

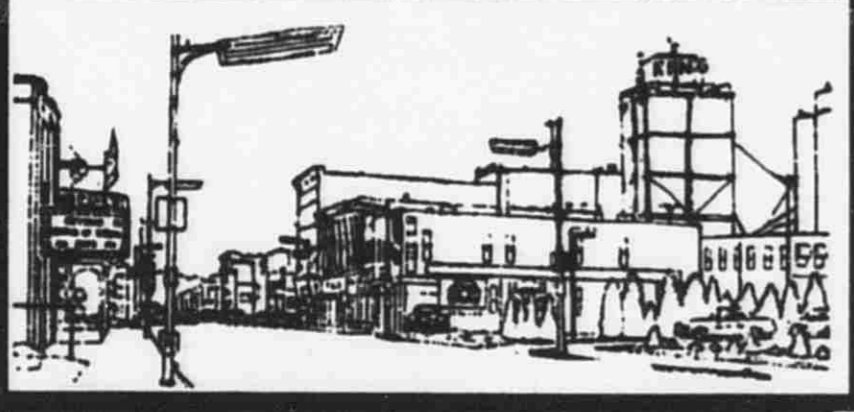
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Along Main Street



PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED AUG. 21

The Kent Nature Scouts 4-H Club will present an outdoor historical pageant entitled "The River of Time," on Sat., Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

The free pageant, sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Association, features information about Indians, fur traders and early settlers.

OPENINGS REMAIN FOR FALL SOFTBALL

There are still openings for the Lowell YMCA's Fall Adult Softball leagues. Monday night will be co-ed, Tuesday night Women's, six games fees are \$185. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights are all men's leagues, 8 games fees are \$255.

All leagues fees include umpires and game balls. All leagues are starting soon! Call the YMCA for further information at 897-8445.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington St., will be holding a Vacation Bible School. The School "Discover the Joy of Jesus," will be held from Aug. 9-13 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The School is open to all children age 3 yrs. to sixth grade. For more information, call 897-8800.

BLOOD DRIVE - AUGUST 4

Blood gives life, donate blood so someone can live. Lowell Jaycees and Grand Valley Blood Program are sponsoring a blood drive Wednesday, August 4, 1993 from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. The drive will be held at the Lowell Fire Station, 319 South Hudson, Lowell.

Anyone in good health who is at least 17 years old and weighs more than 110 pounds is eligible to donate blood every 56 days. For more information, or to schedule an appointment to donate, contact Noel at 897-4395. Walk-ins are welcome.

Grand Valley Blood Program is the sole provider of blood and blood components to hospital patients in Kent County. To ensure a stable and reliable blood supply in area hospitals, Grand Valley Blood Program needs to draw more than 37,500 units this year.

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High levels of bacteria in water push officials to warn against feeding ducks & geese at park

by Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

With the current vandalism problems surrounding Stoney-Lakeside Park, a potential pollution problem is the last thing park officials want.

Officials are concerned with the problem caused by ducks and geese in the lake.

The lake is currently home to 15 geese and is visited by numerous ducks in the area. The pollution comes in the form of bacteria levels on the rise, due to duck and geese feces.

Dan Desjarden, Lowell's park and street supervisor, explains that Lowell's City and Park Recreation Committee has found a high level of bacteria, that could cause the closing of the park if it continues. "Usually the levels we find



over a month's period fall well below normal, but we are concerned because we recorded a level which could be harmful to citizens," said Desjarden. According to Desjarden the increased levels are due in

part, to people visiting the park and feeding the geese and ducks who live there.

"We feel that if people stop feeding the geese and ducks then they will leave and the levels will return to normal," said Desjarden.

According to George Regan, Superintendent of Lowell's Water Treatment Plant, Michigan standards require five tests per month of the water. If the tests show an average bacteria count over 200 colonies per 100 millimeters of water (four ounces), the park could be closed due to health concerns.

Tests done over the past month have stayed low except for one week in which the level exceeded 300 bacteria colonies per 100 millimeters

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Self supporting aviation program should heighten presence at Lowell Airport

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Grand Rapids Baptist College's takes over of the aviation program from the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music will mean a heightened presence at the Lowell Airport.

Once certification with the Federal Aeronautics Association is obtained, the Lowell Airport will continue to offer classroom and flight instruction. It will offer students of the aviation program an opportunity to gain their private pilot license, their instrument and commercial ratings, as well as their instructor's rating. Also, through the Air Frame Power Plant Program, students will have the opportunity to receive full certification in aircraft maintenance. The aviation maintenance program had been moved to the Comstock Park campus.

The transfer of assets from the School of Bible and Music is scheduled to take place in the latter part of August. The intent to transfer assets was announced in May of this year,

noted Grand Rapids Baptist College Transition Director Bill Brew.

A recently completed Master Plan for the Lowell City Airport has outlined no drastic plans for change, but a main goal of asphaltting the main runway 12-30, and lengthening it approximately 300 feet (from 2,350 to 2,800) toward Lincoln Lake Road was stated. These plans will be discussed at a public hearing on Aug. 2 at the Lowell City Council meeting.

"There are other opportu-

nities for development, but the focus right now is on improving service and safety," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said.

He added that Grand Rapids Baptist College is doing things right in looking at what the educational and service needs are.

"Financing for operations at the Lowell City Airport has not changed. The program must still be self supporting," Pasquale said. "That includes

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Extensive improvements begin at FMB's west branch

by Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell residents can expect to see several changes at the First Michigan Bank's (FMB) west branch over the next month.

Those changes include a new Automatic Teller Machine (ATM), new and updated drive-thru equipment, an improved and bigger lobby, a larger parking lot and an expanded driveway off M-21. Currently the new ATM machines and drive-thru equipment are in place and the lobby is under construction. The

driveway improvements are expected to start by the first weekend in August.

Lori Morris, Assistant Vice-President of Administrative Services, says the changes coincide with the increasing use of the west facility, as well as the current population growth in the area.

According to Morris, the \$150,000 being spent by FMB will create better customer service to residents in the area.

"We've seen an increased use of our ATM's and drive-thru services, so to insure our customers get the best, quickest and most pleasant service

possible, we updated our equipment," said Morris.

Morris wants citizens to be aware that when the driveway improvements begin, it may be an inconvenience for a while, but "in the long run the improvements will benefit the community, so please bear with us."

The work done on the driveway will include expanding the parking lot and driveway off M-21 so cars won't be too close to the corner light. The increased size of the parking lot will allow cars to turn around and avoid leaving by

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More improvements are scheduled for the FMB west branch over the next month.

OBITUARIES

KOLLAR - Harold A. Kollar, aged 75, passed away Tuesday, July 20, 1993 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings. Surviving are his wife, Ruth E. Kollar, two sons, Harold A. (Dianne) Kollar, Roger J. (Suellen) Kollar, one daughter, Karen (Roger) Bekkering, all of Middleville; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; one brother, William (Polly) Kollar of CO; half brother, Rober Spekler of Lowell; half sister, Albertha of Grand Ledge; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Rev. Roger Timmerman officiating. Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Thomapple Ambulance Service or the American Heart Association.

Surviving are his wife of 36 years, Eleanor I; his children, Melvin G. and Joni M. Smith of Grand Rapids, Robert J. and Maryanne M. Stegehuis of Windsor, NY, Karen B. and Scott C. McGleish, Steven J. and Shannon J. Stegehuis, both of Comstock Park; his nine grandchildren, Stacy, Stephanie, Heather, Jason, Scott, Gwen, Tom, Kyle and Bryan. Also surviving are his mother, Elizabeth Stegehuis of Walker, his father and mother-in-law, Glen and Genevieve Brailey of Grand Rapids; his three brothers, William Stegehuis of Grand Rapids, Charles (Pat) Stegehuis of Grandville, Roger (Nancy) Stegehuis of Jenison; three sisters, Shirley

(Ben) Taylor of Lowell, Bonnie Clark of Grant and Betty (Roger) Katsma of Wyoming; his uncle, Henry DeRuiter of Grand Rapids, his aunt, Beatrice DeRuiter of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews and long-time friends, Judy and Paul Woody of Grand Rapids and Dick Wagner of Holland. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at Matthyse & Kuiper Funeral Home, Grandville at 1:30 p.m. Inter-

ment Blythefield Memory Gardens Cemetery. The family suggests for those who wish, a charity of choice in his memory (envelopes available at funeral home).

STERZICK - Joyce Rose Sterzick, aged 67, passed away Sunday, July 18, 1993. She is survived by two sons, Charles Sterzick of Orleans, John and Helen Sterzick of Lowell; one daughter, Sandra (Ronald) Pinckney-King of

STEGEHUIS - Mr. Robert J. Stegehuis, aged 59, passed away July 24, 1993 of accidental injuries in Ashton, MI. Stegehuis served in the Navy during the Korean War and was an avid outdoorsman.

FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



Judy O'Dell

The July 1993 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Judy O'Dell. Judy has been a bank employee for 5 years and works as a bookkeeper and ATM lead balancer.

She and her husband Don have been married 23 years and have three children, Melissa, 16, and Doug and Kelly both 13. Her hobbies are cross-country skiing, walking and reading.

When asked about her job at the bank, she replies, "FMB is a really nice place to work. We have good benefits, a nice environment and most of all so many wonderful people to work with. Judy enjoys "Making numbers balance. I have met so many nice people in our community while helping them with their problems that arise with their checking accounts. I like the variety of the work I do."

Congratulations Judy O'Dell, July Employee of the Month.



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Lauri VanOtteren, left, and Kerry Nugent, center, are greeted by Stewart Kennedy of Edmond, OK, Director, Washington Conference Program.

VanOtteren & Nugent improve leadership skills at convention

Lauri VanOtteren and Kerry Nugent of the Lowell FFA Chapter attended the 1993 Washington Conference Program in the nation's capital.

The week-long program helps FFA members improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of national heritage and prepare for more effective leadership roles in their chapters and communities. Sessions on human relations, goal setting, and interpersonal communications were combined with discussions on personal outlook, motivation, and values to help members become effective leaders in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Visits to Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, the Jefferson Memorial and other historic sights in Washington were included in the conference.

An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows. —Dwight D. Eisenhower

The American flag is said to have been named Old Glory by William Driver, a sea captain of Salem, Mass. His daughter said he named it at his 21st birthday celebration in 1824, when his mother presented the home-made flag to him.

A highlight of the week was the visit to the office of Senator Carl Levin.

The chapter's FFA advisor is Peter Siler. The trip to the conference was sponsored by the Lowell FFA Chapter.

IN THE SERVICE

Nickolas I. Croshaw enlisted in the United States Army for a three year tour of duty as a Combat Engineer. He is scheduled to report for active duty in September 1993.

Croshaw is the son of Sharon and Gerald Croshaw of Lowell and a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School.

Do not put your faith in what statistics say until you have carefully considered what they do not say.

—William W. Watt

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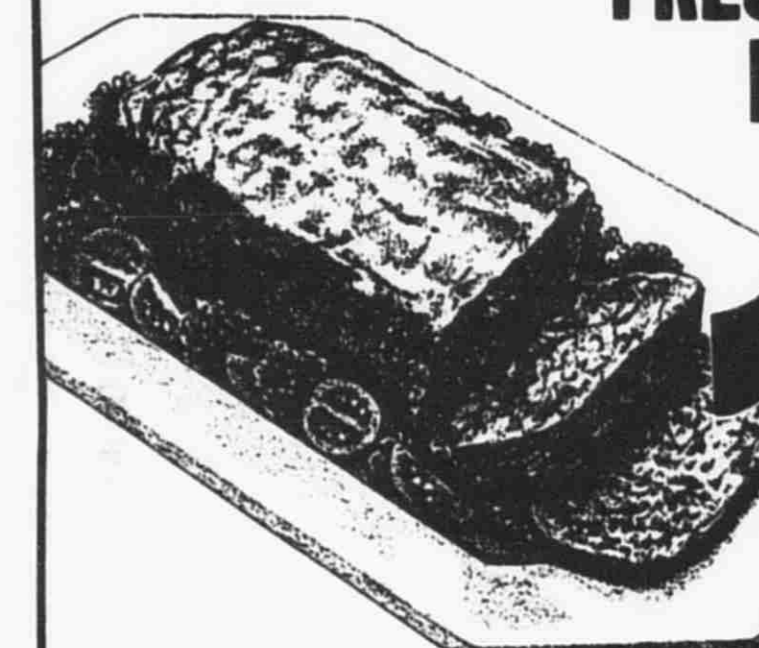
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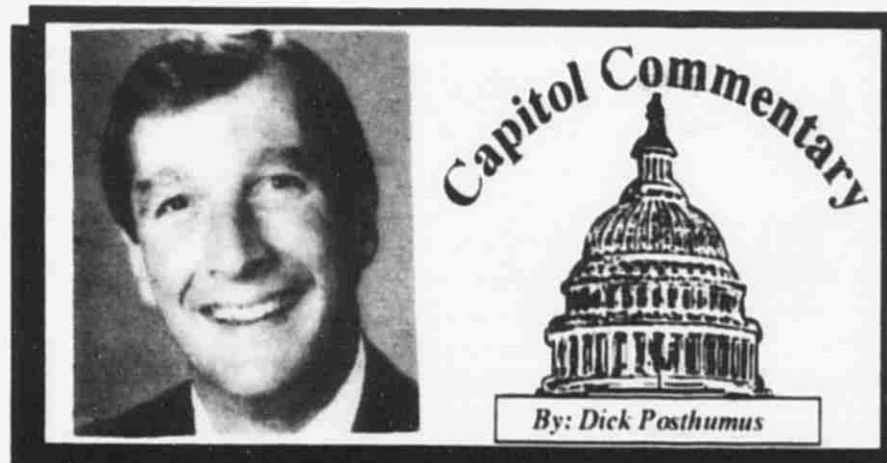
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Capitol Commentary

By: Dick Posthumus

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-MORE JOBS, BETTER SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN

The bipartisan action on property tax reduction and school finance reform was a monumental change and should be applauded—with relief—by taxpayers who have looked to Lansing for leadership on these issues for more than a decade. By totally eliminating property taxes for school funding, we now have an unprecedented opportunity to totally revamp the way we fund and deliver education in Michigan. We can challenge our traditional assumptions about public education, further streamline and reduce the costs of state government, improve our business climate and create jobs.

In short, SB-1 exempts all property from millage levied

for local school operating expenses and intermediate school districts. This bill takes effect next January 1, and in no way affects the school year that begins this September. Local taxing units would still be allowed to collect millage to pay for existing bond issues. The bill does not impact a local government's ability to deliver services, like police and fire protection.

SB-1 also strengthens the Headlee amendment, the constitutional provision that protects taxpayers from rising property taxes. In addition, it implements a one-year lag time between when property is reassessed and when that new assessment is used for tax purposes. Currently, there is only a several month gap before new assessments go into place.

This is a substantial savings for Michigan taxpayers. About 65-70 percent of the tax bill you receive each year goes to fund schools.

It is now time to set the gears in motion for a world-class educational system, one designed to give children the tools they need to be entrepreneurs, get jobs and be successful in the 21st Century.

Proposals to empower parents and children and build systems that offer more choice and more personal freedom will certainly come to the table, and ought to be carefully considered.

At the same time, state government must look within for increased cost-savings and efficiency, step up and fund public education, while ensuring that the dollars are well spent.

Thought the bipartisan action was a welcome change, we

cannot forget that this does represent a substantial departure for many politicians. Some have done everything in their power to block property tax reform by demanding a dollar-for-dollar shift. That means for every dollar of property tax reduction we were being asked to raise another tax to pay for schools. This philosophical disagreement has stalled property tax reform for more than a decade.

All last week, as House-Senate conference committee members met, the group made great progress, but stalemated when the argument of how to replace lost revenue came up. Low and behold, several hours later, an amendment was offered on the Senate floor to amend SB-1 and attach a provision that called for the elimination of property taxes as a way to fund operating costs in public schools.

Legislators and Governor Engler took up the challenge and welcomed the amendment. History was made when the Senate passed SB-1 by a 33-4 vote and the House followed suit later that day.

Residents of Kent County need property tax relief and want the best education possible for their children. We have addressed the tax relief portion of the equation; now we can work to improve our schools.

I look to the next 12 months not with anxiety or trepidation, but with excitement because after 20 years of rhetoric over property tax reform, we now have acted. We have agreed that basing our educational system on the value of property is unfair and outdated. I welcome the opportunity to take another step forward in this very important process.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I'd like you to meet one of your neighbors. Mr. A was a custodian at the High School. He has a wife and 3 small children. He makes 20 thousand dollars a year. His wife works at home so she doesn't have to hire a sitter for the kids. He was one of the "cuts" made by the schools because "we want property tax relief."

Now it's time for Mr. A to make some cuts of his own. He will be cutting back on groceries at Family Fare and Plumbs. Forget the paint for the house at Bernard's True

Value and he won't buy that ladder from Hahn Hardware. No more cones from Softee Cream or hamburgers from McDonalds. No lumber from Erb's for the deck repair.

Cancel the appointment at Dr. Reagan's for that little cavity and don't pick up the prescription at Rite Aid. And come Christmas time he won't be buying those shirts at Pfaller's or those toys at Lambert's Variety. Now multiply Mr. A by 50 and you get an idea of the impact these "cuts" (we used to call them

firings) will have on our community.

I don't know what the solution to high property taxes is, but I know what it is not. It is not firing teacher, custodians, bus drivers and administrators from their jobs at the schools.

Lansing created this problem by tying school financing to property taxes and it is time for us to demand that they stop playing politics and fix it. I will be voting yes on the Headlee over ride proposal, for the good of our schools and community, and I will be voting no on any incumbent Lansing politicians until they give us school finance reform.

Sincerely,
Gary Eldridge

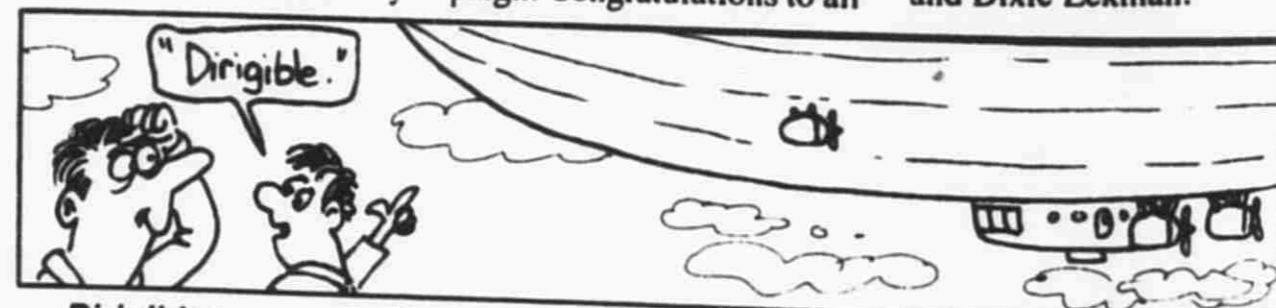
Lowell 4-H group recognized by state for its community support



Members of the Friends & Neighbors 4-H Youth Club are pictured after being recognized by YEA, for community service.

The Friends & Neighbors 4-H Youth Club, from Lowell was recognized by "Youth Engaged in Service" (YEA), on a state level for their involvement with community service.

The club also received an honorable mention award from Colgate-Palmolive's "Youth For America" campaign. Congratulations to all the members, Julie, Joseph and Jennifer Wisner, Steven and Christian Koning, Brice and Lindsey Swanson, Kathy and Jackie Thuston and Betsy and Dixie Eckman.



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Rotary picnic honors past presidents & new board



The 1993 Board of Directors of the Lowell Rotary are from left to right, front row: John Clore, 2nd vice-president, Sylvia Taylor and Jim Reagan; 2nd row: Jerry Hale, President, Roger Chapman, 1st Vice-President, Terri Robinson, Secretary, John Gabriin, and Scott Carpenter.

The Lowell Rotary Club held their annual President's Picnic at Fallasburg Park on June 30, to swear in Jerry Hale as the new president. Seven-

teen past presidents were also in attendance. Al Hermans and Orville Jackson were recipients of the distinguished Paul Harris Fel-

lowship Award. Stan Gardner and Leonard Jackson presented the awards.

The club annually selects two outstanding Rotarians and



The Lowell Rotary Club past presidents are, from left to right, front row: Leonard Jackson, Jim Hodges, Roger Roberts, Orville Jackson, Bob Elzinga; second row: Mac McPherson, Charlie Doyle, Phil Schneider, Al Hermans, Bob Kyser; back row: Stan Gardner, Bruce Walters, Wendell Christoff, Arnold Wittenbach, Bob DeBoer, Jim Reagan, John Jones.

donates \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. By 1992, more than 375,000 Paul Harris Fellows have been added to the rolls of the foundation.

Recipients receive a distinctive medallion, lapel pin and certificate. Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of the Rotary Foundation, which build goodwill and understanding in the world.

Rezoning request for gas/convenience store is met with strong opposition

by Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township's Planning Commission received the first of what is expected to be numerous, requests to re-zone one acre of land on the corner of Cascade Rd. and Alden Nash from agriculture to commercial.

William and Joe O'Dell, of Grand Rapids, requested the planning commission to

grant a public hearing for the purpose of re-zoning the land in order to install a gas station and convenience store.

The request met strong opposition from both citizens and board members.

The acre of land is situated next to the proposed industrial site and was under much debate when the planning commission initially discussed re-zoning the land.

Every board member

voiced his negative response to the proposed plan and all were backed by the majority of citizens.

Ron Carney, Chairman of the Lowell Township Residents Association, played back a taped portion of a meeting held February 22 which had Melvin Beers declaring the one acre parcel would, "at no time, be re-zoned commercial."

The plan did meet with some approval from a few citizens. Barb Hisler and two other people urged the com-

mission to approve a service station on the corner because numerous cars either break down or run out of gas on the highway.

"The people in this area are tired of being kind and letting strangers in their homes, after a while it becomes a terrible nuisance," said Hisler.

She went on to explain, "there is no gas station from here to Grand Rapids, that's

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VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 1993 at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to Section 201.202 CC. of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance. Section 201.202 CC. concerns the definition of lot width and the purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the measurement of lot width.

This would be accomplished by adding the word "continuous" to the present definition so that the amended definition would read as follows (addition underlined):

"Section 201.202 CC. Lot width: The continuous horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at the building setback line and at right angles to the lot depth."

A copy of the proposed change can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on August 9, 1993

Jean Hoffman
Clerk

Bank, continued

way of M-21 and will allow them to get out of the driveway free to avoid any inconvenience by stopping at the east branch."

thru line when necessary. Morris also offers this reminder to patrons, "the east branch will be fully operational during the construction."

ADA HIGHBLUFF ESTATES

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YMCA ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Posted 7/19/1993

MONDAY CO-ED

TEAM	W	L
Jimmy's Grill	9	1
Steve's Meter Service	9	2
Sneakers/Zeigler	7	3
Alto Baptist	5	4
Country Gardens	5	5
St. Marys	4	6
Lowell Methodist	3	7
First Congregational	2	8
Chadalee Farms	1	9

TUESDAY - MEN'S "OVER 30" (FINAL)

TEAM	W	L
Larkins	12	0
Saranac	7	5
Alto Gas	6	6
Contractors	4	8
Central States	1	11

WEDNESDAY - MEN'S

TEAM	W	L
King Milling	9	2
GMAC	9	2
Attwood	6	5
Sneakers	5	6
Lowell Vision	4	7
Gators	0	11

THURSDAY - MEN'S (FINAL)

TEAM	W	L
Captain Jacks	12	0
Ball Busters	10	2
Sneakers/Keisers	9	3
Wittenbach	8	4
Larkins	4	8
Cascade Lawnsprinkling	2	10
L.E.C./P.P.G.	2	10
Bad Boys	1	11

FRIDAY - MEN'S (FINAL)

TEAM	W	L
Picking Rock Homes	9	3
Grattan Bar/Ostrander	8	4
Siding/Roofing		
Burrgrabe Masonry	8	4
Stuckey's Amoco	8	4
Zeigler Ford	7	5
Snyder Farm Supply	2	10
Lowell Moose	1	11

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lowell Jaycees will be sponsoring a softball tournament on August 14 and 15.

Class C double elimination tournament, 1st 16 teams to register at \$100 each.

All proceeds will be donated to the Creekside Park Playground fund. For details please contact Carl Stanford, 897-9788 or Dan Phillips, 897-8656.

TENNIS CAMP RESCHEDULED

Lowell School's tennis camp will run from Monday, Aug. 2 through Friday, Aug. 6. The sessions will be 3-5 p.m. for high school students and 1-3 p.m. for middle school students.

The cost is \$10 per participant. For information, call Wendy Ackermann, 455-5621.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, July 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main.

Those who have to re-register, must have proof and source of income.

YMCA SUMMER CLUB HOUSE SPLASH TRIP CHANGED

Due to a conflict with Splash Water Park, the field trip scheduled for Friday, July 30 will now be held on Thursday, July 29.

This one day trip is open to all ages three to 12. Call the YMCA for registration information at 897-8445.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that a certain mortgage on the real property commonly known as 735 Cricklewood SW, Wyoming, MI 49509 and more fully described as follows:

Lot 50, Baker Huison Plat, City of Wyoming, County of Kent, State of Michigan.

between BARBARA R. HAZLETT, as Mortgagor, and ROBERT WOOD, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FLAVOUS J. FLURRYESTATE, ALLEGAN COUNTY PROBATE COURT, FILE NUMBER 88-44756-SE, as Mortgagee, made the 22nd day of March, 1989, and was recorded on March 23, 1989, in Liber 2608, on page 37, Kent County Records, Michigan, is in default and there is now due and owing Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-one and 41/100 Dollars (\$17,461.41) principal and interest as of the date of this notice.

No suit has been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage and the power of sale contained in the mortgage has become operative by reason of such default.

Notice is hereby given that on August 26, 1993 at 10:00 A.M. at the Front Lobby of the Hall of Justice in Grand Rapids, that being the place in which the Circuit Court of Kent

County is held, there will be offered for public sale and sold to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage and legal costs and costs of sale, including attorney's fees as provided by law and in said Mortgage, the real property described above.

According to Section 600.3240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws the above named Mortgagor has six (6) months to redeem said real property after it is sold by paying to the purchaser, his executors, administrators, or assigns or to the register of deeds in whose office the deed is deposited for the benefit of the purchaser, the sum which was bid for the property, with interest from the time of sale at nine percent (9%), if payment is made to the register of deeds the additional sum of \$3.00 for the care and custody of the redemption money, or to redeem otherwise as provided by Section 600.3240 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Dated June 25, 1993
Robert Wood, Personal Representative of the Flavous J. Flurry Estate, Allegan County Probate Court, File Number 88-44756-SE Mortgagee

Prepared by:
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LOWELL COMMUNITY ED HAS AMUSEMENT PARK TICKETS AVAILABLE

Once again, as a community service, Lowell Community Ed is selling amusement park tickets at discount prices. They have tickets to Cedar Point, Sea World, Pleasure Island, Great America and Geauga Lake.

Call the Community Ed office at 897-8415.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Michael Lee, 43, of Hastings was involved in a property damage accident July 20, when the truck trailer he was backing struck a utility pole on Church St. near Sibley.

A 15 year old student driver lost control of the car she was driving and struck a utility pole on Washington near Grant St. July 19. No one was injured.

Minor property damage was reported in an accident July 16 when Mary Richards, 63, of Lowell backed her vehicle to make room for a turning semi-truck on Foreman at Hudson and struck a motorcycle driven by Mark LaCount, 35, of Grand Rapids.

A nine year old juvenile will be referred to Probate Court for shoplifting from the Family Fare store on West Main St. July 19.

An 11 and 12 year old will be referred into Probate Court for trespassing upon the Showboat this past week.

Jessie Twork, 27, of Conklin was involved in a property damage accident July 24, when she struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Scott Bryer, 33, of Kalamazoo on Main near Monroe St.

Diesel Technology Corp. sides with Wyoming and its multitude of perks

by Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After month's of speculation Roger Penske's Diesel Technology Corp. decided to forego Lowell's proposed industrial site for a site in the Wyoming area.

The fuel-injector company, offering the possibility of 400 new jobs, chose Wyoming over both Lowell and Byron Center.

Developer Robert Groeters says the departure of Diesel Technology will not hurt Lowell's Industrial site. "We still have companies

very interested in locating in the Lowell area," said Groeters. "It's a very strong and desirable market. I expect to announce the companies moving to Lowell by the end of this summer and start construction shortly thereafter."

Groeters believed Diesel Technology chose Wyoming because it was a great location for its employees. However, Township Supervisor John Timpson thinks a little differently.

"I have to believe the perks Wyoming was offering played a big role in them choosing

that community," said Timpson.

He also believes the controversy surrounding the site played a role in the decision. "I have to believe it affected their thinking, it's like that old saying nobody goes where they aren't wanted," he said.

Timpson said the township is disappointed losing out to Wyoming, but stressed "Lowell is willing to be patient and wait for the right company to come along."

Wyoming is willing to purchase the land for Diesel Technology, as well as build streets, sewer and water lines at the cost of the taxpayer.

According to Timpson, Lowell is not, and will not, be prepared to offer any company the kind of breaks Wyoming was offering.

"This township will not be held liable if anything goes wrong at the site or with any water and sewer lines," said

COLLEGE NEWS

Michael Pasquale, a junior, International Studies major at Cedarville College, was named to the Dean's Honor List for the 1993 Spring Quarter.

Pasquale is the son of David and Anne Pasquale of Lowell and is a 1991 graduate

of Lowell High School.

Cedarville College is an accredited Baptist liberal arts college of over 2,000 students from 47 states and 15 foreign countries. The college offers 75 areas of study and features a worldwide Christian ministries program.

Airport, continued

monies for paving runway 12-30. Using City tax dollars is not an option."

He added that Grand Rapids Baptist College would be

looking at means to provide additional revenues for the airport and to support its own programs.

Pollution, continued

of water. Although the high level seems to be an isolated instance park officials want to avoid an upward trend in the bacteria levels.

"We just want people to stop feeding the animals so we can control the level of bacteria in the lake," said Regan.

If park officials can't encourage the geese and ducks to leave on their own, they may be forced to turn to the DNR and have them removed.

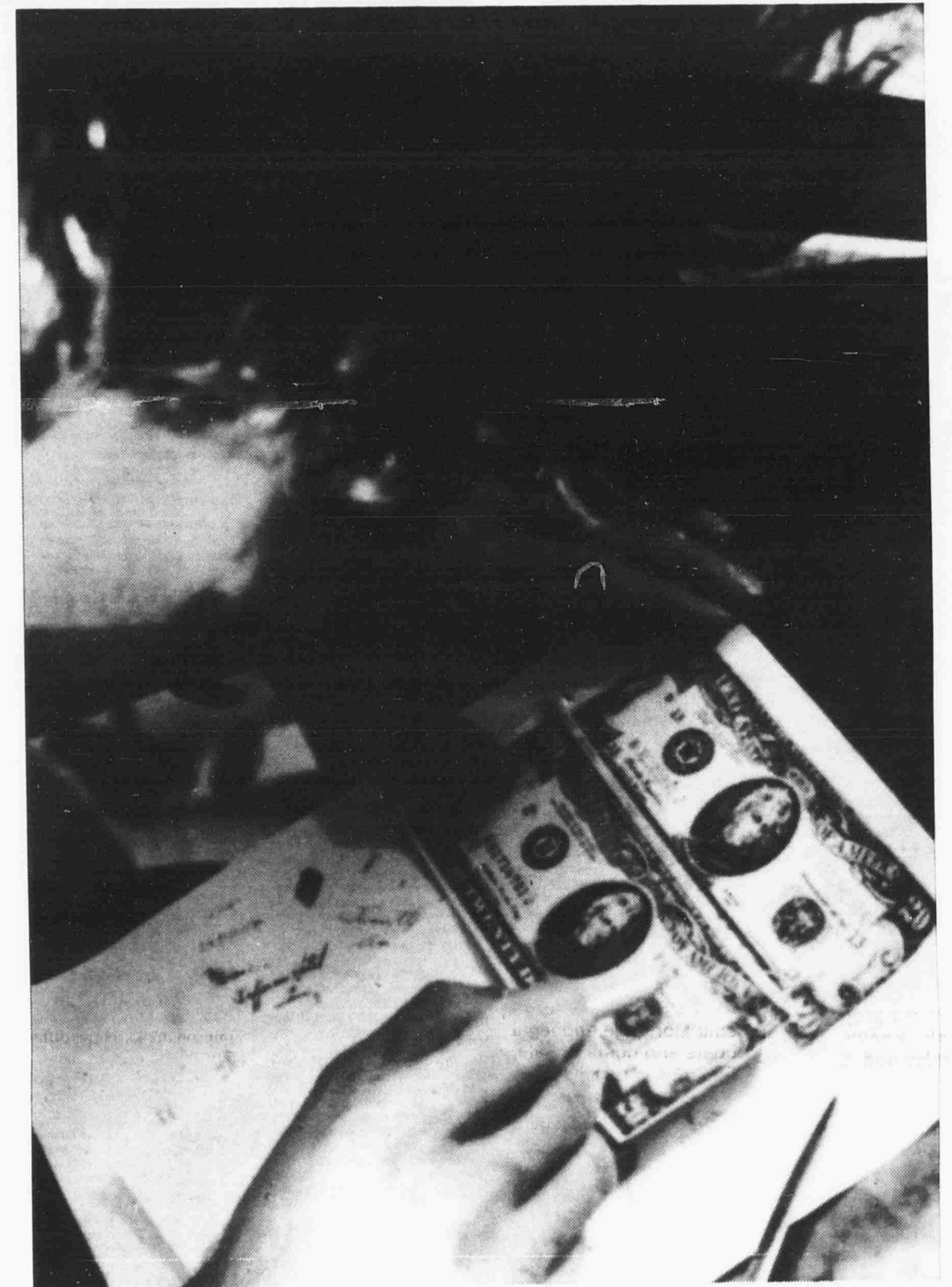
Although the lake has recorded high bacteria levels Dave Cracker, Supervisor of the Environmental Division of the Health Department, explained that citizens don't have too much to worry about. "If the high levels remain consistent over a long period of time, then it might cause some health problems, but since it is an isolated incident there is not much of a problem," said Cracker.

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LISTINGS FOR FRI., JULY 30 THRU THURS., AUGUST 5

Artist J.S.G. Boggs produces a drawing of U.S. currency, which he will spend to produce a completed artistic "transaction." Boggs is profiled in an episode of PBS' "P.O.V." titled "Money Man," Tuesday, Aug. 3. Philip Haas ("The Music of Chance") co-produced and directed the film.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY 897-9261. Includes advertisements for Dan's Oil Doctor, Denny Hawk Towing, Thomet Chevrolet Buick Geo, Lowell Litho, Sam's Service Center, and Lowell Graphics.

Actress/dancer Juliet Prowse was born Sept. 25, 1936, in Bombay. Her big-screen debut came in 1960's 'Can-Can.'

SUNDAY

SUNDAY Aug. 1

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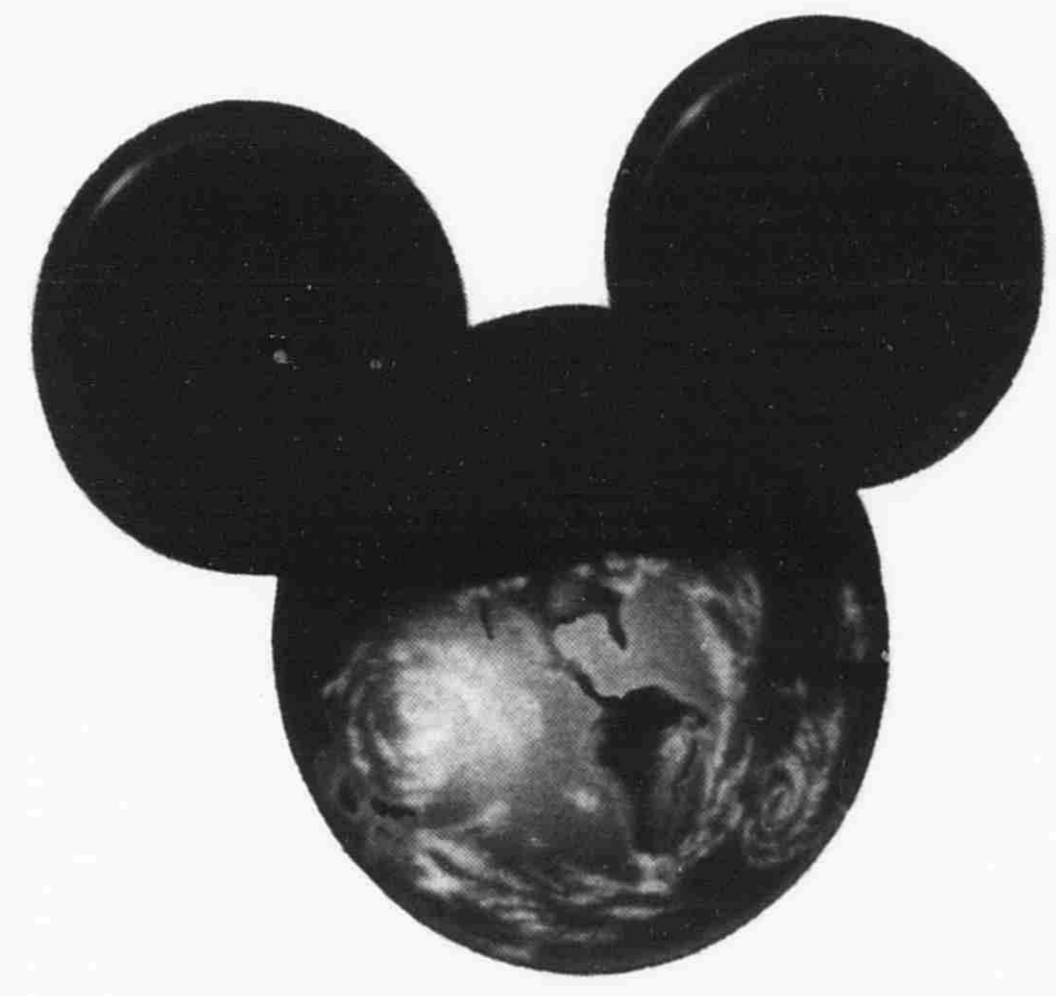
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Legislative measure may serve to empower taxpayers

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

The alternative to the drastic measures taken by lawmakers to finally rid Michigan residents of exorbitant property taxes was to do nothing and let the current situation perpetuate, according to Lowell School Board President Ray Quada.

New estimates show that the cost for a resolution will be greater than first reported. The \$5.6 billion tax cut reflected the 1993 levels. New estimates of the 1994 schools' loss range from \$6 to \$7 billion.

onus to plug the school funding gap on state legislatures. "It rests totally and completely with legislatures. There is no local source to raise funds," Quada said.

Township probes feasibility of Neighborhood Watch program

By Marc Popielek Contributing Writer

Hoping to stop crime before it starts, Lowell's Township Board will address the feasibility of starting a neighborhood watch program in the township.

will be better able to stop crime." In conjunction with the neighborhood watch program Forrest would like to implement a child watch program.

possibilities of the program. effort may contact the Township Hall at 897-7600.

Health, continued

will be greatly appreciated by the police department because "we are no better than the people we serve, so we need their help."

According to Emmons, the program has worked well for the city over the past couple of years.

Always follow the rules of the road when riding and always wear a helmet when wearing a bicycle.

Rezoning, continued

20 miles, we need to put something in this area to help the residents." The board suggested the O'Dell's they think over their request due to the negative response from all board members and citizens.

William O'Dell told Planning Commission Chairman Rolie Lubbinge he would inform the commission this Wednesday as to what his decision will be.

Emmons says the program will rely heavily on volunteers the cost would be minimal. Only the cost of posters and mailing letters to citizens would be accrued.

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF LOWELL

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing on the Airport Master Plan at their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, August 2, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. Betty R. Morlock Deputy City Clerk

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TOWN TALK

How do you feel about the House and Senate actions to eliminate property taxes used to fund education? What would you recommend in its place.



Josie Cavanagh
I think it's good. They should replace the funding through sales tax, this way everyone has to pay.



Mike Krushinsky
I think it's irresponsible to cancel the only way to fund the schools. It looks as though they will blackmail voters into agreeing to an increased sales tax or some other tax increase.



Toni Rose
Unless they have some secret plan to find alternative funding they should not make a decision yet. They should have a set plan to replace the funds before they act.



Gary Wohlscheid
Being a property taxpayer I think it's a good deal. There is alternative methods to fund the schools, like increasing the sales tax, property owners assume too much of the burden.

Merriman-Hesche calls it quits after 20 years, to spend time with family

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Calling it the "best job of her life," Green Ridge real estate agent Alice Merriman-Hesche is retiring after 20 years of serving the Lowell community.

Merriman-Hesche, a resident of Alto, is calling it quits in order to travel with her husband, who also is retired. "We both like to travel and we're gone too much to do justice to my job, therefore I decided to retire," said Merriman-Hesche.

She got her start at the Transue Realty company as a part-time secretary on July 9th 1973 in part because her kids were out of the house at

Rapids because Transue went out of business, but it just wasn't the same. I loved working in Lowell, everyone was so kind and I was familiar with the area," said Merriman-Hesche.

Her tenure in Grand Rapids came to an end when Reedy Realty bought out Transue. While at Transue she began to learn about the business, but with Reedy she became a broker and her real estate knowledge started to grow.

According to Merriman-Hesche she knew she could make it in the real estate business when Mr. Transue told her if she could sell one particular house in Lowell she



Tim Rittersdorf
If it doesn't affect the quality of education, I'm all for it.



Fawn Shepard
I wish they would, our property taxes are too high. They should put more taxes on food and other items we purchase, this way everyone assumes the responsibility.



Lucy Ann Jacqmain
They better cut property taxes, they're too high. What I want to know is what happened to the money that was supposed to be taken from the lottery? They should take some of that money off the top or use it all for the schools.



Merriman-Hesche receives a retirement gift from Lowell manager, Rick Seese, left and owner, Chip Perschbacher.

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school. In 1974 she sold her first house, a ranch on Segwun and by 1978 she had her brokers license while working with Reedy Realty. In her 20 years of service she has worked for three realty companies, Transue Realty, Reedy Realty and Green Ridge Realty. She did have a small stint working with a Grand Rapids real estate firm but it was a short lived stay. "I had to work in Grand

could sell any house, needless to say she sold the house. "When I sold that house I had an idea that this business was for me and I haven't regretted any moment of it," said Merriman-Hesche. She says that the real estate business was good to her both financially and socially. "I met a lot of great people over the past 20 years, I liked everyone I worked with and for," said Merriman-Hesche. "Although I didn't sell many real expensive homes, a lot of little ones began to add up." The enjoyment she got from working with other people was shared by many of her co-workers, especially Joyce Thuston. "I've worked with Alice for the past 10 years and she helped me alot by sharing her knowledge of the business with me," said Thuston. "Her integrity, wonderful personality and overall knowledge will be greatly missed by everyone at Green Ridge." Thuston went on to explain how Merriman-Hesche will not only be missed by co-workers, but also by the public because "real estate is a large part of a person's existence and she helped a vast amount of people realize that dream."

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Riding in the rodeo is a rush; that's "no bull"

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Some will tell you there is a lot of bull in politics. Bliss Yeiter, 2754 Pinckney Road, Saranac, contends there is a lot of politics in bull - bull riding that is.

Not unlike other sports such as gymnastics or basketball, establishing a name for yourself goes a long way in helping a person achieve success in the rodeo.

The only way to do that, according to Yeiter, is by gaining experience. That's exactly what he's been doing this summer.

"I've pretty much been busy every weekend attending an event," Yeiter stated, prior to his trip to Gillette, Wyoming for the National High School Rodeo Finals.

Yeiter has been riding bulls for two years and recently started riding bareback horses. "Riding bulls is easier for me at this point because that's where I have more experience."

Under the guidance and coaching of Phil Lackowsky of Allegan, Yeiter competes in High School Rodeo, 4-H Youth Rodeo, Youth Rodeos, Winter Buck Outs and in some semi-pro rodeos. Yeiter currently leads the bull-riding competition in the Michigan

4-H Youth Rodeo Association.

Competing in the Michigan High School Rodeo Association State Finals rough stock events, Yeiter came within two points of becoming the 1993 High School bull-riding champion.

In the sport of bull riding, a rider is judged on a 1-50 scale on his control and the ride. The bull is also judged under the same scale based on its bucking. A perfect score would be 100, although Yeiter isn't sure that can happen. "For the bull your riding to get a 50, it would have to throw you. For a rider to get a perfect score he/she would have to show control and ride the bucking bull for eight seconds."

Yeiter's best score over the two years he's participated has been a 70 at an event in Dayton, IN. "It wasn't my best ride though, I think that was at the AYRA in Missouri," he said.

In a year, Yeiter will no longer be eligible to compete at the high school level. His plans are to compete either at the college level or the IPRA if he doesn't attend college.

At the 4-H level bulls cannot be larger than 1,600 pounds. However, there is no weight limit at the college and IPRA levels.

Yeiter says he has the most difficulty handling the stronger bulls. "I do better with the quicker bulls."

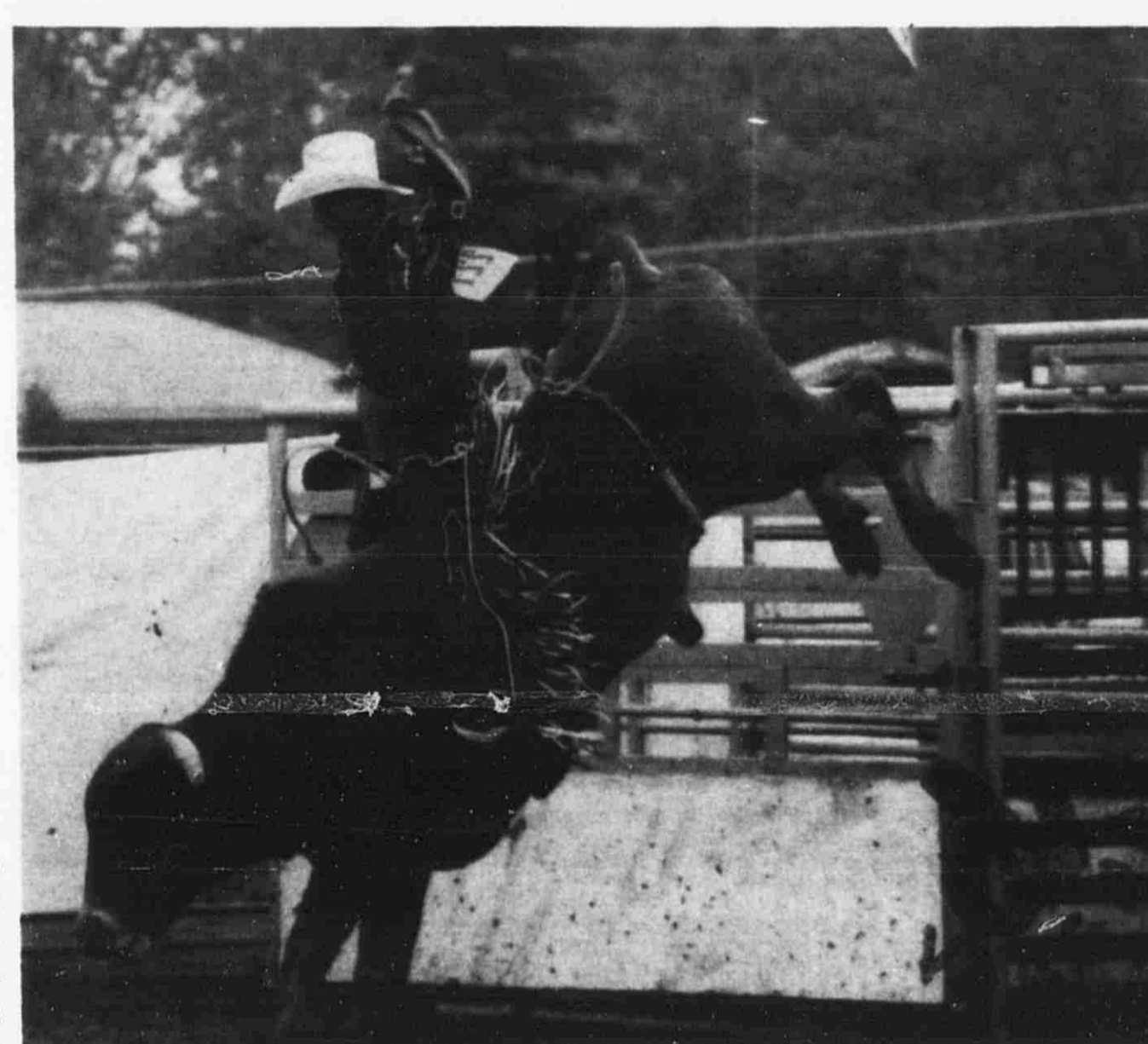
The Saranac High School junior says he has not suffered a broken bone in a punishing sport. "I have received a lot of bruises," Yeiter said.

The Saranac man said most of the injuries come in the shoot. "There is not a lot of leg room and, if the bull is bucking, a person's legs get knocked up against the sides of the shoot. This is why you spend as little time on the bull as possible when it's in the shoot."

Keys to success fully riding a bull for eight seconds, according to Yeiter, include anticipating the bucks, trying to stay a step ahead of the bull and watching the bull's shoulders and not their heads. The body doesn't always go the way the head does, but the shoulders do," he explains.

Yeiter admitted to being scared once. "I was riding a bull named Lunatic Red, and I sat on him too long in the shoot. The bull threw me off in like four seconds," he explained.

Bliss said he got involved with the rodeo because he's always found it to be cool. "Not only that, but to ride the bull a full eight seconds gives you an awesome rush."



Bliss Yeiter has been bull riding for the past 2 years.

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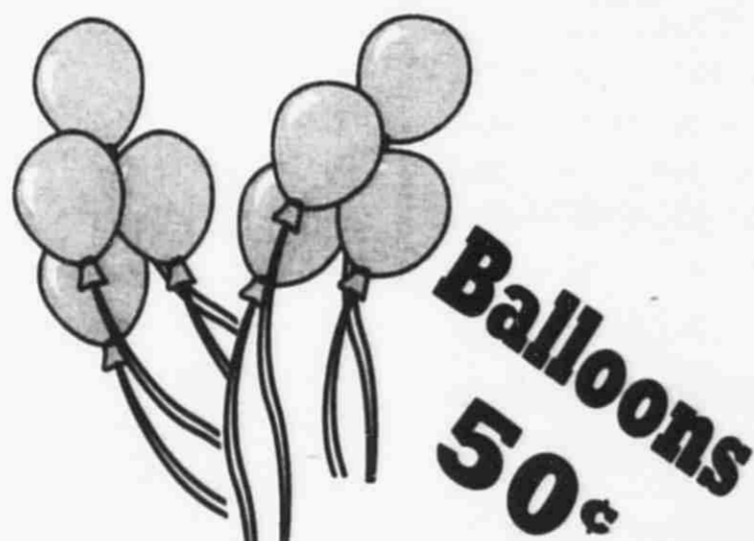
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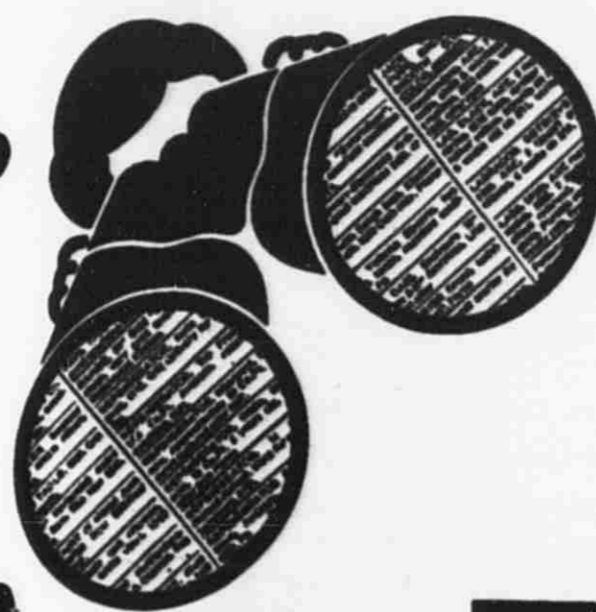


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WANTED - '68-'70 AMC Rally Wheels for AMX. Call 616-642-9411 days or 642-6626 nights and weekends. Ask for John.

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PLASTIC INJECTION - Immediate positions available in the Lowell area. Candidates must have previous plastic injection experience with hand trimming. Excellent references and drug screening required. For more information, call Manpower Temporary Services, Lowell, 897-0050.

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PART TIME COUNTER PERSON NEEDED - afternoons & Saturdays, Apply in person at Cooper's Drycleaners, 6555 28th St., S.E., 940-4000.

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LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - Do you wish to earn money working part-time for senior year expenses? Lowell Medical Care Center is interested in training you to become a Nurses Assistant/Orderly. Your hours of work would be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and you will be paid \$5.33 per hour. You would be expected to work 2 to 3 evenings per week (may include weekend evenings). A class will begin Aug. 9. To sign up please contact Jule Tonning, RN or Diane Lewis RN at Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St., Lowell. 897-8473.

FOR RENT - 1 bedroom apartment, furnished, references. Call 897-8117 after 5 p.m.

WANTED TO RENT - 2 bedroom apartment, Lowell area. Beginning in August. Call Lowell Airport 897-5785, leave message with Dean Peterson.

FOR RENT - Alto area. 2 bedroom ranch, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 stall garage. Available Aug. 20. \$500 per month, \$500 deposit. Call 451-0543.

HANGARS FOR RENT - Lowell Airport, one t-hangar; one 48x80 utility hangar with bi-fold door, water, restroom, 16x20 office, heat & air conditioning. Contact David Pasquale, Lowell City Hall, 897-8457, Mon.-Fri. 8-5.

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YARD SALE - 1800 W. Main, Lot 83. lots of baby items, bar stools, desk, other misc. items. July 29 & 30, 7-5.

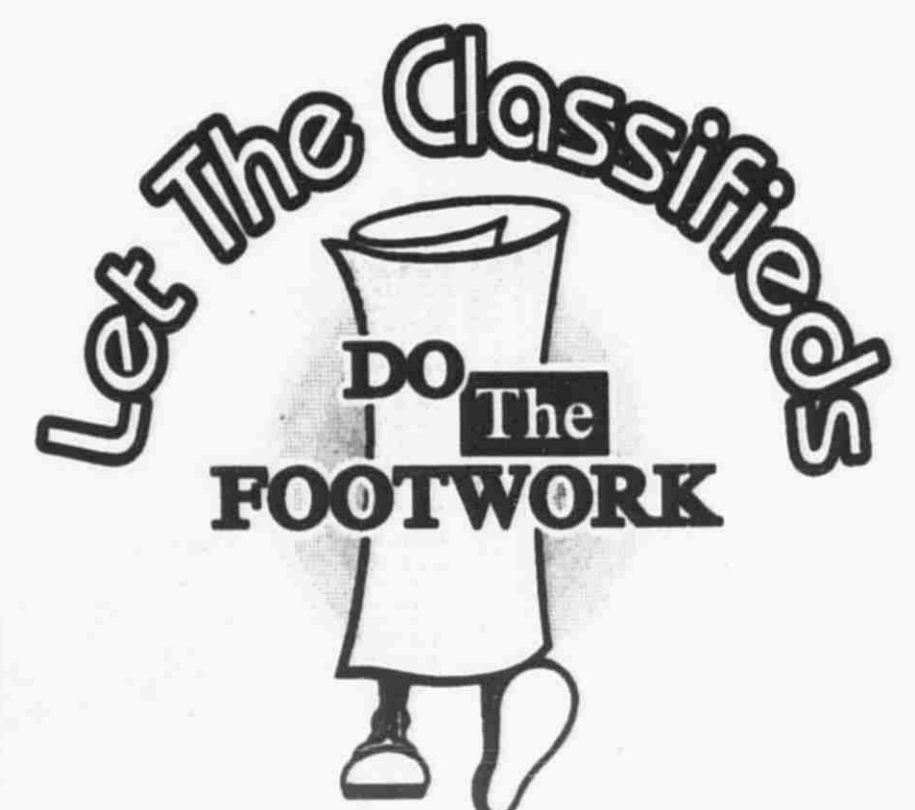
MOVING - MUST SELL - Whirlpool washer & dryer, electric, \$250 for pair; unfinished super-single waterbed, \$50; Apple IIE computer with software, General Ledger, Time & Billing, Writer II, Extended Text Card, Business Forms, Processor, etc., \$500. 897-0259.

Thankyou

WE WANT TO THANK - The people, who supported us with their newspaper articles, letters, calls & radio concerning our dogs, especially Grand Rapids, Ada & Lowell. We have our 4 dogs, which we knew all along we would. Thank you again.

Very gratefully yours
 John & Lucille Erickson,
 517 Avery, Lowell.

THANK YOU - Arnold & I cannot thank everyone enough for all the prayers, flowers, gifts, food and cards that we have received while I was in the hospital and since I've returned home. The support we received from everyone, especially from our children, is greatly appreciated. We also want to thank Rev. Barry and Rev. Demick for their calls and prayers.
 Evelyn Wittenbach



Tia Trail, second phase, of 2 1/2 yr. Township project

by Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The second phase of the residential development site along West River Dr. was approved by Vergennes Township.

The Tia Trail is the second phase in a two and a half year project by Ron Blain to develop housing in the area.

The trail is a half mile long road which leads to 29 potential housing lots. The first phase, the Sagamore Trail, was completed last year and is also a half mile long and leads to 29 lots.

The 80 acre development site will hold 58, one to two acre lots for ranch, two-story or Cape Cod style homes. Each

home will be designed by individual homeowners and served with cable, electricity and natural gas. Housing prices in the development will range between \$120,000 to \$190,000, depending on the size, style and construction of individual homes.

Blain, a retired real estate agent, has been working on

the projects since he retired two and a half years ago. All of the timber cleared for the building of the roads was done by Blain.

"I only wanted to clear enough timber for the roads, each home will be surrounded by woods," said Blain

He went on to state "it's been very hard work, but the

site will be a quality living environment for the owners as well as the township."

Upon completion of the Sagamore Trail, Blain sold 18 lots. Currently four families are living on those lots, while six more have construction under way. He has sold only a couple of lots on the Tia

Trail and none have closed yet, but he expects to sell more with the completion of the road.

"Getting the road black topped and re-seeded was extremely important because it presents a better access and look to the area," said Blain.

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