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A Chilling Adventure

Members of the Lowell dive team practiced diving procedures under ice Saturday at Stoney-Lakeside Park. Above, Roger Reed, rest following his 15-minute excursion. Reed Paul Roderick and Kelly Holst attired a dive team dry suit before exploring in 20 degree water temperatures.

Taxbreak may only come to some!

March 15th vote to determine validity of March 1 deadline

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Legislation that has totally changed how schools are funded may require a number of years to work out administrative details in terms of statutes and court cases.

Michigan residents and their leaders in Lansing may become all too familiar with that over the next couple of months.

Legislation which would require that homeowners mail in an affidavit by March 1 claiming their home as their

primary residence or risk having 24 mills being levied against them as opposed to 6 or 12 is beginning to raise a number of questions.

If voters pass the sales tax proposal on March 15, then the questions that are arising in regards to affidavit deadlines are no longer valid.

"The March 1 deadline is invalid if Proposal A passes. Residents still have to send in an affidavit as soon as possible but there is no deadline," Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus said. "If it fails, however, the backup proposal

would go into effect, requiring that the affidavit be sent in by March 1."

If the first proposal fails, Posthumus has concerns as to whether enough time will be available to get information out to homeowners. He added there will be other questions to deal with such as the elderly who have already left for Florida, or the person who is in the process of buying a home (for primary residence) but the process won't be completed until after March 1.

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Rockford /Lowell Ambulance representatives take historic trip to the Falcon Bridge to introduce management phase of EMS structure

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It will mark the first time an EMS management team will visit the Falcon Bridge (a free enterprise zone) in the Dominican Republic.

The charge of the six-day visit is to start the management phase of an EMS structure.

Providing the EMS management training will be Rockford/Lowell general manager Roger Morgan and Rockford/Lowell business office manager Jan Goodwell.

"Representatives from the Dominican Republic have been visiting the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance since 1988," Morgan said.

Through their visits, Falcon Bridge has been able to acquire equipment and training over the past three years.

The "Partners of the Americas" was founded at the same time as the Peace Corps. The conceptualization

was to send experts to places for a 2-3 week period as consultants, rather than for one year like the Peace Corps does. It evolved from the Alliance for Progress, formed in 1961 as a mutual aid pact between the United States and the countries of Central and South America.

The "Partners" program's national office is run in Washington D.C. It is through that office in which they are partnered up with foreign countries. "Partners of the Americas" assigned the Dominican Republic and Belize to Michigan.

Financing the trip for Morgan and Goodwell will be the Canadian Mining Company in Falcon Bridge.

"They like our non-profit model," Morgan said. "They are amazed at what we're able to do with limited resources."

The equipment provided through the three-year plan came via payments and donations.

Morgan and Goodwell left on Monday (Feb. 7) and will return on Feb. 15.

"It's nice to be chosen to go down as representatives of the Rockford/Lowell Ambulance service," Morgan said. "They want to learn from our successful organization and that's flattering. They like the idea of setting up a private non-profit ambulance service with a public service."

Increasing international understanding among the nations of the Americas, north and south, through personal involvement and greater awareness is the main goal of the "Partners of the Americas."

Michigan Partners' aim is to foster a closer relationship and understanding between its citizens and the people of the Dominican Republic and Belize.

It is a non-profit, privately-supported organization open to all persons, organizations and corporations in the state.

Hectic's out! Calms in!

Low increases should tone down Township review sessions

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Assessments for Lowell Township land rose this year, but except for agricultural

land, the increases are lower than previous years.

Township assessor Kevin O'Malley says the increases are more in line with what land owners expect to see. Because of the mild increases, he doesn't expect this year's Board of Review session to be as "hectic" as last year.

Residential property saw an increase of three percent, which is considerably lower than last year's 14-percent increase.

According to O'Malley, last year's assessment increase in residential land came as a result of a two-year freeze. He said when the freeze ended, land owners were shocked by the drastic increase, which caused the Board of Review session to be busy.

Some owners of agricultural land will not be so fortunate. O'Malley says that agricultural land can see an in-

crease of eight percent for this year. That is a sharp increase over last year when values saw no rise.

O'Malley says not all agricultural land will see the eight percent increase.

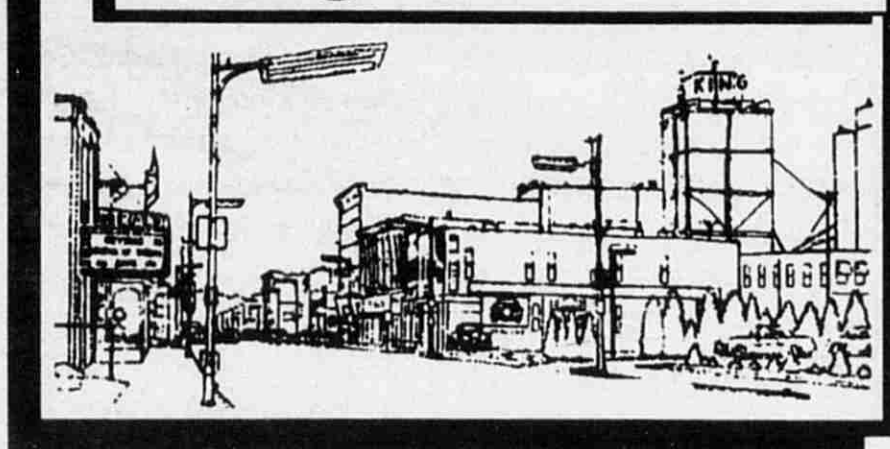
"The increase is not across the board, only certain land will see an increase while some may actually see a decrease," said O'Malley.

O'Malley said the increase comes as a result of a study done by the Dent County Equalization Bureau. The study evaluated each agricultural parcel individually in the township. He says this is a different approach from the past when evaluation of agricultural land was done as a group.

"The eight-percent figure is just an average of the increases and decreases each agricultural land will see this year. Each parcel will get an

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Along Main Street



BAKE SALE

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding a bake sale in the lobby of FMB Bank in Lowell, Saturday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to noon.

RUNCIMAN/RIVERSIDE BOOK FAIR

The Runciman/Riverside Book Fair will be held the week of Feb. 14. The book fair will be open school hours, 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., except Feb. 16 and 17 when the hours will be 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds go to the school library. Everyone welcome.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID MEETING

There will be a college financial aid meeting at Lowell High School Feb. 9 at 7 p.m.

Financial aid officers from local colleges will help fill out forms for parents who need assistance.

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City Council wants waterline freeze-up problem fixed and a definitive policy set for future

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Defining where the city's responsibility ends and the residents' begin will be just the start to the frozen water line problem facing the City Fathers.

Over the last two weeks, a number of water service lines froze. The city, in response, utilized welders and city staff to thaw these lines.

Where does the responsibility for the frozen pipes lie?

Councilman Jim Hodges said the residents who were notified to run their water, and did not, should take the responsibility.

Councilman Bill Thompson said he thought it was the city's responsibility. "How can we charge a resident when they are paying for a service they are not getting. If they were, they would not have to run water."

Department of Public Works director Art Gall said he believed any problem from the curb stop to the house is that of the residents. "Any problems from the water main to the curb stop are that of the city's."

In response to service calls (44) involving frozen water lines, Gall said nine were determined to be the responsibility of the city and 35 the owners' responsibility (this included

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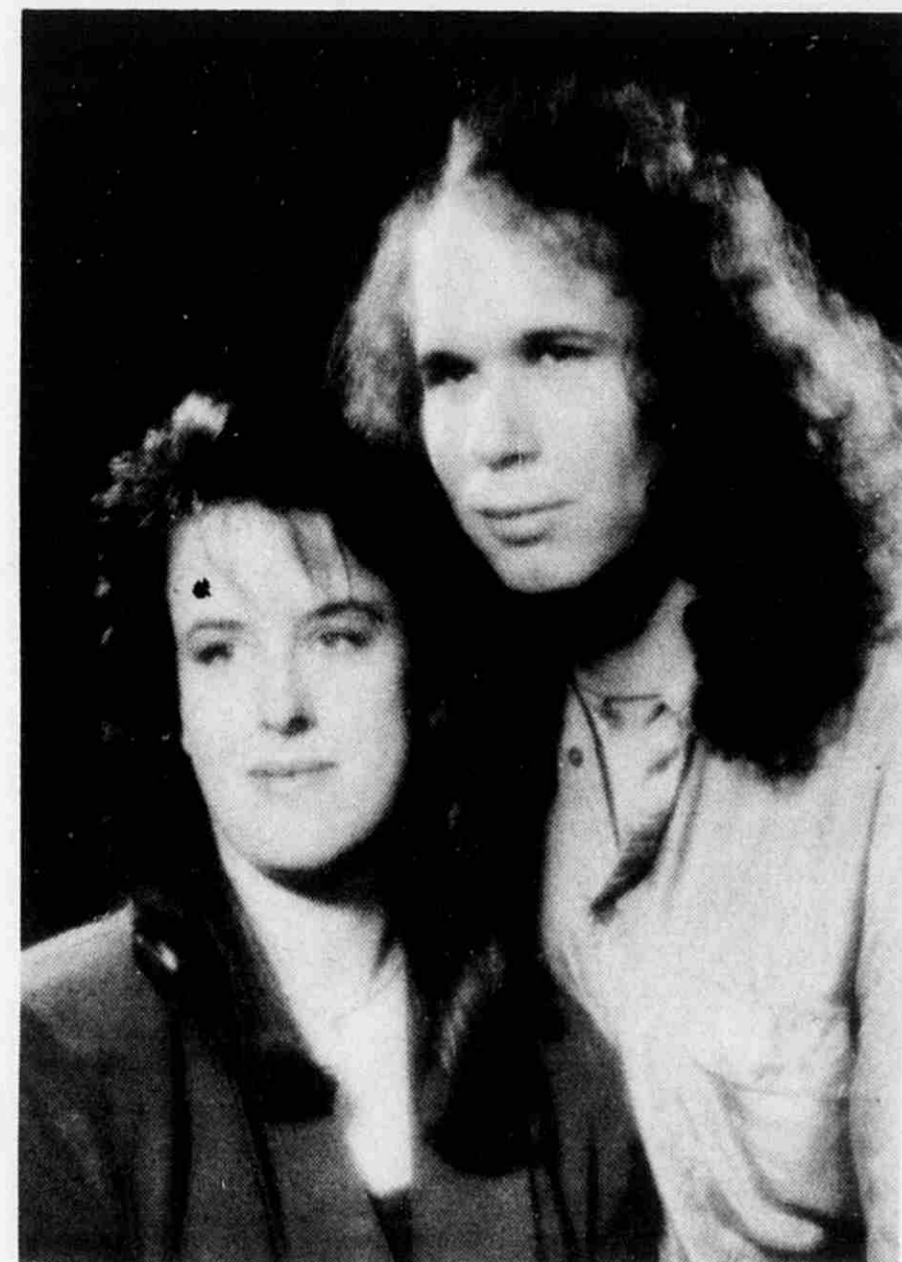


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Students find success in tutoring, pg. 7



Dawn Potter and S. Marshall Sanders

Couple plans March wedding

Bradley and Judith Potter of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dawn Renee to S. Marshall Sanders III, son of S. Marshall Sanders, Jr. and Wendy Wright of SC. The future bride is a graduate of Saranac High School and attended Davenport College. She is currently em-



Jill Marie Reinke and Michael Plasman

AREA BIRTHS

Greg and Beth Ball of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their son, Justin John. He was born Jan. 6, 1994, weighed 9 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 22 inches long.

Justin was welcomed home by his brothers Josh and Gerrid and his sister Michele. Grandparents are Harold and Rose Ball and Robert and Norma Ford, all of Lowell.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Gene C. Reinke of Ada are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie, to Michael J. Plasman, son of Ronald and Julie Plasman of Holland. The bride to be is a Lowell graduate and has also obtained

Rogers chosen by Chapter as "Star of the Year"

Lowell's Masonic Family gathered at Finger's Restaurant on Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994 for an Awards Banquet and to name the Mason of the Year and Eastern Star of the Year. Barbara Geelhoed, Worthy Matron of Cyclamen Chapter #94, Order of the Eastern Star, announced that Verna Rogers was chosen as the Star of the Year. Kathryn Hall, secretary, honored the members of Cyclamen Chapter with 50 years or more. The members are Mazie Olmstead, 68 years;

degrees from Grand Rapids Community College and Davenport Business College. The future groom graduated from Zeeland and is currently attending Davenport College. A June, 1994 wedding is planned.

Racin announces wedding

John and Betty Racin, of Lowell are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Carla to Carrie McMillian of KY. A March 18, 1994 wedding is planned. They reside in Lowell.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table with 4 columns listing church names, addresses, and service times. Includes 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, Emmaus Lutheran, Evergreen Missionary Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton Bible Church, Calvary Christian Reformed Church of Lowell, and Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

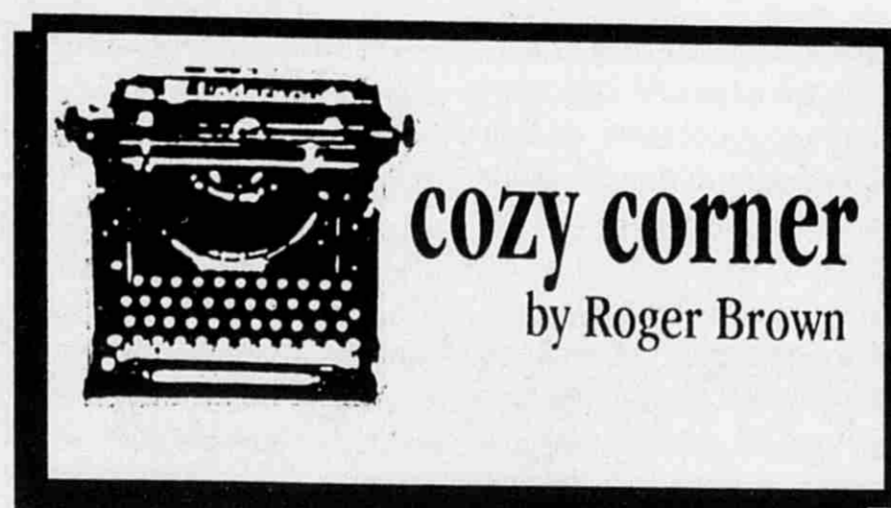
Happy Birthday HARDEES/LEDGER BIRTHDAY CLUB. Includes illustration of a birthday cake and a child.

If your name appears below in the HARDEES/LEDGER BIRTHDAY CLUB COLUMN, stop in and pick up your BIRTHDAY CARD at the Ledger office. The card entitles you to a FREE ice cream at Hardee's!

Feb. 10: Jonathan Andrews, Richard Korb, John Brown, Eric Kimble, Forrest Schutts, Nellie Lewis. Feb. 11: Brenda Allison, Caroline Hall, Tanya Weeks, Roger Kropf, Terry Nugent. Feb. 12: Peg Stanford, Al Pursley, Scott Burkett, Sandy Alberts, Andrew Anderson, Jennifer Oesch, Thomas Hazel, Jenny Alderink. Feb. 13: Jack Richards, Jim Kehoe, Ciji Eickhoff, Jodi Kennedy. Feb. 14: Heather Claypool, Carol Baird Leyman, Mary Jamison, Brandy Bouck, Michael Tschirhart, Sandy Onan, James Downs, Shana Barclay. Feb. 15: Merit Kathon, Louis Ebling, Lesley Murphy, Marcus Kline, Deanne Newell. Feb. 16: Todd Johnson, Tracy Davis, Jason Alderink, George Blocher, David Pink.

The whooping crane, which stands four to five feet tall, is the tallest bird of North America. Includes illustration of a crane.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

My last two vehicles have been four wheel drive rigs. I'm told that doesn't necessarily mean I have four wheels driving at all times. With all the different drive trains available these days, you have to be a junior engineer to figure out exactly what you do have. As with any of today's technological marvels, I don't even try to understand it, I simply use it. If I can't figure out how to use it, I work around it. For instance, a piece of masking tape works well to keep the clock on the microwave from blinking "12:00 - 12:00 - 12:00" because I can't figure out how to set it.

We all know how bad the roads are this winter. Since that ice storm, we now have a nice mix of glazed ice, chunks of ice, snowdrifts and white-outs from snow or blowing snow. There are even occasional stretches of bare pavement to lull us into a sense of semi-security so we can momentarily relax our death-grip on the steering wheel. I was working on a couple of projects at my hangar last weekend. The driveway is approximately a quarter mile long and takes a sharp right turn about halfway back to the hangar. The first part of the driveway runs west, and the westerly winds have blown the snow off and polished the ice to a better glaze than any Zamboni - maintained ice rink in the country. After the driveway turns north, there are snowdrifts to contend with. Like I said earlier, it's a nice mix of conditions to test driving skills. I flunked the test. I'd been in and out of there a half dozen times during the course of the weekend. I had close calls skidding on the ice as I braked for the curve. I'd nearly wandered off into deep snow as I struggled through the drifts. But I made it each time. By Sunday afternoon I thought I had it pretty well figured out. There I was, thinking again. Gets me into trouble every time. Part of the problem was a slight change in the road conditions. The wind had been polishing the ice all day, and the sun had melted the surface ever so slightly. It was now even more slippery than during my earlier trips. I'd try to tell you just how slippery it was, but I'm sure you don't want to be subjected to vulgar adjectives describing nasal mucus. I motored down the icy driveway, slowed as I approached the curve, touched the brake pedal and nothing happened. I mean to tell you NOTHING happened! It was like the brakes had quit working all together. I pumped the pedal a couple of times. I pushed the pedal down hard and let the ABS take over. Nothing! I haven't felt so helpless since the self-defense instructor picked me to help demonstrate various incapacitating holds when I was in the army's Military Police training school. With white knuckles clenching the steering wheel, I held on as I skidded through the curve and blasted into the snowbank. My only hope was that the air bag wouldn't deploy. I got

lucky, it didn't. Hey, whaddaya think, I get all the bad luck? Being the eternal optimist I hooked it in reverse and tried backing out. The continents move more than I did. Thinking I could get the old rocking technique going, I tried forward. Same deal, nothing. I got out and surveyed the situation. I was hung up in snow about two feet deep with glare ice under the wheels. Not good. My optimism was waning, but I walked to the hangar for a shovel and salt pellets. After an hour's worth of the kinda work where you work up a good sweat in a twenty-below wind chill, my optimism was gone and I headed back to the hangar to call for help. After several calls, I finally found a friend with a truck to pull me out. He brought a big bucket of ashes from his wood burner and we scattered them on the ice where he'd be pulling from. We chained the two vehicles together and after several healthy yanks, I was outa there! I thanked him, gave him some coffee at the hangar and took a bunch of ridicule in return. That's the way it works with my friends. I would probably have been wiser to call a wrecker and pay the tow charge rather than suffer all the grief I'll get about this when word gets around. Here's the kicker. I was headed back to the hangar last night. My mind was somewhere else. I'm not sure where, but definitely not behind the wheel. I approached the curve with too much speed, and had that same helpless feeling I'd experienced the day before. This time I didn't even worry about the air bag. All I could think of was the grief I'd take if I had to call my buddy again. At the last possible second, I take that back - at the last possible fraction of a second, my ABS found some grip on the small area we'd scattered ashes on. I just made the turn without skidding into the big snowbank I'd found myself in the day before. Talk about luck! I realize this probably would have been a better column if I'd had to call my friend for a second tow in two days, but I'm glad it didn't work out that way. Let me put it this way. I'd rather work out with that self-defense instructor.

Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago. Includes illustration of a horse-drawn carriage.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - FEB. 7, 1894 It's the season for revival meetings, sleigh-rides when there's enough snow, and unfortunately, illness; all reported in some detail. "The interest on the public debt of the United States approximates \$100 per minute." Sheep-killing dogs are a big problem in Vergennes Township. While the sleighs can run, woodcutting goes on at a brisk pace. Some Alton neighbors cut 23 cords for Mrs. Alice Brown last Tuesday. A definition of grip: "-a combination of bad colds, continual headache, wind colic, sickness at stomach, blind staggers, chickenpox, stringhalt, seven-year itch, disordered liver, kidney trouble, each bone in the body trying to ache harder than the other and forty other indescribable diseases, sometimes more, never less, at the same time." 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 6, 1919 R. VanDyke sells his grocery to E.A. Anderson. A local farmer accused of letting his hogs run in the road also faces charges of assault and battery for punching Will Kerekes in the face when Kerekes serves as witness for Officer Haysmer. The Red Cross rooms will still be open for work on afghans for army hospitals.

Housewife Hints: Prunes stuffed with marshmallows make a good dessert. If starch sticks to irons it has not been boiled long enough. The Grape-Nuts ad stresses that no extra sugar is needed. 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB 10, 1944 About 200 attended the Farmers' Institute at City Hall last Tuesday for speeches and demonstrations of farming and home economics subjects. A rash of thefts from autos for valuables, money and gas ration coupons provokes a warning to sign every gas coupon and don't leave them in the car. The state Planning Commission anticipates post-war prosperity and a surplus in state coffers.

Capitol Commentary. Includes illustration of the Michigan State Capitol building and a portrait of Dick Posthumus.












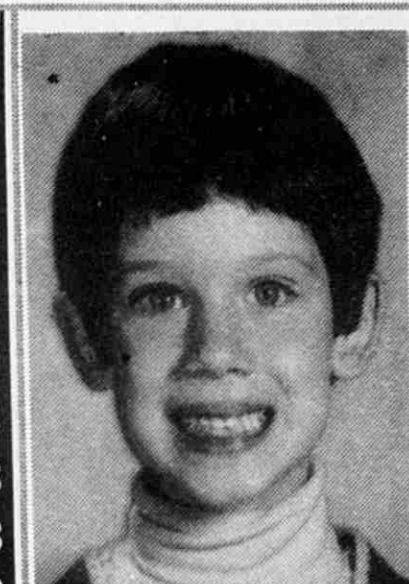

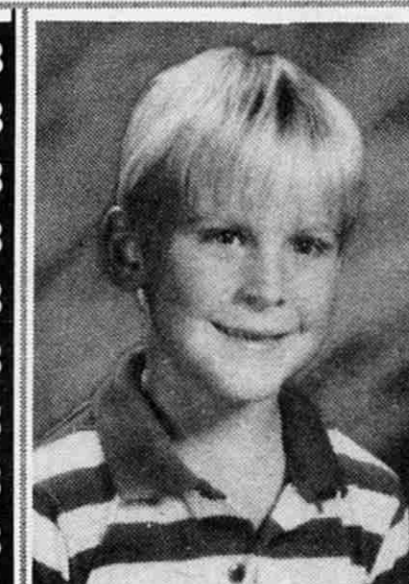



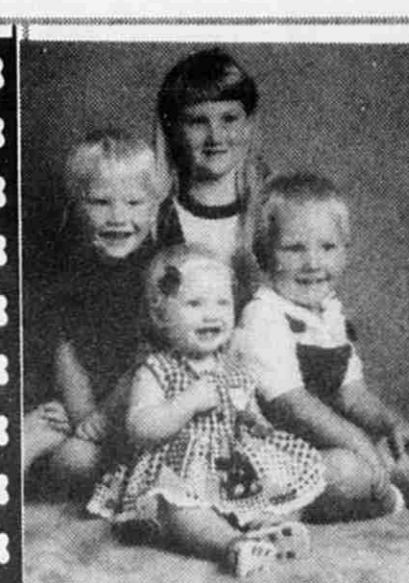

Last summer, the state Legislature took a bold step to cut Michigan's property taxes. It was something you, the citizens, had asked for throughout the past decade. After months of debate and compromise, we delivered. Taxpayers who now pay 34 mills on average toward school operations will pay either six mills under the ballot plan or 12 mills under the back-up plan. This not only represents a major tax savings, it is also a more equitable way of funding our schools. But the property tax cut will not automatically show up on your next tax bill. Rather, you must file an affidavit with the city or township in which you live by March 1 in order to exempt your homes from the higher non-homestead property taxes that are levied under both the ballot and the back-up plans. The problem lies in the fact that the current property tax system has no mechanism for distinguishing owner-occupied homesteads from non-homesteads. So, unless you file this affidavit, the state will tax your home as a business or second home.

Common Council purchases 7 1/2 acres near the waterworks from Consumers Power for \$750, and the school board buys 40 acres of sandy land in Vergennes by tax sale, to be planted to pines by the FFA. The Buy a Bond band concert is a great success, with the Lowell goal of \$125,000 exceeded by \$31,325. 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB 6, 1969 City Council hears that \$45,000 will renovate City Hall so it can serve another 10 to 15 years. The plans call for closing the second floor and later adding overnight lockup cells in the police department. Saranac will be celebrating its centennial this summer and is selling centennial bonds. A new taxi and delivery service is opened in Lowell.

The Michigan Department of Treasury has prepared forms you can use to claim the exemption. These will be mailed throughout the state to all taxpayers by either the Treasury department or your local assessor. Included in the affidavit is the homeowner's name, address and social security number, the address and location of the homestead and a signed statement--under penalty of perjury--that the described property is the main residence of the owner-occupant and that no other homestead exemption is being claimed. The form also contains the questions necessary for determining whether any agricultural property owned by the claimant is eligible for exemption. There will be an appeals process for those denied an exemption by the Treasury department, but you must have filed an affidavit in the first place. I cannot stress how important it is for you to get the affidavit filled out and to your township or city by March 1. If you don't, your home will get taxed as a business or second home at 24 mills. Though this still may represent a tax cut to many citizens, it is not the cut you have coming to you. This year, March 1 should be as crucial a date to you as April 15. And though April 15 may mean paying more taxes, March 1 means paying less. So get the affidavit filled out and send it in. If you have friends or relatives who are out of the state or country, let them know about the form, too. The deadline may be extended by legislation being introduced in the House and Senate, but until that is set in stone, I would recommend you turn them in as soon as possible. If you do not receive an exemption form by February 15, contact your local assessor's office or the Treasury department at 1-800-FORM-2-ME.

Grandchildren Are Sweet

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 KAT LYNN CUMMINGS With Love From Grandpa & Grandma Jenkins	 A. J. SEESE With Love From Sharyl Seese	 BRYANT JAMES JOHNSON With Love From James & Ruth Wood	 CHARLIE RAE HATHAWAY With Love From Garry & Carrol Kelly	 BROOKE FOSBURG From: NaNa & PaPa Crawford, Grandma & Grandpa Sterzick Grandma & Grandpa Fosburg
 BRAYDON BROWN With Love From Barbara J. Brown	 KIERSTEN & KAYLA With Love From Grandpa & Grandma Johnson	 KASSEI MARIE WOLTHUIS With Love From Grandma & Grandpa Zurhorst	 BRENNIA With Love From Grandma & Grandpa Dykstra	 HILLARY SMITH With Love From Grandpa & Grandma Sypher
 KYLE GALBREATH With Love From Grandma & Grandpa Thomet	 ASHLEY & TIFFANY With Love From Grandma & Grandpa	 AMANDA, EMILY, NATHANIEL & JOSIAH WITTENBACH With Love From Glenn & Lois Wittenbach	 NICHOLAS ESCH With Love From Fritz & Sandy Esch	 STEPHEN ESCH With Love From Fritz & Sandy Esch
 DAVID BLISS With Love From Grandma & Grandpa Silvis	 JAMIE BLISS With Love From Grandma & Grandpa Silvis	 RHIANNA SERENA With Love From Grandma Peterson	 JOSHUA DIETZ With Love From Mamaw	 JENNA LYNNE HOLLAND With Love From Grndama Peggy Holland
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 JORDON LEE With Love From Linda Young & Duane & Arlene Lambert	 <h2>Happy Valentine's Day!</h2>			 HALEIGH TIMMERS With Love From Grandpa Nead

Rise in residential assessments could indicate growing community

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township property owners can expect to see an increase in their assessment values this year. Most of those values are up from last year's value, except residential properties.

After seeing no increase last year, farm owners will see a rise of seven percent for this year.

Vergennes Township Supervisor and Assessor James Cook says the increases are not that unexpected and should not have a big impact on agricultural property.

"The equalization board feels agricultural land in this area should meet their standards and this is their way of bringing agricultural property up to their levels," said Cook.

Residential property assessments will see a rise of six percent this year, after seeing

a 13-percent increase last year.

Cook says the six-percent increase is closing the gap in the value of residential property following a two-year state study. According to Cook, the study eventually reverses the previous trend in an effort to moderate the movement of property values.

However, Cook was surprised by the six-percent increase because he thought property values would fall more in the market value. He says the reason the increase was six percent was due mainly because of homes selling quickly.

"The increase in home sales in Vergennes shows how desirable a township it is and how competition for property is good in the area," said Cook.

Cook pointed out that population rose 30 percent over ten-year period. He says the rise is the highest for any township in Kent County.

"Granted, when the rise began, we weren't the biggest township, but the rise shows how popular it is to move into this township," said Cook.

Cook feels the reason for the increase is because of good

building sites, the Flat River running through most of the township, and the rolling hills and woods which make home sites desirable.

From 1980 to 1990, the population grew from 1,819 to 2,480.

Commercial assessments rose six percent as opposed to last year's two-percent increase, and industrial property is up eight percent, up from last year's two-percent increase.

The Vergennes Board of

Review is scheduled to meet March 16 and 17 at the township hall. Residents wanting to discuss their assessments can stop by the township offices or call 897-5671 to schedule an appointment.

New sewer ordinances designed to keep Lowell Township in water district

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board passed two ordinances Monday night; both are designed to keep the township in the current water district for years to come.

The ordinances, already accepted by both the city of Lowell and Vergennes Township, are more restrictive than the previous ordinances because of new guidelines en-

acted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

According to Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson, the new DNR guidelines pushed for new ordinances to be adopted.

"I'm sure that these aren't the last guidelines the DNR will adopt. We'll probably have to develop a new set in another five years," said Timpson.

Timpson explained that all

three governing bodies had to sign the resolutions because the city requires all townships in the water district be under the same rules.

The rules adopted in the ordinances include improving the opportunity to recycle and reclaim wastewater from the sanitary sewer system, providing waste minimization, providing equitable distribution of the cost of the system and establishing an administrative procedure for review

of township decisions under the ordinance.

The ordinances also set guidelines to discharge violations and spill prevention in an effort to keep the water system clean.

The new ordinances will take effect 30 days after they are released for public review.

EXHIBIT C

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, having resolved its intention 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") in the City, has made its final determination of the special assessment district known as the Westside Water Improvements Phase II Special Assessment District 94WA ("SAD 94WA") to consist of the following described lots and parcels of land and against which all or a portion of the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number
2569 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-013
2531 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-014
2455 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-023
2401 West Main Street	41-20-03-301-021
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

David M. Pasquale,
City Clerk

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 1994
7:30 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING

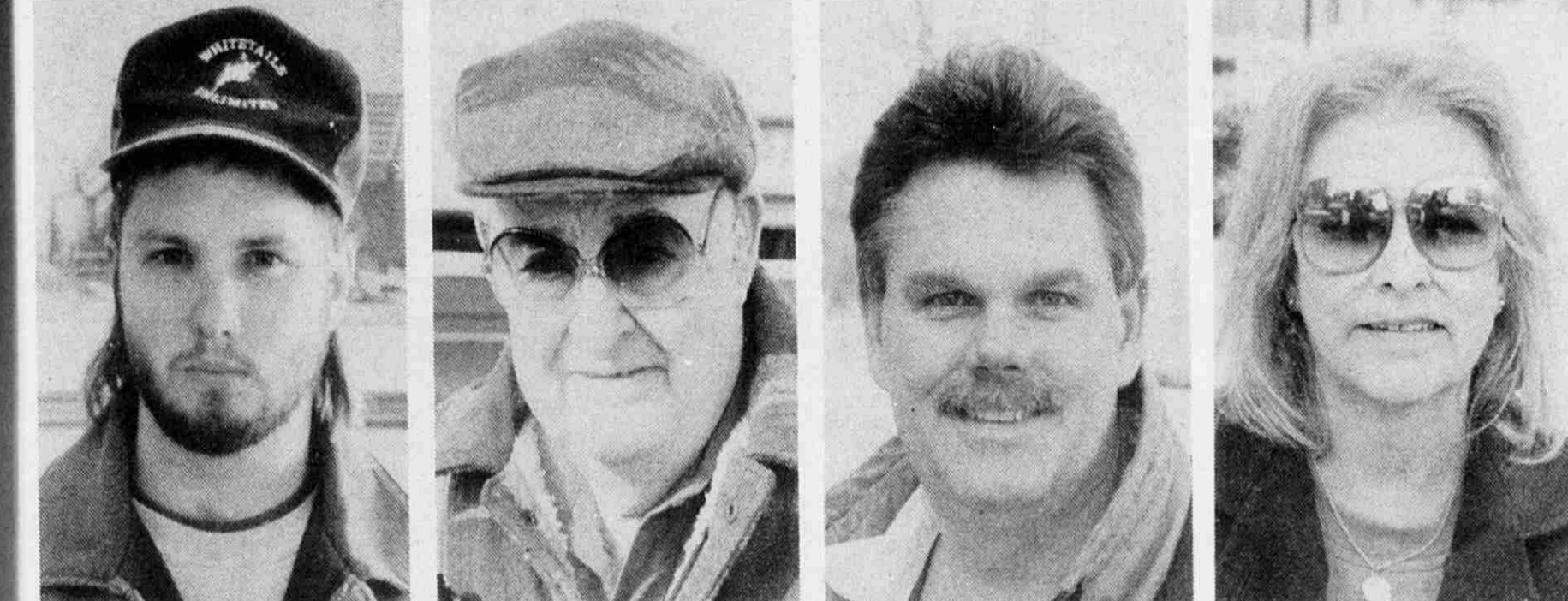
A Public Hearing of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, where the following subject will be heard:

Lloyd "Butch" Landman, in accordance with Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, as amended, has made application for a variance from Section 3.01 (1) to place an accessory structure at 4820 Ashley Road, parcel 41-12-25-100-008, without a primary dwelling.

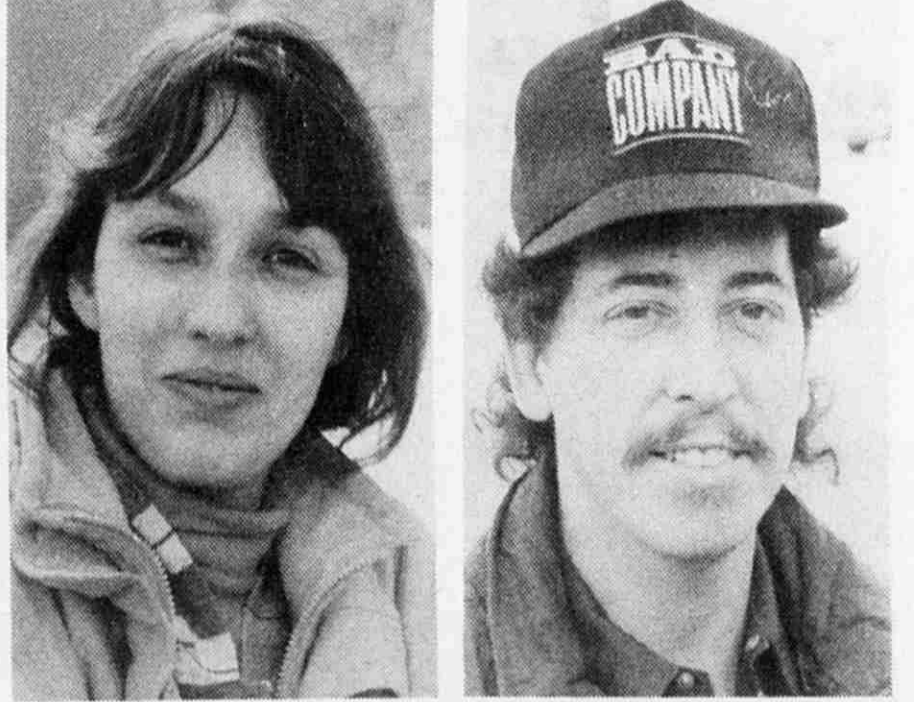
Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Lisa Sostecke, Grattan Township, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

TOWN TALK

Do you think President Clinton should have resumed trade with Vietnam?

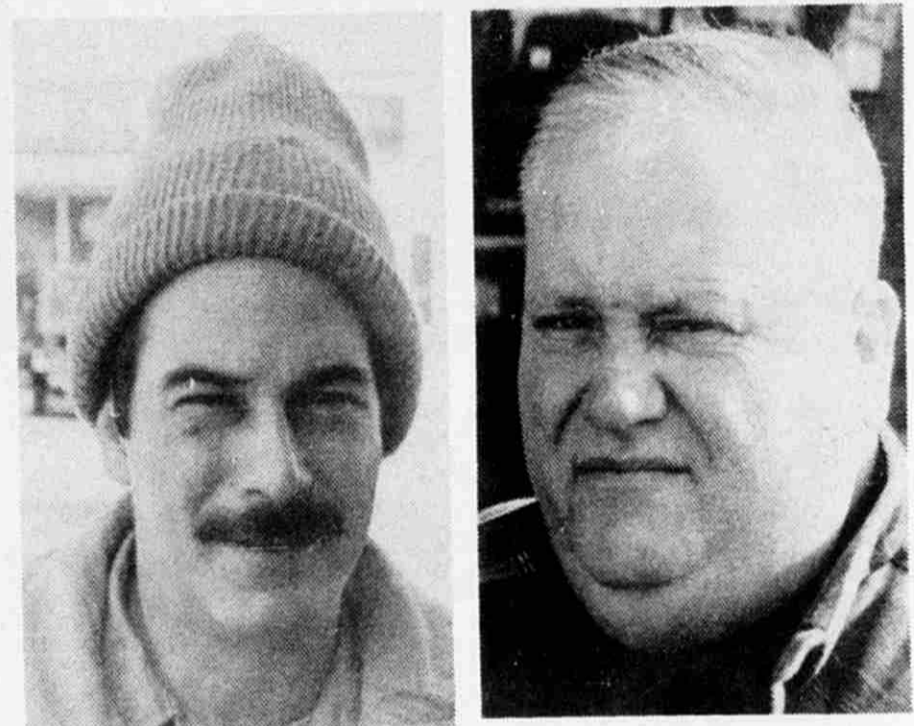


<p>Joel Eckman <i>I think it's good that we broke that barrier and that we do not continue to hold a grudge. This will also help increase the number of American jobs.</i></p>	<p>Dustin Manard <i>Hell no. We're doing too much business with others and not taking care of our own.</i></p>	<p>Ty Gemmill <i>I agree with opening trade with Vietnam. You can't live in the past. I think we're through the difficult times. I don't think Vietnam has any more MIAs to give back.</i></p>	<p>Bev Cooper <i>I think I would have waited. Let's see if all of our men are out. I think they are, but let's be sure.</i></p>
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Kathy Major
I think we should. I think it enhances our chance in our search for MIA's and POW's.

Tim Anderson
No. We haven't got all of our MIA's back yet.



Bob Taylor
No. MIA's are missing. I can't think of a better reason.

Lloyd Batey
Not really. I don't think we should. There are too many questions left unanswered.

Lowell students work toward trip

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

With no surprises or major changes, the budget for Lowell Township was passed this week.

The budget included raises for all township board members and the increased cost of participating in Kent County's library system.

Township supervisor John Timpson says the budget has no extra costs, but it does reveal that the township may not have as much tax revenue this year as last year.

He says this year's budget is very modest because the township wants to make sure it doesn't over spend for the year, although he says the township has never over spent for a year.

Timpson also indicated the budget could face some changes depending on how the March 15 vote turns out.

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Hearts afire for Sweetheart Swirl week at LHS



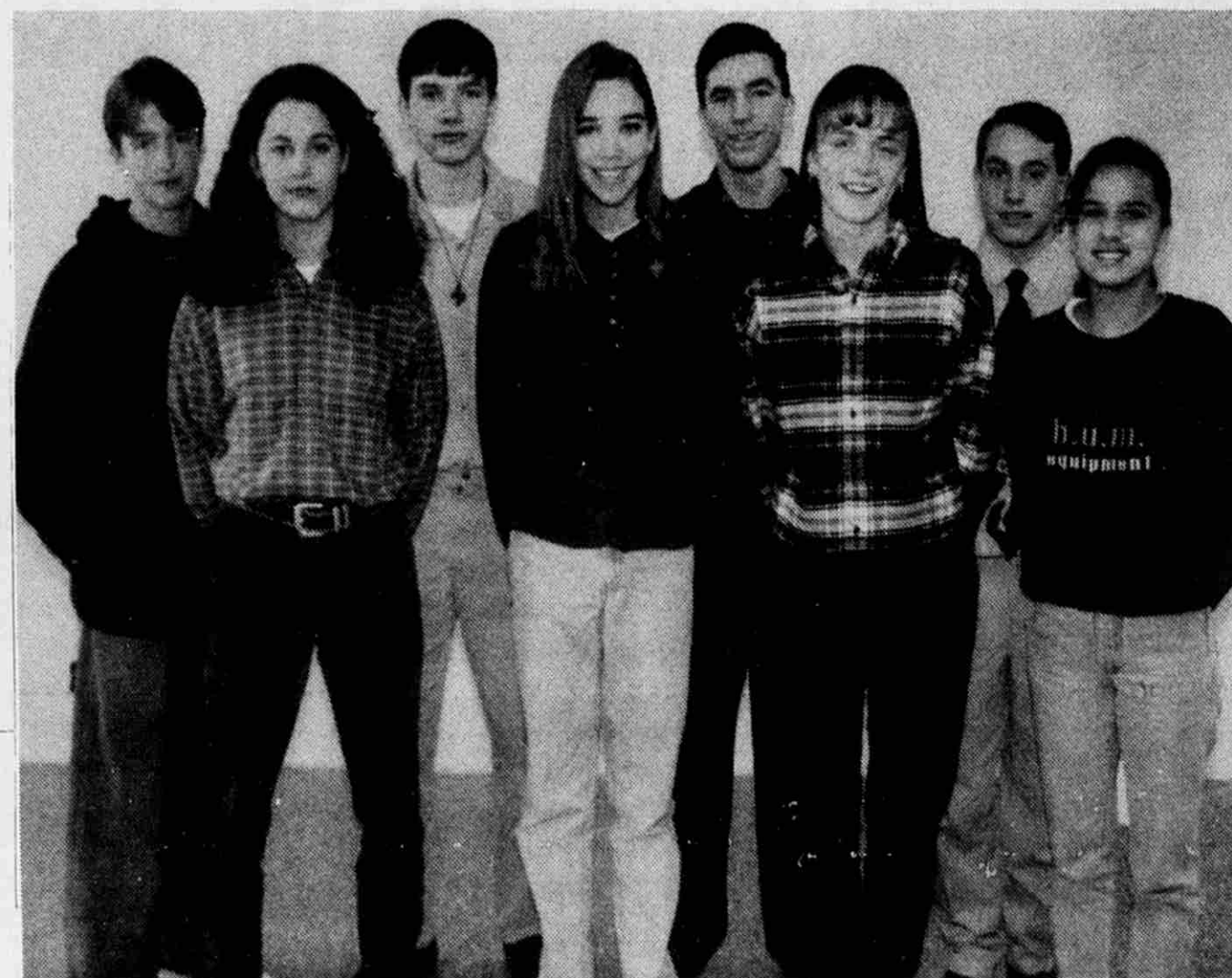
The Prince and Princess of LHS class will be announced at the Sweetheart Swirl on Feb. 12 from 8:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Pictured above are senior representatives, back row, left to right: Jim Nauta, Cutter Phillips, Jim Young, Joe Minier; back row, left to right: Sarah Matczyn, Diane Johnson, Jody Hoffman, Sara Kropf, Betsy Elzinga and Lisa Allchin.



Spirit activities for Sweetheart Swirl week include pajama/boxer day, hearts 'N hats day, Disney day, Twinday, and Red Arrow day. Pictured above are junior representatives, left to right: Kortney Gowen, Zac Cole, Melissa Beute, Scott LaHaie, Courtney Arnett, and Paul Pelon.



On Friday of Sweetheart Swirl week a school pep assembly will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the high school gym. Sophomore representatives pictured above, left to right: Jamie Tichelaar, Ryan Teunis, Jenny Jansma, Brandon Hamilton, Amy Teunis, Fred Byrne, Kylie Jackson.



Sweetheart Swirl freshman representatives are, back row, left to right: Brett Bittrick, Chad Nowak, Jeff Catlin, Mike Curtis; front row, left to right: Lyndsay Glenn, Sara Triplett, Emily Dunn, and Hayley Braun.

Lowell students work toward trip

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, founder of People to People, said, "If people get together, so eventually will nations." And so four Lowell students - Jennifer Boyd, Rebecca Cattanch, Stephanie Brown and Aaron Brander - are in the process of preparing for a 21-day trip to Australia and New Zealand to experience the power of people.

The People to People Student Ambassador South Pacific Discovery Program combines a strong educational focus with many fun activities.

Student Ambassadors' visits will include Auckland, Whitianga, and Rotorua on the North Island of New Zealand, and Sydney, Townsville and Cairns, Australia.

Exploring the rain forests and coastline of New Zealand's Coromandel Peninsula, learning about the animals of the Australian Outback, and studying the marine life of the Great Barrier Reef are part of the comprehensive program.

The heart of People to People programs is the homestay experience. During their stay, Lowell students will have the chance to be ambassadors of goodwill as they stay overnight at homes of students their own age.

During the past 30 years, more than 65,000 young Americans have served as ambassadors to 25 different countries around the world.

Eisenhower founded the program in 1956. It was administered by the State Department until 1961, when it became a private, non-profit organization.

The cost of the trip for students will run between \$4,500-\$5,000.

Boyd, Cattanch, Brown and Brander have been active in a number of activities to raise money for each of their individual trips, including contacting local businesses for a contribution.

Each student must have half of the funds in by Feb. 12. The trip is scheduled to begin in mid June.

Rezoning request for Root Lowell approved

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

subdivision and park development as well as the railroad.

The rezoning change would allow Root-Lowell to expand in the future.

The Lowell Planning Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council to rezone the property to industrial.

The property, currently zoned R-3, is bordered by

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CONSTRUCTION - Grand Rapids area concrete sawing & drilling firm now accepting applications for full-time position, union wages & benefits, construction & mechanical experience a plus, must have a good driving record. EOE. Resumes to: Terrie, PO Box 3294, Grand Rapids MI 49501. Or call 451-2469.

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IMMEDIATE HEALTH CARE OPENINGS - for empathetic individuals in a local AIS home, serving those with developmental disabilities. No experience necessary, company will train. Valid Michigan driver's license required & high school diploma. Offering competitive wages & benefit package. Please call Kevin Smith between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at 235-2555 or apply in person at New Kent Homes, 1514 Wealthy, SE, Grand Rapids, MI.

PLASTICS - Opportunities available in the Ada and Lowell areas for candidates with plastic injection and hand trimming required. For immediate consideration, call Manpower Temporary Services, 897-0050.

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In Memoriam

IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND - Ruth Wester, March 13, 1920 - February 11, 1994.

I miss our talks, our laughs, our tears, I won't forget you throughout the years. One never forgets a special friend, No one can fill that space again. I know its only been a year, But in my heart you're always near. And when I'm down and feeling blue, A smile appears when I think of you. I miss you my friend, Mary Grindle.

IN MEMORY OF - Ruth E. Wester, who left us on February 11, 1993. We miss you very much, more than words or tears can tell. Loved & missed Marilyn, Misty & April McClure

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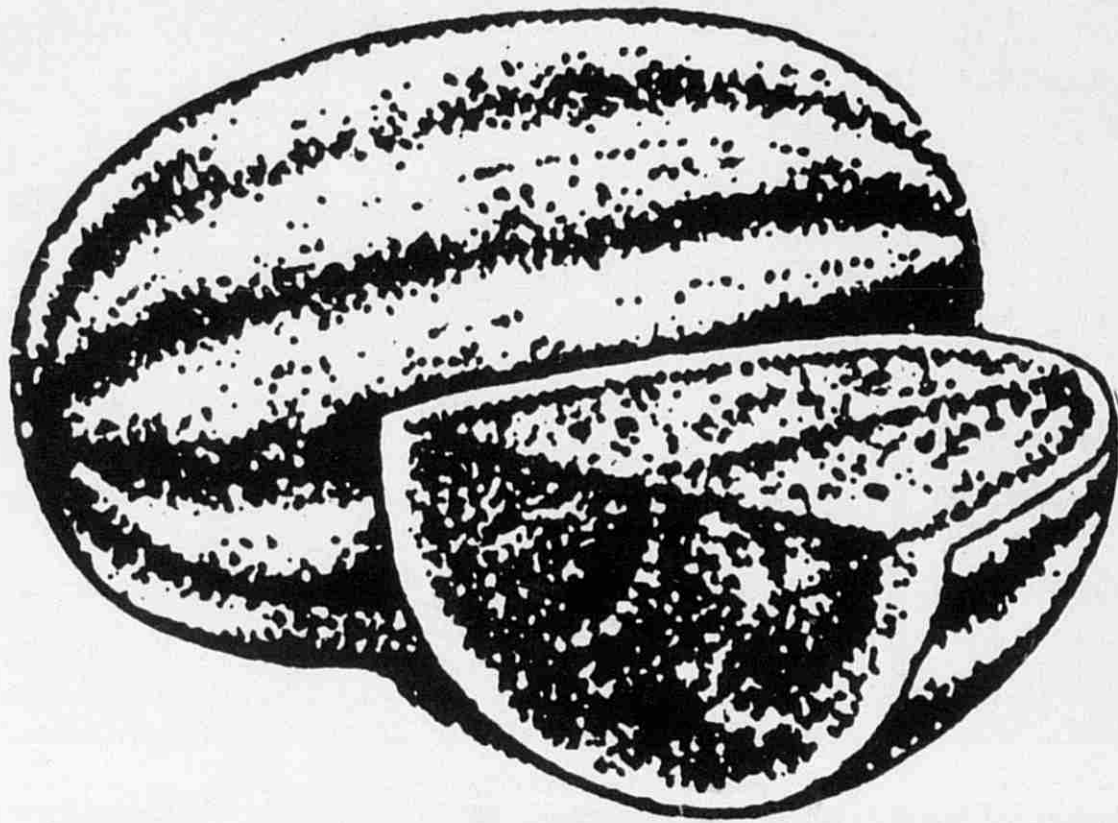
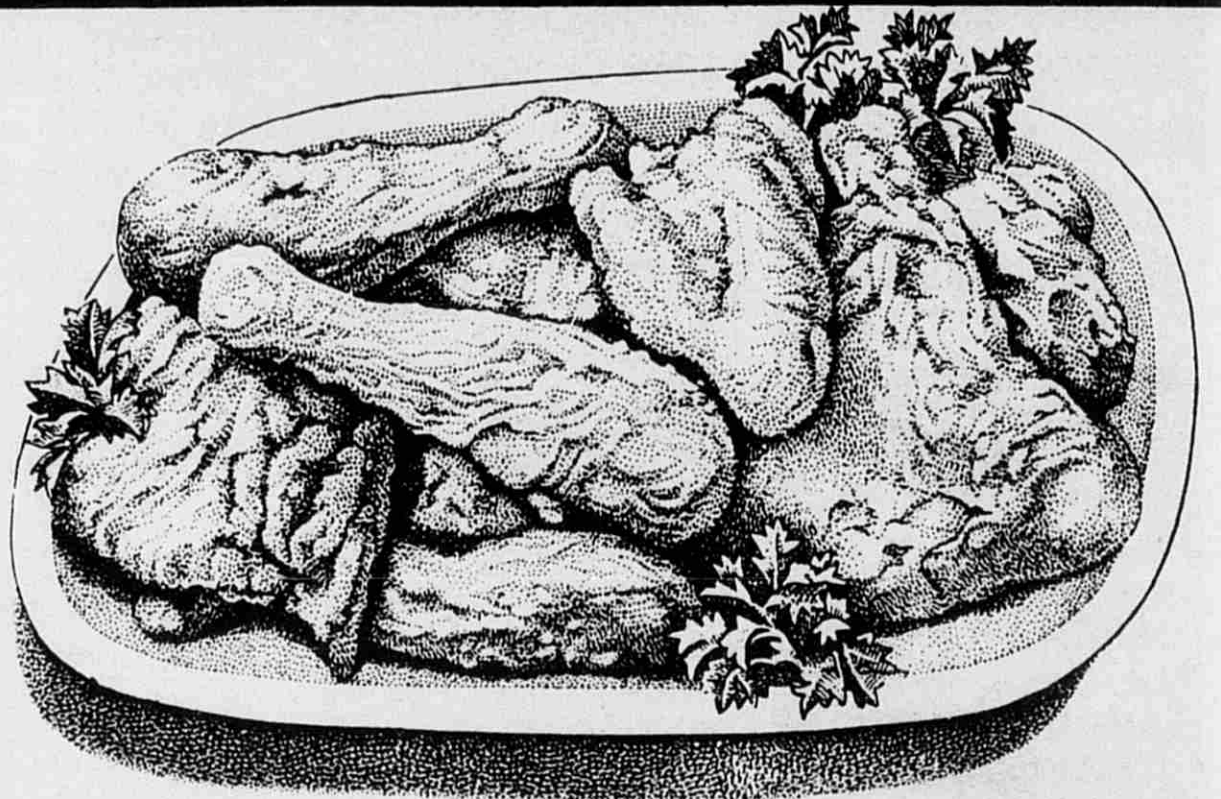
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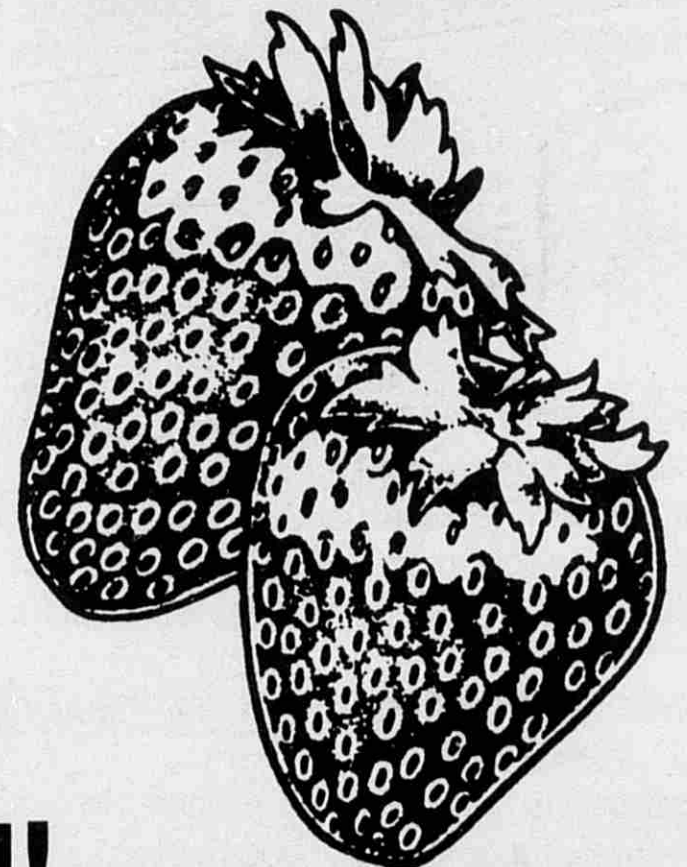


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