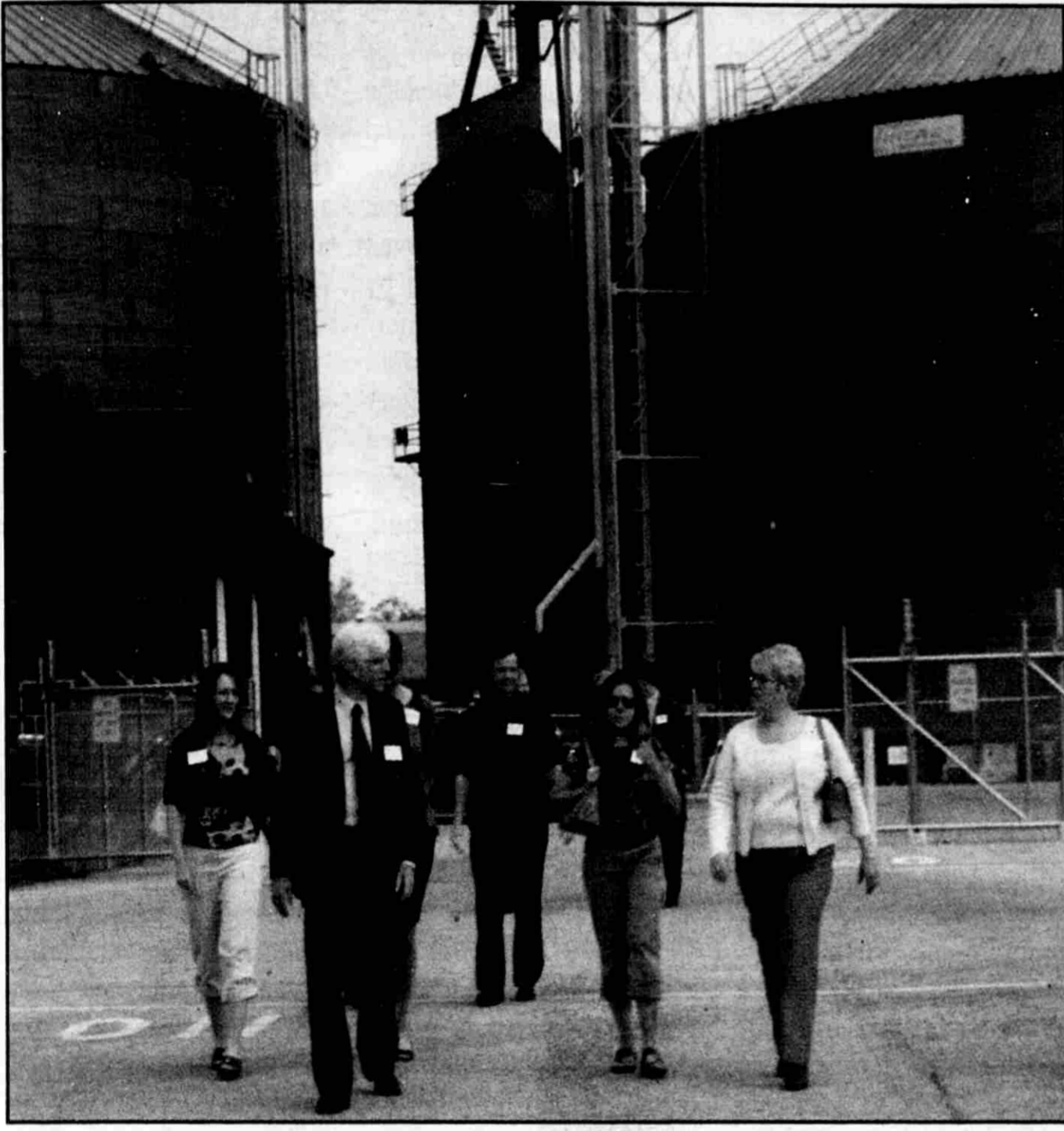


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The Lowell city delegation and Portland representatives walked from the Department of Public Works to the fire station during the mayor exchange day.

## Lowell hosts mayor exchange with Portland

By Emma Palova

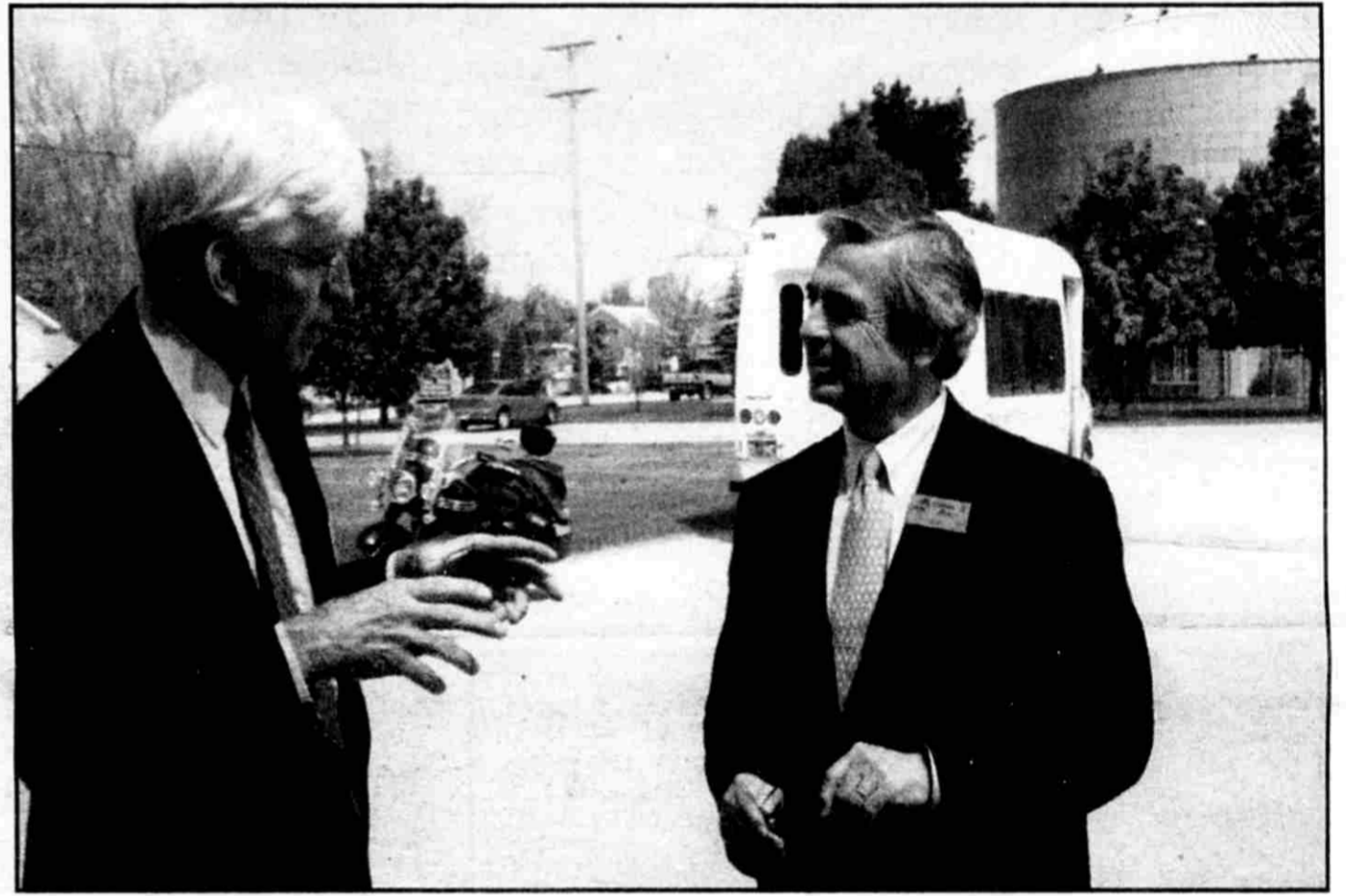
Lowell city representatives, hosting Mayor Exchange Day, welcomed a delegation from Portland last week.

The last time Portland

visited was 20 years ago. The day of fun was highlighted with a tour of Lowell's landmarks including Englehardt Public Library, Litehouse Inc, the water treatment plant, Department of Public Works, Look Memorial

Fire Station, Lowell High School, Lowell Light & Power, the wastewater treatment plant, Lowell Area Historical Museum, the Wege property, City Hall

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Mayors Chuck Myers and Jim Barnes exchanged ideas during the mayor exchange day.

## Timpson Transport requests rezoning to stay in operation

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Township Planning Commission set a public hearing for July 9 to consider a rezoning request from Timpson Transport Inc.

Approximately 60 people in attendance at a standing-room-only meeting Monday, by a raise of hands, showed support for Timpson Transport.

Attorney Jim Scales of Blakeslee, Fry & Scales spoke on behalf of the

owners, John and Colleen Timpson.

In order to comply with the township rules and regulations, the former apple grower, now hauler for other food companies, requested conditional rezoning from agricultural

to light industrial.

The Timpsons are requesting rezoning of 12.7 acres on Segwun Avenue to L-1 with two major conditions. The property will be used only for motor freight warehousing to include the trucking operation and continued agricultural

storage. The balance of the property would not be used for anything else except for continuation of the already approved mining operation. This, according to the applicant, would provide significant buffering from neighboring properties.

Along with the rezoning, the Timpsons are requesting a special use permit for motor freight warehousing

to accommodate the operation.

According to Scales, Timpson has significant investment in the controlled atmosphere storage and maintenance areas. In order for the operation to survive, it must re-use and adapt its current location.

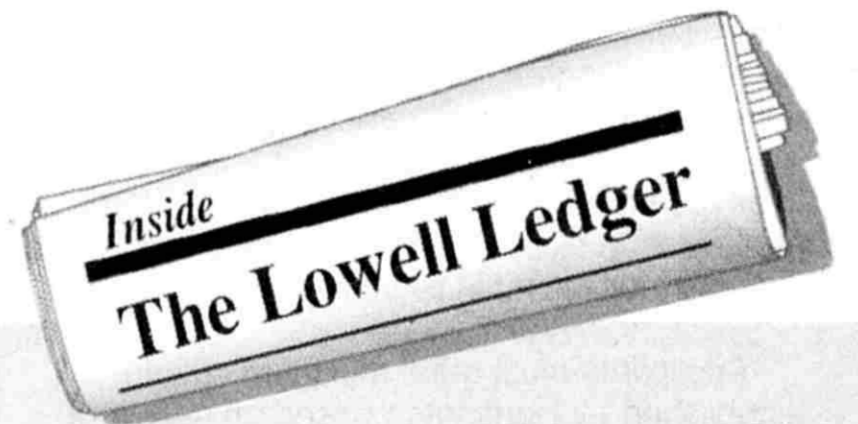
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## Arbor Day planting

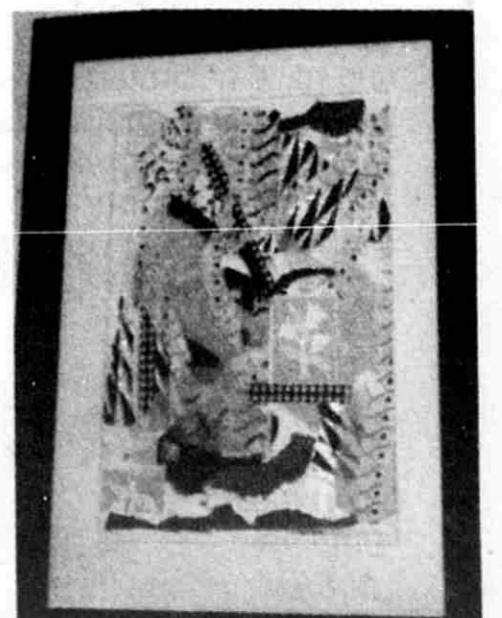
The Lowell City Arbor Committee planted a velvet pillar tree on Boves Road last week to honor Arbor Day. Pictured are: Jim Hodges, Jeanne Shores, Dan DesJarden, Jim Reagan, Dave Pasquale and Tom Richards. Not pictured is Dana Chase. The city is on its way to becoming a Tree City USA once it adopts a tree ordinance regulating the cutting and planting of trees. The committee has been meeting on a regular basis.



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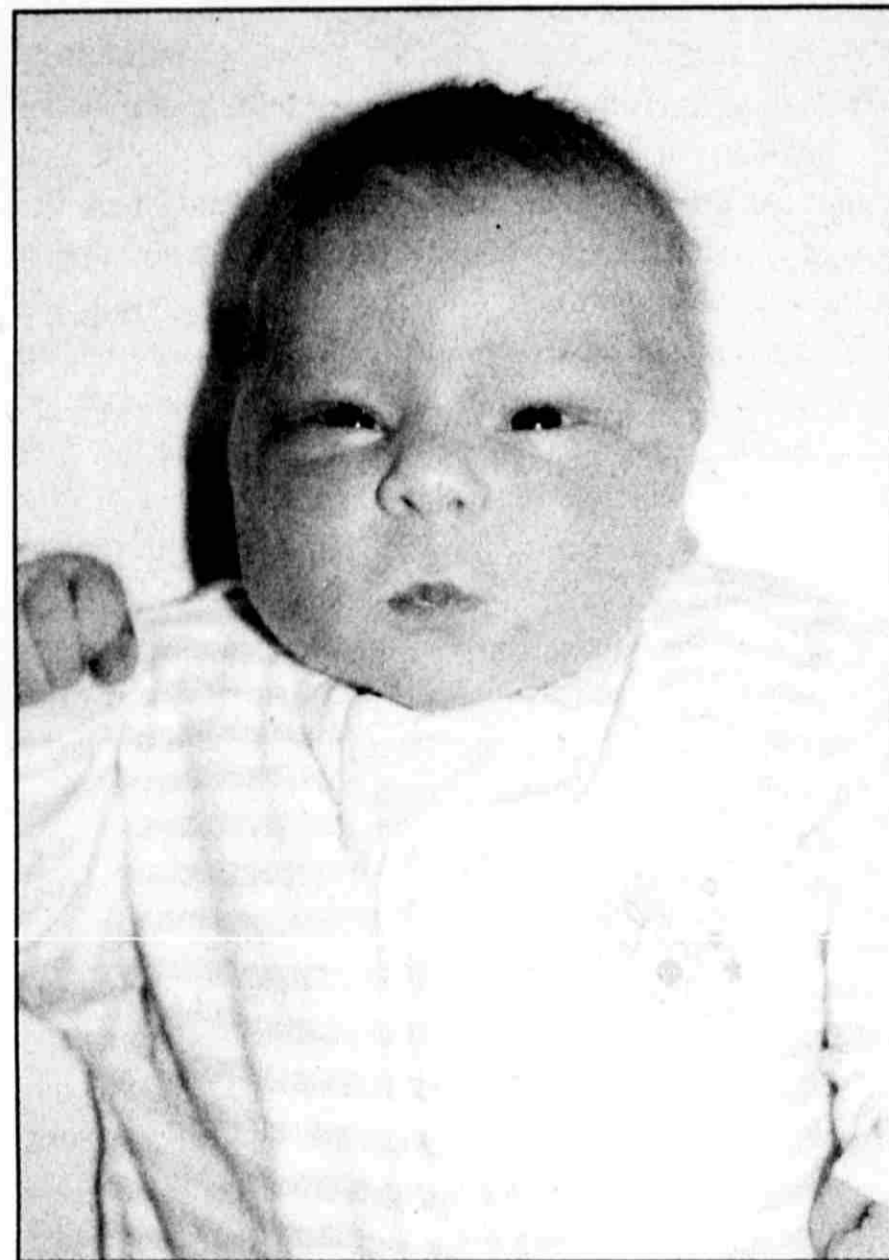






# New Arrivals

## Mittelstadt



Mickeala Lorraine Mittelstadt

Melissa and Leonard Mittelstadt of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Mickeala Lorraine on March 12, 2007, weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches long. Welcoming her home is brother Austin and grandparents Grant and Janet Wright of Lowell.

# Reflections of faith

By Phil Struckmeyer  
Pastor, Impact Church

One of the most significant things I have been taught in life is a rhythm of reflecting forward. The rhythm goes like this: Divert daily, withdraw weekly, get away monthly and retreat annually to take a look back while continuing to live forward toward who God is calling you to be.

## Krebs celebrate 60 years of marriage

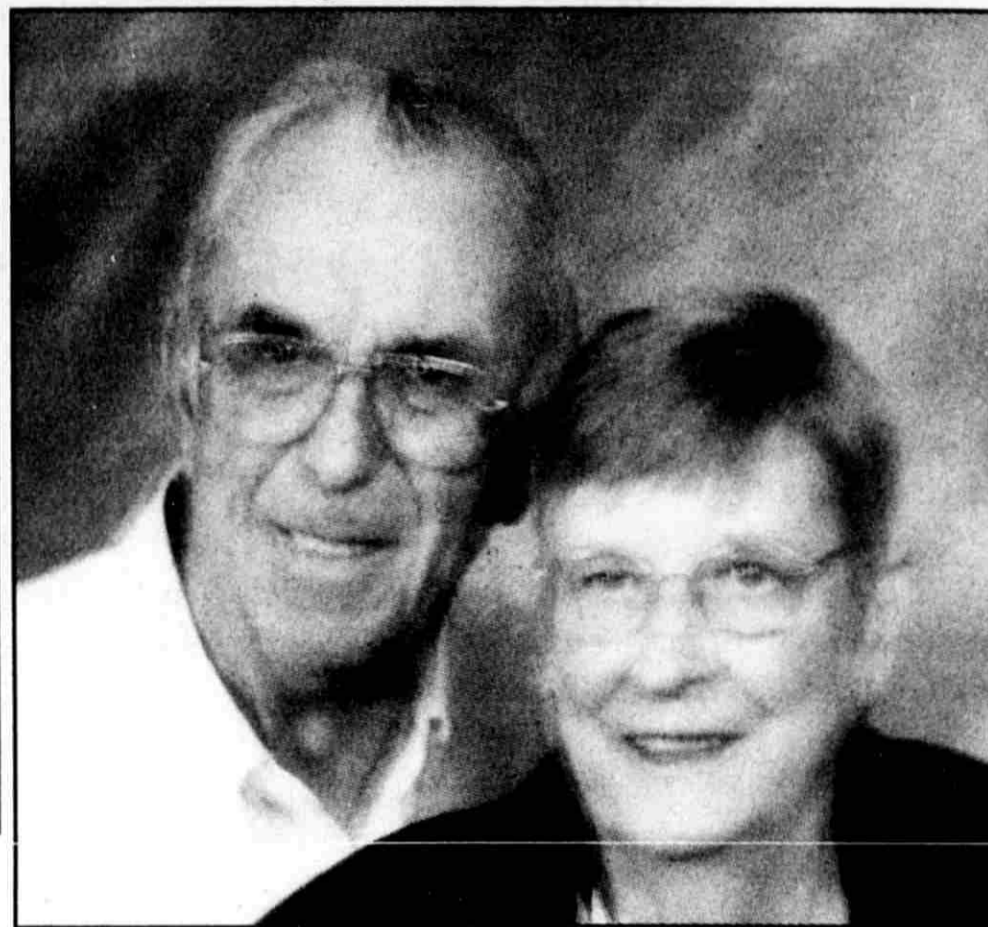
Harold Krebs and Gladys Maxine Posthumus were married at her parents home on 100th St. in Alto on May 23, 1947.



Harold and Gladys Krebs will celebrate 60 years of marriage this month.

They celebrated 60 years of marriage with a small family party May 12 at their home. Harold is a retired carpenter and Gladys retired

from O'Brien-Gerst. Both remain active in the Cascade Christian Church, and with family and friends. The Krebs have two daughters, Christine (William) Brooks of Boyne City and Nancy (Charles) Garber of South Haven, seven grandchildren



# Happy Birthday

**MAY 16:** Richie Ford, Kristi Ford, Ryan Phillips, Angela Dixon, Janet Boerema, Ruby Christiansen.

**MAY 17:** Maurice Hannah, Andy Dibble, Shawn Witherell.

**MAY 18:** Ashlee Patnode, Robin

**MAY 20:** Shanda Weed, Christine Baird, Julie Beaton, Bryan Borton.

**MAY 21:** Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr, Katelyn Bush.

**MAY 22:** Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Mark Anderson.

**MAY 23:** Shanda Weed, Christine Baird, Julie Beaton, Bryan Borton.

**MAY 24:** Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr, Katelyn Bush.

**MAY 25:** Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Mark Anderson.

The more I live the more I realize my life is more dependent on this rhythm and pattern than it is on any paycheck, person, position of power, material possession or pursuit that I can get so readily caught up in. Maintaining this pattern is definitely a challenge.

Diverting daily seems so complicated with all the fires that pop up and scream for my attention. To weekly get away is next to impossible. It seems like it only takes one day to get behind in the life I am leading let alone after six days have stacked up on top of one another.

The greatest difficulty in getting away monthly seems to be that the month I am trying to get away during has already ended and I am half way through the next month before I even realize it.

Lastly, to dream of retreating annually seems rather

futile when I have been daily dying instead of diverting and weekly withering rather than withdrawing, and monthly getting buried instead of away.

Recently, however, I was able to go on an annual retreat. On this retreat I was powerfully reminded of how rich time spent reflecting forward can be compared to living enslaved to the urgent demands of life. A blurred picture in the memory album becomes clear; a so called forgotten injury resurfaces; a precious moment that almost goes unnoticed gets recorded to shape the days, weeks and years ahead. While living out a reflecting-forward rhythm definitely requires a fight of the highest demand, it is the real battle we must fight to stay connected to our hearts, minds and souls. Can your life hear the rhythm?

## Lowell Women's Club scholarships



The Lowell Women's Club presented scholarships worth \$6,800 to Lowell High School seniors. Pictured from left to right front row: Tiffany Whittington, Austyn Foster, Hayley Getzen, Brooke Liu, Genevieve Kendall; back row left to right: Lindsay Hoogenboom, Haley Briggs, Stephanie Wade, Kristen Wolfe and Jessica Nelson. and (inset) Mandy Vezino. The Women's Club first vice-president Karen Thomure awarded Woman of the Year recognition to Joanne Parker. Newly-elected Women's Club officers are: Marj Harding, Carolyn Jane Blough, Kathy Horsch, Sue Stouffer, Bonnie Baird and Diane Thomas.



# HEALTH

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

### URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

A urinary tract infection (UTI) is a bladder infection typically caused by bacteria. If you have a UTI, you may have frequent urination or painful urination. These types of infections are most commonly seen in young women. Sexual activity can make it easier for bacteria to get into the bladder. Also, women have a shorter urethra (the tube that drains the bladder) than men, making it easier to become infected.

If you develop symptoms suggestive of a UTI, your doctor will want to examine you and obtain a urine sample for analysis. If a UTI is confirmed, antibiotics will be prescribed to eradicate the infection.

If you develop recurrent UTI's, then it will be important to ascertain the reason for recurrence. Some reasons for recurrent UTI include:

- frequent sexual activity
- holding your urine for long periods of time
- wiping improperly after a bowel movement
- possibly an abnormality in the anatomy of the urinary tract.

If UTI's remain frequent, sometimes a low dose of an antibiotic is given daily to prevent infection.

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WED: Pepperoni pizza (stacked turkey/cheese on bun also offered at Alto), seasoned corn, fresh fruit, graham crackers, milk, Murray Lake Field Day.

THURS: Baked chicken nuggets & bread (stacked ham/cheese on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), potatoes, fruited gelatin salad, milk.

FRI: Macaroni & cheese w/warm pretzel (hot dog on bun also offered at Alto & Murray Lake), broccoli, assorted fruit, milk, Cherry Creek Field Day.

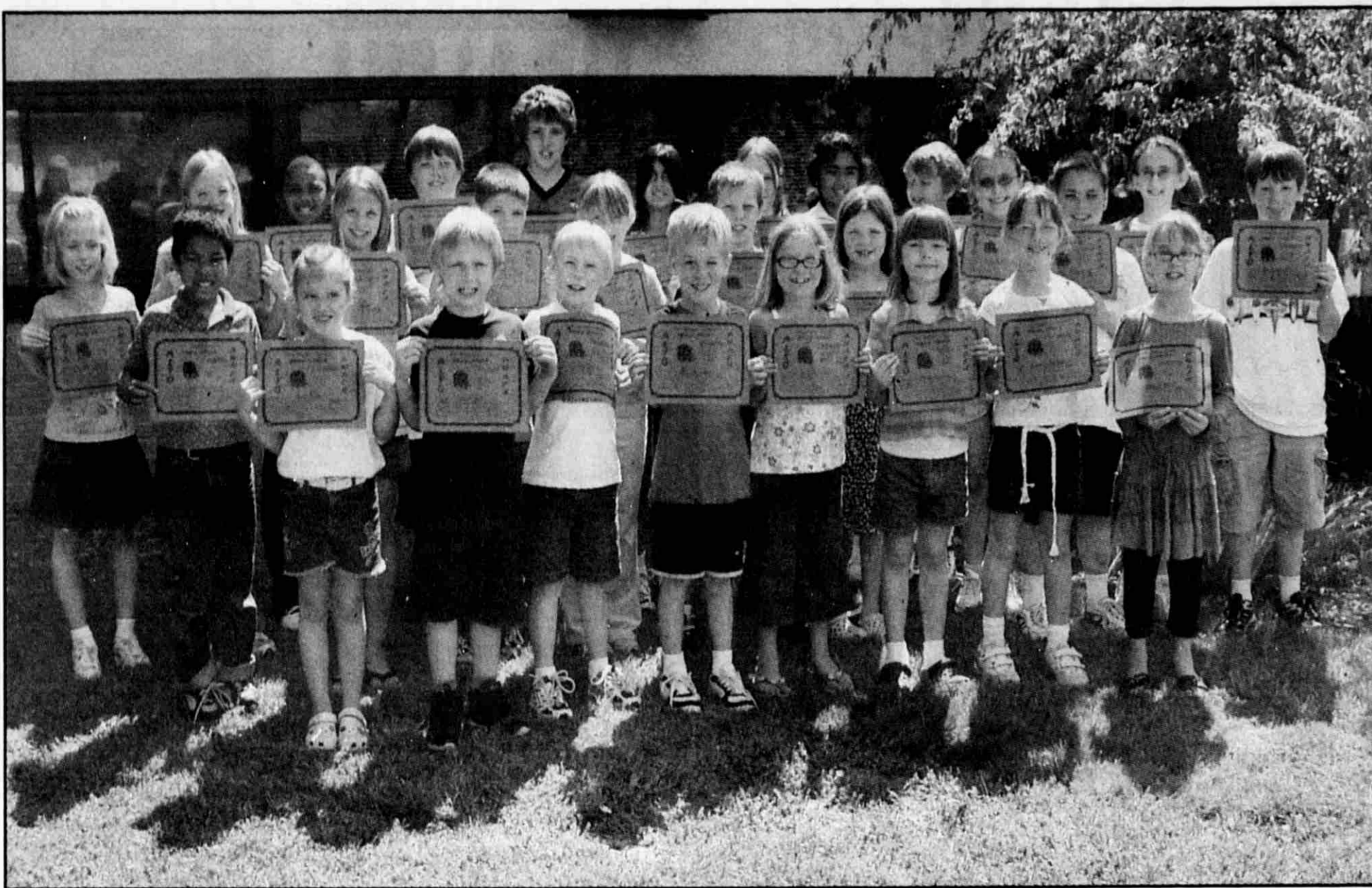
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## Alto Awards

Each May, Alto Elementary's Student Council presents the "Alto Awards" to students who have consistently demonstrated compassion, perseverance, respect and responsibility through the school year. Recipients are recommended for the award by students, teachers and staff. This week the award for compassion was given to 28 students who show kindness and caring for all other students in the classroom and on the playground every day. The students recognized were: Brandon Hill, Morgan Allison, Sam Misak, Joel Fritsma, Jake Rau, Holly Sullivan, Caleb Swain, Macy Potter, Bailey VanderMark, Garret Taylor, Nova Nietling, Shawn Barr, Rowan Yssledyke, Clayton Brown, Abby Green, Lexie Bowen, Tim Buechler, Kelsey Emmanuel, Amanda Webster, Cristian Laux, Maria Blough, Morgan Schlanderer, Morgan Taylor, Dominic Beers, Alex Tremblay, Blythe Carvajal, Austin Krebill and Brooke Pitt.



## On The Wild Side

With Ranger Steve Wittenbach/Wege Center Director

### HONEY BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER

Honey Bee Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), who cares? People who eat should care. What does CCD mean to community sustainability in West Michigan? Some think, if honeybees die off, we will just get something else to pollinate our crops. Others recognize major economic stress that could significantly impact the USA's ability to remain a world leader. Most do not even think about it.

I look at the big picture to interpret effects on the overall health of our community. By being a "big picture" guy, some question if I add 2 and 2 to get 5. That is a good concern and I must work to get reliable data from narrowly focused workers. Those workers sometimes do not see the forest for the trees but they know their stuff very well.

Communities need people to who see the forest (big picture) to determine if the community can sustain itself. Doing that work keeps one too busy to see a variety of problems within the forest go unnoticed by the big picture people. Fortunately it is the narrowly focused workers who contribute essential information that allows the big picture people to recognize if practices can sustain community health. Unfortunately the narrowly focused workers making a living often are too busy to recognize the big picture.

When it comes to Bee Colony Collapse Disorder, many scientists are individually working on a variety of causes for the bee crisis. Some are working on Varroa mites, wax moth pests, small hive beetles, pesticide residue contamination, antibiotic applications, genetically modified crops,

nutritional supplements, stress by induced proteins, loss of genetic diversity and the impacts of cell phone transmitting towers on bees.

From a big picture point of view we may have lost our way when we introduced European honeybees to replace the hundreds of native bees species that occupied North America. Many valleys and watersheds had unique species adapted to survival with the organisms native to their area. As Europeans brought in exotic crops and associated organisms we simplified the biological and genetic diversity of native communities. It reminds me of the Irish potato famine. The result was massive human die off.

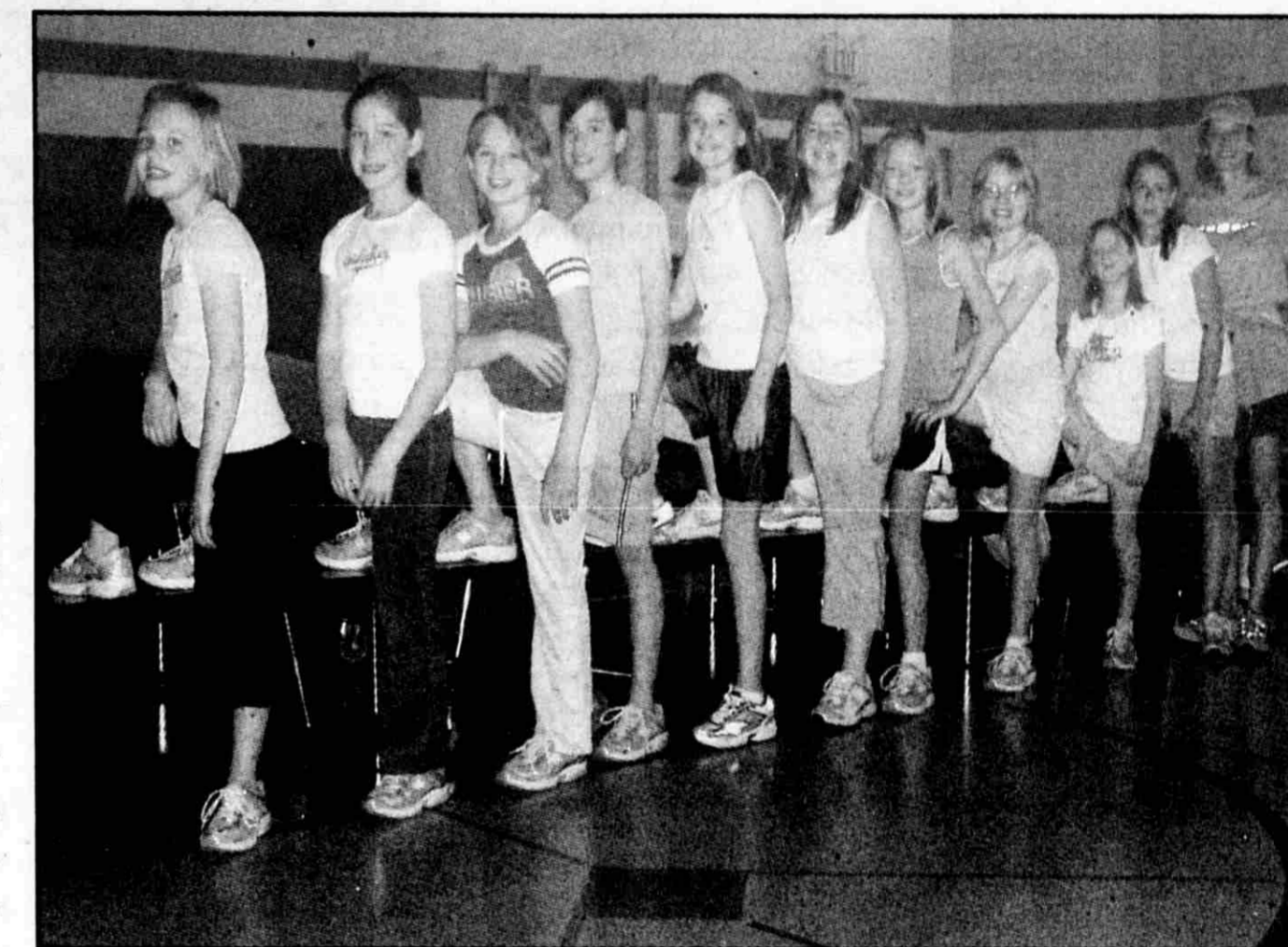
Since November of 2006 a new unexplained bee colony collapse disorder is reducing the number of bee colonies by 40 to 60 percent and Michigan is impacted. When this

crisis disorder occurs the worker bees disappear in a short period of days to weeks. Hives are left with a queen and young workers that soon die off. So what is cause? It is still undetermined. Since we do not have a definitive answer, a majority of people is likely to think nothing of it.

Bee rental fees for pollinating crops have jumped dramatically. The cost is passed on to the consumer. What about the bees at Wittenbach/Wege Center? Only one hive remains but it isn't due to CCD. Vandals kicked over the hives in winter to kill the bees for fun. How does that impact the cost of produce you buy at the market? Most people do not think about it.

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## Girls on the Run at Murray Lake



Pictured are members of Murray Lake Elementary's Girls on the Run (GOTR) team. GOTR is a statewide program that promotes healthy choices for young girls. The girls have been meeting after school twice a week since March to run and do other exercises. They will be participating as a team in the GOTR 5K run at Cornerstone College on May 19. From left to right are: Mallory Yaw, Emma McLane, Hannah Lambert, Alana Nowak, Katie Bush, Brooke Newhouse, Hannah Skibbe, Francesca Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Kelsey Ladner and coach Beth Ciangi.

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## Zoning request, continued ... From Page 1

91 letters of support from township residents. The supporters confirmed that the Timpsons do what they say they will do and expressed a critical need to keep and maintain jobs in the area.

Timpson Transport, Inc. evolved from the Timpson family apple orchard business. At one time the family was growing 500 acres of apples though trucking has always been a major part of the operation.

In the 1920s, Timpson was hauling apples as far away as Chicago. When the orchard was in full operation, it had up to 100 employees at the height of

the harvest season. Market conditions forced Timpson to cease orchard operation seven years ago when the company shifted focus to hauling while still storing apples.

"The hauling part was carrying the apple business," said Scales. "In summary, this property has been put to a heavy commercial use involving a great deal of truck traffic for many years."

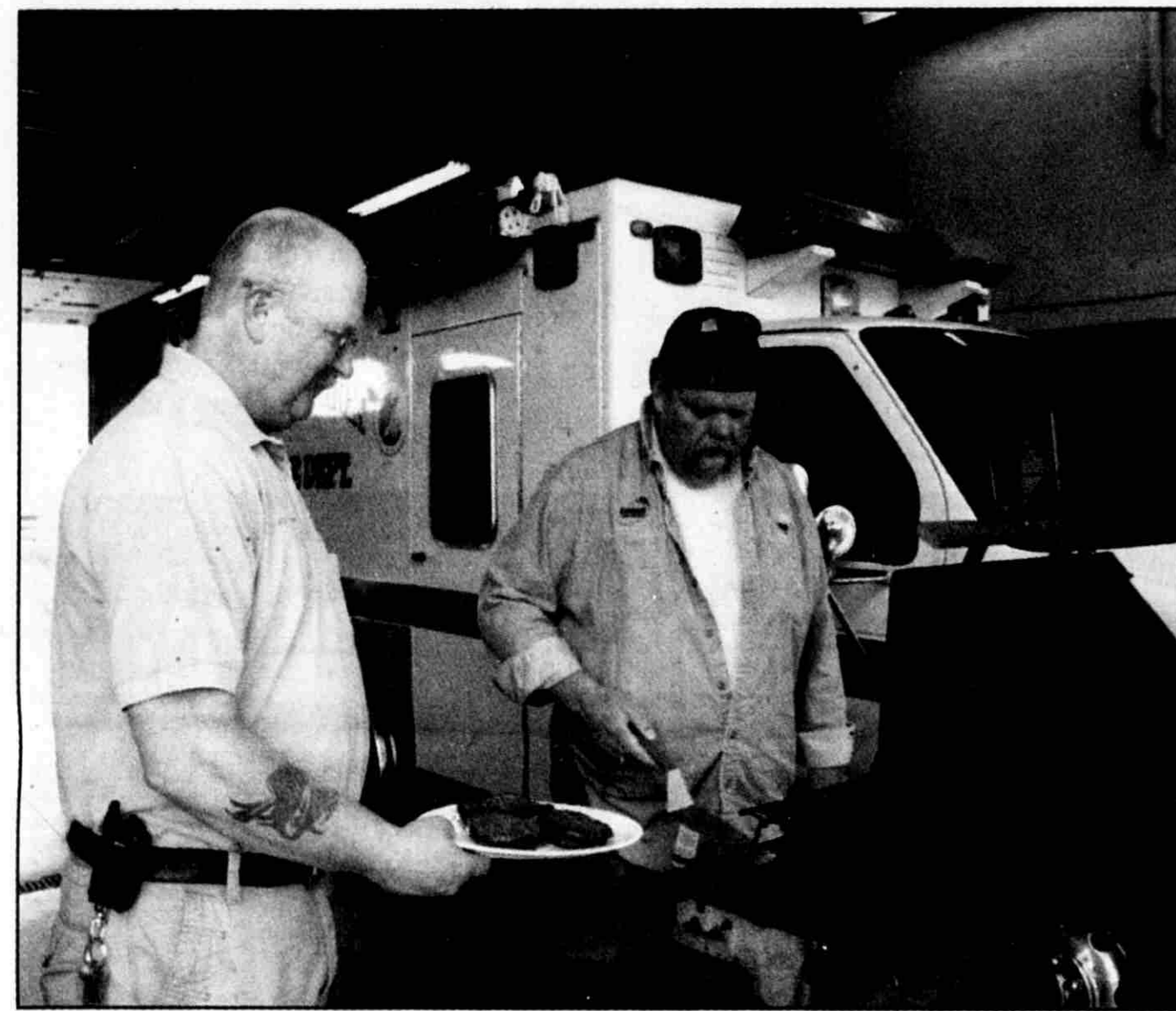
Timpson Transport currently employs 28 to 30 people and hauls for Gerber Foods, Kekstra Precast and King Milling, operating about 18 semi-tractors.

The 36,000-square-foot refrigerated warehouse building also stores agricultural products for Gerber, Belding Fruit Storage, Herbruck's eggs and King Milling.

Supporting Timpson was Brian Doyle, president of King Milling, who said Timpson has been the major transport arm of his company. Since Sept. 11, 2001, King Milling has had to have a food security defense plan that requires food security-certified haulers like Timpson. "To replace what John does would mean a tremendous hardship," said Doyle.



Resident Curt Parks spoke in support of the Timpson Transport business at the Lowell Township planning commission meeting Monday.



## Mayor exchange, continued ... From Page 1

and the police department. Both delegations totaled 22 people.

Members of the fire department grilled burgers for the guests at the fire station, and gave tour of the station and the truck bays.

According to city clerk

Betty Morlock, the tour was very successful. "We're a lot like Portland," said Morlock. "The people were friendly and we hit it off well. The city looked great."

The Department of Public Works helped ready the city for the visit

grooming the streets and lawns. Mayors Chuck Myers and Jim Barnes exchanged point views about their communities. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce provided refreshments for the delegations.

Firefighters Roger Reed and Ron vanOverbeek grilled burgers at Look Memorial Fire Station for the mayor exchange day.

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## College News

Michael J. Scott, a 2002 Lowell High School graduate, graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degrees in Physics and Math.

Hope College seniors who are candidates to graduate with bachelor degrees are: Rebecca Bosserd, daughter of James

and Jane Bosserd of Sparta, will be receiving her Bachelor of Science/Biology. Audrey Converse, daughter of Gregg and Marsha Converse of Lowell, will be receiving her degree in Special-Ed Learning Disabilities and Special-Ed for Emotional Impaired. Neal DeVoid, son of Kathy DeVoid of Lowell, for Mathematics.

Eric Gillman graduated from the University of Michigan on April 28 with a Bachelor of Science Engineering Physics degree. He has accepted a Graduate Student Research Assistantship to continue studies in the fall for his PhD at the School of Nuclear Engineering at the University of Michigan. This summer, he will be living in Los Angeles, California participating in an internship

at L-3 Inc. He graduated from Lowell High School in 2003. He is the son of Dave and Barb Gillman.

Amy Jo Oertlin, daughter of Marlene Harkness of Alto, has been accepted to the University of Northwestern Ohio to begin classes in the fall quarter where she will be majoring in the Business program. Oertlin attends Lowell High School.

Jennie Girwarnauth of Lowell, received her Associate Degree in Nursing from Bethel College.



Abby M. Vos, graduated cum laude from University of South Florida majoring in psychology. She is the daughter of Jim and Emily Schoen of Lowell.

## Featured Artist

Gerard Wood

By Emma Palova

In the "African Vessels" collage, artist Gerard Wood shows a new bend in his artistic expression. The collage, a bunch of vases reminiscent of African drums, breathes with African feel in traditional black and yellow.

"This was my attempt at cubism," he said. Wood compiled the entire "Stik-It" collection, now on display at the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Riverwalk Gallery, as a collaboration of parts and pieces from some of his older work. Thus Wood has deliberately created multi-dimensional shapes and layers from old and forgotten pieces.

"I culled my portfolios and studio for older work that became the foundation for many of the pieces in this show," he said.

For Wood, the end result is a representation of pieces that have phoenix into a new piece with more control than traditional watercolor painting. Although his first collage experience "Cat, Claw, Chair" produced minimal passion in Wood, in

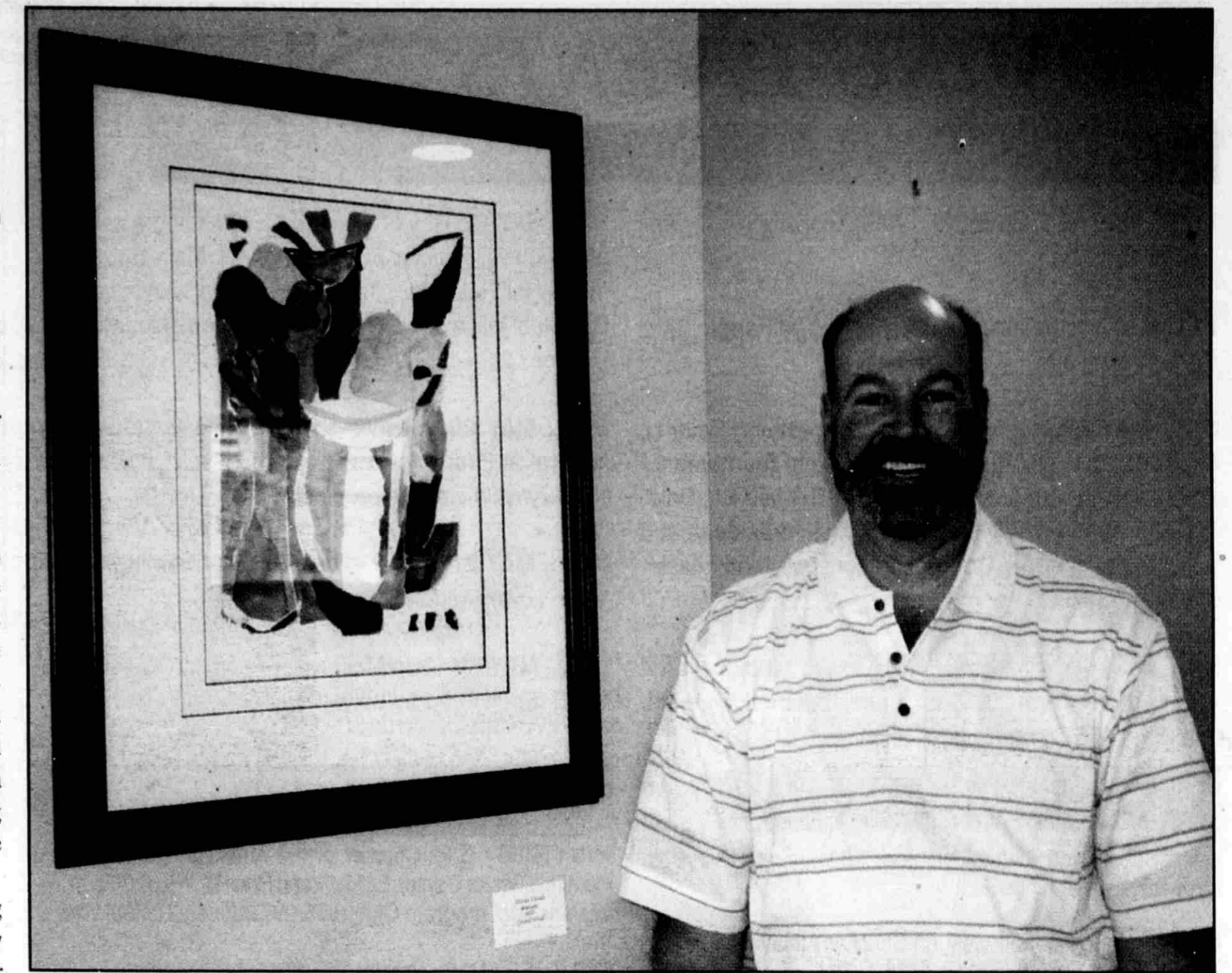
this exhibit the artist's work has evolved into magnificent motion of bits and pieces.

"It involved a lot of construction," he said. "It was more hands-on."

Wood's daughter Aubrey Wood helped him with the pink and black "Retro" piece using shoelaces and 1950s wrapping paper for the collage. In the three-dimensional "Hydrangeas & Peaches", Wood portrayed mysterious hydrangeas in a Phil Wilson vase bringing the entire still life piece alive again with motion.

Wood has been painting with local artist and show organizer David Davis for the last seven years, along with other artists. For Davis the "Stick-It" exhibit is a rewarding experience since he has seen Wood grow as an artist over the years.

"I am really proud of the show," he said. "I must be doing something right that they're still with me." Davis said it's not common to find an artist who can demonstrate abstractiveness as well as Wood. Wood, who works as a telecommunications manager for Alticor, always builds art into his schedule.



Gerard Wood finds new bend in his collage art now on exhibit at the chamber of commerce.

His artistic plans are to continue to paint as well as to develop skills and appreciation for media.

Nature, landscapes and florals all inspire Wood's work.

"I hope the viewers get a sense of collage and enjoy it," he said. "So 'Stick' around and enjoy it."

And the more visible art, the better the community is off, according to Davis. "It's a wonderful time," said Davis.

"This is another exhibit of art in public spaces. It's great to have Riverwalk available to cross currents." A private reception for the artist will be held at the Riverwalk Gallery on May 18 from 6 p.m. The show runs through June 6.

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# RED ARROW SPORTS



## East Grand Rapids track teams fall to Lowell Red Arrows

By Aly DeYoung

The Lowell boys' track team triumphed over East Grand Rapids early last week and finished third at the conference meet later in the week at Northview.

The Red Arrows beat East Grand Rapids 95-41. "The Arrows have won the last three meets," said Lowell coach Russell Stevens. "The boy's track team placed in 13 out of 17 events. They swept the pole vault, high jump, long jump and the 3200 meter run."

Lowell's Eric Dean finished first in the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet. Allen Messing was not far behind at 11'6".

Ryan Magnuson was first in the high jump with 5'6" followed by a tie

with Dean and Scott White, who had 5'4".

The Red Arrows swept the long jump, earning first through third place: Adrian McElveen (19'6"), Magnuson (19'2"), Dean (18'2").

Keaton Dilly won the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:23 followed by Andy Mark (10:28) and Kirk Geldersma (11:07).

Dominic Doyle finished first in the shot put with 38'9". He also won the discus with a throw of 132'5". Magnuson took second in the discus with 121'6".

The 3200 meter relay team of Dilly, Mark, Eric Saenz, and Corey Fitzpatrick, won with a time of 8:53.

Regan Doyle placed third in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.1 seconds. In the 100 meter dash, McElveen placed first with 11.4. Justin Van Acker got third with an even 12.0.

In the 800 meter relay, the team of Van Acker, Saenz, White, and McElveen got first place. Mark won the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:42, and Dilly came in second with 4:51. The same 800 meter relay team also won 400-meter relay in 46.2 seconds.

"Andy Mark and Keaton Dilly continue to dominate the 1600 and 3200 meter runs," said Stevens. "These two races are grueling, and Andy and Keaton keep coming through for the team."

Patrick Walsh finished third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 56.4. Saenz

placed first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:12, and Fitzpatrick second with 2:17.

White took second place in the 200 meter dash.

The Red Arrows (93 points) finished third in the conference meet behind Greenville (131) and Forest Hills Northern (130). They beat Forest Hills Central, Northview, Kenowa Hills and East Grand Rapids.

"Last year, we won three dual meets, and winning has caught on," Stevens said. "The idea that track at Lowell can be successful is now ingrained, and the expectation to win is instilled in each runner. I'm very proud of these guys."

The Red Arrows had 15 Best Performance standings at Conference including McElveen in the long jump, Dean and Dell Rockwell

in the pole vault, the 3200 meter relay team, Saenz in the 800 meter run, Dilly, Mark and Geldersma in the 3200 and 1600 meter runs, Grady Drown in the 100 meter high hurdles, the 400 meter relay team, Patrick Walsh in the 400 meter dash, Regan Doyle in the 300 meter low hurdles, the 1600 meter relay team, and Dylan McElveen in the 200 meter dash.

"Back when they were freshmen, Coach VanderWarf and I stressed that with hard work and dedication, they could accomplish their goals," Stevens said.

At the conference meet Drown took second in the 110 meter hurdles. Mark placed second in the 1600 meter run, and the 400 meter relay team took second place as well. Saenz placed third in the 800 meter run and Dilly placed third in the 3200 meter run.

Said Stevens, "Our senior athletes have been great leaders, constantly keeping the rest of the

team on task and reminding everyone that track is a team sport and that each personal victory is for the team."

The Lowell girls track team defeated East Grand Rapids 81-56.

The Red Arrows swept the pole vault event led by Alyssa Buikema and Richelle Kimble who tied with jumps of 9'0". Kelsey Teft came in second with 8'6" and Jillian O'Haire third with a jump of 7'6".

Kimble also won the long jump (15'6 1/4") and the 100 meter high hurdles (17.0).

Other Lowell firsts came in the high jump (Amy VanEns 5'0"), 100 meter dash (Carlee Nikodemski 13.1), 800 meter relay (Morgan Olin, VanEns, Paige Senters, Megan Majestic 1:51.2), 400 meter relay (Brittney Kaminski, VanEns, Buikema, Nikodemski 53.2), 300 meter hurdles (Stacey Janeschek 52.3) and 200 meter dash (Senters 28.2).

# RED ARROW SPORTS



## Softball, continued ... From Page 15

In the tenth, Northview's Becky Veenema drove home Carley Paganelli with a

double to right center for the winning run. "We had a hard time getting (Veenema) out all night," said Rodenhouse. "She came up with a big hit."

Tawney pitched the entire game, striking out five

and walking just one in her third loss of the season.

Due to the delays and extra training game, the second game of this doubleheader will be played tomorrow afternoon at Cherry Creek. "We still have a shot at this," exclaimed Rodenhouse. "We have three league games including round two with Northview."

In other league action last week, Lowell defeated Kenowa Hills 5-1, and East Grand Rapids 15-0 in four innings. Tawney fired a two-hitter against the Knights, striking out four

and walking one. The Red Arrows smashed 14 hits against the Pioneers, and scored six runs in the first before one out was made. Bueche and Smit drove in three runs each, and Tawney and McElroy combined for a no-hitter. It was Tawney's ninth win of the season.

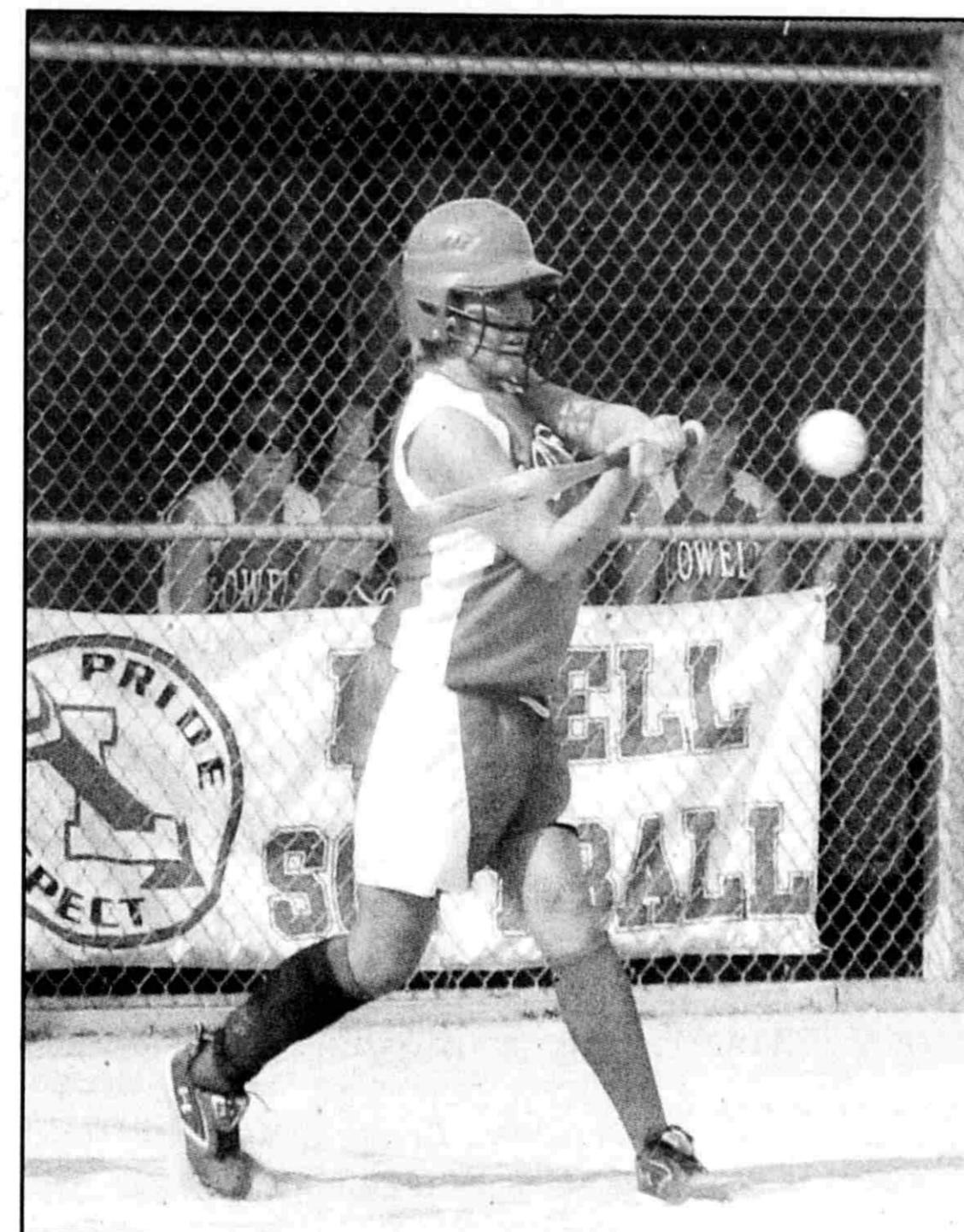
Fans are encouraged to get out to Cherry Creek tomorrow afternoon to cheer on the Red Arrows as they try to even the score against Northview and claim a share of the OK White conference championship.



Terrah Tawney winds up against Northview.



Katie McElroy goes for the bunt.



Cassie DeCator hitting against Kenowa Hills.

## CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street. The purpose of said hearings would be to receive comments on the following variance requests:

- 221 Amity (Southeast corner of Elm and Amity) - John Sterly - construction of a duplex - variance for lot width.
- 204 S. Washington (Southwest corner of Kent and South Washington) - Cherry Wheat - construction of a housing addition in an Industrial District.

The Lowell City Council will also conduct a public hearing on the following:

- An Ordinance amendment to Subsection C of Section 4.19 "Keeping of pets and other animals (fowl, rabbits and similar animals) of Chapter 4, "General Provisions," of Appendix A - Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell.

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

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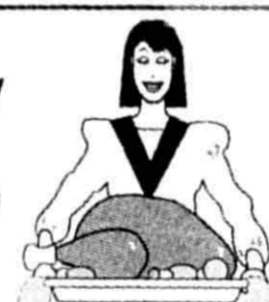
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