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Jessica Stone smiles following the presentation of her high school diploma.

## Class of '92: Happy to be graduating; but ready for the challenges of the future

Lowell High School 1992 graduate and Tri-Valedictorian Dave Hildenbrand dared his fellow classmates to care, challenged them to take risks, pick themselves up when they fail and to move ahead, during Sunday's 114th annual Lowell High School Commencement at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre.

"As I prepared this valedictorian speech, I asked myself, am I happy to be leaving," Hildenbrand shared. Looking for help he approached his father for advice. "His advice was to tell you that I'm darn happy to be getting out of here."

The 1992 class was made up of 170 graduating seniors. Of which, 60 graduated with a 3.0 or better GPA.

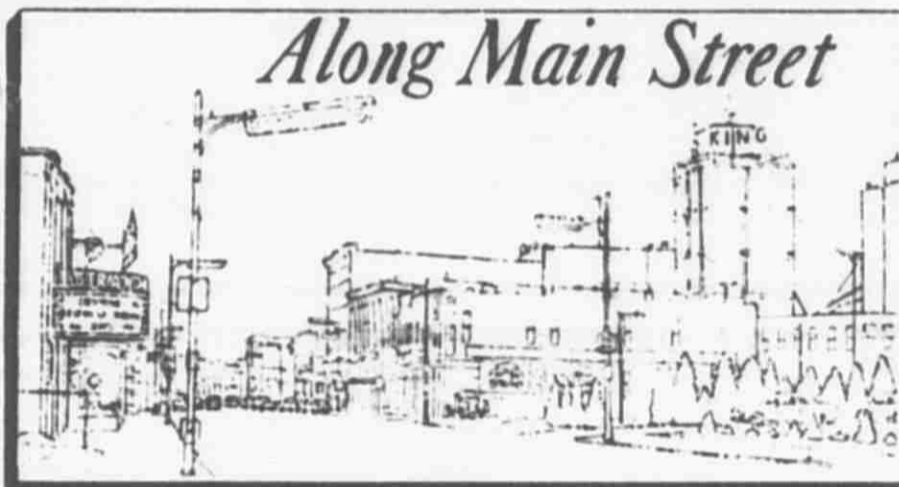
Members of the class' Top 10 were Hilden-

brand, Jennifer Wieland, Kristina VanderMark, David Rottier, Paul Melkild, Elizabeth Nugent, Kipley Carpenter, Jonathan Kohler, Melanie Kaeb, and James Moore.

Lowell High School Principal Jim DeWerd exhorted that graduation is not an end, but a celebration of a new tomorrow where they will have to be prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

Along with Hildenbrand, Wieland, VanderMark and Rottier addressed their graduating class.

Wieland expressed the importance of hard work and perseverance. "All successes come from hard work and it is perseverance that keeps our small setbacks from becoming failures." **Graduation, cont'd., pg. 23 & 24**



### ENTRIES FOR 4TH OF JULY PARADE NEEDED

The Lowell Area Jaycees are looking for entries in the 4th of July Parade. If you would like to enter please call Jackie Foster at 868-6766. Let's make this the best parade Lowell has ever seen.

### LOWELL ARTIST WATERCOLORS EXHIBITED

The watercolors of Lowell artists Jan Johnson are on view in a Lowell Area Arts Council exhibition at the FMB State Savings Bank on Main Street.

Johnson has exhibited throughout West Michigan and has received numerous honors. The work will be on view through June 6, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30.

### YMCA SUMMER CAMPS

Register now for the 1992 summer day camp/sport and specialty camps. There are openings for all sessions. Limited space available. Sessions begin June 8, 1992. Call for further information, 897-8445.

### YMCA SWIMMING LESSONS

Watch for information for summer swimming lessons. There will be lessons offered to area youth at the Ionia YMCA. Transportation provided.

Do you have a backyard pool? The YMCA can bring the swimming lessons right to your backyard. For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

### INFORMATION ON ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If you are expected to be absent on Monday, June 8, 1991 for the annual school election, you may obtain an application for an absentee voter's ballot by calling Kay Carter at 897-8415 or you may request an application in writing to: Dr. Fritz Esch, Superintendent, Lowell Area Schools, 12685 Foreman Rd., Lowell, MI 49331.

You may also come in person to the above address (Board of Education Office) and vote during business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). The office will also be open on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for absentee voters.

### FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL FOOD BOOTHS

All interested organizations may pick up applications at the LAAC office, or call 897-8545, 1 to 5 p.m. and request one to be mailed or turned in at the LAAC office no later than June

## Township turns down City's counter proposal; makes plans to go ahead with own system

The Lowell Township Board stated Tuesday night that it could not agree to the City's counter water proposal.

According to Township Supervisor John Timpson the Township cannot do business when a proposal gives the City the right to negotiate where and when it sells water beyond its 350 homes. He added it could not agree to allow the City to double the readiness to

serve charge to customers beyond the 350 total.

The Township had proposed to pay an annual readiness to serve charge of \$22,500 and \$37,500 for 30 million gallons a year. The total cost being \$60,000 a year.

After looking over the proposal the City said it would need more time to study the proposal, hence the counter proposal.

The counter proposal put forth by the City asks for a readiness to serve charge of \$26,000 a year or \$2,167 a month. The usage rate would be \$39,000 with the total coming to \$65,000.

After turning down the counter proposal, the Township said it would go ahead with its own system using existing Eastgate well to start,

while developing an alternative well system or negotiate a more workable deal with the city.

Township engineer Gary Voogt said there are a handful of sites for a water tank. One in particular Voogt seemed keen on was the land north of Eastgate behind the gravel pit. The property is owned by the

**Water, cont'd., pg. 14**

## Historical Fallsburg Village revisits life and times of the 1860's

Approximately 1,500 area residents took in the Civil War Muster at the historic Fallsburg Village over the weekend.

The two-day Civil War encampment was dampened some by the inclement weather on Saturday, but Sunday's sunshine left encampment-goers raving about the first annual Civil War Muster.

"People really enjoyed themselves and asked if we would be doing this again," Fallsburg Historical Society president Priscilla Lussmyer said. "We intend to do this again next year."

The proceeds from the fund raiser will be used to establish a Pioneer Village of Fallsburg. "The funds will go directly into the Fallsburg expense fund to restore property," Lussmyer said.

Lussmyer said that over 500 people went through the John W. Fallass home on Sunday. The home, built in 1842, has received significant restoration work over the past year.

The Civil War Muster was the site for a recreation of a Civil War encampment, a skirmish between Union and Confederate soldiers, an appearance by Abe Lincoln (Gerald Bestrom), who brought our 16th President to life for the two-day event.

Demonstrations of life in the mid 1800s were given; and



David Bradbury does a little blacksmith work like it was done back in the 1860's. Bradbury is making S-hooks which were used to suspend pots over the fire. Behind Bradbury, to his left, is a forge, used to fan the coals. This forgewas made in 1902. The anvil used to shape the steel was made in 1848 by William Foster.

# Obituaries

**BARTLETT** - Daniel J. Bartlett, aged 16, of Lowell, died Wednesday, May 27, 1992. He is survived by his parents, Lauri and Pete Harwood, and Jim and Sandy Bartlett; his brother, Carl; his sisters, Becky of Ohio and Amy; grandparents, Janet Leys of Holland, Howard and Beatrice Bartlett of Grand Rapids. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. William Amundsen of The First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating.

**DELOOF** - Mrs. Mary Jane DeLoof, aged 60, of Newaygo, formerly of Grand Rapids, died suddenly Monday evening. Surviving are her husband, Adrian; her family, Rosemary and Larry Jerrils of Alto, Jane and Clifford Smith of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Kate Olson, Cliff Smith, both of Grand Rapids, Burt Bemers and Joe Bemers, both of Lowell; her brother, Martin and Larome DeYoung of Ada; several nephews and nieces. Funeral Services were held Thursday, from the McKinley Funeral Home in Newaygo. For a memorial, please consider the Michigan Heart Association.

**PITTMAN** - Mr. Floyd S. Pittman, aged 71, of Sparta, passed away Sunday, May 24, 1992 at St. Mary's Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Shirley; his children, Roger A. and Noelle Pittman of Comstock Park, Dennis and Cindi Pittman of Sparta, Karel Anderson and fiancée John Hayes, Kathy and Dennis Keeney all of Wyoming, James and Tamra Pittman of Grand Rapids; his son-in-law, Stephen Anderson of Lowell; his step-children, Patricia and James Lewis of Conklin, Jackie Creager of Ann Arbor, Robert and Michelle Creager of Grandville, William and Cathie Creager of Grand Rapids, Kathy and Chuck Tolhurst of Lansing; 20 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mr. Pittman was a Veteran of World War II, a member of the VFW Creston Post #3023, and the Eagles Lodge of Sparta. Funeral Services were held Thursday at Van't Hof Chapel with Rev. John Ornee of Olivet Reformed Church officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. Tributes in his memory may be made to Vision Enrichment Services, 215 Sheldon S.E.

# College News

Some 6,000 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus expect their degrees this spring. The University's spring commencement ceremony was held on May 2.

The degree candidates from Alto, Ada, Saranac and Lowell area who should be receiving their degrees this spring are:

From Lowell: Matthew M. Newhouse, Bachelor of Science and Catherine Pirok, Bachelor of Arts.  
From Ada: Rebecca S. Kropf, Bachelor of Arts, Matthew Robert Larson, Bachelor of Business Administration

From Saranac: Eric Allen Mac Donald, Master of Architecture and Urban Planning.  
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The following local students have graduated from Aquinas College this May.

Kevin A. Keech, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Keech of Lowell, graduated magnum cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Aquinas College on Saturday, May 9.

To graduate magnum cum laude, a student must have completed 124 credit hours and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above



The average shower uses between 25 and 50 gallons of water.

# Infection may have triggered youth's heart attack

## Lowell sophomore Bartlett dies at the age of 16

Dan Bartlett, a Lowell High School sophomore, was remembered at the 114th Annual Lowell High School Commencement Sunday, following the 16-year old's unexpected death Wednesday.



Dan Bartlett

Bartlett died in his sleep from an apparent heart attack. Doctors speculate a tear lining infection triggered the youth's heart attack, according to his mother, Lori Harwood.

Bartlett was a lieutenant with the Lowell Area Fire Department Explorers Club.

The flag at the Look Memorial Fire Station was at half mast Friday. Firefighters placed a black drape in the entrance to the station to signal the death of one of their own.

Saturday, at Bartlett's funeral services, he received a firefighters' tribute. Firefighters wore their dress blues and two fire trucks were included in the procession.

Lowell High School principal Jim DeWeerd said school officials initiated a crisis team for students Thursday.

Dan was survived by his mother, Lori Harwood, his stepfather, Pete Harwood; his father and stepmother, Jim and Sandy Bartlett; his brother, Carl and his sisters, Becky (Ohio) and Amy.

Services were held at the Roth-Gerst Chapel on Saturday.

If you have more fresh or leftover vegetables than your family can use before they go bad, puree them with a little water or

broth and freeze the result in ice cube trays. You can use a cube in soups, stews and sauces.

# Main St., cont'd.

19. Applications received after this date will not be considered for a food booth.

## FIND YOURSELF...FOR ARTS SAKE

Join the fun! Jump into one of the many exciting workshops and programs for both adults and children. Paint your own Picasso, create your own private cookie jar and then bake the cookies, walk along the Grand (Part two), paint a t-shirt or weave a basket or learn all about writing the great American novel.

Where? At the Lowell Area Arts Center all summer long. Pick up a summer workshop pamphlet and entry form at Cousins Hallmark and Gifts Shop, The Lowell Public Library or the Lowell Area Arts Council. Don't miss the fun.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER

The Chamber of Commerce will host a member-guest dinner on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 at Dari's Banquet Hall. Guest speaker, Bob Terry from the Michigan Department of Commerce, will talk about a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for Lowell. Dinner is \$15 per person. R.S.V.P. by June 10, call 897-9161.

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell will have a daily vacation bible school, from June 22 through 26, for ages four years through sixth grade. Class time is 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There is also an adult class with coffee, fellowship, bible study and craft time. Nursery is provided for attending adults. Any questions call Rev. Reitsma or Linda at 897-7060.

## LAAC SUMMER WORKSHOP DATE CHANGED

The LAAC summer Workshop "Along the Grand..Part II" originally slated for Saturday, June 6 has been moved to Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Back by popular demand, this workshop is unique in that it combines nature study and art. Students will walk the woods along the Grand River to examine first hand wild ginger, Jack-in-the-pulpit, wood violets as well as many songbirds and perhaps deer, box turtles and skunks. Returning to the arts center for pizza and fresh fruit, students will work on art projects related to their walk.

Workshop fee is \$25 for LAAC members and \$30 for non-members. Call the Center at 897-8545 to sign up.

## OFF THE BLOTTER

Kimberly Moore, 22, of Greenville, did not yield right of way at the intersection of Kent and South Jefferson, May 22, and collided with a car driven by Marian Reglin, 56, of Ionia. Both reported injuries, as did Julie Zeigler, 34, a passenger in Reglin's vehicle.

Edward Huizenga, 45, of Alto backed the vehicle he was driving into a car driven by April Rottier, 18, of Lowell at Main and Hudson Street May 14. No injuries were reported.

Robyn Cook, 25, of Lowell was injured when she collided with a car driven by Sarlyn Vezino, 28, also of Lowell at Main and Center Street, May 25. Cook failed to yield at the intersection. Cook's car also struck a parked vehicle in a business lot causing minor damage.

Darlene Gahan, 54, of Rockford was involved in a property damage accident, May 26, when she could not avoid striking a deer that ran in front of her on West Main Street near Ridgeview Drive.

Betty Vanderlinde of Cedar Springs followed Darlene Gahan's example and struck a second deer as it attempted to cross West Main Street.

Lowell officers investigated, 18 accident complaints in the month of May, three of which incurred injuries. This brings the total to 99 for the year, thus far, compared to 101 this time last year.

Arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids district court, May 30, was Jamie Steffes, 20, of Grand Rapids.

Rick Fonger, 45, of Lowell was taken to the Kent County

Jail and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, on May 30.

Arrested by Lowell officers May 31, for driving while license suspended, second offense, was Geoffrey VanCamp,

24, of Wyoming, MI. William Hugmeyer, 44, of Lowell, was arrested May 31 on a warrant out of Grand Rapids and driving on a suspended license.

# Friendships matured through Camp Fire activities

One of Camp Fire's national projects is "Friendship Across The Ages." Its purpose is to link Camp Fire members and older adults together in friendship by participating in activities and learning about each other.

Members of The Rainbow Club of Lowell, Jennifer Gingerich, Dawn Kennedy, Debbie Kennedy and Shauna Nighsinger, completed this project with senior women, Dorothy Story, Ruby Lehman, Grace Kutchev and Gertrude DeHaan.

The girls met with their senior partners several times and discussed life stories, learned about aging, shared a skill, provided a service, shared a meal and then celebrated their friendship at Council Fire.

The girls and the senior women have created a special

friendship. A friendship that will never be forgotten and memories that will last forever.



Members of The Rainbow Club with senior women friends.

# VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE

## VOTE FOR... DENNIS P. BROWN



DENNIS P. BROWN

Just a little information about me. I have served 5 years as a trustee treasurer of an employee pension plan bonded for 2 million dollars. Served (along with my wife) as co-chairman of the "Senior All Night Party". I now serve on the credit committee for Multi-Products Credit Union. We are the Appeal Board for the members.

This year my wife and I were honored at the Annual FFA Awards Night with the Honorary Chapter Degree for our involvement and support of the local FFA. I work for Diesel Technology Company as an Apprentice Coordinator in charge of overseeing the schooling and training of all apprentices and employees in training and also the leader in the tin shop. I am a member of M.E.A.T.A. (Michigan Educators Apprenticeship and Training Association). This association is dedicated to improve and better train employees for their job responsibilities. Also, I'm a licensed mechanical contractor.

We have lived in Lowell 26 years and have 5 children. 3 of our children have graduated from Lowell High School and have been very successful due to their education at Lowell. We have 2 children in high school now. They will graduate in 1993 & 1994.

I am running for the Lowell Area School Board for several reasons. 1). I believe, we the taxpayers, should get involved in the community as part of our responsibility to our children, and the future of our community. 2). The school board should be a cross section of the people we are elected to represent. This means more representation for the average working person. 3). I believe I bring a different viewpoint than the professional people do. 4). We need better communication throughout our school system. This system, as is any system, is a series of links from the parents---to the school board, each and every one being equally important. If one link fails, the system fails. In the interest of communication, here is a clip and save directory of important phone numbers for your convenience.

Thank You for your Support and Please Vote!

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# Senior Awards Night, Class of '92



Paul Melkild is presented with science certificate from Bob Garcia.



Robin White presented the art awards at senior awards night.



Jack Ogle commends Kristina VanderMark for her work on the annual.



Tim Dimmick congratulates Jennifer Wieland on her mathematical accomplishments.



Bob Garcia congratulates David Hildenbrand.



Laurie Kuna recognized top creative writing and senior journalism students.

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# Lowell Middle School drama class visits "Grimy Gulch"



Pictured are the cast members of "Tumbleweed," left to right, first row: Jamie Tichelaar, Jonathan Smith (as Tumbleweeds), Jenni Jones; second row: Amy Weber, Shoheila Dawson, Heather Kinsley, Melissa Deeb; third row: Jamie Denton, Michelle Coe, Melissa Grillette, Eric Henrickson, Roxann Eldersma, Terry Williamson.

The Lowell Middle School drama class presented the comedy, "Tumbleweeds," on Monday, June 1.

The play is about Grimy Gulch, a tiny town with a population of some pretty interesting and humorous characters, including a "likable cowpoke" by the name of Tumbleweeds.

This dusty little Western Town comes under the scrutiny of some villainous visitors who think they can make a fast buck at the expense of

the innocent folks of Grimy Gulch. It's Tumbleweeds who comes to the rescue of the town he lovingly refers to as "the armpit of the west" and...home.

"Tumbleweeds" was directed by Cheryl Blodgett.



Cast members of "Tumbleweed" are, left to right, first row: Jason Ruge, Lynn Woodhead, Jeni Hale; second row: Cindy Thomas, Missy Grooters, Sara Byle, Nicole Bagley; third row: Billy Kennedy, Shelly Cook, Carrie Watterworth, Amanda Carpenter, Luke Merigian.

# Lowell attend Young Authors Festival at Calvin College



Young authors are left to right, front row: Kyle Hoffman, Brook Bennett, Amy Smit, Stephanie Ellison, Caleb Grummet; middle row, Jacqueline Cress, Nicki Deters, Abbey Goff, Nick VanderWulp, Matt Triewiler; back row, Tommy Fick, Dana Long, Ashley Smith, Noelle Dewey, Mark Hyzer, Jillian Pitsch, Jeremy Goff.

Alto students, 16 in all, grades one through five, attended the 16th Annual Young Authors Festival at Calvin College on Saturday, May 9.

The students qualified for this honor by writing and illustrating an award winning book. These authors were chosen from approximately 350 entries.

The students spent the morning listening to the featured author and illustrator, Ashley Bryan. They also had an opportunity to discuss their books, listen to African Music, and enjoy a snack on the lawn.

Those students awarded recognition are, left to right: Martin Stevens, Joe Boyink, Stephanie Newell, Matt Mix and Ryan Graham.

# Eighth-grade MEAP top achievers honored



Those students awarded recognition are, left to right: Martin Stevens, Joe Boyink, Stephanie Newell, Matt Mix and Ryan Graham.

Five eighth grade students earned certificates of recognition for their outstanding performance on the 1991-92 MEAP test in the area of basic skills science, given in the fall.

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# Alto field day has students jumping, hooping & tossing

Alto Elementary kindergartners through fifth grade students participated in the school's annual field day on May 11 and 12.

All students took part in eleven exciting events; the 50 yard dash, softball throw, golf ball race, sack race, three legged race, wheelbarrow race, toilet paper race, shoe kick, long jump, high jump,

frisbee toss, hula hoop and balloon toss. The event was well attended by many cheering parents and volunteers who ran the events.



The Flying Dragon, a lizard that lives in Asia and the East Indies, can spread out folds of its skin to form "wings" and glides through the air from tree to tree.

It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.

—La Rochefoucauld

# Red Arrows attain goals; coach loses hair Happy Birthday

Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf made what he thought were some mighty lofty goals for his club. With a little encouragement his team made short work of his goals, and in the end, of his hair.

Kropf told his team if they met two of his four goals that they could shave his head. Big mistake. The goals he set for his club were finishing third or above in the conference, winning five non-conference games and sweeping two of the following teams, Forest Hills Central, East Grand Rapids, Wyoming Park and Rogers. The Red Arrows won five non-conference games, finished third in the O-K White and swept Central and EGR.

On Thursday, taking much delight in the exercise, the Red Arrow team members shaved their coach's head following practice.

"I guess my goals were not lofty enough," Kropf mused. "Next year I will have to raise my expectations."



Lowell's baseball players celebrate the smoothness of their fine coach.

**June 4:** Jennifer Kline, Ashley Danielle Kehoe, Dianna Johnson, Danielle Johnson, Karen Peckham.

**June 5:** Norma Hemingsen, Shirley Kloosterman, Orin Comdure, Tricia Gonzalez, William Knotnerus, Robert Lucas, Art Backstrom, Mary Peckham, Amanda Vezino.

**June 6:** Tammy Huver, Aaron Wester, Tom Hecht, Daniel Thaler.

**June 7:** Mack Canfield, Jessie Stephens, Don Scanlon, Karen Saladino, Harley Brenk, Leona Block, Amber Metternick, April Metternick.

**June 8:** Heather Jacob, Linda Johnson, Anne Dykhuizen, Dick Johnson, Darlene Gahan, Joyce Hawkins, Mark Essich, Mary Feuerstein.

**June 9:** Jessie Hunt, Sheryl Daugherty, Eileen Dickerson, Doris Plummer.

**June 10:** Jessi Stone, Robin Hildenbrand, Thelma Leslie.

# Dawn Kennedy winner of joint harmony celebration

Harmony is a program created by the Keewano Council of Camp Fire for boys and girls and the Michigan Trails Girl Scout Council. Its purpose is to foster understanding and appreciation for oneself and for the diversity of people. A contest was held between the Girl Scout Troops and Camp Fire Clubs to design an emblem/patch for this new program.

Dawn Kennedy was announced the winner at the joint Harmony celebration on March 21.

Kennedy is presently in the fourth grade at Alto Elementary. She is part of the Lowell Camp Fire Rainbow and Camp Fire Clubs to de-



Dawn Kennedy

When one has much to put into them, a day has a hundred pockets. —Friedrich Nietzsche

Kris Kropf the punk rock coach in the O-K White.

# Estate Planning - Credit trust

by: Gerald J. O'Bee, CLU, ChFC

If you own assets at your death and want to pass on these assets to heirs, you already have an estate plan. There are only two kinds of estate plans -- one planned by you or the other planned by the state in which you live and where your assets reside. If you die without a will, the state writes one for you -- a will you might not like.

If the net worth of you and your spouse together exceeds \$1.2 million, there is an extra reason to personally plan your estate. You can avoid Federal Estate Taxes (FET) altogether. For the first \$600,000, there is no FET. The first dollar after \$600,000 is taxed at 37% and climbs to 55% at the \$3 million or more mark. The tax has to be paid in cash within nine months of death.

What is unusual about this tax is that it makes no difference to whom the assets go. (The opposite is true for the Michigan Inheritance tax where only recipients of inheritances have to pay taxes.) As long as you owned the assets and died, the Federal Estate tax has to be paid from your estate. This even includes

the death proceeds of life insurance policies you owned. For example, if your assets total \$1 million, plus \$300,000 of life insurance, your estate value would be \$1.3 million. Fortunately, there are ways to keep the \$300,000 of life insurance out of your estate.

If you are married and are willing to give your whole estate to your spouse, no tax will be due at your death. The law allows for an Unlimited Marital Deduction. If you are single, then taxes are payable on amounts over the first \$600,000 -- your personal exemption amount. For couples it is important that each spouse owns at least \$600,000 of assets. Often times, because of joint ownership of assets, one of the spouses owns less than \$600,000.

To remedy this you can gift an unlimited amount of assets to your spouse with no penalty or tax. The one who is gifting should be secure in the marriage, however. Otherwise, a future divorce could cause many regrets.

The purpose of equalizing the estate between the spouses is to prevent wasting the \$600,000 exemption that is allowable for each spouse. For example, if Spouse A owns \$1 million of assets and

Spouse B owns \$300,000 of assets and Spouse B dies first, no tax would be due on the \$300,000. Consequently, when Spouse A dies with \$1 million, not having remarried, no tax would be due on the first \$600,000 (the exemption amount), but would be due on the remaining \$400,000. The tax would be \$153,000.

There would be different tax results if Spouse A would have gifted to Spouse B \$300,000 of his/her \$1 million of assets. Spouse B would now own \$600,000 and Spouse A would own \$700,000.

If Spouse B died first with \$600,000 of assets, no tax would be due. When Spouse A died, owning \$700,000, tax would be due on only \$100,000 after avoiding tax on the first \$600,000 as part of the personal exemption. The tax would be \$37,000, much less than the \$153,000 above.

For all of the above planning to work, you have to have a will and set up at least one trust, called by various names, such as Trust A, Exemption Trust, Credit Trust, etc. The purpose of this trust is to hold \$600,000 of assets, on which no FET will ever be due, even if the \$600,000 grows at a later date.

# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

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# BUDGET HEARING PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that in accordance with Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan in the Second Extra Session of 1963, the Board of Education for the Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing on the District's 1992-93 budgets at the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 8, 1992, at the Lowell Middle School Media Center, Lowell, MI 49331. A copy of the budgets will be available for public inspection prior to the hearing at the administrative offices on June 1, 1992 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Budget to be reviewed are: General Fund Debt Retirement Fund

Given by order of the Lowell Board of Education this 11th day of May, 1992.

Chris VanAntwerp, Secretary

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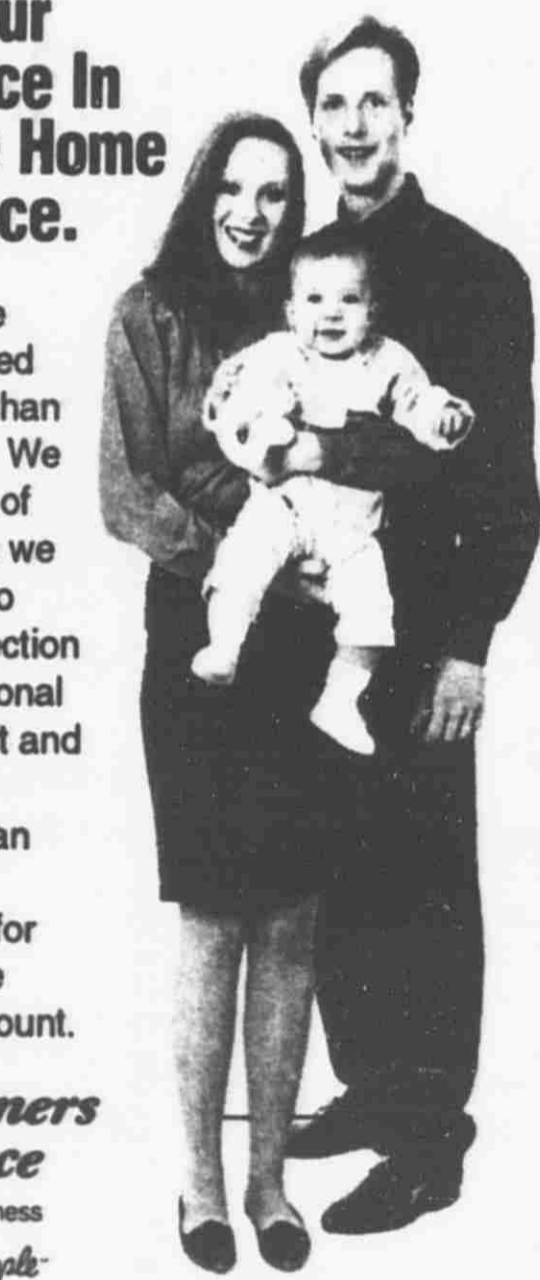
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## Tommorrow's high school students break new ground in Lowell education



Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch addresses those in attendance at the ground breaking ceremony.

A group of roughly "225 VIPs" attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Lowell High School last Wednesday on Vergennes Road between Alden Nash and Cumberland Drive.

"Welcome to rural America," Lowell High School principal Jim DeWeerd said as he opened the ground breaking ceremony. "We are all VIPs."

"The concrete used in constructing the new building will only provide us with the shell," DeWeerd said. "We are the building. We will need a commitment from you, our staff and the community so that we all can learn."

The process in getting to the ground breaking ceremony was a learning one for school officials. But Wednesday's

ceremony was a coming together of sorts. Political axes were left at home and instead a new beginning was celebrated.

A symbol of that new beginning was symbolized as student representatives of the first four classes to occupy the high school were chosen for the ceremonial ground breaking.

Representing the Class of 1995 were Scott Breslin, Kortney Gowen, Kerry Nugent and Krista Posthumus.

Representing the Class of 1996 were Matt Inman, Heather Young, Nick Staal, and Cara Thaler.

Representing the Class of 1997 were Hope Ayres, Stephanie Graber, Nathan Lietzke and Melissa Luyk.

Representing the Class of



Krista Posthumus scoops a shovel full of dirt at the school ground breaking ceremonies on Wednesday.

1998, the first class to complete all four years at the new high school, were Joshua Fremer, Jennifer Hendrickson, Jamie Marentette and Tim VanLaan.

"The new high school will be a place where students will find happiness, will respect one another and will meet the challenges of life," DeWeerd said. "Trust, cooperation and unity will make it the best school for students."

Outgoing Lowell Board of Education President Roger Kropf said the youth in Lowell is the community's greatest asset and the new high school will be built around developing the youth's strengths.

"The new high school will help bring a better quality of life to all of us. It will be here year round for all of us to enjoy and get the most out of," Kropf said. "The new high school will be a community building."

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch talked about change. "For some, change is sad, for others, change can't take place fast enough," he said. "So that students can become the best they can become, we need sound planning, common sense and we need to remember the integrity of the past."

"Lowell Schools is good and getting better because of teamwork and I thank you for caring about the community." Beyond the bricks and mortar the new high school will provide inspiration and the realization of dreams," said WBDC's Tom Mathison.

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## TOWN TALK

With the controversy stirred by Vice President Dan Quayle's negative remarks concerning the depiction of fictional character "Murphy Brown" having and raising a child by herself, do you think "Murphy Brown" writers should have her raise the child by herself or put it up for adoption?



**Terry Abel**  
*She should keep the baby. It is hers. There are plenty of women who don't have a husband and raise their own children.*



**Mary Walker**  
*It should be entirely up to her. It's absolutely okay to have a baby and raise it by yourself. Women do a hell of a lot better job bringing up kids than men, most of the time.*



**Kim Barendse**  
*She should keep the baby. Just because she's a single mother, she shouldn't have to give up the baby. I don't think.*



**Kathy Batchelor**  
*It should be her choice. Whatever she wants. Many men and some women run off and leave the child with one parent anyway.*



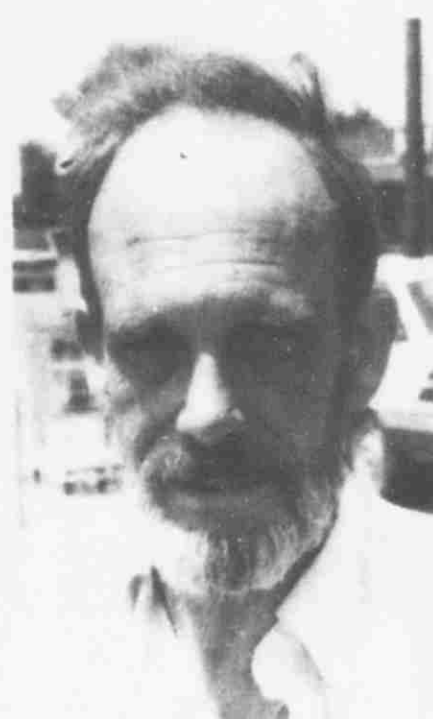
**Debbie DuBois**  
*I don't think she should have got pregnant to begin with. I don't look on Murphy Brown as a mother figure.*



**Kathy Holmes**  
*No, even though I feel a father image is important to children growing up, there is no reason Murphy can't supply the love and needs of her child, being the independent woman that she is.*



**Joyce Oberlin**  
*Murphy shouldn't have gotten pregnant to begin with, not being married. But, being a mom, I say keep it. After carrying a baby for nine months, a mother wants the baby.*



**Tom Heukels**  
*It shouldn't make a difference. As long as the baby is taken care of, many people raise children by themselves.*

## EXHIBIT B CITY OF LOWELL

### Kent County, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intent to make certain public improvements consisting of the construction of a watermain along Grindle Street between James Street and Shepard Drive and a water booster pump station (the "Improvements") and has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Chapter 10 of the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code to make said improvements in the City. The City Council has tentatively determined that a portion of the cost of said improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise proposed Grindle Street Water Improvements Special Assessment District 92RB:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number
705 Grindle Street	41-20-01-101-016
755 Grindle Street	41-20-01-101-038
714 Grindle Street	41-20-01-101-052
740 Grindle Street	41-20-01-151-002
750 Grindle Street	41-20-01-151-022
760 Grindle Street	41-20-01-151-023
432 James Street	41-20-01-151-024
701 Grindle Street	41-20-02-229-006

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 15th day of June 1992 at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall located at 301 E. Main Street in said City to hear and consider any objections to the proposed improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and estimates of cost for the improvements are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the City prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF THE COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 12% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Lowell.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

David M. Pasquale, City Manager  
 301 East Main Street  
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Dated: June 1, 1992

David M. Pasquale  
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# Water, continued...

Township. Voogt said there has been interest in development in that area. A tank would require a couple of acres.

"We are not looking to burn any bridges, we still believe the best system would be through an agreement with the City," Timpson said. "The school has a timetable to meet. We must get moving. The Township has made a commitment to provide water to the school."

There are some legitimate concerns as to the legitimacy and safety of the Township using its existing Eastgate wells.

Bill Thompson, Lowell City Council, said a commitment has been made from all three municipalities to help the school. "I guess it may come down to who can provide the school with the best water system," he said.

The Lowell Township Supervisor said it is his understanding that the City cannot come in and service the school

with water until the Township relinquishes that right. "Until then the school deals with us. We're not a captive of Lowell, however the City of Lowell's water system would be the premier way to serve the school."

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said he had no comment until he had a chance to talk to Township. "I would hope the Township will talk to the City directly," he said.

Thompson said the City has three options, do nothing, continue to try to negotiate a deal with the Township, or work out a deal to provide water with the school.

Thompson, borrowing a quote, said he felt the proposal from the City was "fair and just."

Thompson was not in total agreement that the cost would be substantially greater to the City if it worked alone with the school to get water to the new site.

Voogt said he felt the City was holding to a hard line, but

that it was looking out for its people.

"The City has known since 1988 that improvements in its system were needed. There is no indication that the City is going to make those improve-

ments now. The Township can't wait."

Timpson said the cost for going ahead with its own system and developing an alternative well system would be slightly less than what the City

is asking.

"It's too bad an agreement hasn't been reached, but it's not too late," Timpson said.

He added once the Township got into financing its own project it would be less inter-

ested in getting involved with helping the City with project.

Timpson added that the City's restrictions on its water make it difficult for others to operate within the system.

# ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 8, 1992

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 8, 1992.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 1996, and one (1) member for an unexpired term of one (1) year ending in 1993.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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Ted Vogt

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Edward H. Stormzand II  
Marsha Wilcox

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**PRECINCT NO. 1**

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia county.

**PRECINCT NO. 2**

Voting Place: Old Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

**PRECINCT NO. 3**

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan, and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Chris VanAntwerp  
Secretary, Board of Education

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12/23	WKAR	East Lansing
13/13	WZZM	Grand Rapids
16	HBO	Premium
17	TBS	Atlanta
19	MAX	Premium
21	DISN	Premium
23	USA	
25	FAM	Family
26	WGN	Chicago
27	ESPN	Sports
28	CNN	News
29	CNNHEAD	
30	NICK	
31	A&E	
32	PASS	Troy
33/31	WWMT	Kalamazoo
34/31	WUHQ	Battle Creek
35/10	WILX	Lansing
36/3	WLNS	Lansing
37	DISC	
38	TNT	Atlanta

## GRATTAN TOWNSHIP NOTICE

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Rd., on:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1992 AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be considered and any interested persons will be heard.

1) Kevin Fry requests a variance to create two lots, Article 3, Art. 4, Art. 7, Art. 19. Parcel # 41-12-33-403-005 & 41-12-33-405-004, Causeway Drive.

Written comments concerning the request should be received by June 17, 1992 and addressed to Gerald W. Gurney, Secretary, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Rd, Belding MI 48809.

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World Tomorrow. Mousercise. Land of the Giants. NewNight '92.

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MacGyver (CC). Exciting World of Speed and Beauty (Stereo).

Earthquake A major earthquake in Los Angeles affects the lives of an engineer, his family and his mistress. Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner, 1974.

MTV Sports. Truckin' USA Arizona Apache Trail (Stereo).

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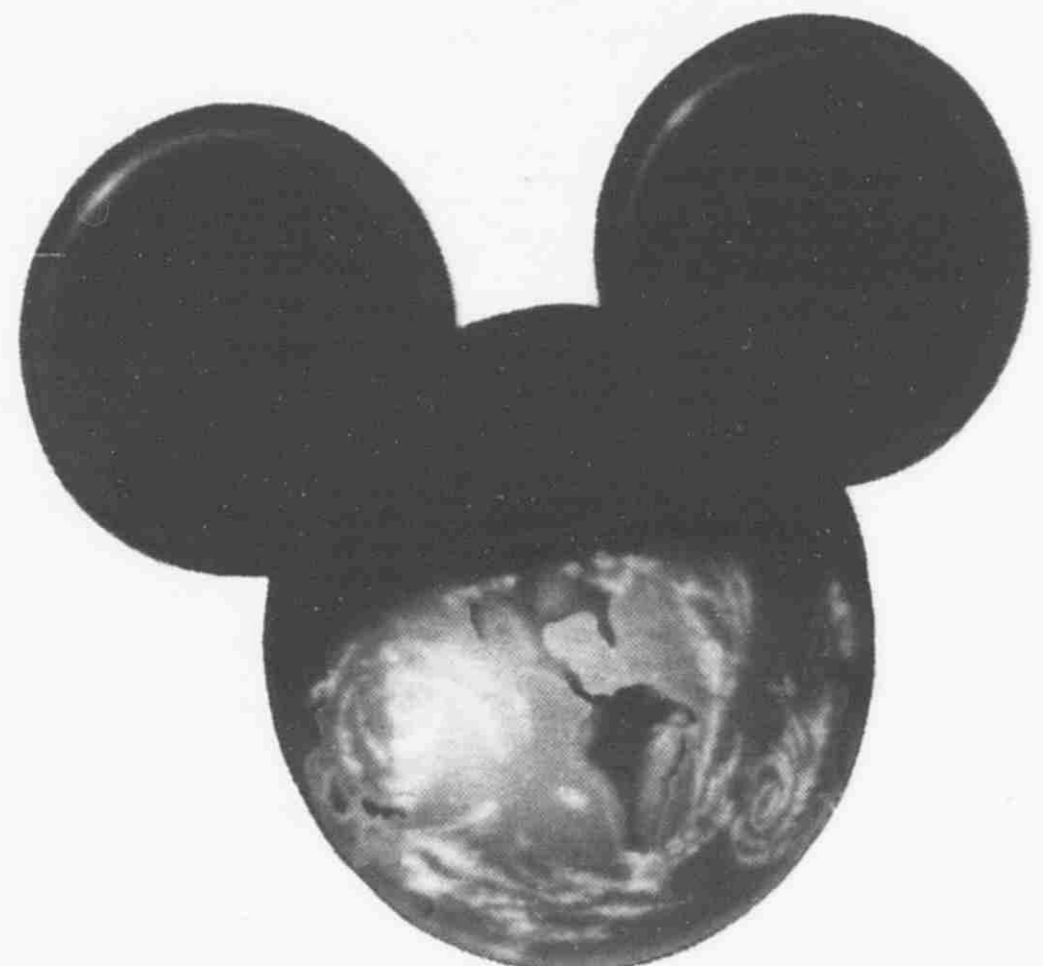
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June 9
MORNING
5:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Vietnam, Sports
Sports LateNight
6:00 [HBO] MOVIE: M\*A\*S\*H
6:30 [MAX] MOVIE: Spencer's Mountain (CC)
SportsCenter
6:00 [MOVIE: The Nelson Affair

AFTERNOON

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7:00 [MAX] MOVIE: Meet Me in St. Louis (CC)
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Agent becomes target after he receives a key to a safety deposit box containing documents implicating a U.S. senator in a crime...

divorce lawyer to eat his words by involving him in a whirlwind romance and marriage...

DAYTIME

MORNING

- 5:00 Music Videos
5:15 World News Now (CC)
5:30 (TU) Movie
5:45 (TU,WE,TH,FR) Gomer Pyle
5:50 (FR) Movie
5:55 (MO) It's Your Business
6:00 Awake on the Wild Side
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Graduation, continued

VanderMark spoke of the challenges of future, world protection, business sense, or economic standing and the environment. She spoke of the bleakness in the different areas, but warned it was not a sign of decline but just change.

search for the ground to stand on." Rottier spoke of the importance of family and parents and the support they provide. He made a challenge for that to continue.

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Renee Nugent receives her diploma from board member Marcia Wilcox.

Cristi Ponchaud is congratulated by Board trustee Chris VanAntwerp.



David Hildenbrand addresses his class and family and friends Sunday at the 114th Lowell High School commencement.

Kristina VanderMark delivers her valedictorian address.

Angie Brown was one of 170 seniors who received their diplomas on Sunday.

Advertisement for Roger Chapman, Agency State Farm Insurance. Includes a graphic of a graduation cap and text: 'Our Best to You and many successes!'. Contact information: 217 W. Main, Lowell • 897-9237.

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HOROSCOPE

June 7 through 13 GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) You will receive news concerning matters that have caused you anxiety. An elderly person could figure prominently in your near future.

WORD SEARCH

Word search puzzle grid with letters and words to find. Includes a list of words to search for: Astronauts, Atmosphere, Auroras, Comets, Constellations, Eclipses, Equinox, Galaxy, Meteor, Moons, Planets, Rings, Rockets, Satellites, Solar System, Solstices, Space Shuttle, Space Station, Stars, Sun, Sunspots.

Astronomically Speaking (Words in parentheses not in puzzle) Astronauts Galaxy Meteor Moons Planets Rings Rockets Satellites Solar System Solstices Space Shuttle Space Station Stars Sun Sunspots

It is a pleasant fact that you will know no man long, however low in the social scale, however poor, miserable, intemperate, and worthless he may appear to be, a mere burden to society, but you will find at last that there is something which he understands and can do better than any other. -Henry David Thoreau

Angie Nauta basked in the glory of her graduation.



Jamie Martin accepts her diploma.



Matt Kemp gets congratulated by his father, Gary Kemp (assistant superintendent).



Jon Hutfilz is all smiles with his diploma in hand.



Tammy Allchin marches to her seat during the march procession.



David Rottier gives his salutatorian speech.



Clay Pelon plays his final number as a member of the Lowell High School band.



Jennifer Wieland, valedictorian, addresses the graduation crowd.

If You See  
**Judy Mae,**  
 wish her a  
**Happy 35th  
 Birthday**  
 June 5th

From,  
**Mark, Matthew, Luke & John**

There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper.  
 —John Ruskin

**Our hats off to you!**

You've made us very proud! We salute you!

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# Lowell places 3rd at State

## Tracy Burrows paces Red Arrows, cards an 87

Sometimes things have a way of working out. For senior Tracy Burrows that sometime was Saturday. Burrows, who has quietly played second fiddle to Erin Nausieda all year, had her moment in the "sun" despite the rain and cold at the Girls' State Golf Tournament in East Lansing at Forest Akers.

Burrows finished third in the state with a round of 87 Saturday. Ironically, that is also where Tracy and her teammates finished in the state meet.

"You can't be unhappy with a third-place finish considering the level of competition," Lowell golf coach Rick White said. "The girls have had a heck of a year, finishing 23-0 during the regular season, second at regional and third in the state."

Playing conditions for the B-C-D state tournament were less than ideal. The girls played in cold and constant drizzle for 18 holes. The weather was in stark contrast to that in which their practice round was played on Friday.

Jackson Lumen Christi was the state champion with a score of 383. Lansing Catholic Central was second at 386 and Lowell placed third with a score of 392.

"I said all week, with the closeness of competition a lucky bounce or two would win it," White said. "When a tournament is this competitive, you need breaks." The cold and wet weather wasn't the kind of break any of the teams were looking for. "I'm sure many of the girls didn't play as well as they should have because of the weather," White said. "I must admit we've played in worst weather earlier this season."

The weather took its toll on Nausieda. Friday in a

practice round, the junior fired an 84. Saturday she carded a 91.

Megan Leach, who had trouble getting up and down out of the wet, thick rough, finished with a 105. Connie Colburn, who played with a twisted knee she incurred on Friday, came home with a 109. Amy Estes, Lowell's fifth player finished with a 128.

"Everyone played under the same conditions," Rick emphasized.

With the first three scores in, Lumen Christi led with a 282, Lowell was second at 283 and Central was two back at 284.

The Red Arrow girls, in a program that is only five years old, were happy with their third place finish, but the Arrows and their coach were disappointed a realistic chance at first got away.

"I'm extremely happy for Tracy Burrows. She has probably worked harder than anyone over the last two weeks getting ready for the state tournament," White said.

Nausieda's 91 placed her fifth among the state's bests. "I'm just not a good cold weather player," Nausieda underscored.

Earning medalist honors was Cranbrook Kingswood's Sara Vogler with an 80.

"I just wish some of the girls wouldn't have ended the season on what they consider a disappointing performance," White said. "They need to remember they have had a great season."

White was happy the girls enjoyed a wonderful time together on Friday.

The Red Arrows started the day with a practice round at the par 73 Forest Akers. After completing 18, they went over and watched the LPGA Oldsmobile Classic in Lansing for 3-1/2 hours.

"The girls were really impressed with the fact that these lady pro golfers all went to the driving range after completing their round of golf," White said.

Fresh off her \$200,000 earnings in the lady's Skins game a week ago, the Red Arrow team was introduced to LPGA's Pat Bradley.

"She asked the girls where they were from and they said Lowell High School," White explained. "A friend standing next to her told Bradley that Lowell had a good season and was expected to do well in the tournament."

Bradley then asked the girls if they were nervous. Nausieda answered, "a little nervous." The LPGA star said that was good. "Something would be wrong if you weren't," Bradley explained. She left the Red Arrows with "Good luck to you and enjoy it. I'll grab a paper Sunday to see how you did."

The girls completed their day with some ping pong and dinner.

"It was a great weekend. One I think they will remember. Most of all, I think the girls had fun. That's a big part of playing in a state tournament also," White said.

The Lowell coach also took time to thank Jack Ogle for having the courage to start the girls' golf program five years ago. "A lot of people told him the program wouldn't fly. To Jack's credit he did it anyhow."

# Tousignaut shuts out Caledonia; Lowell stymied by Marlow

Lowell's Stacy Tousignaut saved her best for the District opener against Caledonia as she baffled the Fighting Scots for seven innings in throwing

a complete game shutout.

The Red Arrow junior pitched this year and in her career, just two over career. Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

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Lowell's girls' golf team placed third at the State Meet in East Lansing over the weekend. The Red Arrow linksters were second at the regional and finished the regular season with a perfect 23-0 mark.



Amy Stauffer applies the tag, Angie Brown provided the throw as the two teamed to nail a Fighting Scot attempting to steal second base.

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## Lowell's Gowen takes natural ability and work ethic on to college level

Heather Gowen has only ever known one direction and that's straight ahead.

The Lowell track star has always managed to do that in a grander style than most.

So, one can understand why the wars of recruiting have frustrated the talented senior. "Just when I think I have a direction as to where I want to go this fall, I get another phone call," Gowen explains. "I want to make a decision on the college I will attend, soon. So I am not pulled in so many different directions."

There's a reason for the college recruiting madness. Gowen happens to be one of the best Lowell female track stars ever, and she's one of the best senior track stars in West Michigan.

"Combining athletic ability and attitude, I'd say Heather has to be one of the best female track stars ever to come out of Lowell," assistant Red Arrow track coach Phil Christensen said. "Anyone that knows me, knows that I don't judge anyone strictly on the athletic ability. I judge them by what kind of people they are. Heather is a great person."

Only a select few get to stand on the winners podium at a conference track meet. In Gowen's four years at Lowell High School she has enjoyed that moment 13 times.

"It's an awesome feeling standing up there with everyone looking at you, at least you feel as if everyone is looking at you," Gowen explains.

While Gowen carries an air of a champion about her, it can never be confused with a haughtiness or a cockiness. "I think I've been able to keep a level head about my success because I don't like people who are successful and become cocky. I don't want to be that way."

Heather has attained much more personal success and fame in track, but she aspires to and likes volleyball more because of the team aspect.

Gowen says she gained the confidence needed to be a champion in her freshman year.

"As a freshman I was running the 100, and I kept hearing that I couldn't beat Karen Bussler (who along with Laurie McMahon, holds the school record at 12.3) in the 100. I ran against Karen, got

beat, but came away feeling I could have run faster. So finally, I did beat her."

Another characteristic that separates Gowen from most,

is that she's driven by pressure. She admits, most of the pressure comes from within.

"People see that Gowen was successful in track in her first three years and think she should do better in her senior year," Heather explains.

Gowen also has the cool of a champion. Those around her were angered more by the lane misalignment in the 100 meter dash at the O-K White Conference meet than Heather was. "I wasn't mad, I was disappointed in myself. We still both ran 100 yards and she beat me."

While some would have been distracted, Gowen was more than gracious in defeat and moved on. "I couldn't get down, I had three other races my team was counting on me for."

Some might think that her only conference loss in four years in the 100 dash would be one of her biggest career disappointments. However, that's not the case. Her biggest disappointment is that this year's 800-meter relay team missed qualifying for the state meet by 1/10 of a second. "I wanted my sister, Kortney, to be able to go to the state meet with me."

The Lowell senior credits a lot of her success to natural God given ability. "You can't train a sprinter."

"Coach Talus (Kathy) and Coach C (Christensen) have really helped me a lot. Coach Talus is a good coach who is also well liked. Coach C is just real positive."

A prime example of Gowen's natural ability was never more clearly shown than in the 400 meter dash. The first time she ran the race, she broke the school record. The fourth time she ran the race in her four-year track career was at the O-K Champions of Champions meet, she won the event and broke her own school record and the Champion of Champions record.

"With Heather's work ethic she could be very good in the 400. That's a race where you can fine tune," Christensen said.

Talus concurs most of what Heather has accomplished has been done with God-given natural ability. "Heather is one of the best I've ever coached in 13 years, but beyond that she has provided leadership, she has led by example, she has worked hard, she's been coachable, easy to get along with, and she has always encouraged others."



Heather Gowen displays some of her 100-plus medals earned in four years with the Lowell girls' track team.



## Rodenhouse reflects

Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse finds the words difficult in announcing his decision to step down as Lowell girls' softball coach after 14 years.

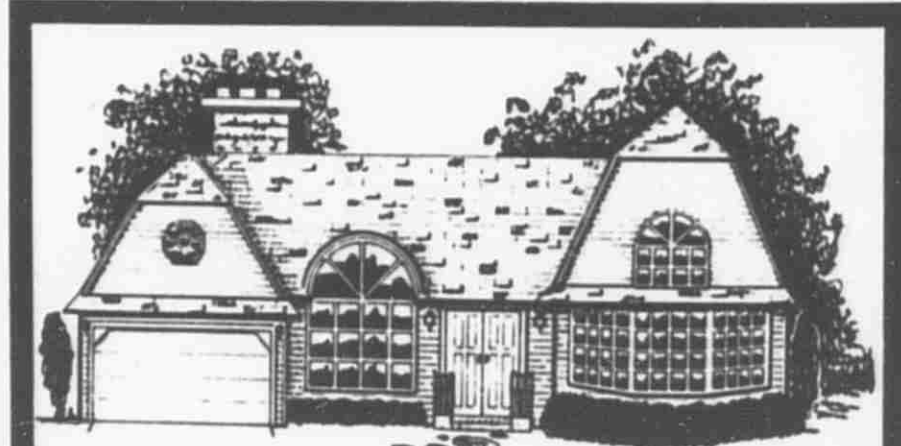
## Lowell recognizes scholar athletes

The 1992 Lowell High School scholar athletes are: Anne Arnold, Kip Carpenter, Craig Coleman, Marc Denman, Matt Kemp, Brett Knoop, Jon Kohler, Jim Moore, Renee Nugent, Betsy Nugent, David Rottier, Kristen Shuster, Josh Teunessen, Jen Wieland.

Lowell High School Athlete of the Year is David Stouffer.

Female Athlete of the Year is Heather Gowen. Gowen is also the OK White Conference winner.

Senior athlete award winners at Lowell High School were: Kathie Abel, Troy Addington, Tammy Allchin, Jon Amundsen, Anne Arnold, Doug Beimers, Kyle Boston, Kier Breckon, Angie Brown, Rhea Bundy, Heather Burritt, Tracy Burrows, Kip Carpenter, Connie Colburn, Craig Coleman, Randy Crawford, John Cross, Joe DeJong, Diedre DenBoer, Marc Denman, Rich DePew, Christine Douglas, Jason Dykhouse, Alicia Ebling, Cris Elzinga, Jason Essex, Amy Estes, Heather Gowen, Nicole Gurney, Brad Harrall, Allison Hess, Steve Hoffman, Jon Hutfilz, Matt Kemp, Cheryl Kirkbride, Randy Klitz, Brett Knoop, Jon Kohler, Mark Lyon, Chad Lyon, Jamie Martin, April McClure, Kristin McCollum, Noah Menerey, Paul Middleton, Jim Moore, Angie Nauta, Renee Nugent, Betsy Nugent, Jason Ormiston, Ryan Peel, Brandi Phillips, Todd Phillips, Christine Ponchaud, Alicia Richmond, David Rottier, John Saboo, Sebastian Schlunk, Kristen Shuster, Shawn Smith, Aaron Snell, Heather Sobie, Stacie Stickney, Jessica Stone, David Stouffer, Josh Teunessen, Mike Tuma, Kyle VanStee, Jacob Verspoor, Vickie Videan, Andy Wester, Jen Wieland, Alison Zillmer.



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## Smith, Saboo and Gowen wind-up high school track careers

Flint Beecher bested Bloomfield Hills Andover to earn the thrill of victory in the Class B State track meet at Wyoming Park.

Beecher finished with 87 points and Andover finished with 56.

Lowell earned three points for Sean Smith's sixth-place finish in the 100-meter dash. He was clocked at 11.35. The Red Arrow ran a 10.76 in the preliminaries.

"I think Shawn was a little bit disappointed," Lowell coach Keith Boeve said. "He may have been a little bit unnerved by the two false starts."

Winning the event was Andy Schoelch of Bloomfield with a time of 10.81.

Red Arrow Jon Saboo did

not place in the 400, but was timed at 52.4.

"It was quite an accomplishment for Jon to be here today," Boeve said.

Flint Beecher also won the Class B Girls' State Track meet.

Flint Beecher won the meet with 56 points. Petoskey was second with 46.

Heather Gowen was the

only Lowell representative. She made it to the semifinals in the 200 before bowing out. Gowen placed ninth in the long jump at a distance of 15.6.

"It was surprising in that Heather has done better this year," Talus said. "It just wasn't her day today."

Carla Ploeg of Middleville won the event with a distance of 17'11."



Shawn Smith, second from right, placed sixth in the 100 at the State meet in Wyoming on Saturday.



Heather Gowen leaps into the damp air at the state meet on Saturday. Gowen finished ninth.

## Achievers and friends produce "The River of Time"

An outdoor pageant entitled "The River of Time" will be produced by the Alto Active Achievers and Vergennes Friends 4-H Clubs June 19 and 20.

This play represents one year of research and Native American activities in their 4-H Clubs. They have made moccasins, beadwork, pouches, vests, headbands and watched an arrowhead-making demo. They have prepared and eaten a Native American feast and played Indian games.

The purpose of the event is to teach the community of Lowell about their early local history.

The play will be held on the banks of the Grand River, at the Lowell Fairgrounds, on Friday June 19 at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday, June 20 at 1:30 p.m.

The cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children or \$5 a family. Children under 5 are free.

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**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

Narhex. 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, 12675 Foreman Road.

**EVERY MONDAY EVENING:** Euchre will be played at the V.F.W. Post 8303 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1, prizes. Public welcome.

**MONDAYS:** Overeaters Anonymous New meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 10305 Bluewater Hwy., Lowell. Call 361-5463. Come join us!

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Golden Swingers meet 6 p.m. at Lowell Senior Center.

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up, or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to

8:30 p.m., during the school year, in the Scout Cabin, at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield A. E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

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

**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 - Lowell Community Education** invites you to a line dance class from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the First Methodist Church at 621 E. Main in Lowell. This is a fun way to exercise using repeated pattern steps to dance with music. Come join the fun and exercise your way to a healthier you. \$1 donation.

**TUESDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1372** meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

**EVERY TUESDAY MORNING - Ladies,** join us for Coffee Break Bible Study and Children's Story Hour at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. 9:30-10:45 Nursery provided.

**WEDNESDAY - Rollaway Ltd.** Senior Bowling, 1 p.m. 55 and over.

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

**FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH:** Alzheimers Support Groups Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

**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. Lead-

ership training through community involvement.

**EVERY THURS.:** Co-dependents Anonymous (COCA) meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Serenity Club, 101 W. Main, Lowell.

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

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Dar's at 7 p.m.

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

**2ND THURSDAY OF MONTH:** All Lowell Area Senior Citizens are invited to attend the Lowell Community Ed Lunch and Learn at 12:15 p.m. given at the Lowell High School. Cost of lunch is \$2.10.

**SATURDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops #M 1493** meets every Sat. at 9:00 a.m. in the Congregational Church basement in Lowell. Corner of Spring and Hudson Sts. weigh-ins from 8:30 a.m. to 8:50 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 THIRD THURS.:** The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m., at 18841 Potters Rd. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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**THURS., JUNE 4:** Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses Doris Ellis, Irma Richmond, Charlotte Siciliano and Jo Willard. Program "Your Memory is Better Than You Think." A fun exercise put on by the Gerontology Network of West Michigan. Sponsor, Gladys Thorne.

**FRI., JUNE 5:** Cyclamen Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. will hold monthly meetings instead of regular 2nd Friday, 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple. Past matrons and past patrons will be honored.

**SAT., JUNE 6:** Yard Sale sponsored by Evergreen Church, 11907 E. Fulton from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All proceeds to missions.

**SAT. & SUN. JUNE 6 & 7:** Coin, stamp, sports card show from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat. and 12 to 5 p.m., Sun., at North Kent Mall. No admission charge.

**MON., JUNE 8:** The Lowell Showboat Garden Club meeting at the Lowell Area Arts Council. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the judging of floral arrangements. Those attending are asked to bring a fresh or dried floral arrangement they have created, although not required. Refreshments will be served. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

**SAT., JUNE 13:** The LAAC Summer Workshop, "Along the Grand...Part II" originally slated for Sat., June 6 has been rescheduled. Workshop fee is \$25 for LAAC members and \$30 for non-members. Call The Center at 897-8545 to sign up.

**JUNE 22 - 26:** Daily vacation bible school at Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell. 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., for ages 4 years through 6th grade. Adult class, nursery provided for attending adults. For more information call Rev. Reitsma or Linda at 897-7060.

**SUN., JUNE 28:** Ware School reunion. All persons who attended or taught at Ware School are invited to attend a reunion at Fallsburg Park, potluck at 1 p.m. Form more information call, 676-9512 or 897-7925.

# Muster, continued...

soldiers were drilled each day. The Union's mounted cavalry, the infantry foot soldiers, the artillery troops and cannons and the military band were all a part of the 1861 Third Michigan Regimental Volunteers of

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Al Van Slyke, far right, helps these interested Civil War Muster patrons make rope. Pictured to VanSlyke's right are Nathan Qualls, Andrew Qualls and Michael Qualls.



Kathy Spiekerman, left, and Judie Rock, right, are attired in some of the 1860 fashions.



Karin Eldredge, demonstrates the art of caning.

Gerald Bestrom, Abe Lincoln, visited Fallsburg Park during its Civil War Muster.

## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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**Softball, continued**

Tousignaut threw 83 pitches and retired the last 10 batters she faced.  
She gave up one hit, a fourth inning single.

"Stacy threw well. She kept our hitters off stride," Caledonia coach Jon Pelletier said. "However we're a better team than we showed today."  
Lowell broke on top in the third inning with two runs after two were out. Jeni Francis got aboard on an error, Vickie Videan singled and Eric Hertzler doubled them home with a shot into right-center field alley. Hertzler was cut down trying to go to third on

the play.  
A Caledonia error started Lowell's three-run fourth inning.

Amy Stauffer got aboard on an error. Jamie Martin walked. She was then cut down on a fielder's choice. With runners on first and third, an Angie Brown sacrifice fly scored Stauffer from third. Renee Nugent followed with an RBI single down the left field line, scoring Tousignaut from second. Krista Posthumus followed with another RBI single, scoring Nugent.  
Brown also had a good day behind the plate as she threw

out tow Caledonia runners attempting to go to third.  
Posthumus also had a good day in the outfield.

Lowell finished the day with five runs on five hits and one error.  
**Northview 7  
Lowell 1**  
In the championship game, it was too much of Northview's Tami Marlow and not enough Lowell hitting.  
"We hit a lot of ground balls," Rodenhouse said. "We hit some shots also, but right at Northview fielders."  
The Wildcats, no stranger

to the district finals, were making their fourth consecutive appearance. Marlow showed them the way. She walked three and struck out six.

"Marlow kept us in there. She kept them off balance," Northview coach Tom Judson said. "Lowell never got into a good rhythm of hitting her. That made it easy for us to play defense."

Northview jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning. The 'Cats did it on one hit, three walks and a wild pitch off of Lowell hurler Vickie Videan.

Northview added a single run in the second, two in the fourth and one more in the sixth.

Lowell's only run came in the second. Renee Nugent walked, stole second, stole third and came home on an error by Northview's catcher.

The highlight of the game for the Red Arrows may have come in the fourth inning, not at the plate, but in the field.

Lowell's Krista Posthumus raced after a ball hit over her head in right-center to flag it down. "It was a great catch," Rodenhouse said. "Krista can go get a ball as quick as anyone I've coached," Rodenhouse explained. "Krista is going to be fun to watch over the next three years."

For Rodenhouse it was his last game as coach of a Red Arrow softball team. The



Lowell's Erica Hertzler gets trapped in a run down. Hertzler was tagged out going back to second base.



Stacy Tousignaut, Lowell, fired a one-hit shutout.

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**The Board of Education of the Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .2952 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1992.**

**The hearing will be held on Monday, June 8, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School Media Center, 12675 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI.**

**Action will be taken on the proposed additional millage immediately following the hearing.**

**If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 5.8% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will not increase over the preceding year's operating revenue.**

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coach of 14 years, announced at the club's banquet that he was quitting, so that he could do what parents' of his softball players have been doing for 14 years, watching their child play ball. "I'm going to watch my son play baseball," Rodenhouse said.

The Lowell coach did say that if Lowell is in need of a softball coach after his son finishes his high school baseball career, he would consider returning.

"This is the toughest thing I've ever had to do," Rodenhouse said.

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# The Lowell Ledger

## Grass roots initiative provides an OK Alternative

Lowell Board of Education trustee, Marcia Wilcox calls it an alternative that forces legislators to fish or cut the bait.

"The OK Alternative comes from the grass roots. It doesn't come from people with self interests," Wilcox said.

It's also an alternative voters won't see on the November ballot this fall.

"The idea is to make the OK Alternative an legislative initiative, meaning it goes from the people to the legislature," Wilcox said. The legislature would then have to act on it. It could not amend or veto it.

The last nine ballot proposals that have went before the voters have been voted down. Wilcox says that is because people haven't been able to understand them.

David Olmstead, the Detroit School Board's Finance Chairman, and University of Michigan Professor Phillip Kearney have developed the OK Principles of property tax reduction and school finance reform. It reflects views widely held in education and business communities according to a position paper, which examined the political, economical, educational dimensions of the property tax problem in Michigan.

The paper further explains that the root cause of Michigan's over-reliance on the property tax is the dramatic decline in state support for K-12 education.

In 1972 the state provided approximately half the cost of K-12 education, but today covers only 34 percent of those costs.

Wilcox says the state claimed the Michigan lottery revenues would bring new dollars to the schools. "Yes, schools got revenues from the lottery, but the state cut back that and more from what it was giving," she explains.

The OK Principles would force the state to increase its funding of local schools to 50 percent plus the proceeds from the Michigan Lottery. The OK

Principles would also roll back school millage rates to 30 mills at a cost of \$750 million in state funds, provide \$900 million in new pupil aid to local districts, and protect more affluent districts from revenue redistribution.

The paper states that both partisan tax cut proposals headed for the ballot this fall fail to address Michigan's under-financing of K-12 education and do nothing to bring equity to school finance.

Since 1980, property taxes in Michigan have increased by 98.4 percent, out pacing the 82.7 percent inflation recorded in the same period.

Property taxes in Michigan are higher than all but eight of the 50 states.

Currently the funding for K-12 education shows local funding at \$5.16 million while state funding is at \$3.27 million.

Approximately \$500 million dollars of current state spending comes from the Michigan Lottery and is not counted towards the formula's 50-50 requirement.

Rolling millage rates back to 30 mills will trim local expenditures for schools by \$750 million while state reimbursement to local districts will raise state spending by the same amount. According to the OK Alternative plan.

Furthermore, the OK Principles would require the state to close the remaining gap by increasing the monies available through the school aid fund by \$866 million.

Under the OK Principles, local property taxes would be reduced by \$750 million, state spending on education would be increased by \$1,636 million (\$750 in tax reduction, \$866 million new dollars in school aid fund). The plan calls for the 50-50 plus the lottery be achieved over a four-year period.

It has received editorial endorsements from the Detroit Free Press, the Lansing State Journal, and the Grand Rapids Press.

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### WEDNESDAY - MEN'S

#### TEAM

Lowell Vision	3	0
GMAC	2	1
King Milling	1	2
Bogies	1	2
Attwood	1	2
Them	1	2

### THURSDAY - MEN'S

Benedict Drywall	4	0
Ball Busters	2	2
Larkins	2	1
King Milling	1	2
Lowell Engineering	0	4

### FRIDAY - MEN'S

Burrygabe	5	0
K & M Outlet	3	1
Lena Lou's	3	2
Capt' Jacks	2	2
Sneakers	1	2
Amateurs	1	3
Moose	0	4

### TUESDAY - MEN'S OVER 30

#### TEAM

Larkins	3	0
Alto Gas	3	0
Central States	1	2
Vans	1	2
Bob's Body Shop	0	4

### TUESDAY - WOMEN'S

#### TEAM

Driftway Inn	3	0
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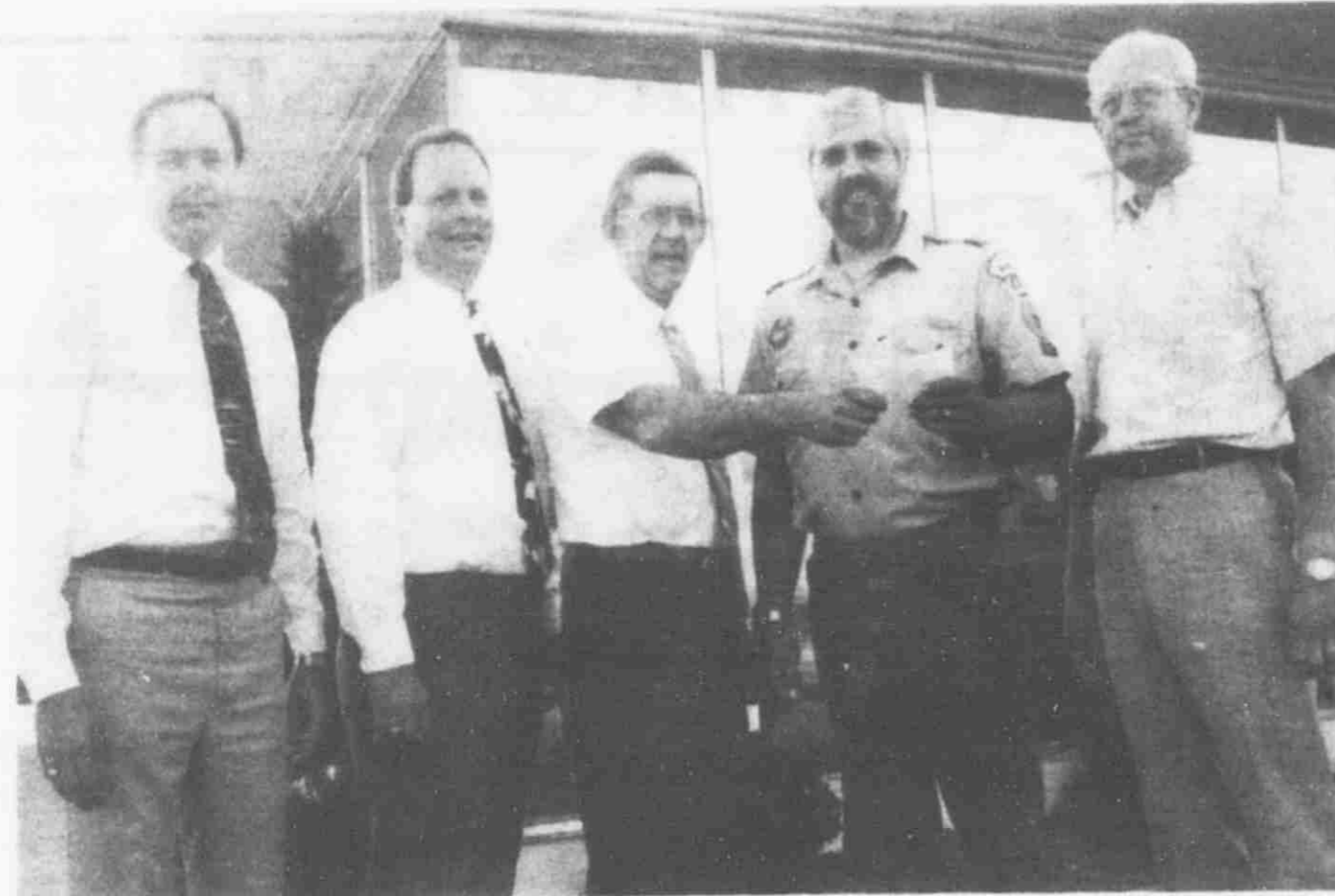
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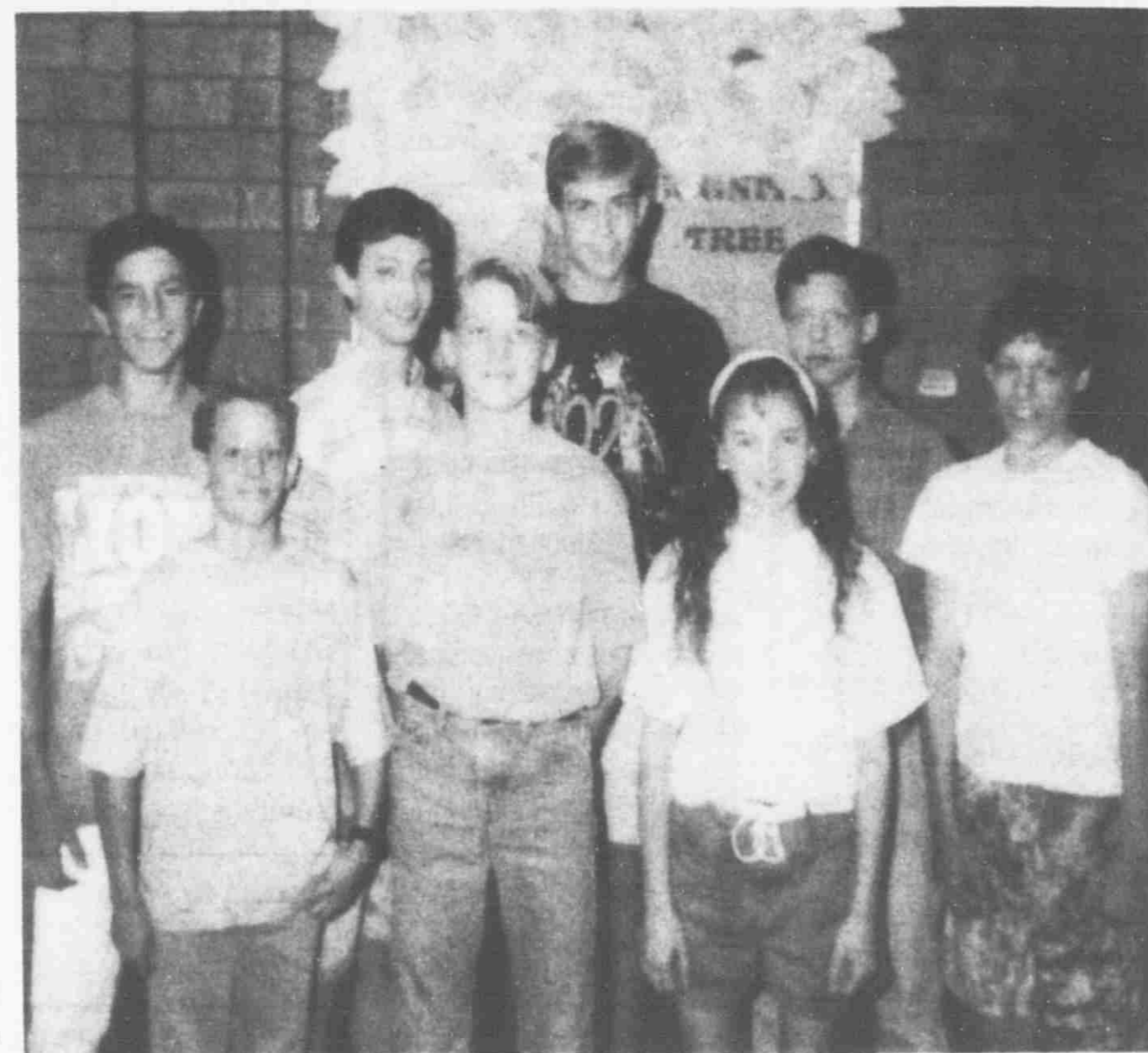


Lowell Auto Dealers Association present Craig Haybarker with a check for \$400 to help cover the cost of the chicken. Pictured, from left to right, are: Darryl Kuiper, Ron Russell, Stu Thomet, Haybarker, and Harold Koning.



### Super 600 bowlers

Women's 600 Club bowlers are, from left to right: 1st place, Deb VanAlstine; 2nd place, Chris Simmons; 3rd place Theresa Mundt; 4th place, Linda Colburn; 5th place, Estelle Stark.



### Middle School Students-of-the-Month

Lowell Middle School Students of Month are front row, left to right, Eric Myers, seventh grade; Nate Schoen, sixth grade; Shelly Staal, seventh grade; back row, left to right, Jeff Catlin, seventh grade; Nick Staal, eighth grade; Chris Wilcox, eighth-grade; Matt Carstens, eighth grade; and Jacob Ellison, sixth grade.

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I would like your continued support for my positions by voting for me on June 8th.

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#### COMPUTER CAMP

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- 3rd Session: August 10 through August 20 Same Hours as Above



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- 2nd Session: July 20 through July 30 - Monday through Thursday Same Hours as Above
- 3rd Session: August 10 through August 20 Same Hours as Above

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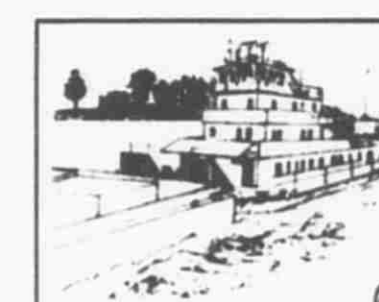
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—Anatole France



Knowing your way around our waterways includes using your safety sense when boating, water skiing or wind surfing near commercial vessels.

stand the constraints, needs, restrictions, abilities and just plain facts of each other's existence on the waterways," he adds.

That's why the American Waterways Operators (AWO), the national trade association of the inland and ocean-going tug and barge industry, developed a special boating safety education program called Lifelines. "The sail boater, power boater, fisherman or water skier has just as much right to be on the water as the tugboat, towboat or commercial fishing boat," says Joe Farrell, President of AWO. "However, we all need to be more aware of each other and to under-

# Backwater Cafe swings its front doors open for business



Bif Tickfer and Keith Houghtaling are the owners of Backwater Cafe.

As you open the door to enter the Backwater Cafe a sign on the wall reads, "good food and good home cooking."

Owners Bif Tickfer and Keith Houghtaling believe Backwater Cafe's homemade baked bread, homemade potato chips, its variety of food, and good food portions will make good on that.

"It seemed like a natural thing for Keith and I to do," Tickfer said. "It's hard work, but both Keith and I enjoy it."

Serving food in the building that sets at 109 Riverside (behind Lamberts) is nothing new to Tickfer. Bif worked in the building 10 years ago when she owned the Ranch House.

"Through the help of my father I was able to open up the Ranch House," Tickfer recalls. "He owns the building (still does). I learned a lot from that experience. I did a lot of

things wrong."

"One big difference between then and now, is before I was an outsider coming in trying to start a business. That's not true anymore."

Backwater Cafe serves breakfast and lunch. It is open Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

In the 10 years that has passed since Tickfer's "Ranch House" venture, she has earned a degree in marketing from Davenport University, and has worked at weddings and banquets.

Keith meanwhile has worked at an advertising agency as a trade show consultant and in a sports shop.

"We plan on being here. We haven't set any time frame," Houghtaling said. "We're making a long-term commitment."

"This seems like the natural thing for Bif and I to do. We've been discussing the possibility since Christmas."

Tickfer's father made it clear at the end of last year, before leaving for Florida, that he was interested in selling the building.

At that point, his daughter and Houghtaling expressed an interest in keeping the building.

After four weeks of doing business, they are very pleased with their decision.

"I've been tickled to death with the response that Backwater Cafe has received,"

Houghtaling said. "It's been everything I'd hoped it would be."

"I think Lowell is big enough for two family style type restaurants."

Bif admits it was still a little scary opening up a new business. "But we have received positive responses from the general public," she said.

Keith added that customer loyalty and consistently good food will make Backwater Cafe successful.

## Taxpayers question the "Truth" - in - Taxation

Citizens concerned with anything representing an increase in taxes

Since Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan was passed in 1982, all taxing units in Michigan are required to go through a "Truth-In Taxation" procedure whereby a hearing is held to verify a so-called "increase in property taxes the beginning of each school fiscal year."

The current state of affairs in property taxation, however, has caused citizens to be much more concerned with anything representing an "increase in taxes."

"People are very conscious about the economy, property tax discussion, and the recession," Lowell assistant superintendent Gary Kemp said. "The mind set of people is different. They are focused in more on things than they used to be."

Kemp believes this is good. Over the last 10 years, a total of four people have attended Lowell Truth and Taxation Hearings.

Kemp said the yearly hearing is a formality required by law to enable the school to levy the number of mills it is authorized to levy by its voters. Lowell is currently authorized to levy 37.4171 mills.

The so-called tax increase is arrived at by the yearly increase in SEV. The Lowell assistant superintendent adds that the SEV is "frozen" at the prior year levels for this year, and the increase represents only new construction within the school boundaries during the past year. "That is equated by the state to an increase in the millage rate. That increase (new construction), represents an SEV increase of .2952 mills," Kemp said. "The millage rate is the same, in order for that to increase there must be a vote of the people."

"Those with new construction over the last year will experience additional taxes cause they have a higher tax base," Kemp explains.

"It is a confusing procedure, but one which we must comply with in order to levy our authorized rate," Kemp concludes.

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