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Brazilian student earns degree in the with support of host family

By Emma Palova

What started out as a one year exchange program, has grown into a seven-year relationship for a local family hosting a Brazil student.

Mariana Vieira came to Lowell from Brazil in 1999 with no knowledge of English, but determined to get a degree in the USA.

Seven years later, Vieira, holding a degree in accounting and finance from Grand Valley State University, posed with her host family Robert and Gay Pfaller after graduation.

And although Vieira went back to Brazil to finish her high school diploma, the Pfaller family opened their home to her so her dream could come true. Vieira paid

her own tuition and worked on campus to pay for living expenses.

"They were very supportive," said Vieira. "They treated me like one of their own kids."

In the beginning, Gay Pfaller, who is a preschool teacher, helped Vieira overcome the language barrier. At the time, Vieira only knew basics like, "I am hungry" or "I hurt" to get her through emergencies.

Gay Pfaller used various toys to teach history to Vieira.

"She was very patient," said Vieira.

Now, fluent in English, Vieira has a job lined up with Ernest & Young in Washington D.C.

"I call them mom and dad," said Vieira, "they took me along on family trips."



Brian Pfaller, Gay Pfaller, Marianna Vieira, Robert Pfaller, Sandi Pfaller and Jeff Pfaller are pictured in front of the Van Andel Arena during Grand Valley State University graduation recently.

Lowell inches toward designation as a Tree City USA

By Emma Palova

Lowell has moved one step closer to becoming Tree City USA.

The city council set a public hearing for May 21 to establish the Arbor Board Ordinance, one of the requirements of the Tree City designation.

The Arbor Committee has been meeting and reviewing tree ordinances in the wake of recent tree trimming controversy. The tree ordinance will address tree protection, removal, replacement, trimming, penalties and appeal process for city trees.

"We have an arbor committee working on policies regulating trees," said city manager Dave Pasquale. The committee is chaired by Jim Reagan, and it consists of the following members: Lowell Light and Power general manager Tom Richards, Department of Public Works director Dan DesJarden, Garden Club representative Dana Chase and Pasquale.

The Lowell Look Committee granted \$5,000 to start a tree replacement program in the Boves Road area.

"There were many trees removed on Boves Road last fall," said Reagan. "And the committee thought that would be an excellent location to start planting trees."

The Lowell Arbor Committee's first tree planting will take place on May 11 at 10 a.m. in front of Pebble Beach apartments. Different species of trees will be planted in the city right-of-way, according to DesJarden.

\$3 million in cable TV sale proceeds discussed at city council

By Emma Palova

In the wake of the proposed sale of Lowell Cable TV to Comcast for \$3.5 million, city council members Monday discussed what to do with the proceeds from the sale.

With the estimated closing date just on the horizon and empty city coffers during budget time, city manager Dave Pasquale suggested that the money be used for budget stabilization. Pasquale said it could be used to establish a rainy day fund and as a revenue source for bond issues. The money would go into the Lowell Improvement Fund for streets, sidewalks, trails and equipment. The funds could also be invested in certificates of deposit.

Council woman Jeanne Shores said a new building is needed at the cemetery.

However, these proposals caused an outcry from

some city council members.

Mayor Chuck Myers opposed any short term use of the funds stating it took a quarter of a century to build the \$3 million equity.

"It is a fund that has been earned by the citizens of Lowell," said Myers. "They've earned this equity, this is well-earned money. I am against any budget stabilization." Myers said the money from the sale should be looked at like an endowment fund, and professionally managed. An amount should be set for inflationary factor. "Professional fund management for a \$3 million fund is prudent," Myers said. "The proceeds need to be preserved and only spent on something that will provide long term benefits to the community."

The argument over the use of \$3 million in dire economic times deepened as Shores said the money

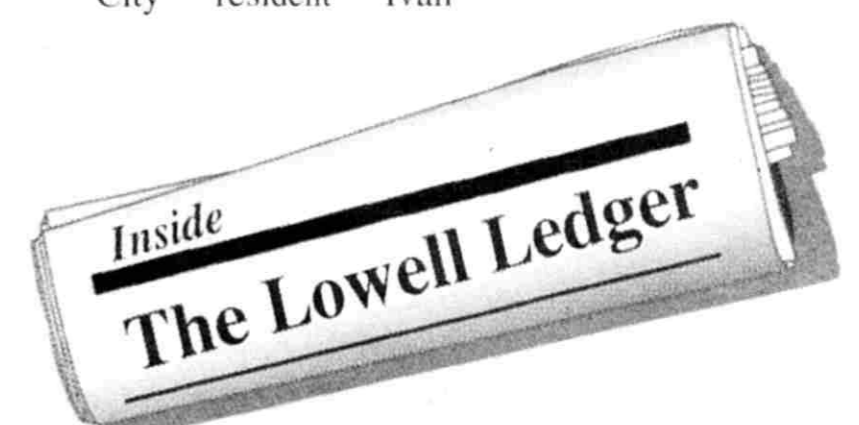
used for budget stabilization could eliminate the need for new millage in the future. "I see it as stabilizing the tax rate for the citizens," said Shores.

Mayor pro-tem Alan Mathews said he would like to see some projects done that would support citizens like restoring the amphitheater on the Riverwalk by the Showboat.

City resident Ivan

Blough addressed the council with his concerns about the sale of Lowell Cable. He suggested the money be returned to the city, but not to patch streets or fix the budget. "The sale will take money away from the city," said Blough. "I am concerned for our

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Obituaries



DONOVAN
Anne M. Donovan, aged 95, of Alto passed away April 26, 2007. She is preceded in death by her son, Robert Donovan. Anne is survived by the Kovarik family and one niece, Lillian Long; a very special long time friend, Blanche Littlefield. The two worked many years together at a jukebox factory

in Grand Rapids. Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 1, at the Alaska Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Fountain View of Lowell, 11535 E. Fulton, Lowell, MI 49331.

GILLETTE

Eric Gillette, age 33, of Lowell, passed away on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Eric was a member of the Bulldogs Wrestling Team at Grandville High School before his graduation in 1991. After high school, he started training as a pattern maker and continued his training with tool and die, becoming a journeyman die maker in 2000. He loved designing and was very meticulous in what he did. Eric loved music and was

a huge fan of progressive trance music. He was also an avid reader of fantasy and science fiction. When you saw Eric, you would find Rip (his Boxer dog) by his side. Eric enjoyed the outdoors, especially hiking. He enjoyed understanding different things and loved a good card game, especially Hand and Foot, Pedro, and Euchre. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; mother, Shirley Menacher and her husband, James of Jenison; father, David Gillette and his wife, Myrna, of Grandville; sister, Carrie and Jeff Fletcher of Standale; nephew, Ashton; niece, Kirin; Jennifer's family, Ken and Sandy Chaney, Sr. of Spring Lake, Ken Chaney Jr. and his family of Rockford, and Jolene and Rich Boger and family of Clarksville. The service for Eric was held Saturday at The Pederson Funeral Home in Rockford. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Hospice of Michigan.

Be prepared during tornado season

- With tornado season upon us, it's important to know some facts:
 - Nationally, approximately 60 people die each year in tornadoes.
 - Millions of dollars in property damage are attributed to tornadoes annually.
 - A Tornado Watch simply means that conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop. A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has actually been sighted.
 - Tornadoes can be deadly and devastating storms, with winds up to 260 miles per hour. If a Tornado Warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately!
- Make a complete inventory of your possessions for insurance purposes.
- Conduct drills with your family in the home; make sure each member knows the correct procedures if they are at work or school when a tornado hits.
- The safest place to be during a tornado is underground, preferably under something sturdy like a work bench. If there's no basement or cellar in your home, a small room in the middle of house - like a bathroom or a closet - is best. The more walls between you and the outside, the better.
- Residents in mobile homes, even those with tie-downs, should seek safe shelter elsewhere at the first sign of severe weather.
- If you live in a mobile home park, talk to management about the availability of a nearby shelter.
- Tornadoes can toss cars and large trucks around like toys. Never try to outrun a tornado.
- If you see a funnel cloud or hear a tornado warning issued on the radio or by siren, get out of your vehicle and seek a safe structure or lie down in a low area with your hands covering the back of your head and neck; keep alert for flash floods.

Arbor Day guide available

Those who care about trees will find advice on pruning and related topics in the National Arbor Day Foundation's free booklet, "How To Prune Young Shade Trees." From pruning in the

early years of a tree's life, to learning how to strengthen trees by removing branches, this illustrated, easy-to-follow guide offers timely and practical tips.

"How a tree is pruned in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength, and even life span," said Arbor Day Foundation President John Rosenow. "People who value their trees will learn how to make them safer, more beautiful, healthier, and easier to maintain with this guide an its step-by-step illustrations."

Other tips in "How To Prune Young Shade Trees" cover the best ways to make a pruning cut, how to prune for form, and how to maintain a tree's health by removing trouble spots. It also offers such basic advice as how to hold a pair of pruning shears and make cuts at the proper angle.

For your free copy, send your name and address to: How To Prune, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, or go online at www.arborday.org.

A Million Thanks to our military

In recognition of National Military Appreciation Month and the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, GOOD Chevrolet Buick is joining Buick dealerships across the country in an effort to help Americans say "thank you" to members of our military and their families.

During the month of May, the "A Million Thanks" program hopes to collect one million individual "thank you" cards and notes that will be sent to active duty soldiers, sailors and Marines in the coming weeks.

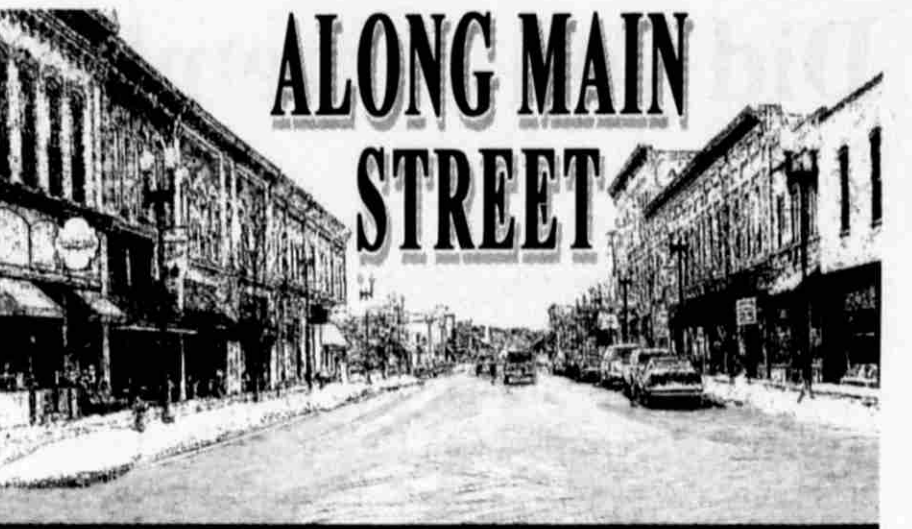
This year's program builds on a promotion started in 2006, when Memorial Day sales at Buick-Pontiac-GMC dealers netted a donation of nearly \$3.5 million for the VFW National Home for Children, which cares for the children and families of service members most affected by conflicts around the world. Locally, GOOD Chevrolet Buick contributed sales to that effort.

"Last year's program really touched our hearts, but we felt that we could do even more this year," said Rodger Garner, General Manager, "We've continued to ask more and more from our active service members, as well as those who have already completed their service to our country. A Million Thanks is a very simple, heartfelt way for every American to express their appreciation for those who risk their lives to protect us all."

A collection box for individual messages will be available at GOOD Chevrolet Buick, located at 1250 W. Main St. in Lowell. A large card will also be displayed at the dealership for personal messages and signatures. After the notes have been collected, they will be delivered through the A Million Thanks organization, which was founded by California teenager Shauna Fleming, this year's spokesperson for National Military Appreciation Month.

Also, during the month of May, active military members and their families, along with military retirees, are eligible for special discounts on any Buick car or SUV.

More information about the work of the A Million Thanks organization is available at their web site, amillionthanks.org.



ALONG MAIN STREET

"THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN MUSIC"

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is pleased to present renowned pianist, Rich Ridenour on May 11 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$30 for adult, \$20 for students with valid ID and include dessert buffet with coffee and tea. Social hour and desserts begin at 7 p.m., program at 8 p.m. For tickets or information contact Judy Straub at 897-7688.

LOWELL SKATE PARK

Will be collecting pop cans Saturday, May 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m. north of Main Street from Division to the river.

PARADE OF PRESERVES

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan is hosting its second annual Parade of Preserves! Local naturalists will lead hikes focused on each nature preserve's unique natural features. The hikes are free to the public, will last one to two hours, and will happen rain or shine. For a complete listing of hikes throughout West Michigan, please visit www.naturenearby.org. Bradford Dickinson White Preserve, Sunday, May 13 at 2 p.m. Steep ridges, lush forests, and a meandering trout stream are the highlights of this 45-acre preserve near Lowell. Directions: Alden Nash (M-50) to 36th Street east 1/2 mile to preserve.

WALKING CHALLENGE - WALK LOWELL 2007

Registration for this event will begin May 15 at the Alto Library, Lowell City Hall, Englehardt Library and Lowell Senior Neighbors. Registration is \$15/person and "Walk Lowell" pedometers will be available at these sites when your register for \$5. For more information call Lowell Community Wellness at 340-7781.

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May 18-20 at Fairgrounds. Bands, jam sessions, food, barn sale, family fun.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Early bird sign-up is Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Burch Field. All new players must bring a copy of your birth certificate (one that LYFL can keep). Summer dates: July 24, 6 - 8 p.m., July 28, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and August 2, 6 - 8 p.m. Flag football, ages 4-7, youth football and 78ers, must be 8 years old by November 1 to 8th Grade, & 78er Cheerleading, 7th and 8th graders. Phone 897-7896, www.eteamz.com/lyfl, e-mail: lyfl99@aol.com.

PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER

There will be a perennial fundraiser for the Accelerated Reader Program on Memorial Day weekend. Please contact Karen at 897-7808 if you can donate any plants.

ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

Lowell Middle School athletic physicals for next year's 7th and 8th graders will be held Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at the middle school. The cost is \$10.

SUMMER CONCERTS

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts, Thursday nights, June 14 through August 23. Riverwalk Plaza, downtown Lowell, concerts begin at 7 p.m. and go until 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

CLASS OF 1977

We have mailed invitations to those we found addresses. If you have not received one or know of any classmates who have not please contact Deb at Canfield Plumbing & Heating, 897-0887. Reunion date is July 28, 6 p.m. at Grand Rapids Hilton. Check on line at lowellclassof1977@iserv.net.

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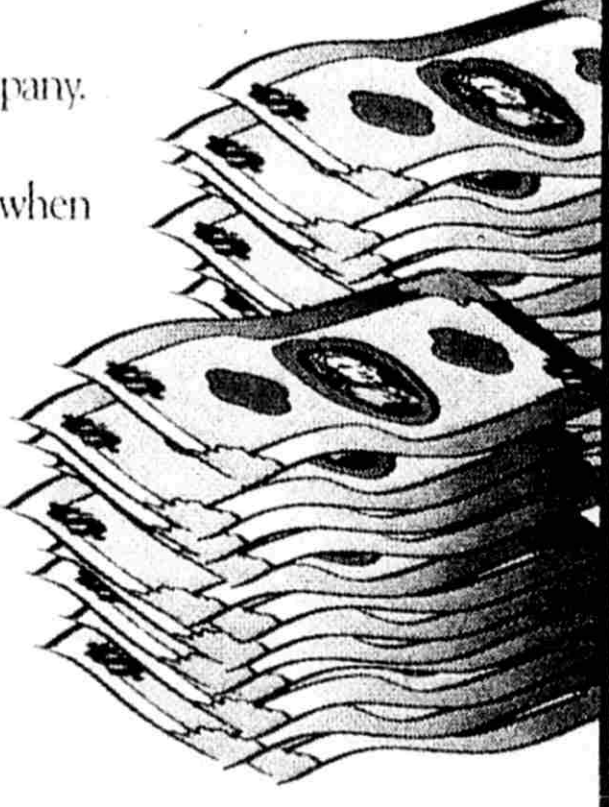
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community. The citizens have worked very hard." Blough calculated that approximately \$1.2 million per year will be leaving the community.

Council member Jim Pfaller suggested using the money for debt reduction. "I am not a fan of debt," Pfaller said. "We need to sit down in a work session to determine how to handle it."

Council member Jim Hodges said a public hearing should be held because it's public money. "Just because you get the check, you don't need to cash it," said Hodges.

According to the asset purchase agreement, Comcast has agreed to interview up to five technical employees engaged in operating the system for the city. However, there is no requirement the employees must be hired.

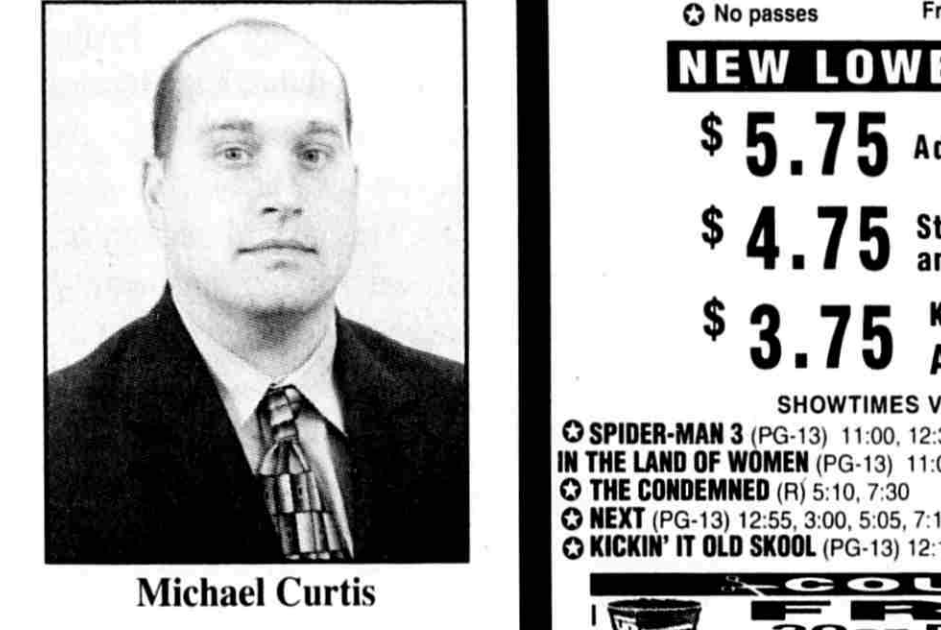
Other contingencies of the sale include additional pole location that will separate the cable lines from the rest of the lines and an agreement between the city and Lowell Area Schools in regards to the fiber system which leads to the high school.

Discussions over the use of the cable sale money are expected to continue once the city budget is finalized. Public hearings on the budget are scheduled for May 21 and June 4. The sale of Lowell Cable TV is expected to be finalized by June 30.

Business Matters

Michael Curtis of Lowell has joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent serving this area from 6740 Cascade Road, Grand Rapids.

He recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared him for the state licensing examination and provided



instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life insurance.

Curtis' training included the agent career school at the Farm Bureau Insurance Business, cont'd., pg. 4

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Did you remember to vote?

Resident Ron Potter fills out a voting registration slip at the Vergennes Township Hall Tuesday morning. Potter was the 41st township voter to vote in the election Tuesday. Clerk Mari Stone estimated the turnout to be about 15 percent. Election inspectors Marcia Host and JoAnn Hudson assisted voters with their paperwork during the school election. Although the local school election race was uncontested, there was a proposal to levy a millage for operations for Grand Rapids Community College.



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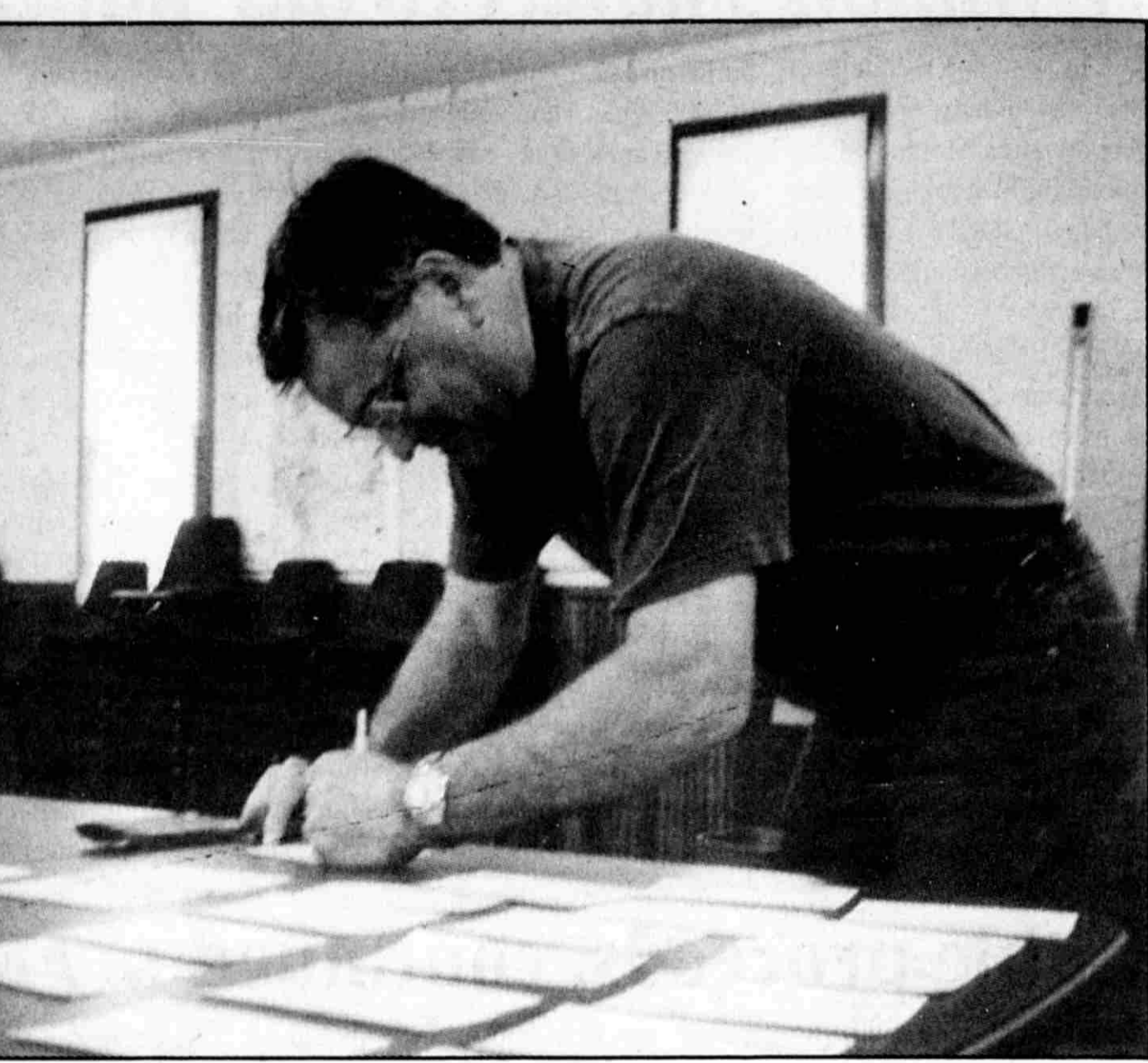
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City council delays most action until May 21/June 4

By Emma Palova

Facing a full agenda Monday, the Lowell City Council postponed most action until May 21 and June 4.

The much awaited ordinance regulating the keeping of fowl in the city will be considered at a public hearing on June 4. Also on that day, the city Zoning Board of Appeals, will take

up John Sterly's request for a variance to construct a second duplex on the corner of Elm and Amity streets. The ZBA will also address Cherry Wheat's request for a housing addition in an industrial district.

Public hearings on the proposed 2007-2008 city budget are set for May 21 and June 4. No longer necessary due to the sale of the Lowell Cable TV, the

cable television ordinance is set to be repealed on May 21. The repeal is also one of the conditions of the purchase agreement between the city and Comcast, which will complete the sale by June 30.

The council will also consider a revised fire/rescue services agreement between the city, Lowell

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home office in Lansing. Farm Bureau agents are licensed to sell all lines of insurance, including life, home, auto, farm, retirement, and business.

He is involved with the National Association of Realtors and the Michigan Association of Realtors. He also coaches football at Lowell High School.

He joins a statewide force of 400 Farm Bureau Insurance agents serving nearly 450,000 Michigan policyholders.



Lisa Brown

Greenridge Realty announced that Lisa Brown received Realtor of the Month for April.

This award recognizes Brown for her outstanding success and achievements.

Viewpoint

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



I lost my husband almost a year ago, and my grief journey has been the most profoundly sad and also, one of the deepest and richest experiences that I have ever had. I would like to share some of my experiencing with you. Grief and loss are the most common experiences we have as humans, and it is something we know the least about. In my situation, it was such a sudden loss that the first six months were spent expecting him to come back. When doing daily household chores, I swear that I heard him greet me. When I

heard footsteps coming down the stairs or through the front hall, I expected to see his shadow first and then, his person, but it wasn't him. When the back door opened and shut, I was certain he was coming home for supper. When I was sitting at the dinner table, I was sure he was washing his hands and that he would join me shortly. It was all so surreal and strange. I chose to become very busy with work and household chores because this emptiness created such anxiety. My thoughts would go over and over the days before he died. Words of "What if I had noticed this or why didn't he remember to do this or that" would spin around in my head with dizzying effect. My life had changed so dramatically that daily routines turned into thoughts of why bother it doesn't matter anyway. The dreams and plans for the future were erased in an instant. It made me realize that we have very little control over what will ultimately happen in our lives. All the best laid plans can evaporate in "blink of an eye." I first had to deal with the feelings of anxiety because this emotion would at times paralyze me. This is one

of the more common feelings especially when in the shock of a sudden loss. What I found so helpful was the simple act of walking. When walking outside, I would breathe in fresh oxygen which makes the frontal lobe area in the brain function better. The frontal lobe is the area of the brain that helps us organize our life routines, and is in charge of our short term memory. We need this part of the brain to work well especially during times of stress. Also, the rate of walking and our heart rate are usually in sync, and this combined effort helps our body and our mind normalize. Walking for me is the single best remedy for anxiety. One of my friends offered to take a walk with me when I was over-the-top stressed. It was so helpful, and during that walk the anxiety was reduced. Anxiety is one of the most common feelings following a sudden loss. Next month, I will talk about how to tell the difference between clinical depression and grieving. If you have any questions that you would like to ask please contact me by email: kathryndenhouter@gmail.com

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

What the heck is going on around here?

Lowell Township is making moves to force Timpson Orchards/Trucking to close down and move their operation because they just decided to enforce their zoning laws. I understand Timpson has been in business for 80 years. Why are they being jumped on now for zoning violations? Just what this area needs - another 26 employees out of a job. What kind of screwball thinking is going on at the Township?

Speaking of screwball thinking, who decided to sell Lowell Cable? It is my understanding that the folks who put the cable company together designed it in a way that almost all of the revenue produced would stay in Lowell through local labor and the purchase of local materials needed to keep it running. So now Comcast will boost the fees for cable and subscribers can send their money off to Comcast in care of their Post Office box in Southwestern PA. And how will this benefit Lowell? We have Comcast at home and basic service is almost \$50 so if Lowell cable has 2,000 subscribers that will be \$100,000 we will be sending to Pennsylvania every month. Just what West Michigan needs is another 1.2 million leaving the area.

Is this some package designed to bail the City out of its economic crunch? Seems like faulty logic to me to sell off an asset instead of doing more to attract, promote, and keep local businesses strong.

Can somebody explain these two situations to me? As a business owner, it scares the heck out of me to see those in charge trying to close businesses and selling off community assets.

Cliff Yankovich
Chimera Design

Dear Editor,

I want to express my appreciation to all those volunteers who helped with the Garlic Mustard Pulls this year. We completely cleared the small infestation that had begun in the Cooper Woodland Preserve which will prevent it from overtaking that area as it has so many others. We cleared large patches from the Boy Scout Cabin property and Stony Lakeside Park. These pulls are preventing the spread of the Garlic Mustard into larger areas and allowing native plants and wildflowers to move back in.

This year we had over 50 volunteers involved including Girl Scouts and church youth groups giving more than 75 hours of service. The students and teachers from Cherry Creek Elementary School continue the project of clearing the pond and natural area called Nature's Place adjacent to the school. We have yet to add their numbers and hours to our records.

We've received donations of gloves and other supplies

as well as financial donations to help in the purchase of herbicide, informational flyers and handouts. The City of Lowell is providing the disposal of the Garlic Mustard for us. Thank you all for your hard work and support.

Peggy Covert

Dear Editor,

I have had a hard time the last few days reconciling in my own mind the wisdom of the Lowell City Council's decision to sell our Lowell Cable TV, which is owned by the people of Lowell, and the wisdom of our Lowell Cable TV board and manager in letting it happen.

The negotiations of making a \$3.5 million sale of an asset owned by the people of Lowell would have to have been worked on for many months by a few people.

Very little publicity or information was shared with the people who owned Lowell Cable TV, nor were their opinions solicited by the city council or Cable TV board to assist in making their decision.

These negotiations and information were apparently carried out in very closely guarded meetings because a business transaction of this magnitude which affects our whole community and directly affects approximately 2,000 subscribers took only 10 minutes to discuss at a city council meeting, and then was voted on to sell a \$3.5 million asset owned by the people of Lowell.

I want to explain why I think this is a bad decision for the people of the Lowell community. When Lowell Cable TV was founded in 1982, 25 years ago by a Cable board consisting of King Doyle, Dr. Orval McKay and myself, together with manager Herb Haines, we had a vision to make Lowell Cable system the best small town cable system in America, owned by our people. We were committed to structuring the financial arrangements of your Cable TV to return to the community as much of the monthly cable rate as possible (for example, approximately \$35 per month for Basic). The only portion of that \$35 that left the Lowell community was the cost of the signal itself.

Salaries of office personnel, the manager, technician, and maintenance and installers were spent right here in our own community. Maintenance trucks and as much equipment as possible were purchased here in Lowell, as well as gas and maintenance, thus supporting our local merchants.

Financing was not provided by the city of Lowell's general fund. Therefore, the city of Lowell did not lay out any money to build the system, approximately \$1 million. This money was borrowed from Lowell Light and Power (LL&P), a fund that is not a part of the city of Lowell's general budget. Lowell Light and Power is owned by the people of Lowell, and interest was paid each year to LL&P on the remaining balance of the loan. A part of your monthly cable rate made up this interest; that also remained here in Lowell.

A franchise fee of five percent (5%) of the business was paid, each to the city of Lowell, and Vergennes and Lowell townships, according to the number of customers who live in those communities.

Having been sold to Comcast outside of our community, I am now told your Basic rate will be approximately \$54, an increase of about \$15 to \$20 per month. And hardly any of that \$54 rate will remain in your community which means about \$100,000 per month (\$50 of the monthly rate multiplied by 2,000 subscribers) will leave our community forever - each and every month hereafter. As hard as our local businesses are trying to keep alive and exist, I cannot see taking this away from them also.

I know the sales pitch to justify the \$15 to \$20 increase in the monthly rate is that you will have 100 more stations, but please, most people who have access to 200 stations only watch about 20 of them. The point is that when we owned our own cable station, we had a board which met every month at a public meeting and any of us could attend those meetings and voice our TV show preferences. Maybe we didn't use that opportunity as often as we should have but now we have lost all say about programming.

The other reason to sell, I have heard, was because the system needed updating, primarily with Fiber Optics, at a cost of about \$1 million. If this were true, it is, in my opinion, very doable because if you have an asset that will sell for \$3.5 million with only a \$500,000 debt, leaving a clear \$3 million, you certainly can borrow \$1 million against a \$3 million asset ... and with a little vision for the future, bring this system up to rival any competitor, thus saving all of the aforementioned advantages. This would have required a good marketing plan of which we haven't heard about for the last five years or better. In fact, I haven't heard of an annual updating over the past five years. What's really been going on?

This system was set up on a very solid foundation and has been a great asset to our community. It's a shame to see a great asset owned by the people of Lowell discontinued - one that has given so much back to its community over the last 25 years. Not even so much as a town meeting took place to give the people of Lowell who owned it a chance to discuss its fate.

I strongly urge the city council to reverse their decision and get a vision to once again make Lowell Cable TV the best small town cable system in America.

The above suggestions and opinions are my own, and I hope you will take them in the spirit intended, a very dedicated and sincere concern for our community.

Sincerely,
Ivan K. Blough

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Weddings

McDermott- Yeiter



Meagan and Jason Yeiter

Meagan McDermott and Jason Yeiter were united in matrimony on March 19, 2007 in Las Vegas. Parents of the couple are Michelle Foust and Jeff Miller and Connie and Gary Yeiter, all of Port Charlotte, Florida.

Raymonds celebrate 75 years of marriage



Seventy years together as husband and wife will be celebrated Tuesday May 15 by Cecil and Margaret Raymond. The Belding couple are the parents of Larry and Joan Link, Jerry and Patsy Raymond, and David and Bridget Raymond. They are the grandparents of 12, great-grandparents of 25, and great, great-grandparents of two.

Happy Birthday

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Reflections of faith

By Philip Struckmeyer
Pastor, Impact Church

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 verses 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.

MacNaughton & company to play at First United Methodist Church

Fresh from their April release of the CD Crosstown, the ensemble "MacNaughton Boulevard" will bring jazz/blues standards and originals to the Jazz Vespers worship service at First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton St. SE on Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m.

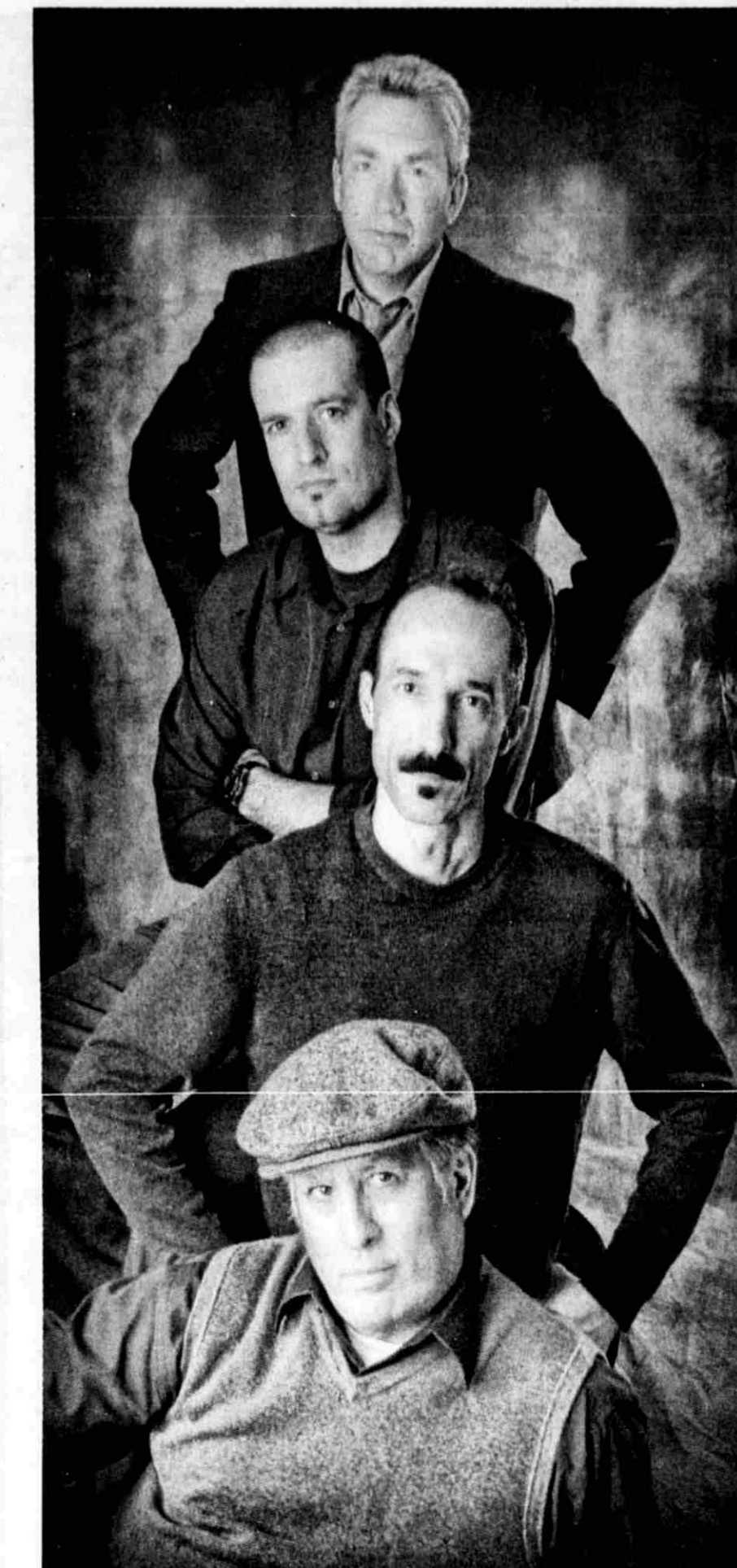
The group features Roger MacNaughton on piano, Charlie Hoats on bass, Carlos Melendez on guitar, and Steve Anzolino on drums. The group combines musical creativity with the spoken components of scripture, message, and prayer of the Vespers Service. Begun as a vehicle to combine inspiration, interpretation, and improvisation, First United Methodist Church Jazz Vespers incorporates Crosstown CD originals into the May service. "We're especially pleased to share original music and hope these new tunes, along with some jazz standards, lend themselves to a meaningful and creative worship experience," said composer MacNaughton.

Handing out hugs on Main Street



Jeanna Traill of Saranac offered free hugs last week in front of the vacant Big Dish building on West Main Street. She hugged Brian Doyle, who was strolling down the street.

When asked why she gives free hugs, Traill answered: "Because Jesus Loves." Traill admitted it was a little bit out there, but she thought there would be more people with the same signs distributed by Impact Church. At approximately 1:30 p.m., she had hugged six people. However, drivers passing cars were honking and waving at Traill. Would she do it again? "Yes," she answered.



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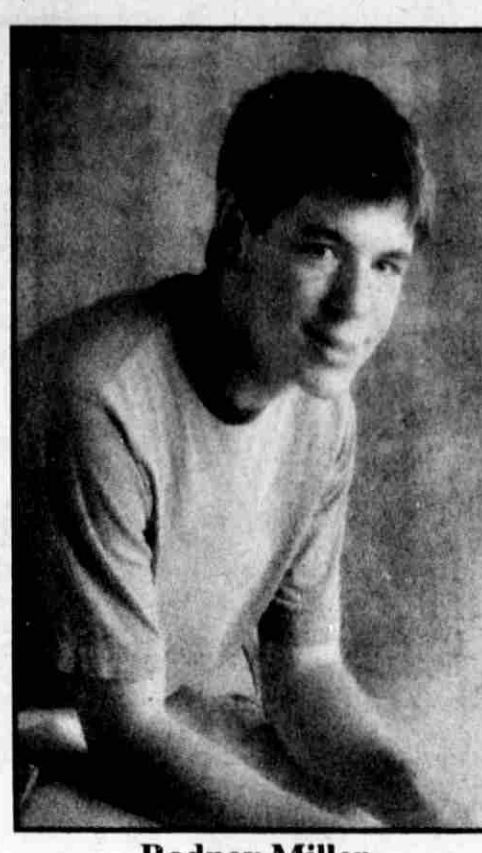
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Local teen selected for statesman summer school

Rodney Miller, a sophomore at Saranac Community Schools, has been selected to attend the 2007 session of the Junior Statesmen Summer School at Princeton. While his family is paying half his expenses, Miller must raise the balance of his room, board and travel costs. He is turning to the community in hopes of finding individual and business sponsorships. The 66th annual session of Junior Statesmen Summer School will be held from June 24 through July 19. While there, students take college level courses in American government and speech. The also participate in nightly student debates on controversial public policy issues in a Congressional workshop. Highlighting the month-long session will be frequent meetings with a high-level group of leaders from government, business, and the media. This nonpartisan speakers program gives future

leaders a chance to share ideas with today's political power brokers. Miller hopes to study U.S. history and government in college. He is particularly excited about having a sneak preview of college life at summer school. Miller was accepted to this prestigious program because of his outstanding academic record and potential for leadership. Miller is not only a good student, he has been active in extra-curricular school activities including varsity soccer, Destination Imagination and band. Community activities include volunteering at a public service facility and acting as a conflict resolution manager. Miller is also a part-time employee at McDonald's in Lowell and was also inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars.



Rodney Miller

Anyone wishing to make an individual sponsorship donation to help Rodney can send a check to: Admissions Director, The Junior Statesmen Foundation, 1725 K Street NW, Suite 1214, Washington, DC 20006. Checks are to be made payable to: Junior Statesmen Foundation and include a note that Rodney Miller is the intended beneficiary.

City, continued ... From Page 4

and Vergennes townships on May 21. According to City Manager Dave Pasquale, Vergennes Township officials wanted more discussion on the expansion of the fire station in the meantime. The city council did approve an ordinance requiring completion of exterior features on residential construction within 12 months, and on commercial buildings within 18 months. The council also accepted a \$19,805 bid from Shaler Excavating for a High Street slope improvement project to support an existing retaining wall. The Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) received permission to sell alcohol on Aug. 18 during the fifth annual Art Attack to be held at the Foreman Building at the fairgrounds. The event raises approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually. Advantages of the move to Foreman Building include cost savings from rentals, and the accommodation of more attendees.

On Thursday, the city will welcome the mayor of Portland for the annual mayor exchange day. "It's a great learning experience," said mayor Chuck Myers. The annual mayor exchange day also gives all the parties an opportunity to network.



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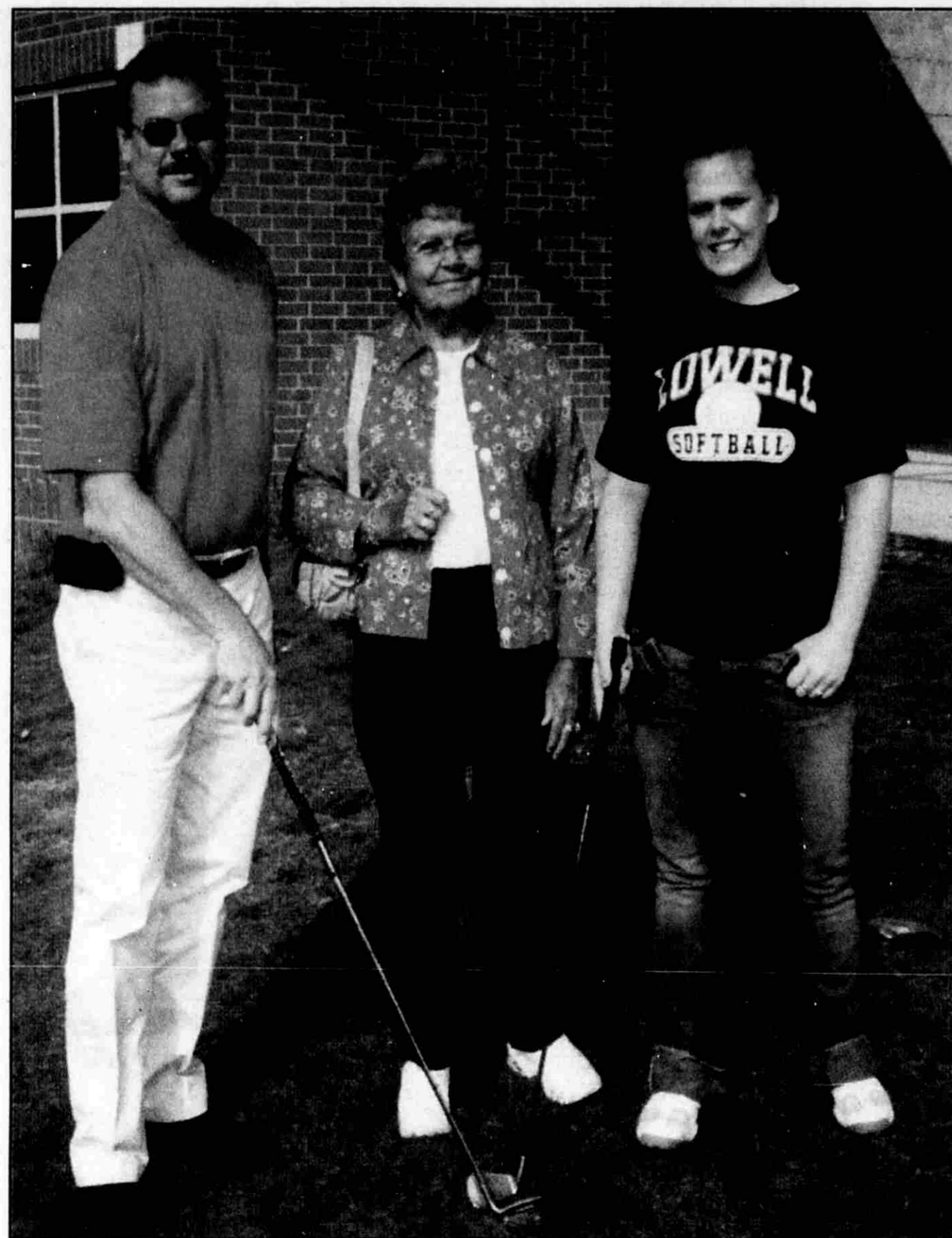
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Barry Hobrla, Dode Collins, and freshman athlete, Leah Whorley (granddaughter).

Annual Rex Collins golf outing slated for May 19

The Rex Collins Memorial Golf Outing has been raising money for the Lowell Athletic Boosters for four years. Funds raised from this event have been applied to the purchase of new scoreboards in the high school gymnasium. Collins was part of the athletic scene in Lowell for more than 45 years. Playing sports in high school was just the start of Collins' involvement in athletics. After serving in the Marines at the end of World War II, he came home and started working on the chain gang and announcing at Red Arrow football games. He ran the clock for basketball and football and judged track and field events. He also managed baseball and softball diamonds for many years.

This year's golf outing will take place on Saturday, May 19 at Deer Run golf course. Entry forms are still available. Golfers can check out the display of new scoreboards provided by Daktronics, Inc.

Safety belt enforcement zones

Law enforcement officers will be out in West Michigan during the next few weeks to ensure motorists make the life-saving decision to buckle up. As Michigan's safety belt use rate increases, traffic deaths and injuries fall.

More than 560 law enforcement agencies will participate in the Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 21 - June 3. About 240 of those agencies will conduct grant-funded safety belt enforcement zones. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) administers federal funding for these zones in 55 counties to increase safety belt use across the state. Grant-funded counties in West Michigan are Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Oceana, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

While the state's 94.3 percent belt rate is second in the nation, crash reports indicate that belt use falls in the evening and late-night hours. Safety belt use in daytime fatal crashes is 85 percent, but that figure falls to 62 percent at night (10 p.m. to 5 a.m.). In 2005, 100 vehicle occupants died unbelted in nighttime crashes.

"Michigan has achieved a great safety belt use rate, but we're finding that fewer people buckle up at night," OHSP director Michael L. Prince said.

In a pilot effort, at least 63 agencies in 11 counties will put additional officers on nighttime safety belt roving patrols on May 24. During these patrols, officers will place special emphasis on looking for and ticketing unbelted motorists. The participating West Michigan agencies are in Kalamazoo and Kent counties.

Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up and children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers 15 and younger to be buckled up in all positions.

A list of planned safety belt enforcement zone times and locations can be found at www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

Let me not be understood as saying that there are no bad laws, nor that grievances may not arise for the redress of which no legal provisions have been made. I mean to say no such thing. But I do mean to say that although bad laws, if they exist, should be repealed as soon as possible, still, while they continue in force, for the sake of example they should be religiously observed.

- Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

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LHS graduate to receive stem cell therapy in Russia

By Emma Palova

Jeni Rummelt dreams of waking up one day without the wheelchair by her bedside waiting for her.

Material things are no longer important to her. "You never know when one little thing can turn your life upside down," she said.

Rummelt, a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School, was left paralyzed from waist down after an accident.

While returning home from Iowa, a driver lost control, crossed over the median and hit Rummelt's car head on.

She had just married her husband Trent and opened her own business, "Solid Impact Fitness" in Caledonia.

At the time the doctors' prognosis sounded grim. "The doctors here said I would never walk again," said Rummelt.

However, Jeni decided to go against the odds refusing to believe her condition was permanent. About a year ago, she started therapy through Detroit Medical Center, Center of Spinal Cord Injury Recovery located in Rockford.

In June, she learned of Neurovita Clinic in Moscow. The doctors at the clinic inject the patient's own stem cells into the spinal fluid to reconnect the damaged spinal cord.

Rummelt started treatment last July, and has to go back to Russia every three months for two years for more injections.

According to Rummelt, because the treatment is not offered in the country, the insurance companies will not cover it.

By the time, Rummelt is done with her treatments, the cost of the therapy is estimated at \$150,000.

"The doctors at the Neurovita Clinic are very confident I will overcome this injury and that I will be able to once again take steps and walk," she said.

The current success rate of the stem cell therapy is 92 percent.

Since July, Rummelt has had motor and sensory changes. She can now control the contractions of her hamstrings, quads and glutes. "I had no muscle control before these treatments," she said.

Facing an upcoming treatment at the end of May, Rummelt remains hopeful she will get through her ordeal one day at a time.

To help Rummelt, St. Mary's Church in Lowell is holding a fundraiser on May 19. There will be a dinner and silent auction at St. Mary's Parish Life Center from 6-10 p.m. The event is open to the public. Donations are being collected for the Silent Auction.



Jeni Rummelt with sister Jessica Malcolm on Red Square in Moscow, where Rummelt is receiving stem cell therapy.

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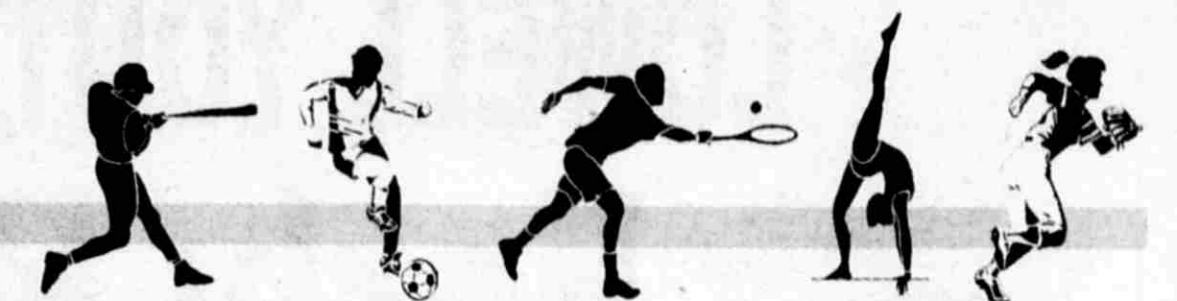
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Varsity softball pulling together in time for tough games ahead

The Lowell Red Arrow varsity softball pitchers and hitters were on the same level last week as Terrah Tawney and Katie McElroy fired two one-hitters and a no-hitter while the bats smashed 43 hits and scored 40 runs.

Tawney pitched a one-hitter at Greenville on Monday and another against Forest Hills Northern in the nightcap of a doubleheader on Thursday. McElroy started the twin bill with a no-hit four inning gem. She was one better over the minimum as one Red Arrow error gave the Huskies their only base runner.

At Greenville, four Red Arrows smashed 10 hits in an 8-0 victory. McElroy smashed a home run and two singles while driving in one. Monica Vigil hit a home run and a single driving home one Arrow. Brittany Bueche hit a triple and a home run with three RBIs and Tawney collected three hits with two doubles and two RBIs. "The four hitters that hit the ball really hit the ball hard," said coach Bob Rodenhouse. "We found some gaps between outfielders and took advantage of it. Tawney did a nice job also on the mound." Tawney walked two and struck out five. On Thursday, McElroy faced just 13 batters as she struck out seven in the 15-



Brittany Bueche turning a double play to Cassy Decatur at first.

0, four inning win. "She was in total control," stated Rodenhouse. "It is great to see hard work rewarded." The bats continued to boom as they banged out 15 hits. McElroy collected four while Bueche and Ashley Nawrocki had three. Bueche homered and McElroy tripled.

In the nightcap, Lowell scored seven runs in the first as 12 Arrows went to the plate, one run in the third, five in the fourth and six in the fifth in the 19-0, five inning win. Bueche, McElroy and Nawrocki each smashed three hits. Bueche hit her second home run of the day and drove home five Arrows. Alex Gibbs drove home two runs with a base hit in the fourth while Nawrocki plated two with a base hit in the first. Cassie DeCator collected two hits while Ashleigh Smit tripled. Tawney notched her seventh win of the season, against two losses, striking out five and walking one. "We played very well and I hope the pitching and bats continue because we have some very tough games coming up," said Rodenhouse. "We play Northview on Friday but we can not look ahead. We have to keep playing one game at a time," commented a smiling Rodenhouse. The Red Arrows are 6-0

in league play and 13-5 this week and East Grand overall. They were to play Rapids on Wednesday. Kenowa Hills Monday

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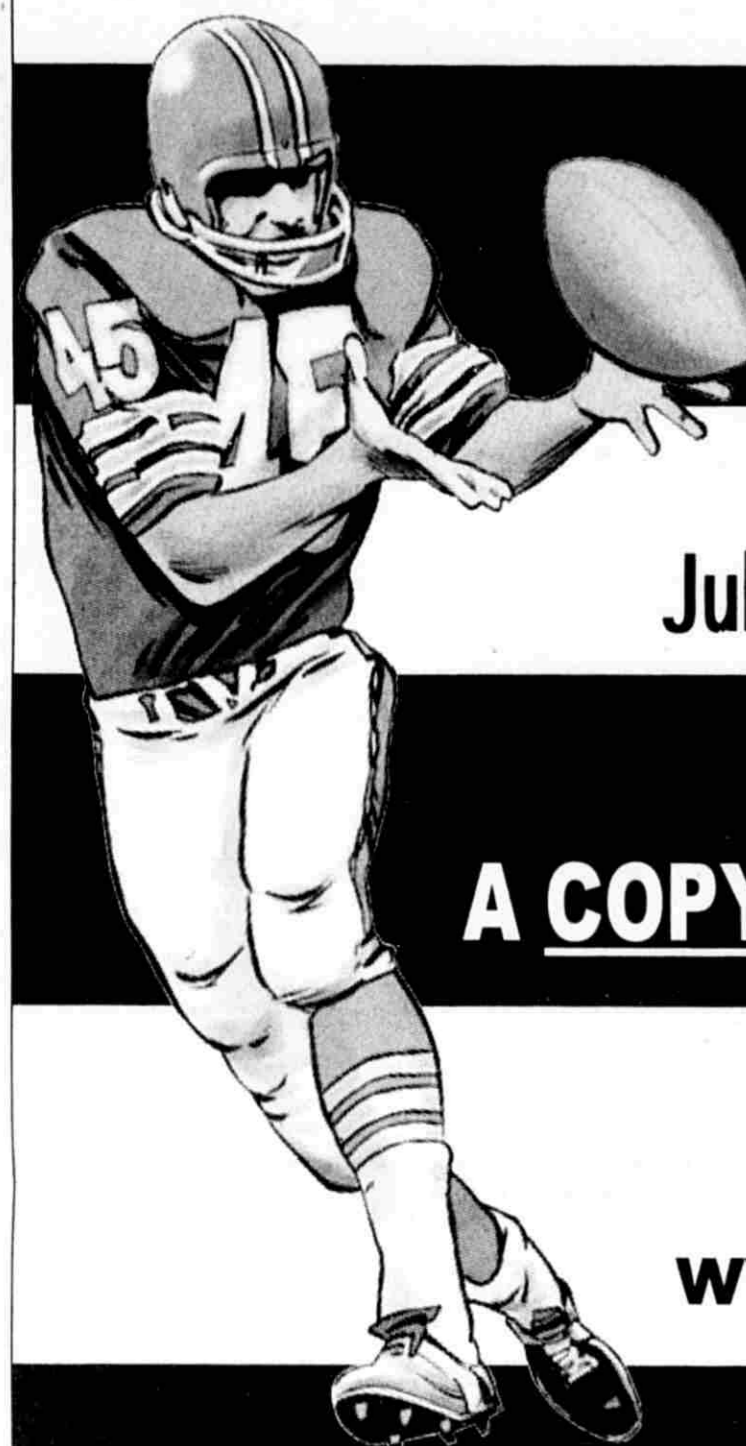
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RED ARROW SPORTS



Good showing for Red Arrow track teams at Kathy Talus Memorial Lowell Invitational

By Aly DeYoung

The Red Arrows beat the Northview Wildcats last week 75-62. Lowell also got some good placement in the Kathy Talus Memorial Lowell Invitational Saturday.

In the meet against Northview, Eric Dean placed first in the pole vault (13'3"), breaking a personal record. "Eric attempted to break the school record, and has a great chance of conquering it by the end of the season," said Lowell coach Russ Stevens.

Allen Messing finished second in the pole vault (12'0"). Dominic Doyle finished third in the shot put with 38'. Ryan Magnuson got first place in both the high and long jumps. In the high jump, he reached 5'10", and in the long jump, he hit 20'3".

Doyle got third place in discus with 113'1". The 3200-meter team of Eric Saenz, Kirk Geldersma, Keaton Dilly, and Andy Markof took first with a time of 9:08. In the 110 hurdles, Grady Drown (16.06) and Mike Ford (17.84) had first and second place, respectively. Adrian McEleveen won the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.26 seconds. Justin Van Acker took third with 11.79.

"These kids have a lot of heart," Stevens said. "We just keep going over what we need to work on. We have a core group that's been here for four years."

Andy Mark took first place for Lowell in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:44 followed by Dilly in second at 4:48. Lowell also took

first in the 400 meter relay with a time of 46.98. The Red Arrows got third place in this category as well.

Regan Doyle took first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 43.51. Drown wasn't far behind in third place at 44.84. Saenz got first place in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:11. In the 3200 meter run, first place went to Dilly, followed by Mark in second and Geldersma in third. Their time range went from 10.17-10.57.

In the 300-meter low hurdles, Regan Doyle got second place, and in the 3200-meter, Dilly and Mark achieved first and second place. Scott White got second place in the 200-meter.

The girls' track team did exceptionally well during this meet, with a final score of 104-33. The boys' team also edged out Kenowa Hills 69-67. The girls defeated Kenowa 82-55.

"We've won our last two meets this week," said girls' coach Sarah Ellis. "We've had some surprises in the long jump."

At the invitational, the Lowell boys (Dean, McEleveen, Ryan Magnuson) won the long jump event. "Ryan is an amazing athlete," Stevens said. "Though he is a senior in his first year of track, I wish he had come out years ago."

The following are results from the Lowell invitational:

Boys:
TEAM SCORING: Grand Ledge 103; Caledonia 101; G.R. Forest Hills Northern 77; Grand Rapids Christian

54; Charlotte 46; G.R. Forest Hills Eastern 42; Lowell 42.
POLE VAULT-
1. Charlotte, 31-0;
5. Lowell, 22-0.
HIGH JUMP-
1. Caledonia, 17-9;
4. Lowell, 16-6.
SHOT PUT -
1. G.R. Forest Hills North, 132-5.50
LONG JUMP-
1. Lowell, 57-1.50
DISCUS-
1. G.R. Forest Hills North, 392-6;
4. Lowell, 332-7.
DISTANCE MEDLEY-
1. Grand Ledge, 24:34.18;
4. Lowell, 25:11-87.
800 METER RELAY-
1. Grand Rapids Christian, 1:34.08;
6. Lowell, 1:37.51.
3200 METER RELAY-
1. Caledonia, 8:04.34;
6. Lowell, 8:42.00.
RED ARROW RELAY-

1. Grand Ledge, 1:35.94
300M INTERM.
HURDLES-
1. Josh Hembrough, G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 37.76.
400 METER RELAY-
1. Caledonia, 44.92;
2. Lowell, 45.11.
1600 METER RUN-
1. Alex, G.R. Forest Hills Eastern, 4:33.17.
110M HURDLES-
1. Josh Hembrough, G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 13.60;
4. Drown, Lowell, 15.75.
100 METER DASH-
1. James Jackson, Grand Ledge, 10.70;
4. A. McEleveen, Lowell, 11.75.
1600 METER RELAY-
1. Grand Ledge, 3:29.41;

Girls:
TEAM SCORING:
Grand Ledge 103; Grand Rapids Christian 100; G.R.

Forest Hills Northern 74; Caledonia 52; G.R. Forest Hills Eastern 39; Charlotte 37; Lowell 37; Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian 20.
LONG JUMP-
1. G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 46-3.25.
DISCUS-
1. Charlotte, 278-11;
6. Lowell, 199-9.
POLE VAULT
1. Grand Ledge, 23-6;
3. Lowell, 17-6.
HIGH JUMP-
1. Caledonia, 14-6;
5. Lowell, 9-9.
SHOT PUT-
1. Caledonia, 95-1;
6. Lowell, 74-3.
DISTANCE MEDLEY-
1. Grand Ledge, 28:52.72;
6. Lowell, 32:22.23.
800 METER RELAY-
1. G.R. Forest Hills North, 1:46.58;
4. Lowell, 1:51.13.
3200 METER RELAY-

1. Grand Ledge, 10:17.26.
RED ARROW RELAY-
1. G.R. Forest Hills North, 1:54.58.
300M LOW HURD-
1. Kelcie Daniels, G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 45.91.
400 METER RELAY-
1. Grand Rapids Christian, 52.11;
4. Lowell, 53.42.
1600 METER RUN-
1. Emily Langenberg, Grand Ledge, 5:12.86.
100M HURDLES-
1. Kelcie Daniels, G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 15.72;
2. Richelle Kimble, Lowell, 16.03.
100 METER DASH-
1. Marieme Mbaye, G.R. Forest Hills Northern, 12.08.
1600 METER RELAY-
1. Grand Rapids Christian, 4:11.83;
4. Lowell, 4:21.57.

Mixed results for Lowell lacrosse

By Aly DeYoung

While the lacrosse team won in a competitive game against Grand Haven, they lost their second home game of the week to Holland.

"It was a nail-biter that came down to the last second," Lowell coach Eric Bredin said of the game against Grand Haven which Lowell won 9-8.

Lowell took an early lead right away and led 2-0 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Grand Haven started playing more

aggressively, but Lowell kept the lead 5-2 at the end of the second.

Grand Haven tied it 5-5 by the end of the third as Lowell missed a few key passes. The fourth quarter was particularly exciting as it wasn't clear who would win until the very end, when Lowell took Grand Haven by one point.

"Grand Haven put one past Roman, our goalie, as time ran out," Bredin said. "The officials ruled that time expired before the goal scored, so we dodged a bullet!"

David Gallagher and Adam Bowers scored three points each while Ryan Padgett, Austin DeClerq, and Andrew Kuhn each tallied one. Bowers and DeClerq each had one assist.

The Red Arrows were on the losing end against Holland 11-5.

"Actually, we came out a little flat, but the guys are finishing their shots," said Holland coach Murle Greer. "They're starting to get the ball in the right spot."

In this game, Holland took the lead from the

beginning, and kept it. In the second quarter, the Red Arrows started to catch up, but Holland pulled away again.

"A lot of it comes down to focus," Bredin said of his team. "I'm proud of the sportsmanship my team displays."

Gallagher scored two goals. Bowers, Justin Story, and Bujar Selimi each had one. Bowers and DeClerq each assisted again. Lowell will compete in the conference tournament starting on May 15.

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