

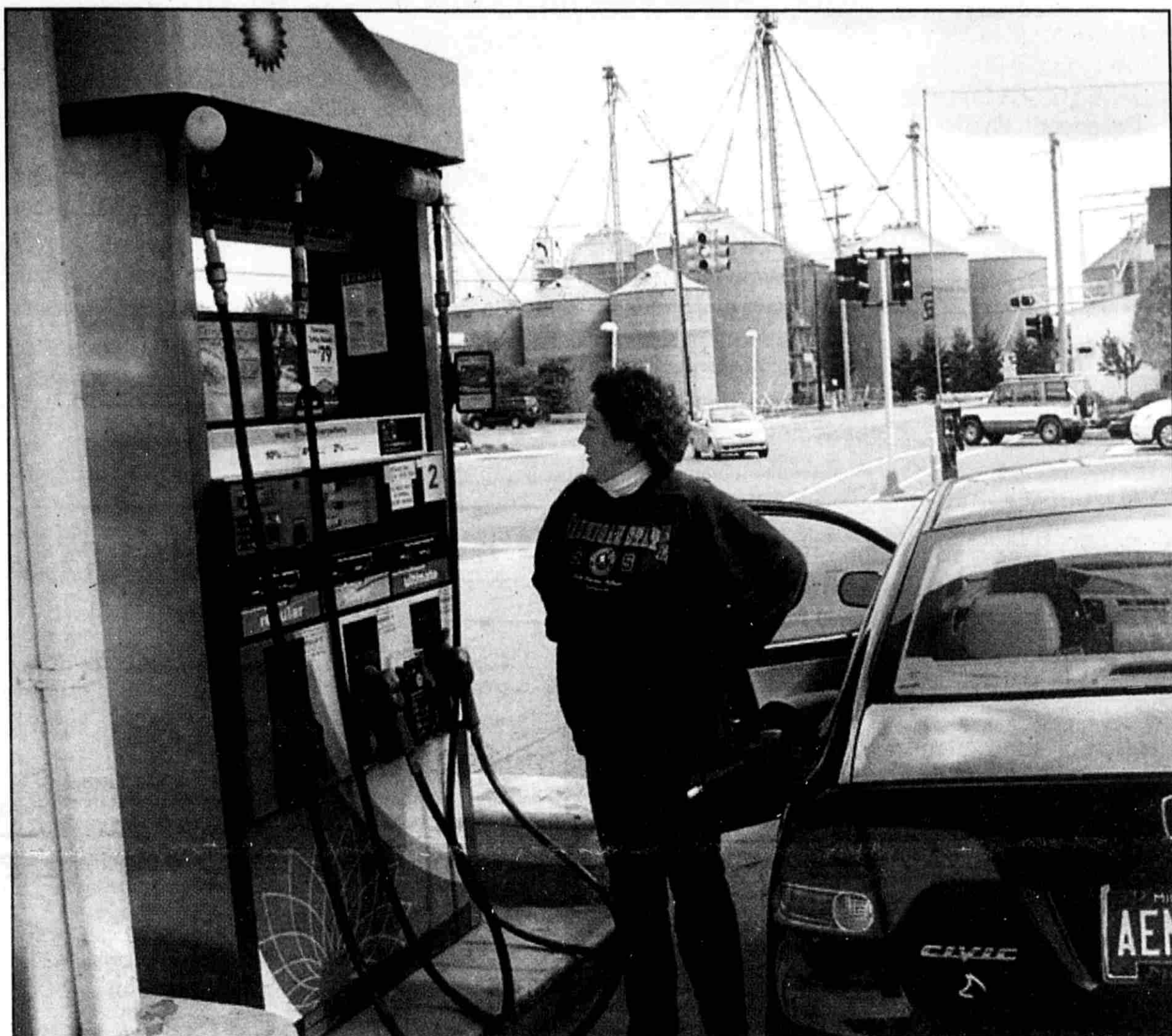
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Local drivers contend with rising fuel costs



By Dan Schneider

Prices for a gallon of unleaded gas have hovered around \$2.89 for the last several days at local gas stations.

That's just slightly less than the national average price per gallon, which is \$2.919 according to the federal Energy Information Administration. But it is significantly higher than last year, when the national average was \$2.235 per gallon.

Michelle Chrisman said the gas prices have caused her to re-evaluate some transportation-related aspects of her life. She hasn't thought about buying a more fuel efficient vehicle, though she said she might start to consider it if gas prices top \$3.50 per gallon.

Now, she said, she is "just driving less than I have in the past, making fewer trips into Grand Rapids than I used to, that kind of thing."

She said she looks more locally to find the things she needs. When she does drive to Grand Rapids, she tries to consolidate more errands into a single trip.

"I'll only go into Grand Rapids once instead of five times," she said.

Nicki Cunningham, a cashier at the Lowell BP station, said most customers don't complain too much about the gas prices.

"A lot of people ask us 'Is it going to go up?' 'Is it going to go down?' ... but there's really nothing we can do about it," she said.

Cunningham said some customers, especially the regulars, joke about the gas prices.

"Ours are in pretty good humor, it's just the ones who are from out of town who don't catch our jokes so easy," Cunningham said.

But she notices the gas prices having a greater impact on some groups than others.

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Robin Omillian fills her Honda Civic at the Lowell BP station. She bought the car late last year for a vehicle with better gas mileage.

## LHS freshmen undertake service projects to benefit area camps

By Dan Schneider

When a big group of Lowell High School freshmen arrived at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, a summer camp for blind youth located on Lincoln Lake Road near Greenville, the place was covered with a uniform, four-inch-deep layer of leaves.

For about eight hours last Thursday, and another

five hours Friday, half of the LHS freshman class raked the leaves and undertook a number of other projects to get the camp ship-shape for the summer camp season.

Meanwhile, the other half of the freshman class was at Camp Mel Trotter in Hopkins, a summer camp for troubled teens run by Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids.

Both groups were participating in a service

learning project. This is the second year Lowell High School freshmen have tackled such a project, designed to foster community awareness, broaden perspectives, and a stronger sense of volunteerism among the students. It is also a type of team-building exercise for the students. Last year, one half of the freshmen worked at Camp Mel Trotter while the other half cleaned up

neighborhoods on Grand Rapids' southeast side.

At Camp Tuhsmeheeta (the name comes from putting together the four senses of the blind: touch, smell, hearing and taste), directors were very grateful for the extra help the freshmen provided.

"Our camp, I wouldn't say has been neglected, but it hasn't had the kind of attention that it is getting," said George Wurtzel,

executive director of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, which manages the camp. The freshmen didn't

just clear leaves. They also built hiking trails between

*Service, cont'd., pg. 11*

## City, townships will hold informational meeting on fire station addition - May 9

By Emma Palova  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council along with Lowell and Vergennes townships will hold an informational meeting about a proposed addition to Look Memorial Fire Station on May 9 at 7 p.m. at the fire station.

The \$243,000 addition

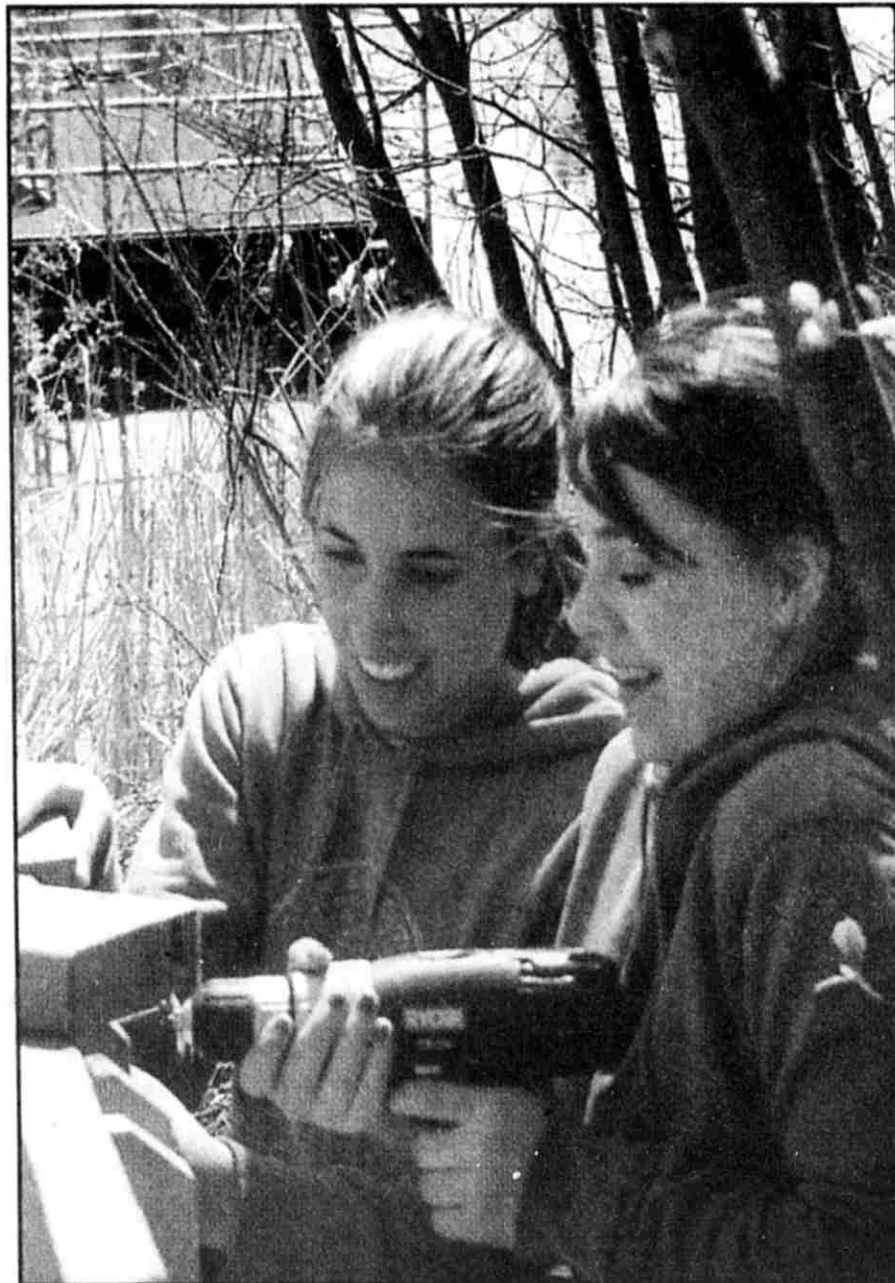
would accommodate the Lowell Rockford Ambulance and the storage needs of the fire department. The cost is split between the city and the two townships with \$27,000 per jurisdiction, and a lease purchase agreement structured over five years.

According to city manager Dave Pasquale, an \$81,000 grant has already been secured from the

Lowell Area Community Fund. The Lowell Rockford Ambulance would provide \$81,000 as well. The 34 by 72 foot addition will keep the Lowell Rockford Ambulance near the fire department, according to fire chief Frank Martin.

The addition, however, could take up significant space used by the Kent County Youth Fair. The

city officials also explored alternatives for the addition such as the Newell building. The Newell building is slated to be used by the Department of Public Works. According to Martin, the Newell building would be too big to accommodate the ambulance and fire department storage needs.



Tricia VanGessel, left, and Lauren Wolfe assemble a railing for a wheelchair ramp at Camp Tuhsmeheeta, a summer camp for the blind in Greenville.

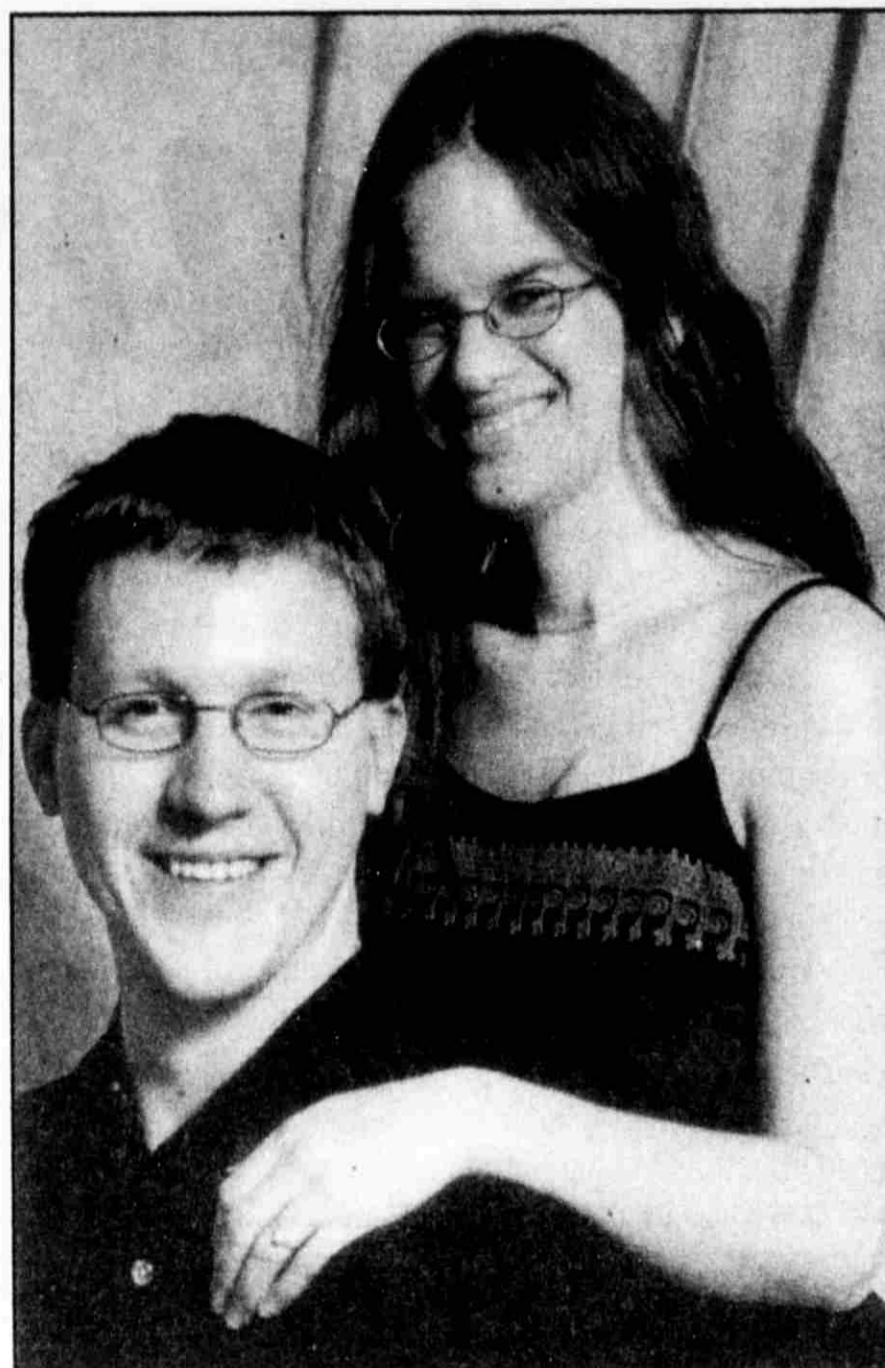




# Engagements

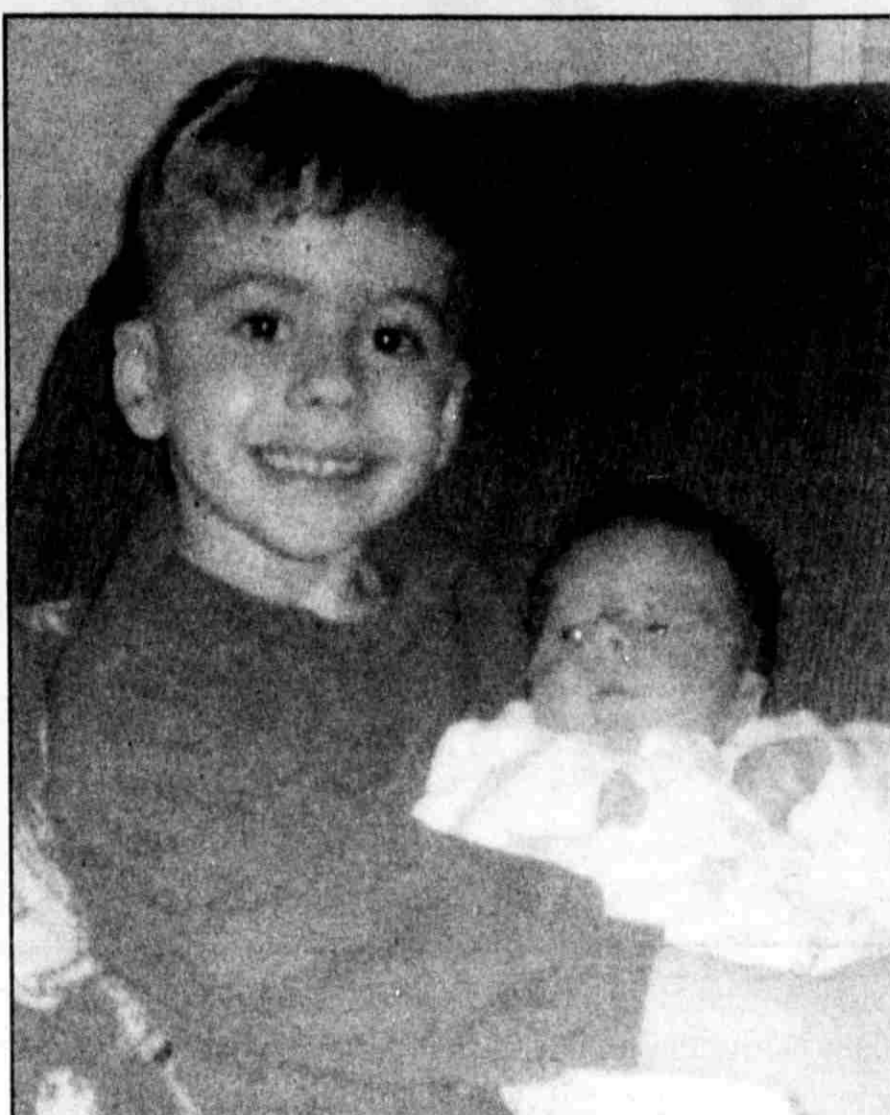
## Wisniewski/Tase

Sarah Christine Wisniewski of Alto and Jeremiah Aaron Tase of Lowell are engaged and planning a June 24, 2006 wedding. The future groom is the son of Laure Vitalie and Dave Drenth of Clarksville. He is a graduate of Lake Odessa High School and is an industrial mechanic.



Jeremiah Tase and Sarah Wisniewski

# New Arrivals



Joey and Jack Michael Barnella

Big brother Joey Barnella is proud to announce the arrival of Jack Michael Barnella. He was born March 21, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Proud parents are Joe and Jeni Barnella. Grandparents are Mike and Karen Hale and Joe Barnella Jr., all of Lowell.

## College News

Sometimes I think we spend too much time trying to make statements in life. Fashion, political, religious and value statements are sometimes all we are really trying to live for and toward in our lives. Our statements in this world are our greatest consideration for anything we say or do with our words and time. And while this is how most of us do life, trying to make statements, it's funny how on the inside we are more full of questions than we are of the certainties of this world.

There is something more appealing about questions if you think about it. As much as answers are what we say we want, questions leave the greatest possibility and hope of truth in our lives. I am sure this sounds like word-play, maybe, but I think there is a big difference between lives that pursue questions versus lives that pursue answers. Sam Keen put it this way, "To be on a quest is nothing more or less than to become an asker of questions." Thomas Jefferson said: "Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear." A carpenter from Nazareth once said, "Who is it that you say I AM?" Funny that he asked a question rather than made a statement.

Andrea and I have three awesome kids. Emily is two, Nick is five and Drew is eight. They are mighty questioners. Why, Dad? How, Mom? When, Dad? Where, Mom? They are on a quest. I sure hope as their faith grows that they do not come up with statements that define their life; rather I pray that their questions increase and just keep getting better.

2006 Commencement ceremony on April 22. From the Lowell area is **Zachary Sneider**, a candidate for a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and economics. He is the son of Kathleen Datema of Lowell.

**Garbriel K. Delnick**, who will graduate from Lowell High School this spring, is the recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 2006-2007 academic year at Northwood University in Midland. The scholarship is \$5,000 per year with renewal options yearly if criteria is met.

Batt, a 2003 graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Rhoda Greenman-Batt and Walt Batt.

Alma College announced that 278 degree candidates were eligible to participate in the college's

# Happy Birthday

**MAY 4:** John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.  
**MAY 5:** Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Scott Carpenter, Nora Bell Rash.  
**MAY 7:** John Schalow, LeAnn VanDyke, Duane Rasch.

**MAY 8:** Rhoda Greenman-Batt, Rhonda Timmers, Mary Mooney, F.J. Johnson Jr.  
**MAY 9:** Tasha Yeiter, Ashley Kennedy, Hillary Briggs, Eric Witherell.  
**MAY 10:** Rebecca Boruta, Dee Korb, Eric Swift, Jim Lindhout, Jim Stone.

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## Lowell native releases second CD

Roger MacNaughton, musician and composer born and raised in Lowell, will release his second CD of original music on May 7.

"Cold-Hearted Orb" features 14 original songs written by MacNaughton and performed by him on solo piano.

"After the 2000 release of 'Summer Dance,' I had many requests to do a solo piano CD," said MacNaughton. "Cold-Hearted Orb is the product of evenings dedicated to writing and recording my own music which hopefully touches people's emotions in a soothing way."



He will perform selections from the CD in a concert at Aquinas College in Kretschmer Recital Hall on May 7. Tickets are \$7 for the 3 p.m. event and may be purchased by calling 975-9966. The CD is available at Dream Pieces in Lowell.

## Lowell grad aids in Katrina cleanup

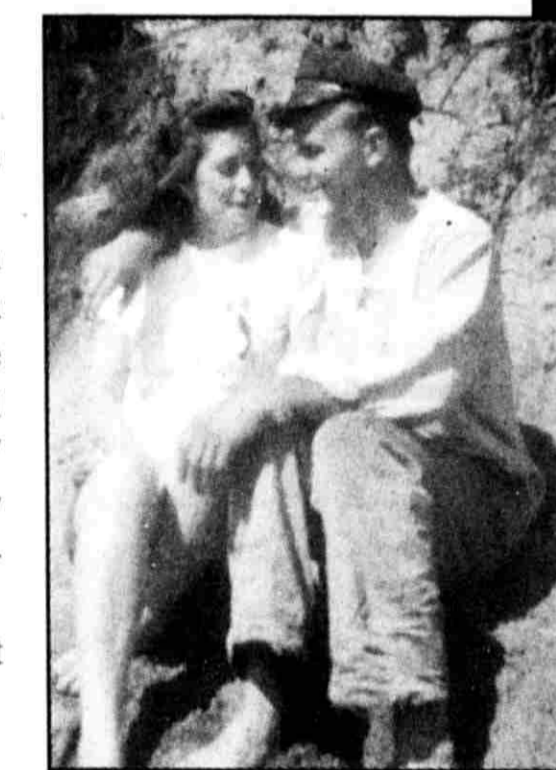
Beth Hoag, assistant director of Campus Life at Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., is pictured in the front row, second from left, with other Babson employees as they traveled to New Orleans during spring break to assist with rebuilding efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Hoag, a graduate of Lowell High School, is the daughter of Patrick Hoag of Lowell and Dorothy Hoag of Ada.

## Couple celebrates 57 years together

Al and Dot (Hanes) Lacie of Lowell will observe 57 years of marriage on Sunday, May 7, 2006. The couple will celebrate their special occasion with family.

The Lacie's children are Adeline Brower, Arthur Lacie, Dorothy House, Russell Lacie, and Jim and Mary Dillree. They have 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Dot and Al Lacie celebrate 57 years of marriage and at left the couple in 1949.

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**WED:** Chicken patty on bun, (chili & crackers also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), assorted fruit, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**THURS:** Pepperoni pizza (egg salad sandwich also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), seasoned corn, apple wedges, graham crackers, milk.

**FRI:** Spaghetti & meat sauce/garlic breadstick (stacked turkey, cheese, bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

# HEALTH

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



ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM (AAA)

The main blood vessel in your body is the aorta. It carries blood from your heart to the rest of your body. The part of the aorta in your abdomen is the abdominal aorta. An aneurysm is a weak area in a blood vessel. If a vessel weakens, it starts to swell like a balloon. If the aneurysm grows too large, the aorta may burst.

The most common causes of an AAA are smoking, high blood pressure, and atherosclerosis. Atherosclerosis is when fat builds up in the arteries; this is also known as hardening of the arteries. Aneurysms are more common in older people and in men. The risk of developing an AAA is increased the

longer you smoke or have high blood pressure. It can also run in families.

Most people have no symptoms of an AAA. If the blood vessel walls start to leak, you may feel pain in your back, abdomen, groin or legs. AAA is usually diagnosed and evaluated with an ultrasound. This can help measure the size of the aorta. If the AAA is large or growing quickly, you will need surgery. If it is small, you can watch it with serial ultrasounds. The best ways to help prevent the aneurysm from bursting or by quitting smoking, and controlling your high blood pressure and cholesterol.

## Gas prices, continued ... From Page 1

"The elderly are the ones who complain most of the time because they're on a fixed income," she said.

Robin Omilian is glad she traded her Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab in for a Honda Civic last December.

"A lot of it was because of the gas mileage," she said while filling up her car at the BP station Monday evening.

Omilian said her new car averages about 32 miles per gallon, almost double the 17 miles per gallon she was getting in the pickup truck. The car took some getting used to, she said, since she was accustomed to driving pickups and sport utility vehicles.

"I am glad I made the change," said Omilian, who lives in Lowell and drives every day to work in Grand Rapids. One person who has no intention of buying a smaller car is Bonnie Baird, who filled her Chevrolet Tahoe a short time later at the same pump where Omilian had filled her Civic. Baird said it is a safety issue that keeps her buying big vehicles.

"I like the security of having heavy metal around me and you can't put a price on safety," Baird said. "I just bought my son a Suburban, too, so he can drive a gas guzzling hog, but at least I'll know he's safe."

"I think it's nonsense," said Charles Russell about the high gas prices. But Russell, a retired General Motors employee, also cited safety as a reason he doesn't switch from his Dodge Ram pickup to a smaller car.

A smaller car is not an option for Andy Stormzand's stock car racing team. And a slower car is definitely not an option.

Racing fuel is up to about \$5 per gallon, but that doesn't have a major impact on the cars in the sportsman

class at Berlin Raceway in Marne.

"Where we race, we really don't use a whole lot of gas, we only burn about 10 gallons a night," said Robert Eggleston, Stormzand's crew chief. "I can imagine some of those classes out

there that run 75 laps, the late models, they burn a lot of fuel." The sportsman racers run 20-lap features.

But the high oil prices are felt in more places than just the gas tank. Racing tires cost \$96 each.

"They went up again

this year. I think it was four bucks, six bucks they went up this year," Eggleston said.

But that has limited impact in the sportsman's class, also, where teams are only allowed to buy one new tire each week.

## Hearings, continued ... From Page 4

with planning commission member Sherry Grimm.

Currently, wall signs in the downtown business district must face a street or a public or private parking area. According to Pasquale, this presented a problem for those businesses having walls facing the Flat River.

"The majority of the commissioners felt it was appropriate to allow these

signs as provided by the ordinance amendment," he said. "We have eliminated projecting signs."

Council member James Hodges said the proposed ordinance amendment will be just as good on May 15 as on May 1.

"It's a good ordinance, it will be just as good on May 15," he said.

Under the proposed

change, signs would still have to be in accordance with the standards of the historic commission.

The preliminary budget was proposed on April 17. According to the draft, the city has shown some financial improvement with a four percent increase in property taxes. According to Pasquale's report, the Downtown Development

Authority (DDA) continues to grow with city's capture of \$16 million.

The city has lost \$100,000 in state revenue sharing, however, over the last few years. Salary increases for city employees are expected to be at 1.5 percent with no merit increases and no new hires proposed.

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## “Jeans Days” at City Hall raises dollars for food pantry

City Hall employees, including police department dispatchers, raised money for Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry with “Jeans Days.” Every pay day since the beginning of February, employees could pay \$5 to wear jeans to work; they raised \$130 for the food pantry. Pictured, left to right, with food pantry director Jody Haybarker (second from right) are Luann Wisniewski, Vickie Videan, Betty Morlock, Sue Ullery and Sue Olin.



It took a lot of rakes to clear the leaves and debris from the forest floor at Camp Tuhsmehta.

## Freshmen service, continued

... From Page 1

camp buildings and around a lake, refurbished an outdoor amphitheater, built a ramp to allow wheelchair access to the lake's boating docks, built a shelter for an outdoor oven and constructed a moveable cabin. Most of it was work the camp would not have had the resources to do, otherwise.

“They built a trail down to our industrial arts building in half a day,” Wurtzel said. “It would have taken us a whole summer because we just don't have enough hands.”

The dirt trail was about three feet wide and lined on either side with logs.

At Camp Mel Trotter, students spread 40 yards of mulch, built a chicken coop, installed drainage tile and assembled a miniature golf course. In addition to work, they also took part in team-building exercises at the camp, such as a low ropes course.

The freshmen who went to camp Tuhsmehta prepared for the experience in the weeks prior to the service trip. With Paws for a Cause, they went through simulations that showed them what it was like to

be blind. They also heard speeches including one by a commissioner from the Michigan Commission on the Blind.

For both halves of the freshman class, the experience involved work, fun, and the camp experience. Students stayed overnight at the camps. The volunteer projects were a lot of work, but a departure from everyday school life.

“The time went fast yesterday,” Brianna McBryde said, referring to the eight-hour workday on Thursday. “It's been a lot of fun.”

Numerous parent volunteers and community members helped on site with both projects. Many other individuals and local organizations contributed money, materials and expertise to the projects.

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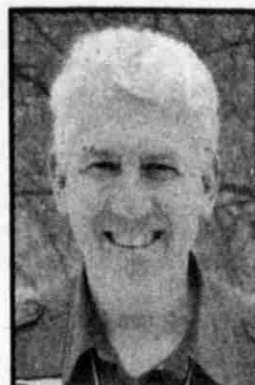
## School food drive harvests 1,800 items

Students from St. Patrick's School in Parnell delivered boxes and bags of non-perishable food items to Flat River Outreach Ministries food pantry Friday. The school held a food drive throughout the month of April, collecting more than 1,800 items for the food pantry. To encourage students to bring food in for the drive, those bringing in three or more items were allowed to wear blue jeans instead of the standard school uniform pants.

## Wyoming Park performing arts center renamed to honor LHS grad

**By Dan Schneider**  
The last time Dan Heintzelman attended a performance at the Wyoming Park High School auditorium, it was a little different experience for him. Part of it was because he was sitting in a seat, not running soundboards, lights and microphones like he did for 14 years as manager of the facility. The other thing that was different for Heintzelman was sitting in an auditorium named after him. "It's nothing I'd ever imagined," he said. "It's quite a shocker (to see the name on the building), especially with a long one like that, a long last name." Heintzelman, 55, who graduated from Lowell High School in 1969, retired from Wyoming Public Schools last year after 14 years as the manager of the district's auditorium. The auditorium serves Wyoming Park High School as well as Rogers High School, two middle schools and multiple elementary buildings. That was the best part of the job for Heintzelman, seeing students progress as they took part in a number of productions from elementary through high school graduation.

"It was a lot of kids, a lot of different people you met, a lot of good directors, a lot of community support," Heintzelman explained. He said in that way it was similar to performing arts in Lowell, with which he is familiar through his extensive family still living here. Shortly after Heintzelman retired, the district set the wheels in motion to have the auditorium renamed. It was made official in early March with a ceremony and band performances.



## On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

### WILD GENETICS HELPS DOMESTIC ANIMALS & PLANTS

New births abound in nature and on the farm. I have been finding eggs and egg shells. Birds are singing and claiming breeding territories. As life renews itself in Wittenbach/Wege Center (WWC) wild areas, we are experiencing the joy of life on the farm as well. We hope community members come enjoy Farm Animal Day this Saturday. Human life and farm life depend on the natural world for survival in many ways.

Farm animals come from a long lineage of wild stock breed and rebreed for centuries. FFA (Future Farmers of

America) students take on this task of keeping domestic animals healthy and bred for our uses. Farm plant crops also come from wild stocks that have been altered over centuries.

Think how domesticated corn has been bred to have large ears that are full of plump corns. A side effect of inbreeding to get this is the loss of disease resistance. This and the fact that we grow corn as a single plant crop next to other corn makes it easier for pests to easily spread.

What is the solution? Most of us are familiar with crop rotation to different fields that get the plants away from pest in the fields from the previous year. Newer scientific discoveries about ancient wild stock of plants and animals can become more important.

A native perennial corn Zea diploperennis was discovered on a small piece of land scheduled for development that would eliminate the only known plants of this species. Scientists worked rapidly in Mexico to try to save this species. Many wonder why be concerned about a few rare plants. More people seem to be thinking it is

not worth having an Endangered Species Act to save rare things.

The corn discovered has genetic resistance to many natural diseases and pests. It is also perennial which means it comes up each year from root stock without being replanted. What if we can gene-splice genes from the ancient wild stock to current domestic stock of Zea mays? Maybe we can breed corn that farmers will not need to plant annually and maybe the plants will not require as many pesticides and fungicides. This will save billions of dollars and time for farmers. This can only happen if we have ancient breeds.

Come discover about farm animals from this year's crop of FFA on May 6 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the WWC farm yard. Enjoy birthday cake as we celebrate our fifth anniversary serving the Lowell Community and West Michigan. Explore the building to browse our library and to learn more about how the wild natural world continues to keep farm life sustainable and healthy. The alligator will be leaving to live at an alligator rescue center during May. Come say goodbye this weekend to the alligator.

## LHS students place at leadership conference



Jesi Hook, Austin Blough and Scott Beatson.

Four Lowell students placed at the state level at the 2006 State Leadership Conference in March. The event was held in Grand Rapids, and over 2000 students competed in business skill competitions, took part in leadership workshops and attended candidate speeches and the closing awards ceremony.

Placing at the state competition from Lowell were Scott Beatson, fourth place in Graphic Design Promotion; Austin Blough, fifth place in Graphic Design Promotion; Brad Corlett, fourth place in Digital Media Production; and Jesi Hook, fourth place in Prepared Speech. Blough will attend the BPA National Leadership Conference in Orlando the week of May 10 as a member of the state executive council. He was elected Region 1 vice president after elections at the state conference. His campaign managers were Alex Carpenter and Brittney Shellenbarger.



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**Lowell Baseball** is doing a heck of a job this year. Good luck boys.

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**There isn't a vegetable/fruit** stand in the city limits because the city wants approximately \$1000 for permits, etc.

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**Hey, did you know** Lowell High School has a Rugby Club! What a cool game!

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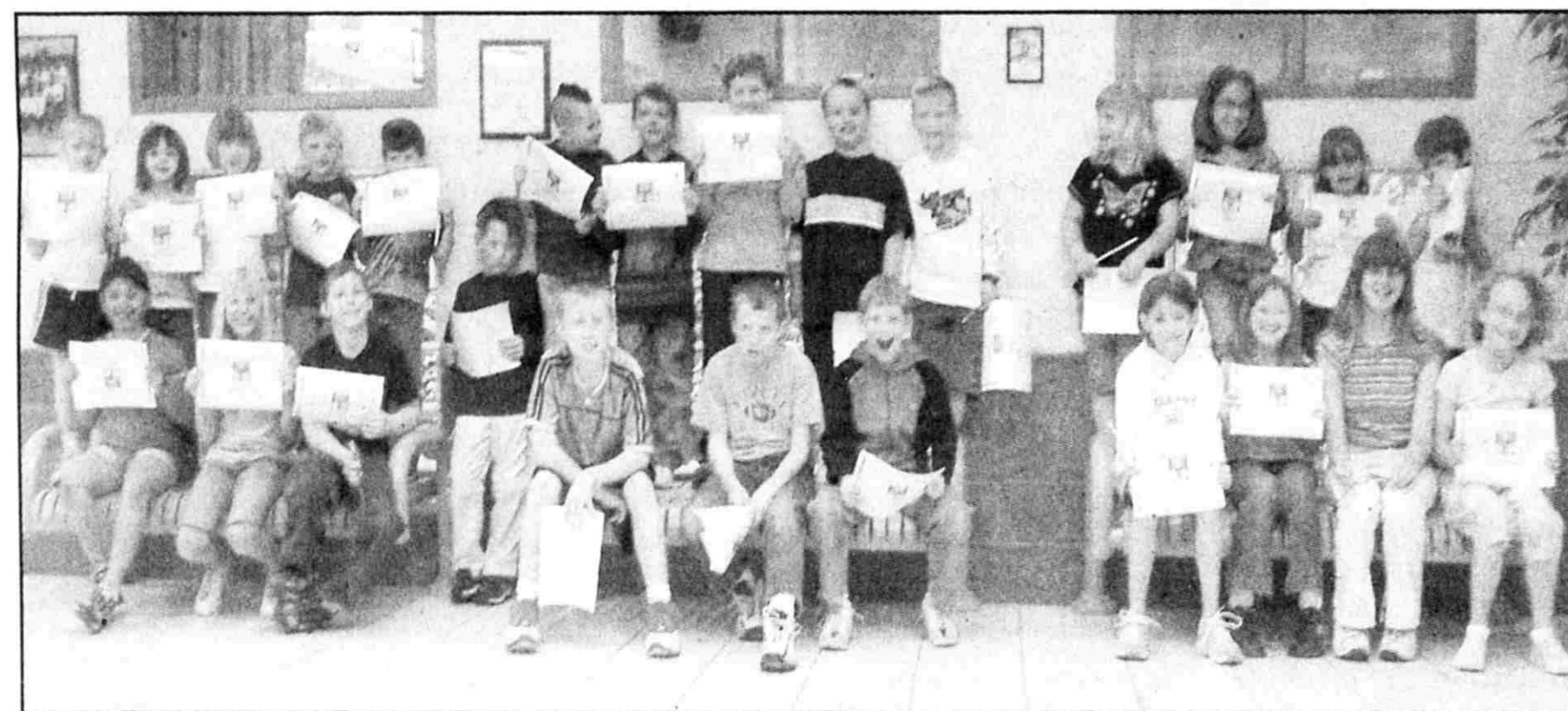
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## Character In Action awards



Murray Lake Character in Action award winners for the month of March were nominated by staff members for putting March's character trait, citizenship into action on a daily basis.

At left, students at Murray Lake Elementary making good decisions, front row, left to right, are: Angie Baerwalde, Allison Mooney, Kelvin Anderson, Foster Nethercott, Alex Woodmon, Dylan Mankel, Katie Bush, Laurel Bronkella, Licia Feurestein and Alexandra Chappellaine; back row: Brianna Higgins, Nina Vulpetti, Andi Reynolds, Nicholas Dalessandro, Ben Noffke, Cody Antcliff, Alec Senior, Max Majinska, Jon Wade, Jr., A.J. Ebling, Morgan Wittenbach, Catie Wissman, Nikki Nugent and Colby DeVries.

Pictured below are: Addison Mallindine and Regan Zimmerman.



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# Red Arrow softball wins first conference games

Lowell shuts out Kenowa Hills once, Forest Hills Northern twice



Chelsea Wolbers swings the bat during last Wednesday's game against Kenowa Hills.

By Dan Schneider

Lowell softball followed up a tough loss to Lakewood last Monday with a dominating win over Kenowa Hills to open conference play.

Lakewood scored in the bottom of the seventh on a base hit, sacrifice bunt and two errors for a 1-0 win. Lowell had several base runners in the game, but was unable to get the hits necessary to drive in runs. Lowell had four hits in the game and struck out 13 times.

Becky Plummer struck out seven batters, walked none and allowed five hits. Katie McElroy had two of those hits; Plummer and

Terrah Tawney each had one.

Last Wednesday, Lowell shut out Kenowa Hills 7-0. The Arrows got off to a fast start, scoring five runs in the first inning. The other two runs were scored in the fifth inning.

Lowell won both halves of Friday's doubleheader at Forest Hills Northern. The Arrows won the first game 11-0, scoring four runs in each of the first and third innings. Lowell sent nine batters to the plate in the first inning. Plummer had 13 strikeouts in the no-hitter. The game ended by mercy rule after five innings.

Game two was another

shutout, the Arrows beating the Huskies 8-0. Plummer had 16 strikeouts in that game and two hits.

"Her change-up was really working ... and had those girls off balance," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Tawney had two RBIs. Lowell's record was 10-5 going into Monday's game at East Grand Rapids. They are 3-0 in the OK White. Lowell hosted Forest Hills Eastern Tuesday. Their next game is Wednesday when they host Greenville. They travel to Forest Hills Central for a doubleheader on Thursday.

# Baseball struggles in first week of conference games

Arrows find tough competition in Kenowa Hills, Forest Hills Northern



By Dan Schneider

The Lowell baseball team had a hard time in its opening week of OK White conference play last week.

The Arrows fell 8-3 to the Kenowa Hills Knights last Wednesday in the OK White conference opener.

Then on Friday, they lost both halves of a doubleheader at Forest Hills Northern. The Huskies took the lead with a run in the first inning and did not relinquish it, posting a 7-0

shutout victory. They did the most damage in the fourth inning, when they scored three runs.

Lowell had five hits and one error in the game compared to the Huskies' 11 hits and one error. Jay Ryan struck out two batters in the loss.

The Arrows led game two 3-0 before Northern scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the second. Lowell scored again in the third, but the Huskies took

the lead with a three-run fifth inning. They sealed the deal by scoring six runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Torsten Boss and Tylor Meppelink had extra-base hits in the game for Lowell.

Lowell traveled to East Grand Rapids, Monday. The Arrows hosted Forest Hills Eastern, Tuesday. Their next game is Wednesday, when they host Greenville, and Thursday, they host a doubleheader against Forest Hills Central.

# Lowell girls soccer falls to East Grand Rapids

The only game the Lowell girls soccer team played last week was a 2-1 loss at East Grand Rapids.

Going into Monday's game, when Lowell hosted

Greenville at Red Arrow Memorial Stadium, the Arrows' record was 5-2-1 overall, 1-1 in the OK White conference.

Lowell's next game

is Wednesday, when the Arrows host Muskegon Reeths Puffer.

# Lacrosse update

Lowell lacrosse lost a pair of matches last week.

At Grand Rapids Catholic Central last Tuesday, the Arrows fell by a 5-2 score. Then on Thursday, they lost 6-1 to Zeeland East.

Lowell hosted Holland Christian, Tuesday. Their next match is Thursday at Grand Haven. In their last meeting, April 18, the Arrows beat the Buccaneers 9-7 at home. They host Portage Northern this Saturday.

# Boys tennis wins third straight tournament

By Dan Schneider

The Lowell boys tennis team won its third straight weekend tournament Saturday, taking the trophy at the Caledonia Tournament.

Lowell scored 19 team points to finish ahead of Grand Rapids Catholic Central, with 15 points. Caledonia finished third with nine team points and Grand Rapids Central placed fourth with two.

Winning individual championship matches were Kyle Wittenbach in first singles, Travis Trapp in second singles, Elvis Lane in fourth singles and the second doubles team of Tony Dubbink and Chase Canning.

"We had some excellent matches that we won in the super match tie break," said tennis coach Bonnie Wall. "It was a very good day."

The Red Arrows beat Greenville 7-1 last Wednesday in an OK White conference meet.

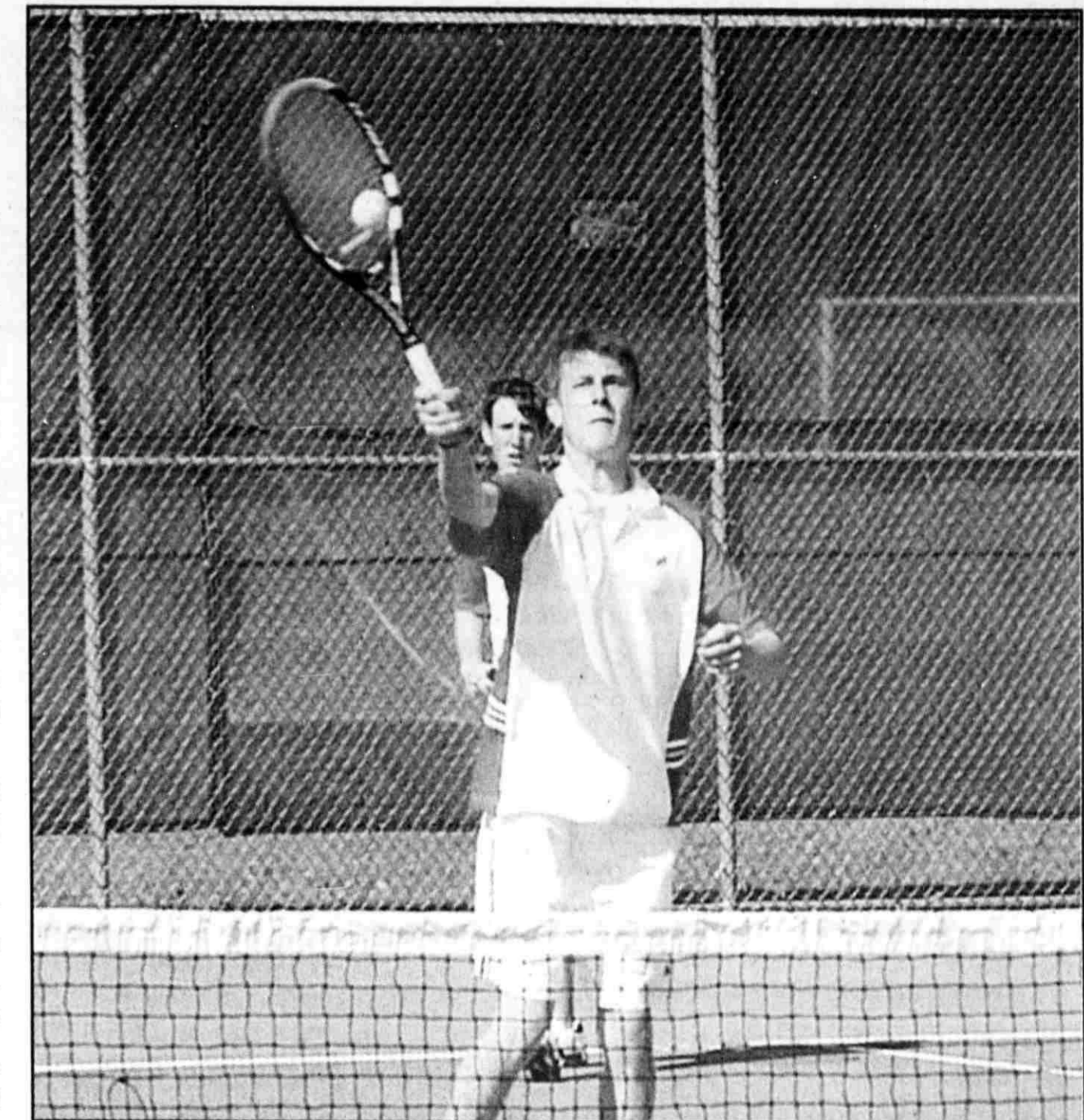
At first singles, Wittenbach fell 6-1, 6-0 to Bryant Dudzik. Trapp defeated Nick VanderLaan 6-2, 6-3 in second singles. Brett Hobla won third singles, defeating Sean Conroe 6-0, 6-3. At fourth singles, Brett McMahon defeated Sam Row 6-0, 6-0.

In first doubles, Josh Hobla and Drew Kyllonen defeated Mike Rausch and David Hays 6-4, 6-

0. Dubbink and Canning defeated Andrew Samson and Andrew Crebessa 6-2, 6-1 in second doubles. Lowell's third doubles team of Cory Kowalski and Greg Herral defeated James Zelling and Mitch Burke 6-3, 6-2. In fourth doubles, Elvis Lane and Ben Ritzena defeated Aaron Smith and Everett Shoeborn 6-0, 6-0.

Lowell was swept 8-0 last Monday at East Grand Rapids.

The Arrows are 5-1-1 overall this season and 2-1 in the OK White. They travel to Forest Hills Northern on Wednesday, and to Northpoint Christian this Thursday.



Lowell's Cory Kowalski returns a volley during last week's tennis match against Greenville.

# Red Arrow crew team rows into Detroit for Hebda Regatta



The Lowell crew varsity 8-boat team heads to the starting line for a heat race at Saturday's regatta in Detroit.

The Lowell crew team competed with over 900 Michigan high school athletes on April 29 for the Hebda Regatta at the Wyandotte Boat Club on the Detroit River.

In seven different 1000-meter heats, Lowell came in third, fourth, fifth and sixth places; the top two teams continued on to the final races. Forest Hills Central won first place overall, and first place for the boys' teams: Ann Arbor Pioneer won first place for the girls' teams.

The weather was sunny

and cool, and later turned windy causing Riverside and Forest Hills Northern to capsize during one race. The coast guard and regatta launches pulled the crew members to safety.

Coach Missy Harrison said, "The team made a great effort, and showed good sportsmanship by staying to watch the final races and award ceremonies. We all appreciated the many family members who drove out to show support."

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<p><b>ANNUAL STREET SALE</b> Saturday, May 6, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. River Place Street off Vergennes between Lincoln Lake and Flat River. 18 ft. pool used one season, compound bow, furniture, clean clothes, hunting and fishing, household and many misc. items.</p>	<p><b>SECOND BEST SALE</b> Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Three miles east on 21. Thurs., May 4th, 9-5, Fri., May 5th, 8-12. Clothes, household items, books, baked goods, &amp; plants.</p>	<p><b>EVERYTHING MUST GO</b> 1218 Lincoln Lake Ave. N. (Mile N. of Fallasburg Park). May 4, 5 &amp; 6, 9 until ? (rain or shine). Washer, dryer, Christmas decorations, clarinet, exercise equipment, entertainment stand, auto tires, windows, bicycles, water toys (skis, tubes, kneeboard &amp; two-person torpedo), fabric &amp; other crafting supplies. Many household items, albums, misc. tools, books &amp; home-made crafts! Something for just about everyone!</p>
<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> Sat., May 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Girls clothes size 12-16, women's size 10/12, household items, toys, bikes, lots of stuff for everyone. 11209 Barnsley Rd. (Whispering Hills Subdivision), 2 houses E. of Cumberland, near Eastgate.</p>	<p><b>FOREMAN FARMS NEIGHBORHOOD SALE</b> (off Foreman bet. Cumberland &amp; Alden Nash) Fri., May 5, 9-6 p.m. &amp; Sat., May 6, 9-noon. Kids clothes, toys, swing set, Fisher Price picnic table, game table, race car collectibles &amp; many other treasures.</p>	<p><b>HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!</b> May 5 &amp; 6, Lowell. 11383 Taunton. Whispering Hills, NW of Meijer. Baby/kids clothes, furniture, household &amp; much more!</p>
<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> May 5 &amp; 6, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. New &amp; used items - something for everyone. 13397 Forest River Dr. You won't want to miss this one!</p>	<p><b>YARD SALE</b> Sat., May 6, corner of M-21 &amp; James St. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cribs, toddler clothes &amp; equipment. Furniture, refrigerator &amp; stove, clothing &amp; more.</p>	<p><b>6 - FAMILY SALE</b> Ball card collection, baseballs, pucks, glassware, misc. items for men, women &amp; children, all A1 shape. Check us out! May 6, 8-? 11153 Woodbushe.</p>
<p><b>EASTGATE GARAGE SALE</b> Fri. &amp; Sat., 5/5 &amp; 5/6, 9-5 p.m. 1490 Baywicke, Lowell. Table saw, yard, electric &amp; fishing equipment, household &amp; hostas.</p>	<p><b>HUGE SALE INCLUDING MULTIPLE ESTATE ITEMS</b> Something for everyone. Thurs. 5/4 &amp; Fri. 5/5, 8 to 5 p.m.; Sat. 5/6, 8 to 2 p.m. 1090 Cumberland SE.</p>	<p><b>MULTI-FAMILY SALE</b> Friday &amp; Saturday, May 5 &amp; 6, 9:00 - 4:00, 199 Montcalm Ave. Directions: Lincoln Lake to Fallasburg Park Dr. to McPherson to Montcalm.</p>
<p><b>HUGE SALE</b> Valley Vista Trailer Park, Lot 95, May 4-6, 9-5 p.m. Lots of stuff like movies, chairs, loft bed with a desk, TV's, crib, tools, floor tiles, nails for nail gun 2 cases, household items, misc.</p>	<p><b>3 DAY SALE</b> May 3, 4 &amp; 5, 11855 McPherson between Alden Nash &amp; Parnell. 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Queen bed frame, toddler bed, bikes, bedding, housewares, coats, ball cleats, misc. toddler items, toys, lots &amp; lots of name brand clothes - boys 12-18, girls 24 mos. - 4T &amp; 6-8, women 5-7, men med. &amp; lg., Nintendo 64, PlayStations, Super Nintendo, all with games, old desk, Barbie stuff, lg dog kennel, snowblower, lots of misc.</p>	<p><b>NEIGHBORHOOD/MOVING SALES</b> Boynton Hills Ave. (off Bennett between Parnell &amp; Sargent) Sat., May 6, 9-2ish.</p>
<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> Friday, May 5, 9-4 p.m. 3234 Kissing Rock (between Grand River &amp; 36th). Boys clothes 4+ - 5+, some furniture, toys, odds &amp; ends.</p>	<p><b>GARAGE SALE</b> Friday, May 5 noon - 6 p.m. &amp; Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 10881 Woodbushe. Golf balls, golf clubs, toys, lots of misc. Refreshments.</p>	<p><b>LOTSA FOR SALE</b> - Ranging from 1 acre to 2.25 acres. Lowell area. Starting at \$20,000. Call 616-292-3727.</p>
<p><b>YARD SALE</b> May 6, 10720 Woodbushe, Lowell. Bumper for '89 Chevy pickup, brush guard for Craftsman lawn tractor, Phaltzgraft dishes &amp; many other kids &amp; household things.</p>	<p><b>ESTATE SALE</b> 7140 Kettle Lake Dr., May 5 &amp; 6, 9 a.m. Nice assortment.</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE - 4 bedroom, newer furnace, AC, roof. Priced to sell at \$147,500. On cul-de-sac, 1532 Spicewood Ct. Phone 897-8534.</b></p>
<p><b>3-FAMILY SALE</b> Bikes, Little Tikes, roller blades, toys &amp; Polo &amp; Tommy Hilfiger adult &amp; children's clothes galore. 11259 Ware Rd. May 5 &amp; 6, 9-noon.</p>	<p><b>HUGE GARAGE SALE</b> Elec. stove, floral/craft supplies, housewares, Bratz, clothing, books &amp; lots more. Thurs. &amp; Fri., 9-6 p.m. &amp; Sat. 9-noon. 11404 Foreman Farms Ct.</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE - 4 bedroom, newer furnace, AC, roof. Priced to sell at \$147,500. On cul-de-sac, 1532 Spicewood Ct. Phone 897-8534.</b></p>

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