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Lowell Area School facilitates job training grant for local business

Through a collaborative effort, Chadalee Farms recipient of \$37,756 grant

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Cooperation and collaboration have brought about the first step in developing a series of school/business partnerships in the Lowell community.

Dick Korb, Director of School and Community and Services, got word Monday that the Michigan Jobs Commission approved a recommendation of the inter-agency subcommittee to award a grant in the amount of \$39,756 to the Lowell Area Schools to support economic jobs training that will result in strengthening the local and state economic base and improve job retention and/or job placement. The Governor's Workforce Commission will appropriate grants totaling \$150 million.

The grant was a collabora-

tive effort on the part of Lowell Area Schools, Lowell Community Education, Kent Intermediate School District and Chadalee Farms.

Chadalee Farms, a worldwide manufacturer, will be able to use the grant to keep its current work force trainees (65) on the cutting edge of technology by expanding its "whole management team concept."

Its goals will include computerization of office procedures, basic skills remediation, collaborative team building and team training for all employees, and machine operation/maintenance training.

"We're doing a lot of team training. A lot of in house stuff. This grant allows us to do more thorough training with team people. It will keep us on the cutting edge of technology," Chadalee



Cooperation between business and school pays dividends for both sides.

Farms President Wendall Christoff said.

Chadalee Farms is currently doing continuous training through community education and in-house training.

"It's a big step which enables us to work together with the school to institute a higher learning and training. The partnership lets the school know the type of people we need," Christoff

said.

Christoff said Chadalee Farms will commit the time to organize and provide salaries and wages in training.

The process calls for the school to provide necessary

resources to support reading and comprehension for the basic skills remediation program.

It will monitor trainee information during training procedure, such as attendance records, performance competency ratings, follow-up questionnaires and competency testing for employees.

There will also be weekly contact between the school and Chadalee Farms' company comptroller, Lori Puff, to coordinate delivery times, training sites and locations, and make changes and provide updates.

KISD's Sandra Lancaster will be the fiscal and monetary agent.

The first payment of the award will be made within 30 days, based upon the approved budget and the number of trainees, as approved by the

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Township residents seek professional advice in wetland situation with Kent County Airport

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

In response to the Kent County Aeronautics Board's need for land in the relocation of wetlands, Mike Anderson hired Resource Management Group Inc. to answer residents questions about the wetland mitigation situation.

Anderson is among four other Lowell residents who have been approached by the airport in regards to acquiring their property. Anderson, 5337 Segwun Ave., owns 80 acres needed by the airport. The other residents include Carol Wieland, 5640 Pratt Lake, who owns 158 acres, Sheryl Rittenger, 5675 Segwun Ave owns 80 acres and James and Norma Peterson, 12605 60th St. who own two

acres.

The Kent County Aeronautics Board has decided to acquire 240 acres of Lowell property for the relocation of wetlands. The relocation comes because the aeronautics board will destroy wetlands in order to construct new runways.

Currently the airport is extending its north parallel runway from 3,900 feet to 5,000 feet. In the process it's destroying about three acres of existing wetlands. The airport also hopes to build a new 8,500 foot north-south runway. The new runway would create the need to replace an additional 68 acres.

Under Department of Natural Resources guidelines, the destruction of one acre of wetlands must be replaced by one-and-a-half acres within

two years.

Residents are wondering why the aeronautics board needs to relocate the wetlands in Lowell and not in another township. The response from Resource Management is favorable to the residents.

According to Resource Management, the aeronautics board has not shown any reason why the wetlands must be relocated nine miles from the current site, why it chose to jump watershed districts, and why it needs 240 acres at this time.

RMG is an environmental planning and consulting firm that has dealt with the DNR in wetland mitigation studies. The firm has extensive experience in permitting wetland mitigation projects in the state of Michigan.

RMG states that under the

Goemaere-Anderson Wetland Protection Act (P.A. 203 of 1979), the airport has not demonstrated that the relocation of wetlands to Lowell falls in line with standards of P.A. 203.

In RMG's opinion, the airport's study does not provide enough information that the wetland mitigation must occur nine miles from the project site under rule five of the P.A. 203 Administrative Rules.

Rule Five also requires wetland mitigation be located "...within the same watershed and municipality as the location of the proposed project." RMG believes relocating the wetlands from the Thornapple River watershed to the Coldwater River watershed does not fall in line within the DNR's legislative intent or historical administration of the statute.

RMG states that the intent of the statute was to require wetland mitigation be located as close to the project as is practicable. If the statute did not require this use of major watersheds would allow

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Year in Review '93

DDA development, education finance reform and the construction of new high school highlight a busy year

JANUARY 6, 1993

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale recommends that \$22,733 of the Community Block Grant program be allocated toward the restoration of the Graham Building's second floor. He also recommended that \$15,000 from the City Block Grant be allocated toward the updating of the Master Plan.

Lowell Township waits for a check from the Lowell School District so it can begin construction of the new water and sewer lines for the new high school. The cost

for the water line and tower was \$1.7 million, and the cost of the sewer was \$534,000.

Melissa Peterson, Chad DeRuischer, Micah Skidmore, Chuck Mesler and Alison Kelly were named LHS January students-of-the-month.

The Lowell City Council and the Lowell Planning Commission identify the need for the "Plan for Planning" program. It would identify a recommended course of action that could be taken by the city to improve its community planning and zoning program, and place the city in a more pro-active position where it can actively shape

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City fathers look ahead to '94, pg. 13

Justice served in Timpson trial, pg. 17

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Christmas

OBITUARIES

KINSEY-HAIGHT - Holly Marie Kinsey-Haight, aged 2 days, of Alto, darling infant daughter of Roger and Kelleigh Kinsey, passed away Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993. Surviving besides her parents are her grandparents, Bill and Jean Kinsey of Alto; David and Christine Jones of Kentwood, Robert and Melissa Haight of Grand Rapids; her aunt, Kristen; her uncles, Jon, Andy, Joshua, and Spencer. The funeral service was held Monday, Fr. Mark Bauer officiating. Interment Blytheheld Memory Gardens.

MC WHINNEY - Sandra McWhinney, aged 52, of Lowell, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993. She is survived by her children, Genevieve McWhinney and Robert McWhinney, both of Lowell, David McWhinney of Saranac; her mother, Genevieve DeVries of Lowell; brother, George DeVries of Spring Lake; finance David Kilbourn; and granddaughter, Charlie Ray Hathaway. Memorial Funeral Services will be Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

RODRIGUEZ - Jared Michael (De Gennaro)

Rodriguez, aged 2, precious son of Senez Rodriguez and Terry De Gennaro died December 16, 1993. He is also survived by his brother Chaz Rodriguez; his grandparents, Senez (Sonia) Rodriguez of Grand Rapids, Judy Rodriguez of Battle Creek, and James (Diana) White; his great-grandparents, Mary De Gennaro, all of Kentwood, Elois Riggs of Lowell, Virgil (Sirena) White of Holland, Beato (Adelina) Rodriguez and Lydia (Ulises) Lisboa, all of Puerto Rico; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral Services were held Monday, Pastor Henry Perez officiating. Jared's family requests memorial contributions to Children's Miracle Network c/o Butterworth Hospital, 100 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

WHITE - Nellie White, aged 69, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1993. She is survived by her children, John and Sandra Merritt, Lowell, Louise and Reg Goertz, Fruitport, Anna Lyn and Gerald Messner, Sarasota, FL; brother, Leo Poirier; sister, Veronica Lal. one, both of Bay City; 12 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel.

Byrne Electrical Specialists supports child care

Byrne Electrical Specialists of Rockford was among the Michigan businesses and organizations recognized recently by state lawmakers for providing employer-supported child-care options.

Designed by the House Republican Task Force on Child Care, the Michigan Child Care Challenge highlights employers who have responded to their employees' child-care needs. Byrne was named an "outstanding achiever" in the Grandparent category--which honors companies who have been pioneers in offering employee child-care benefits.

State Rep. Lyn Bankes, who chairs the task force, said more than 275 companies have been recognized since the competition began in 1989. The awards single out employers who have taken the "child-care challenge" in Michigan. Applications were received from businesses, local units of government, universities, hospitals and other organizations.

"Companies like Byrne have paved the way," said Bankes, R-Livonia. "We hope the success of these pacesetters will encourage others to establish programs. A generation of families could benefit from such commitment."

Byrne, a previous winner,



Rosemary Byrne, vice president of Byrne Electrical Specialists, accepts 1993 Michigan Child Care Challenge honors during a recent Lansing ceremony. The Rockford company was named an outstanding achiever in the Grandparent category, which honors businesses that have been pioneers in offering employee child-care benefits.

Byrne, center, received the award from Rep. Jack Horton, R-Belmont. Also attending the event was Kathy Scudder, left, director of Wee Folk Rockford Child Care Center.

recently opened a computer center in its on-site facility for pre-school children. The company also offers a direct subsidy to the facility, flexible benefits, sick child care, paid time off and flex time and a pre-tax dependent care account.

"Many individuals have come to admire Byrne in recent years. In every category, the company has one of the best child care programs in the state," said Rep. Jack Horton, R-Belmont.

The 1993 Challenge sought

nominations in five categories. The Olin Corp., a national company with a plant in Livonia, has donated funds again this year to promote the Child Care Challenge.

Judges for the 1993 event were Judy Miller, Michigan business ombudsman; Donald Freidrichs, former Wayne

County 4C board member; Wendell Gay, plant manager, Olin Corp.; Ellen Kossek, assistant professor, Michigan State University School of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Paul Shaheen, executive director, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health.

COLLEGE NEWS

Some 2,000 University of Michigan students on the Ann Arbor campus expect their degrees this winter. The University's winter commencement ceremony was held Dec. 12.

Degree candidates from the Ada area are Ann Newberger,

Bachelor of Science; Nancy Jean Pommer, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Colleen Renee Reynolds, Master of Social Work; and Nicholas B. Winiewicz, Bachelor of Science in Engineering in Mechanical Engineering.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27 in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 31 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable Vision will be closed on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24 in observance of Christmas and Thursday, December 30 and Friday, December 31 in observance of the New Year holiday.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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 Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

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 E., Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M #372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement. Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kezik Sportsmen's Club - meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Support One, 7:30 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.
EVERY WED.: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our

children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

1ST WEDNESDAY: Men's breakfast at Lowell Senior Center, 314 S. Hudson St. Call 897-5949 for reservations.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers 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. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY THURS - 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Johnson, 3550 Alden Nash S.E. Moms In Touch International. Mothers meeting to pray for their children and schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops M, 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 Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W.

Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: New hours at the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park."

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montclair Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

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

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038

EVERY TUES.: Ladies "Coffee Break Bible Study"

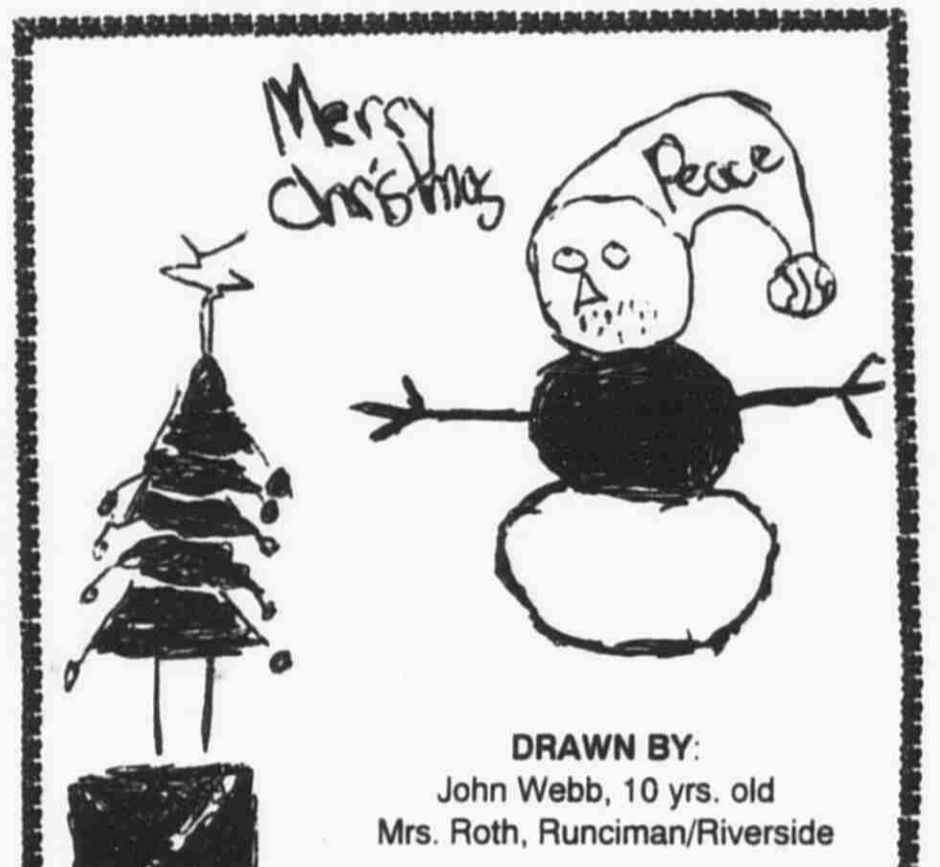
and children's "Bible Story Hour" from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at Calvary Christian

Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main. Nursery free. For information call 897-6462.

Weekly Activities
MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers.
TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers.
WED.: 1 p.m. Shopping assistance.
WED.: 1 p.m. Bowling.

Special Events
TUES., DEC. 21: 1 p.m. Christmas party at Center.
THURS., DEC. 23: Center closed.
FRI., DEC. 24: Center closed.

THURS.: 9:30 a.m. Bingo.
THURS.: 1 p.m. Euchre.
FRI.: 8 a.m. Walkers.
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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Therefore they ... went every where preaching the word (Acts 8:4)

"Why" is such a little word, but have you realized how much time we waste using it? "Why did it happen to me?" "Why am I afflicted?" "Why am I persecuted?" "Why?" "Why?"

If any people ever had cause to wonder about their sufferings, it was the early Christians. Yet, they turned their question marks into victories. Present-day Christians can, too.

"Heavenly Father, I do not understand the 'why' of my trial. But You know. You

have a reason for allowing me this perplexing experience. Therefore, I can only pray, Your will be done."

"You can remove this, if it is Your will. All things are possible with You. However, if it is not Your will to remove it, I will continue to love You regardless. I will make the best of my affliction. I will strive to be victorious in spite of it. And I will accept it joyfully, knowing You will supply all my need."

It is the Christian's privilege to cash in on God's promises, rely on His eternal riches, and be the recipient of His abundant grace instead of wasting precious time asking, "Why did it happen to me?"

Prayer: O Lord, Thou art all I need. Thy promises are sure. Thy riches are eternal. In Thee I find abundant grace. With Thy help I am determined to turn my question marks into victories. Amen.

Best, though my plans be all upset; Best, though the way be rough; Best, though my earthly store be scant; In Thee I have enough.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

FILE NO. 93-157,-255-IE

Estate of FRANK KOTZMANN, Deceased SSN: 365-01-2134

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 11393 Dorothy, Lowell, Michigan 49331 died August 7, 1993. An instrument dated August 1, 1984 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, DOROTHY J. EVEARITT, 521 Adaway, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

RICHARD J. HEATH Attorney-At-Law (P-26243) 4059 Division, SW Grand Rapids, MI 49548 (616) 538-4242

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City of Lowell says "goodbye" to a friendly face of 14 years



After 14 years as city receptionist/ clerk, Wendy DeNolf retired.

By Thad Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Those words were still being heard Monday. However, the voice that many had come to rely on was missing. Wendy DeNolf served 14

"Good afternoon, City Hall."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 23: Charles Reintges, Norma Stevens, Marian Krebs, Inez Irby.
- Dec. 24: Tammy Chamberlain, Neal Andrews, Jeffrey Pfalter, Les Sherman, Larry Stahl, Sheila Fritz, Philip Schneider, Jr., Beth Sharp, Marc Briggs.
- Dec. 25: Myrt Jacobson, Jo Meyers, Karen Durkee, Star Daverman, Ruth Frasier, James A. Ponchaud, Peggy Hayes.
- Dec. 26: Joan Kwant, Stephanie Newell, Margaret Gasper, Brandy Wingeier, John F. Kwant, Butch Landman.
- Dec. 27: Royal Clark, Roger Reed, Shannon Frasier, Linda Aksamitowski, Lucy Miller.
- Dec. 28: Jeff Durkee, Greg Durkee, Ashley Black, RoseAnne Ritzema, Lisa Stormanz, Wes Keim, Mark Vandenhout, Matt Francisco.
- Dec. 29: Joseph Johnson.

years as the city of Lowell's receptionist/ clerk before deciding it was time to move on to new challenges.

DeNolf started working in the city offices in 1979. She was a part-time worker at Amway looking for a full-time job. "I was walking along Main Street here in Lowell checking businesses for a full-time job," DeNolf said. "I walked into City Hall and the following week I had a job. The girl who had been working here had to leave quickly."

DeNolf's voice will not grow silent. It will be heard again at the new public museum in Grand Rapids. Beginning in 1994, she will serve as a tour guide.

DeNolf and her husband Bob will also continue their involvement in Elderhostels. "We enjoy them immensely. We've attended Elderhostels in Toledo, Washington, Quebec and at Greenfield Village.

The receptionist/ clerk is living proof that education doesn't stop after high school or college. She is also enrolled in courses at Emiritus sponsored by Aquinas College. The courses are for people 50 years of age and older.

The changes DeNolf has made in her life are matched only by the changes she has witnessed in the city over the past 14 years.

"The whole west end has changed," DeNolf said. "I think the new park (Stoney-Lakeside) is just a joy. I love to take my grandchildren there. Lowell is fortunate to have such nice parks."

DeNolf hopes that a new library is in Lowell's future: a place where she can seek out history, biography and James Mitchner books.

"I'm going to miss all the people I've worked with at City Hall. They've all been terrific," DeNolf said.

Mushrooms scramble up in a night, but diamonds, you know, lie a long while ripening in the bed.

—Charles Lamb

Viewpoint

Thad's Thoughts

The top three grossing entertainment acts in 1993 were...

- #1. The Grateful Dead.
- #2. Paul McCartney.
- #3. Heidi Fleis (Spelling?).

It's just a stupid joke which I've stolen from David Letterman. Nonetheless it still brings a holiday smile to my face the morning after.

A few weeks ago Barbara Walters had a show naming her 12 most interesting people in 1993. Newsweek or Time came out with a list of the 10 most influential people in 1993, so why

not make it a hat-trick with Thad Kraus/ Lowell Ledger's most happening "Lowell Lives" of 1993. Note: These are not in any order of importance or significance.

1. Dick Posthumus and his fellow legislators in Lansing for keeping us all guessing as to where the next buck for education is coming from.
2. The Lowell School Administration for being the official news source of the Lowell Ledger. Hey, without them I may not have had a job.
3. Daryl Kuiper (Vennen - Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and Jeep) if he's interesting enough to make "page two" of the Paul Harvey report, how can I leave him off the Lowell Life list? Kuiper was mentioned for a program he initiated encouraging taxpayers to write their senators and congressmen to cut spending before raising taxes.
4. Ray Quada for being named Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's "Person of the Year." However, the kicker was here's a man that walks around with the tag "President of the Lowell School Board."
5. Shannon Bennett for being the most visible and active Showboat Queen in a long time. Her visibility not only

included parades, but also pulling weeds in an effort to clean up the Showboat amphitheatre.

6. Jeanne Shores for becoming the first woman council member since 1967. She received the highest number of votes in the November election with 427.
 7. Jim Reagan for spearheading the development of the Downtown Development Authority. If the funds are not cut, the downtown area will forever be in his debt.
 8. To his father, Robert Reagan, and his 40 years as a professional here in Lowell. Many people don't know this, but Dr. Reagan wears dentures!!!
 9. Lowell grad, William McPherson, who was named President of Michigan State University.
 10. David Hildenbrand and Randy Grieser, the Lowell FFA Chapter, for being named president and vice president of the Michigan Association of the FFA.
- You may wonder what criteria I used to select these 10. Simple, they are the first 10 that came to mind.
- In the immortal words of David Hartman, "Go out and make it" the Merriest of Christmases.

ited there. Buffalo Bill Cody is running for governor of Nebraska on the Republican ticket.

Cunningham Bros. of Saginaw is in town to clean privy vaults. Some are pretty obnoxious. The Straits of Mackinac are practically closed and several vessels are frozen in. Christmas Exercises will be held at the Fallsburg School on Christmas night. Everyone is invited.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - Dec. 19, 1918 A quarantine for the Spanish influenza means that nothing may come out of the quarantined house: no mail, money, dish, person, etc. Lowell's cases are down to five. The epidemic is increasing in other areas.

There's a lot of sentiment for jailing persons who opposed the war or said anything complimentary about Germany. The editor wants to deport everybody who did those things.

A family of seven can live on \$1,150 a year. The War Department decides that soldiers may keep their uniforms instead of turning them in when discharged.

Farmers are urged to cut and sell cordwood this winter as coal will still be in short supply.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - DEC. 23, 1943

by Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - DEC. 20, 1893 A bridge under construction over the Ohio River at Louisville collapses in a high wind. A bill is passed in the House for Utah to be admitted to statehood, provided that polygamy is forever prohibited there.

KEEP MICHIGAN A SAFE WINTER WONDERLAND

By: Dick Posthumus

As we anticipate the snow covered terrain of Michigan this winter, no doubt our minds wander to thoughts of winter activities. Skiing, snowmobiling and other pursuits make our state a joy during the winter months.

Michigan citizens are no strangers to snowmobiling, especially. With approximately 200,000 registered snowmobiles and another 100,000 out-of-state snowmobilers visiting every year, our state tops the nation in this winter sport. We are quite aware of the excitement the sport promises. We are also well aware of the potential dangers.

The more than 5,000 miles of trails throughout the state have created a snowmobiler's haven. But the conditions of these trails can be hazardous. Snowmobiles often reach speeds of more than 100 mph. Combined with poorly groomed trails, curves, trees and other obstacles, machines reaching such speeds can be extremely dangerous. When you add alcohol to that mixture, they can be downright deadly.

Last season, 32 people were killed in snowmobile accidents. One person has already died this year in a snowmobile-related accident. Of the total number of accidents, an estimated 80 percent involved alcohol. Many snowmobilers consider drinking a necessary part of their routine. A common saying among enthusiasts, "it's not the throttle, it's the bottle," is evidence of the issue.

As the popularity of the sport rises throughout the state, we must consider what we can do to reduce the number of snowmobile fatalities, especially those resulting from driving

under the influence. As a method of addressing the issue, I strongly support the proposed legislation dealing with snowmobile safety.

Senate Bill 938, recently passed by the Senate, is an example of the steps we can take to assure safer snowmobiles in Michigan. Passing the Senate with strong bi-partisan support, the bill is now awaiting approval from the House of Representatives.

In addition to establishing the sale of trail passes—with 90 percent of the revenue slated for trail improvement, expansion and maintenance—the bill addresses the problem of snowmobile accidents. SB 938 would provide for the adoption of current motor vehicle standards for drunken driving penalties, mandate a safety and education program for those under 18 or convicted of at least one drunken driving offense and require individuals selling or leasing snowmobiles to distribute a safety checklist. Snowmobilers convicted of drunken driving would be subject to fines and jail time, and would also be required to participate in the safety program and community service related to snowmobiling. These are definitely steps in the right direction.

I also feel strongly about legislation that would require snowmobiling be included in the state's long-term tourism plans. Senate Bill 939, which passes the Senate unanimously and is on its way to the House, would formally recognize snowmobiling as an important part of the state's economy and future. By increasing the popularity of snowmobiling in Michigan and attracting more tourists from other states, SB 939 would bring more resources and recognition to this and other winter recreational activities.

Snowmobiling is an enjoyable and integral part of winter for many individuals throughout the state. With such a high number of snowmobile-related deaths in Michigan last year and this year's count already begun; it is imperative that we address this problem. Those of us who have experienced the loss of a loved one know how painful it can be. We now have a chance to reduce the number of these unnecessary losses. With increased awareness, tougher penalties for drunken driving and more funding for trail improvement and maintenance, we could see less fatalities this year and for years into the future. If we can put an end to even a percentage of these losses, we should not hesitate to act.

strongly recommend it to our adult female population. The American Cancer Society currently recommends a baseline mammogram in all females at age 35, followed by biannual mammograms at age 40, then annual exams after age 50.

Low dose mammography can spot breast tumors when they're most easily cured, and therein lies its greatest advantage. It also has the ability to detect masses before they are even able to be felt by the woman's self-examining fingers. Why do mammograms involve (for some women) so much discomfort? Experts in mammography feel that some discomfort is necessary to get a clear x-ray image of the breast. So, if not much compression of the breast is done at the time of mammography, the study may actually be an inferior one. Premenopausal women can minimize discomfort by getting their mammograms five to seven days after the start of their period when their breasts are least tender.

In summary, we believe that any radiation exposure, fear, or discomfort during mammography is far outweighed by its potential benefit of early cancer detection.

Health

With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong

MAMMOGRAPHY

No woman actually looks forward to getting a mammogram, which involves compressing the breasts between a couple of cold plates under 25 to 40 pounds of pressure. But, in spite of the fear and discomfort associated with this procedure, we

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thomapple River Dr 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour 11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV, Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre Pastor Eleanor Martin Director of Education Roger MacNaughton Director of Music Barrier-Free Nursery Provided</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities 10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship 9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass 5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN CHURCH Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlement • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed. 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study 7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8900 Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry 7:00 P.M. Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

During the past few Lowell School Board meetings, I have listened to four people who call themselves "Citizens for Quality Education." While I respect their right to express opinions and ask questions, I am appalled at their methods and actions. They show a complete lack of respect for the board and ignore the protocol for addressing its members. They speak out of turn and continually interrupt proceedings.

It is unfortunate that this group feels they must try to destroy the Lowell School District with nit-picky half-truths, distorted facts and personal vendettas. I am curious why this group chooses to use its energy and knowledge in such a negative fashion rather than being a positive force for change.

I implore anyone interested in becoming part of this group to ask some serious questions: "What is the objective and motive in forming the Citizens for Quality Education and who is the force behind this group?"

Susan Burt

Dear Editor:

I, as you know, was one of the parents to speak during the December school board meeting. There were many questions asked of the Board on that evening by members of Citizens for Quality Education. While looking at the Lowell Area School's general ledger, Mr. and Dr. Eshragh found over \$150,000 in, at the very least, questionable expenditures by Francis Esch and Gary Kemp.

Although I am not a member of this very capable group of citizens, I do applaud their efforts and progress.

Linda Beers was the final person to be recognized to speak that evening. She praised the Board of Education for doing the best they could with a very difficult job. That is fine. I appreciate, as well, the very difficult position the school board is in. I did not, however, appreciate the attack Mrs. Beers leveled, amidst objections by board member Norm Byrne, against the parents who spoke prior to her during the meetings. Since Mrs. Beers left the meeting early and I could not address her accusations there, I have chosen this public forum to respond.

Linda Beers said that we are "shooting at mice while the elephants are stampeding", and that we "should think of the best interest of the kids."

Well, Mrs. Beers, it was *not* in the best interest of my kids or any of the children in this district to go to a five-hour school day. What would have prevented it? *Money*.

It was *not* in the best interest of my kindergarten to go without music or her first Christmas program. What would have eliminated the problem? *Money*.

It was *not* in the best interest of my fifth-grade son to have physical education abolished. The remedy? *MONEY*.

It is *not* in the best interest of my seventh-grade daughter to have gone through her first year of band and have it pulled from her this year. The answer? *Money*.

My freshman daughter was forced to make the decision between a college prep credit or band. *Money* would have made this decision unnecessary.

There are not enough text books, not enough teachers or counselors, barely any computers, and our children are sometimes walking a mile to a bus stop. *Money* would solve everything.

Again, in just a few short weeks, Citizens for Quality Education has found over \$150,000 in waste. What else will they find? Mrs. Beers, how dare you make an accu-

sation that this group or any of the parents in the meeting that evening are not making children a priority?

It looks as if there are many mice to shoot at to stop the elephants from stampeding.

Thank you, Shawn and Winnie! Sometimes the devil lies in the details.

Debra Anchors
V.O.I.D.

Dear Editor:

I would like to publicly thank Shawn and Dr. Winnie Eshragh and the Citizens for Quality Education group. What an eye opener the Monday night (Dec. 13) school board meeting was!

To think that we have let Dr. Esch and his henchmen throw our money away! For example, \$48,000.00 in penalties to the IRS for late payments.

We must get behind the Eshragh's and the Citizens for Quality Education group and let them know we appreciate their time and energy in bringing these facts to light.

I also think Dr. Fritz Esch should be relieved of his job as administrator of the Lowell Area School System. I would not say that he has performed too well!

Bertha B. Brown

Dear Editor:

My mother's heart stopped shortly after 5:00 on December 1st. I called 911, and after

hanging up, it was less than two minutes when the police pulled into the driveway. A very few minutes later, the ambulance and paramedics were also there. Their combined efforts, dedication and professionalism, and John Muha's kindness to me are something I won't forget.

Whether it is our police officers, fire or ambulance/rescue personnel, they deserve our attention and respect for the work they do. Unless we have had a need for one of Lowell's emergency services, I doubt most people have any idea how very lucky we are to have them.

Riding in the ambulance was a real eye-opener. Back when I learned to drive, one of the things taught was that when you hear sirens or see the flashing emergency lights, you pull over and get out of the way. I can't help but wonder when so many drivers became immune to the sight and/or sounds of emergency vehicles. Or are they simply deaf, dumb and blind?

Before we could even turn right onto Main Street, we had to wait for four cars to run through the red light. Typical of that corner, unfortunately. During those 14 miles to the hospital, I lost count of how many times we had to drop down to 40-45 mph, or less, waiting for people to pull over and let us through; some just plain didn't...costing even more seconds-seconds which

quickly add up to minutes.

People might keep in mind, that if you see flashing lights or just hear a siren, the folks riding in these emergency vehicles are not simply out for a joy ride. The time you take while deciding whether to pull over or not, can add up to critical minutes when a life hangs in the balance. Consider how many minutes you would be willing to lose, if that life were yours.

Rosalie Lewis

Dear Editor:

Recently we at Lowell Cable TV undertook a major job of realigning our cable channels and replacing negative traps with positive traps. In doing this work, we used the services of all non-office personnel from Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable TV and for several days, augmented our staff with five contractor employees. In my opinion, our employees performed admirably and went beyond the call of duty to resolve problems as they were identified to us. I would also point out that several announcements were made which presented the reasons why this work was required to be done.

I am absolutely amazed at the number of impolite (this is a nice way of expressing these) calls we have received from our subscribers. The girls in the office have been

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LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David

GIVING GIFTS CAN BENEFIT BOTH THE DONOR AND THE DONEE

DEAR JONATHAN: My husband and I would like to begin a gift giving program for our children and our grandchildren. We have a sizeable estate and we decided that it makes no sense for them to wait until we die to start enjoying their inheritance. How much can we give per year without gift tax consequences and how do we get started?

JONATHAN SAYS: Under current law, an individual is entitled to give up to \$10,000 per year per individual without incurring a gift tax. This is the annual gift tax exclusion amount. Together, you and your husband would be able to gift up to \$20,000 per year per individual without incurring any gift tax. Any gifts over that amount to one individual during the course of a year will be deemed a taxable gift which will require the filing of a gift tax return.

You did not tell me how many children and grandchildren you have, but let's say you have four children who are all married and a total of ten grandchildren. If you and your husband were to make the maximum gift allowable to each individual this year, then you would be able to gift a total of \$20,000 to each of 18 people for a total of \$360,000. That would be a significant reduction in the size of your estate at no tax cost to you.

Instead of making outright gifts to a grandchild, you may want to consider setting up a minor's trust on his or her behalf. This is an irrevocable trust which is designed to receive your gift on behalf of the grandchild and manage that gift on the grandchild's behalf while he or she is growing up. As long as the income and principal may be expended on behalf of the grandchild at any time prior to the time that grandchild reaches

age 21, then your gift will qualify for the annual gift tax exclusion.

At the time the grandchild reaches the age of 21, he or she has the right to all unexpended income and principal being held on his or her behalf by the trust. However, the trust may provide that in the event the grandchild does not demand payment at that time of the entire amount being held in trust on his or her behalf, then the trust may continue past the age of 21 and those assets can continue to be managed on the grandchild's behalf until a later date.

Before entering into this type of trust or any type of gift giving program, you should consult with your professional advisors, including an estate planning attorney. They will help you decide whether a gift giving program is in you and your husband's best interests, and in your children's and your grandchildren's best interests. Also, they can make sure that you avoid or at least minimize gift taxes to the greatest extent possible.

DEAR JONATHAN: My mother, a widow, recently passed away. Fortunately, she had the foresight to arrange her estate so that there was nothing to probate upon her death. I never bothered to contact an attorney because I did not see the point in spending any money to have him tell me there was nothing that we had to do. However, a friend recently told me that even though the probate est -t -

JONATHAN SAYS: You didn't indicate the date of your mother's death, but if she died prior to October 1, 1993, then you are going to have to prepare and file a Michigan Inheritance Tax return and yes there may be some inheritance taxes due and owing. If your mother died on or after October 1, 1993, then you will not need to worry about the Michigan Inheritance Tax because as of that date that law was replaced with the new Michigan Estate Tax law. Under the new law, in most cases estates of \$600,000 or less will not be liable for any Michigan estate tax upon the decedent's death. However, a "Certificate of No Michigan Estate Tax Liability" form will have to be filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

If your mother died prior to October 1, 1993, then some Michigan Inheritance Tax may be due and owing and there are very strict time constraints for the payment of the tax and the filing of the return which you need to follow. First of all, within 105 days of your mother's death, you will need to file a Michigan Inheritance Tax return and pay the inheritance tax due and owing. If you are unable to get the return filed within

that period of time, you can file for an extension, but you still must pay the inheritance tax due at that time. If you fail to pay the tax when due, there are penalties and interest which accrue.

You did not indicate the size of your mother's estate or the beneficiaries of her estate. Generally speaking, if her only beneficiaries are her children, and if each child's share is \$15,000 or less, then there will be no inheritance tax due and owing. However, if any beneficiaries share is over \$15,000, this will trigger inheritance tax which will need to be paid.

Even if there is no inheritance tax liability, the Michigan Inheritance Tax return still needs to be filed with the Department of Treasury.

You should consult with an attorney immediately to determine which law your mother's estate falls under and then proceed accordingly. Also, when you meet with that attorney, he or she can review all of the assets which comprised your mother's estate to make sure that no probate is necessary.

Finally, if your mother left a last will and testament, that will is required to be filed with the Probate Court in the county where your mother resided even if there is no probate proceeding required.

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treated very rudely, having to listen to mean, crude comments about someone's cable TV problem. In some cases they have been subjected to people swearing at them which is intolerable. They are the people who are relaying a problem from you, the subscriber, to the technician who is assigned to correct the problem. They do not deserve, nor will we allow them to be treated with such disrespect and total lack of understanding. I'd suggest that everyone consider the advantages of having a locally owned, non-profit Cable TV system available to us. I'd also ask that you

exercise patience and the proper degree of consideration when dealing with us on your cable problems. Everything possible will be done to correct problems you identify to us, and if a problem cannot be resolved, you will be notified.

Our office workers are competent, hardworking, dedicated employees who always try to be as helpful to you as possible. Please improve the way many of you have been treating them, particularly these past several days.

Paul Christman

Superintendent

Lowell Cable TV

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, December 6, 1993. The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Thompson, Fonger and Mayor Maatman. Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by FONGER that the minutes of the November 15, 1993 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the November 18, 1993 special meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/06/93)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 47,831.75
MAJOR STREET FUND	410.35
LOCAL STREET FUND	91.05
AIRPORT FUND	5,561.00
D.D.A. FUND	986.00
SEWER FUND	23,902.65
WATER FUND	9,484.44
EQUIPMENT FUND	123.40
DATA PROCESSING FUND	51.95
CURRENT TAX FUND	7,441.52

Item #1. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO ESTABLISH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR WESTSIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II - SET PUBLIC HEARING (1/3). The City Council is proceeding with establishing a special assessment district involving water main improvements on West Main (M-21) west of Ridgeview Drive to the city Limits (north and south sides), Gee Drive and Alden Nash north of Gee. The total cost of the special assessments is estimated to be \$250,000. City Manager Pasquale said the first step will be setting a public hearing for January 3, 1994 to consider the establishment of the special district. Upon approval by council of the resolution, notices would be sent to the respective property owners. Plans and cost estimates will be available prior to the hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to adopt the resolution to consider the establishment of a special assessment district for Westside Water Improvements Phase II Project and to set a public hearing date for January 3, 1994.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING EARLY RETIREMENT WINDOW. Police Chief Barry Emmons has formally requested early retirement from the city. Through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS), the city can adopt an early retirement window program enabling such for those employees who are 50 years old and have 25 years of credited service. Chief Emmons has been employed with the city since October 12, 1969. Pasquale said that in order to qualify for the early retirement program providing 25 years of service (purchasing 10 months through military service), the cost for the chief would be \$1821 and the city \$4689. Pasquale said that the City Council needs to consider the early retirement window program allowing the MERS F50/25 waiver between December 31, 1993 and June 30, 1994. This would be available to all eligible city employees within that time period.

Councilmember Thompson questioned how many other employees fall under the category. City Manager Pasquale responded that one additional employee from the city and one Light and Power employee would be eligible. Councilmember Thompson questioned if a stan-

dard was being set for others wishing consideration of this program. Pasquale said each would be handled on a case by case basis. Furthermore, the window period can only be adopted twice within a five-year period. Councilmember Thompson also inquired how this cost would affect the budget. City Manager Pasquale said there would be salary savings. The new chief may be hired in at a lower pay level. Mayor Maatman questioned Emmons about his proposed plans. Emmons said that pending the sale on his home, he will remain in the area for at least 3 - 4 months. However, Emmons could still be here until June 30, 1994 if his home does not sell.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to adopt the early retirement window program allowing the F50/25 waiver between December 31, 1993 and June 30, 1994 for eligible city employees who are 50 years old and have 25 years of credited service. Furthermore, to allow chief Emmons to purchase ten months of credited service at a cost to the city of \$4689 with funds allocated from the General Fund.
YEA: 5
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. TRAFFIC ENGINEER CONTRACT. City Manager Pasquale said, in the past, the city has utilized Ed Swanson and Associates for traffic engineering studies. He noted that his most prominent projects included the West Main traffic light and the downtown parking study. Pasquale said by having Ed Swanson designated under contract as the city's traffic engineer, it would be advantageous in situations where such expertise is needed. Additionally, it would cut down on the time involved to initiate a project. The city would pay for studies it requests through approval of the City Council. Costs would be provided ahead of any work authorization. Mayor Maatman questioned if the contract would eliminate the competitive aspect of bids for this service. Councilmember Thompson inquired how prices can be compared for traffic studies when a contract is approved without the bidding process. Pasquale said that the contract would allow for more prompt responses to traffic issues such as traffic flow problems. He noted the contract would extend from December, 1993 until January, 1995. If at that time the city is unsatisfied with the contract, the agreement can be severed. Councilmember Hodges asked if Ed Swanson & Associates could be

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utilized for the Bowes Rd/Alden Nash intersection. Pasquale said that project would primarily involve a civil engineer. Traffic engineering should have a limited role. Councilmember Thompson questioned if a project involved a township which had their own traffic engineer. City Manager Pasquale said that issue would have to be addressed at the appropriate time.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to award the traffic engineer contract with Ed Swanson and Associates extending from December, 1993 until January, 1995.

YEA: 3 (Councilmember Green, Hodges and Fonger).
NAY: 2 (Councilmember Thompson and Mayor Maatman)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Maatman questioned how often Swanson & Associates had been utilized. Pasquale said there have been various projects, including a major traffic study in 1989. Most recently, the firm is subcontracted under Design Plus to provide traffic engineering for the Master Plan. Mayor Maatman said the city does not have contracts for other engineering and could not see an advantage designating Ed Swanson under contract.

Item #4. SIDEWALK STATUS REPORT. City Manager Pasquale said the sidewalk committee met on December 2 to determine low priority walk areas. Those areas not placed on the low priority list would be planned for sidewalks divided over a ten-year time frame. Art Gall, Director of Public Works, said the low priority areas were placed on the list for various reasons including topography, cost involved, streets in poor shape and limited usage. Councilmember Thompson felt M-21 west of Family Fare could continue to develop in the next ten years and questioned whether it could be taken off the low priority list.

Councilmember Green felt the sidewalk along the north side of M-21 from Hardee's to Alden Nash is imperative now. Pasquale questioned the council about interest in city participation with the sidewalk program. Councilmember Hodges said he is in favor of a participating program. Councilmember Green inquired where the funds for the sidewalk program would come from and proposed a millage. Pasquale responded there is the Improvement Fund consisting of monies from prior special assessments which could be utilized for sidewalks. He said that

sidewalk committee will meet and review cost estimates given to the council for planning purposes assuming the city pay 25% of the cost. By consensus, the council agreed with the low priority areas listed for sidewalks.

Item #5. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Brad Potter, on behalf of the Flat River Snowmobile Club, requested permission to utilize park area south of Front Street on Division as a parking lot for snowmobile parking. This was approved by the council in previous years.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to allow the Flat River Snowmobile Club to utilize city property south of Front Street on Division as a parking lot.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Jeanne Shores, 315 Spring, questioned the status of the downtown sidewalk project. City Manager Pasquale said that the Downtown Development Authority is awaiting a decision from the state legislature regarding school finance reform. This decision will have an enormous impact on the DDA which has proposed to use tax increment financing for downtown improvements. Without the school operating millage, 65% of the potential tax increment revenue is taken away. Councilmember Hodges added the resurfacing of M-21 is being planned by the State Transportation Department. Pasquale said that repaving M-21 should be coordinated with the downtown improvements by the DDA.

Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson questioned if any accidents had occurred due to the new "stop signs" located at the corner of Riverside and Broadway near the Light and Power Building. Chief Emmons responded there have not been any accidents since the installation of the signs. Councilmember Thompson further mentioned that semi-trucks are continuing to park in the Action Auto parking lot. Emmons responded he is continuing to wait for delivery of the signs indicating that all vehicles will be towed. Councilmember Hodges mentioned that the downtown and residential holiday lights looked great. He added that lineup changes in the cable system will be mailed to

customers on Tuesday, December 7. The channel lineup change has been scheduled for Thursday, December 9.

Item #7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A Master Plan meeting will be held Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. to discuss the citizen survey form with Steve Langworthy of Design Plus. The City Council is invited to attend along with the planning commission.

B. Tom Byle of the Kent County Road Commission had requested to use a part of the Foreman Building for salt storage this winter. The commission will provide their own manpower and equipment, and supply adequate insurance. This will greatly assist the commission in road maintenance when snow arrives. Pasquale said the city and county may purchase salt jointly in the future in order to receive a better price. Councilmember Thompson expressed his concern that in joint ventures with Kent County, the city pays for all costs involved in the end.

C. A letter concerning Sibley St. was presented from Chief Emmons regarding proposals to curb speeding on Sibley St.

D. A letter of resignation was provided by Sgt. Allan Eckman as Advisor of the Law Enforcement Youth Club. Jerry Despres and Ken Hall will now handle the responsibility.

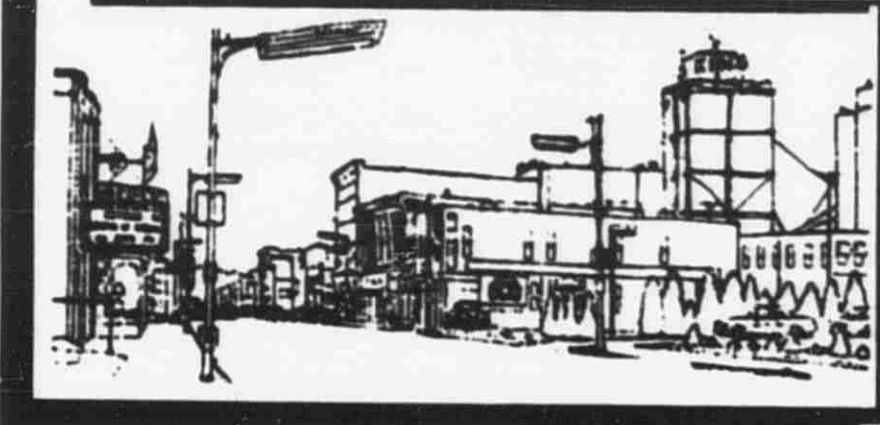
Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman said an individual has expressed interest in serving on the planning commission. Also, Mayor Maatman mentioned that he is having difficulty filling the Airport Board vacancies. He stated his openness to any suggestions for anyone interested. Councilmember Green suggested advertising the position in the newspaper.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Dec. 20, 1993

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

Along Main Street



BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Fire Department will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, Dec. 22 from 3 to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Lowell Fire Station, 319 South Hudson. Anyone who is 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

To schedule an appointment, call Frank at 897-5667. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Ginni Blanchard, Grand Valley Blood Program Mobile Consultant, 776-1863.

LOST AND FOUND

A pair of men's sunglasses with a case were found in the middle school parking lot after the board meeting last Monday night.

To claim, contact at the Lowell Middle School office at 897-9222.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell Area Arts Center will be closed December 26, 27 and 28 and January 2, 3 and 4.

The Gallery reopens Sunday, Jan. 9 with landscapes by Conrad Bakker.

A GALLERY OF GREAT GIFTS

The Lowell Area Arts Council presents a gala Christmas show and sale featuring beautiful handmade gifts from over 50 West Michigan artists.

The show and sale will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. daily until Dec. 24.

YMCA HOLIDAY BUSINESS HOURS

The Lowell YMCA holiday business hours will be as follows: Dec. 24 and Dec. 25, closed; Monday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Dec. 28, 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. to noon; Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, closed.

POST OFFICE EXTENDED HOURS

The Ada Post Office will be extending their hours for the holiday season.

The window will be open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday until 1 p.m. These hours will be in effect through Dec. 23.

POST OFFICE EXTENDS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Lowell Post Office will stay open late on Wednesday nights for the holiday season.

Their holiday hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon. These hours will be in effect through Dec. 22.

LOWELL LIONS CLUB - ODYSSEY PASSBOOKS

The Lowell Lions Club is selling Odyssey Passbooks. Anyone interested in purchasing one, contact any Lions Club member or Bob Ford, 897-7501.

All of the profits from the fund-raiser will go to the Bushnell/Runciman fifth-grade camp fund. Books are \$35 and will be available in the lobby at FMB State Savings Bank from 2:30 until 5 p.m. and at Hahn Hardware through January.

OFF THE BLOTTER

A 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell was involved in a property damage accident on East Main near Division Street Dec. 14 when he struck a car driven by Vernon Mustard, 57, of Coopersville. The juvenile then struck a parked car which in turn was pushed into a second parked vehicle.

Harry Hovis, 40, of Morley, backed the truck he was driving into the side of a vehicle driven by Eileen Hovey, 76, of Lowell, in a parking lot off West Main Street near West Street Dec. 14. No one was injured.

Involved in a minor property damage accident Dec. 15 on Lafayette near Main Street was Joel Eckman, 23, of Lowell, when he attempted to back the vehicle he was driving into a parking space and struck some wooden steps.

Philip Williams, 47, of Belding, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 16 on West Main near Armit when his car was struck from behind by a car driven by 17-year-old Nicole Averill of Lowell. A third vehicle, driven by Rachel Thompson, 27, of Ionia, than struck Averill's vehicle from behind.

Arrested on a warrant Dec. 16 and taken to the Kent County Jail was John Belliel, 23, of Saranac.

Mark Phillips, 27, of Ada, was taken to the Kent County Jail Dec. 17 and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Ashley Black, 20, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 17 when she made too sharp a turn onto Monroe Street from Main Street and struck a vehicle owned by Neal Fonger, 30, of Lowell.

Edward Bignall, 18, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Dec. 10 when he changed lanes on West Main near Valley Vista Drive and struck a pickup truck driven by a 16-year-old juvenile, also from Lowell.

Calisto Puentez, 31, of Gary, IN collided with Sean Strauss, 18, of Lowell on Dec. 8 on Main Street at Valley Vista Drive. No one was injured.

Donna Arit, 72, of Kingsley, MI was involved in an injury accident Dec. 18 on M-21 near Alden Nash when she struck the rear of a car driven by Edwin Williams, 32, of Saranac, who sustained minor injuries.

Involved in a property damage accident Dec. 18 on West Main near Alden Nash was Jared Haskins, 17, of Saranac, when he failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a car driven by 23-year-old Tom Jacobs, also of Saranac.

Arrested on two warrants out of Ionia County Dec. 19 was William Curtis, 20, of Belding.

Lowell LaHaye selected president of MLME

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Marsha LaHaye was selected by the Michigan Life Management Educators (MLME) membership to serve as president for the 1993-94 school year.

Michigan Life Management Educators (MLME) is an all life management teacher education group which promotes its subject area.

MLME was first organized in 1976. It is affiliated with the Michigan Occupational Education Association.

LaHaye has been a member of the association for 13 years.

Life management was formally known as home economics. The name change took place a year ago.

LaHaye took over her responsibilities as president at

the annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the fall conference on Nov. 5.

She was a life management teacher at Lowell High School for 13 years, prior to being laid off at the beginning of the year. LaHaye is one of many teachers scheduled to return

in January when Lowell returns to a six-hour day.

LaHaye has been handling the duties of president since July when she was installed before the board of directors. She has served on the board for the past five years.

and commitment from people like Marsha that organizations like ours are able to survive and grow," said Julie Yelmsna, president-elect of MLME. "I believe it is important that teachers take an active role in organizations that support and promote their curricular area."

Year in Review '93...

its future character and quality of life.

Following Vergennes Township's refusal to allow the city to annex the 27 acre parcel owned by the city at the end of Washington Street, the city announced that it would apply to the State Boundary Commission for annexation approval.

JANUARY 13, 1993

Commemorating the "King's" 58th birthday, the United States Post Office, in response to the encouragement of Elvis fans that it "Don't Be Cruel," put on sale 300 million commemorative Elvis Presley stamps.



The 1992-93 Red Arrow wrestling team earned a district title at Lakewood.

Donald Rocheleau, President of Lowell-based Attwood Corporation, has been appointed to serve on the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) for a three-year term.

Following 19 years of loyal employment, Lowell's Bob Ford purchased Hahn Hardware from its owner, Donna Hahn.

JANUARY 20, 1993

Lowell Township gives its approval on the final draft of the water and sewer agreement with Lowell Schools.

The one-year freeze on property taxes is lifted. Residents prepare to brace themselves for an assessment that will reflect a two-year growth at seven percent a year or 14 percent over two years.

Not knowing what the future holds for state funding, Review, cont'd., pg. 10

Grant, continued...

Michigan Jobs Commission. "This will be a springboard to help in developing an apprenticeship/mentorship program in business and industry not only in K-12 but adult education as well," Korb said.

The director of school and community service spoke of his appreciation for the assistance and help of Marlene Heemstra and Marge Rehl (LCE), Lancaster (KISD), Puff (Chadalec Farms), and Senate Majority leader Dick Posthumus.

"Senator Posthumus helped get this through the proper channels at the state level," Korb said. "This is an example of what cooperation

and collaboration can bring about. It couldn't have been done without all of their assistance."

The grant process was started last year. Lowell Schools submitted four different grants, all of which were turned down.

This year Korb decided to write one at a time instead of all at once. Other grants will be written for Root Lowell and Attwood. Currently one is being written up for Michigan Wire.

Tom Boozer, executive director of ATC said the project is a great example of combining community resources to meet the needs of the customer.

Wetlands, continued

mitigation to be placed almost anywhere, such as using the Grand River or Lake Michigan as a watershed.

In regards to the airport needing 240 acres at the present time for wetland mitigation for future use it is not a normal procedure.

The airport expects to build the new north-south runway within the next year. That new runway would require the relocation of 68 wetland acres. The airport wants to place those acres in Lowell plus save additional acreage for future use. RMG concludes that this practice is not practical because it eliminates the search for a smaller parcel that could supply the necessary 68 acres.

Upon receiving RMG's correspondence, Carol Wieland contacted Dale Rhoades, a lawyer with law firm Rhoades, McKee and Boer, who specializes in environmental issues.

Wieland says she will not hire him until she receives a bid from the airport.

"Right now we can't fight anything because nobody has been notified or received a bid from the airport," said Wieland. "If and when we receive bids and we don't feel it is just, then we will look to hire an attorney."

Bruce Schedlbauer, Marketing and Communications Manager at the Kent County Airport, says



Geographers estimate that there are from 20,000 to more than 30,000 Pacific Islands. Some are no more than tiny piles of rock or sand that barely rise above water.

Our channel line up will be changed on Thursday, December 9, 1993 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon. The new line up is as follows:

<u>Channel</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
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3	WVMT-3	18	C-MAX*
4	WOTV-41	19	FAM
5	WLLA-64	20	TNN*
6	WGVU-35	21	M-TV*
7	WXMI-17	22	LOCAL
8	WOOD-8	23	USA
9	WLNS-6	24	DISCOVERY
10	WILX-10	25	WGN
11	WTLJ-54	26	ESPN
12	WKAR-23	27	CNN
13	WZZM-13	28	HN
14	DISNEY*	29	NICK
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TIME: 6:00-7:00pm
FEES: \$18.00 Y-mem \$28.00 non-mem

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WHERE: Lowell Middle School / High School
WHEN: Jan-3, 10, 24, 31; Feb.-7, 22, 28 -(7-9pm, Middle S.)
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DAY: Mondays
FEE: \$3.00 per person/per visit

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TIME: 10:00 -11:00am until January 21..
9:15-10:15am from Jan. 24 thru June 10
PLACE: United Methodist Church
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Victory escapes Lowell at Northview; Park outguns Arrows

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It took Wyoming Park 13 minutes to find the three-point zone and then just five minutes to turn a one-point deficit

into a 17-point lead.

Shawn Veenstra tallied 19 points in leading the Vikings in a 52-39 O-K White win over Lowell Friday night.

"We're a pretty good shooting team, but we weren't hitting early on. I knew if we kept shooting, sooner or later we'd start hitting our shots," Park coach Kelly McEwen said. "By hitting some shots and getting out in front, we forced Lowell to play some man-to-man defense."

The Red Arrow zone defense helped slow down the Vikings and stake the Red Arrows to a 10-8 first quarter lead.

The two teams traded baskets for most of the second quarter. Trailing by one, 14-13, the Vikings outscored Lowell 14-2 in the final three minutes of the first half.

Park opened the third quarter with an 8-0 run, taking a 35-16 lead and the Vikings never looked back. Lowell cut the lead to 13 twice, at 48-35 and 52-39.

Lowell got a team-high 13 points from Kristian Magro and 10 points from George Ponchaud.

**Northview 58
Lowell 57**

Brad Holtz's desperation 30-foot jump shot came down short and wide right as Lowell lost to Northview, 58-57.

in the final minute for the second time in as many years.

"We've got to get past that hump," said an emotional Lowell coach Phil Beachler. "We had a chance at the end. What more can you ask for?"

Lowell had a couple of chances. Trailing 56-54, the Red Arrows missed a layup (following a steal) with 33 seconds to play.

Two foul shots by Northview extended Northview's lead to 58-54.

Holtz responded with a three-pointer from just left of the key, pulling Lowell to within one at 58-57.

The Wildcats' Travis Chalmers was sent to the line with seven seconds to play. He missed the front end of a one-and-one. Lowell got the rebound but Holtz's shot fell short.

"We've been shooting 47 percent from three-point range, but tonight our shooting was off," Northview coach Mike Diebold said. "Lowell was pretty active in its zone."

The Wildcat coach whose club gave up 101 points to Cedar Springs saw improvement against Lowell. "We improved defensively by 47 points," Diebold laughed.

The Red Arrows led 15-14 at the end of one period and 27-26 at the half. The two clubs were tied at 45-45 after three quarters of play.

"We did the things that we

do best, but Northview hit one more bucket than we did," Beachler said. "We got the ball inside to Magro late but didn't get the call," Beachler said.

Bryan Morrissy led Northview with 15 points. Rich Burchett added 13 points and Ryan Armstrong added 10.

Lowell was led by George Ponchaud with 17 points. Magro and Boersma each added 10 points.

Year in Review

Lowell's School Board was forced to look at an alternative way to finance the delivery of four new busses.

JANUARY 27, 1993

The Lowell Township land-use plan was scrutinized closely by the commission and residents. About 166 citizens appeared at the Lowell Township Hall to discuss amendments made to the land use plan in 1992. Amendments made to the industrial component of the plan had the most citizen concern.

An internal audit of Lowell Schools' payroll records uncovered a number of irregularities in an employee's payroll account.

Lowell insurance veteran, Phil Schneider, discloses that he is selling Speerstra Agency to Dick Bennett of Carr Agency, Inc. in Ionia.

FEBRUARY 3, 1993

Following four years as president of the Lowell Showboat, Gordon Gould stepped down as its leader. Lowell Ledger editor and three-year board member, Thad Kraus was chosen to replace him.

Lowell Township citizens stopped the construction of a new water main on the north side of M-21. The proposed water main would have run from Alden Nash to Cumberland Drive along M-21. The cost of the project was estimated at \$277,000 and would have been paid.

It was announced that road construction will begin on Foreman Road from Alden

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Vergennes Township agrees with new formula; stick with system 1 more year

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After listening to Carl Shook, a member of the Kent County Library Board, explain the new 1994 payment formula for the library system, the Vergennes Township Board voted to remain in the system for one more year.

Vergennes adopted the new formula because it reduced its 1994 payment from \$15,000 to \$11,000. The cost for 1994 is still an increase over last year's \$9,000 payment, but township officials feel the effort put forth by the library board to reduce the payment is enough to rejoin the system.

In his presentation, Shook explained it was the library board's first order of business to restore the library system to

Review, cont'd...

Nash to Gee Drive (an estimated 1.3 miles). The construction was based on a two-year plan with Foreman being ready for blacktopping by the end of this summer and blacktopped in 1994.

Al Towne retired as a volunteer Lowell Fireman after 26 years of service to Lowell area.

FEBRUARY 10, 1993

The Lowell Township Planning Commission approved the recommendation of rezoning land on Alden

Nash near I-96 from agricultural one and two to industrial.

By a vote of 6-1, the Lowell Planning Commission recommended to the Lowell City Council the approval of the Highland Hills Condominium project.

Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said he would be presenting his department's findings to the Kent County Prosecutor for prosecutorial review in regards to a number of irregularities in a Lowell Area School employee's account.

Lowell Cable Television added a new local television advertising channel for its subscribers.

Ryan Graham, Brad Holtz, Tracey Hobbs, Karla Carpenter, Amy Bartlett and Sarah Scoles were named February students-of-the-month.

Lowell Township's Planning Commission approved amendments to its land use plan that designates two specific sites for new light industrial facilities. The commission recommended a 280 acre site on Alden Nash and I-96, and a 110-acre site along

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Scott Swanson

The Lowell 103-pound grappler earned a first at the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational. He then matched that performance on Saturday at the Hemlock Invitational with a 10-1 decision in the championship match to finish the day at 3-0.

George Ponchaud

The senior co-captain tallied a game-high 17 points in Lowell's heartbreaking 58-57 loss to Northview. Ponchaud also was a catalyst for Lowell defensively. Ponchaud netted 10 points in Lowell's 13-point loss to Wyoming Park.

Kortney Gowen

The junior volleyball player led Lowell in service points with 24. She played a key role in its near 90 percent serving. Gowen was also a force at the net on Saturday at the Creston Invitational with 19 blocks. She was second on the team only to Tara Harmon.

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Eshragh's interest lies in better management of district

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

If this were one of those classic old westerns, Shawn Eshragh (Citizens for Quality Education) might have been cast as the villain dressed in black who rides into town to stir up trouble.

Then again, he might have been cast as the white knight who rides into town to save the townfolk from corruption and despair.

Either way Eshragh plays a pivotal part in the development of the plot in this case, the development of education

in Lowell.

Back in August, Eshragh began asking questions of the Lowell School Board and administration. The response he received drew red flags and thus raised some more questions.

He does not want his interest to be construed as someone trying to fragment the community, but instead, as someone who has suggestions as to how the Lowell School District can be managed better and what can be done to insure that 3,300 students are better educated and more competitive in the 21st century.

School Superintendent Fritz Esch says he believes Eshragh has raised some good points, but he questions the tactics Eshragh has used to do so.

"I'm sure the board and administration would like to see me go away," Eshragh said.

After initial investigation and study, Eshragh found alarming details in the internal management of Lowell Schools.

"I didn't go into this expecting to find fraud, but I did find mismanagement," Eshragh said. "I'm not looking

to personally attack anybody, but Citizens for Quality Education would like answers. It's public money and the public should know."

Eshragh is concerned that the school is going to spend \$500,000 to pipe video into classrooms for educational purposes. "Why spend a half-million to do this when a vcr and television can be carted into the classroom at a much less cost," Eshragh said. "In two years we won't even need cables. Basically Lowell is copying Forest Hills' system. Do we want to copy their system?"

The owner of Concept Industries, also questions why the board does not see the management letters from the audit report. He's afraid such policy keeps the board out of the information loop.

The management letter Eshragh refers to, talks about lack of internal control and how it can be improved. Furthermore, he notes that the management letters from 1991 and 1992 say many of the same things, which has Eshragh asking what internal control improvements were made from 1991 to 1992.

Lowell Superintendent

Fritz Esch said management letter suggestions for improvement do not necessarily mean things are being done the wrong way.

He added that neither the board nor anyone else has been denied access to management letters. "We have a finance committee in charge of reviewing the internal issues," Esch said.

Eshragh said he would like to see a school system that rewards teacher excellence and encourages business and community involvement so that the system benefits from a broad base of support and resources that it might otherwise not have.

"Quality education should provide hire-ability skills that produce society members who can compete on a world level," he said.

He also believes that schools of choice and the privatization of non-educational services can help drive the educational system in the areas of quality and accountability.

Is Eshragh interested in running for one of three board seats that will be available over the next six months? No.

Eshragh, cont'd., pg. 13

Johann Sebastian Bach was just the leading light of a great musical family. Almost 80 Bachs are known to have been musicians.

City fathers reflect back and look ahead to 1994

By **Thad Kraus**
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale shared some of the events and accomplishments that made 1993 a busy and most productive year.

Monday night's City Council meeting was the final one for this year.

The list of accomplish-

ments presented by Pasquale included:

* The presentation of the East Riverfront Plan, jointly funded by the city and Lowell Public Schools. It outlined development potentials in the City Hall and Runciman/Riverside area.

* The completion of the northeast booster pump station on Reservoir Hill.

* Beginning development of the fourth edition of Oakwood Cemetery.

* The approval of the Downtown Development Authority and the Tax Incremental Finance Plan.

* Added paving of the Creekside Park parking lot.

* Installation of two utility buildings for existing water wells.

* Adoption of the airport master plan.

* Initiating the sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration project.

* Installed security devices at Stoney-Lakeside Park.

* Installing water mains on High (west of James Street) and Hunt (west of Beech) Streets.

* The selection of Design Plus, Inc. to carry out new Master Plan.

* Approval of a Bowes Road/M-21/Alden Nash engineering study with participation from Lowell and Vergennes Townships.

* Approval of solid waste and recycling contract with Denny's Disposal.

With the exception of Jack

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With the funding up in the air, I wish the west side water improvement program goes well.

Bill Thompson: The booster pump station on Grindle. It was well overdo and a deal was worked out with the school and townships to get it done. I wish for a successful and growing city that remains financially stable.

Dave Pasquale: The DDA and the master plan. I'd like to see the final okay for the downtown improvements.

Betty Morlock (City Clerk): The cemetery and the DDA. I too would like to see the downtown improvements started.

Don Green: The approval of the DDA, although we're not what affect it will have

Year in Review, continued...

M-50 between 52nd and 60th Streets.

FEBRUARY 17, 1993

Lowell's Township Board indicated that the land (at Alden Nash and I-96) will be re-zoned under a light industrial ordinance instead of the P.U.D.

MARCH 3, 1993

Lowell Township said it may be on the verge of dropping out of the Kent County Library system due to tax assessments on the library.

FEBRUARY 24, 1993

After months of delays, the water and sewer project for Lowell's new high school is heading in the right direction. Lowell's Township Board received the needed funds, \$500,000 for each project, from the school board for construction of the water and sewer projects.

Jim Reagan, chairman of

the Downtown Development Authority, acknowledged that it could capture an estimated \$93,400 this year from its district. He added that the monies would be used to revitalize the downtown business district.

MARCH 10, 1993

General manager of Vennen's Daryl Kuiper made page two of Paul Harvey's newscast for his add that encourages taxpayers to write to their senators and congressmen to cut spending before raising taxes.

TV-8's Suzanne Geha was on hand at the Fifth Annual Lowell YMCA Volunteer Recognition Dinner honoring the spirit of volunteers.

Lowell Schools begin preparing a cost-centered analysis as a precautionary measure in light of the threat of school funding being jeopardized by legislation that would reduce property taxes.

The Kent County Bureau of Equalization announces that the freeze on assessments in 1992 has accounted for the high number of board of review appointments scheduled for townships and cities in 1993. The city of Lowell reported that appointments are at their highest, 113.

Lowell High School students-of-the-month are Jenny Jansma, Rebecca Cattanch, Donna Christine Abel, Charla Symmes and Heidi Silvis Bliss.

Following months of labored meetings and discussions, the Lowell School Board adopted board policies on drug free schools and student assistance, administering medications to students at school, and sexual harassment of students.

Lowell senior Heidi Kaeb was honored recently with the Daughters of the American Revolution's "Good Citizen" Award.

A contract review by the DSS showed that the running of the Riverview Residential Treatment Facility's programs and facilities were no longer adequate. The fiscal review showed Riverview charged

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Planning Commission to have new look in '94

By **Marc Popielek**
Contributing Writer

Following the resignation of Lowell Township Planning Commission Chairman Rollie Lubbinge, the township board will look to either replace him or restructure the board, said Township Supervisor John Timpson.

Lubbinge resigned last week because of private and personal reasons. His resignation takes effect Jan. 1.

Timpson says he would like to have the planning commission reduced to a five-member board; currently, it is a seven member board.

Besides the resignation of

Lubbinge, planning commission member and board trustee Herb VanderBilt also resigned. However, his position was quickly replaced by township trustee Carol Wieland.

VanderBilt resigned because he is being temporarily reassigned to Brussels by his employer. However, he did not resign his position on the township board.

"The time I would miss would not be fair to the commission or the board, so it is best to have someone on the commission who can attend all of the meetings," said VanderBilt.

Timpson and VanderBilt both believe there must be a

strong liaison between the commission and the board; that is why the board selected Wieland.

"Being on the commission is a very tough job and this board would like to have someone keep us updated on all of issues," said Timpson.

If Timpson and the board decide to add another person to the planning commission, he hopes that person will have either a legal background or experience in the operation of the planning commission.

"We would like to fill the needs of the commission, and right now that need is in the legal area," said Timpson.

will hold its January meeting under the guidance of vice chairman Mel Beers. At this meeting, the commission may

NOTICE

The Board of Education will receive letters of interest along with resume for the Board seat vacated by Charlie Kohler for the remainder of the 1993-94 school year. Please state your qualifications and how you feel you could be a contributing member of the Board. Letters should be received at the Superintendent's Office, Lowell Area Schools, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 1994.

have its new structure and will elect its officers for the upcoming year.

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TOWN TALK

Has the state of the economy allowed you to spend more for Christmas this season?



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I'm spending as much as I did in the past. The economy didn't affect it before.

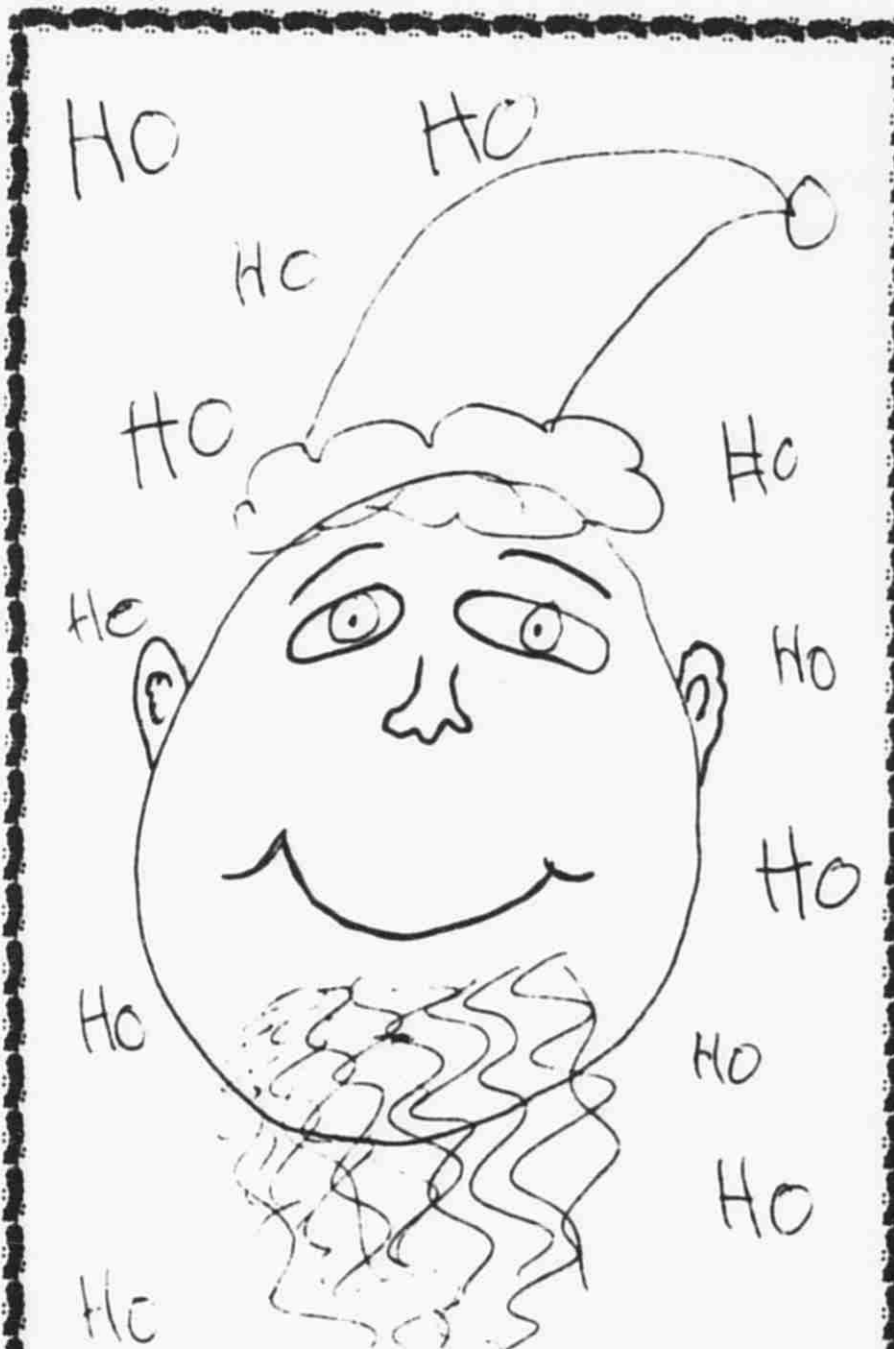
Regina VanderKolk
I'm spending a lot more.

Jessie Daniels
Not really. I'm spending about the same. I save all year for Christmas.

Angie O'Connor
The economy is still bad, but the shopping has been better because I got a raise.

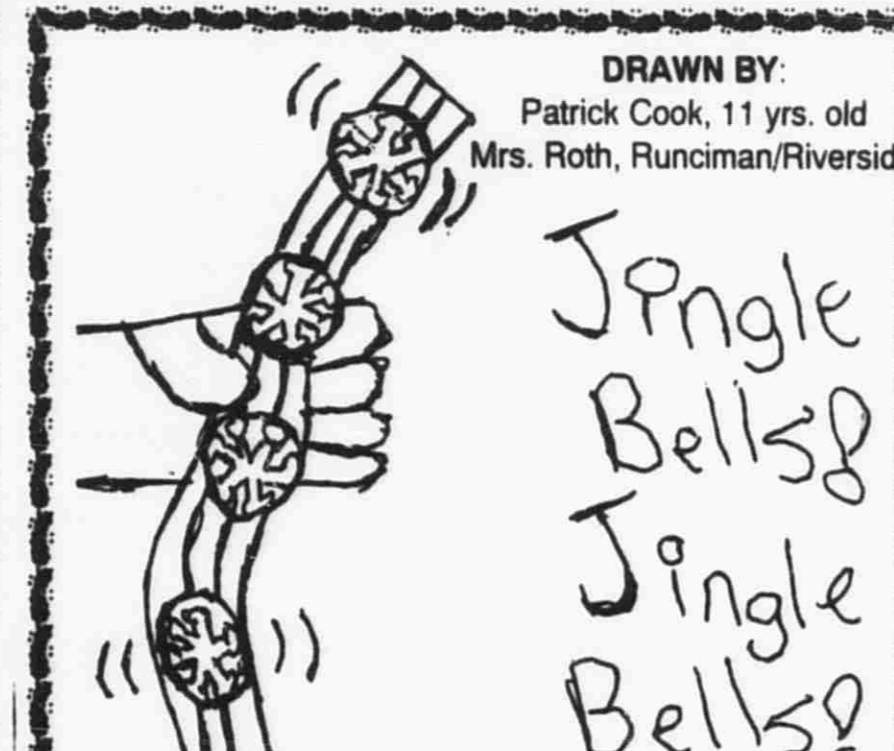


Victoria Schoon
I'm spending more because my family has grown. I lost my job in July so I'm not spending more because of the economy.



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Mike Gage
The economy is such that we could have spent more. We've changed our approach. We're spending fewer dollars for family gifts and spending more dollars for charity.



Mike Barnette
From a personal standpoint I'm able to spend more. I'm not sure the economy as a whole is better. I think people are looking for better buys. More for their dollar.



Bob Mendez
I'm just trying to make it. It's been a bad year for me, it will be a bad Christmas. For me the economy hasn't improved.

Review, continued...

the state for more days of care than it could show in its books.

MARCH 24, 1993

The Lowell School Board voted to spend money on revising and updating its long-range strategic plan.

Lowell Township's Board approves the request by Grooters Development firm to rezone property along I-96 and Alden Nash from agricultural to light industrial.

Jason DesJarden, Rich Stouffer, Jim Inman and Scott Swanson were among 208 wrestlers who participated in the state individual meet.

Linda Daugherty was honored by the Lowell Area Arts Council as the 12th Annual "Arty" Award recipient.

A \$56,000 addition will create three new positions at Optec.

Lowell Township supports a resolution drawn up by the Kent County Fire Commission urging state legislators to conduct an investigation into the level of funding for West Michigan fire departments.

The Lowell Education Association raises \$3,000 for use in K-12 scholarships. The money is donated through the use of payroll deductions.

MARCH 31, 1993

Gladys Benedict helps elderly Bowne Township residents keep their independence through her home delivery meals.

Lowell Township's Planning Commission approved its P.U.D. ordinance after nearly two years of work. It was developed as a measure to dictate what kind of industry will be allowed in Lowell Township.

APRIL 7, 1993

Initial steps were taken to etch a new sidewalk improvement program in concrete. The

Year in Review...

City Council enacted a sidewalk improvement program between the years 1988 and 1991. The new one would be absent of city participation and would have special assessments.

In an effort to control the dog population in Lowell Township, the planning commission passed an ordinance limiting the number of dogs per household. The ordinance will limit households to three dogs and includes revisions pertaining to barking dogs, vicious animals and dogs running loose.

Lowell Jaycees present a plan to construct a wooden playground at Creekside Park.

The Lowell High School business competition team placed second among approximately 35 schools at the Grand Rapids Community College Business Competition.

In order to curb the misuse of rescue services, the Lowell Township Board will look to draft an ordinance charging a fee for unnecessary calls to the Rockford Ambulance.

Lowell's David Hildenbrand and Randy Grieser were elected by the Michigan Association of the FFA as its president and vice-president.

APRIL 14, 1993

Grants totaling \$49,650 to Lowell Area Schools to upgrade workers' skills at local industries was denied because its training date was after Oct. 1. Lowell's Director of School and Community Ser-

vices said the reason was inappropriate. Korb stated that the project would have commenced prior to Sept. 30.

Andrea Bishop, Jamie McCaul, Ryan Barie, Connie Kelly, Jennifer Brown and Veronica Ramirez were named April students-of-the-month.

Lowell's Board of Education approved the HIV/AIDS updates for the eighth and ninth-grade health curriculum.

APRIL 21, 1993

The Lowell Showboat announces its talent lineup for the 1993 show. It included Thom Ellis on Thursday, The Fifth Dimension on Friday and Sandi Patti on Saturday.

The adoption of a \$1.7 million development and tax increment financing plan assures the city that funds will be there to pay for downtown development.

Shannon Danyel Bennett

was crowned the 1993 Lowell Showboat Queen. Kelly Jo Cichon was first runner-up and Dana Marie Tindall was second runner-up.

Paula Krebs, 18, of Alto was bound over in Circuit Court on charges of allegedly trying to poison Sheila Dubbink, a Lowell High School teacher for the self-contained/emotionally impaired students.

A broken pipe was discovered while removing three 1,000-gallon underground

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ANNUAL AUDIT

HELMHOLDT & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

August 26, 1993

Board of Education
Lowell Area Schools
Lowell, Michigan

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Lowell Area Schools as of June 30, 1993 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Lowell Area Schools' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the various fund types and account groups of the Lowell Area Schools as of June 30, 1993, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Helmholtz & Company
Certified Public Accountants

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

JUNE 30, 1993

	Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Groups	
	Debt Retirement	Building and Site		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt
	\$446,838	\$ 225,709 18,764,573	\$107,389 289,447 890	\$36,455,383	\$ 446,838
		129,941			
ASSETS:					
Cash and savings	\$2,618,168	\$ 52,038			
Investments				\$36,455,383	\$ 446,838
Accounts receivable	228,188	16,179			
Interest receivable	45,441				
Due from other funds	106,279	34,100			
Inventories					
Fixed assets					
Amount available in Debt Retirement Fund					
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	\$2,998,076	\$102,317	\$ 1,544,980 38,945	\$ 75 6,496	
TOTAL ASSETS					
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 237,571				
Due to other funds					
Salaries payable	1,138,362	\$ 3,224	127,277		\$109,370,000
Retirement payable	61,157	161			(70,491,562)
Health insurance payable	147,699				91,034
Interest payable					144,914
Bonds and note payable					
Less unamortized discount on bonds					
Capitalized lease obligations			127,277	92,788	
Payable for compensated absences			1,583,925	99,359	
Due to clubs and organizations					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,584,789	3,385			36,455,383
Fund Equity:					
Investment in general fixed assets			319,561		
Fund balances:					
Designated for debt retirement					
Reserve for Community Education Consortium	80,634				
Reserve for land development and acquisitions					
Reserve for scholarships					
Unreserved:				17,536,298	
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	1,332,653	98,932			
Undesignated	1,413,287	98,932			
TOTAL FUND EQUITY			319,561	17,536,298	298,367
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$2,998,076	\$102,317	\$446,838	\$19,120,223	\$397,726
					\$36,455,383
					\$ 39,114,386

Annual Audit Continued on Page 16

Year in Review, continued...

fuel tanks behind the Department of Public Works building. The DNR mandated that the leak be contained and the contaminants be eliminated.

MAY 5, 1993

Wet roads and a misunderstanding of the law was the cause of an accident on M-21, west of Settlewood. No serious injuries were incurred.

Want or need? That was the main question citizens of Lowell had for the City Council in regards to a proposed sidewalk along the east side of N. Hudson. The sidewalk would include 31 parcels of land covering almost 3,220

feet. The total cost was estimated at \$35,000 - \$10 per foot for a new walk and \$12 per foot for replacing old and cracked sidewalk.

The Lowell Showboat was vandalized twice, causing \$7,000 in damage. Damage was done to windows, siding, the air conditioner, electrical fixtures and lights.

Lowell Township approved pay raises for the Township Assessor, Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk.

The realigning of M-21, Bowes Road and Alden Nash is listed as top priority by the city of Lowell and Lowell and Vergennes Townships because of increased traffic caused by the new high school and continued residential development.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES				
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1993				
	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	School Services	Debt Retirement	Building and Site
REVENUE:				
Taxes	\$ 9,456,370		\$1,413,524	\$ 358,922
Intergovernmental revenue	5,080,157	\$113,549		99,937
Cafeteria and athletic charges to users		353,806		
Interest on investments	67,598	2,398	20,236	1,853,720
Miscellaneous	144,201	12,098		
TOTAL REVENUE	14,748,326	481,851	1,433,760	2,312,579
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	9,666,608			
Support services	2,847,849			
Other - salaries		339,940		
Operation and maintenance	957,385			
Transportation	856,329			
Supplies and purchased services		212,318		
Other		15,903		719,404
Capital outlay	236,099	2,817		14,925,258
Debt Service:				
Principal retirement			500,000	
Interest and fiscal charges			846,424	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,564,270	570,978	1,346,424	15,644,662
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	184,056	(89,127)	87,336	(13,332,083)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers (to) from:				
School services fund	(141,552)	141,552		
Building and site fund	20,068			(20,068)
	(121,484)	141,552		(20,068)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	62,572	52,425	87,336	(13,352,151)
FUND BALANCES - July 1, 1992	1,350,715	46,507	232,225	30,888,449
FUND BALANCES - June 30, 1993	\$ 1,413,287	\$ 98,932	\$ 319,561	\$ 17,536,298

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - AMENDED BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND				
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1993				
	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
REVENUE:				
Taxes	\$ 9,345,882	\$ 9,456,370	\$ 110,488	
Intergovernmental revenue	5,142,016	5,080,157	(61,859)	
Interest on investments	60,000	67,598	7,598	
Miscellaneous	102,800	144,201	41,401	
TOTAL REVENUE	14,650,698	14,748,326	97,628	
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	9,780,593	9,666,608	113,985	
Support services	2,938,776	2,847,849	90,927	
Operation and maintenance	1,000,892	957,385	43,507	
Transportation	871,950	856,329	15,621	
Capital outlay	228,923	236,099	(7,176)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,821,134	14,564,270	256,864	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(170,436)	184,056	354,492	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating transfers (to) from:				
School services fund	(145,000)	(141,552)	3,448	
Building and site fund	20,068		20,068	
	(145,000)	(121,484)	23,516	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(315,436)	62,572	378,008	
FUND BALANCE - July 1, 1992	1,350,715	1,350,715		
FUND BALANCE - June 30, 1993	\$ 1,035,279	\$ 1,413,287	\$ 378,008	



The Lowell Showboat Court.

MAY 12, 1993

Arson was the cause of a fire at the Lowell Showboat. The fire damage totaled \$1,571.15.

Bob Grooters, who first tried to bring light industrial development to Lowell Township a couple of years ago but was turned down, is trying again with the support

of the township planning commission and the support of the Lowell Township Board.

A 21-year old Lowell man (Steve Styles) was saved from drowning after he slipped while trying to cross the dam.

A mistake in calculating the loads for the steel structure of the new high school was cause for one of two change orders approved by the Lowell Board. The cost of materials was to be covered by the school with labor costs being picked up by WBDC.

The Lowell dive team will provide mutual aid to all surrounding departments (Saranac, Ada, Alto, Grattan and Cascade).

Following two nights of auditioning, the Lowell Showboat Talent Search judges narrowed a list of 86 hopeful amateur performers down to a delighted list of 20.

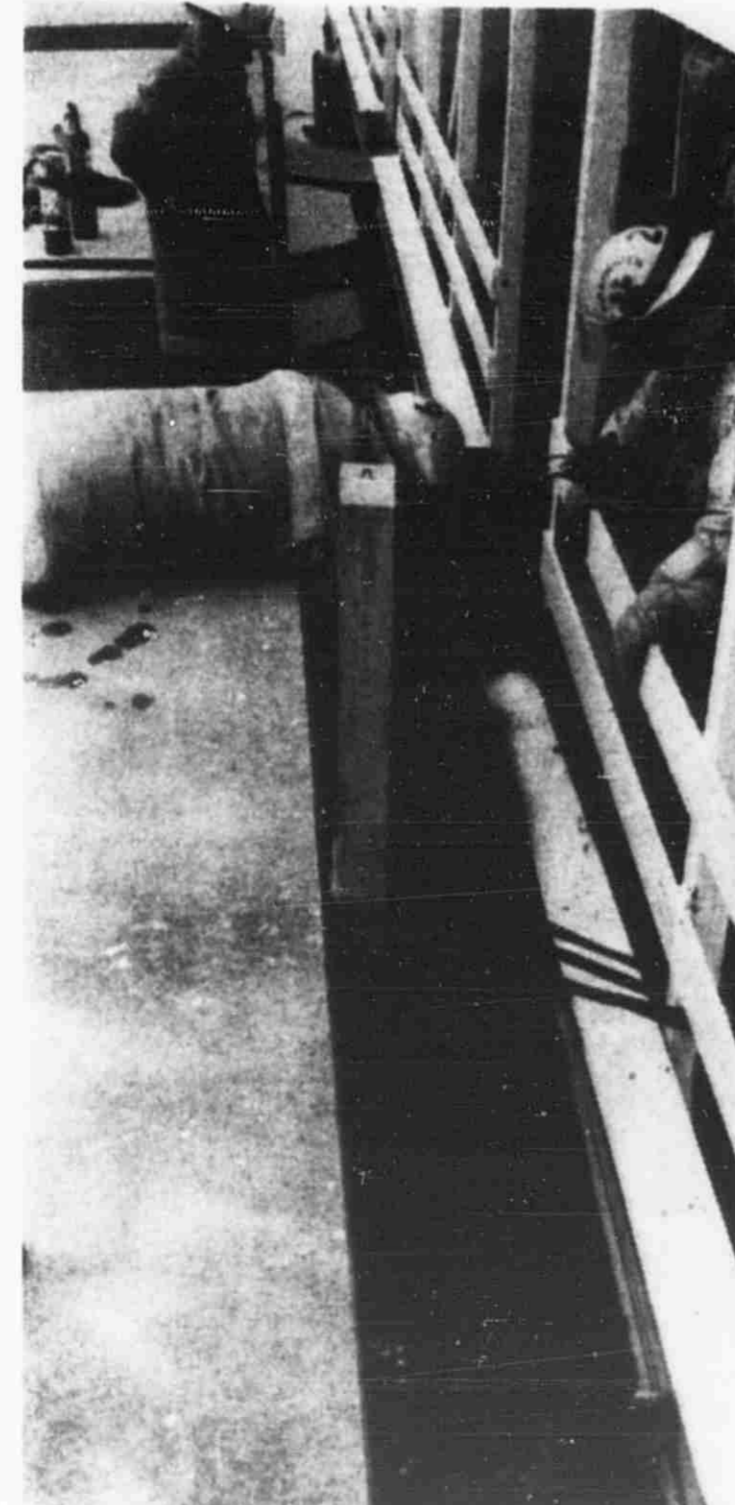
MAY 19, 1993

Charlie Bernhard, Bernhard's True Value Hardware, and Don Garvin, Cornerstone Landscaping, levied concerns about transient merchants escaping the scrutiny of codes, requirements and costs.

Bushnell fifth-grade students celebrated their D.A.R.E. graduation with the universal language of music. Bushnell music director, Rachael Niemi, and students integrated a music program to go along with the D.A.R.E. graduation program.



Lowell High School students took the time to repair damage to the Showboat inflicted by vandals. The day work insured graduation at the Lowell Showboat.



The Showboat incurred approximately \$1,000 worth of damage when someone(s) tried to set it afire.

Review, cont'd., pg. 17

Little time needed in coming up with verdict in murder trial

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

After months of turmoil the Timpson family hopes "to get their lives back together."

This statement followed the conviction of Antonio Lawrence for the murder of Suzanne Timpson-Wittenbach last week. Lawrence was found

guilty of felony murder and three other charges for the murder of Timpson-Wittenbach on May 20 in Eastown, Lawrence, 22 of Saginaw, faces mandatory life imprisonment at sentencing next

month by Kent County Circuit Judge George But. The trial, which lasted a week, revealed that Lawrence admitted to police he "shot

her, but it was an accident." Jurors and Assistant Kent County Prosecutor David Scheiber didn't believe an individual could point a loaded gun at someone at close range and pull the trigger, then call it an accident.

Brown is charged with being an accessory after the fact to a murder. In exchange for that testimony prosecutors recommended he receive no more than a year in jail.

Year in Review, continued...

The Lowell City Council's authorization for special assessment and revenue bonds to provide bond financing for the northeast water system improvements will include an increase in the readiness to serve charge for water.

Lowell girls' golf team wins its third consecutive O-K White Conference title.

Lowell Mayor James Maatman and Rockford Mayor Betty Combs led their respective cities in the annual Mayor Exchange Day.

Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch outlined in a letter to the Lowell Township Planning Commission his support for the proposed industrial park along I-96 and Alden Nash.

Pete Siler's landscaping and soil classes spent two days doing landscaping work around the high school.

Representatives from the National Park Service and the North Country Scenic Trail Association presented to Lowell residents a plan to develop a scenic trail through Lowell Township.

A "Reward Pledge" program was set up by three Eastown businesses in an effort to help find Suzanne Timpson Wittenbach's murderer.

Family Fare of Lowell announces that it will act as a collection agency for monies earmarked for the children of Galati, Romania so that they can experience the comfort and compassion of hope.

JUNE 2, 1993

Over \$800 was donated by Review, cont'd., pg. 18

MAY 26, 1993

Wishing to double the size of its current facility, Optec gained approval to have its property rezoned from general business to industrial.

Lowell's Suzanne Timpson Wittenbach was shot to death



The Lowell Area Fire Department with the funding from the Look Memorial Fund formed its own dive/rescue team.

Seasons Greetings

RUDDIPH the Reindeer

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Chad Oppewal, 10 yrs. old
Mr. Bacon, Alto Elementary

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Year in Review, continued...

32 families for the Lowell High School Boosters Club.

was 1,055,377. The Tri-County area - Macomb, Wayne and Oakland - accounted for 83 percent of those votes.

Lowell school officials meet to discuss the different possibilities available to the district on dealing with a \$1.7 million deficit that stares it in the face for the 1993-94 school year.

been picked up by an unknown party.

House Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus said the voters sent two messages with the defeat of Proposition 1: 1. Do not shift the tax burden and 2. Schools need to use their dollars better.

The Michigan electorate voted down Proposal A. Of the 83 counties that participated in the June 2 election, 70 of them passed Proposal A and 13 voted the proposal down. The total number of votes tallied in the 13 counties

The 115th Annual Lowell High School graduation commenced beneath the bright glow of summer's sunshine. Co-valedictorian, Anna Lietzke rallied her fellow graduates to make their future

Township officials and the Kent County Clerk's office learned that an application declaring a recount of election results for Proposition 1 has

The defeat of Proposal A and the decline in use of rentals in the park's budget figured in the City Council's decision to keep the mill increase below one.

After 11 years of service with Lowell's First United Methodist Church, Reverend Bill Amundsen announced that he will be moving on to Grand Ledge to share his ministerial gifts with another church.

Lowell Schools desire to Review, cont'd., pg. 19



Despite the inclement weather, fun was had at Lowell Showboat - just ask Jerry Patton.



Reverend Bill Amundsen announced that he'd be leaving Lowell.

JUNE 9, 1993

JUNE 16, 1993

Merry Christmas

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Mrs. Roth, Runciman/Riverside

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Tis the season to be jolly!

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Happy Holidays

DRAWN BY:
Heather Posthumus, 11 yrs. old
Mr. Bacon, Alto Elementary

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Grapplers claim Hemlock title; bury Northview's Cats

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There's still an awful lot to work on, but Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers saw plenty of improvement in the Red Arrow performance at the Hemlock Tournament over the weekend - improvement which allowed the Red Arrow grapplers to bring home the hardware.

Lowell took first first with 195 points. Corrua was second at 160.5 followed by St. Louis, 141; Bay City John Glenn, 114.; Mt. Morris, 99; Bridgeport, 87.5; St. Charles, 79.5 and Alma, 75.

"The tournament field was stronger this year," Rivers said. "Corrua pushed us." The Red Arrows took three firsts at the 103, 112, and 171-pound weight classes.

Scott Swanson, 103, finished with a perfect record at 3-0. He defeated St. Louis' Chuck Slates 10-1 in the finals.

Dan Spicer, 112, was seeded second but finished the day at 4-0 with a 13-6 win over John Glenn's Mike Baczkiewicz. "Dan was able to physically handle him," Rivers said.

Senior co-captain Rich Stouffer defeated a Class C medalist from a year ago. Stouffer pinned Scott Williamson of Breckinridge at 5:56 of the third period.

"Rich was excellence. He put the loss at Battle Creek Lakeview behind him and

wrestled real well," Rivers said.

Cory Kirkbride, 152 pounds, finished second with a record of 3-1. He lost to Mark Kruger of Alma 10-8.

"Cory should have won. He was not given credit for a granby," Rivers said.

Lowell's 125-pounder, Mike Rottier, was second at 2-1. Tim Mott of Mt. Morris pinned Rottier at 1:45 of the first period.

"Mike wrestled and executed like we expected him

to a week ago," Rivers said. "He wrestled well."

Matt Osmolinski placed third with a record of 4-1.

Doug Weeks, 130 pounds, was third at 3-1.

"Matt was fantastic. What else can I say about a freshman," Rivers said. "Weeks' only loss came against a state qualifier last year."

Sean Smith, 189, was third at 3-1. His only loss came against the eventual winner, Jason Onstott from St. Louis.

Rob White, HWT, was 3-2 and finished fourth.

Lowell 63
Northview 6

A young Northview squad was overmatched and outmaneuvered by its stronger visitors from Lowell.

The Red Arrows won every match except for one at 135 pounds. Not carrying a full squad, Northview had forfeit matches

at 103, 171 and heavyweight.

The pleasant surprise of the evening was at 160 pounds where Joel Uzarski pinned Aaron Morrisie at 3:06 of the second period. "He's got the makings of a good wrestler, but we'll see," Rivers said.

Dan Spicer, 112, pinned David Cooper at 2:59 of the second period.

Matt Osmolinski, 119, decided Jeff Missad 12-5.

Mike Rottier, 125, pinned Brian VanEennennaam at 1:35 of the first period. Doug Weeks followed with a 12-9 win over Brandon Jacobs at 130 pounds.

Lowell's Matt Inman was pinned by Northview's Matt Prinz at 3:28 of the second period.

Ron Osmolinski, 140 defeated Nick Roberts 13-8. Todd Lyonnois, 145, pinned Brandon Pitsch at 3:15 of the first period.



Lowell's Joel Uzarski (160 pounds) prepares his Wildcat for the pending pin.

second period.
Cory Kirkbride, 152, took 1:56 of the first period to pin Sean Smith pinned Ben Jansen, 189, at :54 seconds of

Chad Long.

Chad Long.

Red Arrow spikers reach semi-finals at Creston

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a promising beginning to what Lowell volleyball coach Laurie Kuna believes will be a good year.

The Red Arrow spikers were 2-1-2 at the Creston Invitational over the weekend, making it into semi final play before being knocked out by Grand Haven.

"Our depth and athletic ability really showed," Kuna said.

Lowell defeated Creston 15-6, 15-12 in its opening

round of play in Pool C. It then dumped Fremont, 15-1, 15-11. The Red Arrows split with Spring Lake, 15-9, 11-15. It ended its Pool play by splitting with Pewamo-Westphalia, 15-9, 5-15.

In semi-final play the Red Arrows lost to Grand Haven 15-9, 16-14.

A lot of Lowell's success on Saturday can be attributed to its improved play at the net.

"We're a much blocking team than we were at any point last season, Kuna said. "Evidence of that is Spring Lake started tipping the ball be-

cause of the way we were blocking."

Lowell recorded 16 blocks on Saturday. "Blocking is everything, it helps a team is so many areas," Kuna said.

Lakewood defeated Grand Haven in the finals, 17-15, 15-7.

Kerry Nugent tallied 43 assists on the day. "Kerry ran our offense very effectively," Kuna said.

Tara Harmon led all Red

Arrows in kills with 21. She had seven of those in their two games against Fremont.

Between Kortney Gowen and Harmon the two spikers had 40 kills. Gowen tallied 19. Gowen also had 24 service points

"Gowen is beginning to show her maturity, especially in her shot selection," Kuna said. "She played extremely well."

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create its own Alternative Education program through the use of the space that will become available at Riverside Elementary in 1994-95. LCTK Consortium Director Dick Korb has recommended to the Consortium Superintendent Council that the LCTK be dissolved.

In an effort to accommodate the needs of its patrons, Jane Aronson, Lowell Branch Librarian, asked that its hours be extended from 25-29 hours.

The Sixth Annual Showboat Hoops Tournament, sponsored by the Lowell Knights of Columbus, had 512 players participating.

Following a Saturday night deluge, the Lowell Showboat began negotiations for a return trip by Sandi Patti.

To honor King Millings' contributions to the wheat industry, Michigan State named its recent wheat variety release "Lowell."

Peter Kubacki is named vice-president of commercial loans at FMB Bank.

Exploding needs and shrinking resources united Wedgewood Christian Youth and Family Services and Honey Creek Christian Homes Review, cont'd., pg. 21

JUNE 30, 1993

JUNE 23, 1993

NOTICE

The Board of Education will receive letters of interest along with resume for the Board seat vacated by Charlie Kohler for the remainder of the 1993-94 school year. Please state your qualifications and how you feel you could be a contributing member of the Board.

Letters should be received at the Superintendent's Office, Lowell Area Schools, 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331 no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 1994.

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Gerald Patton

After 24 years of service, Hunt finds new challenges

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When Dorothy Hunt first signed on to help serve food at Lowell High School over two decades ago, she did so with only a few years of service in mind.

That was in the year 1969. Some 24 years later and now serving lunch at Runciman/Riverside Elementary, Hunt is now ready to move on to the next phase of life.

It seems like it's been just a couple of years," Hunt reflects. "The 24 years have gone by like that (as she snaps

her fingers)."

Hunt worked her first 14 years at the high school and the last 10 at Runciman/Riverside Elementary.

"Obviously, I've enjoyed the people and the kids," Hunt said. "Especially the elementary kids. They notice everything and they are very appreciative."

Hunt and her husband, Clinton moved to Lowell 36 years ago. Following the 1993-94 school year, they plan on spending more time in Ocala, Fla.

But first there is a school year to complete. The 1993-

94 school year has brought with it a challenge. The Runciman gymnasium has been closed for renovation work. "We've been serving kids in the hallway, and Fran Hoag's old classroom has been used as a lunchroom," Hunt said.

"Because the gymnasium/cafeteria has been closed, Runciman now has its food brought in.

"It's been challenging, but we've just kept reminding ourselves it's only for a year," Hunt says.

Hunt and her help were elated to hear that the gymna-

sium/cafeteria would be ready for use following Christmas break.

"Dorothy has been so gracious and optimistic about the situation she inherited at Runciman," said Lowell's Food Service Supervisor Carol Harper. "She tackled the problem as another opportunity."

"In my 24 years, Lowell has always strived to serve a better lunch. It's always been willing to make a change for the better," Hunt said.

She points out that when it came out on television that schools needed to cut fat from their lunches, Lowell already had. "Lowell has never skimped on price. It's always been quality, not quantity," Hunt said.

She says the everyday challenges are getting the food out on time and keeping it hot.

With its lunch count above the average, one can only assume Hunt and others are meeting the challenge.

One challenge Hunt says she won't miss is making sure uniforms are cleaned for work.

Along with traveling, Hunt plans on increasing her oil painting involvement.

Additional information from the Hunt File:

Why I Like Lowell: Because it's not Grand Rapids. People in Lowell are friendly.

Hardest lunch to prepare: Mash potatoes, gravy

and all the trimmings.

Easiest lunch to prepare: Pizza pockets.

Most popular lunch: Chicken nuggets.

What I don't like about Lowell: The lighting on Main Street; it needs to be improved.

Favorite Christmas song: Silver Bells.

Favorite singer: Perry Como.

Favorite movie: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers.

Favorite television show: Evening Shade.

A state I'd like to visit: Colorado.

A favorite state I've already visited: Montana.



Dorothy Hunt has served Lowell schoolchildren for 24 years.



Tis the season to be

DRAWN BY:
Sarah Newell, 10 1/2 yrs. old
Mrs. Schneider, Alto Elementary

DRAWN BY:
Suzanne Swift, 11 1/2 yrs. old
Mrs. Roth, Runciman/Riverside

DRAWN BY:
Shawn Simpson, 10 yrs. old
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in order to provide better stewardship of funds.

JULY 7, 1993

Lowell's City Planning Commission approved a site plan application for a Performance Plus Oil-Change Center on West Main Street.

Lowell's School District announces that it will have to cut a minimum of \$900,000 before the start of the school year. It added that the figure could rise to \$1.7 million if the Headlee override is not passed.

Citing a strengthened family focus and a broader diversity in programs as reasons, Wedgewood Acres Christian Youth Homes has decided to change its name. This came after Honey Creek Christian Services transferred its programs to Wedgewood.

Lowell Township resident Thomas Karp raised concern over the possible placement of the water tower for the new high school being constructed on his property.

JULY 14, 1993

Spikers, continued

Courtney Arnett led the club in digs with 18. "Arnett as well as Alison Kissingner played good defense all day," Kuna said.

Kissingner posted 15 digs and had four blocks. Kuna said her Red Arrows' serving percentage was right near 90 percent.

"We played incredibly well at times, but we had our ugly moments too," Kuna said.

VanAntwerp to serve as judge to NCTE

The National Council of Teachers of English announces the appointment of Jill Van Antwerp, Lowell High School, as a regional Judge for the 1993 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing. Through this nationally recognized competition, now in its thirty-sixth year, approximately 800 high school seniors are cited for excellence in writing and are recommended to colleges and universities for admission and for financial aid, if needed. Over 4,000 students have been nominated for Achievement Awards in 1993. Results of

VanAntwerp, cont'd., pg. 25

Lowell High School senior and marching band drum major, Ryan Pawloski asked the board not to cut the music program if the Headlee Waiver does not pass. "I want to be in band my senior year, don't take it away," Pawloski said.

Lowell City Council decided except in a kennel as permitted by the city's zoning ordinance, that no person shall possess, harbor, shelter, or keep more than three dogs (other than dogs under six

months of age born to a female dog) under the care, custody or control of a person.

Lowell's Marj Harding is chosen "Woman of the Year" by the General Federation Women's Club Board.

After much consideration and discussion, Lowell Township decided on 10 acres of property at 10877 Foreman Rd. for the water tower which will provide water to the new high school. The cost of the property was \$30,000.

Reminga said the Lowell Downtown area has reached a point where money needs to be spent on some serious construction due to the age of the buildings. He added, if not done soon, demolition may lie ahead for some of its structures.

JULY 21, 1993

The high cost of the work of a few at Stony-Lakeside Park may jeopardize the immense enjoyment of the

masses. Lowell Parks/Street Supervisor Dan DesJarden said that \$804 worth of vandalism was done to the park during the month of July.

The Lowell Ledger celebrates its centennial with a 100-page centennial edition, highlighting all the people, places and things that have helped make Lowell what it is today.

The city of Lowell received \$6,975 for its anti-drug pro-

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Yes, another commencement was held; this time for the Class of 1993.

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White named to 2nd team all MIAA

Forty Albion College student athletes were honored with selection to all-league teams by coaches in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association during the 1993

fall athletic season. Sixteen were accorded first-team status, while 14 were named to second teams. Ten received honorable mention awards.

Lowell's Jason White, senior fullback, was named to the second team in men's soccer. Football earned most of the first team awards, with seven players named on offense and four on defense. Albion won its fifth consecutive MIAA championship and 26th overall, finishing with a 10-1 record and second round fin-

ish in the NCAA Division III football playoffs. In all, 20 football players received first team, second team or honorable mention recognition. Women's soccer and men's soccer had the next highest totals with five each. Men's golf had four all-league performers, while women's golf and volleyball each finished with two.



Jason White

The young talk about what they are doing; the old about what they have done; fools about what they plan to do.

—French Proverb

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DRAWN BY:
Ashley Aisup, 10 yrs. old
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Creative design backbone to new Vergennes PUD ordinance

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Developers looking for a township that will allow them to be more creative in their designs may find what they're looking for in Vergennes Township.

The Vergennes Township Board adopted the planning commissions recommendation on a new Planned Unit Development ordinance (PUD) last week. The new ordinance will encourage developers to develop residential land with the hope of building recreation areas.

Gil Wise, planning commission chairman, hopes the new ordinance will attract developers who are tired of utilizing the same old static grid pattern of developing. "This ordinance could encourage developers to build playgrounds or hiking trails, thus offering more than the typical development," said Wise.

According to the planning commission, the PUD is not designed to override any current ordinance or ignore the current land use plan; instead, it should allow for more creativity in the township.

The PUD can be used anywhere in the township and allows for the creative development under any existing zoning. It also stipulates that at least three acres of land must be used and the developer must conform to the guidelines set by the existing zoning for that parcel.

The PUD stresses the

maintenance of the natural environment for the area. A developer using the ordinance cannot build anything that requires any public service, and it cannot disturb the surrounding properties or residents.

In reviewing a site devel-

Review, continued...

opment plan for this ordinance, the planning commission will take into account the traffic control situation, impact on neighbors, parking and how the development falls in line with the Vergennes Township's Master Plan.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #93-10

The following is a summary of a Planned Unit Development Ordinance adopted by the Township of Vergennes on December 13, 1993. A true copy of this ordinance may be obtained at the Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

ARTICLE IV

Add new Section 201.429, Planned Unit Development (PUD) 4.29.

A. Purpose. Planned Unit Development (PUD) offers a controlled alternative to the typical grid pattern of development and is applicable to flexible development in appropriate locations. Structures can be clustered to retain the overall parcel density while protecting natural features such as woods, streams and hills. A PUD is not a device for ignoring the Zoning Ordinance or existing land use planning.

B. Intent. To encourage open space and recreation around residential development by enabling developers to use a more imaginative plan for developing medium to large parcels than is possible under traditional zoning practice.

C. PUD Use Regulations. A PUD can be approved in any location in the Township for any land use authorized for that zoning district and shall have the effect of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map. A minimum of three acres is required. A PUD development must conform to the requirements at the underlying zoning district except for some controlled variations in lot size, placement and density. It must be demonstrated that approval of the PUD will result in benefit to the community without a material increase in need for public services and without placing a burden on the subject parcel or surrounding properties or the environment.

D. Design Standards. PUD density shall not exceed 1.25 times the calculated maximum density possible under current zoning. For each square foot, individual lot sizes are reduced from the underlying zoning equal amounts of land shall be dedicated to common open space and recreational use in a manner approved by the Township. PUD design must emphasize maintenance of the natural environment. Supplemental environmen-

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tal statements may be required. PUD site development standards must take into account traffic control, impact on the neighborhood, off-street parking and must conform to the objectives of the Vergennes Township Master Plan. The overall design must be in harmony with the surrounding area.

E. Review and Approval Process. Before approval or disapproval of a PUD application by the Township Board the planning commission shall hold a series of informal and formal reviews with the applicant, including an optional public hearing, before forwarding its recommendations on the proposed PUD plan to the Township Board. The Township Board must hold a public hearing on the final plan before deciding on the proposal.

F. Applications. Applications for preliminary PUD approval shall include detailed information on the property involved, a test plan for PUD density, location of existing natural features, open or recreational spaces to be preserved and a concept plan for the development. If the proposed PUD exceeds three acres in size, the Township Board may also require feasibility or impact statements on one or more subjects including community, traffic, environmental and fiscal impact.

G. Performance Guarantees. The Township Board may require the applicant to post a performance bond or similar security to insure that the development will be completed as required.

H. Conditions. Reasonable conditions may be required prior to project approval to insure that public services and facilities affected by the PUD proposal can accommodate any increased demand and to protect the environment, insure project compatibility with adjacent lands and result in a socially and economically desirable land use.

I. Recordation. The PUD shall be registered with the Kent County Register of Deeds office with such recording to contain a declaration that all future use and development of the property has been authorized and is required to be carried out in accordance with the approved PUD Plan.

J. Effective Date. This ordinance was adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on December 13, 1993, and shall take effect upon public notice of its adoption.

Jean Hoffman
Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL

SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

The City of Lowell is accepting bids for the sale of a 28' X 206' parcel of vacated Clarke Street specifically described as:

The North 28 feet of vacated Clarke Street from the West line of Clarke's Plat to the Southerly extension of the East line of Block 3, all within Clarke's Plat, City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan.

Bids must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, no later than Tuesday, January 11, 1994 at 10:00 a.m., at which time bids will be read. A final decision of sale rests with the City Council, which will consider such on TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1994.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

Year in Review, continued...

second phase in a two-and-a-half year project by Ron Blain to develop housing in the area.

AUGUST 4, 1993

Senate Majority Leader Richard Posthumus told a roomful of Lowell Rotarians that the recent cut of property taxes by legislature provides the state of Michigan with the

biggest single opportunity to make a change in school funding.

Lowell's Counseling office prepares two schedules for high school students - one to be used for a six-hour day and the other to be used in case of a five-hour day. The length of day is to be determined by whether or not the Headlee passes.

Lowell Schools announced that 26.5 certified teaching positions and 24.5 non-certified positions would be laid off or have its hours reduced if the Headlee Rollback failed on Aug. 24.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson assures a township resident that there would be no increase in hooking up to the water line now that the property was bought and not donated.

The voice of 82 percent of the affected property owners on North Hudson verbalized their disenchantment with the city's proposed special assessment roll for sidewalk improvements on North

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Here We Go Again...

Let it be known that the Lowell School Board still plans on implementing the voice/video system in the new high school at the cost in excess of \$500,000. According to Jim White, there are no computers planned at all. After many protests at the meeting, and assurances that bids would be decided next week, the subject was added at the very end of the board meeting agenda, under "other." They tried to railroad a decision that night; until the audience objected again. It is now tabled until January.

Let it also be known that the Lowell School Board pays \$2,900.00 per year for the services of the Michigan Association of School Boards - a consulting firm to "help local boards to carry out leadership." A former school board member who now works for the Michigan Association of School Boards, stated at the meeting that Citizens for Quality Education were "shooting at mice while the elephants are stampeding." If paying \$48,000 in penalties is mice, then are there elephants too? And how much will that cost us? And we, the taxpayers pay for her opinions?

When questions were raised re: the amount subsidized to MESSA by the school district over and above the actual cost of health insurance, the LEA representative claimed that the amount was only \$500 vs. \$1000 per employee per year. If Citizens for Quality Education accepts this figure, this translates to a minimum of \$115,000 additional expense to Lowell School District. We still feel we need to be "shooting at the mice."

Please call your school board members to request computers instead of VCR's, and for the board to remember that their primary responsibility is to educate our children. If you'd like to join us in sending a strong message to the board, call Citizens for Quality Education at 1-554-9000, daytime, 897-9748 or 868-7284, evenings.

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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 and related appurtenances along portions of Fulton Street, Gee Drive and Alden Nash Drive to provide water service to adjacent properties (the "Improvements") and has resolved its intentions 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 specifically assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise proposed West Side Water Improvements Phase II Special Assessment District 94WA:

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2455 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-023
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2399 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-022
2395 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-024
2335 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-025
2275 West Main Street	41-20-03-326-022
2251 West Main Street	41-20-03-326-018
2145 West Main Street	41-20-03-326-020
2222 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-003
2186 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-009
2000 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-015
2240 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-012
2264 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-013
2252 West Main Street	41-20-03-385-014
2550 West Main Street	41-20-03-370-001
2400 West Main Street	41-20-03-370-002
2384 West Main Street	41-20-03-370-008

2251 Main Street	41-20-03-326-018
2145 Main Street	41-20-03-326-020
2204 Gee Drive	41-20-03-326-003
2204 Gee Drive	41-20-03-326-004
2146 Gee Drive	41-20-03-326-005
2156 Gee Drive	41-20-03-326-006
2836 Gee Drive	41-20-03-326-007

12082 Gee Drive	41-20-03-301-001
12060 Gee Drive	41-20-03-301-003
12080 Gee Drive	41-20-03-301-004
2450 Gee Drive	41-20-03-301-005

2599 Gee Drive	41-20-03-151-008
12035 Gee Drive	41-20-03-151-009
2455 Gee Drive	41-20-03-151-021
2465 Gee Drive	41-20-03-151-022
2425 Gee Drive	41-20-03-151-012

2359 Gee Drive	41-20-03-176-009
2309 Gee Drive	41-20-03-176-011

675 Alden Nash	41-20-03-151-006
755 Alden Nash	41-20-03-151-005
825 Alden Nash	41-20-03-151-001

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1994, 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
Lowell, Michigan 49331
Telephone: (616) 897-8457

Dated: December 6, 1993

David M. Pasquale,
City Clerk

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Family Fare	0	2
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STATE OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #93-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAIL UNDER SPECIFIC CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR PRIVATE ROADS AND STREETS (Section 202.005 of the Vergennes Township Ordinances).

202.005 Private road construction specifications, Sec. 5.0

(a) Change last sentence to read (changes underlined):

"The road base, including shoulders, shall consist of at least seven (7) inches of aggregate meeting MDOT 22A specification.

(b) Change to read (additions underlined): A private road which is to serve five (5) through (10) residential lots or parcels shall be built to meet or exceed the specifications illustrated on the LOCAL ROAD specification drawing. The road shall widen at any dead end so there is at least an eighty (80) foot diameter turn around.

Add New Local Road drawing to replace initially published "Minimum-----" specification drawing.

(c) Add at end of last sentence as follows: ", or with the LOCAL ROAD cross section specification drawing which is part of this ordinance. The road shall widen at any dead end so there is at least an eighty (80) foot diameter turn around.

(e) Change to read as follows (changes underlined): "A private road which is to serve commercial or industrial uses shall be constructed to the standards for Local Road typical cross section contained in this ordinance or in the Kent County Road Commission requirements and specifications for plat development (see ("d") above) provided that the pavement width shall be a minimum of twenty-six (26) feet, the surface shall consist of a minimum of three inches of bituminous surface mix No. 1100T, 20AA and the base shall consist of at least 8 inches of MDOT 22A aggregate. Such roads shall widen at any dead end so there is at least eighty (80) foot of traveled surface diameter turn around.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Vergennes Township Board on December 13, 1993.

Jean Hoffman
Township Clerk

Year in Review...

Hudson's east side. Hearing the outcry, the Lowell City Council tabled the special assessment roll for sidewalk improvement so that it could take another look.

AUGUST 11, 1993

Runciman gymnasium will render the physical education and cafeteria facility useless for at least part, if not all, of the 1993-94 school year.

Lowell Schools announced that the cracks in the north, south and west walls of the

Keeping landing approaches clear of obstructions,



Oh no - Proposition I passed in Lowell Township.



The 1993 Kent County 4-H Youth Fair Court.

DRAWN BY:
Rachelle Becker, 10 1/2 yrs. old
Mr. Stevens, Bushnell Elementary

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and funding for improvements proposed in the Lowell City Airport Master Plan, were listed as primary concerns of the Michigan Aeronautics Bureau and the Lowell City Airport Board.

Lowell Township receives a letter from the Kent Library System stating that its participation cost in 1994 would be \$29,918. The figure was approximately \$4,500 higher than what it initially received. With the increase, the township said it would look into the possibility of dropping out of the system and incorporating a district library system.

Vergennes Township also announced that due to rising costs, it would drop out of the Kent County Library system.

AUGUST 18, 1993

With 65 percent of the new high school project completed, Lowell Schools said that the amount of money spent from the contingency fund was small. Owen Ames and Kimball Project Supervisor Craig Willison said the delay caused by the Qua-Ke-Zik flare-up may have helped, in that it allowed for a lot of

planning and more complete drawings.

Although 240 acres along I-96 and Alden Nash had been rezoned, not all of the land was purchased by Bob Grooters Development firm. The option on the 100 acres of land still owned by Mrs. Donald Yeiter ran out, permitting Yeiter to sell the parcel to the highest bidder.

The Lowell Chamber of Commerce announced that the Tommy Dorsey Band under the direction of Buddy Morrow would perform at the Eighth Annual Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Per-

VanAntwerp, cont'd...

the contest are to be announced in October.

Students are nominated for Achievement Awards in Writing by their high school English departments and are chosen for recognition by state judging committees. (Each nominee submits an impromptu theme and a sample of his or her best writing to be judged.) The regional judging committees are composed of both high school and college teachers who work under the direction of state coordinators.

The National Council of Teachers of English is made up of more than 125,000 individual teachers and institutional members at all levels of instruction, from elementary school through graduate college. Its goal is more effective teaching of English language and literature in the nation's schools and colleges. NCTE publishes journals, books, and recordings to aid teachers in the classroom and in their professional development.

For more information, write the Achievement Awards in Writing, NCTE, 1111 West Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801-1096.

AUGUST 25, 1993

The Lowell School District voted down the Headlee Waiver by account of 1,999-1,796. The vote meant roughly 50 school employees would either have their hours reduced or would lose their job.

Bewell Ave. residents wait for the result of a meeting between the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police to see if they will get the much wanted reduction in speed limit.

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Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

DRAWN BY:
Kevin Craig, 11 yrs. old
Mr. Bacon, Alto Elementary

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Year in Review...

SEPTEMBER 1, 1993

Lowell students are literally asked to go the extra mile so that they can catch their bus ride to school in 1993-94. With seven less buses on the road and five less drivers, Lowell bus drivers went further and stopped less. Four of the buses on the road make double runs.

Jam attracts a modest crowd of 200-250 people. It marked the first time in approximately 10 years that a rock-type event was held at the amphitheatre.

School cuts have little impact on self-sustaining Lowell School's food service program. In 1992-93, it cost Lowell Schools roughly \$400,000 to operate its food service program. The program generated roughly \$420,000.

place the two-inch line with at least a six-inch line to help alleviate the poor water pressure on High Street between James and Grove Streets.

Tina Phillips and the Lowell Jaycees look for adults to fill committee roles for the proposed \$50,000 playground at Creekside Park.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

Lowell Showboat's Band

Lowell's City Council okayed the go-ahead to re-

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Jordan Steele, 11 yrs. old
Ms. Hoats, Bushnell Elementary

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Season's Greetings!

DRAWN BY:
Ryan Hoffman, 10 yrs. old
Mrs. Schneider, Alto Elementary

LOWELL TOWNSHIP

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The Lowell Board of Education Building and Site Committee recommends to the Lowell Board of Education that the Runciman gymnasium be razed this fall.

With the advent of the school day being reduced to five hours and with many of the advanced and enrichment classes cut, requests for student scheduling changes have been at a premium in 1993-94.

Fred A. Erb, President of Erb Lumber Company, announced the sale of the operating assets of its lumber and building materials division to Carolina Builders of Raleigh, NC, a division of Wolsley of Droitwich, England.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1993

The grass roots organizations, S.O.S. (Save our Students) of Cedar Springs and Now Is The Time of Rockford, combined their efforts to effect school finance reform. The grass root organizations scheduled a rally on the steps of the Capitol.

Lowell Cable announces that it will not pay for the use of WWMT's (Channel 3) signal. Lowell Cable had until Oct. 6 to reach an agreement with WWMT or lose its retransmission consent.

The Lowell Education Association and support staff, comprised of teachers and paraprofessionals, through a unique program, donated \$3,602.54 during the 1992-93 school year. These monies were raised through a payroll deduction program. The program is the only one of its kind in Kent County.

Lowell parents give an emotionally charged plea to their kids to a six-hour day.

the Lowell School Board to adopt a goal that would return

Review, cont'd., pg. 27



Lowell's Annie Oesch and Melissa Deeb both qualified for the Class B state cross country tournament.



Bob Rice received his 20-year pin, but because of the five-hour day, status was laid off.

Merry Christmas! We salute you!

DRAWN BY:
Alan Stiver, 11 yrs. old
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Year in Review..

SEPTEMBER 22, 1993

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce chose Ray Quada as its 1993 Person of the Year. Quada was commended for the level of care and dedication he has served Lowell with since his arrival as Lowell City Manager in 1976.

A proposed archery range along 28th Street is met with much opposition from Lowell Township residents.

Tom Heintzleman, a 1974 Lowell High School graduate, announces that he will be running for the U.S. Congress 3rd Congressional District seat.

A 10-year agreement between the city of Lowell and the Missionary Aviation Services was approved by the Lowell City Council.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1993

Vergennes Township's Planning Commission delayed a decision on the rezoning of 97 acres of land from R1 to R2 until Oct. 12. The delay would let the planning commission determine

what kind of impact rezoning might have on the township's future. between the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan State Police to see if they will get the much wanted reduction in speed limit.

Senate Bill 459 was enacted by the Senate to protect children, school employees, and visitors from the dangerous effects of second-hand smoke.

Concerns over water safety, wildlife preservation and natural beauty of the Flat River brought 30 Lowell citizens to a public hearing forum in Vergennes Township. A no-wake zone for the Flat River was discussed.

Superintendent of Transportation for Lowell Schools

OCTOBER 6, 1993

A crowd of roughly 3,000 education supporters rallied outside the Capitol requesting that legislators find a way to provide equitable funding for all schools. The rally came about after legislators cut property taxes used to fund education.

In a unanimous decision, the Lowell Township Board gave Supervisor John Timpon the okay to condemn a portion of the Dick Cooper

property if necessary. The Cooper property, located on Alden Nash and Foreman Road, was under much discussion because the township wanted to run the new sewer line for the high school across Cooper's property.

The city and township planning commissions meet to pursue the modification of M-21 and Bowes/Alden Nash intersection, and to pursue a planning process.

An educational vision and plan for Lowell Schools for the year 2000 is being formulated by the Strategic Planning Committee.

In a time of governmental budget cuts, the Michigan Townships Association asked its members to write a letter opposing cuts for state rev-

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Lowell was well represented at the educational rally at the state Capitol in Lansing.

Welcome to our home

DRAWN BY:
Kristen Ford, 10 yrs. old
Mrs. Pupil, Bushnell Elementary

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INSTITUTE A SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

Administrative Offices:
12685 Foreman Rd. Lowell, MI 49331
616-897-8415

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Wednesday, December 29, 1993, at 7:30 o'clock, p.m. at the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, the Board of Education will hold a meeting at which will be offered for adoption a resolution to impose a summer property tax levy of 50% or all of its annual tax levy upon property located within the school district.

Passage of the proposed resolution would result in the annual levy of all of school property taxes on July 1 against property located within the school district. The Board of Education, under Act 333, Public Acts of Michigan 1982, may impose a summer property tax levy of either one-half (1/2) or the total of annual school property taxes. If the tax rate available to the Board of Education on June 1 of that then current year, excluding taxes levied for debt, is equal to or less than 50% of last year's available tax rate, the Board may levy a summer property tax on all of the available school taxes, including debt. If a summer property tax levy is imposed, the school district may enter into agreements with each city or township in which it lies, or a county treasurer, for collection of the summer property taxes, or may collect such taxes itself pursuant to said Act 333.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Norman Byrne
Secretary

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Year in Review..

OCTOBER 13, 1993

should the townships. The Western Michigan Radio Flyers Association, which flies model airplanes on the property at 1621 Grand River, seems to be rubbing its neighbors the wrong way. Three of its neighbors showed up at a township meeting to

complain about the noise.

Bushnell Elementary students culminate their six-week curriculum studies by studying the eye. Students dissected a cow's eye as part of their unit study.

Lowell Cable and WWMT Channel 3 were unable to

reach an agreement before the Oct. 6 deadline, and thus the local station was removed from the cable system's lineup.

A two-and-a-half day blackout of WWMT-TV Channel 3 by Lowell Cable ended. The two sides reached a tentative agreement. The agreement included procuring a radar dopler system.

Dick Korb, Lowell's Director of School and Community Services, tells how school finance reform will redefine the role of adult and community education. The Governor's plan would eliminate support for every full-time equivalent student seeking a diploma.

Six factors affecting known revenues of the Lowell School District persuaded the Lowell School Board to give the administration permission to reinstate a six-hour day beginning the second semester.

Skye Fisher, Nick Staal, Michael Cross, Diane Johnson and Sara Hecksel were named October Students-of-the-Month.

The Kent Special Riding Program's Ride-A-Thon raised \$28,766.

The Lowell Township Planning Commission asked the township for \$3,000 for an engineering study of M-21 and Bowes/Alden Nash Intersection.

The need for a telephone near I-96 re-opens discussion about building a gas station at the southwest corner of Alden Nash Ave. and Cascade Rd. intersection.

The Lowell Township Planning Commission agrees to grant a special use permit to Rudy Smith and Robert and Carlinda Boyd for the purpose of operating an archery range.

Local school officials and area parents complain that the Governor's plan to finance education will not bring about equity. "Is equity giving one school \$6,500 and another school \$4,500? Is equity allowing schools that get \$6,500 a chance to get additional spending dollars, but not allowing schools getting \$4,500 the same opportunity?" said Director of School and Community Service, Dick Korb.

OCTOBER 20, 1993

Through a second opinion, Lowell Schools learns that there may be a way to repair the roof and the cracks in the south and west walls of the Runciman gymnasium.

Citing rising costs in the Kent County Library System, Vergennes Township decides to drop out of the system beginning Jan. 4, 1994. The Township said its cost had more than tripled.

Art Gall, Director of Public Works, said that the time frame for the completion of a sidewalk improvement plan

will eventually come down to how much the city council is willing to spend and over what period of time.

Lowell's Virgil Roudabush retires from King Milling after 42 years of employment.

OCTOBER 27, 1993

Jeanne Shores, Chuck Myers, James Maatman and Jim Hodges talk candidly about what the future holds for Lowell and their views on growth, possible cuts in state revenue sharing, and the master plan prior to the City Council election. The four candidates were vying for the three open council seats.

The idea of using state-shared revenues from cities, townships and villages (to help reform the way education is financed), has local governmental officials nipping at their heels.

Peter McPherson returned to speak to the Lowell Rotary as President of Michigan State University. McPherson first talked to the Lowell Rotary as a junior rotarian in 1958.

The Lowell Township Board agreed to grant a planning commission request of \$3,000 for the purpose of conducting an engineering study of the intersection at M-21, Alden Nash and Bowes Rd.

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Lowell Township & road commission extend gravel mining agreement

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board has agreed to renew its agreement with the Kent County Road Commission for the mining and processing of gravel at the Hesche pit for another four years.

The board signed an agreement with the road commission in 1990 allowing the commission to produce 60,000 yards of gravel. That initial agreement lasted until this year.

Township Supervisor John Timpson and other members of the board said

there was no reason why they shouldn't extend the agreement another four years.

"The road commission has done everything we ask them to in regards to the gravel pit. Except for a little dust from their trucks, they present very little nuisance to this township," said Timpson.

Township Trustee Dick Huver is a resident near the gravel pit and he says the county is very respectful to the residents in the area.

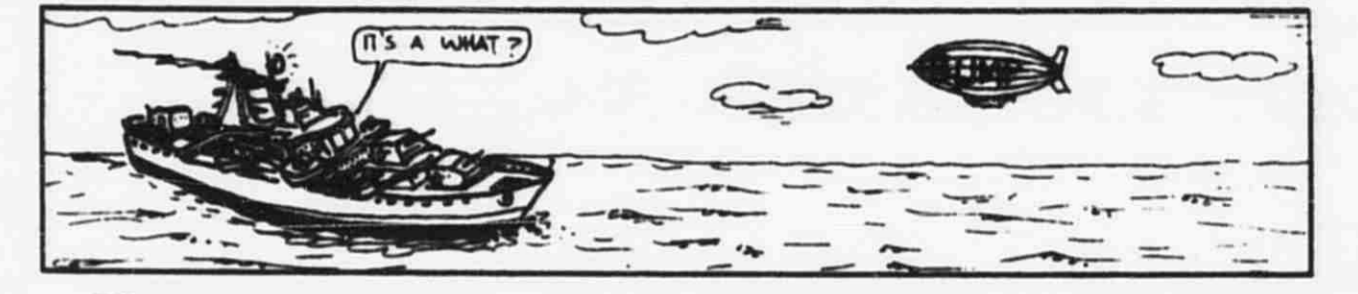
"Before they haul any gravel from the site, they spray the road to keep the dust down and for me that is very im-

portant," said Huver.

Timpson believes the gravel extracted from the Lowell site probably provides the county with most of its gravel needs. He said they have roughly 80 acres to work with and that is enough to last

years down the road.

"The period in which the trucks come in to haul the gravel away is relatively short, and the need for the gravel is great, so it is a good working balance as far as we are concerned," said Timpson.



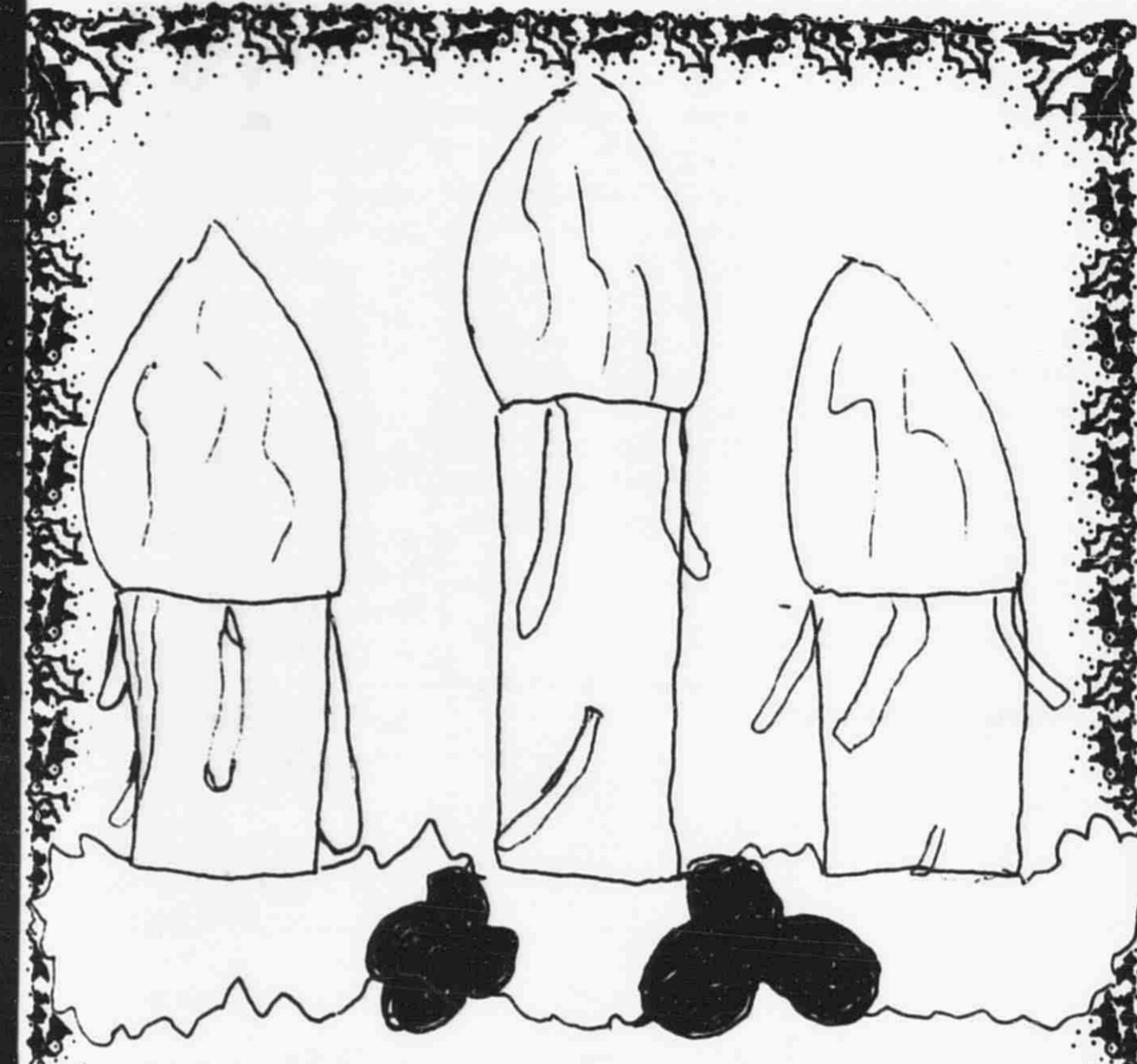
Blimps get their name from being the U.S. Navy's B-class nonrigid airships, also known as B-limps.



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Rachel Bender, 10 yrs. old
Mrs. Kelley, Runciman/Riverside

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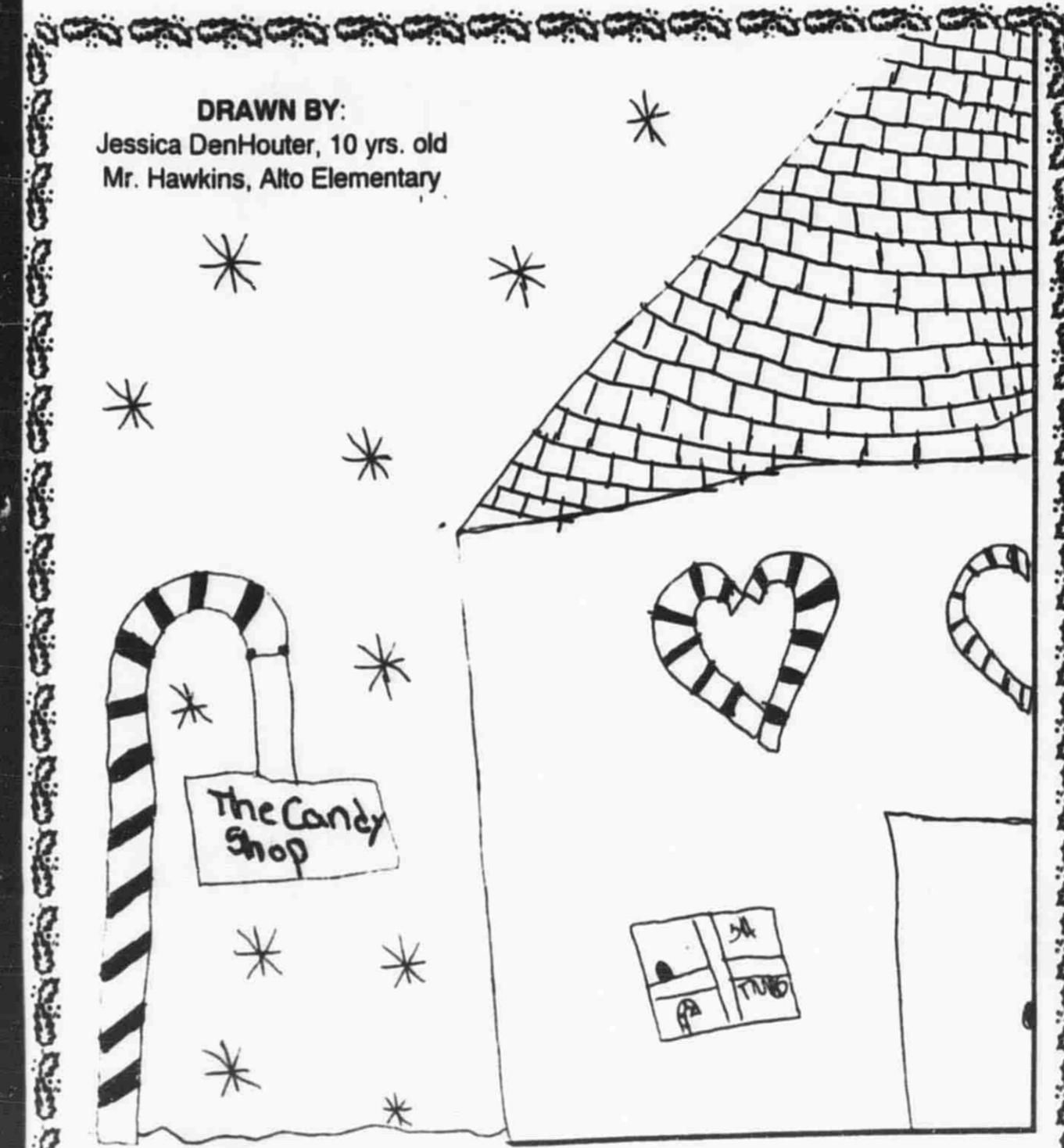
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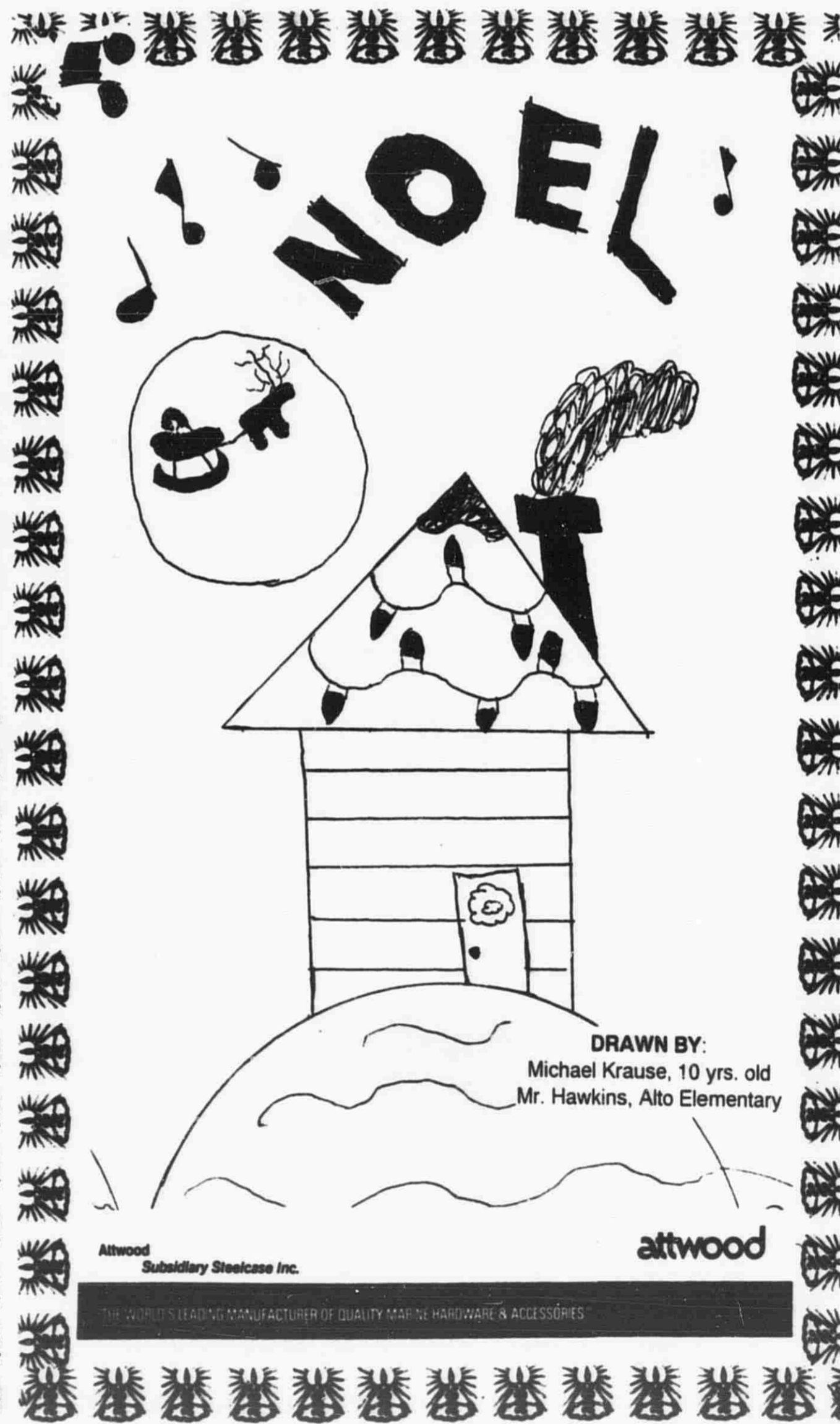
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City and Grand River investments clear up clerical error

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A clerical error in the legal description of a deed has slowed down Grand River Investments (owner of Pebble Beach Apartments) in clearing up an area for a proposed park (Stoney Lakeside). The process was completed in 1988, but in fact it was never signed.

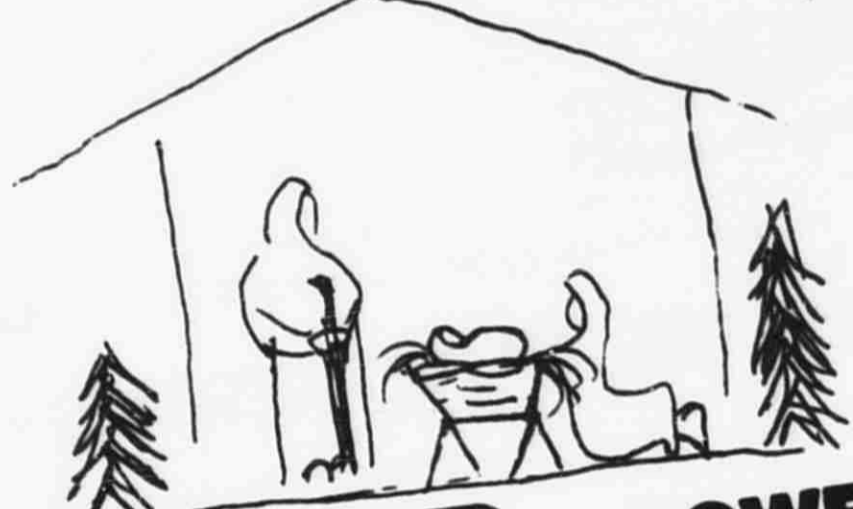
However, over the last few months while working on the sale, Glownia, in examining the site plan, learned that the vacated Clarke Street was necessary to meet the proper rear yard setback (30 feet) for zoning. It was assumed by Glownia that the property was acquired in 1988, but in fact it was never signed.

Gary Glownia, Grand River Investments, noted that in 1988 an exchange of land between the city and Grand River Investments was made to clear up an area for a proposed park (Stoney Lakeside). The process was completed in 1988, but in fact it was never signed.

Glownia asked that the council issue a quick claim deed to correct the clerical error legal description. The Council through legal advice from city attorney Dick Wendt declined. The city attorney said it was necessary to proceed with selling the property as provided by the city charter. Thus, the property will be advertised for sale on Dec. 22 and 29th, and bids will be received on Jan. 17, 1994. It will be finalized on Feb. 7. The Council said it would Clerical, cont'd., pg. 31



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Katie Moore, 11 yrs. old
Mr. Stevens, Bushnell Elementary



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Elizabeth Koopman, 10 yrs. old
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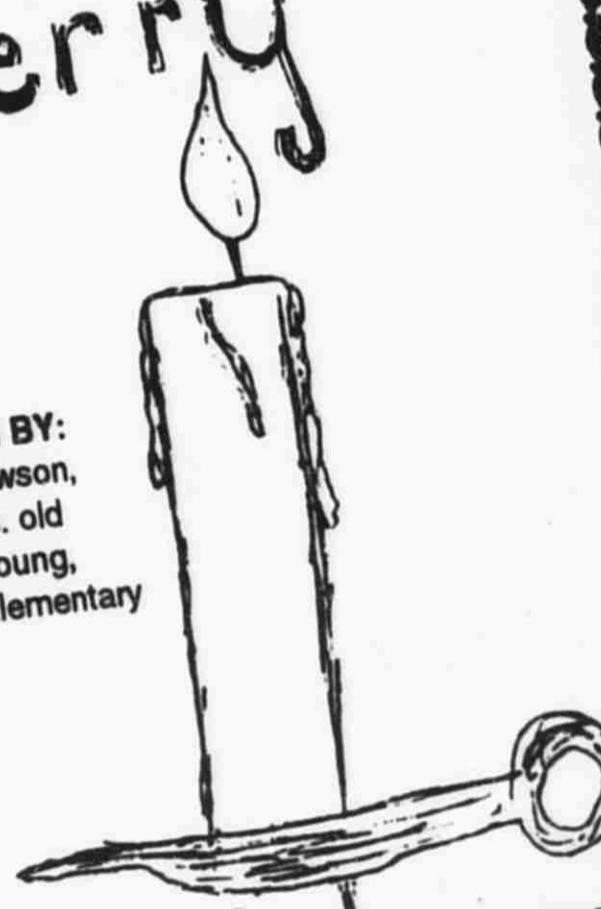
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Post-season BB awards

Lowell girls' basketball coach handed out post-season basketball awards to a Red Arrow club that finished the season at 15-6. Pictured, front, left to right, are: Alison Kissinger, Krista Posthumus (All-Conference Defensive Player of the Year), Tammy Stauffer; second row: Amy Stauffer (All Conference, Offensive Player of the Year), Kerry Nugent, Kortney Gowen (Most Improved Defensive Player); third row: Cindy Kosnik, Cori Boersma, Courtney Arnett (Honorable Mention All-Conference, Most Improved Offensive Player), Katie Hayward, Elena Richmond, Andrea Richmond (Coach's Award), and Emily Davis (The Davis Award).

Merry



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Tom Dawson,
11 yrs. old
Mrs. Young,
Bushnell Elementary

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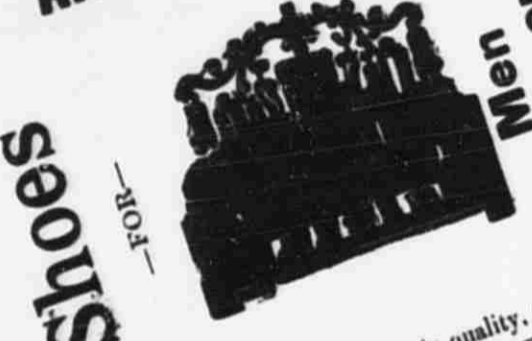
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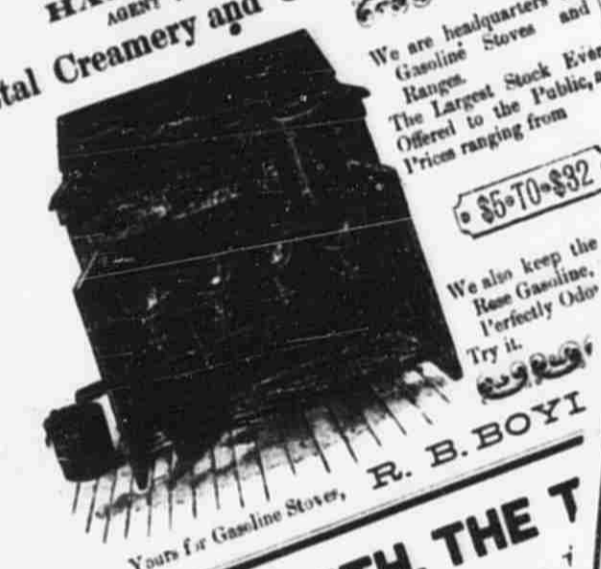
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Township land use plan scrutinized closely by commission and residents

Timpson: If the area is controlled closely, the township can maintain growth properly.

Lowell Township citizens aired their concerns, questions and hopes to the Township Planning Commission on Monday night. About 166 citizens appeared at the meeting to discuss the township's land use plan for 1993. The plan, which was developed by the township's planning commission, was presented to the township board on Jan. 17. The plan includes a map of the township showing various zones and areas for development. The plan also includes a list of the areas to be developed and a description of the development to be undertaken. The plan is being reviewed by the township board and the county board of health and safety. The plan is expected to be adopted by the township board in the next few weeks.

School payroll discrepancies leads to dismissal of employee

An internal audit of Lowell Schools payroll records uncovered a number of irregularities in an employee's payroll account. Lowell Superintendent Fritz Eick noted Tuesday, an internal audit of payroll records uncovered a discrepancy in an employee's payroll account by auditing firm, Hainbold and Co. of Grand Rapids. The audit was conducted by Eick, called for an internal audit of the payroll records. The audit uncovered a number of irregularities in the employee's payroll account. The irregularities included missing payroll entries, incorrect amounts, and missing deductions. The employee was dismissed from his position as a result of the irregularities.

New public library a motivating force behind East Riverfront plan

The East Riverfront Area Master Plan does not discuss education facilities. However, the plan does discuss the development of a new public library. The library is being developed as part of the East Riverfront development. The library will be a three-story building and will include a reading room, a computer lab, and a meeting room. The library is expected to be completed in the next few years. The library will be a motivating force behind the East Riverfront plan.

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Year in Review...



Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers was inducted into the Michigan High School Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Lowell Township came to a verbal agreement with Dick Cooper to run the sewer line across his property, after three months of deliberations as to where the line should go and if Cooper could get his property rezoned.

Lowell's City Planning Commission approved a site-plan application for the construction of a diner much like Rosie's Diner in Rockford.

Lowell's football team lost its final football game played on Burch Field. Forest Hills Central won the contest, 15-7.

Vergennes Township reached a water and sewer agreement with Lowell Township to service the new high school. The township board adopted a 40-year agreement with Lowell. The agreement included adopting ordinances which will stipulate how the water and sewer lines will be managed.

Lowell's Jim Bosserd was honored as the YMCA's Volunteer of the Year. Bosserd has been the Lowell YMCA's "Invest in Youth" Chairman for the past two years.

Pizza Hut opens its door in Lowell on Nov. 3.

Lowell's soccer team earned its third district crown in four years with a 2-0 win over Forest Hills Northern.

The Lowell School District and the Lowell Education Association ratified a two-year agreement. The agreement called for the teachers to get a 2.75 salary increase for the 1993-94 school year. That was in addition to the teachers' 1.5 percent step-scale increase.

Kendra Akers, Jennifer Idema, Brandon Eisentrager and Scott Smith were named Lowell High School's Students-of-the-Month.

Jeanne Shores became the first woman to be elected to the Lowell City Council since 1967. Shores received the highest number of votes, 427. Jim Hodges was second with 348 and James Maatman was third with 335.

Lowell Special Education Supervisor Pam Thomas and the Lowell Special Education Department organized a volunteer program which actively solicits the help of classroom volunteers.

Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers was the 34th inductee into the Michigan Wrestling Association Hall of Fame.

NOVEMBER 17, 1993

Lowell City Council stated that 1993 would be the last year the city of Lowell would provide blanket coverage for residents and businesses who have inadequately protected their private water lines and

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NOVEMBER 3, 1993

Larkin's owner Steve Larkin appeals the City Commission's approval of the Redhot Diner site plan. Larkin said the west end of town already has a parking problem, and putting in another business would create a bottleneck.

Clerical, continued...

action awarding the bid within 30 days thus preventing Glownia from holding up his potential buyer.

Pasquale said a letter of assurance can be written up so Glownia's realtor may act once the bid is rewarded and not have to wait an additional 20 days.



Pizza Hut joined the list of fast food restaurants to make a home in Lowell.

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Melissa Hamstra, 10 yrs. old
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DRAWN BY:
Sunny Moyer, 10 yrs. old
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Peace

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Jenny Williams, 10 1/2 yrs. old
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Year in Review...

must now run water to prevent frozen lines. The city had a policy of offering discounted water/sewer rates to residents and businesses who must run their water to prevent frozen lines.

Deeb qualified for the state cross-country tournament. Oesch finished 12th in the regional at a time of 21:03. Deeb, a sophomore, was 24th in 21:35.

In an effort to keep Vergennes as rural as possible, the Vergennes Township Board unanimously denied a request to rezone 97 acres owned by Richard Cooper. He asked to rezone the property, located on the northeast corner of Foreman

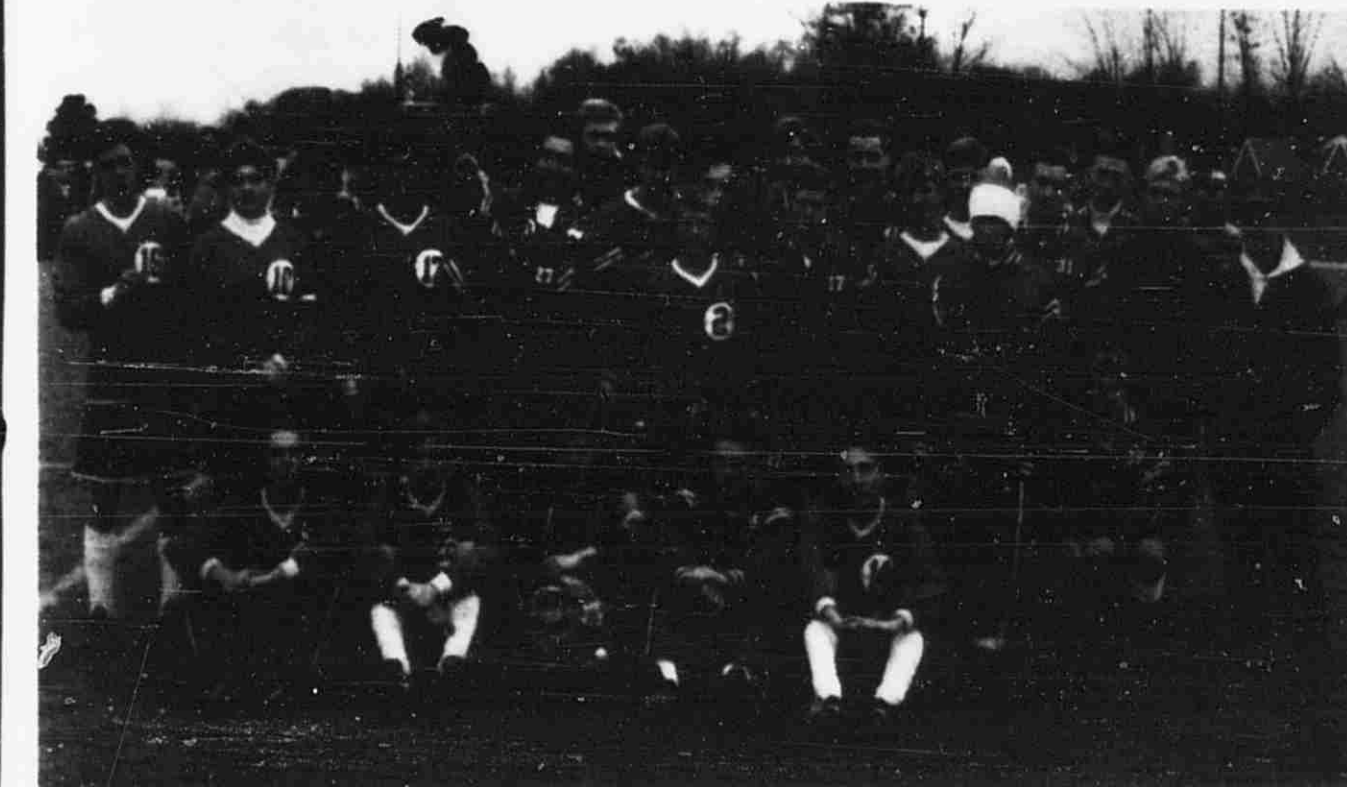
Rd. and Alden Nash, from residential 1 to residential 2. The re-zoning would have reduced the minimum lot size requirements to build houses from one acre to half an acre.

incurred neared the break-even point. Lowell Light and Power's cost of purchased power increased by four times the amount.

Lowell senior Andrea Richmond was named Lowell High School's recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for the 1993-94 school year.

NOVEMBER 10, 1993

Annie Oesch and Melissa



Lowell's soccer team celebrated yet another district championship.

NOVEMBER 24, 1993

The Lowell City audit showed the city to be in good financial position. Lowell Cable's profits and prior losses

Lowell's Denny Huver was the Lowell Ledger "First Buck" contest winner. He brought in his winning seven-point, 175-pound buck at 7:45 a.m.

A delay in road construction saved Lowell Township \$12,730 in construction costs.

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DRAWN BY:
Alecia Daggett, 10 yrs. old
Mrs. Kelley, Runciman/Riverside

Year in Review...

DRAWN BY:
Doug Anchors, 11 yrs. old
Mrs. Young, Bushnell Elementary

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An appeal to the Redhot Diner site plan was turned back at a special public hearing. The prevailing opinion was that Lowell has a parking problem and something needs to be done about the problem, but not at the expense of a new business coming into town.

Arts and Cultural Affairs awarded a total of \$1,402 in state-matching grant money to the Lowell Area Arts Council.

DECEMBER 1, 1993

The Michigan Council for Kent County Aeronautics Board pursues 320 acres of

farmland. Lowell Township residents resist the relocation of airport wetlands. Hoping to protect her property, Carol Wieland approaches the Lowell Township Board asking its help in her plight against the KCAB. Wieland was one of several residents contacted by the KCAB.

To fulfill the needs of the



Lowell girls' basketball team won the O-K White Conference championship for the second time in five years.

down in the House Bill.

Lowell Cable Television announces a channel lineup change will take place on Dec. 9.

Ann-Marie Townsend, Chris Goggins, Michael J. Rottier and Holly Bauman are named December Students-of-the-Month.

Lowell's City Council approves a low priority list for the city sidewalk project.

DECEMBER 15, 1993

Lowell Schools announced it will implement a new student assistance program after learning it was allocated \$37,756 from the Kent ISD's Drug-Free Schools and Communities Consortium.

Lowell's School Board comes under close scrutiny for competitive bidding, teacher salaries and use of energy and

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Merry Christmas

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new high school, the Kent County Road Commission condemned nearly six acres of land owned by Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook.

DECEMBER 8, 1993

Many proponents of the governor's charter school program outlined in his education reform plan are watered



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maintenance funds. In lieu of criticism about the board's straight forwardness in negotiating teacher contracts, board President Ray Quada called for an independent audit of teacher salaries.

Paula Murphy resigns as the Alto Principal to accept an eighth-grade reading position at the Lowell Middle School.

The contracts of five Lowell School District administrators were extended. Con-

tracts were extended for Jim DeWeerd, Scott Vashaw, Louie Dudeck, Mike Matlosz and Jim Harden.

Lowell's City Council approved an early retirement window for Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons.

Charlie Kohler resigns from the school board. Dave Burdette's early retirement was also approved.

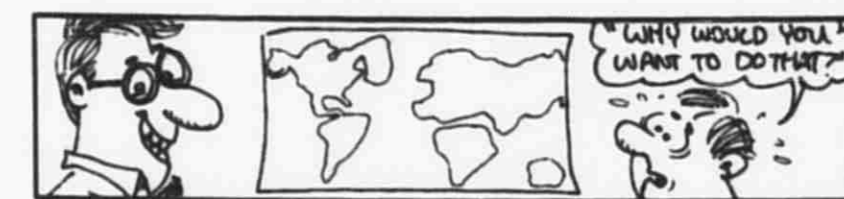
Lowell dentist for 40 years, Dr. Robert Reagan announces

he will retire at the end of the year.

Lowell Area Fire Department's Explorer post uses money raised in a pop bottle/can drive to purchase

smoke alarms for the needy.

Polle Lubbinge submits his letter of resignation to the Lowell Township Planning Commission. He said the reasons are personal and private.



If all the continents were placed in the Pacific, there would still be room for another the size of Asia, the largest continent.

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Council approves use of funds for two more dive members

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A coordinated effort between the Lowell Police Department and the Lowell Area Fire Department helped persuade the Lowell City Council to approve the use of Look Memorial Funds to assist in equipping two police reserve officers as part of the Lowell dive team.

Concerns were raised by the Council in regards to duplication of services. Lowell Area Fire Depart-

ment dive team member Kelly Holst said the LAFD had the same concern, and that's why the addition of two divers from the police department will be melded into one agency. "It will all be under the jurisdiction of the fire department," Holst said.

Other items brought up by police reserve Jerry Despres and Holst supporting the funding include: two extra divers will be more helpful in practice, the police emergency vehicle "840" will be available for all divers in a crime scene,

law enforcement personnel can maintain the chain of evidence, and reserve officers Despres and Ken Hall are certified divers.

The cost of the equipment to outfit two more divers will be \$5,800.

Earlier this year, the Look committee awarded \$12,650 to outfit five divers from the Lowell Area Fire Department.

Holst said it's not often you get the right caliber of people to become involved in such a program.

The pack rat, a rodent native to North and Central America, will pick up and hide or carry home small articles that catches its fancy, such as silverware, nails, buckles, even brightly colored stones.

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- Dexter Shoes
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- Jeffries Socks
- Buxton Wallets
- Carhart Coats
- VanHeusen Dress Shirts
- B.U.M. Shirts
- Leegin Belts
- Lee Jeans

For Her

- Lee Jeans
- Woolrich Sweaters
- Mulberry Street Coats
- Northern Isle T-necks
- Night Wear By Deena
- Sportswear By Jantzen
- Gloves
- Sweaters By Renee Haver
- Zena Jeans
- Focus Sportswear
- E.N.U.F. Tops
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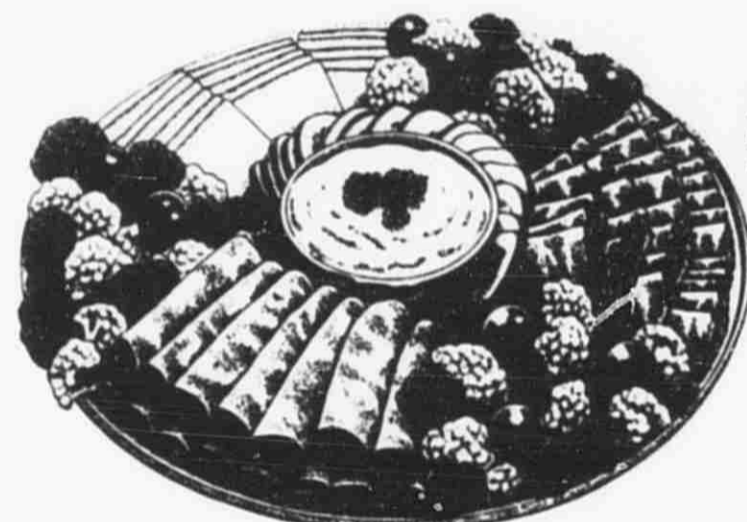
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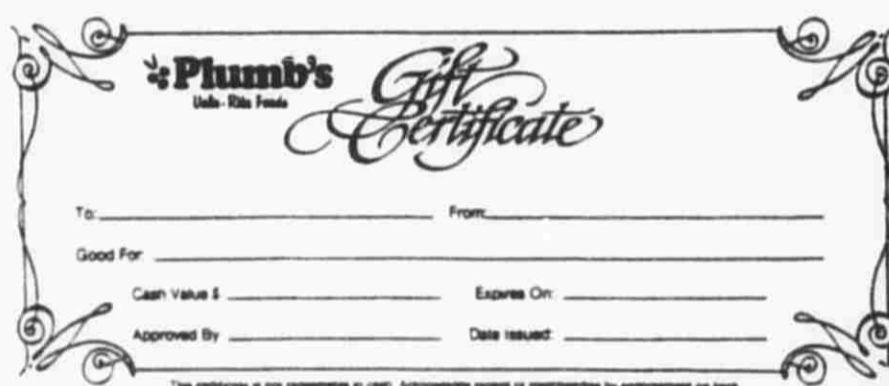
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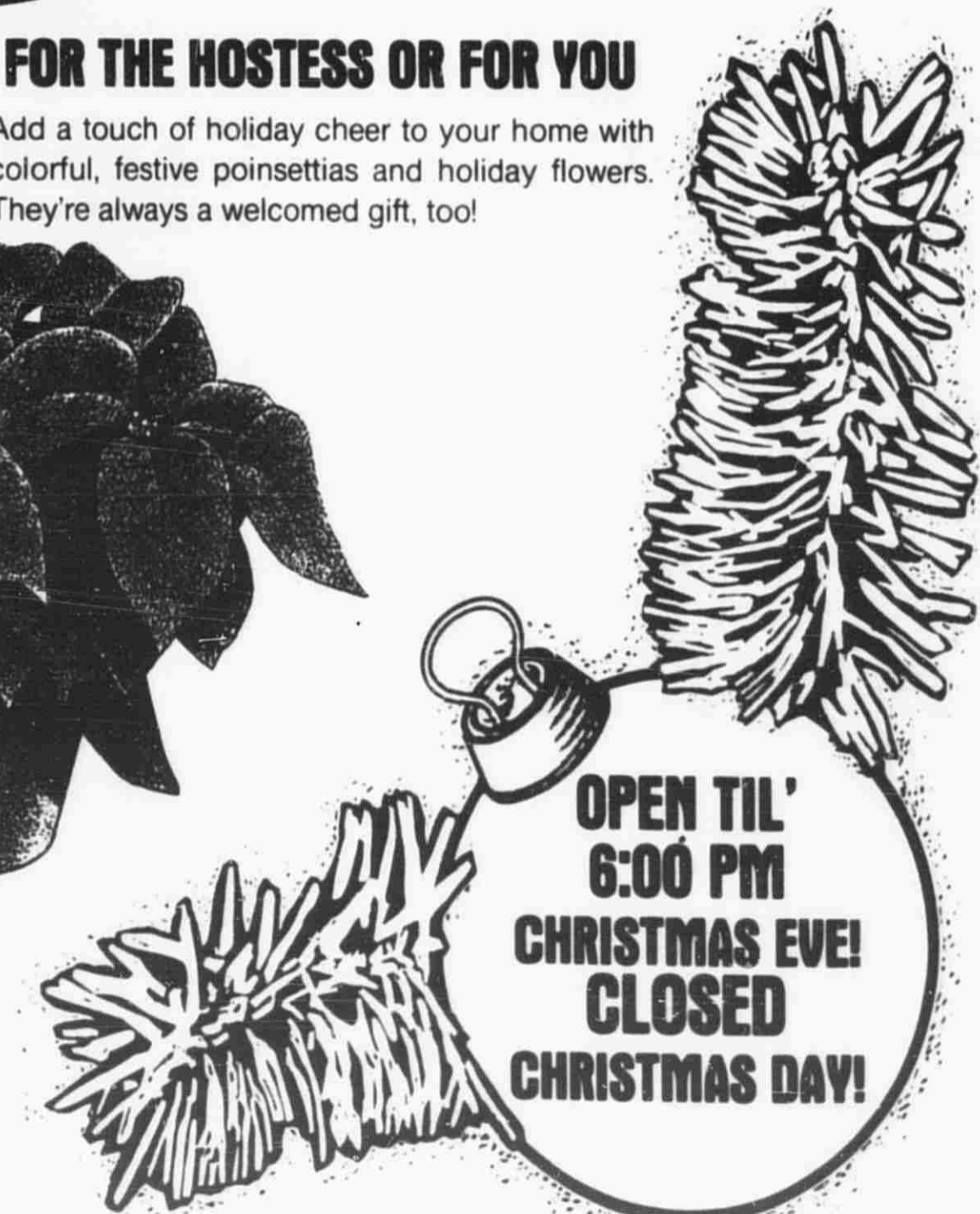
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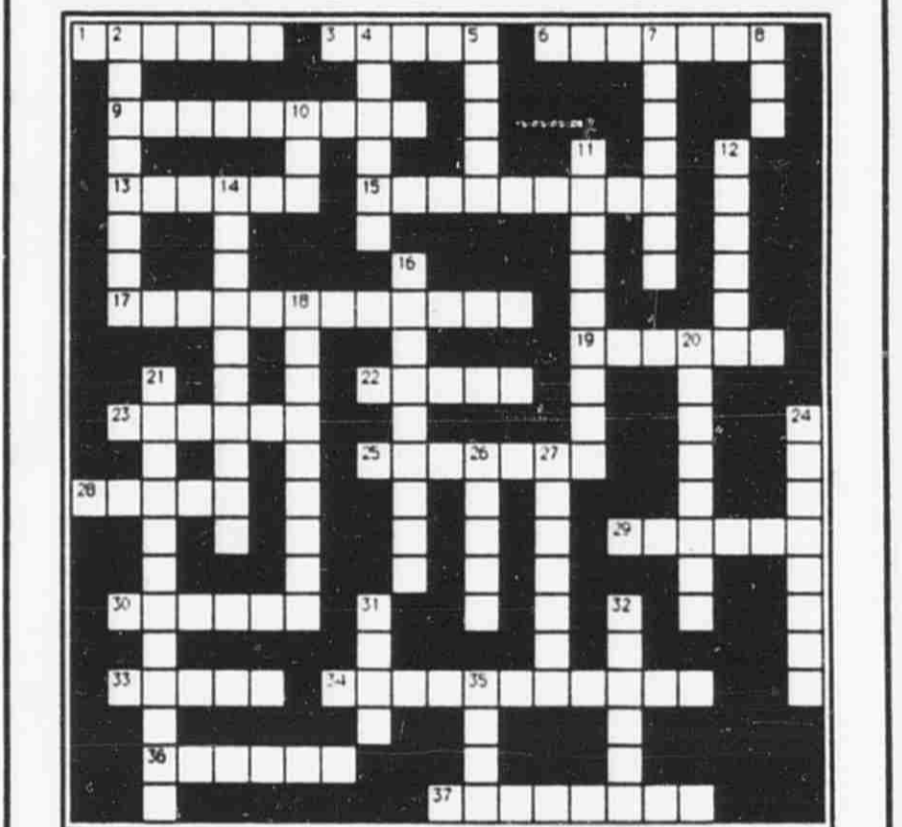
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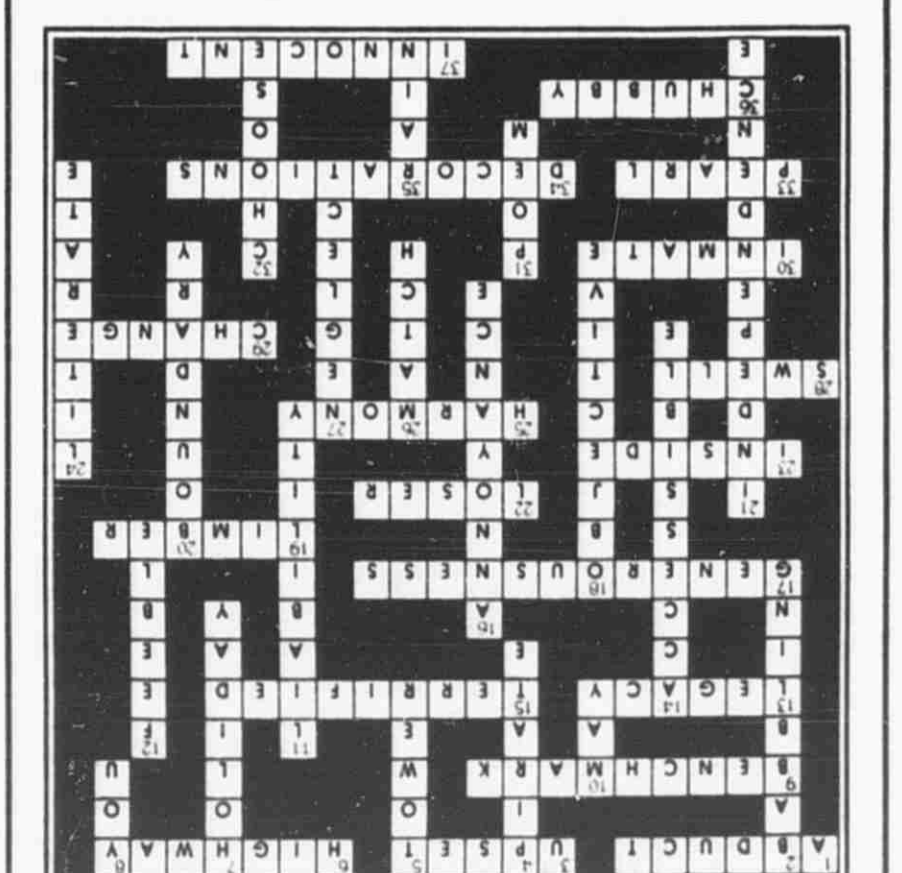
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 28. Get bigger
 29. Cashiers make this
 30. Prisoner
 33. ___ of wisdom
 34. Need these at a party
 36. Fat
 37. Not guilty
- DOWN
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 4. Plunderer afloat
 5. ___ of Babel
 7. Day off
 8. ___ hoo!
 10. March, April, ___
 11. A hindrance
 12. Weak
 14. Available for use
 16. Something that bothers
 18. Goal
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