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Lowell Showboat Queen hopefuls for 1994 are front row, left to right: Terri Irwin, Tallie Bassett, Marlene Klap, Jennifer Brown, back row, left to right: Jenny Jansma, Lauri VanOtteren, Ruth Joslin and Tammy Irwin.

Eight girls eye 1994 Showboat Crown

Pageant scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at LMS cafetorium

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Reigning Lowell Showboat Queen Shannon Bennett will relinquish her crown on Saturday, April 16, at the 1994 Lowell Showboat Pageant.

Eight young ladies will compete to wear the crown worn by the Lowell Showboat queen.

Vying to carry on the duties of the Lowell Showboat queen will be Lauri VanOtteren, Tallie Bassett, Jennifer Brown, Marlene Klap, Tammy Irwin, Ruth Joslin, Terry Irwin and Jennifer Jansma.

Admission into the pageant, at the Lowell Middle School cafetorium, will be \$2. The pageant will begin at 7 p.m.

"Shannon Bennett was an excellent representative for the Lowell Showboat," said pageant chairman Carol Briggs. "Shannon saw to it that the 1993 Lowell Showboat Court participated in many area parades and events. She took the expectations that come with being Lowell Showboat queen seriously."

Judging the pageant this year will be three area pastors: Gordie Barry, First United Methodist Church of Lowell; Todd Thompson, Alto/Bowne Center United Methodist Churches; and Mary Schippers, Snow/Vergennes

United Methodist Churches.

Contestants will be judged on their poise, personality, speech and appearance.

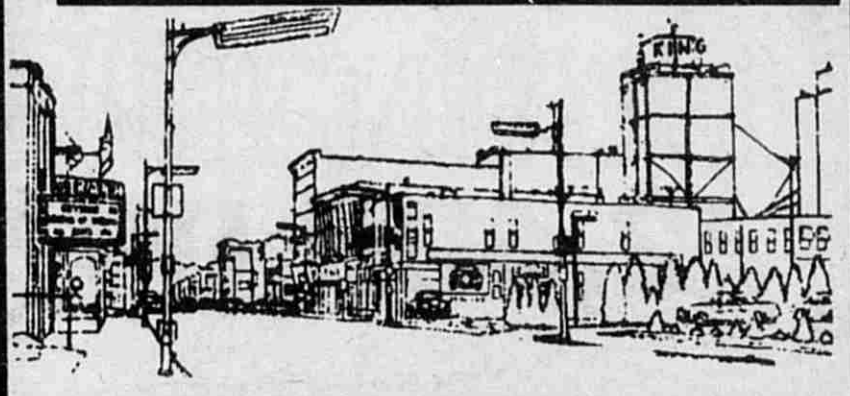
The charge behind the pageant is to select a spokesperson to inform and invite people to participate in the Lowell Showboat.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will provide savings bonds for the newly crowned queen and the first and second runners-up.

The queen will receive a \$100 savings bonds and the runners-up will receive \$50

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Along Main Street



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL NIGHT SENIOR PARTY

Plan to attend the organizational meeting for the "All Night Senior Party." The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in room A-1 in the high school.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 12.

YMCA SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

The Lowell YMCA is now taking registrations for its 1994 summer adult softball leagues. Men's open leagues will be on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 game balls and umpires are included for \$385. Men's "over 30" league will be on Tuesdays for \$385. Co-ed league will be on Mondays for \$385.

All leagues will start in the first week of May. A women's eight game league will be held starting May 17 for \$255. Limited space is available for all leagues. Call 897-8445 for further information.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT QUEEN'S PAGEANT

The 1994 Lowell Showboat Queen's Pageant will be held Saturday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School cafetorium. The public is invited to attend and see our nine contestants compete for the title of Miss Lowell Showboat.

There will be entertainment while you wait for the judges' results. Bring the family to this special evening. A \$2 admission will be charged to help defray costs.

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.

RUNCIMAN/RIVERSIDE FAREWELL REUNION

Riverside School (formerly the Intermediate School) opened in 1936 and Runciman in 1956. A farewell reunion is being planned for Friday, April 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. All former and

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Council's financial commitment would not provide a project completion guarantee

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The fact that the only guarantee with the city's sidewalk construction and repair program is its cost has given the Lowell City Council some added concern.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale sought financial commitment from the council Monday night for its sidewalk program.

"To meet the city's share of the cost and to complete the sidewalk project in a timely basis, the council needs to make a commitment of funds," Pasquale said.

The Lowell City Manager said one mill or \$67,000 (with growth in property value that would increase) would need to be committed toward the project in each year of the program's existence.

"That doesn't necessarily mean a mill would have to be added," Pasquale said. "The city would have to check out its current expenditures. It may be necessary to add only a couple tenths of a mill."

The way the program is set up, to tackle the whole city, a mill would be needed in each of the next 10-12 years to help pay for the sidewalk project.

However, what Pasquale could not guarantee is that another council would not stop the project before its completion.

"It bothers me that some people may pay up front and others won't pay at all if years from now the council decides to stop the project," Councilman Jeanne Shores said. "If that happens, there will be a lot of angry people."

Shores said she wants a guarantee that everyone will be included and that the project will be done in a short time.

"I had envisioned the project being completed a whole lot quicker," Councilman Jim Hodges said. "I was looking at five years as a maximum."

To complete the sidewalk project in such a short time frame would require a bond issue.

Pasquale said that to tackle a project that large in such a short time period would be unwieldy.

Councilman James Maatman questioned what else that mill may be needed for in the future.

"It would be a shame to be building sidewalks and at the same time having the city going bankrupt," he said. "I think we

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Ledger Easter Coloring Contest Winners Chosen

Malley Cahoon was the Lowell Ledger Easter Coloring Contest winner for the age group 3-5-year-olds. This year 50 children participated in the Easter coloring contest. The Ledger thanks all children who participated and helped make it a success. Pictures of the other Easter Coloring contest winners page 17.

INSIDE THE LEDGER Airport board gets loan for main runway, pg. 24

Lowell teacher driven by
dedication to success, pg. 19



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Be ye...followers of God...and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us...

Alice found herself the victim of lies and snubs. Soon she was receiving the cold shoulder treatment from her new friends.

Franciscan's hold annual Spring Arts Festival

The Franciscan Child Development Center's staff and volunteers are planning a springtime fund-raising event to benefit the programs of the Center located in Lowell.

A few of the 25 confirmed artists for the event are: Norman Powell, Mary Modderman, Sandy Jackoboice, Gail Bokor-Gebben, Craig Convissor, Jeanne Laird, Susan Snodgrass, Darlene Nelson, Bob Kroph, Janet Krueger, Linda Phillips, Eva Suttorp, Elizabeth Ballor, Maija Maskevics and Joanne Clay.



Justin Ford, 3 years old, was one of the many children who participated in the Annual Lowell Moose Men's and Women's Easter Egg Hunt.

Photo courtesy of Sue Olin

Boy Scouts to collect food for needy

Lowell area Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers will be participating in the scouting for food program again this year, which is sponsored by the National Boy Scouts of America.

The scouts will be distributing bags to many houses in Lowell. The boys will hang a plastic bag on the front doors of homes on Saturday, April 9, between 9 a.m. and noon.

The pantry is in need of the following items: pancake mix and syrup, tuna helper, oatmeal, crackers, meats, fruits, fruit juice, jams and jellies, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, and boxed or canned potatoes.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCulligh of Middleville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tamara Sue to Steven Edward Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin of Lowell.

Thornapple Kellogg High School and is employed with Root-Loell Mfg. The future groom attended Lowell High School and is employed at Flexfab. A May 28, 1994 wedding is being planned.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU ELEMENTARY

MONDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni, fruit juice, canned fruit selection, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, buttered corn, choice of fresh or canned fruit, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes & gravy, dinner roll with peanut butter, assorted fruits, milk.

THURSDAY: Ravioli or burrito or green beans, French bread with butter, canned fruit or gelatin with whip, milk.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich, baked beans, pasta salad, fruit or fruit sherbet, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese & pepperoni or chicken and cheese or chef salad with bread, fruit juice, carrot sticks or side salad, canned fruit selection, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or chicken patty sandwich or chef salad with bread, mixed vegetables, oven fries, canned or fresh fruit, cookie bar, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or Swiss steak or chef salad, mashed potatoes or rice & gravy, steamed peas, dinner roll with peanut butter, assorted fruits, milk.

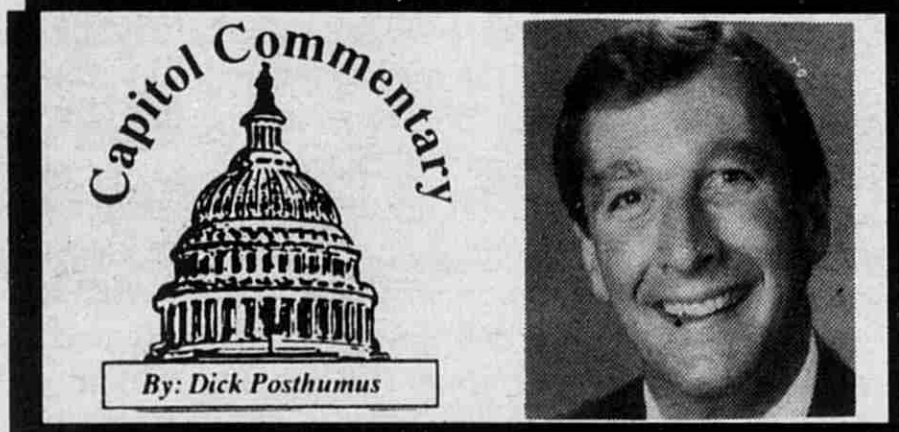
THURSDAY: Ravioli or burrito or chef salad, green beans or side salad, French bread with butter, canned fruit or gelatin with whip, milk.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich or tuna in a pita or Cook's choice or chef salad with bread. CHOOSE TWO: Baked beans, pasta salad, side salad, fruit or fruit sherbet, milk.

Viewpoint

That's Thoughts

A week ago many of us at the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide submitted samples of our handwriting to be analyzed by a self-proclaimed handwriting expert.



The Michigan Senate recently approved legislation that makes wide-ranging improvements to the adoption system.

Our hearts ached over the Jessica DeBoer case. The claims of the embattled families aside, it was painfully clear the interests of Baby Jessica were not being adequately safeguarded.

But the adoptive process is plagued by other problems.

Before I go into detail on what was gathered from my sample writing, I should tell you the results are based purely on the script and not the content of what was written.

Since many people have already told me this, it won't come as a surprise, but Judith said I am sarcastic. Yeah, and I'm a Pulitzer prize-winning writer too.

Health, community mental health programs, child placement agencies and foster care officials. The ombudsman would also have the power to investigate complaints and check on the status of and help protect adoptive children.

The cornerstone of the package is Senate Bill 721, which calls for substantial updates to the adoption code. SB 721 would establish direct-consent adoptions, which would allow birth parents to directly release their parental rights to chosen adoptive parents, provided those parents had a favorable home study done.

The bill also allows immediate adoptive placement without requiring the adoptive family to be a foster care family. Under current law, no such placement can occur unless the family is a licensed foster care facility.

A last major change would allow only child-placing agencies or attorneys recognized by the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys to perform traditional adoptions.

Her analysis went on to say that I am concerned about my

deportment. You would be too, if your family, friends and working cohorts were constantly trying to deport you back to Bosnia.

Actually, Judith was talking about my concern for the way people see and think of me. I guess that concern will always remain. I've needed a sense of humor to deal with that.

Finally she noted that I am sensitive and emotional. I think my concern for the basset hound highlighted my sensitivity.

I've never put a lot of stock into this type of thing, and I'm not sure this will change that. However, if I can believe my "friends" here at the Ledger, who want to see me deported, Judith was right on target.

By the way I'm honest too - that means you can believe everything I've written or am about to write. Did I ever tell you what Jeanne did to her basset hound? The poor dog was lying there sleeping, harming no one, when.....

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Table with 4 columns listing church names, addresses, and services. Churches include ADA Community Reformed Church, Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Cornerstone Community Church of Lowell, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, First Baptist Church of Lowell, First Congregational Church of Lowell, Emmaus Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alton Bible Church, Evergreen Missionary Church, and Lowell Church of the Nazarene.

Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago. Features a photo of a woman in a carriage pulled by a horse, with the name Priscilla Lussmyer.

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - APR 4, 1894 Measles, measles, measles. Archie Hastings, 95, walks four miles to Lowell to vote, visits for several hours, then walks back home.

The editor chides voters for overlooking some very capable men in the recent township elections in their haste to vote straight Republican. However, Vergennes continues its 31-year-record of democratic supervisors.

A bridge was constructed across the Thornapple River at Cascade Springs last Saturday and Monday. Dr. F.C. West's Nerve and Brain Treatment is good for everything from hysteria to premature old age, but the ad emphasizes "Vital to Manhood."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APR 3, 1919 Voters next week can amend the state constitution to allow for bonding for "internal improvements"—call that good roads—and bring in matching federal dollars.

The Holcomb Sanitarium is badly damaged by fire and four patients removed until repairs are made. The coming Victory Loan drive is billed as a loan of thanksgiving to pay final bills and bring the rest of the

troops home from World War I. Alto's home-talent play, "Little Big Horn," sold out last Saturday and will be repeated this Saturday; proceeds to the Alto band.

Alto's high school room has 42 enrolled, the primary room, 23.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APR 6, 1944 Wm. C. Doyle, president of King Milling, announces that 75 men will be needed to pour concrete continuously in two ten-hour shifts for two weeks for the new flour mill. It will replace the building burned a year ago March.

John Timpson plans to build a cold storage plant at the orchard as soon as priorities are granted in Washington.

Lowell's Draft Board #1 is cleared of all charges of favoritism. The Music War Council of America notifies Orval Jessup that his band is one of 200 in the U.S. to receive

a Music War Council citation for distinguished service in support of the war. It will be awarded at the May concert. Tech. Sgt. Gene Autry will interview applicants for the Women's Army Corps next Tuesday in Grand Rapids.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APR 3, 1969 The editor publicly kicks his cigarette habit. Annual Township meetings are scheduled for this Saturday afternoon.

"Uncle Carl" Behnke is donating a dozen Martin houses which he has made to various children's homes and camps.

20 grass fires in the Alto area in March sent one person to the hospital and damaged a barn, in addition to the expense and aggravation to the fire department.

A very light turnout is expected for Tuesday's city council elections, with all incumbents and no challengers.

Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Joyce deJong. Includes three portraits of the doctors.

pancreas and bone transplants. The success rate of transplant surgery continues to improve. Currently 90 percent of corneal transplants are successful.

Transplantation can mean the only chance for survival in some people while in others it is the only chance to have a normal life. If you should decide to become an organ donor, you should discuss your feelings with your family.

You can direct your intentions to become a donor on your drivers license or you can carry a uniform donor card. If you have

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor: The shelves at Plumbs were not even cold and Family Fare already was raising prices. They also stopped double manufacturers' coupons except two days a week, where Plumbs were everyday.

We need another grocery store to stop this robbery. John DeHaan

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current students and staff are invited to join the PTO for an ice cream social and reminisce with their friends and former teachers.

If you are a former student of Runciman/Riverside and/or have some memorabilia to share, we'd like to hear from you. Contact Mary Bommarito, 1520 Cumberland, Lowell, MI 49331 and include your name, year(s) attended, what you're doing now, most cherished school memory and memorabilia you'd like to share.

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need to decide to what extent we want city-wide sidewalks." Other areas that will be used for in the future include a new city hall, police station, library, and a community center. Where does the sidewalk project stand with these building issues?

The Lowell mayor also questioned the timeliness. People are being hit with increased water rates and some with special assessments. "How big a burden do we want to put on people?" questioned Maatman.

Maatman and Shores suggested that maybe priorities should be identified within the priority areas.

"Maybe we should get sidewalks in around the schools even if it's just on one side of the street," Maatman said.

The problem with that scenario as Councilman Bill Thompson has suggested in the past is deciding which side the sidewalk gets put in on and who gets stuck with the cost of its upkeep. That scenario has everyone using the sidewalk at the expense of a few.

"If the city were doing this project, it wouldn't blanket the city. It would pick a few areas," Maatman said.

However, with city residents involved in paying for the cost of the project, fairness and equity demands all sides of the streets have sidewalks.

The City Council determined that it needed to tackle the issue in a special meeting on Monday, April 11.

MEN'S BENEFIT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a men's softball tournament, class C - double 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.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Michelle Schmidt, 17, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident March 28, on Hudson at Main Street, when she failed to stop in time and struck a vehicle driven by Roy Brooks, 36, of Charlotte.

Christopher Anderson, 22, of Lowell, was slightly injured in an accident March 31, on Main at Center Street, when the car he was driving was struck from behind by a vehicle driven

by Dale Willmarth, 19, of Lowell.

Gerald Withrell, of Lowell, reported to Lowell Police that his car was struck by a hit and run driver March 28.

Lowell officers investigated 22 accident complaints in the month of March, four of which incurred injuries.

Bruce VanHaver, 51, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court March 28.

Mark Osburn, 35, of Lowell, was arrested by Lowell officers March 29 on a warrant issued out of an Ionia County court.

Heidi Barron, 35, of Ada, was arrested March 31 for driving under the influence of alcohol and taken to the Kent County Jail.

James Watrous, 26, of Lowell, was arrested April 4 for driving while license suspended and on a warrant for fraud issued out of a Wyoming city court.

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savings bonds. Lowell Showboat president/interlocutor will serve as emcee.

Entertainment will include Briggs accompanied by Roger MacNaughton, Becky Raynor and Sylvia Taylor.

Joining Bennett on last year's court were first runner up Kelly Jo Cichons and second runner up Dana Tindall.

"I would like to thank all three girls for being such wonderful Showboat representatives," Briggs said.

Sound and lighting will be handled by Dick Graham. Decoration will be provided by Ron Wood and Floyd Zwiers.

Providing assistance to the chairman were Louise Weeks and Deb Heydenburg.

Lowell Township bans open burning for one month

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

dinance banning the burning, but Timpson wants to avoid any situation that may cause harm to others.

The request is similar to the request by the township to residents in Eastgate Village.

Last year the township board decided not to issue burning permits to residents in the 280-home complex due to complaints from both the fire department and other residents.

Following the request by Lowell's Fire Department, the Lowell Township Board will ask residents not to have open burning from April 16 until May 15.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson says the request is due to the rash of grass fires reported by the Lowell Fire Department. Timpson says the department has answered several calls in the Vergennes and Lowell Township area.

Currently, there is no or-

Lowell Fire Department Chief Frank Martin says the Department of Natural Resources is pushing for the month-long ban because right now it is too dry to do any burning.

Martin says the fire department has been called to 14 different grass fires since April 1. He says people are burning their trash in barrels but aren't watching the burning properly, and ashes are reaching

the grass and setting fires.

If the area begins to get some rain, Martin says the ban could be lifted and permits issued, but until that happens, residents are asked to curb all burning practices.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 94-157,731 IE

Estate of William Post, Deceased SSN: 378-38-8235

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 245-92nd SW, Byron Center, MI 49315 died June 16, 1993. An instrument dated October 3, 1990 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, ALICE MAY POST, 245-92nd SW, Byron Center, MI 49315, or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

MARTIN REED Attorney-At-Law (P26028) P. O. Box 117 Allegan, MI 49010 (616) 673-8954

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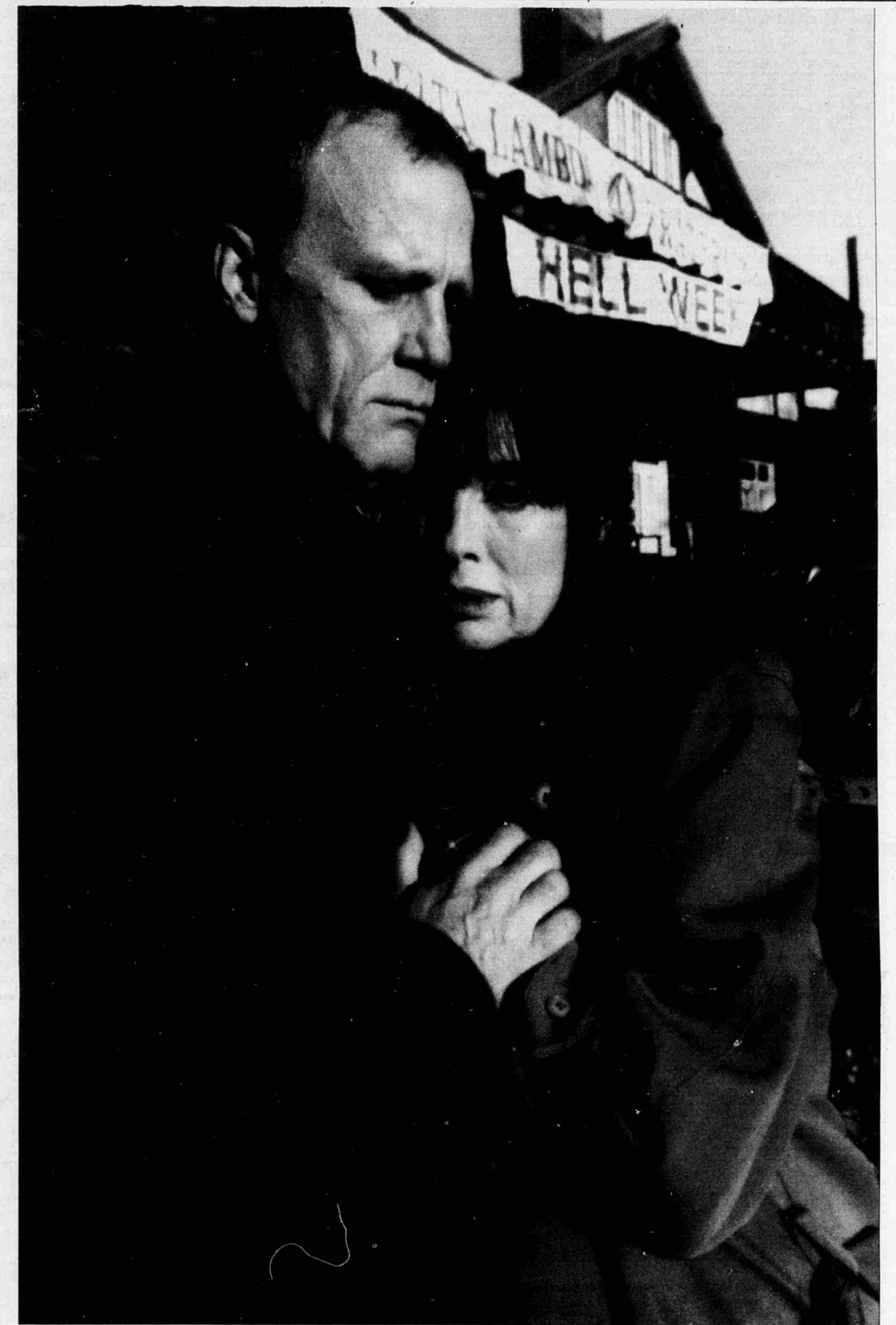
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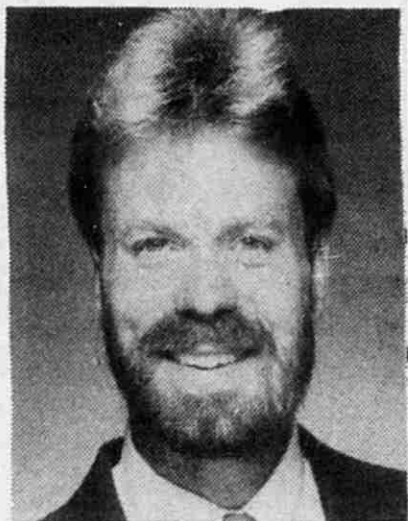
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Table with 2 columns: CHANNEL and SYMBOL. Lists channels from 2 to 32 with their corresponding symbols like LOCAL, WWMT-3, WOTV-41, etc.



Leon Russom and Linda Gray star as Roy and Eileen Stevens, the parents of a college student who dies in a fraternity hazing incident in the fact-based drama "Moment of Truth: Broken Pledges," airing Monday on NBC. Major League Baseball player Barry Bonds (not pictured) also stars.

News For HEALTHY LIVING



Dr. Paul Tuthill

COOK OUT LOOK OUT

E. Coli, a potentially deadly bacteria, is only killed by thorough cooking. This includes cooking on a home grill. 200 to 400 Americans die from E. Coli each year. Children and seniors are most susceptible.

Solution: avoid serving rare cooked meat. Cook it medium well to well done.

BREAST IMPLANTS MAY HARM CHILDREN

Lowered resistance to infection, skin disorders, asthma, achy joints and digestive problems may be increased if a child's mother has had silicone breast implants, say Reuters News Agency.

Many of these problems are second generational; that is, they are carbon copies of the problems implanted mothers themselves were previously presented with.

WOMEN AND CHEST PAIN

Only 50 percent of women complaining of chest pain had normal arteries. Only eight percent of men had normal vessels. However, women who suffer from chest pain should always seek help. Authorities warn that there is a shortage of good medical studies on women and heart disease.

HEALTH PLAN IS SICK

The Clinton health plan is seen by some as all but dead. The group least supportive: seniors who are more aware of the cost/benefit issues. The biggest supporters: the youngest voters. Still most voters want a health plan in some form passed, according to an ABC news poll.

ARE YOU AN ALCOHOLIC?

One out of ten is. Alcoholism is a health problem, not a moral issue. Early warning signs: Demanding that others drink with you, gulping alcoholic beverages, sneaking a drink before a party and switching from a milder to a stronger alcoholic beverage. Another symptom: increased tolerance over time. Other danger signs: drinking alone, keeping a reserve supply of booze on hand.

Solution: contact Alcoholics Anonymous.

STATION BREAK VIDEO MOVIE RENTALS, SALES & SERVICE

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Table listing video games: SEGA (World Series Baseball, PGA European Tour, NBA Showdown '94, Many More), SUPER NINTENDO (Ken Griffey Jr., Mega Man X, MCBPA Baseball, Many More), NINTENDO (Mega Man 6, Tetris 2, Bubblebobble 2, Many More)

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3 LOCATIONS

Table with 3 columns: Location, Address, Phone Number. Locations include 2173 West Main, 2237 84th St., and 1743 142nd Ave.

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Water system project in line with two-year-old budget forecast

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Keeping in mind a water system feasibility study from 1992, Gary Voogt informed the Lowell Township Board of a new tentative budget for the water system project.

Voogt, president of the engineering firm Moore and Bruggink, revealed to the board that the new tentative cost of the project is estimated at \$1.5 million. According to Voogt, this figure is not set in stone but is a good basis for

the cost of the project.

The construction cost breaks down into \$469,100 for the water tank construction by CBI Na-Con, Inc.; \$638,700 for the water main construction by Jen-Kel; \$40,000 for allowances on tank site work; \$52,200 in case something extra is added; \$10,000 for taking over one well in Eastgate Village; \$20,000 for two well abandonments; \$125,000 for pre-award design engineering (the cost paid to Moore and Bruggink); \$80,000 for con-

struction engineering, inspection and staking; and \$65,000 for legal, bonding and administrative costs.

The budget is in-line with the study done in 1992. This study figured the cost would be \$1.7 million. However, that 1992 figure also took into account having a water main run along M-21 from Alden Nash to Key Heights. Voogt pointed out that the current budget does not reflect any cost for this project because it was turned

down by citizens along M-21. Voogt also said the \$40,000 water tank site land cost could be less if the township decides to sell a portion of the land.

The \$10,000 cost of maintaining one good well in Eastgate Village is due because the township plans on using that well for emergency purposes. In addition, the \$20,000 cost of absorbing two abandoned wells comes from the pulling out, scrapping and ce-

menting in of both wells because there is no salvage value. Funding for the tentative \$1.5 million project is expected to come from three sources. The total cost to the township will be lessened by \$500,000 due to Lowell's school contribution, and another \$350,000 will be subtracted from individual home owners due to hook-up fees. It is estimated that there will be 350 homes hooking up to the new system at a cost of

\$1,000 per home. That includes all 280 homes in Eastgate Village. That leaves the township with \$675,000 to be funded through bonds.

The net operating cost and resulting water bills to customers must still be calculated at this time.

The project is scheduled to be completed by September in time for the opening of the new school.

Inspection services contract improved

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell entered into a construction, engineering, and inspection services contract for west-side water system improvements with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Monday night.

The contract will cost \$66,850. It will be paid from the Water Revenue Bond.

In reviewing the budget and scope of work, Lowell Public Works Director Art Gall and Water Distribution Supervisor Bob Robinson revised the proposal so it more adequately covered the needed construction, engineering, and inspection services.

The original estimate to perform the three services - mains, booster pumping station and ground storage tank - was \$74,200. The revised fee was \$7,350 less.

The cost adjustment deletes engineering inspections already completed, and accounts for design and bidding costs exceeding estimates.

With the selling of the bonds, the three general contractors - executed construction agreements.

Phase services for the phase I water main had already been performed. The budget for these services, excluding the costs associated with the sewer construction, was \$4,140.

The phase II design and bidding costs exceeded the estimated fee by approximately \$3,215, primarily due to the significant printing expenses for the numerous sets printed to match contractor interest in the project.

Truax driven by dedication to be a successful teacher

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Following in her family's footsteps isn't the only reason Dorann Truax became a teacher.

"I love being with kids and they seem to love being around me; I just seem to attract children," said Truax.

Truax, following her mom and three aunts who taught in the Lowell school district, is a third-grade teacher at Bushnell Elementary School. She says her love of teaching was influenced heavily by her family.

"When you grow up in that kind of positive atmosphere, you can't help but become a teacher," she said.

Her education began at Grand Rapids Junior College

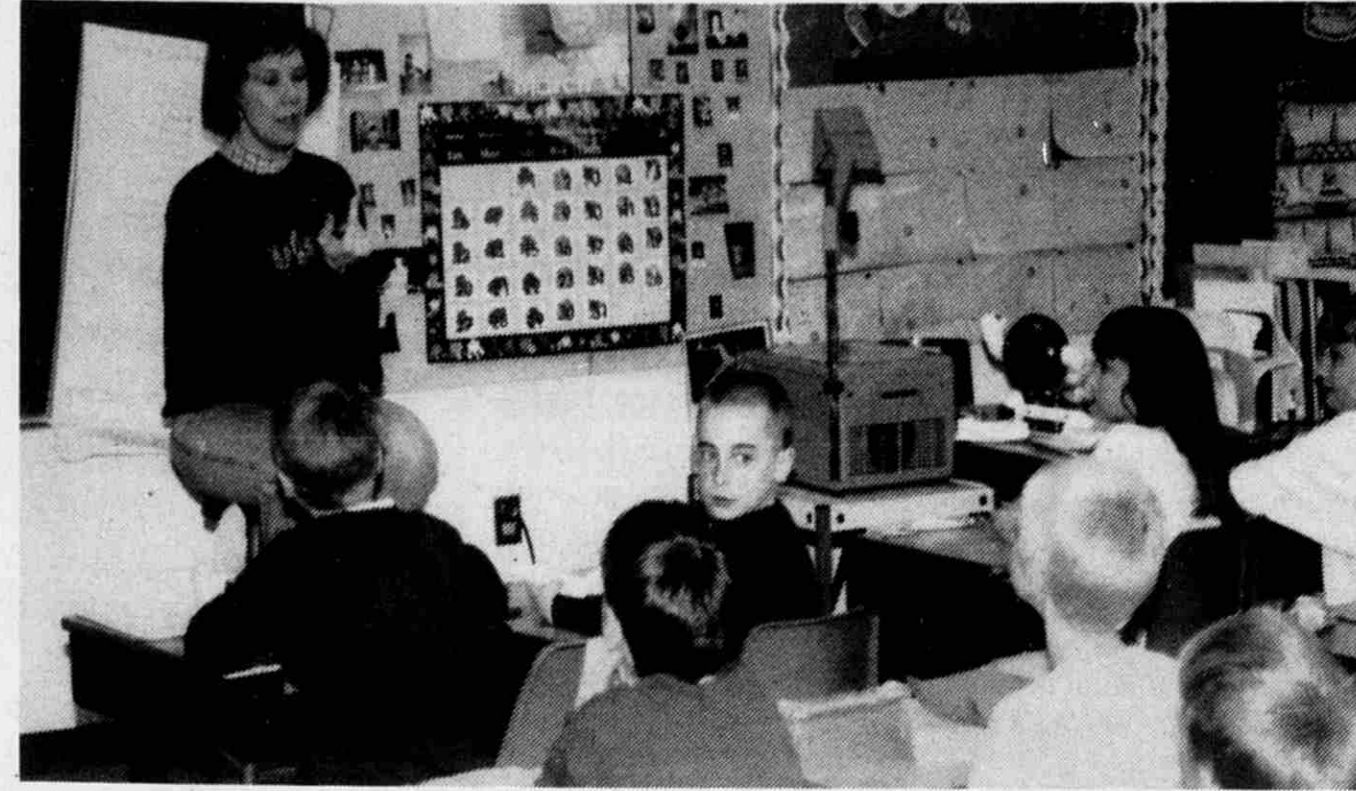
teaching only comes in the class room, but I put in 70 hours of work each week and I'm involved in several activities outside the classroom that help develop the children," said Truax.

Truax feels the best part of teaching is when a student begins to show signs of understanding what is being taught. She says planning activities to get students motivated takes hard work and a lot of time. However, she says it makes her feel great when she can see a student grasp the concept and begin putting it all together.


Despite the fervor created

this year over the funding of Michigan's education system, Truax believes the education system is headed in the right direction. "With the parent network started and with involvement from area businesses, I think our children will learn more and become good leaders in the future," she said.

Name: Dorann Truax
Husband: Mack
Kids: Amara, 14
Pets: Tasha, dog who once saved her life.
Church: Lowell United Methodist.
Hobbies: Reading, counted cross stitch, cross country skiing, and swimming.



Dorann Truax has been teaching in Lowell for eight years.



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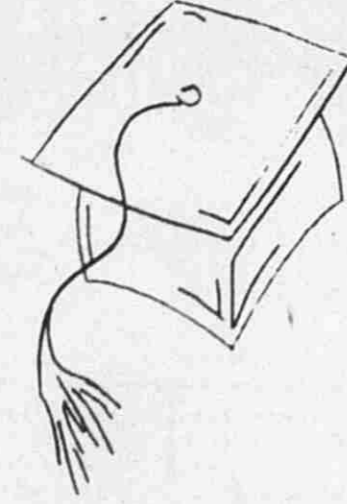
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and finished at Western Michigan University. At WMU she earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and double-minored in Family Education and Engineering. She also is G & T (gifted and talented) certified.

Truax has been teaching in Lowell for the last eight years, after spending three years in Colorado as a third-grade teacher.

She says she loves the Lowell area and school district because they offer programs to students that can't be found in other schools.

"The support from parents and businesses in this area is great. They work together to create a positive influence on our children," said Truax.

She believes it is the responsibility of every resident and business to take care of the children. She says it is the "responsibility of every citizen to create an atmosphere of positive learning, in which children can grow."

Truax believes the key to her teaching style is creating a caring atmosphere which allows the students to be comfortable with her.

"I believe you first have to make the kids feel comfortable with you. Whether they pass or fail, you have to make them know you won't criticize them," said Truax. "Once you establish that, then you go ahead and teach them at a level which you know they will learn something."

She says her students feel so comfortable with her that they sometimes call her mom, and that is a compliment she enjoys receiving.

Truax has been a third-grade teacher for most of her career but has taught a little at the middle school level. She says she enjoys the third grade because the children are so eager to learn.

She feels it takes a desire to help and a sense of dedication to be a successful teacher.

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O-K League approves addition of Hastings for 1995-96

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What the Ledger first reported on Feb. 2 became official last week after 32 of the 35 O-K League schools approved the addition of Hastings into the O-K White and Belding into the O-K Gold, effective for the 1995-96 season.

Other additions approved were Unity Christian into the O-K Gold and Spring Lake into the O-K Blue.

Larry Plaisier, president of the O-K League, said the goal of expansion and reorganization of schools was to develop a new division and to make things more equitable for Blue League schools.

For the 1994-95 season, the O-K White will lose Rogers to the O-K Blue. Sparta will move into the Gold with Hudsonville moving into the O-K White.

Allendale, Hopkins, and

Saugatuck were added for the 1994-95 season to help form the O-K Silver Division. They will join Comstock Park, Kelloggsville, and Godfrey Lee.

The growth that will take place in the O-K League 1994-95 and in 1995-96 seasons will benefit not only athletics but also the communities and other school activities including the arts, quiz bowl, debate, forensics and student council activities.

The recommendation for growth and reorganization was first presented to the principals by the athletic directors.

The two then formed a joint committee and visited prospective schools interested in joining the O-K League.

The boards of the league schools then voted on the recommendation in the month of March.

Holland, Wayland and Mona Shores were the three schools who voted no on it.

Holland Athletic Director Tom Burtch said while he could not speak for all of the schools, he felt those opposed did not believe all schools were given fair consideration in the league's move to expand.

"I think another concern was that the league wasn't looking far enough ahead and

trying to meet the needs of all the schools," Burtch said.

The Holland athletic director said the process used in selecting schools to join the league was not as smooth as he would have liked.

"I personally was neutral on the growth issue. I saw the need for eight schools in each

division and the need to look far enough ahead so that we are meeting the needs of all schools," Burtch said.

One need that was not addressed with the recent growth recommendation was the presence of Class A schools in Class B divisions. A prime example of this is in the O-K

White - both Forest Hills Central and Zeeland are Class A schools competing against Class B schools. That is an issue Burtch and others would like the league to address in the near future.

Kent County firm awarded township water main project

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Township will soon be in the water business.

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told of the decision at the township's next regular meeting April 18.

Jen-Kel outbid ten other firms for the project with a bid of \$638,700. The average bid from the 11 construction firms was \$740,000. The figure Jen-Kel submitted is nearly \$140,000 less than the engineer's estimate of \$773,925.

Voogt says the firm has a satisfactory performance record on previous projects.

Jen-Kel Construction, located at 4060 White St. in Grandville, should be formally

he knows the firm has laid almost a quarter mile of pipe in a dry sand situation before and that is exactly what they will be dealing with in the Lowell project.

The project will not only serve the new high school but is also to go into Eastgate Village. The need for public wa-

ter in the 280-home facility is due to bad well conditions in the area.

Voogt stressed that this project will not be financed through assessments of any kind. According to Voogt and the township board, the project will be funded by performance bonds.

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

tosh, 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.

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Andy Johnson, executive director of the Lowell YMCA, presents the 1994 Legacy Award to Nancy Anderson.

Lowell's Anderson receives Legacy Award

Nancy Anderson, a key force in the Lowell YMCA, was recently honored with a Legacy Award through the Metropolitan YMCA.

Anderson was chosen for her commitment to the YMCA, both professionally and voluntarily for the past 13 years. In that time, she started the Youth Soccer program, and has worked as a volunteer gymnastics and Kiddie Gym instructor. She has also vol-

unteered as an Invest in Youth Campaigner as well as heading up the Summer Day Camp program. Her commitment has made a big impact on the growth and importance of the Y in the community and to those it serves.

The Legacy Awards were presented to ten women who have made a significant contribution to the YMCA and their community, and who have a strong commitment to the mission of the YMCA.

COLLEGE NEWS

Fifth-graders to hold spring sale

The Alto fifth-graders are having a spring sale at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 15

Kristen M. Stouffer of Lowell, a senior studying environmental engineering, was among a total of 1,169 students who achieved placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University. To be

placed on the list, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Dr. Martha Janners, Dean of Students, reported that 248 students earned straight A averages of 4.00.

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With loan approval, airport's main runway may be paved by June

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seeing it as too good an opportunity to pass up, the Lowell Airport Board requested from the city of Lowell a six-month loan from the general fund at six percent.

The request, which was approved, came after the airport board reviewed a bid of \$34,383.40 to pave its main runway (12-3-0). The bid was submitted by Michigan Colprovia of Grand Rapids.

The bid was approximately \$30,000 lower than its closest competitive bid.

The board anticipated estimates of approximately \$60,000 to have its main runway asphalted.

Michigan Colprovia will place a two-inch asphalt surface with a finish grade and compaction of existing gravel for drainage.

The loan from the general fund will be at six percent. The board, as a gesture of good faith, said it felt the

monies could be reimbursed within six months, according to Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale.

The loan will be paid for through the sale of the 4.07-acre parcel of airport property adjacent to Vergennes Road. The property was appraised at \$28,000.

Though no bid has been received, airport board member Joe Aitchison believes the property is very saleable.

If there is a difference between the price of paving and selling, the difference could be made up through airport funds and/or could be collected through Michigan Aviation Training or a loan through the state.

Other than the utility hangar, which does not have a permanent tenant, all hangars at the airport are currently being occupied, according to Pasquale. Hangar rental is the principal source of income for the airport.

Aitchison said he feels strongly that the board will sell the property within the next six months. "I'm meeting with someone after the meeting tonight," he said.

The City Airport is currently classified as a Class C airport. Aitchison said the improvement to the runway

will make the airport safer for general aviation and/or light-weight twin aircraft.

"Paving the main runway also makes it more conducive to general aviation business aircraft," Aitchison said. "It will enhance the type of aircraft coming in."

The city has general li-

ability insurance for hangars, which is paid for through airport funds.

Mission Aviation Training Services, a subsidiary of the Grand Rapids Baptist College, is the fixed based operator at the airport. Aitchison says it also carries a general liability insurance.

The upgrade to the main runway is expected to help improve the insurance rates.

Aitchison said it is the hope of the airport board that the asphaltting of the main runway can be completed by June.



Area women participate in WBA tourney

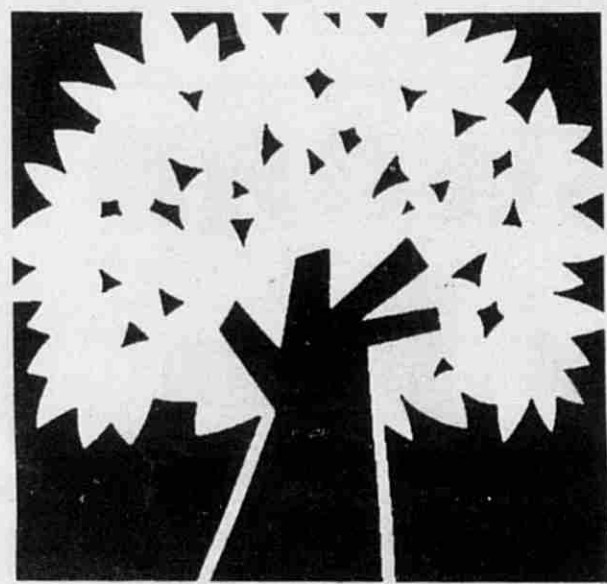
Lowell WBA held its 600 tournament on March 12. There were 18 women who participated from the Lowell area. These women bowled six games with the top five bowlers going into a stepladder competition. Pictured from left to right: Gina Ayers, Linda Colburn, Linda Miller, Connie Roth and Carol Hogendyk. Gina Ayers was the first place winner.

Lowell had three members that earned other state awards this year. Loren Kaeb and Krista Posthumus were recognized with the Outstanding Junior Award. Lauri

VanOtteren was a state Degree winner this year.

Representing Lowell as delegates were Ken VanSpronsen and Michelle Osterhaven.

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