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## Control over proposed Grooters' development plan not a concern for Lowell Township Board

• Unnamed local manufacturing company interested in using land for 300 x 500 foot warehouse

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Residents may be concerned over Robert Grooters new development idea, but township officials certainly aren't.

Earlier in the month Grooters approached the Lowell Township Planning Commission about constructing a warehouse on 110 of acres land, which runs along I-96 and is south of the Park and Ride lot on Alden Nash. That property is currently owned by Grooters.

The development Grooters would like to build would consist of one building approximately 300 feet by 500 feet. It would be used as a warehouse and would hold some offices. If the site is successful, other buildings may follow at a later date.

Bill Kozak, a representative for Grooters, said a local manufacturing company would like to use the area, but the name of the client was not revealed.

Grooters approached the planning commission about building under the township's

Light Industrial ordinance rather than its planned Urban Development ordinance.

In the past the planning commission has tried to improve the ordinance saying it did not give the township enough control, but the township board has not approved their presentations.

The township board has repeatedly said the ordinance is more than strong enough to allow the development of a light industrial facility under the current guidelines.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said the township's attorney feels the Light Industrial ordinance does give the township the control the planning commission is seeking.

"The attorney states that having the final decision over the site plan is the key to controlling development in the area," said Timpson. "Whatever stipulations the township wants to put on a developer can be pointed out in the site plan and if the developer doesn't follow those guidelines, then the site plan will not be approved."

The question of approving the site plan will fall on the shoulders of the planning commission, and Timpson said the commission must ultimately interpret the guidelines they want before approving the site plan.

"The final approval will be left up to the planning commission's interpretation

of the ordinance," said Timpson. "The commission can put any ordinance guidelines from the PUD in the final site plan review before they approve the plan."

David Simmonds, Lowell Township Planning Commission secretary, said the commission may have to follow the guidelines of either

the PUD ordinance or Light Industrial ordinance and realize the interpretation will come from the commission.

Timpson believes no matter who or what is developed in the township's light industrial zoned property, the final outcome will meet the standards and desires of the township.

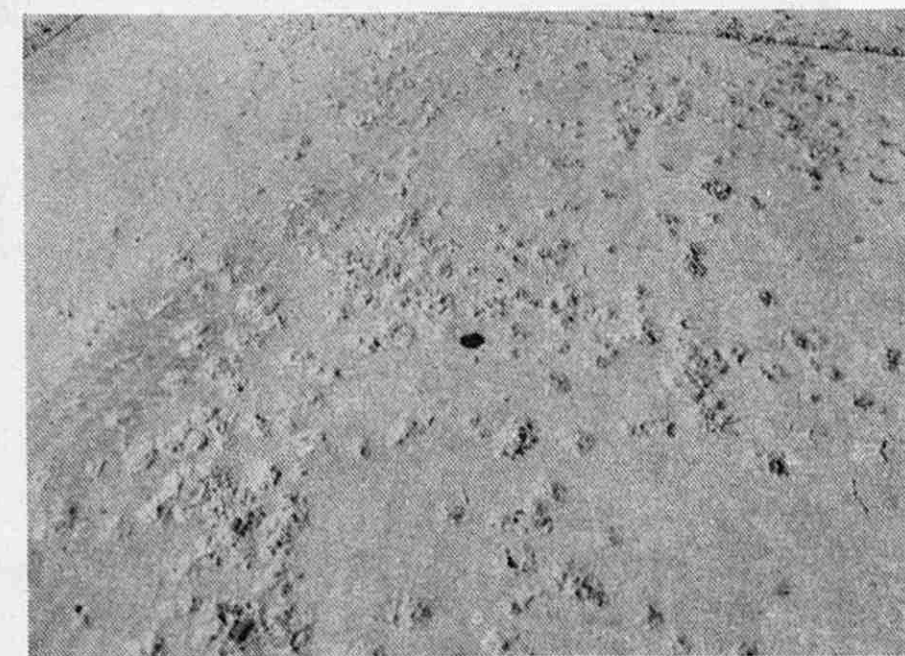
## "Morrow" of the Hunt St. water main project - don't lay concrete in December

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Agreeing that the work would not meet city specifications, the Lowell City Council vowed to take care of city resident, William Morrow (749 Hunt).

In November of 1993, the Lowell City Council approved the extension of 200 feet of water main on Hunt Street by special assessment serving three properties. Ken Shaler and Son Excavating was awarded the contract at a total cost of \$6,460 (\$2,153.33 per property). This included the main to services to the home.

City Manager Dave Pasquale said that with two of the residences, portions of the drive approaches were required to



Concrete laid in December as part of a water main project has left a portion of William Morrow's driveway filled with pits and scales. Morrow was at the Lowell City Council meeting asking that the job be redone correctly. be removed and replaced.

The project was completed during the month of December. This included concrete replacement work on the driveways.

"I never told the contractor to hurry up and complete the project. My main concern was getting hooked up to city water," said Morrow. "If December is a bad time to be doing concrete, they are the professionals. They shouldn't have done it."

Morrow then added he shouldn't be expected to pay for something that the city wouldn't accept if it was its own project.

In a letter to Pasquale, Shaler said he felt that the terms of the purchase had been met and that with the elimination of the street repair by the directive of Art Gall, director of Public Works, the project is complete.

The letter also stated that Gall insisted the work be done last

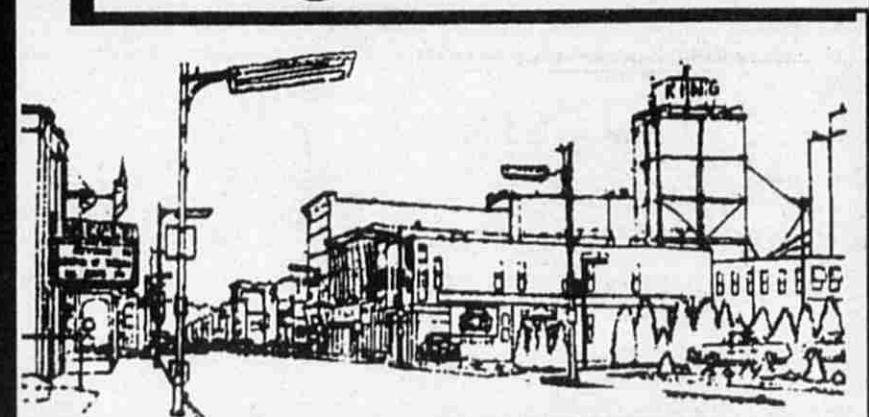
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## Local Girl Scout Troop Showers Park with Flowers

The leaders of Lowell Girl Scout Troop 510 are Sherry Couture, Deb Anderson and Pat Yeo. Pictured above, from left to right, are: Alyssa Gillikin, Becky Yeo, Katie Anderson and Becky Couture who along with the rest of the 13-member troop worked on their community service project on Friday. Troop 510 planted spring flowers at Stoney/Lakeside Park to help spruce up its landscape.

## Along Main Street



### A NIGHT OF JAZZ

The Lowell High School Jazz Ensemble will give its spring program at the high school on Wednesday, May 11. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Under the leadership of Bob Rice the 15-piece band will

play about eighteen numbers from 1930's big band music to 1990's jazz music. A \$2 donation will be taken at the door. All proceeds will go to the new music department uniform fund.

### MUSIC BOOSTER COOKBOOKS ARE HERE

The Lowell Music Booster cookbooks are in just in time for Mother's Day.

You can purchase them by calling Maureen at Bushnell School, 897-8471, or stop by and pick one up at the Buyers Guide.

### SIXTH-GRADE ORIENTATION

Parents of fifth-grade students entering the middle school in the fall are invited to attend a middle school orientation program geared toward parents.

The orientation program will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, in the current high school cafeteria.

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Students pull together spare change for DeWard, pg. 21

Pfeller selected by People to People program, pg. 24

## OBITUARIES

**BLOCK** - Avery W. Block, former Lowell Police Chief, aged 72, passed away Monday evening, April 25, 1994. Surviving are his wife, Leona; daughters, Sharon (Ray) Jones, Linda (Bill) Zinke; sister, Edna Finch; brother, Leslie (Dorothy) Block; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. He was a member of the American Legion and Lowell Moose Lodge #809. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell.

**LOTTERMAN** - Mr. Henry Lotterman, aged 69, passed away Tuesday, April 26, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Tom and Wilma Lotterman, Linda Beth Lotterman, Joan and Bill

(Ray); and her 10 daughters, Christine (Jim) Smith of Lowell, Rosemary (Don) DeYoung of Byron Center, Judy (Bob) Griffin of Lowell, Mary Jane (Claude) DeYoung of Jenison, Arleen (Howard) Hendee of Byron Center, Marietta (Cyril) Crawford of Grand Rapids, Theresa (Jerry) Pease of Rockford, Adela (Tim) DeBoer of Kentwood, Kathleen (Al) Simmons of Byron Center, Carmen Wals

of Grand Rapids; 21 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Grace Boyce of Wyoming; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two special grandchildren, Andrew and Sara. She was a member of St. Mary's Church where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

More than 216 students were named to the Kalamazoo College dean's list for the last academic quarter. To achieve the honor, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average, or above, on a scale of 4.0.

Founded in 1833, Kalamazoo College is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the United States.

Kalamazoo College offers 22 majors leading to a bachelor's degree and five areas of concentrated study to its 1218 students. It is noted for its innovative, year-round Kalamazoo Plan, which combines off-campus study in 1.) career development internships 2.) foreign study, and 3.) a senior individualized project. Students also have a rigorous complement of on campus courses.

The foreign study program (in which more than 85 percent of all Kalamazoo students participate) is unique in American higher education. Of particular note are the study possibilities in Africa. Kalamazoo sponsors the oldest and most extensive program for undergraduate study in sub-Saharan Africa in the nation.

Included on the dean's list from the Ada area was Jason B. Bennett, sophomore, son of Dr. Michael L. Bennett, and Ms. Rosemary Murphy, Coral.

Michigan State University lists 4,880 degree candidates for spring 1994.

There are 3,550 candidates for bachelor's degrees, 867 for master's degrees and 139 for doctoral degree; four for the educational specialist, 136 for the doctor of osteopathy, 72 are candidates for doctor of medicine, 105 for doctor of veterinary medicine and seven for doctor of musical arts.

Commencement will be on Friday, May 6.

Kristen Stouffer, a senior at Michigan Technological University, Environmental Engineering, attended the U.S. Naval Academy's Foreign Affairs conference in Annapolis, MD, April 24-28. She wrote and gave a paper, "Half Full or Half Empty: The Shifting Importance of the Colorado River in Mexican Foreign Policy."

She also participated in the roundtable on the Americas. The conference draws a se-

lect group of students each year from the United States and abroad to discuss regional and substantive problems in world affairs. Her project advisor was Assistant Professor Mary Durfee (Social Sciences) and her travel was supported by the Office of International Programs, directed by Sigrid Weinmann (Humanities).

Speaking and receiving honorary degrees are D. Allan Bromley, national science policies advisor, who will receive an honorary degree of doctor of science, and Ernest Green, managing director of Lehman Brothers consulting firm, will receive an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Included in the list of degree candidates are from the Alto area: Sarah Marsh, BS in Medical Technology; Daniel Muscat, MS in Criminal Justice; Brenda Patten, MA in Rehabilitation Counseling; Vicki Petsche, DVM in Veterinary Medicine (high honors); Amy Siler, BA in Social Work.

From the Ada area are Patricia Bement, MSN in Nursing; Heather DeHaan, BA in Audiology and Speech Sciences; Jessica Ray, BA in Marketing; Chanda Ulrich, BA in Criminal Justice (honors); Krystie Wills, MA in Eng-Teach to Speak Other Languages.

Anna Lietzke of Lowell was presented with one of Adrian College's highest academic awards on April 8 during the Honors Ceremony, the college's most prestigious academic event.

She received the Outstanding Chemistry Freshman Award, which was established to recognize outstanding scholarship on the part of freshmen chemistry students.

Lietzke, a freshman planning a major in environmental science, is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Ted and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell.

Adrian College is a highly regarded, independent liberal arts institution in southeast Michigan.

## Runciman/Riverside walls echo with 39 years of memories

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The stories and memories that came alive Friday night at the Runciman/Riverside Elementary Farewell Reunion were recanted as if they were as recent as today's headlines.

The memories of the school's 39 years were so strong and vivid for those who lived through some part or all of Runciman/Riverside history that their stories made the young, and those new to Lowell feel as if they'd been there too.

At the end of the 1993-94 school year, Runciman/Riverside will no longer be used to house elementary classes. Instead its prime purpose will be housing the pre-primary impaired, community education, business offices, New Dawn and senior care facilities.

There has even been an outcry to use some of the

space for a new Lowell public library facility.

However, the farewell reunion wasn't used to discuss future use of the buildings; instead it relived the buildings' past.

Miss Janet Haselwerdt, a fourth-grade teacher at Riverside (1942-1946), was in attendance.

In revisiting her old room, she found her old desk is still being used. But the fourth-grade teacher is no longer Miss Haselwerdt. The long-time Lowell resident is more widely known as Janet Bovee.

"This brings back many good memories. The room is the same and this was the desk I used," she recalls. "I taught some good kids through the years."

Bovee's (Haselwerdt) classroom was filled with 40-plus children.

"It was quite a handful. You could barely move, but I enjoyed it," Bovee said.

The Lowell resident recalls

being distracted by a little rummaging through her desk as she was talking to the class.

Bovee said "she asked the girl what she was doing. She replied "Looking through her desk was like going through her mother's purse. She couldn't find anything."

Then there was Norm Borgerson, a fourth-grade student of Haselwerdt's.

"I played a lot of basketball games in this gym," he recalls. "When this gym was built, it was hot stuff. The original floor was similar to the parque floor you see in Boston."

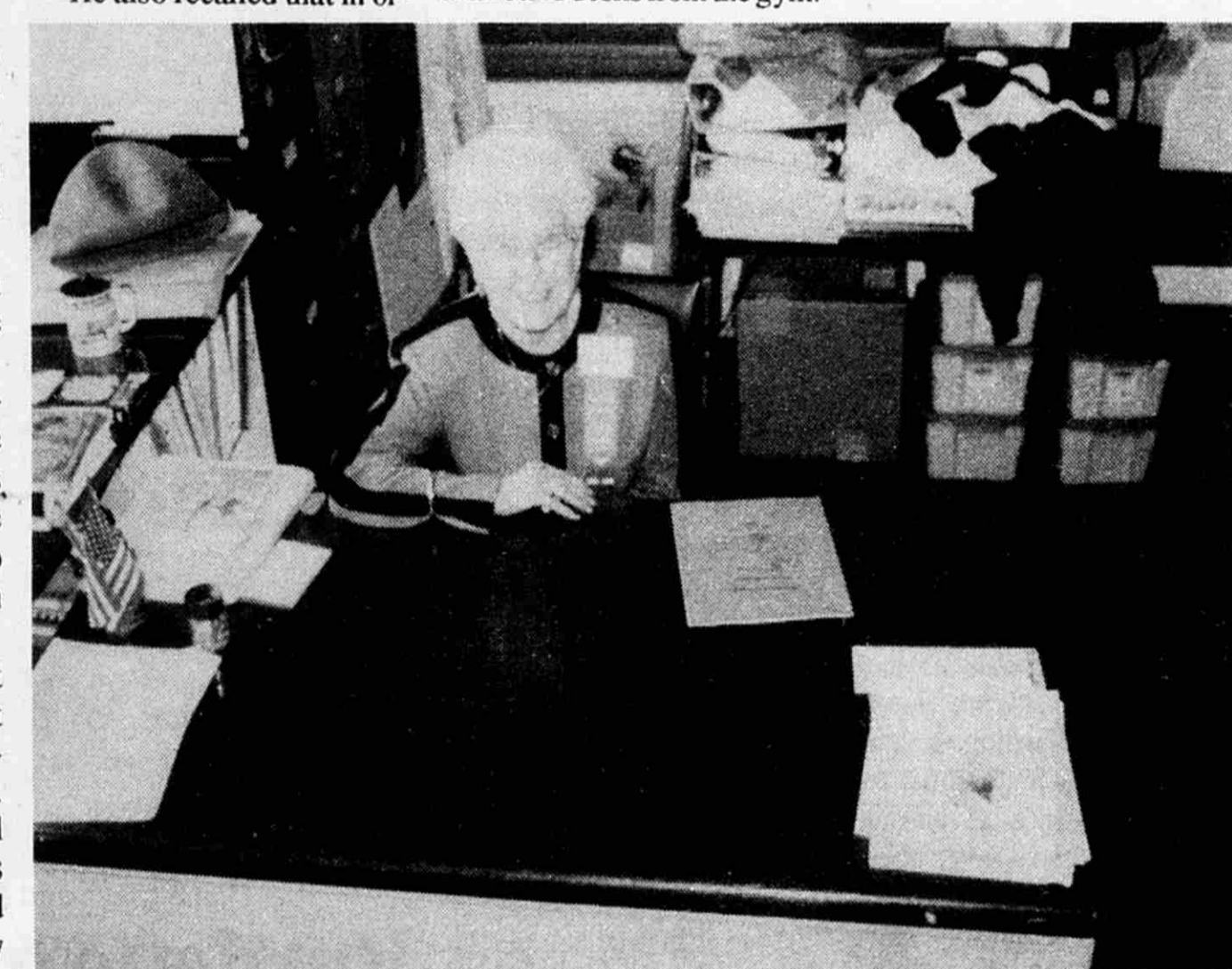
Riverside was built as part of a WPA (Workers Project Administration) program after the old high school burned.

"When the old high school burned, it was every kid's dream. However, it burned down on Sunday and Ray Avery organized everything and had kids back in school on Tuesday. We missed one

day of school," Borgerson said.

He also recalled that in or-

der to hold basketball practice, the players had to remove chairs and desks from the gym. Farewell, cont'd., pg. 22



Janet (Haselwerdt) Bovee sits at the same desk she used back in 1942 through 1946 when she taught fourth-grade at Riverside.

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus into good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10).

Great delight is found in creating a piece of furniture, a painting, a song, a dress, a story. There comes with it a feeling of satisfaction which is derived in no other way. A person who sews knows the pleasure of displaying an article of apparel which she has made herself. It's a thrill to watch a garment evolve from a piece of material into something of usefulness and beauty.

I remember the day a young friend started a long walk down the road to show me, his former teacher, the project he had completed in his shop class. Pride and satisfaction were written on his face.

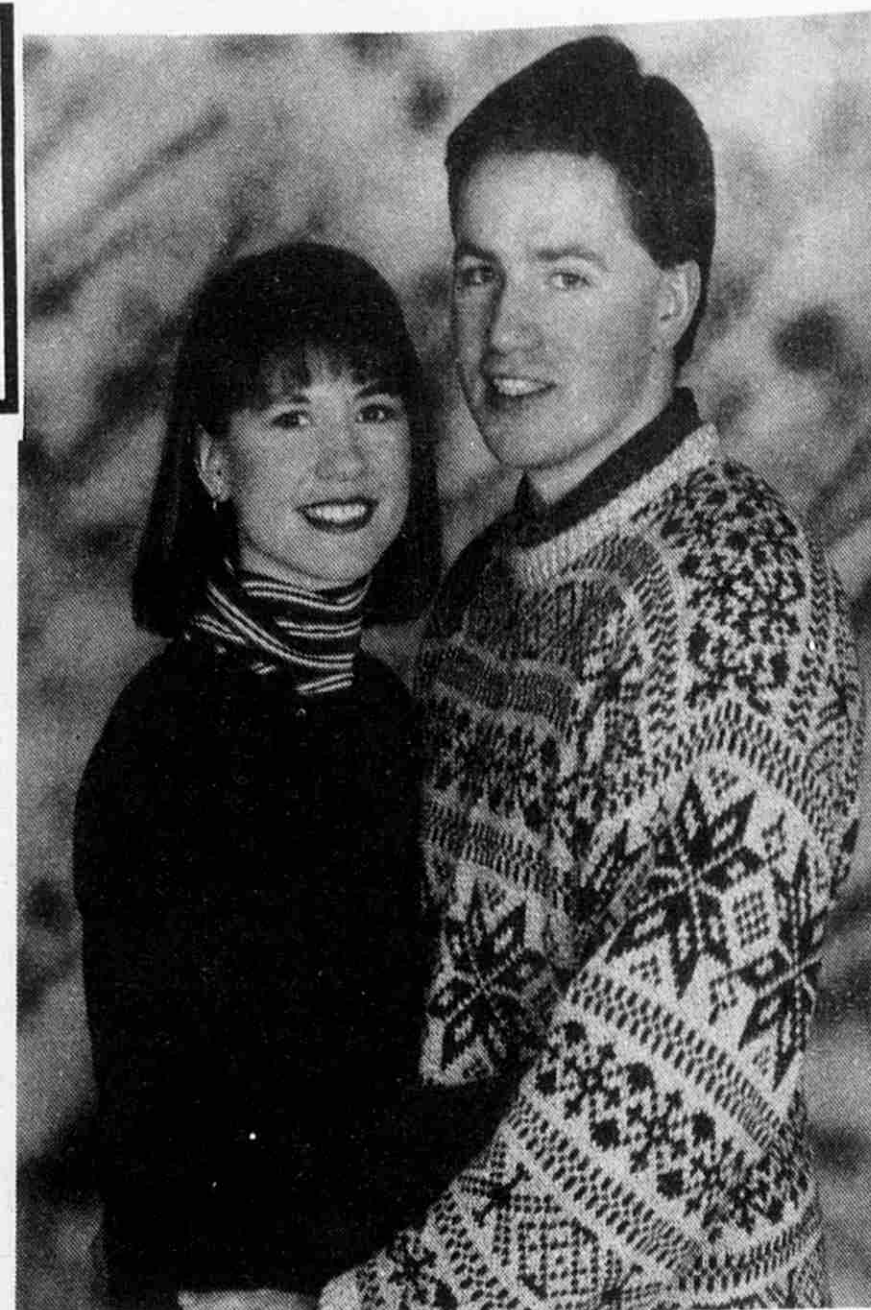
Just as a length of material must submit to the cutting

and fitting of the seamstress, or a piece of lumber must surrender to the sawing, hammering, and lathing of the workman's tools, so the Christian must submit to the molding of the Master's hand if he is to become a worthy example of His workmanship. His touch can make one's life beautiful, as well as useful. By keeping submitted to His creativity, we become "products of His artistry."

*Prayer:* Express Thy will, O Master, through me today. Do with me as Thou wilt. Mold me. Fashion me. Work out Thy design in my life. Make me a product of Thy artistry. Amen.

'Tis settled, Lord, I rest in Thee; My broken will says only Yes. Now, now indeed, my life is free; Henceforth Thy will it shall express.

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Diane Clark and Duke Burdette

## Burdette and Clark to wed in June

Diane M. Clark of Kentwood and D. Duke Burdette of Ann Arbor will be united in marriage at the First United Methodist Church in Lowell on June 18, 1994.

The future bride is the daughter of Robert and Iris Clark of Lowell and is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University. She is employed with Ernst & Young in Grand Rapids as a CPA in their tax department.

The future groom is the son of David Burdette and Susan (Janet) Baker of Lowell and is a graduate of Lowell High School, Hope College and the University of Michigan Medical School. He is currently finishing his residency in radiology at the University of Michigan Hospital.



Nicholas and Mindy Tykocki

## VOWS SPOKEN

Mindy Lou Walling and Nicholas Matthew Tykocki were united in marriage on January 15, 1994 at St. John Student Parish in East Lansing.

Parents of the couple are Clifford and Frances Walling of Lowell and David and Carol Tykocki of Fenton. Matron of honor was Rachel Provost. Bridesmaids were Tina Franks, Carla Burrows, Char Gressler and Jane Terova.

Best man was Chris Tykocki. Groomsman were George Miller, Nathan Tykocki, Joel VandeBerg and Dan Holland. Ushers were Dave Baxter and Dave Gardner.

The couple will reside in East Lansing.

# Viewpoint . . .

## Thad's Thoughts

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with you the results of having my handwriting analyzed.

For those of you who missed what the analysis uncovered, it said I am very smart, sarcastic, capable of shallow thinking, concerned with my department, emotional and honest.

In that column I asked "you" the reader to tell me what a person who reads handwriting is called. I received three telephone calls on Wednesday of that same week identifying what I couldn't.

Chuck McMann called and told me the person is called a graphologist.

Dottie Prinz was second to call. She noted that those with

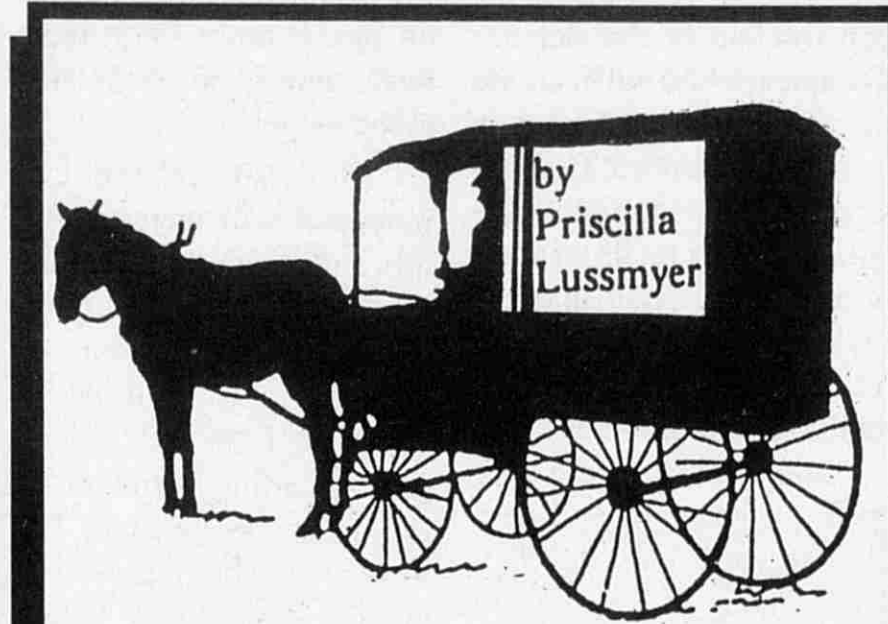
more schooling are referred to as grapho analysts.

Bruce DeKraak was the third caller and he mentioned that his brother Andrew DeKraak used to read handwriting for the state police post. He was referred to as a document examiner.

Hey, thanks for reading and thanks for the education. **CHEERS/JEERS to Lowell High School's** athletic department for coming in out of the rain and cancelling the track meet with Zeeland last Thursday. The question remains why Lowell and other schools insist on making their young athletes participate in such inclement conditions. The Zeeland meet and any other track meet that athletic directors tried to get in Thursday should never have been attempted. To whose benefit is it to have high school athletes long jumping, pole vaulting or running in a downpour that creates slick conditions? AD's will tell you the spring season is short and it is difficult to make up meets. Track is even more difficult since the regular season is so short. I've come to the conclusion that if the two schools can't come up with a make-up date, well then maybe the meet really isn't necessary. Anyway, anyhow, if the meet has meaning (a possible conference championship), I'm sure a make-up date will be found. The way things are currently run (not just here in Lowell), some day some young high school athlete is going to get hurt. And why? I don't have a good answer to that question.

In the televised funeral of Richard M. Nixon, our 37th President of the United States, how strange did you find it that George McGovern was one of the invited guests? If Republicans and Democrats alike are now willing to forget Watergate, what, then, is all the fuss about Whitewater? I can see it now. In 50 years Bob Dole, with the help of a few aides, will make his way to the podium to eulogize President Bill Clinton. He will talk about what a great man Clinton was and never once mention Whitewater. Granted, there is a big difference. Despite Dole's effort, the party out of office still can't come up with anything even remotely as damaging in the Whitewater case as was found in Watergate.

On a more positive note, baseball needs more Kirk Gibsons. The sheer energy and excitement that he brings to each game is a rarity these days. Being a Pittsburgh fan, I'm guessing it's that same excitement I felt as a youth listening to Pirate games on KDKA when Willie Stargell came to the plate. What brought all of this up is I saw Gibson hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the 10th inning to defeat Texas Monday night. He was down in the count 0-and-2 and then 1-and-2 before reaching out over the plate and hitting a waiste high fastball 380 feet into left field. He ran around the bases with fists pumped and legs a jumping - similar to that dramatic World Series home run he hit off Dennis Eckersley a few years ago.



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

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MAY 2, 1894**  
Local Friday night bicycle races, a little over 2 miles, are now being handicapped to add to the interest. Prizes are awarded.

Cole's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company is bringing its orchestra to the Music Hall next Saturday, with specialty features between acts. There are numerous road com-

panies presenting the play.

The Lowell & Hastings Railroad is offering free excursions to school classes to any point on the line and return, beginning May 12.

Harness maker H.S. Schreiner made the costliest harness in Lowell history, with solid silver and 86,784 (he counted?) stitches, for \$150 to Chas. McCarty, a while back.

Alto Dashes: Dr. Hunter plans to use his fine new bicycle instead of a horse to make house calls.

Anna Roth, of Vergennes, is staying with her grandparents, the Althauses, to attend school.

**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 1, 1919**

Michigan exceeded its quota of almost \$111 million for the Victory Liberty Loan the first day.

Detroit also is the leader among big cities. Lowell's quota was \$31,800 and is still climbing from \$53,000.

"Decoration Day, 1919, should be one of grateful memorial to the Old Grand Army departing and of thanksgiving for the New Grand Army returning."

Robert Springett's work with the YMCA in France is recognized by the Y International Committee.

A hit-and-run driver injures Roy VanDeusen's new team, being driven home from the freight depot, so badly that one horse must be shot.

The editor will continue the cash-in-advance and stop-when-time-is-up policies, which war shortages decreed. They have worked well, so much so that he will

not have to raise prices on subscriptions

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 4, 1944**

King Milling Co. manufactures prepared poultry and dairy feeds, and wheat, buckwheat and corn flours, all sold locally. Their display as the company of the week is in Roth's display window.

All meats except roast beef and beefsteak go off the ration list, effective now.

Pouring concrete for the new King Mill started Monday. More workers are needed.

The FFA finishes its last scrap paper collection until fall and freshman Raymond Hesche is again the champion, with over a ton of paper to his credit.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 1, 1969**

The Sixth Annual Swap Meet and Flea Market will be held this weekend at the fairgrounds. An antique car parade will be featured.

Gordon Johnson receives the 1968 state Meritorious Service award for Masons.

"Some road contractors have hired girls to replace men with flags at construction sites to get motorists to pay more attention."

Sirens will sound throughout Kent County this Friday noon in a Civil Defense Warning test. The "first-Friday" tests will be continued into July. Sirens sound for three minutes.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. CARL J. REITSMA - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship..... 9:00 A.M. &amp; 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><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service..... 9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour..... 11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; J.V. Wednesday..... 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday..... 6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 402 N. Amity MSGNR. JAMES MORAN MASSES Saturday Mass..... 5:30 P.M. Sunday Masses..... 9:00 &amp; 11:00 A.M.</p>
<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemorewood • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Worship Service..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Service..... 6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" • God Loves you and has a plan for your life. • Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins. • Forgiveness is yours and Heaven your destination when you believe in Christ. Sunday Service..... 10:00 A.M. Bible Study..... 7 P.M. Tuesday 897-6332 Located: on Centerline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy. Pastor Frank and Daphnie Lattimore</p>	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible..... 9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School..... 10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWare..... Pastor Eleanor Martin..... Director of Education Barrier-Free..... Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Praise..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA..... 7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:30 P.M. REV. KENNETH R. MCGEE, Pastor 897-5648 or 897-4273 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening..... 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry..... 7:00 P.M. Robert L. Walls, Pastor Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of May 9th ELEMANTARY

MONDAY: Italian Spaghetti or cole slaw, French bread with peanut butter, choice of fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets, steamed corn, dinner roll with butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or burrito, steamed peas, French bread with butter, fruit selection, milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, buttered green beans, choice of fresh or canned fruit, cookie, milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, carrot sticks and dip, fruit juice, assorted fruit, milk.

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti or crispiro with cheese or chef salad, cole slaw or mixed vegetable, French bread with peanut butter, choice of fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, steamed corn, potatoes or rice and gravy, dinner roll with butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ravioli or burrito or chef salad, steamed peas or side salad, Spanish rice, French bread with butter, fruit selection, milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or hot dog or chili dog in a bun or chef salad with bread, buttered green beans or side salad, choice of fresh or canned fruit, cookie, milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese, pepperoni or chicken gravy on a biscuit or chef salad with biscuit, carrot sticks or side salad, fruit juice, assorted fruit, milk.

like to act as the personal representative of your estate. This is the person who guides the estate through the probate process. Also you will want to name those individuals who you would like to act as the guardians and conservators of your minor children and their estates.

If each of you only drafted wills and something happened to both of you, then the following will take place: (1) At least one of your estates would be probated. If all of your assets were held in both of your names, then those assets would avoid probate at the first death, only to be probated in the second spouse's estate. (2) Upon the completion of probate, the remaining assets of your joint estates would be managed by the conservator appointed by the court (hopefully the same

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**LEGAL EASE**  
With Jonathan J. David

**DEAR JONATHAN:** My husband and I have been married about 10 years and we have three small children. Although we do not have a lot in the way of assets, we do have life insurance policies with death benefits totalling over \$400,000. If something happened to both of us, we want to make sure that our children are well taken care of but we don't want them to get all of the money at an early age. What is the best way for us to accomplish our objective?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** You are wise to want to engage in planning now to protect your children in the event something happens to you and your husband. In order to achieve your objective as stated, both of you are going to want to implement a last will and testament and some type of trust. The different types of trusts which you should consider are the revocable living trust which can either be funded while both of you are alive or only funded upon both of your deaths, and the testamentary trust. Let's review these documents and the reasons I am recommending them.

First of all, each of you should prepare a last will and testament. I am assuming that each of you want to give everything to the surviving spouse with your children being named as alternate beneficiaries. If this is true, then in your wills you will want to name the other spouse as the beneficiary of both the personal property and all of the other assets, commonly known as the residue of your estate.

In the will you will also want to name the person you would

## TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:  
The greatest deceivers in the United States have offices in Washington D.C.!

Still they have the audacity to accuse the tobacco companies of being deceitful.

Is not the Clinton regime ready to heap many new taxes on us?

Did they not promise no new taxes?

Regardless if you are a smoker or not, taxation to force a way of life is very unfair.

Can you not see how taxation can take away all our freedoms?

Many law makers in Lansing decided because Proposal A passed, that meant we wanted more freedoms taken from those who smoke.

Not so! I am a smoker. I voted for Proposal A just to relieve property owners of unfair taxes.

Just be sure and look on both sides of the coin when the state and federal governments are handing out these good deals. They are very deceitful!

Sincerely,  
Bertha B. Brown

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



### ASPIRIN AS PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE

Should you be taking aspirin to prevent a heart attack? For any person who has survived a cardiovascular event (ie, heart attack, stroke), the answer is yes: 1/2 to one whole adult aspirin every day. This advice is based on a recent international meta-analysis of more than 150 clinical studies. These results support the belief that unless you have a history of severe allergic reaction to aspirin, your risk of dying from a stroke or heart attack (again, with a history of heart disease) is so much greater than your risk of taking aspirin, that it's worth it.

For people without a history of cardiovascular disease, however, aspirin's risks - from an irritated stomach to the risk of internal bleeding - have to be weighed more heavily. Those individuals with risk factors for heart attack - cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, obesity, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease - are more likely to benefit from aspirin use. Even these individuals, though, should be wary of routine aspirin use if they have a history of ulcers, heartburn, or bleeding tendencies.

In summary, routine aspirin use probably offers substantial benefit to those suffering from pre-existing cardiovascular disease. For others, including those with risk factors for heart disease, it is probably best to discuss regular aspirin use with your physician.

## Persistence could pay off for Cumberland Market owner over beer license

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

The waiting game continues, but a solution may be close at hand.

The game is not really a game; rather it is the Lowell Township Board waiting for a new driveway to be built at the Cumberland Market before approving the application request for a beer and wine license.

The board was approached by Jeff Roy last month requesting the township's approval for the license. The board said it

would not grant the license unless the market met all ordinance guidelines. Roy did meet all the guidelines except one. That one was the construction of a paved driveway with curbs and gutters at the market's entrance.

At issue between the township board and Roy is the question of whose responsibility it is to build the driveway. Before Roy bought the property a performance bond was issued to the previous owner, but that owner went bankrupt before the driveway was completed.

The township told Roy

that a bond must be purchased declaring his intention to build a driveway before it can approve his license request.

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

To prove his point, Roy has had the bond issue investigated by the state and it seems his efforts may be beneficial.

The board recently received a letter from Western Surety Company, the bonding company from the previous owner, declaring the firm was

looking for bids to "correct the driveway problem at Phillips Garden Center, now known as Cumberland Market." The company has asked for area contractors to bid on the job by May 10 and hopes to contact a local contractor by May 15 about the completion of the project.

The letter and the effort by Roy has impressed the board enough that it may grant their approval once a contractor has been chosen.

"I don't think we can grant his license yet, but once a contractor has been chosen and we know when the project will

be completed, I don't see any reason to hold up the approval," said Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson.

Roy would like to get the permit soon because he said 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 he almost had to close. The permit

would make his store a year-round business rather than a nine-month business.

The board decided to wait a few more weeks because it has already waited this long and figures a contractor will be selected shortly.

"If Roy is pursuing this matter with the bonding company like he is with the board, I know the driveway will be built, and I will have no problem approving his application," said Timpson.

## Science complex a sign GVSU is growing with West Michigan

While Grand Valley State University (GVSU) presently has a significant economic impact on the West Michigan region, the addition of the \$40 million Science Complex under construction on the university's Allendale campus will further strengthen the region's economy.

Based on financial data for the 1993 fiscal year, the total (direct and indirect) economic impact of the university to the area was estimated to be more than \$184 million\*.

For 1993, the university's total direct economic impact was estimated to be \$90 mil-

lion. This impact will be even greater next year due to the construction of the Science Complex, which will increase existing instructional space on campus by one third. The construction contract for the Science Complex totals an additional \$28.3 million, and furnishings, equipment, and other costs are projected to total \$12.5 million.

Some \$23,383,208 was spent on materials and supplies in the county in 1993. This amount is projected to increase to more than \$25,383,208 in 1994, due to spending associated with the construction of the Science Complex.

Grand Valley's expenditures translate into hundreds of jobs for area residents, not only for those who work directly for the university, but also for persons working in local businesses that provide supplies and services to the university and the construc-

tion tradespeople working on the Science Complex. Based on figures from 1993, there were some 3,086 jobs related to the university.

University-related employment will increase significantly with the construction of the Science Complex, which will utilize some 40 sub-contractors: most of whom are from West Michigan. According to university estimates, on average, 180 workers will be employed on the site at one time, with a total of 500 to 600 workers employed at the site during the full construction period.

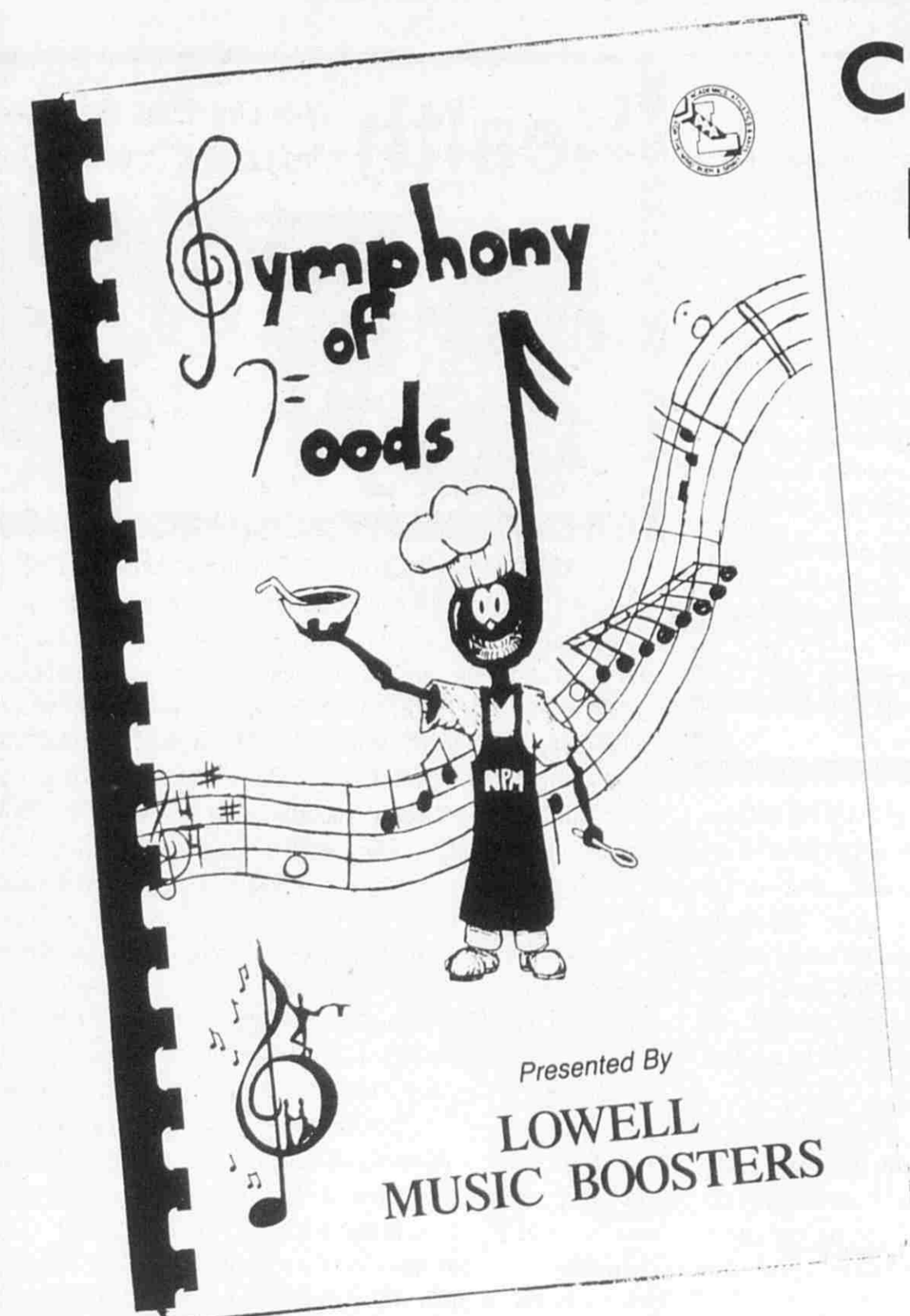
The institution's impact is also felt by businesses that provide housing, food, and transportation and meet a myriad of other direct needs and wants of faculty, staff, and students.

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Sealed bids will be accepted from general contractors for the following project:

**Project:** GRAHAM HOME UPPER LEVEL RESTORATION  
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**For:** Lowell Area Historical Association

**Owner:** City of Lowell, Michigan

**Bid Opening:** Tuesday, May 10, 1994, 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** City of Lowell Offices  
301 East Main Street  
Lowell, Michigan 49331  
(616) 897-8457

**Pre-bid Inspection:** Tuesday, May 3, 1994, 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Graham Home, Upper Level

**Contact:** Dan Durkee, Architect  
Robert Lee Wold & Associates, Inc.  
678 Front Street, Suite 255  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504  
(616) 456-9944

**Estimated Construction Cost:** \$30,000 to \$50,000

Note: This project is partially funded through a Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and will be subject to requirements as established for Federally-assisted projects and as outlined within the project specifications.

Drawings and specifications are available at the office of the architect, maximum of three sets to general contractors only.

## Saranac High School third-quarter Honor Roll

Students on the honor roll for the third quarter at Saranac High School are as follows:

**Freshmen all A's**  
Chris Culver, Gwen Geivett, Becky Hubble, Sara Monks, Amy O'Boyle, Heath Sabin, Bill Talcott, Greg Westbrook.

**Freshmen A's & B's**  
Sarah Bowers, Amy Carigon, Becky Geiger, Pat Hendrick, Kyle Hubbard, Loroy Lozada, Jill Owen, Andria Patrick, Allan Raimier, Brianne Rutz, Luke VanderZee, Kari Wilbur, Bobbi Willison.

**Freshmen A's, B's & 1 C**  
Michaela DeYoung, Tammy Erb, Jason Hardy, Trevor Hill, Steve Lewis,

Tracie Maynard, Brandon Mulnix, Bob Scott, Arleigh Sterzick, Eric Thompson, Jennifer Yaw.

**Sophomore All A's**  
Jessica Covell, Carrie Dingerson, Melanie Endres, Phaedra McElvain, Dawn Wigfield.

**Sophomore A's & B's**  
Tanesha Abel, Rachel Bonga, Jennifer DePotty, Sara Dolley, Kendra Greiner, Jimael Lawson, Josie Nilsson, Melissa Schneider, Adam Swiger, Kim Swiger, Jake VanderZee, Sarah Visser, Jeff Westbrook, Madelyn Westover, Sarah Williams.

**Sophomore A's, B's & 1 C**  
Ben Bergeron, Missy Hunter, Jake LeSarge, Amy

Thompson, Eric Winslow.

**Junior All A's**  
Rick Cahoon, Wade O'Boyle, Becky Seese.

**Junior A's & B's**  
Angie Chase, Bryan Courtney, Chad Elliot, Amber Fry, Tricia Goff, Courtney Hill, Jodi Huysler, Nick Kimble, Hope Lockhart, Miranda Nash, Derek Neumann, Amanda Palmittier, Tara Powell, Joe Rasmus, Kyla Scott, Sara Seelye, Erica Simmons, Heather Smith, Tricia Soules, John Sterzick, Janet Tichelaar, Melissa Yarrington.

**Junior A's, B's & 1 C**  
Brenda Bowen, Fred Brickley, Sarah Harrington, Jeremy Hubbard, Wendy

Hughes, Aaron Swiger, Brad Wittenbach.

**Senior All A's**  
Kyle Carigon, Kristi Conroe, Julia DeYoung, Zach DeYoung, Isabel Hartmann, Paula Horste, Jenny Ida, Kristin Salka, Silvana Sarmiento, Angie Whorley, Diana Whorley.

**Senior A's & B's**  
Jenny Anderson, Melissa Bradley, Jim Campion, Aubrey Culver, Bruce Curtis, Angie Denny, Stephanie Irving, Jim LeSarge, Jamie Longwell, Stacy McKinch, Kerri Mickelson, Heather Mulnix, Jessica Rutz, Seth Rutz, Blaine Sigafosse, Claudia Squara, Aaron Vroman.

**Senior A's, B's & 1 C**  
Tim Brown, Jason Cady, Karlene Clouser, Wendy

Johnson, Rich Mutschler, Corey Rolfe, Jason Smith, Alison Wheelock.

## IN THE SERVICE

Army Spec. Joey S. Jackson Jr. has completed a U.S. Army primary leadership development course at Camp Jackson, Uijong-Bu, South Korea.

Students received training in supervisory skills, leadership principles, and small unit training techniques essential to a first-line supervisor in a technical or administrative environment.

He is a scout team leader assigned in Munsan, South Korea.

Jackson is the son of Joey S. Jackson Sr. of Clarksville. His wife, Jeanette, is the daughter of Bob and Marion C. Durkee of Lake Odessa. Jackson is a 1982 graduate of Lakewood High School, Lake Odessa.

Marine Pfc. Aaron J. Mutschler, son of Joann E. Mutschler of Lowell, recently reported for duty at Marine Barracks, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

## GVSU grows with West Michigan, continued...

city, Grand Valley is not only a valuable educational resource for increasing numbers of West Michigan residents, it is also a hub of development occurring both in Allendale Township and downtown Grand Rapids.

"While our dramatic growth in enrollment over the past eleven years has contributed to the economic stability of the area, the addition of facilities such as the Science Complex certainly act as a boost to the region's economy," said Ronald F.

VanSteele, Vice President of Finance and Administration. "Our \$40 million Science Complex is the largest public project now in progress in Ottawa County."

In 1963, Grand Valley's first class numbered some 226 students and the university consisted of 876 acres of land, one building, and an operating budget of \$660,904.

Last fall, 13,384 students enrolled at Grand Valley, marking the eleventh consecutive year Grand Valley

has topped the state's chart of university growth. While other Michigan institutions have either lost enrollment or experienced modest gains, Grand Valley State has seen a 147-percent increase in full-time enrollment and a 110-percent student head count increase since 1982. The university's operating budget for the 1992-93 year reached approximately \$60.4 million and is set at \$64.3 million for 1993-94.

With roughly 1,000 un-

dergraduate and graduate degrees conferred each year, Grand Valley is a large supplier of trained labor for West Michigan companies. Ninety-eight percent of Grand Valley's students are Michigan residents, with 56 percent from Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties.

Last year, some 74,066 people used the present facilities on the Grand Rapids Campus, including more than 72,614 who attended educational workshops, seminars and programs. In addition, 6,222 students were enrolled in classes for credit at the Grand Rapids campus.

Based on figures from 1993, GVSU employed some 842 full- and 186 part-time employees spent an estimated \$12.5 million for transportation, goods, and services in the county—approximately 46 percent of their total disposable income.

The 13,384 students enrolled at Grand Valley during

the fall of 1993 contributed greatly to the economy, spending approximately \$53.4 million on transportation, goods, and services in the region during the year.

The university's in-state expenditures for student activities totaled \$1,041,037 in 1993.

Where do funds come from?

Of Grand Valley State University's 1993 budget, students provide the largest single source of income from tuition and fees, totaling \$31,047,672, 53.5 percent of the general fund. The state appropriation is the second largest income source, totaling \$29,292,754 for 46.5 percent of the general fund budget.

Other revenue sources include:

- \$11,700,139 from room and board and ancillary services,  
- \$2,360,647 from other

in-state sources,  
- \$7,946,244 from out-of-state sources,

- and \$5.76 million from private gifts contributed to university programs and the GVSU Endowment Fund.

During the fall (1993) semester, 64 percent of Grand Valley's students were enrolled full-time, while the remaining 36 percent were part-time students. Our enrollment was 60 percent women and 40 percent men. The average undergraduate student was 23.3 years of age and the average graduate student was 34.8 years old.

Since the first graduation ceremony was held in 1967, more than 25,000 students have earned GVSU degrees. During the 1992-93 academic year, 1,669 students received bachelor's degrees and 356 received master's degrees. An estimated eighty percent of all Grand Valley State graduates remain in West Michigan to pursue successful, productive careers.

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### POPPY DAYS

Clark-Ellis Post #152, American Legion and Auxiliary, and Veterans Foreign Wars Post #8303 and Auxiliary will have Poppy Days May 12, 13 and 14.

### CREEKSIDE PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Creekside Park Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call Tina, 897-0709.

### BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Fire Department and Grand Valley Blood Program will sponsor a blood drive Wednesday, May 11, at the Look Memorial Fire Station from 3 to 7 p.m.

Anyone who is 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days. No appointments necessary, only walk-ins. For more information call Ginni Blanchard, GVBV mobile consultant, 776-1863.

### DOPLAR RADAR WEATHER SERVICE ON CABLE

On Thursday, April 28, a doplar radar weather service was added to the Lowell Cable TV system.

This service can be seen on channel position 33. The service was added as a condition of the retransmission agreement signed on October 5, 1993, with WWMT-TV3.

### FFA HOG ROAST AND AUCTION

There will be a Lowell FFA hog roast and auction Friday, May 13, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lowell High School cafeteria.

The auction begins at 7:30 p.m. You may purchase tickets at the door or from any FFA member. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children, five and under, are free.

### LAHA PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Association cordially invites

all of its members and the public to its program on May 25 at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

A history of Lowell's most famous authors will be given by Dr. Thomas Hill. Social gathering starts at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The middle school band concert will be held May 5 at 7 p.m. in the middle school.

### TV/VCR RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for a Panasonic 20" TV/VCR combination. Tickets are \$1. All proceeds will be used for the Creekside Park Project. For ticket information please call Tina, 897-0709, or Brenda, 897-8282.

### 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, May 10.

### HELP CELEBRATE NATIONAL EMS WEEK

The Lowell Area Fire Department Community Training Center will be offering an American Heart Association adult CPR course on Thursday, May 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. A donation is the fee. To register or for more information, call 897-5241.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Scholarship applications for the Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship are available at the Student Service Center at Lowell High School or the Lowell Area Arts Council office at 149 S. Hudson in Lowell between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

The applications must be submitted by May 13. Applicants must have graduated from high school by July 1, 1994, to be eligible.

### 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.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Ricky Elenbaas, 20, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident April 28, on Main at Valley Vista Drive, when his vehicle was struck from behind. The other vehicle was a pickup truck driven by Keith Gillhespy, 32, also of Lowell.

Eric Sorenson, 23, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident at Main and West Street April 28. The accident occurred when a pickup truck driven by Robert Verburg, 48, of Ada, skidded at the intersection and struck Sorenson's van.

Steven Bennett, 39, of Lowell, struck the rear of a car driven by a 16-year-old youth from Lowell, on Main near Church Street, April 28. There were no injuries reported.

Frank Rodriguez, 28, of Lowell was arrested April 30 on two warrants, one out of Grand Rapids, the other out of Paw Paw. Both warrants were for driving while license suspended.

A 14-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court for larceny from an auto. The incident occurred last March.

David Clark, 29, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a property damage accident April 30, on Main Street near Valley Vista Drive, when his vehicle was struck from behind by a car driven by a 16-year-old juvenile from Ionia.

Dawn Dykstra, 28, of Lowell, backed from a parking space on Broadway near Chatham Street into the path of a car driven by Arthur Snyder, 64, of Lowell. No one was injured in the April 30 accident.

Lowell officers investigated 21 accident complaints in the month of April, three of which incurred injuries. The total for the year so far is 93 compared to 87 at the same time last year.

## Morrow, continued...

fall, even though it had been mutually agreed that asphalt would not be repaired until the following spring.

Gall told the Council that no one pressured Shaler to complete the drive repair in December. "It was a bad decision to pour at that time," Gall said.

Councilman Jim Hodges said he felt Morrow should be

taken care of and that the city should work out a solution with Shaler.

Pasquale said Shaler was asked to attend the Council meeting.

"The city is in a bad position. It is an innocent bystander,

and the contractor is not willing to do anything," Pasquale said.

Morrow said the drive and curb are severely pitted and scaled on the surface. "The driveway and curb are currently a detriment to our home," Morrow said.

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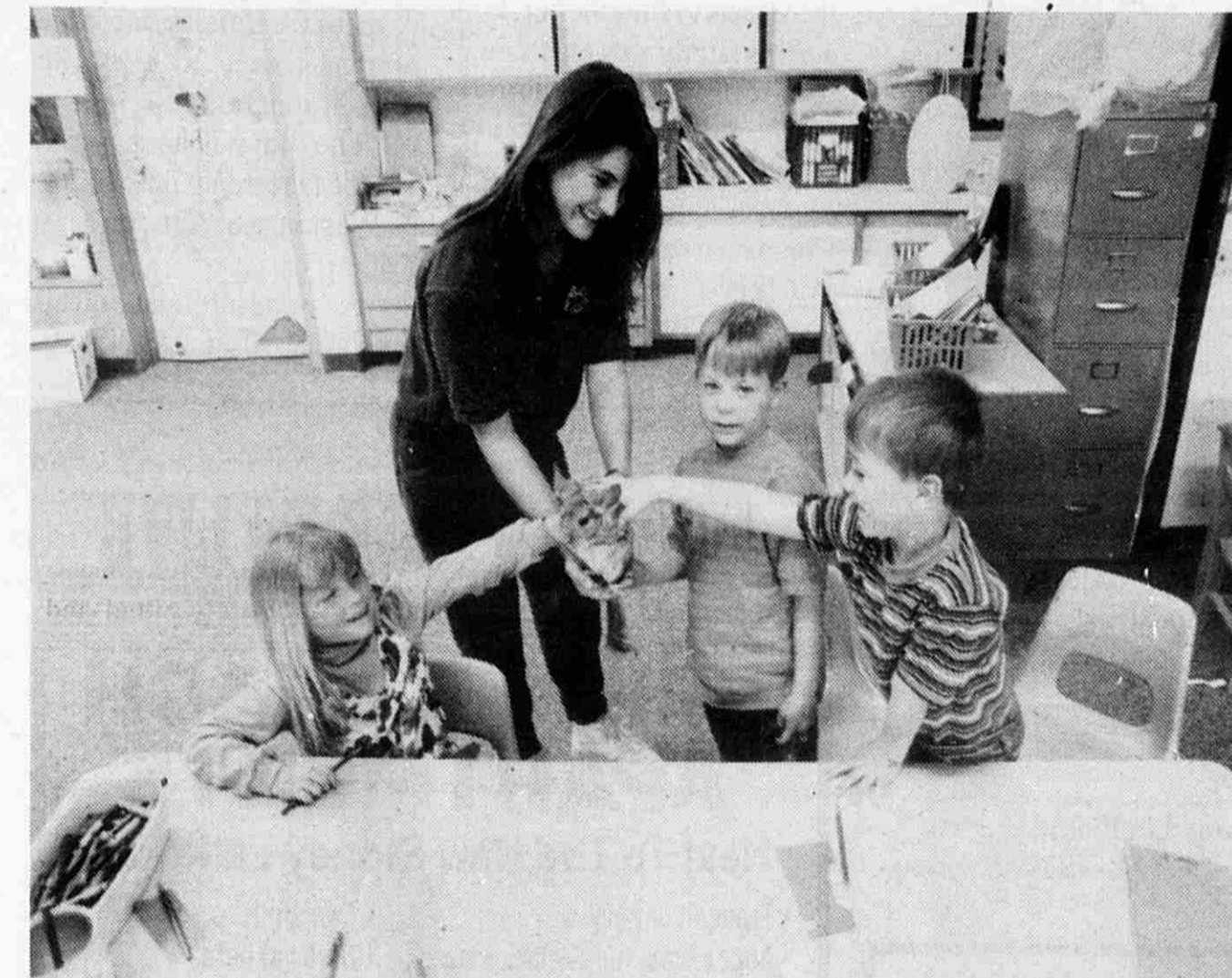
**MAY 6TH**

Happy 16th Anniversary, Tool.

## Binder Park Zoo wheels its Education Outreach Program into Alto Elementary



Quincie Gald allows Alto children to share a moment with a Hingeback tortoise as part of Binder Park Zoo's (Battle Creek) Education Outreach Program.



Christine Vikis, Binder Park Zoo, gives Alto Kindergartners a chance to warm to a chinchilla. Pictured, from left to right, are Kim Meeuwsen, Vikis, Kenny Bieri and Kevin Jahnke.

## GR's Johnson to speak at FHS meeting

Featured speaker at the May 16 meeting of the Fallsburg Historical Society will be a former Grand Rapids Press employee Charles F. Johnson.

Johnson is an authority on ghost towns and settlements that formerly had post offices, and will tell about Fallsburg's post office, as well as those of other communities. He is a native of Michigan, lives in Grand Rapids and is a retired stamp dealer.

Johnson graduated from Central Michigan University with majors in Languages, Business and Social Science and a minor in History. He did post-graduate work at the University of Michigan, worked at the Grand Rapids Press for 15 years and as a columnist for the Lake County Star. A veteran of the Korean War, he was a member of the First Marine Division and is now editor of the First Marine Division Association West Michigan Chapter newspaper, *The Sloopchute News*.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
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ORDER FOR SERVICE  
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CASE NO. 94-0820-00  
Plaintiff  
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vs.  
Defendant  
DAVID WILLIAM LAND  
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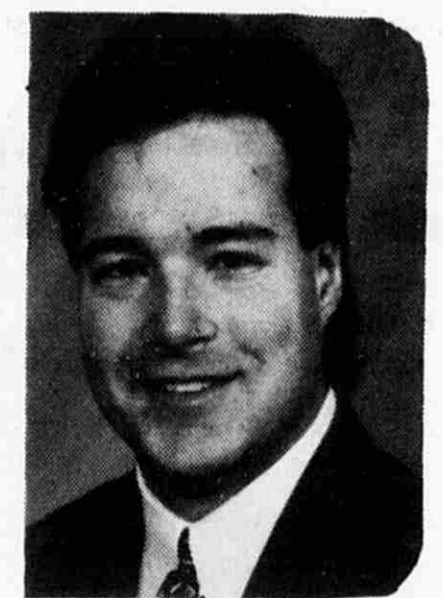
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TO: DAVID WILLIAM LAND

IT IS ORDERED:  
1) You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to obtain a judgment of divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before May 18, 1994. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.  
2) A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

4/7/94  
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Judge

## Business Matters



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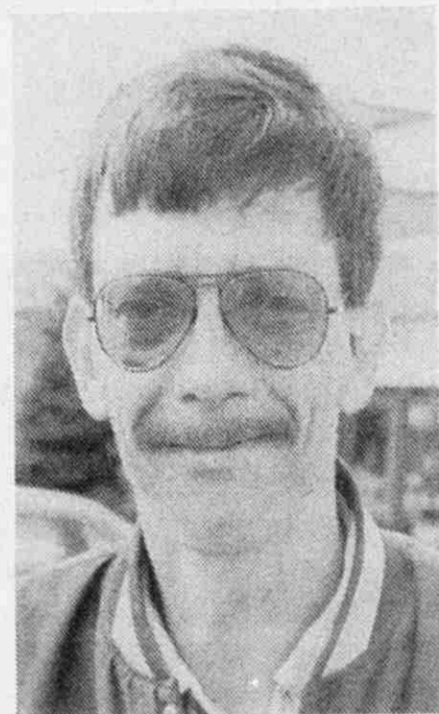
## What is your favorite comic strip? And why?



**Greg Schoenborn**  
Sally Forth. A lot of it seems to pertain to normal married life.



**Becki VanderLoon**  
Calvin and Hobbs. It reminds me of how things were when I was a little kid.



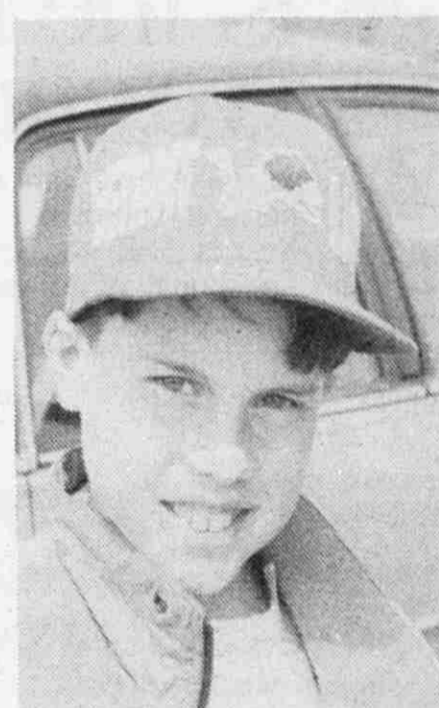
**Dewey Prins Jr.**  
Peanuts. It reminds me of family.



**Kate Woodhead**  
Ziggy. He's cute.



**Lynn Woodhead**  
Bobby's World. It's a cute character.



**Sean Mandle**  
Ziggy. He's funny.



**Shelly VanVeelen**  
Family Circus. It's about kids and it's funny.



**Jerry Winsor**  
Calvin and Hobbs. It's a good social commentary.

## Nazarene Church to show "Come the Morning" May 8

COME THE MORNING is the newest dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Ben Gibson, 13, (Travis Knight; UHF, *Dark Before Dawn*) is learning some hard lessons about life. His father, Clyde (D. David Morin; *Hero, For the Boys, Empty Nest, Cheers, L.A. Law*) has abandoned his family without an explanation. His mother, Constance (Susan Howard; *Dallas, Petrocilli, Sidewinder One*), packs up their few belongings, along with Ben and his two younger siblings. They journey across the country to Los Angeles on a shred of hope that they can find their father and be together again.

It isn't long before their money is spent or stolen and they're eventually forced onto the streets to find shelter. Ben and his family now must come face-to-face with the horrors of a homeless way of life in a strange city.

Throughout their ordeal, Constance relies on her faith in Christ to sustain her own low spirits. But Ben can't overcome his bitterness against

God for allowing his father to leave them. He befriends a homeless man named Nick (J. D. Hall; *In the Heat of the Night, Fresh Prince of Bel Air, The Renegade*), who seems to reinforce his conviction that God either isn't there or doesn't care enough to intervene.

With the help of a kind church member, George (John Schneider; *The Dukes of Hazzard, Broadway's Grand Hotel*), the Gibson family eventually finds shelter in a local Salvation Army. A staff member, Lorraine (Andi Chapman; *Born Yesterday, Dad, thirtysomething*), takes them under her wing. She radiates faith and is instrumental in bringing hope back to the desperate family.

COME THE MORNING uses the contemporary issue of homelessness as a backdrop for the timeless message of man's need to reconcile himself to God.

The film will be shown at Lowell Nazarene Church, 201 N. Washington Ave., on May 8 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 897-8800.

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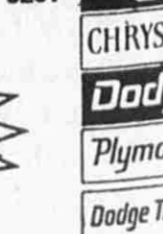


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Anthony Denison and Lorraine Bracco star in "Getting Gotti," airing Tuesday on CBS. Denison portrays reputed Gambino family crime boss John Gotti, under investigation on charges of loan-sharking, gambling and racketeering. Bracco plays prosecuting attorney Diane Giacalone.

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TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MAY 10, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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THURSDAY EVENING MAY 12, 1994		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	David Copperfield: 15 Years of Magic (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)				
4	WOTV	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Byrds of Paradise (In Stereo)	The Stand (In Stereo) (Parental Discretion Part 4 of 4)	News	Nightline				
5	WGUV	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	On the Waterways (In Stereo)	Are You Being Served?	Harry Chapin		
7	WXMI	Cheers	Full House "Pal Joey"	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Martin (R) (In Stereo)	Thunder in Paradise (In Stereo)	Cheers "Show Down"	Murphy Brown		
8	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Wings	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
6	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	David Copperfield: 15 Years of Magic (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	L.A. Law (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
10	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Bonding"	Mad About You	Wings	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	L.A. Law (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show		
23	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House (R)	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery: "Prime Suspect 3"	Practical Sports	Wild America (R)		
13	WZZM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affairs	Byrds of Paradise (In Stereo)	The Stand (In Stereo) (Parental Discretion Part 4 of 4)	The Stand (In Stereo)	Parental Discretion Part 4 of 4	News	Rush Limbaugh		
17	WSYM	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Coach (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Simpsons (In Stereo)	In Living Color	Martin (R) (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Acapulco H.E.A.T. "Code Name: Deep Six"	
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
7	TBS	Andy Griffith	Beverly Hillsbillies	Movie: *** "For Your Eyes Only" (1981, Adventure) Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet, Topol. 007 goes to Greece to recover a stolen defense device.	Movie: *** "Octopussy" (1983) Roger Moore.						
40	FAM	Waltons "The Birthday"	Young Riders "The Keepsake" (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "The Bucket Dog"					
40	NASH	(6:30) Club Dance (R)	Country News	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Jeff Dunham, (In Stereo)	Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)				
21	MTV	MTV Blocks (In Stereo)	Prime Time (In Stereo)			Real World (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Beavis and Butt-head		
23	USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings "Noses Off"	Murder, She Wrote "Reflections of the Mind"	Movie: ** "Friday the 13th Part VII: The New Blood" (1988, Horror) Lar Park Lincoln, (In Stereo)	Wings "I Love Brian"	Wings (In Stereo)				
10	DISC	Beyond 2000	Mysterious World	Pacific Tales	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Challenge "Canada Wild" (R)	Mysterious World	Pacific Tales		
25	WGN	Designing Women	Jeffersons	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "Hercules and the Lost Kingdom" (In Stereo)	News			Night Court	Highlander: The Series		
25	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	Stanley Cup Playoffs: Western Conference Semifinal Game 6 - Teams to Be Announced. (Time Approximate) If necessary, (Live)					Sportscenter			
27	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primernews	Larry King Live	World News		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)		
23	CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		
10	NICK	Doug	Muppets	Partridge Family	Mork & Mindy	Bob Newhart	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Get Smart	
10	A&E	In Search Of (R)	Real West the gold rush to the Yukon River.	Atlantic Records Story The history of Atlantic Records.				Investigative Reports "Undercover" (R)			
13	PASS	Auto Racing: ARCA Supercar.	Countdown to Indy	On Pit Road	Motorcycle Racing: AMA Road Race. (R)	MotorSports Hour (R)		This Week in NASCAR			
27	TNT	Kung Fu "The Way of Violence Has No Mind"	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)					NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced. (Live)			
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
15	DISN	Movie: ** "A Fighting Choice" (1986) A teen-ager sues for the right to undergo brain surgery.	Movie: *** "The Wackiest Ship in the Army" (1961, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Ricky Nelson.	Movie: *** "Cowboys Don't Cry" (1989) 'NR'							
15	HBO	(5:45) Movie: "Animals" Movie: "Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach" (1988) 'PG'	Movie: "Honor and Glory" (1993, Adventure) Cynthia Rothrock. 'R'	Def Comedy Jam (R)	Movie: ** "Rapid Fire" (1992) Brandon Lee. 'R'						
15	MAX	(6:00) Movie: "Indiana Jones & the Temple"	Movie: *** "Looking for Mr. Goodbar" (1977, Drama) A promiscuous schoolteacher has numerous one-night stands. 'R'	Movie: "Wet 'n' Wild Summer" (1992, Comedy) Christopher Atkins. 'R'							

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT MAY 12, 1994		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WMT	(11:35) Late Show	Sweating Bullets (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree						
4	WOTV	Designing Women	Love Connection	Gravity Edge II (Off Air)							
35	WGUV	(11:30) Harry Chapin: You Are the Only Song	(Off Air)								
17	WXMI	Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	Golden Girls (In Stereo) (Off Air)							
3	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Diar,etics	Bertice Berry		NBC News Nightside			
6	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Arsenio Hall (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (R)	NBC News Nightside					
10	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)							
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Nightline	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Judgement Day"	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)					
17	WSYM	Psychic Friends	Movie: * "Murphy's Law" (1986) A detective pursues the killer who framed him for murder.	(Off Air)							
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
17	TBS	(10:50) Movie: *** "Octopussy" (1983, Adventure) Roger Moore.	Movie: ** "Force 10 From Navarone" (1978) Harrison Ford. Commandos join forces for a mission behind Nazi lines.	Three Stooges	Jeffersons						
40	FAM	Big Brother Jake	Maniac Mansion (R)	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
40	NASH	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Jeff Dunham, (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	(Off Air)						
21	MTV	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Alternative Nation (In Stereo)	Trashed (In Stereo)	Dreamtime (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Jon Stewart (In Stereo)	Dreamtime (In Stereo)			
23	USA	Quantum Leap "Liberation - October 16, 1968"	Counterstrike "I Remember It Well"	Odd Couple	Movie: ** "Taggart" (1991, Drama) A disabled Vietnam vet seeks revenge against the CIA.	Counterstrike					
10	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Challenge "Canada Wild" (R)	Wings "North American F-86 Sabre" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		
25	WGN	Highlander: The Series	Movie: ** "The Gift Horse" (1952) A dilapidated battleship is pitted against German forces.	Kojak							
25	ESPN	Baseball Tonight	Cycling: Tour DuPont.	Motorcycle Racing: AMA Supercross Series.	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Up Close	LPGA Magazine (R)	College Softball: Arizona at UCLA. (R)		
27	CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (R)	Larry King Live (R)	Worldwide Update	Sports Tonight	Crossfire (R)	Overnight	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		
10	NICK	Dragnet	A. Hitchcock	Superman	Lucy Show	F-Troop	Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke	Mary Tyler Moore	Dragnet	A. Hitchcock
10	A&E	Real West the gold rush to the Yukon River. (R)	Atlantic Records Story The history of Atlantic Records. (R)					Investigative Reports "Undercover" (R)	Life and Loves of a She-Devil (Part 2 of 2)		
13	PASS	Trackside	This Week in DIRT	Sports	Countdown to Indy (R)	American Adventurer	Powerboat Racing: Superleague Rev.	Girls High School Basketball: All-American	CHIPS "Country Action"		
27	TNT	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA	Inside the NBA	Movie: ** "The Macabans" (1976, Western) James Arness. A family moves West to escape the impending Civil War.							
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
15	DISN	(11:00) Movie: *** "The Electric Horseman" (1979, Drama) Robert Redford, Jane Fonda. 'PG'	Movie: ** "A Fighting Choice" (1986) A teen-ager sues for the right to undergo brain surgery.	"The Living Desert" 'G'							
15	HBO	(11:00) Movie: "Common Bonds" (1991) Experimental reform bonds a paralyzed patient to a convict. 'R'	Movie: ** "Joy of Sex" (1984, Comedy) Michelle Meyrink. 'R'	Shock Video (R)							
15	MAX	Movie: * "The Bikini Car Wash Company II" (1993) Kristi Ducati. 'R'	Movie: ** "Ironheart" (1992, Adventure) Britton Lee. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: ** "Death Ring" (1992, Adventure) Mike Norris. (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Quest for Fire"						



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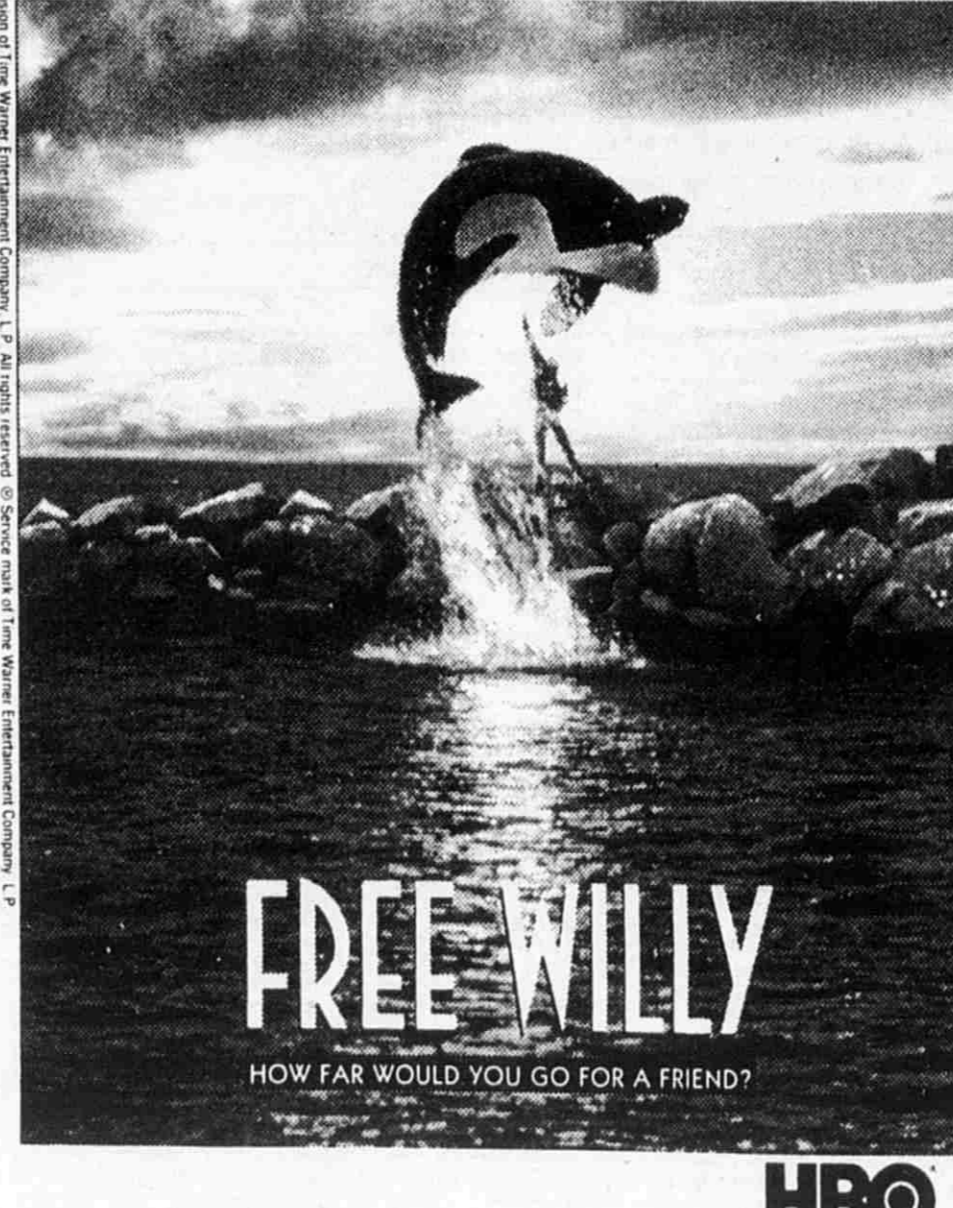
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## Townships believe current police protection enough for new high school

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Now that Lowell High School is moving out of the Lowell city limits, both Vergennes and Lowell Township

Boards have been asked to grant permission for more security at the school.

The school wanted the townships to grant permission to extend the services of the city's police protection to the school. The townships have

agreed to continue the same police service to the area as they have in the past.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpon said he feels it is not the townships' position to grant the request of

the high school.

"It's not our position to grant additional security to the school. If the school at some point sees the need for more security, they will need to contract it out," said Timpon.

The township recently received a letter from the Department of State Police in Rockford stating they would continue "to protect and serve the school district of Lowell and respond to any calls to the area."

However, the state police will not be able to provide security at any special event or sports activities.

The state police department recently experienced the same situation with Rockford High School when they moved out of the city limits. The department feels they have a

good working relationship with the school and pointed out that Rockford High School has an in-house security staff. The Rockford security staff will request assistance of the state police in regards to investigation and prosecution of criminal cases.

Lowell Township secretary Carol Wells believes Lowell High School may have to follow the same scenario as Rockford.

"If the school doesn't feel it is getting enough security, it will need to get its own security staff," said Wells.

## Lowell grad named state editor of Courier

Amy Davis, a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School, has been named state editor of the Iowa Waterloo Courier.

Davis will oversee coverage in the 14-county Northeast Iowa area the Courier serves outside Black Hawk County.

"Amy has a tremendous amount of energy and a lot of curiosity that results in good story ideas," said Courier editor Saul Shapiro.

"She is an excellent 'people person.' She has had a good working relationship with correspondents who contribute to the Courier. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback on her work, not only from her sources but even some competitors."

"One of the first things we want to do is build our corps of correspondents back up in Northeast Iowa, because it has fallen off in recent years."

As a staff writer, Davis has covered the eastern third of the Courier's Northeast Iowa circulation area, including

Buchanan and Fayette counties.

She graduated from Northwestern University and interned at daily newspapers in

Jackson, MI, and Twin Falls, ID, before moving to the Courier in 1991.

Other Courier editors had filled in on the state desk since

last fall when State Editor Amy Gades left to become faculty adviser for the campus newspaper at Colorado State University.

## Lowell freestyle wrestling

The Lowell freestyle wrestling club hosted a district tournament this past Saturday, April 30.

The following wrestlers qualified for regionals which will be held at Caledonia High School, May 7:

**Group I**  
Alex Carpenter, first place; Joe Mendez, first place and Sean Butterworth, third place.

**Group II**  
Sean Gannon, first place; J.J. Wilder, first place; Ben Fleet, first place; Mike Shinaberry, second place; Russell Sherman, third place and Craig Carpenter, fourth place.

**Group III**  
Nick Lillie, first place; Caleb O'Boyle, first place; Chris Van Spronsen, first place; Pete VanLaan, second place; Jon Rosenberger, second place; Kevin Rasch, second place and Tom Oesch, third place.

**Group IV**  
Daniel Rottier, first place; Caleb Grummet, first place; Bill Stouffer, first place HWT; T.J. Forward, second place; Curtis Cook, third place; Lucas Grummet, third place HWT, Brad Jackson, fourth place and Jake Baker, fourth place.

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# LHS media specialist, Weber, deals with much more than books

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ginny Weber had a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Central Michigan University and master's degrees in Library Science and Secondary Education from Western Michigan University when she began working at the Chrysler plant in Lyons/Muir.

During this time, a gentleman from Lowell, Dennis McMahon, called Central Michigan University asking it to recommend three teaching candidates. Among the list of three was the name Ginny Thome (Weber).

Weber got the job. "This was at a time when there were 50 million people who wanted to be teachers and no jobs," Weber recalls. "I was lucky."

Her experience at the Chrysler plant taught her a lot. "It makes me very thankful of the job I have today."

Now in her 19th year at Lowell Schools, Weber continues to find a great deal of satisfaction in working with students. "When I no longer enjoy working with people, I

know it's time to move on," she said.

Weber grew up in Sparta and attended a small one-room country schoolhouse (grades kindergarten through sixth-grade). "There were about 30 kids - more during the apple season," Weber smiles. "I think it did an extremely good job of preparing me in areas except maybe science."

The Sparta native spent her first 11 years at Lowell as a Spanish teacher and the last eight years as its media specialist.

"I think we're viewed as media specialists now because people viewed a librarian as someone who dealt with books and other printed material. Today, media specialists go beyond that - we're working with computers and audio-and video-type equipment," Weber said.

Weber says she loved teaching Spanish, but when Virginia Fonger retired and an opening in the library became available, she decided that was prime opportunity to change.

"I didn't want to teach

Spanish for 30 years. This was an alternative that still allowed me to work with kids," Weber said. "I think this is it. My next change will be retirement."

The high school library has changed drastically since

Weber started at the job eight years ago. It continues to change today.

"There is more and more technology. A lot of on-line searching of data bases, computerized circulation, computerized catalog and CD

ROM," Weber said. With the opening of the new high school, students will be able to use the classroom computers to search the catalog to see if it's on line. The technology will also allow students to check other

libraries for material. Weber and her husband, Mark, first met in Lowell, despite the fact both attended Central and Western Michigan Universities.

"He volunteered to help me and a friend move from one apartment to another apartment," Weber smiles. "I always remind him that had I been a senior at Lowell High School, he could have been my teacher."

The Lowell couple have two children - Bethany, 13, and Erin, 10.

### The Ginny Weber File:

NAME: Ginny Weber.  
HUSBAND: Mark Weber.  
CHILDREN: Bethany and Erin.  
PETS: Dogs - Frosty and Spitz; Cats - Buttons and Cally.  
HOBBIES: Travel, cross stitch, read, Girl Scout Troop 613.

FAVORITE PLACE I'VE TRAVELED: Spain.  
PLACE I'D LIKE TO VISIT: Australia.

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Ginny Weber, right, shares some information with Lowell High School student, Sara Hecksel.

# Spare change and a lot of hearts enhance Vic-tory week

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was called a "Vic-tory for Vic (DeWaard)" week. Vic DeWaard, a teacher at Bushnell Elementary for the past 17 years, learned three months ago that he had leukemia.

Students at Bushnell El-

ementary worked to help Vic in his fight against leukemia. All week children brought in spare change. By week's end Bushnell children raised over \$3,000. The funds will be deposited into DeWaard's account at FMB State Savings Bank.

Joining the effort at Bushnell were Alto,

Runciman/Riverside, Lowell Middle School, Lowell High School, and the Lowell bus garage. Their contribution helped the total exceed \$4,300.

Glenda Blanding's Bushnell class brought in the most spare change during the week.

"What the children have

done has been a real eye-opener," said Karen Pedley. "They have really pulled together to help out Vic."

Pedley said it is not surprising as DeWaard has always given all of his time to the students. "He has made an impression on all he comes in contact with," Pedley said. "His family has told us that he

has been overwhelmed by the student response." At the Bushnell openhouse on Thursday, children filled two pickup trucks with pop cans.

DeWaard, whose bone marrow transplant was successfully completed on

Thursday, was told the leukemia treatment process would take 180 days before he can come home.

"Kids aren't always given the credit they deserve. If they're given a task they can understand, they usually come through," Pedley said.

## Weber, continued

FAVORITE COLOR: Green.  
PERSON(S) WHO HAVE INFLUENCED ME: Parents.

PLACES I'VE TRAVELED: Europe, Mexico and throughout most of the U.S.  
GREATEST SATISFACTION AS AN EDUCATOR: I enjoy working with students. It gives me satisfaction when I can find materials they need and when I can teach students how to find information for themselves. I'm excited about some of the new technology that will soon be available to students. They are never afraid of it - they love it.

YOUR ADVICE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Work hard and concentrate on school. Don't ever look back and wish you'd done more or

studied harder.  
DID YOU DO BETTER IN HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE: I think I did about the same in both.

WHAT I WATCH ON TELEVISION: Home Improvement, Seinfeld, 60 Minutes, Murder, She Wrote and Dr. Quinn.

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT LOWELL SCHOOLS: It has hardworking teachers. The community support is very good. The curriculum is solid and prepares students for what they need when they graduate.

SHOULD TEACHERS LIVE IN THE DISTRICT THEY TEACH: I don't want to say they should be made to, but I think it is a good idea if possible.

## Farewell, continued...

during the day. So we had to move them out of the gym to practice or to play a game and then move them back in," Borgerson said.

Outside each of the classrooms, there was a posterboard with a list of the teachers who held classes in the room over the years.

Part of the farewell reunion

program provided time for teachers, students and Lowell residents to reminisce about the past. Students also performed a song entitled "So Long Runciman/Riverside (to the tune of "Hello Dolly"). There was also an ice cream social that followed and people were then allowed to tour the buildings.

## Reflections

Nancy Anderson

The best part of working at Runciman/Riverside is the availability of 2 gyms. I definitely remember my first day at the lounge because I got locked in the bathroom in the teachers' lounge. Dirk Venema had to get me out.

Physical Ed - 10 years

Louis Dudeck

I remember my very first day at the school. I was wearing a brand new suit. A downpour started the minute school was let out. I frantically tried to help all the new kids locate their busses, but I was also new to the school. I did get some angry calls from parents wondering why their kids came home so wet. When I came home drenched, my wife, Mary, proceeded to ask me if I had a good first day!

Principal - 8 years

Karen Burd

I can remember a cute kindergarten girl who had just finished a project on the carpet. I told her, "I've got to shake your hand for such a good job." The girl kept saying, "No, I don't think you want to." She finally told me just in the nick of time that she had sneezed a big glob into her hand. We proceeded to wash hands before the hand shake.

Kindergarten - 6 years

Suzanne L. Almy

The memorable times for me as a teacher are when struggling students slowly begin smiling and their eyes widen. Their excitement grows and they loudly say, "I've got it!" For me that's what teaching is all about.

Resource Room - 4 years

(southwest corner of S. Division and Kent).

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

### B. 226 N. CENTER (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF N. CENTER AND HEFFRON) - DONALD GREEN SIDEYARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR HOUSE ADDITION - SET PUBLIC HEARING (5/2).

Donald Green has proposed a 20' X 40' addition (with overhang) for his home located at 226 N. Center. The addition will be within 2 feet of the south property line, where 6 feet is required.

In the application, the reasons for the appeal included: south is the only direction that can provide sufficient space, the house on the adjacent south lot is 40 feet away from the addition and the neighbor to the south has no objection.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MAATMAN to set a public hearing date for 5/2 to consider a request from Donald Green regarding a setback variance for a house addition located at 226 N. Center (southwest corner of N. Center and Heffron).

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

### Item #3. DESIGNATION OF THE TATE MEMORIAL TRAINING CENTER AT THE LOOK MEMORIAL FIRE STATION. Tony McCaul, Program Director for the Lowell Area Fire department, Polly McCaul, Associate Director of the Community Training Center, and Deitre Tate, Quality Assurance Director for the Training Center, were present to propose that the training room at the Look Memorial Fire Station be named after the late Police Reserve Sergeant Wendall Tate. McCaul stated that Tate who died last year of a cardiac related emergency was vital to the development of the Lowell Area Rescue Squad.

McCaul said that the Lowell Area Fire Department is offering the CPR education program every month at the Fire Station at the lowest cost of any equivalent training in the State. City Manager Pasquale said he has no objection to the request. Pasquale added that the room will not change in its function and will continue to allow for community service meetings.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to rename the training room at the Look Memorial Fire Station the "Tate Memorial Training Center" after the late Police Reserve Sergeant Wendall Tate, who was

instrumental in organizing the Rescue service.

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

Pasquale stated a ceremony has been scheduled for the Tate Memorial Training Center on May 19 at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

### Item #4. COMMUNITY WIDE SIDEWALK PROJECT PROPOSAL.

As discussed at the Council's work session held on April 11, City Manager Pasquale stated that the following proposals were agreed upon concerning the community wide sidewalk project:

- allocation one mill (approximately \$67,000) for fiscal year 1994-95 to provide sidewalks in front of remaining public areas (e.g. the Water Treatment Plant).
- identify streets for new and replacement sidewalks under a ten year program starting in fiscal year 1995-96. The plan may be more general in later years.
- A listing will be published allowing homeowners the opportunity to install walks on their own prior to the scheduled year as established by the City. Walks at that time will be constructed under contract. Pasquale added that the City would consider the same City share of 25% and 33% on corner lots.

Councilmember Hodges questioned if one of the sides already has sidewalk, would the City contribute 33%. Pasquale responded if the lot already has sidewalk on one side, the City would provide the 25% share. Pasquale stated that all identified public walks will be placed in the upcoming budget within the next few weeks. Gall mentioned that the Council may wish to identify areas in need of public walks. These suggestions should be directed to him. Maatman said that Creekside Park should be considered a high priority for a walk. Pasquale said the City is considering installing a sidewalk across Creekside park at the Faith Dr. entrance with a foot bridge over Cherry Creek. He added that an easement will be needed bringing the walk to Foreman. Pasquale said the vacant property owned by Root Lowell west of their plant facility should be considered. They may not be in favor of a sidewalk dividing it. Pasquale said the main objective is to work with the property owner to find the best route.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the community wide sidewalk project proposal as presented.

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

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. The following monthly reports were presented:  
Animal Control Public Works Police Fire

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. No comments were received.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Hodges stated that Lowell Cable TV has been working with the FCC to interpret what cable rates should be. He added that nothing has been decided. However, there may be two additions to the cable lineup. Hodges said that an agreement with Channel 3 includes a doplar radar station. Also, the Fox network has a second channel entitled FX, which will be joining the Cable lineup in the fall.

Councilmember Green requested a report from Lowell Light and Power concerning the delay in responding to recent power outages in the Donna Dr. - West St. area last weekend.

Item #8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

- A. A letter was provided from Sandra Murphy requesting a tree be taken down near the property line at 822 Lafayette. The staff will provide a review of the tree's condition so that the Council may make a determination.
- B. In response to comments expressed from a local resident, Rise' Rasch of the Grand Rapids MDOT office was contacted about the M-21 Valley Vista intersection. She mentioned the State will be providing striping of the north-most lane proceeding west on M-21 and this should be completed by mid-May. The State had finished asphaltting a strip along the FMB Bank property to True Value Hardware to allow sufficient room for two-lane westbound traffic before merging is needed.
- C. The March minutes and April agenda of the Light and Power Board were presented.
- D. City Manager Pasquale stated in response to merchant concerns about two hour parking in the downtown area. A survey to each business owner in the CBD has been distributed. The results will be shared with the Council as a direction on this matter is sought.

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

DATE APPROVED: May 2, 1994

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

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
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OF THE  
CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1994. 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.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the April 4, 1994 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES 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 (4/18/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$43,657.92
AIRPORT FUND	52.94
WATER FUND	2,881.46
DATA PROCESSING FUND	1,129.67
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,480.61
CURRENT TAX FUND	2,082.70
LEE FUND	465.17

### Item #1. GROVE - HIGH STREETS WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CREATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS. As discussed in previous meetings, a special assessment district was considered for water and sanitary sewer improvements on a portion of High and Grove Streets. Estimates were provided to extend 130' (to serve three properties) of water main and 500' (to serve six lots) of sanitary sewer. City Manager Pasquale said the public hearing was the first step in the process to consider the special assessment district. If approved, the City would prepare plans to bid the project. The following

were the individual cost estimates:

Parcel Address	Parcel #	Service	Est.
801 High	025	W/S	\$7467
805 High	015	W/S	7467
809 High	016	S	5076
810 High	010	S	5076
186 Grove	013	S	5076
224 Grove	007	W/S	7467
			\$37,629

Patrick Bailey, 186 Grove, stated that he was not in favor of having sewer installed for the vacant lot behind his home. Bailey stated his lot is small, consisting of woods, stumps and brush. He said the assessment would amount to more than what he paid for the lot. Bailey said that he currently has sewer and water for his home serviced from Avery St. Director of Public Works Art Gall stated if the utility is placed in front of the property, it is common for the property owner to be special assessed.

Kenneth and Joyce Thuston, owners of the property located at 224 Grove, mentioned that they were not in favor of water and sewer being installed for their rental property. Thuston stated he could not justify increasing the rent on the property to cover the cost of the special assessment.

Mrs. Thuston questioned if the project was being funded solely by the property owners or whether the City was paying for a portion of the cost. Pasquale stated the project would be paid by the property owners in total. Mrs. Thuston thought she wouldn't be able to recover the cost for the assessment. Mayor Maatman responded if in two years the septic fails, then what will the value of the property be. Thuston questioned how the cost figures were arrived for the project. Pasquale said these costs were based on Department of Public Works and professional engineering estimates. The project would be brought to bid and the costs could be less than estimated.

Councilmember Thompson stated if Bailey must run his water to prevent lines from freezing during the winter, shouldn't the City repair the problem with this project? City Manager Pasquale said the City is currently examining several areas in need of repair on the east side. Councilmember Shores stated she felt that City services would enhance the price of property in the long term.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to establish the special assessment district and to adopt the resolution determining to make water and sewer improvements on Grove and High Streets, approving the estimated costs (\$37,629), the portion to be paid by special assessment (total estimate of costs to be paid by property owners) number of installments (pay-

able up to 15 years) interest rate (1% above the average interest rate of bonds or 7% if bonds are not issued) and to direct the City Manager to prepare the special assessment roll.

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

As discussed at the last meeting, Pasquale said that professional engineering services are proposed for these utility improvements in order to meet Michigan Department of Public Health and Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements.

As proposed by Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, a cost of \$3500 was quoted for engineering the utility improvements. Also, it was recommended to include street improvements and drainage work providing a complete profile of the area's infrastructure needs. The road design would cost \$1750 to be budgeted from the Local Street Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to contract with Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to provide the utility improvements on Grove and High Streets at a cost of \$3500 to be paid through special assessments and \$1750 for road design on Grove and High to be budgeted from the Local Street Fund.

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

### Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 206 S. DIVISION (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF S. DIVISION AND KENT) - DANIEL DESJARDEN - SETBACK VARIANCE FOR GARAGE SET PUBLIC HEARING (5/2). Daniel DesJarden has planned to demolish an existing detached garage and to build a 32' X 30' structure in its place at his residence located at 206 S. Division. The property fronts three streets: Division, Kent and Jackson. Also, the lot was drawn at angles. Thus, there are difficulties in complying with setback requirements.

The garage must setback 25' from the Kent and Jackson Streets rights of way. As noted in the submitted drawing at its closest point, the proposed garage was 23' from Kent Street and 15' from Jackson Street.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MAATMAN to set a public hearing date for May 2, 1994 to consider a request from Daniel DesJarden regarding a setback variance for a garage located at 206 S. Division

# Legal Ease, continued...

conservator you named in your will), on behalf of your children until each of them reach the age of 18. Upon each child reaching the age of 18, he or she will receive his or her respective share of the estate. (3) For every year that the conservator is required to act on behalf of your children, he or she will be required to file annual accountings with the probate court and will be answerable to the court for his or her dealings on behalf of your children.

To avoid having your children receive their respective shares of your estate at the time they reach the age of 18, you will need to set up some type of trust and provide in that trust that the distribution of those assets to your children is to be delayed until each child reaches that age you have specified in the document. A common approach is to have mandatory principal distributions made from the trust to the children at the ages 25, 30 and 35. In addition to these mandatory distributions, the trustee of the trust would have the right to

make discretionary distributions to your children for their needs.

As mentioned earlier, you can set up either a revocable living trust or a testamentary trust to effect this purpose. If you are interested in having your estates avoid probate, then you will want to set up a revocable living trust. You would transfer your assets into this trust while you are alive and upon your death, all assets which are owned by this trust avoid probate.

Even if probate avoidance is not an objective, you could still set up a revocable living trust, but use it as a contingent trust only to take effect at the death of the second one of you to die. In other words, the trust would be set up and ready for use, but it would only receive your estates assets upon the completion of probate. Also, if you later change your mind and decide you want to transfer assets into the trust for the purpose of avoiding probate, you would have that option since the trust is already in place.

If you prefer, you can set up what is known as a testamentary trust, which is a part of your last will and testament. The problem with this type of trust is that it only takes effect upon the completion of probate. As a result, unlike the unfunded revocable living trust, you do not have the option of changing your mind and funding this trust while you are alive. It can only receive assets after you have died and upon the completion of probate.

The trustee named in your trust would replace your conservator as the person in charge of managing the estate assets on behalf of your children. The person you have designated as conservator of your children's estates would only be given the responsibility of managing those funds which are transferred from the trustee to the conservator on behalf of the children while they are under the age of 18.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney for the purpose of reviewing all of your circumstances and your objectives so that he or she can fully discuss with you the different types of estate planning documents you can execute and implement to accomplish your goals.

## Lowell Middle School sixth-grader, Peasley, majestic with her Arbor Day prose

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Middle School sixth-grader Jessica Peasley spent 10 minutes on her bus ride to school one morning drafting a poem entitled "Trees" to enter into the Grand Rapids Nursery and Landscape Association's annual Arbor Day poem contest.

Her appreciation for her work was not that great. In fact, "I thought it was kind of corny," she said.

After being named the winner in the Arbor Day contest, Peasley's appreciation of her own writing may be enhanced - should be enhanced.

Peasley was one of 7,750 students from Allegan, Kent and Ottawa County schools who took part in the contest.

Each school then selected a winning poem. From that group of poems, a committee dwindled the number down to eight. Two college professors were then asked to review the poems and select a winner. Peasley's was chosen as the

best. "I was surprised I won. I enjoy writing though, and I find it to be fun," she says. "I write poetry on just anything."

By winning the contest, Peasley won for the Lowell Middle School a six-inch in diameter Sugar Maple tree that stands nearly 25 feet tall.

It was planted in front of the high school (the new middle school in 1994-95) on the west end.

The Lowell Middle School sixth-graders joined Peasley and her parents and grandparents in celebrating the tree's planting.

Both Peasley and the school received a plaque commemorating Arbor Day and the poem.

The last three years' winners came from Hudsonville, Creston Christian and Calvin Christian.

The contest is 10-plus years old. Each year Grand Rapids Nursery and Landscape Association donates thousands of trees to schools for students to plant.

In appreciation of the act, Lowell Middle School sixth-grade students have been the front-runners in initiating a recycling program at the middle school. Their effort inspired both the high school and elementary schools to begin recycling paper.

"It was a way for the kids to show their respect and the importance of trees to society," Lowell Middle School principal Mike Matlosz said.

**TREES**  
So majestic in motion.  
Swaying to and fro in the gentle breeze.

Twisting as the wind gently shakes hands with it.  
Drooping sadly in the winter, weighed down with brittle ice.  
So bare in autumn.

I wish I could give it some clothes.  
I watch intently as the leaves fall one by one.

As if the tree is asking, "Does he love me, or does he not."  
Yet, the tree in my backyard, seemingly enough perks up in the spring.

So vigorous with life.  
Budding flowers in the spring.  
Trees are so majestic in motion.

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May 5: Kevin Vezino, Kerry Vezino, Jeff Johnson, Mary Wright, Scott Carpenter, Nora Belle Rash, Olive Clark, Leo Bryant.

May 6: Hayley Murphy, Iris Clark, Chris Miedema.

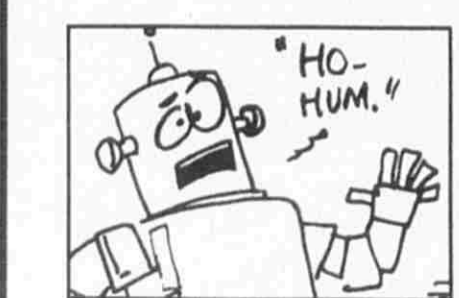
May 7: Pat Midkiff, Alicia Ebling, Pete Davidson.

May 8: Rhoda Batt, Angela Eickhoff, Keith Murphy, Chuck Dykhuizen, Rhonda Nead, Gloria Hutzilz, Diane Richmond.

May 9: Becky Pawloski, Tasha Yeiter, Richard Hallas.

May 10: Jim Stone, Scott Nagy, Dee Korb, Ronald Moore, Eric Swift, Christopher Sandy, Becky Raymor, Jim Lindhout, Erin Nausieda.

May 11: Gary Hoag, William Harris, Pam Durkee, Carol Briggs, Diane Colwell, Joel Uzarski, Michael Scigliano, Benjamin Hoag.



The word "robot" comes from the Czech word *robota*, meaning drudgery.



Jessica Peasley holds the plaque acknowledging that she was the winner of the Arbor Day poem-writing contest sponsored by the Grand Rapids Nursery and Landscape Association. Peasley's was one of 7,765 considered.



Middle School sixth-graders watch as the 25-foot Maple tree is planted at the high school (new middle school).

# 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-Ke-Zik 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.

**EVERY THURSDAY:** The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

**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:** Alzheimer's 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.**

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**EVERY 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 Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park."

**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., MAY 4:** The Lowell support group for family members and friends of Alzheimer's disease patients will meet at Cumberland Retirement Village, 11535 E. Fulton at 6:30 p.m. For information call Betty Wiley, 897-4810 or Lynn Bylsma, 897-8413. The meeting is free and open to the public.

**THURS., MAY 5:** Vergennes Cooperative Club meets at Schneider Manor at 1 p.m. Hostesses Pauline Burtle, Catherine Hurlbut and Jo Willard. Sponsor, Ann Booth. Eunice VanderVeen will review a book by Carolyn Richards on "Village Life in America, 1852-1872." All are welcome.

**THURS., MAY 12:** National Association of Retired Federal Employees meeting at 1:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton. Potluck lunch at 12:20 p.m.

**SAT., MAY 14:** Swiss steak dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th St. & Alden Nash,

Attic sale at 4941 Whitneyville S.E. Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds go to White Circle Alto United Methodist Church.

**MON., MAY 9:** The Lowell Showboat Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Schneider Manor Community Center. Mr. Robert Jasperse will speak on "drying flowers and flowers to dry."

**WED., MAY 11:** Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. S.E. will serve a family-style beef and pork dinner commencing at 5:15 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 5-12 years, \$2.50.

**WED., MAY 11:** Grand Valley Blood Program and Lowell Fire Department will sponsor a blood drive from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 319 S. Hudson. Walk-ins only. Anyone who is 17 years old and weighs at least 110 lbs. may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days. For information call Ginni Blanchard, GVBP Mobile Consultant, 776-1863.

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**TUES., MAY 17:** The Alton Church Society will meet at 7 p.m. at Alton Bible Church.

**THURS., MAY 19:** The Lowell Area Fire Department Community Training Center will be offering an American Heart Association adult CPR course from 6 to 10 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station. Fee: donation. For more information or to register, call 897-5241.

**THURS., MAY 26:** Commodities will be distributed between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Moose Lodge recreational building, 1320 E. Main.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources proposes to issue a new discharge permit to: Root-Lowell Manufacturing Company, 1000 Foreman Road, Lowell, Michigan 49331. The applicant is engaged in the assembly of air compass sprayers for the lawn and garden industry. The applicant proposes to discharge noncontact cooling water and treated groundwater to Lee Creek (Cherry Creek Drain), in Section 3, T6N, R9W, Kent County. Lee Creek has been designated as "protected waters" and given special protection under Rule 98(4) of the Part 4 Rules of Michigan Act 245 of 1929, as amended.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by May 16, 1994 will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing, should contact: Jude Woodcock, Permits Section, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-373-1329.

Copies of the public notice and draft permit may be obtained at the Surface Water Quality Division District Office located at the Grand Rapids, State Ofc. Bldg., 6th Floor, 350 Ottawa Street, N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, telephone: 616-456-5071.

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## Pfaller welcomes opportunity to experience other cultures

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Jeff Pfaller will be on the outlook when he visits Australia's outback this summer for 23 days as part of the People To People Student Ambassador Program.

When he isn't earning money to help pay the \$4,500 tuition it will cost each of the approximately 200 students from Kent and Ottawa Counties who participate in

the program, Pfaller has been doing some voluntary research on the countries he will be visiting - New Zealand and Australia.

There is some alarming news from Australia he has researched that will keep him ever so alert.

"I learned that nine of the 10 world's most deadliest snakes live in Australia," Pfaller said.

The People to People program was founded back in

1956 by Dwight D. Eisenhower as a way of having American's reach out to individuals of other countries in friendship in an effort to promote world peace.

Throughout the trip students will search for wildlife. Pfaller enthusiastically eyes snorkeling, scuba diving, visiting the Great Barrier Reef, and the Sydney Opera House.

"When choosing students, I believe they were looking for students who have done

well academically and who are creative and willing to accept other cultures," Pfaller said.

The Lowell seventh-grader also needed three letters of recommendation and he had to go through an interview.

"In the interview they asked about current events (e.g. Bosnia, California fire), awards you've received and

where we were from," Pfaller said.

Pfaller said he got his three letters of recommendation from Jim Hodges, Sandy Anderson and Paula Murphy. The program is run by a private, non-profit organization.

Their visits in both countries will include stays with host families.

"We will also spend time at the schools," Pfaller said.

The visit will also allow Pfaller to get high school credit for the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Pfaller says he will be taking plenty of pictures and will keep a journal. "If any businesses/organizations are interested, I will also give presentations on my trip when I return," Pfaller said.

## LAAC offers Harper Scholarship

Once again this year the Lowell Area Arts Council will award the Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship to a student who has graduated before July 1, 1994. The applicant must plan to enroll and major in an area of fine arts or crafts (visual or performing), arts management, or education at a college or university before December 31, 1994. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student of the arts in the amount of \$150 for the academic year 1994-95.

The Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship Fund was started in memory of Louise Harper, a resident of Lowell, and a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, who died of cancer in February 1982. The fund which was established in her memory by money donated by her family

and friends has continued to be awarded since that time. The LAAC, and the relatives and friends of Louise Harper are proud to offer this opportunity to a student wishing to further Louise's love of art.

Anyone who wishes to apply for this scholarship must be a high school graduate by July 1, 1994 and be enrolled in the academic institution

indicated on their application. Applications may be obtained from the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson, Lowell (1-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday) - or the Director of Student Services, Lowell High School. All applications and supporting references must be received or post-marked no later than May 13, 1994 to be considered.

## Letters, Letters, Letters,

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page.

Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

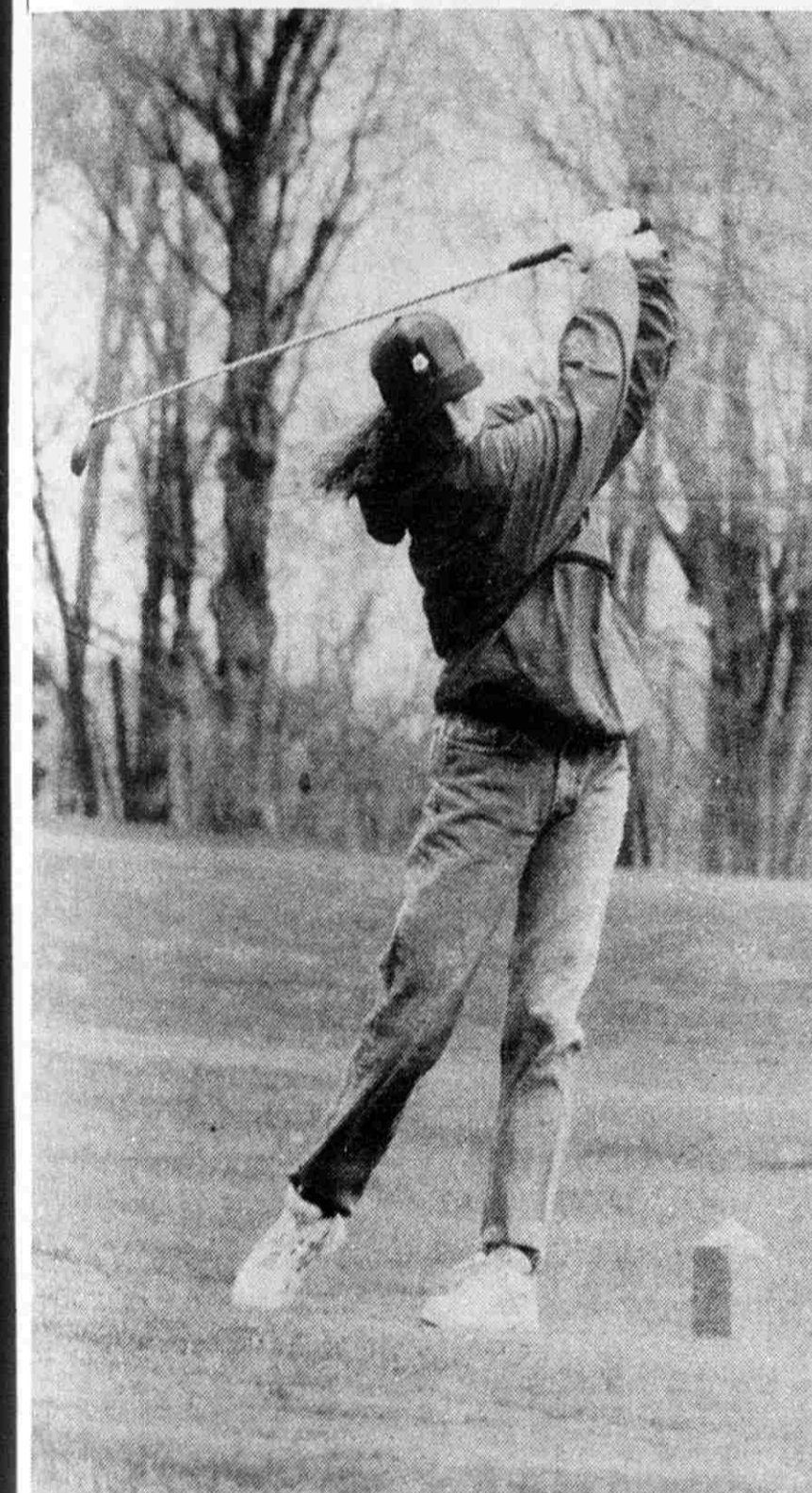
Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.



Jeff Pfaller will venture to Australia and New Zealand this summer as part of the People To People program.



Denise Koekoek tees it up at Deer Run.



Corrine Arnett eyes the hole at Deer Run.

## Young Red Arrow linksters full of surprises - good & bad

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In a season where the unknown is the only known, Rick White anticipated surprises both good and bad.

In just its second week of play, he has received both. Freshmen Deanna Anchors and Carrie Hubbarth were doing so well at the junior varsity-level that Lowell golf coach Rick White decided it was time he used their golf talents to aid the varsity squad.

Anchors and Hubbarth did just that at the par 35 Greenville Country Club against the home-standing Yellowjackets.

Hubbarth fired a team-leading 52 and Anchors followed with a 56 as Lowell clipped Greenville by two shots, 219-221.

Red Arrow Leesha Metternick carded a 55 and senior Cheryl Anderson came home with a 56.

"Our freshmen are coming along," White said. "Hubbarth and Anchors are going to help us a lot."

White added he believes the play of other varsity players will also improve.

Northview 221  
Lowell 227  
Zealand 300

Coming off a disappointing season home-opener against Wyoming Park two days earlier, Lowell's linksters stepped up their play in splitting with the Wildcats and Chix.

"The girls played better on their home course," White said.

Lowell was led by

Cheryl Anderson with a nine-hole score of 52. Mary Brown followed with a 57. Denise Koekoek carded a 58 and Leesha Metternick came off the ninth green with a round of 60.

Top honors went to Northview's Kim Goodlander and Jackie Andrews. They both fired rounds of 51.

Teammate Meredith Phillips followed with a 57 and Tammy VanDongen shot

a 62. Zealand was led by Carisa Statema's 61. Lora Homrich finished with a 67. Kristin Zylstra and Melissa Owenway came home with rounds of 86.

Wyoming Park 218  
Lowell 243

"We didn't play well considering it was our home course," Lowell coach Rick

White said. "The girls are young and still learning."

Park's Amanda Hartman led all scorers with a 52. Teammate Christa Nowicki was one shot back with a 53. Jean Faber carded a 56 and Lesley Grove fired a 57.

Lowell's Leesha Metternick was the Red Arrow medalist with a 57. Denise Koekoek was two shots back at 59.

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## All Aboard For Kindergarten Round-up

### NOTICE TO PARENTS:

The Lowell Area Schools will be holding its annual Kindergarten Round-up on June 3 and June 6, 7, 8 at Runciman Elementary School. We have scheduled two evening meetings for parents only at which time, teachers will talk about Kindergarten Round-up and what your child can expect next fall.

The meeting for families in the Alto attendance area will be on Wednesday, May 18, in the Alto gym from 7-8 p.m. The meeting for families in the Bushnell/Runciman attendance area will be on Thursday, May 19 in the Runciman gym from 7-8 p.m.

A special "Meet the Teacher Night" for incoming Bushnell students has been scheduled on August 25, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., at which time, the child and parents will meet their teacher and principal and be given a bus ride and information on bus procedures, as well as other building activities.

The testing program will be the same this year as it was last year and will take place on June 3, and June 6, 7, 8, at Runciman Elementary. Details and scheduling will be discussed during the May 18 and May 19 meetings.

Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1994). If you have questions, please call the appropriate school (Alto, 868-6111, or Runciman, 897-9257).

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO PARENTS:

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## LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 13, 1994.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1994, IS MONDAY, MAY 16, 1994. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 16, 1994, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Norman Byrne  
Secretary, Board of Education

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

THE VERGENNES TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL MEET

MAY 12, 1994  
7:00 P.M.

Vergennes Township Hall  
10381 Bailey Drive

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# Lowell Girls split with Sparta, lose to Park & Rogers

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Despite a 1-3 start in the O-K White Conference, Lowell softball coach Kelly Drake believes there is still time for her club to be a league contender.

"If we can get good offense and defense going at the same time, we still have a chance

because everybody has lost at least one game," Drake said.

**Lowell 9-6**  
**Sparta 3-9**  
Lowell looked as if it might hit its way to the top in the opener against Sparta as the Red Arrows banged out 17 hits against Spartan pitching.

The Red Arrows also got good defensive play. Lowell did not commit an error.

Ashley Olin continued her string of solid, steady performances on the mound, allowing three runs on four hits, while walking two and striking out two.

Krista Posthumus and Tammy Stauffer led the club at the plate with three hits and two RBI. Brenda Bittrick, Jamie McCaul and Jenny Borg each had two hits.

In the nightcap, Sparta used a five-run third inning to bounce Lowell 9-6. In Sparta's third-inning uprising, it collected three hits and was the beneficiary of two Lowell errors.

Olin gave up nine hits, walked one and struck out six.

**Wyoming Park 5**  
**Lowell 2**

Lowell's bats started to catch up to Park's Anne Bentley an inning too late and three runs short.

"The difference in the game was we didn't get any timely hitting and we committed errors with Viking runners on base.

Olin allowed five runs on six hits. Lowell tallied two runs on four hits. They came off the bats of Krista Posthumus, Amy Stauffer (2) and Brenda Bittrick.

**Rogers 6**  
**Lowell 1**

Lowell got good pitching and good defense, but the bats were silent in a loss at home to Rogers.

"The girls played well, but Rogers hit the ball and we didn't," Drake said.

Hawk's Bree Rosenberg allowed one run on four hits. Rogers' pitcher also had a big day at the plate with a home run and a triple.

Olin allowed six runs on six hits while walking four and striking out three.

Lowell is now 1-3 in the league and 5-12 overall.

## Baseball, continued...

distance for Lowell, walking one and striking out eight in giving up seven runs on eight hits.

Lowell committed five errors.

Compton continues to lead Lowell at the plate as his batting average was at .378 at week's end.

**Wyoming Park 11**  
**Lowell 0 (5 innings)**

There is no doubt in Kropf's mind that Wyoming Park is the class of the O-K White.

"They are always very sound in all areas," Kropf said. "Their baseball program, I think, is comparable to our wrestling program."

Ryan Sarnicola got the win for the Vikings. He pitched five innings, allowing no runs on two hits.

Jarred Sper pitched for Lowell. He allowed 11 runs on eight hits. The defensive play behind him was suspect as Lowell committed six errors.

**South Christian 14**  
**Lowell 5**

Shaky defensive play once again hurt the Red Arrows as they fell to the Sailors.

Lowell committed six errors. South Christian wasn't much better as it committed four errors.

However, Christian made most of its seven hits count.

The Red Arrows were able to tally five runs on six hits.

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## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

Wednesday, May 11, 1994, at 8:00 p.m.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., Lowell, to consider Jeffery Roys' request. He is seeking a variance for his business, the Cumberland Marketplace at 11250 East Fulton, on the current commercial sign ordinance restricting the use of temporary signs.

His application and a copy of the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance can be seen at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township  
(616) 897-7600

## PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGE 94-95 SCHOOL YEAR

How to start the 94-95 school year utilizing our buildings and equipment to their fullest extent.

This whole discussion started with a concern regarding buses traversing our large school area four (4) times per day coupled with young children at bus stops not in front of their homes. This concern grew through discussion to include the following objectives.

Objectives to be considered by the groups which impact the student day would be bus drivers, parents, administrators, and teachers.

**Objectives:**

1. **Make better use of media centers, study time with available tutors, optional gifted and talented programs, and use of technology centers.**
2. Taking into consideration **the benefits to families of having all their children on the same busing schedule.** This concern stems from the number of latch-key children with unsupervised bus pick up locations.
3. Before asking our community for more money to provide the above, is there any way to cut our existing expenses.

With these objectives in mind, **we have been exploring the possibility of having all of the schools starting at the same time.** This would still entail at least 2 routes per bus, both a.m. and p.m., but each bus stop would pick up K-12 children and drop the students at all 4 locations, then go on route #2.

This results in 2 waves of arrivals at schools. The first runs would go the furthest from Lowell, thereby making the second run shorter in miles and minutes. We think the time between drop off #1 and #2 would be 35 - 40 minutes.

The arrival of first load of students represents a challenge or opportunity to meet all or parts of objective #1. This time in the 6-12 could be used for study halls, passes to computer lab, or media center and any other enrichment programs. Our high school students could sign up in 6 week sections to tutor younger students or teach Spanish, play group, computers, etc. These hours could be tabulated as community service merits to be used on resumes.

The elementary buildings could use this time for cross age tutoring and special programs. Staffing the above is an undertaking so far unexplored. At the end of the day, the process reverses. However, many clubs or after school activities or sports occur at this time making the number of students being covered somewhat diminished. The buses take run #1 home first, then come back for run #2.

The Alto runs may operate as they do now. The double usage of buses would be specialized because of their location.

We bused 2,500 students this year. Next year, 2,800 are expected plus an added campus 4-5 miles away. This whole undertaking is comprehensive in its affect at each building. It is our feeling that it could be positive in its outcome to the Lowell community and its students. The actual usage of buses and drivers would remain largely the same. The initial study shows a decrease in miles of 200 per day compared to this years mileage.

**The benefits** would be: 1) families all on the same schedule: 2) greater potential use of buildings, equipment and media centers, 3) a planned study hall for older students whose activity schedule is so rigorous these years that concentrated study times especially with resource materials at hand are at a premium: 4) possible extra opportunities to the elementary students in technology and gifted and talented programs: and 5) we feel that parents might see this as a positive change for safety at bus stops and concerning latch key situations.

We realize the coordination effort of a proposed schedule change of this magnitude is great, but it could work to the greater good of all.

Before any of this is decided upon, we would like the opinions and input from our bus drivers, building staff, teachers, administrators, and school parents.

**Some issues that need discussion and solutions are:**

1. Staffing time between runs.
2. Starting time of sports and other after-school activities.
3. Parents who want to drive children in can bring all ages in.
4. Will this help with staggering students for the now mandated breakfast program?
5. How do parents feel with K-12 all on the bus at the same time?

It is our view that Lowell is a steadily growing community which will necessitate innovative programming and new ways of doing what we have done well and what we would like to do better. We are fortunate to face this challenge with a willing staff, supportive parents, industry, a dedicated group of personnel in our bus drivers, and paraprofessional group. We now have updated buildings, much improved technical offerings, and the best sports facilities we have ever had. This is a great position to find one's self in at the beginning of new financing challenges which face us in the near future.