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VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY SCHEDULED

The 2nd Annual Spike Fest volleyball tournament is scheduled for Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The pool play tourney will allow each team to play 5 games. The best records in each division will then play off.

There will be recreational and advanced divisions for both men and women. Proceeds will again go toward the Ronald McDonald House. For more information, call Pat at 897-7538.

COMMUNITY ED INFO IN 8-12 BUYER'S GUIDE

The Community Education brochure for this year will be included in the August 12 issue of the Buyer's Guide.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS

L.H.S. Girls' basketball practice will begin Monday, Aug. 12.

Varsity will practice from 9 to 12 at the High School; JV will practice from 12 to 3 at the High School and Freshmen will practice from 9 to 12 at the Middle School.

PERSON OF THE YEAR SOUGHT

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the "Person of the Year."

Deadline for entries is August 20. Please mail the name of your nominee to: Chamber of Commerce, c/o "Person of the Year", P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331.

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City Council says no to splitting cost in asphaltting Fun Street proposal

"You don't always get what you want." The Kent County Road Commission learned that lesson at the Monday night Lowell City Council meeting.

The Road Commission agreed to relieve Lowell Township of any further financial responsibility for Fun Street provided the Township agreed to pay 27.5 percent for Fun Street's widening, graveling, improved drainage and vision. It then turned around and asked that the City split the cost of asphaltting the street with the Road Commission.

That notion was nixed by the Council Monday night. "I think the City should pay 27.5 percent of the cost (estimated to be \$10,800), not half the asphaltting cost," Lowell Councilman Charlie Doyle said. "I do not think it should incur half of the cost of asphaltting Fun Street.

The estimated cost to gravel and widen Fun Street was \$41,802.

Having agreed to the proposal that the City would pay \$11,495.55 as would Lowell Township. However, the Township has not officially agreed to the proposal. That is likely to come at its meeting on Aug. 19. That is when the Township Board is expected to make a decision on whether it finds the wording in the proposal submitted by the Kent

County Road Commission to be sufficient.

"Why should the City blacktop the street. The County released the Township of further financial responsibilities for the road. We were not consulted. Let the County take the responsibility," Doyle said.

The City was asked to contribute \$5,400 toward asphaltting the street. The same amount the County would contribute. Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said the contribution would come from the local street fund.

Tom Byle, maintenance engineer for the Kent County Road Commission, said the request was made so that the struggle with Fun Street can finally be over with. "It was thought since graveling will be done, that the time was ideal to go ahead and pave it too," Byle said.

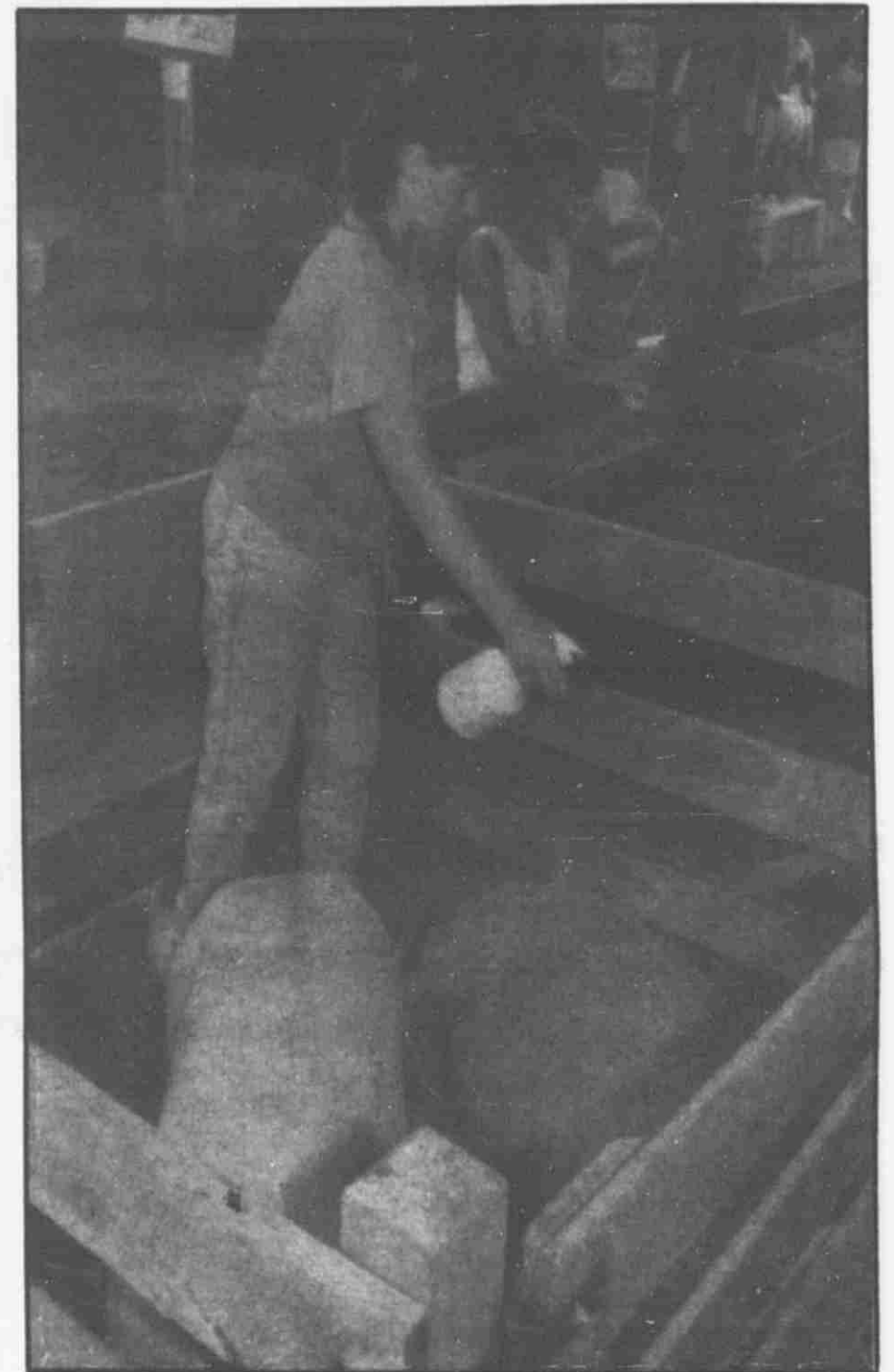
Lowell City Councilman Bill Thompson said he had a hard feeling about the whole thing. "The responsibility was passed around so much and the City was not notified right away when the responsibility was transferred from Vergennes Township to Lowell Township," he said.

As to when the graveling and widening work could be completed, Byle said he

thought as soon as this summer.

As to whether the paving issue would be dropped, Byle

said he would have to take the City's response back to the Road Commission's managing director, James Porritt.



Youth Fair Underway
Kent County Youth Fair Story and Pictures Page 19

Paroff's emergency rescue of husband befits car label



John Paroff, right, is more thankful today than ever before for his wife Kathy's (left) involvement with the Lowell Fire Department's rescue and ambulance service.

On the front of Kathy Paroff's car, the yellow writing reads, "Rescue Mama."

That was a gift given to her by her youngest son, Russ, last Christmas as a symbol of his mother's rescue and ambulance work with the Lowell Fire Department.

Her 19-year old boy did not know at the time just how appropriate those words would become.

It's because of his "Rescue Mama," Russ is still able to enjoy the humor, wisdom and love of his father, John Paroff.

Kathy Paroff has been on any number of rescues with the Lowell Fire Department, but it is this one unexpected and traumatic emergency rescue of her husband of 28 years, John Paroff, that she was confronted with at her home on Monday, June 3 at 10 p.m., that she will never forget.

It's a rescue that has changed the Paroff's lives forever.

"John had finished showing after mowing lawn and

raking for 2-1/2 hours that Monday evening," Kathy Paroff said. "He came out into the kitchen/family room area and said he did not feel right. He was rubbing his hands and arms which he said hurt. He was also breathing rapidly, and had chest pains."

It is often said that the last two minutes of a football game are a lifetime. The next 10 minutes that followed for John Paroff threatened to shorten his lifetime significantly.

Feeling dizzy, John proceeded to sit down on the edge of a recliner. He then passed out and fell backwards into the chair.

"His eyes had rolled back into his head and he had stopped breathing," Kathy recalls. "First I slapped him in the face thinking I could wake him if he had just passed out. Obviously, it was more than that. I tried to open his mouth so I could get air into his lungs, but his jaw was clenched shut."

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Obituaries

MARKLE—Arthur E. Markle, aged 58, of 1767 Parnell Rd., Ada, passed away July 31, 1991 at his home. He was preceded in death by his mother in 1962, his father in 1974 and his sister in 1982. Surviving are his wife, Mary; daughter, Nicole Elizabeth of Ada; two sons, Dave and Bonnie Markle. Art Markle and Sherry; three daughters, Karen and Tom Phillips, Sherri and Don Ferguson, all of Plainwell, Katie and Bill Mente, now stationed in Peru, IN; mother-in-law, Katherine

PURDY—Wilbur O. Purdy, aged 83, of Belding, died Friday, August 2, 1991. He is survived by his wife, Gail; daughter, Mrs. Joan and Everett Sawyer of VA; sisters, Mrs. Pat and Jack Tibbets, Mrs. Betty Tibbets, all of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Kenneth McGee of Alton Bible Church officiating. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Fund or Hospice

SNIEDER—Mr. Arthur Snieder, aged 64, of Grant, died July 31, 1991 at

Butterworth Hospital, following a short illness. He is survived by his wife, Eunice; his children, Sharon Skags Gary Snieder, Dale Snieder, all of

Grant; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his brothers and sisters, including Gilbert and Winnie Snieder of Lowell. Services were held

Saturday at the Grant Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Joseph VandenAkker officiating. Interment Hillside Cemetery.

Board listens to people, breaks Sept. ballot down into four proposals

The 1991-92 school budget is estimated to operate at a \$400,000 deficit.

The first proposal on the ballot in September will deal with the renewal of the 26.1 mills. In part, this will restore the deficit due to loss of revenue which expired July 1.

The third proposal will be the Headlee Amendment. If passed it would allow Lowell to collect the maximum authorized millage rate without reduction required by the state constitution (Sec. 31, Article 9).

The fourth proposal on the ballot would deal with the extension of the 1.4 mills used for energy conservation and maintenance. This is a renewal of 1.4 mills which will expire with the 1993 tax levy. The renewal will extend the energy and maintenance through 1995, expiring when the rest of the millage would.

Those who criticized the Lowell School Board for not listening to the will of the people will be encouraged to hear that Monday night not only did it listen to the will of the people, but it acted on what it heard.

Many registered school dis-

trict voters asked that the Sept. 23 ballot be broken down into four different proposals and that they not all be combined into one. The School Board voted to just that Monday night.

"All four are significantly important to the school," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said.

The four proposals which were lumped into one ballot back in June, were the millage renewal, the Headlee Amendment; the 1.4 mill energy maintenance extension and the .55 mill increase to help recoup monies lost because the millage renewal was turned down.

According to Esch, the .54 mill increase will be the second proposal on the ballot. If passed, it will restore monies lost due to payment of interest on tax note borrowing and a reduction of earned investment interest.

"The school will lose \$131,454 in interest expense lost and \$171,454 in interest income lost," Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp explained. "That brings the total loss to \$302,908. These are all estimated figures."

Kemp said if the school would have to close its doors, it would do so with \$300,000 in the bank.

Lowell Board President, Roger Kropf said it's all right to talk about "if the school had to close its doors" and to say it, but he warned the Board to not believe it. "We are going to keep this school open."

Even if the millage renewal passes in September, Kemp said the school would have to execute three borrowings. The first being by Sept. 13 for state aid payments of local lending institutions.

The second would come in November (6) of \$688,896 for tax anticipation note, to the state treasury. The third, \$1 million would be borrowed against state aid. "This will be done whether or not the millage passes," Kemp said. "If the millage renewal passes, people will get tax notices around Dec. 6. It will probably be January, February and/or March before taxes are paid."

Esch said the state requires that a school borrows the maximum against anticipated state aid and taxes in order to keep the school doors open.

Beach Boys party, Friday at Ionia Fairgrounds

There'll be "Good Vibrations" in Grand Rapids Friday, August 9th when the Beach Boys team up with the Everly Brothers and take to the stage at Ionia Fairgrounds. It's all a part of the American Beach Party, a day at the beach with sand and all.

Since you may not have been able to get to the far-away places like Malibu, Daytona, Padre Island or the North Shore of the Hawaiian Islands, the American Beach Party is bringing a slice of the beach to Grand Rapids to start you off on your own endless summer.

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The surf boards on display are classics in every sense of the word. The exhibit, provided by San Diego's Choice Surfboards and All Access Surfboards, will show off the newest of the new plus some of the great classic long boards of the sixties.

If you dream of castles in the sand, you can build your own in the tons of sand and while guarding against an overdose of rays by donning show sponsor KOKOMO Labs' Tropical Summer Sun Care Products. You might check out BUKA Foot Volleyball, a game for the exceedingly agile, that's fast becoming the latest beach fad.

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ATHLETIC PHYSICALS SCHEDULED

Athletic physicals for Lowell High School Boys will be given at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, in the high school gym by Drs. Gerard and Evenhouse. NO 9TH GRADERS. Ninth graders must make an appointment with their regular family physician.

Athletes may not begin practice without a physical. Athletes who miss the Aug. 7 physicals must make an appointment with their family physician and there will be charges. After Aug. 7, sports physicals will not be done by Drs. Gerard and Evenhouse for boys who are not their regular patients. Physical cards are available in the high school office.

GIRLS' TENNIS PRACTICE STARTS

L.H.S. Girls' Tennis practice will begin Monday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m.

SOCCER PRACTICE BEGINS MONDAY

All students who wish to play JV or Varsity Soccer should report to Lowell High School for the first practice at 8 a.m., Monday, Aug. 12.

All first year players must receive their physicals at their family physicians. Contact school office for forms.

Questions should be forwarded to: Coach Turkal at 451-2464 after 7 p.m.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lowell officers investigated 18 accident complaints in the month of July this year, two of which incurred injuries.

Arrested on a warrant issued out of a Barry County Court July 30, was Larry Daniels, 43, of Lowell by Lowell officers. Arrested for Driving While License Suspended, 2nd Offense July 31 was Walter Ward II, 22, of Palo, MI.

A 16 year old juvenile from Ada will be cited into Probate Court for Shoplifting, which occurred August 2 at the Admiral Station on West Main.

A 16 year old juvenile will be sent to Probate Court for Unlawful Use of an Automobile, and Resisting Arrest in connection with an incident that occurred August 1.

Cited into 63rd District Court for Destruction of Property under \$100, was Jack Ford, 20, of Grattan and a 15 year old male from Lowell will be referred to Probate Court on the same charge, which occurred July 31 on West Main St.

Warren Smith, 55, of Lowell was involved in a minor property damage accident August 4, when while passing a vehicle on West Main near Ridgeview Dr., a car driven by Sheila Stenquist, 17, also of Lowell was attempting to make a left turn.

Arrested on a warrant issued in Kent County for Aggravated Assault, was Robert Eikey, 34, of Lowell on Aug. 1.

Louis Van Chiavol, a 40 year old Grand Rapids man was arraigned Monday, August 5 on charges of Armed Robbery at the Admiral Gas Station, which occurred at 12:40 a.m. on

August 4.

The subject held store employees with a revolver and took \$30. He was apprehended by Kent County Sheriff's deputies before dawn on August 4 after crashing his car at Cascade and Fulton St., when chased from Ada by deputies.

He will also be arraigned for Felonious Assault on a Deputy, when he attempted to run over an officer in Grand Rapids Township.

Knights of Columbus shows its support of education through ads

The Lowell Knights of Columbus, an organization that believes in education, children and values, acted to enhance that image Monday night.

Knights of Columbus trustee, Tony Stencil, informed the Lowell Board of Education that the Christian organization passed a motion to support the school board and the educational system in Lowell by printing advertisements in the Buyers Guide in the six weeks leading up to the

Sept. 23 election. "This is the first time the Lowell Knights of Columbus has done something like this," Stencil said. "But it goes along

with the support of the organization for education and children." Fritz Esch and the Board thanked the KOC for its support of the Lowell School system.



Few people realize that the asparagus is a member of the lily family. If allowed to grow, the asparagus tips would throw out tall stalks and crown them with six-petaled flowers, the trademark of the lily.

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When asked about her job at the bank she replies, "I love working at the bank, all the people are like a second family to me. I like the people contact and the challenge of new experiences. Plus, I get to talk a lot, which has always been a favorite hobby!"

When not on the job Rose enjoys time with her husband Scott, daughter Lisa, 11, and son Kyle, 6. They enjoy family outings, sports, walking and bike riding.

Rose was raised in neraby Parnell, graduated from Lowell High School and has lived in the City of Lowell for thirteen years.

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Paroff, continued...

Kathy began a sternal rub and then a cardiac thump. "It was more of a punch to the chest," Kathy said.

The four-year member of the Lowell Fire Department's rescue and ambulance teams started to get excited, nervous, and lose control. "I yelled at John to breathe," she explains. "Then all of the sudden my rescue experience and I believe my religious faith clicked in, and I tipped the reclining chair all the way back onto the floor and pulled John off the back of the chair so he was lying flat on the floor."

Paroff then started chest compressions on her husband. It worked, John started to breathe again. "I could tell he was breathing because the blue in his lips and face had started to fade."

By this time the Lowell Fire Department had arrived at 591 Alden Nash, in response to Kathy's call to 911 prior to John's heart attack.

"His heart attack was caused by a blood clot blocking one of the major arteries that feeds the heart muscle," Kathy Paroff said.

Not liking his heart rhythm, rescue and ambulance personnel had to use cardio version paddles. "The jolts helped to bring back a rhythm," she explained.

The next five days John spent in the Cardiac Critical Care Unit. The first two days were intense. So intense, doctors told Kathy that John was gravely ill and they would worry only about getting him through the 12 hours that followed the heart attack before deciding what to do next. John's prognosis was so grave,

Msgr. Moran from St. Mary's Church gave him his Last Rites. John has served as a Deacon at St. Mary's since June of 1981.

"If anything, I'm more religious now," John Paroff said. "I feel as if I have an unfinished task to complete."

Three of those five days in CCU John does not remember. When he regained consciousness, his first words were "I know where I am. I know I belong here, but why am I here?" Kathy Paroff said. "While he wasn't able to talk for those three days, he was able to squeeze my hand to acknowledge certain things."

In order to help dissolve the clots, doctors used tPa.

According to Paroff the treatment only works on three percent of the people.

Asked if he had an out-of-body experience during the short periods of time when he was not breathing, Paroff smiles. "No. I never saw my life flash before me. There were no bright lights."

The traumatic experience has changed both John and Kathy. "Life is more important. The sky, the grass, matter to me in a different way. Most of all I realize how fortunate I am to still have John," Kathy said.

John adds, "I have a different value on life. My values have changed. I feel as if I've been given a second chance.

I'm not as rushed anymore. Material things aren't as important. Friendships matter more. I now recognize the importance of diet and exercise."

He currently is a patient in a Cardiac Rehabilitation intensive exercise program.

The experience has also changed Russ' life too. "Russ is now cutting and raking the grass," smiles Kathy. "The teenage children of our friends have also volunteered to take care of the lawn so John doesn't have to."



John Paroff sits in the recliner he had his heart attack in. Both John and his wife, Kathy, are glad the traumatic night is past them.

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

By faith Abraham... went out, not knowing whither he went (Hebrews 11:8).

It's fun to travel through new territory, to view new scenery, and to see unfamiliar places. But such adventures call for direction. Road maps are essential, for they give us guidance as we travel through strange territory.

Abraham was called to pull up stakes, leave his familiar surroundings, and to travel through new territory. Obediently, he started out, not knowing what lay ahead but

confident that God was leading him, guiding him, and directing him. It was all he needed to take him to the promised land of Canaan.

Many times in our Christian experience we are called upon to travel through unfamiliar territory. New experiences come to us all. Throughout a lifetime, one faces many strange and perplexing situations. There is sorrow. There are disappointments. There are adjustments to make and new fields of endeavor to conquer. All of these experiences call for faith. Without it we

have nothing to hold us steady and keep us on the right path. Faith keeps our eyes on the goal. It is "our road map" to our final destination.

Prayer: Dear God, my faith is in Thee. I know Thou wilt guide and direct me. I cannot go astray if Thou art with me. I shall reach my final destination—by faith. Amen.

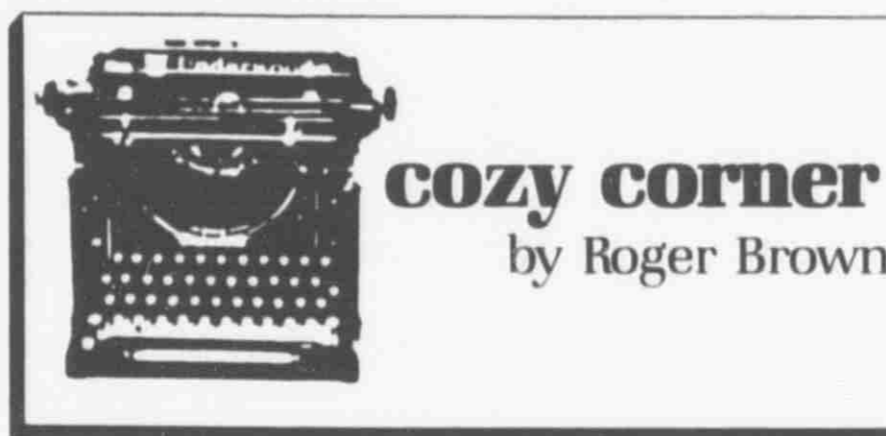
Let the sweet hope that Thou art mine, My path of life attend, Thy presence through my journey shine, And crown my journey's end.

ANNE STEELE

The word "bicycle" is a combination of a Latin and a Greek root: *bis* is Latin for twice and *kylos* is Greek for circle.

Tobasco Sauce is named for the state of Tobasco in southeastern Mexico.

Viewpoint



I had a little case of insomnia going last night. Needless to say that doesn't do much for the old creative juices here in the early hours of this Tuesday morning. The old eyelids could slap shut, and stay that way without much effort on my part. You've all heard the expression, "a mind like a steel trap". I've never been able to figure out what that means, but this morning I have eyelids like steel traps, and I know exactly what that means. Pass the coffee, please!

I woke up about 1:00 a.m., used the bathroom and got a big drink of water. I went back to bed, arranged my pillow for maximum comfort and attempted to shut off my brain. Unfortunately, I couldn't find the switch. I tossed and turned as quietly as possible trying not to disrupt Terese's sleep. However, when you tip the scales at about 245 and you sleep on a free-flow water bed, it's a bit tough to toss and turn without creating some disturbance. Poor Terese, she must think she's afloat on a raft in the ocean at times.

We live in town, on a fairly busy street. Even so, I'm amazed at how much activity there is at two and three o'clock in the

morning. Last night was one of those great Michigan summer nights for sleeping. It was nice and cool and we had all the windows open. We didn't have a fan running to drown out any noise from the outside, so it all came through the window loud and clear. Boy, did it ever.

Here's one thing I'd like to know. Where the heck is everybody going at three o'clock in the morning? Trucks rumble by grinding through the gears as they head north from the light at Main St. Motorcycles roar past the house. Cars stream by in what seems like an endless procession. I could even hear airplanes headed in and out of Kent County International. About the only thing I didn't hear was boat traffic on the Flat River. Don't these people know they're supposed to be sleeping?

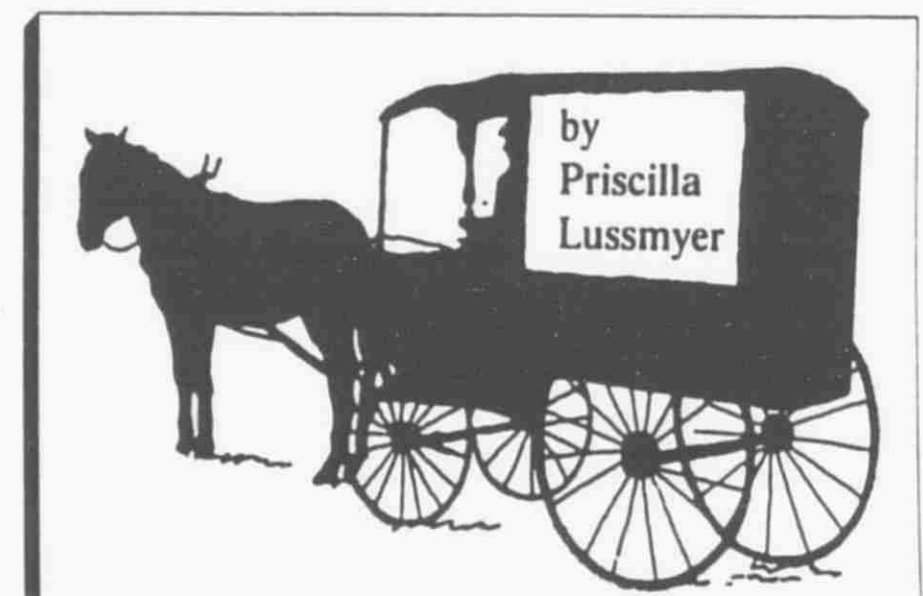
Then there was the classic tomcat fight. A couple of neighborhood cats got to yeowling and hissing at one another. Their noise was bad enough, but they got my dogs upset, and they began barking in the adjacent kitchen. Talk about a menagerie! It was like trying to sleep in the cage during the lion tamer act at the circus.

Sometime after all that quieted down, there was another disruption. Somewhere, and it didn't sound like it was very far off, a man was being sick. I'm not talkin' about your average tossing of cookies or blowing of lunch. This guy was doing some violent retching. And, it went on for quite some time. I considered investigating, but decided it just wasn't the type of thing I wanted to get involved in at 3:00 a.m. Of course this got my dogs barking again, which mercifully drowned out the poor guy with the heaves.

Awhile later a car door slammed, and my dogs barked again. I guess there's some measure of security in having dogs that bark at noises in the night. But, they don't do much for one's rest. I'll attest to that. Besides, I think if we really did have an intruder, all he'd have to do is be reasonably quiet and my dogs would probably ferociously lick his hand and beat him with their wagging tails.

Somewhere along the line things quieted down, my brain clicked off, and as is always the case, I was sound asleep when the alarm went off at 4:30. I had good intentions of riding my exercise bike before showering and coming in to work, but the loss of three hours of sleep negated that idea in a hurry. I couldn't slap the "snooze button" fast enough!

After reporting on my tumultuous night, I can't help but think of the six months or so the Army had me stationed at a little outpost called Stallion Site at the north end of White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. In describing how remote Stallion Site is, I like to tell people it's about five miles from Trinity Site, where they touched off the first atomic bomb, and Stallion Site is just that much closer to "nowhere" than Trinity Site. Anyway, you ain't heard quiet until you hear how quiet nights are out there! Too bad it's such a long commute. I'd sleep out there and work here.



Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 Years Ago In The Journal - Aug. 5, 1891
Opening Day at Island Park August 8th with electrically lit dance floor. Admission 50 cents.

Hunting season will begin soon, from ducks on September 1 to deer on November 10.

The Camp Meeting at Elmdale can be heard at least a mile away.

Over 120,000 nautical miles of telegraph cable have been laid in the world's oceans to date.

A patent medicine ad starts, "The American people are rapidly becoming a nation of nervous wrecks."

75 Years Ago In The Ledger - Aug. 3, 1916
Good times were made in the horse races last week, in spite of the almost unbearable heat.

D.M. Robins of Detroit will speak from his automobile in front of the Hill Shoe Store tonight, opening the Michigan Dry Campaign here. He is the educational director of the Ford Motor Company and a very fast talker.

Five days of Chautauqua next week, including Illinois' Congressman Gorman, who will explain how the pork barrel works.

Voting primary lists are long this year. 13 huge ammunition warehouses on Black Tom Island in New York bay blow up, shaking the city. A plot is suspected.

50 Years Ago In The Ledger - Aug. 7, 1941
Work on the Main St. bridge will be postponed until next spring, due to steel being needed for defense.

The 10th Showboat breaks all attendance records, with people offering \$5 to get in the sold-out show on Friday.

Bruce McMahon is severely injured about the head and face while sliding into second base in a softball game.

Bids for a pickup truck for Lowell Light and Power range from \$475 to \$600.

Premiums for the annual flower show at the 4-H Fair are announced by chairman, Mrs. F.E. White of the Garden Lore club.

25 Years Ago In The Ledger - Aug. 4, 1966
Not Available.

Thad's thoughts

I spent roughly \$60 a year or so ago, thinking it would help motivate me to run more often.

It didn't.

The most running I've done since the purchase probably took place Monday night. Unless, of course, you count the times I run from the couch to the refrigerator.

Back to Monday night. I had the opening ceremonies at the Kent County Youth Fair at 7 p.m., a Showboat Board meeting at 7 p.m., a Board of Education meeting at 7:30 and a City Council meeting at 7:30.

I'm many things, but I'm not a contortionist. So that rules out being at all four places at once. Granted, I'm not that nice looking, but can you imagine twisting, bending and breaking me up into four small pieces? I'd probably look even worse. I know what you're thinking, in this case less would be better.

In the hour I spent at home (6-7 p.m.) I decided the Showboat Board meeting would have to go on without me.

At 7 p.m. I caught the first 35 minutes of the Fair's opening ceremonies. I then rushed back to my car, okay, I just walked hastily. Once back in my car, I glanced at both the School and

City agenda. I decided since the school had fewer items on its agenda, I would go there first.

Wrong move, Sherlock. I was there 40 minutes and the Board wasn't through with the first two items. The property acquisition update, which was the main reason I attended, happened to be the fourth item on the agenda.

Knowing that the City Council works fast, and that I wanted to hear the discussion on Fun Street and the City's response to the Lowell Area School in regards to site information for the new high school, I raced over to City Hall. I didn't race fast enough. They had already completed talks on Fun Street and tabled the school issue. The two items were eight and nine on the agenda respectively.

Having missed two of the major discussions, I politely asked for and grabbed the tape of the meeting from City Clerk, Betty Morlock. I hurriedly made my way back to the School Board meeting, hoping that I might still catch some discussion on the property acquisition update.

Watch what you wish for, you might get it. Well, I caught 15-20 minutes of the discussion. Unfortunately, much of it I had discussed with Superintendent Fritz Esch on Friday.

After the meeting, I drove back to my apartment and listened to the portion of the City Council meeting (on tape) that I missed. I finished listening to the meeting at 10:30. That's when I ran back to the office to begin writing stories for this week's paper on everything I had learned that evening. I completed my tasks at 1 a.m. Tired from the workout I gave my jogging shoes, I retired back to my apartment.

The racing from meeting to meeting gave me an appreciation for the simple exercise of jogging. Who knows, I may start jogging again! I didn't say that!

Letters

Dear Editor,
I have some comments and questions about the Lowell School system.

I have always had an interest in the Lowell schools. I graduated from Lowell High School in 1931. Since then we have had children and grandchildren go through Lowell High. It has always been a good school and I hope it can continue to be so.

The district got a "black eye" in their handling of land acquisition, but I think it was a good thing. The club land was not a good site and I do not believe in condemnation.

There are some things I do not understand.

1. Why is it necessary to have so much land to put a school on?

2. Why is it necessary to have more athletic fields? I would think Burch Field and the new City park would be enough. When I was out for track in 1930 and '31, we ran on the half mile dirt track and Lowell had some great athletes (not me). I believe the school should have sports, but I think some schools and especially colleges are over-emphasizing sports.

3. Why can't additions be built onto the existing schools?

4. Why can't schools be three stories high, instead of

one? They would be more efficient and take up less space.

I do not think it is necessary to do away with the airport to get land for the school. I think if the Lowell School officials get down to earth

and the basics, they can come up with a solution acceptable to the voters so the next operating millage will pass.

Respectfully,
Adelbert Odell
Vergennes Township

HEALTH

With
Dr. Paul Gauthier
&
Dr. Jim Lang

BETTER CONTROL OF HYPERTENSION

For years, we have been treating high blood pressure by having patients avoid excessive salt intake, partaking in regular exercise; maintaining ideal body weight and taking medication if needed. Most physicians have felt that a realistic goal should be to lower the diastolic blood pressure to below 90. Several studies have shown a significant reduction in

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AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY			
<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. WE INVITE YOU TO MAKE THIS COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH 3900 East Fulton REV. RAYMOND E. BEFUS Morning Worship 9:50 A.M. (Broadcast 10 A.M. WMAZ 1470) Sunday School 11:15 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Service 7:30 P.M.</p>		<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE OF LOWELL 201 North Washington Street REV. JIM GELDHOFF Church School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Mid-Week Service Jr. Teens, Adults 7:00 P.M. Nursery Come & Worship With Us</p>
<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Lowell Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. And Children's Activities 10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups LISTENING AND HELPING 897-0077</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL Bible Believing - Non Denominational 9035 Centerline, Saranac, MI Worship Service 10:00 A.M. PASTOR FRANK LATTIMORE 942-3868</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street Lowell, MI Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:20 a.m. Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Nursery available at both services Barrier Free</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Services 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Awana Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR 897-0017 Dan Nave, Youth Director 897-6737</p>
<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA 7:00 P.M. (Sept - April) Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Rev. Terry Tessari, Pastor Eleanor Martin, Director of Education Roger MacNaughton, Director of Music Barrier-Free Nursery Provided</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship 9:00 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Church School 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. WILLIAM AMUNDSEN, MINISTER Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP COUNTRY CHAPEL 10200 Grand River Ave Sunday Services 10:30 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M. BOB ROUSH, PASTOR 897-7489</p>
<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemood Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed. 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier Free)</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amy MSGR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>	

Area Births

James and Gerarda Francis of Lowell announce the birth of their Granddaughter Hayley Paige Fritz. Proud parents are Steve and Jeanne Fritz of Gun Lake. Hayley is welcomed by Great Grandma Mary E. Mason also of Lowell and Ed and Orell Fritz of Naples, FL.

It's a boy! Corey Ray Phillips arrived July 20, 1991. He weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Gordon and Shelly Phillips of Alto. Corey was welcomed home by his sister, Aubree. Grandparents are Robert and Florence Phillips of Ada, John Wolfe of Dutton and Wilma Wolfe of DryRidge, KY. Great-grandmothers are Ernestine Wolfe of Lowell and Lucy Burton of Barbourville, KY.

Getting It Straight

An error occurred in the July 31 issue of the Lowell Ledger in the article on the Lowell Airport.

The initials for the Federal Aviation Administration are FAA, not FFA as reported. We apologize for this error.

Attempt to flee Police sinks armed robber in swamp

An attempted armed robbery at the Admiral Gas Station at 2222 W. Main St. ended in a swamp near Forest Hills Drive early Sunday morning.

For his early morning work, all Louis Van Chiavoli, 40, of 218 Gold NW Apt 1, Grand Rapids, got was \$27, a pack of cigarettes, \$10.12 worth of gas and a bullet wound to his hand.

According to Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons, Chiavoli was shot in the hand after he tried running the deputy over with a General Motors vehicle.

"After the deputy avoided the car twice, he opened fire, shooting his gun twice, hitting the assailant in the hand," Emmons said. Chiavoli then fled into a swamp area where he was caught up with by Kent County tracking dogs.

Emmons said the police received a call at roughly 12:40 a.m. Sunday that a possible armed robbery was occurring at Admiral.

Chiavoli pumped \$10.12 worth of gas into his vehicle before entering the store. After ordering a pack of ciga-

rettes, Chiavoli appeared to be reaching into his shirt to pull out his wallet when he unveiled a pistol. Emmons said he stated it was a holdup and pointed the revolver at the head of a male customer standing next to him at the counter.

"The clerk reacted sharply and bravely as she picked up the phone and called 911. The assailant then pointed the gun at her and said 'put the phone down,'" Emmons explained. "When she didn't, Chiavoli leaped over the counter, grabbed her by the throat and pushed her to the floor. He then yanked the phone out of the wall."

According to the report, he then asked the relief clerk to open the register. Emmons said the new clerk was nervous and could not get the register open. Chiavoli then took the \$27 in the clerk's hand and fled.

As he backed out of the Admiral Gas Station onto M-21, he ran into a pickup truck before fleeing westerly.

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Book Review

The old tried and true situation comedy—sibling rivalry—hits the press once again in *Julius, the Baby of the World* by Kevin Henkes.

"No one knows mice or children better than Kevin Henkes," says the back flyleaf of the book, and I for one believe it. Henkes had me laughing and sometimes feeling sorry (in a hysterical way) for the mouse heroine of the story, Lily, the sister of Julius. I not only laughed, but I shared this book with everyone I met for a whole weekend. They loved it, and laughed and sighed in recognition of the antics of Lily.

Health Column, continued...

cardiovascular risk if we can maintain diastolic blood pressure below 90. We treat elevated blood pressure to decrease the incidence of stroke, heart failure, heart attack, kidney and other organ damage.

When your physician takes your blood pressure you will generally be told two numbers such as 140 over 90 (140/90). The first or top number is the systolic reading and refers to the pressure within the artery as the heart contracts, flowing blood into the arteries. The bottom number reflects the minimum pressure that is in the arteries in between contractions. Ideally, we would like to maintain blood pressure below 160/90. For years, most doctors have been concentrating on the diastolic reading as the most important measurement in obtaining good blood pressure control. We have felt that the systolic reading was important also but there had never been any good studies showing that if we could lower systolic pressure we could lower the risk of stroke or other related conditions.

Recently a large scale study was published that has shown

Lily is not only the heroine, she is also the villain of the story. The crown Lily wears as her symbol of family status, "I'm the queen," gets slightly tilted as does her ego as she is confronted daily with her new baby brother, Julius.

Remember the famous "chair in the corner" for naughty children? Henkes gives it a new name. Although the name was new to me, to Lily it was a challenge!

What brings about a change of heart for Lily is a celebration, of all things, given in honor of Julius' birth. Reading this book aloud brings out the force of emotion and laughter in this wisely written story. Parents and grandparents will surely hear themselves say, "Remember when...?"

Reading about Lily and the baby of the world brings a flavor of hope to a family that is experiencing the "pangs" of sibling rivalry.

This is available in your local library and book store.

**Julius, the Baby of
The World
by: Kevin Henkes
Price: \$12.95**

BY:
JOAN
WITTENBACH

Coming Events

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

played at the V.F.W Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes, Public welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

2ND AND 4TH MONDAY NIGHTS: Men's Life Bible study group will meet at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the Narthex. All men in the community are welcome. Call 897-6215 or 897-7555 for more information.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12685 Foreman Road.

EVERY MONDAY EVENING: Euchre will be

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING: Ladies join us for Coffee Break/ Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 a.m. Nursery provided.

EVERY SECOND TUESDAY: The Lowell Area Fishing Club now meets at the Flat River Snowmobile Clubhouse on Potters Road, just East of Montcalm Ave. at 7:00 p.m. All prospective members or interested individuals are cordially welcome.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY - V.F.W. Post 8303: meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St., Lowell at 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 1372 meets every Tues-

day evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

2ND WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY - Lowell Area Jaycees: meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 1372, No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Old Township Hall, at Bowne first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. No December meeting.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell VFW Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the VFW Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly: #M 1493 meets every Sat. at 8:30 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

EVERY THIRD SATURDAY Men's Breakfast: 8 a.m. at Lowell Assembly of God, 3050 Alden Nash, just south of town. Special speaker and good food. For more info call 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING: Royal Rangers for the boys. Missionettes for the girls for kids kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7 thru 12 grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more info, call Lowell

Assembly of God at 897-7047.

EVERY SUNDAY: Singles dance featuring Touch of Class. '50's and '60's music. Cost \$5. Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 5700 28th St., Grand Rapids. 1-96 at 28th St. then east 2 blocks.

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

QUA-KE-ZIK: Sportsmen's Club - meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Club building at 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: - Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: -149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Monday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

LOWELL LIBRARY HOURS: - Open Mon. 10:30

a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed., 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fri. & Sat., 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

MUSEUM NOW OPEN: Admission is free to the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum - Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 4 miles north of Lowell in eastern Kent County.

FRI., AUG. 9: There will be an initiation during the regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

MON., AUG. 12: Golden Swingers will have a potluck at 6 p.m. at Schneider Manor. The program will be speaker Ralph Bartelt, who will talk about Michigan State History.

THURS., AUG. 15: Keenagers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Vergennes Methodist Church for a potluck dinner and a variety program. Come and bring a friend.

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Lowell City Council Proceedings

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 15, 1991.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Fonger, Thompson, Hodges and Mayor Maatman.
ABSENT: Councilmember Doyle.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER to excuse the absence of Councilmember Doyle.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by THOMPSON that the minutes of the July 1, 1991 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TOTALS (AUGUST 5, 1991)

GENERAL FUND:	\$187,522.88
MAJOR STREET FUND:	583.88
LOCAL STREET FUND:	105.00
SEWER FUND:	77,380.17
WATER FUND:	2,592.21

EQUIPMENT FUND:	5,682.92
DATA PROCESSING FUND:	337.28
LEE FUND:	465.17

Item #1. REVIEW OF BIDS - STONEY LAKESIDE PARK PROJECT. On July 10, bids were received for the Stoney Lakeside Park project. The work entails the placement of sand to create a beach, extending this underwater for a swimming area. Also, a restroom-changing facility building will be constructed along with providing a parking lot, entrance way and seed-mulch-black dirt for grass. The following bids were read:

Ken Shaler & Son Excavators (Saranac)	\$142,834.30
C.D. Barnes Associates (Grand Rapids)	\$159,328.00
Terhorst & Rinzema Construction (Ada)	\$162,003.00
Dykema Excavators, Inc. (Grand Rapids)	\$162,147.50
Griffith Builders, Inc. (Lakeview)	\$180,000.00

It was noted that \$117,000 had been budgeted for this project. With \$3,690 already allocated for the rough grading work, \$113,310 would remain from the budget.

After reviewing the bids with the engineers, it was determined that the construction contract award would be contingent upon reducing the bid amount by diminishing quantities for certain aspects of the project to match the budget. After negotiations with the contractor, any added dollar amount over the budget would be brought to the City Council for consideration.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by FONGER to award contract for the Stoney Lakeside Park project to the low bid of Ken Shaler & Son Excavators contingent upon reducing the bid amount to \$113,310 by diminishing quantities for certain aspects of the job to match the budget.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. BIDS - EAST AIRPORT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. At its June 3 meeting, the City Council approved the bidding process for the grading and graveling of the east airport road. The project involves the placement of 6 inches of road gravel, 14' wide with 3' shoulders on each side of the road for drainage. The reshap-

ing of the road will extend 785' from Flat River Drive. An alternate was requested to bring the road 725' to the second (utility) hangar. The following bids were received:

	Option 1 (785')	Option 2 (added 725')
O.E. Bieri & Sons	\$2,747.50	\$2,537.50
Tip Top Gravel	\$2,797.00	
Ken Shaler & Son	\$3,330.00	\$3,107.00

It was recommended that the project be awarded to O.E. Bieri & Sons for \$2747.50 for Option 1 (785'). Option 2 could be scheduled next year. The General Fund will loan the Airport Fund these monies as needed at 6% interest for the road project, if necessary. Councilmember Thompson asked if it is necessary for these improvements to be done at this time. City Manager Pasquale responded that the east airport road is in very poor condition and people are driving across the runways to avoid driving on the road.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to award contract to the low bid of \$2747.50 from O.E. Bieri & Sons for the east Airport road improvements that will extend 785' from Flat River Drive.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STREETS PROJECTS. As part of the approved budget, the following streets will be reconstructed: Kent between Monroe and Washington, Monroe between Kent and Main, Avery between Monroe and the Flat River and Lafayette between Avery and Main. The following two engineering firm proposals were requested in order to more accurately proceed on these projects. The proposals included both design and construction (if needed) engineering.

	Design	Construction
OMM (Olson, Meyers & May) Engineering, Inc.	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,700
Fishbeck, Thompson,		

Carr & Huber	\$12,325	\$10,800
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Since both firms have excellent reputations, the decision was based on cost proposed. Therefore the low bid of \$7,500 for design engineering from OMM Engineering, Inc. was recommended.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to award contract to the low bid of OMM Engineering, Inc. of \$7,500 for the design engineering involving the reconstruction of the following major streets: Kent between Monroe and Washington, Monroe between Kent and Main, Avery between Monroe and the Flat River and Lafayette between Avery and Main.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. COST ADJUSTMENT IN SOLID WASTE CONTRACT. As stipulated in the contract, the City's solid waste contractor, Denny's Disposal, may request an increase in price based on tipping fees and fuel costs, subject to Council approval. Pitsch Sanitary Landfill's charges have risen from \$9.00 per yard to \$10.00. On an average of 684 yards hauled per month, a \$684 per month increase has been requested for landfill charges. Also, fuel costs have increased 9 cents a gallon since last year. Based on a usage of 390.7 gallons per month, the fuel adjustment costs would increase \$35.16 per month. A total increase of \$719.16 per month has been petitioned. This would raise the cost per residential unit from \$7.526 per month to \$8.106 and commercial from \$15.526 per month to \$16.106.

As of July 1, the monthly charge to the City would rise from \$10,619.69 to \$11,338.95 per month, if approved. The request falls within the budget. It was also recommended that the City extend the contract with Denny's Disposal to October 15, 1992 as provided in the current agreement.

IT WAS MOVED BY FONGER and seconded by HODGES to approve the request from Denny's Disposal for an increase of \$719.16 per month for removal of the City's solid waste as of July 1, 1991 as well as extending the contract between the City of Lowell and Denny's Disposal to October 15, 1992.

YEA: 4.

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NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. CITY TREES REQUESTED FOR REMOVAL. At the last Council meeting, a list of city trees was presented for consideration to be removed. The Council stated its wishes to view each before a decision would be made. The following trees have been marked:

822 Grindle (A.J. Mathews)	one tree
Creekside Park	one tree
222 S. Division	
(backyard-tree is on S. Jackson)	one tree
523 Lincoln Lake	
(C. Doyle, Elizabeth St. side)	one tree

It was noted that Mark Baughman of 410 James asked that the tree adjacent to his property not be removed.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to approve the removal of trees in the City right of way at 822 Grindle, Creekside Park, 222 S. Division and 523 Lincoln Lake.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received from the material presented.

Item #7. CITIZENS COMMENTS. None.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Fonger requested that DPW Director Siciliano view the dying tree by 623 N. Jefferson. He also inquired about the status of improvements of Lowell Auto Body Shop at 319 E. Main Street. City Manager Pasquale responded that the owner has not applied for a building permit at this time.

Councilmember Thompson stated that only part of 909 Clarke St. was mowed and asked that the owner be notified that the entire lot be mowed and cleaned.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. Carroll Potter wishes to construct a 20' X 22' garage on his property located at 217 Brook Street. The lot extends from Brook to Maple making it double fronted.

Thus, front yard setbacks from both Brook and Maple must be abided by. He has petitioned to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 15' setback variance from Maple, where a 30' is required.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER to set a public hearing for a 15' setback variance at 217 Brook Street on Monday, August 5, 1991.

YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

2. The Library Board's yearly Treasurer's report (June 1, 1990 - May 31, 1991) was attached in the agenda.

3. Wendell Christoff, President of Chadalee Farms on behalf of his company, proposed to purchase a 75' X 325' parcel in Creekside Park. This parcel is north of Cherry Creek immediately abutting the Chadalee Farms property. The company's intentions are to build warehousing space 140' X 120' to accommodate their growth. In consulting with City Attorney Richard Wendt, this park property could be sold if the Planning Commission deletes its park designation from the Master Plan. Mr. Christoff will attend the July 22 Commission meeting about this proposal and the rezoning of the land to industrial. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the issue at their July 13 meeting, mentioning the possibility of trading property versus selling property.

4. The need for replacing the lights and poles on the softball field at Recreation Park was discussed. The cost of replacing the lighting would be approximately \$30,000. Pasquale said that \$10,000 each could be requested from General Fund, Lee Fund and Look Memorial Fund. Councilmember Thompson mentioned that not only City residents use this park. Funding should not be restricted to City monies. It was suggested that a fee be charged to the players that use the Park. But the Council felt that the townships and the YMCA be approached.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman appointed Joseph Aitchison to the Airport Board filling the unexpired term of David Drain until January 1, 1992 and reappointed John Gabrion to the Board of Review for a three year term ending June 30, 1994.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.
Date Approved: August 5, 1991

James D. Maatman, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Superior Furniture to be represented at Tokyo Show

The trade winds from the far east may be changing ever so slowly.

A sign of that change blew into Lowell. Superior Furniture of Lowell has been asked to display its product at the first import sample fair to be held in Tokyo, sponsored by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO).

The purpose of the show is to introduce furniture to distributors, who will then hopefully contact Superior Furniture and negotiate a distributor contract which would allow them to represent Superior Furniture in Japan.

JETRO sponsors the show and pays for all furniture samples, giving American Manufacturers an opportunity to show their product at no expense.

The Japanese government is funding JETRO with \$100 million to purchase sample products and promote them at the upcoming fair on Oct. 1.

A bonus spinoff from all of this is that it helps improve Japan's economic relations and shows a willingness to balance an already very unbalanced trade relationship with the United States.

Superior Furniture currently exports into Canada and distributes its product all over the country.

"We're real, real excited about the opportunity this presents," Superior Furniture President, Sue Burns said.

This all came about for the Lowell Company when Vice

President Harold Rodenhouse attended an export seminar sponsored by the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce. Speaking at the seminar was JETRO Senior Trade Advisor Tateyuki Eguchi. As a result, Rodenhouse invited Japanese specialists to the plant to see Superior's products.

Superior was one of two furniture manufacturing companies from which products were chosen. "They visited many furniture companies," Rodenhouse said.

Products selected for the fair were a cocktail table, an end table, a sofa table, a wall mirror, and a hall console.

Rodenhouse said the specialist found Superior Furniture to be unique in the industry cause it does a solid cherry line of furniture. "They said many do a cherry line, but few do it with such concentration," Rodenhouse said. The special-

ists were impressed with the value of the products. "Our prices were moderately priced in the medium to high range which made them saleable in Japan," he said.

Rodenhouse added that they also liked the 18th Century design. "They thought it was desirable in Japan. The specialists said the Western look was popular and served as a status symbol," he explained.

Burns said the venture was exciting and hopes it generates business. "It's really hard to tell now what will come from it," she said.

Superior Furniture will celebrate another first on Oct. 17-25 as it will be represented at the International Home Furnishings Center in Highpoint, North Carolina. "We will be attending and showing furniture for the first time," Burns said.



Bill Lee, left, Superior Furniture sales and marketing; Sue Burns, Superior Furniture President, middle; and Harold Rodenhouse, Superior Furniture Vice President, show some of the company's fine line of cherry wood furniture.

School officials anxious & optimistic about an agreement

If Lowell's Board of Education was looking for a quick and immediate response from the City of Lowell at its Monday Council meeting, it was probably disappointed to hear that discussions were tabled until further information could be obtained.

"In light of what has happened over the past week, I'm not sure it would have been smart on the Council's part to act on old information," Lowell Mayor James Maatman

said. "A lot has happened since the recommended outlines for responses to each letter sent to the City by Superintendent Fritz Esch were written up."

For one, Maatman was referring to the Airport land issue, which no longer seems to be an issue now that the Airport Board has stated it does not want to sell. Another reason is the school's discussions on the Richard Cooper property. Maatman said the issue of annexation eliminates many

of the recommended responses that were to be discussed.

One of the responses to the extension of sewer and water to Vergennes Township was that absent of an agreement or annexation, the City would charge double water and sewer rates. This is consistent with other properties in Vergennes having utility service.

It was also suggested to the Ledger by a Council member that the school's talks with Cooper have gone as far as submitting an offer for the land. Esch said this was not

true. "The school has indicated an interest and have offered an option agreement which Cooper did not sign. Cooper presented the School with a counter option which the school did not sign," he said.

Esch repeated at Monday's Board meeting that the school is anxiously awaiting a response from both Vergennes Township and the City Of Lowell on whether an agreement can be reached in regards to water/sewer access for the Cooper property.

The school would like a decision by Aug. 22 so that appealing the Qua-Ke-Zik court case is still an available option. While appealing the Qua-Ke-Zik decision may not be the best public relations move, Board members still seem to believe that they could win an appeal. "If the school cannot pull something together on the Cooper property, then its only other viable option is to appeal," Esch said. Lowell Board member

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police learned that the gun he was carrying was a starter pistol. "Starter pistols only shoot blanks," Emmons said.

Police have asked the Kent County Prosecutor to try Chiaivol for armed robbery, attempted murder, felonious assault with an automobile and fleeing and alluding an officer.

Chiaivol required some reconstruction surgery on his hand.

duty heard of the possible armed robbery and upon arriving at Admiral he saw Chiaivol flee the scene. "The officer then made an area broadcast, giving a description of the vehicle," Emmons said.

Shortly thereafter, the assailant's car was spotted by the Kent County Deputy. The Deputy chased him to Forest Hills Drive.

After Chiaivol was arrested,

Coming Events, Cont'd.

THURS., AUG. 15: Grattan Township Historical Society Peachy Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. at the Grattan Park on M-44. Come and bring family and friends.

THURS., AUG. 15: The Flat River Snowmobile Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests welcome.

SAT., AUG. 17: Tom Fonger Memorial Golf 2-Person Scramble, at Grand Rapids Golf Course. Prize money, food and fun. 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Call 897-9542 for information. Cost is \$35 per person.

SAT., AUG. 17: Dick and Maggie Martin are inviting the Past Matrons and families of Cyclamen Chapter No. 94, O.E.S. to a picnic at their home at Fife Lake. Plan on eating at 1 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and own table service.

MON., AUG. 19: Clark-Ellis Post No. 152 of the American Legion and Auxiliary annual family picnic will be held at 6 p.m. at the Herron cottage, Murray Lake, 11911 4 Mile Rd., Newsletter will be in the mail.

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Through the eyes of little Tommy Pickles (center) and his pint-sized pals, audiences get a toddler's view of the world as a place of magic, bewilderment and great comic adventure in Rugrats, one of three new animated series premiering Sunday on Nickelodeon.



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SATURDAY cont.

- 6:00 Praise the Lord
6:05 One Day at a Time
6:10 Inside the Senior PGA Tour
6:15 NewsNight Update
6:20 CNN Headline News
6:25 Mr. Ed
6:30 America's Top Ten
3:30 Runaway With the Rich & Famous
6:35 PBA Bowling LaMode Classic
6:40 News/Future Watch
6:45 My Three Sons
6:50 Improv Tonight
6:55 Home Shopping
7:00 MOVIE: The King and I

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7:05 Home Shopping
7:10 [HBO] Tales From the Crypt
7:15 [CC]
7:20 Music Videos With Down-town Julie Brown
7:25 World Tomorrow
7:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Spies Like Us
7:35 [HBO] MOVIE: Avalanche
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- 7:45 Jesse Jackson
7:50 Jimmy Swaggart
7:55 [HBO] Babar
7:55 [MAX] MOVIE: Cinema Paradiso
8:00 Wuzzles
8:05 Sesame Family Robinson
8:10 Chicago's Very Own
8:15 DayBreak
8:20 Count Duckula
8:25 Wild World of the East
8:30 [HBO] MOVIE: The Frog Prince
8:35 [HBO] MOVIE: The Virginian
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SUNDAY

August 11

- MORNING
6:00 CNN News
6:05 Alfred Hitchcock Hour
6:10 Paid Program
6:30 Night Tracks
6:35 Inside the PGA Tour
6:40 News/Moneyweek

- 6:30 Body by Jake
6:35 Sports LateNight
6:40 America 2Night
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- 6:00 Wall Street Week
6:05 The Frog Prince
6:10 All American Wrestling
6:15 NewsDay
6:20 CNN Headline News
6:25 Cartoon Kablooey
6:30 [HBO] MOVIE: Simba
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MONDAY

August 12

- MORNING
5:00 Sports LateNight
5:15 [MAX] MOVIE: House of Usher
5:30 SportsCenter
5:35 [HBO] MOVIE: Beetlejuice
5:40 [HBO] MOVIE: Beetlejuice
5:45 [MAX] MOVIE: Twister
5:50 SportsCenter
5:55 [MAX] MOVIE: The Anderson Tapes
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier
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The word 'bicycle' is a combination of a Latin and a Greek root: bis is Latin for twice and kylos is Greek for circle.



Front row, left to right: Brandy Haybarker, Kelsey Schneider, Jon Williams, Sandy Spicer, Anna Lockerd; middle row: Jacob Billingsley, Addy Grey, Molly Balaam, Emily Hovings, Jennifer Gasper, Erika Lockerd, Michelle Billingsley; back row: Dennis Brown, Jim Hodges, Jason Haybarker, Brian Haybarker, Michael Lockerd, Adam Billingsley, Tim Raymor, Mandy Wills, Lori Esch (Coach).



The boys' 50 meter freestyle was also featured at Lowell's Community Swim Meet.

Lowell Swim Meet is a splashing success!

The King Memorial Pool was bursting with smiles, cheers and pride with the return of the Community Swim Meet, Saturday, July 27.

Close to 40 swimmers participated in this year's event as parents, grandparents and friends cheered from the poolside.

Children ranging in ages from five to 18 swam in as many events as they wanted. The distances ranged from 25 meters (1 length), to 100 meters in length depending upon the age group and included the four competitive strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

It was a fantastic time for everyone as swimmers proved to themselves that they could swim the distance and

parents beamed with pride as the number of certificates their children earned mounted.

The most exciting part of the meet was that every swimmer was successful and everyone was a winner.



The 50 meter girls' freestyle was another event at Saturday's meet.



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Tracy Tow, left, the 1990 Youth Fair Queen sits with the 1991 Fair Court, Renee Nugent, Melanie Kaeb and the 1991 Queen, Nicki Patterson.



Members of the Lowell VFW Post 8303 who conducted the Kent County Youth Fair Flag Raising Ceremony were front left to right Michael Mazzerelli, 8th District Commander; Don Souser, flag raiser; second row, left to right, Frank Hoskins, Sharon C. Miles, Mike Willard, Wesley Adriane; back row, Betty Miller, President of the Women's Auxillary Post 8303. Unable to attend the ceremony was VFW Post 8303 lifetime member, Gould Rivette.

Kent County's Youth Fair commences

Over 900 Fair exhibitors will be showcased at the 57th annual Kent County 4-H Youth Fair in Lowell this week.

That figure is an endorsement of the work and commitment young people of the Kent County area have made. Local, county and state officials were on hand at Monday night's opening ceremonies to applaud the efforts of the area youth.

"The Kent County Youth Fair has had a major impact on the Community," Michigan State Representative Dick Posthumus said. "The Fair has helped to provide an edge in making life better for the youth. To that, the community says 'Thank You'." Posthumus said.

Lowell Mayor James Maatman said the City of Low-

ell was once again glad to host the fair. "The Fair takes a great deal of effort on behalf of the youth in this area. I applaud their efforts," he said.

Ken Kuipers, Chairman of the Kent County Board of Commissioners, applauded the roughly 900 exhibitors and the many volunteers.

State Senator Paul Henry called the fair a great investment in our youth. "It's beautiful the way boys and girls and young men and young women have worked toward their projects," he said.

The 1990 Kent County Youth Fair Queen, Tracy Tow was in attendance to help usher in the 1991 queen, Nicki Patterson. Joining Nicki was her court: Melanie Kaeb, Renee Nugent and Jason Gordon.

The Fair continues on all Fairgrounds through Saturday at the Low-

Among the many things that have been manufactured to coddle the owners of pets are a pair of doggie sunglasses, and doggie pajamas.



Senator Dick Posthumus shares some Fair memories with the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair opening ceremony crowd.

School, cont'd.

Norm Byrne said he is very optimistic about the school's chances in attaining the Cooper property. Much of that may come from the fact that Jim Cook has, as one board member said, "basically agreed to sell the school roughly 34-40 acres adjacent to the north of the Cooper property to help offset the small parcel of land Cooper wants to keep for one acre developments."

Cooper would like to retain roughly 70 acres of the

156-acre parcel. That would leave the school with roughly 120 acres

of land plus the 80 acres which would be purchased at a minimal cost from Dora Cook so that water and sewer could be run to the new school.

"Technically that would give us enough land so that in the future, other school boards won't run into the problems this one has when looking to expand," Esch said.

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Jerry Weeks
What do you feel about the video cameras now used in police cars?

Actually, I think they are probably a good idea. As long as they are not misused and are kept on throughout the whole arrest. Police Chief Barry Emmons said there are no remote controls for the video cameras. He added it is against Lowell Police Department policy to go back and shut off the camera in the middle of an arrest.



Edrye Joslin
Do we need an overhauling of our educational system within the next generation?

If students are to remain competitive in college and in the job market, schools must continue to grow with technology. Computer literacy is a near must for high school graduates. Reports show that American students' scores in science and math are down. It's in these areas where graduates are losing out in the job market, most significantly to foreign students.



Leonard Jackson
When is parking on M-21 going to be taken away?

According to Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons all the State requested ordinances on parking removal are in place. The State is now obligated to post and place signs. Emmons said MDOT has stated that due to budgetary problems it would be 3-6 months before posting of signs would take place.



Linda VanderMolen
What is your all-time favorite movie?

I guess because I've seen it four or five times it would have to be Stripes. Although, Caddyshack is a classic. Within the last year, it's probably been Pretty Woman. Within the last month, it has been City Slickers. A very funny and entertaining movie throughout.



John Schneider
Why is there such a big dip in the road at the intersection of Valley Vista and M-21 when coming off of Valley Vista and onto M-21?

According to Tony Siciliano the dip is there to act as a controlled runoff for water. He said it helps keep the water on the south side of M-21.



Kirk Collins
What's Roger Brown's opinion on using the airport land for a new high school?

Brown said at a recent airport board meeting that while at first the thought of a chance at a new airport and with it a chance to get federal funds was neat, after further investigation he has become cold to the idea. He said the task of

locating property, and the time frame in which there may not be an airport is not favorable.

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Many children are waiting for loving homes. Catholic Social Services is seeking foster homes for pregnant teenagers, sibling groups and children, particularly, African American and Hispanic homes.

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Catholic Social Services also works with expectant mothers of bi-racial infants (African American, Hispanic, Caucasian and Native American heritages), wishing to make adoptive plans. African American and bi-racial families exploring the possibility of becoming adoptive families can call Mae at 456-1443.



Lisa Wernet
What are the possibilities of the school finding a new location for the new high school?

The school is currently working on a proposal to purchase land from Richard Cooper. However, this is contingent on whether Cooper can have a parcel of land annexed into the city so he can have water and sewer access for future one acre developments. If not, Lowell Superintendent, Fritz Esch has told me he is not sure where the school will go.



Roxanne Gildner
What do you think will happen with the Soviet Union and it's social reforms?

I believe because the Soviet Union is in need of economic help, we will begin to see more and more reforms come about. I think the success of the nuclear arm reduction talks shows that a positive change is taking place in the Soviet Union.

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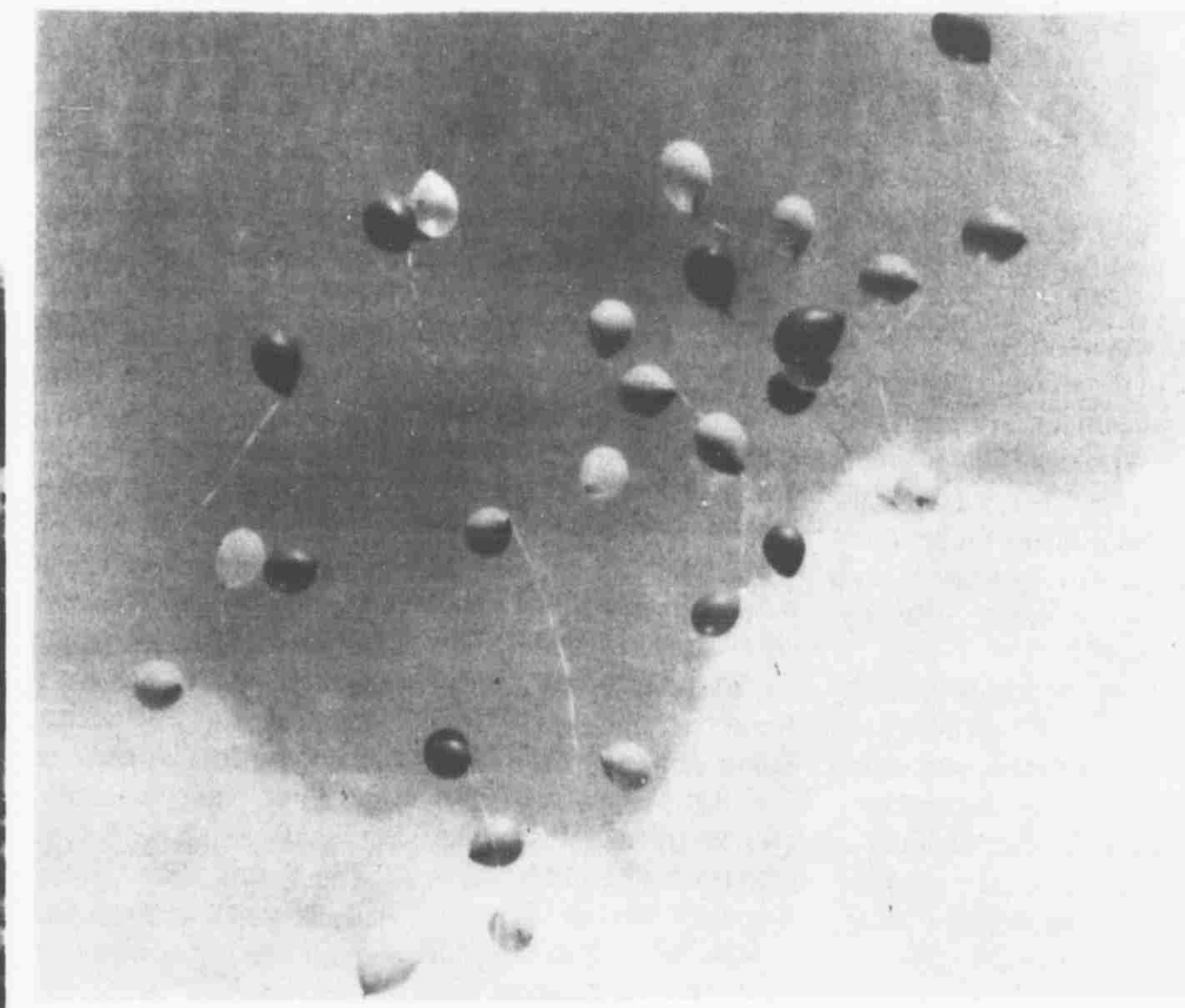


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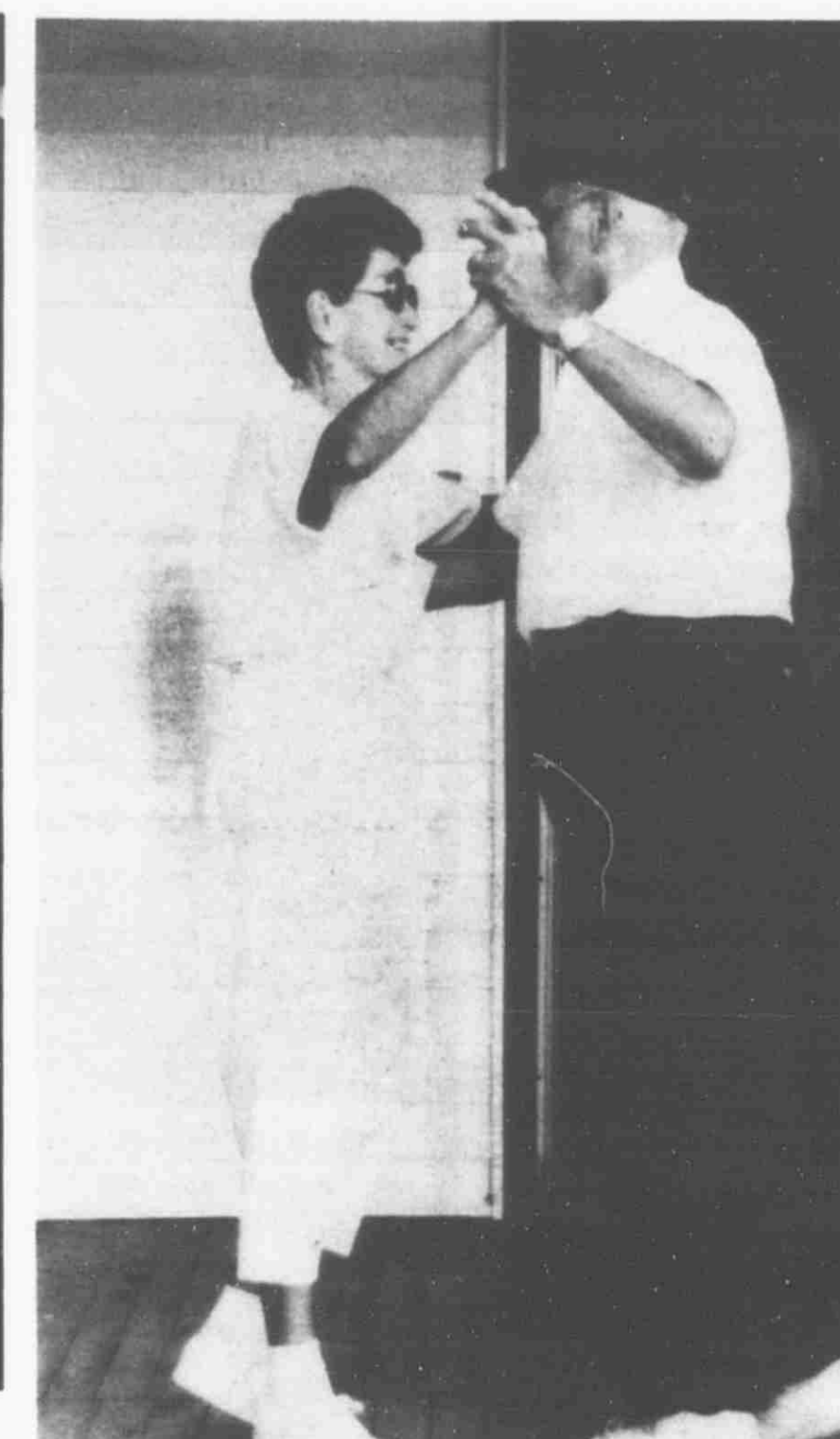
Lowell's Senior Neighbors watch the helium balloons take off.



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Margaret Gardner and Lester Stauffer do a little polka following a picnic dinner.



Bill Schaeffer fills balloons for the Senior Neighbors summer picnic. Schaeffer is the owner of Air Bear Balloons.



Roughly 40 seniors enjoyed a picnic fest in the summer-like weather on Friday, July 26.

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batting cage you feel better and as if you want to return someday real soon.

Kraig Stull, Pete Brown and Eric Potter, softball players all, opened up "The Bull Pen Batting Co." for the day-dream believers and so the softball players in the area could take batting practice between games without having to travel to Grand Rapids.

"We've received a lot of positive comments from young players," Stull said. "The Bull Pen Batting Co." is convenient and it provides youngsters with something to do in their free time."

Stull adds that softball teams have come down to use

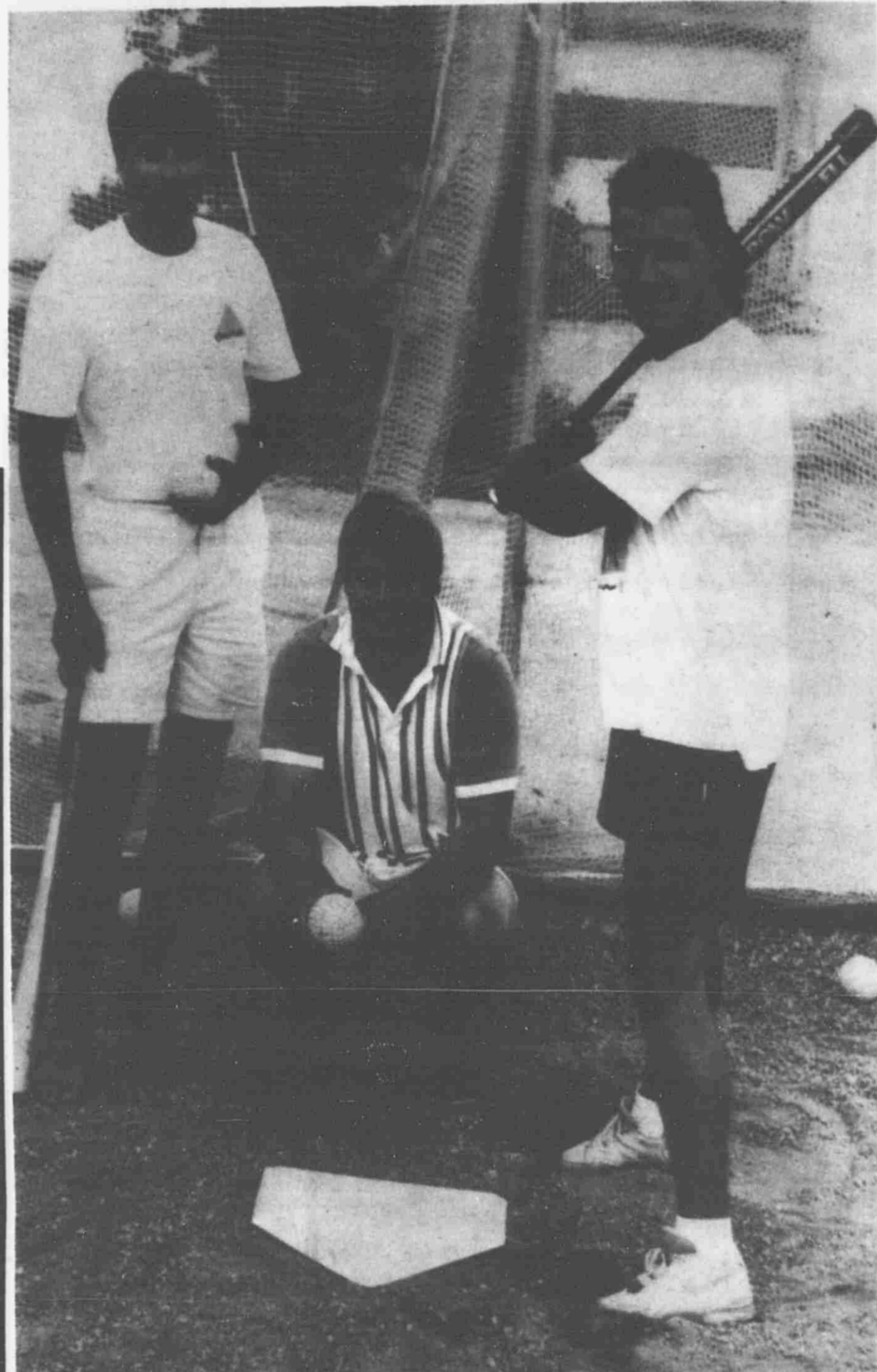
the batting cage. "It saved them a trip to Grand Rapids." The distance from the me-
chanical pitching device to home plate is 45 feet. There are two cages, one slow pitch and one fast pitch.

Stull, Brown and Potter bought the softball batting equipment from a gentleman in Grand Rapids. "If everything is successful, down the road we'd like to add more batting cages and, if we can find a large enough piece of land, a putt putt course too," Stull said.

The Forest Hills Central graduate said the threesome are still making adjustments

and smoothing things out. "When all that's done we plan on having a grand opening. That could be as soon as next week," Stull explains."

The Bull Pen Batting Co. scheduled for Sunday (Aug. 11) from 10 a.m. until dusk. Hot dogs and coke will be available.



The Bull Pen Batting company will hold an open house on Sunday, Aug. 11. Hot dogs and pop will be served. The open house will run from 10 a.m. to dusk. Pictured from left to right is Kraig Stull, Eric Potter and Pete Brown.



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Esch asks Vergennes to okay annexation of Cooper property

For Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch the shoe is now on the other foot. People are no longer awaiting answers from him as to where things set on the new high school issue. Now he awaits answers from others as to where the new site for a high school stands.

One issue Esch is sure about, is that the number of available sites are limited. "Other than this proposed agreement with Richard Cooper and the City of Lowell and Vergennes Township, I don't know of any other sites. The Lowell City Airport Board decided it would be easier for the school to relocate than for the airport would be for it," he said.

The wording in the agreement which Esch and the school now seeks is as follows:

"...the closing shall be subject to Purchaser's receipt of written agreements that provide for the servicing of

PROPERTY PORTION ONE with adequate water and sanitary sewer service for the proposed high school and other related school facilities on the property, and **PROPERTY PORTION TWO** adequate to meet governmental requirements for the residential development of one acre sites. The agreements shall only be effective if signed by all of the municipal authorities which are required to enter into said agreements."

A further condition in this same section calls for the servicing of the same to a home located at 970 Alden Nash Rd. An additional 10,000 gallons per day from the Cooper's proposed residential development would need to be added to the school district's estimated usage of 30,000 gallons per day.

In the interest of cooperation and for the need to expedite the process, the Lowell Board of Education is request-

ing that Vergennes Township agree to permit the annexation of the Cooper property, and an 80 acre wooded wetland located immediately north of the school and east of the Cooper property to the City of Lowell.

The annexation to the city is needed for the reason that Coopers who are interested in keeping roughly a third of their 156 acres for one acre single home residential development. To do so, Richard Cooper

will need access to City water and sewer.

The annexation of these sites would also permit the school to acquire sewer and water directly from the City of Lowell without the expensive doubling of service rates as would be currently required.

The only area of financial significance would be the acres retained by the Coopers for future development. That hurdle could be cleared if the City of Lowell and Vergennes

Township would share the tax revenue on future development of that site. There could be a problem in that the City would be providing the water and sewer and it may want to reap all of the tax revenues.

"An agreement to allow the annexation to occur in the spirit of cooperation and total community interest would resolve many difficulties with minimal impact on all parties involved," Esch said.

Esch is quick to point out

that the Eastgate water problem still exists, Lowell Township problems continue, as do the water/sewer problems for Vergennes Township residents.

Esch said the proposal does not speak to the projected issues of the future. "Those were issues I was trying to speak to in the Qua-Ke-Zik struggle. Those issues could have been paid for with today's dollars," he said.

In this time of patriotism, we are reminded of correct flag guidelines

On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act:

"Resolved, that the flag of the 13 United States be 13 stripes alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white

in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

As to who designed and made the first flag, that question is still debated. Congressman Francis Hopkinson claimed that he designed it. Some historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia

seamstress, made the first U.S. Flag.

What was not argued then or now, 214 years later, is the belief the U.S. Flag should be respected, displayed correctly and treated with care.

It is the universal custom to display the national flag

from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open on all days that weather permits, but especially on national and state holidays and other days that may be proclaimed by the president of the United States, the State Governor or the City Mayor.

There has been an increased interest in flying flags since the Gulf War. With that interest have been requests for rules on the do's and don'ts of flying the U.S. Flag.

"Last School year flags were staffed in each Lowell classroom," VFW Commander, Barry Emmons said. "Since then we have had students ask us about the proper way to care for the flag."

Emmons provided some simple guidelines to follow when staffing a flag:

- A flag should be flown all night only if lighted.
- A flag should be taken down if it is raining or hailing.
- Flags should be flown at half mast on holidays. It should be raised all the way up and lowered to half mast. If lighted, the flag should then be brought up to full staff at 6 p.m.
- A flag should not be flown if tattered or torn.
- A flag should not touch the ground, floor, water or merchandise.
- The proper way to destroy a flag is to burn it. A small ceremony should be held.
- The blue field and stars should be in a triangular shape on top with the red and white hidden beneath when folded.
- Never use any part of the

U.S. Flag as a costume of athletic uniform.

• The U.S. Flag should never be carried horizontally, but it should always be aloft and free.

• The U.S. Flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

• Flags should not be used to demonstrate against or worn on the seat of pants.

"Unfortunately these rules are not always followed by people," Emmons said. "There are no ordinances enforcing such rules. It's up to the people to do the right thing."

Emmons said the Lowell VFW does pay close attention to the flags at public buildings.

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