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Vergennes Township absolved

Lowell Township now must decide if it will follow County policy

It was learned recently that a correction in the Kent County Road Commission record has absolved Vergennes Township of all responsibility for Fun Street improvements.

The findings further complicated things between the three local municipalities, further compounding an already confusing argument.

For nearly two years now, it was believed that all three jurisdictions - the City of Lowell, Vergennes Township and Kent County were expected to share in the cost of repair and construction work needed on Fun Street.

Both the City and the County agreed on a program that called for the City and Vergennes Township to each pay 27.5 percent of the cost while the county would pick up 45 percent of all costs. However, Vergennes said "no" to that proposal.

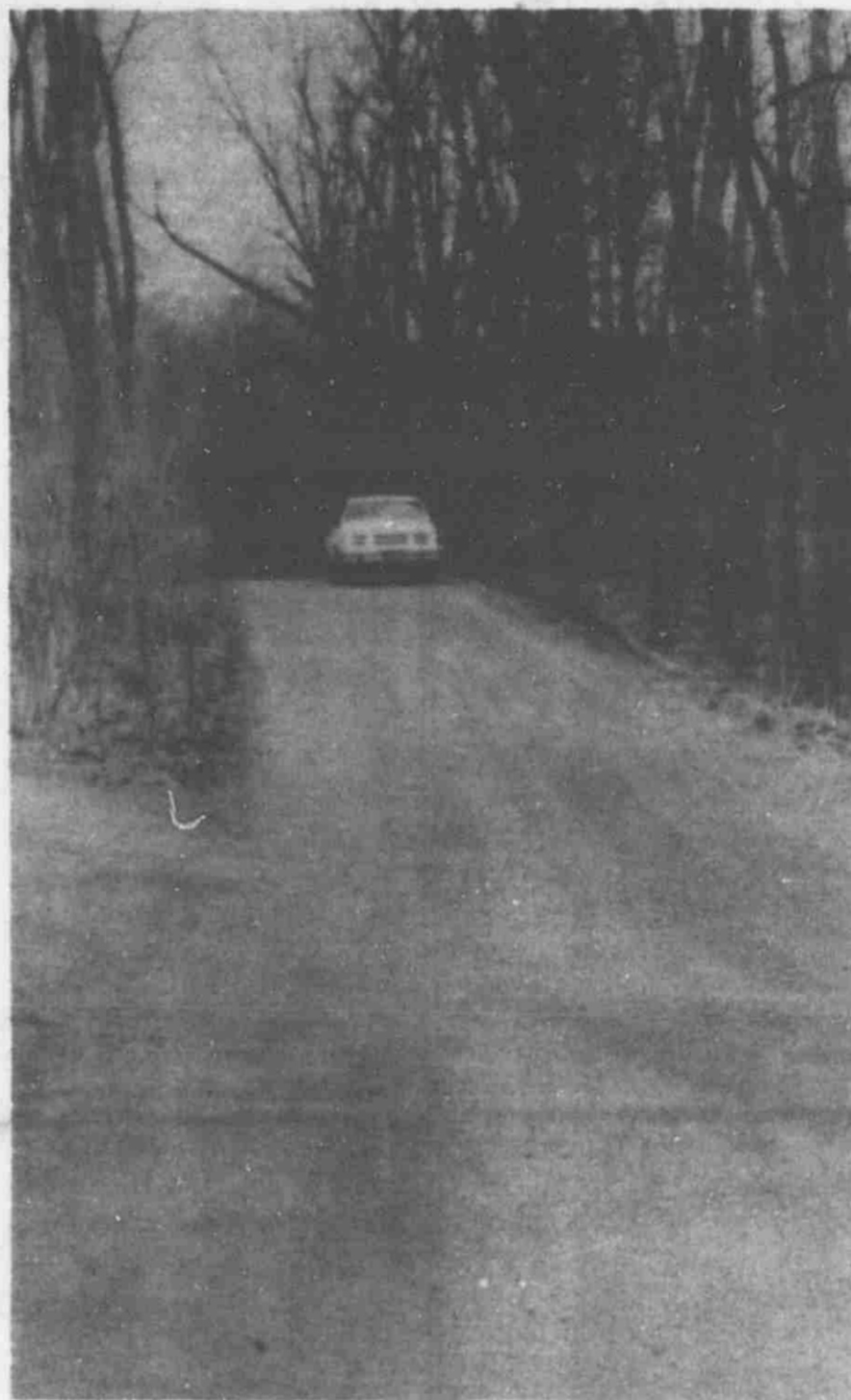
The City responded by saying it would not cover the cost of the township in this matter.

Recently it was learned that a 1935 document absolved Vergennes Township of Fun Street responsibilities.

According to Kent County Road Commission Manager Jim Porritt, the County took over Lowell Township roads and included Fun Street in 1935. "Lowell Township owned and maintained Fun Street up until 1935," he said.

Act 51, a Kent County Road Commission Policy, was enacted so that the County it would receive at least 50 percent of the cost to construct or improve local roads. The policy followed states that it will pay 45 percent and

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The intersection of Fun and Grindle has area municipalities at a crossroads as to who is responsible for its repair.

Knapp to discuss link between effective discipline, high self-esteem

Sarah Knapp MSW, CSW, a social worker with North Oakview School in Grand Rapids, will speak on April 16 at the Lowell Middle School Media Center at 7 p.m.

self-worth and dignity.

By using a proactive approach, which incorporates natural and logical consequences, effective communication, problem ownership, and avoiding power struggles, Knapp says adults can encourage children to become responsible, caring, well adjusted individuals. Communication techniques which foster positive, problem-solving skills in students will be presented.

Knapp has been a social worker for 18 years, working with children of all ages, their parents and teachers. She counsels children both individually and in groups, focusing on such problems as divorce and family disruption, behavior problems, and Attention Deficit Disorders. Knapp conducts parent training groups and teaches a graduate level discipline course for teachers, counselors and administrators.

Knapp is an advocate of a balanced approach to discipline which encourages independence and sets limits.



Sarah Knapp

Knapp will discuss the essential link between effective discipline and high self esteem. It is no contradiction in terms of philosophy. Concerned children's specialists, and parents frequently question whether it is possible to attain structure and order, while promoting feelings of



Wayne Newton



JAYCEES HOST A DAY IN THE PARK

The Lowell Area Jaycess are hosting "A Day In The Park" on Saturday, April 13. It will be held at Creekside Park on Gee Drive.

There will be park clean-up from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon; picnic time, (bring sack lunch, refreshments and goodies provided); 12:30 to 2 p.m. family games and activities.

There will be a grand prize drawing at 2:30 p.m. As a way of saying thank you, each participating family may register to win a Family Getaway Weekend.

You are encouraged to attend this no-cost family event. Call 897-6173 or 897-8282 for more information.

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP APRIL 22

Becky Goodspeed Storytelling Workshop for teachers and parents will take place at United Methodist Education Wing on April 22. It will run from 4 to 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the United Methodist Preschool Board.

There will be a \$2 admission charge at the door or send money to Lila Thaler, 705 N. Jefferson. Refreshments and materials are provided. No child care.

SENIOR PARTY COMMITTEE MEETS APRIL 17

The next meeting of the Lowell High School Senior Parent Committee is on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in Room

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Tickets for Wayne Newton's Lowell Showboat performance available at Showboat office or TicketMaster locations

When the most successful performer in Las Vegas history walks out onto the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre stage to start his show on Saturday, June 22, he will say to the sellout crowd, "Good evening ladies and gentlemen, my name is Wayne Newton!"

That's right! The undisputed "King of Las Vegas" will share his vocal and musical talents, his boundless energy and incredible skills with the Lowell Showboat audience that summer night in June.

Newton has been proclaimed by journalists and the public alike as a show business institution, holding almost every record for a performer and can presently be found in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Reserved tickets to see this legendary Las Vegas performer are on sale at the Lowell Showboat office and can be purchased by using VISA or Mastercard. Tickets to see Newton will also be available at all Ticket Master locations, including "Believe in Music" and "Hudson's."

Tickets for the show are \$22.50 for both the lower and upper level Showboat amphitheater seats. However, seats in sections "A" and "G" in the lower level, and "AA" and "HH" in the upper level, are just \$20.

Newton, in a rare appearance away from the Las Vegas strip, is widely recognized for "Danke Schoen," "So Long Lucy," "Red Roses for a Blue Lady," and "Shirl Girl." All of these songs can be found on his "Collectors Series" album.

Schlernitzauer, former owner of "Frank's 5 Cent to \$1 Store, passes away"

A memorial service will be held at a date to be announced for former resident Richard F. (Dick) Schlernitzauer, 71, who died March 30, 1991 at his residence in Grayling, Michigan following an extended illness.

Schlernitzauer and his wife, Trudy, came to Lowell in August of 1950 to operate the Frank's 5 Cent to \$1 Store at the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive (now Lambert's Variety) and sold the business in 1975. They

moved to Grayling, where they have resided in South Branch Township for the past 15 years.

The Schlernitzauers and family were active members of the community during their residence in Lowell and have "kept in touch" over the years.

Schlernitzauer attended Ferris Institute, was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard LST-791 Association, a member of the Michigan

United Conservation Club; Loyal Order of Moose, Lowell Lodge; National Rifle Association; Lowell City Planning Commission member 1963 to 1967 and the Lowell City Council from 1962 - 1968.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude (Trudy); daughters, JoAnn (Harold) Small of Sacramento, CA and Veronica (Roger) Odell of Lowell; a son, Dan W. Schlernitzauer of Lexington, KY; a sister,

Helen Mae Bohnsack of Hancock, MI and five grandchildren.

For those who wish to, memorials may be made to either the Cancer Society or the Arthritis Foundation.

REYNOLDS - Lester C. Reynolds, aged 93, passed away on Thursday, April 4, 1991. Mr. Reynolds had resided on the same farm north of Six Lakes for 65 years. He was born on January 2, 1898 at Barryton, Michigan, the son of Seymour and Edith Williams Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds was a farmer and a member of the Gleaners Association and the Six Lakes Grange. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leda, on March 12, 1991. They had been married since August 12, 1922. Survivors include a son, Seymour (Kakie) Reynolds of Stanton, two daughters, Phyllis (Dwight) Brown of Saranac, Joyce (Otto) Lator of Ashley; a brother, Lloyd Reynolds of Florida; thirteen grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.



Richard F. Schlernitzauer

Services were held Saturday, April 6 at the Stebbins-McCullough Chapel, Edmore, with Rev. Norma Murphy of the Pleasantview United Brethren Church officiating. Interment in Hillcrest Cemetery, Six Lakes.

Walters, WBDC, provides Board with construction update

The \$30 million bond project has hardly been started and the Lowell Administration finds itself six weeks behind on the new high school project and three weeks behind in the renovation of the existing high school to a middle school.

WBDC Project Architect Bob Walters provided the Lowell Board of Education with a construction projection update Monday night.

New High School: Met with fire marshall to discuss fire lane. It was decided access could be obtained from a parking lot on one side and by creating a wide sidewalk on the other side. Walters said this way no fire lane would have to be put in all the way around the school.

Moving the entrance further to the west so that a portion of the crown in the road could be taken out was discussed with the road commission. Walters said this would make leaving the school easier for vehicles.

The location of the tennis courts and soccer fields will

be moved away from the property line.

Walters said they are still waiting for an agreement between the City and Township on the city water line.

The design development phase of the new high school has started.

The development of mechanical and electrical engineering floor plans has begun.

Work to obtain a sewer easement to Alden Nash is also underway.

Walters added that additional soil borings would be needed.

Renovation of existing high school to middle school:

The design development phase has started. Will meet with staff on cabinetry information.

Mechanical and electrical development plans have

begun. Site survey proposals are scheduled for Friday.

Renovation of Middle School to an elementary building:

Schematic design approved. Design development layouts completed.

The development of cost estimate is due on April 12th. The site survey is underway.

Checking for needed mechanical upgrading. Project site issues being looked at.

Bushnell renovation: There have been three staff meetings.

Processing schematic floor plan. Hope to present the cost estimate by Friday.

Alto renovation: The first major meeting is scheduled for April 23.

The number of employed women increased from 2 1/2 million in 1880 to 5 1/3 million by 1900.

West Michigan regional competition exhibit on display at LAAC

The Fifth Annual Lowell Area Arts Council West Michigan regional competition officially opened its gallery doors on Sunday.

The exhibit was open from 1:30 to 4:30 for West Michigan art enthusiasts. The exhibit will remain on display through May 5.

A reception for the artists and friends will be held on Sunday, April 14 from 1:30 to 4:30. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m.

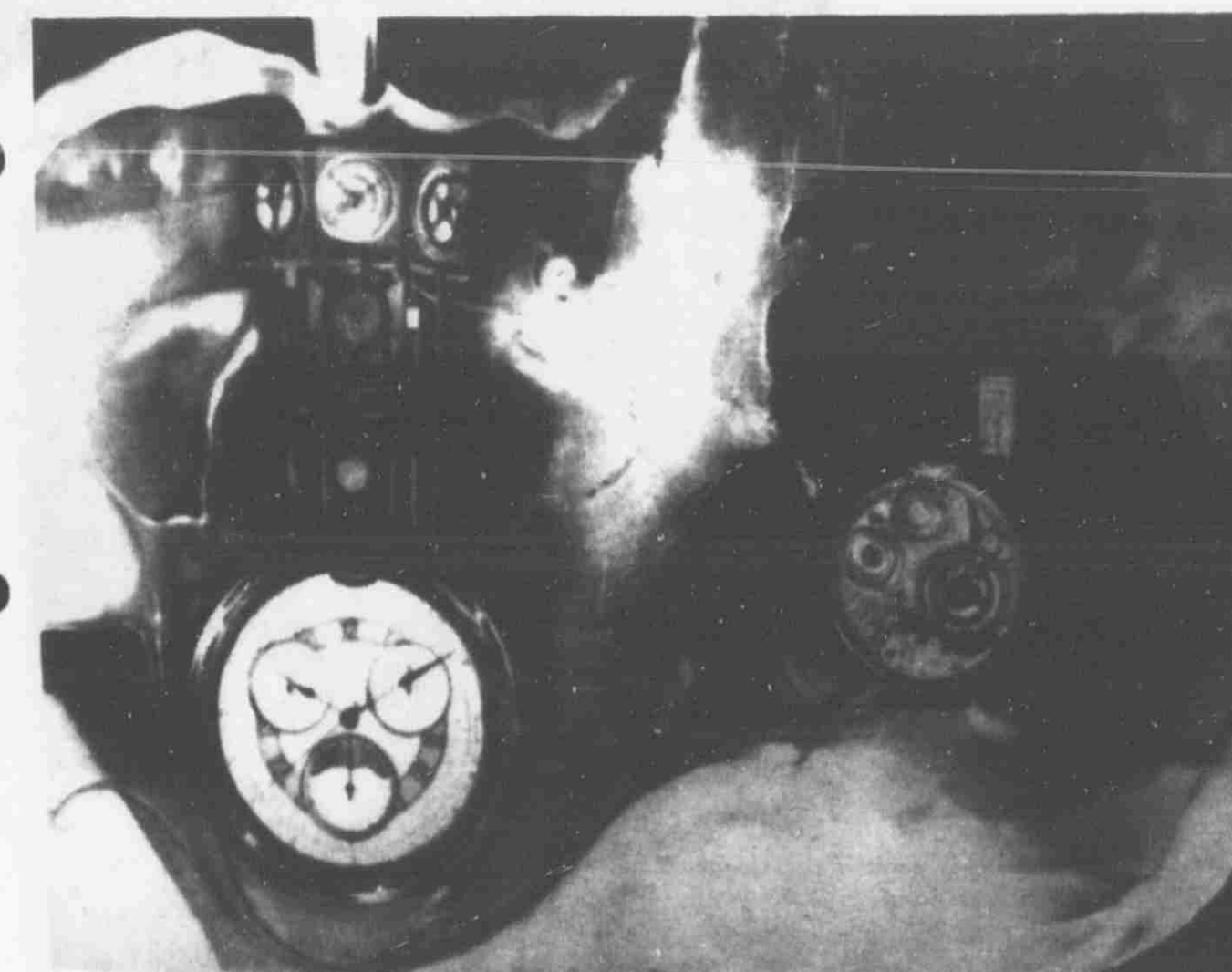
This year, the competition will exhibit 293 entries from 135 people. Of the 293 entries, 52 were picked to be in the show.

Last year, there were 372

entries. The reason for the smaller number of entries in 1991 was artists were only allowed to enter three pieces of work as opposed to four in prior years.

Entries in this year's competition have come from as far away as Stanwood and Nunica.

Cash prizes will be presented in six different areas: "Best of Show," \$300; "Kathie Quada's Purchase," \$250; "Best Two Dimensional," \$150; "Best Three Dimensional," \$150; Creative use of Materials," \$100; and "Juror's Choice," \$100.



Joanne Peltz's "Life - Time" piece is one of many works of art on display at the Fifth Annual Lowell Area Arts Council West Michigan Regional Competition.

Lions Club collecting glasses for needy

Helping the blind has been synonymous with Lion's Clubs throughout the country and internationally.

The Lowell Lion's Club will help to strengthen that

image throughout the month of April as it collects old eye glasses which will be refitted for the use of people whose vision is failing and cannot afford to buy glasses.

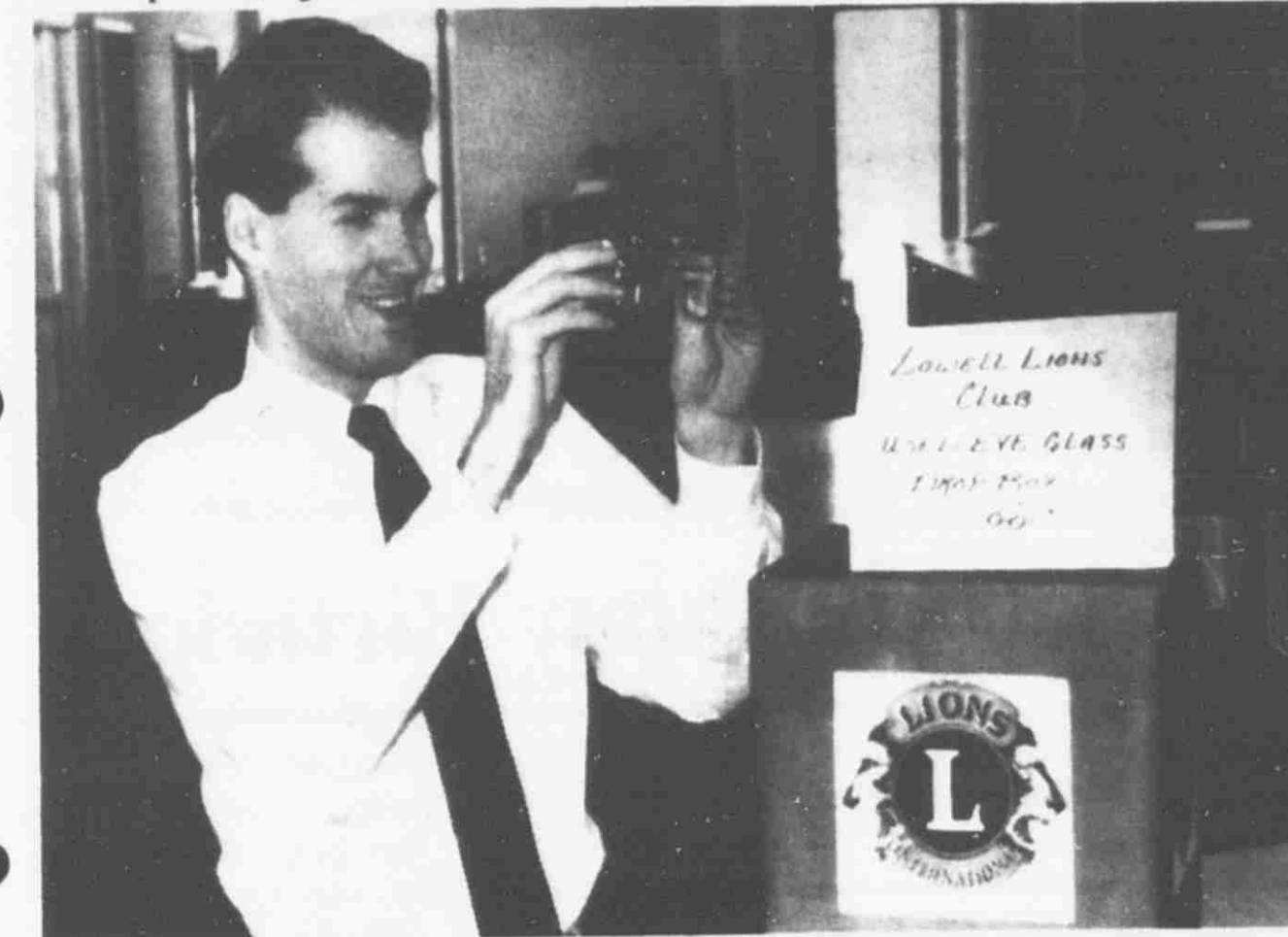
Collection boxes can be found at and at the FMB State Savings Bank (the east branch) and Family Fare.

The glasses will then be given out two organizations:

the Vision Enrichment Center and VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity).

VOSH makes trips to foreign countries each year, providing eye exams and glasses for the needy. This year Donna Parcker, from Dr. David Durkee's office, spent a week in Honduras (Central America) providing over 2,000 people with eye glasses. Last year, through VOSH a week-long trip to Mexico was made.

"This is the first year the Lowell Lion's Club has col-



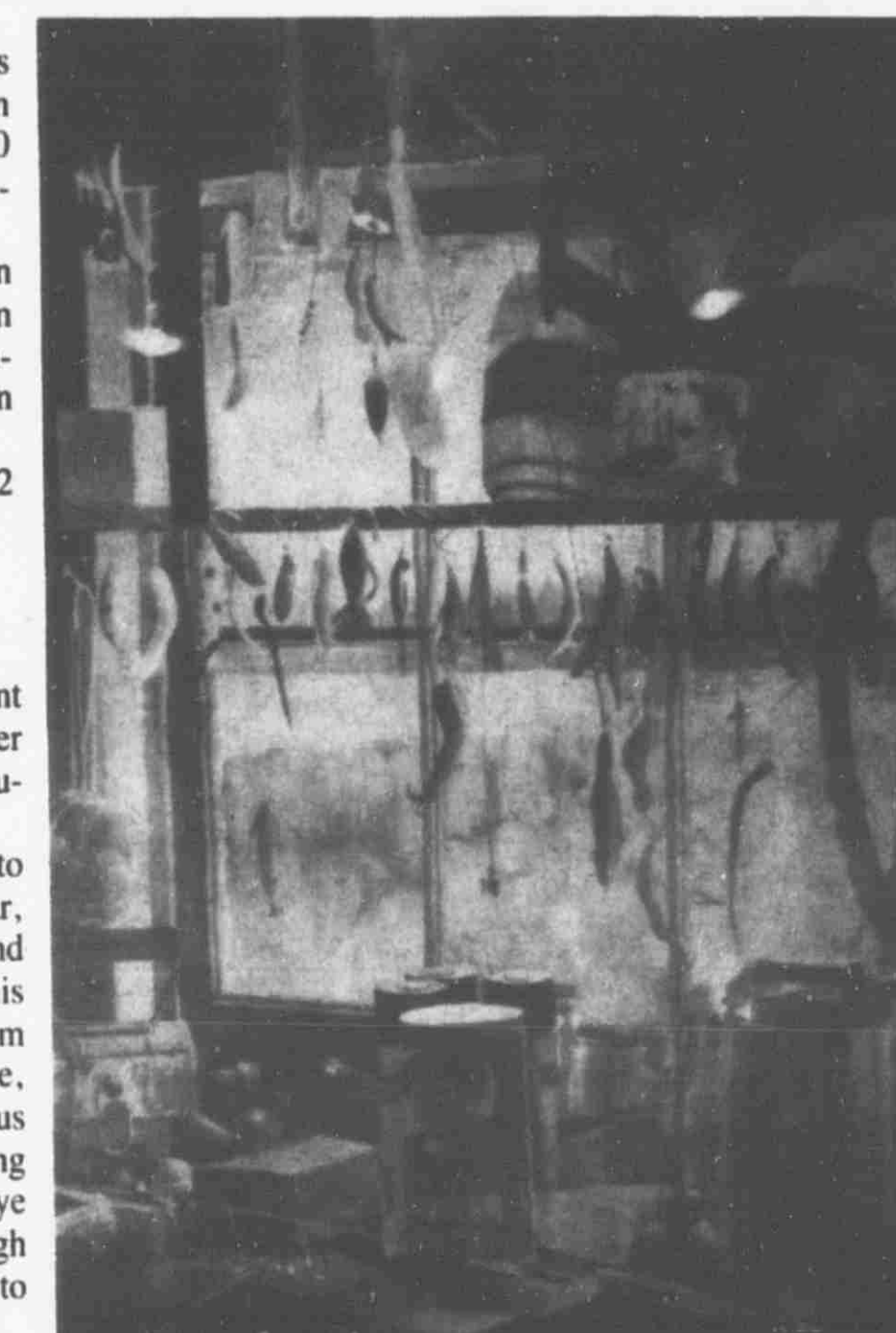
Lowell Lions Club President, Jim Doyle announced that during the month of April the club will be collecting prescription glasses for the needy.



Roe wins 53rd and final farm contest

The Lowell Ledger's 53rd Mystery Farm belongs to Ted Onan of 10700 Sparks Rd. The winning entry in the 53rd week of the Mystery Farm contest was turned in by Sandy Roe of 506 N. Jefferson 64th St.

Roe's entry was one of only two correct entries. Roe will receive dinner for two from Sneaker's, a free gallon of Devco Flat White Latex paint from Lowell Paint and Wallpaper, and a year's subscription to The Lowell Ledger for correctly identifying the farm. The Ledger wishes to thank all residents and businesses who participated in the Mystery Farm contest over the last year.



Jan Upp, Jenison, has her "Summer Flies" art work entered in the West Michigan Regional Competition.

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Susan Heinicke

The April 1991 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Susan Heinicke. Susan has been a bank employee for three years. She is currently employed as a bank teller. Susan says, "I really enjoy working at FMB. My co-workers are great people to work with and I really enjoy my contact with the public. As a floater at the bank, I get an opportunity to work in many different departments. As a result, I never get bored. There is always something to do!"

Susan's hobbies include: shopping, camping and "family outings". In addition, Susan stays active as a Campfire Leader.

Susan and her husband, Dan, have two daughters, Rachel who is five and Rebecca who is three. Susan and her family are residents of the Lowell Area.

Congratulations April Employee of the Month, Susan Heinicke.

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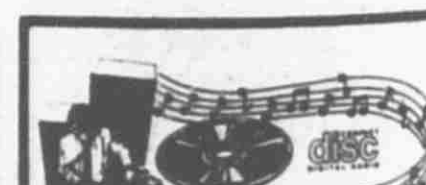
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Fires roar wild during annual spring clean-ups



Grass fires can be prevented provided the correct precautions are taken before burning.

One Northern Michigan man learned the hard way last spring how quickly a fire can escape. What started out as burning brush piles ended up destroying several acres of mature Christmas trees valued at several thousand dollars.

"Most wildfires occur on warm spring days when people are burning debris from backyard clean-up chores," says Lowell Fire Chief, Frank Martin. "People forget that warm weather and windy conditions dry dead grass and leaves into prime tinder for a wildfire, even when the ground is still wet." Spring fires can spread very quickly and do a large

amount of damage before firefighters can arrive to put them out. Homeowners must exercise care to avoid damaging their property, or the property of others.

Care in terms of getting a permit if they're are going to burn outside of a barrel. "There is a fine levied against those who do not get a permit," Martin said. "People who burn in a barrel should sit the barrel on cement bricks and should also use a wire mesh cover or lid when burning."

Martin said Lowell has had roughly 40 people attain permits. "That's much better than before," he said. "Of all our fire calls in 1990, 16 per-

cent of them were grass fires," Martin said. Consider alternatives to outdoor burning. Leaves and grass make a fine mulch for gardens; they can also be plowed under to enrich the soil. Composting yard debris turns it into an excellent soil amendment that can be used to enrich the soil, or as a

majority of wildfires that start from debris burning happen when the fire is left unattended.

Remember...only you can prevent wildfires.

mulch to inhibit weed growth. Information on how to construct and maintain a composter can be obtained from your local Cooperative Extension Service Office. Newspapers and many other household items can be recycled instead of burned. Open burning is unlawful in Michigan without a burning permit whenever the ground is not snow covered. Burning permits are not required for burning done in an approved incinerator constructed of masonry or metal with a metal cover having holes no larger than 3/4-of-an-inch. Permits are free, and can be obtained by calling Chief Martin at 897-8135. Depending upon the fire danger, burning permits may restrict when you can burn, or they may not be issued at all. Some municipalities have different restrictions on open burning, or may prohibit it entirely; check with your local unit of government before burning.

Always do any outdoor burning during the evening hours, after the wind has died down. Have a charged garden hose and a shovel or rake handy. Never burn when it's windy, and never leave your fire unattended. The vast

Lowell Board of Education approves summer energy projects

Contracts totaling \$155,000 were approved by the Lowell Board of Education for two summer energy and maintenance projects.

The high school gymnasium re-roofing project was awarded to J & L Roofing. The total cost will not exceed \$65,600.

The Alto retrofit project was contracted out to Elmridge Construction Co. The total cost is not to exceed \$89,400.

Lowell Schools' maintenance supervisor, Clare McCaul said he checked out both contractors' performances with customers and architects and found them both to be acceptable.

The work for both of these projects will be completed this summer.

McCaul said the water softener systems bid and awards will be ready for the May 13 Board meeting, which will complete all the projects.

In 1990, nearly 33 percent of the population lived in cities over 8,000.

BEFORE YOU BURN OUTDOORS...


Get a burning permit—it's against the law to burn without one

Don't burn on windy days

Stay with your fire

Burn in the evening after the wind has died down

Have a charged garden hose and a shovel or rake handy



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Kemp addresses Club's questions on new high school

"Is it fair?" questioned Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp at the Lowell Lions Club Tuesday night meeting.

"No! There is nothing fair or nice about having to take land from an organization or a private sector, but the school has to do what it has to do," Kemp said.

Kemp, in an effort to try to maintain a high image for the school, presented as many of the facts as he could to the Lions Club members. "The school just wants to be up front, present the facts and let the people decide."

Kemp was asked why the school did not purchase the Harold property at the northeast corner of Foreman and Cumberland. "The 60 acres was just not enough property for the high school we needed to build."

In regards to Ozzie Bieri's property, Kemp said the School has been eyeing the property for a long time, but

again, the school did not believe it was large enough and it also had a railroad track running through it which was a problem for state officials.

Kemp emphasized the importance of having access to public utilities as a key factor in the school's selection of the Qua-Ke-Zik property.

"Vergennes Township property does not have access to all public utilities," Kemp said. "While some have said that would not be a problem, I think history shows the school cannot risk delaying use of and possibly losing some of its bond money because it was depending on the three municipalities agreeing on issues they have never been able to agree on."

Kemp added that the school has to have 95 percent of its bond money committed to the new high school project

by December of 1993 or lose it.

The assistant superintendent said the two main reasons the Roth land was not considered was it was too expensive (roughly \$650,000) and it is under the confinements of Public Act 116 and will be for the next three years.

Kemp said a judge will decide in the end how much the school should pay the sportsmen's club. "The two sides don't agree on the replacement value," he said.

Kemp did acknowledge that the Club has made things difficult for the school.

"I don't believe the Club has any interest in ever relocating. I think the issue for the club has come down to getting as much money as possible for the land," Kemp said.



Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp answered questions about the plans for the new high school at the Lions Club meeting last Tuesday night.

Glasses, continued

lected eye glasses in a formalized way," Club President Jim Doyle said. "We encourage Lowell and outlying areas to drop off any old eye glasses at one of these two locations."



Nothing fishy about it—one of the flounder's eyes travels to the other side of its head as the fish develops. The winter flounder's eyes are on its right side, while the summer flounder's eyes are on its left side.



PAUL R. GAUTHIER, D.O.
JAMES C. LANG, D.O.

Drs. Paul Gauthier and James Lang got the approval of the Lowell Planning Commission for an addition onto their Family Medical Center practice.

Planning Commission approves Medical Center's May expansion

Groundbreaking is scheduled for early May in the 1,925 square foot expansion of the Lowell Family Medical Center.

Commissioners Kevin Smith and Ray Zandstra voted against the site plan, pointing out that too little drainage space was allotted. The plan was approved 3-2. City ordinance calls for one parking space for every 100 square feet of medical office space. The proposed addition would increase the

medical site to 3,521 square feet, requiring 35 parking spaces for patients, plus 11 spots for employees.

The Planning Commission's approval was contingent upon design of a storm drainage system in conjunction with the city engineer, and an adequate landscaping plan.

was presented by Tim Vandezande of The Architectural Group Inc., of Grandville.

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Lowell Area Schools Lunch Menu
Week of April 15, 1991



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TUESDAY:
Hot dogs or cheeseburgers, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned corn, choice of fresh or canned fruits, bars or cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY:
Chicken patty, mashed potatoes and gravy or sweet potatoes, steamed mixed vegetables, wheat rolls or bread, gelatin w/whip or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY:
Breakfast for lunch, fruit juice, french toast or pancakes w/butter, sausage patty, muffin square, chilled fruits, milk.

FRIDAY:
Assorted sandwiches, potato chips, tossed salad w/dressing, soup or beans, fruit crisp or fruit, milk. There is also a 3rd choice everyday of a chef salad for students in Middle and High Schools.

Weekly Pre-Paid Lunches Welcome

SENIOR CALENDAR

Every Tuesday: Current events called "The Global Family" at 1 p.m. presented by Mary Condon.

Every Wednesday: Bowling at 1 p.m.

Every Monday: Lunch at 1 p.m. followed by an afternoon of socializing, handicrafting items or working on projects for the needy.

Once A Month: You can go to the North Senior Neighbor Center and enjoy an afternoon of dancing to a live band.

Fridays: Variety Entertainment at 1 p.m.

FRI., APR. 5: Members of the John Ball Zoo will visit with animals to show and pet.

WED., APR. 10: Trip to Mt. Pleasant to play bingo. Van leaves Center at 6:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts enroute. Return by 5 p.m. \$8 reserves your spot.

WED., APR. 17: Priscilla Lussmyer will speak on the Historical Society. Join us at 1 p.m. right after lunch.

SAT., APR. 20: Pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge \$3.75

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A-1 at the high school.

All parents of seniors are invited. Information on the all-night party will be shared and decorations will be worked on.

FISH FRY - SAT., APRIL 13

The Flat River VFW Post No. 8303 will hold its fish fry on Saturday, April 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. at 307 E. Main, Lowell.

The dinner cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

FIRST AID CLASSES OFFERED

The Lowell Area Fire Department will be sponsoring an American Red Cross First Aid class on April 22 and 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. each night.

The class is limited to 18 and the cost is \$25 per person. Please call 897-9679 to register. Class will be held at Look Memorial Fire Station.

LIONS CLUB COLLECTS USED EYEGLASSES

The Lowell Lions Club will be collecting used eyeglasses for the month of April at FMB State Savings Bank and Family Fare.

The used eyeglasses will be distributed to agencies so that they can be refitted for the visually impaired.

KNAPP SPEAKS ON DISCIPLINE APRIL 16

Sarah Knapp MSW, CSW, a social worker with North Oakview School in Grand Rapids, will speak on April 16 at the Middle School Media Center at 7 p.m.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Admission is free. This speaker is sponsored by the Lowell Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

TURKEY & DRESSING DINNER - APRIL 10

Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow SE, Lowell, will have a turkey and dressing dinner on Wednesday, April 10. Serving begins at 5:30 p.m. Public is invited.

LOVE FESTIVAL PARADE ENTRIES APPLY NOW

Entries for the Children's Love Festival Parade to be held on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m., are being taken now. Contact Shela Thomson at 897-5638.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Off the Blotter was not submitted to us last week by the Lowell Police in time for publication. We are running it this week along with the current information.

Jennifer Adriane of Lowell reported to Lowell Police her car had been struck by a hit and run driver while it was parked in the Rite-Aid parking lot on East Main St., March 28.

Sandra McIntire, 31, of Lowell backed out of a private drive into the path of a car driven by Dawn Brown, 26, also of Lowell, on Elm St. near Hudson, March 27. No one was injured.

Keith Swanson, 17, failed to stop in time and started a chain reaction accident March 27 on Main St. near Hudson, when he struck the rear of a car driven by Laura McCormick, 30. A passenger in McCormick's car, Laury Topping, 29, along with McCormick, were injured as was Swanson. Carl Smith, 77, was the driver of the next car struck, and he and his passenger, Ruth Smith, 77, were both injured slightly. The fourth and last car was driven by James Reagan, 33. Reagan also suffered minor injuries. All parties are Lowell residents.

Eddie White, 25, of Grand Rapids was arrested March 30 for Driving While License Suspended, 2nd Offense.

White also had a criminal bench warrant against him out of a Flint, MI court.

Roger Estes, 32, of Lowell was arrested by Lowell officers March 28 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Elisa Spino, 33, of Lowell was taken to the Kent County Jail for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol March 29 by Lowell officers.

Involved in a property damage accident in the parking lot of Crystal Flash on West Main St. Sunday, March 31, was Darwin Lambert, 18, of Lowell when he opened his door striking a car driven by Sandra Kamstra, 29, also of Lowell.

Mitchell Miller, 19, and William Smith, 19, both of Ionia, were arrested on warrants issued by 63rd District Court April 27 for Breaking and Entering of Motor Vehicles in Lowell, which occurred on March 22.

A nine year old girl from Lowell was struck on North Center St. near Sibley March 25 when she ran out in front of a car driven by Dennis Walsh, 40, of Lowell. The girl was released later in the day from doctor's care.

Lowell officers investigated 19 accident complaints in the month of March this year. The total accidents so far this year stands at 53, compared to 69 at the same time last year.

Dale Wilcox, 18, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident March 3 when he collided with a car driven by Michael Zink, 25, of Jenison on Main and Lincoln Lak St.

Arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 2nd Offense was Rodney Swiler, 20, of Lake Odessa.

Laura Moore, 24, of Lowell was involved in a property damage accident April 6 on Broadway near Chatham, when she struck a parked car owned by Glenn Miller, also of Lowell.

Brake failure contributed to a property damage accident on Main near Amity St., when a vehicle driven by Charles Ewing III, 19, of Lowell struck the rear of a car driven by Diane Montgomery, 51, of Ada on April 5.

Vickie Miller, 33, was involved in a property damage accident April 7 in McDonald's parking lot on West Main when she backed from a parking space into a car driven by Jennifer Tate, 17. Both drivers are from Lowell.

Arrested April 6 for Driving While License Suspended, 2nd Offense was Kim Chesebro, 43, of Lowell.

Guy Matthews, 37, of Greenville was arrested by Lowell officers April 6 for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Darryl Dumas, 28, of Alto was lodged in the Kent County Jail on a warrant issued by a Kentwood Court for Failing to Appear in Court, by Lowell officers April 5.

Rex Wheat, 36, of Lowell was taken to the Kent County Jail April 7 and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 3rd Offense, and Driving on a Suspended License.

Dale Wilcox, 18, of Lowell was arrested April 5 on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids court.

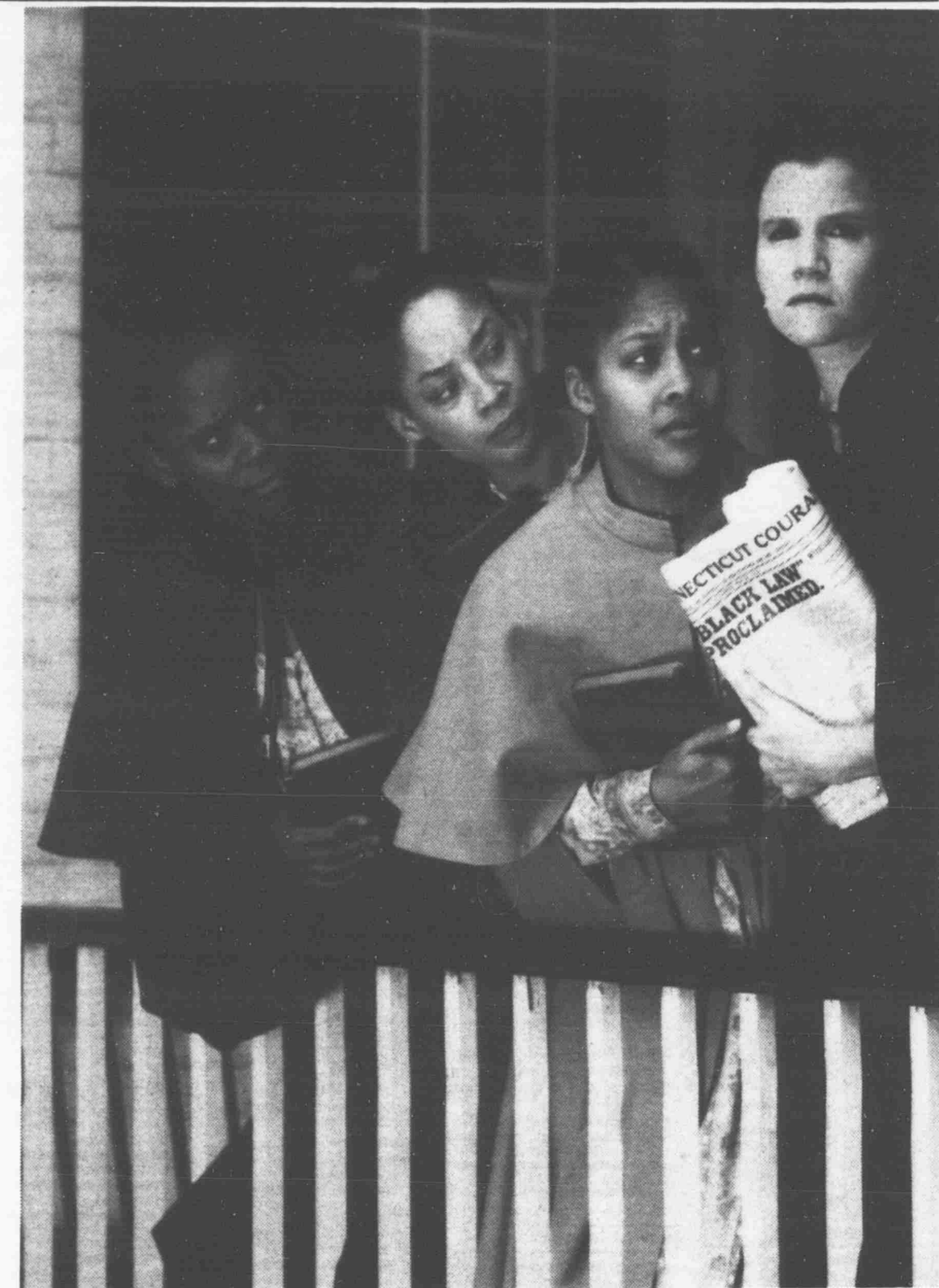
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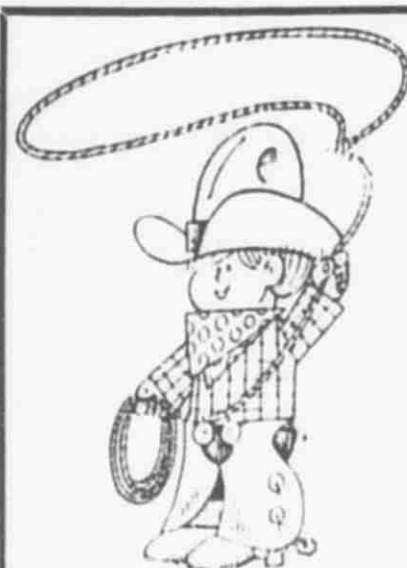
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CONTAINS LISTINGS FOR FRIDAY, APR. 12, THRU THURSDAY, APR. 18, 1991

Mare Winningham (right) stars as the courageous school teacher in 1830s New England who admitted black girls to her all-white school in the fact-based drama *The Prudence Crandall Story*, airing Monday on NBC. The movie also features Kimberly Bailey, Lisa Maria Russell and Monica Calhoun (from left).

Vashaw resigns from J.V. football post



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

The Lowell Area Schools will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup on May 1, 2, 3 and May 6, 7, 8 in the Runciman Elementary gym. We have scheduled two evening meetings for parents only, at which time teachers will talk about Kindergarten Roundup and what your child can expect next fall.

A special bus orientation open house will be scheduled on August 22, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, at which time the child and parents will be given a bus ride and information on bus procedures. "A" group should attend from 10-11 a.m., and "B" group should attend from 11 a.m.-12 noon. Bus orientation will take place at the above date and time at both Alto and Runciman Elementaries.

The meeting for families in the Bushnell/Runciman attendance areas will be on Tuesday, April 23, in the Runciman gym from 7-8 p.m. The meeting for families in the Alto attendance area will be Thursday, April 25, in the Alto gym from 7-8 p.m.

The testing program will be the same this year as it was last year and will take place on May 1, 2, 3 and May 6, 7, 8 in the Runciman gym. Details and scheduling will be discussed during the April 23 and April 25 meetings.

Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1991). If you have any questions, please call the schools: Runciman - 897-9257 or Alto - 868-6111.

After 14 years of being a permanent fixture in the Lowell High School football program, assistant principal Scott Vashaw tendered his formal letter of resignation from his position as Lowell's junior varsity football coach.

Vashaw has worked at all levels of the Lowell high school gridiron program over the past 14 seasons.

Vashaw pointed to his newly acquired duties as an assistant principal as the reason for his stepping down.

"Whatever I have contributed to Lowell's football program I have received ten fold more in terms of good memories, good times and, most importantly friends," Vashaw said. "The treasures of these experiences will not only be forever a part of what I am, but I am sure are a big part of what I've become."

Along with the approval of Vashaw's resignation by the Lowell School Board, it also accepted the hiring of Craig Allen as an assistant football coach. While it was not stated, it is anticipated that Allen will replace Vashaw as the junior varsity coach for the 1991-92 season.



Runciman/Riverside March Students of the Month

Runciman/Riverside students of the month for March, 1991 are, from left to right: Jimmy Hefner, Laurie Hinkley, Heidi Hefner, Cettina Childs, Eric Ogle and Mandi Schab.

Freestyling wrestling notes

Lowell Freestyle wrestlers did another fine job this past weekend with the kids competing at four different tournament sites.

Friday night the Cadets wrestled at Belding High School with Rick Stouffer placing first and Corey Kirkbride placing second. The Lowell wrestlers competed at Belding, Sparta, Kenowa Hills and Charlotte also.

The medal winners at Belding were: Group I: Jake Brower, first; J.J. Wilder,

first; Michael Forward, second; Ryan Hoffman, second; Isaac Scoby, third; Group II: Travis Lake, first; Caleb O'Boyle, first; Billy Stouffer, first; T.J. Forward, third; Tommy Oesch, third. Group IV: Matt Inman, first; Todd Lyonnais, second; Ryan Winchel, second.

Medal winners at Sparta were: Group I: Joe VanLaan, first; Peter VanLaan, first; Nick West, second; Joe VanLaan, third. Dan Spicer from Group IV took a second place at the

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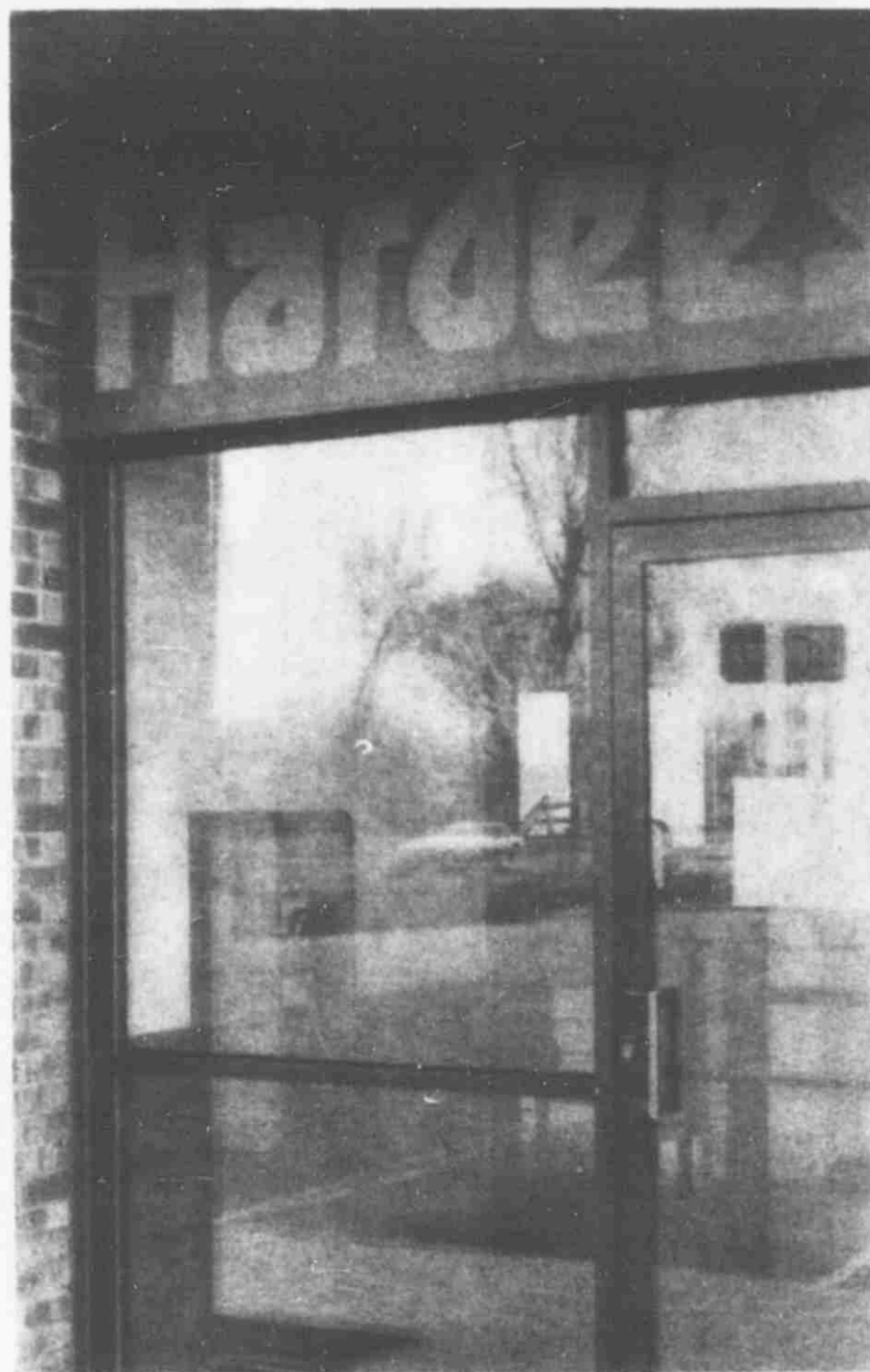
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Business in Lowell; a tough proposition



The recent business closing of Hardee's has some area residents wondering how much Lowell will grow to the west.

With the advent of business closures at the west end of Lowell, some area residents have questioned just what the City and other jurisdictions can do to help keep businesses in the Lowell area, and to bring new business into the area?

A problem with attracting new business is the enormous competition between communities and within regions.

Larger cities, unlike smaller cities, have the finances to form economic development staffs.

"The City of Lowell tries to assist realtors and companies in the availability of land and utilities," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "The City's first responsibility is to provide the best level of services to its residents. By providing the best level of services we can also serve to attract new businesses."

Action Auto, and more recently Hardee's, have closed their doors at the west end of Lowell on M-21. An area that is supposed to be growing by leaps and bounds. Pasquale does not believe that this is any indication that the City is somehow to blame.

"I'm sure the business climate has had an impact. I'm not sure to what extent," Pasquale said. "I think in the two most recent cases, the way business was conducted may have been the problem. But for the City to pinpoint why businesses fail or prosper would be difficult. Businesses make or break it, based on decisions they make in terms of marketing and how viable the business is in context of the market place."

Pasquale added the City does not do outright recruiting for new business. "That is both time-consuming and expensive," he adds.

According to the City Manager, the City provides tax abatements for expansions and new business relocating in Lowell. "New businesses are eligible for tax abatements if they come in under the established guidelines," he said.

The City of Lowell also works in cooperation with "Right Place," which is the economic development arm of Kent County. "Right Place" recruits for the Greater Grand Rapids

area. Lowell would be included in that, according to Pasquale.

"I believe strongly that we will see eventual growth on the west end of town. People shouldn't take a few individual business closings as a forecast for future businesses," Pasquale said.

If new business is to locate in the Lowell area there has to be an eagerness by the municipalities and the residents. In the past, the eagerness hasn't been by both. Most recently, Lowell Township attempted to bring in a light industrial development. This, however, was shot down by the Township residents. "I've always thought there was a need for something like that in this area, but all the efforts made have been put down at every turn," Timpson said.

"The Lowell area is growing, but it needs to grow in all aspects," Timpson said. "We have a responsibility to educate our children. Light industrial development would help us meet those needs, taking some of the burden off the residents."

Timpson added that currently the Township planning commission is looking to locate an industrial development outside of the city limits on the south side of M-21.

Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook said the Township is trying to work in a cooperative effort with the City to attract a new industrial development under Public Act 425. "I've asked Pasquale to arrange a meeting with the Council to examine P.A. 425. This basically is an agreement between two governmental units to share in the revenues of taxes obtained from a new industrial facility," Cook said.

The Township Supervisor said the location of such a development would be on the land adjacent to Central States Precision Grinding.

"I agree with Timpson. There is an absence of sufficient business development in the Lowell area," Cook said. "Light industrial development would help the area. It would be desirable."

Lake Odessa woman fails to see stopped traffic

Fog, a violation of the basic speed, and a Kent County Road Commission Grade-All excavating tractor, all played roles in a two-car accident at Alden Nash and 60th St. Friday morning.

The Kent County Road Commission was cutting trees on the west side of Alden Nash, according to the Kent County Sheriff's Department when a Road Com-

mission flagman stopped traffic so that a grade-all type tractor could back across the roadway.

Deborah Bennett, 10565 Bell Rd., Clarksville, was northbound on Alden Nash when she was stopped by Kent County Road Commission flagman.

Teresa Sible, 10375 Bliss Rd., Lake Odessa, traveling behind Bennett, failed to see

that Bennett had stopped in front of her and struck Bennett's vehicle in the rear end.

The accident occurred at approximately 8:55 a.m. Friday morning.

Both drivers sustained minor injuries.

Bennett was transported to Metropolitan Hospital by Lowell Ambulance.

Sible was taken home by a private party.



Teresa Sible failed to see that traffic ahead of her had stopped, and ran into the back end of another northbound vehicle on Alden Nash.

Oops! Let's try again!



Lowell Junior Varsity Softball

Members of the 1991 Lowell Junior Varsity softball team are front, left to right: Sarah Snuffer, Leann VanZyll, Carolyn Kline, Marcy Anes, Amy Gerkin, Veronica Ramirez, Jessi Pelon, Dana Tindall; back: Danielle Johnson, Marsha Roudabush, Ashley Olin, Tara Weststrate, Jessica Jones, Wendi Dudeck, Jeni Francis, Linda Stenquist, Shannon Bennett, Brenda Bittrick.



Lowell Junior Varsity Baseball

Members of the 1991 Lowell Junior Varsity baseball team are, front, left to right: Brad Thomas, John Roudabush, Jim Inman, Steve Brown, Chris Pirok, A.J. Teft, Greg Jannenga; back: Coach Dave Eichberg, Jason DesJarden, Kyle Krebill, Chris Miedema, Jim Fegel, Aaron Laux, Dave Johnson, Mike Kropf.

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Apr. 11	Wayland	A
Apr. 15	Cedar Springs	A
Apr. 19	Kenowa Hills	A
Apr. 23	Wyoming Park	A
Apr. 25	Sparta	A
Apr. 30	Coopersville	A
May 2	Hudsonville	A
May 7	FH Central	A
May 9	Godwin	A
May 11	Ionia 2	A
May 14	Northview	A
May 16	Caledonia	A
May 20	East GR	A
May 21	Lakewood	A

Coach: Mark Russell

Lowell's Freshman Baseball



Members of the 1991 Lowell Freshman baseball team are, front, left to right: Chris Kamphuis, Scott Denton, Matt Nowak, Eric Combs, Tim Bott, Andy Tichelaar, Jason Friesner; back row: Joe Minier, David Groen, Bruce Phillips, Eric Sigler, Rob Loughlin, Brad Kinyon, Rich Stouffer, Kevin Krick; not pictured is Coach Mark Russell.

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Are we allowing the school board to take over and develop already protected land? Wouldn't the great facilities planned better serve

all the children and the community if grouped with the other schools; or at least closer to town? Forcing children to drive and ride further deteriorates the respect for and health of the environment. We should not be isolating our children's lives from nature to achieve our transitory ends.

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is going to depend on our recognizing the need for clean undisturbed habitats. Our zoning ordinances should reflect this and be strong. Construction should focus on rehabilitation. Development of curbside recycling, tree protection ordinances, composting, green ways and spaces, water protection, public transportation, and alterna-

tives to harmful chemicals are necessary. The messages are clear through the media but they aren't quite working in Lowell. The two major developments planned by Attwood and the school board, and the wasteful buildings along Main Street frighten me. Perhaps I'm naive as to the workings of government and political re-

lationships; but, obviously, a shift in priorities is sorely needed.

Please,
Gary Dietzel



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