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Lowell celebrates Arbor Day, kicks off Big Tree Contest

The town celebrated Arbor Day last Friday with several activities. The Lowell Arbor Board planted river birch trees by the Unity School, assisted by students. Pictured are Diane LaWarre, Dana and Avery Chase, Jim Hall, Dave Pasquale and Jim Reagan.

At the fairgrounds, 24 trees will be planted. Also, the city of Lowell has announced the first ever "Big Tree Contest" to kick off Lowell being designated as Tree City USA.

The east side of the Flat River will be competing against the west side within the city limits only in two categories, pine trees and hardwood trees.

The contest runs through September 28, and the winner will be announced during the Harvest Celebration.

Entry forms are available at the city of Lowell web site: www.ci.lowell.mi.us

Trees will be measured by girth in inches. Grand Champion Tree Prize will be announced.



Lowell Area Schools honored with Chairman's Award from KISD

On April 22, Earth Day, 32 local school buildings and four districts were honored at the first Green School awards program, hosted by Kent County and Kent ISD at

Sibley Elementary School in Grand Rapids. The program recognized the work of educators and students in the area in environmental education and energy conservation.

There were three levels of recognition: the Green School certificate, based on school environmental activities; a Kent County Board of Commissioners Chairman's Award for

district-level energy projects; and a memorial award from Kent ISD, honoring the work of David Smith, facilities director for Grand Rapids Public Schools. Smith led the design,

building and remodeling of nearly a dozen facilities, including seven built to LEED guidelines and awaiting official certification. Lowell Area Schools

received the Chairman's Award, only one of three school districts in the area to do so. Byron Center Public Schools and Forest Hills Public Schools also received the award.

Arts council celebrates 30 bloomin' years

by Emma Palova

The Lowell Area Arts Council is celebrating 30 years of growth with a grand re-opening on May 4.

A complete remodel of the building on South Hudson Street included new

carpeting and tiling, as well as coats of fresh paint.

"We wanted to spruce up the place, kind of like spring cleaning," said Loraine Smalligan. "All the painting was done with volunteer hours."

The impetus for the remodel was the celebration of the council's anniversary marking a successful three decades of championing the arts in the greater Lowell area.

A new building may be an option in the future, if the council finds the right fit, according to Smalligan.

"We may be expanding eventually, but we haven't found a perfect fit," said Smalligan.

An impressive line-up of activities is scheduled to help celebrate the arts as an important facet of life in the Lowell community.

The open house on May 4 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. will feature the Lowell High School cast from "Copacabana" and music by jazz piano artist Bob VanStee.

A student K-12 art show opens the following day on May 5 with select artwork.

"It's a great way to see the art curriculum," said Smalligan.

A special exhibition and fundraiser to benefit the council called 'African Spirit' with artwork by Gary Eldridge will be held at the Flat River Grill on May 6 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The 'African Spirit' exhibit is based on a mission trip to Musoma & Kinesi Village in Tanzania.

A nature writing contest will be held at the Wittenbach-Wege Center on May 7 at 7 p.m. The contest is for writers who love nature and the outdoors. Readings will be an "Open Mic" format, and authors not wishing to read can have their work read for them.

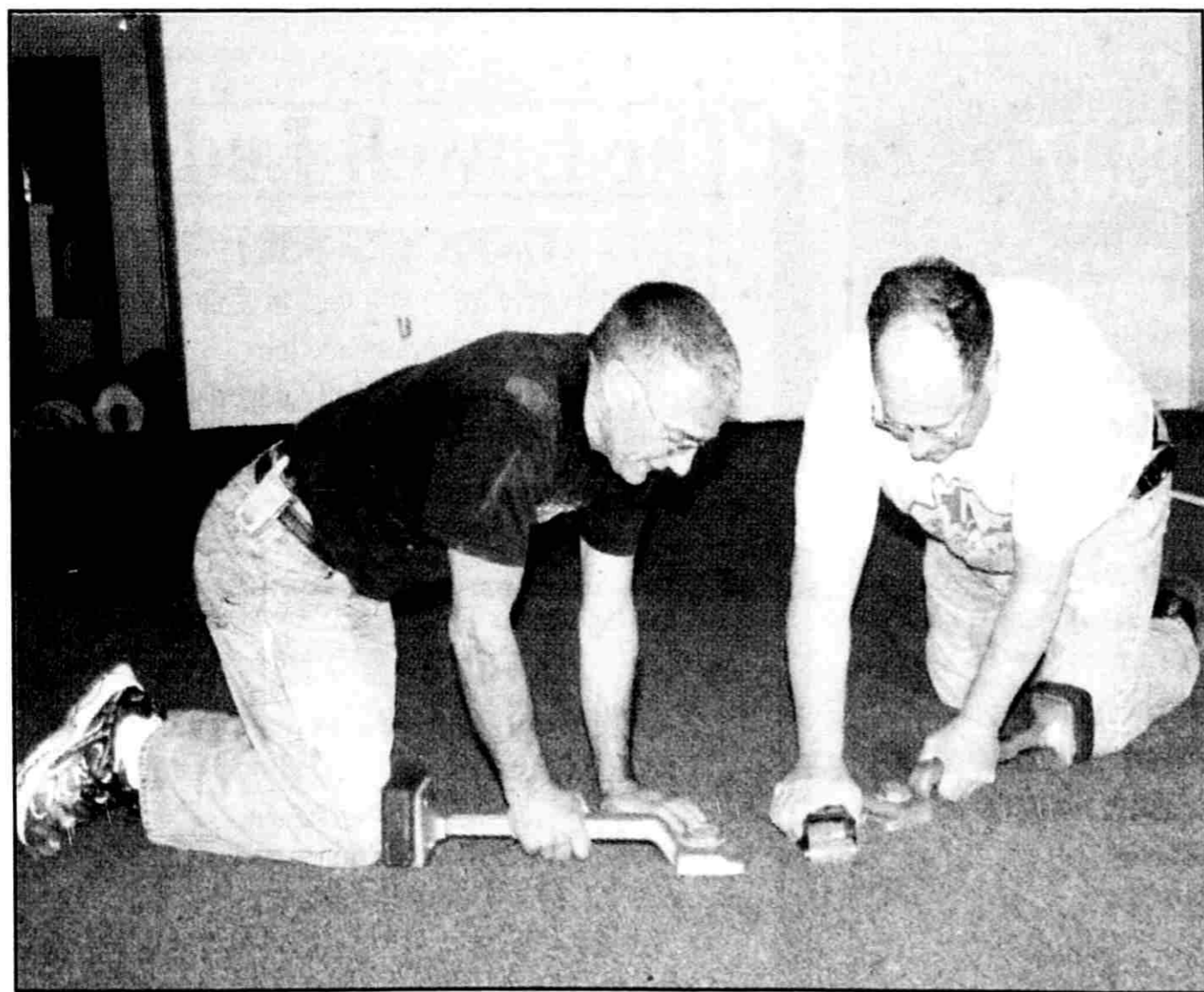
The arts council in conjunction with the Franciscan Life Process

Center is also readying a summer show, 'Layers of Life' on June 8.

Thebes Players will put on 'Jake's Women' on June 13. Thebes Players are seeking directors for the 2008-09 season for four productions.

Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts start June 12 and run through Aug. 21.

For more information, go to www.lowellartscouncil.org



Lou D'Agostino of D'Agostino Builders and Perry Beachum, owner of Beachum Flooring work on seaming the rug at the council.

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Obituaries

HEFFRON
Brenda Sue Heffron, 51, of Grattan Twp., Belding died Wednesday morning April 23, 2008 under the loving care of her family and Hospice of Michigan. Brenda was born on November 14, 1956 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Richard and Joan Deyo Morris. She graduated from Rockford High School with the Class of 1974 and later graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Farm Bureau. She

enjoyed scrapbooking, gardening, growing flowers, traveling and entertaining family and friends. Brenda was also an important part in the ownership and management of Heffron Farms. She loved being involved with her husband and children, whether it was working on the farm or with her children's sports. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Brenda was married on June 22, 1979 at St. Patrick's to Denny Heffron and he survives along with their children, Bryan and Katie Heffron,

Kendra Heffron, Kerra Heffron, and Jordan Heffron all of Belding; her parents, Richard and Joan Morris; her grandmother, Hattie Deyo, all of Cannonsburg; her brother and sisters, Kirk and Jo Morris, Kelli Morris, and Tracy and Glen Jonker of Rockford. Brenda is also survived by her in-laws, Phil and Mary Lou Heffron, Tom and Laura Heffron, Joe Heffron, Bill and Leslie Heffron, Mike and Michelle Heffron; several nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Parnell with Father Rock Badgerow presiding. Interment will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery. Visitation will be 7-9 p.m. Thursday and

2-4 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday with a Rosary at 8:30 p.m. at Johnson-Feuerstein Funeral Home, Belding. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society, St. Patrick Church or Hospice of Michigan. Condolences may also be given to the Heffron Family at the website of the funeral home, www.jfjh.com.

PECKHAM
Pearl Jenette Peckham, aged 84 of Lowell, passed away April 25, 2008. She was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Rosa Peckham. She is survived by her sisters, Marion Carrigan of Ada and Dorothy Thompson of Nevada; nieces and nephews, Jan

(Larry) Coralli, Joy (John) Daniels of Caledonia, Steven (Sandy) Schutte of Alto, Rudolph Schutte of Alto, Marilyn Schutte of Alto. Virginia had nine grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Ella Louise (Lloyd) Blough, Joseph (Melva) Oesch, Kathryn Wheeler and Marilyn (Doug) Byam and many nieces and nephews who loved and respected her. She is also survived by in-laws, Henrietta Oudman, Jim Schutte, Joanne Bruininks, Marion Schutte, Phil and Julia Austin, Marvin and Donna DeVries, Ken Schutte, Art and Joyce Coffman. We want to give special thanks to the loving, kind, devoted caretakers who cared for Mom as if she were their own and whose love made this journey bearable. First we want to thank dear Carolyn, Sharon and Nancy, also Kara, Linda and Susan. We saw you read the Bible to Mom and pray with her and we were thankful and humbled. Finally, all of us thank Marilyn and Rudie. Your love and devotion was selfless. When we doubted and feared you never gave up, always putting Mom first. Marilyn, your love had no boundaries, and for this, we know the Lord will bless you all of your life. The others who filled in when they could, we thank also, Wes, Angie, Leanne, who helped for a whole summer and more, Justin, Jared and Nellie. For all of you who enjoyed the wonderful rolls at the banquets at Dari's, cinnamon rolls at breakfast, and all the great cooking, the hands that made them are still now but she will live forever in our hearts. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Apostolic Christian Church, Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Apostolic Christian Church, Woodhaven Retirement Community.

SCHUTTE
Virginia (Marie) Schutte, aged 87, servant of the Lord, died peacefully at home on April 22, 2008, on the dairy farm in Alto that she and her dear departed husband, Derry, started in 1950. She was also preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Brenda, son-in-law Roger and brother, Ernie Oesch. Virginia is survived by her children, Louise Desotell of Grand Rapids, Darrell (Peggy) Schutte of Cedar Springs, Susan (Wes)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of MARILYN J. CZARNIECKI Date of birth: 10/6/1929

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, MARILYN J. CZARNIECKI, who lived at 3043 Wendover NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, died 3/28/2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to MICHELLE

A. POTTER named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ZYSKOWSKI, who lived at 712 Fourth Street NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan died 8/17/2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to CLARA E. ZYSKOWSKI named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Lowell Women's Club gives to community



Pictured are Lowell community members with checks from the Lowell Women's Club. (First row, L-R): Rhonda Fitzpatrick, from St. Mary's Pregnancy Center; Kathy Horsch, of the Women's Club; Liz Baker, from the Chamber of Commerce; Stacy Messersmith, from the YMCA; and Marge Rehl, of FROM. (Second row, L-R): Frank Martin, the fire chief; Ranger Steve from the Wittenbach-Wege Center; and Lorain Smalligan, from the Arts Council.

Lowell Women's Club treasurer Kathy Horsch distributed checks totaling \$3000 to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce director Liz Baker, Lowell Area Arts Council executive director Lorain Smalligan, Lowell branch YMCA executive director Stacy Messersmith, Flat River Outreach Ministries board member Marge Rehl, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center volunteer Rhonda

Fitzpatrick, Wittenbach-Wege Agri-science Environmental Center director Ranger Steve, and Lowell Area Fire Department chief Frank Martin.

The LACC and LAAC will use their money to support the summer concert series, which is free to the community.

The YMCA will use their funds to support programs for local families.

FROM and St. Mary Pregnancy Center helps over 170 and 120 families each month, respectively.

The Wittenbach-Wege Center will use their funds to support the 4th grade garden program. The students will be working with parents to experience nature and some of the vegetables will go to FROM food pantry.

The fire department will purchase fire prevention color books.

Every year, Lowell Women's Club members work hard with fundraising. Their largest fundraiser is the advertisers, and the support they get from the community for other events makes it all possible.

Tuesday morning standoff on E. Fulton ends peacefully

The Kent County Sheriff's Department was in Lowell late Monday evening into early Tuesday morning for a six-hour standoff at a home located in the 14000 block of Fulton, near the Ionia County line.

The dispute began when a woman ran out of the house after a man

pulled out a gun, but a 2-year-old was still inside. The woman went to a neighbor's home to call the police.

The owners of the home are listed as Lisa Moorhouse and Jacob Olthoff.

Reports said the man inside the house cut off all communication inside the home, but that a state

police robot took pictures inside the home and made contact with the suspect. The man surrendered and is now in custody. The 2-year-old was reunited with his mother safely. Fulton St. was blocked off at the scene but has since reopened.

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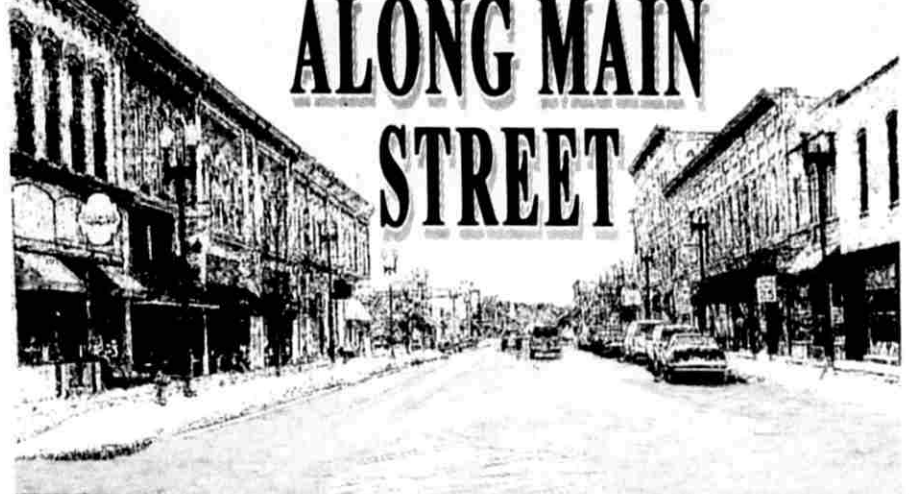
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ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES
Sign up for May 31 delivery at First Baptist Church, 2275 W. Main St., Friday, May 2, 4-6 p.m. or Sat., May 3, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. All welcome. Call Earl at 897-6609 or the office at 897-7168 with any questions. Delivery will be May 31, 10:30 a.m. - noon at the church.

CROPWALK
The Lowell CROPWALK will take place on Sun., May 4. Walkers should meet in the parking lot of First United Methodist Church in Lowell at 1 p.m.

LAS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB MEETING
The Athletic Boosters will hold their regular business meeting in the high school staff lounge on Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m. Please come and help support our athletes.

TALK EARLY & TALK OFTEN
There will be a Talk Early & Talk Often parent workshop at the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria on Tues., May 6, 7-8:30 p.m. The workshop will help parents learn about ways to open the door to conversation with their middle school age children about abstinence and sexuality; recognize and use teachable moments to communicate important facts and values; and to listen and respond with greater confidence and skill. The workshop is free of charge. Registration is required by calling 987-2800 and is limited to 30 parents.

BEGINNING STRINGS OPEN HOUSE
Parents of next year's 1st through 5th grade; come and learn more about the Community Ed. Beginning Strings classes taught by Wendy Tenney, Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at LMS Orchestra room.

TEA PARTY IN THE PARLOR
The Lowell Area Historical Museum requests your presence on May 18 at 2 p.m. Elegant and light refreshments are included. Facilitated by Jeanne Hawkins of "The Secret Ingredient." Space is limited, so registration is required. Cost: adults \$20.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. Organize a team today for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Lowell. The Relay is Friday, June 27 and Sat., June 28, 12 p.m. - 12 p.m. at Lowell Red Arrow Memorial Stadium. Learn more or sign up by visiting relayforlife.org or call Carol Briggs at 897-5501 or Danielle Creguer at 364-6121.

CALL FOR DIRECTORS
The Thebes Players are seeking directors for four productions. "Barefoot in the Park", Oct. 17-26; "Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine", Feb. 6-14, 2009; "Nonsense", Mar. 20-29, 2009; "Danny Trooper", June 12-21, 2009. Interested applicants must submit a theatre experience resume by June 31 to Lowell Area Arts Council, Thebes Players, 149 S. Hudson, PO Box 53, Lowell, MI 49331.

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Council to control LCTV endowment fund

by Emma Palova

In a swift change of mind, the council has eliminated funding for the streets from the Lowell Cable TV fund, while maintaining control of its administration.

"I've changed my mind," said councilwoman Sharon Ellison: "All the money should go to the principal. We should only use proceeds from the investment."

Approximately \$2.5 million from the cable TV sale has been placed with the

Grand Rapids Community Foundation. The council has been split whether portion of the last payment should go toward the dilapidated streets, or should completely be invested in the principal.

"The final payout should go into the principal," said council member Jim Hodges.

With the street fund having a balance of \$5, council member Jeff Altoft pushed for beefing it up with the funds from the last payout.

"I believe that without

having any money for the streets, it would be a good step to establish the street fund," said Altoft.

Any funds for next year's projects would be awarded in the fall by the council in a separate meeting rather than in a city meeting.

Resident Ivan Blough was in dire opposition of the council controlling the disbursement of funds.

"I was against the sale of the cable TV," said Blough: "The city never funded the cable. The system was maintained and serviced

by subscriber rates for 25 years."

According to Blough, the fund should be managed by a separate advisory board consisting of community leaders, such as the superintendent, business people and representatives from the townships as well as the city.

Blough said he had talked about the issue with the candidates prior to them running for seats on the city council.

"I was feeling good

about being able to negotiate, but I don't see it happening now. The endowment fund is being ripped.

"I want to make myself very clear where the money originated, where it came from and what it was set up to do."

But Ellison said the council shouldn't pass the buck in reference to the fund administration.

"We felt responsible, we felt the buck stopped here," said Ellison.

Hodges assured that no

money will go into city line items.

"We are the responsible party for that money," he said, "that cannot be delegated. It's difficult to get people to serve on boards."

Mayor Jeanne Shores said the council has given a lot of thought and attention to the fund

"We feel we have made the best decision we were able to," she said.

Ask Kathryn

With Kathryn DenHouter Ph.D.



In January I received an excellent question, "What has the fast pace of our society done to how we do life?" Because of the importance of it, several areas of this question have been explored.

In January, we looked at how our physical health is affected, and in February, we discussed what it does to our emotional health. Last month, we looked at some of the pitfalls in the "Driven Woman Syndrome. This month, we will discuss how the fast speed of our society affects our relationships.

There has been a marked change in how we have relationships in society today. In the "good old days", which by the way, were not always good, cultivating relationships and socializing involved much of one's time. From personal experience, my mother did not have a job, and is what we would call today "a stay at home mom". Much of her day was spent planning and hosting luncheons, helping her husband (my father) with his political career and helping those who needed care either physically or emotionally. In this small farming community where I was raised, it was not uncommon to have women who did not drive. Many times my mother would take them where they had to go. In my situation, because of the demands of work, very little of my day is spent socializing and it is very rare that I plan a luncheon. Relationships are often "squeezed" into the evenings after work. Connecting with people becomes like a "fast food" event where you drive through connect with

another person, and then, drive out. We indeed are doing relationships very differently.

Obviously, the downsides of this are that we lose the sense of community and responsibility that we need to have for each other. Burnout from our jobs happens routinely, and our quality of life goes down. Another downside with the fast pace of society is that we lose touch with people in our immediate family, and communication breaks down and the family life can become toxic. In order to have good relationships, we need to have time (quality time) together. Sometimes individuals within the families become insecure and try to control members of the family in a negative way. (Later, I will do an article on how to deal with people who want to control other family members).

Even though this fast-pace relationship style has many downsides, there are actually some benefits. When we have such limited time, it becomes imperative to choose our friends carefully. We become less tolerant of gossip and superficial "chit-chat." Because of this, we then have the potential of having truly deep, loving relationships. We focus in on a few friends rather than being distracted by many friends. Joining organizations that help one cultivate good relationships within these time constraints becomes essential. Often these organizations will help one find friends that are like-minded, and have similar values. Organizations such as Rotary, Lions Club, Lowell Women's Club, and church groups, to name just a few, have a healthy venue to cultivate friendships. These are ways that we can create a healthy balance in our life between work and friends.

Next month, I will talk about the grieving process and how the fast pace of society can force us to rush through this very necessary process. Once again, your questions have been excellent, so please email at kathryndenhouter@gmail.com with any questions. Also, I do have a website for your information, at www.kathryndenhouter.com.

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The City and Township Clerks will be available at the following locations on Saturday, May 3, 2008 for any registered voter who would like to apply for or return an absentee voters ballot for the May 6, 2008 School Election.

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Bowne Township
11am - 2pm
8240 Alden Nash
Alto, MI 49302
(616) 868-6846

Betty Morlock
City of Lowell
8am - 2pm
301 East Main
Lowell, MI 49331
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Linda S. Regan
Lowell Charter Township
11am - 2pm
2910 Alden Nash SE
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(616) 897-7600

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township
11am - 2pm
10381 Bailey Dr
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-5671

Viewpoint

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I was extremely disappointed with the city council and city management in the action they took regarding the administration and disposition of the Lowell Area Cable TV Endowment Fund.

Last year, they secretly negotiated and sold LACTV to Comcast, which had always been owned by the subscribers of LACTV System. It was financed, built and operated by a board of cable TV and, never in the 25-year history was there ever any taxpayer or city budget money used to support LACTV. This was done by the direction of the then city council, with the understanding that the system would be totally supported by the subscriber's rates only.

Many Lowell citizens did not want cable TV in their town in 1982. So the board and the city council felt those people should not have to pay for it. Only the subscribers would pay for the system through their cable rates. Thus, the logo was developed, "Owned by the people of Lowell", not the City of Lowell.

This is one reason why I believe the sale was illegal and the money should not go to stabilize the city budget, which the city manager and council don't seem to be able to manage with the amount of money the taxpayers provide them with.

Because I was one of the original cable board members, many people ask me how the city council could seal it without their approval. Also, some asked me to organize and start a class action suit to stop or disrupt the sale. Having spent 14 years on the cable board, retiring in 1996, I felt as strongly as many of our citizens that something should be done. But because the sale was so far along, and that Comcast has deeper pockets than we have, I convinced them that I would talk to the council and come up with a solution that we could all live with.

I first tried to tell the council how we could settle the dispute without disturbing our community or playing legal hardball. After a few minutes into my speech, they told me to sit down, my time was up. I had no opportunity to explain our proposal, even though I was representing over 50 subscribers at the council meeting.

So, I asked each council member to meet with me and I would explain to each, one-on-one, where we were coming from, and what we felt would be a good solution.

Four of the councilmen agreed to meet with me, one at a time, for about an hour-and-a-half each. I proposed that the money, about \$3 million, be put into an endowment fund that would be administered by an advisory board of citizens from our communities, the city of Lowell, Lowell Township, and Vergennes Township. The interest, about \$150,000 per year, would be distributed to deserving citizens or groups whose projects would promote the same benefits in our community that cable gave to Lowell for the past 25 years; communications, education, entertainment, and the arts. This would be a perpetual payment to our communities, which would go on forever.

After our visits, all the councilmen that I talked to agreed that this money was not to go into city budgets or to be used to stabilize a city budget.

Councilman No. 1 said, "Thank you for telling me the history of the founding of LCTV. You are right. It's not city money."

Councilman No. 2 said, "I remember because I was on the LCTV Board. You are right. A very good solution."

Councilman No. 3 said, "I did not know all that history of LCTV. Sounds like a good solution to me."

Councilman No. 4 said, "Ivan, I should have stopped this sale months ago. A good solution. I'll do what I can to make it happen."

One of the candidates that is now a councilman said, "I know it's not city money. Good way to handle the income." Another of the candidates that is a councilman said, "I agree with you 100 percent. Thank you for your efforts to do what's right for our community."

The Sept. 12 Ledger told that the council would invest the proceeds into an endowment fund, would appoint an advisory board by position, such as city manager, superintendent of schools, Lowell Township representative, Vergennes Township representative, and a bank representative, and this advisory board would set the bylaws to determine how monies should be allocated. This board would be called the Lowell Cable Television Advisory Board. At this point, I had a high regard for the city council, as they are putting into place the solution upon which we agreed.

Three months later, I came home from St. Croix, and the city council has named themselves as the advisory board, which, in my opinion, is a conflict of interest and was done so they could usurp all the cable funds into the city budget. This was very evident in the resolution the city manager drafted to put part of the proceeds directly into the Street Construction Fund, and stipulated that the interest would be used for capital improvements, thus eliminating any possibility of any citizen asking for a grant or scholarship to promote entertainment, communications, education, or the arts. This resolution passed by a 4-1 vote at the April 21 council meeting.

This action, in my opinion, is an absolute rape of the Lowell Area Cable TV Fund by a greedy city manager and council.

The advisory boards of the Englehardt Community Fund and Look Fund should be very careful they don't find a way to do the same to your funds. It would not surprise me to hear that right now, they are looking for a way to get Lowell Light and Power to become a department of the city, or even sell it to be able to use those funds also to bail out city budgets. And in a few years, that money would also soon be squandered away by less than good management.

I must take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the Lowell Cable TV subscribers for convincing them we could sit down with the council and together develop an agreement that would be fair to all of the community's citizens. But after the election, they did a 180-degree turn on our suggestions. At this point, my faith in the council is at a very low point.

Ivan Blough

To The Editor,

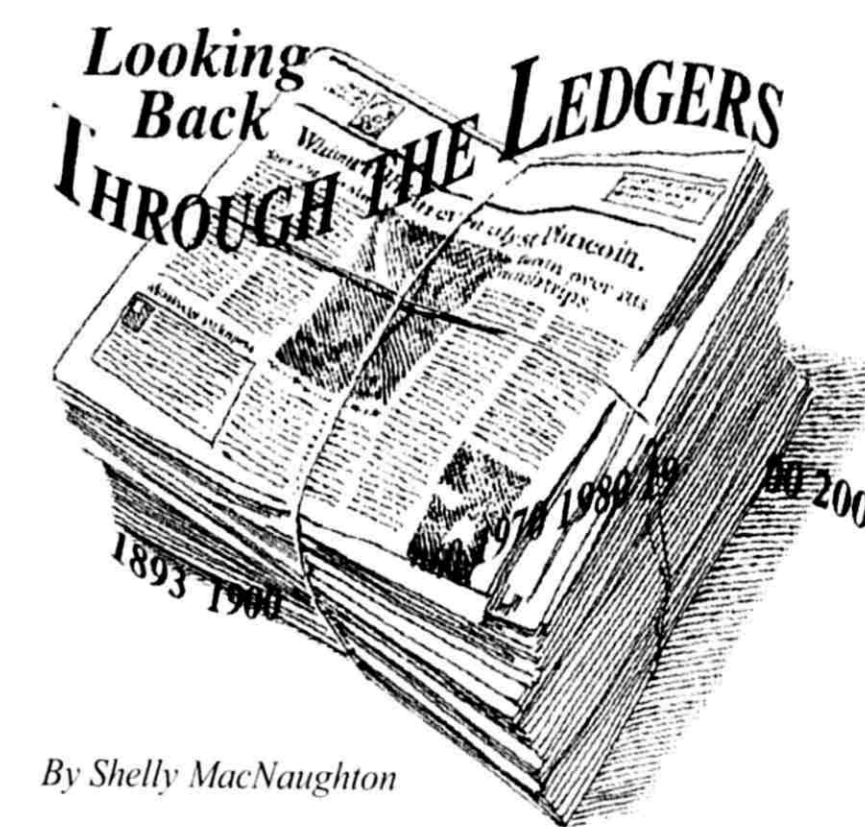
In an April 21 council meeting, the council voted to be the soul decider on how the cable TV Funds will be dispersed. During this meeting, it was humbling to watch a man of Ivan Blough's stature deliver such a compelling plea that the Cable TV Fund should have an advisory board made up from the city and Lowell Township and residents. After Mr. Blough concluded his statement, the council went to a direct vote without even a motion in tabling the matter for more consideration. In a previous council meeting that discussed the Lowell Cable TV Funds, I sensed an urgency in finalizing a conclusion. Now I believe I know why. I see a council that has no idea of how to be the servant to its constituents, or even if they want to and is consumed with being nothing more than the decider.

Sincerely,
Jim Howard

Writing To The editor ...

The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted.
- Letters serving the function of "cards of thanks" will not be accepted unless there is a compelling public interest, which will be determined by the editor.
- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, at times there may be a limit of one letter per person per week.
- We prefer letters to be printed legibly or typed, double-spaced. For e-mailed letters, please copy letter as part of the e-mail body and send to ledger@lowellbuyersguide.com.



By Shelly MacNaughton

125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL MAY 2, 1883

Ionia let a hard crowd loose in Lowell Monday. Cable power has been put in from G. Kopf's furniture shop to E. W. Avery & Son's shop on Monroe Street. The telephone line from Stanton to Grand Rapids was completed as far as Lowell last Saturday. The telephone exchange in Lowell will be at Hunt & Hunter's drug store.

100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER APRIL 30, 1908

The Lowell Specialty Company is increasing its capital stock from the \$40,000 at which it incorporated in 1905, to \$75,000 preparatory to increasing and diversifying its output. The management is also considering an extensive addition to its factory building but no definite decision has yet been made. This company was established in 1900 by two men, and incorporated in 1905 with nine stockholders.

75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO MAY 4, 1933

Headline: Legend Says Flat River has a Pot of Gold; will it Be Found?
Long before the time when Daniel Marsac came to spread the white man's goods and customs; lived a band of Indians called the Ottawas. Tepees dotted the landscape on both sides of the river above where now is the Village of Lowell. Pottawatomes were eyeing their abode with eyes of envy.

The news of impending trouble threw the Ottawas into a turmoil. An Ottawa Chief, although determined to give his life in the defense of his tribe, was so afraid that the Pottawatomes would conquer, so on the eve before the battle he gathered together all the gold of his followers and secretly buried it at night. The next day, during the great battle, he was slain along with many others, but the Pottawatomes were routed and the Ottawas retained possession of their most desirable hunting grounds.

But to this day no one has ever found the buried pot of gold.

50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 1, 1958

Two persons were injured on rainslicked M-21 west of Lowell last Wednesday evening. James E. Greene, 16 of Lowell, was traveling at a high rate of speed and came up to the curve too fast, loosing control due to the wet condition of the road. He came around sideways and skidded over the centerline, hitting the auto of Phillip E. Crockett, 22, of Lansing, in the front end. Greene suffered cuts and bruises, and Crockett received fractured ribs and mouth injuries.

25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 4, 1983

A student from the Lowell Middle School was among the top finishers in a calculator contest held recently at Grand Valley State College involving 290 students from 28 schools. Ken Mulder, a seventh grader at the Middle School, finished in a tie for second place in the 7th and 8th grade division of the contest.

Lawn & Garden Section

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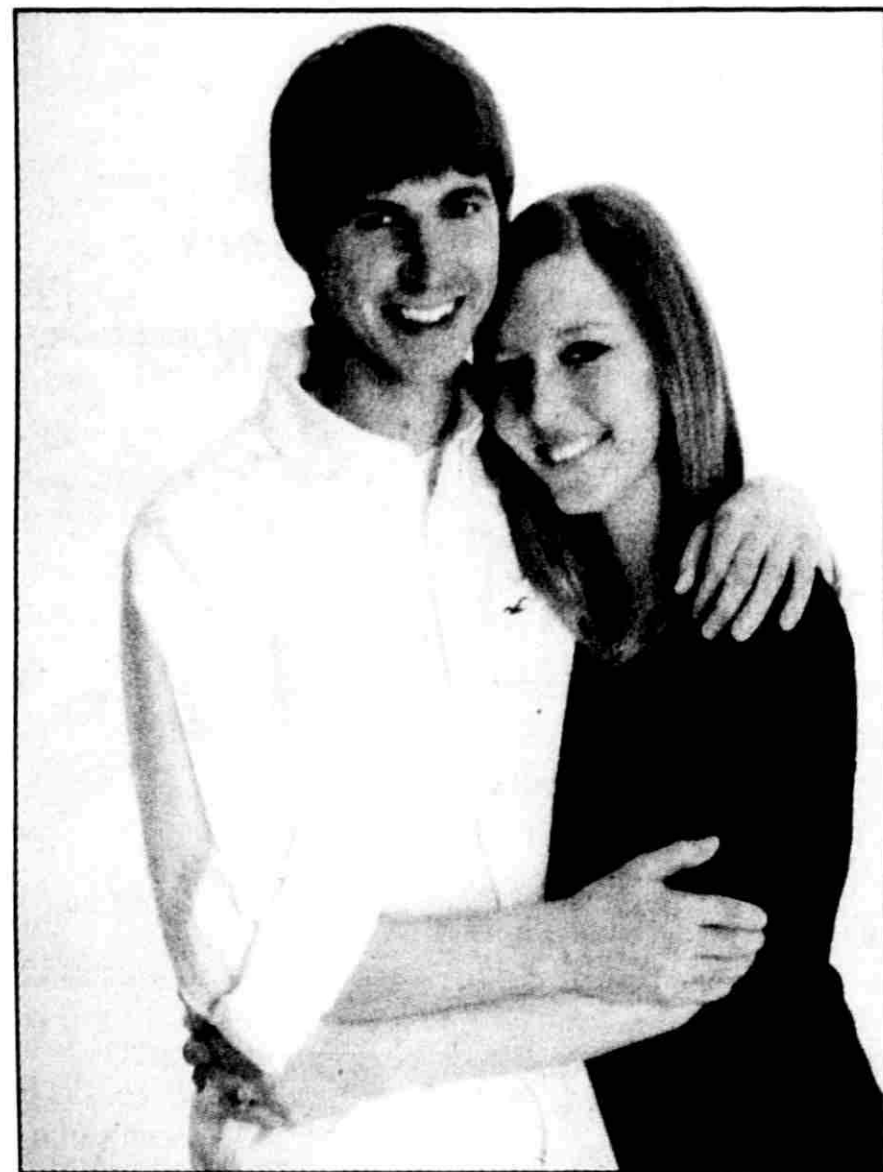
The reminder
"The People Paper"

The Hastings Reminder will also be running a Lawn & Garden section. Call for Rates.

Engagements

Meyers/Jones

Heather Meyers and Lance Jones, both of Saranac, will be wed on June 21, 2008. The bride is the daughter of Doug and Tina Stranger of Saranac. She graduated from Saranac High School and is attending Wayne State University. The groom is the son of Lee and Karen Jones of Saranac. He, too, graduated from Saranac High School and is currently attending Wayne State University.



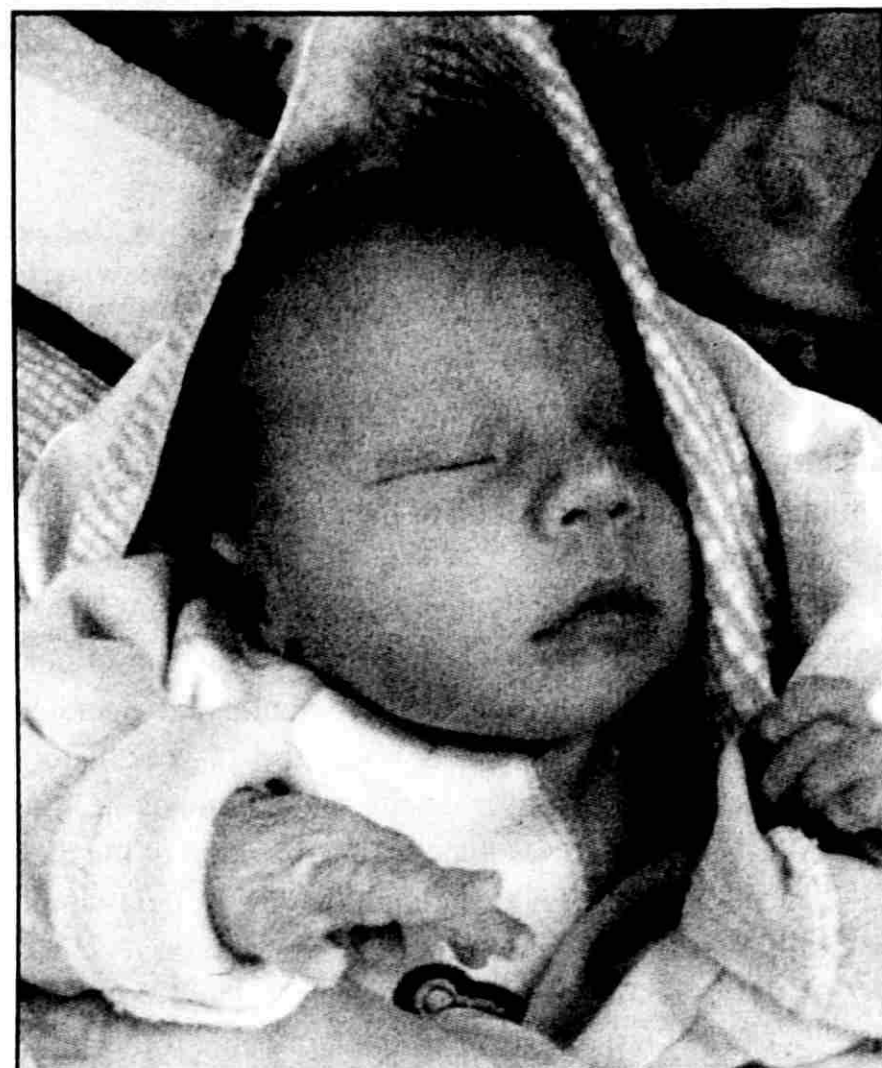
Lance Jones and Heather Meyers

Wedding, Engagement, Anniversary and Birth Announcements are FREE* in the Ledger. * Birth Announcements with a picture are \$5.

New Arrivals

VandenBosch

Jeremy and Becky VandenBosch are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Moses James. Born April 20, 2008 at 11:49 p.m., weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19 1/2 inches. Also welcoming him home are grandparents, Steve and Lorie Cook, Ed and Cheryl VandenBosch, Kathie and Jeff Osborn, great-grandparents, Dick and Joyce Cooper, and great-grandmother Mae Standard.



Moses James VandenBosch

Reflections of faith

by Randy Meyers
Calvary Christian Reformed Church

I've been called many things, some since becoming a pastor. I was reminded of one of my favorite names this past Sunday as I was leaving my office before church. A three-and-a-half year old child who was on his way to Children's Worship spotted me rounding the corner. He looked up at his mother and tugged on her arm. He excitedly exclaimed, "That's my Creature."

Somewhere along life's way I picked up a small white stone. It is similar in color and consistency to white marble found in Megiddo, the archaeological site in the Jezreel Valley of northern Israel. Some will be familiar with this site's Biblical name, Armageddon. Now, my little white stone happens to look roughly like torso, or if you are really creative, a long T-shirt.

Two Bible passages that comfort me are Revelation 2 and 7. The first talks about those who remain faithful will be given a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the person who receives it. The second passage talks about an uncountable number of people dressed in white robes who are gathered in worship around the heavenly throne of God.

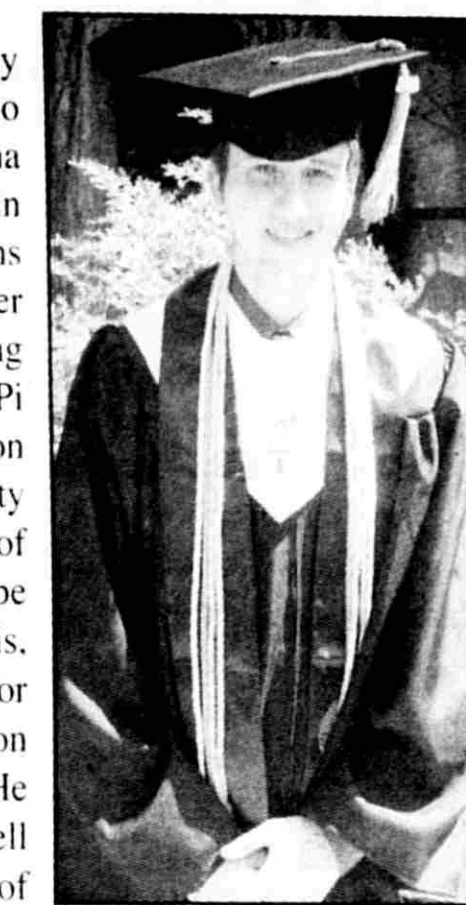
This might surprise some people. But I took a piece of

paper and drew a red clothes hanger on it. Then I glued my white stone to the hanger and framed it. This art is on my shelf in my office. It reminds me that someday I will receive both a white robe and white stone with a new name on it.

Names can injure us or they can endear us. They can flatten or flatter. Picking out just the right name for children can be exhausting. Finding a good name that fits them as babies and as adults takes art. It is not surprising that God wants naming rights for us in eternity. It is not surprising that God has not, nor will not, reveal that name until we get there. Many people have strange end-time theology. I do, too. I would like to think that when I get to eternity my white stone will look like a T-shirt and here's to hoping that it says "My Creature."

College News

Kristen M. O'Neill of Ada; Sarah M. Niemeyer and Brandon S. Postema of Alto; and Austin A. Blough and Taylor R. Verdon of Lowell have been named to the Dean's List for the winter term at Northwood University. The announcement was made by John D. Grether, academic dean of the university. To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale. The University of Michigan College of Engineering announced the graduation of Timothy Michael Vezino. Vezino graduated April 26, Summa Cum Laude with a BSE in Industrial and Operations Engineering. He is a member of the National Engineering Honor Society Tau Beta Pi as well as the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity where he served as the VP of Scholarship. Vezino will be relocating to Minneapolis, Minn. in June to work for Cummins Power Generation as an Industrial Engineer. He is a 2004 graduate of Lowell High School, and the son of Jay and Saralyn Vezino, of Lowell.



Timothy Michael Vezino

HEALTH

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



HEARING LOSS IN ADULTS

It has been estimated that 30-40 percent of all adults age 65 or older have some hearing difficulties and 40-60 percent of senior citizens over the age of 75 have a significant hearing loss. In fact, hearing loss follows high blood pressure and arthritis as the third most common chronic health condition.

There are two types of hearing loss, conductive and sensorineural.

Conductive hearing loss occurs where there is a problem with the conduction of sound due to a problem in the middle or outer ear. Common causes are ear infections, wax, ruptured eardrum, or fluid within the middle ear. Conductive hearing loss occurs most in children.

Sensorineural hearing loss is due to a problem in transmission of sound waves from the tiny hair cells in the inner ear, to the acoustic nerves and over to the brain, which interprets the signals into sound. Sensorineural hearing loss comes on gradually over time and usually affects both ears. Patients have a difficult time filtering out background noise and may have a tough time with conversation in a crowded room. Sensorineural hearing loss is usually associated with aging. Tinnitus or ringing in the ears may be another symptom associated with this type of hearing loss.

If you suspect that you are suffering from hearing loss, you should have your ears examined by your physician and be referred to an audiologist (a specialist in hearing and hearing aids) for a complete hearing evaluation. An audiogram performed in a soundproof booth can accurately determine the type and severity of the hearing loss. Hearing aids can be prescribed to meet your specific needs. Significant technological advances have been made over the past couple of years resulting in improved sound quality.

Properly tuned and fitted hearing aids will greatly enhance your quality of life if you suffer from sensorineural hearing loss. For further information, contact the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association at 777.asha.org.

Benefit concert



A benefit concert to raise money for 18-year-old missionary Crystal Drogorub will be held at Rollaway Skating Rink on Friday, May 2. Tickets are \$5 at the door starting at 7:00 p.m. The show will feature Christian hip hop artist ICRIS and Crucified. There will be giveaways and a grand prize drawing for tickets to The Kick Flip Skate Jam held in Ionia on June 14. All ages are welcome.

Happy Birthday

APRIL 30:
Carmen Roudabush, Stacey Irwin.

MAY 1:
Dennis Anchors, Rick Roth, Mark Christiansen.

MAY 2:
Melinda D'Agostino, Tim Mastenbrook, Madison Briggs, Glen Bryant, Jaclyn Batt.

MAY 3:
Wilma Roudabush, Melissa Merriman, Mimi Mitchell, Rich Bieri.

MAY 4:
John Borton, David Rhodes, Jerre Sue Smith.

MAY 5:
Scott Carpenter, Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Brenda Erickson, Robert Dalziel, Nora Bell Rash.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 08-184,907-DE
Estate of
ELEANOR ALEXANDRA
CWIKLINSKI
Date of birth:
7/18/1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The decedent, ELEANOR ALEXANDRA CWIKLINSKI, who lived at 206 Russwood NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505, died 12/22/2007. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to LYNNE GLUPKER DEERING named personal representative, or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 180 Ottawa Ave. NW, Suite 2500, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Board held on April 21, 2008, the Board adopted Ordinance 01-2008, a summary of which follows: Ordinance 01-2008 amends Section 4.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to set forth regulations for when a site plan review is required, site plan contents, procedures for review, approval standards, conditions attached to an approval, procedures to amend an approved plan and requirements for expansions of existing uses.

The ordinance shall become effective May 7, 2008. A copy of the complete text of the ordinances can be obtained at the Lowell Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash SE, during regular office hours or by calling 897-7600.

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Questions? altonchurchmuseum@yahoo.com
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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

 ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kirby and Harrison Alto • 616-691-8011 Worship.....9:30 A.M. Children's Church.....9:30 A.M. OPEN HEARTS - OPEN MINDS - OPEN DOORS Pastor Dean Bailey	DAY BIBLE CHAPEL 9305 Centerline, Saranac 897-6332 Worship.....9:45 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Nursery & Jr. Church Provided Rev. Frank Lattimore, Pastor "A Nondenominational Ministry With A Blended Word Centered Service!"	CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. Randy Meyers - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free	 ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Fr. George J. Fekete 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 P.M. SUN. 9:30 A.M. Weekday Masses: 7:45 A.M. Holy Day Masses: 9 AM & 7 PM Saturday confessions: 10-10:30 AM Prayer & adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CHILDREN TO ADULTS. CALL RET. #897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 48 ENTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 www.goodshepherdlowell.org Worship Service.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims & Rev. W. Lee Taylor Wayne Hanes, Youth Pastor Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/CLUB J.C. Wed. 6:15 & 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided - Barrier Free	 LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Greeting & Fellowship.....10:15 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship.....10:40 A.M. Wednesday Discipleship Ministries.....7:00 P.M. Meets at 201 N. Washington PASTOR MICHAEL RHODABARGER Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance	

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PUT YOUR TAX REBATE TO WORK

You may not be familiar with its formal name — the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 — but you're almost certainly aware of its key outcome: a tax rebate. Now comes the big question: What should you do with it?

If you spend it, you will do your part to help stimulate the economy. But by investing the rebate, you could help speed your progress toward your long-term financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Before we look at investment possibilities, let's quickly go over the "nuts and bolts" of the plan:

- How much? You can receive up to \$600, if you're filing as an individual, or \$1,200, if you're filing a joint return. Plus, you can get an additional \$300 for each

qualifying child. However, the size of your rebate will be reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 you earn above adjusted gross income (AGI) limits (\$75,000 for singles and \$150,000 for married couples).

- When? The IRS will begin mailing Stimulus Act rebate checks in May. If you've selected the "direct deposit" option for receiving your 2007 income tax refund, your Stimulus Act rebate will be placed in the same account that you've chosen for your refund.

Investment Choices:

Here are a few possibilities for investing your rebate:

- Traditional or Roth IRA — Suppose that you are a joint filer and did receive the full \$1,200 rebate. If you put that \$1,200 in an investment that earned a hypothetical 7 percent return, and that investment was placed in a traditional or Roth IRA, the money would grow to more than \$9,000 in 30 years. (This figure does not include fees, commissions or expenses, all of which would reduce your investment returns.) Keep in mind that traditional IRA withdrawals are taxable, whereas a Roth IRA's earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided you don't begin taking withdrawals until you're at least 59-1/2 and you've had your account for at least five years.) All investments within these accounts do fluctuate in

price, so it is possible to have more, less or the same amount when you sell your investments.

- Section 529 savings plan — In a Section 529 college savings plan, you put money in a specific mix of investments. Section 529 plans are tax deductible in some states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes if the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of your child or grandchild. (Withdrawals for other reasons may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Also, Section 529 distributions will appear as income on the child's tax return, which could affect financial aid calculations.)

- Emergency fund — It's a good idea to put six to 12 months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account for use as an "emergency fund." Without such a fund, you might be forced to liquidate some of your long-term investments to pay for things such as a costly car repair or an unexpected medical bill.

A rebate like this one doesn't come along every year — so put it to work for you. Someday, you may be glad you did.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Cumberland Ridge Street Lighting Assessment District

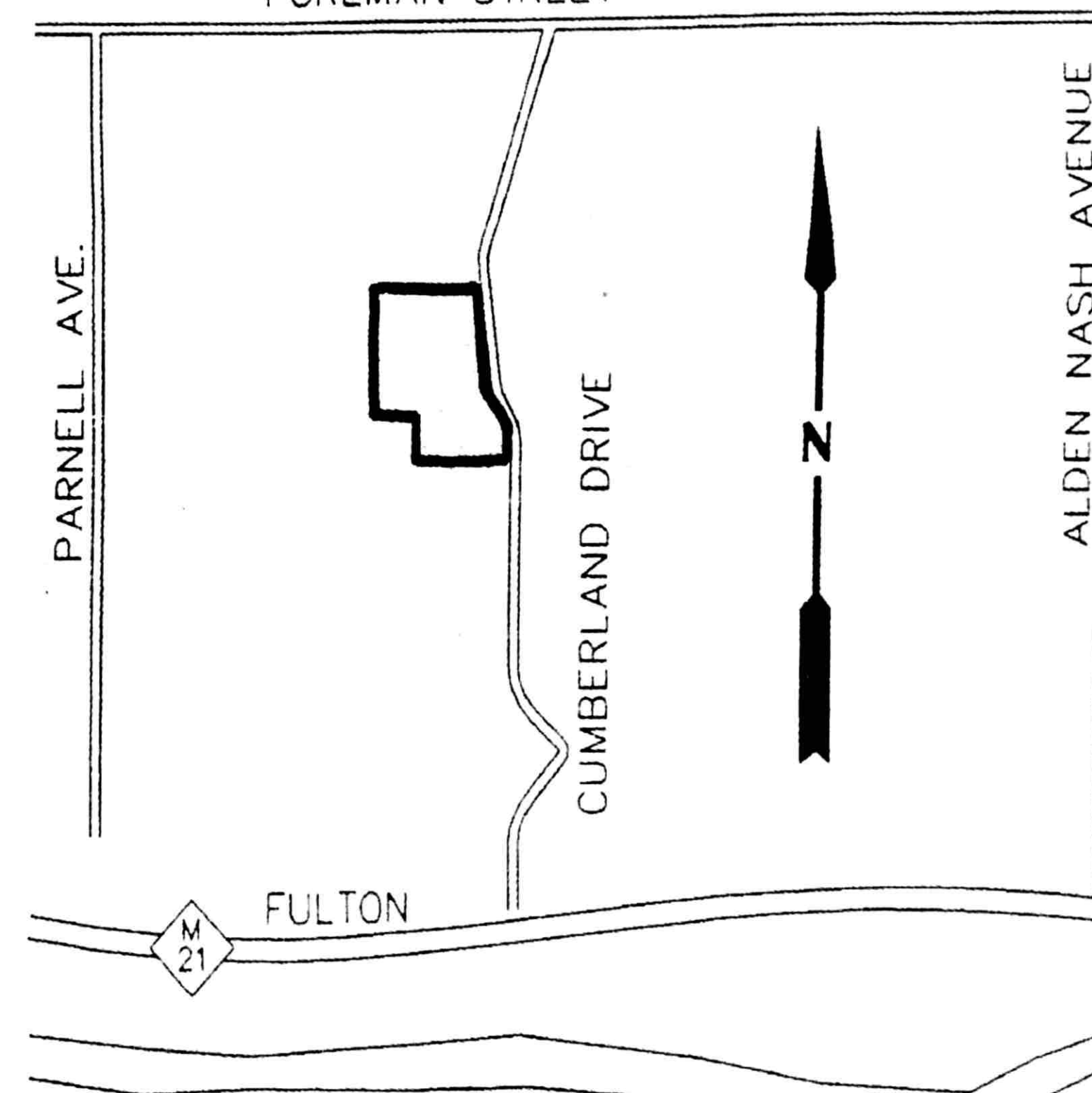
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to make certain public improvements consisting of the installation, improvement and maintenance of street lights (the "Improvements") within the Cumberland Ridge Street Lighting Special Assessment District (the "District"), which was established by resolution of the Township Board adopted on February 19, 2008, in accordance with Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, and which consists of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and against which all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall be specially assessed:

CUMBERLAND RIDGE STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT Lots and Parcels Numbered:

41-20-05-284-001	41-20-05-284-007	41-20-05-284-014	41-20-05-284-020	41-20-05-284-026	41-20-05-284-032
41-20-05-276-001	41-20-05-284-008	41-20-05-284-015	41-20-05-284-021	41-20-05-284-027	41-20-05-284-033
41-20-05-284-002	41-20-05-284-009	41-20-05-284-016	41-20-05-284-022	41-20-05-284-028	41-20-05-284-034
41-20-05-284-003	41-20-05-284-010	41-20-05-284-017	41-20-05-284-023	41-20-05-284-029	41-20-05-284-035
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41-20-05-284-006	41-20-05-284-013				

MAP OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

FOREMAN STREET



Boundary of Cumberland Ridge Street Lighting Special Assessment District (includes all lots within all plats and phases of Cumberland Ridge subdivision)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Charter Township of Lowell has made and certified a special assessment roll (the "Special Assessment Roll") for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, located at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., within the Township, to review the

Special Assessment Roll and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Special Assessment Roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY

IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell.

Dated: April 21, 2008
Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk

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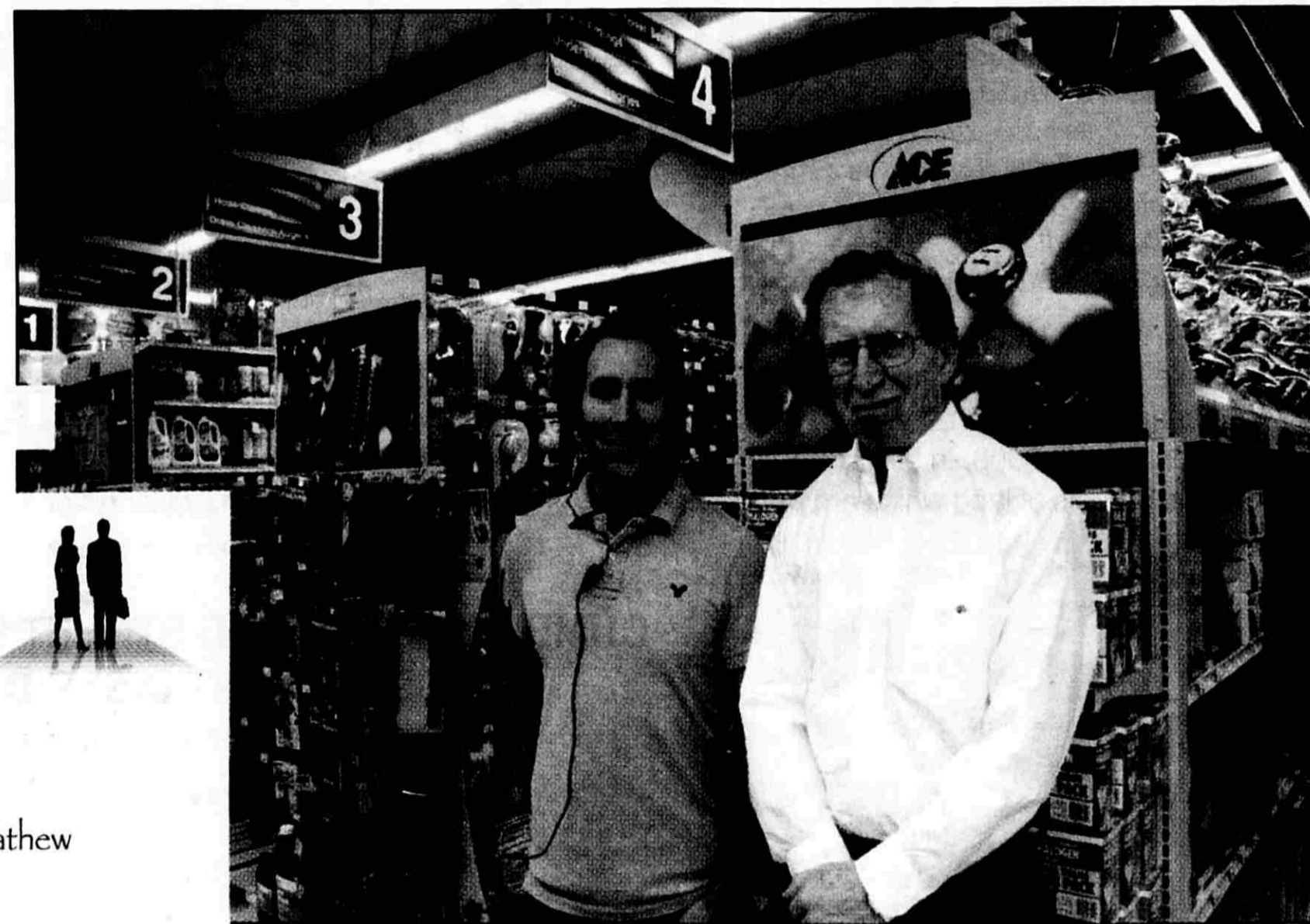
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BUSINESSES SERVICES



- MATT BERNARD

Position: Partner at Bernard's Ace Hardware
Residence: East Grand Rapids
Education: University of Michigan, 1988 bachelor's degree in psychology
Experience: Hardware business since 1987
Family: Wife Wendy, Kids Collin, Haley and Mathew
Hobbies: Plays and coaches hockey



Matt Bernard and his father Charlie have been in business together since 1987.

By Emma Palova

When Matt and Charlie Bernard started working in the hardware business in 1987 neither one of them knew much about the business.

Matt had a degree in psychology, and Charlie had a background in auto parts wholesale business as vice-president of sales. Matt first worked at the store in summer, while in college. Then he decided to stay.

"We learned every day from being knee deep," said son Matt.

To help out, the duo hired a retired gentleman from Amway, and eventually together they mastered the hardware business. Matt primarily likes the customers.

"I was first shy to engage with people," said Matt, "but now it's easy."

Matt is motivated by the flexibility at the store.

Sure, sometimes he thinks it would be nice to work 9 to 5, rather than most weekends, but then again nothing beats flexibility.

And how does he get things done?

"I use 3 by 5 cards and write all the projects down," said Matt. "My goal is to beat last year's sales."

As long as the customer is out the door happy, the father and son team is happy too.

"We offer the best customer service and convenience," said Matt.

Matt doesn't find it difficult to manage 16 to 18 employees; a lot of them are retired or in school.

"I am very flexible," said Matt. "Everybody has a life going on. Keep a smile on your face, and keep your feet moving fast."

The competition with big home improvement

stores is not as difficult as one may imagine. First of all, Bernard's Ace is right in Lowell, the service is fast and the staff is knowledgeable.

"Our main asset is that there is always someone to answer your questions," said Matt. "You get in and out really quick."

Over the years, the business has expanded and doubled in size. Approximately 10 years ago,

rental was added to attract a broader customer base.

"It has gone over well," said Matt.

The store uses computerized color matching paint and computerized inventory control.

Sluggish economy has not slowed down homeowners who like to do their own projects.

Dad Charlie said the business is in its 21st year of positive growth.

"I like our customers," said Charlie, "we are a very intimate business. It's amazing making a living doing something as pleasant as this."

Charlie sees the state government and high taxes as the biggest challenge in the business. For the first time this year, Charlie had to cut on health insurance benefits for the employees.

"I love Lowell," said Charlie "People in Lowell are some of the best people I've ever met."

The focus will stay on service and convenience that cannot be found in big box stores.

The reason lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place is that the same place isn't there the second time.

- Willie Tyler

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- JACK REEDY

by Emma Palova

He's better known as Uncle Jack among generations of collectors.

Jack Reedy found a niche in Lowell at his dad's Rookies Sport Cards business 16 years ago.

Reedy started helping out his dad Donald in the early 90s still thinking he would get a real job. But, he found out he could make a decent living in the shop. And since he had always dreamed of having his own business, it was a natural transition to ownership after finishing studies at Calvin College.

Today, Reedy said, the world of comics has evolved with him from sports cards to superheroes, social games and action figures.

"This is a dream come true," he said. "I am a collector by nature."

Some of the early challenges in the sports cards business emerged after the peak of card collecting was over in the '90s. A need to expand into the comics, board games and games became inevitable. It was a shift from just sports cards to a variety of entertainment, said Reedy.

"It kind of grew on me," said Reedy. "I enjoy keeping the store going. I love Lowell, it has more of a personal connection."

Yeah, the ideal location on the bridge over the Flat River gives Rookies a cutting edge for the average pedestrian seeking small town atmosphere in special shops.

"I carry unusual things and gifts," said Reedy.

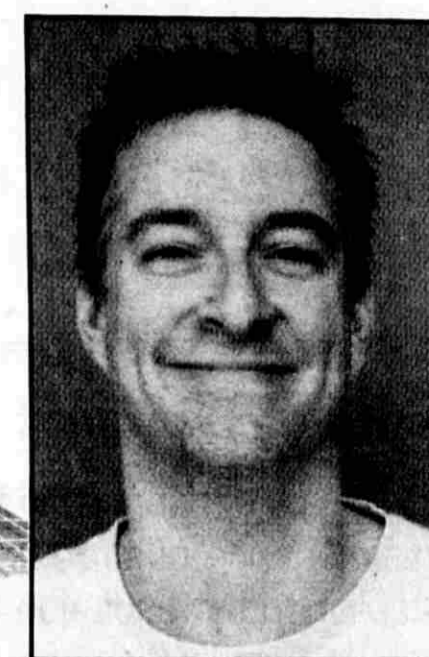
The store does have different events throughout the year like demo type nights at local restaurants, contests for sports cards. In the fall it's pack wars, summer brings free comic book day and tournaments.

Uncle Jack still feels like a kid with other kids coming to the store as buddies.

"We're contemporaries," said Reedy. "I look forward to coming in every day."

His nephews come into the store saying, "We love Uncle Jack or "We have the coolest uncle in town."

Well, Uncle Jack always has a smile on his face on any given day. He likes the location on the river.



"If you have never been to Rookies," he said. "Just stop in."

Rookies owner looks forward to coming in to work everyday

Position: Owner of Rookies Sport Cards Plus
Residence: Lowell
Education: Lowell High School graduate 1987; Calvin College, bachelor's in business 1992
Experience: 15 years in comics business
Family: Wife Angie, daughter Anna
Hobbies: Comics, music, movies, games



Jack Reedy, aka Uncle Jack, runs a collector's store with a faithful clientele.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Whispering Hills Street Lighting Special Assessment District

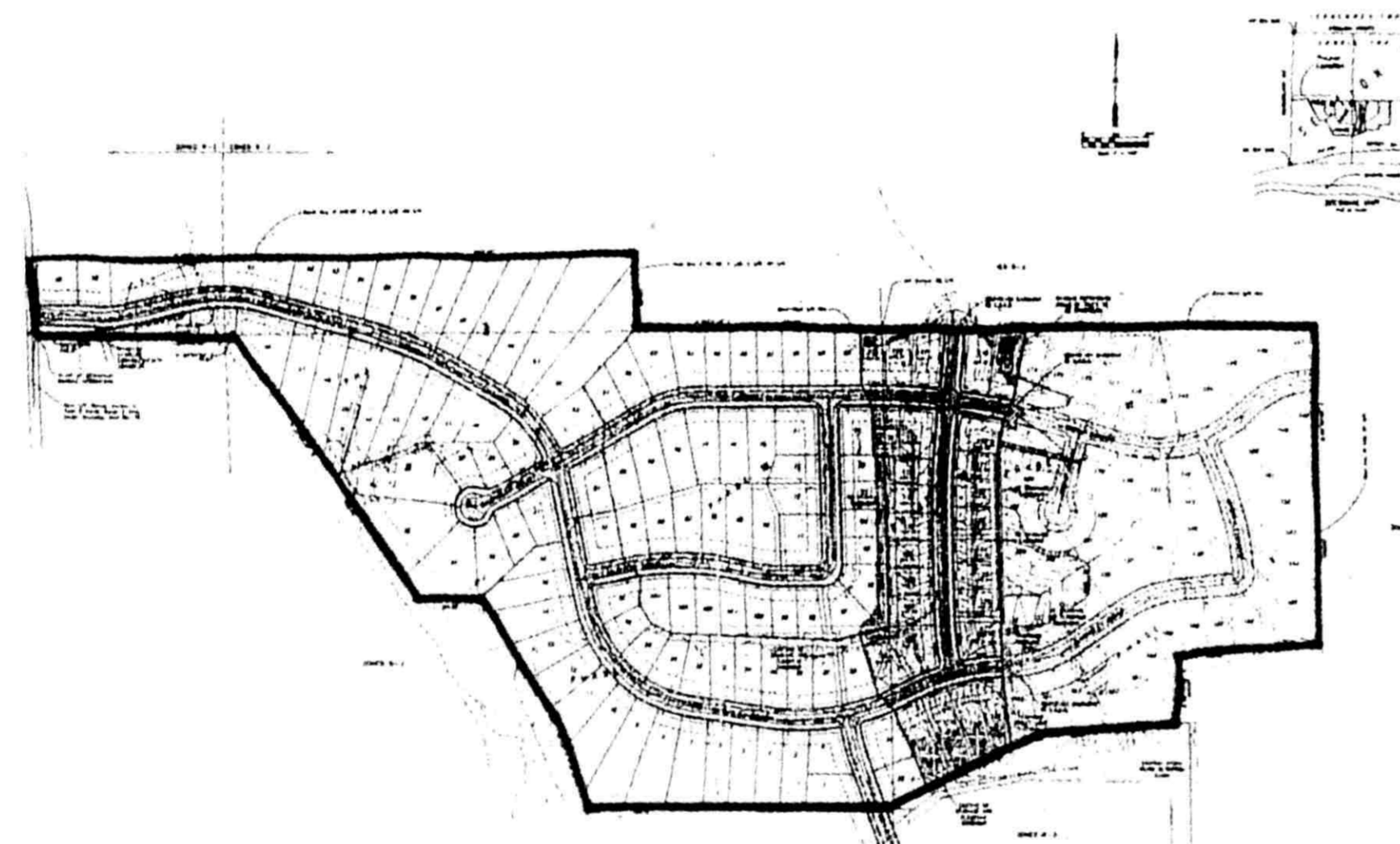
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, having resolved its intention to make certain public improvements consisting of the installation, improvement and maintenance of street lights (the "Improvements") within the Whispering Hills Street Lighting Special Assessment District (the "District"), which was established by resolution of the Township Board adopted on February 19, 2008, in accordance with Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, and which consists of the following described lots and parcels of land which are benefitted by the Improvements and against which all or a portion of the cost of the Improvements shall be specially assessed:

WHISPERING HILLS STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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41-20-04-174-004	41-20-04-327-011	41-20-04-329-008	41-20-04-331-007	41-20-04-332-013	41-20-04-402-009
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MAP OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT



Boundary of Whispering Hills Street Lighting Special Assessment District (includes all lots within all plats and phases of Whispering Hills subdivision)

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor of the Charter Township of Lowell has made and certified a special assessment roll (the "Special Assessment Roll") for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the Township Hall, located at 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., within the Township, to review the

Special Assessment Roll and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Special Assessment Roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR A PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL,

BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell.

Dated: April 21, 2008
Linda S. Regan, Township Clerk

Three elementary teams compete at Odyssey of the Mind State finals

On Saturday, April 19, the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals were held at East Kentwood High School. More than 150 teams gathered. In only their second year with the program, three teams from Murray Lake competed at the state level.

The team consisting of Adam Korzen, Eli Boulton, Riley Coxon, Alyssa Roest, Ben Noffke, Thomas



John Donnelly and Jonathan Roberts perform during The Wonderful Muses.

Hubert, Maddie Burt, and coached by Tim Korzen, competed in the Odyssey Road Rally problem. This team's problem was to design, build and operate an original vehicle, which they drove in a road rally that had four checkpoints. At each checkpoint, the vehicle competed in a sports-related event. The team also had to develop a theme for its rally.



The Odyssey Road Rally team gets their vehicle into position.

The team consisting of Jay Clark, Logan Smith, Mitchell Strawser, Abbi Bladey, Brianna McCoy, Sonja Grasman, and coached by Christine Baird, competed in the Tee Structure problem. This team's problem was to design and build a structure using only balsa wood and glue. The team tested the structure by having it support weights that were balanced on golf balls without touching anything else.

The team consisting of Santana Boulton, Jonathan Roberts, John Donnelly, Kennedy Coxon, Hannah Skibbe, Madalynne Iteen, and coached by Mark Boulton, competed in The Wonderful Muses problem. In Greek mythology, muses were a source of inspiration for the creative works of artists and scientists. This team's problem was to create and present an original performance that included one of the nine Greek muses. The muse inspired two people during the performance, one of which was a historical person, and the other, a team-created person.

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"Tree City" recognizes a community that now has a plan for trees... a community that recognizes that tall trees don't belong at the end of airport runways or under power lines.

Congratulations Sue Hill for completing the Boston Marathon with a personal best time of 4 hr. 18 minutes. Your family is very proud.
- Karen Jamison

Molly, the Tigers will never beat anything with money. They've got to have heart. They don't have it.

To help the economy the state should lower the sales tax on new and used vehicles.

Where are the golf stories. We haven't really seen anything.

People with computers should get a life and stop just sending forward nothing but junk mail.

Has anyone noticed the bed mattress on Lincoln Lake Road just past Fallsburg Road? It has been there since the snow has melted. Come on people, you know if you are the one that lost it - pick it up please!

Have you registered to vote yet? 07/07/08 is the last day to register for August primary election and 10/06/08 is the last day to register for November general election. Exercise your rights!

The city planted a tree honoring Arbor Day last year. Guess what happened. Will the same thing happen to over thirty new trees just planted in Recreation Park?

Alto ATV drivers are tearing up area roads, at dangerously high speeds. Show the kids how it's done safely, and stick to your own property.

I think it is about time we got the Republican side. Good grief, we get Carl Levin's biased reports just about every week. Maybe this is the beginning of hearing both sides.

The council member should be ashamed and the mother should be proud for standing up for her son. We need more parents like her in the world.

\$4 per gallon gas...it's coming soon to a pump near you.

If you really want to help our economy, spend your stimulus check on Made in USA products. Don't send it to China or anywhere else!

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

Lowell Area Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 21, 2008

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA - The Board approved the addition of an agenda item to go into closed session to discuss negotiations.

REPORTS -

MEAP Report

Roger Bearup reported that the MEAP results for grades 3 through 9 were made public. The data shows that Lowell students are consistently scoring at a higher level than the Intermediate School District average and the State average. Cohort data reveals that Lowell students are showing one year growth in one year's time.

High School Trimester Report

Tricia Murphy-Alderman, principal at Lowell High School, discussed how switching to trimesters has affected the clubs at the High School as well as the implementation of Core Assistance Classes and how they are helping students to succeed.

ACTION ITEMS -

The Board accepted the following gifts:

- Alto Lions club donation of \$300 to purchase risers for Alto Elementary School.
- Andrew and Kathleen Duma's donation of children's items valued at \$375 to be used for the TOTS playgroup.
- Antosha Duczowski's donation of 125 music cd's valued at \$1000 to be used for WLHS music programming.

Adopted the resolution naming Michigan Teacher's Day as Tuesday, May 6, 2008 and the purchase of reading materials for each of the school libraries in honor of our teaching staff.

Approved the Construction Bid Package #3 - Bushnell Roof.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Approved/adopted/denied were:
 - Minutes for the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting, March 17, 2008 Special Meeting and Closed Session, March 24, 2008 Special Meeting and the March 24, 2008 Board Workshop
 - The following payment of bills for March 2008:
 - GENERAL FUND.....\$1,267,484.94
 - SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
 - A. Food Service Fund.....\$88,272.96
 - B. Athletic Fund.....\$6,834.85
 - TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$48,145.89
 - 1990 Debt Fund.....\$201.67
 - 2000 Debt Fund.....\$19.80
 - 2004 Debt Fund.....\$3.60
 - 2005 Debt Fund.....\$27.01
 - 2007 Construction Fund.....\$100,910.63
 - Personnel - New Hire
 - Superintendent Evaluation

BUDGET UPDATE - John Zielinski reported that he is waiting on information from the May revenue consensus meeting to determine if the revenue for 2007-08 is on track. The Senate has passed State Aid Appropriations, and the Governor has presented her appropriation. The House is working to finalize their recommendations and then all three appropriations will go to the Committee. John also stated that the Business Office is hard at work preparing the District's budget for the 2008-09 school year.

CURRICULUM UPDATE - Roger Bearup reported

that he has met with the English Language Arts teachers at the Middle School to discuss Power Standards. On May 9th Thornapple Kellogg Public Schools will be visiting us to discuss personal curriculum. Roger will also be attending a Change Leadership meeting next month to discuss long-term goals. Karen Burd, principal at Bushnell Elementary, is going to represent the district at the RTI (Response to Intervention) meeting on April 25.

BOARD COMMENTS - Mark Lessens discussed the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board is very pleased with Greg Pratt's performance, and they believe that Lowell Area Schools is in a great position due to Mr. Pratt's dedication and hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Greg Pratt introduced the newest staff member for Lowell Area Schools. Steven Turnbull has been hired for the position of Director of Facilities. He also thanked the teachers and staff for the hard work they have put in this year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Workshop - Monday, April 28, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
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Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 12, 2008
Runciman Administration Building - Board Room
300 High St., Lowell, MI - 7:00 p.m.

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OUR BATS WOKE UP IN THIS GAME.
[vs. hamilton]

- Coach Juston Miller

Lowell baseball is 3-0 in conference, gets first loss at Hamilton

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Lowell baseball team carried their winning streak into conference games last week, earning three wins to start them at 3-0 in the OK-White and making their record 15-2 overall.

Against Greenville on Wednesday, the Arrows won 11-1 in five innings. Zach Stephens picked up the win for the team. Jason Nugent was 3-3 at the plate, with one home run. Stephens was 2-3 and had a triple.

On Friday, the team traveled to Caledonia for a doubleheader. In Game 1, the team won 7-5, with Stephens picking up his fourth win pitching. Jesse VandenBosch was 2-2 at the plate, while Torsten Boss was 3-3. In Game 2, the team won 2-1, even with no hits. Mitchell Malling and Ryan Dean got to home

base after being walked and stealing bases. On a wild pitch, Dean scored.

On Saturday, the team traveled to Hamilton for a cold, windy tournament. In the first game, the Arrows were handed their first loss of the season against Sparta, 2-8. Nick Trasky hit 2-3. Sparta, who won the tournament, "came up on the better end of it," said coach Juston Miller.

Against Hamilton in the second game, the Arrows picked up the pace, winning 22-9. "Our bats woke up in this game," Miller said. The team totaled 17 hits for 22 runs. Boss was 3-4 at the plate, with two home runs and six RBI. Trasky was 3-4, with three runs scored. Will Bryan was 2-3, with a double and three RBI.

The team split a doubleheader against Cedar Springs Monday night, winning the first game 11-6,

and losing the second 1-4, which was called after the fifth inning to loss of light.

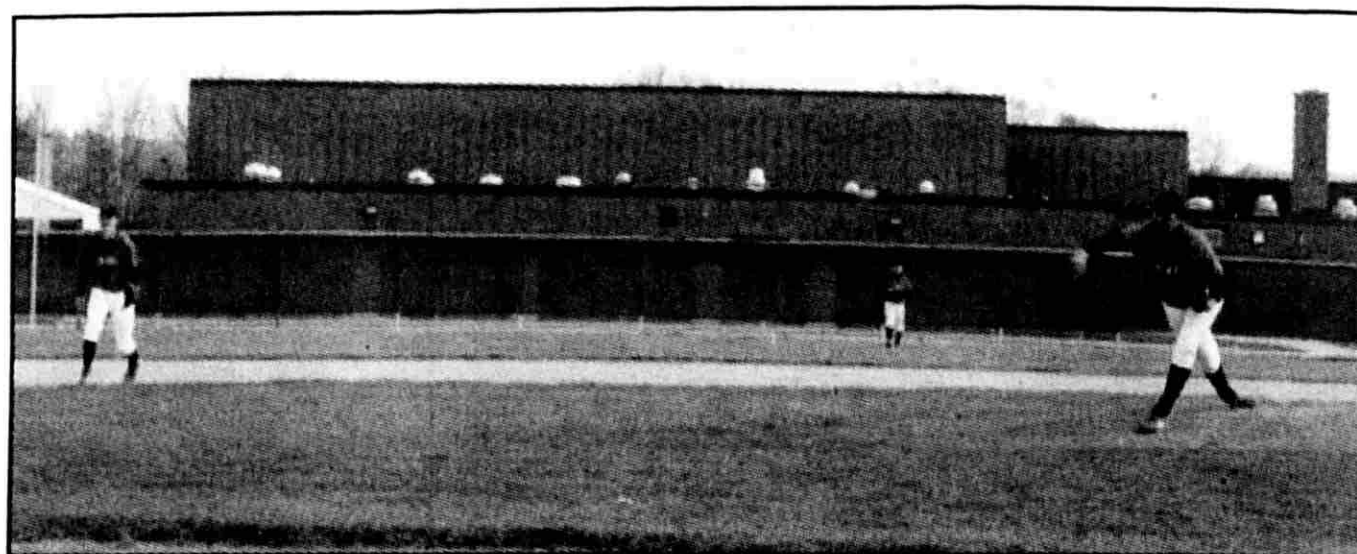
In the first game, Boss was 3-3 with two triples. Josh Drake was 2-3, and had one double and one run scored. Stephens was 2-4. Nick Boelens picked up his first win pitching.

In the second game, Drake drove the single run, and was 1-1. Miller said Cedar Springs hit a home run in the fourth inning to get three runs in.

At the halfway point of the season, Miller said "things are going well. We have to challenge ourselves, because other teams are getting better."

The team will take on Kenowa Hills today and Northview on Friday.

(Bottom left): Jesse VandenBosch (18) at bat against Cedar Springs.



(Top): Nick Boelens (11) picks up his first win against Cedar Springs.

next game

@ Kenowa Hills
4 p.m.

Junior Women's 8 gets first place



The Junior Women's 8 Crew placed first in their division. Pictured are (first row, L-R): Lisa Crain, Chelsea Dyer, Jillian Lane (Coxswain), Lauren Hanson, and Sam Hagerman. (Second row, L-R): Jessica Mankel, Cheyenne Brown, Mattie Kropf, and Bailee Emelander.

The Lowell Crew Team competed on Saturday, April 26 in the East Grand Rapids Tri Regatta.

Lowell, Northview and East Grand Rapids rowers spent a cold and windy morning challenging the 1000-meter course on the choppy waters of Reeds Lake. The Junior Women's 8 powerstroked "The Spirit of Lowell" to a first place finish.

The Senior Women's 4 and Senior Men's 4 sculls placed second, and the Senior Men's 4 rowed to a third place finish.

Support the team this weekend at Riverside Park on the Grand River in Grand Rapids as the rowers compete in the Western Michigan Rowing Championship.

Visit the web site at www.lowellcrew.com for details and highlights of the season. The "Learn To Row" program is scheduled to begin on May 19.



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- Tennis coach Bonnie Wall

Lacrosse gets two wins, one loss

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The lacrosse team saw one of their biggest wins of the season last week, against Northview, winning 8-6.

Coach Eric Bredin said the game was "probably our biggest win to date - the defense kept Northview on their heels all night, and the offense began to click."

The team scored a few goals in a row during the third quarter, even with

one player in the penalty box. Joel Morgan and Kolin Morgan provided the brotherly offense, scoring most of Lowell's goals. Bredin also said "it was every player on the field doing their job that gave them their opportunities."

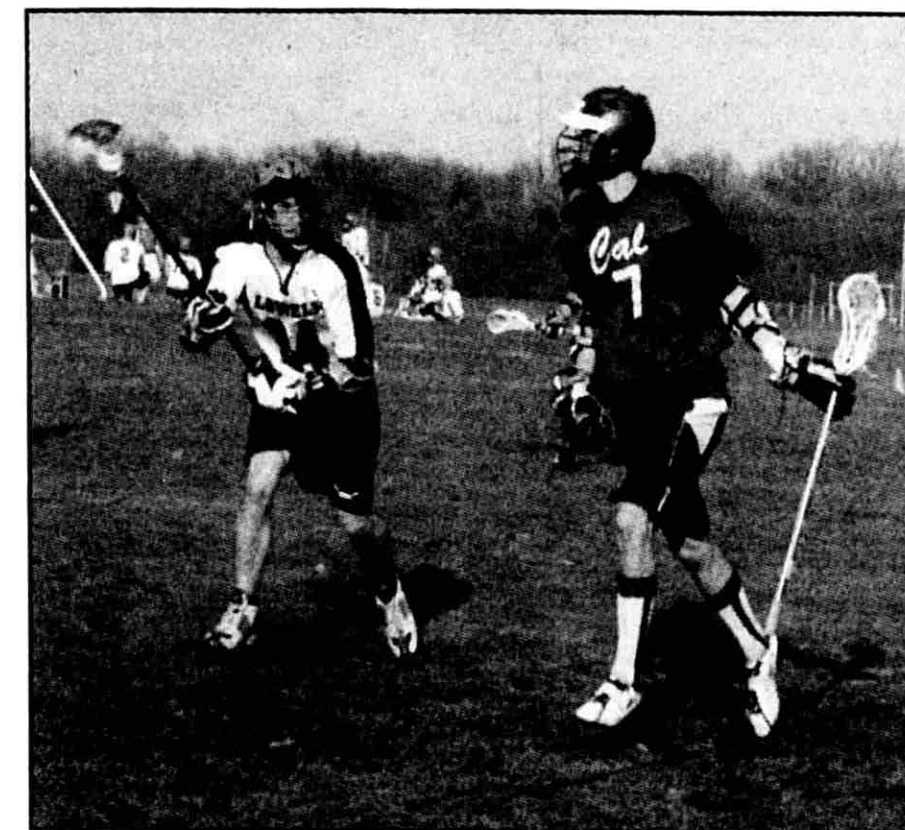
The team also won against Catholic Central last week 6-3. Bredin said the game was "won in the first quarter, though we only led 2-1 at the time."

He said the team went "back to the basics in practice, and worked on our transition game - it paid off."

Against Caledonia, the team lost 5-11, and came out "very flat."

"Our defense was a half step behind the entire first half," Bredin said. "Second half was much better, but too little, too late. The only highlight of the game was when we scored three assisted goals in just over a minute's time in the third quarter."

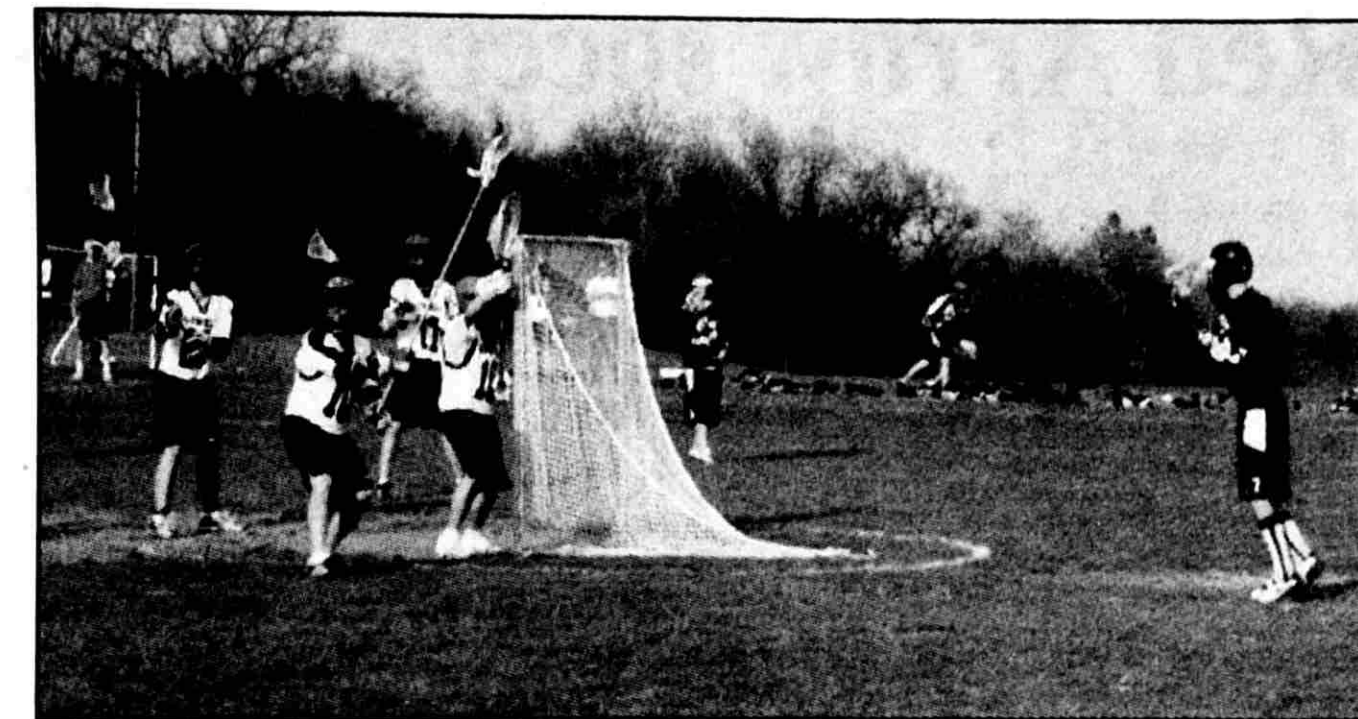
The Arrows take on Holland Christian Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at home.



(Left): Robert Hanks (24) plays defense against Caledonia.

(Top right): Lowell defense blocks the goal.

(Right): James Dyer (10) gets tackled from behind.



Tennis gets first win in history against FHC

The girls' tennis team did what no other team before them could do - they pulled off a win against Forest Hills Central.

Lowell 5, FHC 3
The Arrows won 5-3 Monday, and it was the first time in history that Lowell beat the Forest Hills team, coach Bonnie Wall said.

"[We] are still on cloud nine," she said. "What a great win for the Lady Arrows."

Winners for the Arrows were Kelly Trapp at No. 1 singles, who defeated Megan Dertz 6-2, 6-1. "Kelly's record is now an impressive 14-2," Wall said of the freshman. At No. 2 singles, Melissa Zuiderveen won 7-6(4), 6-2, after she "came on strong in the second set, after edging out Kate Miller in a first set tiebreak." Lauren Heemstra was edged out at No. 3 singles by Megan Fester 6-7(5), 2-6. At No. 4 singles, Tanya Baker defeated Angela Jiang 6-2, 7-6(4).

In the doubles' category, Wall said she had to do a little shuffling because of illness. The No. 2 doubles team of Leara Glinzak/Caitlin Baker played at No. 1 doubles, losing to Kat Dertz/Kathryn Hohns 6-3, 3-6, 0-6. Megan Willemstein (half of the No. 1 doubles team) played with Ellen Mork (half of the No. 4 doubles team) at No. 2, losing to Jenelle Ranville and Audrey Manz 0-6, 4-6. At No. 3 doubles, Patty Lawrence and Taylor Mankel won, after "losing the first set 4-6 and being down 1-4 in the second," Wall said. "[They] came back to win the second set in a tiebreak and went on to take the third 6-4 and give Lowell the winning point." At No. 4 doubles, Kathryn Collins and Rachel Walendzik (playing her first varsity match) won 7-5, 6-4 over Tina Wang/Jennifer Liu.

Big Rapids Invitational
Lowell took a close second at the Big Rapids

Invitational Saturday, with 20 points, behind Cadillac's 21. They edged out Parchment, Big Rapids, Greenville and Manistee.

Wall said the day had bad tennis weather, "cold and very windy - we froze!"

At No. 1 singles, Kelly Trapp won all three of her matches in straight sets, losing only 10 games in the six sets. Melissa Zuiderveen won at No. 2 singles, losing only three games in two sets, and getting a default in the second match. At No. 3 singles, Lauren Heemstra "pulled out a tough third set tiebreak" to take the championship. At No. 4

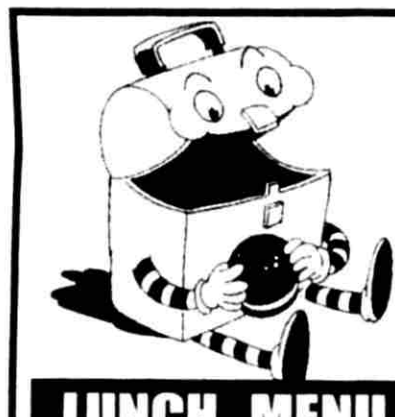
singles, Tanya Baker took second, after losing in a "tight third set tiebreak."

At No. 2 doubles, Leara Glinzak and Caitlin Baker won all three of their matches, but took second by "virtue of losing a few more games than the Parchment team, who also won all three of their matches." At No. 3 doubles, Patty Lawrence and Taylor Mankel "took the championship, winning all three of their matches convincing fashion." At No. 4 doubles, Ellen Mork and Kathryn Collins had a "tough loss in their first round, but came back to win their next two matches

without losing a game and took second place."

The team will play at Northview this afternoon, at Jenison Thursday and at the Northview Tournament on Saturday.

NEXT MATCH
Today, April 30
@ 4 p.m.
Northview HS
vs. Northview



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Week of May 5, 2008

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Red Arrow soccer is 6-0-1, ranked No. 10 in the state in D2

The girls' soccer team are ranked No. 10 in the state for division 2 and No. 8 in the area after a winning week.

The Arrows defeated Caledonia Monday night in overtime, 2-1. Goals were

scored by Sara Nagy and Katie Kruse, with assists by Chelsea Harrison and Hannah Oberlin.

Coach Paul Legge said it was a "great win for us to stay undefeated at 6-0-1 going into Wednesday's big

conference matchup against No. 1 Forest Hills Central."

Last week, the team beat Fruitport 2-0, with both goals scored by Harrison; Reeths-Puffer beat Fruitport 2-0, with goals scored by Kruse and Logan Declercq;

and Greenville 8-0, with goals scored by Nagy, who had four, Harrison, Katie Kroelewicz, Declercq and Kruse with one apiece.

Legge said, "this is a big week for us with games against Forest Hills Central

and Forest Hills Eastern. Cali and FHC are big conference games, and FHE is a tough non-conference. FHC is the

next game
APRIL 30

vs. Forest Hills Central
6:45 p.m.

Girls' track splits meets against Northview, FHC

Lowell vs. Northview

Lowell won against Northview 78-59. First place finishers were: Kelsey Teft at pole vault, Richelle Kimble at long jump and 100-meter hurdles, Amy VanEns at high hump, Jasmine Holliman at shot put and discus, the 400-meter relay team, Kallie

Holzhueter at 800 meters, Haleigh Timmers at 3200 meters and the 1600-meter relay team.

Lowell vs. Forest Hills Central
Lowell lost the meet against Forest Hills Central 51-86. First place finishers were: Kimble at pole vault and 100-meter hurdles,

Holliman at shot put and discus and VanEns at high jump.

The Arrows will compete in East Grand Rapids Thursday, and host the Kathy Talus Lowell Invitational on Saturday morning.



The 400-meter relay team of Brittney Kaminski, Kelsey Teft, Megg Fitzpatrick and Mary Richardson took second to Forest Hills Central Tuesday.



Haleigh Timmers competes in the 3200-meter run.



Richelle Kimble competes as one leg of the 800-meter relay, while Paige Senters cheers her on. The team consisted of Megan Majestic, Senters, Kimble and Megg Fitzpatrick.

Lowell man to be honored as MHSAA official

Jack Vulpetti, of Lowell, will be honored at the 28th annual Officials Awards and Alumni Banquet in Lansing May 12. He has been officiating for the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for 20 years.

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"WE WERE GLAD WE MADE IT TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A GOOD TEAM."

- Softball coach Bob Rodenhouse

Lowell softball goes to 5-8 overall, continue to battle errors

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

The Lowell softball team started their conference play against Greenville last week, winning 11-0.

Bailey Allen allowed one hit during the game - "she pitched well," said coach Bob Rodenhouse. "[Her] pitching was the story of the game." The game ended in five innings.

Ashley Nawrocki had a two-run home run, Katie McElroy had a triple, and Jessica Meyer drove in two runs with a double.

Against Caledonia Friday, the team lost both games, 2-10 and 3-14.

Rodenhouse said the team had three errors in the third inning of the first game that allowed Caledonia seven runs.

The "hitting heroes of the game" were McElroy

and Samantha Mundt, with two hits each. "They both have been doing a nice job," Rodenhouse said. Tricia Thuston ended the game pitching, and "shut them down in the end."

In the second game, Lowell gave up runs in "every inning but the fifth." McElroy had a over-the-fence home run, the first of the year. Nawrocki had two RBIs.

The Arrows lost in the championship game Saturday in Hamilton against Comstock (Kalamazoo) 1-11, after defeating Allendale 15-6 and Hamilton 7-3.

Against Allendale, "[Lauren] Dood pitched a great game." She gave up four hits, but the team gave up six errors in the first two innings. The team then "settled down, and made some plays."

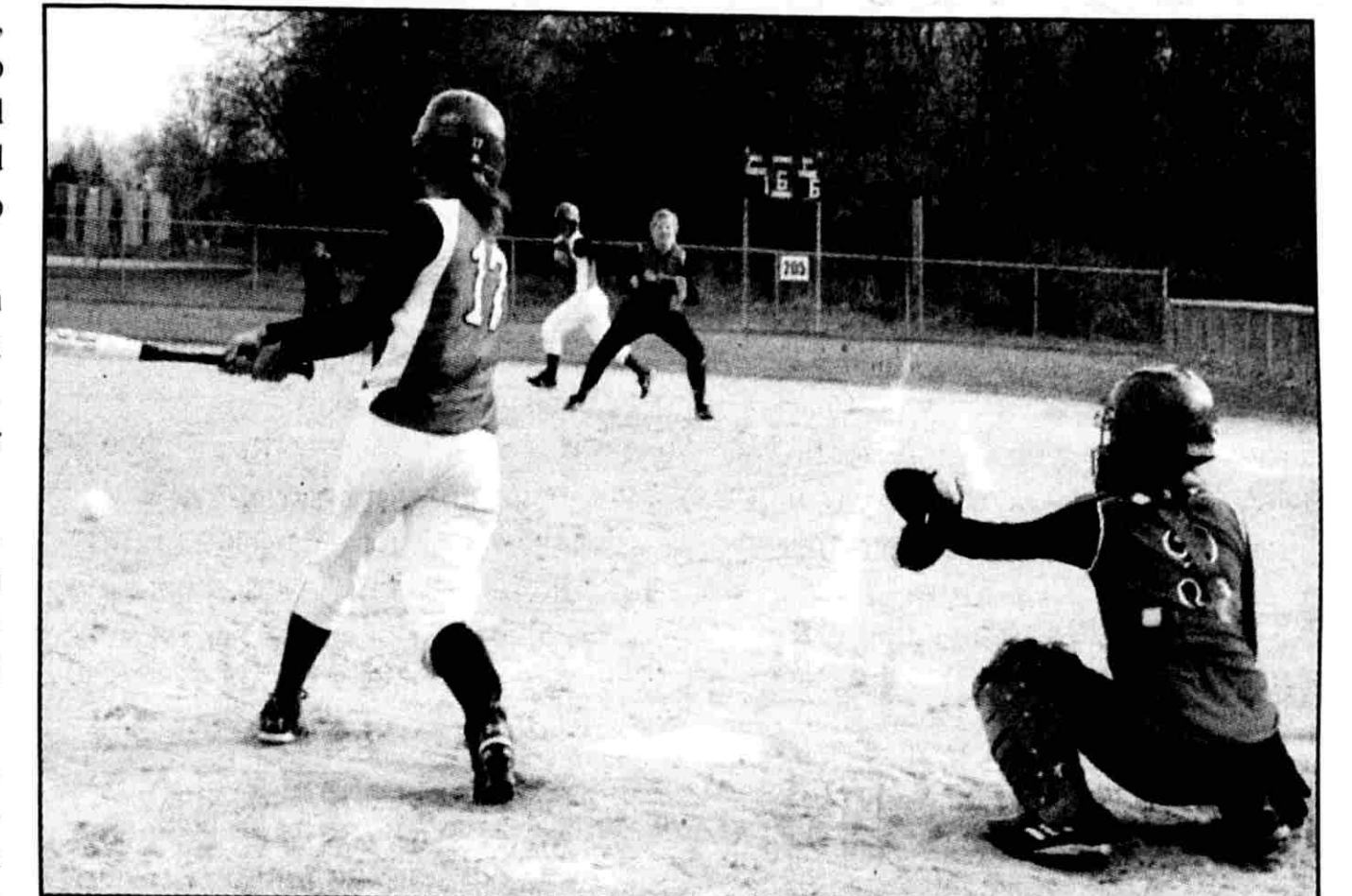
McElroy had two hits, with a triple, Mundt had two hits, with a home run, and Cassie DeCator, Meyer and Kristin Nagy all had two hits.

Against Hamilton, Allen was the winner, giving up six hits, and striking out seven. The team only had one error and "played pretty well."

McElroy had two hits, with one home run, Mundt had three hits with a double and a triple, and Nagy had two hits.

Against Comstock, DeCator had two hits. Rodenhouse said the team was "glad we made it to the championship with a good team."

The team heads to Kenowa Hills today and Northview on Friday.



Cassie DeCator (17) at the plate against Cedar Springs Monday.



Monica Vigil (10) swings at the ball against Cedar Springs.

Winter sports participation down

Participation in high school sports at Michigan High School Athletic Association member senior high schools decreased 3.19 percent during the 2007-08 winter season, with numbers down in all activities except boys bowling and Upper Peninsula girls swimming and diving.

Overall, there were 2,549 fewer participants than a year ago, with over 2,000 of that group coming from a combination of four sports. Girls basketball saw the largest drop in raw numbers, with 688 fewer participants than a year ago, a decrease of 3.64 percent. The total number of girls basketball participants - 18,222 - was the lowest since the MHSAA began tracking participation numbers in 1991-92. Wrestling experienced a decrease of 552 participants, a 4.64 percent drop over

last year. Boys basketball was down by 424, a 1.8 percent lower figure; its lowest participation since 1999-2000 and second lowest rate since 1991-92. Girls competitive cheer saw the sharpest drop from a percentage standpoint of the four sports - 4.88 percent - with 379 fewer participants.

From a percentage standpoint, girls gymnastics took the biggest hit this season, down 20.74 percent; its raw numbers dropping from 781 participants to 619 - the lowest since 1991-92. It was the fifth straight year of declining numbers for the sport, which had 1,108 participants in 2002-03. Skiing was also hard hit with drops of just over 10 percent in both genders - 10.93 for girls (85 participants)

and 10.13 for boys (95 participants). The boys overall were down 4.27 percent (1,331). For the school year to date, overall participation is off less than one percent with a decrease of 1,508 - boys make up 255 of the drop, girls 1,253 (1.8 percent).

The school's responses to the MHSAA Winter Sports Participation Survey also included this information: - 505 schools reported boys basketball attendance

was lower; 106 reported it was higher - 419 schools reported girls basketball attendance was lower; 171 reported it was higher - 41 fewer schools made cuts in their girls basketball programs; 16 fewer schools made cuts in boys programs - 45 to 49 percent of schools reported it was more difficult to get varsity and junior varsity officials this year.

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Copacabana at Lowell High School this weekend

by Molly Benningfield
Editor

Lowell High School will continue its second week of its production, "Copacabana", a musical by Barry Manilow, this weekend. May 2 at 7 p.m. and May 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The students already performed their set of shows this past weekend.

The show, directed by Kim Nyson, features a strong cast of LHS students. Sean Briggs leads the cast as Stephen/Tony Forte. Rebecca Hommowun as Samantha/Lola La Mar, Marin Tawney as Gladys Murphy, Garrett Beaman as Sam Silver, Randy Adams as Rico Castelli, Marina Jones as Conchita Alvarez, Brennan Prill as McManus, Matt Dec as Willy, Rob

Marsalese as Skip, Stonne Capman as the Maitre D', Sarah Kramer as the coat check girl, Phil Getzen as Carlos, Doug Halbeisen as Mr. Brill, Scott Mooney as Luis, Amanda Geldersma as Veronica Lake, and Stan Karas Veronica's escort.

Showgirls are Breanna Bueche, Whitney Bunn, Andrea Converse, Molly Doyle, Nikki Gould, Becca Happie, Sierra Moore, Katie Sefton, Brooke Spoelman and Brianne Warren. Showboys are Josh Brubaker, Mat Dec, Nathan Duley, Phil Getzen and Brian Sejat.

Other cast members include Samantha Brock, Deanna Bunn, Emily Churches, Malorie Coble, Katie DeKraker, Brittany Devon, Marie Dollar, Kailey Feurstein, Ellen

Fitzpatrick, Shelby Herb, Kati Hoseth, Sarah Kramer, Sarah Mosher, Megan Padgett, Brynlee Pomper, Jennifer Susan and Madison Tawney.

In the pit band are Susan Gould, Jean Hudson and Chelsey Treglia at Reed 1; Robert Becker at Reed 2; Chelsea VanNoord at Reed 3; Jeff Ayres at Trumpet 1; Jeff Cook and Bob Gould at Trupet 2; Tim Heintzelman at Trumpet 3; Cody Herring at Trombone 1; Ben Zoodsma at Trombone 2; Bill Zinke at Piano 1; Deborah Knauf at Piano 2; Jay Eldridge at Bass Guitar; Zach Meiste at Drums; and Tony Dubbink at Percussion.

Pit Band director is Keith Hudson, who is in his fourth year with LHS. He is a retired band director from Greenville, and said he came

back to do this because "this is the fun stuff." He said it gathers all the best parts of teaching, without actually going back into teaching.

He said he really liked

doing this show because "I love [the] music - mostly big band and Latin."

He was excited to have the trumpet players

- Ayres, Cook, Gould and Hinselman - who are part of the Flat River Big Band.

For show information, call 987-2956.

Sean Briggs, below, performs as Tony Forte in Copacabana.



Rebecca Hommowun in the first act of Copacabana.



Come Support the cast and Crew



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Garrett Beaman
Sean Briggs
Josh Brubaker
Breanna Bueche
Deanna Bunn
Whitney Bunn
Stonne Capman
Emily Churches
Malorie Coble
Andrea Converse
Matt Dec
Katie DeKraker
Brittany Devon
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Becca Happie
Shelby Herb
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Marin Tawney
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Jay Eldridge
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Cody Herring
Jean Hudson
Deborah Knauf
Zach Meiste
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Lawren Susan

Directed by: Kim Nyson
Set Design by: George Hommowun

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