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## Lowell chiropractic defendants charged with tax evasion

By Emma Palova

After weeks of investigation and incarceration, Paul Tuthill, Phyllis Calkins and Judith Cormier of Doctors Chiropractic will face arraignment and hearing on charges of conspiracy to evade taxes today in U.S. District Court.

The hearing was rescheduled Friday when the defendants appeared separately in handcuffs without attorneys. Tuthill, Calkins and Cormier argued they had no paperwork or time to get attorneys.

"I had no detention hearing, I was in jail

for 90 days, without any paperwork," said Tuthill. "I have no idea what has happened to me. I had nothing signed by the judge."

After listening to the same argument from Calkins and Cormier, U.S. Magistrate Judge Ellen Carmody ordered court-appointed attorneys for each defendant.

"You're in jail, you need an attorney," said Carmody. "I am free to control my docket."

Last week, the

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Doctors Chiropractic has closed its doors due to alleged charges of conspiracy to hide \$2.4 million to evade taxes. At right the familiar spine mailbox.

## Wittenbach Wege Center celebrates anniversary on Earth Day

By Emma Palova

Decked out with a new grey wolf exhibit, the Wittenbach Wege Center will celebrate Earth Day along with its anniversary on April 21.

While hiking the trails with guides from different organizations, participants will get a flavor for the great outdoors.

"We want to expose the community to the variety of organizations in West

Michigan," said director Steve Mueller.

On top of that, this year's activities are tied into the new Michigan environmental education curriculum.

Workshops on eco-

systems, air and water quality will be available for anyone who works with youth for \$20 with registration by April 13.

And get your cameras ready.

In between the workshops, there will be a live Bald Eagle and Great Horned Owl presentation.

"We want to make people aware of what's going on," said Mueller. "It's like an expo for environmental opportunities."

To celebrate the sixth anniversary of the WWC, the nature center will recognize the Wege Foundation for its environmental stewardship.

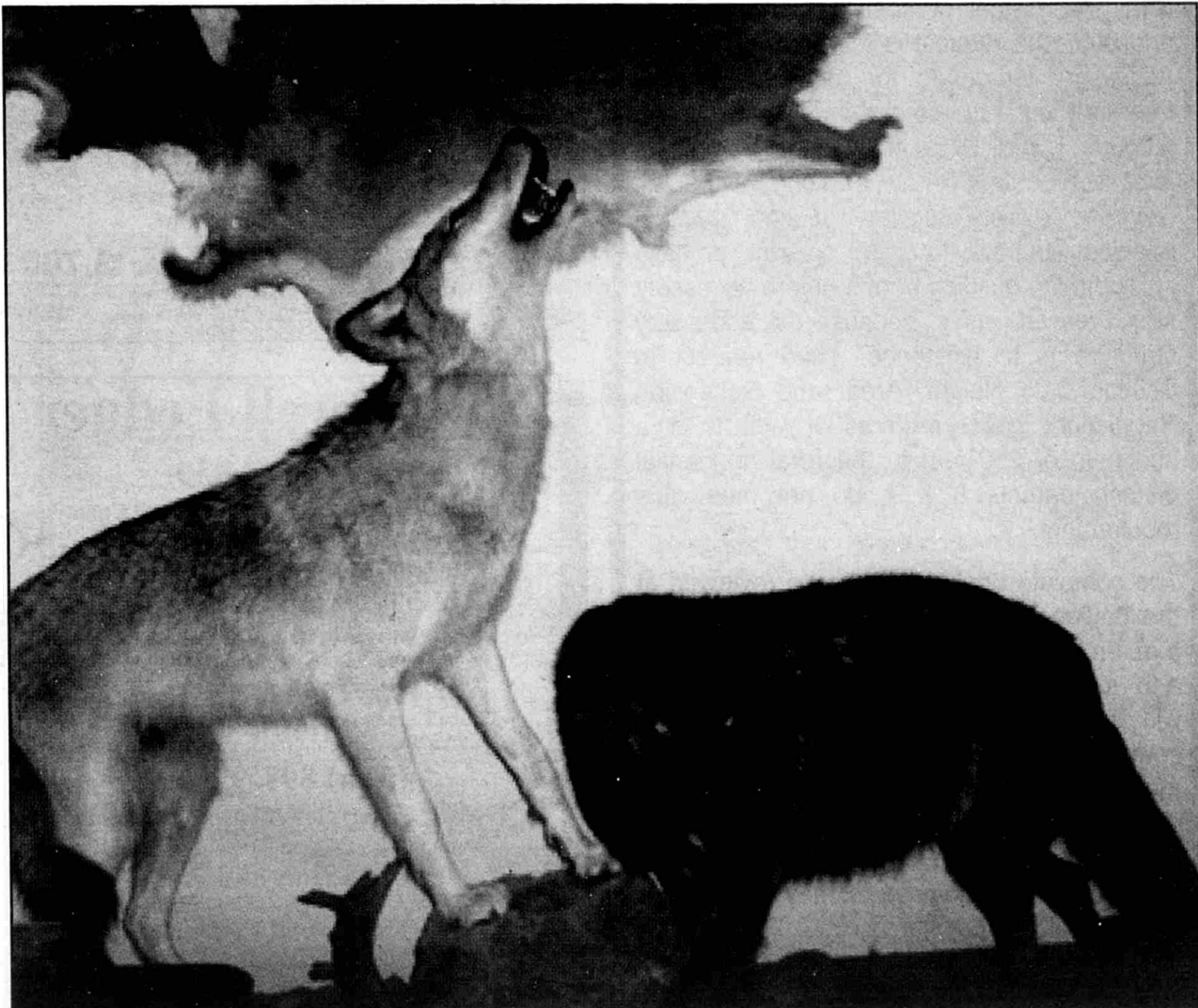
Mueller is hoping for a turnout of 500 people. Last

year approximately 100 people participated.

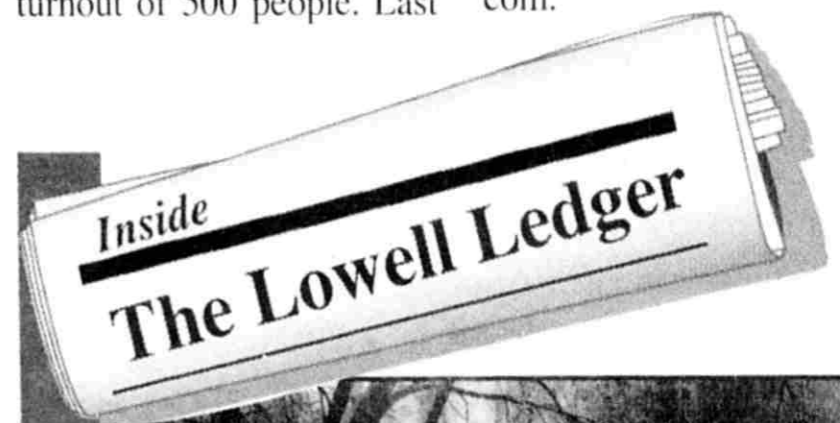
During the spring break, third through fifth grade students built owl houses and nest boxes, while they explored different outdoor habitats.

The Earth Day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the nature center on Vergennes Road.

To sign up for WWC newsletter go to [smueller@lowellschools.com](mailto:smueller@lowellschools.com).



The grey wolves exhibit is a part of the upcoming Earth Day celebration.



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# Obituaries

## BROWN

Helen Kinsley Lowrey Brown, born December 27, 1915 in Lowell, passed away on Saturday morning, March 31, 2007 at Clark Retirement Community. She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Brent (Carol Rogers) Lowrey of Lake Placid, FL, Jane Nelson Lowrey of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Ingrid (Scott Timmer) Nelson of Grand Rapids, Ty James (Wendi) Lowrey of Orlando, Chad Lowrey of Orlando; great-grandchildren, Jessica, Brenna, Sydney and Ty; niece, Jean (Jason) Raterink of Grand Rapids and many friends. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Chapel of Clark Retirement Community, 1551 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. There will be an hour of visitation before the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at the chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Mayflower Congregation Church Children's Ministry in Helen's honor.



## GRUMMET

Robert I. Grummet, aged 71, of Alto, passed away April 2, 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ron and Elsie Grummet, brothers, Fred and Ray Grummet, sister Zelma Pearson. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lila Lee; children, Robert (Rebecca) Grummet of Lowell, William (Carol) Grummet of Lowell, Marilee (Mark) Trierweiler of Alto, Joseph (Sue) Grummet of Hastings, sisters: Fran (Jim) Warner, Sharon (Larry) Jenks, Mary Lou Carzoli; brother-in-law, Steven

(Carol) Green; sisters-in-law, Linda (Denny) Hawk, Becky Grummet; 13 grandchildren; Travis (Lindsay) Grummet, Lucas (Ruthann) Grummet, Caleb (Kelly) Grummet, Ben Grummet, Holley Kaley, Casey, Carly Audrey Grummet, Matt, Landon, Maliree, Lindsey Trierweiler; 7 great-grandchildren; Amos, Esther, Eleanor, Abraham, Jonas, Ava, Naomi Grummet; Aunt Nina Fortuna; several nieces and nephews; many cousins. He was a 1954 graduate of Lowell High School and proud of it. Bob retired after 30 years for the Kent County Sheriff's Department as a Kent County Sheriff's Deputy. He was a long-time member of the Alto United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Friday, April 6th at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to: Alto United Methodist Building Fund or Saladin Shrine.

## HOSETH

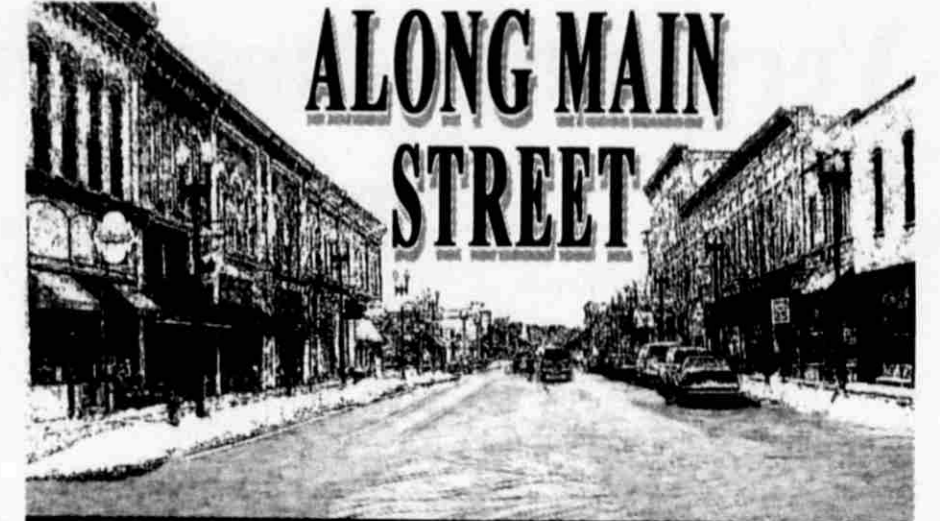
Erwin Harold Hoseth, aged 74, of Wyoming formerly of Lowell passed away April 6, 2007. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack and Wallace Hoseth.



## MCNEAL

Richard W. "Grandpa Macker" McNeal, age 76, of Belding, formerly of Lowell, passed away Friday evening, April 6, 2007 at Spectrum Health United Memorial Campus in Greenville. Richard was born on July 19, 1930 in Berrien County, the son of Cecil and Dorothy Ames McNeal. He proudly served his country during the Korean War with the United States Marines. He later graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was a past member of the Grand Rapids Club of Printing House Craftsmen, the Board of Directors of the Lowell YMCA, and Master of the Lowell Masonic Lodge. Richard served on the Board of Directors of the Lowell Showboat, entertained on the Showboat stage, and played the Showboat calliope in numerous parades and functions throughout Michigan for over 25 years. Richard had played the organ and served as choir director for several churches in the Lowell area. He was blessed with a wonderful singing voice and

sang at numerous weddings, funerals, and other functions during his lifetime. He was also actively involved with and very proud of his sons and Gus Macker. Richard will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He was married on July 17, 1955 in Ithaca to Bonnie Gabriion and she survives along with his sons and their spouses, Scott and Renee McNeal of Belding, Mitch and Cheryl McNeal of Greenville; and his grandchildren, Margaret "Meg", Samantha, Jaclyn, brendan and Austin. Richard is also survived by his brother and sisters, Wesley and Mary McNeal, Barbara Mott all of Tennessee and Kathleen and Roger Rey of Oregon. He was preceded by his parents. Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Belding United Methodist Church. Following the church service a luncheon will be held at St. Joseph Church, Belding. Private interment will take place in River Ridge Cemetery, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to the Alvah N. Belding Library.



## RELAY FOR LIFE OF LOWELL CAPTAIN MEETING

If you are a captain of one of our 31 teams or want to find out how you can form a team for the Second Annual Relay For Life of Lowell, please attend the next Team Captain's meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 621 E. Main St., Lowell. For more information contact Carol Briggs, co-chair, at 897-5501.

## LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Combat Boots and Hula Hoops - Panel Discussion with Dr. Robert Reagan on April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash. Moderator Ivan Blough will interview the panelists as they share their memories of what life in Lowell was like once the soldiers returned from World War II. Free admission, public invited, light refreshments served.

## COMMUNITY GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS

April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Boy Scout cabin at the end of N. Washington St. April 22 at 2 p.m. at Stoney Lakeside Park. For more information contact Peggy 897-7948.

## BLUEGRASS MUSIC JAM SESSION

April 21 at TJ's Bar & Grille in Lowell. Bring your instrument or just come and listen. Begins at 7 p.m., free, everyone welcome. Wiggles and Giggles Night April 22, 6:30 - 7:30, Bright Beginnings Gym. \$1 per child. Tumble track, bikes, climbers, refreshments.

## LOWELL/CALEDONIA JV HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts are April 24 and 25 at Patterson Ice Arena from 7 - 8:30 p.m. All players with birthdays from 1990 - 1993 will be considered. Tryouts are free for all Lowell and Caledonia students. Arrive early for registration. Full equipment is necessary. Contact Shad Propst, JV Team Manager for more information, PROPSTSS@aol.com.

## TOTS SPRING ALMOST NEW SALE

April 28, 9 a.m. to noon at the Bright Beginnings Gym, 300 High Street, Lowell. Free to shop or sell. Call Kathy at 987-2532. Infant, toddler, and preschool clothing, toys, books, videos, and baby essentials.

## SHOWBOAT NOSTALGIA TALENT SEARCH

Don't pass up this historic opportunity to perform at Showboat Nostalgia this summer. Amateur Act application deadline is May 1. Visit [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org) for further details. *Along Main Street, cont'd., pg. 9*

## LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND ACCEPTS GRANT PROPOSALS

All Proposals Must Be Submitted No Later Than April 20, 2007 to be considered.

To receive a grant application form call Kate Luckert, program director at 616-454-1751 or download an application from the website at: [www.grfoundation.org/lowell](http://www.grfoundation.org/lowell) You may also pick up an application at any of the following locations: Lowell Township Hall, Vergennes Township Hall, City Offices of Lowell, Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, the Englehardt Public Library or any Lowell Area School.

The Lowell Area Community Fund, a fund of Grand Rapids Community Foundation, awards grants to tax-exempt, nonprofit charitable organizations that have an impact in the Lowell area. The LACF funds innovative projects or programs that encourage community cooperation.

## Deadline quickly approaching for nostalgic showboat talent show

The deadline is approaching for amateur acts wanting a chance to appear in the Showboat Nostalgia Extravaganza event this summer. Committee will choose 24 acts from applications received at the Lowell Area Arts Council no later than May 1. Those chosen will compete on May 12 at Amateur Act Audition Day at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School.

Twelve acts will go on to perform in semi-final competition at the Riverwalk Festival July 14. The six winning acts will perform at the Showboat Nostalgia Extravaganza Aug. 24-25. Applications can be found at [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org). E-mail the committee at [talentsearch@lowellartscouncil.org](mailto:talentsearch@lowellartscouncil.org) with questions.

## Local galleries piggy back on the 4 point exhibit

By Emma Palova

In conjunction with the Lowell 4 Points of View photo exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council, local galleries are showcasing photographers as well.

The Fire and Water Art Gallery at 219 W.

Main features the work of Kim Vandenberg and Patti Sevensma. The Riverwalk Gallery at 115 Riverwalk Plaza has a new photography exhibit by Ann Marie Biernacki. Huntingdon Galleria at 414 E. Main is showing Bruce Doll's photography.

"I am very pleased with what we have," said exhibit coordinator David Davis. "Each of the photographers has his or her own style and presentation. Sometimes you will find humor between the photograph and the title." All venues will have a closing reception for the

artists on April 29 from 2-4 p.m. The Riverwalk Gallery will have a special wine and cheese reception. Take a stroll through town and enjoy these exhibits. As the exhibit poster says, there has been "A Whole Lotta Shootin' Goin' On."

## 2007 Crop Walk slated for May 6

Comerain or shine, many area residents are gearing up to join in the Lowell CROP WALK on Sunday, May 6, at 1:30 p.m. The 6.2 mile (10 kilometer) Walk will begin and end at First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main Street, Lowell. (A shorter 3.1 mile Walk is also offered).

Organized locally, the Lowell CROP HUNGER WALK has set a goal of 150 to 200 walkers and hopes to raise at least \$32,000 to help stop hunger here in our community, and around

the world through self-help development initiatives. A portion of the funds raised here in Lowell will go to the Flat River Outreach Ministries Food Pantry and Lowell Senior Neighbors.

Last year, 125 walkers raised more than the \$15,000 in the Lowell CROP HUNGER WALK. The Lowell CROP HUNGER WALK is one of some 2,000 interfaith, community CROP HUNGER WALKS taking place around the country this year under the theme, "I Make a Difference".

Church World Service, sponsor of the CROP HUNGER WALKS, funds projects around the world supported largely by CROP HUNGER WALK gifts. In West Africa, limited water resources and periodic drought often create food insecurity leading to malnutrition in hundreds of villages. Church World Service works with several indigenous, partner agencies to provide agricultural training, irrigation projects, community gardens and wells, water conservation

projects, and tools and seeds to increase food security. Programs that focus on women also help strengthen families and increase food security. Such programs include adult literacy, leadership training, and small savings and loan programs which lead to individual and group money generating projects that benefit families.

Those interested in learning more about the Lowell CROP HUNGER WALK contact First United Methodist Church of Lowell at 897-5936.

## 4-H Council selling Kent County plat books

The Kent County 4-H Council is offering a Spring/Summer special on Kent County Plat Books. They are on sale now for \$20 (regularly \$30) plus \$5 shipping and handling.

Kent County Plat Books are available at the MSU Extension office at 755 Ball Street, Grand Rapids, 616-336-3278 or by contacting Gail VanSledright at [marygailvs@aol.com](mailto:marygailvs@aol.com).

The Land Atlas & Plat

Book has detailed township maps showing rural land ownership with owners' names, parcel boundaries, acreages and all the natural and cultural features as they lie. This is a resource for hunters, real estate agents, business owners or home buyers.

For many years the Kent County 4-H Council has been selling plat books as one of its main fundraisers. Money from plat book sales

is used to help fund county wide 4-H programs.

The 4-H program is a character-building youth organization open to ages 5-

18. Volunteers in more than 70 clubs in Kent County work with young people in various project areas.

## CORRECTION

Last week's article "Break-in under investigation," should have stated that area kids may have been involved in previous break-ins at the old fruit market.

## COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE

- Attendance is important!** You will be scheduling your child's visitation time!
- ALTO ELEMENTARY**  
Kindergarten Parent Meeting  
Thursday, April 19, 2007  
6:00-6:25 PM - Sign-up  
6:30-7:30 PM - Meeting
  - BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY**  
Kindergarten Parent Meeting  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007  
6:00-6:25 PM - Sign-up  
6:30-7:30 PM - Meeting
  - MURRAY LAKE ELEMENTARY**  
Kindergarten Parent Meeting  
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007  
6:15-6:25 PM - Sign-up  
6:30-7:30 PM - Meeting

**THE FOODMOBILE**  
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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR: UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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(mostly produce)  
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**CITY OF LOWELL**  
**KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 07- 03 ADOPTED BY THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL ON APRIL 2, 2007  
Ordinance No. 07- 03 adds Section 4.13A, Non-conforming lots of record, to Chapter 4 of Appendix A-Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. It provides that non-conforming residential lots of record as of the effective date of the adoption of or applicable amendment to the Zoning Ordinance may have residential dwellings and permitted accessory buildings located thereon provided the lot meets 80% of required lot area, lot width and side yard setbacks. All other applicable setback requirements of the applicable zone district must be met.  
Ordinance No. 07- 03 further provides that 2 or more lots or portions of lots that are of record on the effective date of the adoption of or applicable amendment to the Zoning Ordinance with continuous frontage along a public street and under single ownership which do not separately meet lot width, lot area and setback requirements shall be considered to be an undivided parcel for purposes of meeting such requirements and shall not be used or divided in a manner to diminish the lot width, lot area and setback requirements.  
Ordinance No. 07- 03 is effective 10 days after this publication.  
Betty R. Morlock  
City Clerk

**NOTICE BOWNE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007 7:30 P.M.**  
There will be a meeting of the Bowne Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bowne Township office located at 8240 Alden Nash SE, P.O. Box 35, Alto, MI 49302 to hear the following variance application.  
Doug Miles is requesting three (3) variances at 10540 Baker Avenue, located in Section S.E. 1/4, Parcel number 41-24-34-400-004 and 005. The request is for Section 3.02(F)(3) Accessory structures for lots greater than three (3) but not more than five (5) acres, 2,000 feet, to allow an established 4700 sq. ft. accessory structure on a 3.5 acre parcel. Second request is for Section 3.02(H) principal structure must be present, or have an approved building permit before accessory structures and uses, because the accessory structure is in existence. Third request to Section 6.05 Height, Area, and Dimension Regulations, which requires lot width to be a minimum of 250 feet in the rural residential district, parcels 6 & 7 do not meet this requirement.  
The complete application can be reviewed at the Bowne Township office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. Public comments will be heard at the meeting. Written comments received by mail, in person or in the mail slot located at the Township office entrance will also be considered if received at the Township office prior to 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Comments may also be e-mailed to [clerk@bownetwp.cc](mailto:clerk@bownetwp.cc).  
Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk

## Vergennes comprehensive plan tabled until May

By Emma Palova

Vergennes Township planners say preservation of large parcels of agricultural land and consideration for a

future township wastewater system are the driving forces behind the master plan update. "The main objective is to discourage fragmentation

of agricultural land," said planner Ryan Kilpatrick of Williams and Works. However, most residents at Monday's meeting, in a standing room only

township hall, expected to hear more about commercial uses in the township and Phil Schreur's proposed residential development

between Forstrom and Flat River.

Although the planning commission briefly touched on both issues, the plan was tabled until May to include more details on open space designations and commercial buffering.

Currently, the updated plan delineates commercial zones at the intersection of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake roads. On the northeast side of the intersection, a parcel owned by the Schreur, has been modified from medium density to commercial for additional buffering.

Planning Chairman Scott Jernberg explained that the focus of the master plan is not to create new commercial arteries, but build on existing ones, while capping commercial south of Burroughs.

Jernberg underlined that the phased-out development east of Forstrom has been master planned for decades. Although, a preliminary plan to include 130 homes was submitted to the Vergennes Planning Commission last month.

The Vergennes Township master plan also makes a reference to the Lowell city master plan in regards to the city-owned airport. According to Kilpatrick, in case of future airport growth, the state act requires more open space near the airport.

The master plan will be available for viewing at the Vergennes Township hall during township business hours until final approval. For comments e-mail zoning@vergenestwp.org.

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*The older I grow, the less important the comma becomes. Let the reader catch his own breath.*

- Elizabeth Clarkson Zwart



Vergennes planning commissioners Rick Gillett, chair Scott Jernberg, Bill Makuski, Mike Mastrovito and Vern Nauta field questions about the township master plan, while Ellen Mork takes notes. Al Baird and Tim Wittenbach listen to the master plan update.

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## Charges, continued ... From Page 1

government alleged in an indictment that Tuthill and his wife Cynthia, Calkins and Cormier conspired to hide \$2.4 million to evade or deceit taxes between 2000 and 2005. Cynthia Tuthill has pleaded guilty, while the other three remain incarcerated in Newaygo County Jail.

In the meantime, the office of Doctors Chiropractic with the famous

spinal vertebrae on the mail box has closed its doors.



Paul Tuthill

A sign on the door refers customers to Schneider Family Chiropractic in Cascade.

Bob Stedman, owner of B&B Auto Upholstery located next door, said he noticed less traffic to the business recently. Stedman has quite often fixed the chiropractic tables for the office.

"They've been decent to me," he said. "I've never heard of any complaints."

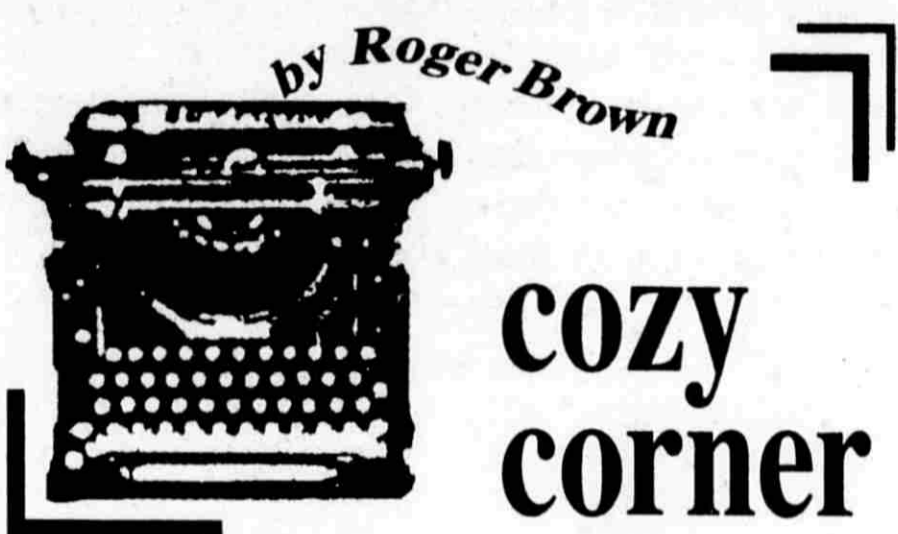
Tuthill established

Doctors Chiropractic in Lowell in 1992. According to a 2006 business report by web portal Manta, the office had estimated annual sales of \$230,000 with five employees.

Former partner Anthony Trombly left the practice and started his own Trombly Chiropractic in the old Fifth Third building in February.

Trombly would not comment about the situation.

# Viewpoint



Is there some sort of mysterious, invisible antenna affixed to me? Is there a sign like the old high school prank that says, "Kick Me" taped to my back? Maybe my oversized ear lobes serve as some sort of lightning rod for weird stuff. Whatever it is, I've got another installment for you.

My wife had taken her car to the shop for maintenance and a few minor repairs. Since the service would take all day, I was instructed to pick her up. Don't cha know, I'd be running a little late and was low on gas.

I whipped my truck in to the gas station nearest our house. It's a small operation. Four gas pumps and a convenience store. There were cars at the pumps closest to the road and a pickup at one of the pumps on the side closest to the store. The pump ahead of the pickup was open. In a maneuver to make my old driver ed. instructor proud, I made a little buttonhook turn, threw it in reverse and backed in to the open pump.

In no time I had my card swiped and was headed for my truck with the nozzle in hand. Then it happened.

A woman in stretchy workout clothes was making her way toward me with purposeful strides. Something deep down in the old gray matter was telling me that I should know her.

Gears went into motion and pretty soon it dawned on me that she is an aerobics instructor that teaches a class my wife attends. The spandex helped. In fact, that's where my wife had been, and was going directly to the auto repair shop

after the class. Since the instructor was at the gas station, I knew the class was over and I was indeed running late. Call me Einstein.

I had met this woman once, briefly. As she approached I was desperately groping around for her name. Sally??? Susie??? Shirley??? Sandy!!! That's it!!! Sandy. I was ready, big smile, name at the ready, the whole friendly greeting all set to go.

All my name retention efforts were for naught. Sandy pulled up about ten feet from me, put her clenched fists on her hips and let me have it! "You know... we're all in line waiting for that pump and you just drove in here and backed right up to it!" She caught me completely off guard. Of course, that's a relatively easy thing to do.

I went up on tip-toes and took a look behind the truck at the pump behind me. Sure enough, there was a small black car parked there with a woman at the wheel yanking away on a cell phone. There was another car parked in a marked space nearby. The driver's door had been left open. I assumed that was Sandy's car, but it could have been somebody in the store for a six-pack and a dozen Krispy Kremes.

There are a number of responses a person can choose from when thrust into a situation like this. Just like a multiple-choice quiz in an English class, I almost always choose wrong. Heavily influenced by the fact my wife knows this person, I actually chose correctly and took the high road.

My response was, "Sorry... didn't even notice." I put the nozzle back in the pump, got in my truck and drove off. I'd get gas on down the road where there hopefully wouldn't be some bitchy gym teacher to jump my case.

We all live in this society. We all drive. We all get groceries. We all deal with lines on a regular basis. Forget the fact I never saw the little car parked behind the pickup. Forget the fact the gym teacher was parked over by the store. The bottom line is, there was an open gas pump, readily available, and nobody was making a move for it.

It's just like the grocery store. People are lined up four deep at all the open checkouts. A cashier comes back from a smoke break and opens another lane. There is an unwritten code... some vague hierarchy... but moves are made from the backed-up lanes to create a line at the one that just opened. It happens quickly. If not, somebody with a cart full of groceries will wheel right up thinking, "Well lookie here, it's an open check-out. Must be my lucky day!"

Same rules apply at the gas pumps. If you just sit there, blabbing on the phone, waiting for a specific pump while one is readily available... guess what? Mister "Lookie here, must be my lucky day!" is gonna take that pump.

Back to that multiple-choice quiz. I could have said A. "Huh? Oh, you snooze... you lose... I guess." Then proceed to pump my gas. Or, B. (from Steve Martin's heyday as a stand-up...) "Well, excuuuuuuuuuuusssse me!" Then proceed to pump my gas. I told this story to a friend who prides himself at being quite gruff. He says he reserves a two-word response for people like the gym teacher. That answer would be C., but I can't print it here. The answer C. would also be followed with the pumping of gas and probably some verbal badminton.

The scenario has been played out in my mind a few times. I continue to think I was not wrong to back up to that open pump. I know for sure that being dressed down by a spandex clad drill instructor wanna-be is a tough pill to swallow. Still... it's probably a good thing I chose D. on the multiple-choice quiz. Mixing it up with my wife's gym teacher over a gas pump would not have been a very popular move here on the home front.

Back to why this kind of stuff always seems to happen with me. In this case, I'm thinkin' that "Kick Me" sign was taped to my back. The gym teacher saw it when I was turned to swipe my credit card. That, or she homed in on my big ear lobe antenna.

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

On the morning of 3/27/07 when my dear husband John went to do his daily ritual of caring for his animals he was more than shocked at what he found. Dear Jane, his 5 yr. old stick tight goat, Lorraine, also 5 yrs. old and her son Jimmy, 3 yrs. old and last, but not least Tommy, 3 yrs. old (limping on 3 feet, due to the bone in his right front foot was sticking out covered with blood), there was blood all over in the pen. The remaining goats and donkeys were so frightened they would not come up to John. His animals have brought so much enjoyment to him over the years, taking his mind off himself (being a Korean POW for 33 months). Naturally all four goats had to be put down. They, and the other goats and donkeys enjoyed being in the various parades. Whomever or whatever did this, owners letting their dogs run loose or a coyote! Thank you Dr. Bunn and your staff for what you have done for my goats.

With broken hearts,  
John & Lucille Erickson

constituents have lost their jobs or a decrease in their income in recent times but I do think it is a slap in the face to the constituents of Lowell to have a added one percent increase on their property tax when the city of Lowell has shown no cutbacks in expenditures. Our local paper also reflects on a committee to plan for Wege land donation with school superintendent Greg Pratt and city manager Dave Pasquale heading the discussion. I cannot quite understand why we have a city manager trying to spend more money and possibly adding taxes to the burden of the constituents of Lowell and a superintendent that you would think would be up to his neck in the financial responsibilities of our school system. This committee wants to use \$35,000 of the Lowell community fund for a feasibility study. If we are going to spend \$35,000 I believe it should be spent on bringing this to a vote of the people and if they want any project that is going to cost them more in taxes.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard

Dear Editor,

Just wanted to make a brief comment regarding Lowell Light and Power. In view of the recent unending out cry concerning trees, we might also consider some of the positive aspects of our power company.

We'll complete 20 years of business this July and during that 20 year period our total time without power hasn't exceeded two hours. Having experienced days and even weeks without electricity at the hands of the largest Michigan utility, I can only be thankful for the dedicated personnel at Lowell Light and Power.

If the city of Lowell initiated a tree restoration fund, we'd be honored to be one of the first donors. Surely other businesses that benefit from Lowell Light and Power will step to the window.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Benard

## Letters... We love to hear from you!

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Dear Editor,

In the April 4 edition of the Lowell Ledger "Reflective of the times city presents tight budget draft." City officials continued to struggle with harsh economic times. A budget proposed a one percent salary increase for city employees and a one percent administrative fee added to property tax bills in the next physical year. I do not regret the one percent salary increase for city employees even though many Lowell

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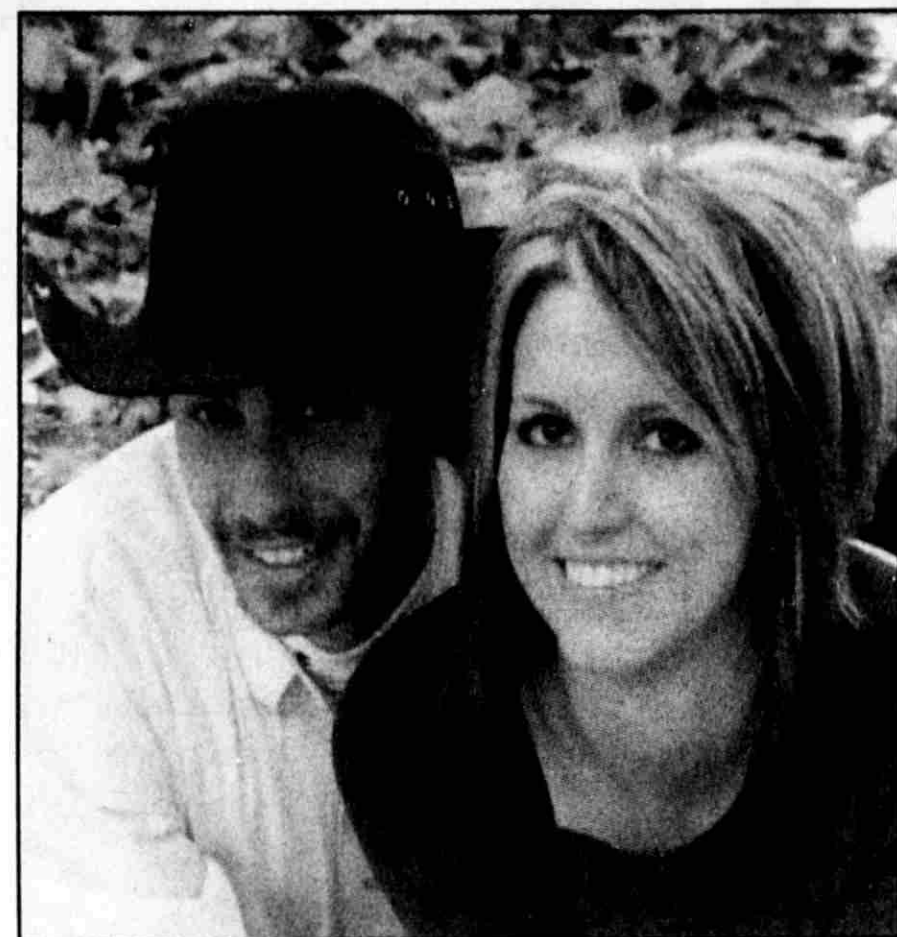
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# Engagements

## Langmaack / Overholt

Mr. Karl Langmaack, of Clarksville, and Ms. Tracy Langmaack, of Cedar Springs announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Langmaack to Lanny Overholt, son of Arlan and Michelle Overholt of Ionia. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Lakewood High School and is currently employed by Foremost Insurance in Grand Rapids while working toward her bachelor's degree in Marketing. The groom is a 2000 Saranac High School graduate and is employed by B&T Contracting in Eaton Rapids. The couple will wed in April 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas.



Lanny Overholt and Ashley Langmaack

# Weddings

## Scholten/Mull

Stephanie Lynn Scholten and Jonathan Allan Mull were united in marriage on July 15, 2006 by the bride's uncle, Reverend Kenneth Sellon. The ceremony was performed at Kuyper College Chapel in Grand Rapids. Parents of the couple are Mark and Eilene Scholten of Sparta and Allan and Patricia Mull of Lowell. Friend of the bride Stephanie Gravedoni was Matron of Honor. Sister-in-law of the groom, Raychel Mull and friend of the bride Neisha VanDop were bridesmaids.

The groom's niece Jade Perez Mull was the junior bridesmaid and flower girl was friend of the bride, Katie VanDop. The groom's brother Joseph Mull was best man and his brothers Michael and Thomas Mull were groomsmen. Cousins of the groom were Glenn Stevens as junior groomsmen and Joseph Stevens as ring bearer. Ushers were the groom's brother Brian Scholten and the groom's cousin Martin Stevens. The couple honeymooned at Pawley's Island, South Carolina and is residing near Sparta.



Stephanie and Jonathan Mull

was because twenty percent or fewer of the 200 gathered were Caucasian. That and I was definitely underdressed. Maybe I was simply self-conscious because I had rushed there from a party. Any fear I had about whether or not to participate in their presentation of the elements soon led to my theological confusion about who may participate at all?

The informative speaker mentioned the hope they had from scripture and how they applied this hope to their life. Based on his talk I joined the rest of those gathered in simply observing the elements pass me by. It seemed safest in their house to follow their customs. The service concluded.

After I politely refused the older lady's Bible I snuck for the door but was intercepted by a ten year old who simply said, "It was nice to see you visiting tonight." To which I awkwardly stammered, "Thank you, it is nice, to see you, too."

The night air was crisp. I was the first one to my car. I drove slowly out of the parking lot so as to not look like I was escaping. I thought about one of my favorite verses in Hebrews 12, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." I repented.

At home I explained their refreshing hospitality to my waiting wife as best I could. I picked the newspaper out of the recycle bin and cut out the day's Sudoku puzzle. Thirty minutes later I found my first Sudoku number. A small triumph. One hour and fifteen minutes later I conquered a level one Sudoku puzzle! A minor conversion. I landed in bed, not so much with a clear mind as with an exhausted mind and body. I had well spent my social graces, religious sensibilities, and the atrophied side of my brain for the day.

# Reflections of faith

By Rev. Randy Meyers  
Calvary CRC

Recently I attended a birthday party where some very intelligent people were talking about Sodoku. They talked about how it clears in one case and focuses in the other their minds before they go to bed. I made a pledge to cut the Sodoku puzzle out of the paper and try it.

Before I scurried out the door to get to the party, my neighbor had given me an invitation to attend their observance of Christ's death later that evening. So I also scurried out of the party, raced home, and got my oldest ready for bed while my wife handled our youngest. Then I rushed down the street to my neighbor's place of worship. I arrived at 9:12, three PM minutes early.

I was impressed by several things, polite parking lot attendants, and several smiling faces welcomed me, my neighbor spotted me, and found me a songbook in the lost and found (they bring their own). One lady saw that I was not busily following along in my Holy Scriptures so she gave me hers. Later she tried unsuccessfully to get me to take her personal Bible with underlines, tabs, notes on witnessing etc., home. I said, "Thank you very much. I already have one just like this at home" which was almost true. Mine was in my office and not underlined to the degree that hers was. Yet at that point perched over two rows of chairs it would have been too much trouble to explain to her that as a pastor I had a collection of Bibles of different translations and her translation I kept like a trophy on my shelf.

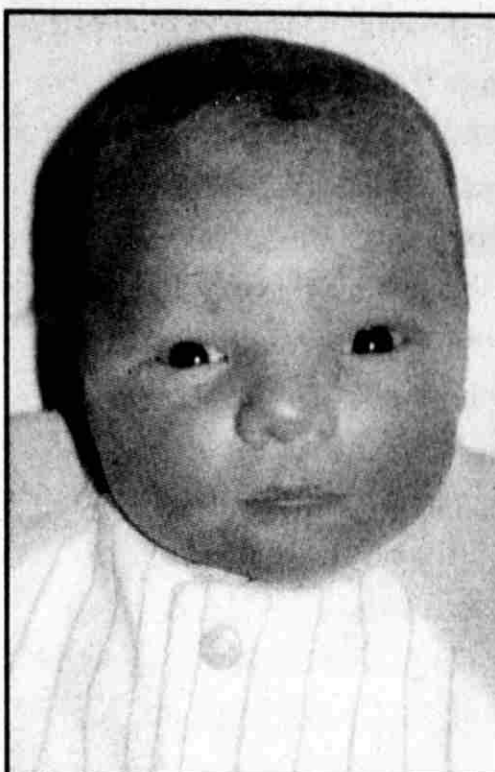
I appreciated the high diversity quotient. In fact, one of the ways I think so many people could tell I was a visitor

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# New Arrivals

## Rozema



Braedon Thomas Rozema,

Mandy Phillips and David Rozema of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Braedon Thomas Rozema, born February 16, 2007 at 1:41 p.m. He weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and measured 21 1/2 inches.

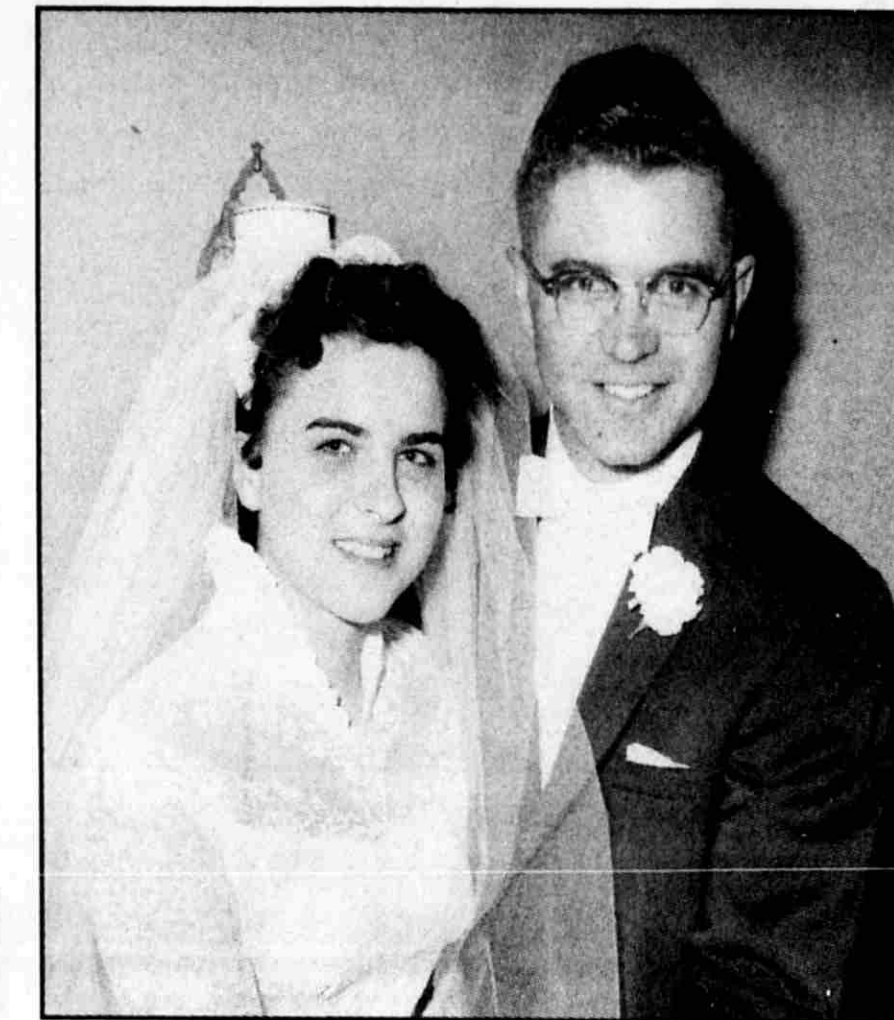
Proud grandparents are Sue and Tom Phillips, Tom Rozema and Marta Rozema, all of Lowell.

# Matthews celebrate 50 years of marriage

Jack and June Matthews will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary April 12, 2007. They were married in the old Alton Bible Church on the northeast corner of 3

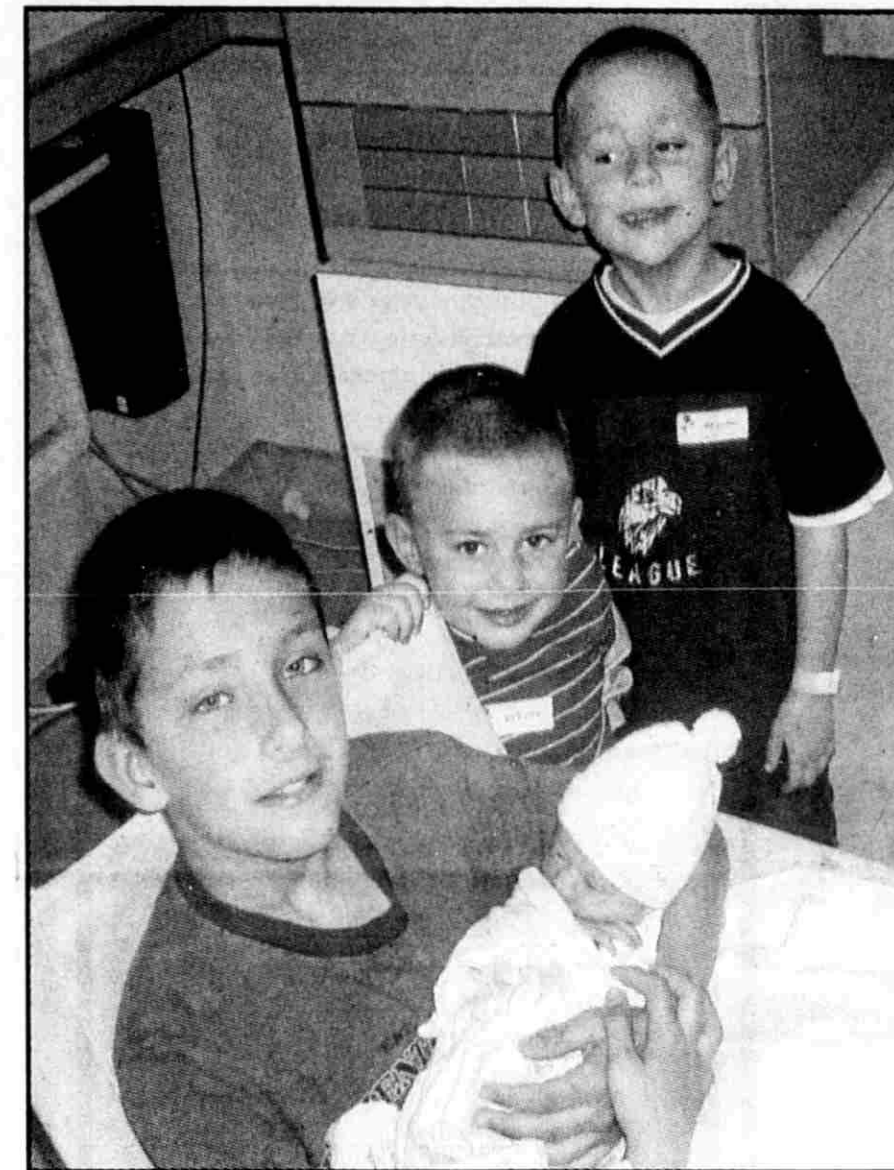
Mile and Lincoln Lake Ave in Lowell. Their anniversary will be celebrated on Sunday, April 29. Their children are Alan and Jayne Matthews, Sue

and Kim Chase, and Steve (Chris) Sells, Jason (Julie) Matthews, and Meghan Matthews. Their three grandchildren are Abbey



Jack and June Matthews on their wedding day and today.

## Hamilton



We have a sister! Gracyn Kay Hamilton was born March 28, 2007 weighing 6 lbs 2 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches. Proud brothers are Dylan, Braiden, and Lancedon. Parents are Brandon and Tara Hamilton.

Gracyn Kay Hamilton with her big brothers.

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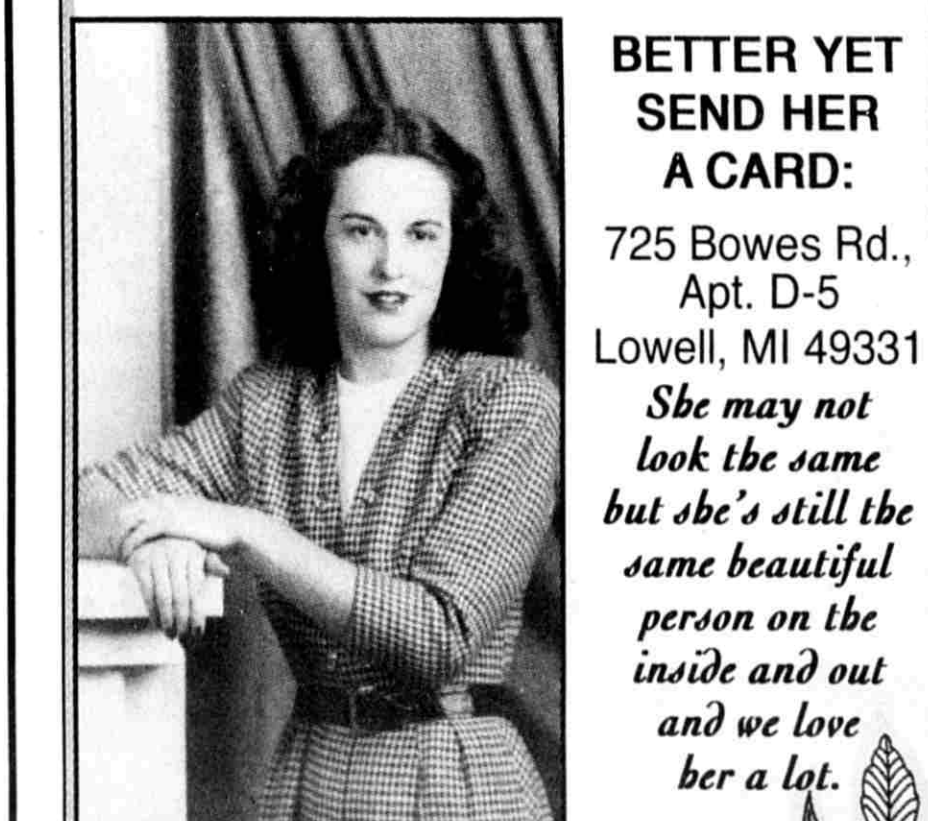
**TUES:** Baked chicken patty on bun (BBQ rib on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), coleslaw, green beans, applesauce, milk.

**WED:** Macaroni & cheese w/cinnamon roll (hot dog on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli, assorted fruit, milk.

**THURS:** Baked chicken nuggets (cheesy ravioli also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), potatoes, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

**FRI:** Pepperoni pizza (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), seasoned corn, fresh fruit wedges, graham crackers, milk.

When you see Shirley Hoffman on April 14<sup>th</sup> wish her a HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!



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## New citizens at Alto Elementary

Alto Elementary third grade student Alina Chappell and first grade brother Bach were presented with very special papers on March 29 at their school. Both students, born in Russia, became United States Citizens. Alina was born in Orenberg, Russia and Bach in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Mother, Sandra Chappell, said this was a sweet end to a process that began over eight years ago. Citizenship papers were presented to the pair in front of Alina's class by Pastor Harduck of Alto Baptist Church while grandparents Russ and Kay Huyser looked on. It was a very proud moment for Mom. From left to right: Pastor Harduck, Russ Huyser, Bach Chappell, Alina Chappell, Sandra Chappell, Kay Huyser.

## Along Main Street, continued ... From Page 3

### FIRE & WATER ART

Will be featuring photographers Patti Sevensma and Kim VandenBerg in a community open house on Sunday, April 29, 2-4 p.m., 219 W. Main, Downtown Lowell.

### CLASS OF 1997

Attention Class of 1997, it is our 10 year class reunion this summer. August 18 is the day reserved. Please contact Heidi Barber (Noskey) at 616-642-0738 or by email hbarber79@hotmail.com, with your address or if you are interested in helping.

### CALL FOR AUDITIONS

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will begin on Monday, April 30. Auditions are April 26-27 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 113 Riverwalk Plaza. For more information or to borrow a script for review call or visit the Lowell Area Arts Council at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, 616-897-8545 or refer to the website at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

### LOWELL CLASS OF 1977

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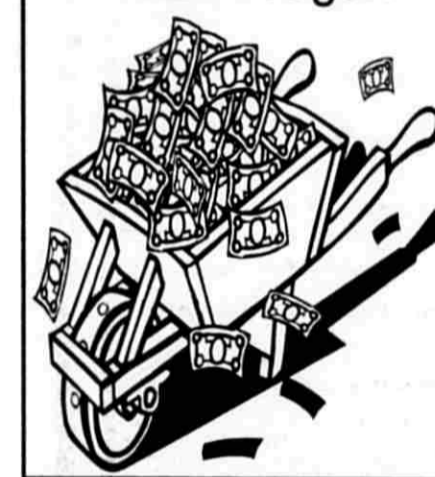
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# Local photographers exhibit "4 Points of View"

By Emma Palova

In the "Lowell 4 Points of View" photography exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council, the lens focused on Lowell like never before.

Four seasoned area photographers have captured the unexpected and the less known scenes. Sometimes

they had to look hard, dig deep, climb slopes or duck underneath railroad bridges to find a new angle.

That was the artists' task for one year to find something different than the ubiquitous covered bridges or clocks.

Visiting the show, you may recognize a photo of a

building you've passed by a 100 times, but never recognized the writing on the wall.

"They had to look deeply to find Lowell," said local artist David Davis who is coordinating the exhibit. "It's dynamite. I was thrilled what the artists have committed to."

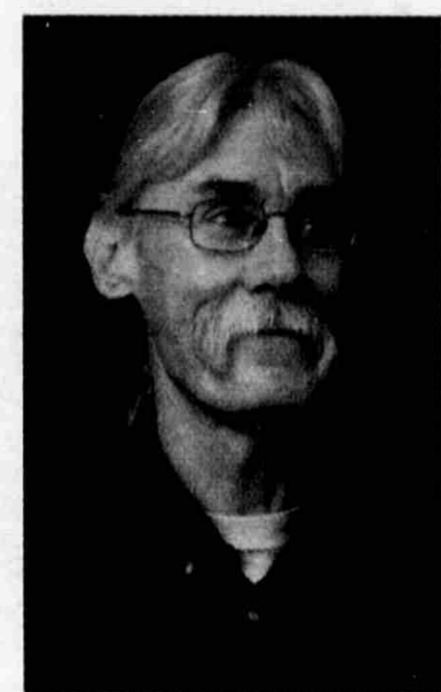
The entire show had one goal in mind - to show the community how other sets of eyes view Lowell. The show will run through April 29 at the LAAC with closing reception from 2-4 p.m.

Selected photographs will be presented in the 2008 calendar by the Lowell Area Arts Council.

Each photographer has his or her own style and presentation.

## Dennis Grantz -

Dennis Grantz of Alto went into the 4 Points of View assignment by the



Lowell Area Arts Council open minded without a fixed idea.

"I wanted to see what would Lowell reveal to me in a different light," he said.

Grantz, who has always been intrigued by reflections, simply walked down Main Street to see what was both inside and outside the scenes, the shops and the buildings.

He shot a picture of a swan in the mist of the Grand River, and hand colored the silver print creating a sense

Following, is a peek at what they've come up with.

of mystery. The process of hand coloring was more like a meditation, contemplative, according to Grantz.

"People always love a sense of mystery in photography," he said. "The world is full of mysteries."

In his work, Grantz tries to get a glimpse of what's underneath the surface.

He started taking pictures when he was 16, and perfected his art with a graduate degree in photography from Central Michigan University.

Grantz's goals have gradually changed to publishing a book in order to learn more about himself.

"All art pieces are biographical," said Grantz. "You learn about yourself, as you look for truth in mystery."

Grantz has received several recognitions including first place in the Muskegon Show Festival.

"I would hope that in this show that the community sees the beauty of Lowell," he said.



"Swan in the Mist" by Dennis Grantz

## Pravin Sevak -

By Emma Palova

Pravin Sevak, associate professor for graphic design at Western Michigan University, has captured images for the 4 Points exhibit that portray a sense of place and mood.

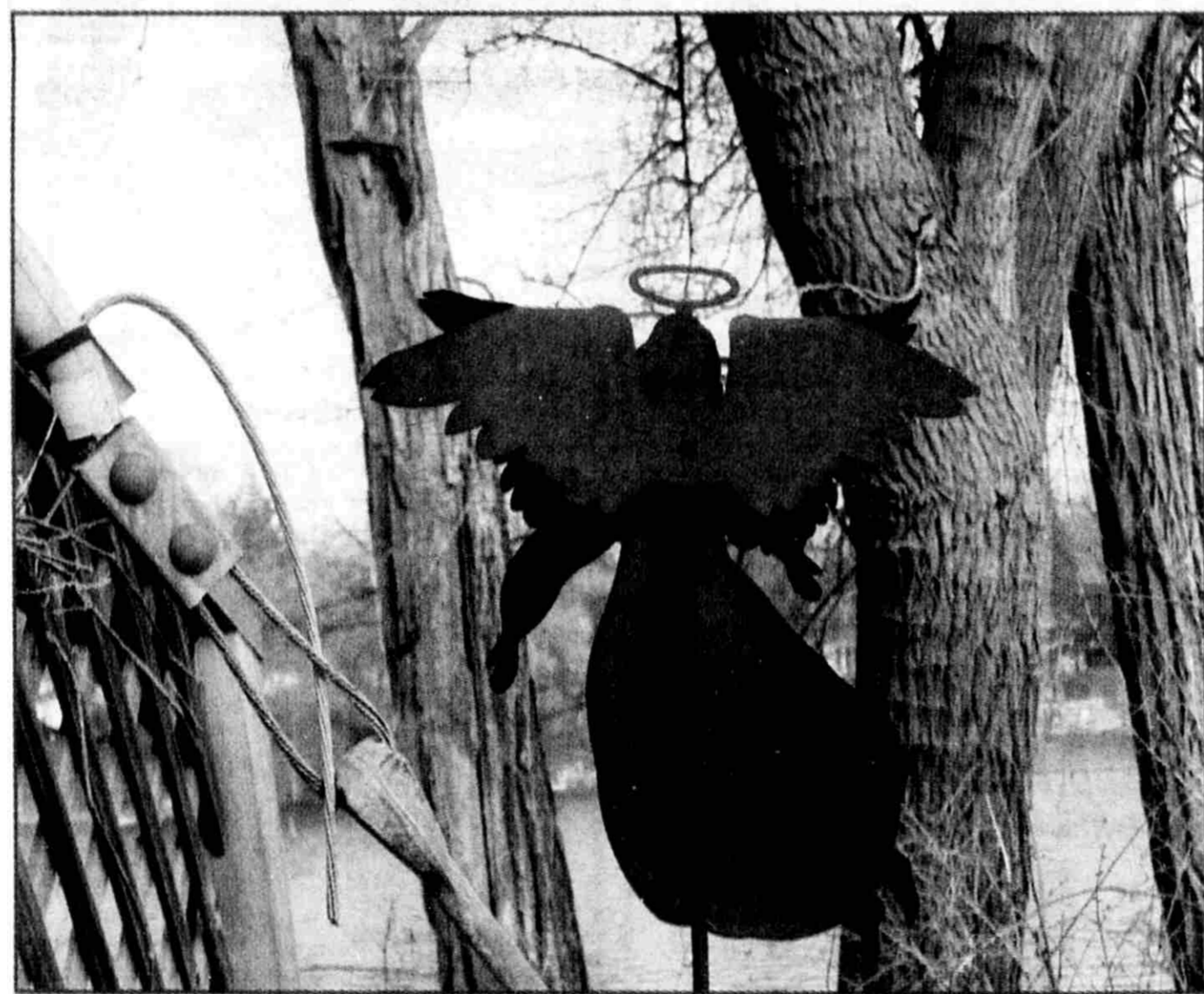
Each scene reveals Sevak's love for the immediate environment and concern for nature. "My objective was to develop a variety of potential meaning and messages which are open interpretation for the viewer," he said. "I am sure many of you from Lowell will be inspired to discover these locations."



simple observation and a belief in universal concepts

As a graphic designer, Sevak considers design as art with a purpose. He uses a wide variety of media to express himself including photography, painting, graphic design, writing and pedagogy.

Recently, he completed a full set of posters on social, health and environmental issues for national and international exhibitions. Sevak has received several national and international recognitions for his poster work. "My heart has always been influenced by my love for nature and my love for everyone," he said. "We all live on the same Earth."



Pravin Sevak's work is inspired by his love for the nature

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# Points of view, continued ... From Page 10

## Kevin Barrett

By Emma Palova

Photographer Kevin Barrett wanted to portray Lowell in the 4 Points of View exhibit as the interesting place it is with a sense of history, arts and activities. His photo of a Kamikaze ride taken at the fairgrounds last year reflects that cross-section of energy.

In the picture, a carnival worker is standing in front of the ride, while everything else is in motion. Barrett used long exposure to catch the energy of the ride, and the night.

"I use tools of photography and the computer to transmit my point of view," he said.

Sometimes, the reaction he gets from the viewers is

pure surprise. Barrett sees that as part of the critique package he learns from. He



usually designs the shoot before taking pictures. "I know what I want," he said. "If you're technically precise, the creative will come through. It's a combination of craft and creativity."

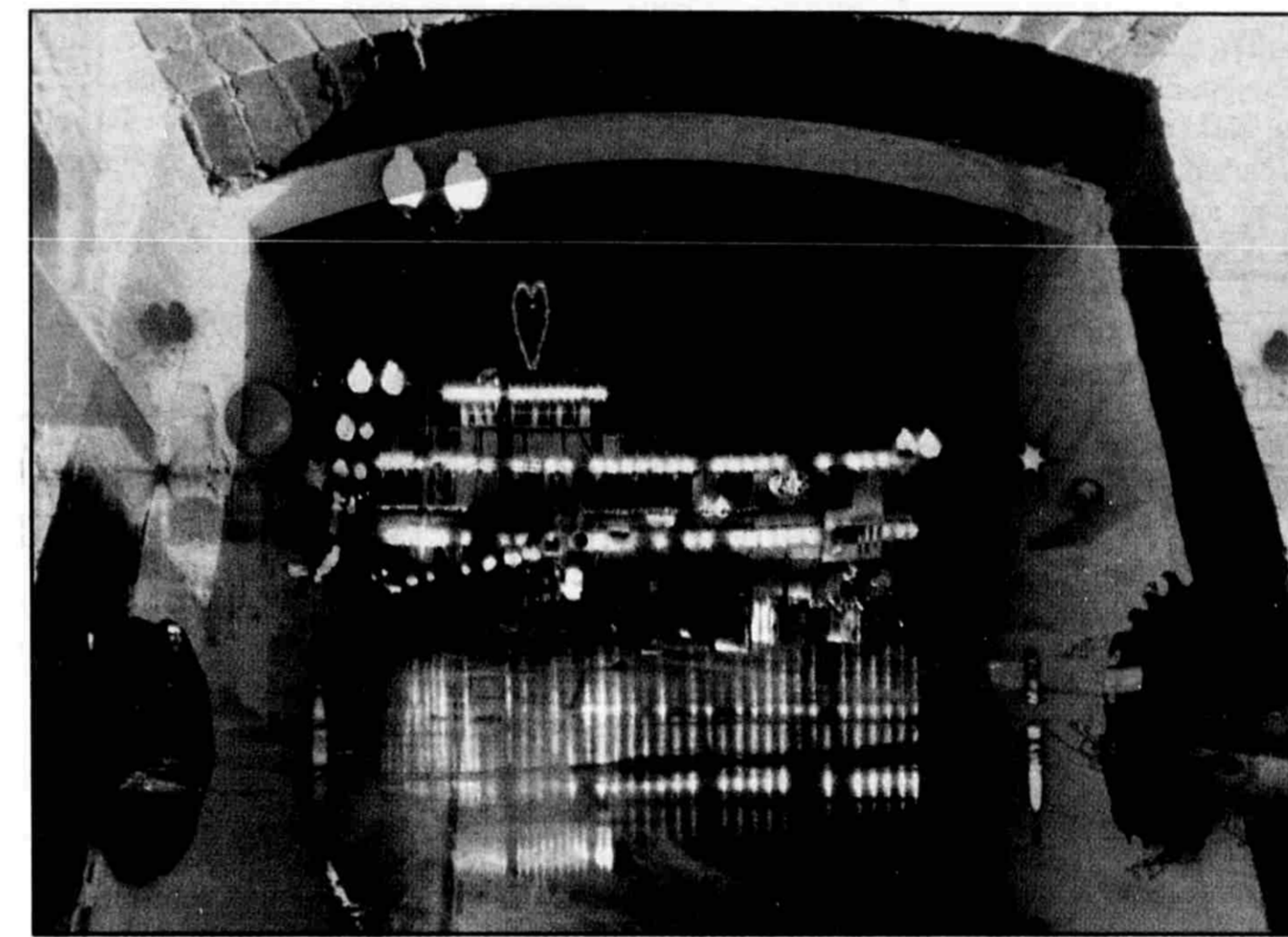
Kevin Barrett captured the energy of the Kamikaze ride and the night during fair last year.

with the camera when he was 11 or 12. Taking classes at Kendall College of Art and Design made things click for him. "Photography is a fantastic medium for me," he said. "Combined with computer technology, it allows for a better expression. It's fairly easy but takes a lifetime to master."

In his work, Barrett goes above and beyond the click of the shutter. He considered the 4 Points of View assignment to be an enjoyable journey, while hoping to get invited again. "I enjoyed the parameter of the year-long project," he said. "I like challenges from the outside, it gives me a better opportunity to stretch my work."

Barrett started playing

## Patti Sevensma



Patti Sevensma's photo montage of the Lowell Showboat.

Patti Sevensma of Grand Rapids is not a newcomer to the Lowell exhibit scene. She's been competing and exhibiting since the mid 1990s.

She sees Lowell as a wonderful, busy small town. For the 4 Points of View exhibit, Sevensma focused on bringing history into today's Lowell.

Most of her pieces are montages, layers of photos Sevensma has taken over the last year.

"I don't mean to sound selfish, but I waited a long time to become an artist and

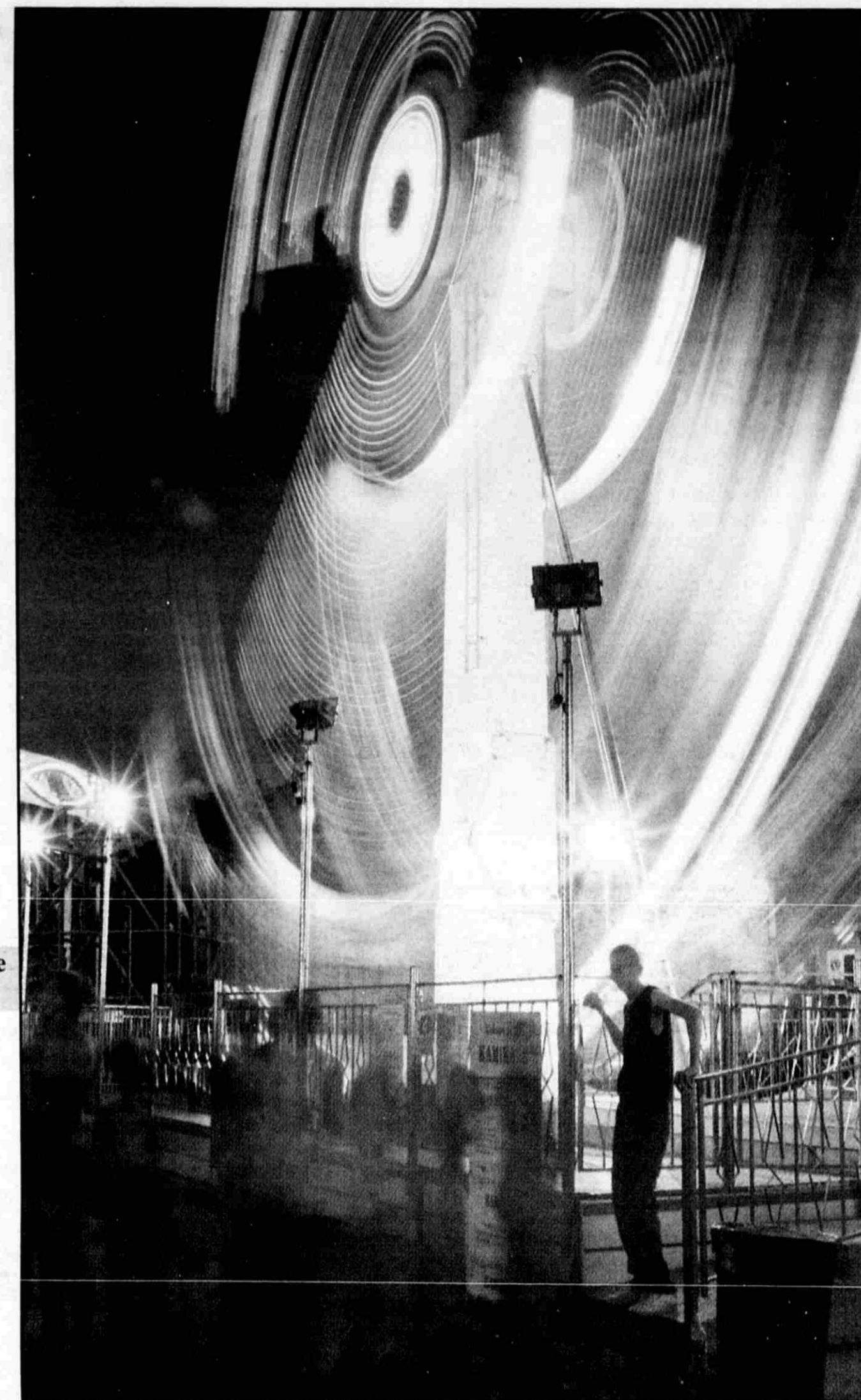


I really do it for me," she said.

She started taking pictures when her children were babies 34 years ago. Now, Sevensma has become a part of the Lowell community. Each year, she donates a piece of art to "Art Attack."

Her goal is to do art until the day she dies.

"The rest is frosting on the cake," said Sevensma.



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## New location for the "ham shack"

The Lowell Amateur Radio Club (L.A.R.C.) and the Amateur Radio Group of Youth in Lowell (A.R.G.Y.L.) have moved their "ham shack" into a new home located in the former Cumberland Manor building - just down the hall from the new Flat River Outreach Ministries (F.R.O.M) Thrift Store, 11535 Fulton St. E.

The new "shack" will be christened with a swap meet this Saturday.

The ham shack will provide a hub for volunteer communications for the area. Amateur radio organizations throughout the world provide communications during emergencies and community events. Ham communications also use

radio repeaters. In Lowell, the repeater frequency is 145.27 MHz.

L.A.R.C. and A.R.G.Y.L. members also have fun. With permission

of F.R.O.M., beginning this Saturday, April 14, and about once a month into fall, L.A.R.C. will host a "Mini-Hamfest", an electronics-radio flea market, outside in the circle drive in front of the building. Selling starts at the same time the Thrift Store opens at 10 a.m. and goes until sometime past noon. Admission is free and open

to the public. Sellers are asked for a nominal contribution. Items offered for sale are limited to the theme of the swap meet: electronics, radios, computers, and related items. The idea is to complement the Thrift Store, not compete with it.

A "Mini-Hamfest" is a smaller, mostly general area event, unlike a full fledged "Hamfest" which attracts buyers and sellers, including new equipment vendors, from a wider region.

The "GRAHamfest", (Grand Rapids Area Hamfest), sponsored by the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association, will be held at the fairgrounds on

Saturday, Sept. 8. The "Year End Hamfest", sponsored by A.R.G.Y.L., will take place at Lowell High School, on Saturday, December 15. Call 897-6885 for more information.

L.A.R.C. meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. during the "mini-swap" season. Visitors are always welcome. Updates can be found at <http://www.w8lrc.org>

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### On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve  
Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

How does West Michigan offer Earth Day Everyday? Many area organizations provide unique connections with the Earth so people can discover their best connection. On April 21 the Wittenbach/Wege Agri-science and Environmental Center will provide live Bald Eagle and Great Horned Owl programs with many Michigan outdoor and conservation organizations.

Some people find Earth connections through fishing, nature photography, gardening, butterfly attraction, hunting, land stewardship, and/or solving environmental pollution problems. One thing all the organizations share in common is they find connections that physically, emotionally, and spiritually bind them to the Earth.

People vary in how they celebrate Earth Day but all desire to have healthy food and water with safe space and

shelter. Beyond the basic needs we interact with the natural world in varied ways. A great many of us grow food crops and love getting our hands in the soil. Others like dirty hands but focus on growing beautiful flowers to accent our space in the world. Some make sure wild places abound so rabbits, grouse, deer, and bear can be harvested in addition to the tomatoes, wheat, apples, and carrots we harvest.

The joy of sharing the day with bird songs, beautiful flowers, rippling waters, enchanting smells, and natural wild connections can be enhanced by organizations such as the Izzak Walton League, Grand Rapids Audubon, West Michigan Sierra Club, Grand Rapids camera Club, Lowell High School Environmental Club, and West Michigan Butterfly Association.

As our human population continues to grow in West Michigan, it is a challenge to keep our living space productive and sustainable for our kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Most desire for our kids a life where they can enjoy things that brought us meaning and joy. Thus groups like Vergennes Township open space committee, Grand Valley State University Water Resources Institute, West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Lowell Wellhead head Protection committee, Kent Conservation District's Howard Christensen Nature Center, and Michigan United Conservation Clubs enter the picture.

A healthy future can only happen if we use sustainable practices that provide for our needs and protect natural world productivity. The dust bowl of the 1930's taught the hard way how practices that are not sustainable lead to bankruptcy of both human economic systems and our wild heritage.

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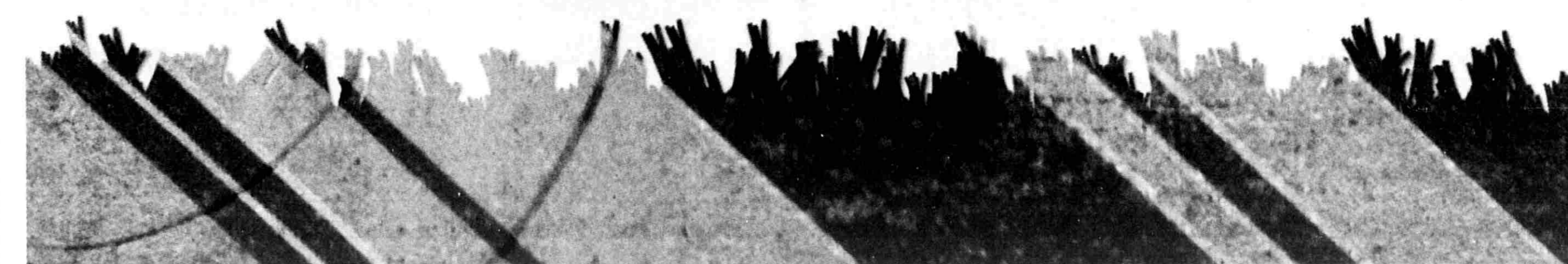
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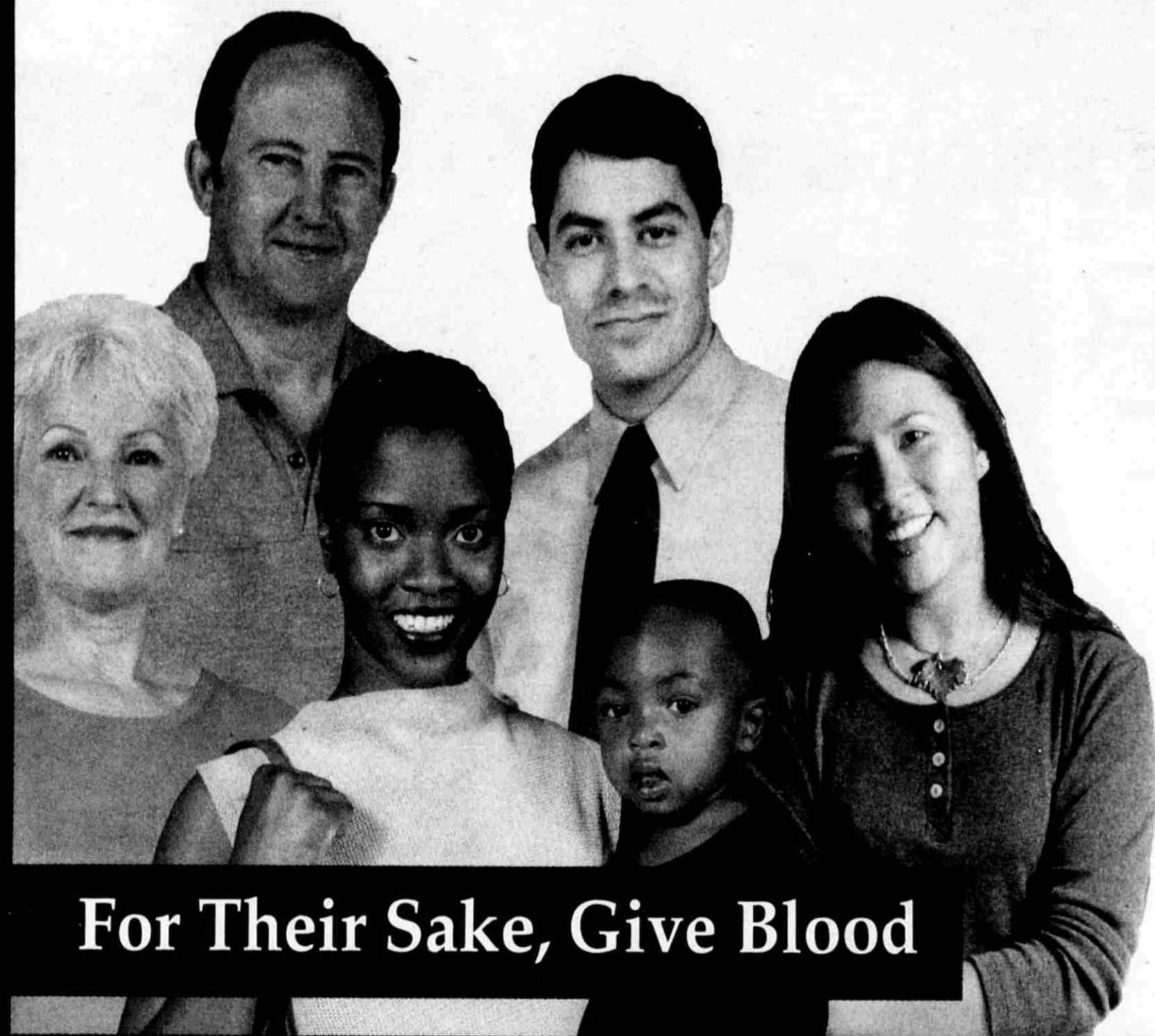
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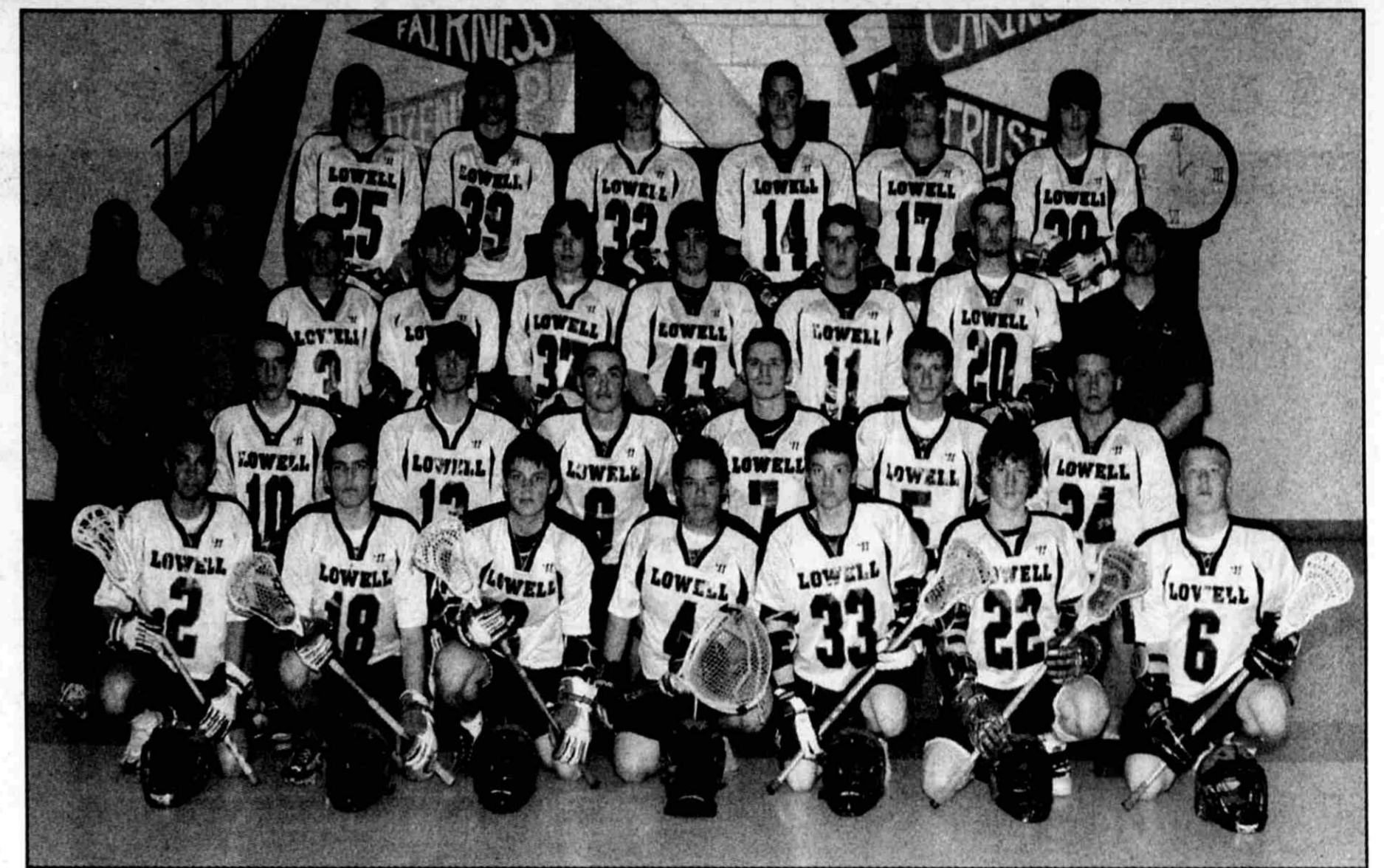
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An Ordinance to add Article VI, "Completion of Exterior Features of Structures," to Chapter 7, "Buildings and Building Regulations," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

To rezone parcels #41-20-02-435-006 (211-225 S. Washington) and #41-20-02-439-005 (303 S. Washington) from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to LI (Light Industrial).

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

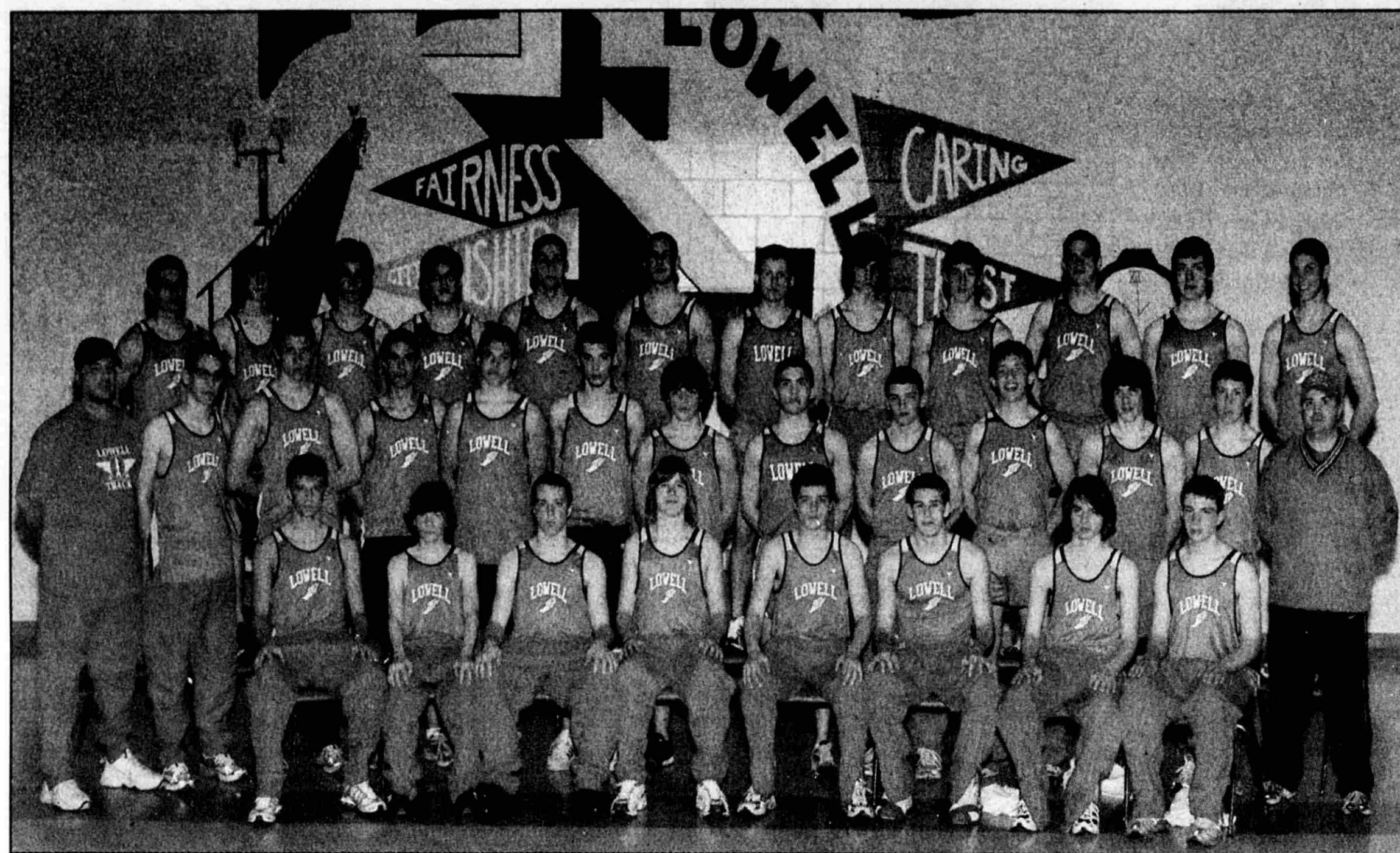
Interested persons may submit written comments to City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 prior to the meeting or appear in person.

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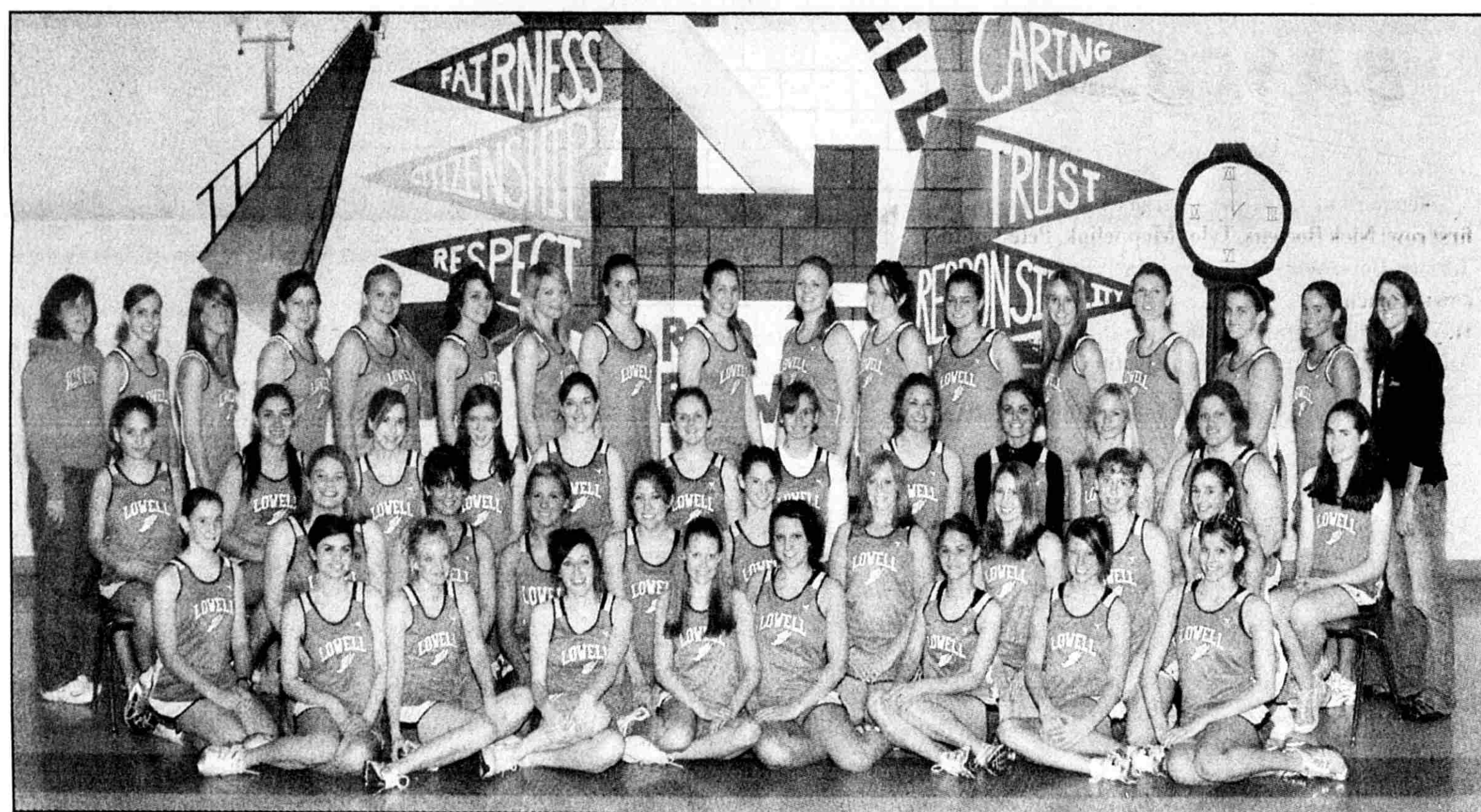
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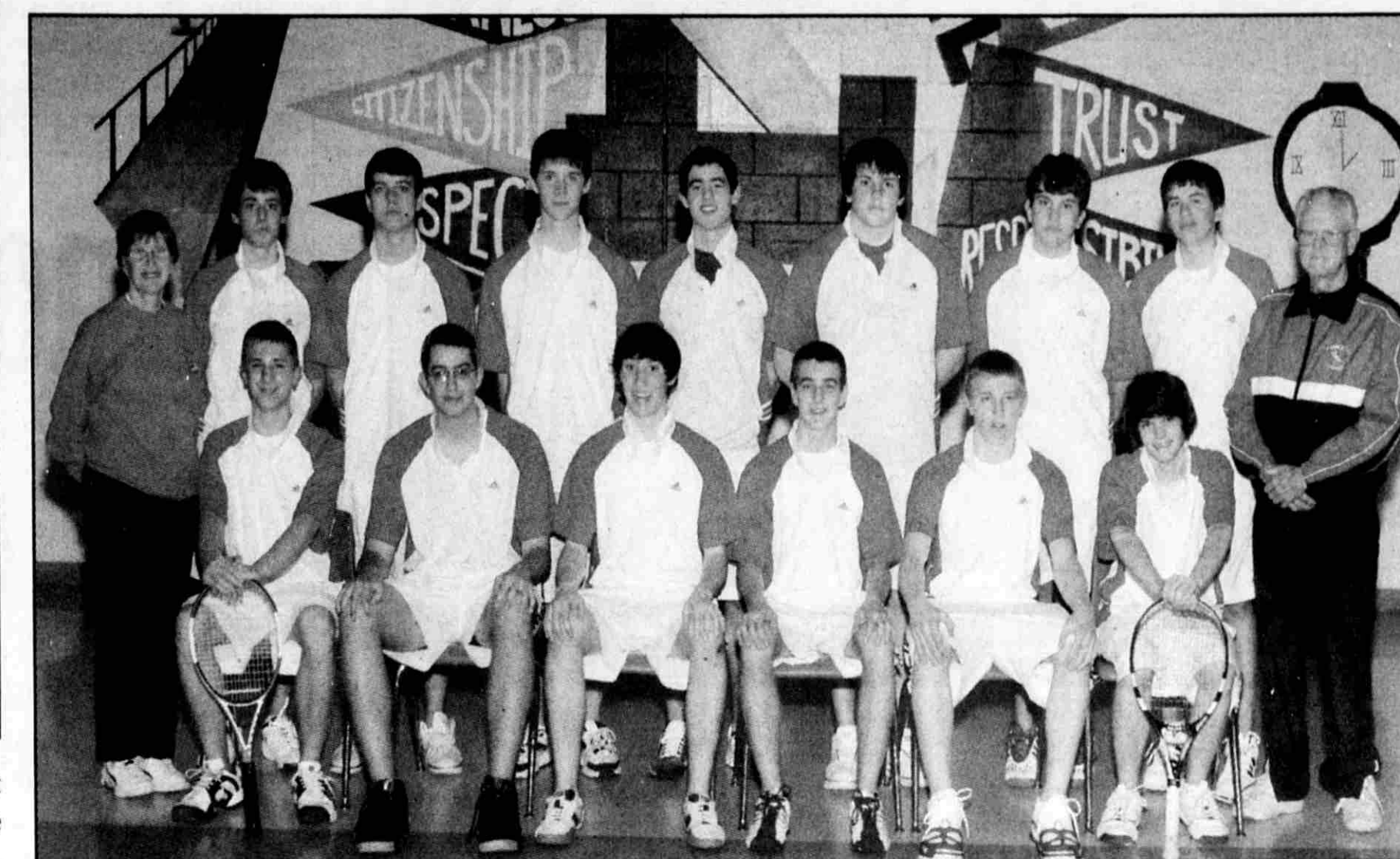
# RED ARROW SPRING VARSITY TEAMS

## GIRLS GOLF



Members of the Lowell varsity golf team are, first row: Lauren Heemstra, Sarah Eickhoff, and Stefanie Stuewe; second row: Kimberley Kline, Miranda Grimm, Crystal Dietz, Sydney Stuewe, and Coach Bob Stuewe.

## BOYS TENNIS

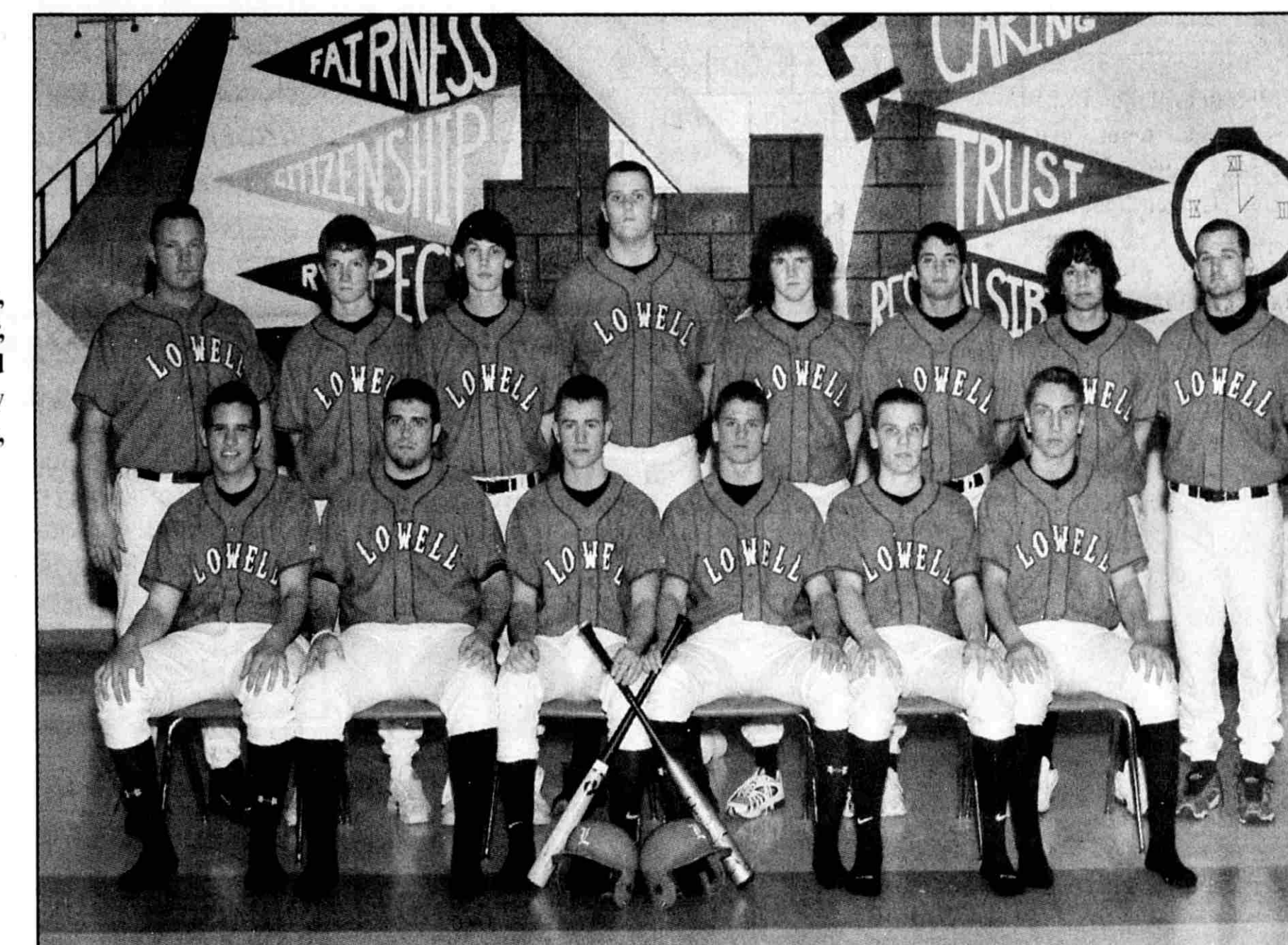


Members of the Lowell varsity tennis team are, first row: Nathan Willemstein, Cameron Huisman, Gregory Harrel, Travis Trapp, Josh Spratt, and Patrick Misner; second row: Coach Bonnie Wall, Drew Kyllonen, Josh Hobrla, Chase Canning, Brett McMahon, Clayton Stedman, Tony Dubbine, Brandon Lee, and Coach Roger Wall.

## BASEBALL

Members of the Lowell varsity baseball team are, first row: Nick Boelens, Tylor Meppelink, Pete Scudder, Torsten Boss, Will Bryan, and Zach Stephens; second row: Coach Justin Miller, Jason Nugent, Kenny Hayes, Taylor Sprague, Ethan Drain, Trevor Wernet, Anthony Herrera, and Coach Dustin Gless.

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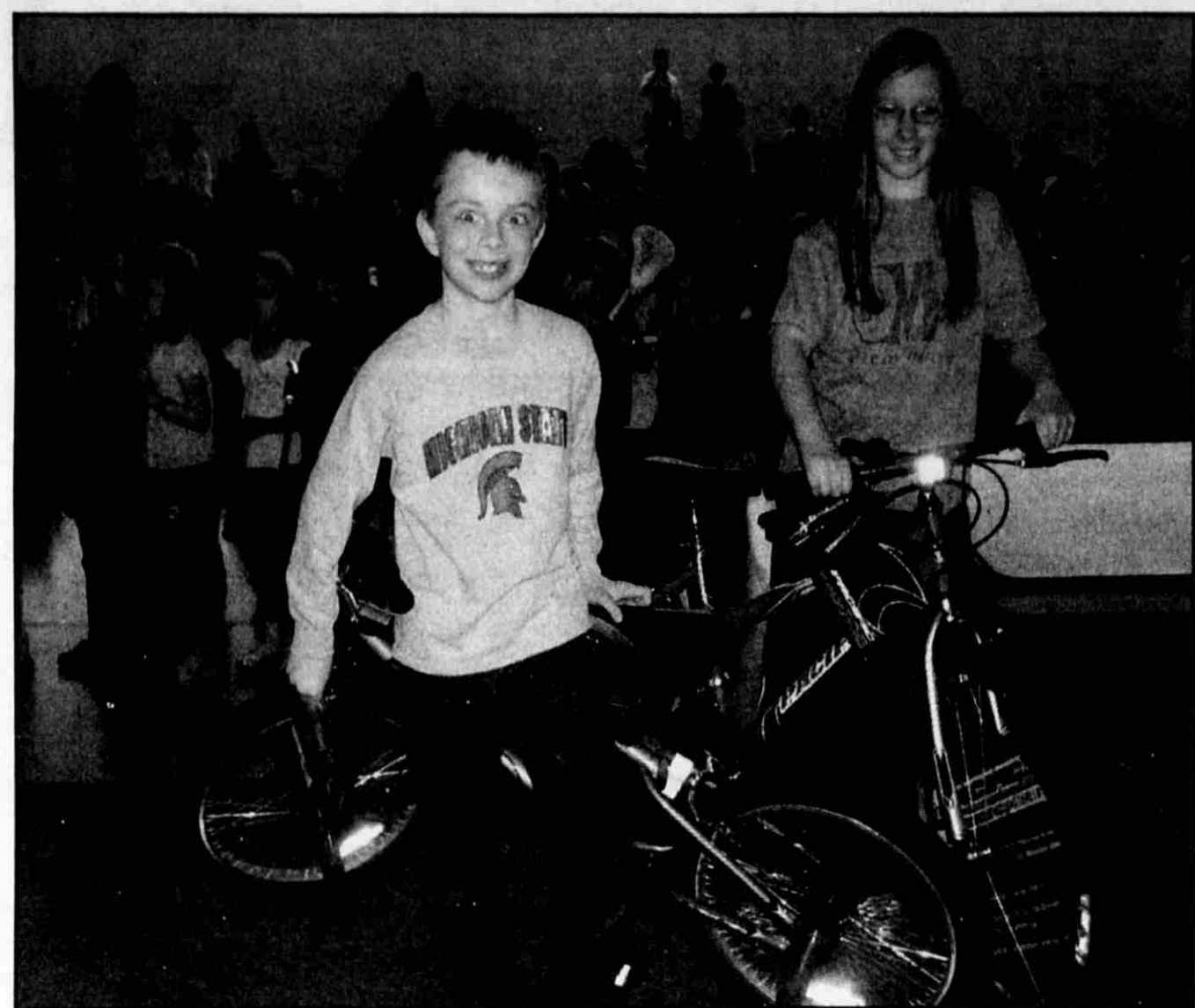


## SOFTBALL

Members of the Lowell varsity softball team are, first row: Katie McElroy and Alexandra Gibbs; second Row: Ashley Nawrocki, Karri Ort, Ashleigh Smit, Brittany Bueche, Jennifer Ettinger, and Tricia Thuston; third row: Coach Andy Bronkema, Coach Bob Rodenhouse, Samantha Mundt, Jessica Meyer, Terrah Tawney, Kristin Nagy, Monica Vigil, Assistant coaches Bill McElroy, and Terry Wieland.

# Winning readers

Pictured are Murray Lake Elementary's grand prize winners for March is Reading Month. Adam Korzan and Santana Boulton each won a bike purchased at Meijer with Community Rewards donations. Each time a student read an hour at home they were able to fill out a ticket for the drawing. Students at Murray Lake accumulated 3,363 hours of "at home" reading for the month of March. For their efforts they were awarded a homework-free night, an extra recess, a crazy days week, a strength team assembly, tickets to a Whitecaps game, a family pizza night (to be held in April), and over \$800 in prizes purchased through the Meijer Community Rewards program.



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*To the lady that had the Sport - Just because yours burned to the ground doesn't mean everybody's will.*

*Thanks Phil Gerard for directing such a beautiful cantata and program. You are the greatest.*

*I was so pleased to see the kids working at the Expo working for their skateboard park. Let's find some way to support them in this effort.*

*Why is it that you have to go to Florida or out of town to buy Litehouse dressings when it is made here in Lowell?*

*If you're lonely and need a friend, go to FBC church. They are the friendliest. I found my friend Lil-lian there and she's the greatest.*

*When did Lowell change their mascot to the Mustangs? I thought all Lowell schools where known as the Lowell Red Arrows. Go ARROWS!*

*25 degrees in April, so much for "Global Warming".*

*I thought Lowell was the home of the Red Arrows!?*

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## Spring's frosty start

A local fisherman braved the frost and the mist early Tuesday while fishing on the Grand River near the fairgrounds. Rising levels of the river may indicate the end of winter capped by annual flooding in the spring.

*Photo by Emma Palova*

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*One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries.*

- A. A. Milne (1882 - 1956)

## Wildside, continued ... From Page 12

nature. Learn directly from organizations how they make their own special connection for sustaining a healthy Earth. You will have an opportunity to visit information booths and join short walks. If photographing nature - Grand Rapids Camera Club, for fishing perhaps it Izzak Walton League, Water Quality - West Michigan Environmental Action Council or GVSU Water Resources Institute, Hiking and out door experiences - Lowell Area Recreation Authority's trail association or Sierra club and the list continues.

The Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor

Education (MAEOE) is a State organization working to lead education towards practices for sustainable resource utilization. They support and facilitate education regarding Earth support services and outdoor recreation. If the Earth's resource base goes bankrupt, our human economy and culture will go bankrupt and disappear. MAEOE is co-sponsoring this event at WWC to help facilitate a best fit for people and organizations.

Come discover your best Earth Connection by taking a walk with one of the many organizations during the frequently short hikes or visit booths. The Lowell

High School Environmental Club is preparing youth activities to meet interest of family youth members. Some organizations, like Junior Audubon and MUCC, have special youth programs.

Celebrate, enjoy, and discover Earth Day Every Day by attending this donation supported event on April 21 at WWC, 11715 Vergennes Rd. in Lowell. We are also celebrating WWC's anniversary. To receive WWC information directly with early event notice, sign up the free monthly E-news letter by contacting [smueller@lowellschools.com](mailto:smueller@lowellschools.com).

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