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## Township approves rezoning request to allow for splits

By Emma Palova

The Lowell Township Planning Commission approved rezoning

from agricultural to rural agricultural to allow a split for an existing home on Morse Lake Avenue.

If developed, the 31.6-

acre parcel could be split into seven more lots with 200 feet frontage. The land on Morse Lake Avenue and the northeast corner of I-96 has been master planned as rural agricultural which allows more splits than agricultural.

The planning commission may consider blanket rezoning if more requests follow. There would be public notification and a public hearing process.

"The request is consistent with the master plan," said secretary Timothy Clements.

In other business,

the planning commission approved amendments to the zoning ordinance pertaining to child care, adult care and adult foster care. Most of these uses are allowed by special use permit and by licensing from the state.

"We're making these changes to align with the state," said planner Tim Johnson.

The special use permit regulates operational standards for these facilities to make them safe with adequate parking.

The planning commission also reviewed the Timpson special land use

for sand mining, transport and controlled storage.

"The planning commission has reviewed this and they are in compliance," said chairman Dave Simmonds.

The next review will be in March of 2010.

Bill Thompson of the zoning board of appeals presented the history of a use variance on 36th Street following last month's table request for a special use permit for MCTEE Enterprises.

A use variance was granted by the ZBA in the

1980's to change the use from a chicken raising business to restoration of vehicles and collectibles. Last month, owner Michael Callhan requested change in use to an electrical and data contracting business.

According to Thompson, if the request was granted, one nonconforming use would change to another.

"Use variances should be hard to obtain," he said.

The planning commission will discuss the MCTEE request again on July 13.

## Benefit concert to help pay for heart surgery

by Emma Palova

When Fr. Eugene Okoli found out during his visit to Nigeria that his niece Blessing is suffering from a congestive heart disease, he knew he had to do something.

"She was losing weight, gasping for air and not breathing well," Okoli said.



Blessing Okoli

Apparently, the local medicament told the family Blessing was alright. However, a visit to a medical doctor and lab tests, showed that Blessing had congestive heart failure. Her mitral and tricuspid valves have to be repaired.

"Nigeria doesn't have the professionals to take care of that," he said. "She has to have the surgery soon or she will die."

The surgery in the United States at a children's hospital in Texas could cost an estimated \$100,000.

Another option could be a surgery in South Africa.

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## Shen Healing restores balance of the body, mind & spirit

by Emma Palova

It's all about restoring the balance of the body, mind and spirit at Shen Healing Holistic Health & Wellness Center located in downtown Lowell.

Owner Pamela Jones, a certified massage therapist, has always been interested in energy work or the chakras, the seven major points of energy.

"I wanted to help people," she said. "There are electrical currents in our bodies.

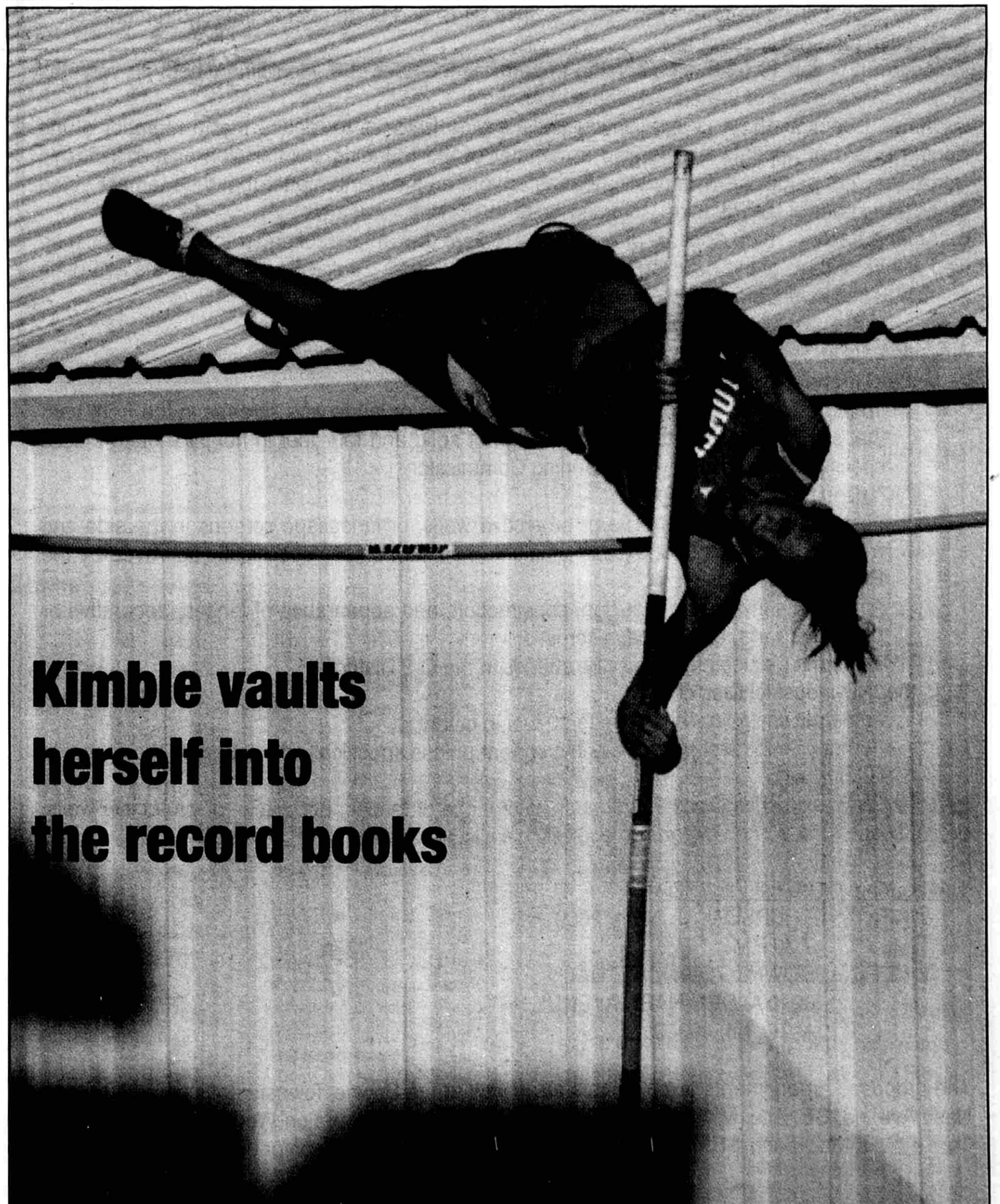
Jones studied energy and polarity therapy at the Kalamazoo Center for Human Arts, at the Ann Arbor Polarity Center and at the Energy Touch Center.

"We need to balance the body like a battery and get the currents to move more efficiently," she said.

Shen Healing focuses on therapeutic massage, hot stone therapy for arthritis and chronic fatigue. Hot

*Shen Healing, cont'd., pg. 11*

## OVER THE TOP!



## Kimble vaults herself into the record books

Richelle Kimble set new school and O-K White Conference records when she cleared 11-7 in the pole vault at Grand Rapids Christian on Thursday. Full track story on page 16.



# Obituaries

## HUNTER

A heart of gold stopped beating. Hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He also takes the best. Mrs. Roxie Arlene (Condon) Hunter, 96, peacefully passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2009. She was born in Lowell on March 12, 1913 to C. O. and Marrie Condon. On April 15, 1933 in Elkhart IN, she married Willard B. Hunter.

He preceded her in death on September 30, 2001. Roxie graduated from Lowell High School and attended Western Michigan Teachers College in Kalamazoo. She went on to enjoy teaching at Mapes and McIntyre Country Schools in Kent County, keeping a close relationship with many of her students all through her life. In addition to teaching, she ran her own dress shop. She spent the last 35 years of her working career as the



medical assistant for Dr. Harold R. Myers in Lowell. After retirement, she and Bill moved to Lakeland, FL for the next 27 years. She returned to Michigan in 2006. She was the last surviving member of the 1931 Lowell Centennial Queens' Court. She was a member of the Lowell Order of Eastern Star, Lowell Women of the Moose and the Thursday Night Card Club. Roxie was a very positive and encouraging person and touched a lot of lives. She had a wonderful sense of humor, enjoyed life and made sure those around her did too. She became a friend to everyone she met and a caregiver to anyone in need. She will be lovingly remembered by a multitude of relatives and friends in Michigan and Florida. In lieu of flowers, Roxie has requested that memorial donations be given in her

honor to The Lowell Area Historical Museum, P. O. Box 81, Lowell, MI 49331. Graveside services will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 18, 2009.

## TEN HAVE

Donna Jean Ten Have, aged 82, of Alto, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 7, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony; and her parents, Helen and Victor Johnson. She will be deeply missed by her son, Tony (Susan) Ten Have; grandchildren, Anthony Alexander (Ramee) Ten Have, Nicholas John Ten Have, Brandon (Ericka) Clement, Angela (Josh) Moore; great-grandchildren, Anthony Robert IV, Allie, Kendal, Jordan, Hayden, Kyle, Mason, Jaxson, and Jillann; and her best friend, Doris Sleeman. A memorial

## UZARSKI

Zachary Edward Uzarski, infant son of Chad and Marie Uzarski, born April 26, 2009, died on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. He was preceded in death by his brother Ian Uzarski. He is survived by his siblings, Addison, Ella and Brandon; grandparents, Steve and Linda Uzarski, Al and Barb Mekkes; great-grandmother, Lorraine Cheslock; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Private graveside services were held at Holy Cross Cemetery.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOWNE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Bowne Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the following amendments to the Bowne Township Zoning Ordinance:

Amendments to comply with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act PA 110 of 2006 and PA 12 of 2008 as follows:

- Amend Section 21.04 Public Hearing and Notification to amend the requirements for notification for public hearings:
  - In the case of a single structure containing more than four dwelling units, notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structures;
  - In structures containing four or fewer dwelling units, only one occupant of each unit must be given notice for a public hearing.
- Amend Section 21.05 Decision which permits the Township Board to refer any proposed amendments of the text back to the Planning Commission for a report thereon.
- Amend Sections 3.39 C. 2. f., 14.02 C., and 19.04 B. and C. to refer to the requirements for notification for a public hearing.
- Amend Section 19.01 F. Membership to permit a member of the legislative body to serve as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Amend Section 19.04 D. Application and Hearing Process to require that a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals who is also a member of the Planning Commission or the Township Board may not participate in a public hearing or vote on the same matter that the member voted on as a member of the Planning Commission or the Township Board.
- Amend Section 19.06 Appeals of the ZBA to require that an appeal under this section must be filed within 30 days of the decision or within 21 days after the Zoning Board of Appeals approves the minutes of its decision.

Amendments to Section 3.37 Walls and Fences to provide for the following:

- In the C-1 and C-2 District:
  - To permit fences, decorative or protective walls, or landscape screens in the front yard that shall not exceed three feet in height if solid and four feet in height if open unless specifically approved by the Planning Commission;
  - A definition of open fencing;
  - To permit fences, decorative or protective walls, or landscape screens in the side and rear yards that shall not exceed a height of six feet unless specifically approved by the Planning Commission;
  - To regulate the setback, design, construction, and appearance of fences, decorative or protective walls, or landscape screens;
  - To permit the use of barbed wire strands in the C-2 District.
- In the IND-Industrial District:
  - To permit chain-link fences up to 10 feet in height;
  - To not permit razor wire or electric current unless specifically permitted by the Planning Commission;
- Other proposed amendments address maintenance of fences, decorative or protective walls, or landscape screens and expansion of existing walls and fences.

The hearing will be held as follows:

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009  
 TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
 WHERE: BOWNE TOWNSHIP HALL  
 8240 ALDEN NASH AVENUE SE  
 ALTO, MI 49302

The proposed amendments are available for review at the Bowne Township offices, 8240 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Alto, Michigan, 49302 during normal office hours on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 5 PM and on Friday from 9 AM to Noon or by calling 868-6846.

Sandra Kowalczyk, Clerk  
 Bowne Township

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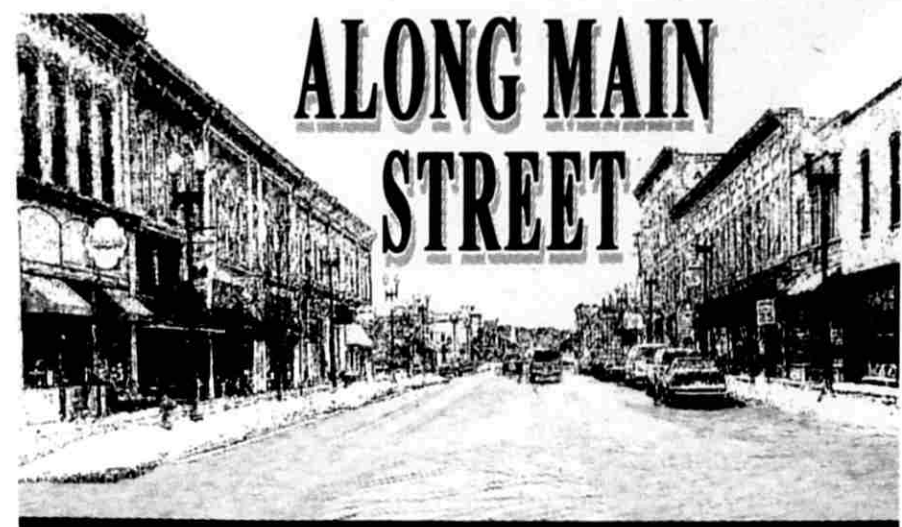
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## Bluegrass Mayfest this weekend

Bluegrass music is American music, pure, honest and beautiful in its simplicity. It came out of the southern mountains of Appalachia from a rich musical heritage of Scotch/Irish immigrants and was passed down from generation to generation. Mayfest 2009 will be held May 15-17, at the Kent County Youth Fairgrounds in Lowell. This is a music festival that the whole family can enjoy. There will be instrument workshops, a huge barn and bake sale, craft and food vendors, and lots of campsite jammin', along with bluegrass music stage acts all weekend long. The headliner this year is The Detour Bluegrass Band. Be sure and hear this phenomenal straight ahead bluegrass group. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for the concert under the canopy, rain or shine. Friday night the Thunder Floor Cloggers, Bill Bynum Band, The Olson Brothers, Jonas Ridge and the Cross Roads Band will entertain you from 6 to 10 p.m.; admission is just \$10. Saturday from noon until 10 p.m., it's Detour at 4 p.m. and 8:25 p.m. plus Pickin' Up Speed, The Patchwork Band, Southern Explosion and The Thunder Floor Cloggers. Saturday's price is \$15 for the entire day's events. Sunday at 10 a.m. enjoy the gospel sounds of The Narrow Road along with other audition bands and a chance to win \$100. Sunday admission is \$5. Save money and come for the whole weekend for \$20 for an advance ticket or \$25 at the gate. For advance tickets, send your check payable to WMBMA and a SASE to Norma Noall, 12530 Heim, Lowell, MI 49331. Children 15 and under are admitted free with parent(s) admission. Campsites are available. Mayfest 2009 is sponsored/produced by the West Michigan Bluegrass Music Association. For more information, call WMBMA President Dave Simmonds at 897-6220 or visit our website at www.wmbma.org.



**ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**  
 Sign up at the Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington St., Fri., May 15, 6-8 p.m. or Sat., May 16, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost of a regular box is \$30 and feeds a family of four approximately one week. Everyone welcome. Any questions, call Esther at 897-7395.

**BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
 The festival will be held May 15-17 at the Lowell fairgrounds. Bands, camping, workshops, and sales. Bring the family.

**CAR WASH**  
 Car wash at Tractor Supply, Sat., May 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations appreciated to support chess clubs in our middle and high school.

**NEW EXHIBIT**  
 Franciscan Life Process Center, 11650 Downes St., "Best of Paint-in/Out," various works by the Wednesday open-studio artists, May 17 - July 11, Main Gallery. Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., or weekends by appointment. For more information, call 897-7842.

**PERENNIAL FUNDRAISER**  
 Perennial fundraiser Memorial Day weekend at 520 N. Monroe St. Drop off plants anytime or call 897-7808. All proceeds go to Lowell area organizations.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**  
 An 8-hour classroom refresher course especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. Thurs., May 28 and Fri., May 29, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson St. Class held at Schneider Manor Community Room. AARP members, \$12, nonmembers, \$14. To register call Lowell Senior Neighbors, 897-5949.

## Mother's Day tea at Bushnell Elementary



Hundreds of moms, grandmas, and aunts of first graders enjoyed Bushnell's Mother's Day Tea. The originator of this event, Lanice Rice, was surprised when joined by her own mother, daughter and granddaughter for this annual event. Lauren Woodhead, was delighted to be surrounded by her mom and grandma in her classroom after the first graders sang to their honored guests. Pictured at left, Lanice Rice and family, and at right, Lauren Woodhead with her mom and grandma.

## Conservation trees booklet available

The Arbor Day Foundation's recently updated Conservation Trees booklet is now available for only a \$3 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization. Conservation Trees is designed to help people plant and care for trees, and features illustrations, colorful photos and easy-to-follow text. "The Arbor Day Foundation believes it is vital for people of all walks of life to plant new trees and to take care of our existing tree canopy," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Foundation. "This booklet serves as a great resource for tree planters in every area of the country." "Trees help us conserve energy, are good for the soil, and clean the air we breathe and drinking water for millions of Americans. That's why it is so important to properly plant new trees and care for the ones we already have." Included in the Conservation Trees booklet are tips on how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attract songbirds, create a living snow fence, and to learn how to plant the right tree in the right place. In addition, the booklet also details the right way to plant and prune trees. To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at www.arborday.org/conservationtrees.

**LUNCH MENU**  
**ELEMENTARY MENU**  
 Week of  
 May 18, 2009

**MON:** Baked minicorndogs (hamburger on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), oven French fries, assorted fruit, milk.

**TUES:** Pizza dippers w/ sauce (3 meat sub also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh tossed salad, assorted fruit, milk.

**WED:** Tony's cheese pizza (tuna salad on wheat also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), broccoli, blueberries, milk.

**THURS:** Baked potato wedges w/chili & cheese & dinner roll (ham & cheese wrap w/potato wedges also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), applesauce, milk.

**FRI:** Spaghetti w/ meatsauce w/garlic toast (turkey & cheese on bun also offered at Alto, Cherry Creek & Murray Lake), fresh tossed salad, pears, milk.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
 Lowell Light and Power has scheduled an outage for the early morning hours of Monday, May 18th. The outage is scheduled to begin at 2:00 AM and expected to be completed by 6:00 AM. The affected area will be: Bowes Rd. north to (but not including) Gee Dr. and east of Ada-Lowell 5 Theater to Hudson St. As a precaution we recommend that you disconnect major electronic equipment or at a minimum, complete a system back-up on any computer systems prior to the end of the day on May 17th. In the event of inclement weather, the outage will be rescheduled for Monday, June 1, 2009 from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. Again, it is our desire for this outage to cause you the least amount of inconvenience possible. If we can provide any further information or be of any additional service during this outage, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 897-8402.

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*The third-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the majority. The second-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the minority. The first-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking.*  
 - A. A. Milne (1882 - 1956)  
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### TIME TO BOOST YOUR COLLEGE SAVINGS?

Do you have school-age children? If so, the end of the school year means that your kids are now one year closer to college. That means you have even more incentive to launch a college savings strategy — which is essential these days.

During a tough economy, states are scrambling to meet budget shortfalls. As a result, state legislatures may be forced to scale back their support to public colleges and universities, which in turn may raise their tuition. Furthermore, college endowments have been hit hard by the financial crisis; from July through November 2008, endowments suffered more than \$94 billion in investment losses, according to a survey by the National Association of College and University Business Officers and Commonfund Inc. Private colleges and universities, which are especially dependent on endowment income, are slashing budgets and warning that continued endowment declines could lead to financial aid cutbacks.

Obviously, you can't control the economy, state legislators' actions or the fortunes of endowment funds. But here are some things you can do to help prepare yourself for those future college bills:

- Contribute to a Section 529 savings plan. In a 529 plan, you invest money in specific securities, managed by professionals. Contribution limits are high, and all withdrawals are free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for qualified higher education expenses. Withdrawals for other types of expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes plus a 10% penalty. In addition,

contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Because tax issues for 529 plans can be complex, you will want to consult with your tax advisor.

Of course, if you already have a 529 plan, your savings probably took a pretty big hit last year and in the first few months of this year, as well. In response to the downturn in the financial markets, the IRS has ruled that, for 2009 only, 529 plan account owners can make investment changes twice in the calendar year, rather than just once. This gives you more opportunities to rebalance your 529 plan investments in a way that could help reduce the effects of volatility.

- Open a Coverdell Education Savings Account. Depending on your income level, you can contribute up to \$2,000 annually to a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA). Your Coverdell earnings and withdrawals

will be tax-free, provided you use the money for qualified education expenses. (Any nonqualified withdrawals from a Coverdell ESA may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.) You can fund your Coverdell ESA with virtually any type of investment — stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc.

- Open a custodial account. You can place assets in a custodial account — a UGMA or UTMA account — for your child's college education. Although your child will own the account as soon as it is established, you have control of it until the child reaches the age of majority, usually 18. At that point, your child can collect the assets — which again can be in the form of almost any type of investment — and use the money for college.

Whichever vehicles you choose to create a college fund, start soon. In building your savings to meet the high costs of higher education, time is your greatest ally.



## 'Heron' today - gone tomorrow

Marj and Dave Harding, of Lowell, spend a month each year in Englewood, Florida. This year a great white egret was standing on the porch peering in the window when Dave got up and opened the door. The egret "just marched in and then strolled around a little bit. He was very casual about it," said Marj, who snapped this picture for the Ledger. The bird finally left when Marj walked toward it. "He just kind of backed up and walked out the door," she said.

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*Anger is the feeling that makes your mouth work faster than your mind.*

- Evan Esar  
(1899 - 1995)

## Benefit concert, continued ... From Page 1

So, St. Mary's parishioners decided to help out by putting on a benefit concert for Blessing.

Noelle Garcia, winner of two 2008 Unity awards for the Best Contemporary Album of the Year and Best Contemporary Song, will be performing at St. Mary's on May 15. It will be an evening of contemporary Christian, praise and worship music.

An account has also been set up at Fifth Third

Bank. You can make a donation to the Blessing Okoli Fund, which is listed

under the name of Laurie Garcia. All funds raised will help Blessing get medical help.



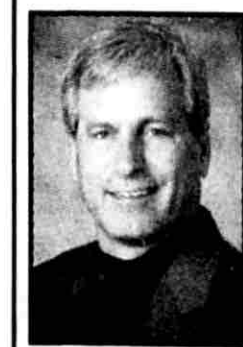
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# Viewpoint

## To The Editor

Dear Editor,

It was stated in the May 6 Lowell Ledger article that although the Downtown Development Authority is already seeking bids to demolish three buildings, a resident purchased two of the buildings for \$8,500. It also stated that the resident requested financial assistance to repair the buildings and said that the historic commission and the DDA will be approached for financial assistance. If the city helps finance this endeavor, shouldn't every business have the same right?

I personally believe that if city funding is used for financing this endeavor, then it should be a loan and that it should be paid back. Financing is what banks are for.

If rebuilding is such a worthy venture, then why didn't all the other businesses that burned down or were torn down in the past rebuild? During the 1950's half of that block burned down because there was only one way to fight the fire and that was from the front. I believe the cost of rebuilding and the cost of insurance was the main reason only one business

rebuilt. In the past, several buildings have been torn down on the same block because they weren't structurally sound. There is nothing historical about these buildings other than they are dilapidated.

Sincerely,  
Jim Howard

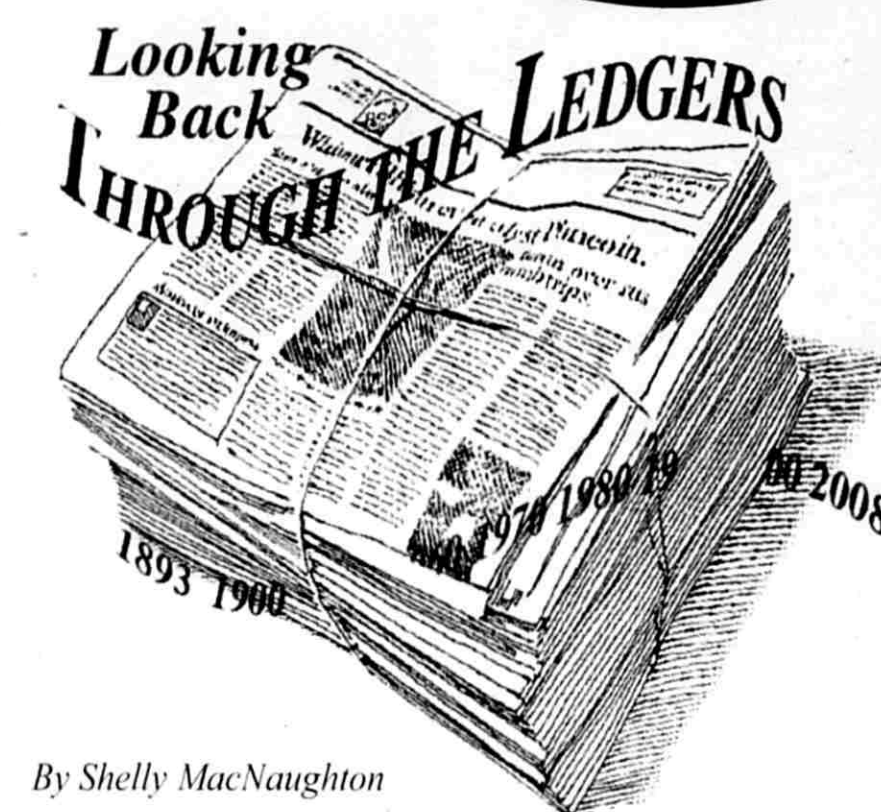
Dear Editor,

To all those who turned out for the Garlic Mustard Pull on Saturday despite the rain and the last minute change of location, you are appreciated. Due to the flooding at Stoney Lakeside Park, volunteers met at the Boy Scout cabin to clear a large patch of garlic mustard that had not been tackled in past years.

We've seen definite evidence of native plants and wildflowers returning to the areas we've previously worked on. Great success.

Hopefully, everyone interested had a chance to view the informative video on WLMS. If you missed it or would like to share it with others feel free to contact me at 897-7948. Thanks to all for your concern and hard work in keeping the garlic mustard under control.

Peggy Covert



By Shelly MacNaughton

## 125 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL JOURNAL MAY 14, 1884

"The best rink floor in the state is in Lowell" said a roller skater Friday night who has seen the best of them.

Building improvements are seen in all quarters of our village.

The Bowen's Corners school this term is taught by Mrs. Nellie Mosher at \$25 per month.

## 100 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 13, 1909

The Lowell Lumber company has bought of Ecker & Kellogg their stock of lumber and building materials.

The weather man evidently "had it in" for the Methodist Brotherhood supper last Thursday evening; for it rained lickety split at just the time patrons should have started.

## 75 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO MAY 17, 1934

Lowell was in the path of the big dust storm which filled the atmosphere for two or three days last week, over an area of a dozen or more states. The storm reached here Thursday and during the night the fall of dust and sand was so heavy that it sounded much like the patter of light rain on the roofs of houses. Thursday and Friday the sun was obscured causing daylight to resemble twilight.

## 50 YEARS AGO THE LOWELL LEDGER MAY 14, 1959

Directors of the Lowell Showboat, last week, selected William Jones, Jr., President of the Village and endman of the Lowell Showboat for the past 11 years, as interlocutor for the 1959 show. Several candidates were under consideration, but the directors picked Jones as the best suited.

As master of ceremonies of the showboat which is really the job of the interlocutor—Jones with his size, community prestige, and good background of show business, will be a fine central figure for the show.

## 25 YEARS AGO THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER MAY 16, 1984

Runners from the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan will pass through Lowell at about 8:45 a.m., Saturday May 19 in a record breaking, nonstop relay run covering more than 1,000 miles through Michigan.

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## Writing to the editor ...

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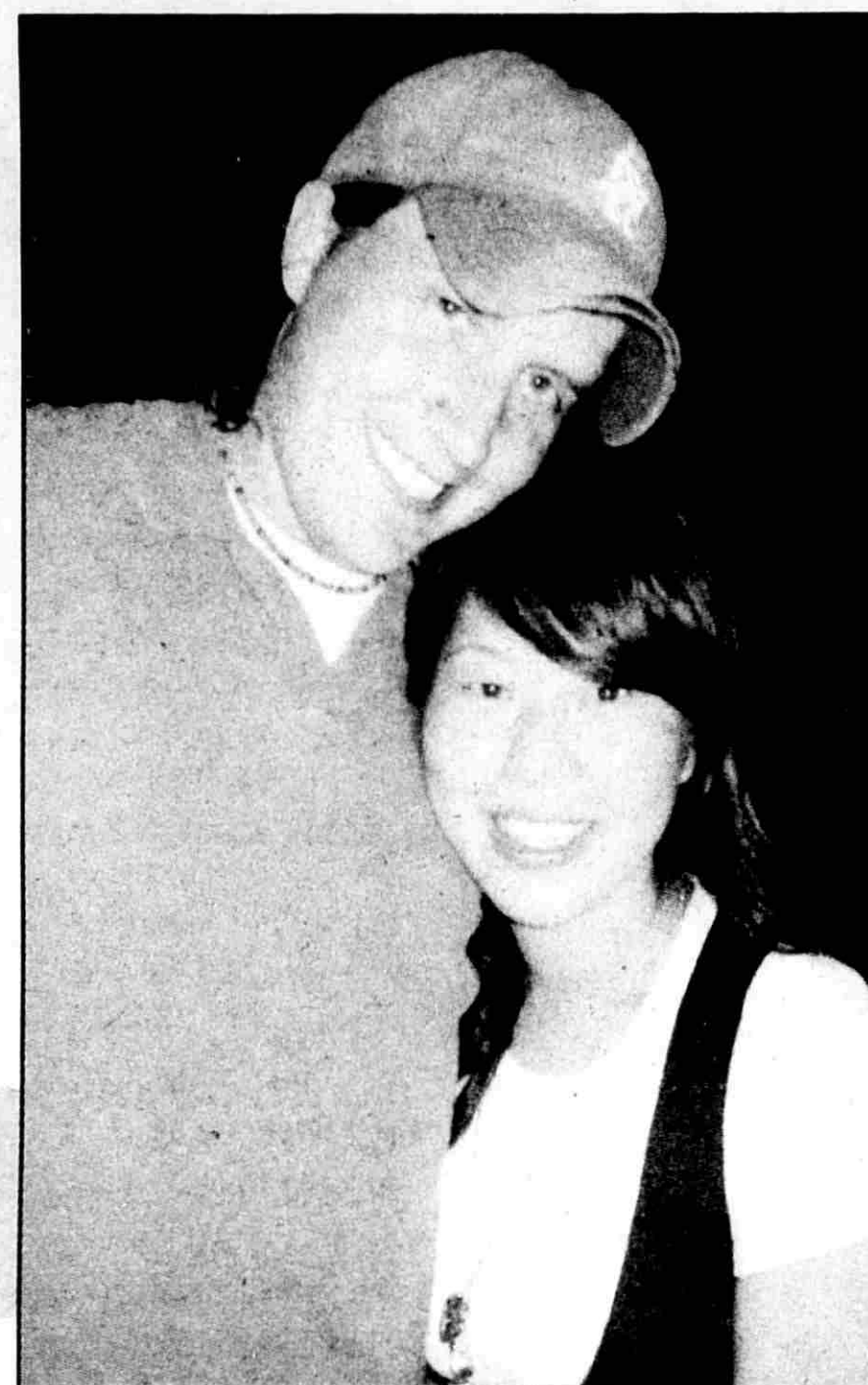
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# Engagements

## Tatebel/Phillips

Dayna Reiko Tatebe and Ryan Edward Phillips will exchange wedding vows on July 25, 2009. The Chicago couple are the children of Dick and Dee Tatebe of Rockford and Dale and Mary Phillips, of Chelsea, formerly of Lowell. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rockford High School and Michigan State University and is attending DePaul University. The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University and is attending DePaul University.



Ryan Phillips and Dayna Tatebe

# New Arrivals

Chad and Marie Uzarski of Comstock Park are proud to announce the birth of their quadruplets born Sunday, April 26, 2009. Ella Virginia, born at 6:47 a.m. weighing 2 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 13 1/2 inches. Proud grandparents are Steve and Linda Uzarski, of Lowell, and Al and Barb Mekkes, of Comstock Park. Proud great-grandmother is Lorraine Cheslock, of Grand Rapids.



Ella Virginia Uzarski

Zachary Edward Uzarski

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## Happy Birthday

- MAY 13:** Melanie Ligman, Jean Daverman, Ed Roth III.
- MAY 14:** Winnifred Snieder, Kathy Thomas.
- MAY 15:** Maxine Gasper.
- MAY 16:** Richie Ford, Kristi Ford, Angela Dixon, Ryan Phillips, Janet Boerema.
- MAY 17:** Maurice Hannah, Andy Dibble, Shawn Witherell.
- MAY 18:** Ashlee Patnode, Robin Hewitt, Karen Patnode, Cody Sokolowski, Nola Beth Bristol, Karen Kennedy, Kristin Hufstader, Phil Dibble, Melissa Borton.
- MAY 19:** Helen Tetzlaff, Kathy (Tetzlaff) Williams, James Young, Thomas Jahnke Jr., David Main, Andrew Kiczenski, Ken Stager.



# College News

Local student Culver Redd demonstrated some outstanding academic work at Albion College's Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium. Redd presented a project titled "Two Projects, 'Calibration and Use of the 11-Inch Celestron Telescope for Observing and CCD Imaging' and 'Photophysics of Benzoic Acid Derivatives'" during the two-day celebration of student research, scholarship and creative activity.

Redd is a junior majoring in physics and minoring in computer science. He is the son of James and Marsha Redd of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

Albion College offers the unique blend of a classic liberal arts curriculum with a focus on professional preparation in law, medicine, education, management and the sciences. Since 2004, Albion has earned a spot each year on The Princeton Review's Top 10 list for "More to Do on Campus." Albion was named for a third straight year as one of "40 Great Colleges at Great Prices" in U.S. News & World Report's "Americas Best Colleges" and as a 2007 "Best Value" college by the Princeton Review.

The Grace College Men's Soccer team received a commitment from Philip Bieri on Thursday to continue his soccer career with the Lancers. Bieri is a three year varsity player at Lowell High School in Lowell, Indiana where he was selected as an All-Conference Honorable Mention player in 2008. While at Grace Philip plans on majoring in Business Management.

"I selected Grace because I enjoyed the small campus and the focus on Christian Education," Philip said. "I hope to maintain a high GPA while helping my team succeed."

Philip is the son of Joel and Marcia Bieri.

Grace College is a member of the Mid-Central College Conference and is affiliated with the NAA and NCCAA.

The University of Illinois Alumni Association recently honored Robert L. Rice II with a Constituent Leadership Award. The

nomination came from the Assistant Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA). The award is given to a professional who has shown exemplary leadership in the field of urban affairs. Rice has been a CUPPA board member for seven years and now serves as president. During that time, Rice brought the group into excellent financial standing and recruited the most members of any University of Illinois Chicago constituent group.

In 2003, he initiated the CUPPA Alumni Association Appreciation Award, which recognizes individuals and

Rice is a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from DePaul University in Chicago and his Master's degree in 2002 from the University of Illinois Chicago.

As a professional, Rice is currently vice president of debt for CDT, a New York based real estate development trust that provides services to community development nationwide. As head of CDT's Chicago office, he is the primary transaction manager for key lending institutions such as JP Morgan Chase.

He is the son of Bob and Lanie Rice, of Lowell.

## In The Service

Air Force Airman 1st Class Steven E. Nugent graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Steve and Sherry Nugent of Ada.

Nugent graduated in 2006 from Lowell High School.



Steven E. Nugent

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groups for their dedication to urban planning and public administration. A measure of his leadership is reflected in the recent growth of the CUPPA Alumni Association Board. When the group was established in 1997, the board of directors had only 10 members; today, it has 40.

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# HEALTH

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



## CROUP

Croup is a viral respiratory tract infection that typically affects young children between the ages of one and five. The infection causes the trachea (windpipe) to swell. It causes a fever, hoarseness and a barking (seal-like) cough. It may also cause a crowing noise (called stridor) when the child breathes through the narrowed windpipe. Symptoms tend to be worse at night.

Children with croup should get plenty of rest and liquids Over the counter children's cough medicine and Children's Tylenol can be used to treat the symptoms. Antibiotics are not effective against croup.

If a child develops a mild attack of stridor, having them breathe either moist air or cold air can improve their symptoms. This can be accomplished by the following ways: (1) Run a hot shower with the bathroom door closed. Have the child sit in the bathroom with supervision and breathe the steamy air, or, (2) take your child outside into the cold air. If your child's breathing does not improve with the above treatments, or if they develop difficulty swallowing, call your doctor immediately.

Most children with mild croup will get better with treatment at home within a week. But some may need treatment in the hospital. If you suspect your child has croup you should monitor their symptoms closely and have them evaluated by their doctor.

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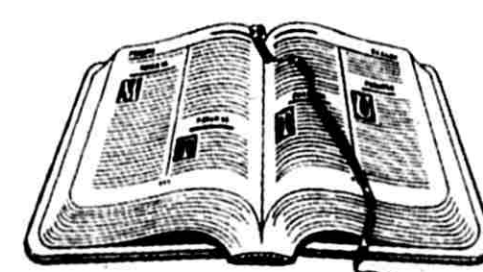




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<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 www.lowellumc.com</p> <p>WORSHIP.....8:30 &amp; 10:15 a.m.</p> <p>Rev. Rick Blunt Barrier-free entrance</p> 	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Fr. Eugene Okoli 402 Amity St. • 897-9820 www.stmary-lowell.com</p> <p>Weekend Masses: SAT. 5 PM, SUN. 9:30 AM Weekday Masses: 7:45 AM Holy Day Masses: 9 AM &amp; 7 PM Saturday confessions: 4-4:45 PM Prayer &amp; adoration each Wed. 8:15 AM - 8 PM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CHILDREN TO ADULTS - CALL PETE WIGGINS 897-7915 SEE LOWELL CABLE CH. 49, EWTN FOR 24 HR. CATHOLIC BROADCASTING</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 865 Lincoln Lake Ave. SE • 897-5906</p> <p>Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. Church School.....10:15-11:15 A.M. Thursday Faith Alive Worship.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Rev. Terry Tesson, Interim Pastor Shannon Hanley.....C.E. Director Barrier-free.....Nursery Provided Come Join Us For Praise &amp; Worship</p>	<p><b>SNOW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 3189 Snow Ave. SE, Lowell Rev. Vance Dimmick Jr.</p> <p>9:45 A.M.....Worship/Fellowship 11:15 A.M.....Sunday School</p> <p>897-9863 or 897-9588 Nursery &amp; Children Worship Programs Provided</p> <p>A friend...a family...a mission!</p> 
<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-27 www.goodshepherdlowell.org</p> <p>Worship Service.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Joseph Fremer, Pastor 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street • 897-7168 Internet: http://www.fbclowell.org Rev. David O. Sims &amp; Rev. W. Lee Taylor</p> <p>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA/EXCITE - TEENS, Wed. 6:15 &amp; 6:30 P.M. Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times Nursery Provided • Barrier Free</p>		

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Hazel Powers is happy to take a picture with her therapists at The Laurels of Kent.

Hazel is returning home after her sub-acute rehab stay at The Laurels of Kent. When asked about her stay, Hazel smiles and states "Everybody is so nice, I will miss them".



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- After a month, American reporter Roxana Saberi has been released. She was accused of being a spy and has been banned from reporting on Iran for five years.

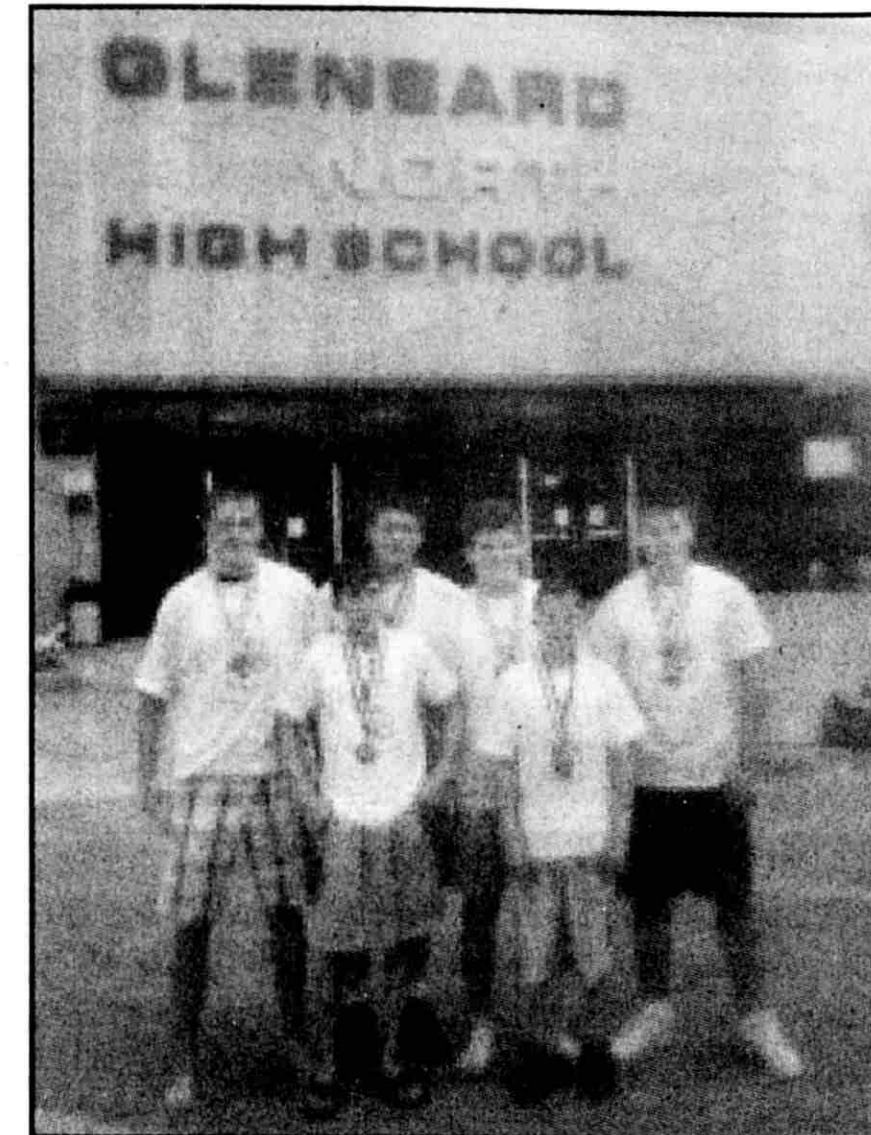
- In Cape Canaveral, FL, the space shuttle Atlantis with a crew of seven was launched on its last mission to repair Hubble telescope.
- 56 years after they were born, in Oregon on the same day, two women finally met. It was discovered through DNA testing that they had been switched at birth and given to the wrong mothers.
- A cow, escaped from a Queens, NY slaughterhouse and was chased by police while dodging traffic through an urban area, will live. "Molly" has been given sanctuary on a farm by the A.S.P.C.A.
- Defense Secretary Robert Gates asks for the resignation of the top commander in Afghanistan, General David McKiernan. He will be replaced by Army Lieutenant General Stanley McChrystal.
- Singer/songwriter Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) performed in the U.S. for the first time in 33 years in Los Angeles.
- The cost of a first-class stamp goes up to 44 cents.

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*Almost everything--all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure--these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart.*

- Steve Jobs (1955 -)

## Flat River Boys sharpen up at the Big Cat Classic



National Power Glenbard North High School hosted its Annual Big Cat Classic Folkstyle Tournament in Carol Stream, Illinois on Saturday, May 9 and the Flat River Wrestling Club represented West Michigan very well with six wrestlers claiming gold & silver medals.

Gold medalists included Zack Cooper, Kenneth Dittenber, Jake Stehley, and Ryan Olep. Earning silver medals were Danny Fleet and Wade Schlosser.

Flat River Wrestling Club offers elite training for middle school and high school wrestlers looking to develop and advance their wrestling skills at clinics and camps hosted in Lowell. A special guest clinician is 2009 Hodge Award Winner and 2X NCAA Champion Jake Herbert on June 5 and 6 from Northwestern University.

Wrestlers all over the state are sharpening up their skills in preparation of this week's Midwest Grand Challenge, National Team Tournament on Sunday, May 17 at Michigan State University.

Semifinals and championship rounds will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Jenison Fieldhouse at MSU. It is open for wrestling fans and spectators to enjoy and everyone is invited to attend.



## Spring Fling

The Lowell United Methodist Preschool hosted their Spring Fling on Friday, April 24. The event started with a short program including spring songs and poems, and ended with the viewing of the children's beautiful artwork. The evening was well received with over 200 parents, grandparents, and friends of the preschoolers attending.

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Please take notice that a survey to assess the need for reliable and affordable high speed internet access in Vergennes Township is being taken through the end of May 2009.

The survey can be accessed on the township web site at [www.vergennestwp.org](http://www.vergennestwp.org). There are two ways to take the 14 question survey:

On-line; Even on dial-up, this option should take less than 10 minutes because it contains no graphics.

On paper; Paper copies will be available at the township hall, the Englehardt Library in Lowell, Lowell High School and Murray Lake Elementary.

The final culmination of this work will be the creation of a Township Marketing Report or Kit. The report/kit will include all relevant information needed to build a business case in which to compel service providers to engage in our market. It will contain information necessary for service providers new to Vergennes Township as well as data that may be necessary to engage current service providers (i.e. AT&T, Comcast, etc.) in providing high speed Internet service to all Vergennes Township residents.

The cost for this project is being paid for by a grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund. Residents of neighboring townships and the City of Lowell are welcome to participate, and any results collected for them will be forwarded to their municipal offices. It should be noted that Lowell Township is conducting a similar study with the assistance of the same professionals. Please be assured that these efforts are being coordinated in order to attain the best outcome for the entire community.

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 The Lowell City council will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meetings on Monday, May 18, 2009 and June 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall Council Chambers, Second Floor, 301 East Main Street, Lowell for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following:  
 City Operating Budget for 2009-2010. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of \$2,521,040.90 in proposed expenditures.  
 Copies of the 2009-2010 Budget are available for inspection during normal business hours at City Hall, the Englehardt Public Library and the City web page ([www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us)).  
 Interested persons may submit comments to the Lowell City Hall, Attn: City Clerk prior to the meeting or appear in person.  
 Betty R. Morlock  
 City Clerk

**CITY OF LOWELL'S 2009 NOTICE OF AERIAL SPRAYING FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GYPSY MOTH LARVAE IN THE SELECTED AREA**  
 Certain selected areas in the City of Lowell (near the intersection of Gee Drive and Alden Nash) are scheduled to receive aerial application of the insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) for the suppression of Gypsy Moth larvae. A map of this area is available for viewing at City Hall. The applicator for the program is Mid-Michigan Helicopter Service, 7480 Backus Road, Greenville, Michigan, 616-754-5184. The spraying will be done by aircraft when weather conditions are suitable. The exact dates and times cannot be predetermined, as application is weather dependent. Startup is tentatively planned for approximately May 20, 2009.  
 The insecticide B.t. is derived from a naturally occurring bacteria and is known only to affect caterpillars by destroying their stomachs after they eat the material. It does not affect honeybees or other non-leaf-eating insects, birds, fish or mammals. The B.t. formulation has no reentry restrictions. The B.t. is applied at a quart per acre in a very fine mist that targets the tree foliage. Drying usually takes place within a few minutes. A map of the spray area can also be viewed on the City's web site: [www.ci.lowell.mi.us](http://www.ci.lowell.mi.us).  
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stones are either placed on the body or they are used to massage the body.

"It's a beneficial, therapeutic thing," she said.

Jones also plans to educate clients by offering workshops and guided meditation.

Guided meditation relieves the body and the mind of anxiety, according to Jones.

"I've developed this using color and sound," she said.

In her therapy sessions, Jones uses music and color that matches the seven major chakras. For example, the crown chakras located on top of the head is paired with the color red. The feet chakras are matched with white color.

Working on the major energy points, from bottom up, helps bring balance and focus, or what is known as being well grounded in life.

"I work one on one," she said. "You have to allow yourself time to be still."

Jones is planning to offer an hour-long guided meditation session on the new moon at 7:30 p.m.

She has in the past worked with students and teachers.

"I would like to get to know the business owners," she said, "and I am hoping for success in longevity."

Jones will also be using Young Living Essential Oils

in massages. She believes people need to be an advocate for their own sense of well being and health.

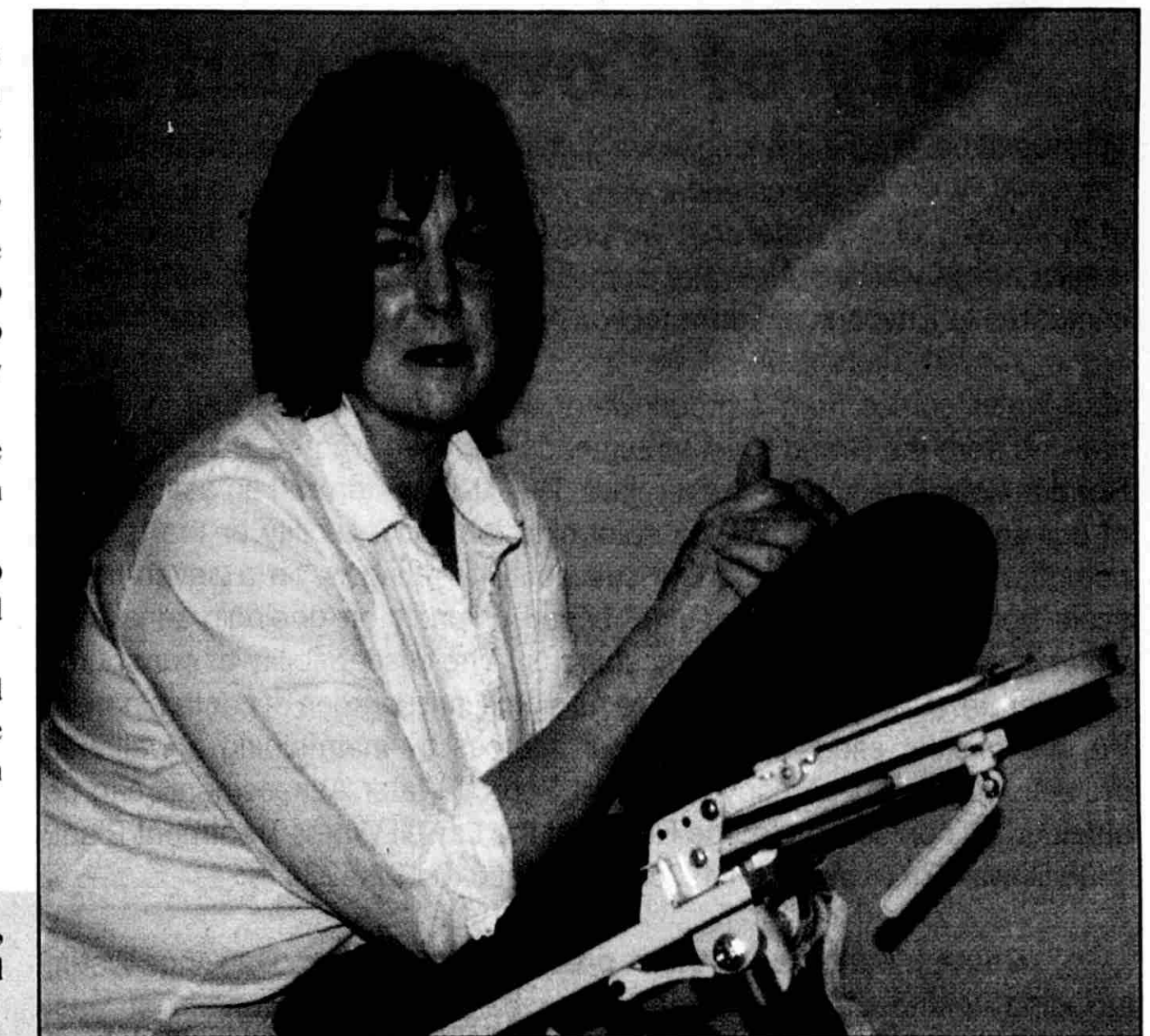
"It has been intriguing," she said. "I never take fear to what it is I want to accomplish. People need to learn how to relax and enjoy life."

Jones hopes to share what she has learned with others.

"I've learned how to achieve balance in life and celebrate," she said.

Shen Healing is located at 209 E. Main Street, Suite B; call 437-5734 for an appointment.

**Pamela Jones, a certified massage therapist, has developed guided meditation using sound and colors.**



## Museum announces cake contest winner

The Lowell Area Historical Museum's first annual Cake Contest was the icing on the cake during the Museum's Spring into the Past weekend. The contest took place May 2, featuring

16 homemade cakes made by some of the most talented bakers in Lowell. The museum now proudly unveils the judges who were responsible for judging the cakes: Liz Baker, Executive

Director of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce; Chris Hodges, wife of Lowell's Mayor Jim Hodges; and Bif Altoft, owner of Lowell's Backwater Cafe; all with quite inscrutable palates.

The judges had cake all the way up to their belly buttons, and had to eat their way out - a sugar junkie's dream! It was not all fun, however, when the time came to determine a winner; they were all just too good not to win. In the end, the judges managed to determine the best of the best: in a tie for third place came Carolyn Jane Blough with her Orange Chiffon Cake with Strawberry Icing and Joy Smith with her Chocolate Cake with White Chocolate Icing; in second place came Donna Borth with her Dark Chocolate

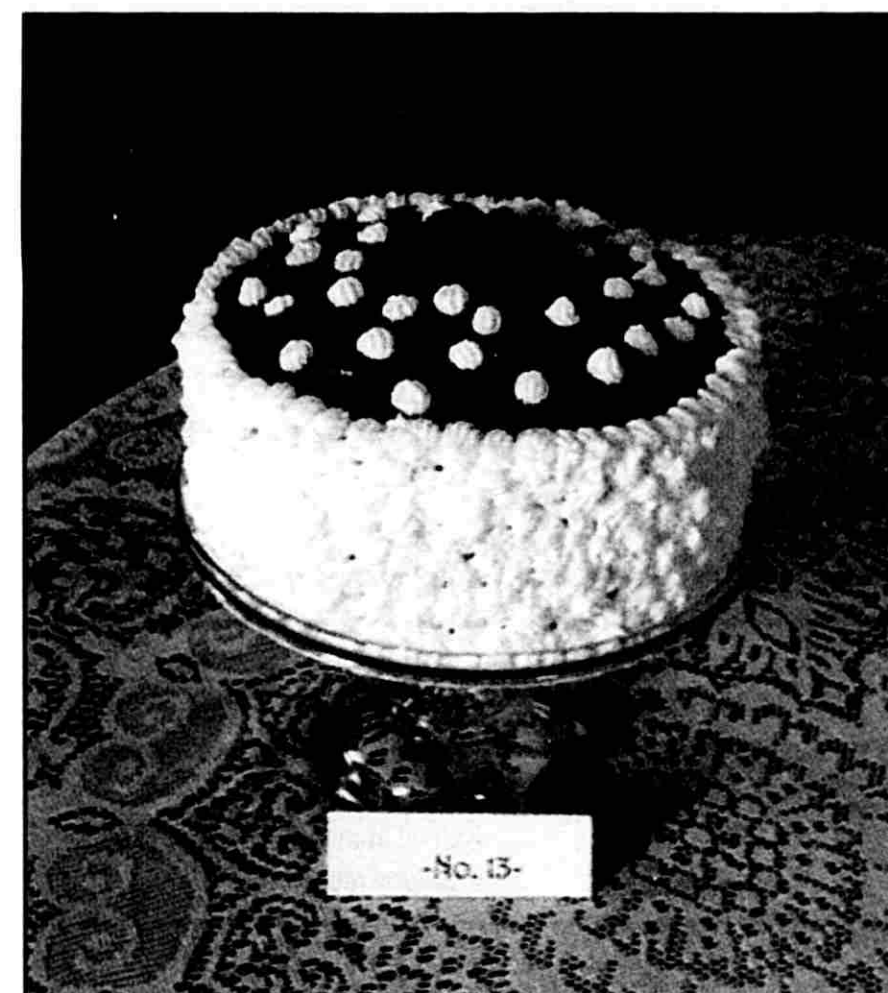
Cake with Dark Chocolate Icing; and in first place came Amy Wilcox for her Raspberry and Walnut Torte. Look for these delightful recipes in our upcoming cookbook.

There were more than three judges, though. Everybody who stopped by was able to pay a pauper's price of \$2 per person in order to sample as many and

as much of the cakes as their hearts desired. After tasting every last bite they could muster, the people then placed their one ballot for a People's Choice Award and the people agreed with the judges: Amy Wilcox and her Raspberry Walnut Torte had won the People's Choice Award as well.

It was truly a day for sugar addicts everywhere.

Along with getting their stomach's full of cake, guests were also invited inside to enjoy the perfectly dressed museum docents and take a tour of the entire museum to feed their minds as well. The Lowell Area Historical Museum provided food for both body and mind that day, and it was the guests who truly won.



## Mushroomer finds wild pups



While hunting for mushrooms southeast of Lowell, Mark Kloosterman noticed a burrow in the woods. Seeing coyote tracks, he approached the den carefully and found a litter of coyote pups nestled inside. This was the first time Kloosterman, an avid outdoor enthusiast, had ever seen anything like this. His friend and coworker, Jeff Barber took some pictures and he thought he'd share them with the Ledger. As far as finding mushrooms, Kloosterman had no comment.

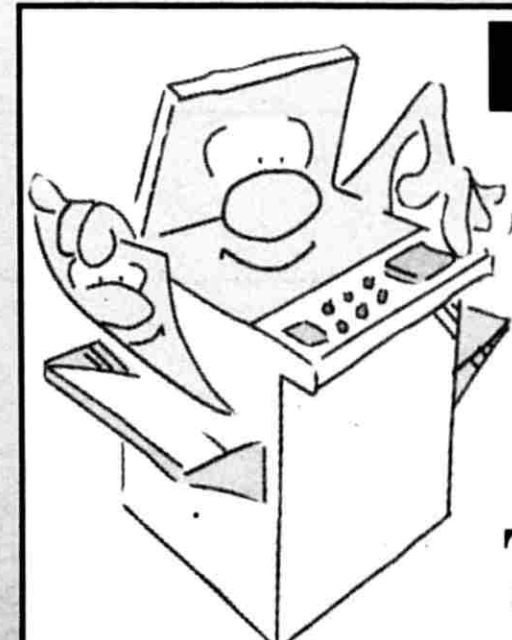
## Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts are just around the corner

The Lowell Area Arts Council and the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce are once again bringing music to West Michigan with the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts.

This summer the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts will continue with a ten-week series on Thursday evenings from June 11 through August 20 beginning at 7 p.m. featuring: June 11 - Rusty Wright Blues Band; June 18 - Natchez Trace; June 25 - Sea Cruisers; July 2 - Horns of Power, Voices of Freedom, Bluewater Ramblers (Patriotic-American program); July 9 - Stolen Horses; July 16 - River Rogues Jazz Band (Dixieland); July 23 - Flat River Big Band; July 30 - Root Doctor; Aug 6 - No show (4-H Fair); Aug. 13 - Tami Helm and MacNaughton Boulevard; Aug. 20 - Crossroads Blues Band.

Admission to the concerts and parking is free. The concert venue is wheelchair accessible and handicap/senior parking is available. Bleacher seating is also available along with room for your own comfy folding chair.

For more information on the Lowell Showboat Sizzlin' Summer Concerts please call the Lowell Area Arts Council, 897-8545, [www.lowellartscouncil.org](http://www.lowellartscouncil.org) or the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161, [www.discoverlowell.org](http://www.discoverlowell.org).



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# 2008 Water Quality Report for City of Lowell and Lowell Charter Township

This report covers the drinking water quality for The City of Lowell and Lowell Township Water for the calendar year 2008. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2008. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 87 feet in depth, drawing from the Grand River watershed. They are located at 1596 Bowes Road in Lowell behind the water plant. The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very-low" to very-high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our source is moderate. (See Table 1.) We have no significant sources of contamination. We are making efforts to protect our sources by maintaining a wellhead protection program. A copy of the full Source Water Assessment can be obtained by contacting George Regan at the Lowell Water Treatment Plant, 1596 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 or call at 616-897-5234.

**Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. **More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).**

**Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

**Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Regulated Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	1.1		06/17/08	No	Run off from fertilizer use and erosion of natural resources
Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	0.080	0.080	0.004		06/17/08	No	Organic and chlorination by-products
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.1		06/17/08	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Radioactive Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Highest Level Detected	Range	Sample Date	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha emitters (pCi/l)	15	0	<3		10/31/00	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Ra226/228 (pCi/l)	5	None	<1		5/13/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminant **	Single Sample Test	Range	Sample Date	Typical Special Monitoring and Source of Contaminant			
Sodium (ppm)	18		06/17/08	Erosion of natural deposits			
Contaminant Subject to AL	Action Level	90% of Samples < This Level	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant		
Lead (ppb)	15	3	6/28/07	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits		
Copper (ppb)	1300	10	6/28/07	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives		

**LEAD:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Lowell is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure. Information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

**Water Quality Data**

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2008 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2008. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

**Terms and abbreviations used below:**

**Water Supplier:** Define only the terms you use in the table below. Delete any you don't use.

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- N/A: Not applicable ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter **pCi/l:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

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\*\* Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Number Detected	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli	Routine and repeat sample total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	0	0	No	Human and animal fecal waste

**Table 1**  
Distribution System Regulated Contaminant Source Water Assessment

Sample point	Test Result	Analyte Name	Tested	Limit MCL	Rpt Limit
Plant Tap	0.0040 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	6/17/08	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l
Sample Hydrant	0.0180 mg/l	Max Potential Trihalomethanes	6/17/08	0.08 mg/l	0.0004 mg/l

**CHLORINE RESIDUALS:**

"Maximum residual disinfectant level, or MRDL (4.0mg/l), means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants."

"Maximum residual disinfectant level goal, or MRDLG (4.0mg/l), means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants."

"RAA is the running annual average".

Chlorine (ppm)	Previous Year											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bacteriological sample site #1				0.46	0.47	0.49	0.46	0.54	0.48	0.45	0.49	0.57
Bacteriological sample site #2				0.22	0.25	0.09	0.07	0.21	0.21	0.25	0.30	0.32
Bacteriological sample site #3				0.46	0.52	0.49	0.50	0.50	0.46	0.40	0.45	0.41
Monthly average of samples				0.38	0.41	0.36	0.34	0.42	0.38	0.35	0.41	0.43
Year Covered by the CCR												
Chlorine (ppm)	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bacteriological sample site #1	0.38		0.47	0.52	0.57	0.58	0.48	0.39	0.50		0.50	0.48
Bacteriological sample site #2	0.31	0.35	0.33	0.34	0.42	0.35	0.21	0.15	0.27	0.28	0.37	0.41
Bacteriological sample site #3	0.40	0.47	0.47	0.45	0.52	0.44	0.39	0.38	0.46	0.35	0.37	0.42
Monthly average of samples	0.36	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.50	0.46	0.36	0.31	0.41	0.32	0.41	0.44
RAA computed quarterly			0.389			0.410			0.405			0.403
RAA 2008 quarterly			0.389			0.410			0.405			0.403
RAA 2008			0.389			0.410			0.405			0.403

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

**Monitoring and Reporting Requirements:** The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all monitoring and reporting requirements for 2008.

Lowell Charter Township Chlorine Residuals												
Chlorine (ppm)	Previous Year											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bacteriological Site #1				0.13	0.44	0.27	0.11			0.30	0.33	0.24
Bacteriological Site #2				0.32	0.25	0.32	0.24	0.41	0.32	0.1	0.12	0.27
Bacteriological Site #3					0.29	0.26	0.14		0.23	0.38	0.09	0.37
Bacteriological Site #4				0.28	0.19	0.4	0.5	0.35	0.52	0.02	0.02	0.27
Source Water				0.88	0.51	0.53	0.56	0.52	0.6	0.55	0.57	0.53
Monthly Average of Samples				0.4	0.37	0.36	0.31	0.43	0.42	0.27	0.23	0.34
Year Covered by the CCR												
Chlorine (ppm)	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Bacteriological Site #1	0.2		0.41	0.39	0.36	0.23			0.28	0.17	0.27	0.07
Bacteriological Site #2		0.45	0.27	0.44	0.38	0.4	0.37	0.33	0.42	0.18	0.49	0.42
Bacteriological Site #3	0.23	0.47	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.34	0.27	0.17	0.28	0.25	0.33	0.4
Bacteriological Site #4	0.34	0.53	0.53	0.51	0.39	0.3	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.24	0.4	0.29
Source Water	0.63	0.57	0.61	0.62	0.62	0.58	0.51	0.6	0.6	0.43	0.55	0.51
Monthly Average of Samples	0.35	0.5	0.44	0.47	0.43	0.37	0.36	0.34	0.37	0.25	0.41	0.34
RAA Computed Quarterly			0.368			0.38			0.44			0.385

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, Michigan and at Lowell Township Offices, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, Michigan. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Lowell City Council meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI. Lowell Township meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash S.E., Lowell, MI. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact George Regan at 897-5234. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at [www.epa.gov/safewater/](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/).



## STATE OF MICHIGAN VERGENNES TOWNSHIP Ordinance to Confirm the Establishment of a Planning Commission

### Preamble

An ordinance to confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission; provide for the composition of that planning commission; provide for the powers, duties and limitations of that planning commission; and repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance.

### THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

#### Section 1: Scope, Purpose and Intent

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the township board under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101, et seq., to establish a planning commission with the powers, duties and limitations provided by those Acts and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance and any future amendments to this ordinance.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide that the Vergennes Township Board shall hereby confirm the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., to establish the appointments, terms, and membership of the planning commission; to identify the officers and the minimum number of meetings per year of the planning commission; and to prescribe the authority, powers and duties of the planning commission.

#### Section 2: Establishment

The township board hereby confirms the establishment under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission formerly established under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq. The Vergennes Township Planning Commission shall have 7 members. Members of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission as of the effective date of this Ordinance shall, except for an ex officio member whose remaining term on the planning commission shall be limited to his or her term on the township board, continue to serve for the remainder of their existing terms so long as they continue to meet all of the eligibility requirements for planning commission membership set forth within the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.

#### Section 3: Appointments and Terms

The township supervisor, with the approval of the township board by a majority vote of the members elected and serving, shall appoint all planning commission members, including the ex officio member.

The planning commission members, other than an ex officio member, shall serve for terms of 3 years each.

A planning commission member shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Planning commission members shall be qualified electors of the township, except that one planning commission member may be an individual who is not a qualified elector of the township. The membership of the planning commission shall be representative of important segments of the community, such as the economic, governmental, educational, and social development of the township, in accordance with the major interests as they exist in the township, such as agriculture, natural resources, recreation, education, public health, government, transportation, industry, and commerce. The membership shall also be representative of the entire geography of the township

to the extent practicable. One member of the township board shall be appointed to the planning commission as an ex officio member. An ex officio member has full voting rights. An ex officio member is term on the planning commission shall expire with his or her term on the township board. No other elected officer or employee of the township is eligible to be a member of the planning commission.

#### Section 4: Removal

The township board may remove a member of the planning commission for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after a public hearing.

#### Section 5: Compensation

The planning commission members may be compensated for their services as provided by township board resolution. The planning commission may adopt bylaws relative to compensation and expenses of its members for travel when engaged in the performance of activities authorized by the township board, including, but not limited to, attendance at conferences, workshops, educational and training programs and meetings.

#### Section 6: Officers and Committees

The planning commission shall elect a chairperson and a secretary from its members, and may create and fill other offices as it considers advisable. An ex officio member of the planning commission is not eligible to serve as chairperson. The term of each office shall be 1 year, with opportunity for reelection as specified in the planning commission bylaws. The planning commission may also appoint advisory committees whose members are not members of the planning commission.

#### Section 7: Bylaws, Meetings and Records

The planning commission shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business. The planning commission shall hold at least 4 regular meetings each year, and shall by resolution determine the time and place of the meetings. Unless otherwise provided in the planning commission is bylaws, a special meeting of the planning commission may be called by the chairperson or by 2 other members, upon written request to the secretary. Unless the bylaws otherwise provide, the secretary shall send written notice of a special meeting to planning commission members at least 48 hours before the meeting. The business that the planning commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, MCL 15.261, et seq. The planning commission shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a planning commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 442 of 1976, MCL 15.231, et seq.

#### Section 8: Annual Report

The planning commission shall make an annual written report to the township board concerning its operations and the status of the planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the township board related to planning and development.

#### Section 9: Authority to Make Master Plan

Under the authority of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq., and other applicable planning statutes, the planning commission shall make a master plan as a guide for development within the township is planning jurisdiction. Final authority to approve a master plan or any amendments thereto shall rest with the planning commission unless the township board passes a resolution asserting the right to approve or reject the master plan.

Unless rescinded by the township, any plan adopted or amended under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq., need not be readopted under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq.

#### Section 10: Zoning Powers

All powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for zoning boards or zoning commissions by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101, et seq., or other applicable zoning statutes are transferred to the Vergennes Township Planning Commission. Any existing zoning ordinance shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise amended or repealed by the township board.

#### Section 11: Capital Improvements Program

To further the desirable future development of the Township under the master plan, the Township Board, after the master plan is adopted, shall prepare a capital improvements program of public structures and improvements, showing those structures and improvements in general order of their priority, for the following 6-year period. The planning commission is hereby exempted from preparing a capital improvements plan.

#### Section 12: Subdivision and Land Division Recommendations

The planning commission may recommend to the township board provisions of an ordinance or rules governing the subdivision of land. Before recommending such an ordinance or rule, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance or rule. The planning commission shall give notice of the time and place of the public hearing not less than 15 days before the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the township. The planning commission shall review and make recommendation on a proposed plat before action thereon by the township board under the Land Division Act, Public Act 288 of 1967, MCL 560.101, et seq. Before making its recommendation, the planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plat. A plat submitted to the planning commission shall contain the name and address of the proprietor or other person to whom notice of a hearing shall be sent. Not less than 15 days before the date of the hearing, notice of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be sent to that person at that address by mail and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the township. Similar notice shall be mailed to the owners of land immediately adjoining the proposed platted land.

#### Section 13: Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any part is declared invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the remainder of the ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect.

#### Section 14: Repeal

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. The resolution or ordinance establishing the Vergennes Township Planning Commission under the Township Planning Act, Public Act 168 of 1959, MCL 125.321, et seq.

#### Section 15: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on the date of its publication.

#### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of the township, hereby certifies that this ordinance was duly adopted by the township board at a regular meeting of said board, at which a quorum was present, held on \_\_\_\_\_, and that copies of the ordinance were transmitted and published as directed.

Mari C. Stone, Township Clerk

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell netters swing past Eagles at league tourney

By Thad Kraus

Lowell girls tennis saw its potential and then went out and acted on it at the O-K White Conference meet.

"The girls had a very good tournament. I think they realized their potential and went into the league tournament with higher expectations for themselves," said Lowell girls tennis coach Bonnie Wall.

The Red Arrows third-place finish in the league meet placed them tied for third overall with Grand Rapids Christian. The Eagles finished fourth over the weekend.

East Grand Rapids won another conference meet with 40 points. Northview

was second with 37 and Lowell finished third with 34 points. The Eagles were fourth with 32 points followed by Greenville 16 and Creston 6.

Lowell was represented in four of the eight league championship matches.

The crowning jewel was Katelyn Baker and Erin Brechbiel's 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 win over Grand Rapids Christian's Elise Douzema and Erin Shield in the title match at first doubles.

"Erin hit penetrating ground strokes which set up Caitlyn at the net," Wall said. "Both girls served well."

The win marked the first time in school history that a

girls' doubles team has won a conference championship.

"It was kind of surreal. We'd always hoped of doing good. After winning that first set against Grand Rapids Christian and playing well is when we thought we could be conference champions," Baker said. "We played aggressively, knew what we wanted and went for it."

Three Red Arrow netters advanced into the finals of the singles competition.

Kelly Trapp, playing at number one singles, lost to East Grand Rapids' Ellen Silver in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0.

"Kelly gave her best effort

and played well," Wall said. Trapp bested Northview's Katie Hammond 6-2, 6-1 to reach the finals.

Lauren Heemstra advanced to the finals in third singles with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Grand Rapids Christian.

Heemstra lost in the finals to Northview's Natalie Stam 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

"Lauren played better against Stam this time than she did in the dual meet," Wall said. "It's possible she will get another shot at her in the regional."

Megan Willemstein, Lowell fourth singles, literally and figuratively rolled into the finals.

The Red Arrow defeated Greenville's Marina Rupp 6-0, 6-0 to advance into the finals. Willemstein, however, toward the end of her match with Rupp rolled her ankle.

Playing on a bad ankle, Willemstein fell in straight sets to Grand Rapids Christian's Emily DeVos 6-4, 6-2.

"Megan just couldn't move as well," Wall explained.

Taylor Mankel, second singles, defeated Creston before losing to East and Grand Rapids Christian.

In other doubles play, Rachel Walendzik and Kelsey Wittenbach, second doubles, defeated Greenville 6-3, 6-1 before losing to EGR

6-0, 6-0 and Grand Rapids Christian 6-7 (5), 6-4, 4-6.

In third doubles, June Ramsey and Morgan Rogalke recorded a 6-1, 6-2 win against Greenville and then lost to EGR 6-1, 6-0 and Grand Rapids Christian 6-4, 6-5.

Kelsey Mankel and Brynlee Pomper, fourth doubles upended Greenville 6-2, 6-0 and lost to EGR 6-1, 6-0 and Grand Rapids Christian 6-2, 6-5.

Earlier in the week, in non conference action, Lowell defeated Jenison 5-3.

The Red Arrows won all four singles matches and one doubles match.

## Lowell crew hosts first Murray Lake regatta

Lowell Crew hosted their first invitational rowing regatta at Murray Lake on Saturday, April 25. East GR, Northview and Lowell crews gathered for what

planned to be an annual tri-race event on Murray Lake in Lowell. The race course on the west leg of the lake was met with strong head winds and choppy water. "We had some real tired rowers," commented Lowell coach Keith Gillespie who also acted as dock master. "We wanted Lowell rowers in as many races as possible and it really tested their stamina today." East's team depth proved too much for NV and Lowell finishing ahead in most races. Lowell women's novice eight rowed to a first place putting well deserved smiles on the girls' faces. "Great to see our novice women do well," put in David Cadwallader, Lowell coach. Liz Cotter,

Northview head coach, added "It was really good to see our mixed boats (of Lowell and NV rowers) row so well together."

A raveling trophy of an oar was granted to the East crew at the end of the day's races. The plan had been to award a trophy to the winners of a final mixed eight man boat (four women and four men) race from the east side public access to the west side public access deemed "around the horn." Strong winds and choppy water at day's end canceled the race. The trophy is of an oar with the blade painted to a likeness of Murray Lake with Red Arrow Regatta "Around the Horn" at the tip, designed by Mike Mankel.

Lowell's parents, headed up by Sue Gillespie, provided a hot breakfast and lunch for all. "This is a great venue and Lowell did a great job putting this together,"

said Mike, Stearling of East. "We look forward to returning next year."

Some lake residents hosted race parties opening their homes to watch the races.

Races were sponsored by Aunt Dee Dee Kropf, Dale and Cindy Kropf,

M&M Blacksmithing, C&S Excavating and Marc and Jaimie Hagerman.



## Red Arrow lacrosse team wins in dramatic fashion

by Thad Kraus

Lowell's lacrosse team avenged an early season loss and battled back from an early deficit to post two dramatic wins.

The Red Arrows trailed 4-1 in the first half to Northview before making its way back to even at 8-8 and then winning the game in overtime on a Kolin Morgan breakthrough.

Having surrendered 12 goals in their first meeting to Catholic Central, Lowell tightened up its defensive

play, holding the Cougars to just four goals in a 6-4 Red Arrow win.

"We looked at what Catholic Central did to us the first time and made some defensive adjustments," said Lowell lacrosse coach Eric Bredin.

The adjustment helped to hold Central's top attackman to just one goal.

"I think he was responsible for eight of their 12 goals in our first meeting," Bredin added.

Along with a solid

defensive effort, Lowell, with its rides, was able to keep the ball out of Central's offensive zone for much of the fourth quarter.

Lowell jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half and then added three third period goals.

"The boys played a strong third quarter," Bredin said.

The Lowell coach pointed to a pivotal minute of play in the first half which may have spelled the difference between a win and a defeat.

Red Arrow goalie Dylan Olin had to serve a one minute penalty. Minus a second goalie, due to an illness, defenseman Max Stormzand was thrown into the net.

Along with a save and the play of Lowell's man-down team kept Catholic Central off the board.

"I tell my guys a game can come down to one play and you don't know what play it will be," Bredin explained.

"I think Max's save and the

defensive effort during that one-minute stretch made the difference."

Lowell trailed Northview 3-1 after one quarter of play, 5-3 at half-time and 5-4 going into quarter number four.

"We were down 4-1 at one point in the second period and it looked bleak, but this is a game of streaks and goals can be scored quickly," Bredin said.

The Wildcats scored early in the fourth to take an 8-4 lead. The Red Arrow offense

then came to life scoring four times in four minutes to tie the game at 8-8.

"Northview played a great first half and had excellent ball control," Bredin said.

In sudden death, Kolin Morgan bounced off a few defenders on a breakaway to put one past the Wildcat goalie for the game winner.

Lowell finished the week at 9-4 overall and 6-4 in the conference.



# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Lowell track places third in league meet

by Thad Kraus

School records and personal bests were the soup du jours during the last week of the O-K White Conference season for Lowell girls' track team.

The Red Arrows erased records in the pole vault and the 800- and 1600-meter runs.

Personal bests were recorded in the 100 dash, discus and the high jump.

"I was very pleased with the girls' effort. We were hoping to catch Greenville, however, sharing third with them is good enough for now," said Lowell girls' track coach Robin Briggs.

Lowell defeated the Yellow Jackets in dual competition but finished seven points in back of Greenville at the league meet.

The tri meet with East Grand Rapids and Greenville saw Lowell sophomore Kallie Holzhueter set new school records in the 800- and 1600-meter runs.

Holzhueter stopped the clock in a school record time of 2:24.2 in the 800 eclipsing Lisa Wojciakowski's old mark of 2:25.

She shaved eight seconds off her mile time, coming home in 5:23 to set a school record previously held by Sarah Swab.

"It definitely helped to run against Lauren Grunewald from East," Holzhueter explained. "I felt coming into the meet against East and Greenville that I had a good opportunity at lowering my time."

The Pioneer is the O-K White champion in the 800, running a 2:19.40 at the league meet.

East Grand Rapids assistant girls' track coach Larry Fisher noted shortly after watching Richelle Kimble in her first couple of pole vaults that no one was going to beat her and that Kimble was on her game.

The wisdom from a man who's been involved in high school girls' track for

many years was right on.

Kimble had not only found her groove but she raised it to new heights.

The senior set a new school and O-K White Conference meet record as she cleared 11-7.

"Richelle has not had a great outdoor season, but obviously came through big for us today," Briggs explained.

Other Red Arrows who came through with big performances as they recorded personal bests were Heather Wieberdink in the 100; Mary Richardson in the discus (89-6); and Bryleigh Loughlin, in the high jump (4-10).

"Those girls had good days," Briggs said.

Lowell placed in every event at the league meet except in the shot put.

It finished tied for fourth with Northview at 86 points. Grand Rapids Christian won the conference meet with 126 points. East Grand Rapids finished two points



Kallie Holzhueter gets a big hug from coach Sarah Ellis after breaking the school record in the 800.

back at 124 and Greenville was third with 93. Creston was last with 30 points.

Lowell claimed six third place finishes in the

conference meet.

They were: Kelsey Teft, pole vault, 9-6; Kimble, long jump, 15-11 1/2; 3200-meter relay, 10:25.10; Wieberdink, 100 hurdles, 17.01; Kendall Hewitt, 400 run, 1:03.20; Bryleigh Loughlin, high jump, 4-10; and Holzhueter, 800 run.

## Lowell takes perfect mark into tough stretch

by Thad Kraus

At 9-0 in the O-K White and a starting rotation that has given up just one earned run during that span, Justin Miller knows he can't ask for anything more.

But that doesn't stop him. "Greenville taking a game from East Grand Rapids this week would be nice," Miller states with a broad smile.

Lowell enters the next two weeks a game ahead of EGR

(8-1) in the O-K White and four ahead of Grand Rapids Christian.

The Red Arrows play the Eagles three times this week and then battle with the Pioneers the following week.

When all the dust has settled from those six games, a league champion should emerge.

To get to this point Lowell has done what good teams do, beat up on the clubs you should beat.

For example, last week the Red Arrows pounded Creston.

On Tuesday, Lowell defeated Creston 15-0 and 5-0.

The Red Arrows followed that up with a 16-0 win at Creston on Thursday.

"All the boys are working hard to improve on any weakness," Miller said. "I think we're staring to peak."

In game one of a double-

header on Tuesday, Lowell pounded out 13 hits in plating 15 runs over a game-shortened four innings.

Jesse VandenBosch scored four runs, had three hits and stole three bases.

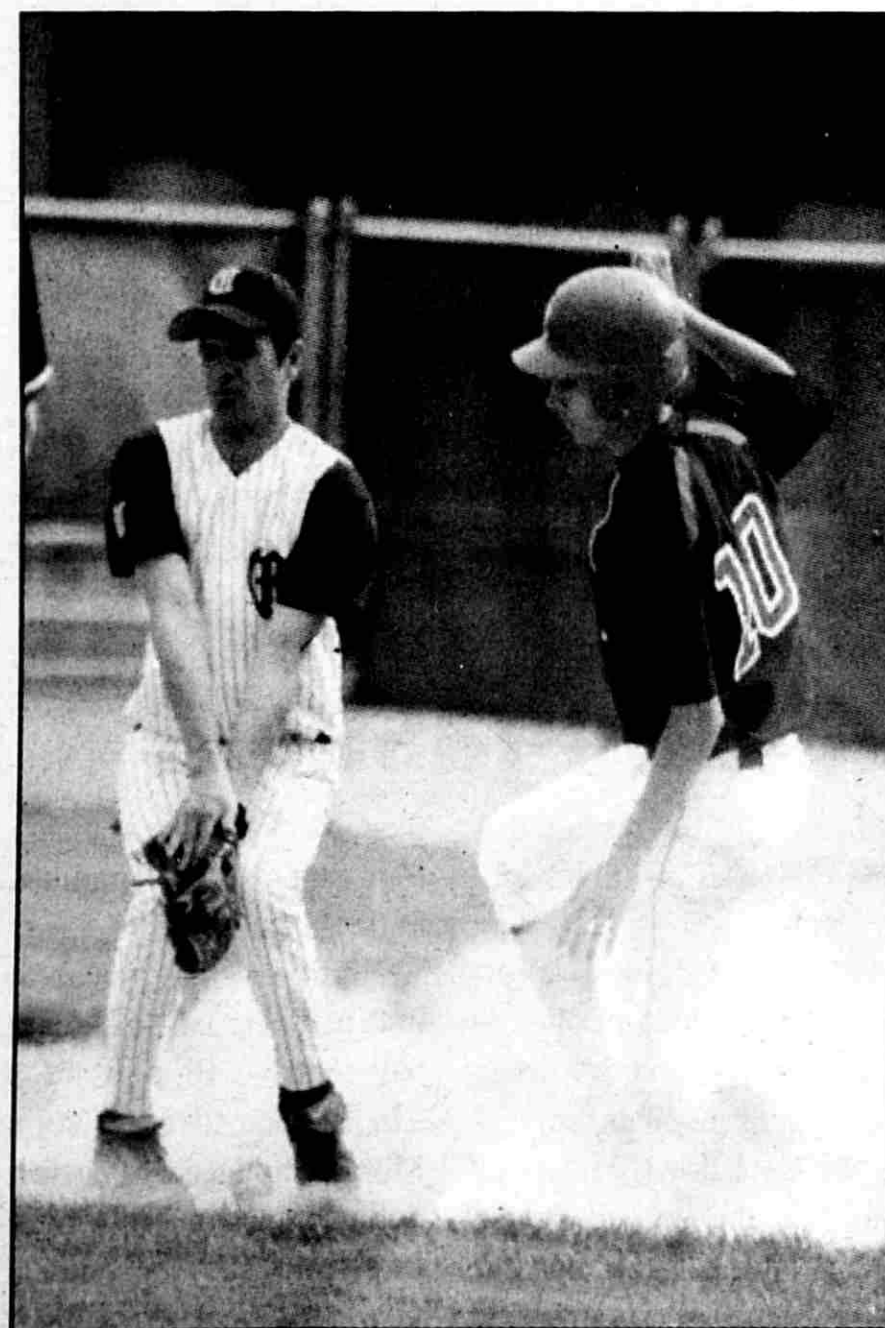
Jeremy Drake went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Josh Drake had two hits, four RBI and a stolen base.

He also tossed a no-hitter. Torsten Boss tallied a three-run home run in the first inning.

In game two, Keegan Hanrahan and Nick Trasky led the way with two hits a piece.

Zach Stephens tossed a one-hitter in Lowell's 16-0 win on Thursday.

At the plate Tim Hettinga went 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBIs. VandenBosch was 2-for-3 with two stolen bases and two runs scored.



Mitchell Malling slides in safely to second against Creston.



Lowell's bats made contact with consistency against Creston pitchers.

# Red Arrow SPORTS

## Red Arrows end season with win against Pioneers

by Thad Kraus

An all around great effort produced Lowell boys' track team's first conference win of the year.

The Red Arrows claimed eight firsts in its 74-50 win over East Grand Rapids.

"We tied East Grand Rapids last year. The boys stepped up today and got the victory," Lowell boys' track coach Russ Stevens said.

One of the turning points in the meet was the Red Arrows' sweep of the relay events.

In the 3200-meter relay Ben Partridge, Brent Cone, Tom Mark and Zach Robinson broke the tape in 9:09.37.

The 1600-relay saw Brandon Hrusovsky, Matt Kyllonen, Chris Eckman and Zach Robinson bring the baton home in a winning time of 3:54.

It was Austin Tackmann, Austin Graham, Kyllonen and Eckman winning the 800 relay with a time of 1:38.86.

Tackmann, Graham, Marc Destine and Drew Culross took top honors in the 400 with a time of 47.99.

Robinson continued his strong performance in the distance events as he won both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs.

He finished the mile in 4:48.7 and the two mile in 10:49.17.

Robert Becker opened a few eyes with a top finish (18:57) in the 110 high hurdles.

Kalvin Meyer finished the 800 run in a winning time of 2:15.

Meyer, Cone (2:16) and Partridge (2:20) all ran best times in the 800 as Lowell swept the event.

Red Arrows placing second in their events were Hogan, shot put, 35-8 1/2; Culross, long jump 17-11; Tackmann, 100, 11.79; Hrusovsky, 400 run, 56.32; Culross, 200 dash, 24.65; Mark, 3200, 11:05; Eckman, 300 hurdles, 47.86; and Nick White, discus, 99-2.

Lowell boys' placed in four events at the conference meet.

Robinson was fourth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:41.

The Red Arrow 400 relay team (Tackmann, Graham, Kulross and Destine) was third at 46.70.

The team of Cone, Partridge, Mark and

Robinson placed fifth in the 3200-meter relay with a time of 9:03.

In the 1600-meter relay it was Hrusovsky, Eckman,

Kyllonen and Robinson coming home in 3:46 and placing sixth.

Lowell finished fifth at the O-K White league meet.



Zach Jeffries clears 9-0 in conference meet pole vault competition

## Red Arrow girls' batter Creston

by Thad Kraus

In a year where wins have been a tough get, Lowell girls' softball team strung together a couple of victories in convincing fashion.

The Red Arrows, hosting Creston, in an O-K White doubleheader, battered the Polar Bears 15-0 (4 innings) and 11-1.

In game one, Lowell sandwiched a three spot in the third inning between six-run second and fourth innings.

Lowell's offensive output was aided by 14 walks by Creston pitchers.

The Red Arrows' biggest hit was a two-run triple off the bat of Beth Wyckoff.

Ellie Timpson and Jourdan Westdorp both added a hit and an RBI.

Bailey Allen toed the rubber for Lowell, improving her record to 4-8 overall and 3-2 in the league.

Lauren Dood earned her first win of the season holding Creston to just one run.

She was supported by Sam Braman's three-run home run in the fourth inning. Braman finished with six RBIs on the day.

Jenna Smith knocked in three runs and had a hit.

### Northview 3-6-11 Lowell 1-2-9

Lowell battled gamely in all three games (two on Tuesday/one on Thursday) against the Wildcats.

The Red Arrows, however, could not find the winning combination.

Lowell was held to one run on five hits in losing 3-1.

Lowell jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a single by Jenna Smith, a stolen base (Sarah Weaver/pinch runner) and an RBI single from Kelly Wyckoff.

Northview scored single runs in the first, third and seventh innings.

Lowell's biggest threat after the first inning came in the sixth when it had runners at second and third with no out, but failed to score.

"It was a great game. We got good pitching but couldn't get that big hit late," Rodenhouse explained.

Bailey Allen went the distance for Lowell allowing three runs and eight hits, while walking two and striking three.

In game one of the

doubleheader on Thursday, both teams collected eight hits, however, it was Northview who plated six runs.

The Wildcats tallied three runs in the second, one in the fourth, one in the fifth and one more run in the sixth inning.

Lowell scored a run in the first on an RBI double by Kelly Wyckoff and a second run in the seventh inning on an RBI single by Jenna Smith.

Wyckoff finished the game with three hits and Ellie Timpson collected two singles.

In the nightcap, Northview held off a Lowell seventh-inning uprising for the victory.

Lowell trailed 11-2 going into its half of the seventh inning when it rallied for seven runs before Northview could get a third out.

Caledonia 3-6 Lowell 2-1

An error led the way to Caledonia's tying run in the opener before the Fighting Scots won the game in extra innings.

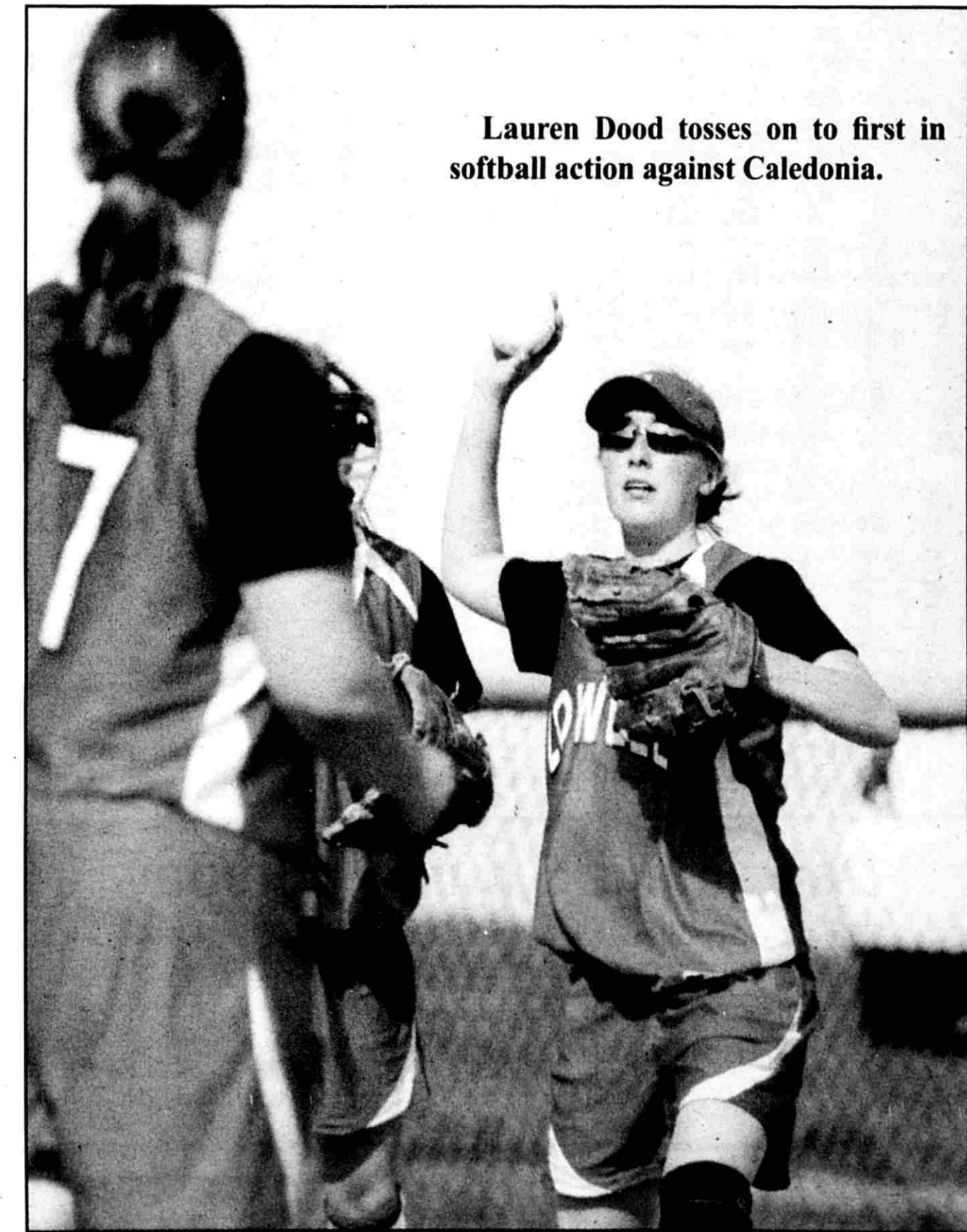
Caledonia scored the winning run on a two-out double in the ninth inning.

In game two, Caledonia's Alex Gehals held Lowell

batters to just one run while striking out 12.

"She's the real deal," said Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse.

Lowell finished the week at 5-15 overall and 4-5 in the O-K White.



Lauren Dood tosses on to first in softball action against Caledonia.



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