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MINUTE BY MINUTE OR JUST A SYNOPSIS

Lowell School Board asked to re-think the structure of its board minutes

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Should the minutes of the Lowell School Board meetings reflect more than the vote and action of the duly elected school board?

As with all school issues, it depends on who you ask. Citizen for Quality Education founder Shawn Eshragh and school board trustee Ellen McClain (also a CQE member) think so.

Michigan Association School Board assistant to legal council Ron Ciranna does not recommend it.

Lowell School Board president Marcia Wilcox stated that if a citizen requests to have his/her comments documented and filed, the Lowell School Board will oblige.

Vision 2000 community school partnerships chairman Bob Pfaller said the committee does not believe the school board minutes, as they stand now, give enough information.

Lowell interim superintendent Dick Korb declined comment until after he discusses his recommendation with the school board.

The open meetings act requires that the minutes show the date of the meeting, the time, the place, the members present and absent, every decision and all roll call votes also when a decision is made to go into closed session, it must show the purpose for that decision.

In the opinion of MASB legal council, there is no statutory requirement which states that comments from the community or board members must be a part of the minutes.

"The minutes are a legal document that should reflect what took place. It is also

recommended in the Vision 2000 Strategic Plan," Eshragh said. "By recording what is said, it would give the board and citizens a history of a recommendation."

In the Vision 2000 document, under community-school partnership directions, one of the goals listed is to publish board agendas and meeting minutes in the local paper. However, it stops short of saying what should be included in the minutes.

"We just had a committee meeting where that was discussed," Pfaller said. "It is our intent to see the school

board minutes done the way the city council does its."

The problem with that, according to Pfaller, is that the minutes would be five-to six -weeks old before they reached the paper. "It works with the council because they meet every two weeks."

Another problem Ciranna sees with it is the liability question. "I think this opens the board up to arguments of misrepresentation, or misquoting of the spoken word leading to arguments about what was really said or meant," he explained.

Ciranna added he did not believe it was practical. "It would triple the paper work and make for additional filing," he said. "Some schools, very few and far between, keep a separate file for citizens' comments if it is requested. However, the MASB does not recommend it."

Another valid concern is the cost involved in modeling the school board's minutes after the city's. Lowell city clerk Betty Morlock says it costs the city approximately

\$6,000 a year to publish minutes and notices. "However, the city council believes it is worth it," Morlock said. "One of the biggest benefits is we don't have people coming back to us claiming we were trying to quietly do something or pull something over the eyes of the citizens. If they can't make it to the meeting, they can read what was discussed at the meeting in the paper. Basically, it has improved communication between the city and the community."

As for misquoting or misrepresentation, Morlock said it seldom happens. "We tape every meeting and then go back and listen to it. Where we get most of our complaints is when we say, 'a group of people said this.' Some people will complain because we didn't list their names. When there are public hearings, it is impossible to try to list what every individual said. That is why we group similar comments."

Pfaller noted that some
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EXPRESSING GREY-TITUDE

Florida woman reunited with greyhounds she placed in loving Michigan homes



BANKING ON IT: Over 200 greyhounds have found life much more to their liking in Michigan, thanks to the work of Helen Banks.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If dog is man's best friend, Helen Banks, of Bonita Springs, FL, questions why such atrocities are being carried out against the greyhound.

Banks began her fight seven years ago against these atrocities and the root from which they all grow - greyhound racing.

"I took my dogs to the vet one day and while there, I opened a door to find them putting to sleep 12 greyhounds.

Three were still alive, so I told them I would take the dogs," Banks said.

She has not stopped caring and fighting for the rights of greyhounds since.

In fact, by Thanksgiving, Banks will have found homes for 5,000 greyhounds all over the country, France, Germany and Switzerland.

"My dream is to see greyhound racing abolished," Banks said. In her home state of Florida, there are 18 tracks. "That's worse than any other state," she says.

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Ike's Towing faces cease and desist order without proper permits and zoning

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Since 1964 the Eickhoff family has been operating a wrecker business in Lowell Township. Now, that business is in jeopardy following state legislative changes.

On July 1 of this year, the state said wrecking services must be licensed through them in order to crush cars.

That law plus the fact that the township wants Ike's Towing to operate its business in a properly zoned area has Terry Eickhoff fighting to keep his business going.

At a recent Lowell Township Planning Commission meeting, the commission recommended to the township board that they present Ike's Towing with a cease and desist order unless he comes in compliance with the township's zoning ordinances and receives the proper state permits.

Eickhoff contends that his business has been around for many years and should be "grandfathered" to allow him to operate like he has in the past.

"Michigan has inheritance laws that allow me to continue
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OBITUARIES

ECKELSTAFER-(Belmont) Mrs. Bertha M. Eckelstafer, aged 70, passed away Thursday, October 13, 1994 at Home of Hope. Mrs. Eckelstafer was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell and a bus driver for Rockford Public Schools for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband Walter in 1974; and brothers Thomas and Bernard. She is survived by her children, Sherrie and Michael Herblet of Belmont, Virginia and Russell Phillips of Rockford, William and Linda Eckelstafer of Howard City, Gary Eckelstafer of Belmont, James and Karen Eckelstafer of Lowell, Beth Ann and Wade Peters and Joseph and Kimberly Eckelstafer all of Belmont; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Mrs. Ruth L. Grudzinskas and Mrs. Don (Lois) Jorgensen all of Rockford; brother Edward (Donna) Atkinson of Grand Rapids; nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler as celebrant. Burial is Assumption Cemetery. For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Patrick's Catho-

lic Church building fund or Home of Hope.

FORD - Thomas V. Ford, aged 74, of Lowell, died Friday, October 14, 1994. He was preceded in death by his sons, James and Thomas Jr. (Tex). He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; children, Sandra Dickerson of Lowell, Suzanne and Jerry Phillips of Lowell, Sheryl and Joe Melle of Saranac; brothers, Joseph Ford and Kenneth Ford both of Grand Rapids; sisters Mary Fisher, Evelyn Hammond, Dorothy Gridley, all of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Monday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. George Fekete, Presider.

GRUZDZINSKAS - (Belmont) Mr. Richard Grudzinskas, aged 58, passed away early Wednesday morning, October 12, 1994. Mr. Grudzinskas was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell. He is survived by his wife, Mary and children, Richard and Karen Grudzinskas, Jr. of Grand Rapids, James and Jean Grudzinskas and Theresa and Robert Keuveelaar, both of

Wyoming, Laura and Deon Holliman of Grand Rapids, Julie Igal Knobler of Orlando, FL and Anthony Grudzinskas of Grand Rapids; his mother, Ruth Grudzinskas of Rockford; brothers, Gerald and Isabel Grudzinskas of Brandon, MS, Thomas Grudzinskas of Topelo, MS, and Craig Grudzinskas of Greenville, MI; his step-children, Sherry and Scott Ross of Lowell and Terri and John Stillwell of Grand Rapids; 12 grandchildren; aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Francis, his father Tony and his first wife Leona. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Parnell with the Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler Jr. as celebrant. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Building Fund at St. Patrick's Catholic Church or the Education Endowment Fund at the Church.

HEWITT - Ruth H. Hewitt, aged 63, of Fenwick, passed away October 8, 1994. Surviving are her husband Lawrence (Dean); three sons, James of Pittsford, Greg of Grand Rapids and Larry of Hudsonville; one daughter Ann Barz of Wyoming; 14 grandchildren; her mother Crystal Stencil of Lowell; four brothers; five sisters;

many nieces and nephews. Services were held October 12 with burial in Highland Park Cemetery.

JONES - Lester C. Jones, M.D.J.D., aged 65, of East Lansing, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 15, 1994. He is preceded in death by his father Charles. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Virginia; his children, Carol (Chris) Oberg of Haslett, MI, and David C. Jones of East Lansing; three grandchildren, Zachary, Ian, Samantha; his mother, Mrs. Crystal Jones, Lowell. He served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean conflict. He received his Bachelors of Science at M.S.U., Doctor of Medicine, Wayne State, Juris Doctor, Cooley School of Law. Board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a member of American College of Physicians, Michigan State Medical Society, Ingham County Medical Society, State Bar of Michigan, American Bar Association. Funeral services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Sparrow Hospital Cardiac Care Unit.

METTERNICK - Larry Lee Metternick, aged 53, of Wolcott, CO, formerly of Lowell, passed away Octo-

ber 4, 1994 at Vail Valley Medical Center of a heart attack. He was a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan Technological University, 1966. He worked 15 years as airport engineer with Williams & Works of Grand Rapids and at the time of death, he held the position of Eagle Co. Engineer. He is survived by his wife Mary Anne, sons Kurt and Tim, daughter Anne, all of Colorado; mother Ruth Metternick of Lowell, sister Janet Place of Novi. Funeral services were held on October 7, with Rev. Dr. Jack Van Ens officiating. Interment Greenwood Cemetery, Redcliff, CO.

TOMPKINS - Robert M. Tompkins, aged 70, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, October 6, 1994. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Freda; children, Thomas (Benna-Lea) Tompkins, AZ; Patricia (Douglas II) LaDue, Debra (Rick) Tompkins; grandchildren, Adam, Alicia, Andrew, Douglas, Daniel, Nicolle, and Michelle; sister, Janet (Brent) Canfield; brothers, Lowell (Ruth) Tompkins, Bruce (Lois) Tompkins; and sister-in-law, Idamae Tompkins. He is a Naval WWII Veteran, Pearl Harbor survivor, member of the U.S.S. San Francisco Association and retired from Diesel Equipment. Funeral services were held Monday, October 10 with Rev. Mary Schipper, Snow United Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be given to Snow United Methodist Church, Lowell.



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Lowell FMB Bank President CEO James Bosserd made a pledge to work as a teller for one hour if FMB State Savings Bank employees met their goal of raising \$4,000 for United Way. They did a little better than that as \$4,115 was raised. FMB Board of Directors matched what the employees raised, bringing the final total to over \$8,000 which was donated to United Way. FMB State Savings Bank will receive a bronze award for the per capita level of money it was able to raise and donate to United Way. FMB campaign coordinator for the third straight year was Linda DesJarden.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

FROM OCTOBER 10, 1994 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

"SHARING THE VISION" STUDENT PROGRAM - Students from the middle school were on hand to "Share the Vision." Mrs. Blodgett's drama students put on a skit from their upcoming play, and Dale Latva's 8th grade band members taught the Lowell Red Arrows Fight song to the audience.

FIFTH GRADE CAMP REPORT - Cherry Creek students who participated in the recent fifth grade camp reported their favorite activities at camp. They then did some "problem solving" with Board members and had the Board literally "tied up in ropes."

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Zac Cole reported on the recent activities of the student council which included the homecoming events. He also mentioned a leadership conference he attended which will help him with his leadership role on the student council.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE - Technology Coordinator, Mark MacDonald, updated the Board on the middle school Tech. Ed. materials to be addressed later on the agenda. He also indicated that the elementary computer needs would be coming to the Board in the near future.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The Board approved the payment of general fund bills in the amount of \$707,393.22 and athletic, food service, trust and agency, and energy and maintenance funds in the amount of \$122,819.26. Also approved was the payment of 1990 Building and Site funds in the amount of \$1,264,836.63.

FALLSBURG SCHOOL RESOLUTION - The Board adopted a resolution which approves of the transfer of the Fallsburg School from the Kent County Parks Department to Vergennes Township.

BOWES ROAD RESOLUTION - A resolution was adopted by the Board which asks the Lowell City Council to consider keeping the Bowes Road intersection open.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECH. ED. MATERIALS - Approval was given to purchase middle school Tech. Ed. materials from the loose equipment budget of the 1990 bond issue in an amount of \$30,717.60.

CHANGE ORDER FOR AT&T EQUIPMENT - The Board approved the change order for AT&T equipment at the Runciman project in an amount of \$34,834.44.

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER RESOLUTION - A resolution was adopted which authorizes the FMB State Savings Bank to electronically transfer funds to First of America Bank-Southeast Michigan, N.A.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Community Forum Meeting, Monday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria
Regular Board Meeting, Monday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria

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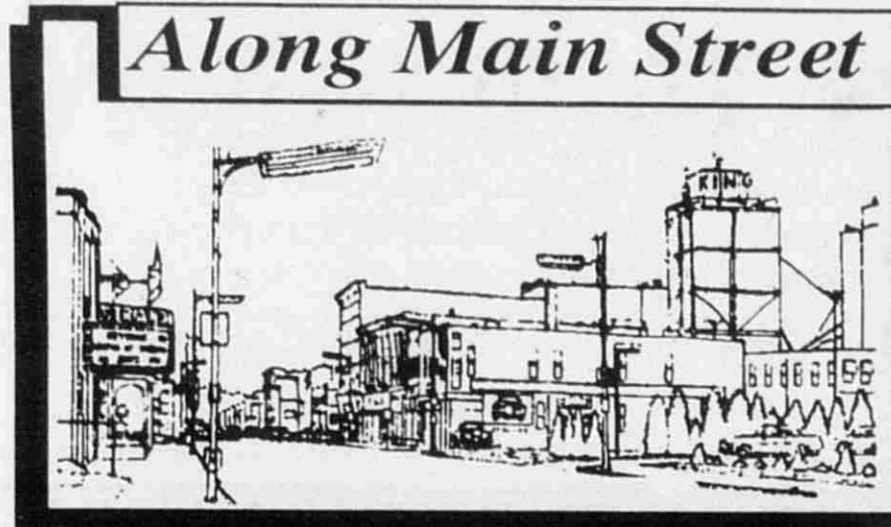
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There are still openings for the fall youth basketball programs for first- and second-grade; third- and fourth-grade and fifth- and sixth-grade.

The program is open to all boys and girls. Call 897-8445 for further information.

SPOOKY FUN

The Lowell Area Fire Department will again be hosting a haunted house. It will be held at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Open from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no admission charge.

SIXTH-GRADE HALLOWEEN PARTY

A Halloween party for all sixth-graders is scheduled for Oct. 28 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the middle school cafeteria. Parent volunteers are needed for snacks and supervision. Please call Marcia LaHaye, 897-7190, if you can help.

MUSIC BOOSTERS CONCESSION STAND AT LMS

The Lowell Music Boosters will have a concession stand at Lowell Middle School athletic events throughout the entire year.

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will say spending that amount of money on minutes is a waste of money. "I believe it would be money well spent. I also am not sure the minutes have to be as detailed as the council's minutes. But I think they should be modeled after the council's minutes."

The final decision on this internal debate will have to be made by the school board.

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my father's business in this manner. Now they want me to cease my business because of a law passed this July; it just doesn't seem fair," said Eickhoff.

The township feels Eickhoff's dismantling and storage of cars is clearly against their ordinances.

"It seems to me that he wants to operate a salvage yard. The only way to do that is to have the land rezoned from Agriculture Two to Industrial. He should present that to the planning commission before he brings the matter before the township board," said Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson.

Janet Koster, an employee of Eickhoff's said the problem between the two sides comes in the definition of his business. She said the township is worried about dismantling of cars, but that is not done at Ike's Towing.

"There is a big difference in dismantling and prepping cars for crushing. Ike preps cars to be crushed at WMI in Wyoming. If he dismantled then he would need permits for all the parts and vehicle identification numbers for all vehicles," said Koster. "All Ike does is remove all the fluid in preparation for crushing and it's done in an environmentally safe manner."

Eickhoff said all he wants to be is a part of the recycling circle. "Whatever comes in will go out except for those things I collect as memorabilia or necessity," he said.

To back up his case Eickhoff said he has collected 800 signatures on a petition that show a need for his business.

"It is not a petition asking the township to allow me to operate. It is to show that there is a need for my business in the area," said Eickhoff. "If I would have collected only two signatures, I wouldn't have pursued the matter any further, but I got 800 signatures so I see a need."

The township board has not taken any official action on the planning commission's recommendation because they didn't have the official cease and desist recommendation before them. But Timpson did inform Eickhoff to pursue a zoning change with the planning commission before going any further with his concerns.

"At this point it would be best to go through the proper channels before doing anything else. We can address it further after it goes through all the channels," said Timpson.

Eickhoff said he would start the process from the beginning, but isn't pleased with all the governmental bureaucracy he has to go through first.

"I don't like having to wait all that time for a decision. I've been here for years and I don't think it's fair for them to ask me to change after all these years," said Eickhoff.

SPOOK HOUSE

A Halloween spook house is planned at the Lowell Moose Lodge, 210 E. Main St. (upstairs).

Dates for the spook house are: Oct. 21, 7 to 11 p.m.; Oct. 22, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m.; Oct. 23, 1 to 5 p.m.; Oct. 28, 7 to 11 p.m.; Oct. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. and Oct. 30, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission, \$1 per person.

LIBRARY CELEBRATES BOOK WEEK

National Children's Book Week with local author Nancy Clouse, illustrator of *Pink Paper Swans*. Children, ages seven and up, will learn how to make book illustrations from cut paper and do an origami craft.

The workshops are being scheduled at the Lowell Library for Friday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. and the Alto Library, Friday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Registration is required. For more information call the Lowell Library at 897-9596.

YMCA BASKETBALL

YMCA basketball will be held Monday nights at the new high school gym. Adult open gym runs from 7 to 9 p.m. and the cost is \$2.

ADMISSION CHARGES FOR LMS BASKETBALL

Lowell Middle School will be charging admission for admittance to girls' basketball, boys' basketball, wrestling

and volleyball games.

The cost will be \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students. The money generated will be used to cover game management expenses.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Joseph Petronis, 43, of Belding, was involved in a minor property damage accident Oct. 13 when he backed into a vehicle driven by Brandi DeJong, 20, of Saranac, in a parking lot between Broadway and Riverside Street.

Thomas Yonker, 41, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Oct. 13 when a vehicle driven by Pamela Psyhos, 36, of Lowell, pulled from a parking space on East Main Street into his path.

Arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, second offense, Oct. 17, was Jerry Baker, 30, of Lowell.

A breaking and entering of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church on West Main Street was reported to Lowell officers Sunday, Oct. 16. Only a small amount of change was taken.

Ryan Krieg, 17, of Lowell, was arrested and released on a personal recognizance bond on a warrant issued through 63rd District Court Oct. 12.

Pamela Lee, of Ionia, reported to Lowell police that her car was struck by a hit and run driver Oct. 10 while parked in the Atwood Corporation lot on Monroe Street.

Greyhounds, continued... From Page 1

Three billion dollars is bet at its tracks annually. Only one out of eight greyhounds lives to be four years old.

"The structure of greyhound racing is wrong," Banks said. "The dogs are not given physicals. They have females racing against males," Banks said. "Horses have jockeys to guide and

steer them - greyhounds do not. This leads to broken legs and other injuries."

On her Florida farm, a gift from a couple in Ohio, Banks is able to care for 40 greyhounds at a time. "I bring in new greyhounds just as fast as there is an opening. I visit the tracks everyday. Not all trainers are willing to give up

their dogs. They are afraid of lawsuits." Banks, founder of "Second Chance for Greyhounds," has shipped approximately 50 greyhounds to homes in Michigan.

She was back in Michigan (Zeeland) over the weekend for a reunion of sorts with her canine friends and loving new owners.

"It's just a get-together with some wonderful people," Banks said. "Greyhounds have such a gentleness. They are intelligent and clean; they don't shed, drool or smell."

"There is a mystique about them. I've seen them bond couples together. Many couples who get one greyhound almost always want a second one," added Banks.

Banks wants to see that more greyhounds get a second chance.

And an end put to the hundreds of others that are abandoned to starve in their cramped cages by uncaring breeders and trainers disillusioned by a so-called sport that promises much and delivers little.

Currently, Banks is trying to get a legislative bill passed before the legislature that would ensure Michigan remains a greyhound-safe state by prohibiting greyhound racing.

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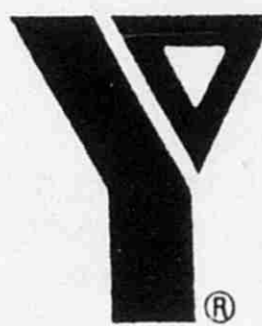
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Lowell Elementary computers' time is here

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Schools deferred purchase of some of its elementary computers last December until bond issue building and site funds became available.

Funds are expected to be available by the November board meeting. Computer technology coordinator Mark MacDonald will use that meeting to ask that the deferral be halted and purchasing begin.

MacDonald will present a list of computer purchases that need to be made at the elementary level.

Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction, said money from the bond issue building and site fund will be

used to purchase computer needs at the elementary level.

Those needs include a minimum lab of 30 computers at Cherry Creek; a minimum lab of 20 computers at Alto; and a minimum of one printer per lab.

Other computer software equipment that White listed as goals are additional computers at Bushnell and media stations which could be used in classrooms by teachers and students.

"These are designed to help teachers with what they are already teaching," MacDonald said. "An example of this would be a science class demonstrated on computer simulation or a health class viewing the parts of a live functioning human heart as they study the cardio

vascular system."

MacDonald noted that the purchases of the "needs" would not encumber the general fund. "They would all be made with bond issue building and site funds," he said.

Another goal is to set up the high school media center with a computer lab. MacDonald said the middle school needs have been met (two computer labs in library).

According to White, the amount of money available from the building and site fund will not be known until October 26 or a little later.

How many of the goals are realized, White said, will not be determined until funds are known and the priority list is studied.

MacDonald recognized

that contingency monies will be made available only because Owen-Ames-Kimball Company was able to keep all building projects at or below budget.

I'm opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.

—Mark Twain

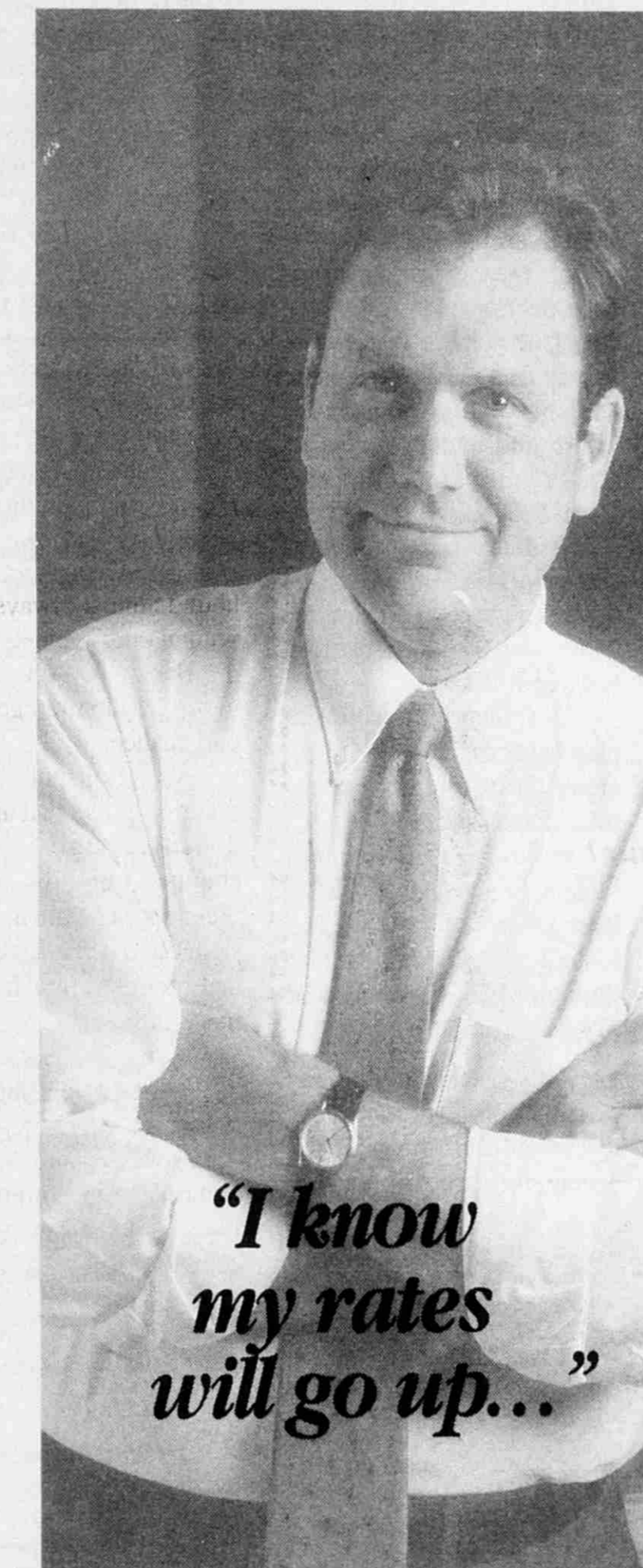
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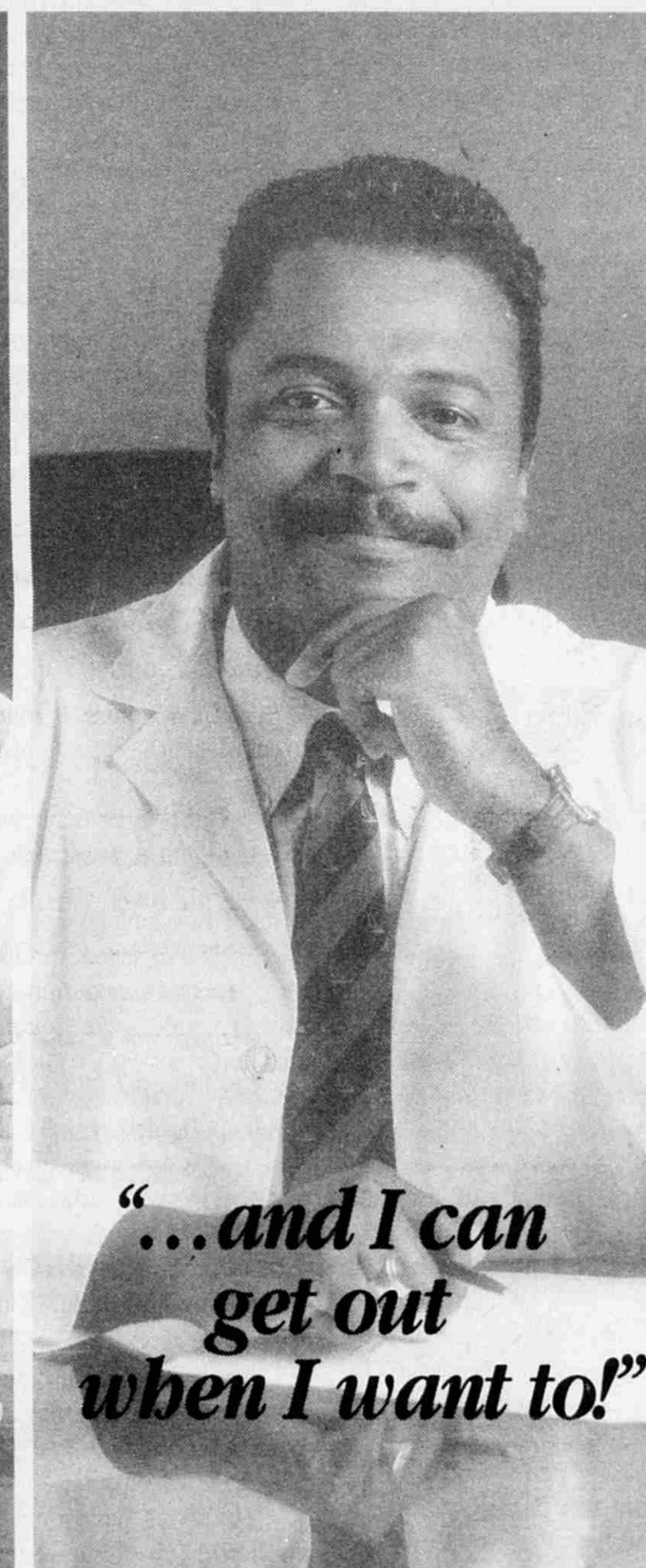
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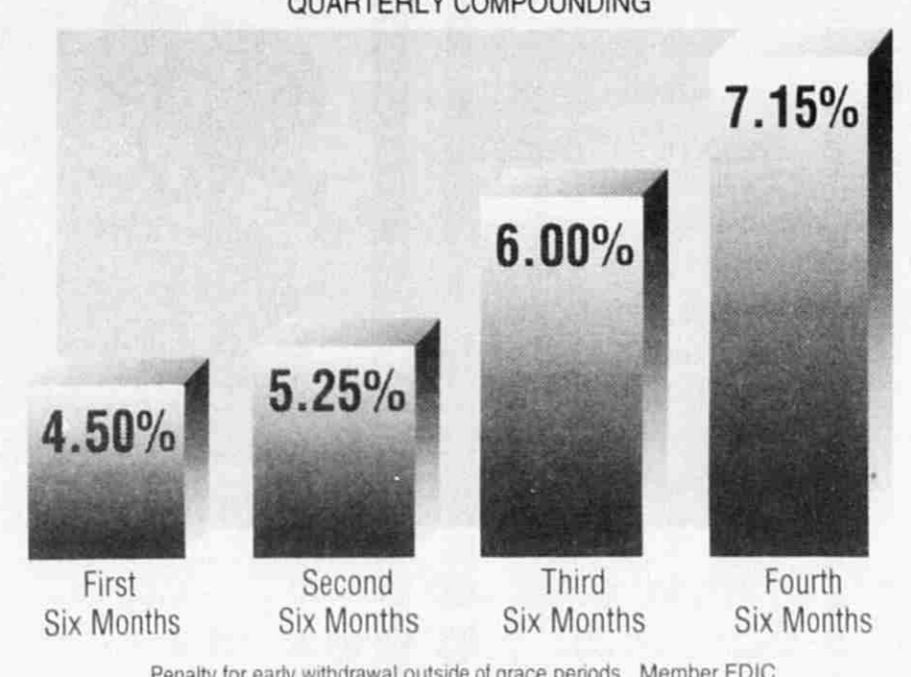


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Tim Ross, left, and Brad Siek, right, had smiles that shined through the overcast skies Saturday morning at Creekside Park.

COMPETITORS' FIRE

Tim Ross and Brad Siek meet the challenges of soccer with the same determination and resolve used in daily life

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The majority of the YMCA youth soccer league players' (ages 8-11) competitive fires are not stoked until kickoff on Saturday mornings at Creekside Park.

That is unless you're eight-year-old Tim Ross, whose mental and physical toughness is challenged everyday by spastic cerebral palsy when he walks to the end of the driveway and back.

That is unless you're Brad Siek whose fine motor skills have been challenged since 3 1/2 years of age by epilepsy hypogammaglobulinemia.

It's their competitive fire that gets both of these Lowell boys to the soccer field each and every Saturday morning during soccer season.

They both want the same thing that any other kid their age wants. They, however, have been challenged to work harder to attain it.

Tim wants to walk down to the end of his driveway and back and not have his muscles feel like he's been bailing hay for eight hours. Brad wishes he didn't have to have an infusion (IV through the chest) every three weeks which helps but doesn't guarantee the prevention of a seizure.

Their makeup is colored with a phenomenal inner strength. That doesn't mean they haven't ever asked, "Why me?" But it does mean they haven't spent a whole lot of time dwelling on it.

The two buddies met on the first day of school three or four years ago, according to Ross. They shared some common interests. "We both like Power Rangers, Crossfire and playing hide-and-seek," Ross said. Let us not forget soccer.

How many wins does their soccer team have? After a pause for thought, Ross answers with a half smile, "Kind of none."

Their peers may not know it, but both Ross and Siek are schooled in beginning stages of karate.

"The boys have done a wonderful job of supporting

one another," Ross' mother, Sherry, says.

Siek's mother, Becci, adds that whenever one of the boys is going through a tough time, the other is there to cheer him up.

Becci and Brad Siek found their 3 1/2-year-old son in bed one morning an hour or two after he had a grand mal seizure. It caused him to lose control of all body functions. The seizure left Siek's whole left side paralyzed. Depending on how severe the brain path waves are, the paralysis can last forever. Brad's lasted for 4 hours.

Siek has had three other seizures since the initial one. However, after the first one he had to be retaught how to speak, how to count, and to say his ABCs. He is still re-learning his fine motor skills.

Reading has been the most difficult, not so much the relearning but the occasional mean-spirited teasing from peers.

"Our hope is that stories and education can help make students and parents more aware and understanding of Brad's and Tim's illness," Becci Siek said.

While parents and students work on that, Siek continues to work on his soccer game and plans on starting back up in Karate.

"My favorite position to play in soccer is goalie. I also enjoy the warm-ups in karate," Brad Siek says.

Following Siek's initial seizure, he was taken to Cleveland where 25 neurologists looked at and studied him through MRIs, cat scans, and tissue and blood samples.

They determined he had no finger disease (something that would cause the seizures). Today, they are still not sure

what causes Brad to have seizures. In most cases it is either head trauma or hereditary. Neither apply to Brad.

Tim was born two months premature. He weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. at birth. He spent his first month in the neonatal center at Butterworth Hospital. The first day he arrived home, he weighed 4 1/2 pounds.

It wasn't until he was seven months old that Tim was diagnosed with spastic cerebral palsy.

"They believe prematurity and pregnancy complications may have had something to do with it," Sherry Ross explains.

At seven months he was enlisted at Ken O Sha's. At the age of two, he was riding a bus. Since then he has had surgery on his eyes and legs.

He receives physical and occupational therapy once a week through Kent Intermediate School District.

"He's been a fighter since birth," Sherry Ross says. "He has begun to notice how he differs from other children, but he has accepted it and remains positive."

Both boys have received tremendous positive support from their families. In Tim's case it's been his mother, Scott (his father) and Mindi, his 13-year old sister.

"Mindi has been very supportive and helpful to Tim. But they remain brothers and sisters - they still have times where they are not always friendly and nice to one another," Sherry Ross said.

Brad has received support from his mother, his little brother Kirby and his father, Brad.

"Brad has had a good year. He hasn't been in the hospital for a seizure or infection," Becci Siek said.

Capital News Briefs

By Dave Conklin, Lansing

Live from Detroit, It's Debate Night Number Two...

(CNB) Detroit - Democratic gubernatorial candidate Howard Wolpe may have found two issues he feels will help him galvanize support for his sagging campaign. During the debate held at WJBK TV 2 last Sunday, Wolpe raised fears that GOP Republican Governor John Engler may push for a constitutional amendment allowing state tax dollars to support private religious schools. Presently the state constitution prohibits the state from doing that. The Wolpe campaign also plans to introduce the abortion issue into the campaign. Wolpe is expected to accuse the governor of being controlled by the zealot forces of Right to Life of Michigan. Some political pundits think Democratic state legislative leaders may have trouble with the strategy. State Attorney General Frank Kelley, Democratic Speaker of the House Curtis Hertel and Democratic state Senate leader Art Miler oppose abortion and have been endorsed by Right to Life's PAC.

Polls show Governor Engler heading towards victory while Democrats are concerned about voter turnout...

(CNB) Lansing - Tracking polls conducted by the Engler campaign show GOP Governor Engler is ahead of Wolpe by 16 points. Similarly, a Detroit Free Press - EPIC/MRA poll places Engler ahead of Wolpe by a 60 to 34 margin. A Detroit News poll concludes about the same outcome.

To add to their problems, state Democrats are concerned about voter apathy in next month's election. A veteran volunteer for the Dems says people are not taking the time to get politically active this year. And a national group, the Committee for the Study of American Electorate, showed that only about 19 percent of the eligible Democrats voted in this year's primaries which is less than four years ago. These

results seem to continue the 20-year decline in voter turnout.

Headlee Commission issues report...

(CNB) Lansing - The Blue Ribbon Commission for the Review on the 1978 Headlee Amendment issued its final report to Governor Engler recently. The recommendations include making a policy that no bill be passed by the state legislature unless lawmakers know the costs that would be imposed on local governments. The Headlee Amendment was approved by voters in 1978 to limit the amount of taxes the state can impose on its citizens.

U of M Fraternity penalized for hazing...

(CNB) Ann Arbor - The University of Michigan chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity won't be allowed to recruit new members, play intramural sports or participate in campus activities for one year as the result of a hazing incident last month. A student review panel said an unidentified sophomore pledge was ordered by a fraternity brother to drink vodka because he hadn't performed his pledge duties appropriately. He was treated at a local hospital for alcohol poisoning.

Wolpe TV ad...

(CNB) Lansing - Democratic candidate Howard Wolpe's latest TV ad renews the attack on the Engler administration for giving tobacco vendors a \$38 million tax break. Democrats suggest the loophole allowed tobacco vendors to keep some tax revenues that should have gone to the state's school aid fund. They add the Engler administration could force vendors to return the money. Engler administration officials, however, say any effort to fix the loophole is being blocked in the state Senate GOP caucus whose members are uncomfortable with offending the tobacco industry or Michigan retailers.

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Central's power breaks down Lowell, 32-12

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Power football has been good to Lowell in 1994.

Friday night at Forest Hills Central, the Red Arrows were served up power football Ranger-style.

Forest Hills Central used its power running and a number of big plays to turn back the visiting Red Arrows 32-12, in a big O-K White Conference showdown.

Both clubs entered the contest with 3-1 records in the league. The only league blemish on both teams' records were losses to East Grand Rapids.

Friday night's battle was for sole possession of second place. More importantly for Lowell, a win could have boosted them into one of the top four spots in Region III of the computer rankings. The top four teams in each region get a slot in the Michigan high school football playoffs.

When Central's running game wasn't powering a methodical scoring drive, they managed to fuel their fire with a big play.

"All the credit goes to the kids up front on our offensive line," said a happy Central coach, Tim McGee. "Our kids came to play. The seniors wanted this one real bad."

The men up front that created the holes which led to 374 rushing yards were Mike Miller, Luke Stepanovich, Ben Kruger, Ben Greeman, Scott Cosgrove, Adam Schierloh

and Josh Quinlan.

"Those front seven did a wonderful job," McGee said. Central led 20-12 at half-time.

Lowell's defense held the Rangers to one first down and to 14 total yards in their opening possession of the second half.

That looked as if it might fuel a possible game-tying drive by the Red Arrows.

A 20-yard run by Tim Stencel, a 17-yard run by Holtz and a handful of power bursts put Lowell at the Ranger 16-yard line. However, a first down offside pushed the Red Arrows back to FHC's 21 and thwarted their drive which ended at the Ranger 14.

It looked as though the Lowell defense might give the ball back to its offense in great field position. However, on a second and 15 from its own nine-yard line, Rangers half-back turned quarterback, John Millhouse, on a keeper around the right side, used a terrific fake to the tailback opened up a run of 34 yards Central followed that with a 33-yard pass to Quinlan. Three plays later John Roark busted in from three yards out, increasing Central's lead to 26-12.

Roark tallied the Rangers' final score of the evening with roughly three minutes to play in the game on a one-yard burst.

Lowell, once again, was bitten by mistakes early on in a big game. On their second play from scrimmage, the Red

Arrows lost the ball on a fumble.

Central turned it into six points four plays later with Jay McKeller running it in from seven yards.

The Red Arrows picked themselves up off the deck with a 10-play, 69-yard scoring drive. Holtz did the scoring honors with an 11-yard run around the left end.

The senior QB finished with 64 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

"Holtz is the quickest quarterback we've faced in years. He may not be the fastest at full speed, but he has tremendous quickness and excels quickly," McGee said.

With the game tied at six, Central drove 65 yards in four plays with Bryan Griffin scoring on a 41-yard run.

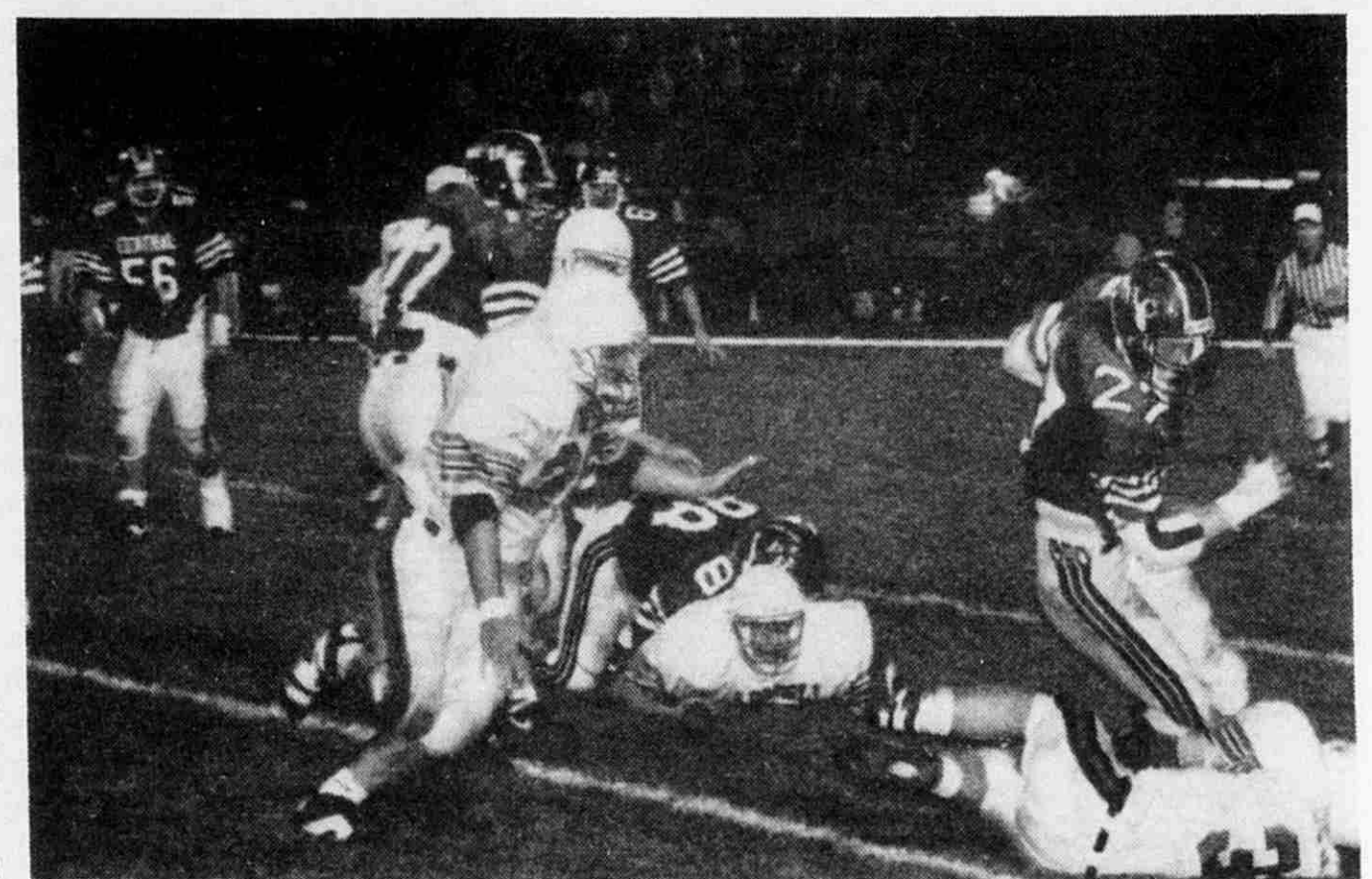
Late in the first quarter Central scored again, this time on a one-yard plunge by McKeller.

Lowell opened the second quarter with a 60-yard scoring drive highlighted by a 26-yard run by Jamie Compton. He finished the night with 70 yards rushing.

"This was the best game



Brad Holtz gets around the corner against the pursuing Ranger defense.



Central's Bryan Griffin gets tripped up by Lowell defenders.

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Creative Crafts

Marsha Young, owner of Teddy Bears and Crafts by Marcy, displayed some of her huggable teddy bears at the PTO sponsored Arts and Crafts Sale on Saturday at Cherry Creek Elementary. Co chairmen Laura Becker and Terri Kerr said they believed approximately 300-400 people attended the craft show. There were 37 booths and 33 crafters. Roughly \$1,000 was raised. The funds will be used to sponsor PTO events and field trips as well as purchase equipment and teacher supplies.



LMS Students-of-the-Month

Lowell Middle School September Students-of-the-Month are front row, from left to right: Annie McMahon, eighth-grade; Lyndsey Sage, sixth-grade; Lyndsey Thaler, sixth-grade; Felicia Eshragh, seventh-grade; back row, left to right: Adam Roossien, sixth-grade; Shannon Finnegan, eighth-grade; Jenny Prins, seventh-grade and Matt VanTatenhove, seventh-grade.

Township personnel receive per diem pay for meetings

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Township Board has approved a per diem pay scale for its employees who attend meetings.

The township will pay \$45 to township board members, \$30 to planning commission and board of appeals members and \$60 to board of review members to attend meetings approved by the township board.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson said the pay scale gives the township a uniform policy on meetings.

"We had a payment policy in effect before, but it didn't clarify which meetings a township employee would be paid to attend," said Timpson.

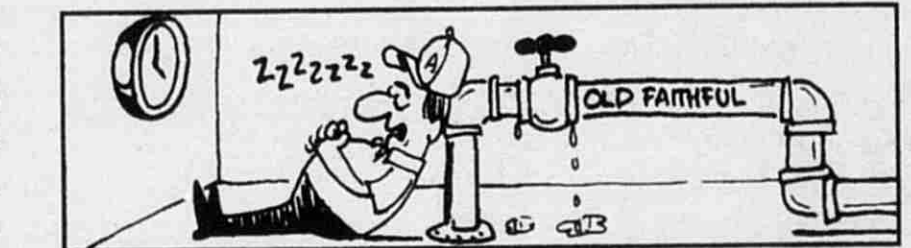
According to Timpson, besides being approved by the township board, the meeting must be educational in nature.

"The cost of a meeting, travel time and the per diem pay will apply to any meeting the board approves, whether it is a day long or just two hours," said Timpson.

AREA BIRTHS

Kent Adams and Kathy Rozman are proud to announce the birth of their son, Aaron James Adams.

He was born September 23, 1994, weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.



The world's most famous geyser, "Old Faithful" in Yellowstone National Park, erupts for about four minutes once in every 65 minutes, on average.

Proud grandparents are Russ and Donna Rozman of Lowell and Jim and Sharon Adams of AZ. Great-grandparents are Dina Murphy of Grand Rapids and Mary Jean Wait of Wyoming.

Masons offer free clinic

The Michigan Masons, in conjunction with the endocrinology department of the Children's Hospital of Michigan, will sponsor a state-wide series of free clinics for children with diabetes.

These all-day clinics are an opportunity for patients and parents to meet with a diabetes team consisting of an endocrinologist, nurse clinician, and dietitian. The most up-to-date methods of diabetes management will be discussed, including adjusting insulin doses according to daily fluctuations in blood sugars, nutrition and exercise. A social worker will also be available to assist families with the emotional and financial stresses of having a diabetic child.

The Masons of the Lowell Masonic Lodge No. 90 encourage families in the Lowell area with children and ado-

lescents who have diabetes requiring insulin to attend the November 2 clinic. It will be held at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Children are seen by appointment only. Appointments can be made before Oc-

tober 21 by contacting a lodge member in your community who can also assist with transportation to and from Grand Rapids.

For more information, call Mike Blough at 897-5448 or Bill Wood at 897-8546.

Tennis, cont'd...From Page 21

Anderson was defeated 7-6, 6-0 by Tawnya Sowerwine.

In number one doubles, Stephanie Malone and Jamie Morlock earned two hard fought 6-4, 6-4 decisions over Mandy Keech and Erin Shellenberger.

Lindsay Gustafson and Becky Thomas straight set Jolene Fisk and Stacy Drent 7-6, 7-5.

Diana Fick and Gene Buhler lost a pair of 6-6 sets to Kerry Potter and Rachael Coonen.

Cedar Springs' Rosey Boogaard and Kristy Newland bested Lisa VanStrien and Kim Kamphuis 6-1, 6-1.

Sally Dupree 6-2, 6-0 in second singles.

Lowell's Melissa Malone lost to Melisa Reed 6-0, 6-2.

Lowell 4
Cedar Springs 4

Melissa Malone was shut-out in her first set against Red Hawk Alina McDonald.

Keeping her composure, Malone battled back to win sets two and three 6-4, 6-4 in dramatic fashion.

Beth Hoag continued her fine play as she straight set Lisa Bremmer 6-3, 6-1.

At number one and two singles, Lea Sterly lost 6-0, 6-0 to Jill Townes, and Cheryl

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TOWN TALK

Should the Lions keep Wayne Fontes or get rid of him?



Jon Bauschlcher

They should keep him. It wouldn't do any good to get rid of him in the middle of the season. If they do fire him, it should be done at the end of the season so they have a year to build.



Ken Mazzocco

I say keep him. He hasn't done a great job, but considering the team he's got, he's done an average job. Not only that, but I think he gives the club some color.



Richard Welch

They should wait until the end of the year and then get rid of him. He hasn't done the job.



Paul Wesselink

Get rid of him at the end of the year. He's not doing a good job.



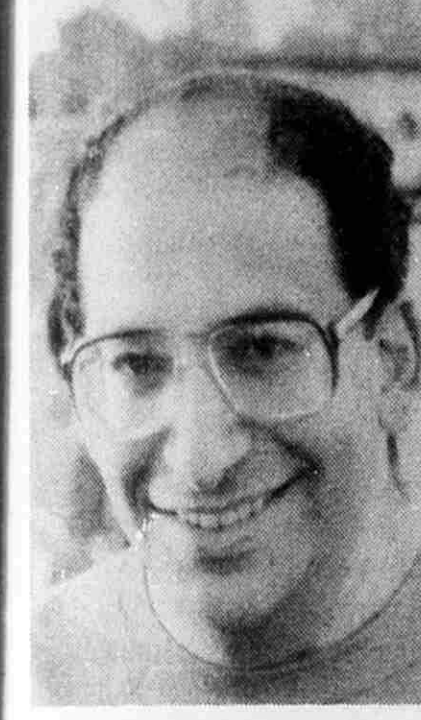
Dave Kimberly

Wait until the end of the season and then get rid of him - if someone like a Joe Gibbs is available.



Todd Custer

Get rid of Fontes immediately. He's a bad coach.



Joe Ammar

Get rid of him. He had enough time to prove himself a good coach. He hasn't done the job with the talent he has.



Bob Johnson

Dump him. Lions are due for a change. I'm tired of watching them lose and of waiting for next year.

The need for absolutes may be nothing but a want of love. —Jean Rostand

General election key to local libraries' survival

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

On this November's general election ballot, the Kent County District Library will be asking citizens to approve a .68 millage to help fund the newly formed district library system.

In what some people see as a political move, the library board has asked its township members to pass a resolution supporting the request.

Both Lowell and Vergennes Townships have passed the resolution, with Vergennes making a minor change to its wording.

"We agree with the resolution, but we want people to vote their conscience and not go by how this board feels," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

Lowell Township trustee and this region's library board representative feel the new millage is the only way to fund local libraries this year.

"The operating budget for county libraries will be \$1 million. In the past the county has funded most of that, but since 1981 those funds have steadily decreased," said Wieland. "If the millage doesn't pass, the funding will revert back to the county and they only have \$200,000 in this year's budget, so many local libraries will be hurt."

Wieland said the money will not go for new personnel, but will go for operational

costs and bring smaller libraries in line with the bigger ones.

"If passed, the millage will allow Lowell and Alto libraries to catch with other libraries like East Grand Rapids. Both libraries would get magazine article access and Alto would also get Book Brain," said Wieland.

According to Wieland, getting information in minutes is the basis of the magazine article computer access,

and Book Brain is a favorite computer program among children.

"The millage will bring much needed technology to the local libraries. Without it I doubt either library could survive," said Wieland.

Stone agrees with Wieland and said she "can't think of a more equitable way of funding the new district library."

Chamber has building looking for funds to keep it manned

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

What rental housing is available?

What does the average home cost in Lowell?

What is the crime rate for the city of Lowell?

How many people live in the city of Lowell?

Who are you going to call to get answers to these questions?

Lowell Chamber of Commerce president Steve Doyle would like you to call the new Chamber office (the old Drake station) which has been leased for \$1 a year.

However, is it a Chamber office if there isn't anyone there to answer the phone? The Chamber doesn't think so. Its charge is to ask Lowell and Vergennes Townships, the city of Lowell and Lowell Area Schools to make contributions which would enable an employee to man the office 30-40 hours a week.

Lowell's City Council approved a one-year donation of \$1,000 toward the hiring of an employee to assist promoting the Lowell community. Two responsibilities of the office would be to answer inquiries and support economic development efforts. The office would also solicit Chamber membership and promote Lowell.

From its end the Chamber is going to work on increasing membership. Ford said it will offer more to its members. This may eventually mean higher membership rates.

Ford hopes that eventually the Chamber office can be self-supportive. "Right now with the Chamber budget, we're unable to be self-supportive," Ford said.

The formulating of the plan and the goal of an executive director to provide the city, townships, school and business with a marketing strategy have been discussed with Vision 2000.

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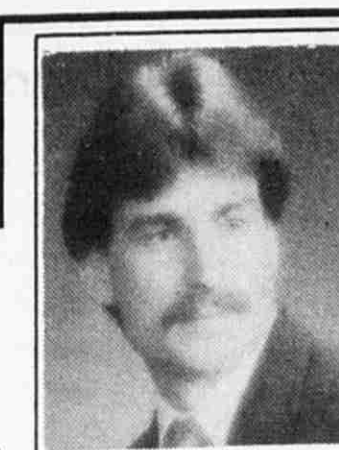
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Traffic near high school has Vergennes Twp. searching for safety measures

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Concerns over safety on Vergennes Road has the Vergennes Township Board looking for ways to slow down traffic and install lights at intersections.

The township has received comments from citizens around the new high school about the speed of

cars traveling down the road. Last month Kathy Waldron addressed the board about the traffic problems. That prompted the board to look into the establishment of a school speed zone.

The board recommended writing a letter to the Kent County Road Commission requesting a posted school zone and additional patrols.

"We are very concerned

over the added traffic in that area, not because of reckless driving but because of the volume of traffic has increased a lot since the school was open," said township clerk Mari Stone.

Stone said until the township hears from the road commission township supervisor Jim Cook and other community members have offered to post signs on their property

informing travelers that they are about to enter a school zone.

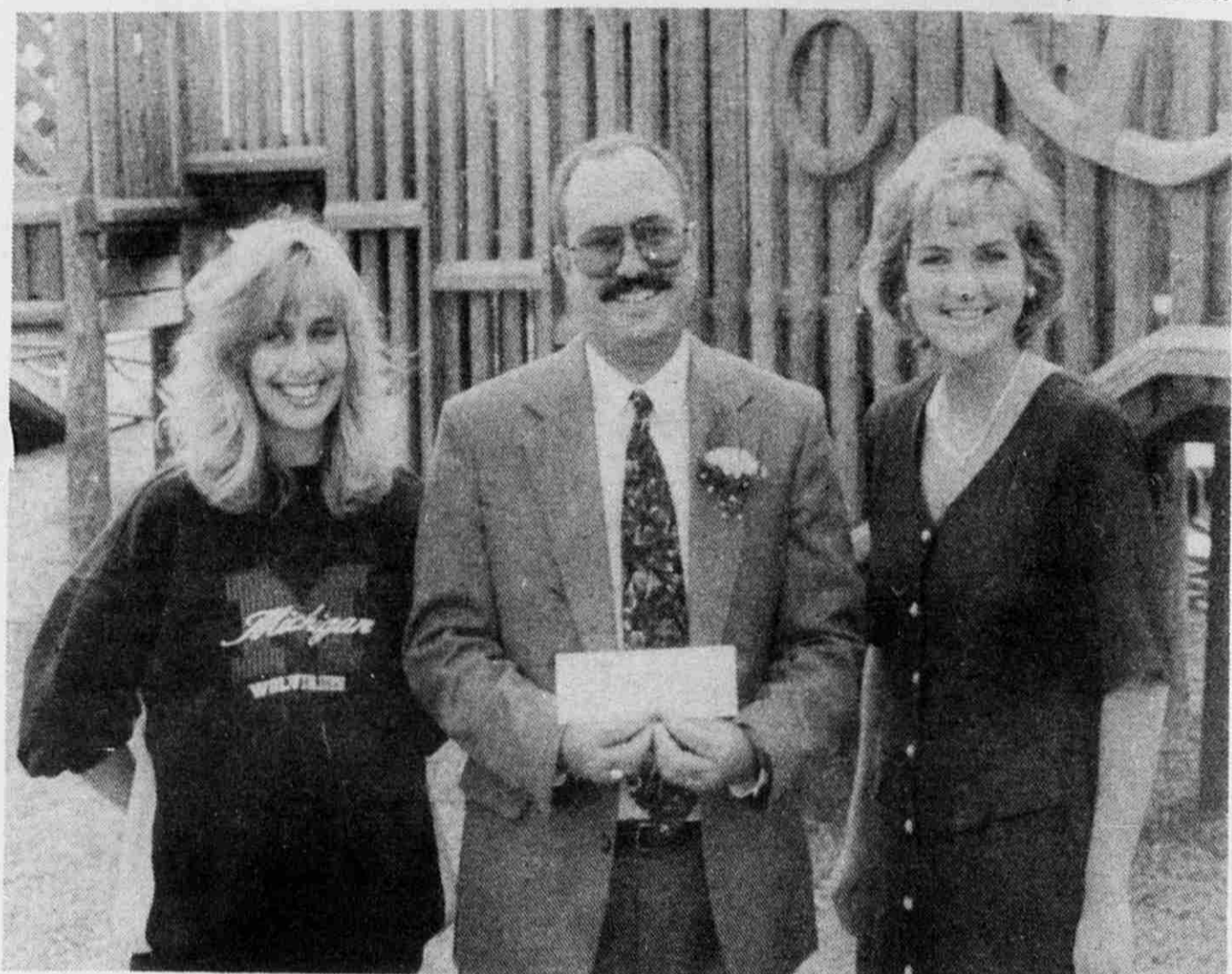
"There are no laws that can prevent property owners from posting signs. All we are trying to do is make the area safer," said Stone.

Another measure of making the area safer is installing street lights at the intersections of Alden Nash and Vergennes Rd. as well as Alden Nash and Foreman Rd.

Stone said Vergennes is working with Lowell Town-

ship on the light at Foreman and Alden Nash and will put bids out for the other light.

"Making that area safer for everyone is something our citizens are pushing and we agree with them. We have to make people aware that the area has a school," said Stone.



A Lions' Share

Lowell Lions Club treasurer Terry Conley, middle, presented Creekside Kingdom co-coordinators Tina Phillips, left, and Brenda Clark, right, with a check for \$1,000.

78er's Cheer



The 78er's cheerleading squad front row, left to right, are: Brooke Bennett, Shelby Williams, Cherie Colburn and Amanda Lesky; back row, left to right: Susan Rozman, Tanya Oberlin, Andrea Rickert and Rachel Zakar. Jamie Wilders is missing from the picture.

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1595-DM
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SS No. 383-90-3784
Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIAN KEITH McCREADY,
SS No. Unknown
Defendant.

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YOU ARE ORDERED to file an appearance with the Clerk of the Kent County Circuit Court, 333 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of this publication. If you fail to appear as required, a divorce from the bonds of matrimony will be granted in due course to the Plaintiff herein.

Happy Birthday

Oct. 20: Dennis Kelly, Cathy Pawloski, Katie Kortjohn, Sarah Wieland, Ona Fletcher, Jack Thomet, Bobby Hildenbrand, Keith Caldwell, John DeHaan.
Oct. 21: Al Seeley, Erin Kenyon Hill, Jerry Anderson, Theresa Rasch, Thomas Caldwell, Betty Miller.
Oct. 22: Ed Reagan, Lisa Castro, Donna J. Potter.
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Oct. 26: Ray Jones, Kathy Jones, Mike Ray, Chuck Carlisle, Joe Wilczewski, Carole Ponchard, Velma Johnson.

Best line of new cars highlights fall festival of savings

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

rate financing. It was recently announced that 1994 has been the best sales year ever for the four major car companies. That success has also trickled down to Lowell.

Harold Zeigler Ford's Ron Russell reflected on how that has come about. "I think the product that automotive industries are manufacturing is of a higher quality and the incentives to buy are greater (leasing, purchase plans, rate incentives and rebates). Also the economy is as good as it has been in quite some time and the economic outlook remains good," he said.

Kuiper added that if a product is desirable, it will move. "Thus I don't think many incentives are needed. People will pay for a product if there is a perceived value," he explains.

The Fall Festival of Savings event was held in the parking lot of the former Plumb's supermarket parking lot. It highlighted new and used cars and it included the support of the local banking institution. FMB State Savings Bank offered on the spot low interest

lating through the perception which surfaced a while back that foreign cars were better. "The consumer demanded better quality," Russell said. "I think the car manufacturers were cognizant of the customers' wants and needs."

Wittenbach's Harold Koning said he felt the joint effort on the part of the Lowell car dealers was a great way for them to appeal to a greater number of people. He also pointed to a pent-up demand that being the economy and the fact manufacturers have made it easier to own cars over a short term.

Adding to that pent-up demand are the number of new cars out on the market for 1995.

"It's the best line of new cars since 1990," Russell claims.

Joining in on the event was WOOD-AM 1300 and EZ 105.7 FM. They provided free food and entertainment.



Thomet Chevrolet's Stew Thomet stands next to the new 1995 Lumina at the Lowell Area Car Dealers Fall Festival of Savings event held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week.



Daryl Kuiper of Vennen Chrysler Dodge stands next to the incredibly sporty Viper.



Harold Zeigler Ford's Ron Russell shows off a Ford Mustang convertible.



Wittenbach Olds, Pontiac and GMC's Harold Koning had a few trucks on hand for those interested onlookers.

Local students are new members of Lee Honors at Western

Brenda K. Bittrick of Lowell; Jeromie Allen Winsor of Alto and Andrea Dunne, Amy Waterfield and Jason R. Winters, all of Ada, are among the 288 freshmen who are new members of the Carl and Winifred Lee Honors College at Western Michigan University this fall.

These students, who represent the largest entering class in the 32-year history of the honors college, have demonstrated a strong enthusiasm for living and learning. They have excelled academically in their high schools and displayed commitment to their schools and local communities through an impressive list of co-curricular activities and volunteer service.

Measures of their outstanding academic achievement include an average high school grade point average of 3.85 and a composite average aptitude score of 27.3 on the American College Test (ACT). Honors freshmen have won recognition as National Merit Finalists and as recipients of awards from the American Chemical Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

These talented students have recorded achievement beyond traditional academic skills by participating in high school sports, musical organizations and journalism as well as community service projects. The freshmen have been involved in city orchestras, elementary school tutoring, beauty pageants, teaching Sunday School and the

top ranks of scouting.

One of these freshmen served as an adviser for Students Against Drunk Driving at the state level; another coached an Odyssey of the Mind team; a third played in the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra; and many have participated in state-supported conferences for the development of leadership, citizenship or scientific and technological skills.

"This outstanding group of students joins 750 other academically talented undergraduates who are current members of the Lee Honors College in taking honors courses this fall," said Dr. Joseph G. Reish, dean of the college.

They are taking advantage of the facilities in the modern Lee Honors College building dedicated in 1990 and funded through private donations. The building includes administrative offices, seminar rooms, a lounge and a resource center. Perennial gardens encircle the building.

In each of their first two years at WMU, honors students take a group of two or three courses clustered around common themes, issues or problems such as "Science and Technology," "Facing the AIDS Crisis" and "Looking into Nature and the Outdoors."

"The cluster concept encourages students to explore relationships among various disciplines, to write, speak and think across the curriculum, and to build a student learning community among the 25

students enrolled in each cluster," Reish said.

As juniors and seniors, honors students take one interdisciplinary college seminar each year that examines critical issues within the fields represented by a particular college of the university. A senior capstone thesis or project will require these students to prepare or present a paper or performance that is typical of professional work in their major field. Upon completion of the academic program of study, students will graduate from the Lee Honors College, and their official university transcript will note this distinction.

This freshman class began submitting applications in October 1993. They were admitted to the Lee Honors College based on outstanding high school achievement and aptitude as measured by the GPA and ACT scores and also were evaluated by the quality of an essay, their participation in co-curricular and community activities and academic recommendations. Once accepted into the Lee Honors College, students became eligible for honors housing in Eldridge Hall, where a majority of them elected to live.

While pursuing their major and minor fields of study at WMU, the new freshmen will join other able students in research projects, internships, volunteer work in the community and cultural and social activities.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY:



DEAR FRIENDS,

As the dust starts to settle and the finishing touches are being completed, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who made Creekside Kingdom a reality.

A walk through Creekside today will provide you with many smiles. Hundreds of families are using the park like never before. Birthdays are being celebrated, reunions are planned and families can be found spending time together. It was just four short weeks ago that nearly 1,000 of us came together to build this dream.

We hope you had fun, made new friends and learned new skills in the middle of the organized chaos we affectionately called "build week."

Under sunny skies "build week" forged ahead. Leading the way were many dedicated foreman, committee members and volunteers. These men and women worked all day, everyday, making it possible for the rest of us to follow.

We witnessed a phenomena of community spirit like never before, made even more incredible knowing the sacrifice that was required. Sacrifice from the volunteers who gave so much of themselves to the area businesses and individuals who generously donated goods, services and funds to the hundreds who participated in fund-raisers (Picket Fences, Buy-A-Board, Cow Chip Bonanza, Sporting Events, Vegas Night, Raffles, Penny Drive, Car Washes, Bake sales, etc...)

Words cannot express the gratitude which we feel for each and every volunteer. It has been the newly-formed friendships and the camaraderie that has made this an incredible experience. Thank you with all of our hearts. Without you there would not have been a "build week" or Creekside Kingdom.

**Brenda Clark
Lowell Area Jaycees
Creekside Kingdom Project**

Sincerely,

**Tina Phillips
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Specialty Block
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Professional Sound Systems
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O.E. Bieri & Sons
McGee Homestead
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Lowell Area Schools
Ken's Custom Lettering
Kent County Youth Fair
Lowell Lanes
Air Bear Balloons Express
Faro's Pizza
Halls Orchard
Gary Roth & Family
Richie & Assoc
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Bareman Dairy
J.A. Besteman Produce
Hillside Hog Farm
Lemmon Shell
Crystal Flash
Little Caesars
Pizza Hut
Ada Valley Meat Co.
Jones' Meats
Ada Beef
Gary's Meat Market
Family Fare
Shady Acres
Keisers Kitchen
Kropf Orchards
Carol Harper
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Chadalee Farms
McDonalds
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Country Gardens
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Look Memorial Fund
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Prevention of Child Abuse
Lee Fund
D & D Leasing
Michigan Wire Processing
Amway Corporation
Chadalee Farms
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Knights of Columbus
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WOULD YOU LIKE INPUT ON FUTURE PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS?
DID YOU ENJOY COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK?
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