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## Selection committee to use KISD in appointment to fill school board vacancy left by Kohler's resignation

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The timing of Charlie Kohler's immediate resignation from the Lowell School Board on Dec. 13 may have affected the effectiveness in which the appointment to replace him has been handled.

"The board usually receives advance notice on resignations," Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch said. "This resignation was immediate rather than effective."

Norm Byrne, in his eighth year on the school board said, "In the time I've spent on the board, if my memory is correct, a resignation has never gone into affect until some-

one was appointed to fill the spot."

The law states school boards have 20 days to make an appointment and after that time, the choice is then the decision of the Kent Intermediate School District.

"The board got caught up in a timeline and with the holidays and our attention elsewhere, I think the appointment was forgotten," Byrne said. "I will say this, the board has tried to give as many people as are interested an opportunity to apply for the appointment."

Byrne, who is the chairman of the committee which will recommend three candidates to the KISD, said the

KISD will have the choice of selecting one of its three recommendations or selecting one of the six candidates who applied. Byrne said he is hopeful the committee can make a recommendation to the Board at its February meeting.

The candidates who submitted letters of interest are Dennis Brown, Annie Mulder, Ellen McClain, Mark Blanding, Andrew Schollaart and Barbara Kropf.

The candidate who is appointed will fill the seat until June, and then the candidates will have to re-run in a school election decided by public vote.

"Since the board went beyond the 20 days, it decided the proper way to handle the selection was to turn it over to the KISD," Byrne said.

Joining Byrne on the committee are Chris VanAntwerp and Marcia Wilcox.

"There has been a lot of issues on the school board plate. I think the board was reluctant to bring in someone new during this time," Wilcox

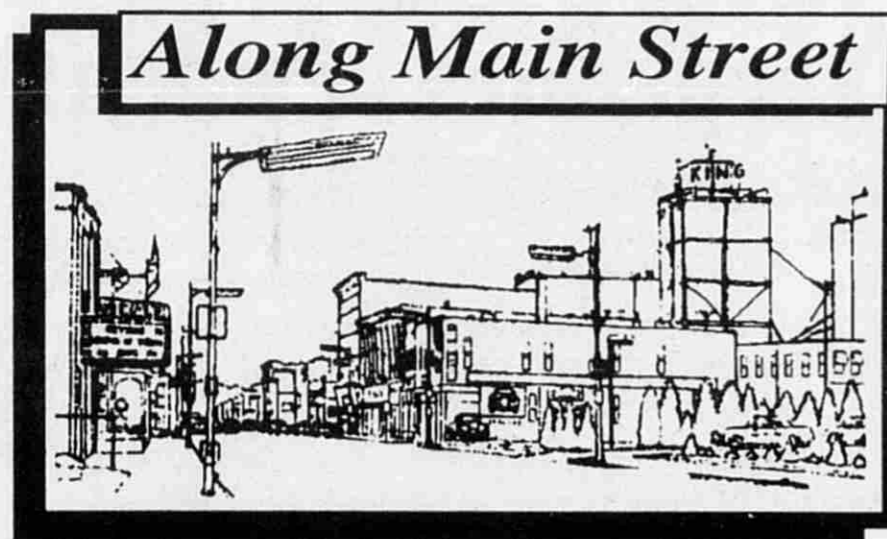
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## An Arctic Blast!



The frigid, arctic temperatures forced employees at King Milling to brave the elements on Wednesday as they worked to get the dolly back on the rail. The gate, which controls the height of the Flat River, was frozen into position by the weather, causing the dolly to come off its rail, according to King Milling superintendent Greg Ball. Temperatures dropped as low as 22 degrees below zero in the Grand Rapids area. The temperature in Lowell reached at least 18 degrees below zero Saturday night (Jan. 15). Wind chills reached 50 below zero.



### "OUR TOWN" PRESENTED BY ARTS COUNCIL

Tickets are now on sale at the Lowell Area Arts Council for its annual community play which will be held Feb. 17, 18, 19, 25 and 26. Come see your friends and neighbors in Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning "Our Town" which illustrates relationships and cycles of life in a small town at the turn of the century.

Ticket prices are \$4 for the February 17 performance with open seating and \$2.50 for senior citizens and students. The other evenings feature cabaret (reserved) seating at \$6. Ask about prepaid group discounts (20 or more). All performances begin at 8 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School cafetorium. For more information the LAAC office, 149 South Hudson, is open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m., or call 897-8545.

### BLUEBIRDS SPOTTED

Irene Vaughan reports that five bluebirds have stayed the winter.

### STUDENT AMBASSADORS FUND-RAISER

There will be a bottle and can drive Feb. 5 to help four Lowell People-to-People student ambassadors go to New Zealand and Australia this summer.

The kids going door to door for donations will be Jennifer Boyd, Stephanie Brown, Dena Beers and Becky Cattanaach. If you have any questions, please call Rose Cattanaach at 897-5353.

### FRANCISCAN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER WINTER DAY CAMP

The Franciscan Child Development Center is offering a Third Annual Winter Day Camp for seven to 12-year olds on Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee will be \$18.

For directions, registration form or more information contact Sister Mary Margaret, F.S.E. at the Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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## Survey Says!

### Master Plan questionnaire to tap ideas and opinions of community

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

After final review, the Lowell Community Survey was approved and target mailing dates were set by the Lowell Planning Commission.

Steve Langworthy, of Design Plus, with input from the Focus Group and Planning Commission, put together the 24-question survey.

It will be mailed out to 583 city residents split across three neighborhoods (east, west and Valley Vista).

Mailing dates on the surveys sent out in each area will be separated by one day.

The Planning Commission set Jan. 31 as a target date as to when mailing should begin. Surveys would also be sent out on Feb. 1st and 2nd.

Langworthy recommended that the Planning Commission allow approximately 2 1/2 weeks for survey returns.

The Planning Commission will then tabulate the results of the survey at a work session on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Chairman Mike Blough said the Planning Commission will be broken up into teams of three to tabulate the results.

Langworthy said the number of surveys mailed out

was a result of two factors: the expected return rate and the confidence level desired for the survey. He estimated a response level at a conservative figure of 30 percent and/or 175 of the 583 sent out.

The survey will play an important part in the development of a master plan, which will help guide the

growth and use of land in the city over the next 10-20 years.

The survey is intended to tap the ideas and opinions of the community about the city's growth and development in the city.

Lowell's Planning Commission and City Council are expected to complete a master plan over the next 10-12 months.

### Vergennes Planning Commission studies feasibility of new Twp. Hall

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

building, located at 12625 Bailey Drive, is too small to handle the people who come in during elections.

According to the Vergennes land use plan, developed in 1989, the township was to have a new town-

ship hall by now.

The current building is owned by the Davis family who leases it to the township. That lease is a life-long contract, but the Township does not pay for use—just the clean-up cost.

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**OBITUARIES**

**DOYLE** - R. Marie Doyle, aged 55, of Lowell, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael. She is survived by her children, Daphne (Timothy) Tacket of Grand Rapids, David Doyle of Lowell; brother, Emmet and Betty Channell Jr. of Phoenixville, PA; sister, Hatie Mae Oliver of Lowell; grandsons, Justin Doyle and Andrew Tacket. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Bruce Lomis of Grace Episcopal Church officiating.

**IRBY** - Edward E. Irby, aged 78, of Lowell, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. Surviving are his wife Inez; son Earl and Carol of Owosso; daughter Darlene Good of Alto; brother Roy of Cisco, IL; sisters, Verna Walters of Charleston, IL, Betty Adams of Westfield, IL, Jane Miller of Urbana, IL; six grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Michael K. Murdick officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Wesleyan Church.

**EMERY** - Elmer H. Emery, aged 77, of Morley, died Saturday at his residence. He was a longtime area carpenter and a Veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife Mildred; four sons, Duane (Kitty) Emery of FL, Douglas (Deana) Emery of Wyoming, Jerry (Linda) Radle of Morley, Larry (Rdeen) Radle of Lowell; 14 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three brothers, Harvey, Leonard, and Fred; one sister Hilda Taylor of Grand Rapids; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Germain-Mohnke Funeral Home in Howard City, Pastor Charles Jones officiating. Memorial contributions to Home Hospice.

**GROCHOWALSKI** - George Grochowalski, aged 75, of Ada, passed away Sunday, January 23, 1994. He is survived by his wife Beth; children, Georgie Ann (Kenneth) Roth, Lowell, Brenda (Matthew) Cain, Moscow, Idaho, Jenifer Grochowalski, Ada, Nancy (Mark) Curtis, Alto; brothers, Aloysius (Ethelyn) Grochowalski, Ada, and Albert Grochowalski, Ada; sisters, Bernice Lozicki, Ada, Dorothy (Fred) Neubecker, Cascade; grandchildren, Emily and David Roth, George Taylor Cain, Sean and Eric Curtis. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Robert Newminster Church, Msgr. Ernest P. Schneider, President.

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln School.

**MOONEY** - Mr. James Mooney, aged 48, of Norfolk, VA, formerly of Parnell, passed away unexpectedly January 16, 1994. Jim retired from the US Navy after 20 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars #4809 in Norfolk and a graduate of Parnell High School in 1963. He was preceded in death by his son, Sean and his father, Charles. Surviving are his wife, Carol; his sons, Charles and wife Terry, Daniel and Roger; his mother, Mrs. Irma Malone; his brothers and sister and their spouses, Michael and Kay Mooney, Maureen and Russ Goodmoot, Donna and Tom Jaquith, Ed and Terri Mooney, Marti and Jim Goggins, Dick and Sue Mooney, Betty and Tom Jonker, Marilyn and Terry Conley; his step-brothers, Pat, Dan, John, Bob and Brian Malone; a step-sister, Karen Schoenborn; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell with The Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler as Celebrant. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Military Graveside Honors will be under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Building Fund at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

**VANDENBERGE** - Herbert M. Vandenberg, aged 88, of Ada, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 1994. He is survived by his children, Roger (Peggy) Vandenberg, Ada, Norma Vandenberg, Murray Lake, Carol (Michael) Lindhout, Ada; five grandchildren, Craig, David, Kim, Mark and Greg; and four great-grandchildren, Dan, Katie, Emily, and Molly. He was the founder and former owner of the Community Super Market on East Fulton. Private funeral services were held by the family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Word of

Truth Ministries, 339 S. Orange Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90036.

**VANDER WAL** - Mr. Henry Vander Wal, aged 86, of Byron Center, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1994 and went to be with his Lord. Surviving are his wife Jean; his children, Jerry and Betty of Cedar Springs, Evert and Patricia of Lowell, Roger and Marlene of Coopersville, Donald and Linda of Dutton; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters, Rudy and Betty of Lake City, George and Trina

of Grand Rapids, Leah and Cornelius Kos of Grand Rapids, Marie Heyboer of Belmont; sister-in-law Pearl and Leo Fitch of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. Henry was retired after 28 years with General Motors. Funeral Services were held Saturday from the Byron Center Chapel, Cook Funeral Home with Rev. David H. Records officiating. Interment Restlawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Rickert named assistant vice president at Independent Bank**

Doreen A. Rickert has been promoted to assistant vice president of Independent Bank Corporation. The announcement was made by the corporation's president and chief executive officer, Charles C. Van Loan. Rickert joined the corporation's marketing department in 1989 and is currently the marketing officer. Previously, she worked as a market research analyst for Old Kent Bank and as a copywriter for Quality Stores, Inc. A 1987 graduate of Central Michigan University, Rickert holds a bachelor of applied arts degree in journalism and broadcasting. In addition, she recently graduated with honors from the Robert M. Perry

School of Banking. "We are very pleased to have Doreen's expertise and talent in the marketing department. She is a dedicated, future-oriented employee and a definite asset to our company," stated Van Loan. Rickert is a member of the Michigan Bankers Association marketing committee, a trustee of the Robert M. Perry School of Banking and a member of the Bank Marketing Association. She also volunteers her time to the American Cancer Society. Independent Bank Corporation has five affiliate banks operating 28 full service offices across Michigan. The



Doreen A. Rickert

corporation's common stock trades on the NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol IBCP.

**Wildlife preserve in the works for Vergennes resident**

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In this time of developing land for industrial or residential purposes, one Vergennes resident hopes to develop his land for the wildlife.

Bill Schreur, 538 Flat River Dr., owns 75 acres of land along the Flat River which he hopes to designate as "open space."

Land designated as "open space" must meet certain guidelines set forth under Public Act 116. This act states that he can't sell the land for development or change the land use for ten years. At the end of that ten-year period, he may choose to renew the designation. Schreur bought the land in October and says he wants

preserve the natural beauty of the area and reforest the upper part of the property. On the lower part of the property he hopes to build a wildlife preserve.

To get the land designated "open space," the land must meet requirements by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Besides meeting the DNR requirements, he must submit an application to the Vergennes Township Board. After receiving the application the board will seek advice from the planning commission, soil conservation district and the city of Lowell.

If he does receive the open space designation, Schreur could get income and property tax benefits.

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**Teachers return with no guarantee of what future holds**

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School physical education teacher Julie Niemela started a personal journey eight months ago. The road traveled while on that journey had its share of pot holes and bumps, but Niemela survived and is gratified to be back teaching at Lowell Middle School.

Niemela, like 13 other Lowell teachers at the elementary, middle school and high school buildings, lost her teaching job the night the Lowell School District voted down the Headlee back in August of 1993.

"I got my life back," she explained on Monday (her first day back). "It's like a big breath of fresh air."

Niemela is back doing what she's been doing for the past 11 years and loving it. After learning of her lay-off, Niemela went through the emotions of hurt and betrayal. "I'd lost control. I felt betrayed and hurt. Those horrendous eight months did teach me some survival skills. I no longer look beyond tomorrow, otherwise there's worry and heartache."

In this world of constant changes and financial uncertainty in the educational world, Niemela and others worry about what may or may not lie ahead.

"I'm concerned at both the local and state level," said Lowell High School home economics instructor Marsha LaHaye. "I do know if the school must cut again to open up the new school, I couldn't go through this again."

LaHaye began her 14th year at Lowell on Monday. "I put the bad feelings behind me. I had to or it would have driven me crazy," she says. "Everything fell into place the first day back. It was like I'd never left. I think that was because I'd been here so long."

Things hadn't changed that much.

She adds her approach has not changed. "It's still being the best at what I do in the classroom," she said.

For some, the return remains bittersweet.

"It's nice to be back, but I should be here," said Bob Rodenhouse, Lowell High School physical education teacher. His return on Monday marked the beginning of his 21st year. "A place should be found for someone who puts in 20 years. I guess no

one is sacred." Rodenhouse still deals with the emotional experience of being laid off. "I suppose time will heal the wounds, but I was very hurt by what happened."

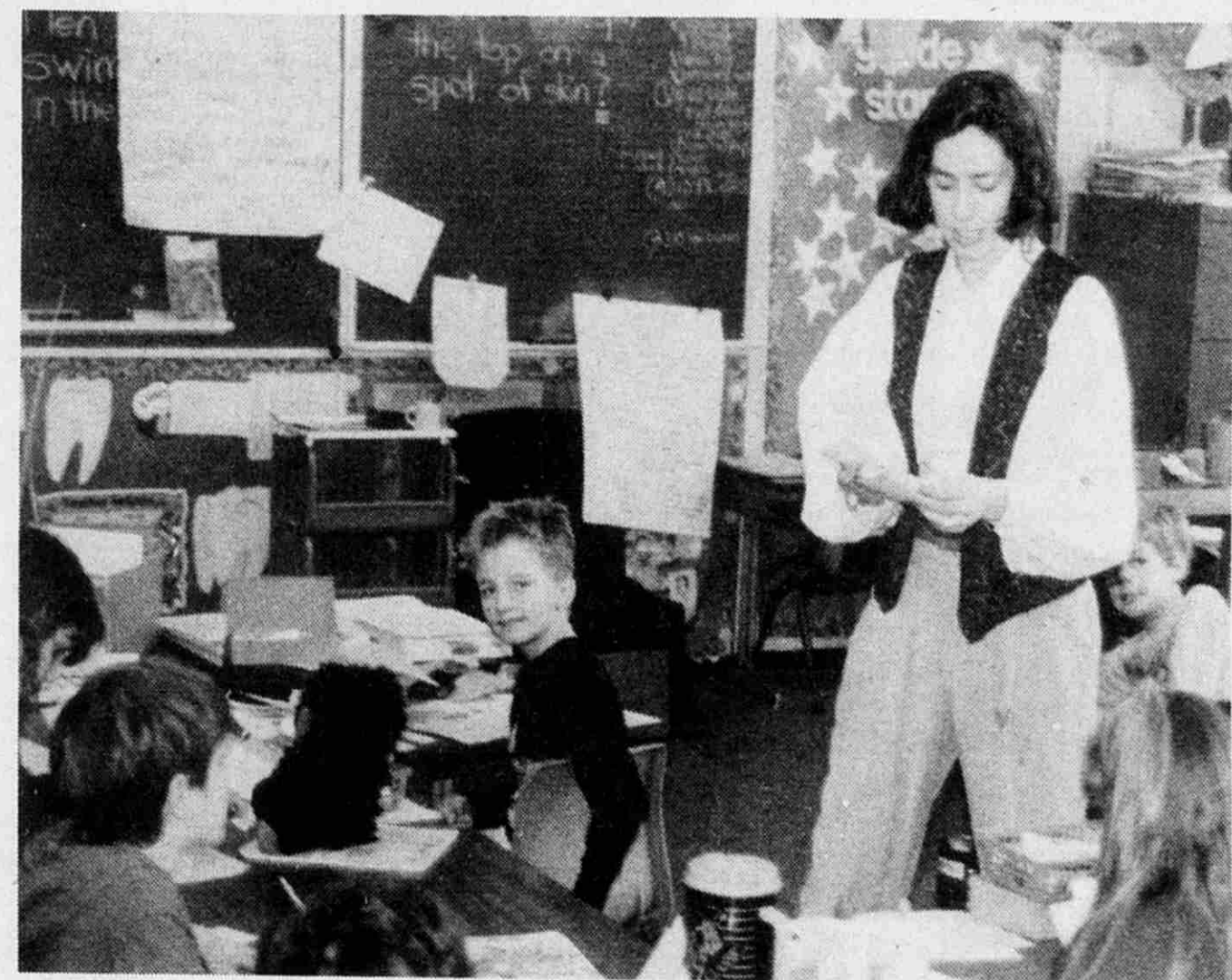
After working every day of his life for the past 20 years, watching his wife and kids go off to school in August was a tough adjustment. "The first couple of weeks were the toughest because the weather was bad and there was nothing I could do," Rodenhouse explains.

Christine Beachler used the time to go back to school. "That helped keep my mind off things," she said. "I also walked with Marsha LaHaye and Bob Rice. That provided

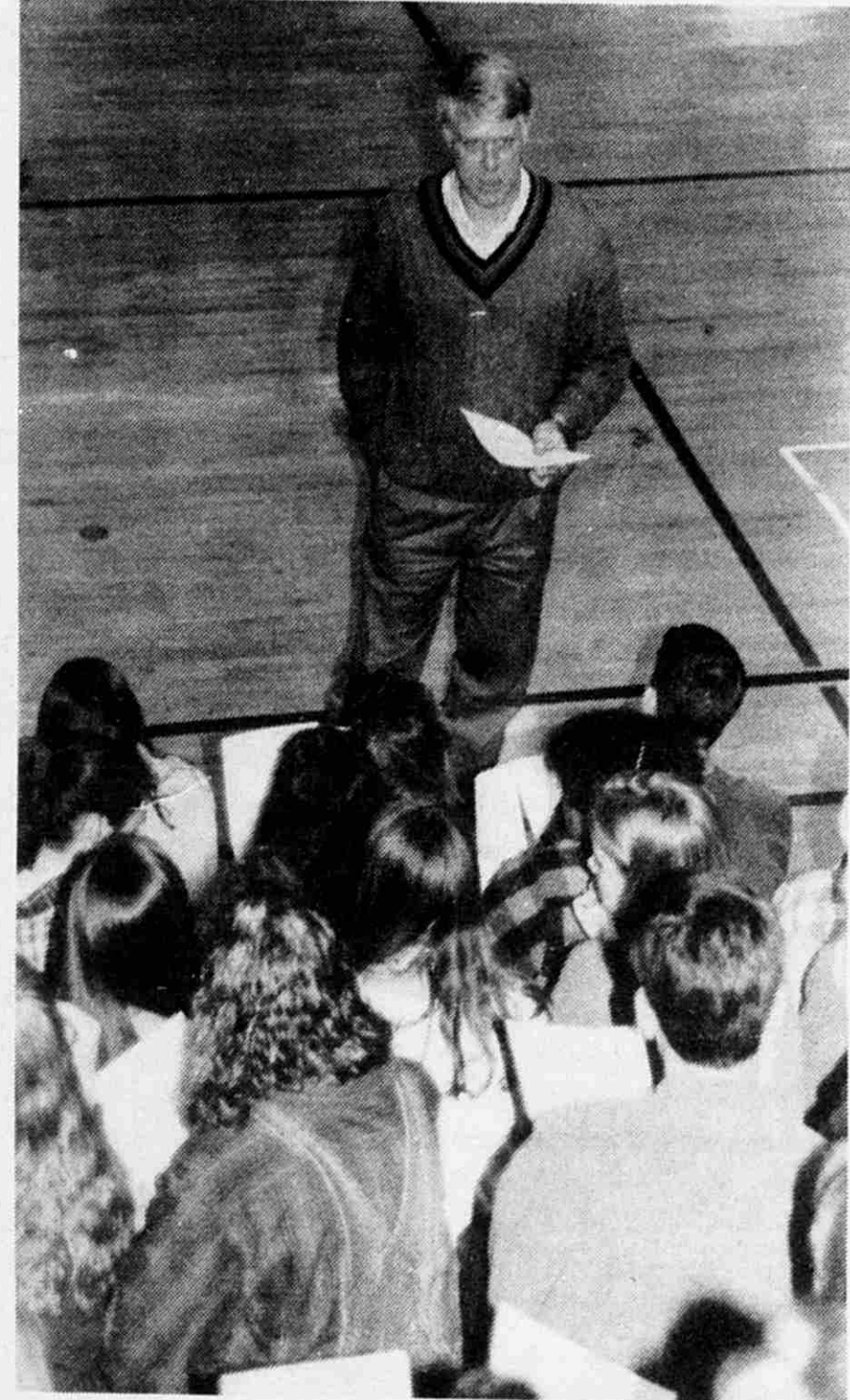
us with support and I think helped us work through our feelings."

The business teacher also remained active in the run-

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Martha Meade returned to her second-grade classroom at Bushnell Elementary.



A familiar face to Lowell High School students returned to the Lowell gymnasium on Monday. Bob Rodenhouse, who lost his job when the school cut back to a five-hour day, returned.

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# Alto's Porritts visit Blossoming Rose dig site

The Middle East is a hotbed of archaeological activity... Blossoming Rose dig site... Alto's Porritts visit...

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray... I have fought a good fight... I have kept the faith... 'Keep on' is a spirit of short-circuiting and mistakes...

for right despite imprisonment, beatings, beatings, wronging, sinners, and a 'thorn in the flesh'... 'Keep on' is a spirit of short-circuiting and mistakes...



LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU Week of Jan. 31

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Peter and Lori Porritt... Government Number One of any truly civilized society is this: Let people be different.

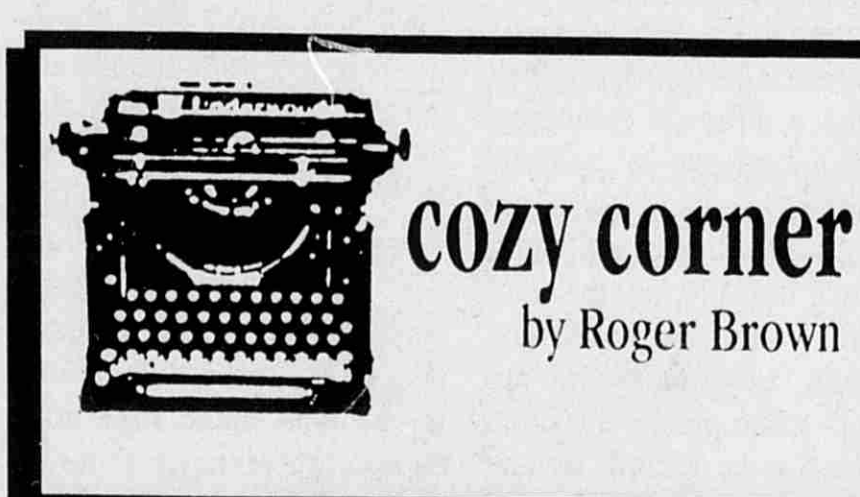


Darrell Kelley and Kara Lynn Beimers... Great and Charismatic Beimers of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lynn...

## Beimers and Kelley plan July wedding

Great and Charismatic Beimers of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Lynn to Darrell Kelley...

# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

This column concerns a very delicate subject. This will serve as a warning to readers who are easily offended... Even though I'll be writing about testicles this week, I won't be so low class and blunt as to refer to them as 'testicles'...

curious as to what all the excitement was about. Must be he hasn't been hit there yet. I recovered quickly, but I spent the remainder of the afternoon with one very sore hangey down thing... My son is 18 years old and really was a lot of help. My friend's son is five years old, and how much help he was on a painting project of this magnitude is questionable...

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## Thad's thoughts

Editor's Note: I recently read a column written by Brent Miller, Mishawaka IN, about what makes a successful small town. At a time when there is some upheaval and discontent, I thought some of the characteristics listed in the story may hold the keys to any community wading through the turmoil and moving forward.

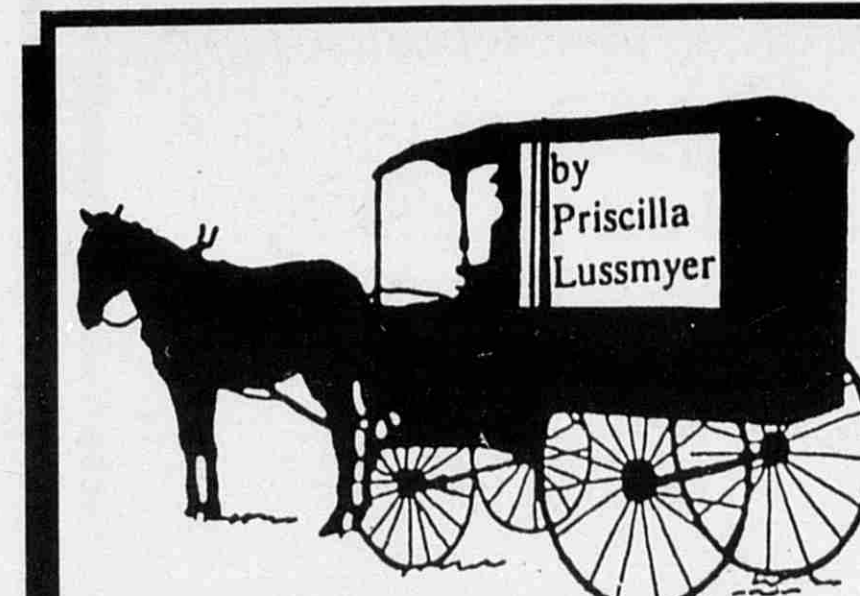
"The school is where people gather, to see friends and cheer the school. A strong school program attracts newcomers," Crampton said. Although athletics is important, he said, investment in athletics rather than academics drain away the possibilities for small towns. "We have to prepare our kids to do well in an outside world."

By 100 foot buildings, recorded more than \$1 million in sales its first year in 1989 and \$1.5 million in 1990. With no admission or parking charges, the market draws about 12,000 people per Saturday. The project created 115 full-time jobs. Several "best small towns" cited historical districts and downtown preservation as important to the success of their communities.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table listing various churches in the Lowell area including ADA Community Reformed Church, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Cornerstone Community Church of Lowell, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, First Baptist Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Evergreen Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton Bible Church, and Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

Successful small towns share certain characteristics according to the author of The 100 best small towns in America. Norman Crampton took two years to write the book before its release in 1993. He said the book, published by Prentice-Hall, is in its sixth printing with over 70,000 copies sold.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JAN. 24, 1894 The U.S. Senate Ways and Means Committee proposes an income tax. Carl English, of Lowell Water & Light, patents an electrical governor for waterwheels which maintains steady amperage.

electrical governor for waterwheels which maintains steady amperage. A short article points out that in many states only convicts, idiots, insane and women are prevented from voting in Michigan they let the rest vote, but not women.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1919 The editor reminds readers that the paper may not print lottery notices. Conjecture about next year's presidential candidates make its way into newspaper columns.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 27, 1944 The U.S. spent \$88 billion in 1943, more than the total spending in its first 150 years. No snow on the ground, and sunshine every day, a fry cry from last winter.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 23, 1969 Gordon Kelly, Mark Ritzma and Dennis Nowak receive their Eagle awards in scouting. The school board votes to have another millage election and makes tentative plans for half-day sessions next year.

An old fashioned Farmers' Institute will be held at the City Hall next Wednesday, with programs for both farmers and their wives. Soil and milk samples and pressure cooker gauges will be tested for all who wish. 8000 acres of Porcupine Mountain timber will be harvested by Wisconsin's Connors Lumber Company unless the Michigan legislature acts to buy the privately owned land next week.

In the light of a spurt in new-home sales, builder Douglas Dok petitions the city council for a lift station on the west side. No primary election this time; only the three incumbents on city council filed petitions. Council protests a state proposal to raise the 45 m.p.h. speed limit on M-21 on the west side. The 24-unit Schneider Village will cost about \$300,000, says Phil Schneider, trustee. The total Peg Schneider fund stands at \$1.96 million.

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:  
We would like to thank the board, administration and staff of the Lowell Area Schools for the opportunity to present our concerns about the use of bond money for technology in our schools. They not only allowed us time at their technology committee meeting, but also time in a board work session. Overall, our presentations have been accepted with respect and we are grateful to the community for the support we have received. It is unfortunate that a few people have written letters attacking us and our families personally, and so we would like to explain why we raised our concerns in the first place.

When we first inquired about the technology plan for the district, Mr. White sent us a copy of the plan presented by Childs Consulting Associates. In that plan, the first priority in every building was the voice, video, data infrastructure. Whenever computers are mentioned in the district's plan they are always accompanied by the phrase, "limited budget." When we asked for an approximation of the technology budget we were told that the budget was "a little over a million dollars." We became alarmed when informed that the infrastructure of voice and video would cost "approximately

not judge the messenger.  
Citizens For Quality Education

To the Editor:  
On the surface the reform plan for school finances adopted by the state legislature will reduce operating mills to six mills in most school districts. This is very misleading because a nefarious provision in the plan allows the door to remain open for enhancement mills to be added within the near future. Enhancement mills are simply enrichment mills exactly like the enrichment mills I warned you about during the campaign against Proposal A in May.

You have a right to know the number of enhancement mills which will be foisted upon the taxpayers within the next few years. Call your administrators in your local school district and they will be delighted and eager to provide you with this important information prior to the special election on March 15.

Larry D. VanderMolen, P.H.D.  
Political Science professor  
3194 Roosevelt Rd.  
Muskegon

To the Editor:  
In response to last week's inflammatory letter by Mr. Lindhout, I wish to answer some of his mudslinging as a member of the Eshragh family. Mr. Lindhout was right in

his statement that he had his first "encounter" with COE on Jan. 4 at the technology committee meeting. What he failed to explain is how he knows so much about us in a single meeting.

Why is a "self-appointed watchdog for 15 years" now appearing? Why does he suddenly have so much contempt for a group he admits he only met once? Let me share some facts with the readers and let them judge, as he obviously wishes to happen (otherwise why print such an opinion as a letter to the board and the editor).

FACT: The technology committee met a whole three times over those long 18 months they were working so hard.

FACT: The technology committee is made up of high school teachers, administrators and three lay people. Two of which work for communications companies, including Mr. Lindhout. No outside local computer or video people were invited to be a part.

FACT: There are many teachers who would love to have computers available in their schools and even bring their own computers to school for their classes. This lame excuse about not pushing technology on teachers when they don't want it gives the good teachers a bad name.

There is also quite a story about the amounts of money designated for computers. When the figures for the technology were first announced, it was in the ballpark of \$1.0

million, and the infrastructure of wiring and TV monitors etc., was \$900,000 which leaves \$100,000 for all the computers, and the statement was "whatever is left over." Then at the technology meeting, it became \$259,000, according to Mr. Lindhout with the added \$141,000 of whatever it was that the committee agreed to drop, became \$400,000 suddenly. Now according to further estimates, it may be \$470,000 for computers and workstations. Funny how the money appears when people question. Also for the record, no one ever suggested skipping all the wiring for the classrooms. It was suggested that the wiring be put into fewer places and the brackets placed, but not to put in all the TV's and VCR's until the money was available. Sure helps the credibility of the administration when the suggestions aren't even taken down right. Might even suggest that the committee had already made up their mind before they invited COE to make a presentation.

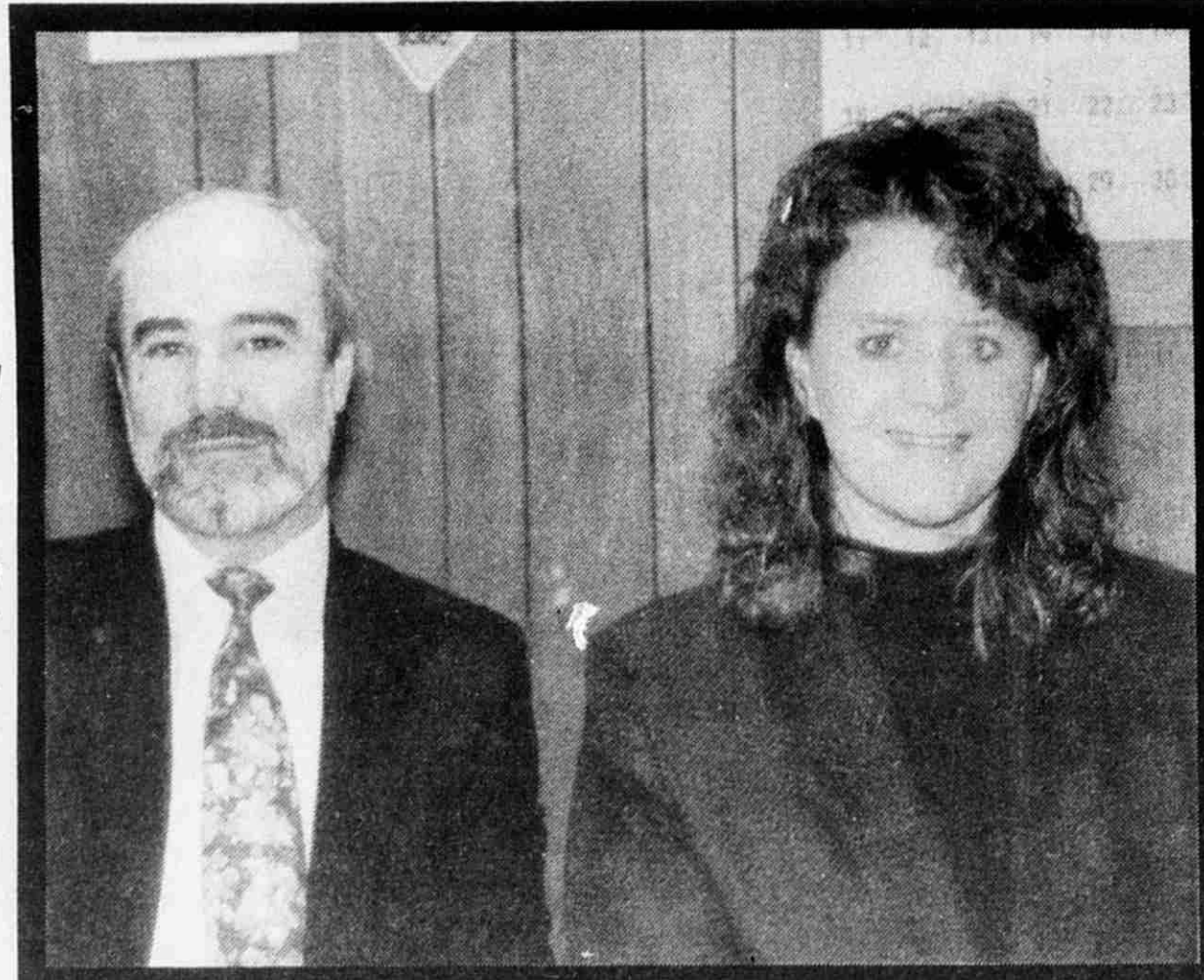
Mr. Lindhout has written that the Eshraghs use bullying tactics. If he thinks asking embarrassing questions and picking up a coat to leave when it is quite obvious that no one is listening are bullying, then I guess that is his opinion. I personally question a watchdog who hasn't been to board meetings or community forums or the Vision 2000 meetings.

Sincerely,  
Winnie Eshragh

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## Teachers, continued...

ning of the spirit store and with cheerleading.

"It was a hard summer. I'm just glad to be back," Beachler said. "I just hope I have the job next year. I'm concerned about the vote in March."

Mark Russell, the physical education teacher at Bushnell, said he wasn't bitter. "It wasn't a personal thing. It was economics," Russell said. "I'm just

happy as heck to be back. I've got the best job in the world."

Bushnell second-grade teacher, Martha Meade, was glad to have meaning back in her life. "It's wonderful to have a purpose again, instead of trying to create it," she said. Meade took some classes,

volunteered some of her time at radio station WYCE FM-

88 and substituted.

"It was awkward substituting here at Bushnell. I'd look out and see my room, but someone else was in there teaching," Meade said.

Other teachers who returned to the classroom included Karen Ham (third-grade), Trina Allen (first-grade), Sue Stouffer (music), Bill Stouffer (physical education), Bob Rice (band), Bill Ingraham (art), Shelley Stroude (English) and Dave Eichberg (business).

I don't know if we will have a job next year," Russell said. "There are no guarantees."



Christine Beachler was back to business.

## Landscape artist shows off rich colors in LAAC exhibit

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

If you enjoy viewing landscape paintings, then the current exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Center is right up your alley.

The exhibit, on display until Feb. 12, is the attempt by Conrad Bakker to "know the land on which I walk and live."

Bakker says his landscape works are "personal meditation on openings, entrances, sunlight, exits, journeying, shadows and humanity."

Bakker, a 1992 graduate of Calvin College, says his works are representative of the woods behind his house near Aquinas College.

"I frequently do sketching of the woods behind my house and from them, I do my paintings," said Bakker.

He says his paintings steer away from the photographic aspect of landscape paintings. He purposely leaves out buildings and people so the pieces lend more of a contemplative viewpoint.

"I want the viewer to look into the painting and get a sense of being in that place," said Bakker.

Not all of the paintings on exhibit are from that area - at least three are from the Sleeping Bear Dunes and Flat River area. Bakker won a Artist and Residency Award which al-

lowed him to spend three weeks in the Sleeping Bear Dunes to paint the landscape.

David Davis, Director of the LAAC, brought Bakker's works over after seeing them in Shibui Gallery on Cherry St. and he says he thoroughly enjoys the way Bakker captures the landscape.

What sets Bakker apart from other landscape artists are the dark colors he incorporates in each painting.

Bakker says his paintings are darker because he prefers to paint at dusk. "Dusk allows colors of nature to be richer. The light is more intense and focused so as to accentuate the shadows more," he says.

All of his paintings are done in oil and on wood. Bakker feels oil makes the colors richer and tends to overlap well, and the wood gives a better grain texture to the paintings.

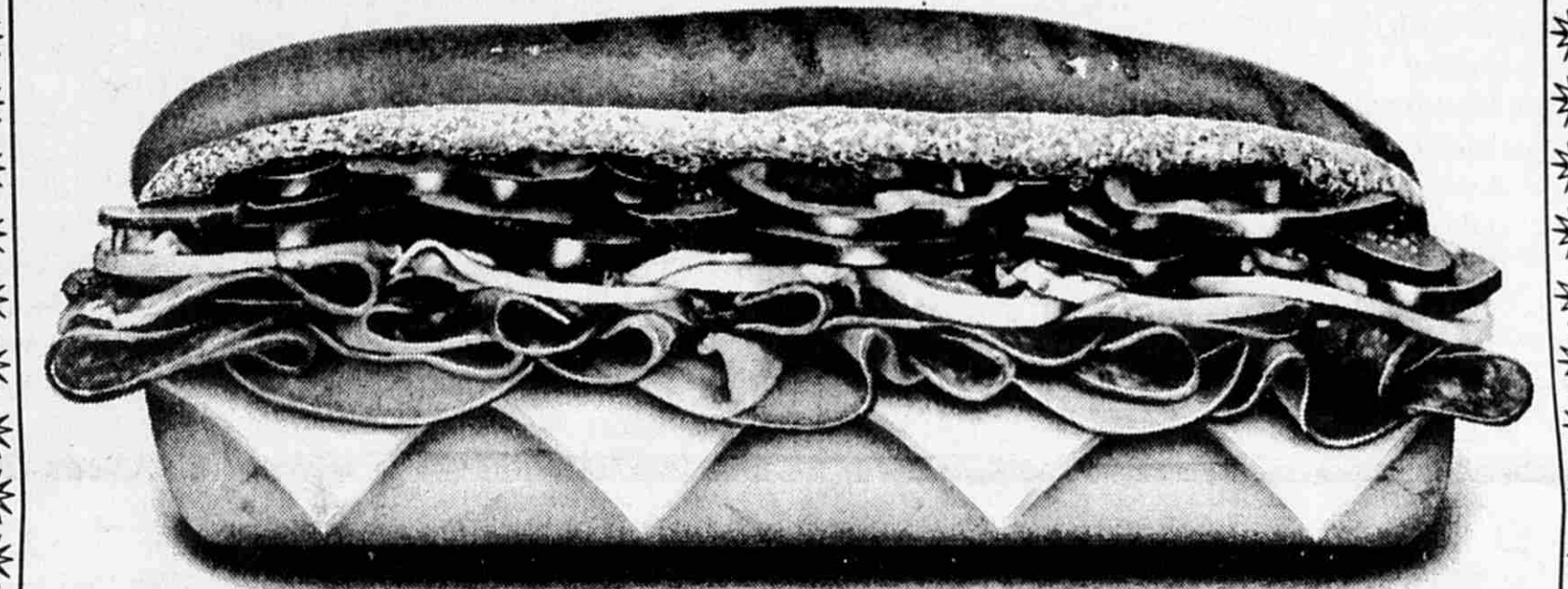
Currently, Bakker is a full time artist, but since he is just starting out he says the financial help he receives from his wife Kristin is very important.

"Kristin allows me to focus full time on my paintings and without her, I would not be able to do that," said Bakker.

Bakker hopes to pursue a masters degree and focus on showing his studio art.

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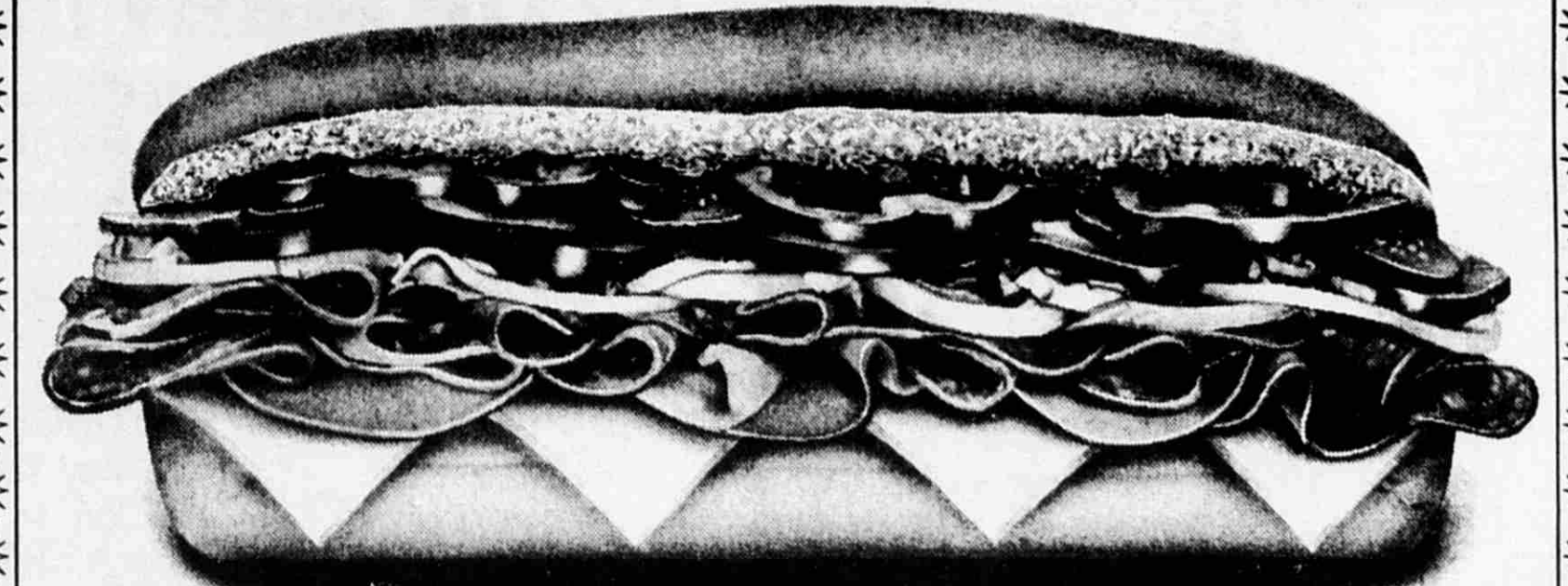


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VISION 2000 Invites the Lowell Community to an informational meeting regarding Outcomes Based Education (O.B.E.) and the Chicago Math Program. The meeting will be held Thursday, February 3, 1994 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR ROOM.





### "Look" what Lowell Area Fire Dept. is driving

Members of Look Fund committee stand proudly beside a newly purchased ambulance. The Look Fund provided Lowell Ambulance with \$20,000 toward the purchase of the new ambulance. Pictured above are, front row, left to right: Mary Ann Gwatkin, Barbara Brown; back row: Orval McKay (chairperson), James Maatman and Phillip Johnson. The Look Committee contributed \$17,000 toward the purchase of a 1989 unit which now has 105,000 miles on it. It will be rotated to a backup unit. Other contributions made over the last year by the Look Committee include \$12,560 to the Lowell Area Fire Department dive team. It contributed \$300 to the Lowell Senior Parents toward the 1993 all-night graduation party. The Lowell Area Historical Association received \$16,554 towards its effort to rehabilitate the upstairs of the Graham Building. The Look Committee contributed \$5,800 to the Lowell Police Department so that two of its members could join the dive team, with the monies used for equipment and advanced training. Five students from the "People to People Student Ambassador Program" were given \$100 each to use in the youth exchange to Australia and New Zealand.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Michigan State University announces students who earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester 1993. A total of 4,413 MSU students earned a 3.5 grade point average or better for fall semester 1993.

Students included on the list from the Lowell area were: Karen Dawn, Sara Elice DeWaard, Heather L. DuBois, David S. Hildenbrand, Heidi Marie Kaeb, Melanie J. Kaeb, Jennifer Langridge, and Melissa A. Radimak.

Representing the Alto area were: Kristine L. DeVries and Tanya L. Jousma.

From the Ada area were: Peter Karl Christensen, Christian Scott Custer, David Allen Hyder, Michael T. Lindhout, Todd Steven Richter, Robert B. Scott, Jason Edward St-Amour, Josh M. Waclawski, and Joseph Aaron Wojczynski.

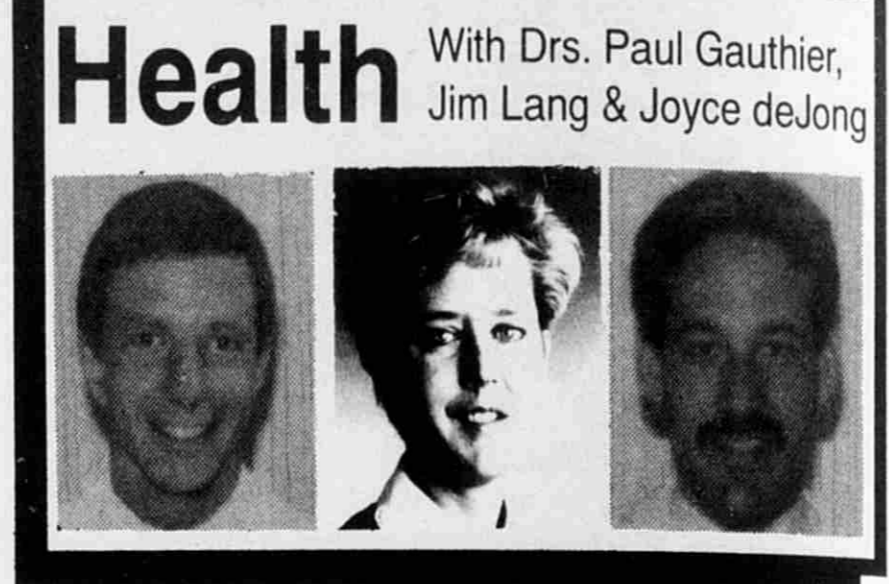
Rebecca Wells, a freshman liberal arts major at Concordia College in Bronville, NY, earned dean's list honors for the fall 1993 semester. Wells qualified for dean's list because of a high

grade point average and a demonstrated contribution to the academic life of the campus. To earn dean's list honors, a student must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5.

"Concordia congratulates Rebecca and all its dean's list members this fall. Their talent and hard work have paid off with academic success," said Dr. David Jacobson, academic dean. "We're proud of these students. They represent

sent Concordia's best and brightest."

Concordia is a four-year liberal arts college in Bronville, Westchester County, NY. Its 600 students are following paths to undergraduate degrees in over 17 major fields. Concordia is member of the Concordia University System, a national network of ten colleges and universities owned by the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod.



### Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong

Patients often ask if they should be taking aspirin on a regular basis to prevent a heart attack and other diseases. Today we will review some basic recommendations regarding aspirin therapy.

Aspirin is an antiplatelet drug that reduces the blood's ability to clot. Blood clotting is the underlying event that occurs during a heart attack and most strokes. Remember, most blood clots are good and are necessary to stop bleeding after an injury.

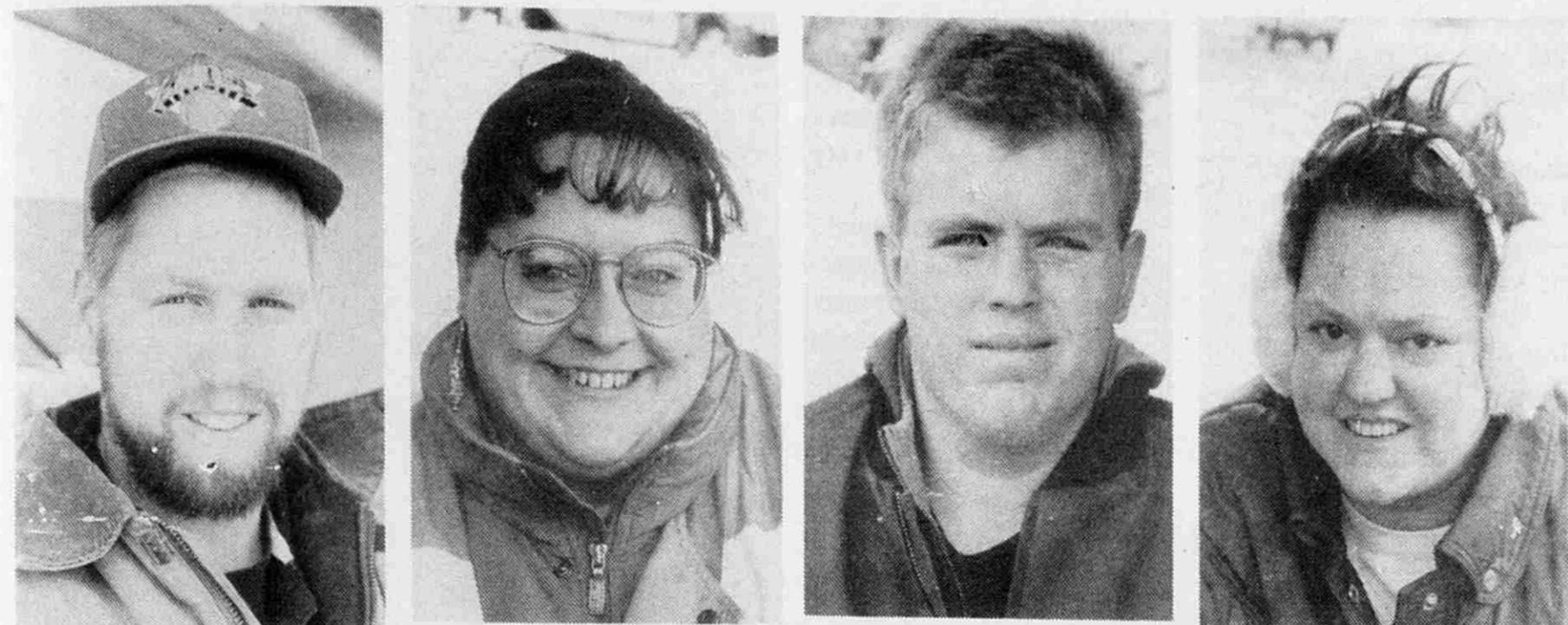
A major study has shown that regular aspirin use reduces the incidence of an initial heart attack by about 44 percent. Aspirin reduces the chance of having a second heart attack by 30 percent. Aspirin has also been used to reduce the risk of complications if you've had a stroke, or the warning signs of a stroke. Aspirin also reduces the chance of arteries reoccluding after having coronary artery bypass surgeries, or other procedures used to open blocked arteries. Recently, research has indicated that aspirin may decrease deaths from gastro-intestinal tract cancer.

Although aspirin is generally a safe drug, there are possible side effects. Aspirin can irritate the stomach causing nausea, heartburn, pain, and eventually ulcers. Regular aspirin use may increase the risk of hemorrhagic strokes. Most people are aware of the association of aspirin and Reye's Syndrome in children.

Most physicians feel that patients with coronary artery disease benefit from aspirin therapy as long as there are no other contradictions. Usually, your doctor will recommend a low daily dose to prevent side effects. We usually recommend one baby aspirin daily or one regular strength aspirin every other day. Take aspirin regularly only if your doctor recommends it for you.

## TOWN TALK

### Do you think Tonya Harding should be kept on the U.S. Olympic figure skating team?



Jim Case

No. She knows something but she's not telling. It's disgraceful that something like this happens.

Sherrie Skinner

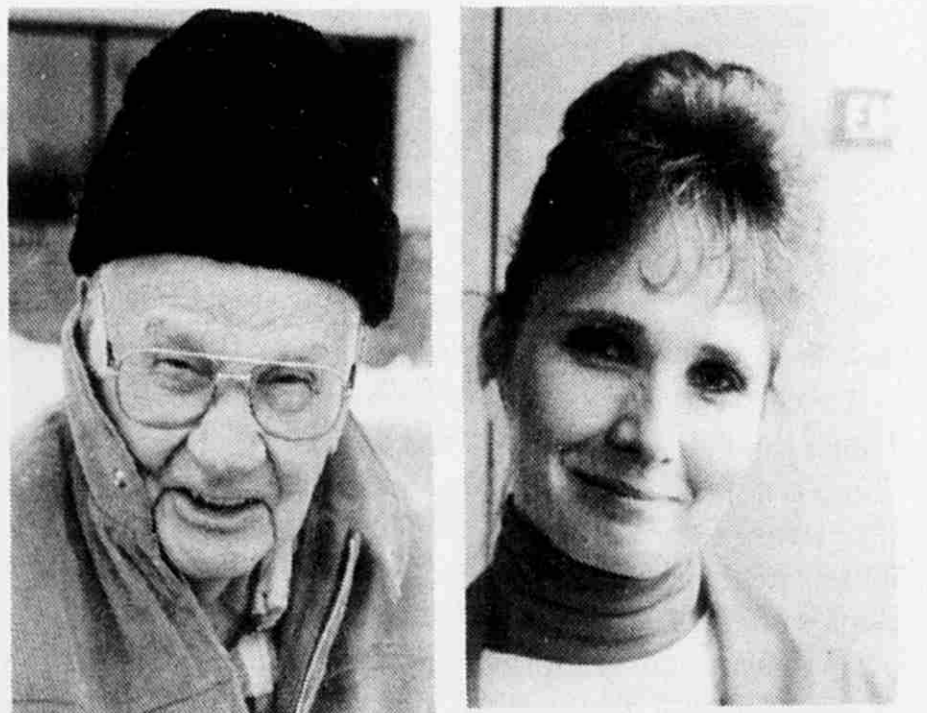
No, because of her involvement with people who would do something like that. She doesn't show the sportsmanship of what the olympics stand for, and her attitude shouldn't be representative of the U.S.

Chad DeWaard

Tonya shouldn't go to the Olympics. I don't see how she can't be involved, too many people that she is associated with are.

Sue Ring

No. I have doubts as to whether she's innocent or not.



Vern Good

If Tonya committed a crime, then no; if she is innocent, then put her on the team.

Deb Heydenburg

No. It's not the image I think the U.S. Olympic team wants to have. Tonya is only looking out for number one and not the team.



Rhonda Brinks

Yes, I think she should. I'm not sure that she is guilty.

Ronald Smith

Yes. That decision should be based on skill and not what happens off the ice. We should send our most talented athletes.

### Beers to sit in on government at Lowell Township Planning Commission level

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Most people feel the younger generation just doesn't get involved with their local politics anymore. Well, one local high school student is doing her part to get involved.

Dena Beers, a 16-year-old junior at Lowell High School, has been appointed to the Lowell Township Planning Commission. She attended her first meeting earlier this month and will serve for one calendar year.

Beers, whose father is on the commission, says she wants to get more active with "the government that controls our township." She says her father helps in explaining the

criteria of zoning laws or ordinances.

She learned of the opportunity to serve on the commission from her involvement with the student council. She was chosen above four other applicants.

Her role with the commission will be only as voice; she will be allowed to voice her opinions, but she will not be able to vote.

Besides being elected to the Planning Commission, Beers was appointed to Kent County's Health 2000 committee. However, Beers felt serving on two committees would be too much, so she chose the Planning Commission.

"I felt it was best to serve on the committee I was elected

to first, and that turned out to be Lowell's Planning Commission," said Beers.

At the end of her year term, she hopes to better discuss Planning Commission sub-

jects with other people in the township and she sees this as a "great opportunity to sit in with a group of government people."

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First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do.

—Epictetus

## CITY OF LOWELL SALE OF CITY PROPERTY ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

The City of Lowell is accepting bids for the sale of an approximate 156' X 110' X 160' triangular parcel on the north side of West Main adjacent to the Mid-Michigan Railroad specifically described as:

Avery's Plat Block 33, that part of Lots 1 and 2 lying South of angling highway across said lots.

Bids must be returned to the office of the City Manager, 301 East Main Street, no later than Tuesday, February 15, 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, February 22, 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

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing to hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The public hearing shall be held on February 2, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809. All interested persons are invited to attend.

The proposed text amendments include revisions to the following sections:

3.32 Private Roads

The proposed zoning amendments may be examined at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF LOWELL'S PROPOSED USE OF 1994-95 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

A public hearing will be conducted by the Lowell City Council on the 7th of February, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the City of Lowell's proposed use of federal Community Development Block Grant Funds for the following projects:

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The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 1994-95 federal entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the City of Lowell. The primary objective of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "is the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income." Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent community development need.

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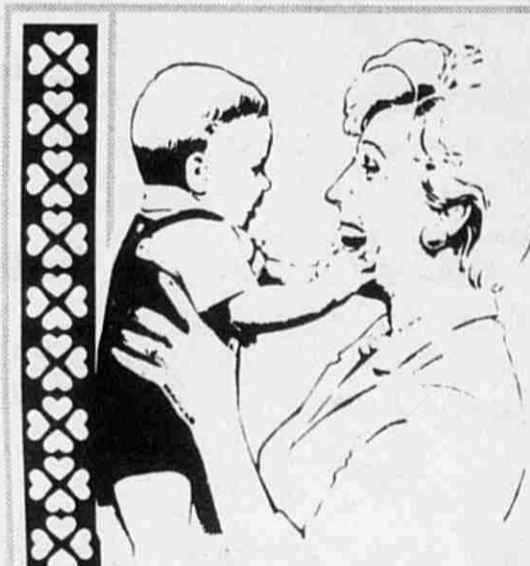
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## City of Lowell agrees to collect summer taxes for school

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell School's summer property taxes will be collected by the city, following council approval at its Jan. 17 meeting.

The Lowell School Board, at a special meeting earlier

this month, stated its intention to keep its options open in regards to collecting 50 or 100 percent of its taxes in the summer of '94.

The need to have the option open stems from the fact that property tax mills levied this year were 35 mills plus an additional five mills for debt

retirement. The school collected 20 in the summer and 20 in the winter.

With the new state-revised funding plan for schools, property tax mills will be reduced to six or 12 mills, depending

on the outcome of the March 15 sales tax vote.

The state-revised plan calls for collecting 12 mills plus five for debt retirement, the school will only collect 17 mills in full, three less than it

collected in the summer and winter collections.

School officials said collecting only half of the possible 17 mills will leave the school district with a serious cash flow problem until it re-

ceives its state aid payment, which arrives in late October.

The city will collect the property taxes at no fee, but it will keep interest during the bank deposit before distributing the monies to the school.

## Sale of vacated Clarke Street lot clears up confusion

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell made good on a six-year-old assumption on its approval of the sale of a 28' by 206' parcel of land located on the old vacated Clarke Street.

Gary Glowina, president of Grand River Investments, discovered, while in the process of selling the property, that the north one-half of vacated Clarke Street was still owned by the city. It was thought to have been acquired by Grand River

Investments in exchange for property with the city in 1988.

In examining the site plan, it was necessary for the vacated Clarke Street to meet the proper rear yard setbacks for zoning.

City attorney Dick Wendt stated that it was necessary to sell the property as provided by the city charter.

Grand River Investments provided the only offer for purchase of the parcel. It offered \$1,326,64, the identical value calculated by city assessor Jim Marfia.

## City approves bid resolution

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

In the department of redundancy, the city of Lowell was required by the state to pass a resolution that complies with the state sealed competitive bid requirement.

The resolution requires cities to seek a sealed competitive bid policy for any contract of \$20,000 or more if it is to qualify for state revenue-sharing payments.

"This seems redundant in that the city already requires a sealed competitive bid for any contract over \$5,000," Mayor James Maatman said.

While the city's current purchasing policy is stricter, city attorney Dick Wendt said it does not exempt professional services, emergency repairs or services specifically.

The state-required resolution had to be acted on by Jan. 31.

## City, Little League and YMCA extend contract

By Thad Kraus  
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell approved the continuation of an agreement regarding the use

of Creekside Park ball fields with the Lowell Little League and YMCA.

As with the last two agreements, the council approved an agreement that calls for the Lowell Little League and YMCA to share in the use of Creekside Park ball fields.

The Little League will have three fields (north, east and south) on Monday and Wednesday, and one field on Saturday after 2 p.m.

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**NURSE ASSISTANT TRAINING** - Will pay for your educational classes. Paid orientation period. Potential starting wages of \$5.83 per hr. Bonus after 500 hours of employment. Yearly raises. Interested? Inquire at Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St., Lowell or call (616) 897-8473 for an appointment. E.O.E.

**PART TIME JOBS AVAILABLE** - in the Michigan National Guard. Ages 17-35. Skill training and college money available. Call 616-534-6030 or 1-800-292-1386.

### HELP WANTED

**CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANTS** - Lowell Medical Care Center has positions available for Certified Nursing Assistants. Full and part-time positions available on all shifts. We offer an excellent salary, insurance benefits and a pleasant working environment. For immediate consideration, please apply in person or call: Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331. (616) 897-8473. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**NEED A MATURE OLDER WOMAN** - to care for 3 children, ages 16, 7 & 4 for occasional nights & weekends. Call 897-8520, leave message please.

**HELP WANTED** - Experienced Medical Office Assistant. Must know insurance billing and collections, computer entry and have good general medical office skills. Non-smokers only. You must prove to be reliable, friendly and enjoy helping people. Good references required. Good wages benefits and working conditions for the right person. Send resume in confidence to: PERSONNEL, PO Box 92, Lowell, MI 49331.

**HOME TYPISTS** - PC users needed. \$35,000 potential. Details. Call (1) 805 962-8000 Ext. B-1520.

### HELP WANTED

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP** - is taking applications for the position of Hearing Officer. Qualifications include background experience in construction codes, practices and/or architecture. The position is part time with hours determined by the supervisor on an as needed basis. Per diem and/or hourly compensation to be determined by the Grattan Township Board. Send Resumes to Richard Herweyer, Supervisor., 11676 Old Belding Rd., Belding, MI 48809.

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**PRECIOUS MOMENTS** - 1989 & 1990 dated ornaments, \$15 each; 1990 & 1991 ball ornaments, \$30 each. Call 897-8520.

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### In Memorium THANK YOU

**IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER,** - Lois Geldersma, who went to live in Heaven on Jan. 28, 1993.

Mom, I know you're in the best of care, with love and peace everywhere. Where flowers bloom and never die, and birds sing forever in the sky. A place that knows no hurt or pain, so rest in peace 'til we meet again.

Dearly missed by your daughter, Mary Ellen & family

**IN MEMORY OF** - Bill Dawson, who passed away 10 years ago this week, January 27, 1984.

Dale, Mary Angie & Tom

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOIS GELDERSMA** - who passed away one year ago, January 28, 1993.

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new; We thought about you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have is memories, and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts.

We love you mom Husband, Bill children Russell & Stephanie & Family Chuck & Dennis & Family Don & Jean & Family

**I WANT TO SAY THANKS** - on behalf of myself and other Veterans' widows, in appreciation to Charles and Arta Melle for furnishing the Memorial Plaque in recognition of our deceased VFW Veterans.

Many thanks, Margaret L. Gardner

**A SPECIAL THANKS** - to all family & friends, that attended my 80th birthday party.

Maisie Holtz

**I WISH TO THANK** - my friends and neighbors for the plants and cards I received while in the hospital and at home.

John Jones

### EVENTS

**BINGO**  
 Every Saturday Night  
 4:00 P.M.  
**LOWELL MOOSE BINGO**  
 1320 E. FULTON  
 Early Bird Bingo at 4:00P.M.

**BINGO**  
 Every Friday Night  
 7:00 P.M.  
 Lowell VFW Hall  
 East Main St., Lowell  
 Early Bird Bingo at  
 6:30 P.M.  
**PUBLIC INVITED**

### FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—For a free list of dealers that sell Sunbeam-Oster automatic blankets and heated throws, call 1-800-8-WARMTH.

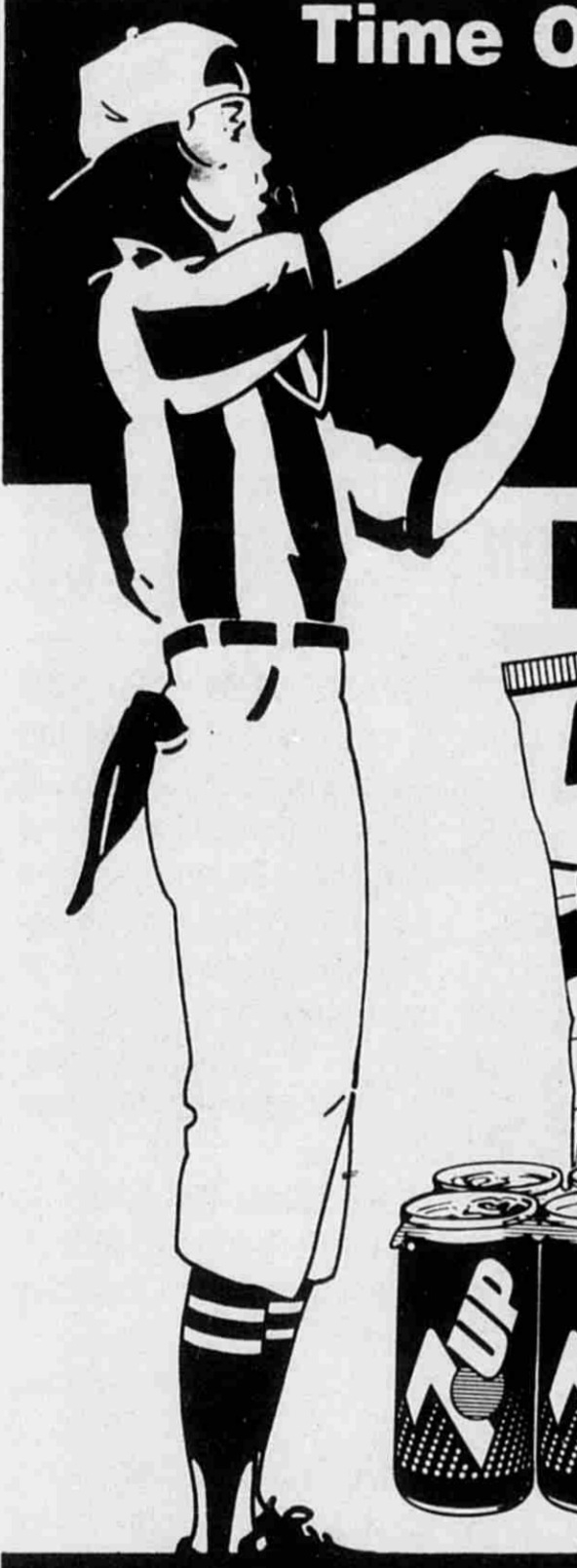
For free brochures on respiratory protection equipment for the workplace, write: Racial Health and Safety, Inc., 7305 Executive Way, Frederick, Maryland 21701-8368 or call toll-free 1-800-682-9500.

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For a free brochure about a travel protection policy, call Worldwide Assistance Services, Inc., 1-800-821-2828. A free companion guide to family support programs across the country is available by writing: "Our Families, Our Future," c/o Thirteen-WNET, 356 W. 58th St., New York, NY 10019.

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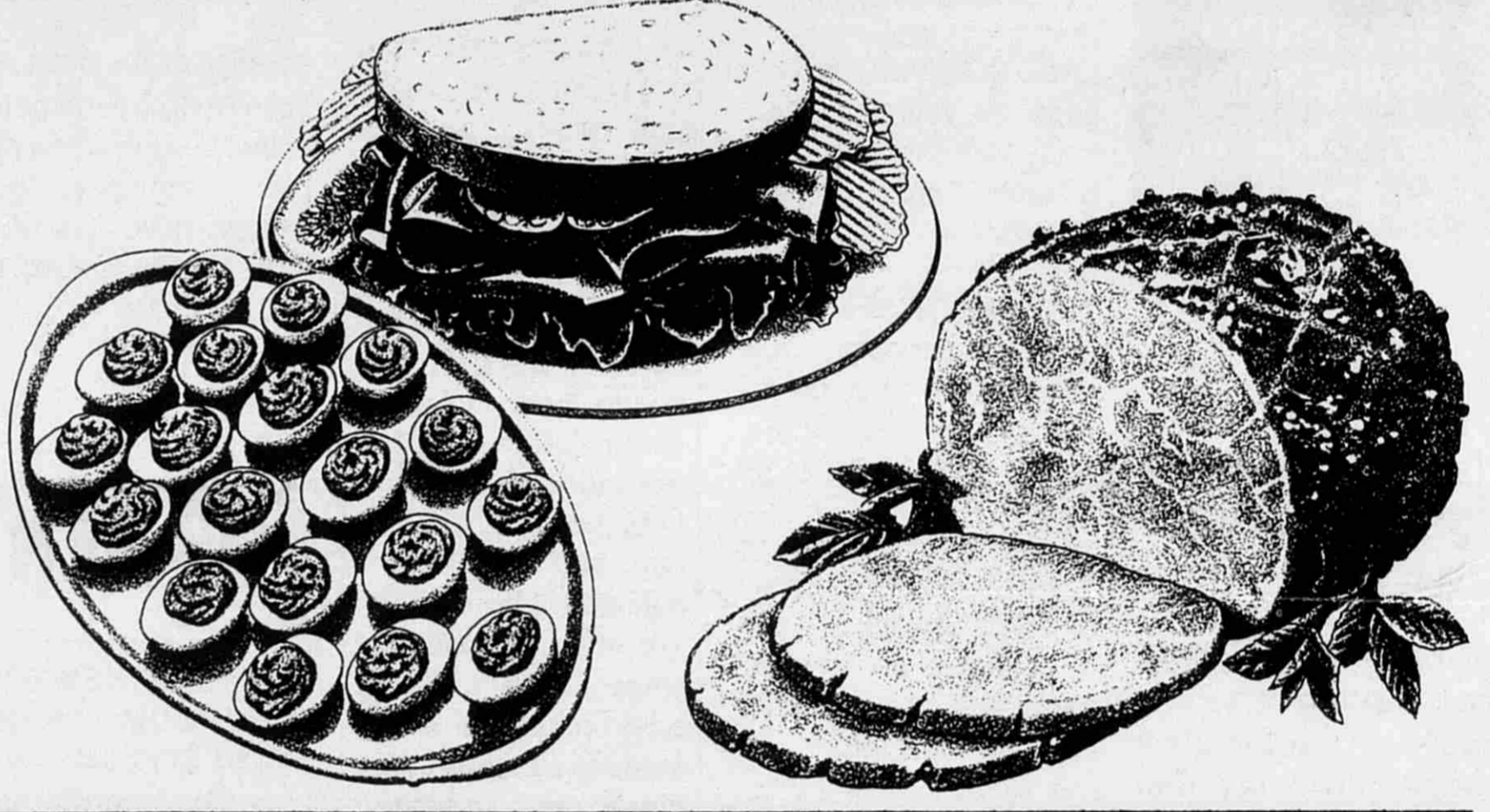
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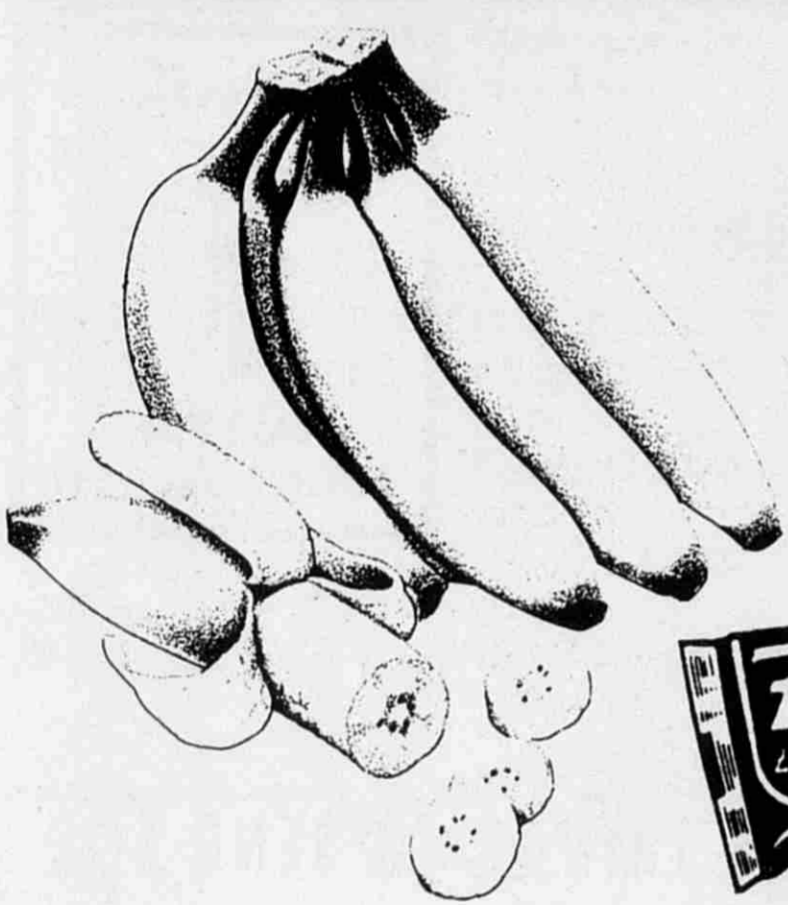
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