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## Borrowing money to get from July to October does not set well with Chris VanAntwerp

••• Lowell School District must borrow \$2.3 million while it waits for state aid

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Legislators in Lansing will tell you that great momentous change has occurred in school finance and property tax reform.

Lowell School Board member Chris VanAntwerp vehemently disagrees. "Schools are in for more of the same. Thanks to our current government in Lansing, Lowell and many other schools are having to pay interest on borrowed money so it can operate from July to October when state aid funds arrive on Oct. 20," he said.

Lowell School Board member Marcia Wilcox suggested that maybe the state should be borrowing the money so that schools can continue to operate from July until October.

"It's a concern borrowing money, especially when you're relying on the state for funds," Wilcox said.

Lowell Assistant Superintendent Gary Kemp said there are currently 188 school districts in line to borrow money in July so they can get to October.

Lowell's School Board approved a resolution which will allow the district to borrow \$2.3 million through the Michigan Municipal

Bond Authority for delivery in July to meet cash needs from July-through October.

According to Kemp, the issue sold in May was at 3.5 percent interest with 5.1 percent interest income being earned on the money as it "sets aside" in the bank as repayment dollars.

"This interest income offsets the interest expense to lower our interests' costs," Kemp said. "This establishes a format for us to borrow again in the future, which appears to be a requirement from hereon in."

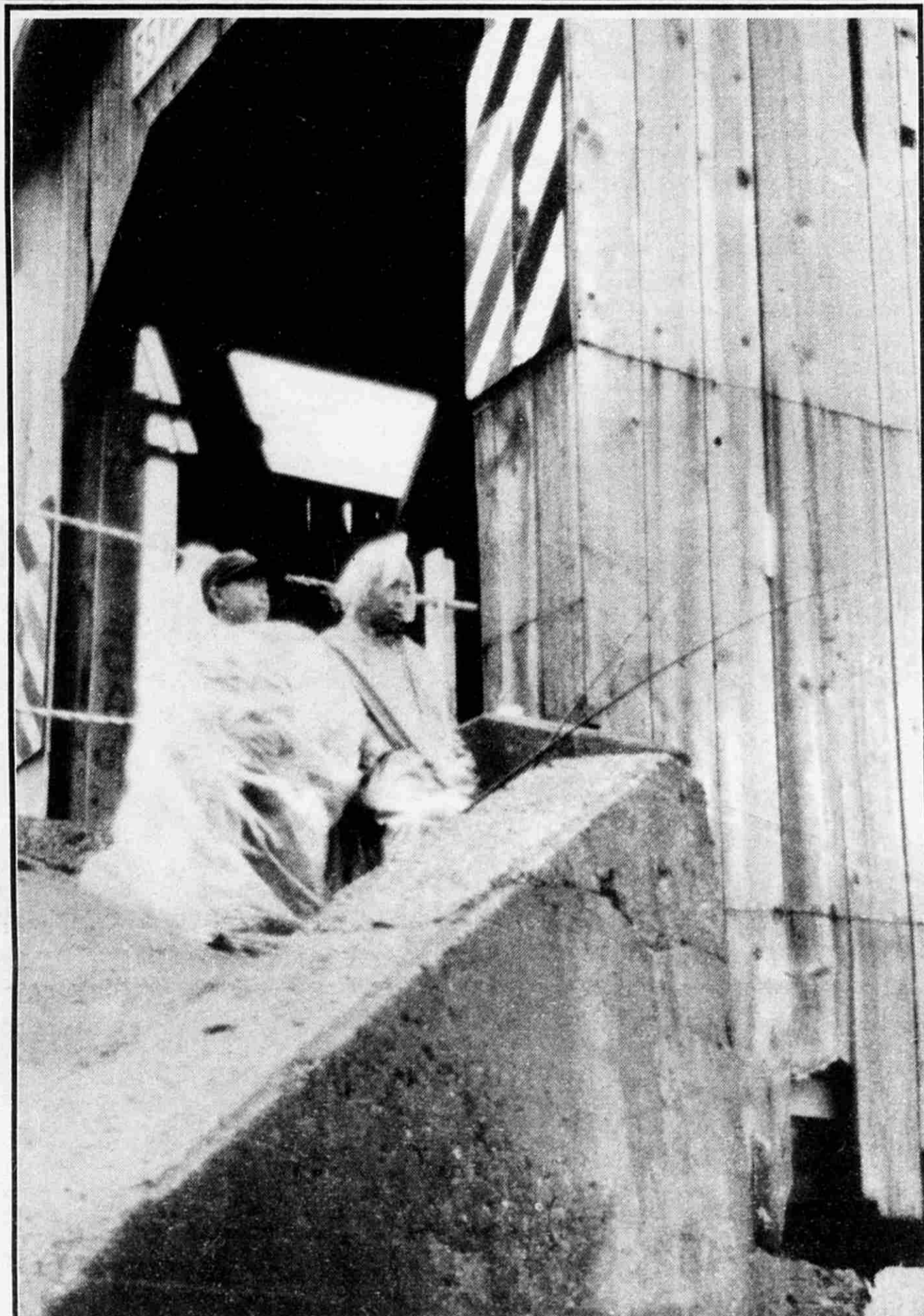
Kemp said the school will take from six to nine months to pay back the loan. At 3.5 percent interest, the school will incur an additional interest cost of approximately \$7,000 a month.

"If there is not a change in the method the state disperses its money (nine equal installments starting in October), Lowell and other schools will have to borrow each and every year," Kemp said.

In borrowing money from the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (MMBA), Lowell will be asked to set aside roughly \$472,000 in a third lending institution so to insure the repayment to MMBA.

The school will earn interest income on that \$472,000, but Kemp notes that the third lending institution won't hold onto the money before sending it on to MMBA. Kemp said he anticipates the school collecting interest on the money for anywhere from 5-12 days.

The resolution was passed 6-1. VanAntwerp was the only "no" vote.



## Fishing In Rain!

Joseph Yang, 11 (left) and Paul Xiong, 12 (right) aren't the first fishermen to grab a seat along the historic Fallasburg Covered Bridge and fish for suckers. However, Saturday, in the morning rain with their rain gear attire on the youngsters were the only two.

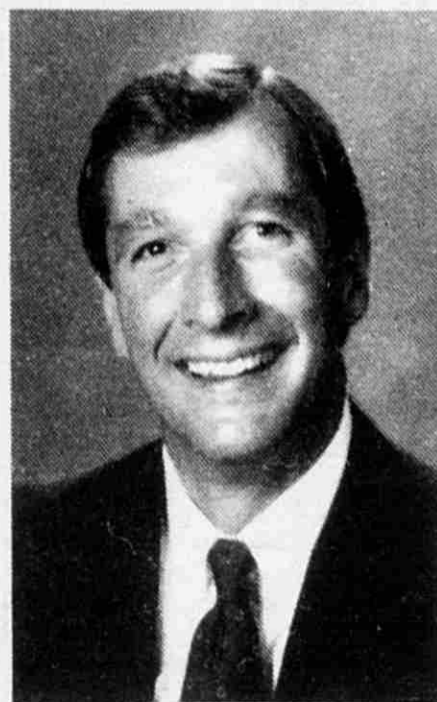
## Posthumus to seek state senate re-election; there is still work to be done

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

From the steps of a one-room schoolhouse that Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus said was symbolic of the birthplace of a quality education in Michigan to the symbolic time when providing children with education is the number one priority of teachers, parents, legislators and taxpayers, the 12-year legislator announced Monday he will seek re-election to the state Senate.

The one-room Knapp Schoolhouse in Grand Rapids Township was symbolic of the great movement that has taken place in public education in Michigan over the last couple of years and symbolic of Posthumus' educational roots.

"The values instilled in me during my years at the Lowe and Harris Creek Schools have stayed with me and guided my life as a public



Dick Posthumus

servant," Posthumus said. He attended one-room schoolhouses from kindergarten through fifth-grade.

"We must restore some of the simplicity, dedication, parental involvement and quality that were the foundation of the one-room schoolhouse," Posthumus said. The senate majority leader said the one-room schoolhouse represents much

of what he's been fighting for on the educational front.

"We have put to bed two issues that have eluded state leaders for years - school finance and property tax reform," Posthumus said.

Although the past three years have seen momentous change, Posthumus stressed there is more work to do. "I want to finish a job we started. Though we've made great strides, I'd like to achieve further education reform so my children and yours have the best tools available to succeed in the coming century," he said.

Influencing his decision to run for re-election was the need he saw for completing some unfinished business.

Posthumus would like to see reform of the single business tax. "Twenty years ago it may have been valid during the industrial era, but I don't believe it serves the state well in the technologi-

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## Bidding out audit saves money

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Heeding the call of its community and its own finance committee's recommendation, Lowell Area Schools sought bids for the financial audits and the federal program compliance audits for the year ending June 30, 1994.

Monday night, the Lowell Board of Education approved awarding the district audit bid to Phillip W. Saurman, C.P.A., to conduct the annual audit for two years for a beginning sum of \$12,000 for the 1993-94 audit, and subject to an annual renewal by April 1, 1996, and each year thereafter through the 1997-98 audit years.

Bids were sent to five firms, including Helmholtz & Co. C.P.A. who has done the auditing for Lowell

Schools for roughly the past 20 years.

"I feel bad. Helmholtz has done well by us. The change in no way is a reflection of our dissatisfaction," Kemp said. "The game has changed. We've entered a time of cost containment."

Helmholtz's cost for its auditing service for 1993-94 was \$18,700.

In going with Saurman Lowell Schools will save \$6,700.

Saurman's bids for the next four years were lower than the \$12,000 since the school will no longer be in the consortium and will be finished with its building projects.

Over those five years, the cost declines from \$12,000 to \$10,900.

Saurman's firm conducts school audits for 12 area school districts including KISD. It also does 14 gov-

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

**100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - MAY 9, 1894**  
Five "liquor bonds" are approved by Common Council in two special meetings, after being investigated by the president and chairman of the Finance Committee. U.B. Williams won Friday's bicycle race in front of about 300 spectators. Cold, wet weather along with wind and hail follow last week's warmth.

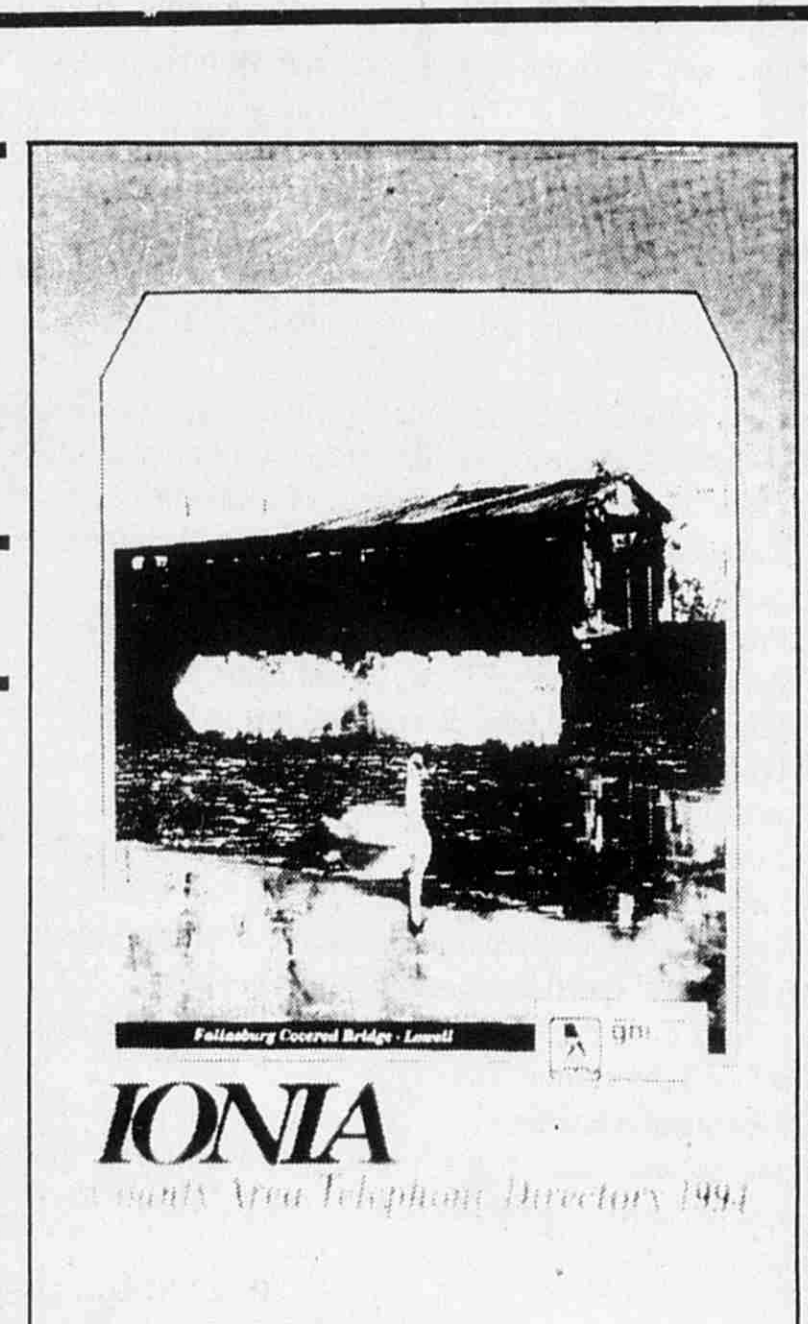
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**75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 8, 1919**  
An outdoor celebration of combined May day and Arbor Day at the school comes to a hasty end when the fire bell rings and most of the audience departs. E. A. Stowe, editor of the Michigan Tradesmen, reminisces about Lowell friends of 25-35 years ago, including one bank director who boasted that he hadn't attended a director's meeting in five years; the upshot was that the cashier caused the bank's failure, and the director was out his investment, plus. The new Alto band will play every Saturday night in the public square. Sunday's rain cut down visiting, so the columns are shorter.

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 11, 1944**  
"When advertising for Help Wanted, be sure to say 'Please,' at the same time dropping on both knees." The gardens at the library are all spruced up and

**Capitol, cont'd...**

pave the way to a promising future, we have to finish the job we've started. We must continue to fight for a better Michigan. We must pass further welfare reform, tough anti-crime legislation and reform the Single Business Tax. But more than anything, I want to see further education reform. That's why I chose to make my announcement from the steps of this historical school. Knapp School was built in 1851 and educated hundreds of Michigan children for one century. In many ways, this one-room school symbolizes much of what I have been fighting for on the education front. In the days of one-room schoolhouses, parents held direct control over their children's education. There was usually one employee, the teacher. The same person who graded the papers, stoked the fire. Schools today do not teach our children often enough the difference between right and wrong. To me, that is a travesty. I attended one-room schoolhouses from kindergarten through fifth grade. The values instilled in me during my years at the Lowe and Harris Creek schools by Mrs. Lillian Cornell and

ready to bloom, thanks to Willard Hunter. Work done by the high school band, under the leadership of Orval Jessup, during the Fourth War Loan drive, was responsible for the Certificate of Award presented by the National Music War Council during the Annual Spring Concert. Priscilla Johnson receives the certificate for the band. The annual rural school Field Day is the largest ever with 300 participating; Cascade school comes in first again, with Boynton second. K.K. Vining urges people to get their Victory gardens planted and entered in the Grand Rapids Press & Herald garden contest.

**25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAY 8, 1969**  
Ed Boyd is honored for 20 years of keeping track of river levels and snow and rainfall measurements for the Grand Rapids Weather Bureau. The North Hudson-Lincoln Lake interceptor is open to traffic. Robert Baily, Mitch McMahon, Pat McMahon and Vern Paulsen have authored short plays in Darwin Sampson's creative writing class, which will be presented to the public by Ivan Haney's drama classes. Bernard Olson resigns as city manager.

Mrs. Mary McDonald has stayed with me and guided my life as a public servant. We still have dedicated teachers, students who are second to none and parents who care, but layers of administrative and bureaucratic red tape have hindered our system. It's time we change that. Although there is a big challenge before us, we did accomplish some notable reform in the past several months. We have reduced the funding inequities that existed from district to district. We have enacted significant cost-containment measure to reign in sky-rocketing expenses. We have enacted charter school legislation that gives parents, students and teachers more opportunities and freedom to select a school based on their needs, fostering learning and creativity. But there is more to be done. As your state senator, I will continue to fight for West Michigan's interests and values. For lower taxes and more jobs. For safer neighborhoods and better schools. For a better place to live, work and raise our families. With your held and support, our kids and grandkids will be able to live and work in this beautiful state. They won't be the ones who have to 'turn out the lights.'

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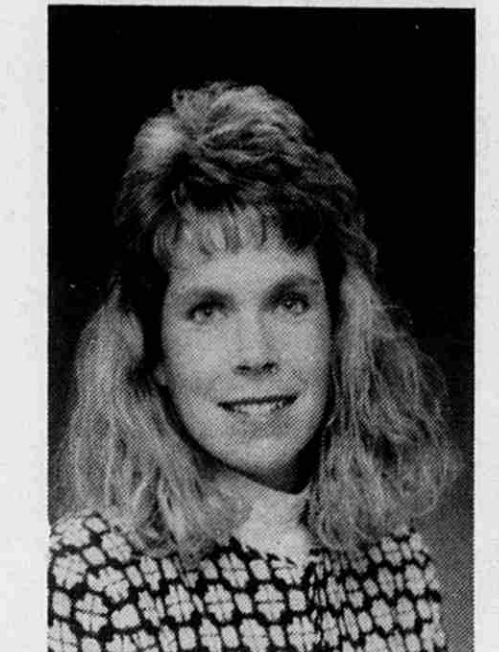
**WMU student, Powers, recognized for volunteer work**

Robert M. Powers, of Ada, is one of 12 Western Michigan University students who were honored this spring for their community service work in educating other students about sexual assault and the prevention of such attacks. The students are Peer Educators in the Sexual Assault Education Project of WMU's Women's Resources and Services. They won the STAR -- Sharing Time and Resources -- award in the College Volunteer Group category in a recognition program sponsored by the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Kalamazoo-based Voluntary Action Center. STAR awards for outstanding service in the community were presented to individual and group volunteers in 11 categories. WMU also captured the College Volunteer STAR award for individual efforts. Dawit Degene, a graduate student in business and a native of Ethiopia, won that award for his work in teaching local school children and others about African culture as well as for his work in counseling other international students and working with blind students. The Peer Educators were hailed for their efforts in empowering the victims of sexual assault and for encouraging men and women to discuss issues of sexuality and build healthy relationships. The group logged more than 1,500 volunteer hours in 1993, making 93 presentations to about 3,600 college and high school students. Working in male/female pairs, the students share information, lead group activities and generate

discussion about sexual assault myths and realities and prevention efforts for men and women as well as resources for survivors of such assault. Peer Educators undergo a rigorous 40-hour training program conducted by Joanne Dodgson, a graduate assistant in Women's Resources and Services and coordinator of the Sexual Assault Education Project. During that training, they learn about sexual assault issues, explore their own attitudes and beliefs and learn techniques for working with groups. Their training continues throughout the academic year and the program and techniques are adjusted to fit the needs of groups the Peer Educators address. The group was nominated for the award by Paul F. Iagnocco, WMU's director of student life. He lauded the commitment of the students who juggle full-time academic studies, part-time jobs and campus and community involvement with the rigors of tackling a sensitive issue and trying to change attitudes and behavior. "I am deeply touched by the Peer Educators' spirit and enthusiasm, courage and determination, strong sense of hope and great desire to create social change," he said in nominating them. "Their commitment to this work is remarkable. While we ask for a one-year commitment to the program, most give two years before they graduate."

**Lowell's Rickert receives banking PDP scholarship**

Doreen A. Rickert, assistant vice president and marketing officer for Independent Bank Corporation, has been awarded the Prochnow Educational Foundation Professional Development Program (PDP) Scholarship to attend



Doreen A. Rickert

the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The scholarship is made available annually for one graduate of each accredited, 200-level PDP general banking school. Rickert, who recently graduated with honors from the Robert M. Perry School of Banking, applied for the scholarship and was selected. Selection of the award recipient, who must be employed by a commercial bank or regulatory agency, is based on several factors including successful completion of a 200-level general banking school, superior performance at that school as demonstrated by scholastic ability, commitment and professional standards and agreement of the recipient to complete the graduate program.

The program requires students to attend two-week summer sessions on the university campus for three years, while independently completing a variety of papers and projects throughout the rest of each year. Rickert earned a bachelor of applied arts degree in journalism and broadcasting from Central Michigan University in 1987. She then worked as a copywriter for Quality Stores, Inc. and as a market research analyst for Old Kent Bank before joining Independent Bank Corporation's marketing department in 1989. "This is an honor for Doreen and we are pleased to support her in this endeavor. She is an excellent employee and we are fortunate to have her experience leading our marketing department," said Charles C. Van Loan, the corporation's president and chief executive officer. Rickert is a member of the Michigan Banker's Association marketing committee, a trustee of the Robert M. Perry School of Banking and a member of the Bank Marketing Association.

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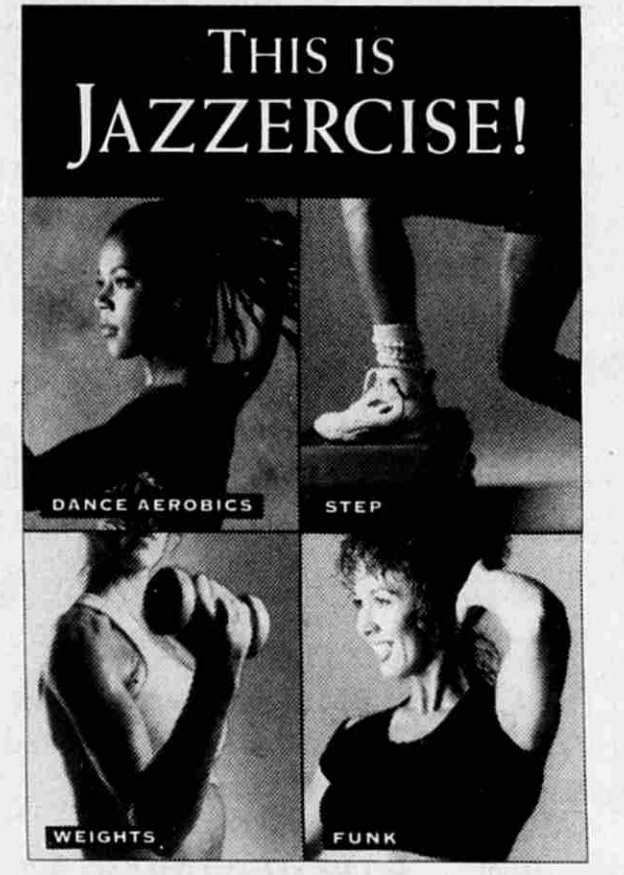
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# Playing in a symphony can't come "bassoon" enough for Kelly

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Following Connie Kelly's solo on the bassoon at the state Solo and Ensemble Festival, the judge was so moved by her performance that she gave Kelly a standing ovation.

That is rare, but so was the judge's score of 99 out of a possible 100 on Kelly's performance.

The Lowell High School senior was also recommended to audition for the All Star Honors Band to solo with the band at their spring concert.

"Very few students are chosen to audition for this honor," said Lowell High School band director Bob Rice.

After listening to one of Lowell Middle School's band

students back in 1989, a judge asked Lowell Middle School music teacher Jack Misner if the student was taking private lessons. He responded, "Yes." The judge then told Misner he was lucky to have someone that young and that good in his band. Misner answered, "I know."

That judge was also talking about Connie Kelly. "How good a musician becomes depends on how much they want it and how much work they put into it," Rice said. "Kelly works very hard at it. She also has more talent than most."

The LHS band director notes that there are many mornings prior to school starting or afternoons after school Kelly could be found in the music room playing the piano. She's been playing the piano since the age of five.

"Many kids hated having to take piano lessons. I loved it," Kelly said. "I love music. It comes easy to me. It's throughout all of me."

Playing the bassoon didn't come about until the seventh grade. "Mr. Misner (Jack) said that we needed a bassoon player if we were to get a first rating. So I decided to try it," said Kelly.

Try she did. Kelly took it home every night. "At first it was difficult and I hated it," Kelly remembers, "but it was more challenging than the piano."

After hearing her play the bassoon, Misner told her she needed to take lessons. "He said, 'get into lessons; you could go far,'" Kelly reflects.

Misner's words of encouragement have played an important part of Kelly's dream to one day be a member of a

symphony. "It's a dream," she laughs. Her decision to meet the challenge of playing the bassoon was also a step toward the realization of that dream.

"There is not as much competition with the bassoon. It will allow me to go the farthest," Kelly said. The senior tries to practice the bassoon for half an hour a day. "With my schedule I'm not always able to do that. So, when I do practice, I practice for an hour," Kelly said.

Kelly will attend North Central Bible College in Minnesota in the fall before transferring on for her music studies. She hasn't yet decided where she will transfer.

The bassoon player first realized she had some musical ability while in the elementary grades. "We'd play



Connie Kelly plays her bassoon during band class.

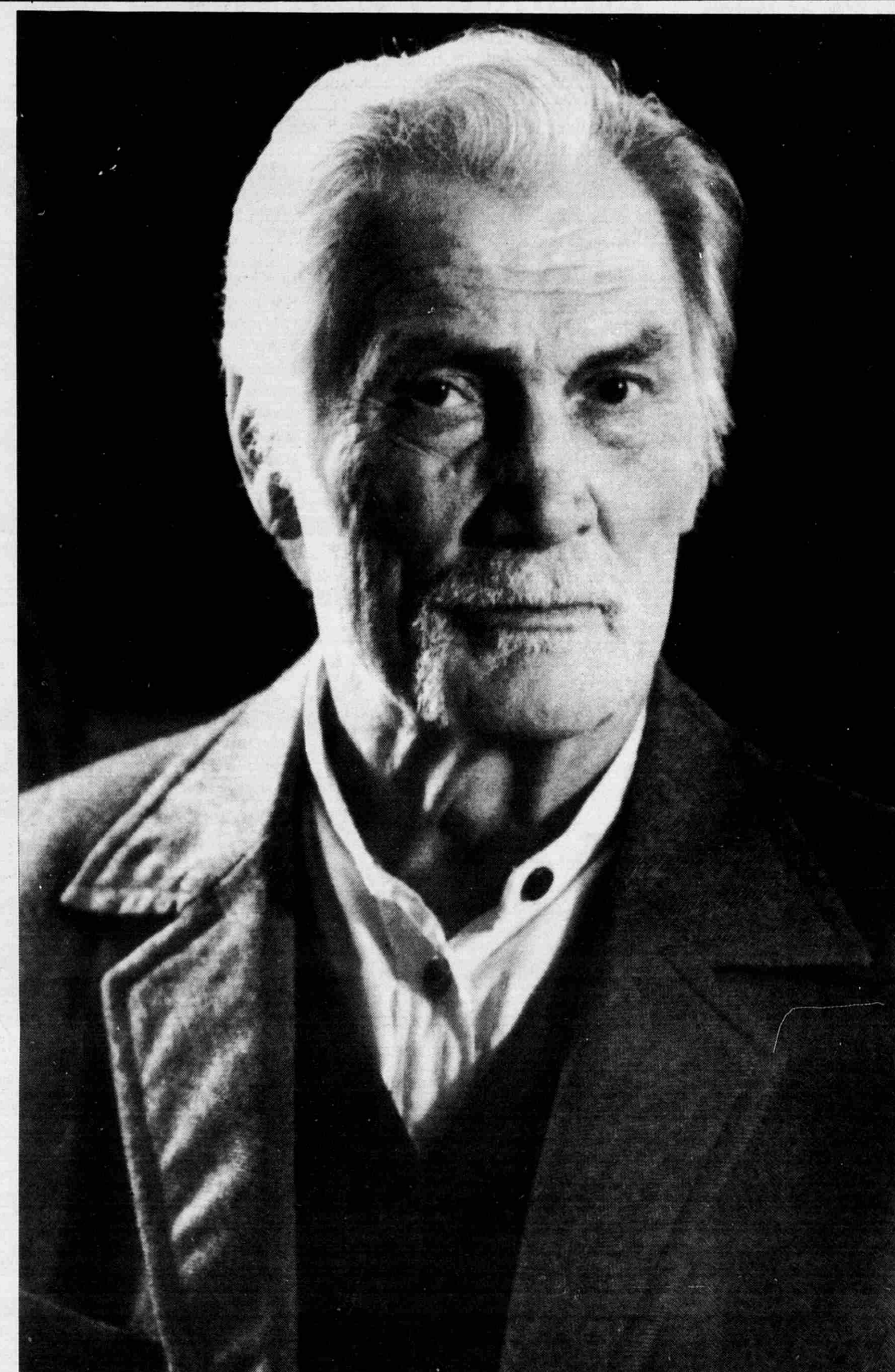
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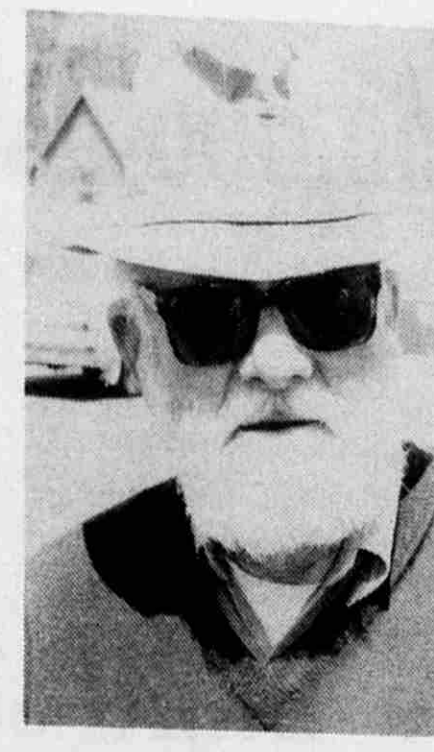
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Barb Ward: You're in another country. You must obey its laws. Nothing should have been done to stop it.



Brenda Smith: I think when you go to another country, you must follow its rules. However, I think the punishment was too hard for anybody and should not have been carried out.



John Prys: A person commits a crime and that was the punishment. No effort should have been made to stop it. People made a criminal issue of a political offense. It's time we do something to stop vandalism and destruction in this country.



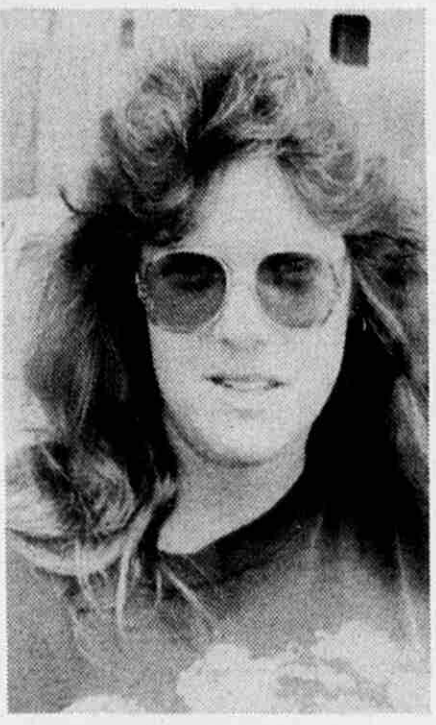
Sheila Yeiter: I think more should have been done to stop it. The punishment was not fit considering what he did.

TOWN TALK

American teenager, Michael Fay, center of an international controversy over crime and punishment, was lashed four times with a rattan cane Thursday for spray painting cars and other acts of vandalism. Do you think it was right that the punishment was carried out or should it have been stopped?



Gene Willis: No, I don't think it should have been stopped. Personally, I think the boy probably learned something from all of this.



Shelly Eldred: It should have been stopped. Abuse is not right and this was abusive.



Mary Casler: When you're over in another country, a person must abide by its rules. If I was his mother, I'd probably think differently.



Todd Lockwood: It should have been carried out. Live in their country; you live by their rules.

"Backup" HMO, a low-cost first in Michigan

Dr. Paul Tuthill, of Doctors Chiropractic in Lowell, announced an HMO exclusively for back and neck pain sufferers who lack adequate insurance coverage.

This is a first in Michigan for consumers of chiropractic services. Because of possibly illegal exclusions from medically run HMOs, patients are forced to pay out of their pocket for their treatments.

According to Tuthill, this benefit plan is the first of its kind in Michigan. "This new opportunity will save several families now under my care thousands of dollars each year. The service we chiropractors provide is utterly valuable to the physical well being of our community. As such, I have a personal responsibility to create a health care program to benefit as many patients as possible." Patients who have opportunity on the new HMO may call 897-4999.



A bird called a dipper walks underwater in search of insects and small fish.

Bassoon, continued

for music class and I'd be in book six and the other students were in book three," Kelly said. "My teacher and mother knew but didn't tell me. I guess they didn't want me to get a big head."

Kelly now knows too. And if she follows her dream, someday soon a symphony will too.

Most people like hard work. Particularly when they are paying for it. —Franklin P. Jones

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May, 1994 To My Patients: After 33 years of serving your medical needs, I have decided to retire at the end of July, 1994. Although I've certainly enjoyed my years as a physician in Lowell, I will be spending my time pursuing some hobbies, relaxing after a very demanding career and also serving some medical needs. I will be working a few hours per week at the Baptist College in Grand Rapids attending to their students' medical needs and have also been accepted into the World Medical Mission hoping to do some mission work in Africa or other areas of the world. Joining Dr. Evenhouse and assuming a large portion of my practice will be John R. Mogor, M.D. Dr. Mogor will begin here on August 1, 1994. He is completing his training as a specialist in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in Dayton, OH. This dual certification is a real plus for total family care here in Lowell. Dr. Mogor is married to Ann and has two children. I am sure that you will find Dr. Mogor competent, caring and ready to meet your needs. Although we are hoping Dr. Mogor and Dr. Evenhouse will be able to handle the load, they would like especially to service the Lowell community. If you live outside the Lowell area, for example, Grand Rapids, Ionia, Cedar Springs, etc., I would encourage you to find a family doctor closer to your home. This will be more convenient for you, as well as helping Drs. Evenhouse and Mogor better meet the needs in their own community. Blue Care Network and Priority Health members will need to change their primary care physician to Dr. Mogor. It has been a pleasure to serve you for the past 33 years; I wish you the best of health! Sincerely, Donald G. Gerard, M.D.



## Council approves variances for Green & DesJarden

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

got a setback variance for a 32' x 30' structure at 206 S. Division.

Two familiar faces within the city of Lowell's governmental unit were granted setback variances.

Dan DesJarden, Lowell's parks and streets supervisor,

Don Green, Lowell city councilman, got a setback variance for a 20' x 40' addition (with overhang) for his home located at 226 N. Center.

Both variances received

unanimous approval from the Lowell Planning Commission at its April 25 meeting.

DesJarden plans to tear down an existing detached garage and build a 32' x 30' structure in its place at his residence.

The garage must set back 25' from the Kent and Jackson

Streets right of way. DesJarden proposed a structure 23' from Kent Street and 15' from Jackson Street.

The property fronts three streets: Division, Kent and Jackson. Because the lot is not drawn out square, there is difficulty complying with setback requirements.

DesJarden said he would use the existing garage site and driveway.

Green's 20' x 40' addition will be within two feet of the south property line where six feet is required.

There are several reasons for the appeal: 1) South is the only direction that can pro-

vide sufficient space; 2) The house on the adjacent south lot is 40 feet away from the addition; and 3) the neighbor to the south had no objection.

*Happy Birthday*

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**May 12:** Mac Fonger, Clare Colwell, Jody Mercer, Laura Leasure, Jessica Covell, Michele Lindhout, Ann Southland, Scott Fosburg.

**May 13:** Shawn Austin, Linda Daugherty, Melanie Ligman, Pete Leeman.

**May 14:** Jay Barnhart, Melodie Anderson, Timmy

Eickhoff, Pat Eickhoff, Durene Hendrix, Franz Blattner, Jo Ritzema, Cherry Tison, Winnifred Jane Snieder.

**May 15:** Scott Hays, Kory Stremier, Dale Bergy, Sue Jansma.

**May 16:** Mike Cichon, John Carless, Curt Hines, Richie Ford, Kristi Ford, Ryan Phillips, Gary Knotterus, Lonnie Gray, Laurie Yssledyke, Rick Zimmerman, Ivy Horsely, January Friesner.

**May 17:** None.

**May 18:** Pauline Smith, John Clore, Thor Yssledyke, Robin Sisson, John Tesch, Sr., Nola Beth Cheesebro, Nancy C. Kwant.

## Softball touney raises \$800 for Create-A-Kingdom

Sunshine was scarce, but there was plenty of good sportsmanship at the Create-A-Kingdom softball tournament held April 30. Through cold weather, rain and wind, ten teams played on.

Larkin's took the championship. Second place was awarded to Double Six of Stanton.

The Creekside Park Committee was very pleased with the tournament and wishes to thank everyone involved. Over \$800 was raised for the Creekside Park project.

For information on how

you can get involved in this community project, please call Tina Phillips, 897-0709, or Brenda Clark, 897-8282.



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The greatest masterpieces were once only pigments on a palette.  
—Henry S. Haskins

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Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.  
—William James

## Red Arrow boys fall to powerful Rangers

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

"Turn about is fair play," replied Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve when asked about his Red Arrow meet with Forest Hills Central.

Boeve was commenting on his club's 93-45 loss to the Rangers on Thursday.

"Last year we beat Central pretty good (103-33). I'm sure that was on their mind," Boeve said. The Lowell coach said prior to the start of the track season that Central was odds on favorite to win the league.

The Rangers did nothing to detract from Boeve's prediction.

While he didn't want to concede the O-K White League meet to Central, he did say the Rangers would be difficult to keep from winning the conference meet.

"The team was disappointed that it didn't reach its goal of 50 points, but we had a lot of individual bests," Boeve said. "This is the biggest jump as far as improvement I've seen in any of our meets this year."

Ryan Teelander and George Ponchaud had individual bests in the 400. Ryan White had an individual best in the long jump and Ron Acheson threw an individual best in the discus.

Acheson took a first easily in the discus with a mark of 142-10 1/2.

White's mark of 19-1 earned him a third in the long jump. Central's Kevin Smeenge was first at 20 1/2.

Teelander was first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.75. Ponchaud was third by inches in a time of 54.72.

As he was approaching the finish line, coming out of the last turn and down the home stretch and no one within 10 yards of him, Dan Huizenga looked back to give teammate Martin Andersson some encouragement to hold off Central's Ryan Minkus.

"Usually we don't like it when a runner looks back, but in this case, it was to encourage a teammate and try to help the team," Boeve said.

Huizenga finished first in a time of 4:57.14. However, Minkus overtook Andersson. Minkus was clocked at 4:58.47 and Andersson came home in third at 5:02.12.

Huizenga was also first in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:08.75.

Boeve has talked all year to his team about gutting it out. There was no better example of that than in the 3200-meter run.

Lowell's John Wojciakowski ran 3-5 yards

behind Central's Mark Stranage. Then, coming out of the final turn, Wojciakowski made his move and excelled past Stranage to edge the Ranger at the line and take third in the exhausting 3200-meter run.

"Whether it's for first or 10th place, seeing that kind of effort at the end of a race to beat your opponent means as much to me as someone finishing first," Boeve said.

Central's Ryan Minkus won the event in a time of 11:01.65. Lowell's George Ponchaud was second in 11:02.34 and Wojciakowski was third at 11:06.

Acheson won the shot put with a distance of 45-10. Teammate Jason Koster was third with a mark of 41-4.

Lowell's 3200-meter relay team of Ponchaud, Andersson, Wojciakowski and Huizenga took top honors with a time of 9:36.7. Forest Hills Central DQ'd.

Ponchaud placed second in the pole vault with a height of 12 feet. Central's Mike Castillo won the event with a mark of 12-6.

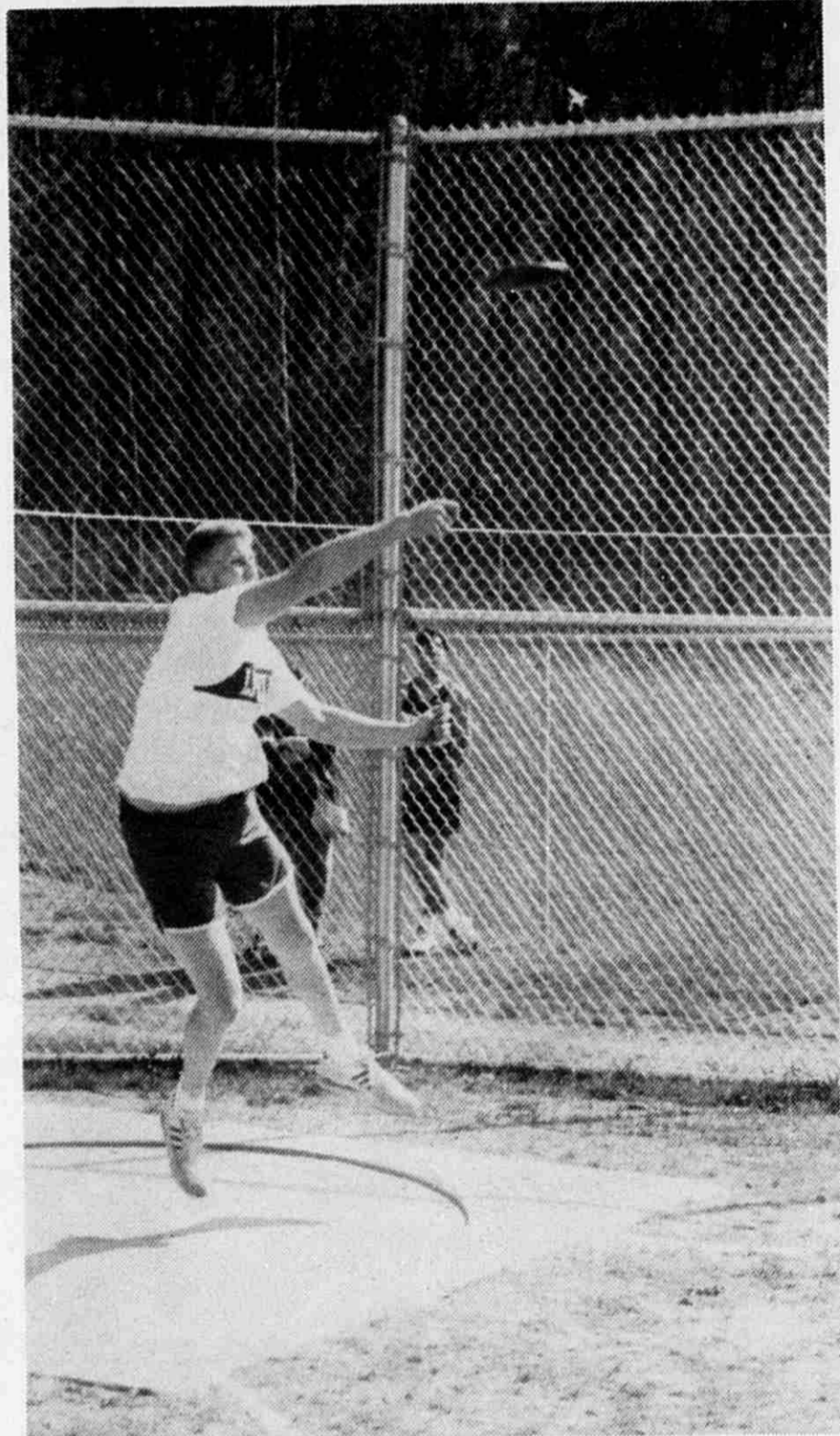
Red Arrow third place finishes included Tim Stencil, 110 hurdles, 17.58; Teelander, 100 dash, 11.84; Teelander, 200 dash, 24.72; and White and Kristian Magro, high jump, 5-8.



Tim Stencil trips over a hurdle against Central.

### LOWELL 78 ROGERS 58

- 800 M. RELAY - 1. (L) 8:35.91 (Ponchaud, Anderson, Wojciakowski, Huizenga)
- 100 M. HURDLES - 1. (R) 16:50.2. Stencil 17.66
- 100 M. RUN - 1. (R) 11:74.2. Teelander 11:82
- 200 M. RELAY - 1. (R) 40:55
- 1600 M. RUN - 1. Huizenga 4:46.98
- 400 M. RELAY - 1. (R) 49.093
- 400 M. RUN - 1. Teelander 54.014; 2. Ponchaud 55.845
- 300 M. HURDLES - 1. Stencil 43:238
- 800 M. RUN - 1. Huizenga 2:06.95
- 200 M. RUN - 1. Teelander 24:144; 3. Briggs 25:393
- 3200 M. RUN - 1. (R) 10:14.65; 2. Ponchaud 11:18.63
- 400 M. RELAY - 1. (R) SHOT PUT - 1. Acheson 48'9"; 2. Koster 40'2"; 3. Reimhold 34'11"
- DISCUS - 1. Acheson 128'3"; 2. Koster 126'1"
- LONG JUMP - 1. White 18'5"
- HIGH JUMP - 1. White & Magro (tie) 5'8"
- POLE VAULT - 1. Ponchaud 12'



Ron Acheson's winning discus throw was 142-10 1/2.

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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:**  
IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL OR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE CONCERNS, CONTACT LOUIE DUDECK AT 897-9257.

**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





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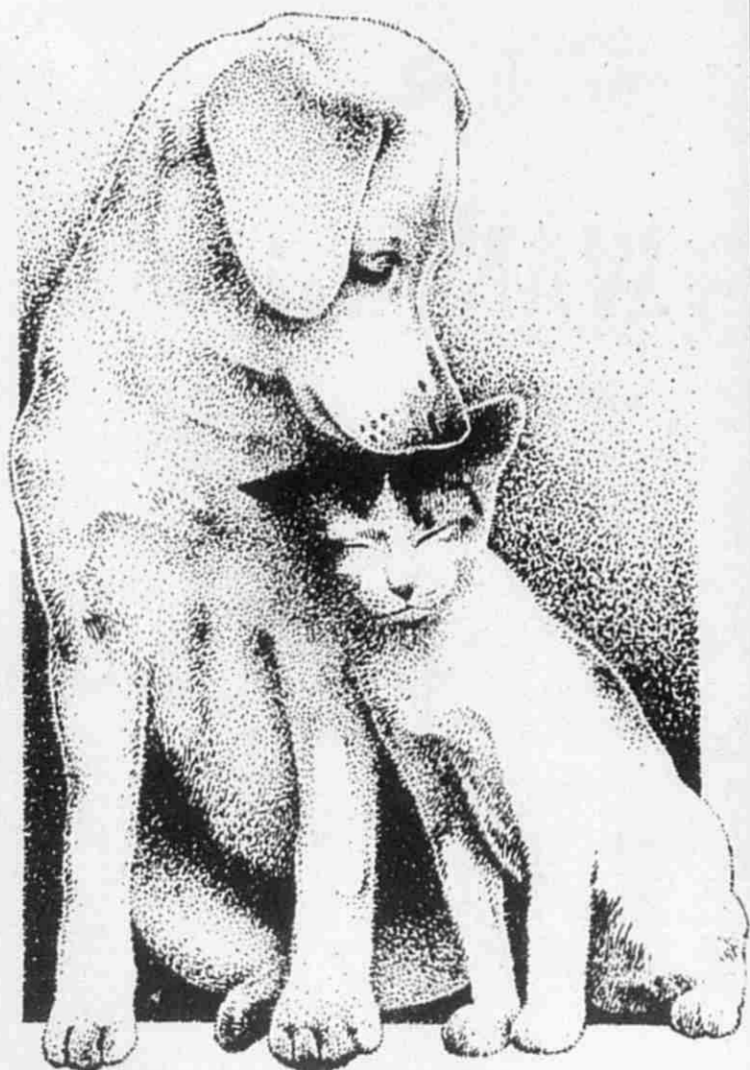
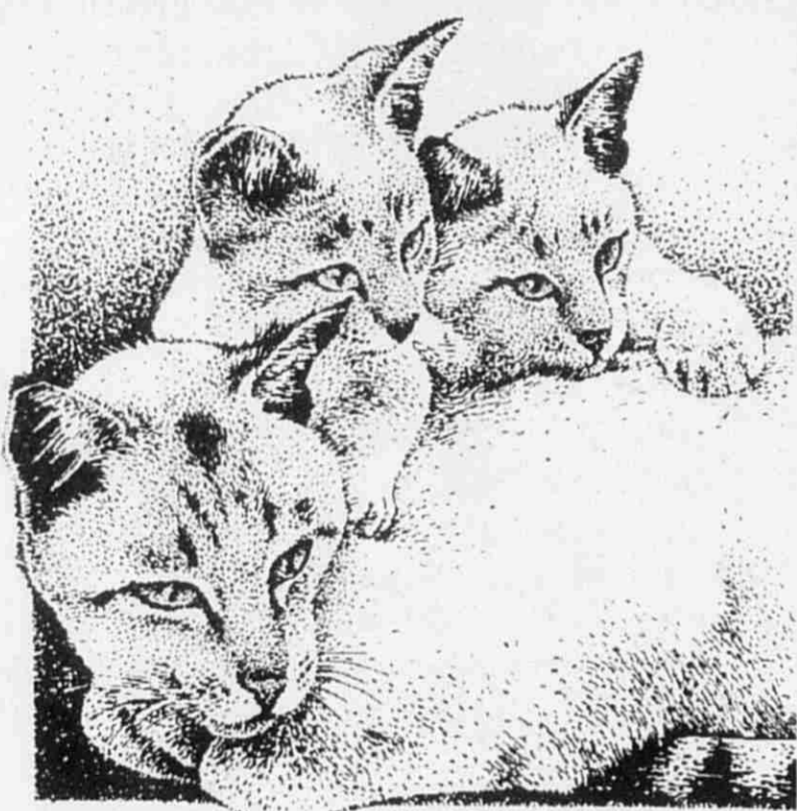
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