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Council hears proposals to improve city's trees

Ed Gross of the Grand Rapids based Gross and Associates, Inc. presented several proposals related to tree maintenance and planting programs at Monday's meeting of the Lowell City Council. Gross' proposals include maintenance of existing

trees, an ongoing consultation service, a tree lease planting of large trees in the central business district, plantings at the new softball park and a ten year city-wide planting program. Gross' proposals are not cheap, but he claims that when compared to a

city staffed forestry department, his firm is by far the more affordable.

The initial tree maintenance program proposed by Gross calls for an expenditure of \$30,205.00. According to an exhaustive study of trees in city parks, right-of-ways and other property, Gross claims that 62 trees need to be removed, 174 need trimming, 15 need to be cabled, 185 need fertilizing and 72 stumps need to be ground out.

Following this initial maintenance, Gross recommends a 10 year planting program that would see 533 trees with a diameter of 5-8" placed around the city. The trees would be planted at a rate of 53 per year at a cost of \$549.00 per tree. All trees would be guaranteed for two years.

Gross also offered a consultation service by his company. The service would provide a toll-free number for expert advice on tree problems, act as consultants for any tree related problems, subcontract tree related services, obtain the best possible prices for tree related work, establish bid requirements, insure quality workmanship and update the annual tree program in the city. The proposed cost for this consultation is \$750.00 per month.

A unique "tree lease" program for the central business district was also proposed by Gross. The program calls for 40 large crown trees with 3-1/2" to 4" trunks to be placed on the downtown sidewalks in exposed aggregate containers 60" in diameter. "The trees will provide immediate shade as well as having a dramatic effect on the appearance of the downtown," Gross said. The five year lease calls for Gross to place the trees at pre-arranged locations and provide for their complete maintenance over the term of the lease. The lease calls for \$6,000.00 upon signing and a monthly payment of \$773.79. At the end of the lease the city has the option to buy the trees at about 25% of market cost, and have them planted elsewhere. If the lease were renewed, new trees would be planted as the initial ones grow out of the containers.

The final proposal calls for the planting of 22 shade trees with trunks 5" to 8" in diameter at the new Gee Drive Softball Park. These trees were quoted at \$549.00 each for a total of \$12,078.00.

Eon McCulloch, an associate of Gross explained to the council that the trees that would be selected would be of the highest quality and purchased with 8,000 to 10,000 root balls assuring a high percentage of healthy trees.

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Gross said that his study has revealed that in the past 10 years, 122 trees have been removed in the city, and only 50 have been replaced. Gross added that no trees have been fertilized in at least 10 years.

The council scheduled a work session to review the proposals. City Manager Ray Quada said that the timing was excellent in that he is beginning initial work on the annual budget, and if the council decides to get involved

in a tree program it could be placed in the budget. The Look Memorial Committee has expressed some interest in possibly helping fund a tree program in the city.



DID YOU KNOW?

The installation of a large propane gas tank for our school bus fleet has already saved the school district \$14,000.00 this year in fuel costs.

The purchase of a Xerox Copy Center has cut copy costs from an average of 4¢ per copy to 1.41¢ per copy. High maintenance costs on individual building copiers has been alleviated also. This information has been supplied by the Lowell Citizens for Education.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT IS UNDERWAY

The Lowell Red Arrows drew Ionia in the first game of the District 52, Class B High School Basketball Tournament. The game was slated for last night, Tuesday, March 5 at the Ionia High School, the site of all the upcoming Tournament games. Greenville, Lakewood, and Portland all drew byes for the first round of the tournament. The winner of the Lowell/Ionia contest will meet Portland at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. Greenville and Lakewood tangle at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. The winners from these two contests meet Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The District winner will play the top team from the East Grand Rapids District at the Regional Tournament at Lansing Eastern on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the District games are \$2.00 for both students and adults.

WCUZ/BUDWEISER WEEKEND PLANNERS TO MEET

The public is invited to attend and get involved in the planning of this year's WCUZ/Budweiser Showboat Weekend. An organizational meeting is slated for Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. Lowell Showboat President Ray Quada says that WCUZ promoters have set a theme for this year's event that can hopefully lend itself to a community wide promotion. Please attend, and plan on pitching in to make this event the best ever!

LENTEN BOOK REVIEW

The twenty-third annual Lenten Book Review gets underway in the YMCA lounge next Wednesday, March 13 with coffee being served at 9:45 a.m. The three part series begins with Patricia Kropf reviewing books that take a light hearted look at motherhood and family. Lowell Librarian Cathy Clair will review "Small Town Life" on March 20 and Virginia Fonger will review "Our Best Years" on March 27. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome to attend.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A juvenile shoplifter was apprehended by Eberhard's Store employees Monday, February 25. Another subject was apprehended in the same store for shoplifting Wednesday, February 27.

A juvenile male will be referred to Probate Court at a later date on charges of breaking and entering a house in the city on Sunday, February 24. The subject was apprehended Tuesday, February 26 with stolen items from the residence.

Receiving an appearance ticket to 63rd District Court Saturday morning, March 2, for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle was Lance Wellington, 18, of Belding. Lowell officers made the arrest.

Involved in a hit and run injury accident Sunday morning, February 24, on East Main near Washington Street was Rolan Robinson, 36, of Lowell. Robinson's car was struck from behind by a pickup truck which fled the scene. Robinson's wife, Debra, sustained minor injuries in the accident.

Lowell officers investigated 19 accidents in the month of February, 4 of which resulted in injuries.

Three tax relief requests are granted by City Council

The Lowell City Council approved three requests for tax relief under Public Act 255 at their meeting of March 4. The requests were from Hinkley Drugs, Thomet Chevrolet and Buick and Carole's Critters. P.A. 255 is similar to P.A. 198 in that it allows for property tax relief of 50% on new construction or improvements for up to 12 years. To qualify, projects must meet certain criteria aimed at creating new jobs. P.A. 255 applies to commercial and retail operations while P.A. 198 is offered to industries. Many industries in Lowell benefit from P.A. 198 while only the new Curtis Cleaners building on West Main Street has been granted tax relief under P.A. 255.

The Hinkley Drugs exemption is in the amount of \$12,500, or half of the State Equalized Valuation. The Thomet exemption is in the amount of \$19,662.50 and Carole's Critters was granted in the amount of \$5,000. All three were granted the relief for a period of 12 years.

Speaking on behalf of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Bob Pfaller told the council members that the Chamber approves such tax benefits to local merchants.

Hinkley Drugs is a new pharmacy business at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. The Thomet Chevrolet and Buick request stemmed from a recently completed truck repair facility at their West Main location.

Carole's Critters is a newly opened pet shop at 206 East Main. All three met the criteria of providing new jobs in the area. Based on the current village rate of 53.57 in the city, the tax relief amounts to \$53.57 per \$1,000 of the exemption each year for the next twelve years. At current rates, the Hinkley exemption will result in \$8,035.50 in tax savings, the Thomet exemption totals \$12,639.84 and Carole's Critters will save \$3,214.20. The school district's share of the lost tax revenue is made up by the state in the equalization process, the city's share, about one quarter of the total benefit, is lost revenue.

Grand River crests at 17 feet here



These homes on South Division were completely surrounded late last week when the flooding Grand River crested at 17 feet here. Flood stage for the Grand at Lowell is 15 feet. Hydrologists at Ann Arbor tell us that the Grand River level was reported at 17 feet at 7:00 a.m. Thursday and was still at 17 feet at 7:00 on Friday. The flood waters receded just in time for snow, ice and high winds to close schools on Monday and Tuesday.

\$5,000 awarded in shooting of dog

An Ada man was ordered to pay \$5,000 for two hunting dogs that he shot on property owned by his father on Bailey Dr. in Vergennes Township. The award stems from a January 1983 incident in which two dogs belonging to Patrick Bigelow were shot on property owned by William Scheur, Sr., 54. Bigelow and two companions were fox hunting with the dogs when they were shot by William Scheur, Jr., 22. In previous testimony the younger Scheur said that he was upset by past dog at-

tacks on deer in the area, and that was his reason for shooting. One of the foxhounds was killed, the other wounded in the shooting. The dead dog was a registered foxhound worth an estimated \$500.

Bigelow sued both Scheurs claiming that the dead dog was "willfully and wantonly" killed and the other was "the subject of pain, suffering and medication." A six member jury agreed with Bigelow. The younger Scheur was ordered to pay \$5,000 in damages.

The Scheurs argued that Bigelow and his dogs were hunting illegally on the land and were endangering deer. The elder Scheur claimed that dogs had killed deer on his property in the past, and added that he and Bigelow had previously clashed over trespassing.

In a related judgement, Bigelow was ordered to pay the elder Scheur \$1,000 in damages for trespassing and for assaulting him after the shooting incident.

Obituaries

The Ledger's criteria for running obituary notices is to glean from the Grand Rapids Press obituaries that contain deceased persons or relatives of the deceased from Lowell, Ada, Saranac and Alto. Should you know of an obituary that would be of interest to our readers, but is not listed in the Press, please give us a call at 897-9261. There is no charge for obituary notices in the Ledger.

TOWNSEND - William K. Townsend, aged 95, of Lake Odessa, passed away Saturday, February 23, 1985. Surviving are three sons, Stanley, of Midland, TX, Warren, of Lake Odessa, Larry of Clarksville; five grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the Funeral Chapel, Rev. James Hulet officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery.

DRAYTON - Mr. Ernest L. Drayton, aged 53, of Lowell, passed away suddenly Sunday morning at Metropolitan Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Doris M. Drayton; his children, Carol Hill of Big Rapids, Terry Corey of Texas, Ernest L. Drayton III of Lowell, Allen Drayton of Lowell; five grand-

children; his mother Dora M. Drayton of Kentwood; three brothers, Guy of Midland, Frank of Comstock Park, and Roger Drayton of Grand Rapids; four sisters, Mrs. Ada Olson of Wyoming, Mrs. Doris Snooks of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Emma Pingelka of Newaygo, Mrs. Leona Childs of Lowell. Mr. Drayton reposes at the De Graaf Funeral Home, 4031 Clyde Park, S.W. where funeral services will be held Wednesday with Rev. Richard Robinson officiating. The interment service will be held at the family plot at Amble Cemetery, Amble, MI, Wednesday conducted by V.F.W. Post No. 8303.

GARDNER - Lynn Gardner of 909 Bowes Road, Lowell, passed away March 1, 1985 at Grand Rapids Metropolitan Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Vanderwolf of Grandville; two grandchildren, Debbie and Doug; mother-in-law, Mrs. Jettie Erridge of Ionia; special aunts, Mrs. Mabel Scott of Alto, Mrs. Sadie Wohlscheid of Ionia, Mrs. Esther Gardner of Lowell; sister-in-law, Mrs. Gerri VanArman; one niece and one nephew; many cousins. Mr. Gardner is retired from Root Lowell Inc., life

member of Lowell VFW Post 8303, and the Lowell Moose Lodge. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Monday 2 P.M. at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell. Rev. William Amundsen officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

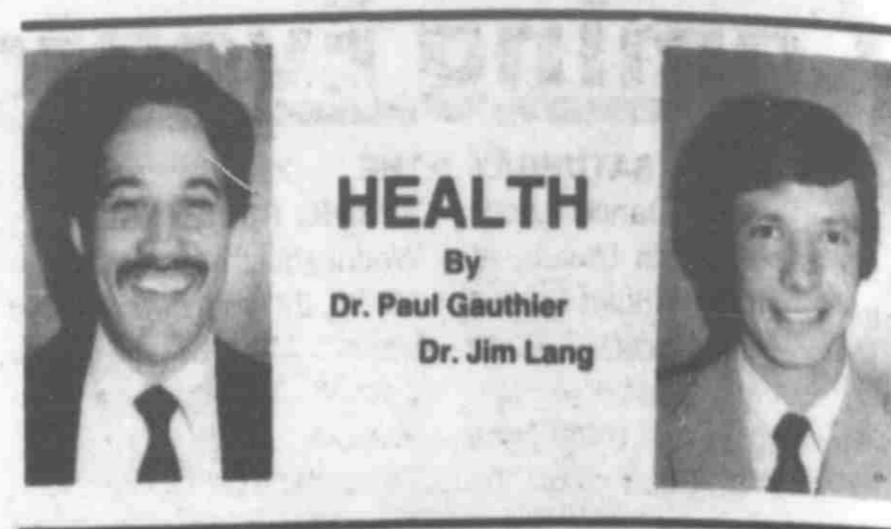
GROEN - William J. Groen Jr., aged 60 went to be with our Lord Thursday evening, February 28, 1985 at Grand Rapids Metropolitan Hospital. He will be lovingly missed by his wife, Mildred; his children, Norm and Mary Jones, Ken and Ilene Groen; four grandchildren; one brother; four sisters; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and relatives. Mr. Groen was a Veteran of WWII, member of Lowell VFW Post 8303, he was retired from Reliable Cartage Co. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, Rev. Raymond Lewis officiating. Interment Graceland Memorial Park. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

CARBERRY - Sarah Noell Charlotte Carberry, 4 months

old, daughter of Christopher and Debra Carberry of 8500 Peck Lake Road, passed away January 24, 1985. Also surviving are grandparents David & Elaine Scudder of Hastings, Mrs. Carole Carberry of Middleville, Clifford Campbell of Ohio, great-grandmother Edythe Dolan of Grand Rapids. Uncles Mr. Brian (Deb) Campbell of Byron Center and Mr. Gary Campbell of Hastings. Services were held on January 26, 1985 at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Interment Restlawn Cemetery.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q. Do routine asbestos exposures endanger the public?
A. Because the concentration of asbestos fibers occurring in the environment generally is at low levels, numerous governmental and scientific groups have concluded that low level exposures do not pose significant public health risks. In the case of schools and other buildings, according to the Safe Buildings Alliance, many expert groups have concluded that the typically low exposures do not pose a significant public health risk.



HEALTH

By
Dr. Paul Gauthier
Dr. Jim Lang

Vasectomy

Bilateral vasectomy has become an increasingly popular means of achieving permanent sterilization in men. It is estimated that 500,000 vasectomies are performed in the United States each year. In today's column we'll discuss several aspects of this procedure, including time lost from work, operative complications, health risks, and possible reversibility.

When a person decides to undergo elective sterilization, be it vasectomy in males or tubal ligation in females, the decision should be made on an informed basis. In other words, you should discuss your wishes thoroughly with your doctor. There may be many things about sterilization procedures which you are unaware of. For instance, did you know that the procedure of tubal ligation in women is done in the hospital under general anesthesia and in many instances is not covered by your health insurance? By comparison, vasectomy is commonly done in your doctor's office, under local anesthesia and is usually a covered benefit of most health insurance plans. The point here is, know that as a couple you have a choice about which procedure to undergo, and make your decision with the assistance of your doctor.

Once the decision has been made to undergo vasectomy, your doctor should discuss thoroughly with you all aspects of the procedure. Some of the more important points of this discussion should include the following:

1. Consider the vasectomy to be a permanent procedure - in other words, after the surgery consider yourself to be sterile for life.
2. Successful vasectomy ensures sterility, that is, the absence of any sperm in the seminal ejaculate. Vasectomy causes no changes in sexual desire or performance.
3. Contrary to prior reports, recent studies have shown that there is no increased risk of coronary artery disease or heart attacks in men who have undergone vasectomy.
4. Surgical risks should be discussed. As with any surgery, there is the possibility of complication. In vasectomy these include: infection, hematoma, pain and mild bleeding.
5. The actual procedure should be outlined. Discussion should center on local anesthesia, incision to be made, time of the surgery (15 to 20 minutes) and recovery period. In our office, vasectomies are generally done on Friday afternoons. The patient spends a leisurely weekend and is generally ready to return to work on Monday.
6. Reversibility of vasectomy should be touched upon. If, after a period of time or change in one's domestic situation, the patient decides he wants to be fertile again, reattachment of both vas deferens can be attempted. This is a microscopic procedure, usually performed by a urologist and has varying degrees of success.
7. Following vasectomy, do not consider yourself sterile until sterility has been proven with a submitted semen sample. We usually check a semen sample in the office after 12 to 15 ejaculations. Until sterility has been assured, some sort of contraception should be used.

In summary, vasectomy is a procedure for male sterilization that is regularly performed by many family physicians. It is an inexpensive and simple procedure in the family practice outpatient setting and is safe and dependable contraceptive procedure. We emphasize making an informed decision in conjunction with your doctor when deciding to undergo vasectomy.

We welcome any questions and/or comments you may have regarding our weekly column. Please send them to our office at 147 N. Center Street, Lowell, Michigan 49331.



Carrying lead in the pocket was believed to prevent poison oak.

The U.S. Weather Bureau ranks Great Falls, Montana, as the windiest city in the U.S. The average wind speed is 13.1 miles per hour.

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Coming Events

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT: Teen Dance, sponsored by Teen's United, at the Lowell American Legion Roller Rink. 10:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. \$1.50 per person. Tennis shoes or socks! Ages 13 to 19. Information on Dance or joining Teens United call 897-8238.

THE LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: meet the 1st Mon. of each month at 7:30 in the K-Quad of the High School.

LOWELL UNITED METHODIST PRE-SCHOOL'S: second semester will begin soon. There are currently afternoon openings (12 noon to 2:15 P.M.) in the following classes: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, pre-kindergarten; and Tuesday, Thursday, three-year-olds. Call the First United Methodist Church at 897-5936 to register.

THE 23RD ANNUAL SPRING REVIEW SERIES: Wednesday mornings March 13, 20, 27, sponsored by the Lowell YMCA and the Lowell Library. Reviewers will be Patricia Kropf, Virginia Fonger and Cathy Clair. Coffee and cookies at 9:45 and program at 10:00. All area people are invited to come; no charge.

VERGENNES CO-OPERATIVE CLUB: Will meet at Schneider Manor on Thursday, March 7, at 1:00 P.M. Sponsor: Orpha Chaterdon Hostesses: Connie Odell, Olive Bieri, Stella Bradshaw, Alice Baur
Program: Home Environment and Residential Energy.
Chairman: Priscilla Lussmyer

ROAST BEEF DINNER: The Lowell United Methodist Church is having their annual Roast Beef Dinner, Tuesday,

March 19th, from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. It is sponsored by the Senior High Youth. Tickets are \$3.75 for Adults, \$2.75 for Senior Citizens, \$1.75 for Children and Children under 5 are free

CYCLAMEN MEETING: The regular monthly meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. will be held Friday, March 8th, at 8:00 P.M. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

ALTO PTC MEETING: Alto Parent Teacher Club meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. at Alto School, featuring Child Watch Awareness Training Program. Babysitting will be provided. All are welcome.

PACK MEET ON WHEELS! Cub Scout Pack 3188 will meet at Lowell American Legion Roller Rink, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. Cost: 25¢ to skate, 50¢ to rent skates. Awards will be presented.

ALTO LIONS CLUB: On Saturday, March 16th, the Alto Lions Club will sponsor a Benefit Ham Supper For The Aid To The Blind. It will be held at the Alto School, 6150 Bancroft S.E., from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. Tickets available from Lions Club Members or at the door. \$4.50 for Adults, \$2.50 Children ages 6 - 12, Children under 5 are free.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB: will meet Wednesday, March 13th, at 12:00 sharp. The sponsor for the day will be Delores Laux. There will be a mini report given by a student member on International Affairs. The topic for the day is on Identifying and Preserving Photographs by Liz Hausserman. This includes old and new photographs, how best to display them and the best way of recording cards. The Salad Committee for the day: Esther Staal, Chairman, Grace Kutchy, Marion Noteware, Zona

Postma, Marie Street, Leticia Tobias, Leona Wieland. Remember all meetings begin at 12:00 noon. Come and bring a friend.
MARCH 16 & 23 - There will be two Jaycee Reps at the State Savings Bank (Main Branch) and Eberhards from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 to answer your questions about the Jaycees.



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 2. Keep all medications and other products in their original, labeled containers. Never store poisonous substances in food or beverage containers.
 3. Call medicine by its proper name. Never suggest that medicine is "candy".
 4. Read all labels carefully before taking medicine or using a product. Follow the directions. However, be careful of antidote information which may be outdated. Find out what measures your doctor or poison center recommends, and follow that advice.
 5. Don't take or give medication in the dark.
 6. Avoid taking medication in front of children. They are great imitators of adults.
 7. Use the proper measuring device when administering liquid medicine. There are special medication spoons and cups now available, which are more accurate than your average household teaspoon.
 8. Do not depend upon close supervision to prevent a poisoning. Many poisonings occur when an adult is within reach of the child. You cannot watch a child every second.
 9. Use child-resistant packaging whenever possible. Do not rely on these, however, to keep a child from being poisoned. Children can open these, especially if they are not replaced securely.
 10. If you are interrupted while using a product, take it with you. Poison Centers hear frequently, "I just left for a second". That's all the time a child needs to become poisoned. To help in poison-proofing your home, we now have Officer Ugg Stickers available. To obtain, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25 cents per sheet to:
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 MARCH 10: Tom Kathan, Marcia Ryder
 MARCH 11: Brian Daugherty, Reverend Kinsey, Amy Cosgrove, Renee Nugent, Jerry Kehoe
 MARCH 12: Julie Idema, Missy Hayward

Area Grads from WMU

A total of 1,170 persons are on the official list of those who received degrees from Western Michigan University at the end of the fall semester of the 1984-85 school year. Persons receiving bachelor's degrees totaled 847 and persons receiving master's, specialist (sixth year) or doctoral degrees totaled 323.

Among them are: Maria Yvonne Pease, 8801 Conservation, Ada, Roberta E. Peterson, 110 Bittersweet Lane, Ada, Mary E. Peterson-Combs, 1460 Buttrick, SE, Ada, Gayle Rae Andrus, 11297 100th Street, Alto, William J. Butts, 5105 Byrne Road, Lowell, Keith A. Tap, 11241 Sara Street, Lowell

HOMESPUN DEVOTIONS

by Pauline E. Spray



...my strength is made perfect in weakness... (II Corinthians 12:9)

The patch will outlast the rest of the cloth, I thought with amusement as I mended a dish towel. Because of my mending job, the weakest spot had become the strongest part of the towel.

So like our lives, I also thought. Often our weaknesses become our strong points because we work diligently to strengthen and overcome them. The person who claims to be weak in faith can become a firm believer by practicing faith in his daily life. By exerting positive rather than negative thoughts toward those about him a person who is critical of others can overcome his negativism. The one who lacks confidence can become strong through Christ. When he begins claiming God's strength rather than his own, he can know a confidence stronger than anything he dreamed possible. A person who suffers from affliction can whine and pine his life away, or he can accept his trial, look for the good involved, and live radiantly.

We can become the strongest where we were the weakest. If we depend upon God's strength rather than relying on our own, our weakness, strange as it may seem, can become our strong point.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thou hast said that Thy grace is sufficient for me. Thou knowest my weakness. Strengthen me through Thy power. Make me strong because I trust in Thee. Amen.

All God's giants have been weak men, who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them.
 J. Hudson Taylor

In the Service

Larry W. Ranburger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. Ranburger of 195 Valley Vista Drive, Lowell, Michigan, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Ranburger is a weapon control systems mechanic at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., with the 4484th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

His wife, Perrie, is the daughter of Leonard Vennema of 3002 Benton Street, Goldsboro, N.C.

He is a 1981 graduate of Lowell Senior High School.



The small metal hoop on a lamp that supports the shade is called a harp.

The first successful electric typewriter was the Blickensderfer Electric in 1902. It would have been more successful if more offices had electricity.

Engagement Told



Carla Shores and Albert Burrows

Carla Ann Shores and Albert William Burrows will be married on August 16, 1985.

Parents are Jeanne Shores and the late Carl Shores, 315 Spring Street, Lowell, and Stanley Burrows, 11387 Dorothy, Lowell.

The bride-elect is a 1982 Graduate of Lowell High School and attends Grand Valley State College. She is employed at WGVC/WGVK-TV.

The groom-elect is a 1978 Graduate of Lowell High School. He attended Northern Michigan University and is now attending Grand Valley State College. He is employed at Home Building Specialties.



Christine M. Adams

Christine M. Adams and Mark T. Gerst will exchange wedding vows May 11, 1985.

The bride-elect of Ada, is the daughter of Mrs. Lilo E. Adams also of Ada, and the late Ronald L. Adams. Chris graduated from Forest Hills Central High School and attended Aquinas College.

The groom-elect, of Cascade Road, SE, Grand Rapids, is the son of David G. and Joyce Gerst of Lowell. Mark graduated from Forest Hills Northern High School and Wayne State University of Mortuary Science.

Some say you'll receive money if your palm itches.

Care for your pet

Even pet dogs or cats that live outside all the time can use a warming hand on bitter cold winter nights, says National Wildlife's Ranger Rick magazine. To prevent a pet from possibly freezing to death in their sleep, Ranger Rick suggests warming up a pet's shelter with extra blankets, or bringing the pet into an unheated garage. Do not bring an outdoor pet into a hot house. Not only might this sicken the animal, but it will make it harder for the pet to adjust when it returns to the cold outdoors.

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Births

Gary and Roxanne Goff, along with their daughter Abbey, are pleased to announce the birth of their baby Jeremy Kenneth Goff, born on February 26, 1985. Jeremy weighed 8 pounds, 6-1/2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Ken and Verne Goff of Saranac.



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Letters

Our Wrestling Coach
Behind every good athlete there is a good coach. When an athlete enjoys a sport and has potential for this sport, he must like his coach. Your performance percentage will not be as high if you do not like or respect him.

We are lucky enough to have a very experienced and good coach for our wrestling program. He is a high school teacher and coach. This person is Mr. Gary Rivers. He is on the Booster's Club and runs the Lowell Freestyle Club. This gives the younger kids a chance to get acquainted with the sport and see what it takes to be a wrestler. Some of his high school wrestlers come in to teach technique and keep the youngsters under control at these practices. He does not teach dirty wrestling or poor sportsmanship. If a person is a dirty wrestler or a poor sport it's their own personality. He never pushes a person past their capability. He has worked with kids for a number of years and knows what makes them tick. He doesn't yell at the athletes to work, he just uses a little psychology to convince them to work for themselves.

When the high school season rolls around he welcomes anyone into the wrestling room. He also does a little recruiting to get potential wrestlers into the room. They may stay or decide to bow out. The techniques Coach Rivers uses to run a practice are quite basic: warming up to prevent injury, drilling to improve technique, showing of new moves, live wrestling for practice and conditioning and some condensed drills primarily for conditioning and strength. He tells his wrestlers what to do and they do it, no questions asked. The room maintains a good attitude because of cooperation and a lot of respect. With this, the wrestlers push themselves and each other making it more than just hard work.

He can be very hard nosed on occasion. If you get out of hand or disrupt the practice, he will use some firm words to put you in your place. If you do not listen or if you don't want to work he will simply say, "There's the door, you make your choice." Either way, he gains respect from you. He can be a friend, an enemy, or to most who do not know him an authoritative figure. I admit there are some people who do not like or get along with him because of his rough antics. This is his personality and not all personalities are compatible.

Coach Rivers does not just show up at practice, do his job and forget his kids when he leaves. He is concerned with the wrestler as a person and is usually concerned with the well being of their families. I think the community should give Coach Rivers some recognition for what he has done with the younger kids and the town's young men. He does more than just get them in shape. He gives them self confidence and pride.

Perhaps some of you have

Also, he teaches them respect, responsibility, how to push themselves to work hard and more. Things that will be important later on in life.

I personally would like to thank Mr. Rivers for all he has taught me and for being more than just a coach.

Jerry Adams

Dear Citizens of Lowell:
The Lowell Citizens' Advisory Committee for Educational Excellence has been in existence now since October 23, 1984. We are a group of 18 individuals interested in the future of our children and our school system. In addition to these 18 serving on the committee, I am sure that there are many citizens and parents equally committed to the same goals. And yet, I have only received one phone call from the Citizens of Lowell School District.

This leaves me puzzled as to why there has been so little response. I'm wondering if you, the citizens, feel apathetic concerning school issues. I wonder if you feel your input will not be listened to or taken seriously. I would like to assure any citizens that might feel this way, that their input is vital. Local school districts should reflect the needs of the local community, and any valid comments will be taken seriously.

Do it for the kids: attend a citizens open meeting on April 16 or

"gone sour" on the Lowell School System. If this is the case, I urge you to get into the schools and see for yourself the many good things happening right here in the Lowell Schools. I have been very impressed with the efforts of both teachers and administrators to improve the quality of education throughout the district. Changes have been made already, previous to the citizens' investigation, which have improved the quality of education.

The only other possibility that I can think of is that you are pleased with education as it is in the Lowell system. To you, I would like to say that our committee is becoming increasingly aware that there is much more to be done to provide an education that is preparing students for the world they will live in -- a changing world of work -- and a changing society in general. Will Lowell keep up with the times, or be left behind, only to find later that graduates needed more in order to be prepared for the world of the future?

There may be other reasons why there has been little citizen response so far. I would like to hear those reasons. When I go to the grocery store, shops in town, or local restaurants, I hear discussions of education. Why not direct those comments where they can be heard -- and do some good!

Do it for the kids: attend a citizens open meeting on April 16 or

April 24 in the Middle School Media Center at 7:00 P.M. Whether you have children in school or not, the graduates of Lowell will affect your life by the way they handle themselves on the job and socially in our community.

Jo Ann Frey
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THURSDAY
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11:30AM **26** — ESPN's Speedweek

12:00PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Quarter-final #1

2:00PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Quarter-final #2

4:30PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Best Singles Match A or B

6:30PM **26** — SportsCenter

7:00PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Quarter-final #3

8:00PM **26** — Wrestling TNT

9:00PM **26** — Friday Night Boxing

9:30PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Quarter-final #4

11:30PM **26** — SportsCenter

12:00AM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Doubles Match

3:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

3:30AM **26** — ESPN's Speedweek

4:00AM **26** — Mazda SportsLook

4:30AM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from New York, NY

SATURDAY 3/9/85

6:30AM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from New York, NY

8:30AM **26** — SportsCenter

9:30AM **17** — Championship Wrestling from Georgia

10:00AM **17** — Championship Wrestling

10:30AM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Doubles Match

12:00PM **26** — Pro Tennis: U.S. Women's Indoor Tennis Championship

1:30PM **17** — College Basketball: Notre Dame at Dayton

2:00PM **26** — College Basketball: Metro Conference Championship or Big Eight Conference Championship

2:30PM **26** — College Basketball: DePaul at Marquette

3:00PM **26** — PGA Golf: Hertz-Bayhill Golf Classic

3:30PM **26** — PBA Tour: PBA National Championships

4:00PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Semifinal

4:30PM **26** — CBS Sports Saturday

5:17PM **26** — College Basketball: Minnesota at Illinois

6:00PM **26** — College Basketball: Southeast Conference Championship

4:30PM **41** **43** **13** — Wide World of Sports

5:00PM **26** — College Basketball: NCAA Conference Championships

6:00PM **17** — World Championship Wrestling

7:00PM **26** — SportsCenter

7:30PM **26** — College Basketball Tournament from New York, NY: Championship Game

9:00PM **5** **17** **6** — College Basketball: Iowa at Purdue

9:30PM **26** — USFL Football: Baltimore at Memphis

12:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

12:30AM **26** — College Basketball: Iowa at Purdue

3:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

3:30AM **26** — Fitness Magazine

SUNDAY 3/10/85

6:00AM **26** — College Basketball: Minnesota at Illinois

8:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

8:30AM **26** — ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly

9:00AM **26** — College Basketball: Notre Dame at Dayton

12:00PM **26** — Bowling

2:00PM **26** — All American Wrestling

2:30PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Singles Match C and D

1:00PM **26** **3** **6** **8** — NCAA Basketball: Michigan at Indiana

1:30PM **26** **3** **6** **10** — College Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament Championship

1:30PM **41** — Sportsbeat

2:30PM **41** — USFL Football: Teams To Be Announced

3:00PM **26** — Pro Soccer: Chicago at Minnesota

3:30PM **26** **3** **6** **8** — CBS Sports Sunday

4:00PM **26** — PGA Golf: Hertz-Bay Hill Classic

4:00PM **26** — College Basketball: Southwest Conference Championships

4:00PM **26** — LPGA Golf: Uniden LPGA Invitational from Costa Mesa, CA -Final Round

5:00PM **10** **10** — SportsWorld

6:00PM **26** — LPGA Golf 1984

7:00PM **26** — SportsCenter

8:00PM **17** — NBA Basketball: Portland at Milwaukee

9:00PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan -Deciding Match

10:00PM **26** — ACC College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Championship Game

12:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

12:30AM **26** — Big East Basketball Tournament from New York, NY - Championship Game

2:30AM **26** — SportsCenter

3:00AM **26** — USFL Football: Baltimore at Memphis

4:00AM **26** — College Basketball: Southwest Conference Championships

WEEKDAYS 3/9/85-3/13/85

9:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

MONDAY 3/11/85

9:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

9:30AM **26** — ESPN's Ringside Review

10:00AM **26** — ACC College Basketball Tournament from Atlanta, GA: Championship Game

12:00PM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

12:30PM **26** — USFL Football: Baltimore at Memphis

3:00PM **26** — LPGA Golf 1984

4:00PM **26** — Women's Pro Skiing

4:30PM **26** — Big East Basketball Tournament from New York, NY - Championship Game

6:30PM **26** — Mazda SportsLook

7:00PM **26** — SportsCenter

7:30PM **26** — NHL Hockey: Chicago at New York Rangers

8:00PM **26** — College Basketball Report

8:00PM **26** — Super Bouts of the 70's

9:00PM **26** — USFL Football: Jacksonville at Arizona

12:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

12:30AM **26** — USFL Football: Jacksonville at Arizona

3:30AM **26** — SportsCenter

4:00AM **26** — College Basketball Report

TUESDAY 3/12/85

5:00AM **26** — Mazda SportsLook

5:30AM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

9:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

9:30AM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Best Singles Match A or B

12:00PM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

1:00PM **26** — College Basketball Report

1:30PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Best Singles Match A or B

3:30PM **26** — USFL Football: Jacksonville at Arizona

6:30PM **26** — Revco's World Class Women

7:00PM **26** — SportsCenter

7:30PM **26** — Winning Golf

8:00PM **26** — Prime Time Wrestling

9:00PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup Highlights

9:00PM **26** — NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships from Syracuse NY

10:00PM **26** — Richmond 200 Stock Car Race

11:30PM **26** — SportsCenter

12:00AM **26** — Bodybuilding: 1984 Ms. Olympia Competition from Montreal, Canada

1:00AM **26** — Richmond 200 Stock Car Race

2:00AM **26** — Winning Golf

2:30AM **26** — SportsCenter

3:00AM **26** — Top Rank Boxing from Atlantic City, NJ

WEDNESDAY 3/13/85

5:30AM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

9:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

9:30AM **26** — Mazda SportsLook

10:00AM **26** — LPGA Golf: Uniden LPGA Invitational from Costa Mesa, CA -Final Round

12:00PM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

12:30PM **26** — Tennis: 1985 Davis Cup First Round- USA vs. Japan from Kyoto, Japan-Doubles Match

2:30PM **26** — Gymnastics: America's Golden Heroes

4:30PM **26** — Fitness Magazine

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6:30PM **26** — ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly

7:00PM **26** — SportsCenter

7:30PM **26** — Inside the PGA Tour

8:00PM **26** — World Alpine Skiing Championships from Bormio, Italy

9:00PM **26** — Top Rank Boxing from Lake Tahoe, NV

11:30PM **26** — SportsCenter

12:00AM **26** — Mazda SportsLook

1:00AM **26** — College Basketball Report

1:30AM **26** — Fitness Magazine

2:00AM **26** — Inside the PGA Tour

2:30AM **26** — SportsCenter

3:00AM **26** — NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships from Syracuse NY

THURSDAY 3/14/85

5:30AM **26** — Aerobics-Bodies in Motion

9:00AM **26** — SportsCenter

9:30AM **26** — Top Rank Boxing from Lake Tahoe, NV

12:00PM **26** — 1985 NCAA Basketball Championship Game - First Round

2:00PM **26** — 1985 NCAA Basketball Championship Game - First Round

4:00PM **26** — NCAA Tournament Today

4:30PM **26** — 1985 NCAA Basketball Championship Game - First Round

6:30PM **26** — NCAA Tournament Tonight

7:00PM **26** — 1985 NCAA Basketball Championship Game - First Round

7:30PM **26** — NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Chicago

8:00PM **17** — NBA Basketball: Houston at Detroit

9:00PM **26** — Daytona 200 Motorcycle Classic

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Thompson Retires From MABC



Lyle Thompson, R#2, 12054 84th Street, Alto, retired this January after 30 years as an artificial insemination (A.I.) technician with MABC-Select Sires.

During his time as a technician for Kent County, Thompson has made over 69,000 "first services", cows to be bred for the first time, averaging 2,300 per year.

Since his retirement, Thompson has been putting in about 12 hours a day at Thompson's Gun Shop which he has owned for about 10 years.

Thompson works both with sales and gunsmithing in the shop which he owns in partnership with his youngest son.

Thompson's Gun Shop is probably the third largest gun shop of its kind in northern Michigan, dealing with all types of guns.

"I had hoped to have a little time to do things after I retired, but it doesn't look like I will, Thompson said. The large amount of time the shop takes is the reason Thompson went into partnership in the first place.

MABC-Select Sires is a farmer owned an controlled artificial insemination cooperative serving the genetic improvement needs of cattle breeders throughout Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin. Headquartered in East Lansing, Michigan, he cooperatively is one of 11 members of the nationally recognized Select Sires Federation.

Tree Sale Update

The Kent Soil Conservation District still has some seedlings left to sell. Available are Red Pine, Austrian Pine, White Spruce, Blue Spruce, Carolina Poplar (hybrid, grows 4-5 feet per year), Honeysuckle and Wildlife packets. Wildlife Packets consist of 75 seedlings of 10-12 different varieties. The intent of the District tree program according to Wayne Rodgers, Tree Program Chairman, is to supply local property owners with trees and shrubs for wildlife areas, erosion control and windbreaks at a reasonable price.

Deadline is April 1, 1985, but quantities are limited. Order blanks and more information may be obtained at the District Office, 3321 Plainfield, or by calling 361-8511. Orders are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Trees may be picked up at our office April 18 & 19.

Mail Forwarding Fees Reduced

Postal customers who move out of the Lowell, MI 49331 area no longer have to pay a fee to have their magazines, newspapers and other second-class mail forwarded, according to Postmaster Charlie Doyle.

"After February 17, all second-class items will be forwarded nationwide, without charge, for 60 days from the date a change-of-address order is effective," Doyle said. Before, all second-class mail has been forwarded for 90 days, but the customer had to pay for the forwarding when the publication was sent beyond a local delivery area, the Postmaster explained.

Other changes include: Elimination of a forwarding fee on parcels on which First-Class postage had been paid (Priority Mail)

Return of post and postal cards to senders with address corrections without additional charge.

Elimination of address correction fees incidental to return of a mail piece unless the correction is provided as a separate notice.

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THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS

PUBLISH YOUR OWN COOKBOOK

If you can gather some recipes you know are delicious, and write them down in clear, understandable language—and if you're willing to invest some time and money to make more money—the chances are you can successfully publish your own cookbook.

For starters, you'll have to come up with a good idea for a cookbook (it could be anything from *Coconut Classics to 101 Ways with a Zucchini*), trying your best to objectively weigh that concept's marketability. Ask your friends what they think of the idea and, if you can, get the opinions of people in the business: Never pass up an opportunity to discuss a prospective title with bookstore owners or managers.

Prepare each recipe in order to test the directions for clarity and accuracy. When your "receipts" have your personal stamp of approval, carefully type them out. A neat manuscript will save you money, avoid printing delays, and prevent typographical errors in the finished product.

Having your manuscript typeset will make the text look attractive and—perhaps—will help sell your books, but there are less expensive routes to take. You can type the text yourself on an ordinary typewriter or—perhaps the best shoestring technique—hand-letted it. Several best-selling cookbooks are attractively hand-letted and are probably popular because of their rustic format.

Pepper your pamphlet with plenty of illustrations... but not photos, since even black-and-white pictures add substantial expense, and color ones can double your costs.

Doing your own layout and pasteup can save you as much as a couple of hundred dollars. To lay out each page, draw the page size of your books on a "LinUp" sheet or on a similar brand of gridded pasteup board (one for each page of the book)... position whatever text and illustration you want on that page... outline the areas with a blue nonphotographic pencil... brush rubber cement on the back of the drawings and copy... and glue each element into place.

Next, get in touch with the local printers who give the best service and tell them what you want for your book: the number of pages (and photos, if any), the size, the kind of paper and cover stock, and the type of binding. Ask for a written price quote. Second and successive printings will of course cost far less, because the typesetting, negative, and plate fees will already have been met.

To establish a tentative price for your book, comparison shop at bookstores to find out what similar publications are selling for.

Then, after your cookbook has been bound and delivered to you, act on the First Commandment of the self-publisher: "Thou shalt get out there and sell, sell, sell!"

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CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of review will meet as provided by City Charter to receive and review the various assessment rolls for 1985.

The first meeting will be held at 9 A.M.

Tuesday, March 5, 1985

for the purpose of receiving from the Assessor, reviewing and correcting where necessary, said rolls.

The second meeting will be held to hear all persons having filed an appeal with said Board.

Forms on which to make appeals will be available at City Hall and should be returned by March 4, 1985.

Personal appearance is not required at meeting held to hear appeals, which dates and times are:

Monday, March 11, 1985 - Tuesday, March 12, 1985 from 9 A.M. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 5 P.M. each day and Wednesday, March 13, 1985 from 6 to 8 P.M.

As required, the following ratio and multiplier information is published.

PROPERTY	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Real	50%	1.00
Personal	50%	1.00

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Patrick G. Malone
Supervisor, Grattan Township

Alex. J. Oriyik
City Assessor
Cert. No. 1265
C14,15,16

LOWELL TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Lowell Township will meet at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE on

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

between the hours of 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1) by letter addressed to the Lowell Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12th, 1985; or

2) by phoning the Township Hall (897-7600) for an appointment to appear in person.

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk
C14,15,16

"Feel the dignity of a child. Do not feel superior to him, for you are not." Robert Henri

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, Old Belding Rd., in Grattan on

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

between the hours of 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

1) by letter addressed to the Grattan Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12th, 1985; or

2) appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets

The tentative Real Property assessment ratio and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50% Multiplier - 1.00

Patrick G. Malone
Supervisor, Grattan Township

C15,16

Long form long on savings

Don't give the long form short shrift when you file your 1984 income tax return. Buried in the official tax language of this year's 1040, also known as the "long form," are some hidden tax treasures, according to the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Taxpayers who don't itemize generally fill out the short form (1040A). But in doing so, they could miss out on deductions for moving expenses, unreimbursed business expenses and early withdrawal penalties from savings accounts.

CPAs say that taxpayers who do not itemize deductions may not realize that they could be missing out on deductions in the adjustments to income section of the long form.

Taxpayers who itemize deductions should get all the tax savings to which they are entitled on the long form's section for miscellaneous deductions. These deductions are also easy to overlook, CPAs say.

Let's look first at adjustments to income that can bring non-itemizers tax savings when they use the long form. The short form does not have a section for adjustments to income, so a non-itemizer should use the long form to claim one of these deductions.

If you are an employee and use your car for business reasons, you can deduct the actual costs of standard mileage rate as an adjustment to income. Unre-

bursed job expenses for travel, meals and lodging away from home should be deducted as an adjustment to income, CPAs say. You may want to do this on the long form even if you do not itemize deductions.

Another of the seven adjustments to income covers moving expenses. If you moved in 1984 because you took a job in another area or were transferred by your employer, you may be able to deduct your moving expenses and other costs associated with the move. There are strict rules for taking this deduction and you may want to check with your local CPA for more information.

Another deduction that non-itemizers should be aware of in the income adjustments section is for penalties on early withdrawals from savings accounts. You can deduct the amount you forfeit when prematurely withdrawing money from a savings account. Your bank provides you with a statement showing the penalties.

Tax payers who itemize their deductions can also take advantage of the adjustments to income section on the long form. Look for ways to whittle your tax liability further by making the most of the small section on the long form that is for miscellaneous deductions. CPAs have observed that taxpayers can sometimes fail to take full advantage of the tax breaks available in this section. Miscellaneous deduc-

tions live up to their name, so they don't usually fall neatly into one category. Only the most meticulous record keeper who is familiar with the multitude of miscellaneous deductions is safe from letting some of them slip past.

Here is a rundown of some of the deductions itemizers can take in the miscellaneous deductions section of Schedule A.

-- Job hunting expenses. You may deduct the cost of printing resumes, personnel agency fees and other expenses related to your job search. But the job must be in your current line of work. You may not take this deduction if you are a recent graduate looking for your first job.

-- Uniforms for work. You can deduct work clothing that cannot be worn as everyday clothing.

-- Tools you use for work.

-- Fees for setting up an IRA.

-- The cost of a safety deposit box that contains securities that are not tax exempt.

This is only a short list of miscellaneous deductions. If you suspect you are missing some, or if you are unsure about whether a particular expense is a miscellaneous deduction, consult a CPA. Any fee charged for tax return preparation is deductible as a miscellaneous expense.

" 'Tis not a lip, or eye, we beauty call, but the joint force and full result of all." Alexander Pope



American Heart Association

The aroma of fresh, hot cookies baking is sure to attract a crowd to your kitchen. And this recipe for Oatmeal-Carrot Cookies can satisfy a craving for sweets while contributing valuable nutrients to your diet.

Oatmeal-Carrot Cookies

- 1/2 Cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Margarine, Melted
- 1 Egg
- 1/2 Teaspoon Vanilla
- 3/4 Cup Carrots, Shredded
- 1 Cup Whole Wheat Flour
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 Cup Oatmeal
- 1/4 Cup Wheat Germ
- 1/2 Cup Raisins

In a small bowl, cream together, sugar, margarine, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add carrots and mix well.

In another bowl, thoroughly stir together flour, baking powder, oatmeal and wheat germ. Stir the dry ingredients into the creamed mixture; fold in the raisins.

Pour mixture into a vegetable-oil sprayed 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes. Let cool. Cut into bars or squares.

Yield: 24 Bars
Approx. Cal/Serv.: 70

Recipe Tip: Whole grain flour should be kept in the refrigerator or better yet in the freezer to keep it from becoming rancid.

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Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS of the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 1985

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Maatman. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Roll called.

Present: Councilmembers Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson and Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Thompson that the minutes of the February 4 Meeting be approved as written, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

IT WAS THEN MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the Bills and Accounts Payable be allowed and warrants issued, supported by Councilman Collins.

Yes: Councilmen Collins, Fonger, Schneider, Thompson, and Maatman.
No: None.
Absent: None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS

General Fund	\$29,428.26
Major Street Fund	596.32
Local Street Fund	890.72
Lee Fund	2,196.17
Look-Daley Fund	3,872.00
Sewer Fund	941.98
Water Fund	1,038.90
Equipment Fund	947.82
Building and Site Fund	366.73
Trust and Agency Fund	258.00
Current Tax Fund	38,368.00

Mayor Maatman opened the Public Hearing on the request of Carole's Critters for a Certificate of Exemption under the rules and regulations of P.A. 255.

Manager Quada stated that in reviewing the paperwork necessary to complete the applications, he found that each of the

businesses needed much more information and help in the process. He suggested that all three Public Hearings be extended to the first meeting in March.

Mayor Maatman then opened the Public Hearings on the P.A. 255 Certificates of Exemption requests for Hinkley Drugs and Thomet Chevrolet and Buick, and asked for any comments.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Schneider that the requests for P.A. 255 Certificates of Exemption for Carole's Critters, Hinkley Drugs, and Thomet Chevrolet and Buick be tabled until the March 4 meeting, supported by Councilman Fonger.

Carried.

Manager Quada headed a discussion on the proposed snow removal ordinance, stating that he had reviewed several other ordinances, and there seems to be a standard clause of allowing 24 hours for removal of snow from sidewalks after moderate accumulation of snow, with extensions of time allowed by Council for a major storm.

A discussion followed on how to handle areas having no sidewalk. Manager Quada stated that it is not the pedestrian's fault that the property does not have sidewalk. The right-of-way on all streets is owned by the City, and is designed for pedestrians and motorist use as needed, whether there is sidewalk or not. No owner has the right to push snow on to anyone else's property. The ordinance would be enforced on a complaint basis, as is the weed ordinance.

Councilman Collins stated that he couldn't see putting an ordinance on the books that cannot be enforced. There is not enough time or manpower to shovel all the sidewalks in the City that are not taken care of, and then bill the owners.

Councilman Thompson asked about older residents, who, by either being on fixed incomes, or for health reasons cannot shovel. He noted that now-a-days you can't even find a kid who will shovel sidewalks.

Mayor Maatman stated that it is too dangerous a situation to leave as is, with no kind of ordinance, even one that is less than desirable. Small children cannot be seen walking in the street behind large piles of snow at intersections. Even adults cannot be seen at most corners, as he witnessed a woman nearly being hit by a snowplow coming around a corner.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Fonger that the discussion on the proposed snow removal ordinance be tabled, and that Council continue to review other ordinances, conceivably to handle the obstruction of sidewalks on a year-round basis, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

Council then discussed the bids for new doors to be installed in the Fire and Rescue Barns as follows: Overhead Door Co. - Rescue Barn \$3,094, Fire Barn \$4,069, Bouma Bros. - Rescue Barn \$1,485, Fire Barn \$4,600, McKee Door Company - \$7,855.08 (total both barns)

One other bid letter was received, but did not meet any of the specifications. Manager Quada recommended that the bid of the Overhead Door Co. be approved as the best for the City's interests.

IN WAS MOVED by Councilman Thompson that the bid of Overhead Door Co. be approved for a total of \$7,163.00 for overhead doors for both the Rescue and Fire Barns, supported by Councilman Schneider.

Carried.

Under Citizen suggestions, Mr. Jim Hodges stated that he is in support of any kind of snow removal ordinance that will protect all the six-year olds like his that can't be seen at the edges of the streets. Bob Pfaller echoed the same.

Under Council comments, Mayor Maatman reminded Council of the joint meeting with the Helen Look-Daley Committee on Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall.

There was no Manager's Report.

Under Appointments, Mayor Maatman submitted the name of Michael Tummino as a Planning Commission Member to replace deceased Member, John Troy.

IT WAS MOVED by Councilman Collins to adjourn at 9:17 P.M.

James D. Maatman, Mayor
Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

Approved: March 4, 1985

Ray E. Quada, City Clerk

"OUTDOORS"

with Jack Friesner

Last weekend I thought that spring had sprung only to awaken on Monday morning with the realization that it's only early March and we still have a month of potential winter remaining. Some of our heaviest snowfalls have occurred in March and early April so don't be too anxious to put away the snow blower and sharpen up the lawn mower.

Spring cannot be far away though because large flocks of geese are already arriving from the south. High and open water on our flooded rivers has prompted this early movement. The food supply for the migratory water fowl is excellent during high water and these conditions are a boon to those species.

Unfortunately, what is good for the goose is not always good for the gander. Many other wildlife species suffer due to early flooding. The flood plains along our rivers host a multitude of species which are forced from their nests, burrows, and food supplies by flooding waters. The raccoon and woodchucks are flooded from their burrows where they have been hibernating. The muskrats are driven from their warm dens and houses and forced to seek other shelter. The mice, gophers, moles, etc. have been driven from their nests, burrows, and food supplies and forced to find food and shelter on high land. I am not particularly fond of snakes, but even they have been driven from hibernation and must seek dry burrows. Generally, flooding occurs in late March and early April. During this period, new shelter and food supplies are quite easily accessible. During a period such as we may now experience with heavy snows and freezing rain, the survival of many of these animals are seriously jeopardized.

I am quite sure that many of you who live on or near the flood plain, have noticed the influx of mice and small rodents into and around your homes and outbuildings. If you can live with them, they will leave and seek shelter in their natural environment when the waters recede.

This horde of small rodents escaping the rising waters, provides a boon to the predators and scavengers. Right now is the time of breeding and conception and this increased food supply will insure large litters of healthy offspring. The fox, mink, owls, hawks, etc., will benefit for a period. However, this horn of plenty will soon dry up. When their large litters need additional food, it in fact will be in short supply. Many of their offspring will starve due to the reduced food supply caused by the flooding which supplied them with abundant food earlier. When you are inconvenienced by a flooded basement, just grin and bear it and think of how well off you really are compared to the wildlife around you.

Every year from October to January about 3,500 bald eagles cluster on the banks of Alaska's Chilkat River for a salmon feast, says National Wildlife magazine. The eagles fly from as far away as Washington state to join the dinner party that is not held anywhere else in the world.

Korb to speak at North Central conference



Richard Korb

Richard L. Korb, Principal of Lowell Senior High School since 1983, has been invited to speak at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, the largest of the six regional accrediting associations that serve the nation. The conference will be held in Chicago from March 17 through 20.

"Promoting a Positive School Environment" will be the topic of his presentation. In it, he will describe how the talents of students, staff, and parents may be used in creating a positive attitude toward learning and toward schools. He believes that staff members and students should share in the development of and commendations for successful programs of education.

Soil erosion is not only bad for farmers, it's bad for wildlife too, reports National Wildlife magazine. Researchers in Missouri found that 90 percent of the deer living atop fertile soils gave birth to twins, compared to only 40 percent of the deer living in more eroded areas of Missouri.

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NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF KENT
Probate Court
JUVENILE DIVISION

TO: Dennis ELCO
In The Matter Of: Erika and Jacelynn JELISO
Hearing: March 21, 1985, at 2:00 p.m.

TO: Eddie CHARLTON
In The Matter Of: Quiana S. TYLER
Hearing: March 21, 1985, at 4:00 p.m.

TO: James RAYSON
In The Matter Of: Elaine RAYSON
Hearing: March 26, 1985, at 11:00 a.m.

TO: David BROWN
In The Matter Of: Tamieka JEFFERSON
Hearing: April 1, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.

TO: Elijah AYERS
In The Matter Of: Tamara BRYANT
Hearing: April 2, 1985, at 11:00 a.m.

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER
In The Matter Of: Lee, Wylean and Tomlito BOZKOURBROUKIAN
Hearing: April 8, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.

A neglect temporary wardship petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on the date and time stated above in Kent County Juvenile Court, 1501 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is therefore ordered that you personally appear before the Court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in a temporary or permanent loss of your rights to the child(ren).

Dated: February 27, 1985

JOHN P. STEKETE
JUDGE OF PROBATE



By Craig Tufts

Birdseed - A Mixed Bag

What kind of birdseed mix will best coax birds to your backyard?

It all depends on what kinds of birds you like having around. If you don't mind backyard bullies such as grackles, starlings, mourning doves, pigeons and house sparrows rollicking in your yard, a common, inexpensive seed mix will do.

But if you want to attract more cardinals, chickadees, goldfinches, jun-



cos, cowbirds, red-winged blackbirds, titmice, bluejays, and sparrows such as the white-throated, white-crowned, song, and Harris sparrow, you'll choose your birdseed mix more carefully. This is not guesswork but scientific fact based on research by Dr. Al Geis, an urban biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Birdseed mixes most often contain

some 10 to 15 different kinds of seeds. The mixes may all look good and smell good, but you don't want to be led only by your eyes and your nose; what looks like granola to you is not necessarily preferred by the birds you want to attract—and may well bring in the kinds many people think of as pests.

Common seed mixes (most prevalent on supermarket shelves—and least costly) often contain a high proportion of hulled oats, peanut hearts, wheat, cracked corn and red milo plus some proso millets and sunflower seeds. Cardinals and other birds you particularly want to attract prefer mixes that have lots of proso millets (small white or red beady seeds) and sunflower seeds as well as some peanut kernels and fine cracked corn.

Your bird visitors will most appreciate being served their rich mix from a window feeder, a feeding table placed a foot or two off the ground—or right from the ground. Such a banquet will complement the straight sunflower seed and niger (thistle) seed that you offer the birds from your hanging or pole-mounted feeders—and probably will double your bird-watching pleasure.

For more information about wildlife around your home, contact the National Wildlife Federation, Dept. BN, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Vergennes Township will meet at the Vergennes Township Hall, 12625 Bailey Drive

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon and from 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.; also on

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

between the hours of 9:00 P.M. to 12 Noon and from 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims. You may appeal your assessed valuation one of two ways:

- 1) by letter addressed to the Vergennes Township Supervisor and received by him prior to March 12th, 1985; or
- 2) appearing in person on one of the dates the Board of Review meets

The tentative Real Property assessment and assessment multiplier required by P.A. 165 of 1971 are

Ratio - 50%	Multiplier - 1.00
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Jim Cook
Supervisor, Vergennes Township
C15,16

"Tips For A Healthy Pet"



Bruce Langlois, D.V.M.

Each year thousands of dogs become permanently debilitated or die from heartworm disease. The disease is spread from dog to dog via the mosquito. A mosquito draws blood from an infected dog and injects microfilaria, the offspring of the adult heartworm. Inside the mosquito, the microfilaria go through some developmental stages and become infective. The mosquito then bites an uninfected dog and the infective larva is transmitted to the dog. Over the next 7 to 9 months, these larva mature in the right chambers of the heart and pulmonary arteries. The now adult worm produces thousands of microfilaria daily which are distributed throughout the circulatory system.

Symptoms of Heartworm disease does not show for one to three years after infection. Signs such as coughing, exercise intolerance and weight loss may not show until the disease is well advanced.

Diagnosis is most frequently made by drawing a small blood sample, filtering the blood and looking for the microfilaria through a microscope.

Treatment consists of 4 intravenous injections of an arsenical to kill the adult worms, then after several weeks of restricted activity, an agent is given to kill the microfilaria. There are a number of precautions required prior to and during treatment. Most times blood counts, diagnostic blood profiles and/or X-rays may be necessary.

Fortunately, much of the expense and worry of treating heartworm disease can be avoided by giving dogs preventative medication. A compound called diethylcarbamazine (DEC) is given daily during the mosquito season and for one month following. Each spring the dog has a blood sample drawn, and is checked for microfilaria prior to starting on DEC. This is necessary even though the dog may have been on the preventative the previous year, because if the dog has possibly become infected and is started on DEC, serious life-threatening reactions may occur. DEC is available in a tablet, liquid or a palatable chewable tablet form.

We welcome any comments and/or questions you may have. Please send to Lowell Veterinary Clinic, 11650 E. Fulton, Lowell, Michigan.

Firemen attend seminar

Lowell Area Firemen traveled to Zeeland, Michigan for a seminar on Grain Elevators. It was an all day seminar hosted by Zeeland Fire Department and Zeeland Township Fire Department. King Milling Company was one of the many sponsors for the event. The sponsors contributed to the seminar enabling many Fire Departments to attend that might not have been able to. The seminar was very informative for everyone. It helped to show how to keep up to date with the prob-

lems that can occur in milling and feed mills. They provided a very good speaker along with the movies, booklets, and slide presentation. The event brought in Fire Departments from four counties in the area including Ada, Alto, and Saranac. Should a fire occur, everyone will know more about what is going on.

The Lowell Area Fire Department would like to thank the Wernet Distributors Inc. for the use of a company van to transport the firemen to the seminar.

State Rep. Krause for 3/5 vote on new taxes

A lawmaker in the Michigan House wants to amend the State Constitution to require a three-fifths majority in both legislative chambers for any new tax or change in the tax rate.

State Representative Victor Krause (R-Rockford) is preparing legislation calling for a constitutional amendment because he thinks there is a legitimate question about how freely government can raise taxes.

"After the 1983 income tax increase was passed, the resulting controversy focused our attention on the way tax proposals are handled," Krause said. "Taxation issues should not be decided strictly along party lines. Requiring voter approval is also not the answer, but we need to reform the process."

The Krause proposal will closely resemble an amendment passed by the Delaware Legisla-

ture in 1980. The lawmaker said that Delaware Governor Du Pont said that the rule change was easily understood by department heads, legislators and taxpayers.

"In his opinion, the three-fifths rule did more to help them achieve fiscal integrity than any other single factor," Krause said.

"It also strikes a good balance between legislative responsibility and the will of the people. A two-thirds or three-fourths rule would result in minority control and make government less effective. Tax changes under a three-fifths majority would more accurately reflect the views of the public, while still demanding effective, meaningful representation," Krause concluded.

"Art is man added to nature." Francis Bacon



cozy corner

by Roger Brown

I've belonged to the Lowell Rotary for a little over a year now. It's a good group, and I enjoy attending each Wednesday, but there are a couple of things about Rotary that I could live without. One is the singing. We always sing a few songs after lunch, and since I've been told that I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, I just mumble my way through this part of the meeting. The other thing about Rotary that bothers me is the fact that each member is responsible for providing the program on a rotation basis. My turn was last week.

The programs are supposed to last about a half an hour, and they range from not-so-exciting politicians to a screening of a private collection of old silent movie comedy classics. Sometimes the Rotarian responsible for the program forgets that it's his turn, and we don't have a program. That was my first thought when I began planning for my program. But since I'm also co-editor of our weekly newsletter, it would be a little difficult for me to say that I forgot it was my turn when I am responsible for publishing the schedule each week.

After rejecting several program ideas that included a VCR showing of the Jane Fonda Workout, bringing Thor with his Frisbee catching act or just splitting the group up into tables of four for a couple of quick games of euchre, I finally came up with a plan. I borrowed a camera with a macro lens, and began taking close-up slide shots of items from old Ledgers and Lowell Journals that date back well over 100 years. When I got started on the project I didn't realize that it would take up the better part of three weekends and a couple of working days to put together. The "I forgot it was my program" scheme began to sound better and better.

I finally took the 130 slides that I had collected and put them into a program of sorts. It started with front page shots of newspapers published in Lowell over the years in an attempt to show how newspapering had evolved here. Next were shots of major news stories, followed by some less than major news, typical of a weekly newspaper. Next I threw in a bunch of old advertisements followed by any news items about Rotary that I had stumbled across. I finished up with about 25 slides of Rotarians as they had made the news over the years. I rehearsed my presentation several times, and finally convinced myself that it was at least good to the point that I probably wouldn't be pelted with leftover lunch.

When last Wednesday rolled around I was a bundle of nerves. I have very little experience speaking in public, and some of the events leading up to my presentation made my palms sweat profusely. I had dressed in the morning so that my slacks, shirt and tie would go with a gray sport coat that I have. When I went home to get the slides and projection equipment, I couldn't find my jacket. I called the shop and got one of the employees to join in the search by going to the cleaners for me. Meanwhile, I went to the hall to set up. The equipment that I had borrowed had worked beautifully as I practiced at home, but when I plugged it in at the hall... nothing! The elaborate set up that included two projectors and a fade-in/fade-out mixing device wouldn't work at all. I finally discovered that the plug to the mixer wasn't making good contact. I found that if I kind of propped the plug up at a certain angle, and held my mouth just right, it would work. My coat hadn't arrived yet either.

Finally... just as the president was calling the meeting to order I got the projectors synchronized and my jacket arrived. It had been left on the coat rack at the Ledger. I hurriedly took my seat at the head table and began mopping my brow and palms with my napkin. Through lunch, the singing and the various reports, I had a chance to settle down some, but I still wasn't sure that the projectors would work. I mopped my palms some more.

It was finally my turn. I flipped on the projectors, and lo and behold, everything worked like a dream. I rolled through the presentation more smoothly than I had dared hope I would, and it was actually well received by the audience. I didn't get hit by leftover beef and noodles once, though I felt like a very wet noodle when I was done. Even though I don't yet know when my next program is, I think I've already forgotten about it.

Spotlight on . . . Kent Skills Center

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Graduating students are prepared for job entry level work at nurseries, garden centers, parks, golf courses, for landscape contractors and lawn maintenance

firms, or as grounds keepers for large companies. Self employment is also a possibility. Skill related employment has been good for graduates who are willing to work hard. Landscape employment has held up well, even in times of economic stress.

The forces of wind and water are not the only causes of soil erosion, says *National Wildlife* magazine. For instance, off-road vehicles, like the "dune buggy," have scoured more soil off parts of California than nature will replace in 1,000 years.

The hottest thing on the ski slopes this winter may be freeze-dried bacteria that produce man-made snow at temperatures up to 13 degrees higher than normal, reports *National Wildlife* magazine. The magical microbe is ubiquitous in nature, where it causes an estimated \$14 billion worth of crop damage a year by inducing frost formation on plants

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