Myers being absent.

"I am opposed to granting a waiver," said councilman Jim Pfaller, who later in the meeting said, "The only way we are going to get sidewalks is by requiring that sidewalks be built."

Councilman Al Mathews agreed with Pfaller, saying that while difficult to put in, the sidewalks could

be done. Mathews added he was also aware of other developers planning to seek sidewalk waivers in the near future.

"In a perfect world, it would make sense, but I think this is an appropriate exception," said councilman Jim Hodges who, in the end, mayor Jeanne Shores sided with.

Even Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden couldn't break the deadlock when he pointed out that requiring the sidewalk could create

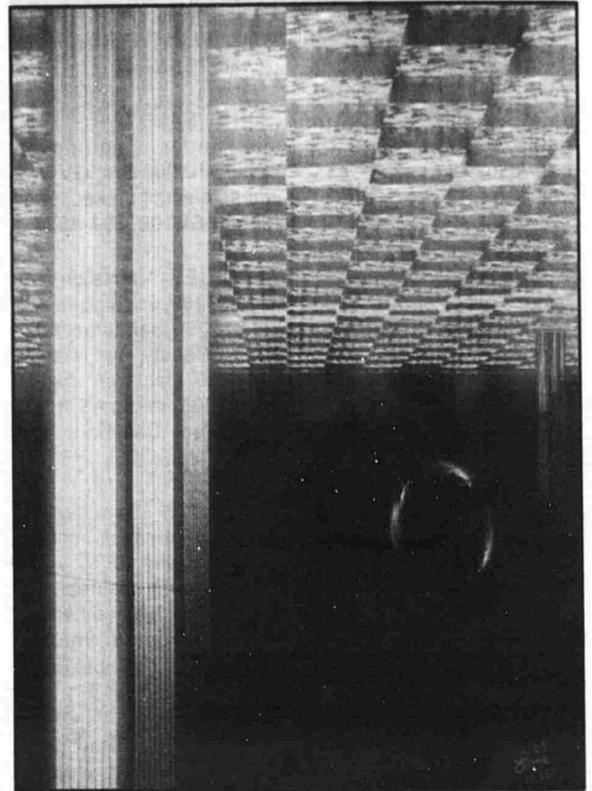
a hazard. The parcel in between the two sidewalks would then be required to shovel a path that would lead walkers into a four-foot drop where that property owner's driveway has been constructed through the small hill.

The council tied on a vote to deny the waiver,

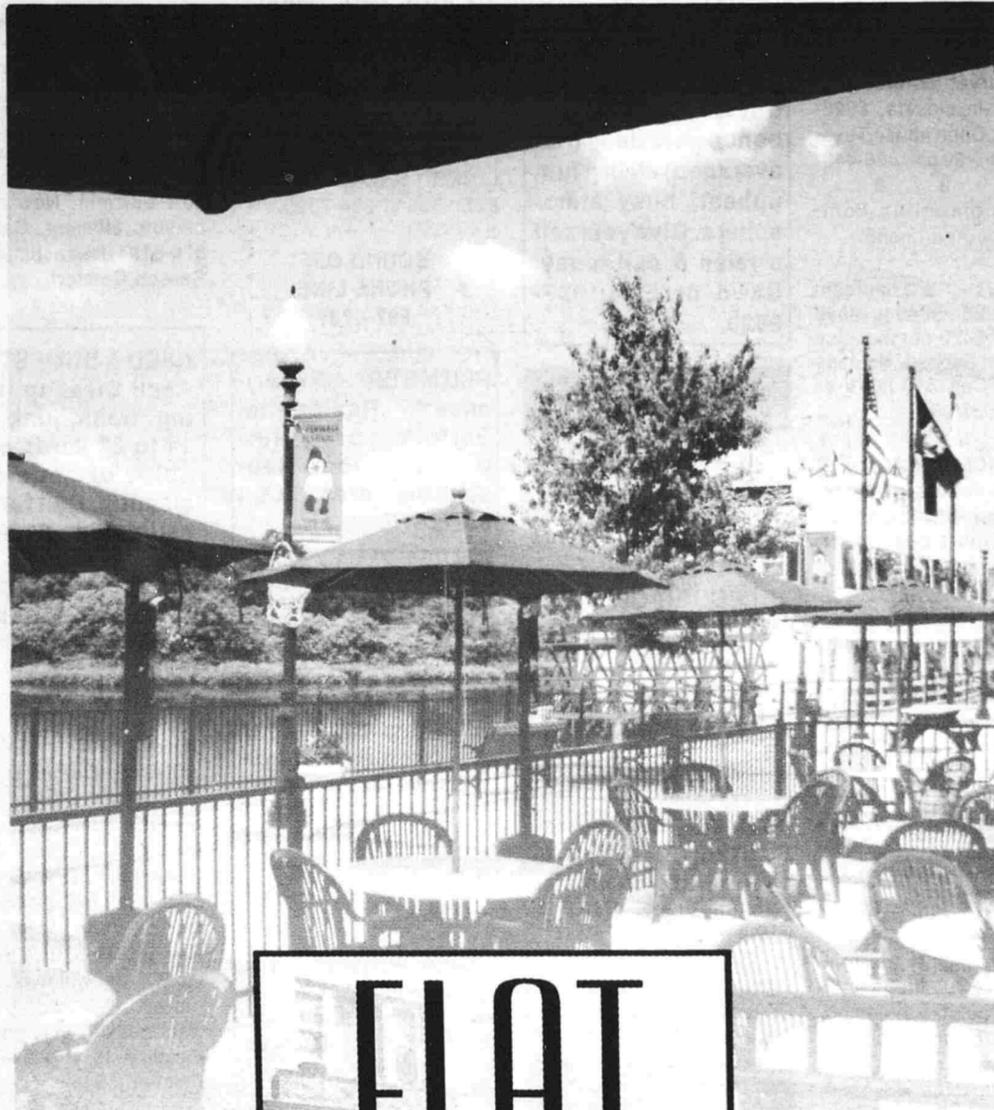
with city manager David Pasquale explaining the only way to break the tie was to postpone a decision until the next council meeting when Myers returned.

Katt had hoped to get the issue resolved that evening because he is under a deadline, but agreed to wait until the Nov. 7 meeting.

Now on display



"Stepping Through" by Lowell artist Ronnie Lane is among several works on display through next Wednesday at the Huntington Galleria at 414 E. Main Street. Lane has been working with computer technology, "combining elements of photography and elements of science fiction with elements of classical paintings." He uses Adobe Photoshop to create expansive, fantastic landscapes. He sometimes uses photographed images, but often builds these landscapes from the ground up. He then selects a frame from the large pictures he creates, looking for compositions similar to classical paintings. The results are wide ranging. Water is an element that a few of the current crop of artworks have in common. In a few months, Lane will have a show of angel images at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. "They're not your mom's angels," Lane said. "Except that they're still angelic."



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