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"1964" leaves Showboat crowd clapping, singing and wanting more

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger

The heavy rains that hit the Lowell area Saturday night held off long enough for 1,800-plus fans to enjoy "1964's" authentic and endearing musical tribute to the Beatles at the Lowell Showboat.

From *Twist and Shout* to *Roll Over Beethoven*, to *Drive My Car*, the Showboat crowd was there for the whole ride.

Though the crowd was forced to take an early exit due to stormy weather, it seemed more than pleased with the hour and 15 minute performance.

The Showboat moved its shows from the usual third week in June time slot to the second weekend in August. The move was intended to

shake the bad weather misfortune it has experienced in June over the past five years.

"1964's" costumes, haircuts, stage movements, facial expressions, and equipment were as good as advertised. Whether it was John Lennon (Mark Benson) leaning against the drum set platform with crossed feet or Starr's wave to the crowd, it was apparent the research was thorough.

All 1,800 fans stood and joined in as "1964" did the Beatles rendition of *Twist and Shout*. Audience participation was also very much evident for *Roll Over Beethoven*.

All four members of the group, Benson, Gary Grimes, James Pou, and Greg George, are originally from Akron, OH.

The four Buckeye lads

all lived through the experience of the "Fab Four," and through their keen interpretation captured some of that excitement Saturday night.

"I thought it was a great family show, said Lowell Showboat co-vice president Sheila Dubbink. "I liked the idea that both kids and adults were clapping and singing along with "1964."

Showboat organizers were happy that they got through the wet weekend.

"Despite the wet weekend ticket-buyers were entertained thoroughly with two very good shows," said Dale Triplett, Showboat co-vice president.

How the two shows did financially will not be known for at least another week. Triplett said that will determine what the Showboat is able to do in the future.



"1964" performed for an hour and forty minutes Saturday before a crowd of approximately 1,800.

No Guarantees!

But school, city and Lowell Township optimistic water will be running Aug. 30

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There are no guarantees, but it looks as though the new high school water project will be completed in time for the start of the new school year on Aug. 30.

For this to happen, it has taken cooperative effort between the city of Lowell, Lowell Township and Lowell Schools.

The scenario has required that the city complete its west side water project. It is through this project that bacteriological- tested water will be provided to Lowell Township for its water tower located on the north side of Foreman Road.

The water from the tower

will come from a 16-inch water main put in along Foreman. The township project includes a 16-inch water main running from Alden Nash to Foreman, north to the new high school's driveway entrance, and a water main from along Alden Nash Ave. from Foreman south to the Lowell Township boundary line (Alden Nash).

It is here where the city's west side project will hook up to the township.

The city's water main routing will run from Bowes Road to Alexandra, up Ridgeview, beyond Sibley to Gee Drive north, and along Gee Drive to Alden Nash. From there it will go to the

corporate limits, then M-21 west to Ridgeview Drive to Alden Nash (city limits).

For the school to open, all three must have chlorinated lines, and the water must be tested for bacteria and pressure.

The water is in the lines, leaving the testing to be completed.

The school has had its first test completed and the results were positive. A second test was scheduled to be completed by week's end.

Both the city and township were scheduled to flush their water mains with chlorine and have both water tests completed by the end of the

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Basic rates for Lowell Cable to increase by \$1.40 come October

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Beginning October 1, Lowell Cable TV's basic rates will increase.

Paul Christman, Superintendent of Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV, said the increase will improve the cable company in the capital area, helping to retire the \$550,000 debt more quickly, which is critical, so that the cable company can compete properly in the future with the growing cable industry. He noted that programming and administrative costs have also risen.

There will also be rate increases for HBO, Cinemax and Disney subscribers. HBO will jump from \$10.95 per month to \$11.50. Cinemax will go up from \$8 a month to \$8.50, and Disney will cost cus-

tomers \$10.50 per month as opposed to the current rate of \$9.95.

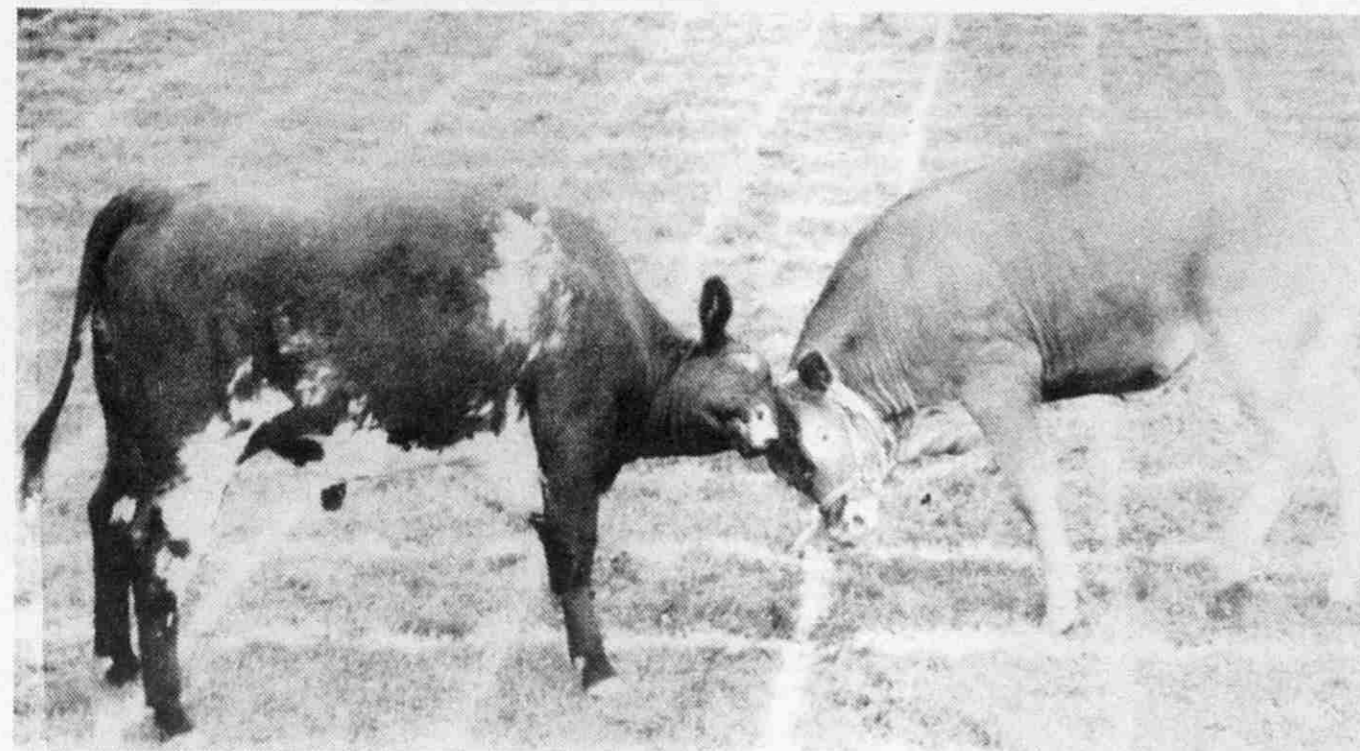
With the approval of an increase, the \$2 a month charge for each additional outlet will be dropped and a separate tier charge of \$4.25 per month for both MTV and Nashville will be dropped. Both channels will become part of the basic package.

Other channels that will be added to the basic package beginning on Oct. 1 are FX, the Learning Channel, Travel, VH1 and Science Fiction. With the additions, Lowell Cable will have 35 stations available on its basic package.

Christman pointed out that even with the increase, Lowell Cable remains very competitive with other area systems. C-Tec offers its customers 24 channels for \$21.95 a month; Horizon offers 30 channels for

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Cow Chip Bingo plops down \$3,000 for Creekside Kingdom



These two bovine bingo players battle for that secret square.

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

"Plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is" echoed throughout this year's Kent County 4-H Youth Fair. No, it wasn't a bad case of indigestion; it was the announcement for the first ever "cow plop contest."

It may not have been gambling Las Vegas style, but three people walked away from this inaugural event happy that cows have to answer to "nature's call."

The event was sponsored by the Creekside Kingdom to

help raise funds for the project. For a small fee of \$10, people were given the opportunity to walk away with their wallets a little thicker.

The event got underway rather quietly, but after 15 minutes, throngs of people waited with baited breath as a

1,230 pound steer, named Dufus, searched for that magical spot to make somebody \$1,000 richer. His next two special gifts would also produce a \$500 and \$250 winner.

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OBITUARIES

ACOSTA - Cynthia May Acosta, aged 33, of Mesick, died August 9, 1994 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Surviving are her husband Benjamin Acosta, children Cassandra, Francisca and Guadalupe, all at home; her mother Frances Thomas of Mesick; her grandmothers Eva Moore and Jennie Thomas both of Ionia; her brothers and sisters Rose (Clark) Fox of Lowell, Julie (Dean) Dennie of Lake Odessa and Sandra (Chris) Hale of Belding and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Levi Thomas. She graduated from Lowell High School in 1979 and had lived in Mesick for the past 10 years; she worked for Target Store in Traverse City, and in the summer she taught summer

school in Mesick. Funeral Services were held Friday with Rev. Fr. Robert H. Bissot officiating. Interment Sherman-Mesick Cemetery in Mesick.

BLISS - William Allen Bliss, infant son of Robert and Amy Bliss, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, August 14, 1994. He is also survived by his sister Samantha, grandparents James Bliss of Greenville, William and Susan Schug of Cave City, KY. Funeral Services will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Rothgerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell, officiating.

CARPENTER - William Howard Carpenter, aged 77, died Thursday, August 4, 1994

at Savana Cay Nursing Manor in Port St. Lucie, FL. Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Florence Estelle Carpenter of Mantion and Port St. Lucie, FL, and a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Douglas Lindhout of Lowell. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy (Allen) Carpenter, two older sisters, Mayme (Paul) Jordan and Helen (Harold) Faulkner and two older brothers, Harold (Helen) Carpenter and Paul (Dorothy) Carpenter. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 1994 at 11 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Chapel in Manion, MI.

HALL - Mr. Norman E. Hall, aged 69, of Alto, went to be with his Lord Thursday, August 11, 1994. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Leona; his son, Douglas Hall; and his granddaughter, Michelle Hall. Surviving are his wife, Esther, his children, Norma and David Scott, Alan and Sue Hall, Gary and Alice VanTuinen, James Hall, Gayle and Paul Kayser, Christine Peterson, Carol and Jerry Coon, Kevin Hall, Nancy and Randy Walsh, Marcia and Rich Brubacher, Nancy and Scott Niewiadomski, Patricia Hall, Cheryl Hall, Marilyn and Nick Thompson; 34 grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter, his brothers and sisters, Yvonne and Robert Matts, Garth Hall, Vern Hall, Bernice Kowalski, Betty and Todd Spencer. The Funeral Service was held Monday at the Good News Baptist Church, Rev. Thomas Dolph

and Rev. Edwin DuBois officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to the Good News Baptist Church for the Lincoln Lake Camp.

MUNROE - Carl J. Munroe, aged 87, of Lowell, died Sunday, August 14, 1994. He is survived by his children, Bruce and Marie Munroe of Lowell, Robert and Mary Holcomb of Muskegon; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. at First United

Methodist Church of Lowell, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church.

PASSUELLO - Mrs. Adeline Mary Passuello (Davis), aged 89, of Grand Rapids, died Monday, August 8, 1994 at the St. Mary's Living Center. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Roy Davis, and by her second husband, William Passuello. Surviving are three sons, Robert C. Davis of Grand Rapids, Richard Davis of Atlanta, GA, James

(Karen) Davis of Belmont, 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Frank (Dorothy) Prince of San Diego, CA, Edward Zigmont of Lowell; and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Passuello was a charter member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Pacific Intercultural Exchange looking for host families in Lowell

Foreign high school students will be arriving soon into the Lowell area for academic semester and year homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and life-styles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student. For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Ar-

gentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries.

Lowell area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818.

The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Strike or no strike - Lowell girl lives out baseball dream

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

If the baseball strike keeps up, many people may forget about this year's games, but at least one fan has memories which will last a lifetime.

Elizabeth Vezino recently got to do something that many Americans can only dream of, she was a batgirl for the Detroit Tigers for a day.

Vezino, 10, was chosen by the Tigers to be an honorary batgirl for the July 24 game against the Kansas City Royals.

Although Vezino didn't retrieve any bats, she did get to meet several ball players, announcer Rick Rizzos and Tiger Manager Sparky Anderson.

Choosing an honorary batboy/batgirl is something the Tiger organization has been doing for the past seven seasons. Many of the children are chosen at random, but in

some cases, like Vezino's, agreements are worked out with local businesses that allow employee's children to be chosen.

As part of the children's experience, they are taken on the field during batting practice and allowed to watch the players warm up. They are then taken into the dugout where they are introduced to several members of the Tiger organization. Besides Rizzos and Anderson, she was introduced to Tiger catcher Chad Kreuter and multi-purpose player Tony Phillips. She was also given several gifts such as a Tiger hat and shirt and a baseball, which was signed by the four members of the organization.

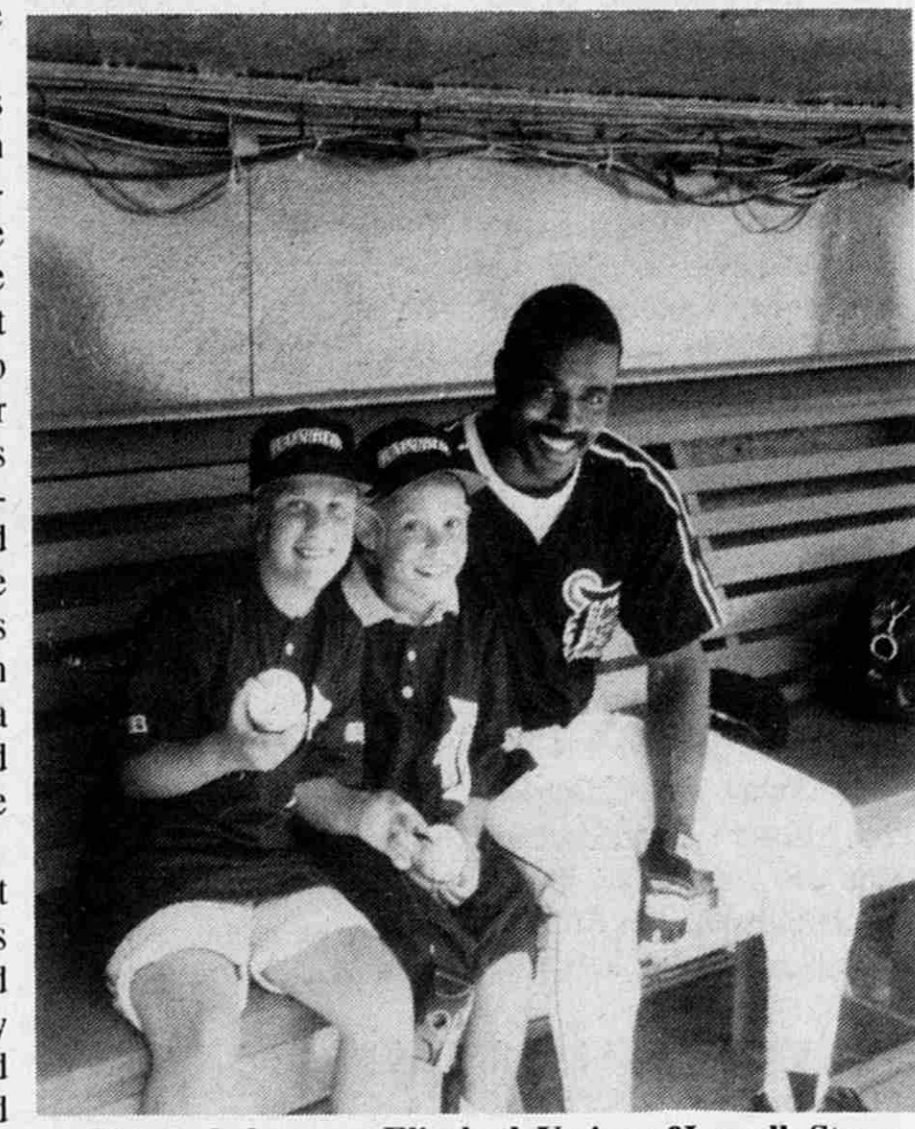
Vezino, a fourth grader at St. Mary's School, said she is a big fan of the Tigers and especially likes Mickey Tettleton. She said she had lots of fun and was treated nicely by everyone, even

Phillips who she said seemed to be "very tired in the dug-out."

"I really had fun and the privileges they gave us were great. I especially liked the

gifts we got and when they introduced us in front of the whole stadium," said Vezino. Vezino wasn't alone in her visit to Tiger Stadium. The family was given four tickets

to attend the game and Elizabeth's mom, Barb, sisters Amy and Mary Jo, and her father Joe were all on hand to cheer her on.



Pictured above are Elizabeth Vezino of Lowell; Steven Milanowski, of Wyoming and Tony Phillips of the Tigers.

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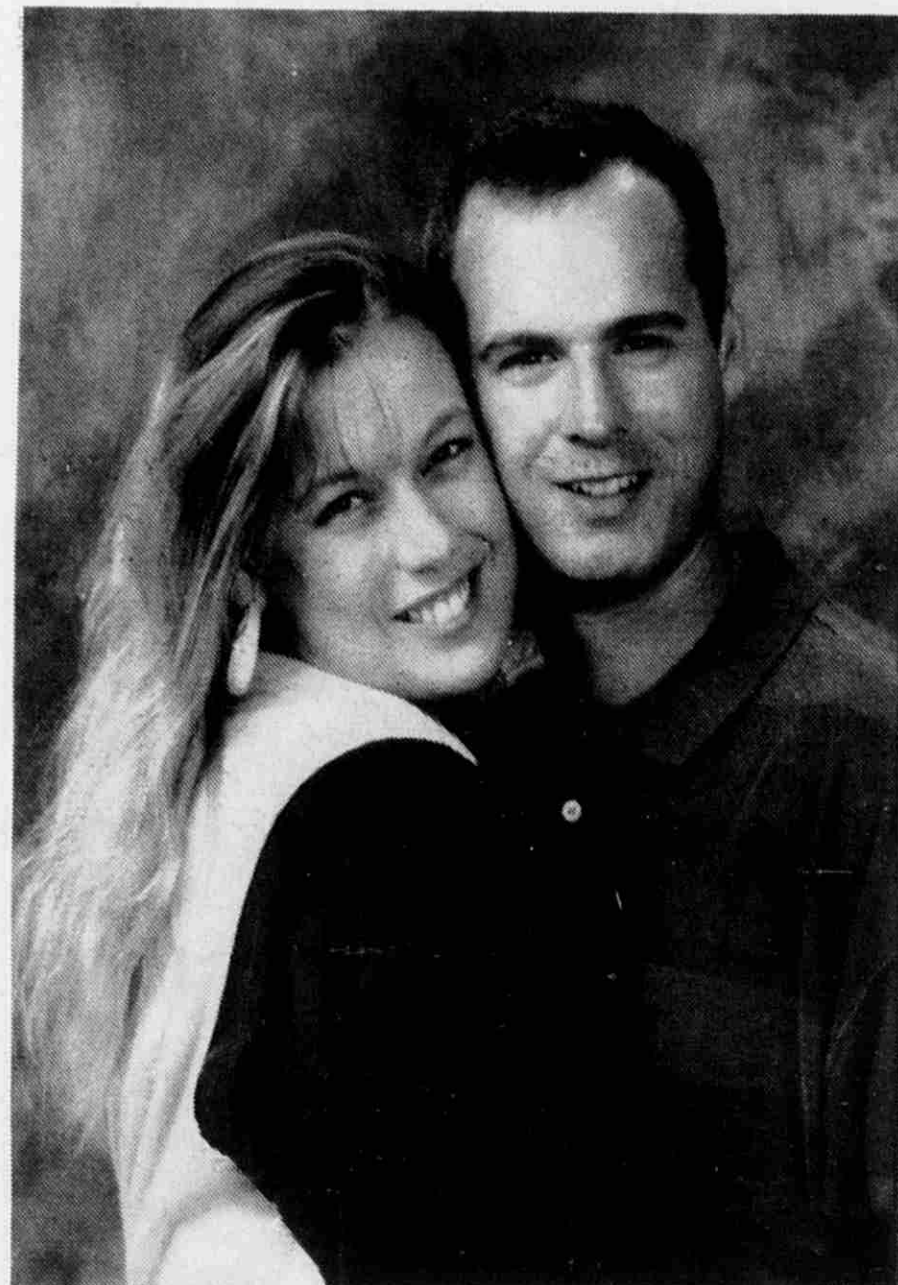
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Dianna Collins and Louis Demola Jr.

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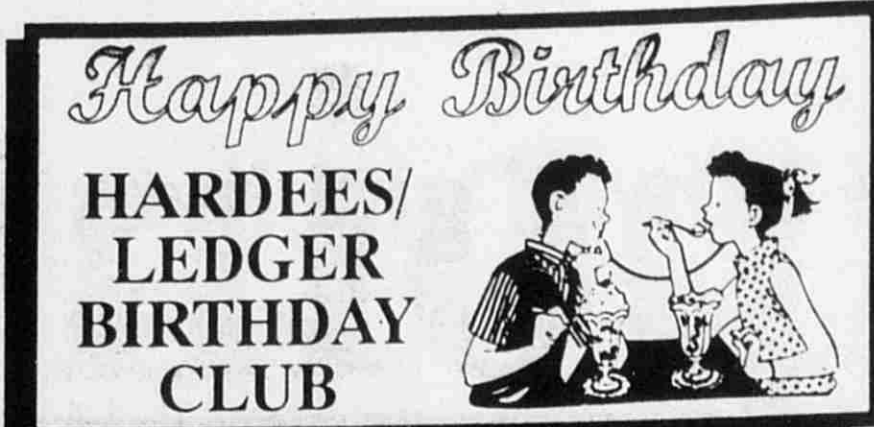
The bride to be is a 1985 graduate of Lowell High School and is currently a manager for PCA International.

The future groom is from Shrewsbury, NJ and is employed as a crew chief at Phoenix Air.

The couple reside in Marcy, NY where they own a video matchmaking service. A 1995 wedding is planned in the Caribbean.

It is a form of affectation to emphasize the fact that you do not indulge in it.

—La Rouchefoucauld



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Aug. 20: Scott Franks, Melodie Kirby, Gail Kloosterman, Kelly Cichon, Emily Boss.
Aug. 21: Vera Antonides, Jay Hobbs, Mike Arnold, Mark Hines, Cathy Ritzeza, Tim Aksamitowski, Madelyn Pfaller, Mary Martin, Alice King.
Aug. 22: Mary Moore, Rachel Baker, Bill Burkett, Kelly Kathan, Rick Wingcier, Andy Wester, Shane Teelander, Mike Blough.
Aug. 23: Danny Maynard, Rob Yeiter, Tim Noskey, Rhea Bundy, Matt Davis, Gladys Fletcher.
Aug. 24: Tim Raymor, Teresa Serne, Jenny Dykhuizen.

Franciscan Farm Fest, Sept. 17

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in Lowell are planning the Sixth Annual Franciscan Farm Fest taking place on September 17 from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. The 1993 Farm Fest was attended by over 200 people, and this year we hope to have even more. All festivities take place outdoors beneath a huge tent in Lowell, at the Child Development Center.

There will be musical entertainment from 6 to 10 p.m. provided by the popular blue grass band "Beats Settin' Home."

This is a fun-filled evening consisting of a deli-

cious dinner, bluegrass music, a silent and an oral auction and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the scholarship fund of the Franciscan Child Development Center. Last year the scholarship fund was utilized by 194 people.

The scholarship monies can be used for one of the many programs that the Center offers. Last year, the Farm Fest raised \$20,000 which has been added to the scholarship fund.

A donation of \$25 per person is requested. To receive an invitation to, or more information on the Farm Fest, just call 897-7842.

White benefits from Gerstacker Internship program

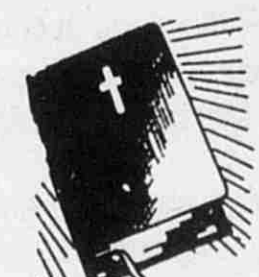
Albion College senior Jason White is working this summer at Universal Forest Products, Lowell, in human relations. This internship was arranged through the Carl A. Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in professional management.

The Gerstacker Professional Management Program requires students to complete at least two internships in their chosen area of professional interest. These internships allow students to develop work-related skills as well as observe and analyze the work-

ings of a professional firm. The advantages of combining the practical experience of an internship with the theoretical curriculum of the classroom have been demonstrated by the successful placement of program graduates.

White, an economics and management major, is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School. He is the son of James and Bobbie White of Lowell.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in the south central Michigan town of the same name.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name (Hebrews 13:15).

Any person who sews knows that most material has two sides—right and wrong.

The pattern in the material is brighter and clearer on the right side. Occasionally, however, the wrong side of the material appears more attractive, but this is most unusual.

A number of people go through life looking at the wrong side of the material, so to speak. They see everything

that is unpleasant. They continually fret over the injustices done to them by others and the wrong deal the world has dealt them. It makes one wonder if they aren't happy being unhappy.

Then there are those who concentrate on the right side of living. Life may have been equally hard, if not harder, for them than for their whining neighbors, but they refuse to succumb to self-pity and melancholy. They continually look for the good and praise the Lord for everything.

Grandma Woodman lived in a tumble-down shack down by the river bottom. She had little money, but her habitual greeting was "Praise the Lord." No matter what happened, she exclaimed, "Praise the Lord." On her death bed she summoned strength to raise her hand feebly and whisper, "Praise the Lord."

Prayer: Dear Lord, I shall praise Thee for all Thou hast done for me. I praise Thee—now, I shall—always. Amen.

He gave me a song; 'twas a new song of praise. By day and by night its sweet notes I will raise. My heart's overflowing; I'm happy and free. I'll praise my Redeemer, who has rescued me.

H. J. ZELLEY

AREA BIRTHS

Darryl and Amy McGregor of Ada are proud to announce the birth of Keaton Paul McGregor. He was born August 14, 1994 weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 22 inches long.

Big brothers Austin and Logan welcomed him home. Grandparents are Don and Jackie McGregor of Lowell and Ted and Arlene Sytoma of Ada.

Viewpoint . . .



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - AUG. 15, 1894
 Congress votes to prohibit all immigration of Chinese laborers to the U.S. for 10 years.
 The Wisconsin forest fires arrive in Michigan and

cause big losses in Watersmeet and Merrill.

The anticipation of the Farmer's Picnic next week builds. Fruit growers will meet early to form a Horticultural Society.

Collar's advertises "Challies, Jaconets, Pongees" on sale. Those are fabrics.

Worthy Silcox is building a new barbershop in Alto. W.J. Ecker & Son manufacture and sell a full line of wooden eavestroughs.

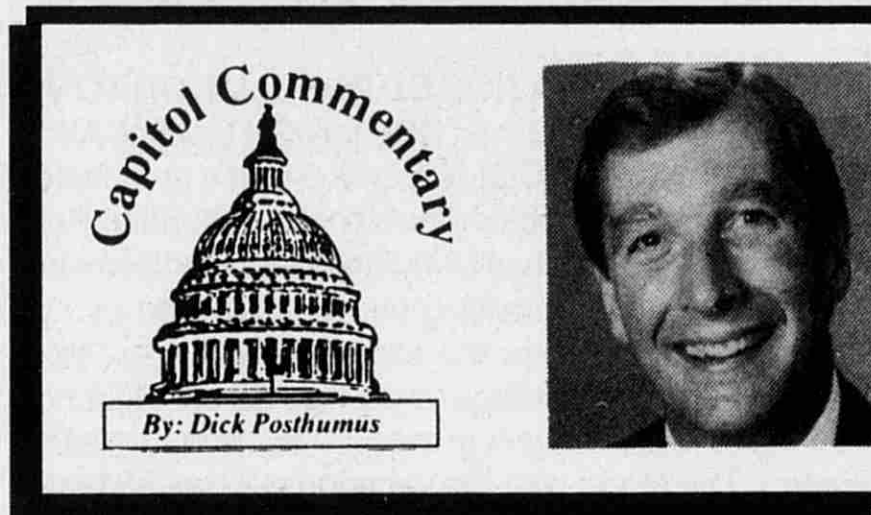
75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG 14, 1919

The Jackies, Grand Rapids News Boys' Drum and Bugle Corps, will camp at Island Park enroute to a Mulliken performance. They will play a concert in return for Lowell clearing and bridging the park for them (it has been closed during the war.)

The Chautauqua is pronounced a success, except for the music, and next year's event has been underwritten by 30 Lowellites.

Since Michigan's Anti-Trust laws are stronger than the feds', the investigation of meat packers' high prices will go on here.

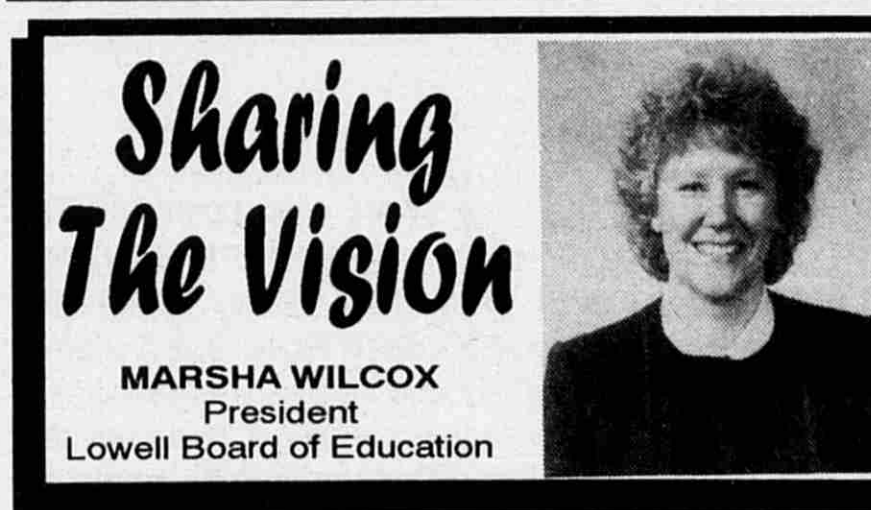
On the Prohibition front, a Federal court judge rules 2-3/4 percent beer intoxicating and thus banned; and Virginia bans sales of toilet waters, which contain high percentages of alcohol.



Few, if any, Americans today believe our current welfare system is solving the heartbreaking problem of poverty. In fact, most believe the system encourages poverty because it lacks any incentives for people to become self-sufficient and independent.

Here in Michigan, we are bucking national statistics and changing welfare as we know it by introducing innovative job training and education programs. Rather than penalizing public assistance recipients for gaining employment, we now reward them by allowing them to keep more of their benefits while earning a paycheck.

This fall, we will introduce another program that will help Michigan carry out the true intention of welfare: to provide the American people with a safety net, a second chance.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Have you ever wondered about the laws which govern public officials? Wonder no more. This article contains all you ever wanted to know about the Open Meetings Act, but were afraid to ask.

All public bodies in Michigan (state, county, city, township, boards of education) operate under Michigan Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. It is commonly called, "The Open Meetings Act."

It is based on the premise that you, the citizens, have the right and the duty to be participants in America's representative democracy. In order to do this, you, as citizens, must have access to the information upon which your representatives (elected officials) make decisions that affect everyone. The law provides that each meeting will have one public comment period with guidelines issued by that public body.

To those of us who live in the Lowell Area School District, it means simply that all information used to operate the schools is available to all people. However, in order to protect individual Constitutional rights to privacy, the law allows only a few exceptions to the openness of information. Those are: Certain personnel matters when requested by the named person; certain student matters when exemption is requested by the student's parents; negotiation of contracts if requested by either party; consideration of property purchase; pending litigation; consideration of material exempted by state or federal statute.

On October 1, Michigan will kick off a landmark job training initiative called *Work First*. *Work First* will build upon the success of the state's nationally-acclaimed welfare reform plan by offering residents on public assistance job skills training and help in finding that all-important first job.

Unlike many of the nation's welfare systems, ours will stress the importance of getting out into the work world and breaking away from the dependency on state assistance programs through outlets like *Work First*.

What is most exciting about *Work First* is that it is modeled after Kent County's basic program, brought to West Michigan about 15 years ago by Kent County Department of Social Services Director Evert Vermeer. While other programs across the state and nation continued to award welfare benefits without question, Kent County has encouraged its assistance recipients to participate in job training or educational programs. Today, more than one fourth of Kent County's welfare recipients are working.

Work First aims to make employment possible for all state residents who depend on welfare. With \$70 million in job training money administered by the Michigan Jobs Commission, *Work First* will target welfare recipients and be delivered by 37 local Service Delivery Areas (SDA's) around the state. In the past, aid recipients received employment and training services either directly from the Department of Social Services or through a DDS contract with a private provider.

Regular meetings of every public body, including the board of education, are scheduled and published for one year in advance. All meetings (regular, special and committee) of the state, county, city, township and boards of education are required to be posted publicly at least 18 hours before the scheduled meetings with the time and place declared. The Lowell Board of Education always complies with this and all requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Every scheduled meeting is posted at the site of the Central Office (presently at 12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI).

Informational material may be requested in Michigan from the state, from counties, cities, townships or boards of education under Act 442 of 1976, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). These public bodies are allowed to charge reasonably for the time and material it takes to produce the requested information. Since the original cost of operating these public bodies is borne by the taxpayers, most of whom are not making any requests, it seems reasonable to charge for special requests.

The Lowell Board of Education welcomes your attendance at its meetings. They are regularly held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month with special meetings posted as required.

We have had to shift meeting places somewhat over the past year because we are in the midst of an exciting moving project: Old high school to the new high school; middle school now in old high school; old middle school changed to Cherry Creek Elementary, (grades two to five) Alto Elementary remaining kindergarten through fifth; Bushnell Elementary now kindergarten and first grade; Runciman/Riverside into the Community Service Center by Nov. '94.

These pending and completed moves have caused some confusing changes, but you may always call the central office at 897-8415 for current information. Thanks for your patience and pardon the dust.

Your Board of Education welcomes your comments, questions, and ideas for the continuous quality improvement of our school. We necessarily must make any decisions within eco-

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 17, 1944

The Lowell Chapter of the FFA takes first place in Michigan, a "gold award" and \$50, and now can go to the national contest. Albert Hall was the advisor.

Be sure to go to the Community Picnic at Fallsburg Park today. It will start at 3 p.m. (businesses are out for the afternoon) with games and contests. Beverages furnished for supper.

Intense heat has ruined many crops, but welcome showers arrived Tuesday.

Ernie Pyle's column deals with the ordinance units that haul in and repair tanks and anti-tank guns, and the small-arms repair-shops-in-a-truck.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 14, 1969

The date for this issue is "August 7" on the masthead. Is that collectible?

The Lowell Railroad is pictured in operation. It is a popular ride for young and old.

The 4-H Fair is underway with about 3,000 exhibitors. Thursday, Kids' Day, will feature Buck Barry.

A safe stolen from Azzarello Chevrolet Agency is located under brush in a Greenville cornfield. The long search included finding papers from the safe in the Flat River near Greenville.

While the program will emphasize employment, it will not preclude education. Rather, *Work First* is designed to first get people back to work, then help them pursue additional education and training.

Another big bonus of the program: day care and transportation will be provided.

I am confident this program will be a great success. Similar programs have certainly proved effective. Kent County's on-going program is a great example, as are the current work initiatives in place statewide.

Thanks to those initiatives, more than 52,000 of Michigan's Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients were working as of June. That represents an increase of 20,000 since the first work incentives were put in place by this administration, and 24 percent of the caseload. Nationally, only eight percent of welfare recipients hold jobs.

To me, this is strong evidence that Michigan's welfare reform programs are the right direction to go. Why shouldn't they be? Our welfare track record has clearly demonstrated that giving people money does not truly help them. Rather, requiring personal responsibility and giving them the opportunities to earn their own money does.

Programs like *Work First* will ensure that people now dependent on public assistance have an opportunity to become self-sufficient. This is unquestionably the best situation for both the individual and the state as a whole.

economic boundaries and with balanced consideration for students, employees, and district residents.

Thank you for not yawning off at the sometimes boring nature of the law. We follow that law to the letter because the board of education knows that you want the distribution of your tax dollars and the dollars and the interests of your children judiciously protected. We want exactly the same things.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We are currently going through the process of selecting a new superintendent and an assistant superintendent for the Lowell School system.

I have only one thing to say, "Please let us remember to respect the two who shall be chosen."

There were two fine men who had already held these two positions, Dr. Esch and Mr. Kemp. Both of these gentlemen had children of their own attending the Lowell schools. With that thought in mind, wouldn't they have made decisions not only in the best interest of our children but also in the best interest of their own children? I think both of these men did a fine job.

Kathy Noskey
 The McPherson Family

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre Pastor Eleanor Martin Director of Education Barrier-Free Nursery Provided	ALTON BIBLE CHURCH 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!	DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "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 897-8332 Located: on Centerline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy. Pastor Frank and Daphne Lattimore.	LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 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

ABOUT YOUR MONEY...

With **RANDALL J. SCHULTZ**
FMB Financial Group
Account Executive



LIFECYCLE FINANCIAL PLANNING

At each stage of life, your priorities and interests change. The things that matter most to you starting out are not the same ones you strive for later. That's why a lifecycle approach to financial planning makes sense. The following overview of lifecycle financial planning describes a chain of events that can vary from one person to the next. In your case, the order of events may differ and some events may overlap. But it

should give you some idea of the topics you might want to discuss in depth with a financial planner.

STARTING OUT:

At this stage, it's important to develop sound money management habits and a good credit rating.

Create an emergency fund equal to six months living expenses. In a two-income family, try to save one person's paycheck.

Open a checking account with overdraft protection and obtain a cash card for access to cash 24 hours a day.

Establish a solid credit rating by paying off any student loans and opening a credit card account. Pay the outstanding balances on your credit card each month.

MOVING AHEAD:

As your obligations grow, and the pace of life quickens, count on the convenience of telephone banking, direct deposit, a safe deposit box and a personal line of credit for major purchases.

Invest in a home. Interest paid on your mortgage is tax deductible and there is the potential for appreciation in home value.

Make major purchases such as a new car or children's braces with credit, if necessary.

Increase your emergency fund to six to twelve months income using CD's, money market accounts and short-term T-bills that offer liquidity and safety of principal.

Update your insurance protection with low-cost term plus cash value life insurance. If both spouses work, avoid duplicate coverage in your benefit plans. Don't overlook your most valuable asset: your earning power. Protect it with individual disability coverage.

SECURING YOUR FUTURE:

Plan ahead for major expenses such as college, a wedding, a home improvement, or a larger home and your retirement.

Start a college fund for each child, possibly using automatic savings in mutual funds.

Invest for the long term. The money you invest should come from discretionary funds that you can afford to risk. At this stage, you may choose to be more aggressive by investing primarily in stocks or stock mutual funds that have the poten-

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Foster and Childs rock the Showboat with country

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Not even a drizzle of rain could keep fans from enjoying the opening night of this year's Lowell Showboat.

Radney Foster and Andy Childs kicked off the two-day celebration with country music for all types of fans.

Childs' country-rock style of music was offensively with Foster's more traditional style. Both performers left the approximately 1,500 fans pleased with the initial event.

Foster was the headliner

for the show and performed for nearly 80 minutes despite the on and off threat of rain. At times the rain caused audience members to bring out their umbrellas, but the rain never got to the point where the concert was in jeopardy of losing its fans.

Foster's music was based on many true life experiences. Foster even informed the crowd of his desires to sing songs from his life. "I've always thought that true stories make for the best songs," said Foster.

His set included nearly

every song from his 1992 debut solo album "Del Rio, Texas, 1959." The crowd sang along to such hits as "Don't Say Good-bye and A Fine Line. At one point Foster encouraged the crowd to sing along to "Just Call Me Lonesome, and they eagerly obliged."

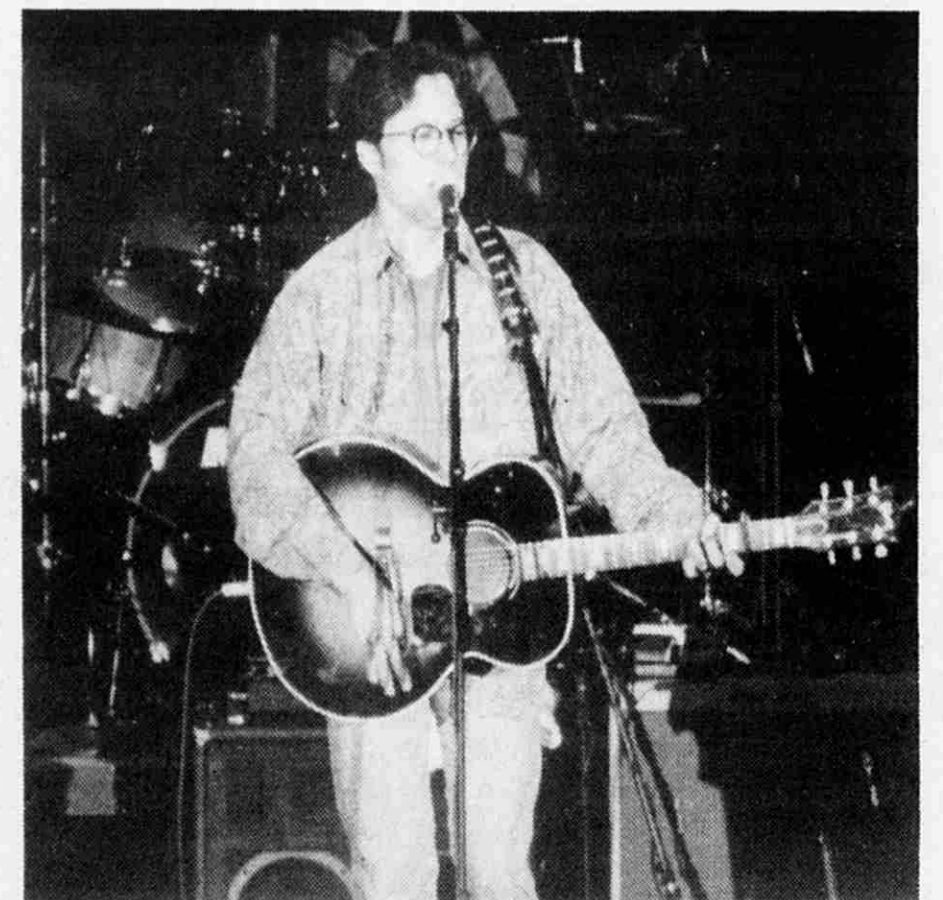
Foster also gave a peek into his future album with several yet-to-be-released songs as "Willin' to Walk and Broke Down."

The crowd got fired up for Foster's performance after Childs displayed a tremendous amount of energy in singing

songs from his debut album. He also included some songs from his new album, which should hit the stores this winter.

Simple Life and Your Love Amazes Me were just two of the songs that made showboat visitors forget about the rain.

Opening night performances were kicked off by such showboat mainstays as the Showboat Choir and several Talent Search winners.



Radney Foster at the Showboat.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 1, 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 HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON that the minutes of the July 18, 1994 meeting be approved as corrected regarding Item #2 (Change Order - Reservoir Site Access Road).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN 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 (8/1/94)

General Fund	\$93,703.53
Major Street Fund	59.81
Local Street Fund	98.16
Sewer Fund	53,410.40
Water Fund	85,219.44
Current Tax Fund	47,979.09
Equipment Fund	971.62

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS A. 702 N. JEFFERSON - DAVID AND KARIN JELSMAS - SIDE YARD VARIANCE FOR GARAGE ADDITION PUBLIC HEARING. Councilmember Thompson as Chairman for the Zoning Board of Appeals, opened the public hearing to consider a variance request from David and Karin Jelsma to construct a 12'8" X 24' garage addition to their home located at 702 N. Jefferson within two feet of the south property line where six feet is required. City Manager Pasquale explained that originally the Jelsmas utilized a mortgage survey to determine their property lines. However, the adjoining property owner completed a land survey which indicated that the boundaries were not correct. Thus, in order to build the addition as proposed, a four foot side yard variance was requested. Councilmember Hodges stated that the neighbor's house to the south has sufficient distance between the dwelling and the proposed addition. It was noted also that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the variance at its July 25 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAATMAN and seconded by GREEN to approve the variance request for David and Karin Jelsma to construct a 12'8" X 24' garage addition to their home located at 702 N. Jefferson two feet from the south side lot line where six feet is required.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. GROVE - HIGH STREETS WATER AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS - CONFIRM-

ING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL - PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale stated that an error was found in the bid previously received from Ken Shaler and Son Excavating concerning the Grove - High project. In the sanitary sewer portion of the project, a unit price for six sewer leads was priced at \$350.00 giving a total of \$21,000. This should have read \$2,100. After discussions with Shaler, he concurred with the \$2,100 figure. Thus, the total cost of the sanitary sewer was reduced from \$36,600 to \$17,700. The overall project cost would be reduced from \$53,093 to \$34,193.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to accept the adjusted bid of Shaler and Son Excavating for the Grove-High Streets water and sanitary sewer improvements in the amount of \$34,193.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing on the confirming of the special assessment roll for the Grove-High project. James McCoy, 809 High, questioned what his cost (sanitary sewer) would be for the project. City Manager Pasquale responded \$2,950. Mayor Maatman noted that the bid prices for the project were quite significant ranging from \$90,000 - \$34,193.

The following assessments by parcel address (based on the revised bid) were presented:

Parcel Address	Parcel Number	Service Needed	Cost
801 High	41-20-01-151-025	Water/Sewer	\$3,918.33
805 High	41-20-01-151-015	Water/Sewer	\$3,918.33
809 High	41-20-01-151-016	Sewer	\$2,950.00
810 High	41-20-01-151-010	Sewer	\$2,950.00
186 Grove	41-20-01-153-013	Sewer	\$2,950.00
224 Grove	41-20-01-153-007	Water/Sewer	\$3,918.33
TOTAL			\$20,604.99

Pasquale stated that the City will pay for the street improvements (asphalting and drainage work through the Local Street Fund. The project will be initiated after Labor Day.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to confirm the special assessment roll for the Grove-High Streets water and sanitary sewer improvements and establishing the term of the roll (twenty years), beginning July 1, 1995 at a 7% interest rate.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. EXTENSION OF POLICE DISPATCHING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WALKER. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City currently has an agreement with the City of Walker for off-hour police dispatching since 1992. Through discussion between former Chief Emmons and Walker Police Chief Walt Sprenger, a three year extension (from March 1, 1995 to February 28, 1998) has been proposed, keeping the annual \$15,000 fee. It was noted that the Police Department has received off-hour dispatching services (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) with the City of Walker. The department has received excellent service. Councilmember Thompson questioned if the agreement allowed the officers to utilize Walker's facilities. Chief Valentine stated that the equipment is available for the police officers to use. However, the location has not been convenient.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to extend the police dispatching agreement with the City of Walker for off-hour dispatching (6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at a cost of \$15,000 per year for three years ending February 28, 1998).
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF STREET RIGHT OF WAY IN FRONT OF 1026 LINCOLN LAKE ROAD. In the midst of selling the house located at 1026 Lincoln Lake Road (on the west side, north of Hunt Street) it was discovered that a portion of the dwelling (currently owned by Lyle Covert) was situated in the street right of way. Upon further notice, it was determined that a part of Lincoln Lake south of the subject property had been previously vacated. The street with the vacation still has 66 feet of width, which is sufficient for the road and utilities. In discussions with City Attorney Richard Wendt, Pasquale mentioned that a resolution to vacate the property must be forwarded to the County for recording after approval from the Council. Councilmember Thompson questioned if the cost of the legal fees was assumed by the property owner. Pasquale stated that has not been done in the past. However, the property owner did pay for the survey and legal description of the proposed street vacation.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the resolution granting street vacation for a portion of street right of way in front of 1026 Lincoln Lake Road as proposed.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. WESTSIDE WATER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - PROPOSED EVERGREEN SCREEN PLANTINGS AT 2251 W. MAIN AND WATER TANK SITE REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION. Bob Fuller, of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, was present to discuss proposed evergreen screening at two west side water improvements sites. City Manager Pasquale explained that he had received requests for screening at the water tank site and in front of 2251 W. Main (Dr. Donald Gerard, owner) where a water main was installed.

In regard to 2251 W. Main, Fuller explained along W. Main, that it was necessary to trim up some existing trees so that a crane could be utilized. Councilmember Thompson inquired if the tree trimming was in the right of way area. Fuller responded that he will investigate if the trees were in the City's right of way. Fuller presented a sketch indicating screening at the water tank site for the residents to the west of the tank. It was noted that 13 evergreens approximately 20 feet in height were proposed. Mayor Maatman questioned if the City would be satisfying one person by planting the trees at this location. He expressed concern involving the cost of planting trees around the entire tank. Councilmember Hodges stated that many trees were taken down to accommodate the tank. He suggested spreading the 13 trees around the site or possibly waiting until next year. Mayor Maatman felt that to screen the entire tank site would be very cost prohibitive. He suggested landscaping the area to make it more attractive. Councilmember Green believed the first priority should be to seed the property and consider the trees at a later

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date. Pat Hoag, 2309 Gee Drive, concurred that a single resident should not be singled for screening. He questioned if top soil will be placed at the site. Fuller stated that top soil and seed will be placed at the tank location for any area that was disturbed by construction. Hoag suggested that the trees planted on M-21 be as close to the property line as possible. City Manager Pasquale explained that Dr. Gerard's concern was that the plantings provided a barrier for his property and now these are gone. Councilmember Thompson added that if the trees were in the right of way, the City has a right to remove the plantings. If the City replaces the trees, then a precedent will be set every time a project is completed in the City right of way. Councilmember Shores felt that it is not the City's responsibility to replace the trees. Councilmember Green stated that if the trees were on private property, then the City should compensate for the loss. John Clore, 2359 Gee Drive, said that Bob Fuller has done a great job in keeping the communication open between the property owners and contractors during the construction process. He suggested that grass be planted as soon as possible and to delay planting trees. Additionally, Clore presented statements that he requested be entered into the minutes and discussed at a future meeting. The Council concurred and placed these under Citizens Comments. Robert Ollis, 2177 Gee Drive, questioned if trees could be planted between his house and the tank. Councilmember Green requested the City staff determine if the trees along 2251 W. Main were in the City right of way and report back to the Council with their findings. The Council took no further action.

Item #6. UPDATE ON BOWES - M - 21 - ALDEN NASH INTERSECTION PROPOSAL. City Manager Pasquale stated that a meeting was held on July 26 with representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation, Kent County Road Commission, Lowell Area Schools and City of Lowell as well as Lowell and Vergennes Townships to discuss progress regarding the Bowes-M-21-Alden Nash traffic light. Bryan Harrison, of State Senator Posthumus' office was also present. Pasquale explained that in order to qualify for a traffic signal, the intersection must be widened. Rise Rasch, of the Michigan Department of Transportation, stated that funds were not available for the next three years to undertake such a project. However, Harrison will investigate the possibility of State funding sources for the intersection widening.

Pasquale added that MDOT will initiate installing a blinker light at the intersection. Also, there was discussion regarding the recommendation of closing off Bowes Rd. and placing a cul-de-sac. Those present at the meeting felt there should be some effort to solve the problem within the next two - three years, including planning on the relocation of Bowes Rd. Also, a budget should be established in terms of engineering costs. Councilmember Hodges stated that the intersection improvements should be done once and the solution should include the future growth of the area. City Manager Pasquale noted that Richard Korb, Interim Superintendent for Lowell Area Schools, was concerned with bus and student traffic. Pasquale informed Korb that a traffic light would not be installed prior to the beginning of the school year. He added that Korb will work with the County Sheriff and the City Police in terms of traffic safety. Councilmember Green questioned if the Lowell Area Schools has considered assisting with funding the project. Pasquale stated that the issue has been dis-

ussed with the schools. However, no final decisions have been made. Councilmember Hodges stated that the Lowell Area Schools, with the opening of the new high school, need to be careful with their funds.

Item #7. CITIZEN COMMENTS. The following written comments provided by John Clore were regarding the July 18, 1994 City Council meeting minutes:
Item #2. Paragraph #1 Where it says: "The road has allowed the neighboring owners (John and Kris Clore, 2359 Gee) entrance to their property as a driveway." It should read: the road has allowed the city of Lowell entrance to their property as a driveway.
Item #2. Paragraph #4. Where it says: "Councilman Thompson questioned if the Clore's had an easement to use the access drive. Pasquale responded yes." Pasquale should have responded no because the Clore's actually own the property that the reservoir site access road is on. The City of Lowell has an easement for ingress and egress only. The City was advised by Clore that they also need an easement for public utilities over, under and across the property which the City still does not have even though pipes have been laid in the ground already.

Item #2. Paragraph #5. Where it says: "Art Gall, Director of Public Works, stated that a certain grade was needed in order to maintain adequate slope for the concrete trucks to reach the tank." This isn't true. Cement trucks are four wheel drive and could have accommodated the original drive. Cement trucks came up the original drive when I built my house and had no problems at all.
Item #2. Paragraph #6. Where it says: "It was moved by Hodges and seconded by Shores to approve the change order from Natgun Corporation in the amount of \$7,667 to raise the access road grade for the ground storage tank off Gee Drive allowing the neighboring property owners (John and Kris Clore) entrance to the road as a driveway." This isn't true. The change order is simply putting Clore's property back too close to the way it was before construction began. There also is no mention of removing the makeshift drive that was put up the middle of Clore's property and restoring Clore's front yard to the condition it was in prior to the beginning of construction. Also I believe Dykema Excavating is doing the work and not Natgun.
Also refer to item #8 Paragraph E on page 6 and the page that has 6. Update on Bowes-M-21 Alden Nash intersection proposal; the information just above that about the planting of trees.

From what I read there and with the attached two sketches the Council is being asked to plant 18 ten-foot trees at a cost of \$4950 to satisfy 1 property owner and the Council is also being asked to plant 13 twenty-foot trees around 1/4 of the reservoir to satisfy a second property owner. There is no mention being made as to how the rest of the property owners will be dealt with. The Clore's were the only ones that I am aware of that lost several big oak trees that were on their property. The trees were removed and because they were big oaks, probably were taken somewhere and sold for good profit. I feel the Clore's most of all are entitled to some trees and shrubs and would like to have that considered by the Council as well as additional requests that you may receive from other neighbors. The Clore's have also taken out the exhaust on two of their cars trying to use the makeshift drive when the rains were bad and the cars bottomed out. Holes were punched in the exhausts. Clore stated: "One car has had its exhaust replaced already and the other one needs to be replaced, but it's not loud enough to get a ticket yet so

am holding off, if I can, until my original drive is restored and then it will be replaced. I feel the City should pay for this also." End of correspondence.

Anna Jankowski, 315 Alden Nash and Sharon Potter, 320 Alden Nash, were present to comment on excessive noise and odor coming from the Michigan Wire plant. They further stated that there were plastic bags that blow into the woods near their homes. A list of concerns was presented regarding the Michigan Wire facility. Councilmember Thompson suggested that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency be approached in regard to the neighbors' concerns. Mrs. Jankowski suggested that Michigan Wire plant trees as well as install a fence. Councilmember Shores questioned if Michigan Wire was required to plant trees around the boundaries of their plant as part of the site plan approval. Councilmember Thompson proposed that the City write a letter informing Mrs. Jankowski and Mrs. Potter in regard to what has transpired with the site.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Mayor Maatman stated that he will not be able to attend the opening ceremonies of the Lowell 4-H Fair on Monday, August 8. He asked if any of the Councilmembers would be interested in attending. Councilmember Shores said that she would be able to attend the opening of the fair to represent the City.

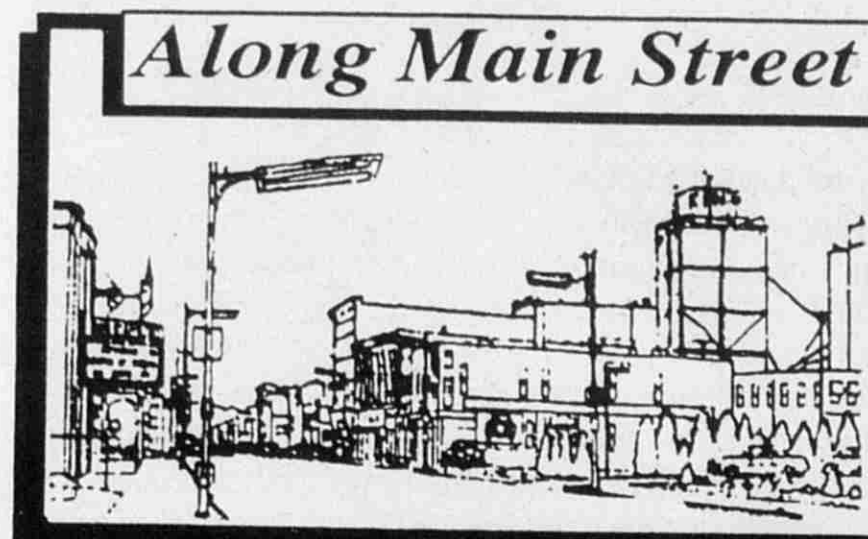
Item #9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:
A. The minutes from the Planning Commission meetings of June 27 and July 11 were presented.
B. The June minutes and July agenda regarding the Cable TV Board were provided.
C. The police department received word that a fourth year of federal funding for the DARE program in the amount of \$4,650. Congratulations were given to Chief Valentine and the Department.
D. The Creekside Kingdom Committee has provided a copy of their status report. Currently, it was noted that approximately \$40,000 has been raised out of \$80,000 needed for the project.
E. Copies of the minutes of the County Library System's meeting of June 30 and July 1 were presented.
F. A list of seven proposed city sidewalk locations for new construction was presented. The DPW intends to place these out for bid. Councilmember Thompson suggested that the Shepard Drive sidewalk be deferred until a later time.

Councilmember Hodges questioned if Sibley at Ridgeview consisted of the north or south side. Pasquale responded the north side. Councilmember Hodges said that there is a row of trees where the sidewalk should be along the vacant lot at Fremont St. by the cemetery. He felt with the Attwood truck traffic, that the sidewalk should be on the north side of the trees. By consensus, the Council deferred sidewalks for Shepard Drive and the vacant city lot along Front Street. This has left 3,127 feet of new sidewalk scheduled to be constructed this year.
G. It was noted that there are two dead trees on city property located on the west side of N. Hudson just south of the Wesleyan Church.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1994

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



Along Main Street

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Lowell Area Schools Special Education Department is looking for adult classroom volunteers to help students. Help would include reading and simple math assistance.

If you can give time, ranging from a few hours once a week to a few days per week, please call Carol Briggs at 897-8415.

CREEKSIDE KINGDOM

A volunteer sign-up day will be held this Thursday, Aug. 18 at Family Fare from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed in construction (skilled or unskilled), food service (preparation or donation), or child care.

PIG ROAST

There will be a pig roast fund-raiser for St. Mary's Education Foundation from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 11 next to St. Mary's Church and School on 402 Amity.

Carry-outs are welcome for the pig roast dinner and all the fixings. The cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for children 12 and under; and preschoolers are free. There will be live music with raffle prizes, silent auction and 50/50 drawings all afternoon. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. For tickets and information call 897-8760 or 897-9728.

RE-NEW YEAR'S DAY

On Sunday, Sept. 11, the First United Methodist Church,

621 East Main Street, will celebrate "Re-New Year's Day," with a new schedule and a renewed commitment to worship, education and fellowship.

Services will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. continuing throughout the year. For further information please call 897-5936 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1984

There has been a change in plans for the ten year reunion of Lowell High School graduates. The picnic scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 28 has been cancelled. A new event is being planned for Homecoming weekend, Oct. 7. Watch the Ledger and Buyers Guide for further details.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any classmates that we might be missing, please contact Jill Johnson, 451-4536; Amy (VanderGalien) Almy, 897-5018; or Chris (Ellison) Vezino, 897-6019.

PERSON OF THE YEAR BANQUET

The public is welcome to attend the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year Banquet" Thursday, Sept. 15 at Dari's Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Alto at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per person and you must RSVP by Sept. 2. Make checks payable to Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information or to reserve a seat call 897-9161.

STUDENT ORIENTATION FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL

The Lowell High School administration and staff will be hosting a student orientation at the new high school on Tuesday, Aug. 23 and Thursday, Aug. 25. At that orientation, schedules, locker assignments and other important information will be handed out to the students.

Schedules will not be mailed this year as they have been in the past. Students will be receiving a letter the week of Aug. 15 giving them a time schedule for the orientation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CREEKSIDE KINGDOM CONSTRUCTION

Volunteers are needed to make Creekside Kingdom a reality. Construction will begin Wednesday, Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 11.

If you would like to volunteer in construction (skilled or unskilled), food service (preparation or donation) or childcare, please contact Marcia Biebers at 897-6908.

CREEKSIDE KINGDOM CHARITY 18 HOLE FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE

There will be a Creekside Kingdom Charity 18 hole four-man scramble held at Arrowhead Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per team with first, second and third place trophies plus additional prizes. Sign up is at Arrowhead. For more information call 897-7264 or 897-5370.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Annabelle Wittenbach, 77, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident, on E. Main near James Street, Aug. 11 when she pulled from the curb into the path of a vehicle driven by James Chickering, 30, of Kentwood.

Bettie Harding, 65, of Alto, was injured in an accident on West Main near Ridgeview Aug. 11. The accident occurred when she pulled onto Main from a private drive and collided with a vehicle driven by Brenda Kunard, 22, of Lowell. Kunard and 2 passengers in her vehicle also reported injuries.

Kelly Smith, 18, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Aug. 12 on Main Street near Valley Vista Drive when she failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Ronald Love, 45, of Grand Rapids.

A 15-year-old juvenile from Grand Rapids will be referred to probate court after being found carrying a concealed weapon on Aug. 9.

George VanOostendorp, 32, of Lowell, was arrested on a bench warrant issued out of Ionia County Aug. 10.

A 15 year old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court on charges of assault and battery from an incident which occurred on Aug. 9 in Lowell.

Jeremy Glupker, 17, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail Aug. 11 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

A 16-year-old juvenile from Grand Rapids was taken to juvenile detention Aug. 15 for breaking and entering a residence earlier that day.

Herbert Disten, 28, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 Aug. 13.

Ian Howe, 20, of Ionia, was arrested Aug. 14 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Water, continued

well located on the property to irrigate the new high school's outdoor area and around its building.

The school, the city and the township are relatively confident that will not be necessary.

"I feel confident that the school timeline will be met. While I am confident, I can't guarantee it," Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said. "I'm assuming there will be no glitches or major problems with the mains."

Last week the school received permission from Vergennes Township to use the

Cable increase, cont'd...

are paying a tier charge of \$4.25 a month to receive M-TV or Nashville will no longer incur that charge.

With the increase, Lowell Cable's net income will rise approximately \$18,000 a year.

Christman pointed out that even with the increase in rates, some may experience a reduction in their monthly rate. The basic rate is going up \$1.40 per month. Those whose are currently being charged \$2 a month for an additional hookup will save 60 cents.

The last basic rate increase incurred by Lowell Cable subscribers came back in March of 1991. It was a 7.98 percent increase.

Lowell Cable is scheduled to retire its debt in July of the year 2,000.

A well-bred man keeps his beliefs out of his conversation.

—Andre Maurois



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well located on the property to irrigate the new high school's outdoor area and around its building.

"The cooperation has been excellent," White said, "through Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson and the township's contractors and engineers to the city and several of its workers and Vergennes Township."

The school was able to save \$6,400 when Vergennes

Cow chips, continued...

little longer as Dufus was too preoccupied to deposit the winning load. To stir up a little excitement in the ever growing crowd, as well as the playing field, more steers and some cows were added. Eventually it took seven of them to produce the three loads needed to satisfy the crowd.

The crowd now waited patiently as three steers danced and head-butted each other in an effort to find that one square, out of a possible 475, to place its gift.

Finally after 30 minutes AL, a 1,150 pound steer, decided to relieve himself much to the delight of the cheering crowd. However, the contest was far from being over two; more cow plops needed to take place before the crowd could walk away.

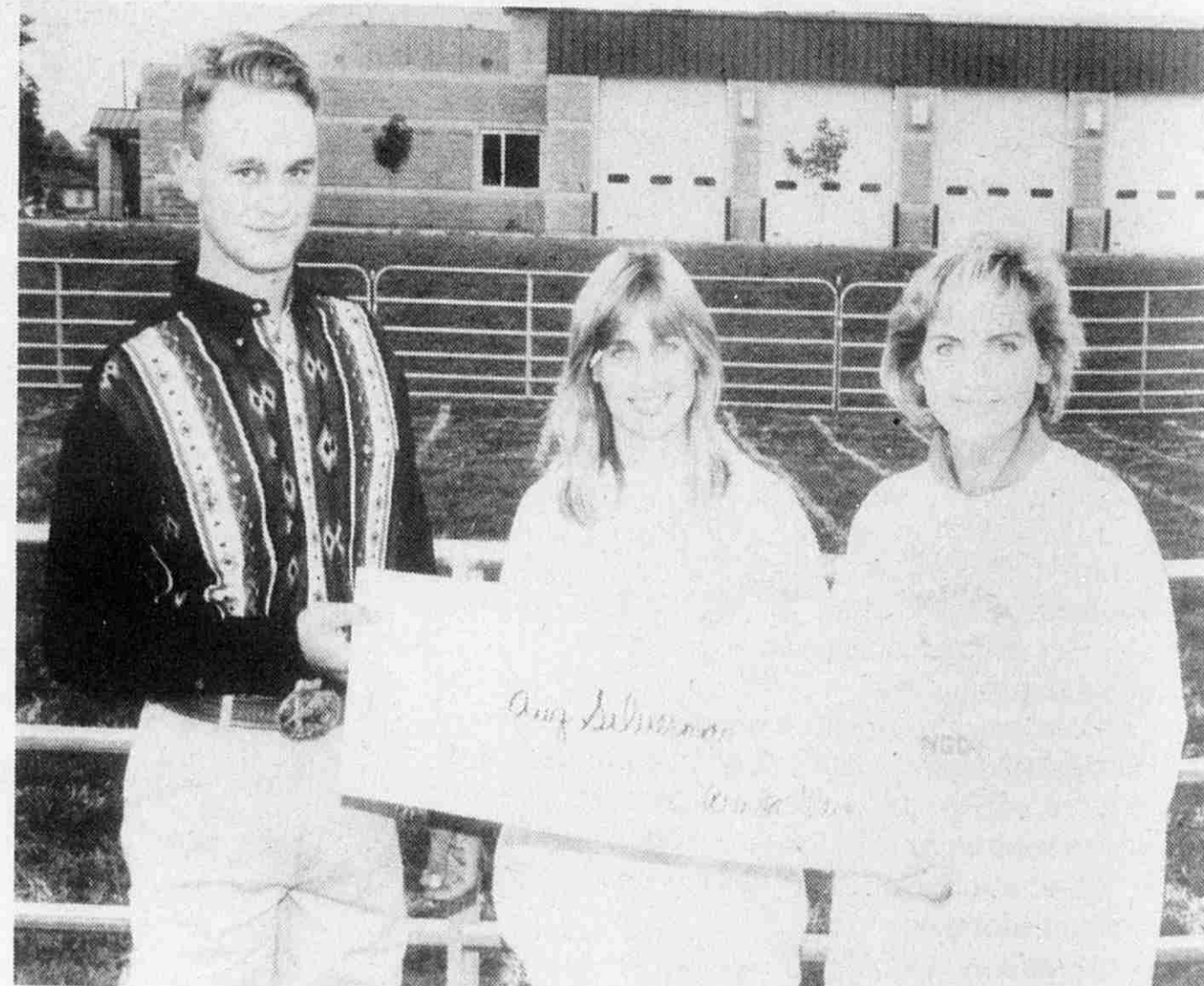
The final two plops came shortly after the first when Daisy and Nellie, two cows added because the males failed to live up to their part of the contest, made two people a little richer.

All that was left was for two Creekside Kingdom representatives to number the winning spots.

According to Michigan gambling regulations, the 475 squares could not be numbered until the steers and cows had

Township permitted it to forego fencing around the detention pond in the northwest section.

It did this contingent on the school putting grating over the culverts, and providing a letter from the insurance company stating that it is not a problem. Also a letter of indemnification was requested which would eliminate Vergennes Township from any possible law suits.



Aug Silverman, 21, left, Cedar Springs, was the winner of Creekside Kingdom's "Cow Chip Bonanza." Standing next to Silverman are Tina Phillips, middle, and Brenda Clark, co-organizers of the event.

done their duty.

Now it was up to Brenda Clark to randomly select the numbers and Tina Phillips to carefully walk across the field until the number chosen fell upon the square where she stood.

As Phillips gingerly walked the field, the crowd, which had not dwindled a bit, grew silent because she now was about to step on that magic square. Who would the winner be? It was 21-year-old

Aug Silverman, of Cedar Springs.

Silverman was the lucky man AL blessed with his money-maker. And what will he do with this unexpected money? "I'm going to use it as a down payment on a new truck," he said. Poor AL, he does all the work and still gets nothing.

Winners of the other two

squares were Pam O'Neil, Grand Rapids, and Cheryl Johnson of Lowell. O'Neil was the \$500 winner and Johnson walked home with \$250.

Sure the event was funny to many of the passersby, but it also raised \$3,000 for the Creekside project. They still remain \$20,000 short of their goal.

About Your Money, continued...

Stagger the maturity dates on your fixed income investments to cushion against interest rate fluctuations.

Review ownership of assets to make certain you and your spouse both take advantage of your \$600,000 estate tax exemptions.

Talk to an attorney about your will, a letter of instruction, a living will, durable power of attorney and, possibly a trust.

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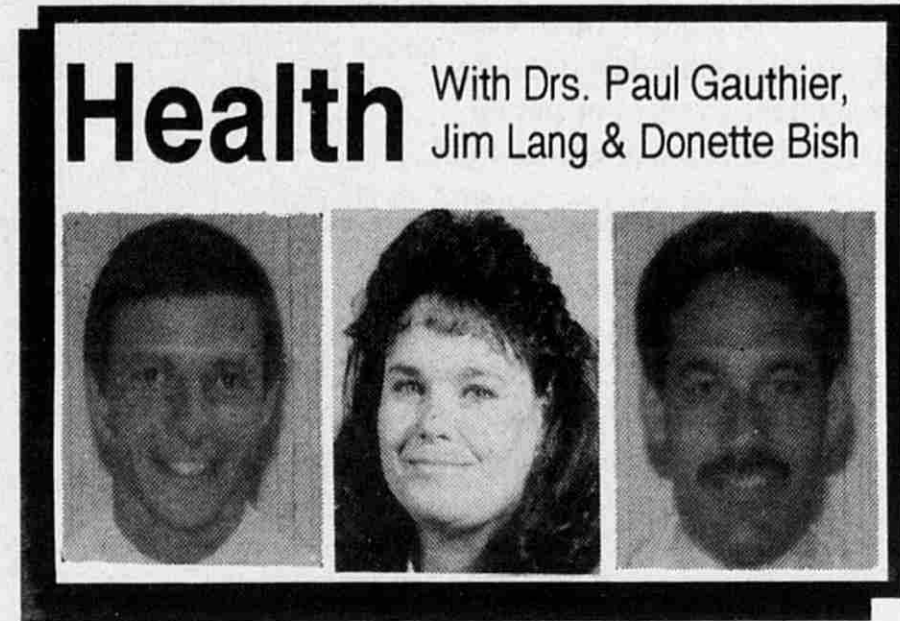
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a cushion against inflation.

Tap your retirement account. Decide whether to take the money in a lump sum or in installments, and whether to use income averaging to reduce the income tax bite. If you annuitize pension payouts, consider the possibility of spousal benefits and annual adjustments in your life expectancy calculations. Make your first withdrawals from accounts that have already been taxed so that funds in tax sheltered accounts continue to compound tax deferred.

Update your insurance. Consider buying a Medicaid insurance policy and a long-term care policy to supplement your Medicare and Medicaid plans.

Schultz is an account executive for FMB State Saving in Lowell. For further questions or a free consultation, call FMB, 897-4153.



Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish

SLEEP APNEA

Sleep Apnea is a common disorder, affecting one to two percent of the adult United States population. "Apnea" is

defined as the cessation of airflow (breathing) for at least 10-15 seconds. Sleep apnea, then, is defined as periods of breathing cessation during sleep. The typical sequence in most affected individuals is snoring (usually very loud) followed by a silent period, which represents the episode of apnea. Silent periods may last from 10 seconds to one minute or longer. The apnea usually ends with a grunting, gasping or snoring sound and body movement. Snoring then resumes. This sequence may be repeated hundreds of times at night. The patient is often unaware of the episodes, and the bed partner may be the one who prompts medical evaluation.

Sleep apnea is the most common cause of daytime sleepiness and fatigue. In affected people it can lead to poor job performance, increased risk of accidents (particularly motor vehicle accidents), memory loss, depression, and loss of libido.

The evaluation of sleep apnea involves a sophisticated sleep study to document the apnea. Once documented, sleep apnea can be treated in several ways. Alcohol and sedatives should be avoided prior to bedtime. If obese, the patient should lose weight. Mechanical devices utilizing continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) can be very effective when worn during sleep. Surgery is generally considered necessary for those resistant to the aforementioned conservative measures.

Nothing is more rare than a person you can bear to have around.

—Giacomo Leopardi

Capital News Briefs

By Dave Conklin, Lansing

Wolpe rejects Governor Engler's debate schedule

CNB Lansing - Governor Engler's plan to hold three debates with Democratic opponent Howard Wolpe fizzled this week. Wolpe's campaign manager Ken Brock said the three proposed sites are not neutral enough. Engler wanted to debate Wolpe Sept. 12 at the Grand Rapids Economic Club, Oct. 3 at the Detroit Economic Club and Oct. 19 on Michigan Public Television. Wolpe's campaign is seeking more debates to allow state residents a greater opportunity to get to know the two candidates for governor.

Lobbying group pushes for auto insurance reform

CNB Lansing - The Michigan Citizens for Insurance Reform coalition began airing a series of TV and radio ads this week promoting a November ballot proposal to reform the state's no-fault auto insurance system. That measure was originally signed into law by Governor Engler; however, consumer groups and the trial lawyers successfully placed the bill on the ballot to ensure public input. If approved, the proposed law would reduce auto insurance rates for six months while permanently capping medical benefits. The measure sets up two levels of coverage, one limiting benefits up to \$1 million and the other limiting benefits to \$5 million. The campaign committee contends this would save the average motorist \$100 a year in premiums. Presently motorists have unlimited medical coverage in case of an accident.

The ads and the campaign are being paid for in part by various insurance firms and business organizations including: Allstate Insurance (\$67,872), State Farm Insurance (\$132,770.60), AAA (\$121,652) and Michigan Retailer Association (\$500).

As the mud flings...

CNB Lansing - This election cycle may end up being one of the muddiest campaign seasons in state history. So far, Michigan voters have been treated to the following soap operas:

Governor's Race:

• Democratic state Senator Debbie Stabenow charged former U.S. Representative Howard Wolpe of enriching himself with generous pension benefits and voting to hike his own pay. Wolpe's campaign responded by airing old TV ads showing Stabenow endorsing Wolpe for office.

U.S. Senate:

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Michigan Wire responds to neighbors' complaints

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan Wire vice president/general manager, Dean Lonick, responded publicly to complaints levied (Aug. 1) against the Lowell company Monday night.

Lonick stated his surprise of the complaints. "In the four-and-a-half years I've been with Michigan Wire, this is the first I've heard of these types of complaints," Lonick said.

Lonick agreed to meet with those who neighbor the wire company and who presented a list of complaints to

the council.

He said he favored any reasonable action that could be achieved through amenable discussion.

"We've already begun to address specific complaints addressed in the letter and at the Aug. 1 council meeting," Lonick said.

He pointed to the areas of doors being closed, and clean-up procedures in the general area.

Lonick told the Lowell City Council all previous DNR testing for air and ground pollution at the plant has tested okay to the best of

his knowledge. He said the ground water and air were monitored by the DNR two months ago.

The vice president also denied that any fuel tanks had been buried.

Sharon Potter, 320 Alden Nash, questioned what it might be doing to her ground water. She told the City Council if they didn't believe her to ask Bieri's. "They know what's buried there," she stated.

Both Potter and her neighbor, Ann Jankowski, asked that a buffer be put up along their property lines to

help with noise.

Other complaints Lonick responded to were howling ceiling fans, the smell of rotten eggs that filters into her home, unkept grounds and the high pitch noise a Twistair Rotary Screw Air Compressor makes at all hours of the a.m. and p.m.

"Anything reasonably that can be will be done," Lonick said.

Both Potter and Jankowski said the issues of noise and air contamination brought them back to the City Council.

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son said the council is not a specialist in either area and that he felt the council owed it to the citizens to insure reasonable safety.

Thompson and the rest of the council requested that Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale ask that the city have

Entire family the target for Alto Festival

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

If you are in need of a little entertainment for the entire

family, Alto is the place to be on September 10.

The 14th annual Alto Festival will take place with activities for everyone.

Headlining this year's festival will be an antique tractor show, the ugliest truck contest, and the Grand Circle of Clowns.

Winners of the antique tractor and ugliest truck contest will be chosen by the public.

The events start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. A fee of \$10 will be charged to register for the ugliest truck contest, with winners taking home 50 percent of the purse. To be eligible, trucks must be in good running condition and meet Michigan automobile standards.

The festival will be kicked off by a kids' bicycle parade at 9 a.m. The big parade will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will be followed by a return visit of the Lansing Hay Loft Kickers. The Kickers will perform for the sixth time at the festival and will showcase their dance steps for 20 to 30 minutes.

Three on three basketball, volleyball and a hole-in-one competition will add a little challenge to visitors, but the main competition will come from the tug-of-war pits.

The tug-of-war will be held at 2 p.m. and joining this year's adult competition is a junior competition.

Children will find entertainment from the frog jump and turtle races. Perhaps the biggest entertainment will come from the Grand Circle of Clowns, a nonprofit organization that provides face painting and balloon clowns.

For those gamblers out there, a cow chip contest will be held as well as a 50/50 raffle. The cow chip contest will cost \$2 per square and reward some lucky gambler with some cash for the cow doing what only comes natural.

Live music will also be available from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. as some of Alto's finest youngsters put on a concert in preparation for the talent show.

If you're at the festival and someone bothers you, now you can take matters into your own hands. This year's festival will provide a jail which, for a small fee, can house someone on your revenge list.

According to Bob Sterzick, festival coordinator, the event has grown every year and this should be no exception.

"We draw people from all over the area and with this year's activities, we expect to draw even more people," said Sterzick.

Township to hold up its end of the bargain in getting water to school

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

It came down to the wire, but after hurdling a couple of problems, the Lowell High School seems to have its much needed water.

Currently Lowell Township is running highly chlorinated city water through the water lines and will test the samples by the end of the week to make sure the water is suitable for consumption.

According to Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson, the school has until the 19th to make sure the water is acceptable.

If the samples come out negative by August 19, then the school will be forced to push back its schedule. However, Timpson doesn't believe there will be a problem.

"Everyone has come together to get the system on line in time for the school to open," said Timpson.

Timpson said the chlorinated water must be run through the line to sterilize the pipes. After the sterilization process is complete, normal chlorinated water will be sent through. At that time the water will be tested and if it passes, all is a go; if not, the pipes will need to be re-sterilized.

Township, city and school officials had their concerns about the water availability. Timpson said the problems

they faced were no one's fault.

"The city had its hands tied. Their contractor ordered the wrong pumps and transformer, so we needed to wait a little longer," said Timpson.

"It was nerve-racking, but all the sides got the ball rolling as soon as we got the right equipment. Now I'm sure we will make our deadline."

The \$1.2 million project will serve water not only to the school but also to Eastgate residents. The pipes will run from Alden Nash to the school and down Foreman Road to Cumberland Avenue. The water will run into the new water tower on Foreman and down Cumberland to Eastgate residents.

Timpson said everyone came together, but gives a large majority of the credit to Harry Segard, owner of Jen-Kel construction. "Jen Kel is the firm in charge of constructing the water project and has

been a valuable tool to the school getting its water," he said.

If the water samples do come up negative, Timpson believes the school will only have to change their schedule for three or four days.

"The most important thing was getting water to the school. Now that we have the water, all we have to do is sterilize the lines and that shouldn't take much time," said Timpson.

Pixley ventures out-ready to meet challenge of a new business

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sue Pixley has enjoyed cutting hair over the last 18 years.

A large part of that enjoyment has come from helping her customers look and feel better about themselves. "A nice haircut helps a person's self-esteem," Pixley said.

The Lowell hairstylist didn't learn that until after giv-

ing her very first haircut in Kindergarten.

"I cut my best friend's long hair with my Barbie scissors," Pixley smiles. "It was terrible. I guess that was a sign at an early age that I would some day cut hair."

For 18 years Pixley has been doing just that - cutting hair - 12 years in Lowell. On Wednesday, Aug. 3 Pixley went one step further; she opened her own hairstyling

business - Salon 206.

"I'd been very content over the years to work for others," Pixley said. "It's been over the last two years that I decided I wanted to venture out. A new challenge was needed."

Salon 206 is located at 206 E. Main (formerly J&J Variety and Carol's Critters), which is where its name is derived from.

Salon 206 encompasses the first floor and her husband's

PIX Service and Supply Automotive Hardware business office will be located upstairs.

Pixley's four-station salon will employ Kim Ball, Amy Christiansen and Dawn Bryton.

Pixley believes cutting and styling hair, today, is more challenging and more fun than when she first started.

She attributes that to the increased amount of hair coloring work and perming techniques.

The hairstyling industry has also changed substantially. It is more of a service industry than ever before. Many salons offer scalp treatments, scalp massages, and pedicuring. "Customers are getting a lot more for their money," Pixley said.

Another change in the industry is that more and more men are going to salons to have their hair styled or cut.

"Ten years ago only men went to barbers. That has changed. I remember when men who came to salons for haircuts went into a separate room," Pixley said. "When I went to school, only barbers could cut men's hair. Since then I have learned to clipper-cut men."

One constant that has remained are the many different techniques/approaches to cutting hair. "Everybody has their own technique. It's whatever technique helps a person feel most comfortable," said Pixley.

Some women's hairstyles are making a comeback. "Shags that we used to see in the 60's and 70's are popular again. Bobs are also popular again - women are now parting their hair in the middle," Pixley said. "They are modifying the cut with perm and color techniques."

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Local 4-H group brings fair's answer to the "Triple Crown"

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The South Kent 4-H Club walked away from this year's Kent County 4-H Youth Fair with a rare feat, the triple crown.

The junior and senior Sweepstakes, as well as the 4-H competitor-of-the-year, all came from this group based in Lowell.

Heidi Kaeb, 18, Annie Oesch, 14, and Deb Wieland, 18, were recognized by the fair for the excellent work both in and out of competitions.

Kaeb, the senior Sweepstakes winner, and Oesch, the junior Sweepstakes winner, were recognized for their showing ability, while Wieland, the Voetberg Award winner, was recognized for

her year-round commitment to not only her animals, but also to other members in the group.

Walking away with the Sweepstakes Award is prestigious because it means the winner has the ability to show seven other animals besides their own.

Both Kaeb and Oesch won a showmanship award, in their

respective classes, for showing their dairy cows. As winners they were entered into the Sweepstakes. The eight-category competition is set up so the winner of a showmanship award in one category must show animals in the other seven categories. In this case Kaeb and Oesch had to show in the beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat, rabbit and horse categories.

egories.

For Kaeb the experience wasn't hard because she was a Sweepstakes winner as a junior and she has shown some of the other animals in the past. That was not true for Oesch.

Oesch found the Sweepstakes difficult because she had to memorize numerous amounts of information about animals she knew nothing about.

Winning a showmanship award or the Sweepstakes is a big accomplishment, but the Voetberg Award is the biggest for any 4-H participant.

The Voetberg Award recognizes the effort given by one 4-H competitor to not only show animals, but to also make their group better, and that is what Wieland thinks is

"I had people help me when I was young, so I natu-

ally helped out others as I got older, but to be recognized for something that is natural to me is a great honor," said Wieland.

She was nominated for the award by her group leader and fellow 4-H members. As she performed her duties and helped others, judges took notice of her efforts and agreed that she was most deserving of the award.

Wieland has been in 4-H competitions for 11 years and has helped other competitors

people appreciate my abilities."

For Donna Oesch, their 4-H leader, all the awards are a tremendous accomplishment. "All the girls worked hard and it was nice that they were recognized for that work, especially Deb. She puts in a lot of time with all the kids and it's nice for her to get some recognition," she said.

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Pictured above are Heidi Kaeb, Deb Wieland and Annie Oesch.

"I had to memorize hundreds of facts about rabbits and goats that I didn't know existed, so it was tough," said Oesch.

It may have been tough to memorize animal parts and diseases, but both girls said that it is easier than handling cows for the very first time.

"The people who win showmanship awards with smaller animals find it difficult to handle the cows and horses, so it is a lot easier for us to prepare for the competition," said Kaeb.

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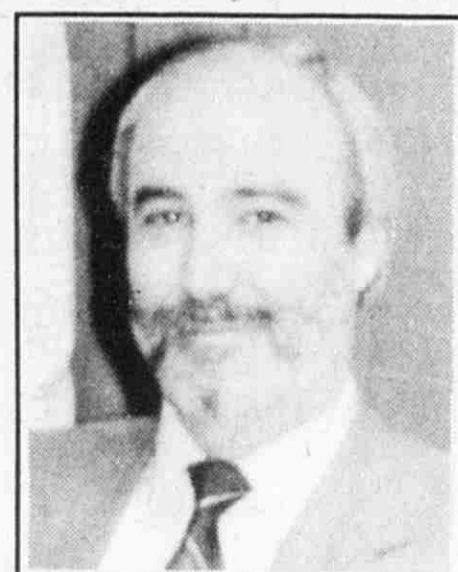
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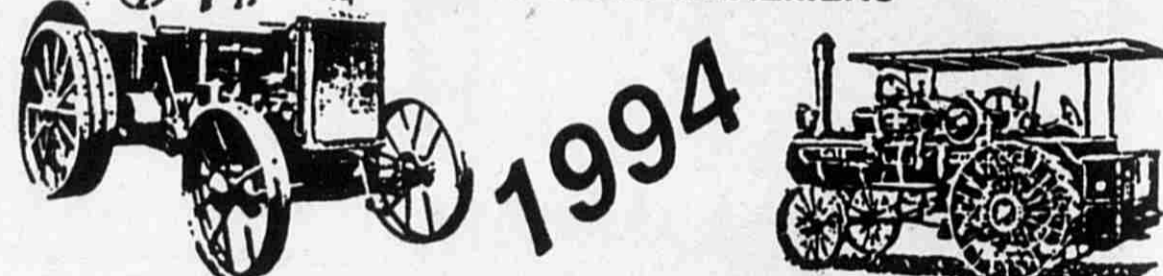
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THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 25, 1994									
7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS									
33 WWMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	One West Walkie (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Hotel Malibu "Fire Exit" (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
41 WOTV	Behind Bars (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	My So-Called Life (Series Premiere) (In Stereo)	Behind Closed Doors (R) (In Stereo)	Primitime Live	News	Nightline		
35 WGVU	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	On the Waterways (In Stereo)	Are You Being Served? Charlie Rose		
17 WXXM	Cheers	Full House (In Stereo)	Martin (R) (In Stereo)	Living Single (R) (In Stereo)	Bakersfield P.D. (R) (In Stereo)	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues (In Stereo)	Cheers (Part 2 of 2)	Murphy Brown	
8 WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You (R) (In Stereo)	Wings (R) (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Fire" (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
41 WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	One West Walkie (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	Hotel Malibu "Fire Exit" (In Stereo)	Dateline (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)	
10 WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation	Mad About You (R) (In Stereo)	Wings (R) (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Fire" (In Stereo)	Frasier (In Stereo)	Dateline (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
23 WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Fragal Gourmet	Mystery: "Poirot III" (R) (In Stereo)	Practical Sports	Wild America (R) (In Stereo)	
13 WZZM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affairs	My So-Called Life (Series Premiere) (In Stereo)	Behind Closed Doors (R) (In Stereo)	Primitime Live	News	Rush Limbaugh		
17 WSYM	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Coach (In Stereo)	Martin (R) (In Stereo)	Living Single (R) (In Stereo)	In Living Color (R) (In Stereo)	Bakersfield P.D. (R) (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Acapulco H.E.A.T. "Code Name: Stranded" (R) (In Stereo)
CABLE STATIONS									
7 TBS	Beverly Hillsbillies	Sanford and Son	Movie: **1/2 "The Valachi Papers" (1972) Charles Bronson. Mafia life is seen from informer Joseph Valachi's viewpoint.	Movie: ** "Guns of Diablo" (1964, Western) Charles Bronson.					
6 FAM	Waltons "The Actress"	Young Riders (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes				
NASH	6:30 Club Dance	Country News	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Tim Wilson, Lacy J. Dalton. (In Stereo)	Country News (R)				
MTV	Brothers Grunt	Goods Beavis	Softball: Rock-N-Jock IV. (In Stereo)	Prime Time (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Real World (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Brothers Grunt	
USA	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Erased the Hate	Movie: "Seduced by Evil" (1994, Suspense) A sorcerer casts his spell over a magazine writer.	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)	
DISC	Beyond 2000 Personal diet computer.	Strange Powers	Pirates A pirate history.	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Beyond 2000 A zero-gravity simulator.	Strange Powers	Pirates A pirate history.	
WGN	Night Court	Jeffersons	Major League Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. From Comiskey Park. (Live)				News	Highlander: The Series	
ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	Cheerleaders Calendar	NFL Preseason Football: Dallas Cowboys at New Orleans Saints. From the Louisiana Superdome. (Live)				Sportscenter		
CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primernews	Larry King Live	World News		Sports Tonight	Moneyline (R)	
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PASS	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)						MotorSports Hour (R)		
TNT	Kung Fu "One Step to Darkness"	Kung Fu "The Thief of Chendo"	Movie: *** "The Longest Yard" (1974) Burt Reynolds. Convicts take on guards in a no-holds-barred football game.	Movie: "Semi-Tough"					
PREMIUM STATIONS									
DISN	Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra	Technology Awards	Preview Show	Tony Bennett: Fly Me to the Moon (R)	One Small Step (R)				
HBO	Movie: *** "Rookie of the Year" (1993) A pint-sized pitcher joins the ranks of the Chicago Cubs.	Movie: ** "Blown Away" (1993, Suspense) Corey Haim. (In Stereo) NR	Def Comedy Jam (R)	Movie: *1/2 "Tropical Heat" (1993, Drama) R					
MAX	6:00 Movie: *** "Dave" (1993) Kevin Kline.	Movie: *** "South Central" (1992, Drama) Glenn Plummer. R	Movie: *1/2 "Nemesis" (1993, Science Fiction) Olivier Gruner. R	Movie: ** "Best of the Best II" (1993) R					

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BROADCAST STATIONS									
33 WWMT	11:35 Late Show	Sweating Bullets (R) (In Stereo)	Jerry Springer Teens talk to prison inmates. (R)	Home Shopping Spree					
41 WOTV	Designing Women	Love Connection	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
35 WGVU	11:30 Charlie Rose	(Off Air)							
17 WXXM	Arsenio Hall: The Best of Arsenio (In Stereo)	Psychic Network	(Off Air)						
8 WOOD	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later Tori Amos.	Bertice Berry Couples discuss open marriage.	NBC News Nightside				
41 WLNS	11:35 Late Show	Arsenio Hall: The Best of Arsenio (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Home Shopping Spree					
10 WILX	11:35 Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later Tori Amos.	News (R)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)				
23 WKAR	(Off Air)								
13 WZZM	Nightline	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Ruda's Awakening"	Mike & Maty	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)				
17 WSYM	Passion Power	Movie: **1/2 "The Cat From Outer Space" (1978, Comedy) Ken Berry, Sandy Duncan.	(Off Air)						
CABLE STATIONS									
7 TBS	Movie: **1/2 "Oscar" (1991, Comedy) Domestic chaos threatens a crook's attempt to go straight.	Movie: **1/2 "Crowhaven Farm" (1970, Horror) Hope Lange, Paul Burke.	Movie: **1/2 "Moon of the Wolf" (1972, Horror) David Janssen.						
FAM	Big Brother Jake	Maniac Mansion (R) (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
NASH	Barbara Mandrell & the Mandrell Sisters	Music City Tonight Scheduled: Tim Wilson, Lacy J. Dalton. (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)	(Off Air)					
MTV	Alternative Nation (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Beach MTV (In Stereo)	Dreamtime (In Stereo)	Beavis and Butt-head	Goods Beavis	Dreamtime (In Stereo)		
USA	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Counterstrike "Escape Route"	Hitchhiker	Movie: "Friday the 13th, Part 2" (1981) A hulking killer stalks counselors at Camp Crystal Lake.	Counterstrike				
DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Secret-Machine	Beyond 2000 A zero-gravity simulator.	Wings "Drones, Mutants and Midgets" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
WGN	Highlander: The Series	Movie: ** "Sword of the Valiant" (1984) A young squire is given a year to solve a riddle or die.	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Erlich	Movie: ** "The Woman in Question" (1950)			
ESPN	Baseball Tonight	Up Close	Pro Beach Volleyball: Four-Man Tour.	Racehorse Digest (R)	Sportscenter	Up Close (R)	Golf: Fred Meyer Challenge -- First Round. From Portland, Ore. (R)		
CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (R)	Calling All Sports	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (R)	Crossfire (R)	Overnight	Overnight	Showbiz Today (R)
CNN2	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
NICK	Bob Newhart	Get Smart	A. Hitchcock	Superman	Lucy Show	Mork & Mindy	F-Troop	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart
A&E	Biography "Fergie" "Royal Rebel" (R)	A&E in Concert The Grateful Dead, Keith Richards, Phil Collins, Sting and Neil Young. (R)	David L. Wolper Presents: J. Dillinger	Movie: *1/2 "High Society" (1955) Bowery Boys.					
PASS	Trackside	Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (R)	Tennis: Hamlet Challenge Cup -- Early Rounds. From Comrack, N.Y. (R)						
TNT	11:40 Movie: *** "Semi-Tough" (1977, Comedy) Burt Reynolds.	Movie: *** "Cuba" (1979, Adventure) Brooke Adams, Sean Connery, Jack Weston. A mercenary rekindles an old flame as Batista's rule ends.	*** "The Last Posse"						
PREMIUM STATIONS									
DISN	11:00 One Small Step	Movie: ***1/2 "My Darling Clementine" (1946, Western) Henry Fonda.	Movie: ** "The Gunfighters" (1987) A land baron threatens three brothers' family ranch. PG	Tony Bennett: Fly Me to the Moon (R)					
HBO	11:00 Movie: ** "Live Wire" (1992, Suspense) Pierce Brosnan. R	Dream On (In Stereo)	Movie: **1/2 "One False Move" (1991) A sheriff prepares for the worst when two killers arrive. R	Real Sex 9 (In Stereo)					
MAX	11:15 Movie: ** "Best of the Best II" (1993) R	Movie: ** "The Other Woman" (1992, Drama) Adrian Zmed. R	Movie: ** "Body of Influence" (1993) A psychiatrist falls under a sexy patient's spell. NR	"Point of Impact" NR					



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Suburban youth influx turns fair into an event for all

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

What once was an event for kids on the farm has now grown into something kids of all backgrounds enjoy. The Kent County 4-H Youth Fair has come to a close after a week's worth of activities. According to Larry Heyboer, vice president of the fair board, this event keeps growing and a main reason for that is the interest of suburban youths.

"We keep growing every year and it probably has to do with the popularity of this event. There is no paid staff here and that is incredible when you figure many of these people have a full time job. That's what makes this one heck of a commitment," said Heyboer.

With that kind of growth, Heyboer said the event has become difficult to handle, but with the volunteers the fair board gets, everything is handled and runs smoothly.

The event is put on by a completely volunteer staff. Committee and project personnel assemble and begin to plan the event only a month after the completion of this year's fair.

"We only have enough in our budget to sponsor the

event. There is no paid staff here and that is incredible when you figure many of these people have a full time job. That's what makes this one heck of a commitment," said Heyboer.

This year's budget of \$72,000 was all funded from last year's proceeds, donations, and other local events. Heyboer said the fair board needed to borrow \$10,000, but it will be repaid right after this year's fair is complete.

One of the toughest problems for event organizers is finding the best way to utilize the limited space they have at the Lowell fairgrounds.

Although the event has grown considerably over the years, the space to conduct it has not. Heyboer said there has been discussion of moving the event to a bigger location, but that idea is not economically feasible.

"We may be cramped for space here, but it has everything we need. We built all of these buildings and to move to a new place and provide the same services would cost us over a couple million dollars," said Heyboer.

It may be hard work and time-consuming, but Heyboer

feels the lessons kids learn are not only valuable for them now, but will stay with them when they grow up.

"This event teaches competitiveness, but it also teaches how to lose gracefully and to work with others," said Heyboer. "Kids who participate in 4-H as they grow up invariably come back to it as adults because they know how important this is to the education of children."

For Heyboer the 4-H youth fair has lasted for the past 60 years because kids and animals naturally go together and because adults care enough to keep the event going.

"It takes a lot of hard work and money to do this every year, but we've been here 60 years and we plan on being here another 60 years to teach kids the valuable lessons of being a 4-H participant," said Heyboer.



Jamie Wylie, 15, Kentwood, feeds the goats.



Lisa Osterhoven, 14, braids her horse's tail.

NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Grattan Planning Commission will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WED., SEPTEMBER 7, 1994 at 7:30 PM

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

Grattan Township will hear citizens' comments regarding proposed text amendments to the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The proposed text amendments include revisions and/or additions to Article 3.16 subsections H and I.


Article 3.16 Keyhole Development... restrictions intended to limit the number of users of lake or stream frontage in order to preserve the quality of the waters, to promote safety, and to preserve the quality of recreational use of all waters within the township.

A copy of the proposed text can be seen at the Grattan Township Hall during normal business hours. Written comments concerning this issue must be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Ron Mayers, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

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6896 Cascade Rd., SE
At Thornapple River Dr.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 1994

1994-95 School Calendar	
Aug. 26 (Friday)	Orientation Day for new staff
Aug. 29 (Monday)	Full day for all staff, no classes for students - School Preparation
Aug. 30 (Tuesday)	First day of school for students (Elementary: 1/2 day for students, 1/2 day for staff) (Secondary: full day for students and staff)
Aug. 31 (Wednesday)	Secondary: full day for students and staff Elementary: 1/2 day for students & staff
Sept. 5 (Monday)	Labor Day - No school for students or staff
Sept. 28 (Wednesday)	School Improvement - Full day for staff, no classes for students
Oct. 12 (Wednesday)	(Midway through first Trimester- Elementary)
Oct. 19 (Wednesday)	Parent Teacher Conferences (Full day for students, staff) K-5 Elementary Conferences 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Secondary Conferences 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Oct. 20 (Thursday)	(1/2 Day for students, Full day for staff) K-5 Elementary Conferences: 1:30 - 4:30, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Secondary Conferences: 12:30 - 3:30, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Oct. 21 (Friday)	(No school for students and staff)
Oct. 26, 27 (Wed./Thur.)	Kindergarten Only: Conferences Wed. - (Full day Kdg. classes), conferences 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Thur. - (1/2 day Kdg. students), conferences 1:00 - 4:00, 5-8:00 p.m.
Oct. 28 (Friday)	Kindergarten Only: no school for Kdg. staff & students
Nov. 4 (Friday)	End of First Marking Period (Secondary)
Nov. 23 (Wednesday)	End of First Trimester (Elementary)
Nov. 24, 25 (Thur./Fri)	Thanksgiving Vacation - no school for students & staff
Dec. 21 (Wednesday)	Winter Holiday begins at the end of school day (Dec. 22 - Jan. 2)
Jan. 3 (Tuesday)	Classes Resume
Jan. 18 (Wednesday)	Midway through the Second Trimester (Elementary)
Jan. 19-20 (Thur./Fri)	Full Day for Students & Staff (Elementary) 1/2 day for Students and Staff - Semester Exams (Secondary) End of First Semester (Secondary)
Feb. 15-16 (Wed./Thurs.)	Kindergarten Only: (Full day students & staff) Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wed. and Thurs.
Feb. 17 (Friday)	Kindergarten Only: (No school for students & staff)
Feb. 22 (Wednesday)	Full day for students & staff K-5 Elementary Conferences 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Secondary Conferences 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Feb. 23 (Thurs.)	Full day for students & staff K-5 Elementary Conferences 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Secondary Conferences 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 24 (Friday)	Students 1/2 day, Full day for staff (School improvement in p.m.)
March 1 (Wednesday)	End of Second Trimester (Elementary)
March 17 (Friday)	Students 1/2 day, Full day for staff (School improvement in p.m.)
March 24 (Friday)	End of Third Marking Period (Secondary)
March 30 (Thursday)	Last day of classes before Spring Recess (Spring Break March 31 - April 9)
April 10 (Monday)	Classes Resume
April 14 (Friday)	Good Friday- (no school for students or staff)
April 21 (Friday)	Midway through Third Trimester (Elementary)
May 5 (Friday)	(1/2 day for students) School Improvement for staff in p.m.
May 29 (Monday)	Memorial Day- (no school)
June 4 (Sunday)	High School Graduation
June 8 (Thursday)	Full Day for Students & Staff (Elementary) 1/2 day for Students and Staff - Semester Exams (Secondary)
June 9 (Friday)	1/2 day for Students and Staff - Semester Exams (Secondary) No School for Students & Staff (Elementary)
Totals:	181 Student Days 185 Contractual Days for Staff

➤ Any "Make-up Days" for Elementary would begin June 9th.
➤ Any "Make-up Days" for Secondary would begin June 12th.
➤ The tentative "Start Date" for the 1995-96 school year is August 29th.

SCHOOL BEGINS... TUESDAY, AUGUST 30th

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST
Elementary grades K-5th attend 1/2 day - AM Only
Secondary grades 6th - 12th attend full day
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST - Full day all students



1994-95 DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Building	Student Day Begins	Student Day Ends
High School	7:45 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Middle School	8:00 a.m.	2:25 p.m.
Cherry Creek Elementary	9:00 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
Alto Elementary	9:10 a.m.	3:20 p.m.
Bushnell Elementary	9:10 a.m.	3:20 p.m.

ADDRESSES FOR NEW BUILDING LOCATIONS Lowell Area Schools 1994-1995

<p>ALTO ELEMENTARY - K-5 6150 Bancroft Ave. Alto, Michigan 49302 Phone: 868-6111 Principal: Mary Ann Schramm Secretary: Bonnie Gokey</p>	<p>HIGH SCHOOL 11700 Vergennes Road Lowell, Michigan 49331 Phone: 897-4125 Principal: James DeWeerd Secretary: _____ Asst. Principal: Scott Vashaw Secretary: Marsha Ebling</p>
<p>BUSHNELL ELEMENTARY (K-1 Building) 700 Elizabeth Street Lowell, Michigan 49331 Phone: 897-8471 Principal: Louie Dudeck Secretary: Ilene Roth</p>	<p>SUPT. AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES (address remains the same thru Oct.) 12685 Foreman Road Lowell, Michigan 49331 Phone: 897-8415 Interim Supt.: Richard Korb Secretary: Kay Jones</p>
<p>CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY (2nd-5th) 12675 Foreman Road Lowell, Michigan 49331 Phone: 897-9257 Principal: Bill Markovich Secretary: Maureen Kissinger Asst. Principal: Maureen Dorough Secretary: Sharon Goodyke</p>	<p>BUSINESS OFFICE (address same as Superintendent's) Phone: 897-4402 Business Manager: _____ Head Bookkeeper: Karen Lomakoski</p>
<p>MIDDLE SCHOOL 750 Foreman Road Lowell, Michigan 49331 Phone: 897-9222 Principal: Jim Harden Secretary: Judy Ellison Asst. Principal: _____ Secretary: Nancy Biener</p>	<p>RIVERSIDE BUILDING 300 High Street - Lowell, MI 49331 (P.P.I., New Dawn, A.B.E., Alternative Ed.—thru Oct.) Phone: 897-8235 Dir. of Instructional Programs: Marlene Heemstra</p>
<p>COMMUNITY ED. OFFICE (in M.S. bldg.) Phone: 897-8434 Supv. of Community Ed.: Marge Rehl</p>	<p>TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT 12695 Foreman Road - Lowell Phone: 897-9353 Dir. of Transp. and Maint.: Larry Mikulski</p>

FOOD SERVICE SUMMER 1994

Lowell Area Schools is proud to offer a food service program in each of our buildings. The cooks will be ready to serve tasty, nutritious lunches the first full day of school. We will begin to offer breakfast during the month of September.



FREE and REDUCED price lunches and breakfasts will be available to qualifying families upon proper application. An application is included with this newsletter. Additional applications are available in each school office. **Parents who think they may be eligible for meal benefits should return the completed application by Friday, August 26, to be ready for lunches the first day of school.**

Lunches include a wide variety of popular foods including pizza, burgers, chicken nuggets, tacos and chef salads for older students. Fresh fruits are available daily. We are especially proud of the excellent homemade breads, rolls, and cookies prepared from scratch by our talented cooks.

Elementary lunch: \$1.35; Middle and High School: \$1.50; Reduced price lunch: 40¢; Adults: \$2.20. One milk is included with lunch, others sold separately at 30¢ a carton.

Weekly menus are published in the Lowell Ledger, Buyers Guide and shown on Lowell Cable TV.

Breakfast programs will be added during the month of September in each school building. With today's busy schedules, many children do not eat a complete breakfast before school. Families may find breakfast at school to be a great answer to this difficult situation. **Elementary breakfast: 80¢; Middle and High School: \$1.00; Reduced price breakfast: 30¢; Adult Breakfast: \$1.25.** Please watch school newsletters for beginning of the breakfast program in your child's school.

Meal sales will be handled by computer in all schools this year. Each student will have a debit card to record purchases and subtract meal charges from their prepaid account. Elementary children's meal money will be collected in their classroom. Middle and High school students should bring their deposits to the cafeteria before school begins. **We encourage all students to bring money for the entire week on Monday morning.** Unused money will be credited to the next week. Information and sample deposit envelopes will be available at elementary school orientations.

A child's nutritional status has a direct influence on his/her physical and mental development. Our dedicated food service staff is proud to be a vital part of meeting the needs of our children.

Parents having questions about school food service may call Mrs. Carol Harper, 897-8415.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Lowell Area Schools serves nutritious meals every school day. Elementary students may buy lunch for \$1.35 and breakfast for \$.80. Secondary students may buy lunch for \$1.50 and breakfast for \$1.00. If a doctor has determined that your child has a handicap, and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by a doctor at no extra charge. For further information, please call Carol Harper, Food Service Supervisor. The Doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitutions, must be submitted to the food service department at your school. Students may be able to get meals free or at a reduced price. If you now get food stamps or AFDC for your child, that child can have free meals. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart please apply for reduced price or free meals. Sometimes a foster child may get free or reduced price meals even if your income is higher than that on the chart. We sell reduced price lunches for \$.40 and breakfasts for \$.30.

FOR YOUR CHILD TO GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL. WE CANNOT APPROVE AN APPLICATION THAT IS NOT COMPLETE.

HOW TO APPLY:

FOOD STAMP/A.F.D.C. HOUSEHOLDS: Write the child's name, the Food Stamp or AFDC case number for that child, and the signature of an adult household member on the application.

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PART 1 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH FOOD STAMPS/AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

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In most cases foster children are eligible for free milk regardless of your household income. These children are considered to be a household of one.

FOSTER HOME LICENSE NUMBER: _____

- A. The welfare agency or court is legally responsible for the child and the foster home is, in fact, an extension of the welfare agency or court.
- B. The child is a resident of a licensed "Group Foster" home or a residential institution.
- C. Other (describe): _____

Only the foster child's spending money is counted as income on this application. Do not include money from occasional or part-time jobs like paper routes and babysitting. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

SPENDING MONEY PER MONTH: \$ _____

OPTIONAL

RACE: Please check your child's racial or ethnic group. You are not required to answer this question. We need this information to be sure everyone receives benefits on a fair basis.

- White, not of Hispanic Origin
- Black, not of Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

No child will be discriminated against because of race, color, handicap, national origin, sex or age.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION - SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that, unless your child's food stamp or AFDC case number is provided, you must include a social security number on the application. This may be the social security number of the adult household member signing the application, or as indication that neither household member possesses a social security number. You do not have to give a social security number, but if you don't give one or indicate that neither the primary wage earner or the adult household member signing the application has one, the application cannot be approved. The social security number may be used to identify the household member is carrying out efforts to verify the correctness of the information stated on the application. These facts must be told to the household member whose social security number is given.

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Total Household Size: _____	Total Income: \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Annual OR <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamp Household
Eligibility Determination: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Free <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced <input type="checkbox"/> Denied		
Reason for Denial: <input type="checkbox"/> Income Too High <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Reason) _____		
Date Notice Sent: _____	Signature of Determining Official: _____	
Date Selected For Verification: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamp Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Confirmed Confirmed: <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stamp Office <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> ATP Card issued monthly (Not ID card without expiration date)	Income: \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/> Wage Stubs <input type="checkbox"/> Written Documents <input type="checkbox"/> Collateral Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Agency Records <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Response Due From Household: _____	Sample Selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Random <input type="checkbox"/> Focused <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Verification Result: <input type="checkbox"/> No Change <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible <input type="checkbox"/> Free to Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Paid to Free Reason for Eligibility Change: <input type="checkbox"/> Household Size <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Refused to Cooperate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ Date Adverse Notice Sent: _____ Verifying Official: _____ Date: _____ Signature
Second Notice Sent: _____		

FOSTER CHILD: Write the foster child's name, his/her personal income, and the signature of an adult on the application.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: The application must have the child's name and the names of all household members. List the amount of income each person received last month with the source of each person's income (example: pay, Social Security, etc.). The signature and the Social Security number of the person completing the application must be included (or the word "none" if that adult does not have a Social Security number).

OTHER INFORMATION:

PROOF OF INCOME: The school may ask for proof of your household income or proof of Food Stamp/AFDC information at any time during the school year.

INCOME CHANGES: Tell the school if your income increases by more than \$50 per month (\$600 per year) or if the number of people in your household changes. Tell the school when you stop receiving Food Stamps or AFDC. You must fill out another application with income information when your income changes.

PRIVATE INFORMATION: School officials will NOT use the information on this application for ANY purpose other than deciding if your child should get free or reduced price meals.

FAIR HEARING: If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or with the results of your proof of income (verification), you have the right to a fair hearing. To get a hearing, call or write:

Mr. Richard Korb, Interim Superintendent,
12685 Foreman Road, Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-8415.

Name, Address and Telephone Number of the Hearing Official

REAPPLY: You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, if your family size increases, if you begin Food Stamps or AFDC, fill out an application at that time.

In the operation of the child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,
Caroll Harper



INCOME CHART

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	INCOME		
	YEARLY	MONTHLY	WEEKLY
1	13,616	1,135	262
2	18,204	1,517	351
3	22,792	1,900	439
4	27,380	2,282	527
5	31,968	2,664	615
6	36,556	3,047	703
7	41,144	3,429	792
8	45,732	3,811	880
Each additional family member	+4,588	+383	+89

APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

FOR HELP CALL: CAROLL HARPER 897-8415	NAME OF STUDENT
	SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

FOSTER CHILD? YES (If "YES") Sign at Part 3 and go to Part 4.

PART 1 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH FOOD STAMPS/AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN (AFDC)

Are you now receiving food stamps or AFDC for this child?

YES (Fill in only one below.)

Food Stamp Case Number _____

AFDC Case Number _____

Sign at Part 3 and return to school.

PART 2 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS

(A) List all household members. Attach extra page(s) if needed.

(B) List income for each on same line as name.

GO TO PART 3:

(C) Sign name and return to school.

(D) List social security number of the person signing the application on the line under the signature.

(A) NAME OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (include Name of Student From Above) (Last Name) (First Name)	(B) MONTHLY PAY BEFORE DEDUCTIONS	MONTHLY INCOME FROM		
		WELFARE CHILD SUPPORT ALIMONY	PENSION RETIREMENT SOC. SEC.	OTHER SOURCES
Smith -Example- Sally	200.00			

PART 3 - ALL HOUSEHOLDS: PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION:

I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that school officials may verify the information on the application; and that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws. (Social security number of signer must be listed on the application before it can be approved.)

(C)* SIGN HERE X: _____ Date: _____
SIGNATURE OF ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

(D)* ADULT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ (If no Social Security Number, write "None".)

ADDRESS	HOME PHONE ()
CITY	WORK PHONE ()
ZIP CODE	

*Please read "Privacy Act Information/Social Security Numbers" on back of form.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

FOOD STAMP/AFDC

Write name, school and grade for child.

GO TO PART 1

Check box. Write Food Stamp or AFDC Case Number on the line.

Do NOT fill out Part 2.

GO TO PART 3

Sign at X.

Return completed form to school.

School needs your address and telephone number.

PREAPPROVED FOOD STAMP ELIGIBILITY

No application needed. If the school wrote you to say your child can get free meals because you receive Food Stamps, you do not need to complete this form.

If you DO NOT want meal benefits for your child, let the school know.

School needs your address and telephone number.

FOSTER CHILD

Write name, school and grade for child.

GO TO PART 3

Sign at X.

GO TO PART 4

List the license number given to the foster home by the Department of Social Services.

Check the box which describes the type of foster home.

List foster child's spending money for the month. Spending money is money received by the child for his/her personal use. If a child has no spending money, write -0-.

Return completed form to school.

School needs your address and telephone number.

ALL OTHER

Write name, school and grade for child.

GO TO PART 2

List names of everyone in your household. Include yourself, your spouse, all of the children now living in this household, grandparents, other relatives, and unrelated adults now living in this household. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more room. Include child listed at top of application.

List current monthly income for each person on the same line as his/her name. See example in Part 2. If you are paid each week, multiply total by 4.33 to find monthly income. (Example: \$218.00 per week X 4.33 = \$943.94 per month). If you are paid every other week, multiply total by 2.15 to find monthly income. (Example: \$420.00 every other week X 2.15 = \$903.00 per month).

Income is all money received before anything is taken out. Income must be listed in the correct column - Pay, Welfare/Child Support/Alimony, Pension/Retirement/Social Security, or Other.

GO TO PART 3

An adult household member must SIGN AT X. Write the social security number of the signer on the line under the signature. Write the word "None" if the adult household member who signs the application does not have a social security number.

Return completed form to school.

School needs your address and telephone number.

Parents...

BE SURE TO CALL IN ALL STUDENT ABSENCES TO YOUR PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE.

"PHONE CALLS ONLY PLEASE"

HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER...

897-4125

...PLEASE ASK FOR THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

The staff at Lowell High School is committed to providing your children with the best education possible. To achieve that goal, we ask parents to help us by making good attendance a priority. To help students we have set a maximum number of allowable absences as a prerequisite for earning high school credit. (no more than 12 total absences or 6 unexcused absences per semester). The details of the policy can be found in your student's handbook which will be distributed the first week of school. Please take time to review this policy with your child. Good attendance habits can only be established when the parents and the school work together.

We will communicate with you immediately if a potential problem arises, and we ask that you notify us as soon as possible if a problem or illness occurs. Together we can develop good work habits and insure that both the teacher and the student can focus on what we are all committed to...learning.

RIGHT TO ACCESS AND PRIVACY OF STUDENT RECORDS



All parents and guardians of students under 18 years of age and all students 18 years of age or over have the right, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to examine the official records, files and data of the school district directly relating to the student. They also have the right to challenge any of the contents of said records to insure their accuracy and fairness. Procedures for such examination and challenge, including hearings on a challenge, have been established by the Board of Education and will be made available upon request.

No records, files or data directly relating to an individual student shall be made available to anyone without the consent and notification of the student or of the parents or guardians of a student under 18 years of age, except (1) the teachers and officials of this school district who have a legitimate educational interest in such information; (2) there has been a federal request for submission of student records in connection with a student's application for financial aid; or (3) when a request for transfer of records is made by a school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

All requests for examination of records made by parents or guardians and eligible students shall be directed to the Office of the Principal having custody of such records.

The school district may disclose "Directory Information" from the educational records of a student. Lowell has defined the following as "Directory Information": name of student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, awards received and class designation. If a parent or student (18 years or over) refuses to permit the disclosure of any or all of the categories of "Directory Information," the school district must be notified in writing.

NOTICE

It shall continue to be the policy of the Lowell Area Schools to comply with all federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of the Lowell Board of Education that no person on the basis of race, sex, marital status or handicap shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to, discrimination in any program or activity to which it is responsible for or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.

All students shall have an equal opportunity to participate in, and benefit from, all academic and extra-curricular activities and services.

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, should be directed to:

Mary Ann Schramm
Title IX Coordinator
6150 Bancroft Ave.
Alto, MI 49302
868-6111

Inquiries related to Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to:

Pam Thomas
Sec. 504 Coordinator
12685 Foreman Rd.
Lowell, MI 49331
897-8415

Kindergarten Information



If your child has not been registered (through our kindergarten roundup last spring), please do so as soon as possible by calling the school in your attendance area (or the superintendent's office at 897-8415 if you are unsure of which school your child will attend), and the bus garage for specific kindergarten information.

YOU WILL NEED:

1. Birth Certificate
2. A Record of Immunization
3. Proof of Vision & Hearing Test
4. Medical & Dental Information
5. Completed Registration Form

To comply with state regulations, we cannot officially enroll your child into kindergarten without the above listed items.

In Compliance With Title IX And Section 504

The following procedure is provided for any member or students of staff of the Lowell Area Schools who feel they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status or sex. That person may forward a complaint to: Mary Ann Schramm, 6150 Bancroft, Alto, MI 49302, 868-6111.

Those with a complaint regarding discrimination against a handicapped person should forward it to: Pam Thomas, 12685 Foreman, Lowell, MI 49331, 897-8415.

INFORMAL PROCEDURE

The person who believes he/she has a valid basis for complaint shall discuss the concern with the appropriate coordinator within 30 days. The coordinator shall reply to the complaint in writing within two (2) days. If this reply is not acceptable, formal procedure steps may be initiated.

FORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Step 1: A written statement of the grievance shall be prepared and signed: The complainant shall present it to the appropriate coordinator within five (5) business days of receipt of the written reply to the informal complaint. The Coordinator shall further investigate the matters of the grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within five (5) business days by certified mail.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the Coordinator, he/she may submit a signed statement of appeal to the Superintendent within five (5) business days after receipt of the local coordinator's response to the grievance. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties involved, formulate a conclusion, and respond in writing to the grievance within ten (10) business days by certified mail.

Step 3: If the complainant remains unsatisfied, he/she may appeal through a signed, written statement to the Board of Education within five (5) business days of receipt of the Superintendent's response in Step 2. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representatives within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent by the Board's secretary to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting by certified mail.

Step 4: If, at this point, the complaint remains dissatisfied, further appeal may be made to the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS:

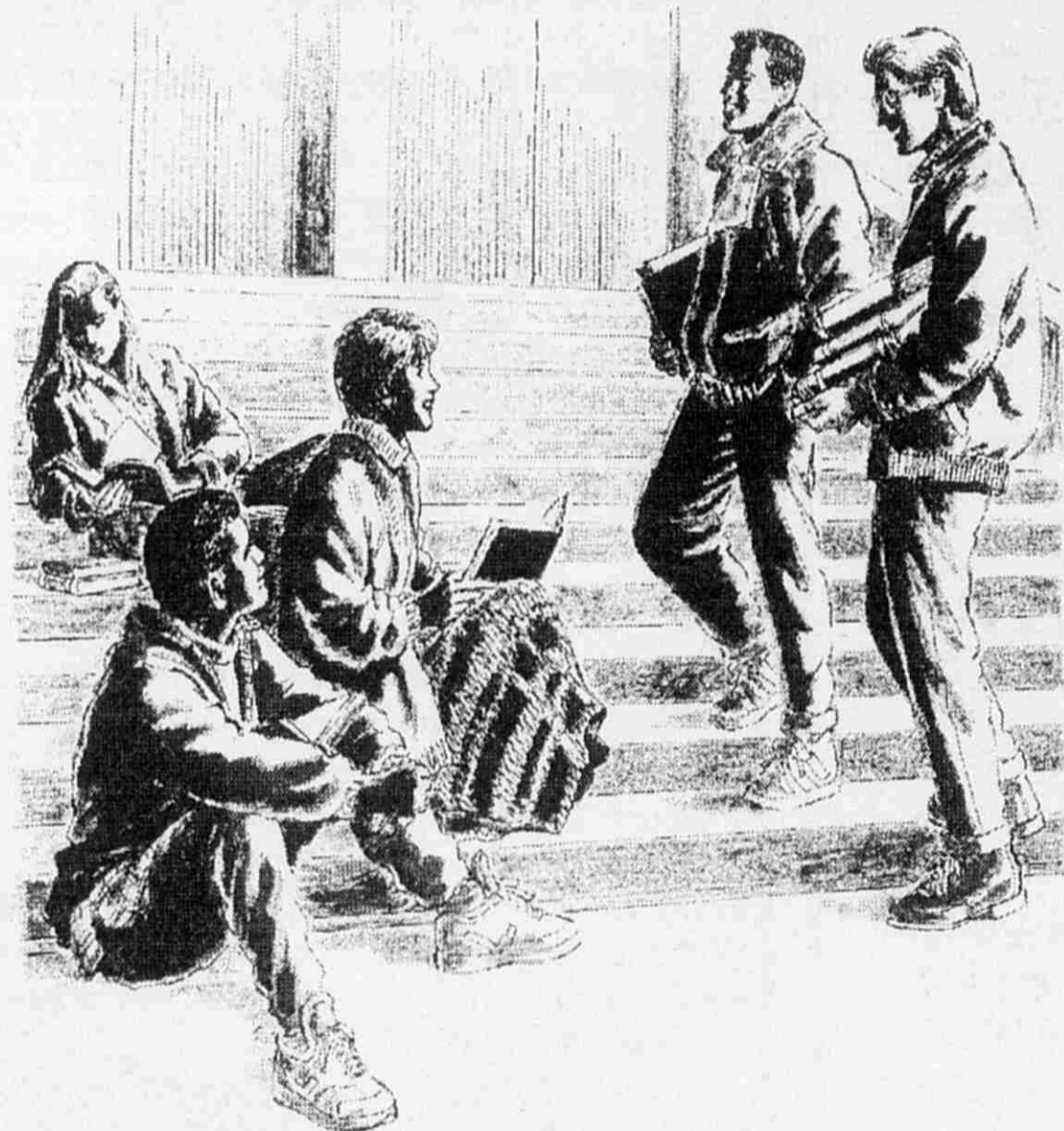
The Transportation Schedule will be published in the August 22 Buyers Guide. Please read it carefully. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have...897-9353.

BABY SITTER FORMS

1994-95 babysitting forms must be on file in the Transportation Office before pick-ups or drop-offs will be made at stops other than home. Forms are available in the Transportation Office at the bus garage. Forms made out in the past can be renewed by a phone call to the office.

NO EXTRA RIDER POLICY

It is the policy of Lowell Area Schools to allow only those students assigned to a bus route to ride. This helps assure that each rider gets to the proper school in the morning and to the correct location in the afternoon. Exceptions will be made on an emergency-only basis by a phone call to the bus garage by a parent or guardian.



PHYSICALS FOR 9TH GRADERS

It is important that all students starting high school have a physical from the family doctor. A complete physical is needed to participate in the required Physical Education Class.

All requests for examination of records made by parents or guardians and eligible students shall be directed to the Office of the Principal having custody of such records. Those Freshmen who plan on an extra-curricular sport will be required to have a current physical card completed by a physician on file.

To meet immunization requirements, students must have boosters at this time.

Registering New High School Students

High school students new to Lowell Area Schools should call the high school at 897-4125 August 24 to make an appointment to register and enroll in classes.

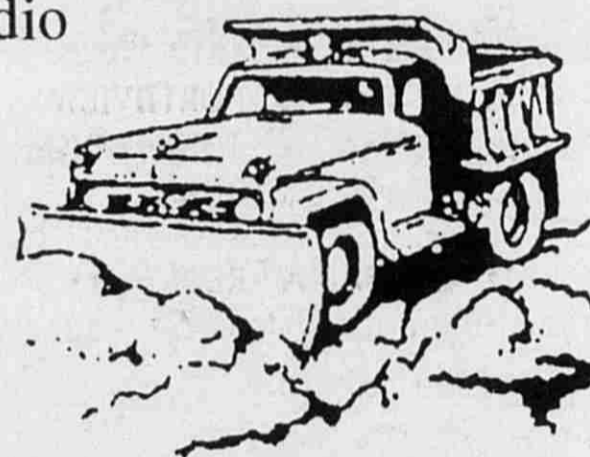
In order to assure the correct placement in high school and to insure that the requirements of state laws regarding residency, guardianship, and immunization are met, it is expected that students will provide the following documentation:

1. Proof of residency within the physical boundaries of the Lowell School District.
2. Proof of legal guardianship if not living with parents or proof of custody if living with divorced parents.
3. Current immunization records.
4. Birth certificate.
5. Transcript, report card(s), withdrawal form and/or other proof of classes, grades and last date of attendance from previous schools.

All registrations will be done by appointment and a parent/guardian should accompany the student to the appointment.

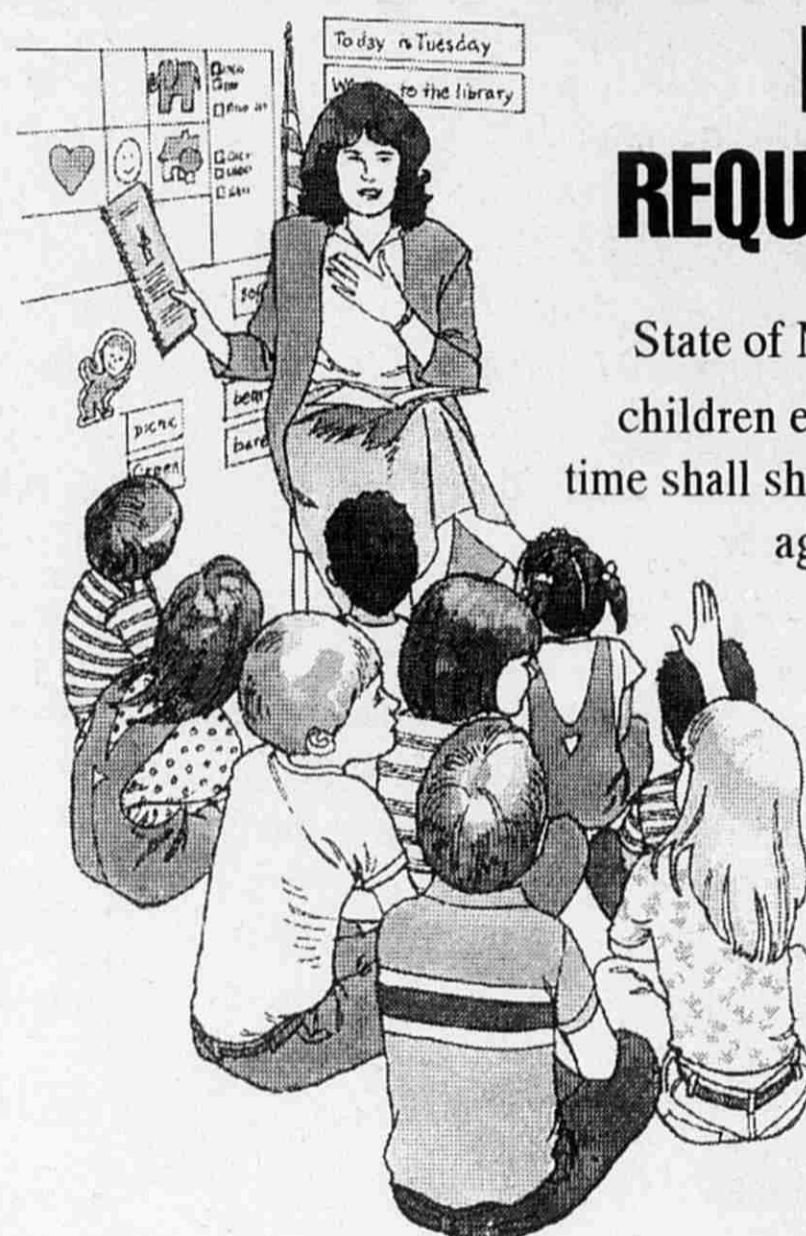
SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Parents should listen to radio stations WCUZ, WGRD, WJFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, WOOD, or watch WOTV or WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 a.m.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

State of Michigan law requires that children entering school for the first time shall show proof of immunization against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Measles, Polio, Rubella (3 day measles), Mumps.



A VISION SCREENING TEST AND A HEARING SCREENING TEST are also required by State Law for all students enrolling in Kindergarten. These may be done by licensed medical personnel, or certified public health nurse technician from the Kent County Health Department - call 774-3040. These services are free of charge. Appointments are necessary for this screening.

1994 Lowell High School Fall Athletic Schedule

VARSITY FOOTBALL 1994

September 2, 94	7:30	Home	IONIA	October 7, 94	7:30	Home	CALEDONIA
September 9, 94	7:30	Away	WYOMING PARK	October 14, 94	7:30	Away	FOREST HILLS CENTRAL
September 16, 94	7:30	Away	HUDSONVILLE	October 21, 94	7:30	Home	NORTHVIEW
September 23, 94	7:30	Home	EAST GR	October 28, 94	7:30	Home	GREENVILLE
September 30, 94	7:30	Away	ZEELAND				

GIRLS TENNIS	BOYS GOLF	SOCCER	CROSS COUNTRY
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DATE - TIME	AUGUST 1994	DATE - TIME	AUGUST 1994	DATE - TIME	AUGUST 1994	DATE - TIME	AUGUST 1994
26	TBA A NORTHVIEW INV	25	8:00 H LOWELL INV	26	7:00 A HASTINGS	27	10:00 A BENZIE INV
30	4:00 H FH NORTHERN	30	4:00 A HASTINGS	30	7:00 A FH NORTHERN		
31	4:00 A GR UNION						

DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994	DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994	DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994	DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994
10	8:00 A IONIA INV	01	4:00 H EGR/NVIEW	01	4:00 A LAKEWOOD	01	4:00 A CAL/UNITY CHR
12	4:00 H PORTLAND	06	4:00 A ZEE/WP	08	4:00 A TRI UNITY	07	4:26 A WYOMING PARK
14	4:00 A WYOMING PARK	07	4:00 A GR UNION	12	4:00 A IONIA JV ONLY	10	8:30 A BATH INV
19	4:00 A HUDSONVILLE	08	4:00 H FH CENTRAL	15	4:00 H GR CENTRAL	14	4:15 H HUDSONVILLE
21	4:00 H EAST GR	13	4:00 H HUDSONVILLE	20	4:00 A NORTHVIEW	17	8:00 A SPARTA INV
26	4:00 A ZEELAND	15	4:00 A EGR/ZEE	22	7:00 H EAST GR	21	4:15 H EAST GR
28	4:00 H ROGERS	16	4:00 H ROG/BELD	27	7:00 H HUDSONVILLE	24	10:00 H LOWELL INV
		20	4:00 A NVIEW/WP	29	4:00 A ZEELAND	28	4:13 A ZEELAND
		22	4:00 A HUD/FHC				
		26	4:00 A IONIA				
		29	4:00 A OTTAWA HILLS				

DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994	DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994	DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994	DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994
03	4:00 A FH CENTRAL	04	TUE A FH CENTRAL	05	4:00 A CALEDONIA		
04	4:00 A LAKEWOOD	06	THU H NORTHVIEW	12	4:00 A FH CENTRAL		
05	4:00 H NORTHVIEW	10	MON A EAST GR	19	4:15 H NORTHVIEW		
08	TBA A CONFERENCE	13	THU A HUDSONVILLE	24	4:10 A CONFERENCE		
11	4:00 A IONIA	18	TUE H ZEELAND	29	TBA A REGIONAL		
12	4:00 A CEDAR SPRINGS	20	THU H FH CENTRAL				
14	TBA A REGIONALS						



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL	FROSH GIRLS BASKETBALL	VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL
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DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994	DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994	DATE - TIME	SEPT. 1994
02	7:00 H TIP OFF TOURNE	08	4:00 H IONIA	02	5:00 H TIP OFF TOURNE
03	TBA H TIP OFF TOURNE	10	4:00 A FH NORTHERN	03	TBA H TIP OFF TOURNE
08	5:30 H IONIA	13	4:00 H LAKEWOOD	08	7:15 H IONIA
10	5:45 A FH NORTHERN	15	4:00 A WYOMING PARK	10	7:30 A FH NORTHERN
13	5:30 H LAKEWOOD	20	4:00 A HUDSONVILLE	13	7:15 H LAKEWOOD
15	5:30 A WYOMING PARK	22	4:00 A EAST GR	15	7:15 A WYOMING PARK
20	5:30 A HUDSONVILLE	24	4:00 H GREENVILLE	20	7:15 A HUDSONVILLE
22	5:30 A EAST GR	27	4:00 A ZEELAND	22	7:15 A EAST GR
24	5:30 H GREENVILLE			24	7:15 H GREENVILLE
27	5:30 A ZEELAND			27	7:15 A ZEELAND

DATE - TIME	OCT 1994	DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994	DATE - TIME	OCT. 1994
04	5:30 A MIDDLEVILLE	04	4:00 A MIDDLEVILLE	04	7:15 A MIDDLEVILLE
06	5:30 A FH CENTRAL	06	4:00 A FH CENTRAL	06	7:15 A FH CENTRAL
10	5:30 A ROGERS	10	4:00 A ROGERS	10	7:15 H ROGERS
13	5:30 H NORTHVIEW	13	4:00 H NORTHVIEW	13	7:15 H NORTHVIEW
18	5:30 H WYOMING PARK	18	4:00 H WYOMING PARK	18	7:15 H WYOMING PARK
20	5:30 H HUDSONVILLE	20	4:00 H HUDSONVILLE	20	7:15 H HUDSONVILLE
25	5:30 H EAST GR	25	4:00 H EAST GR	25	7:15 H EAST GR
27	5:30 H ZEELAND	27	4:00 H ZEELAND	27	7:15 H ZEELAND

DATE - TIME	NOV. 1994	DATE - TIME	NOV. 1994	DATE - TIME	NOV. 1994
08	5:30 H FH CENTRAL	08	4:00 H FH CENTRAL	08	7:15 H FH CENTRAL
11	5:30 A NORTHVIEW	11	4:00 A NORTHVIEW	11	7:15 A NORTHVIEW



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 library at Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth.

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 MI#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.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall. New members are welcome. 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.

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

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

EVERY THIRD THURS.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Pottery Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave. at 7 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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

EVERY SAT. Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on Frequency 147.420 Simplex - Lowell Showboat Network.

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8 a.m. Walkers. **THURS.:** 9:30 a.m. Bingo.

TUES.: 8 a.m. Walkers. **THURS.:** 1 p.m. Euchre.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **FRI.:** 8 a.m. Walkers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUES., AUG. 23: 9:30 a.m., Opticare 2000. **THURS., SEPT. 15:** 10:30 a.m. Senior Neighbors North - lunch and band.

WED., AUG. 31: 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast. **TUES., SEPT. 20:** 10:30 a.m. Wellness class.

MON., SEPT. 5: Center closed. **WED., SEPT. 21:** 9:30 a.m. Advisory Council.

TUES., SEPT. 6: 12:45 p.m. Shopping Ionia - Meijer/K-Mart. **THURS., SEPT. 22:** 12:45 p.m. Daanes Supermarket.

WED., SEPT. 7: 7:45 a.m. Men's traveling breakfast. **TUES., SEPT. 27:** 12:45 p.m. Presentation - Medicare/Medicaid.

WED., SEPT. 7: 10 a.m. Blood pressure. **THURS., SEPT. 29:** 12:45 p.m. Movie/Grand Rapids.

FRI., SEPT. 9: 7:30 a.m. Trip to Paw Paw. **FRI., SEPT. 30:** 12:45 p.m. Reminisce.

WED., SEPT. 14: 6 a.m. Cedar Springs McDonalds. *Make noon meal reservations 3 working days in advance.*

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: Hours at the Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, 2-6 p.m. May thru mid-October. "Across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park." Admission is free.

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.

THURS., AUG. 18: Keenagers will meet at 10 a.m. Vergennes Methodist Church for a potluck dinner. Bring dish to pass and table service. They will play cards; everyone welcome.

FRI., AUG. 19: There will be a hot dog and yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lowell Medical Care Center. All proceeds will go to the activities program.

SAT., AUG. 20: Creekside Kingdom Charity 18-hole, 4-man scramble. 3 p.m. at Arrowhead Golf Course. \$100 per team. For information call 897-7264 or 897-5370.

FRI., AUG. 26: Deadline to enter the 3 on 3 Kids Only Basketball Tournament, to be held Sat., Sept. 10 in Alto. Team entry fees \$48, which includes t-shirt. Trophies & plaques awarded. Pick up application at Rookies in Lowell or at Kountry Korner Store in Alto. Questions please call Mike Fillman 364-8835 or Russ Bacon, 956-3481.

FRI., AUG. 26: Regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. has been changed from Aug. 12 to Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Lowell Masonic Temple.

SAT., SEPT. 10: The Alto Fall Festival is back. Talent show, two categories with prizes. Call Charma, days, 897-8644; Liz, 868-6752 or Pat, 868-7430 for more information. Come and join the fun.

FRI., SEPT. 16: Cascade School Mother's Club annual potluck at noon at Forest Hills Community Center, 660 Forest Hills Dr. Moms please bring your own table service, a casserole, a salad or dessert and lots of memories. See you there.

SEPT. 25-OCT. 1: Lowell Seniors Atlantic Seaboard trip. Tour cost, \$499. Single \$679; triple, \$475. Deposit of \$25 at time of registration. Final payment due by August 1. For reservations please contact Mary Condon, 897-7092.

EXHIBIT A CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS TO ELECTORS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SECURED BY THE CITY'S FULL FAITH AND CREDIT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CITY OF LOWELL intends to issue tax increment bonds in a maximum amount not to exceed \$1,749,150.00.

The bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs of constructing public facilities consisting of streetscape improvements, parking lot improvements, specialty acquisition and demolition and riverfront improvements as described in the City of Lowell Downtown Development Authority's (the "DDA") 1993 Development and Tax Increment Financing Plans.

The bonds to be issued shall mature within the maximum term permitted by law with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law. The bonds shall be issued by the City pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1975, as amended.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT
The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from tax increment revenues derived from the DDA's tax increment financing plan collected within the downtown district. **AS ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE BONDS, THE CITY WILL PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL, STATUTORY AND CHARTER LIMITATIONS.**

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM
The bonds will be issued without a vote of the electors unless, within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, a petition, signed by not less than 10% of the registered electors residing within the city limits of the City of Lowell shall have been filed with the City Clerk requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of said bonds with the full faith and credit pledge of the City as additional security, then the bonds secured by a full faith and credit pledge of the City shall not be issued until approved by their vote of a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 5 (g) of Act 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk
City of Lowell

Time can't change the true meaning of Kent County Youth Fair

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Time has a way of changing many things and that holds true for this year's 4-H youth fair, but why the event is popular has not changed after 60 years.

Kids now, and then, find the most important part of the fair is the interaction with other

children. E.L. Phelps is one man who can attest to the popularity of the fair over the past 60 years.

Phelps was one of the original participants in the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair when it started in 1934. For Phelps, being around his friend was very important to him. "There were only 43 par-

ticipants at the original fair so we got to know each other very well, and we looked forward to coming back every year just to see each other," said Phelps. "Some of those friendships have lasted these 60 years and for me that is what makes this event so special."

Phelps and his counterparts stayed and exhibited their

animals in what used to be a horse barn. Phelps said the spot where the fair takes place now used to be a horse track and the kids would bring their animals to this track to be shown.

He said, unlike today, there was no carnival or games-only softball. "We played softball every day into the early evening; it was a great way to socialize back then," he said.

The experiences Phelps fondly remembers are echoed by today's young participants. Three children making their first appearance in the fair are Elissa, Mike and Hannah Kinney. What brought them to the fair? The fact that their friends were here last year.

"I had some friends here last year. They had a good time. This year I wanted to be with them so I entered," said Elissa Kinney, 12.

Her sentiment was shared by her 12-year-old brother, Mike, and seven-year-old sister, Hannah. They also added the fact that the rides and games are another plus to being at the fair.

This is not all fun and games to the kids. Learning

how to show animals and prepare projects has taught the trio some important facts.

"Showing animals can be hard. I didn't know that we had to keep constant eye contact with the judges," said Elissa. "It was difficult in the beginning, but it got easier and next year, I'll be better prepared."

Mike learned that preparation is the key to success. "When I come back, I'll prepare my projects sooner and I'll be better prepared for the competition," he said.

Phelps, who has only missed four of the past 60 fairs due to a military stint in World War II, sees a positive future for the fair.

"This fair keeps growing

every year because kids love the interaction with animals. It will be a challenge to accommodate all the new entries, but this staff is great at handling the challenge," said Phelps.

Phelps said understanding children is the main reason for the true success and growth of the fair. Learning to respect the abilities of children and understanding how they think is something the event sponsors understand.

"It is a different era than when I was first here and there have been many changes in kids thinking and attitudes. It is the adults who understand those changes and work with them that makes this such a popular event."



Pictured above from "Aladdin's Wish," part of the variety show of the Fountain School in Grand Rapids, are, left to right: April Hope, Nicki Califf and Crystal Hope.

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT
333 Monroe N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND TO APPEAR AND ANSWER
File No. 94-1710 DM

BERNICE DAISY SOTO, Plaintiff,

vs.
MANUEL SOTO, Defendant.

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
By: Leslie C. Curry (P-31222)
Attorney for Plaintiff
89 Ionia N.W. - Suite 400 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
(616) 774-0672

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 27, 1994 PRESENT: The Honorable DENNIS C. KOLENDA, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 21st day of July, 1994, an action for divorce was filed by the above named Plaintiff against you, the above named Defendant, in the Circuit Court for the County of Kent. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that you, the Defendant, whose last known address was: 610 Worth Way Grand Prairie, Texas 75050 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 21st day of October, 1994. FAILURE to comply with the Order shall result in a Judgment by default against you, the Defendant, for relief as set forth in the Complaint filed against you.

DENNIS C. KOLENDA
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A new event is being planned for the Homecoming weekend of October 7. Watch the Ledger & Buyers Guide for further details.

If you know the whereabouts of any classmates that we might be missing, please contact:

Jill Johnson....451-4536
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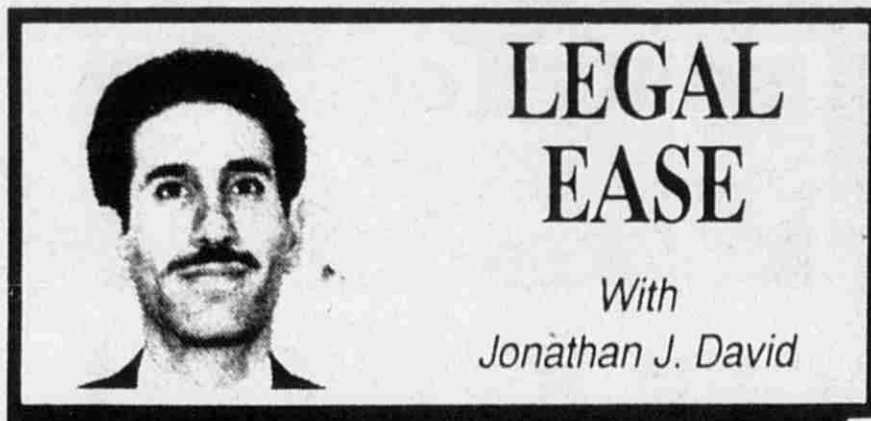
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LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David

DEAR JONATHAN: My husband is in a nursing home and is receiving medicaid. Is it true that upon my husband's death the state of Michigan can force the sale of our marital residence to repay the state for the medicaid benefits my husband received?

JONATHAN SAYS: The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, a federal law, required all states to establish an estate recovery program wherein the state would be allowed to collect and sell certain assets of a deceased medicaid recipient for the purpose of repaying the state for the medicaid benefits that recipient received during lifetime.

Under this program, the state can only force the sale of a home after the death of the deceased medicaid recipient's surviving spouse and when there are no surviving children under age 21 or children who are permanently disabled.

Michigan is required by federal law to implement an estate recovery program by 1995. However, part of the problem with this new law is that no regulations or guidelines have been forthcoming indicating how this program is to be implemented and administered. Consequently, in June the Director of the Michigan Department of Social Services wrote a letter to the federal agency responsible for administering this program and indicated that Michigan would not implement an estate recovery program until federal regulations are issued.

The latest development is that earlier this month, state officials told the federal government that Michigan would not

be implementing an estate recovery program despite the federal requirement that it do so. Thus, as of this writing, Michigan has no plans to implement an estate recovery program. What happens in the future remains to be seen.

DEAR JONATHAN: I am a widow and I have four grown children. I do not have a very large estate so I want to make sure that upon my death my estate remains intact and is not reduced by taxes and probate fees. Other people have advised me to put one of my children's names on the title of my assets so that my estate will avoid probate at my death and all of the costs associated with probate. Is there any special language that I need to use to put one of my sons on the title with me?

JONATHAN SAYS: Naming your son as a joint owner of all of your property will indeed avoid probate if the type of joint tenancy established is a joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship. This simply means that the survivor of you and your son will legally own those assets. The appropriate language to use is: "your name and your son's name, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship."

Your estate will not save any taxes by avoiding probate but it will eliminate the administration expenses involved in probating an estate. However, retitling assets into joint names for the sole purpose of avoiding probate is usually not recommended. Some of the potential problems associated with retitling assets in joint names are as follows:

1. By naming your son as a joint owner, you are in effect making a gift to him. If the value of the gift exceeds \$10,000, then you will be deemed to have made a taxable gift to your son and a gift tax return will be required to be filed.

2. Upon your death, your son will become the legal owner of all jointly titled assets. This means that he will not be legally obligated or required to share any of those assets with his brothers and sisters regardless of your intentions. Consequently, you are relying on the goodwill of your son to share those assets with his brothers and sisters pursuant to your instructions.

3. After your death, your son will have to report on his

income tax return all income earned by those assets before they are split and divided between the other children.

4. Your son will be deemed to have made a gift to each of his brothers and sister upon his division of the property. If the value of each gift is over \$10,000, then he will be deemed to have made a taxable gift and a gift tax return will be required to be filed.

5. There is a chance that your son could get divorced or be in the process of getting divorced prior to his dividing those assets among his brothers and sisters. Some or all of those assets will be probated in his estate and then pass on to those beneficiaries named in his will or entitled to take under state law.

6. If your son dies prior to his splitting the property, those assets would become part of his estate. Consequently; those assets will be probated in his estate and then pass on to those beneficiaries named in his will or entitled to take under state law.

As you can see, there are many risks involved in using joint ownership of property as a way to avoid probate.

If you are really concerned about avoiding probate, you should consider establishing a revocable living trust. If you establish this type of trust and then transfer the title on your assets to that trust, those assets will avoid probate upon your death. Since you will most likely be the trustee of this trust and the lifetime beneficiary of those assets, you maintain full control over those assets while you are alive. Upon your death, those assets are distributed to your children without having to be probated first. Further, with this trust, you don't have any of the risks involved in having the property jointly owned.

I recommend that you meet with an estate planning attorney to discuss how a revocable living trust might benefit you.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired or required, then competent legal counsel should be consulted.

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SALES

GARAGE SALE - Thurs., Aug. 18, 9-5 p.m. Cascade to Hidden Hills to 7658 Candlewood.

MULTI-FAMILY MOVING SALE - furniture: bedroom, living room, kitchen; computers: software, hardware, text books. N. of Lowell, N. off Vergennes, between Lincoln Lake & Flat River. Take Treasure to Shutter. Fri. & Sat., 9-5 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - toys, clothes, infant thru adult, & many misc. 211 N. Washington, Lowell. Aug. 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m.

TWO-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - 2991 Alden Nash (S. of River) Wed. & Thurs.

PERSONAL

OPEN HOUSE - for Len & Linda Hamp's 25th Anniversary on Aug. 20, 2-5 p.m. at the Congregational Church, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell.

EVENTS

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WE WISH TO THANK - all relations and friends for cards, prayers, calls, food and a special thanks to the staff of Lowell Medical Nursing Home, Drs. Evenhouse and Gerard, Rockford Ambulance of Lowell, Rev. Michael Funderburg and Lake Funeral Home for the wonderful service and to the women of Alto Baptist Church for the dinner. Thank You All!

The family of Lawrence M. Monks
TO MY FRIENDS/CUSTOMERS OF THE PATTON-JRB INSURANCE AGENCY - I would like to express my extreme regret that all of you were left in the lurch by the untimely closing of the Agency last week. I, too, was taken completely by surprise with the sudden action, and am sorry that the one-hour notification I received did not allow the opportunity to assist you in making alternate arrangements. I have enjoyed working with you over the past several years and hope that circumstances will allow me to serve you again in the near future.

Sincerely,
Phyllis E. Haybarker
THANK YOU - for all the good wishes, cards and calls we received for our 65th wedding anniversary. Harold & Dorothy Bozung

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WANTED - Hoover compact washer, washing machine in working condition. Call 897-6430.

TO: Bushnell Kindergarten & First Graders,

The intent of this letter is twofold. First, I would like to welcome you and your moms and dads to our school. Our school name is Bushnell Elementary, otherwise known as the K-1 Building. My second reason in writing is to let you know about an exciting activity we have planned to help you and your parents get ready to start school.

We know that moms and dads sometimes get a little nervous about starting school, so we would like you to bring them to a special "Meet the Teacher Night" at Bushnell on Thursday, August 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Group A students should attend from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and Group B students should attend from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We would like you to meet all of the teachers you will be working with and have you show mom and dad your classroom and some of the things you will be doing this fall. This will help them to not feel so nervous.

When you get here on August 25, all you have to do is follow the signs and show your parents the following:

- 1) Your classroom (meet your teacher)
- 2) The office (meet our secretary and the principal, that's me!)
- 3) The playground
- 4) The gym/lunchroom/where to buy lunch tickets
- 5) Music Room
- 6) Library
- 7) Bus Information
- 8) PTO Table

You don't have to go to these places in any special order; just walk around and look at things. When mom and dad come to visit you, they will know where everything is.

Please be sure to stop by to see me when you visit your school on Thursday, August 25. I'll have a special gift for you.

I hope you have a great summer and I look forward to meeting you in August.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Grattan Zoning Planning Commission will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WED., SEPTEMBER 7, 1994 at 7:30 PM

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

The Grattan Township Planning Commission will hold public hearing on the changing of the Official Zoning Map. The proposed change includes changing from Agricultural (Ag) to Lake Residential (RL) districts of approximately 900' on the north side of 7 Mile Road including all or part of:

Parcels	41-12-14-376-019
	41-12-14-376-020
	41-12-14-400-005
	41-12-14-400-017

Written comments concerning this issue must be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Ron Mayers, Grattan Township Planning Commission, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

Grattan Township
11676 Old Belding Road
Belding, Michigan 48809

New billboards to replace the old on section of I-96

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Residents used to seeing two billboards along I-96 to Timpson Road will no longer see those signs. Instead they will see three new billboards.

Jay Carll, of American Displays Inc., will put up the three signs after receiving the necessary land from developer Carl Grooters.

Before installing the signs Carll must receive a building permit from Lowell Town-

ship Supervisor John Timpson. Timpson said Carll has presented his plans to the planning commission and himself, and his plans fall within the township's ordinance.

Planning commission member Richard Bryan said the planning commission really doesn't want the signs constructed, but since Carll's plans fall within their guidelines, there is nothing they can do.

The three signs will be 10" by 30" on top of a 15 foot

column and be placed 1,500 feet apart. The total square footage of each sign, 300 square feet, is half of what the state allows. (600 square feet.)

Carll said the billboards will display well-known trademarked companies and will direct consumers to their location along 28th Street.

"Right now there is a high demand by businesses on 28th Street to get billboard space along I-96. The Lowell area presents an ideal vantage point to motorists coming in from

Lansing," said Carll.

The signs will be permanent unless they obstruct potential buildings at that site.

Carll agreed to remove

any signs that may block the view of buildings which could be built in the proposed light industrial district.

"I understand that if com-

panies build in this area, they will want people to see their signs, so I will remove any sign which will obstruct the buildings," said Carll.

GR Community College to be Tech Prep funding agent

Grand Rapids Community College has received a grant in the amount of \$231,949 to act as fiscal agent for the Tech Prep Education Consortium, a community-wide partnership among school districts, community

colleges, and business/labor which prepares youth and adults for entry into technical career fields.

Tech Prep (technical preparation) is a program parallel to the college preparation option. Through a Tech

Pre sequence of courses, students are prepared for at least one of several possible fields: engineering technology, applied science, mechanical, industrial, or practical art or trade, agriculture, health or business.

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Completion of the program requires a core curriculum preparation with emphasis on applied experience in mathematics, science, and communication resulting in a two-year certificate, associate degree, or an apprenticeship program of at least two years following secondary instruction.

CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY VISITATION

On August 24 the Cherry Creek Elementary will open its doors for parents and students to become familiar with their new school. The visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Some PTO parents will be available to direct you to the classroom areas.

The purpose of the visitation is for students to be able to find their classroom on the first day of school. Other areas of the school may not be open due to construction. We hope to see you on the 24th.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

From August 8 Regular Board Meeting

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Zac Cole, Student Council President, is the Student Representative to the Board of Education and will be attending all regular Board meetings. Zac stated that his goal this year would be to improve communication between students and teachers.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE - Craig Willison of Owen-Ames-Kimball briefed the Board on the progress at the new high school and at the other renovation sites. At this point, all projects are on target for the opening of school.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE - Mark MacDonald gave a brief overview of the technology progress. MS-DOS computer purchases are still being negotiated. Apple Computers projected a six-week shipping date, satellite dishes are installed, and AT&T phone systems are up and running.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The Board approved the payment of general fund bills in the amount of \$712,829.24 and athletic, food service, trust and agency, and energy and maintenance funds in the amount of \$69,290.30. Also approved was the payment of 1990 Building and Site funds in the amount of \$842,445.52.

PERSONNEL - The Board accepted the resignation of Craig and Trina Allen. New hires included Rochelle Cummings as the Chapter 1 Reading teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, Amy Kane as Spanish/English teacher at Lowell High School, Paul Jacobus as third grade teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary, and Diane Thomas as third grade teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary (one year replacement for Vic DeWaard.)

INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT - Since Lowell Area Schools requested that Vergennes Township allow the northwest detention pond at the new high school to not be fenced, the Township agreed if LAS would indemnify them from any problems due to lack of a fence. The Board approved the indemnification agreement.

MASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Board members cast a vote for candidates running for the MASB Board of Directors.

BOARD POLICIES - Board Policy #1411.1 entitled "Interviewing of Students at School," Administrative Policy #X-6131 entitled "Personnel, Instructional Personnel and Curriculum Development," Board Policy Series: 4111-4141, 4200-4235, and 5111-5230 were approved on their first reading.

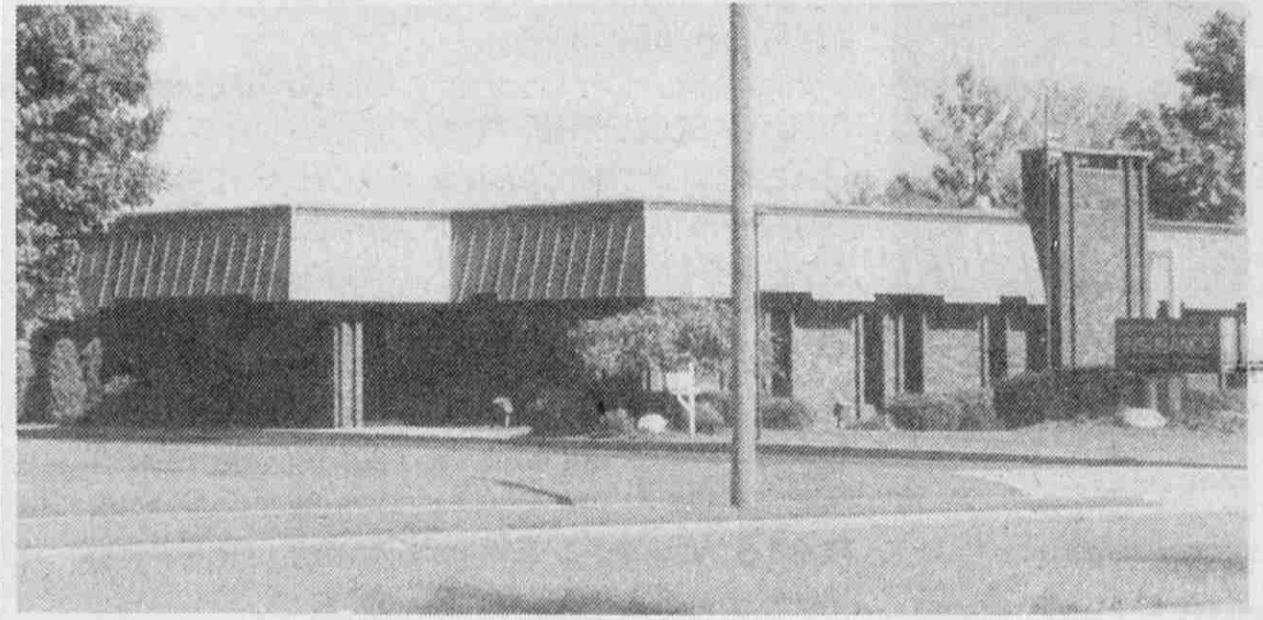
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