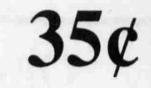


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LOWELL AT THE WAR FRONT

Staup family glowing reminder of loved ones left behind

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell ledger Editor

His father is in an undisclosed location somewhere in the Middle East.

For two-year-old Daniel Staup, however, the star on his bedroom ceiling is a glowing reminder of "Daddy."

Matt Staup, a member of Battle Creek's 110th Squadron with the Air National Guard, gave his son a star before he left on Feb. 28.

"He gave Daniel a star and took a star with him," said Staup's wife, Amanda. "Every time they see the star, while



touch it's Daddy's... and that he went bye-bye on a plane," Amanda Staup explains.

Matt Staup spent four years (1996-'00) in the Air Force on active duty, as a weapons armament technician. A year later, the senior airman signed up for six years in the Air national Guard.

As a weapons armament technician, Staup loads bombs on the A-10s and helps maintain the armament system.

"Matt is a very dedicated person whether it's the military or anything else," Staup explained. "He has a sense of duty and believes strongly in service

before self."

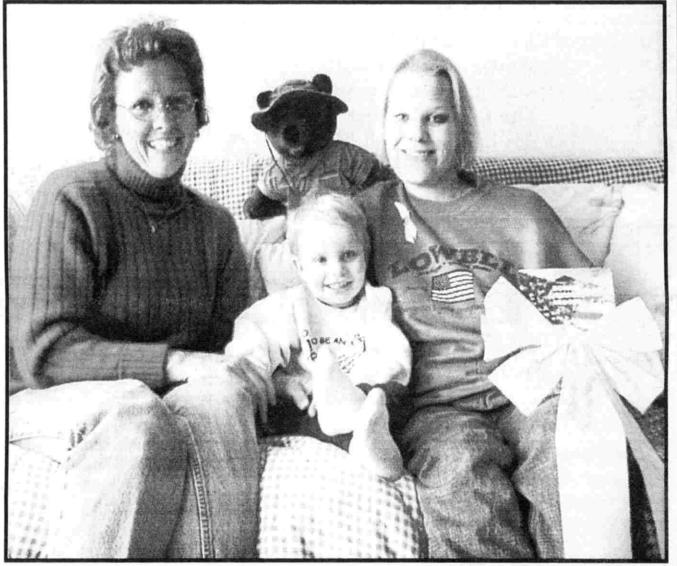
Staup returned from Kuwait in January and six weeks later left again.

His wife and son get an email from Matt once or twice a week and he is able to phone home about once a month.

"The last time I spoke to him he was very excited and focused on accomplishing the mission," Staup said. "He said they just wanted to do what they had to do so they could get back home."

He shipment of 200 ribbons arrived late last week. With the permission of the city council, Staup began putting them up on the downtown light poles.

"While I was putting some of the ribbons up, I had people honking and yelling 'good job.' I also had a man stop, get out of his car to thank me and shake my hand." Staup said. "Yellow ribbons are big on Air Force bases. They help rally support for the troops and remind people that service men are important members of our communities."



Senior Airman Matt Staup, left, and Senior Airman Mike Lorenz, right, both from the 322nd Expeditionary Munitions Squadron (the 172nd Fighter squadron is their home squadron) don chemical protection clothing and gas masks during an alert that came as they were walking to the flightline of an undisclosed air base in the Middle East that U.S. forces are using in support of **Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

Picture Courtesy of the Military Times Staff

Matt is gone, they will think of one another."

Little Daniel didn't need the star to think of his father. The family apartment has numerous reminders. "If I pick something up that belongs to Matt, Daniel tells me don't

Amanda Staup, who served in the Air Force (1997-'01), where she met her husband, says not knowing where her husband is and what's going on has been an emotional hell.

As one might expect, the war has been a consuming element in her life. "The first few days I watched it all the time, now I watch a little bit in the morning and a little at night before I go to bed," Staup said.

To help divert her attention, Staup has decided to help spark community interest and support through a yellow ribbon campaign.

She called numerous retail stores in the Grand Rapids area, no one had them.

"Staup then contacted Mike Sprenger from Springrove Variety. "He contacted a manufacturer and was able to get some yellow ribbons," Staup explained.

Anxiously awaiting the return of their son, father and husband, left to right, are Dorothy Gill, Daniel Staup and Amanda Staup.

> Military families and/or residents interested in putting up a ribbon can pick theirs up at Springrove Variety. Questions for Amanda Staup about the ribbon campaign can be sent via e-mail at LowellYRC@hotmail.com.

> Staup's one wish is that her husband is home for Christmas. "We haven't spent a Christmas together since we've been married," she explains.

> Staup's mother, Dorothy Gill, says having Amanda and her grandson around while Matt is away has been a blessing. "They have made all the difference."

Weekend ice storm drops tree limbs and power lines

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Major damage in a few spots rather than extensive damage all over kept the weekend's ice storm from creating a whole lot more havoc for Lowell Light & Power customers than it did.

The inconvenience incurred by approximately 500 Lowell Light & Power (LL&P) customers and 600 Lowell Cable Television customers, however, was still substantial.

"Most power was restored by the end of the day on Saturday," said Lowell Light & Power operations manager, Jeff Mullins. "There

were some house services Sunday."

The operations manager which were hooked up on said LL&P began receiving



This yard full of tree debris was found at the corner of Jefferson and North streets.

small damage calls late Friday afternoon.

By 6:30 p.m. trees were causing widespread damage over most of the service area.

Mullins had all nine LL&P servicemen working on Saturday, and four crew members from Eaton Rapids also joined the effort.

Two of office ladies also came in on Saturday to answer the phones. They answered over 200 calls.

Mullins said many customers had their masts and meters pulled right off the house. Others had the wire going to the meter pulled out. "It could have been

worse. I think our good tree trimming program prevented

a lot of damage," Mullins said. "Once we restored the primary sections (high voltage) several of the cable and electric services came back on."

Approximately 39,000 Consumers Energy electric

customers were without service due to the ice storm that moved across the state. Since Thursday afternoon, more than 425,000 customers were

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Consumers Energy received help from six out-ofstate utilities.



OBITUARIES

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home to rest peacefully Sunday morning April 6, 2003 with her family at her side. Herhusband, Dick Curtis and sister Shirley Smith preceded her in death. Barb was survived by her brother. Thomas Richmond of Sherman Oaks, CA: sister-in-law Mary Ellen (Wayne) Kingdom of Tulsa,

CURTIS - Barbara Ann Dailey of Walker, Kevin Curtis, 74, loving wife, Smith of Cascade, Patty (Pat) mother, aunt, sister, grand- Herblet of Lakeview, Bucky mother, great-grandmother (Kathy)Curtis of Lowell, Deb and friend to many was called Curtis of Aspen and Rich (Carrie) Curtis of Lowell. Her grandchildren; Jennifer (Al) Kozlowski, Johnathan (Jodie) Smith, Jodi Smith, Nick (Sarah) Herblet, Jason (Angela) Herblet, Michelle Herblet, Mike, Andy and Chris Curtis, Erin, Cassie, Brooke and Amber Curtis and greatgrandsons Dallas and Casey OK; children Jane (Lavern) Kozlowski; several nieces and

Thad Kraus

Editor

nephews. Barb was the oldest of three children born to Theron and Ruth Richmond. She was a lifelong resident of Lowell and part-year resident of Lakeland, FL. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1946 and went on to attend Michigan State University. Barb's passion for playing cards, golfing, shopping, traveling, dominos, throwing parties, involvement with the Lowell Showboat and love for her family and friends kept her active throughout her life. She was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Lowell for the past 61 years. Funeral Services will be at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 11 a.m. Visitations will be held at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Hudson St. in Lowell on Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Area Historical Museum P.O. Box 81, Lowell, MI.

SINKE - Frances Evelyn birds that roamed their prop-Sinke "Evelyn", aged 86, of erty. Funeral services will be Lowell, died April 5, 2003 in held Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Tallahassee, FL. She was born Roth-Gerst Chapel, 305 N. on September 28, 1916 in Hudson, Lowell, Pastor Convis Township near Bellevue, MI to Beatson Walkinshaw and Eva Lowell, officiating. Interment Walkinshaw (Grinnell). She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Leonard Sinke; children, Diana Keenan of Lan-

Sinke and Dr. Eberhard Roeder of Tallashassee, FL; grandchildren and families: Robert and Tara Keenan, Crystal, Cass and Mitchell of St. Johns, Mark and Joni Bennett of Gainesville, GA, Matt and Rebekah Bennett of Atlanta, GA, Morgan Kemp of Norcross, GA, Leni Roeder Sinke of Tallahassee, FL, Franz Sinke Roeder of Tallahassee, FL: many longtime friends, Margaret Miller of Ubly, Sherrie Lee and Dave Dunsmore of Leslie, Dalana and Tom Mata of Jackson. Beth and Lee Hovey of Lowell. Mrs. Sinke was a retired schoolteacher, teaching in one room schools early in life. later she was an elementary and special education teacher. Mrs. Sinke received a bachelors degree from Western Michigan University and a masters degree from Michigan State University. She was a member of The First Congregational Church of of Lowell and United Church of Christ, Tavernier, FL. She loved the wild animals and Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Vergennes Cemetery. Visitation Wed. 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

SMYTH - Charles William sing, Dr. Jan Bennett of Smyth, aged 62, of Lowell, Conyers, GA, Dr. Suzanne passed away April 3, 2003.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary; children: Robert (Brenda) Smyth, Joseph Smyth; brother Paul Smyth; sisters: JoAnn Manshum, Donna Jean (Charles) Hayworth; brotherin-law & sisters-in-law, Donna Smit, Dick (Jean) Huver, Dan (Ann) Huver; 5 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Mr. Smyth belonged to the Knights of Columbus. Mass of the Christian burial was held Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Rev. George J. Fekete, Celebrant. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Dialysis Center or Cancer Research

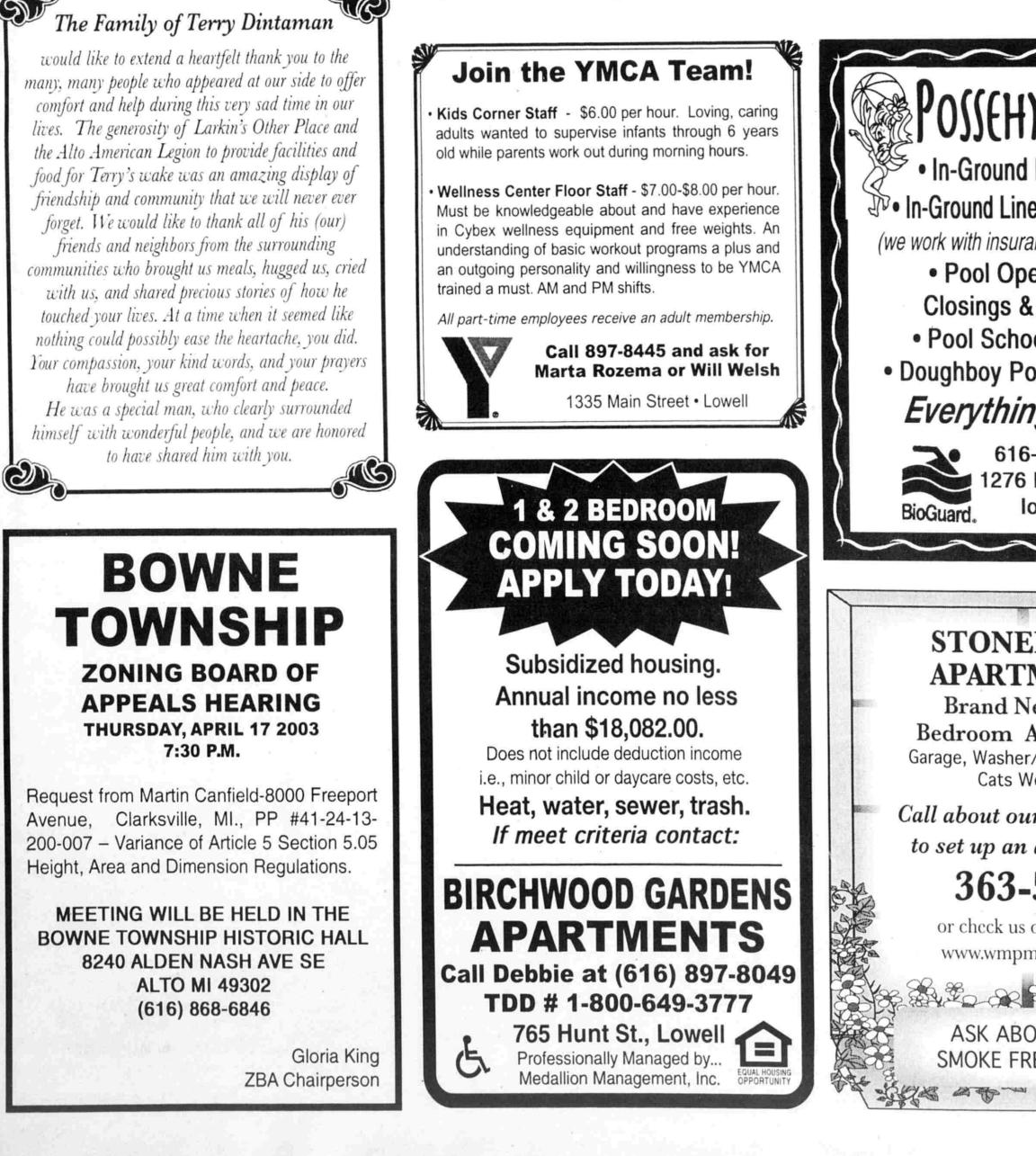
WITHERELL - Valerie M. Witherell, aged 72, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2003. She was recently preceded in death by

Generic packages to troops temporarily suspended

The American Red Cross of West Central Michigan (per a request by the U.S. Military) is temporarily suspending generic packages and letters being sent to the service persons program due to an overwhelming response by the public. "We are still accepting packages sent by families with loved ones over in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan," said director of communications for the West Central Michigan American Red Cross, Kelly Campbell.

FayeMary Nicholson, Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services assistant director, adds, "What we are hearing is that the public, being so generous, has responded so well to the program that currently there is a backlog of items waiting to be sent to the troops."

It is expected that the program will resume once the backlog of packages and letters has been delivered. Campbell believes that will be at least a month.



her mother, Verna Gort. She will be lovingly remembered and extremely missed by her husband of 55 years, Loran; her children, Patrick (Karen) Witherell of Forest Hills. Debra (Tim) Seif of Rockford; grandchildren, Anthony (Arisa) Witherell, Laura (Jason) Ryan and Jason Witherell, Tracey, Lisa. Wendy and Timothy Ryan Seif; great-grandchildren, Lane, Logan and Kimi; sister Phyllis Gross of Grand Rapids, Joan (Norman) McLain of Wyoming; and brother Larry (Joan) Gort of Wvoming. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Chapel (305 N. Hudson, Lowell) with the Rev. James Cooper officiating. Interment Graceland Cemetery.





'BE BACK REAL SOON?'

The warmer temperatures of a week ago were iced over with this past weekend's winter storm. The inclement weather, while it did not cut off Ball's Softee Creme's electricity, it did preempt spring for at least one day.

Colorful, unique glass art at gallery

Local artists, Susan Molnar of Glass House Deof Studio 208 are celebrating National Glass Month (April).

The celebration will include a special display of art and wearable art glass at Chimera Gallery, 208 E. Main.

fused plates, bowls, 3D con- and on the shelves of the grostructions and jewelry. Fused glass is made up of different colored pieces of glass melted at 1,500 degrees.

ture the glass pieces become one," Molnar explained, "The glass items produced are mesmerizing, colorful and each is unique."

emerging local art scene and signs and Kathleen Mooney has enjoyed a rebirth in the art field since the early 1970's. The history of glass reaches back to 5,000 BC.

"Most people are familiar with utilitarian glass - which we see on our dinner table, in the windshield of our cars, in The display will have the windows of our homes cery store," said Mooney. "What we don't often get to see is fused art glass."

The display at Chimera "At that extreme tempera- Gallery will showcase this colorful, bright and imaginative art medium.

> "One of the more exciting things about this display is the affordable nature of the ma-

Fused glass is part of the jority of the pieces," said Cliff Yankovich, owner of Chimera Design.

A "Meet the Artists" reception will be held on Friday, April 18 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Chimera Design Gallery. For more information call 897-9480.

"Our mailbox service is

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI on:

Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

at which time and place the following request will be heard:

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Fife request a variance to construct an accessory building in the "R-L" Lake Residential District that exceeds the maximum height of 16'0" controlled under Article 8, Section 8.03.

The proposed accessory building height would be 33'-0" from the lowest walk-out grade to the top of the roof peak.

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to Al Berry, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 12050 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.





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Small businesses, which luxury of hiring another secretary or purchasing a new copy machine to help ease the larger companies.

Postal Connections Store located at 6749 E. Fulton St., limited free fax receiving de-Ada. The store is designed to livered to their boxes. Other save business people time and money by providing an assortment of postal, business and communications support services.

"Our store enables a person to operate a business without renting office space or hiring clerical help. Our service available. Customers can ship is geared toward the person who works from his/her home who needs a prestigious street address for their business," said Matt Davidson, owner of the Postal Connections store. "The convenience of our 24-hour access mailbox service allows business owners to pick up their mail or any other deliveries without worries that someone is there to receive the package,"

Davidson said.

Private mailbox service also appeals to those who desire a high degree or privacy and security and to those who travel a great deal.

Postal Connections stamping out niche with small businesses



are often forced to operate on in business who would like to tight budgets, don't have the have a mailing address other than their residence," Davidson said. Customers can call to check if they have 50 locations in 12 states. work load and compete with mail or packages, which can also be held or forwarded. But help is as close as the Postal Connections mailbox customers also receive unservices include: shipping, copies, packaging services, office and packing supplies, retail postal stamps, computer and Internet access.

Key duplication, business cards and Western Union money transfers also are and receive packages via

especially suited to women UPS, FedEx, Parcel Post. Emery Freight and many other carriers.

> Postal Connections is a franchise company with over seven of them company. owned. Ranked number four in the postal and business services industry by Entrepreneur Magazine's, Franchise 500 (January 2003). the company is dedicated to personalized and professional service with shipping alternatives for delivering customer satisfaction. Headquartered in San Diego, CA Postal Connections has been operating since 1985 and franchising since 1995.

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad. **Aldous Huxley.**





Rev. William Renkema. Calvary Christian Reformed Church

their bones were found.

afternoon my wife and I were out for a walk. We got caught dercurrent of fear during those tims of war.

Week of 4/14 - 4/18

ELEMENTARY

MON: Mini corndogs with bread slice or chicken patty on a bun, carrot coins, smooth applesauce.

TUES: Pepperoni pizza wedge or diced chicken BBQ on bun, pears, mixed vegetables.

WED: Pancake dippers or cereal, scambled eggs, juice, hashbrown wedge.

THURS: Chicken rings & Freedom bread or turkey & cheese on bun, whipped potatoes & gravy, fresh fruit choice.

FRI: No School.

\$5.00 Kids all shows

O No passes

APRIL 5 & F

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HOUSE (PG-13)

BRINGING DOWN THE

with \$2.00 purchase

up in a military sweep of a case for many in Argentina. It neighborhood. Our documents were checked. Questions were asked. Guns were In 1976 I was living in ready. We nervously re-Chascomus, Argentina, not sponded and were allowed to far from Buenos Aires. The continue. Not all were so forcountry was led by a military tunate. Homes were searched government. Many, many in that neighborhood for arms people who were said to op- and for subversive pamphlets pose military rule were ac- and books. When doors were cused of being communist. not opened immediately, they They disappeared. Years later were broken down. A few weeks later, an army tank Army tanks frequented parked on the road alongside public roads. Soldiers had a our apartment. It was just visible presence throughout there, a visible reminder, I because of evil perpetrated the nation. One sunny, bright guess, of who was in charge. upon them by others or be-There was always an un-

years in Argentina. People feared their own government. According to Romans 13:4, government is "God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing.'

But what if you do good and are afraid of your own government? That was the is still the case for many in our world today. Government is to reflect God's authority over the life of a people. When it does not, then authority is wrongfully used to oppress.

In the light of current world events, we must all sincerely pray for all the governments of the world that they may fulfill their God-Given duty of ensuring justice and restraining evil. And we must remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and jobs cause they were innocent vic-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Betsey Walker.

APRIL 11: Toni Blough, Delores Gabrion, Adaline Thaler, Raymor, Chuck and Dorothy Al Roe, Harry Carigon, David Johnson.

APRIL 12: Sarah DeShane-Dalga, Jesse Lewis-Anes. APRIL 13: Addie Abel, Pete Baker, Marv DeVries, Melissa Susan Roudabush, Ron and Myers.

APRIL 14: Phyllis Jones, Dennis Rasch, Joshua Anderson, Thornton, the late Barb Curtis, Nichol Gurney, Bernie Boersma, Brenda Stuart, Cole Wade, Bill Friemere, Mary Stephanie Ossewaarde.

APRIL 15: Craig Yeiter, Margaret Yoder, Charles Behnke, Fonger, John Kunz, Herb Fred Oesch Jr., Dave Carpenter, Terry Kinsley.

APRIL 16: Sam Roudabush, Kathleen Zywicki, Jack Ryder, Jackson, Bob and Peg Hayes, Jacob Billingsley, Lori Gerard, Steve Kropf, Angie Farrell, Marge Phelps, Jake and Peggy Doug Clark, Rayce Darby, Kristin Lee.

Lowell Day in Lakeland

Csolkovits, Virgil and Carmen Roudabush, Joel and Jeanene Stevens, Nancy Peckham, Rick Fonger, Rosie Elzinga, Leonard and Gloria

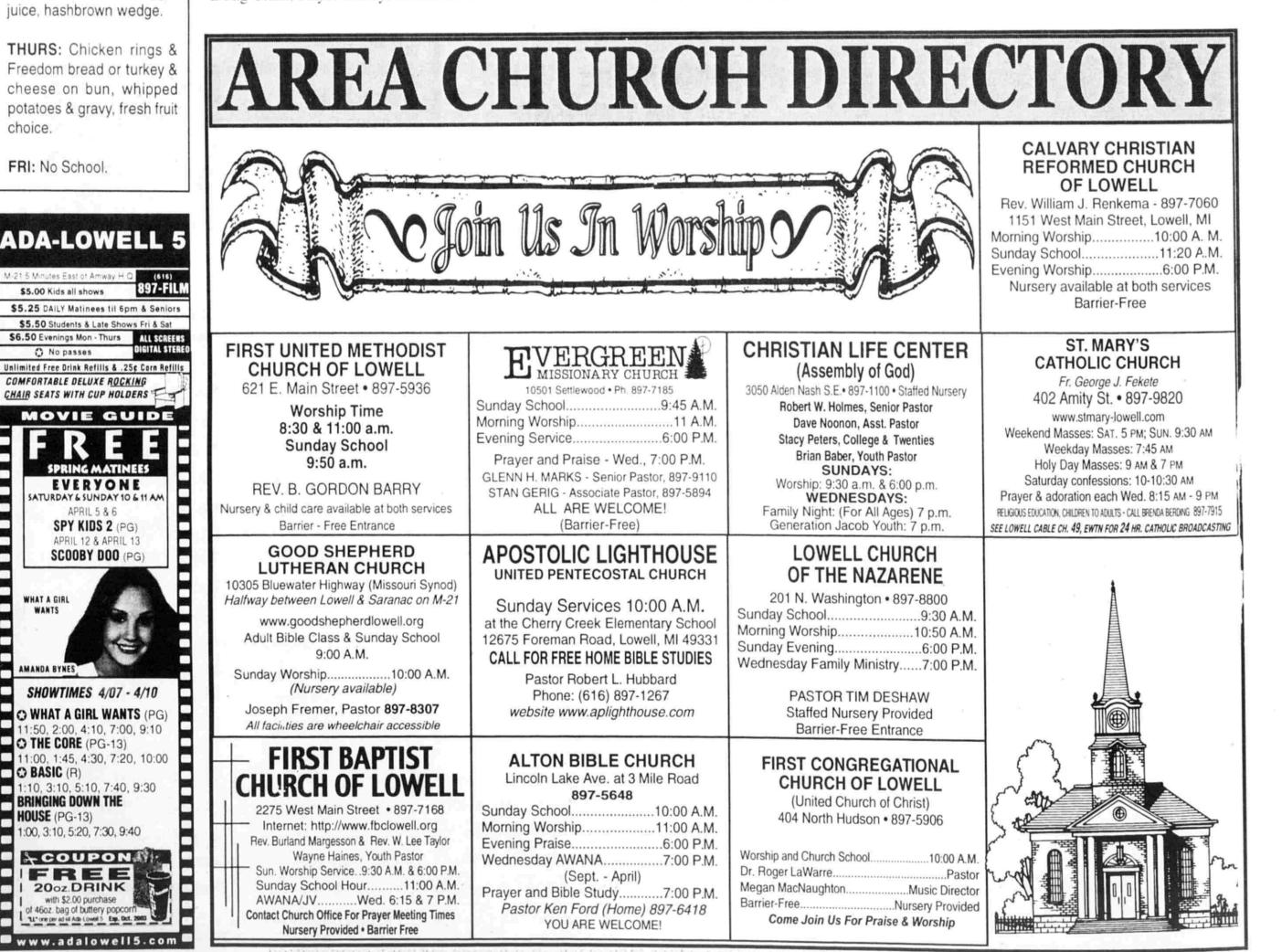
The snowbirds enjoyed a and Sandy Smith, Rex and Reagan was the master of cerbuffet dinner at Huntington Dode Collins, Duke and emonies. Curtis and Mary Hills Golf and Country Club Marylynn Thomet, Ron and Peckham were co-chairperin Lakeland on Sunday, CherylCollins, Bob and Carol sons of the event. Virgil and APRIL 10: Julie Webb, Nicholas Comdure, Chelsea Comdure, March 2. They include: Reagan, Jack and Fran Smith, Carmen Roudabush were the Donna Demovic, John Collins Purchase and wife greeters for the day. Sharon Smith. Dr. Bob

KDL News & Notes:

The Englehardt branch, along with other branches of the Kent District Library, will be hosting adult book discussions during the month of May Call the Englehardt library at 647-3920 for the featured

at 10 a.m.

Hoover, Flossie Blocher, Bob 2007

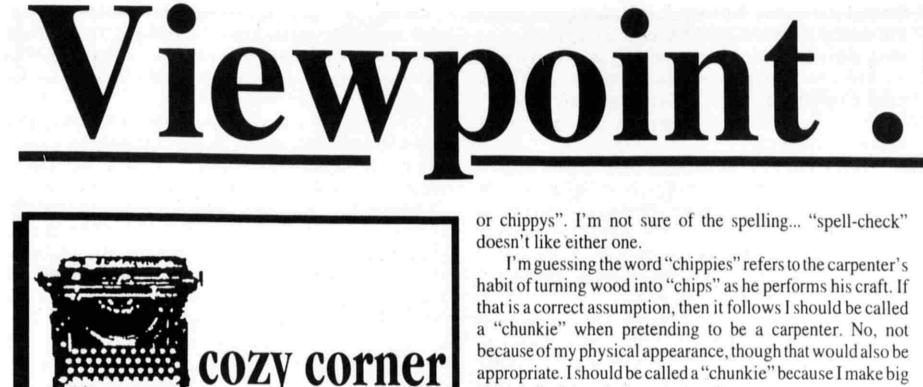


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title. The informal discussion will be held on Tuesday, May 13

Other dates and locations may be obtained by calling 784-



by Roger Brown

Bruce Springsteen recorded a song a few years back that lamented the fact his satellite dish offered "57 channels and nuthin's on". Our satellite dish offers a lot more than 57 channels, and there is still never anything worth watching. I have not yet put a bullet through the TV screen, as Bruce describes in his lyrics, but the thought has crossed my mind.

I can occasionally find something worth watching on the History Channel, P.B.S. or E.S.P.N. My wife finds entertainment in watching endless home improvement, landscaping, remodeling, interior decorating, etc. programs on Home and Garden TV. From these endless programs, come endless ideas. Of course these ideas all involve two things...labor (mostly mine) and money. I'm not convinced a satellite dish is a good idea.

One of these programs she watches has become a series within a series. Yes, a series akin to this "Bob Villas' Evil Twin" series I'm stuck in. This series has two hosts, Steve and Norm. They are following the extensive remodeling of a fifth floor walk-up flat in London. Steve and Norm are Americans and having a great deal of fun with the British dialect and vocabulary. One of the terms I picked up on was the British nickname for carpenters. In London carpenters are "chippies

Priscilla Lussmyer **Ledger Entries** of 125, 100, 75, 50 & 25 Years Ago

> 125 YEARS THE WEEKLY JOURNAL **APRIL 10, 1878**

"We think it's a shame to permit cows to monopolize the sidewalks. Horses very frequently have to take the middle of the street."

Supervisor Walker of Vergennes is elected to the position for the 20th time.

The Journal was the first paper in the state to urge Honest Money Leagues, and Lowell the first town to form one.

There will be a great buggy sale in Lowell next Saturday by the Louis Cook Co. of Cincinnati.

A Mr. French of Vermont offers a deal to finish the longunder-way-Kalamazoo Lowell and Northern Michigan Railroad, including a change from narrow to regular gauge.

100 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 9, 1903**

The poll books and tally sheets from the Tuesday election disappear from Township Clerk Stone's office, showing up again the next morning. Nobody knows whether they were misplaced or stolen.

Republican Frank White beats Christopher Bergin for Lowell Township supervisor, and Edmund Alger will be Vergennes Township supervisor.

Former Journal editor James W. Hine dies in Detroit. He also served as a state Senator, U.S. consul in Ontario and authored columns for Detroit papers.

Maps of Kent County's proposed rural free delivery routes are destroyed in a fire at the Clarendon Hotel in Grand Rapids. They must be redrawn.

The Ledger gives country correspondents subscriptions to the Pilgrim Magazine.

or chippys". I'm not sure of the spelling ... "spell-check" doesn't like either one.

I'm guessing the word "chippies" refers to the carpenter's habit of turning wood into "chips" as he performs his craft. If that is a correct assumption, then it follows I should be called a "chunkie" when pretending to be a carpenter. No, not because of my physical appearance, though that would also be appropriate. I should be called a "chunkie" because I make big "chunks" of wood when performing carpentry tasks.

My dad always said he'd been told, "it's a %#@&-poor carpenter that can't hide a quarter inch". Over the years my brothers and I have grown that quarter inch to a full inch. We figure paint will cover a quarter inch mistake.

I mentioned my brothers because we worked and learned carpentry together over the years by helping each other with our various housing needs. Our father was our tutor. This seems a good scenario until you consider that "Brownie" was a printer... not a carpenter. I have literally worked on small carpentry projects using picas and points as measurements because printer's tools were handy.

Our projects have included houses, garages, cottages and various remodeling projects at home and at our businesses. We always refer to ourselves as "wood butchers", though this new term, "chunkies" has potential. Our collective efforts comprise the "Can't Hardly Construction Co.". Probably the best that can be said for our various projects is that most of them are still standing.

I could regale you with stories of our carpentry blunders for many pages, but one comes to mind that is very representative of the Can't Hardly Construction Co.

This story goes way back to the mid-seventies. We were Bob Villas' Evil Twin is telling me, "Go for it"! building a cottage for my parents. It wasn't much of a place ... single story on a slab... basically a garage with a couple interior walls. While we were placing the truss rafters I fell

75 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO APRIL 12, 1928 Big Bill Thompson, mayor of Chicago, says that bomb-

ings will continue there as long as Prohibition does. Ford Motor Co. assures Model-T owners that spare parts Auditorium this week

will be available until the last one is off the road. Record heavy snowfalls last week are holding up spring road and drain work.

Investment opportunity in the Want Ads: \$50 or more in preferred or common stock in a "large Detroit Manufacturing

Company's" new electric water heater. Lowell clerk, O.J. Brezina reminds readers to turn their clocks ahead one hour to Eastern time at midnight Saturday, April 14.

50 YEARS THE LOWELL LEDGER **APRIL 9, 1953**

Street.

Fire chief, Dave Clark reminds people to get a permit before starting a grass fire.

Tom Richmond describes seeing an atom bomb test blast in Nevada.



ALLERGY TESTING

Allergies are often manifested with stuffy nose, runny seasonal or year-round. Treatment usually involves prescrip-

Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed 250 words. "Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331 or emailed to: ledgerbg1@aol.com. Letters must be signed and please include a phone number when emailing.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy. The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

eight feet to the concrete slab. Fortunately I landed on my head and shoulder. That may be why this story doesn't include me. I really don't remember.

My two brothers and possibly a cousin took a day off work and drove up to the cottage with the intent of closing in the gable ends with the same simulated tongue and groove 4 by 8 sheathing we'd used on the exterior walls. Sounds simple enough, but when you combine inexperience, youthful enthusiasm, power tools and Stroh's beer... the lumber didn't stand a chance.

As I said, I wasn't there, and details remain clouded to this day. The bottom line is this, when the Can't Hardly Construction Co. crew returned home that evening, not a single piece of sheathing had been nailed into place. All the available material on the job site had been mutilated. All the crewmembers were in trouble with not only my father, who had purchased the material, but also with their wives who wondered how they had worked so far into the night.

Oh sure, our skills have improved over the years. We have learned and taken to heart the old carpenter's adage, "measure twice, cut once". Even so, none of the Brown Boys, Can't Hardly Construction Co. crewmembers, wood-butchers... could ever be referred to as "chippies". We are "chunkies"!

My wife has in mind a small interior-remodeling project. It involves re-locating some doors, building walls, installing lots of shelving, cutting and fitting intricate trim and matching some elaborate cove molding. The project is in a highly visible part of the house and I have serious doubts about a "chunkie's" ability to tackle this job. Of course my alter ego,

I'm blaming HGTV for this predicament. This "chunkie" may end up putting a round through the TV screen before everything is said and done.

M-21 will be resurfaced and widened two feet between Ada and Lowell this summer. Now if they would widen the bridge at Ada for two-way truck passage, it would be much safer

Lowell industries have a booth at the Industriama at Civic

25 YEARS THE GRAND VALLEY LEDGER APRIL 12, 1978

The annual Teachers vs. Parents volleyball game will be played next Tuesday at Runciman-Riverside, sponsored by the PTO.

Stan Gardner spotted the first bluebird at precisely 4:40 last Wednesday; iti s now time for nice weather too. Lowell High School will be evaluated by a team from the North Central Association Michigan committee for three days; this is done every seven years.

The recent conference of middle-school educators held Mrs. N.E. Borgerson opens an antique shop on E. Main here produces high praise for 90 Lowell students who assisted in the conference.

> The magazine Michigan Farmer warns that farmers must move away from dependence on fossil fuels.

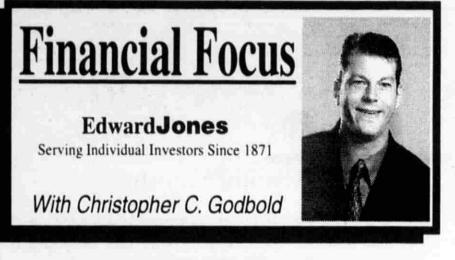
your doctor may recommend allergy testing. There are skin and blood tests for allergies. Skin tests are used most of the time. There are three main kinds of skin tests.

tion antihistamines and nasal inhalers. If these measures fail,

The first kind is called a "scratch" or a "prick" test. A tiny drop of testing fluid is placed on your skin. Then, the skin is pricked through the drop. After 15 minutes, the site is checked for redness and swelling.

In the second kind of skin test, the testing fluid is injected into your skin (like a shot). This test is used to check for allergies to medicines (i.e., penicillin/and bee sting allergy). The third kind of skin test is called a patch test. A small patch with testing fluid on it is taped to your skin and examined two or three days later for a reaction.

Allergy testing is safe and informative. If significant nose, watery eyes or even hives. These symptoms may be allergy is detected, a serum will be made and over time, your allergy can be treated with a series of shots.



LESSONS FROM THE BEAR MARKET

You might think there's nothing positive you can get from a prolonged stock market slump. After all, the value of your holdings is down, and you're having a hard time seeing where to invest. And yet, even a long bear market can teach investors some valuable lessons—if you know where to find them. Here are a few to consider:

• Stay in the market-When prices keep falling, many people try to "trade their way to success"—or they get out of



WATCHING WILDLIFE

Observing wildlife in Michigan doesn't take much effort. A bird feeder placed in the yard near a window will draw a during fall and spring migration. variety of birds and squirrels all winter long. Deer are frequently seen near rural roads and even expressways. Getting out into the countryside, however, affords one a more intimate look at the daily lives of wild creatures.

I spent close to 200 hours in tree stands and ground blinds last fall waiting for the opportunity to take a whitetail deer. Aside from trying to remain focused on the task of spotting a deer before it noticed me, there was plenty of time to watch the grow, so cool soil can be an saved yourself the effort of activities of a large number of birds and animals

I also began thinking about how many people have not sat alone in a dark woods waiting for the sun to shed light on a new day. As shadows begin to take the shape of trees and rocks, a turkey gobbles from a distant ridge, crows scold a hapless owl, then the sound of footsteps in dry leaves causes the heart rate to jump, and breathing becomes deeper and faster. People who have had similar encounters know what I am talking about. If you haven't had the experience, make plans to do it.

The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.

-Arthur Brisbane

the market altogether. But constant stock trading is expensive and usually ineffective. Furthermore, it's hard to develop a solid, disciplined investment strategy if you're always making trades based on short-term considerations. And if you jump out of the market, you could miss the early stages of a recovery. It's generally a good idea to stay invested during all market environments.

• Know your own risk tolerance-We all have different investment personalities. Some of us are willing to take more risk in exchange for potentially higher returns, others accept lower returns in exchange for greater stability of principal. Most investors are somewhere in-between. A bear market gives you a good opportunity to help gauge whether your risk tolerance is really what you thought it was.

• Diversify-You can't totally elude a bear market. But you can blunt its impact by diversifying across a range of investments-stocks, bonds, government securities, money market accounts and others. If all your investments are alike, they may all move in the same direction at the same time-a problem in a down market.

• Be 'price-conscious'—Even during a prolonged market downturn, some stocks can still be expensive. Before you buy

Parks, recreation areas, trails and private woodlands are stages on which the drama of nature plays out every day. Look for a place off the beaten path that is undisturbed by the encroachment of human activity. An area where several different types of habitat converge is called edge and will generally be home to many species of wildlife. For example, a location where a meadow, hardwood ridges, and wetlands meet would be an excellent place to observe a wildlife community. To locate a specific bird or animal, it will be necessary to learn the kind of habitat preferred by that crea-

Knowing when to look for wildlife is as important as where to look. For example, squirrels can be found in the same location year round. Birds tend to be out and about all day while deer, being generally nocturnal, can be seen more often early and late in the day. Waterfowl will be more plentiful



off to a quick start in the spring.

One way around this is to find out. germinate seeds before you plant. Pre-germinating seed if you're using last year's left-

germinate than plants need to doesn't germinate, you've stems up through the soil.

can be an especially good idea or a layer of organic mulch from the previous year has over seed and you're not sure kept the soil from warming how well it will perform. up. It's also useful for catch-Rather than plant it more ing up when you're planting thickly than usual and hope late, for whatever reason. that it germinates, you can Planting pre-germinated seed pre-germinate it and know that means you eliminate that week it's still viable, then plant just or 10 days (or longer, in cool

any stock, make sure its price is supported by solid fundamentals-such as a strong track record of earnings. You need look back no further than the bursting of the technology "bubble" to find an example of stock prices that could not be sustained due to low-or nonexistent-profits.

The upside of a bear market is that some high-quality stocks are attractively priced, because a bear market tends to drag everything down. Eventually, good stocks are likely to bounce back-but the best time to buy them is now.

Ultimately, a bear market can be quite educational. You'll become acquainted- or reacquainted-with the importance of finding attractively priced companies that offer solid business plans, competitive products and farsighted management. You'll gain a greater appreciation of just how much risk you can handle-and how much discipline you can impose upon yourself. And you'll be reminded of the necessity of striving for long-term goals, no matter what's happening in the markets today.

These are all important insights-and they'll serve you well today and long into the future. So keep them in mind as you continue your journey through the investment world.

Late fall and early spring are good times to be in the woods because visibility is better when the leaves are down and it's too cold for insects to mount an attack. Move slowly or sit quietly and tune in to all of your senses. Listen for the subtle sound of rustling leaves. Watch for the slightest movement or a telltale shape. When something appears, don't move anything but your eyeballs. Try not to spook the creature. Most animals are prey for something bigger and don't need any more stress in their lives. Besides, it is a tribute to your observation skills if the creature enters your space and then moves on without realizing you were there.

Don't be discouraged if the wildlife you are seeking doesn't show up every time you go out. The birds and animals out there are wild and out of your control. Remember, you are just another creature in the woods and that is why observing wildlife offers an opportunity to make a genuine connection with nature.

Garden seeds generally the seeds with roots and space soil) that it usually takes seeds a warm spot - on top of the need warmer temperatures to them properly at planting. If it to germinate and begin to poke refrigerator, for instance. Check them daily to make sure If you usually plant seeds the towel is still moist and to obstacle to getting the garden planting it in the garden and in flats and then transplant look for roots. Long roots are the time you'd have to wait to seedlings into individual con- fragile, planting pre-germitainers, using pre-germinated nated seed when roots are large Pre-germinating seed is seed saves time, effort and enough to see but still small. useful when a cool, wet spring seedlings. Once seeds are The result can be an ear-

sprouted and planted in moist soil, most will keep on growing, so you can plant pre-germinated seeds directly into

Using pre-germinated peat pots or pellets or divided seed isn't the answer to all seed-starting containers and garden problems. An early have a pretty good chance of start with cool-weather crops getting a plant from each one. that can tolerate chilly tem-Growth isn't interrupted by peratures and even a touch of transplant shock and root infrost is fine, but planting jury, so plants can be ready to warm-weather crops such as go into the garden sooner. snap beans and squash before To germinate seeds, sim- the local front-free date can ply fold them into a moist berisky. And unprotected peppaper towel, put the towel in a per seedlings can still fall vicplastic bag and put the bag in tim to hungry cutworms.



lier start on the gardening season, earlier harvest of vegetables and earlier flowers.



Due to the recent ice storm, the City of Lowell Department of Public Works crew will be picking up tree branches at curbside starting April 14, 2003 from the West City Limits to the East City Limits. Please have branches by curbside no later than April 13, 2003. The City will only be going through the neighborhood one time only. Brush and small branches less than 2" in diameter should be placed in yard waste bags for pickup by Waste Management on scheduled days. Ice Storm damage branches only will be picked up. Any questions call the DPW at 897-5929 or City

> Betty R. Morlock City Clerk

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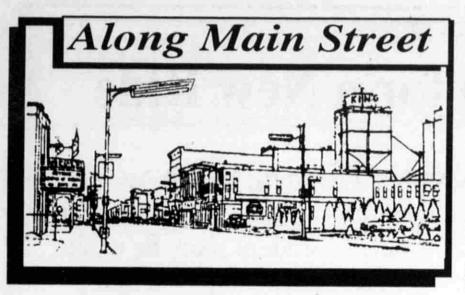


new wells, public participation and a public education program.



Reading for a New Ride

As part of March's National Reading Month Celebration, Alto Elementary students read books for bikes. For every 118 minutes a student read, he or she had their name entered into the drawing for a bike donated by Meijer. Winning a bike were secondgrader, Brendan Cobbezoo and kindergartner, Maria Blough. Cobbezoo read for 450 minutes and Blough read for 400 minutes during the month of March. Presenting them with their bikes was Meijer's Rose Adams.



ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

Due to spring break, the regular business meeting will be held on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the high school staff lounge.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Alto and Bushnell Elementary schools will have kindergarten roundup on Tuesday, April 15 beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the schools.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

and high school jazz bands will be held Tuesday, April 15 at Monday afternoon were as follows: Grand Rapids (26,000), 7:30 p.m. in the high school Performing Arts Center. Tickets: \$3 students and seniors/\$4 general admission. Sold at the schools or at the door.

PRESCHOOLERS EDUCATIONAL SCREENING Schedule your 3-4 1/2 year old preschooler for an educa- participate! tional screening at Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center, 300 High St. on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Carol at 897-8415 to make an appointment.

EARLY SETTLER ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

The Lowell Area Historical Museum and Lowell Area Schools Wittenbach Center are hosting an Early Settler Activities workshop for 8-12 year olds on Sat., April 26 from 9-2 p.m. Cost: \$7/includes Pioneer lunch. To register or for more info., call Judy at 897-7688. Deadline is April 17.

TOTS "ALMOST NEW" SALE

Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center will have a spring sale on Saturday, April 26 from 9-noon in the gym, 300

High St. Call Kathy at 897-1232 to reserve space. Free to

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON!!! The Lowell Area Fire Dept. is sponsoring a blood drive

for the Grand Valley Blood program on Wednesday, April 30 from 2-7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station located at 315 S. Hudson St.

PLAN NOW FOR THE CROP WALK

The 9th annual Lowell Area Crop Walk will be Sunday. May 4 at 1:30 p.m. starting at the First United Methodist Church. If you need walking papers or would like to sponsor someone, call 897-5936. There are two routes: a 6 mile or 2 mile walk. Help raise money to support relief for worldwide hunger.

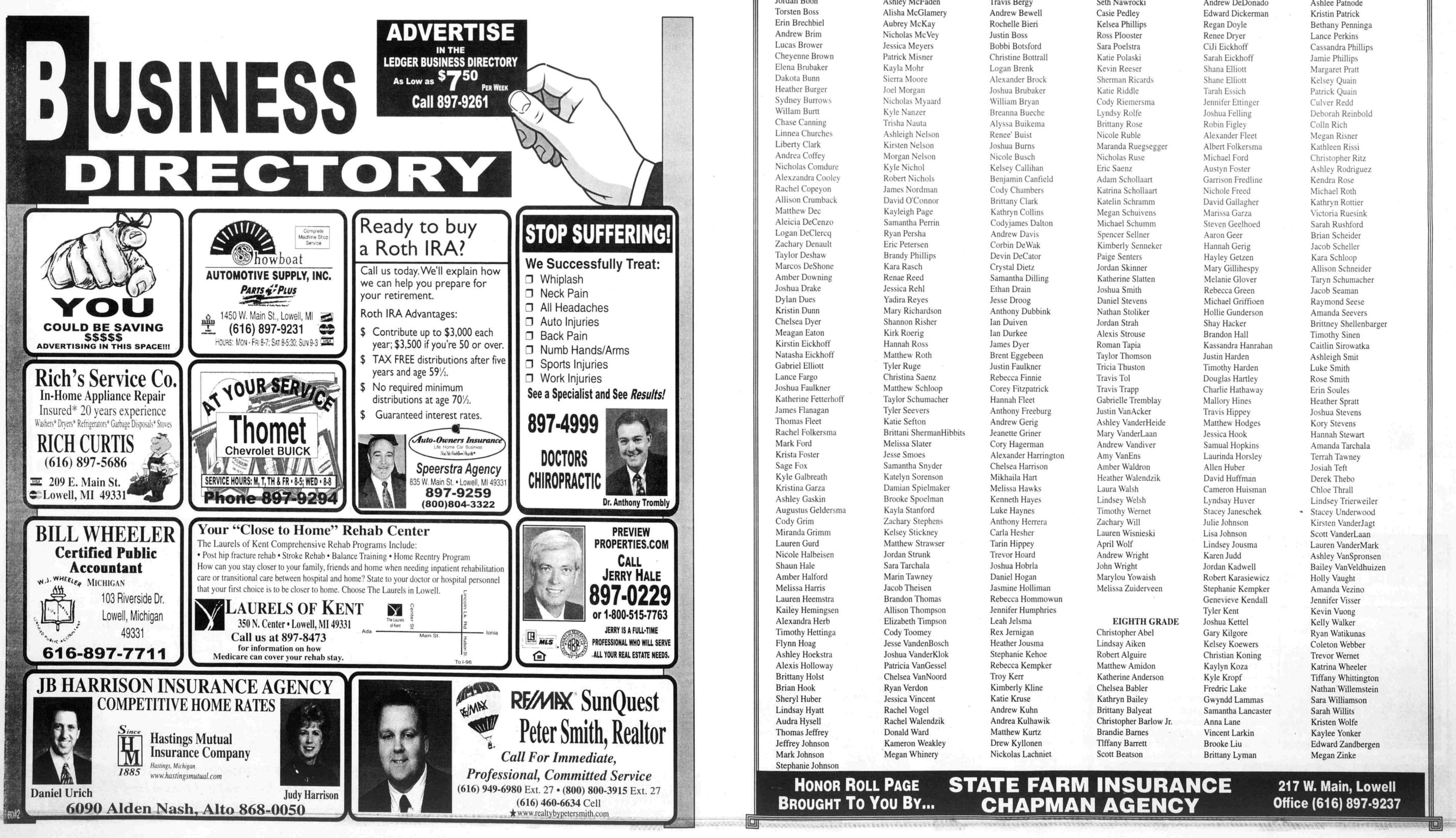
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affected by weather related damages.

The approximate number of Consumers Energy electric The annual "Evening of Jazz" sponsored by Lowell middle customers without service in and around West Michigan as of Greenville (5,000) and Hastings (1,700).

The majority of customers without power were expected to have their power restored by midnight on Monday (April

Customers in the hardest hit rural areas waited until Tuesday night (April 8) before power was restored.



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Lowell PD find their suspects in two breaking and entering cases

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell police are investigating a robbery at L.A. Video, 1335 W. Main, on late Thursday evening, early Friday morn-

Lowell detective, James Hinton said the susspect(s) got away with an undisclosed amount of money.

front window.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

KLOOSTRA LIVING TRUST

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, KENNETH G. KLOOSTRA, who lived at 3045 Rich Ct., SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, died February 26, 2003. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Kloostra Living Trust dated May 14, 1993, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to ROBERT L. KLOOSTRA, Successor Trustee, at 2501 Okemos SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: April 3, 2003

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The broken window was discovered and reported to police by a customer who was returning a movie Friday morning. "The case remains under investigation, Hinton said.

Anyone with information or leads are asked to call the Lowell Police Department or Silent Observer at 774-2345.

A 33-year old Lowell man was arraigned in the 63rd Entry into the video store was gained by breaking a store District Court on charges of breaking and entering into a Lowell business with the intent to steal

Later, at the preliminary exam, he accepted the prosecuting officer's offer of a lesser felony charge and to restitution. It was his first offense.

Department surveillance equipment was instrumental in catching the suspect.

Lowell Police officers arrested a 17-year-old Saranac resident for breaking and entering at the Lowell Middle School. Officers responded to the school at approximately 2:40 a.m. on a burglary alarm. Tracks were discovered in the 5 by Lowell police officer, Scott Bukala. fresh snow and the subject was located in a courtyard doorway just after he had come out of the building. The subject was lodged for breaking and entering and will be arraigned later today. Nothing was taken in this incident and no vandalism occurred to the school.

Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine warned that local businesses should be aware of a well-dressed scam artist working in the area.

"He claimed he work for a local business and locked himself out of the office and asked for money so that he could summon a cab and pick up his wife whose car broke down.

girls upend Hastings

Amidst tough weather conditions (cold temperatures and strong cross winds), Lowell's junior varsity soccer team defeated Hastings 2-0 Wednesday night.

Marilee Trierweiler and Becca Underwood both were able to get crossing passes into the middle and assist Becky DeLiefde and Raquel Periera on shots into the back of the Hastings' net.

The Red Arrow defense, speed and outstanding tackling from Cassie Oracz, Lerin Bommarito and Sarah Smith allowed Hastings just five shots on net.

Black resigns from volleyball post

Lowell varsity volleyball been instrumental in providcoach effective immediately. ing more out-of-season vol-

Red Arrow head coach for the girls of Lowell. past three years.

Connie Black resigned as Barry Hobrla said Black has Black has served as the leyball opportunities to the

"A search for his succes-Lowell athletic director sor will begin soon with the hope a replacement will be named prior to the end of the school year," Hobrla explained.

The department has handled a total of 581 complaints thus far in 2003. During the same period last year the department handled 692 complaints.

Lowell Police made 30 arrests for the month bringing the total for the year to 89 as compared to 83 for the same period last year. Some of the arrests were as follows: Three arrests involved either minor in possession or open alcohol in motor vehicles. Three arrests were for possession of marijuana. Two subjects were arrested for drunk driving. Ten individuals were arrested for driving while license suspended. Nine subjects were arrested on outstanding warrants.

The department issued 135 citations for the month bringing the total for the year to 335. 135 warnings were issued bringing the total to 385 for the year.

Twenty property damage accidents were investigated. In March, there were no accidents involving injury reported. Correction: Kristen Cole Greinke formally charged with Lowell's first-ever bank robbery, was arrested at Ada-Lowell

This is the third consecutive month with no injury accidents. Last year through the end of March the department had investigated a total of four accidents involving injury.

Benefit skate for Mellem, May 3

A benefit skate to raise money for Jodie Mellem's cancer treatment will be held on Saturday, May 3 from 4-9 p.m. at the Lazer Skate Play Palace, 12175 Northland Dr. Cedar Springs.

observe.

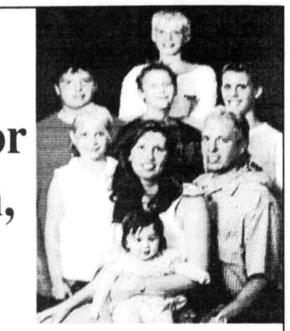
The benefit will include a 50/50 raffle, a regular and blind bid auction, cotton candy and a clown Ferrand Raymond, Mellem's father, said they are still aking donations for the auction. Proceeds from the benefit auction will be used to help

with medical expenses. Persons with items they wish to donate for the auction nay contact Raymond at 897-0639.

Pictured are: Jodi and her husband, John and their six children, James, David, Michael, Adam, Katie and Chelsea



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The cost is \$5 per person to skate and \$4 per person to

Fire Destroys Sheds

Two sheds were destroyed and a third one was damaged in an April 1 fire at 11075 Bailey Dr. The fire started when sparks from a burning barrel caught the grass on fire and then the sheds, according to Lowell Area Fire Department fire chief, Frank Martin. The sheds are owned by Bernadette Pniewski. Units from Lowell, Ada and Cannon Township were called to the scene to put out the fire. They were there for roughly two hours. Lowell fire department's newest fire truck was used to pump foam onto the structure fires.



Daniel J. Vosovic, a 1999 graduate of Lowell High are on the official list of those School, was recently accepted who received degrees from into F.I.T.'s Upper Division Western Michigan University program (Fashion Institute of in December at the end of the Technology, New York, fall session of the 2002-03 N.Y.) to continue his studies academic year. in fashion design. Vosovic will be attending a one-year **Ryan M. Aksamitowski**, program at Polimoda, a fashion design school in Florence, Italy, in the fall of 2003 and will return to New York for his final year of study.

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A total of 1,853 people

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Twesten. From the Alto area are:

Julie L. Anderson, Jeffrey Foster, Janelle K. Sheridan and Nick L. Van Vorst.

A total of 63 of Hope College's graduating seniors and recent graduates have been elected to the Zeta of Michigan chapter of Phi Beta From the Lowell area are: Kappa, the nation's oldest scholastic honorary society.

From the Lowell area is Meghan L. Geer, a 1999 School.

Students are elected in recognition of their high grade 25. point average in liberal arts courses, their exceptional scholarly ability and their independent and creative scholarly activities.

The honorees will be recognized during a formal initiation ceremony and reception on April 13 at the Maas Center auditorium.

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dents into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi on March

Among the inductees was James Jastifer a 2000 graduate of Lowell High School and the son of Robert and Cindy Jastifer of Lowell.

The Honor society of Phi Kappa Phi is the largest and most respected academic honor society which is open

disciplines.

The primary objectives of this Society are to promote the pursuit of excellence in all fields of higher education, and to recognize outstanding achievement by students, faculty and others through election to membership and through various awards for distinguished achievement.



Making the best of bad situations paramount to Lowell's golfing success

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

If Rick White could have one wish for his 2003 girls golf team. it might be that his girls be at their best following a bad shot.

"The difference between a 230 and a 210 is often determined by keeping your bad holes under control," White explained.

Bad holes are something senior Jenny Gunberg did not experience too often last year.

The Red Arrow's play has earned her all conference honors in each of the last three years.

"Jenny will shoot in the low 40's," White explained. "If

the rest of the girls can shoot in the low 50's, that will complement her well."

Carisa Sayer held down the sixth spot last year, but will be asked to fill the number two or three position in this, her senior year. "Carisa has the ability to do it; now she just has to go out and prove it." White said.

Vying for spots three through five will be sophomores Mandy Gunberg, Stevi Thompson, Cassie Vredevoogd and Stacey Anderson as well as junior Cara Mooney.

"Cara played well for us last year at the junior varsity level, but varsity play is a little more intense," White said. "The sophomores also played well at the JV level."

White notes that the participation numbers in golf are down. "The numbers are down. There are too many sports.

Right now kids seem to be leaning more toward team sports. It takes a special mentality to play golf," he said. "It's all you, all the way. There's no one to share the credit or blame."

East Grand Rapids, who finished third in the state last year, is the heavy favorite in the O-K White. "I think it's East, then Forest Hills Northern followed by Forest Hills Central and us," White said.

The Red Arrows opened their season with wins over Middleville and Lakewood. Lowell shot a 230 while the Trojans finished at 235 and the

Vikings finished with a 257.

Jenny Gunberg led the way for Lowell with a 47 followed by Thompson 58, Mandy Gunberg 61, Sayer and Mooney with 64's.

Plummer no-hits Redskins; Lowell opens softball season 2-0

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In her varsity pitching debut, Lowell freshman, Becky Plummer faced the minimum number of batters (21) as she no-hit Belding en route to a 2-0 Lowell victory.

a one-out walk. The base runner was later thrown out by Lowell catcher. Noelle Dewey on an attempted steal of second.

"Obviously I was very pleased with Becky's performance. Being a freshman and with it being her first game, I'm sure she was a little nervous," said Lowell softball coach, Bob Rodenhouse.

Plummer recorded 10 strikeouts to go with her one walk. bat and scored a run. "Becky was just blowing the ball past Belding hitters." They couldn't keep up with her." Rodenhouse explained.

Lowell scored both of its runs with two outs in the third and fifth innings

then stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. A to 4-0 The only Redskin to reach base came in the third inning on Jacque Benedict RBI single scored Lowell's first run of the game.

> In the fifth inning, Ashley Inman singled with two out. She stole second and later scored on a steal of third when the ball bounced past the Belding third baseman

Benedict and Inman were the only Red Arrows with more third base." than one hit. Benedict collected two singles and a double. Inman had two hits, including a triple in her first varsity at- two runs. Dewey singled and scored two runs.

Plummer and the Red Arrows followed up the 2-0 win in the opener with a 6-1 win in game two of the doubleheader.

Lowell rapped out eight hits in the nightcap. The Red Arrows gave Plummer all the cushion she'd need in the third Tara Kimble drew a two-out walk in the third inning and inning as they pushed across three runs, increasing their lead

> The key hit in the three-run third was a pinch-hit, two-out, bases loaded single by Inman.

> "That was a big hit. We'd been leaving people on base," Rodenhouse explained. "Ashley did a nice job leading off for us. She took some pitches, got a few hits. She also played a nice

> Benedict led Lowell at the plate with two hits and scored

Plummer went the distance in game two, allowing one run on four hits while walking three and striking out nine.

White no-hits Greenville; Red Arrow boys start season 2-0

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

In two games the Lowell pitching staff has given up a run plays," Antel said. on one hit

Ryan Nugent earned his first win of the year by one-hitting Belding in the Red Arrows' 6-2 win.

On Wednesday, Bryan White pitched seven innings of no hit baseball in the Red Arrows' 6-0 win over Greenville.

"Obviously, I was very pleased with our pitching after the first two games," said Lowell baseball coach, Tim Antel. "Our hitting is a little behind, but I think that is true for most teams." To go along with the great early-season pitching has been solid defense.

"With great pitching there are fewer opportunities to

commit errors, but the boys are in the right spots and making

In the season opener, Nugent walked four and struck out nine Redskin batters. Belding's only runs came in the first inning on two walks and a two-run double. Lowell battled back in the second inning to take the lead advantage.

on a walk and a stolen base by Jake Brower. With an RBI single by Nugent (pinch runner Alan Nugent stole second), Luke Tomczak singled home Nugent and then stole second, went to third on a pass ball and scored on an error.

A Brower third-inning single plated two more Lowell runs, giving the Red Arrows a 5-2 advantage.

Lowell added a single run in the fifth inning.

A two-run single by Nate Sloan and an RBI single by Ryan Nugent sparked a three-run sixth inning, giving Lowell a 4-0

The Red Arrows plated two more runners in the seventh

inning. Denny Palasek, in 10 plate appearances in two games reached base nine times - seven via the walk.

Lowell finished the week at 2-0. The Red Arrows will host Middleville on the Tuesday after spring break and then travel to Rockford before hosting the Lowell Invitational.





Ryan Nugent rapped out three hits in the opener.

Against Greenville, Bryan White struck out nine Yellowjackets while walking just one.



Notices in The Ledger's "Com- EVERY MON .: Boy Scout EVERY 1ST TUES: EVERY THURS .: Pottery EVERY FRI. & SAT .: Bowne Center United ing Events" are free of charge Troop 102: boys 11 & up or Adults w/ AD/HD Issues to any nonprofit organization completing 5th-grade. Group meeting: Calvin in the Lowell, Ada, Alto & meets 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Saranac areas. We prefer Scout Cabin on N. Washsuch notices to be kept brief ington St. Call Terry and to be submitted by mail, 868-6481. but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERYMONTH:Flat River school. Contact Kris Snowmobile Club meets at clubhouse (11841 Potters Rd.) east of Montcalm Ave. 1ST & 3RD TUES .: Dia-For dates call 897-5015. Guests welcome.

EVERY OTHER SUN: ?'s call 897-2760. Single adults, ages 25-50 vears, meet 4 - 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Social time/ It. Bible study. Call Plainfield Senior Center, Mark 897-8642 or Tammy 897-0872.

EVERY MON.: Lowell High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Friends - meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in members' homes. Call 676-1355 for details.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Fallasburg Historical Society holds monthly board meeting at chamber office at 7 p.m. Public invited. 897-7161

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Board of Education meets at 7:00 p.m. in Administration Building, 300 High Street.

SECOND MON. OF EACH MONTH: Bowne Township Historical Society holds its regular meeting at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash, 7:30 p.m.

THIRD MON. OF THE MONTH: Lowell Showboat Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church. For info. call Dave : 897-2533.

MON. OR TUES .: Cub Scouts for boys in 1st - 5th grades, Alto or Lowell, Call Terry Amidon at 897-8751.

FOURTH MON. OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Schneider Manor, Bldg. D, 725 Bowes Rd. 8 p.m.

1ST MON. OF THE MONTH: Diabetic Support group (7 p.m.) at 1st United Methodist Church dining room. ?'s call 897-2760.

THIRD MON. OF EACH MONTH: Women of the Moose business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MON .: V.F.W. Post #8303 meets at 7:00 p.m.(at Schneider Manor until further notice.)

book Club at LMS after Gallagher at 897-9222.

betic Support group meets at Schneider Manor Community Room at 9:30 a.m.

SECOND TUES .: G.R. Chapter of the American Sewing Guild meets at 5255 Grand River Dr. 6:30 social time; 7 p.m. pro- EVERY WED.: Rotary gram. Call Sandy at 285-0621

Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets Key Heights Mobile Life Process Center: 1-3:30 Home Park Community p.m. \$10/wk. Transporta-Bldg. Weigh-ins 5:45 p.m. tion? Call Pat 897-7842.

TUES.: Flat River Woodcarvers meet at LAAC 6:30-8:30 p.m. New members welcome.

1ST TUES .: Adults with AD/HD at Calvin College, 7-9 p.m. Free. Call Gary Engle at 897-6325 or 248-2423.

1ST TUES .: WINGS Parent Group meets 7:30 - 9 p.m., in Board Room at EVERY SECOND WED.: 300 High St. Business meetings/odd mos; program meetings/even mos.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES .: Knights of Columbus #7719 meets St. Mary School, 7:30 p.m.

EVERY SECOND TUES .: Lowell Masonic Lodge reg. meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake.

SECOND TUES .: G.R. region of the Horseless Carriage Club meets 7 p.m. at old S&H Green Stamp storefront in Rogers Plaza. Anyone interested in historical autos welcome. Call Bob 891-2205 for more information.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD Church, 201 N. Washing-TUES.: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson St.

EVERY 3RD TUES .: Parents of children w/AD/ HD at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4 Mile NE Choir: 6 - 7 p.m./ band: 7 -/E. Beltline) 7 p.m. Call 8 p.m. Kathy 897-5981. Linda 874-5662; teen Concert: April 25, "Show group: Call Sarah 281- Tunes." Watch for time. 6588

College #206 of the Commons. Connie 942-6887.

EVERY OTHER WED .: 6:45-8:45 p.m. G.E.M.S. EVERY TUES .: Scrap- Girls Club - Calvary Christian Reformed Church. Girls ages 8-13, 897-8694.

> **EVERY WED.:** Pioneer Clubs 6:30-8 p.m. Evergreen Missionary Church. 10501 Settlewood Dr. Children 4-7th grade. 897-5894 for details.

WED.: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at the Lowell Con-Church gregational upstairs.

meets at noon at Lowell Masonic Temple.

TUES.: Take Off Pounds EVERY WED.: "Peppers" (Sr. adults) at Franciscan

> EVERY WED .: Lowell Church of the Nazarene Caravan children's program, 7 p.m., 5-12 years. Call 897-8800 with ???'s.

EVERY SECOND WED .: Kent County Youth Fair Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at King Memorial Youth Center at the Fairgrounds. Call 897-6050.

Lowell Women's Club meets noon in community room at Schneider Manor. 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: Elderly volunteers needed for Intergenerational program w/school children from Lowell in activities.9:45-10:45 a.m. or 12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen F.S.E. at Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY FOURTH WED .: Support group for Peripheral neuropathy meets at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Grand Rapids. 897-9794.

THURS .: Weight Watchers at Lowell Nazarene ton, 5:30 & 7 p.m. Register 1/2 hr. before meetings. New members invited 1-800-651-6000.

EVERY THURS.: Saranac Area Musicians and Singers: Saranac High School,

classes at Franciscan Life Averill Historical Museum Process Center from 6:30 of Ada, 7144 Headley 1-4 84th St./Alden Nash. - 8:30 p.m. \$10/hour/ \$15 p.m. By appt.: 676-9346. for two. 897-7842 for info.

EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., nondenominational help for pregnant women / adolescents at the school: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Mondays: 5:30 - 8 p.m. 897-9393.

FIRST THURS.: 4-H drama club meetings at Lowell Middle School choir room. 897-1502 after 5.

FIRST AND THIRD THURS.: Alto Lions Club meets at a new location: Annalaine's on S. Alden Nash at 7 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS SAT., APRIL 26: Trout EVERY 2ND THURS. COUNCIL OPEN: Tues., N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 Wed. & Fri.: noon - 5 p.m.; at Wittenbach Center. Call p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Thurs.: noon -7 p.m.; Sat., Church, 2700 E. Fulton. 1-4 p.m. 149 S. Hudson. Call 897-8545. EVERY 3RD THURS .:

Rubber stamping group at p.m. Create cards, scrapbooks, etc. Share supplies. Call Dawn 862-8841.

EVERY 3RD THURS .: Adults: \$8; ages 5-12: \$2. WED., APRIL 30: Lowell VFW #8303 Ladies Auxiliary: 3 p.m. at Schneider SAT., APRIL 12: Swiss 2-7 p.m. at Look Memorial Manor (until further notice).

EVERY THIRD THURS .: Parents Supporting Parents group at Franciscan Life Process Center: discussion for parents of children. Call 897-7842.

EVERY THIRD THURS. Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center. 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

EVERY THIRD THURS. LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell 6:30 p.m. socializing; meeting 7 p.m. Mother-mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. Nursing children welcome. Ada church.Call 752-8300.

SECOND THURS. OF EACH MONTH: Genealogy - Alto Family Tree Club at Alto Library 6:30 - 8 p.m.

SECOND SAT. OF EV-ERY MONTH: Ada Historical Society 1 p.m. at Averill Historical Museum of Ada, 7144 Headley.

SECOND SAT .: Lowell Amateur Radio Club at Lowell High School 9 a.m. social time; 10 a.m. meeting. LARC sponsors the 145.27 MHz area radio repeater system

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LOWELL AREA HISTORI- TUES., APRIL 15: Kinder-CAL MUSEUM HOURS: -Tues., Sat. & Sun.:1-4 p.m.; Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Families: \$10; individuals \$3; ages 5-17 \$1.50; members free.

FLAT RIVER OUTREACH & 25: Free educational MINISTRIES THRIFT SHOP OPEN: Wed.- Fri.: 3-4 1/2 yrs. old. 9 a.m.- 3 12-6 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. 519 E. Main St. 897-2037

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Mon.- Wed., 12 -8 p.m.; Thurs. - Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-5p.m.; Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 200 N. Monroe St. 647-3920.

Christian Life Center 6-9 WED., APRIL 9: Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave., will serve a family turkey & dressing 897-1232 for space. dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.

steak dinner, 5-7 p.m.

Methodist Fellowship Hall Adults: \$7: 5-12 \$3.

garten Roundup begins at 6 p.m. Alto and Bushnel elementaries. Call school for more information.

THURS. & FRI., APRIL 24 screeningfor preschoolers p.m. Bright Beginnings, 300 High St. Call Carol at 897-8415 to schedule an appointment.

SAT., APRIL 26: Early Settler Activities workshop 8-3 p.m. Lowell Area Historical Museum. Call Judy at 897-7688.

Unlimited Junior 9-2 p.m. 987-1002.

SAT., APRIL 26: TOTS Spring Almost New Sale. 9-noon. Bright Beginnings Center Gym. Free to participate. Call Kathy

Area Fire Dept. blood drive. Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

WEEKLYACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

MON.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. TUES.: 9 a.m. Walk at Woodland Mall. 12:45 p.m. Bible Study.

land Mall.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WED., APRIL 9: 8:30 a.m. Co-ed Breakfast; 12 p.m. Movie in G.R.

THURS., APRIL 10: 11a.m. Ann's Home. Lunch and Live Music of 50's.

FRI., APRIL 11: 12 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch/ & Center Shower

MON., APRIL 14: 12:45 Travelogue: "Bellingrath Gardens" features azaleas.

TUES., APRIL 15: 7:15 a.m Rockford McDonald's for Breakfast and Music.

WED., APRIL 16: 10 a.m. Advisory Council: 12 p.m Volunteer Appreciation Lunch; 12:45 p.m. Shop Lowell Meijer.

THURS., APRIL 17: 12 p.m. Dance: West Side Complex.

FRI., APRIL 18: 11 a.m.

THURS .: 9 a.m. Walk Shop Mall; 9:30 Crafts; p.m. Euchre.

FRI .: 9 a.m. Walk Wood-

Podiatrist Dr. David Smith discussion; 12:45 p.m Bingo.

MON., APRIL 21: 12:45 Syl Mosher discussion.

WED., APRIL 23: 12:45 Meijer Gardens Butterflies and Glass Show, \$7 payable in advance.

THURS., APRIL 24: 9 a.m. Horrock's Garden & Crafts Center: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Lunch at Steak & Shake.

FRI., APRIL 25: 12:45 p.m. Bingo.

MON., APRIL 28: 12:45 p.m. Shop at Grandville Rivertown Crossing Mall.

TUES., APRIL 29: 4:40 p.m. Dinner at Keiser's.

WED., APRIL 30: 8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Health Screening, Opera Dress Rehearsal.

Upkeep and maintenance driving force behind cemetery rate changes

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Rate changes related to Oakwood Cemetery to help sub- the cemetery. sidize costs were approved by the Lowell City Council in an effort to prevent the city from digging into its general fund.

"We're not looking to make any money, but we feel we at least need to cover our costs," said city clerk, Betty Morlock. 1990.

"Even with the increase, our rates are fairly low compared to the privately owned cemeteries," Morlock said. There are 12,000 spaces at Oakwood Cemetery. Cur-

rently, 5,644 have been used for burials and 5,697 of the spaces have been sold. That only leaves 1,121 spaces left throughout

"We're running out of space," Morlock said.

The city uses the money of lot sales for upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery. It takes a lot of staff and is expensive, according to Morlock. "Don DeJong puts in a lot of The last increase involving the cemetery was instituted in time and takes pride in maintaining the cemetery as well as he does.'

> Dan DesJarden, public works director, said with the rate changes, the purchase of lot costs are more accurately reflected of area rates.

City residents will be charged \$250 per lot while non city residents will incur a fee of \$500, up from \$175.

Both residents and non residents will be charged \$400 for the opening and closing of a grave. That is up from \$200 for residents and \$250 for non residents. The Saturday cost will be \$475 and the Sunday/holiday rate will be \$575.

In 2002, 30 non resident and 25 resident spaces were purchases. There were 27 city residents and 14 non residents buried

The city council unanimously approved of the rate changes which go into effect immediately.

LAHM settler workshop registration forms available

The Lowell Area Historical Museum is hosting its second annual Early Settler Activities Workshop for eight to 12 year Beads and Pouches. olds on April 26 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Wittenbach Agri-Science Center at 11715 Vergennes. It will start with a sheep-shearing demonstration and then

break into smaller workshops. Each child will be able to choose from two workshops:

Survival Skills & Shelter Making, Wood Box/Basket Making,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **LOWELL CHARTER** TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold at public hearing to consider amending Section 4.2.7 B. of the Zoning Ordinance of Lowell Charter Township. The proposed amendment would read as follows:

4.2.7 B. Parking, Storage, or Use of Major **Recreational Equipment** -

For purposes of these regulations, major recreational equipment is defined as including boats and boat trailers. recreational trailers, pickup campers or coaches (designed to be mounted on automotive vehicles or chassis), selfpropelled dwellings, tent trailers, and the like, and cases or boxes used for transporting recreational equipment. whether occupied by equipment or not. No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored in any front yard of any property in a residential district for more than 24 hours and then only for the limited purpose of loading or unloading such major recreational vehicle. With respect to any other location on such a residential lot. no major recreational vehicle shall be parked or stored for more than 14 consecutive days, or a total of 30 days during any calendar year, if it is being stored for living, housekeeping or for sleeping quarters.

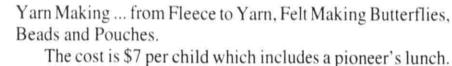
The hearing will be held on:

See.

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Monday, April 14, 2003, 7:00 p.m Lowell Charter Township Hall 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE Lowell, Michigan 49331

The proposed amendment is available for review at the Lowell Charter Township offices, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, Lowell, Michigan, 49331 during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or by calling 897-7600.



Registration forms may be obtained at the child's school or by calling Judy Straub at the museum (897-7688). They are due no later than April 17.

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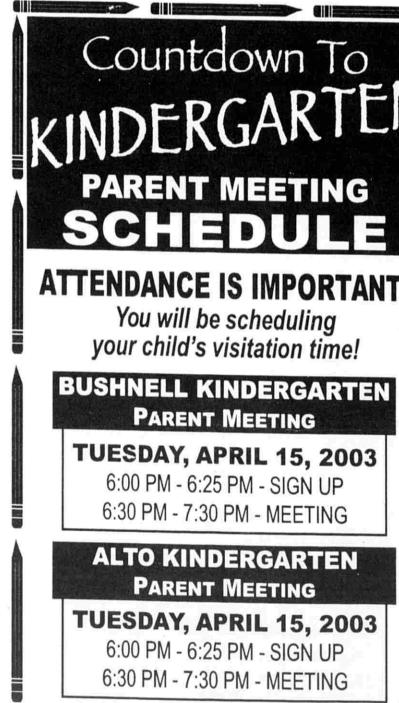
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Pictured are students interacting at the activity tables with fur and tracks taken at the 2002 Early Settler Activities Workshop sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Museum.

IN THE SERVICE Robert Ellis, a 1987

Lowell High School graduate, is an SSG now with the 1st Armored Division stationed in Germany. Ellis will transfer to Kuwait on May 1 His parents are Tim and Kathy Thompson. Ellis' wife, Marla and their one-year-old son Robert Timothy live in Low-







Countdown To KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!** You will be scheduling

your child's visitation time!

PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2003 6:00 PM - 6:25 PM - SIGN UP 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - MEETING

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HELP WANTED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cumberland Retirement Village. 2nd & 3rd shift in Nursing Department. Direct Care. Experience preferred. Please apply in person at Cumberland: 11535 East Fulton in Lowell.

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THE LAURELS OF KENT (an agency free facility) has limited full and part-time positions available for CAN's. We offer choice and flexibility with scheduling along with an excellent benefit package and a great group of people to work with. Additionally we also have opportunities for casual employment. CALL: Sandra Norris RN/SDC/ADON @ (616) 897-350 N. Center Street, Lowell MI 49331.

DIRECTO R Community Theatre seeks a director for its September, 2003 production of "The Night 897-7932. of January 16th". The outcome of this exciting courtroom drama is determined by a jury of audience members. Submit a letter of interest to P.O. Box 228, Ionia, MI 48846 by April 11.

FOR SALE

BELLAMY ACRES - West of lonia. Plat on corner of Bellamy Rd & Bradford, Ionia. We have 1 parcel left. 4.28 acre parcel. Perked. Located on new road in plat, Enterprise Dr., Lot K. For further information call Phil, 616-367-4900.

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> FOR SALE - Deluxe inside - Ionia crypts, 3 Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, \$13,170 value, sell 3 for the price of 1, \$4,390. Call

> > HORSE TRAILER - 2 horse stock, slant load trailer, bumper pull, new tires, spring shackles, bolts & crank. 6'w X 6.5h dressing room with saddle & clothes racks, \$1,099. Call 676-0699 after 5 pm.

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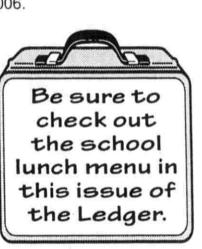
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800-405-9824 K-20.

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SALES

HUGE GARAGE SALE - Lots of misc., too many things to PILLOWTOP MATTRESS SET mention. April 9-11, 8-5pm., Lake & Flat River.

ROWBOAT 14 FT. - flat bottom GARAGE SALE - April 9-10. shanty, salesman sample dog training kits, girls size 12 - 3jr., boys 12m - 6yr., toys, camping equipment. 1898 McCabe.

> glassware, folk art, adult & childrens clothing, jewelry,

EVENTS

Established 60+yrs, booths 10:30 a.m. till 3 p.m., cation call Pat Kain (616)682-9553.

EVENTS

dramatic presentation of Daniel, 11 a.m. Easter Sunday: Breakfast & Sunrise Service, room, mattress, table, chairs, p.m. Alto Baptist. Call 868-6403 Hill Service. 897-4010.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - 1 & 2 bedroom trailers \$1,000 - \$1,050 to move in. No dogs please. \$400 - \$420 per mo. plus 1 1/2 mo. rent deposit. Call 813-8041 or 616-754-0276.

OFFICE SPACE IN LOWELL · ocated on Main St in Historical District above retail shop. Approx 500 sq ft available May 1.\$400 a month plus utilities. Call 915-5636 for more info.

HOUSE FOR RENT - Grattan Twp./Hart Lake. 3 bedroom ranch, newly remodeled, 2stall garage, lawn care option-Business, Non-Profits. Phone al. \$1,050 per month. Call 364-7344.

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CARD OF THANKS

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