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School finance picture may not be better, but it is certainly clearer

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

West Michigan School officials will tell you that the backup plan was better funded for schools. In the same breath, they add they're glad the whole Proposal A question is over.

"I'm very glad it's all over," said Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch. "I'm very pleased we no longer have to deal with it."

Lowell, like many other schools, will find that the revenues to run its school district will remain equal to what it's currently at - maybe a little higher in year one of the overhaul of school finance.

In 1993-94 Lowell Schools worked under a \$300,000 deficit budget. The total budget was \$15.3 million.

Lowell School District's foundation grant for the 1994-95 school year is expected to be at or near \$4,800. The

school enrollment is estimated to be at or near 3,200. Using those figures the school would receive \$15.36 million.

That figure does not include revenues the school will receive for its at-risk students, special education...

Gary Kemp, Lowell Assistant Superintendent, said after all the categoricals are included (e.g., special education), the school budget will be somewhere between an estimated \$17-\$18 million.

"Schools will know a lot more about their financial picture a year from now," Kemp said. "This first year will allow us to establish a cost record for the new high school (e.g., what utilities will cost)."

Kemp said the school's fund equity was at \$1.1 million at the end of the year. The assistant superintendent said with a relative sureness that the fund equity would have to be dipped into for the 1994-95 school year.

"With the Proposal A plan

in place, planning will be easier for schools. We will know the finances we have to work with and will be able to predict what's coming," Esch said. "The disadvantage of the previous funding program was that schools didn't know the enrollment, categoricals or the state-aid formula. The advantage to the new plan is there are no secrets. Schools will know the cost and the income."

Esch added that the state and schools are embarking on new territory and that he looks forward to the new direction.

The concern is that the direction may eventually lead to a lack of enough dollars to fully fund schools. The Public Sector Consultants continue to project that schools are underfunded under Proposal A.

The Senate Fiscal Agency states that with the early startup date for tax collections, school districts will have enough money to oper-

ate for the next 1 1/2 years. After that the agency says that state budget cuts totaling approximately \$400 million may be needed to keep local schools fully funded.

One sidebar to Proposal A that may come back to haunt


schools is the advertising that claimed it would do away with millage elections. That simply was not true.

School districts with millages that expire this year will be going back to voters this summer for renewal of

the 18 mills of tax on business and other non-homestead property. Some voters may find it confusing, after hearing in ads for eight months that Proposal A would do

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PROPOSAL "A" RESULTS

CITY OF LOWELL	LOWELL TWP.	VERGENNES TWP.
PRECINCT I 416 - YES 99 - NO	PRECINCT I 765 - YES 98 - NO	PRECINCT 886 - YES 108 - NO
PRECINCT II 438 - YES 93 - NO	PRECINCT II 541 - YES 101 - NO	Of the 1,660 registered voters 995 or 60% voted
Of the 2,356 registered voters 1,046 or 44% voted	Of the 3,023 registered voters 1,506 or 50% voted	

Driveway bond issue keeps beer/wine permit away from market

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Caught in a catch-22 situation Cumberland Market owner, Jeff Roy, has asked the Lowell Township to show faith in him and help him receive a permit to sell beer and wine on a take-out basis.

However, his request was met with opposition by the board who wants him to get his driveway bonded. The performance bond would insure the construction of a proper commercial driveway before they grant the permit.

The proper commercial driveway, according to the board, would include a decel-

eration lane, curbs and gutters.

"With the speed in which traffic passes by the market, a deceleration lane is needed for safety reasons," said Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson.

Roy contends the driveway was bonded by the previous owner and that bonding should still be valid even though the previous business went bankrupt.

"This board already approved the bond. If the project didn't get completed, it is the board's responsibility to make sure it does and not hold it against me," said Roy.

"We understand his (Roy's) argument, but it is the policy of this board to enforce the

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City survey raises questions about Lowell's sense of community

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

It's what the city of Lowell's survey didn't show that had Lowell Planning Commission Chairman Michael Blough scratching his head.

The survey did not show that there was any one strong voice toward change. "I think the planning commission and focus group were caught a little off guard by the comments' lack of focus."

"Peoples' attitudes leaned in certain directions, but there

was not one strong voice," Blough said. "It showed that people are pleased with the attributes of the city, they feel safe here and they live here because they choose to."

Steve Langworthy, Design Plus, said the higher than average number of middle-range responses indicate that there is an overall sense of apathy about many aspects of the community. "Despite that sense of apathy, there was also an impression of a satisfied community given by the survey," he said.

City residents, randomly selected to fill out the survey, showed satisfaction with city services, neighborhood conditions and community facilities. It also harbored a pro-growth attitude.

Prior to reviewing the survey, Steve Langworthy noted that some may not like what the survey had to say or what his analysis of it said, but reminded those in attendance that the comments regarding the survey reflect the views of the respondents.

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Along Main Street

CREATE-A-KINGDOM DESIGN DAY
 The Create-A-Kingdom Design Day for Children is scheduled for April 18. They are extending the children's committee and choir sign-up to March 25 to insure that every child who wishes to participate in this project has the opportunity.
 For more information call Kristin, 897-5055, or Tina, 897-0709.

DRIVERS EDUCATION APPLICATIONS
 Drivers education applications are available at the Lowell High School, 750 Foreman. Applications must be in by April 11.

YMCA YOUTH T-BALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PROGRAMS
 Registration is open for four-to-six year-olds and first through sixth-grade youth ball programs. Pitching machines will be used for grades one through four.
 Early registration ends April 13. The final deadline is April 18. For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING
 The Lowell Area Historical Association will be having an open meeting for members and the public on Wednesday,

March 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Fire Station on Hudson St.
 The program entitled "The History of Flour Milling in Lowell" will be presented by Jim Doyle.

NAZARENE CHURCH HOSTS COMMUNITY DAY
 The Nazarene Church will be conducting a community day on April 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.
 The event is free and the public is welcome. There will be fingerprinting by the police department, free blood pressure checks, a visit by the fire department and the music boosters.

MEN'S BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
 There will be a men's softball tournament, class C - double
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LAAC SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
 Lowell Area Arts Council summer camp scholarship applications are now available from Jill VanAntwerp at Lowell High School, Karen Lamberts at Lowell Middle School or the Lowell Area Arts Council office at 149 S. Hudson.
 The deadline for the applications is Wednesday, April 13. You will need written references, so get your applications early. For further information call the LAAC office from 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, 897-8545.

OBITUARIES

ELLISON - Edna B. Ellison, age 91, of Lansing, passed away at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing on March 19, 1994. She was born September 20, 1902, in Lakeview to Warren (Hester) Simmons. She married Grant Ellison on June 9, 1928 in Sunfield who preceded her in death in 1971. She is survived by three sons, Bill H. Ellison of Lowell, N. B. Ellison of Fenwick, Robert L. Ellison of Lowell; one daughter, Maude Jean Balmes of Lansing; one daughter Bertha M. McMullen preceded her in death; two brothers and five sisters; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. Funeral services were held Monday at the Lake Funeral Home with Michael McLennan officiating. Interment Easton

Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of her daughter Bertha.

HOOP - Mrs. Marie Hoop, aged 64, of Wyoming, passed away Thursday, March 17, 1994. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Surviving are her husband, Clifford; her children, Ron (Anna) Hoop of Radcliff, KY, Bob (Karen) Hoop of Coopersville, Linda Gooch of Lowell, Jim (Ginger) Hoop of Wyoming; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; her brother and sister, Robert Waggoner of Novi, Elaine (Clyde) Macomber of FL; her sister-in-law, Jeanette Waggoner of Detroit; her brother-in-law, Louis Rajcezi of Detroit. Funeral Service

was held Monday from Grace Lutheran Church, with her pastor Rev. John W. Stieve officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to St. Mary's Kidney Dialysis or Grace Lutheran Debt Fund.

LOUGHLIN - Jacqueline M. Loughlin, aged 71, of Parnell, died Friday, March 18, 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard. She is survived by her children, Marie (Joe) Atchison of Ada, Robert (Marie) Loughlin of Parnell, Richard (Lindy) Loughlin of Jackson, Edward (Tracy) Loughlin of Lowell, Ann (Kirk) Collins of Lowell, Joseph Loughlin of Parnell; brother-in-law F. Joseph (Arlene) Loughlin of Ionia; sister-in-law Pauline Stout of Belding; eight grandchildren. She was a member of St. Patrick's Altar Society. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Patrick's

Church in Parnell, Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler, Jr. Presider.

SULLIVAN - M. Lucille Sullivan (nee Warner), aged 71, formerly of Lowell, died March 10, 1994, in Tucson, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents Royden and Mary Warner, and brothers, Richard and Ralph Warner. She is survived by her husband John Sullivan; sons Randy and Linda, Fred and Terie and David Sullivan; five grandchildren; brother Robert Warner; sister Jean Lass. She was a member of Tucson Symphony Women's, TMC Women's Auxiliary. She was also very active in the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Tucson where a Memorial Service was held Friday.

Eickhoff needs rezoning to expand current business

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

In reviewing the requirements of allowing Terry Eickhoff to expand his business, Ike's Towing, the Lowell Township Planning Commission decided Eickhoff must seek rezoning before he gets a special use permit.

Eickhoff would like to open his business, located at 3176 Segun Ave., to the public so they can drop off scrap metal, used motor oil, and household appliances. He would also like to expand his operation to include the processing and stamping of old tires and open his towing services to the general public.

Eickhoff operates his business on six acres of land of which 3.5 acres are currently being used for his operation.

According to planning commission secretary David Simmonds, the land is currently zoned agricultural two. To expand his business, Eickhoff would have to rezone the property to industrial and then ask for a special use permit.

"To expand his operation, he (Eickhoff) would need to change the rezoning; granting a special use permit under the current zoning is not possible," said Simmonds.

There has been no indication by Eickhoff on whether he will seek the rezoning at this point.

COMING EVENTS

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office located in the Middle School, 12675 Foreman Road.

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-8829.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

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

EVERY WED.: Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sunshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th-grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members welcomed. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in The Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E., at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

schools. All Lowell School mothers are invited.

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

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

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

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E., at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY SAT. - Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on Frequency 147,420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at

18841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 1 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH & APRIL: Old Homestead photos and stories from Section 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 of Cannon Township will be on display at the Cannonsburg Museum from 2 to 4 p.m. Other sections will be on display on future dates.

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

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

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

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

WED., MARCH 23: The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "You Ain't Nothin' But A Werewolf" at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria. Don't

miss this free evening of entertainment.

WEEK OF APRIL 9: Bags will be dropped off for Pack #3188 to begin scouting for food. The bags will be picked up on Saturday, April 16.

SAT., APRIL 2: Annual Moose Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2 at Creekside Park. 1-3-year-olds will hunt from noon to 12:30; 4-6-year-olds from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; 7-10-year-olds from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 11-13 year-olds from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

SUN., APRIL 3: Nazarene Church Community Day from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and public is welcome. Fingerprinting by the police department and free blood pressure checks.

SAT., APRIL 2: Nazarene Church Adult Choir Cantata, "The Splendor of Easter," 11 a.m.

SUN., APRIL 3: Celebrate Easter with an "All-you-can-eat" family breakfast at St. Patrick Parnell School cafeteria, 5 Mile and Parnell Rd. Pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, (as you like them), toast, or

ange juice, milk and hot coffee. Serving 8 a.m. to noon. Adults, \$3.50; children five to 11 years, \$2.50; and under five, free. Maximum cost per family \$12. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for the benefit of the Youth Program.

TUES., APRIL 5: Grattan Historical Society meeting at Grattan Museum, 16675 Old Belding Road, 7 p.m. Speaker, Doug Jenks of Belding, "Down Memory Lane in Grattan Township."

THURS., APRIL 7: Schneider Manor, 7 p.m., Vergennes Cooperative Club. Hostesses: Aileen McCabe, Dorothy Byrne, Elva Watson. Sponsor: Marie Rickert. Program: "Pioneer Society Journal" by Jesse Vandenberg.

WED., APRIL 13: Turkey and dressing family-style dinner. 5:15 p.m. at Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow S.E. Adults, \$6; 5-12 years, \$2.50; and under five, free.

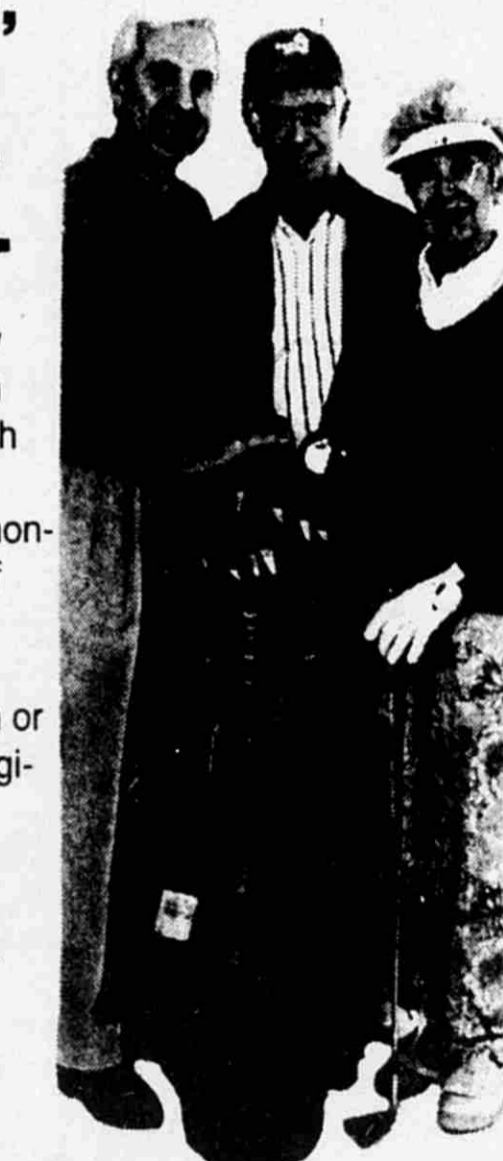
FRI., JUNE 3-12: 10-day trip to Ireland. Lowell Seniors (Travelers) For information, call Mary Condon, 897-7092.

The man we call a specialist today was formerly called a man with a one-track mind.

—Endre Balogh

As A Group, Mature Drivers Are A+ With Us.

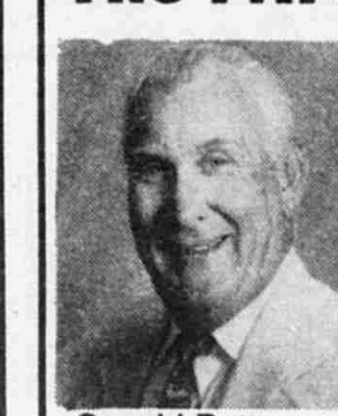
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IN THE SERVICE

Navy Fireman Recruit Gary W. Meyers, son of Gary W. and Elizabeth A. Meyers of Saranac, recently reported for duty at Naval Submarine Support Facility New London, Groton, CT. He joined the Navy in June 1993.

Marine Pfc. Jeffrey J. Hoeks, son of Henry J. and Caroline Hoeks of Ada, recently graduated from the Basic Avionics Technician Course.

During the course with Headquarters and Headquarters 90, Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Station, Millington, TN, students receive technical instruction on the fundamentals necessary to perform job entry-level aviation electronics maintenance tasks. Students also receive instruction to prepare them for further specialized training on operational aviation electronics equipment found in naval aircraft.

He joined the Marine Corps in January 1993. Hoeks graduated from Calvin College in 1989 with a BA degree.

Marine Pvt. Kyle P. Boston, son of Bridgeta M. Boston of Lowell, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine,

and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

Although the Marine Corps is scaling back, its investment in high-quality recruits continues. The Marine Corps has more than 38,000 job openings this year. He joined the Marine Corps in November 1993.

Coast Guard Ensign Brenden J. Kettner, son of Harold G. and Elizabeth G. Kettner of Lowell, was recently commissioned in his present rank upon graduation from Officer Candidate School.

During the course, at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA, candidates are taught navigation, seamanship, communications, leadership, and Coast Guard search and rescue and law enforcement procedures.

Officer Candidates also participate in a rigorous physical training program and study general administration, Coast Guard missions, and history and human relations.

He joined the Coast Guard in November 1990. Kettner graduated from Aquinas College in 1990 with a BA degree.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:25).

Some people prefer the first piece of pie. Others clamor for the largest portion. Still there are those who eagerly reach for the piece with the most sugar on top. I like the last piece best, especially if I am allowed to eat it out of the pie dish. The extra cherries, the sweet juice, or the overflow of pudding, accompanies the final piece—my reward for waiting.

So often in our work for the Lord we are inclined to demand immediate results. But we need to learn the secret of waiting for Him to give the increase.

Margaret Slattery said: "We teach and impatiently cry for results. God teaches, and with majestic patience waits through the years for the lesson to be learned. We see the sowing, and are sometimes discouraged. God sees the ultimate harvest, and there is no discouragement with Him."

It isn't easy to wait for the last piece of pie, but it's worth it—if I can "scrape the pie dish."

Prayer: O God, when I would be impatient, teach me to wait quietly for Thee. When I demand hurried results, help me to rest and trust, knowing Thou art working and will give the increase in Thine own way and time. Amen.

Be still my soul: thy God doth undertake To guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

JANE LAURIE BORTHWICK



The first model of the cash register resembled a clock. One hand indicated dollars and the other indicated cents.

Calvary Christian Reformed Church celebrates "Christ in the Passover"

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' Last Supper have in common? David Brickner, speaking on behalf of Jews for Jesus, will answer that question in a presentation called "Christ in the Passover" at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 West Main, Lowell, on March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Using a visual display of traditional Passover accoutrements, the "Christ in the Passover" presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Ancient and modern Jewish customs are discussed and described with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary.

A table is set with the traditional Jewish Passover items, including representative foods which are explained, but not eaten. The ceremonial seder plate, the three-compartment pouch in which the matzo (unleavened bread) is kept, as well as the traditional cup of Elijah are presented, and new insights to their christological significance are provided.

Jews for Jesus has presented this demonstration in over five thousand churches. It was originally written in 1956 by Moshe Rosen, the founder and executive director of Jews for Jesus. The presentation was abstracted from the writings of the late Rabbi Leopold Cohn, who came to faith in Jesus in 1894 and died in 1936.

Dr. Rosen contends that some of the most important elements of Christian doctrine, such as the Trinity, the

principle of substitutionary atonement and salvation through a personal relationship with the Messiah, are implied in the seder (Passover feast) as observed by Orthodox Jews even today. "The Christ in the Passover presentation is one way Jews for Jesus can help churches appreciate the Jewish roots of the Christian faith," Rosen said, "though our primary ministry is to those who do not yet believe in Jesus."

Jews for Jesus is an evangelistic agency best known for creative methods and materials. Their literature deals with contemporary themes including anything from current films to chemical waste. "Broadside's" use humor and clever illustrations, yet have a serious message: namely, that Jesus is the promised Messiah for both Jews and Gentiles.

Jews for Jesus also communicates through original Jewish gospel music and drama, which is presented by mobile teams such as the Liberated Wailing Wall. The organization has permanent branches in nine North American cities (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Toronto, Dallas, Boston, New York City, Washington D.C. and South Florida) as well as over seventy chapters spanning some thirty states. The group's international branches are headquartered in Johannesburg, Buenos Aires, London, Ukraine and Paris.

Dr. Rosen says, "Our message is not new, but we're telling it in a new way. For too

long the Jewish roots of Christianity have been forgotten. Gentile cultural trappings have often been confused with what the biblical religion teaches. The Messiah was born in Israel, not Greece or Rome. His mother's name was Miriam, not Mary. And she was told by an angel, 'And thou shalt have a son and call his name Y'shua, for he shall save his people from their sins.' Y'shua is the Jewish way to say Jesus."

In keeping with the Jewish context of Christianity, Dr. Rosen and his wife have co-authored a book entitled "Christ in the Passover." As with the presentation at Calvary Christian Reformed Church, this book focuses on Passover to demonstrate the continuity of the Old and New

Nazarene Church holds Community Day, April 2

As part of a spring Sunday School emphasis entitled "Children Welcome Here," the Nazarene Church will be conducting a community day on April 2 from 2-4 p.m.

This event, offered to the public with free admission invites you to see what our community has to offer. Many organizations were contacted to participate.

Some of those offered will be free fingerprinting by the Police Department, free blood pressure checks, a visit by the

Fire Department and music boosters. Spearheading a project for new playground equipment at Creekside Park will be Tina Phillips to answer any questions and will gratefully accept donations.

The Nazarene teens will be selling food, such as hot dogs and other snacks. The emphasis concludes on Easter Sunday, April 3, with an adult choir cantata, "The Splendor of Easter," at 11 a.m.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

Do you remember Mr. Hancy from the old "Green Acres" TV series? If you do, you have one of two problems. Either you watch too much Nickleodeon on cable TV or you are approaching, in or beyond middle age. In any case, I recommend you seek professional help.

For those of you who don't remember Mr. Hancy, he was a hick, shyster, huckster, wheeler-dealer old country boy who was forever selling Mr. Douglas, a city slicker turned farmer, some piece of junk. I bring up Mr. Hancy because I remind myself of him lately. In fact, my paternal grandmother's maiden name was Hancy. Really! We must be related!

My new image came about a few months back. I decided it was time to simplify my life a little. This decision came about during a mindless talk I had with myself while driving around between sales calls. For some unexplainable reason, I began adding up the spark plugs in all the things I own, lease or have

an interest in. This included everything from airplanes to weed whips. There were boats, chainsaws, motorcycles, cars, trucks, lawn mowers, etc. I came up with well over one hundred spark plugs! I was shocked and decided to do something about it. There was almost something spiritual about this revelation, but we won't go into that.

I began by identifying the real junk and simply gave that away. I signed off the title to a rusted out 1981 Ford Escort (four spark plugs) we kept around the business for running errands. My partner in an old 20-foot sailboat got my half interest as a Christmas gift. I know, I know... there aren't any spark plugs in a sailboat. The decision to simplify my life had expanded beyond the boundaries of internal combustion engines.

Next I sold a 1/5th share in an airplane (four cylinders, dual ignition equals eight spark plugs). I've got an offer on my cottage. No spark plugs in that deal, unless you count one in the lawn mower that will probably go with it. Selling the cottage freed me up to sell the ski boat (four spark plugs). That went last night.

It was in the middle of ski boat deal that the Mr. Hancy thing hit me. I'd been on the phone wheeling and dealing on several loose ends related to the sale of the cottage. I was working with a guy on the sale of some old aircraft radios I have. I'd gone with my daughter to look at some used furniture for an apartment she's moving into this fall. She didn't like the stuff, and I ended up giving her some extra pieces we have

floating around. It's a good thing my dog wasn't with me. He may have ended up with a new owner. I was on a roll!

What's next? On my hit list are two sailboats, an old MG, two motorcycles, my kids' cars, an outboard motor, an old fishing boat, etc. The fishing boat has twin three-cylinder outboards which means six spark plugs. A major hit. The problem is, my dad owns half of the boat, so I can't sell it. Fortunately, Father's Day is just a couple of months away. He's hard to buy for, so maybe there will be a signed title in his card.

Once these are gone, I'm down to the bare necessities when it comes to spark plugs. I need a vehicle to do my job; that's six spark plugs. My fishing boat has twin six-cylinder outboards with a spark plug in each. That's twelve more. I have a quarter interest in a float plane. It has twelve spark plugs. There's thirty spark plugs that will be real tough to part with if this simplification thing doesn't wind down soon.

Last to go, and it goes when I do, is my Stearman. You might know it has more spark plugs than anything else. The antique biplane has a seven-cylinder radial engine with a dual ignition system that includes fourteen spark plugs. Like I said, the Stearman is the very last thing I'm parting with. I can give up fishing. The float plane is a lot of fun, but I could live without it. If I had to, I could bicycle around selling ads. But, I'm afraid those last fourteen spark plugs will forever stand between me and the bliss of a truly simple life.

Oh well, I'm getting tired of this Mr. Hancy bit anyway.

Thad's Thoughts

I know what follows reeks from cliché and even dabbles in trite, but nonetheless it is true and I think bears repeating.

The great part of this job and of getting involved in community activities and organizations is the people you meet.

Granted, not all become your friends, or even people you socialize with occasionally. For that matter, some from the get-go, you just plain don't get along with or like, but those few times are forever overshadowed by that occasional acquaintance that just simply knocks your socks off.

I had such an acquaintance(s) this past weekend at the Sports, Fisherman Boat Show at the Grand Center. I along with other members of the Lowell Showboat Board and Directors sold raffle tickets for our Super Pro 16 boat raffle.

Let me set this up by telling you my most vivid memory of Kentucky, prior to this past weekend, was a wet, miserable, overcast drive through Grundy, Kentucky, with a friend on our way to a wedding in Pinchurst, North Carolina, a number of years ago.

Following that trip, anytime anyone mentioned Kentucky, my mind automatically recalled (what seemed like days) the time we spent driving through the hills of Kentucky, particularly Grundy. Part of the problem was my friend thought he had discovered a time-saving shortcut on the road atlas we were using. It wasn't, but it did lead us into the "depths of hell" I now refer to as Grundy.

That may seem harsh, but we were painstakingly into an 18-

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MAR 21, 1894

A half-million counterfeit silver dollars, well made and with the same silver content as the genuine article, are said to be circulating in Nebraska and Iowa.

A new column, "Pratt Lake Pebbles," mentions the fine product of a nearby sugar bush, and a white oak that yielded 15 cords of wood.

A ship timber goes out from the D&M depot Wednesday, 120 feet long and requiring three teams to haul it. The first three weeks of March have been so pleasant that everyone wonders when the payback will happen. Most parties and socials lately center around (maple) sugar.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 20, 1919

Women attend the Lowell Township Republican caucus at City Hall; the men refrain from smoking (much improvement noted) and Maude McNaughton gets the nomination for treasurer.

The Flat and Grand Rivers combined this year to create the annual lake on Main St., the Grand crests at 18.3 feet.

Earl Brown's International Harvester implement business is moving from Moseley to the Hotel Waverly block.

Henry Ford's promise to build a car so cheap everyone can have one is matched by England's claim that they will undercut Fords, and the editor's thought that perhaps all of this will make good roads desirable.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 23, 1944

Lowell's telephone exchange has reached a peak of 783 subscribers.

Melville McPherson of Vergennes heads the Kent County Republican convention, which endorses Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for the presidency.

Only 20 percent of West Michigan groceries are in compliance with pricing regulations, but most violations are minor. Prices are farthest off on canned peas and corn, and fresh cabbage.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR 20, 1969

73 percent of the voters turn out to vote for the school

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different options: a ballot and a back-up plan. Both fully funded schools and cut property taxes, but only one was wholly good for the state and its residents.

This week, Michigan voters made a most historical decision by overwhelmingly voting "yes" on Proposal A. Support was especially strong in Kent County, with more than 90 percent support in some communities. By voting "yes," we have reaffirmed a commitment to schoolchildren, taxpayers and job providers. Proposal A was the best choice for this state; really, the only choice.

As a father of four children who attend Lowell Public Schools, I believe the proposal's constitutionally guaranteed funding level for public schoolchildren is a key component of the plan. So is the fact that our schools will be more equitably and fully funded in the coming years.

As a taxpayer and a homeowner, I am looking forward to significantly lower property taxes, with my assessments capped each year at five percent or inflation, whichever is lower. Citizens will no longer be taxed out of their homes.

As a farmer and a businessman, I am confident the lower income tax and better overall balance of taxation will keep our economic recovery rolling and encourage job growth—which is good for everyone.

But let me say this: Proposal A's passage does not mean lawmakers can sit back and relax. Though we have climbed a better part of the mountain, we still have a distance to hike

By: Dick Posthumus

PROPOSAL A: A GREAT BEGINNING

For more than 20 years, Michigan leaders have made education reform and cutting property taxes the first two items on their priority lists. Looking back to the early 1970's, we find former Governor Bill Milliken in his first State of the State address citing education reform as the Legislature's top priority. In that same address, he called upon the Legislature to examine the heavy property tax burden, saying: "The tax burden on the individual now approaches the limits of tolerance." Even with all of this attention, these issues had always evaded a real solution.

In 1993, the state Legislature rose to the occasion and voted to wipe out property taxes as a way of funding schools. Six months and many meetings later, on the eve of Christmas, we hammered out a deal that offered Michigan citizens two

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<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 727 Thomapple River Dr. 678-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....9:00 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Church School.....9:30 to 10:30 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV; Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL Meeting at the Middle School (12675 Foreman) Sunday Morning Worship And Children's Activities.....10:00 A.M. Midweek Bible Studies and Youth Groups "LISTENING AND HELPING" 897-0077</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN A New ELCA Church Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
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to bring Michigan to the top of the nation—and the world. We must now focus our attention on issues of school quality, welfare reform, anti-crime legislation and limited government growth.

We did accomplish some noteworthy education reforms throughout this process, including the passage of charter school legislation. Many schools, parents and community organizations are excitedly exploring the option of creating new schools to meet our children's needs. But because we concentrated heavily on fully funding schools, we put some quality issues on hold. Now is our time to finish the job.

Another top priority is further welfare reform. We have made terrific strides in this area in the past three years, though there is more we can do to help those dependent on the state to become self-reliant. Kent County has served as model of welfare innovation. We must continue to support programs that move people off welfare and into the workplace. As many state and national leaders have noted, welfare was designed as a temporary safety net, but has unfortunately evolved into a hammock because of a lack of incentives. We will concentrate on broadening education and job training programs.

Michigan lawmakers also hear and share people's concern with increasing violent crime, which has touched all of our lives. The metro-Grand Rapids area has experienced the coldness and brutality of criminals who prey on peaceful citizens. Rhetoric and posturing will not stop crime or make our streets safer. The sense of security that West Michigan has taken for granted until recently can only be restored by citizens' rising up to take back our streets and lawmakers putting the rights of the law-abiding above those who break the law.

On the front burner are truth-in-sentencing and sentencing guideline proposals, which will ensure convicted offenders serve the sentence they earn and deserve. We have also continually supported legislation increasing the rights of crime victims, enhancing their notification, protection and restitution rights.

And because I have seen the rewards, I will continue to fight for tax cuts and fairer taxation. In the past three years, we have cut taxes six times and consistently limited government growth. As a result, our unemployment rate has fallen below the national average for the first time in 25 years and more

people are working in this state than ever before. Plus, our state will enjoy a \$315-million surplus this year, in contrast to the \$1.8-billion deficit we inherited in 1990.

Michigan has set a positive example for the rest of the country in more ways than one. West Michigan is leading the state to brighter and better days. If we continue on our current path, I am confident we will continue to serve as a national role model.

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millage increase by 229 votes.

Council maintains street access to the edge of Flat River on the east side, for eventual construction of a north bridge across the river.

Railroad crossing arms with flashers will be installed by the C&O Railroad at the Main Street Crossing.

Carol Clemenz is valedictorian and Steve Lessens is salutatorian of the senior class.

MADD donates PBT to Lowell Police Department

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Continuing in its effort to help local law enforcement agencies combat drunk driving, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) presented the Lowell Police Department with a second preliminary breath tester (PBT).

PBT's have been shown to increase the efficiency in local law enforcement's fight against drunk driving.

When the preliminary breath testers are used, arrests are up by 50 percent, according to the Kent County MADD Chapter.

"The Lowell Police Department is grateful to MADD for all it does to fight drunk driving and to help keep the streets safe for everybody," Lowell Police Chief Barry Emmons said.

Lowell is one of 10 local law enforcement agencies to have a PBT donated to its department.

The Grand Rapids Rapid Wheelmen Bicycle Club donated \$2,500 to the Kent

County MADD Chapter from the proceeds of Colorburst '93.

The local MADD Chapter matched the donated amount

to purchase the PBT's for several agencies in Kent County.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular meeting of Monday, March 7, 1994 meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

Student Representatives Nathan Livingston and Kyle Triplett were excused from absence because of their attendance at the Governor's town meeting in Grand Rapids.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN AND seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the February 22, 1994 meeting be approved as written.

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

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

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (3/7/94)

General Fund	\$69,199.23
Local Street Fund	144.30
Sewer Fund	438.44
Water Fund	10,221.04
Data Processing Fund	30.00
Equipment Fund	103.12
Current Tax Fund	916,439.79

Item #1. WATER REVENUE BONDS - CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND RESOLUTION TO ISSUE THE PUBLICATION OF AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE. City Attorney Richard Wendt stated that the proposed revenue bond ordinance (which outlines the necessity and information such as maturities, redemption dates and bond form) authorizes the City to issue \$1,500,000 worth of bonds supported and paid through the revenues of the water system for the westside water improvements. The annual debt service for this project will be between \$110,000 - \$120,000. In addition, with the existing debt service on the \$525,000 revenue bond issued last summer and the 1977 Water Treatment Plant bond issue of slightly over one million, the City is doubling debt service payments in the water fund. Wendt explained that the bond issue will extend 25 years with the first principal payment being on March 1, 1995 while ending March 1, 2019.

Also, a resolution authorizing the publication of an official notice of sale in connection with the issuance of the bonds needs to be considered. Upon adoption, the notice will be in the Detroit Legal News at least 14 days prior to the sale of the bonds.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to adopt the ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$1,500,000 in water revenue bonds for the westside improvements project.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the resolution authorizing the publication of an official notice of sale in connection with the issuance of the bonds in the Detroit Legal News at least 14 days prior to the sale of the bonds.

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

Item #2. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS - CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE PUBLICATION OF AN OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE. The total cost of the special assessment water main improvements is \$154,848.55. However, Wendt indicated \$150,000 will be borrowed due to the following: 1) the adjustments made previously to the assessment roll and 2) while the improvements exceed \$150,000, the City borrows to the nearest 5,000 dollar increment. Wendt stated the first payment will be due June 1, 1995 and will extend through June 1, 2014 for a period of 20 years. Additionally, Wendt presented the resolution which authorizes the publication of an official notice of sale for the special assessment bonds. This notice will be published in the Detroit Legal News at least 7 days prior to the sale of the bonds.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$150,000 of special assessment bonds and publishing an official notice of sale for the bonds.

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

Wendt stated that he anticipates bids will be received on March 29 and a special City Council meeting has been scheduled to award bid on these bonds.

Item #3. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW WATER SYSTEM FEES AND CHARGES. A resolution establishing new water rates was presented. Wendt indicated these rates would be effective for the water billing mailed to users after June 15, 1994. The new monthly readiness to serve charges will increase as follows: \$12 - \$15.75 for a 5/8" meter and rise proportionally (31%) for other size meters. Further, the commodity charge will increase from \$1.20 to \$1.50 per thousand gallons. Wendt indicated the fire protection service rates would remain unchanged.

Wendt stated that the water rates' analysis was comprised of the City's current and expected revenues based on expected water use during the next fiscal year. These figures included new customers in Lowell Township and an assumed 4 percent increase in expenses during the next fiscal year. Additionally, Wendt stated the City will be doubling its debt service. The bond rating agencies required that the City build in an extra 20% of revenue in order to sell the issues. Also, the water fund

will contribute an additional \$70,000 in cash. Wendt indicated there was a point whereby the water system can afford a limited amount of debt service. The owners of the 1977 bonds, G.E. Capital, requested the City demonstrate that the revenues would be increased in the water system. Therefore, more access of funds would be available to provide bonds more security than in the past. As a result, the rates had to be increased enough to receive the approval from GE Capital.

Wendt explained that the City was required to increase \$112,945 in revenues. Of that, \$75,000 would be raised through the readiness to serve charges. The remaining balance will be provided through an increase of \$.30 per thousand gallons in the commodity charge. These figures were based on estimates and will depend on the amount of water sold to Lowell Township. Wendt explained that, based on the volume from customers in the township, the Township system will have a positive impact on the City by spreading costs. Customers within the Township will pay \$2.10/thousand gallons to the City. Currently an average residential customer, using 8500 gallons of water, would pay \$22.20 per month. With the new rates, the bill would be \$28.50 or an increase of 28.4%. Wendt stated that rates were compared with other cities and townships in the area, with the City rates falling in the middle.

City Manager Pasquale stated that the special assessment adjustments were made at the last meeting accounted for an additional \$16,000 to be paid by the City. In order to keep rates lower, it was suggested to use the Wittenbach land sale money to be included to assist with the rates. Also, it was determined that these rates were necessary in order to satisfy the bond market, GE Capital (holder of the 1977 bonds) and to generate sufficient revenue.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution establishing new water system fees effective June 15, 1994 at \$1.50 per thousand gallons on the commodity charge and the readiness to serve charge to \$15.75 with commercial and industrial users to increase proportionally based on meter size.

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

Item #4. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE DISTRICT LIBRARY CONCEPT. Shirley Bruursema, of the County Library Board, presented to the Council the District Library proposal. If adopted by public vote, the District would levy between .55 and .75 mills to operate the Library System. Bruursema stated that with local government support, she hopes to be on the November ballot. She mentioned that an average home within the City of Lowell with an SEV of \$27,750 (.75 mills levied), would cost the homeowner \$20.80 per year.

Councilmember Thompson questioned how the system would handle municipalities that chose not to participate in the district library system and have residents wishing to utilize the facilities. Bruursema stated if the municipality is not a part of the district, the resident would be required to pay a user fee.

City Manager Pasquale said with a positive vote for the resolution, City of Lowell residents will then vote to determine if they wish to participate in the district library system.

Councilmember Hodges questioned if the district library concept doesn't pass what will happen to the library

system. Bruursema said that the resolution extends until December 31, 1995 and efforts will continue to try again. She stated that many months were spent negotiating funding formulas that were equitable for the libraries and the municipalities.

Pasquale said he endorses the proposed concept stating that the library will not have to go back over and over for appropriations from the various cities and townships. A millage would be set and the funding locked in.

Councilmember Thompson questioned if a municipality chooses not to be part of the district library concept, will the remaining municipalities be absorbing the cost of those who did not. Further, he asked if the municipality chooses not to participate, how will the district library distinguish their residents.

Bruursema stated residents will be issued a card which indicates what municipality they reside. The district library will be establishing a fee for those residents not a part of the district library system.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to adopt the resolution to approve an agreement, joining other units of government within Kent County if adopted by public vote, establishing the Kent District Library.

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

Item #5. SIDEWALKS. City Manager Pasquale said the Council has previously considered a 25% share for sidewalk construction program. Also, in considering city costs, sidewalk funds for public areas and sidewalk ramps need inclusion. Art Gall, Director of Public Works, has proposed the following:

- Based on a proposed sidewalk priority program, the area bounded by Foreman (both sides) to W. Main (not including Main) and the Flat River to the Railroad is considered the top priority.
- the cost for new walks in the priority area is calculated at **\$290,985** (18,169 l.f.).
- the City's cost of this project includes **\$25,905** for the public areas, **\$18,450** for the ramps and **\$61,657** for a 25% share.
- the total City share for new walks is **\$106,012** while the private share is **\$184,973**.
- the cost of repaving the existing walks in the area is **\$60,860**.
- with the 25% share and public area walks, the City is **\$20,693**.

Pasquale said consideration of funding for the City's share as well as paying for contractors to do the job must be determined. Added millage for sidewalks could be considered. Further, there is an improvement fund (approximately \$25,000) that could also be utilized. Also, the City is in the midst of preparing a budget. If a major sidewalk program is proposed, substantial funds will need to be allocated.

In discussing sidewalk location, the sidewalk committee determined that sidewalks should be on both sides of the street. Additionally, Emmons said there is a safety concern when sidewalks are only on one side of the street. In response to concerns about downtown sidewalks, Pasquale said that this work will be carried out through Downtown Development Authority bonds. Depending on the final outcome of the school finance property issue, a bond between \$729,000 to \$1,500,000 could be financed.

Councilmember Shores felt a timetable needs to be set

for the proposed project. Councilmember Green questioned if the project would be able to be covered by one mill. Pasquale suggested allocating a mill a year be dedicated for sidewalks on a pay as you go basis.

Wendt suggested the Council determine the amount of funds needed for City's share of the separate areas. After the figures have been concluded, the City could borrow the funds to complete the project in full with a bond issue. Also, the special assessments could be carried out at one time. Wendt indicated that a bond issue could be spent over three years to take care of an extensive construction project.

It was the consensus of the Council to have a proposal considering both options (pay as you go and bonding) be presented at the first City Council meeting in April.

Item #6. TREE CUTTING AT THE NEW SECTION OF THE CEMETERY. The City has been in the midst of preparing plans for developing the new two-acre section of cemetery donated by Attwood Corporation. Dewayne Watson, Cemetery Sexton, has begun laying out a number of grave sites. City Manager Pasquale stated that if seven trees in the new area were removed, the cemetery would be able to gain 50 - 60 additional grave sites. A map indicating the proposed sites and the location of the trees was presented.

Poortenga Tree Service	\$1140
Dependable Tree Service	\$3000

Mayor Maatman questioned if this would eliminate all the trees in the new section. Gall responded yes, except possibly a few large pine trees near the road. Maatman inquired if there was thought given to the value of keeping the trees there. Councilmember Hodges added the trees could always be taken down in a few years.

Gall said that the stumps would need to be ground down after the trees are removed. As a result, there is settling of the land and the lots could not be used immediately. Councilmember Thompson questioned possibly developing in the back area first and temporarily leaving the trees in the front.

Gall said one of the trees in the northeast corner may have to come down immediately due to its condition. Councilmember Green asked if a couple of trees a year could be planted in the new section. These would replace the ones having to be cut down. As noted before at a previous meeting, City Manager Pasquale stated the tree at the Graham Building needs to come down. He suggested looking at the tree at the library location along with the tree in distress at the new cemetery site be removed. Quotes will be received for the removal of these trees and will be provided at the next meeting.

Item #7. CITIZENS COMMENTS. State Representative Jack Horton stated that the Legislature is in the process of school finance reform clean up and apologized for the delay in sending out the homestead affidavit forms. Additionally, he felt "Proposal A" was the fairest way in dealing with school finance reform. He further discussed allowing the "Three mill option" for local schools needing additional millage. Councilmembers asked various questions of Representative Horton concerning school finance reform.

Lucille Erikson, 517 Avery, questioned why the City did not enforce their policy for snow removal on sidewalks.

Councilmember Hodges responded that property owners have 24 hours to clear the snow on sidewalks if 2 inches or more has accumulated.

Mrs. Erickson further stated that her husband had fallen near the Wittenbach Auto Sales property on Main Street. She said she had repeatedly told them to clear the snow. As of that day, Wittenbach had failed to do so. Mrs. Erickson further mentioned she had been in contact with the police department. However, they had not enforced Wittenbach's to remove the snow. Police Chief Emmons responded snow removal is handled on a complaint basis. He said a notice has been created for property owners not clearing their snow in a timely manner. Additionally, he felt the contractors plowing the businesses' snow are pushing the excess onto the sidewalks. Emmons stressed that this has been an unusually harsh winter and has caused problems for snow removal.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson said there are buildings throughout town that are deteriorating and questioned if the City makes note of these structures. City Manager Pasquale said these are handled on a complaint basis. The Building Inspector will contact the property owner to determine that the building is brought up to code. Also, Thompson questioned if the sidewalks on the spillway should be considered a safety issue. Gall said the State has looked at the situation along with the engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber. There doesn't appear to be reason for concern. Pasquale added as part of the downtown improvements, that area will be repaired.

Item #9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The January minutes and the February agenda of the Cable TV Board were provided.
The January Planning Commission minutes were also provided.

B. A letter presented from WW Operation Services stated that its parent holding company, Summit Environmental Group, has signed an agreement to merge with the Earth Technology Corporation. This will have no effect on the current operations agreement the City has with WWOS for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

C. The City's 1992 U.S. Census estimate is 4,098.

D. A special Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Fire Station. Results of the citizen survey will be discussed as well as preliminary goals proposed by consultant Steve Langworthy of Design Plus.

E. The West Side Store (11900 E. Fulton) wants to sell City trash bags. The Council concurred to have only City businesses sell the bags.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

DATE: MARCH 21, 1994

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

Survey, continued....

However, because of the 95-96 percent confidence level with an error rate of plus or minus four, Langworthy felt confident the survey was representative of the entire city.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale was left scratching his head in regards to one impression left by the outcome of the survey.

Langworthy said the results of the survey indicated to him that there was not a strong sense of "community" in the city.

"While people are satisfied with their local conditions, respondents did not show a strong community

spirit. There is little active support for community improvements, involvement in city programs and activities, and a general sense of disconnection from the city as a whole," Langworthy said.

Pasquale said not serving on boards, committees, and organizations doesn't necessarily translate into not having a strong sense of community.

Pasquale and Blough both agreed the makeup of the community has changed.

"Not unlike any other small city located around a large metropolitan city, Lowell is used as a commuter city," Blough said. "A

greater and greater number of people live in Lowell but work outside the city."

Blough does not believe this makes it more difficult to capture the sense of community. "It just means a different approach needs to be used," he said.

The results of the survey will change the theme/focus of the master plan. It was originally thought that the master plan would address neighborhood needs. It is now likely that it will change to a community theme - something that will provide a focus for people to rally behind.

Blough adds that he believes it is important the plan

continues to nurture a joint cooperative effort between the townships, city and school.

The cooperative effort in providing improvements to the M-21/Alden Nash/Bowes Road intersection came about through the organization of a joint planning commission meeting twice a year. This was started two years ago.

The results of the survey in the growth and development area could be labeled as surprising.

Overall, there was a "pro-growth" sentiment expressed in the survey. Almost half thought that the city should encourage growth. Only

about 18 percent desired tight growth or other growth limitations.

Most (62 percent) did not appear to be alarmed or concerned about the rate of growth or about losing the small town character because of growth.

About 20 percent thought that industrial and commercial development should be kept out of the city. Almost 50 percent wanted to see the city encourage more industrial and commercial uses.

The city's hands may be tied in this area because of the lack of available land. If

industrial or commercial growth was to take place, it would have to be on township property that abuts city property. Such growth would then depend on a cooperative effort between the city and townships.

Finally, the survey shows a support for preserving those elements of the city that first attracted its residents. Those elements include the quality of schools, a small-town character, low crime rate, and the need for neighborhoods to be protected or maintained.

Permit, continued....

ordinances set forth by the planning commission," said township board trustee Carol Wickland.

The board contends that Roy should have known about the bond issue before he bought the property, and if he would have approached the board about the land before he bought it, he would have been told to get the issue taken care of.

Roy is currently having the state investigate the bond issue, but he has been told it

could take as long as a year before they reach a decision. He says that is too long and wants the board to approve his request with the knowledge the driveway will be fixed according to their specifications once the bond issue is settled.

Timpson says Roy should bond the project himself; then rescind it once the state finishes their investigation.

However, Roy says if he does this, the state will no

longer see a need to investigate the issue and he won't be able to rescind his bond.

The state points to the township for answers, the township points to the county and the county points to the state. While they do this, I'm the one losing money," said Roy.

Roy would like to get the permit within the next month because he says his business will "showcase itself to customers, who then will return during the slow months."

The slow months Roy points to are January, February and March. He says these months were so slow this year he almost had to close. If he had the permit to sell beer and wine, it would make his business a year-round business rather than a nine-month business.

Roy says he has made several improvements to the property and he is not about to leave after investing that much time and money. "I've worked hard to

make this business look good and I'm not about to give up on it at anytime," said Roy. "So, if the board is worried I'll abandon the business without finishing the project, they are wrong."

He went on to say, "We're here to stay, but we're going to need a little help. The more products I introduce to the business, the more revenue I generate, and the more improvements I can

make to the property. I just need the help and faith of the board to do this."

The board says it has set a precedent with this type of situation and will look to enforce their policies.

Roy contends if an agreement can't be reached, he will take the matter to court.

"I don't want to take this to court because the only people who win in this fight will be the lawyers, but I feel I'm in the right," said Roy.

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

elimination, held April 29 through May 1 to benefit "Create-A-Kingdom."

The cost is \$100 per team; \$90 for teams registered before April 5. For details call Dan Phillips, 897-0709.

YMCA SOCCER PROGRAM

There are still openings for all age groups for the Lowell YMCA soccer program.

Registration deadline is March 23. For more information call 897-8445.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENTS

There is a group for parents of special needs students that meets on a monthly basis to discuss topics of interest as related to their children's needs. At this point the group is small, but they are in hopes of enlarging as more parents become aware of the group's existence.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, March 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Bushnell Elementary's teacher's lounge. The topic for March is "The IEP Process." Free child care will be provided if you call Carol Briggs at the Special Education Office, 897-8415, by March 17.

LOWELL AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lowell Area Fire Department will be held Saturday, March 26, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Proceeds go toward the purchase of fire equipment.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Moose Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 2 at Creekside Park.

One- to three-year-olds will hunt from noon to 12:30; four- to six-year-olds from 12:30 to 1 p.m.; seven to 10-year-olds from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and 11- to 13-year-olds from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Ricky Burhans, 25, of Lowell, was ordered into 63rd District Court on a warrant for larceny.

A 14-year-old juvenile from Belding was taken to juvenile detention March 15 after assaulting a teacher at the middle school.

Joseph Schullo, 18, of Lowell, was arrested March 14 on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for larceny from a motor vehicle which occurred Feb. 26.

Gordon Anderson, 33, of Ada, was involved in a property

damage accident March 16 when he backed from a private driveway, on Roberta Jayne near Sibley, and struck a parked car owned by Craig Ferguson, 40, of Saranac.

Bryan Mankel, 24, of Lowell, was released on bond after being arrested on a warrant issued by an Ionia County court March 18.

Kevin Smith, 18, of Grand Rapids, was arrested March 19 on a warrant issued out of a city of Grand Rapids court.

Brent Russell, 23, of Sparta, was involved in a property damage accident March 18 on Bowes Road near West Street when he lost control of the vehicle he was driving and struck a tree.

Joel Anderson, 30, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued out of Oceana County court.

Kelly Atchison, 25, of Lowell, was involved in a minor property damage accident on High near James Street, March 19, when she struck a tree while backing from a driveway.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The recent Lowell Area Schools bond expenditures have stepped up in pace, as well they should, with the deadlines of various projects near. However, the bid process must be multi-faceted, achieving many inter-related goals and ultimately securing the best goods for the lowest price. Bid specifications must be written to describe the desired attributes of the goods/services but would not usually name a brand.

Recent bid specifications in the technology area specified one communication company's product. Is it so amazing that the two or three vendors who have sole rights to sell this product are the only ones who bid on this area of the contract? Other vendors with comparable goods/services walked away from submitting a bid because their products did not bear the specified label.

Most recently, over

\$170,000 was approved by the school board for furniture, taking all of two minutes to pass. The bid specifications again limited the number of vendors because a certain series of furniture was specified. Additionally, when the board was questioned whether educational monies might have been available by furniture vendors, this avenue also had not been explored.

However, much time was spent discussing a rebate for third sport pay to play. This affects 80 students at a cost of \$100 each, or \$8,000 total. In fact, the subject was deferred one month in order to allow the committee to investigate options. The committee changed nothing from the original proposal.

While the bond money is indeed a separate fund, not affecting the operating revenues and expenditures, you and I as taxpayers will have to pay off the entire amount of

the bonds. I would like to suggest that extravagance affecting a minority of our students appears to be what we as a school district have accomplished. Why don't we invest

our funding options, plan prudently and use the leftover funds to retire the debt early?

Ellen McClain

Proposal A, cont'd.

away with millage elections.

Many property owners have already seen their property taxes drop 35 percent. That was required by law. With the passage of Proposal A, homeowners will be entitled to more savings.

Jan Ellis from Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus' office said with the passage of Proposal A, homeowners who want to insure that they get any

additional cuts they have coming beyond the 35 percent should call their banker/mortgage company and provide it with the needed information so the readjustment can be made.

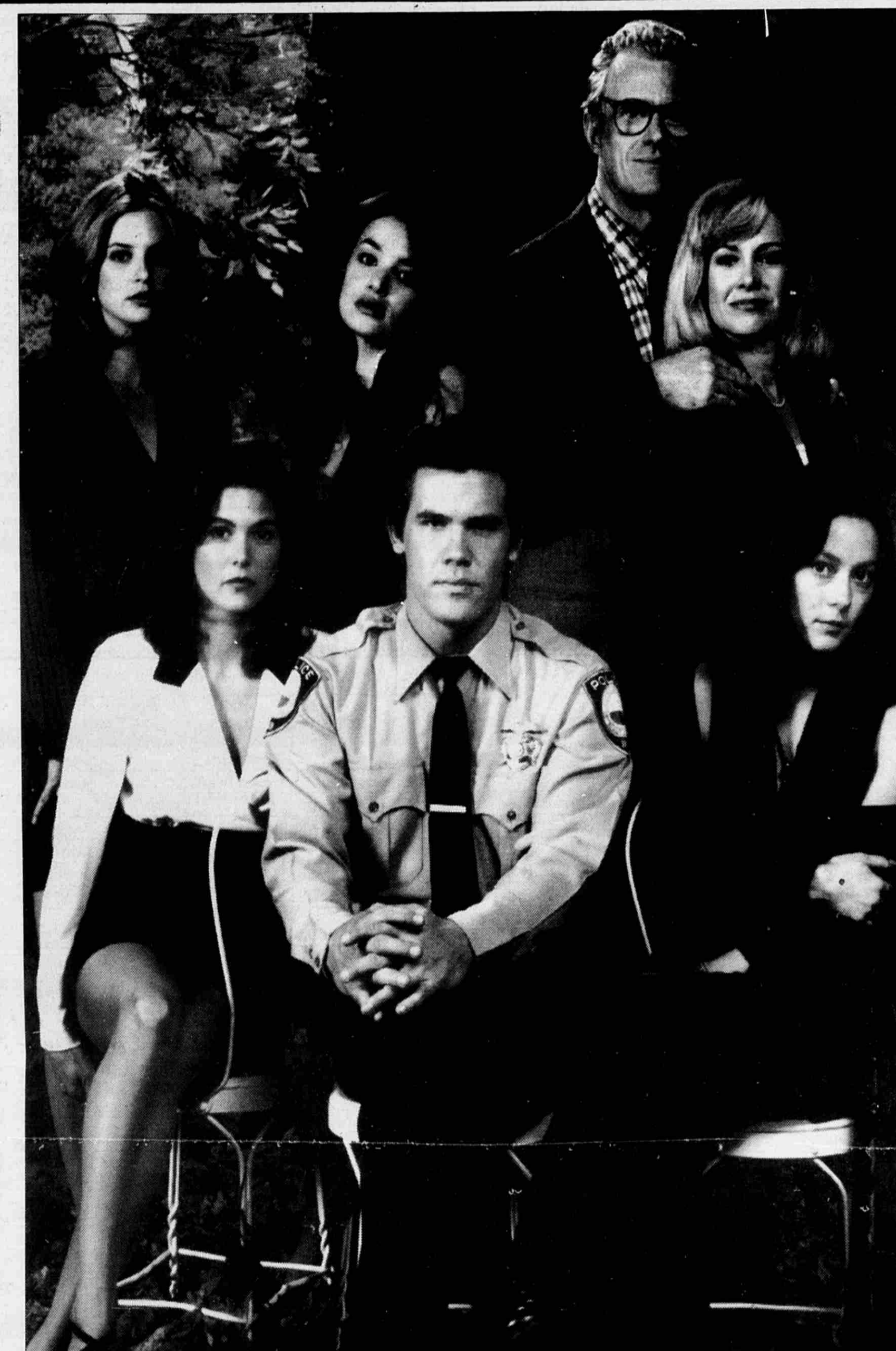
"Banks and mortgage companies should be doing this on their own, but to insure that it happens, people should call their mortgage company," Ellis concluded.

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Packed with melodramatic situations in the tradition of soap operas, "Winnetka Road" features Megan Ward, Kristen Cloke, Ed Begley Jr., Catherine Hicks, Meg Tilly, Josh Brolin and Paige Turco (clockwise from upper left). The ongoing drama airs Saturdays on NBC.

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SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 27, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 29, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.


TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 29, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 30, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 30, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 31, 1994		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Best Friends"	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Traps "The 24/24 Hour Rule"	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41	WOTV	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Byrds of Paradise (In Stereo)	Matlock "The Capital Offense" (R) (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Nightline			
35	WGVU	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	On the Waterways (In Stereo)	Great Lakes Outdoors	Lost Worlds		
17	WXMI	Cheers	Full House	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Sinbad (In Stereo)	In Living Color (R)	Herman's Head (R)	Cheers	Murphy Brown "One"	Dear John "Margo"	Golden Girls (In Stereo)
1	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Wings (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Dateline (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
8	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Best Friends"	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Traps "The 24/24 Hour Rule"	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
16	WLX	Star Trek: The Next Generation (In Stereo)	Mad About You	Wings (In Stereo)	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Dateline (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
23	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse VII" (Part 2 of 2)	Practical Sports	Wild America (R)		
13	WZZM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affair	Byrds of Paradise (In Stereo)	Matlock "The Capital Offense" (R) (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Rush Limbaugh			
9	WSYM	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Coach (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Sinbad (In Stereo)	In Living Color (R)	Herman's Head (R)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Acapulco H.E.A.T. (R) (In Stereo)	
CABLE STATIONS											
11	TBS	Andy Griffith	Beverly Hillsbillies	Movie: *** "Ironclads" (1991) Virginia Madsen. A Virginia belle helps a Union spy reveal a secret.	Movie: *** "Conagher" (1991) Sam Elliott. Louis L'Amour's tale of a cowboy and a lonely widow.						
4	FAM	Waltons "The Fawn"	Movie: *** "The Fawn"	Jesus of Nazareth Franco Zeffirelli's epic film based on the life of Jesus Christ. (Part 4 of 4)		700 Club	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)			
20	NASH	(6:30) Club Dance (R)	Country News	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Bill Engvall. (In Stereo)						
17	MTV	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Rock Videos	Prime Time (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Beavis and Butt-head	Alternative Nation			
17	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Case Closed (R)	Movie: ** "Milit Behavior" (1991, Drama) An Internal Affairs officer is seduced by a cop's wife.						
23	DISC	Beyond 2000 Rescuing beached whales.	Strange Powers	Pacifica: Tales	Movie: Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Challenge "The Landscape of Silence"				
17	WGN	Designing Women	Jeffersons	Midnight Run "Another Midnight Run" (R) (In Stereo)							
23	ESPN	Sportscenter: Final Four Edition.	Skating: U.S. Alpine Championships.	Boxing: Aaron Davis vs. Tony Marshall. (Live)							
11	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Larry King Live							
23	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
11	NICK	Doug	Bullwinkle	Partridge Family	Mork & Mindy	I Love Lucy	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Get Smart
11	A&E	In Search Of (R)	Real West The James Gang of the Old West. (R)	Linda McCartney: Behind the Lens (R)							
11	PASS	(6:00) Live on PASS	NHL Hockey: Quebec Nordiques at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena. (Live)								
11	TNT	(6:00) Bugs Bunny's All-Stars	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs. From the Alamodome. (Live)								
PREMIUM STATIONS											
11	DISN	Paula Abdul: Under My Spell (R) (In Stereo)	Backstage Pass	Making-Ducks	Movie: *** "Son of Paleface" (1952, Comedy) Bob Hope, Jane Russell.	Movie: "Tracks of Glory" (1992, Drama) Phil Morris. (In Stereo)					
11	HBO	(6:30) Movie: *** "Never Say Never Again" (1983, Adventure) Sean Connery. (In Stereo) PG	Movie: *** "Allen Intruder" (1993, Science Fiction) Billy Dee Williams. R	Def Comedy Jam (R)	Movie: ** "Boomerang" (1992) Eddie Murphy.						
11	MAX	(6:15) Movie: *** "Leap of Faith" (1992) PG	Movie: *** "Forever Young" (1992) A 1930s test pilot awakens in modern-day America. PG	Movie: *** "Single White Female" (1992, Suspense) Bridget Fonda. (In Stereo) R							

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BROADCAST STATIONS											
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Dark Justice (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree						
41	WOTV	Designing Women	Love Connection (Off Air)								
35	WGVU	(11:30) Lost Worlds: Vanished Lives									
17	WXMI	Arsenio Hall (R) (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	Perfect Strangers	(Off Air)						
1	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Bertice Berry	NBC News Nightside					
8	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Arsenio Hall (R) (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Home Shopping Spree						
16	WLX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	NBC News Nightside						
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Nightline	Marned... With	In the Heat of the Night "Ruda's Awakening"	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)						
9	WSYM	Movie: * "Murphy's Law" (1986) A detective pursues the killer who framed him for murder.									
CABLE STATIONS											
11	TBS	(10:05) Movie: "Miracle in the Wilderness" (1991) A woman tells the Blackfoot tribe of the birth of Jesus.	Movie: *** "Four Eyes and Six-Guns" (1992, Western) Judge Reinhold, Fred Ward.								
4	FAM	Big Brother Jake	Maniac Mansion (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
20	NASH	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Bill Engvall. (In Stereo)			Country News (R)	(Off Air)				
17	MTV	Alternative Nation	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Rock Videos	Dreamtime (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Dreamtime (In Stereo)			
17	USA	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Counterstrike "D.O.A." (R)	Odd Couple	Movie: "The Devil's Daughter" (1972) A woman learns that her mother sold her to Satan at birth.	Counterstrike (R)					
13	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Challenge "The Landscape of Silence" (R)	Wings of the Luftwaffe "ME-110" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program			
17	WGN	Highlander: The Series	Movie: ** "The Hanol Hilton" (1987) Americans struggle to survive internment in North Vietnam.	Designing Women	Jeffersons	Movie: *** "The Last of Sheila" (1973, Mystery) James Coburn.					
23	ESPN	Up Close	Motorcycle Racing: AMA Supercross Series.	Motoworld (R)	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	Running: 10K	Speedweek (R)	LPGA Magazine (R)	
11	CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Worldwide Update	Sports Latentight	Crossfire (R)	News	Living in the '90s (R)	Showbiz Today (R)	
23	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
11	NICK	Dragnet "Juvenile"	A. Hitchcock	Superman	Lucy Show	F-Troop	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Mary Tyler Moore	A. Hitchcock	
11	A&E	Real West The James Gang of the Old West. (R)	Linda McCartney: Behind the Lens (R)	Beatrix Potter: Artist & Storyteller							
11	PASS	College Hockey: NCAA Div. I Semi	Trackside	NHL Hockey: Quebec Nordiques at Detroit Red Wings. From the Joe Louis Sports Arena. (R)							
11	TNT	(10:20) Movie: *** "Whose Life Is It Anyway?"	Movie: *** "A Thunder of Drums" (1961, Western) Richard Boone, George Hamilton.								
PREMIUM STATIONS											
11	DISN	(10:35) Movie: *** "Blue Skies" (1946) Two song-and-dance men fall in love with the same woman.	Movie: ** "The Ugly Dachshund" (1966, Comedy) Dean Jones.	Movie: *** "Son of Paleface" (1952, Comedy)							
11	HBO	(11:00) Movie: ** "Boomerang" (1992) R	Dream On (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Falling Down" (1993) A laid-off defense worker is pushed to the breaking point. R	Movie: *** "Fist of Honor" (1993, Drama) Sam Jones. (In Stereo) R						
11	MAX	Movie: *** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman. R	Movie: ** "A Woman, Her Men and Her Futon" (1992, Drama) Jennifer Rubin. (In Stereo) R	Movie: *** "Hear No Evil" (1993) Marlee Matlin.							



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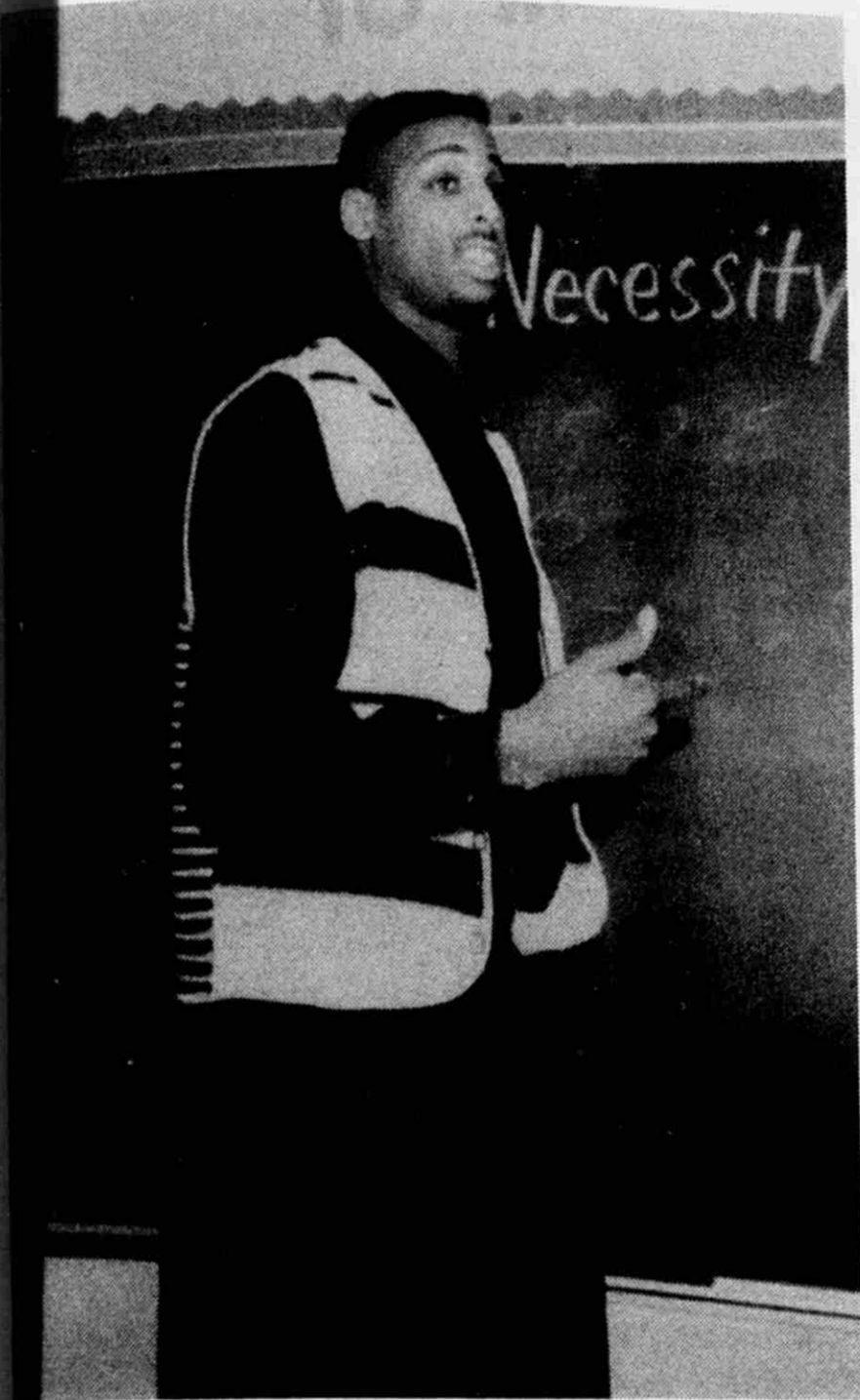
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Career Day introduces students to variety of vocations

Lowell Middle School hosted its 17th annual eighth-grade career days on March 8 and 9.

Cheryl Blodgett, organizer, indicated that the following people represented their occupations: actor, John Ferin; agriculture, Jim Nauta; criminologist, Glenn Moore; business, Heidi Elzinga; carpenters, Ivan Blough and Louie D'Agostino; computers, Doug Lindhout; counselors, Fran Newby; dentistry, Clark Vredenburg; Kim Dauser, Tammie Blackport and Mary Emser; doctor, Kathleen Chase and Mike Fossel; film-making, Jim Kipp and Amway video staff; fire-fighting, Bryan Kimble and Mike MacGirr; hairstylist, Marilyn Dawson; interior design, John Wybenga; journalist, Gary Bond; landscaping, Tom Rooks; law enforcement, Dave Bush and Rocky Ybarra; lawyer, Mike Hidalgo; medical paraprofessionals, Melissa Williams; military, Rob Stevens; model, Ernest Chandler; musician, Roger MacNaughton; paramedic, John English; photographer, Bruce DeBoer; pilot, Roger Odell; pro athletics, Carl Thomas; mechanical trades, John Harper; naturalist, Mary Jane Dockera; nursing, Barb Santucci; teacher, Sandy MacDonald; veterinarian, Sue Skelding.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the men who work for Lowell Water Company who spent many, many long and cold days and nights to repair and restore water to so many homes this winter, ours being one of them. Even though we left water running, ours still

froze. So I'm sure others did too.

I overheard a conversation between one of the men and someone in the water office and I was embarrassed to hear that these men were shown no respect.

I wouldn't have wanted to be in their boots. What would we do without them? I had no idea what a procedure they have to go through to restore water to just one home.

Thank you,
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AREA BIRTHS

Julie and Dick Spaans of Lowell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Katelynne Marie. She was born March 6, 1994, and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Dick and Mickey Spaans of Ada, and Kathy Haslitt and John Ksioszk, both of WI.

Dan and Kim Newell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Leigh. She was born March 4, 1994, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Bill and Donna Newell of Saranac, Ray DeMeester of Saranac, and Beth DeMeester of Grand Rapids. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hale of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walters of Saranac, Mr. Lyle Newell of Gulliver, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinks of Anson.

Dan and Cathy Kehoe of Lowell are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter Michaela Lynn, born February 25, 1994, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measuring 20 inches.

She is welcomed home by her sister Ashley and grandparents Bruce and Marcia Baird and Jerry and Donna Kehoe, all of Lowell.

Matthew and Melissa Sleeman of Sunfield are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Dallas Austin Sleeman, on February 8, 1994.

The proud grandparents are Dallas and Jane Daniels of Lake Odessa and Donald and Alice Sleeman of Sunfield. Great-grandparents are Oren and Buelah Daniels of Lake Odessa and Barbara Flynn of Sunfield. Great-great-grandparents are Harvey and Alice King of Lowell.

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Land appraisal needed to get new park underway

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A two-year wait for the construction of a public park in Lowell could end this summer with the appraisal of the property needed this month.

Lowell Township would like to develop 70 acres of land, located along the south side of Grand River Ave. and east of Alden Nash Ave., for a park which would include softball diamonds, hiking trails and picnic facilities.

Lowell Township is currently waiting for the appraisal of land by Vergennes Township Supervisor and Appraiser Jim Cook. Cook recently informed Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson that he has hired someone to help

him with the appraising and should have it completed by the end of this month.

Timpson says the township has been waiting for the appraisal for a year and once it is completed, the township can begin negotiating with the owner, Wayne Norton.

Timpson says he hopes the township can begin developing the land sometime this summer.

Funds for purchasing the land came in 1992 when the township was notified it had qualified for \$49,500 in grant funds from the Department of Natural Resources. Lowell Township extended its agreement with the DNR another year so it would not lose the grant money.

Diplomat: A person who can be disarming even though his country isn't.

—Sidney Brody



"You Ain't Nothin' But A Werewolf," March 23

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "You Ain't Nothin' But A Werewolf" on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

The play is about one of the most important lessons of adolescence: You're the best you can be, just being yourself. Come and join Rupert Lydecker, as he embarks on his grand adventure of self-discovery, and enjoy this free evening of entertainment.

The cast of "You Ain't Nothin' But A Werewolf" are pictured, front row, left to right: Stephanie Anderson, Alisha Reynolds, Angela Young, Mike Knudstrup, Chad Kremer, Amanda Arnold, Becki White; middle row, left to right: Jamie Carpenter, Jessica Winsor, Candice Skiffington, Lisa Posthumus, Charlotte Ruse, Tim VanLaan, Jeni Schmidt, Gena Buhler, Maegan Malone; top row, left to right: Sandy Lonick, Charlie Johnson (as Rupert Lydecker), Jill Rozman, Matt DeGarmo (as the Werewolf), Jennifer Gingerich, Layla Boggs, Justin Hoag, Mark MacNaughton, Jackie Woods, Andrea Smith, Cheryl Blodgett (director). Not pictured: Jon DenHouter and Chris Mooney.



Scientifically speaking, the Belgian hare is really a rabbit and the American jack rabbit is really a hare.

Kent County Road Commission applies for million dollar bike path grant for township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The first phase would start in 1995 and will run from Buttrick Ave. to Snow Ave. at an estimated cost of \$350,000. The second phase will run from Snow Ave. to Bewell Ave. and the third from Bewell Ave. to Division Ave. The cost of the second and third phases is yet to be determined.

If the grant is approved, the township would like to use \$11,500 of its Housing and Urban Development Fund money for the project.

According to township supervisor John Timpson, the HUD money would be ideal for this project because it improves the area, and the township must use it before April 1 or lose it.

If the grant is approved, the commission will construct the improvement in three phases over three years.

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AMENORRHEA

Amenorrhea is the medical term used to denote an absence of menstrual cycles and periods. Today we'll discuss this disorder and review some of the likely causes.

Most women begin to menstruate between the ages of ten and 16. Primary amenorrhea means never having had a period while secondary amenorrhea occurs in women who have stopped having periods after experiencing normal cycles previously. Today we are going to focus on secondary amenorrhea, the most common type.

Probably the most frequent cause of secondary amenorrhea is pregnancy. This is always one of the first things your doctor will suspect if you stop having periods. Another possible cause is an imbalance in the hormones regulating ovulation. Amenorrhea has been associated with depression and other psychiatric illnesses. Frequently there is no clear single cause of amenorrhea but rather several factors that may play a role.

Inadequate nutrition can lead to irregular periods. Eating disorders such as anorexia or bulimia can interrupt normal menstrual cycles. Excessive thinness and weight loss have long been known to cause amenorrhea. Athletes involved in running, or other strenuous activities, are likely to experience amenorrhea. Stress may also play a role in inducing amenorrhea.

If you have been experiencing amenorrhea, you should probably see your physician to determine the cause. If you are an athlete, you should not assume this as a simple by-product of physical training.

Usually amenorrhea can be effectively treated after determining the likely cause. Frequently, athletes will have a return of normal menstrual function after several months of simply relaxing their training schedule. Occasionally your doctor may prescribe hormones to restore the normal hormonal balance. Treatment of related medical problems causing amenorrhea may be necessary in selected cases.

YMCA purchases two pitching machines

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As part of its program, the Lowell YMCA has purchased two new pitching machines

for use at the north and east fields at Creekside Park.

The city of Lowell agreed to cover the cost of running electrical wires from the fields to the electrical box at the concession stand.

The cost to run the electric lines is \$460. Phil Vanderbilt, the electrician for the project, said he would donate his cost (\$180) of the project back to Park's budget, thus reducing

the overall cost to \$280.

The Lowell Department of Public Works would complete all trenching work that needed to be done.

Because the Lowell Parks and Recreation Commission considered the work to be a permanent improvement at Creekside Park, it recommended that the city incur the cost of electricity.

Happy Birthday

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- March 26: Jan Easton, Margaret Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Maynard, Jan Silvis, Rose Hildenbrand, Jacque Videan.
- March 27: Adam Tichelaar, Joel Roudabush, Lee Baldwin, Kimberly Weeks, Jason Pine.
- March 28: Doris Anderson, Jason Curtiss, Tammy Stepek, Randy Dintaman, Dale Finkler, Mammie Stahl.
- March 29: John Ellison, Rick Huver, Cathy McCabe, Sandra VanWeelden, Ron Potter.
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COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1994
7:30 P.M.

LOWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

"VISION 2000" is the strategic planning process to update the 1988 strategic plan. The "VISION 2000" Committee will be presenting the final Strategic Plan to the Lowell Board of Education. Jim and Jane Bosserd, Co-Chairpersons for "Vision 2000," invite citizens to this community meeting to hear the report to the Board.

NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

There will be a special meeting of the Grattan Township Board on Monday, March 28, 1994, in the Grattan Township Museum.

The meeting will be immediately following the annual meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 1994-95 budget, as amended. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Peggy Gurney, Clerk
Grattan Township

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE
CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE COUNTY OF KENT

AUDLEY DOUGLAS
MCINTOSH,
SSN: 318-68-3413
Plaintiff,
-vs-

GWENDOLYN
MCINTOSH
Defendant,
SSN: UNKNOWN
Case No: 94-0577-DO

At a session of said Court held in the Circuit Courtrooms in the Hall of Justice, City of Grand Rapids, County of Kent, State of Michigan on this 18th day of March, 1994.

Present: HONORABLE
GEORGE S. BUTH
(P-11479)
Circuit Court Judge

In this cause an action was filed on the 10th day of March, 1994, by Audley Douglas McIntosh, Plaintiff against Gwendolyn McIntosh, Defendant, for an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three (3) consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Gwendolyn McIntosh, answer to take such action as may be permitted by law on or before the 15th day of June, 1994. Failure to comply with this Order will result in a judgement against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

GEORGE S. BUTH
Circuit Court Judge

Examined,
Countersigned & Entered
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by SCOTT K. GREEN, an unmarried man, and MARY BARTON PROMINSKI, to FREDERICK C. FRANSEN, an unmarried man, 3308 Leonard St. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan, dated May 10, 1993 and recorded with the Kent County Register of Deeds on May 14, 1993 in Liber 3237 at Page 680. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest, at the rate of 6

percent per annum on said mortgage, the sum of Thirty-four thousand four hundred forty-five and 68/100 dollars (\$34,445.68). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

THE MORTGAGE WILL BE FORECLOSED BY A SALE OF THE PROPERTY, at public auction to the highest bidder, on WEDNESDAY,

MARCH 30, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Hall of Justice, in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, the place of the circuit court. The property will be sold to pay the amount ten due on the mortgage, together with interest at 6 percent, legal costs, attorney fees, charges, ex-

penses and also any taxes and insurance, as allowed by law.

The property is located in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as: Lot sixty (60) of L.W. Edison Plat as recorded in Liber 32 of Plats, Page 7, register of deeds, Kent County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale; However, if the property is deemed abandoned, the redemption period will be one month from the date of sale.

Dated: February 18, 1994

Frederick C. Fransen
Mortgagee

By HERBERT J. RANTA
Attorney for mortgagee
1052 Bridge St. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 459-9256

LMS' Posthumus shows the "right stuff" with optimistic oratory

Lisa Posthumus showed that she had the "right stuff" when she took first place at the Grand Rapids Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest held Monday, March 16 at the Holiday Inn North.

Contestants were asked to write and deliver a four to five minute presentation following the subject "Optimism! The Right Stuff!" The speakers were judged on their poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation and overall effectiveness.

Posthumus spoke of Dennis Byrd, Walt Disney and Christopher Columbus as examples of optimists who, when faced with frustration and rejection, relied on their faith and hope to help them achieve success. She concluded her presentation with the poem "It's All in a State of Mind" by coach Vince Lombardi.

"I'd recommend this contest to anyone who likes to speak in front of a crowd," said Posthumus. "I think it was a really great experience. All of the contestants from Lowell sat at the same table and although we were all nervous, we still had a lot of fun."

Eighth-graders Gena Buhler, Blanche Brown, Beth Cummings, Charlie Johnson and Sandy Lonick also represented Lowell in the competition. Johnson earned a third

place runner-up medal and all were awarded certificates of appreciation. Boys and girls competed separately.

The contest is only open to those students under the age of sixteen. Because of their current ages, all the students who participated this year will be able to do so again next year. "When they found out they could present again next year, six heads immediately turned around and pleaded, 'Will you call me?'" remembers Laurie Wagner, their English teacher.

"I felt so proud of all of

them for taking the project on and following through with it," said Wagner. "I remember feeling relieved when a speaker from another school took the podium. I felt so nervous for my kids when they were up there."

"I can only imagine how proud their parents must have felt watching them. I felt overwhelmed with pride," recalls Wagner.

Posthumus now advances on to the zone level competition which will be held on April 9 at the Applied Technology Center at Grand Rapids Community College.



Pictured, left to right, are eighth-graders: Charlie Johnson, Gena Buhler, Sandy Lonick, Blanche Brown, Beth Cummings and Lisa Posthumus.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE
Independent Probate

FILE NO.
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Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Stephen J. Williams, 2341 Eldorado Dr. S.E., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, 320 Ottawa Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Timothy J. Conroy
Attorney-At-Law
(P12155)
410 Bridge St. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MI 49504
(616) 454-4119

The first swimming school in America opened in Boston, Mass. in 1827.

Support and payment for the bonds will come through system revenues for the water improvements which will take place on the west side of the city.

Principal payments on the 25-year bond issue will start March 1, 1995 and last through March 1, 2019. The annual debt service created by this will be between \$110,000 and \$120,000 a year.

City attorney Dick Wendt said adding existing bond issues - the \$525,000 bond issued last summer and the 1977

bond issue that has slightly over \$1 million left to pay off the city - will just about double its debt service.

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City Council action authorizes issuance of bonds

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The state law requires it, and that was good enough for the city of Lowell as it approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds and a resolution authorizing the publication of an official notice of sale in connection with the bonds.

The ordinance authorizes the city to issue \$1.5 million in revenue bonds.

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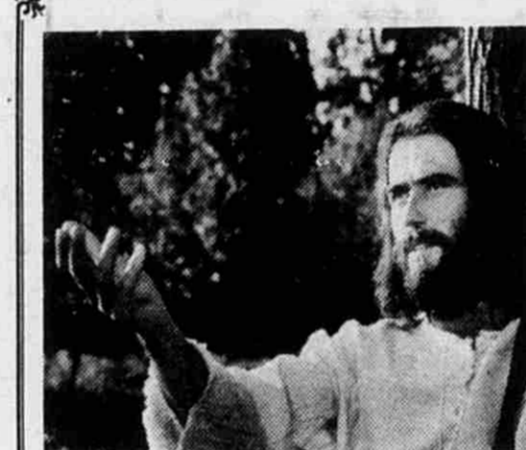
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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held:
Monday, March 28
at 7:30 P.M.

at the Grattan Township Museum, Old Belding Road. A public hearing on the proposed 1994-95 budgets will be submitted for consideration.

Copies of the proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Grattan Township Hall during regular office hours.

Peggy Gurney, Clerk
Grattan Township

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Easter Coloring Contest

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Contest will be judged in three categories. Ages 3-5, 6-8 and 9-11.

Pictures will be taken of the winners when they pick up their prizes on March 31 and published in the April 6 edition of the Ledger.

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

AGE _____

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Plain paper fax purchased for Lowell City Hall office

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's City Hall office will look to improve its efficiency with a plain paper Okidata Fax 1000.

Currently the City Hall office must use the fax machine located at the police station.

The Okidata Fax 1000 will be purchased from the VanBelkum Business Systems for \$1,395.

Betty Morlock, Lowell city clerk, said a fax machine will save time.

"If both the police station and the City Hall office are busy, the response time to a fax is hindered," Morlock said.

The police station recently replaced their rolled paper fax machine with a plain paper fax for cost-saving purposes. "The rolled paper faxes had to be recycled," Morlock said.

The old police fax machine will be used at the fire station.



LMS Students-of-the-Month

Lowell Middle School Students-of-the-Month are, front row, left to right: Annie Zalakar, sixth-grade; Amy Bordine, sixth-grade; Beth Larabee, seventh-grade; Jeff Nethercot, eighth-grade; Nicole Deters, sixth-grade. Back row, left to right: Kendra Hurt, seventh-grade; Ben Michael, eighth-grade; April Boston, eighth-grade; Meghan Geer, seventh-grade; Terra Thurlow, sixth-grade. Missing from the picture is Jessica Garber, eighth-grade.

North Garfield Excavating awarded bid to remove fuel tanks from airport

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

North Garfield Excavating was awarded the bid to remove three underground fuel tanks at the Lowell City Airport.

In March of 1990, North Garfield Excavating removed

three other fuel storage tanks at the city airport.

However, three underground fuel tanks remain (one 4,000 and two 1,000-gallon tanks).

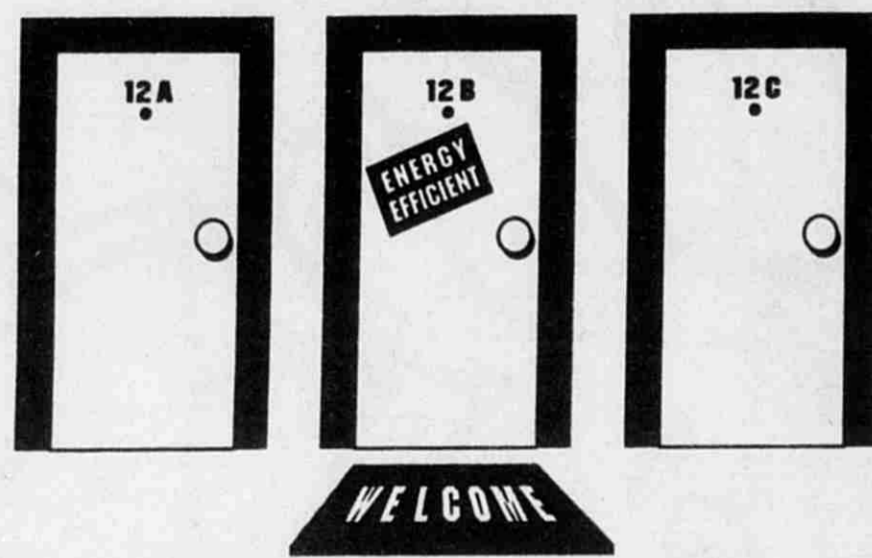
Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale told the council that because of potential liability and stricter regulations, the

airport board recommended the tanks be removed.

Pasquale added that the Grand Rapids Baptist College is pursuing the installation of an above-ground fuel tank.

The cost to remove the three underground tanks is \$4,300.

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Township passes resolution, becomes member of District Library System

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board passed a resolution Monday night agreeing to become a part of the proposed Kent County District Library System in 1995.

The district library is being given the go ahead by the current library board in order to stabilize the funding system for Kent County libraries.

Stabilizing the funding for the libraries became a key issue for the library system when it was faced with several townships, including Lowell and Vergennes, who were going to leave the system when their cost of participating began to rise sharply over a two-year

period. After agreeing to a settlement for this year, the library board informed townships that a plan for installing a district system would be the first thing the board would do for this year.

The district system would pair Lowell Township with Vergennes Township, the city of Lowell and Bowne Township to form this region's district library system.

The district system would establish two key items in running the new system. First, a district library board, consisting of eight members, would be established in an effort to give townships more of a say on how the system is operated. Second, a millage would need to be passed by citizens

to raise the necessary funds to operate the district system.

Carl Shook, a current member of the Kent County board, said the millage is the primary reason a district system is being recommended to the townships. According to Shook, the district system would replace the formula system which caused several problems and it would give the county-wide system a stable source of funding.

In calculating the funding needs of a district library system, Shook believes a millage of no less than .55 mills and no more than .75 mills would need to be passed to operate the system effectively.

In breaking down the funding, Shook pointed out that .55 mills would raise \$3,738,300. This figure would pay for the current operating cost of \$2,983,000; a cost of \$150,000 for operating central service charges; \$164,000 for an increase cost of the existing staff; a \$175,000 maintenance cost of facilities; and a rental revenue fee of \$266,000.

To increase the millage to .75 mills, an additional \$1,505,958 would be raised. This increase would raise \$125,000 for the restoration of the collection department; \$600,000 for increasing of new personal; \$139,847 for a cushion on the upcoming union negotiations; and

\$629,311 for a contingency fund in case the district system did not have full participation of all 26 townships.

Shook personally believes the district system could operate at .66 mills.

"If we get all 26 townships involved in this system, I don't see the need to have a millage of more than .66," said Shook.

The new system would also do away with rental fees for people who wish to take out movies or compact discs. It would give governmental bodies, who have a library building, \$1 per square foot annually for the maintenance of the building, and the county would donate \$400,000 for the construction of a new Kent

County District Library Headquarters.

Once the library board receives the go ahead from townships in Kent County, it hopes to do away with the current library board and install the new district board by July 1. Once that is in place, the district board would recommend a millage figure to be put on the general election ballot in November.

According to Shook, if all the pieces fall in line with little trouble, the assessment of the millage would be in effect by December.

City foregoes litigation; chooses to put down new coating

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Choosing a sounder economic route than litigation, it was recommended to the Lowell City Council that it forego litigation and that a new coating be put down on the floor of the fire station bays.

The council approved a recommendation from Lowell Fire Chief Frank Martin and city attorney Dick Wendt that a new coating for the floor

be installed by Master Floors of Alto for \$9,240 through the fire department budget.

Wendt said pursuing litigation in the matter would be questionable.

Master Floors would remove wax and the unsound urethane sealer, sand the floors, prime the bay areas, and apply 100 percent epoxy sealer, a coat sealer, and quartz slip resistant beads.

The original coating was applied shortly after the fire station was constructed in the

summer of 1990 at a cost of \$2,984 by Custom Coatings of Muskegon. It was slippery and the coating was beginning to pull up from the surface, according to Martin.

The latter was due to the tires from the fire vehicles which were chemically reacting with the coating, causing the floor to peel.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said both Martin and Wendt exhausted efforts to contact Custom Coatings, Inc. and have the problem resolved

to no avail.

The company did state that if new tires were driven over the coating in the seven days following its application, the tire rubber would chemically mix with the urethane, causing flaxing.

Wendt points out that the invoice from Custom Coatings indicates that the coating was to have a non-aggressive aggregate. However, it did not appear to have any warranty or guarantee provided when the coating was applied.

Not sure the city would be successful if it commenced with litigation, and even if it was successful, Wendt felt the cost of such litigation could well exceed the cost of correcting the problem.

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