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Road commission funding for M-21/Bowes Road intersection possible, but tricky for township

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Funding for improvements to the intersection of Bowes Road and M-21 could be found if Lowell Township meets the requirements of the Kent County Road Commission.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson was informed by the road commission that they would share in the expense of improving the intersection if the township takes sole responsibility for the south side of the project.

"The road commission will not help in the cost if the city is involved in that area," said Timpson.

Timpson said the township will look into the possibility, but said the township must first know the cost before committing.

"If we can't afford the cost of taking sole responsibility, then we can't go ahead with the agreement," said Timpson. "The south portion of the project will absorb most of the total project cost because it requires some land acquisition and moving the road, but we don't know what our cost would be at this time."

If the township agrees with the road commission's provisions, then they will pay for 55 percent of the total cost, while the road commission pays for the other 45 percent.

Timpson said the most costly portion of the study and construction will be addressing the status of a home in the area.

"We may need to get right-of-way considerations or condemn the property, but we don't know what exactly needs to be done," said Timpson. "The most ideal situation is to miss the home completely because the cost would be much lower."

Timpson has not been able to talk with road commission officials about the total cost of the project, but hopes to do so in the near future.

Finding additional funding from the township or school is important for the city of Lowell because without it they may look at other options.

"If there is no shared cost between the city, township and school, then I think the city must look at its other options," said city councilmember Bill Thompson.

Those options would include leaving the intersection the way it is or constructing a cul-de-sac, which the township and school do not favor.

Korb not ready to take the next step; decides not to pursue position of superintendent

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

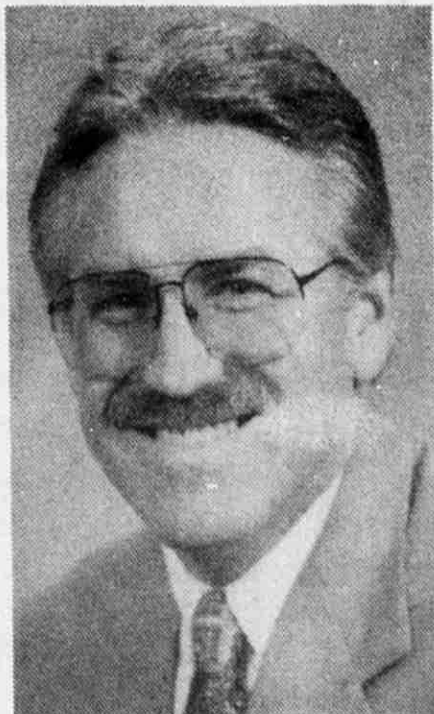
Having had the chance to peer over and take a look at the next step, Dick Korb has chosen not to pursue the permanent position of superintendent of Lowell Schools.

"For personal and professional reasons, the position of superintendent is not right for me at this time," Korb said. "At some point in the future, it may be what I want to do, but not now."

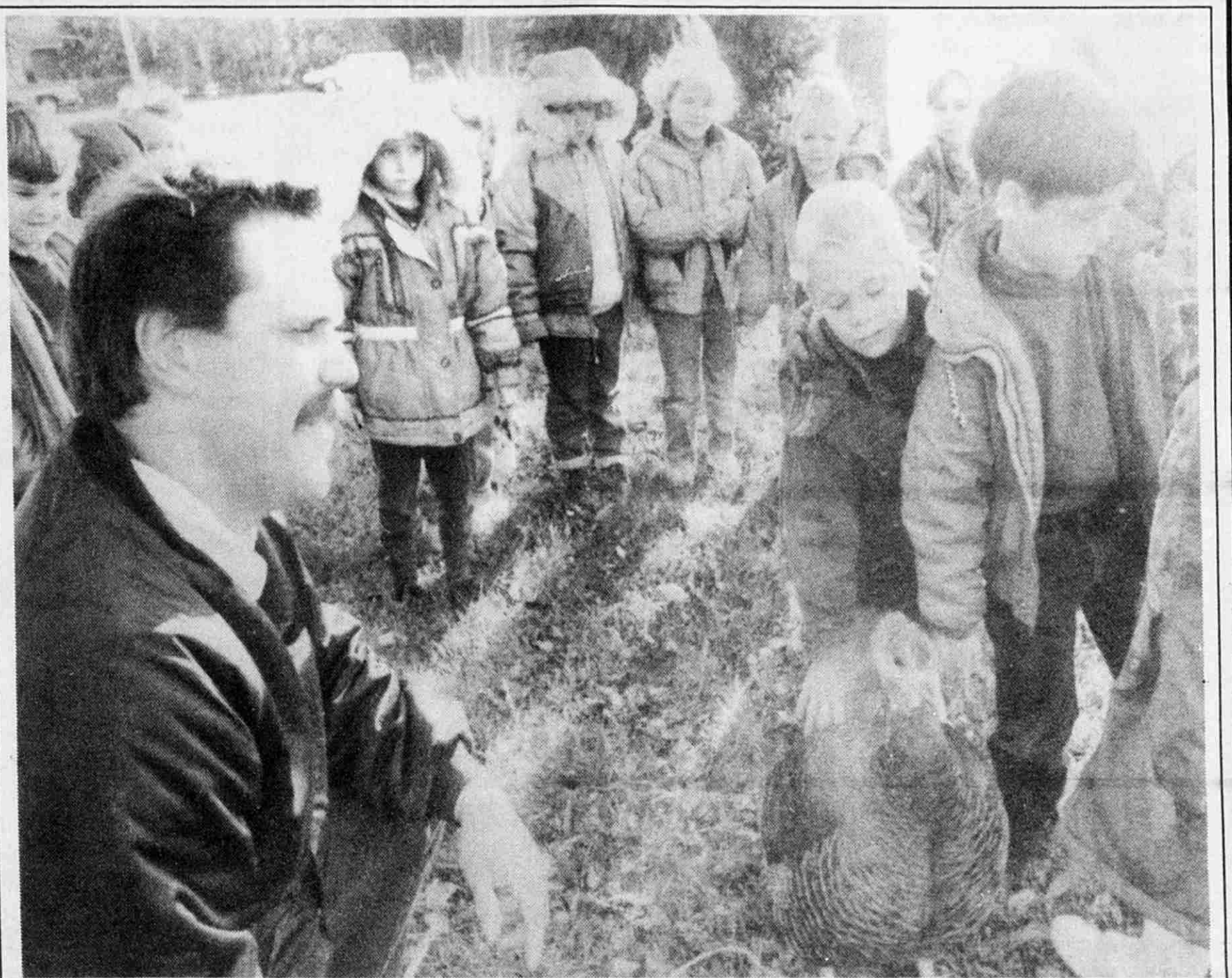
Korb, who started in education as a classroom teacher 25 years ago, said the role of superintendent as well as education has changed.

"More and more it is dependent on the issue of school financing/funding," he said. "It is also much more political. Thus, I believe it has taken away the importance of being an

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Dick Korb



Turkey gobbles up attention

Dean Olin, left, and Tom "a Northeast Bronze" turkey visited Bushnell Elementary students on Tuesday. Tom isn't the least bit nervous given that for at least this year he won't be the main course. The Northeast Bronze turkey can fly to heights of 80 to 90 feet and can soar up to 300 yards.

Children are why CQE founder remains critical of past board decisions

Eshragh: *I think it is important for the board to recognize there were alternatives to a five-hour day*

By Thad Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

He came to this country on \$500 and a chance to live the American dream.

The reality of that dream was a by-product of a quality education.

"It's not important to leave children with wealth, but it is important to secure their education which will serve as a passport to opening the doors and to taking advantage of the opportunities," Shawn Eshragh said.

Education may have opened doors for him, but his 14-month crusade and probe into how Lowell Schools is operated may have closed some doors and turned a few deaf ears.

That, however, has not hindered or obstructed Eshragh's focus. He continues to gather information that contradicts what former school administrators and board members put out as fact. He's baffled by those who still believe he is only a trouble-maker.

"All they have to do is take any information I have

brought forward and prove me wrong," Eshragh said. "All they say is that I'm playing with numbers. Nobody has come forth with information to prove the numbers wrong."

At the Nov. 14 meeting, Eshragh questioned a comment made by interim superintendent Dick Korb, in which he stated that in years past, it has been common for schools to overestimate their expenditures and to underestimate their revenues.

Eshragh's point of contention is that the projected and actual budgets of Lowell Schools over the last three years do not indicate that.

The school year ending 1993-94 showed a projected general fund budget of \$10,368,400. The actual budget was \$10,079,389.

The year-end budget for 1992-93 showed a projected general fund budget of \$9,856,427. The year-end budget was \$9,856,966.

For the 1991-92 school year, the projected general fund budget was \$9,082,829. The actual general fund budget was \$9,012,492.

"Do these numbers indi-

cate that expenditures were overestimated and revenues were underestimated?" Eshragh asked.

School auditor Phil Saurman points out that there was a \$300,000 difference in the projected expenditures and the actual expenditures. "An amended budget in June would have allowed the school to make adjustments in the expenditure area," Saurman said. "People were getting paid, but this was not reflected well on the financial statements. Had the school been more attentive to what was being paid after January, it would have af-

ected a June amended budget (which was not completed)."

Saurman said the new people in place are interested in doing things the right way. "I hope people give them a chance," he said.

In a letter written to the board of education back in December of 1993, Eshragh pointed out that he felt the public was being misled when it was told that if the Headlee did not pass, there would be no other alternative but to go to the five-hour day.

Eshragh's contention then

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OBITUARIES

BARNES - Robert M. Barnes Sr., aged 75, of Lowell, died unexpectedly in Texas, Tuesday, November 15, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children Robert M. Barnes Jr., David (Jayne) Barnes, Doug (Sue) Barnes, James Barnes, all of Lowell; sister, Virginia (Justin) Palmboos of Zeeland, MI; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Funeral Services were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Memorial contributions to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell Memorial Fund.

BILLOCK - Edwin Billock, aged 90, of Grand Rapids, died Thursday, November 17, 1994, at the Olds Manor. Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Gladys Billock; his children Phyllis Ingersoll of Grand

Rapids, Freeman E. and Vivian Billock of Lowell; seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Billock was a member of Plainfield United Methodist Church for over 60 years, a life member of the Grand Rapids Astronomy Club, and had retired from Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company after 41 years where he worked as a glazier. In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a Service of Remembrance will be held Sunday, December 4, 1994, at the Revers North Valley Chapel, 2815 Fuller NE at Three Mile Rd. Interment in Dixboro Cemetery. Relatives and friends may meet his family one hour before the service. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Plainfield United Methodist

Church or to the Youth Group of the Grand Rapids Astronomy Club.

DOMBAK - Jonathan Philip Dombak, aged 12, son of Dennis and Marilyn of Lowell, died Sunday, November 20, 1994. He leaves special memories with his parents, brother Daniel; sisters Sarah, Elisabeth, Rebekah and Susanne. She was preceded in death by his brother David in 1991. He is also survived by his grandparents Peter (Mary) Winters and Pat Dombak; great-grandmother Lyda Ensing; many aunts, uncles and cousins. Private family services have been held.

FRIEDLI - Mrs. Gladys Friedli, aged 98, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, widow of Emil, passed away on Wednesday, November 16, 1994, at Villa Elizabeth. Surviving are her daughter, Eileen; and several nieces and nephews. In keeping with Gladys' wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. For those who wish,

memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

HUISKEN - Mrs. Jean Ellen (Price) Huisken, aged 67, of Marne, passed away Monday, November 14, 1994, at her home. Surviving are her husband, Arend; her children Donn (Jill) Huisken of Grand Haven, Dann Huisken of Lansing, Debra (John) Prince of Big Rapids, Darcie (Tim) Porritt of Alto; 13 grandchildren; a great-grandson; her sister, Velma Merkins of Lansing and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Huisken was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary-Marne Post 376, West Michigan Genealogical Society, Oakland County Genealogical Society, Rivertown Artists, and the Colonial Dames. Funeral Services were held Thursday with her pastor, Rev. Cathi Hamilton officiating. Interment in Marne Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to either Marne United Methodist Church or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

brothers and sisters, Karen, Patrick, Corey, Aaron and Amber; grandparents, Maryellen Miller of Lowell; Velma (Walter) Peterson of Belding, Fred (Nancy) Wray of Beaverton, Lou (Marcy) Helene of Rockford; great-grandparents Faye Galbreath, Russell (Francis) Leiter and Eleanor Winter and many aunts and uncles. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. John Stevenson, the Oncology group and the staff on the 8th and 9th floors at the Helen DeVos Women's and Children's Wing at Butterworth Hospital. Funeral Services were Tuesday with Rev. Fr. William Langlois and Rev. Elvis Shook officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or Make a wish Foundation.

SHINABARGER - Mrs. Phyllis L. Shinabarger, aged 46, of Ionia, passed away Thursday evening, November 17, 1994, at her home. She was born Nov. 16, 1948, in Belding, the daughter of Donald and Delta (Henry) Mahar. She was a graduate of Belding High School and had lived in Belding and Lowell before moving to Ionia 10 years ago. She is survived by one daughter Stacey (Charles) Spencer of Lowell; one son Matthew Shinabarger of East Lansing; her mother Delta Raby of Ionia; one sister Marie of Stockbridge; aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald. At the request of Mrs. Shinabarger, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation or Ionia Area Hospice.

LAING - Reta L., aged 85, of Spring Hill, FL, died Friday, November 11, 1994 at home. She was born in Grant, MI and was a retired sales representative in a furniture store in Grand Rapids. She was a former township treasurer of Lowell and a Protestant. Survivors include a brother, C.L. Bisard of Hudson, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

LONGSTREET - Mr. Clarence H. Longstreet, aged 79, of Grand Rapids went to be with his Lord Friday evening, November 18, 1994. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Jennie; his children Arlene and Don Walma of Alto, Betty and Larry DeVries of Wyoming, Connie Kennedy of Lowell; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his brothers Leonard and Marie Longstreet of Kentwood, Howard and Minnie Longstreet of Grandville; a sister-in-law Jessie Molag of Wyoming; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Monday with Rev. Ronald Fynevever officiating. Interment Restlawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

MILLER - Matthew L. Miller, aged 13, of Greenville, died Saturday, November 19, 1994. He is survived by his mother, Faye (Rick Hudson) Miller of Lowell; father Leroy (Shari) Miller of Greenville;

of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, November 15, 1994, at the home of her parents, after a long illness. She is survived by her children Paul and Nancy Spaulding of Rhode Island, Julie and Hans Geyer of Chicago, Ryan Spaulding of Grand Rapids, Lisa and John Findlay of Idaho; grandchildren Amanda, Monica, Angela, Daniel, and Melody; parents Jim and Lorraine Burns of Coral, MI; brothers Pat and Marilyn Burns of Grand Rapids, Mike and Mary Burns of Rockford; sister Mary Lou and Larry Wanrooy of Grand Rapids, Chris and Steve DeBruine of Lowell, Rosemary and Gary Weaver of Battle Creek; grandmothers Arbutus Wyckel, aged 95, of Grand Rapids. Cremation has taken place in accordance with her desire. A memorial mass was held Friday, November 18, Rev. Mark Mitchell celebrant. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Ann's Home or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

TERRELL - Doris M. Terrell, aged 78, of Breton Meadows Apts, widow of Floyd Terrell, passed away November 15, 1994, at Home of Hope. Surviving are her three daughters Barbara (Jerry) Fellows of Wyoming, Janet (Gene) Kuyt of Lowell, Janice (Dick) Slagter of Three Rivers; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren three brothers Roy Pierce of CO, Ken Pierce of CA, Gene Pierce of CA and two sisters Betty Boettner of Hopkins and Jackie Alexander of CA. Mrs. Terrell was a member of Primetime of First Assembly of God. Funeral Services were held Thursday. Interment Chapel Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Home of Hope.

Extended post office hours for the holidays

Back by popular demand, the Lowell and Ada post offices are extending window service hours for the holiday season.

Lowell Postmaster Sylvia Taylor and Ada Postmaster Robert Doran agreed that last year's extended hours were appreciated by their customers and wanted to provide that service to their customers again.

"Those customers who took advantage of our late hours last year said thank you over and over. We changed our late night to Monday from Wednesday, hoping more customers would need to use those late hours after weekend shopping," stated Taylor.

The hours at the Lowell Post Office from Nov. 28 through Dec. 24 are: Monday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The hours at the Ada Post Office from Nov. 28 through Dec. 24 are: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Christmas stamps are available at both offices. "This year we have self-adhesive Santa Claus stamps in books of 12 for \$3.48, but supplies are limited," stated Taylor. "With the postage increase coming the first of the year, we anticipate a large volume of cards and parcels this holiday season."

"Another bonus for using the postal service this holiday season is our delivery of Priority Christmas parcels and Express mail on Christmas Day and Express mail on New Year's Day," stated Taylor. "You won't find that kind of service with our competitors."

If you tell the truth,
you don't have to
remember anything.
— Mark Twain

FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month"



GAIL BLANCHARD

The November, 1994 FMB State Savings Bank "Employee of the Month" is Gail Blanchard. Gail has been a bank employee for 4 years and works as a janitor. When asked about her job at the bank, she replied, "I enjoy the satisfaction of knowing, when my job is complete each day, I am leaving a clean environment for the rest of the bank employees and their customers. The employees of the bank are like a big family. Everyone works together and it is a pleasure being part of this family."

Gail adds, "I know what is expected of me each day and I can just go in and do it. The bank can be a very busy place, but, when I come in to do my work, it is very quiet."

When not at work, Gail spends time with her husband, Ernie. She has four children, Tiffany, age 7, Jordan, age 5, Courtney, age 3 1/2 and Levi, age 2. She enjoys sewing, baking cookies and crafts. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

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Lowell FFA members attend national convention in KC

Twelve members of the Lowell FFA chapter, along with three chaperones, traveled to the 67th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO on Nov. 8-12. The annual event attracted over 32,000 FFA members from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines. Representing Lowell were Sumer Brenner, Mike Cross, Brooke Ford, Shari Grieser, Carrie Hubbard, Monica Jaarsma, Amy Larabee, Kevin Nugent, Michelle Osterhaven, Melissa Peterson, Darren Slone, and Hillary Tichelaar. The chaperones included Lowell FFA advisor Peter Siler, student teacher Ken Schapman, and parent

Bonnie VanSpronsen.

The members took in the sights of St. Louis, MO, from the top of the 630-foot high Gateway Arch, on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The next day, they toured Meramec Caverns in Stanton, MO, and traveled to Kansas City for the convention.

At the convention, the Lowell group attended many sessions and exciting activities. Motivational speakers at the convention sessions included Olympic gold medalists Al and Florence Joyner, Miss America Heather Whitestone, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture and entertainer Cotton Ivy,

and Guy Kawasaki, former software product management director of Apple Computer, Inc. and author of *Selling the Dream*.

In addition, Dave Hildenbrand, a 1992 Lowell graduate, received his American FFA degree. It is the highest achievement attainable in the National FFA Organization. He and fellow Lowell graduate, Renee Nugent, were also the Michigan representatives to the American Royal Ambassador Program. Hildenbrand was named national runner-up, and he received a \$2,500 scholarship for his achievement.

Director of curriculum and instruction, White, gets closeup look at FFA

Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction for Lowell Area School along with 20 other high school administrators from Michigan, attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO, from Nov. 9-11, as part of the annual Administrative Field Trip sponsored by the Michigan FFA Alumni, Michigan State University, Michigan Farm Bureau, and local Michigan FFA chapters.

Secretary of the Michigan FFA Alumni, "The success of high school FFA programs relies on the support and leadership provided by school administrators. Participants leave Kansas City on an emotional high. Not only do they become involved in the enthusiasm of the convention, but they develop a strong understanding of the importance of FFA programs for young people in their community."

While at the 67th annual convention, White was able to attend many of the convention sessions. Highlighting the

sessions included the following motivational speakers: Olympic gold medalists Al and Florence Joyner, Miss America Heather Whitestone, and Guy Kawasaki, former software product management director of Apple Computer, Inc. and author of *Selling the Dream*.

In addition, White toured Kansas City East Magnet High School with the members of the Lowell FFA who were also attending the convention. The school, located within the city limits of Kansas City, manages to recon-

nect the urban youth to the Earth through agricultural and environmental programs em-

phasizing animal and plant science through the use of animal laboratories, green-

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother (Proverbs 18:24).

What is friendlier than a devoted and loving dog? Pudgey was given to us when he was just a puppy. We declared he actually smiled when he saw us approaching his pen. Our visits thrilled him immensely. He would jump, wag his tail good naturedly, and nuzzle us with his moist nose. His love and affection for us plainly showed.

L. M. Montgomery told about Dog Monday in one of her delightful stories. When his master, Jem, went away to war, Dog Monday refused to leave the train station. Although he grew old and stiff with rheumatism, Monday remained beside the railroad

tracks four years until Jem returned from overseas. Few human friends could be as devoted as he was.

Life would not seem worth living without someone to care for us. Somehow the burdens ease and the cares diminish when we are with those who love us; they bring sunshine into our lives. But friends and loved ones have been known to fail. Besides, there are some places where even our closest kin cannot accompany us. There are some things they cannot understand and some burdens they cannot share.

But there is One upon whom we can depend at all times.

Jesus Christ never fails; He "sticketh" closer than a

brother.
Prayer: Dear Jesus, Thou art more than all my earthly friends to me. I cannot live without Thee. Thou wilt never leave nor forsake me. Thou wilt ever console and shield me. Thou wilt stick "closer

than a brother." Amen.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

District library celebrates holiday season with "Merry Tales for Tots"

Kent District Library invites you to spend a little time at the library this holiday season. Area branches will be hosting "Merry Tales for Tots," an hour-long program featuring songs, stories and finger-plays that will definitely get you in the holiday spirit.

These programs are for

children ages 3 to 6 and registration is required. Adults are welcome, but babies and children under the age of three are discouraged from attending.

For more information, contact the Publicity and Promotions Department at 336-2013, the Alto branch, 868-6038 or the Lowell branch, 897-9596.

Ada Arts Council holds annual Christmas show, Nov. 28 through Jan. 7

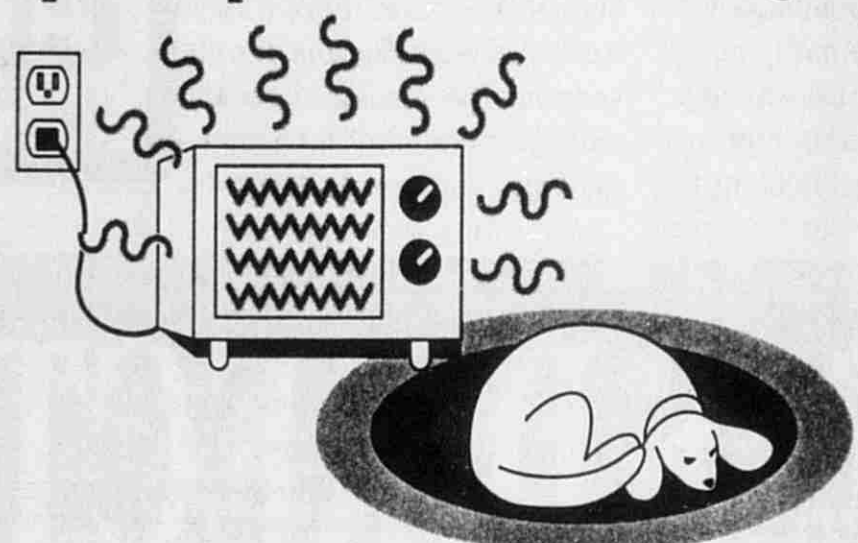
The Ada Council for the Arts is holding its annual All-Council Christmas Show from Nov. 28 through Jan. 7, 1995 at the Ada Township Hall, 7330 Thornapple River Drive SE. Viewing hours are from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This special show's reputation as a very festive, colorful event has grown yearly, and you won't want to miss it this year. Council members artworks will be on view.

You are invited to attend the "All-Council Christmas Show/Christmas Party and Reception" at the Ada Township Hall Friday, Dec. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Mingle with neighbors and friends and meet the artists while enjoying cranberry punch and, of course, hot coffee and hors d'oeuvres. The public is warmly invited to attend.

As a splendid addition to this year's show, we will welcome Christmas shoppers who are looking for an artistic gift for the holidays. What better gift for someone! Original paintings, prints from original work, as well as some small articles of fine art will be available for sale. Enjoy hot spiced cider and donuts while you browse. But this is a ONE DAY ONLY event: Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ada Township Hall.

For more information, please contact Mary Lou Moll at 676-1174.

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Nov. 25: Melissa Peterson, Donna Rozman, Amy Swift, Angie Hyzer, Shawn Ayres Hazel, Tom Davis, Pat Vezino.

Nov. 26: Tonya Comstock, Joan Durkee, John Erickson, Andrew Reed, Chandra Johnson, Brandon Gasper.

Nov. 27: Kim Harding, Chad

Uzarski, Bonnie Vezino. Nov. 28: Paul Brandt, Michelle Pethers, Gladys Thelen, Lee Miller.

Nov. 29: Gail Thomet, Kelly Sauber, Gary Rivers, Tom Turner, Chantel Cosgrove, Cheyenne Brower, Scott Swanson, Larry Boss, Margaret Gardner.

Nov. 30: Brian Carlless, Howard Hobbs, Cheryl Andrews, Dave Shook, Benjamin Dubridge, Joe Kiczanski.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>		<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-9836 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV: Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>Vineyard CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF LOWELL/ADA Sunday Worship at 10 A.M. at Cherry Creek Elementary Phone (616) 897-0077</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN A New ELCA Church Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7195 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5994 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>Join Us In Worship</p>		
<p>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 Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>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!</p>	<p>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.....7:30 P.M. Monday 897-6332 Located: on Centerline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy. Pastor Frank and Daphne Lattimore</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE FILE NO. 94-159,019-IE

Estate of DALE E. BARRINGER a/k/a DALE BARRINGER Deceased SS# 380-03-7876

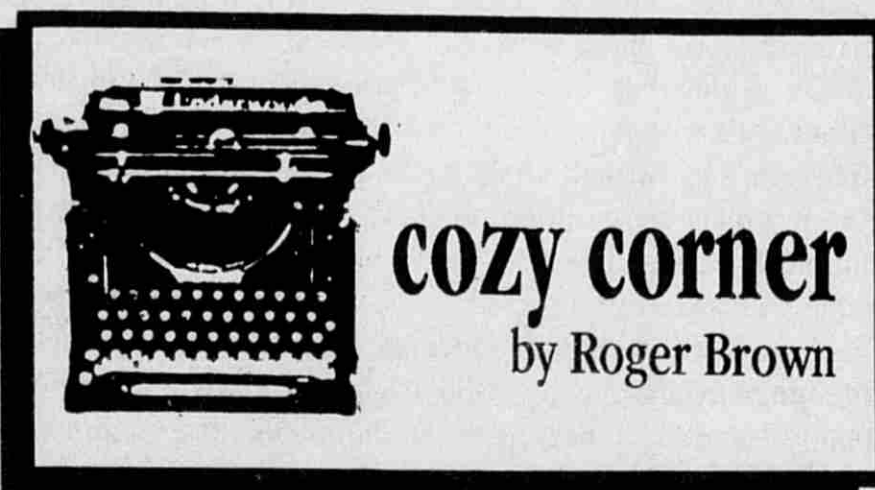
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 136 WILBUR SW, WYOMING, MICHIGAN 49548 died 10/20/94. An instrument dated 6/24/94 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, DAVID L. BARRINGER, 1746-35th ST, WYOMING, MICHIGAN 49509 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

TIMOTHY J. CONROY Attorney-At-Law (P12155) 410 Bridge Street, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504 (616) 454-4119

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

If you're the type of person who wouldn't dream of touching off a cherry bomb on the Fourth of July because they're illegal, don't read this column. If you've never broken a window with a BB gun, read no further. If you've never chucked a snowball at a passing car, then skip on over to "Thad's Thoughts." If you think water bombs, slingshots, squirt guns, snowballs, BB guns and the like are the tools of dumb, reckless boys and men who never grew up, then take a hike. But, if you're one of us, read on. You may get a kick out of this. Oh, what am I saying? You'll LOVE this!!!

Oh yeah, I don't want to appear sexist here. Back when I was a kid, and not just a kid at heart, the girls who hung with us got chasers and worm eaters were referred to as Tomboys. I don't know what the "politically correct" term for a Tomboy is these days. Tomperson? Whatever... if you are one, or are one at heart, then you may enjoy this column as well.

I saw my first "potato cannon," "tater shooter" or, as I prefer to call them, "spud gun" last summer. A friend of my daughter's showed up at a picnic with his. When the thing was loaded and ready to fire, the igniter was broken and it wouldn't work. I was

disappointed, but the little boy in me was still impressed. I etched the design in my brain and made plans to build one.

It was a busy summer and I just never got the proper motivation going until a friend sent me a copy of a Dave Barry column detailing his experience with a spud gun. Knowing me as well as he does, my friend had a hunch I'd be interested. In a classic piece, the humor columnist told of building a spud gun and testing it by launching potatoes from the roof of the Miami Herald out over Biscayne Bay. I went straight to the hardware store for parts!

With about twenty dollars worth of PVC pipe, fittings, cleaner, glue and a gas grill igniter in hand, I headed out the door as excited as a kid with a new pet toad. I next stopped at the drug store for hair spray and the grocery for a sack of potatoes. In my workshop I maniacally assembled my new toy. It was a scene reminiscent of a mad bomber building an explosive device in a thriller movie. I went nuts waiting for the glue to dry in the PVC connections. Remember Egor in the old Frankenstein movies wringing his hands, breathing heavily and making that awful guttural sound as he waited for the monster to come to life? That was me.

Finally satisfied that the glue had set long enough, I shoved a spud down the barrel, rammed it home, shot some hair spray into the combustion chamber, sealed it off, pointed it down range and pressed the igniter. WHUMPHHHHHH! That potato went, and went, and went and went! I was definitely IMPRESSED!!! As a kid I'd made tennis ball cannons from pop cans with the ends cut out and taped together as a tube. Lighter fluid was used as a fuel and they'd launch a tennis ball a fair distance, but this spud gun was heavy artillery by comparison. What a toy!

I don't know how far those spuds go, but I'm sure it's at least

a home run into the cheap seats straight away centerfield at any ballpark in the country. Before long Thor and I had gone through the whole sack of potatoes. He loved the thing as much as I did. He'd chase the spuds down, chew 'em up and tear back to me where he'd bark incessantly, leap in the air and sling drool until I'd load up and fire again. That night all those raw potatoes made for some downright awful Lab gas as Thor digested them. (He's a Labrador retriever, hence the "Lab gas.") That's a problem I haven't solved yet, though I'm sure that stuff would make some awesome fuel for the spud gun if I could figure out a way to bottle it. Any volunteers out there?

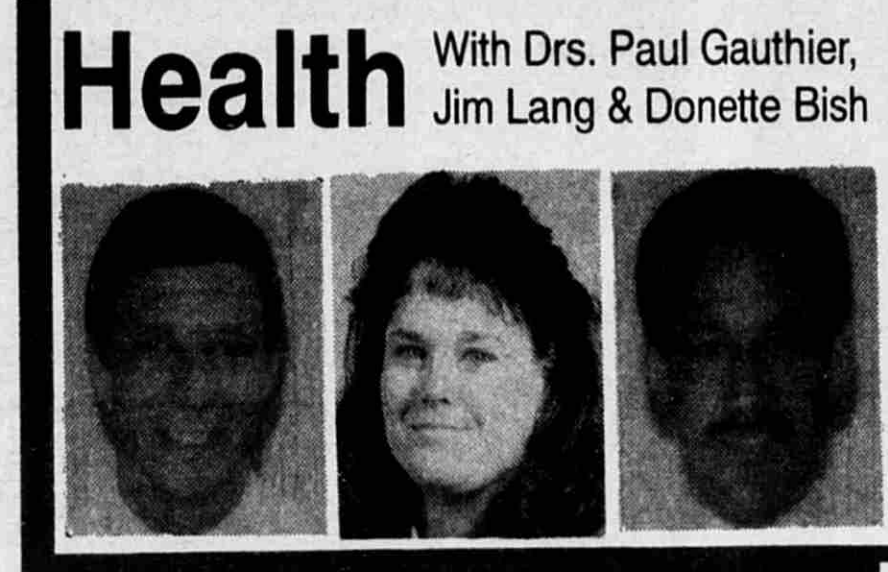
Since then, practically every guy I know has built one of the things. My dad is sixty-nine years old and he has one. In fact he's building up a bunch of 'em as Christmas gifts for his grandkids. A buddy of mine demonstrated his for a guy who went right out and built fifteen of them to sell at deer camp for fifty bucks apiece. Ladies, I'd suggest you stock up on hair spray if you can find it anywhere. For you handymen with a legitimate plumbing project at home...good luck finding PVC. If the igniter goes out on your gas grill...forget finding a new one. In fact, you may want to lock your grill in the garage for safe keeping. And potatoes...well, you may remember reading about the Irish potato famine in history class. That may well have been predated by an early version of spud guns.

I've only been spud-gunning for about two or three months, but I already have a whole hat full of stories to tell about the things. Since I'm running short of space and time, I'll reserve them for a future column. Just remember all you boys, men-who-never-grew-up and Tompersons out there, we've got to have some camaraderie. By that I mean, if you get into trouble with your spud gun, you didn't hear about the things from me!



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - NOV. 21, 1894
6,000 - 10,000 Armenians are reported to have been slaughtered by Turkish Kurds.
The list of special assessments for sewer improvements is in the paper this week.



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

Osteoporosis can be prevented, but the key to prevention lies in awareness of the disease and early implementation of preventative measures:
• Keep up your calcium. Adults should consume 1,000 to 1,500 mg of calcium per day. This is equal to three to five 8 oz. glasses of milk. We generally recommend generic over-the-counter calcium carbonate as a supplement. It is cheap and effective.
• If you are female, make sure you discuss hormone replacement therapy with your doctor when you become menopausal.

Grandma falls and breaks a hip. She ends up in a nursing home for rehabilitation because she needs skilled care. Great Aunt Margaret has quite a hunched back, and has suffered several fractured vertebrae (back bones). These examples used to be thought of as natural consequences of aging. Now we know that in most cases these are consequences of osteoporosis, a bone-thinning disorder which may be preventable.
Osteoporosis is a disease that accelerates the body's normal bone loss. It causes tissue to become weak and brittle, very susceptible to easy breaking.
You are at greater risk of developing osteoporosis if:
• you are female
• there is a family history of the disease
• you are of slender build
• you smoke or drink heavily
• you have a sedentary life-style

The Lowell District Fair Association, in view of disastrous weather and attendance the past two years, decides to pay 1894 premiums at 30 cents on the dollar.

There will be a work bee at Cascade this Saturday, to lower and grade the hill by the cemetery.

Fall term has closed in several schools, with winter term to open toward the end of the month.

A warm spell allows farmers to dig potatoes, turnips, mangel beets, etc.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 20, 1919

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee hears witnesses ask for armed intervention by the U.S. to halt the Turks' and Kurds' massacre of Armenians.

O.J. Yeiter & Co. buys the west side furniture store of H.D. Loomis, who recently bought it from Miller & Harris. For the present both stores will be operated.

V.H. Billings. County Superintendent of the Poor, refutes with his own price list, allegations by the Grand Rapids Citizen League that Kent County pays far too much for goods.

This week's "Open Letter to Ambitious Girls" by forelady Helen Anderson makes the pitch to come to clean, attractive, wholesome work at the Michigan Motor Garment Co.

U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer urges Americans to put off purchases, save their money and wait for supply to catch up with demand, thus reducing prices.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 23, 1944
The Office of War Utilities of the War Production Board has again asked for no decorative outdoor lighting, to conserve electricity.

Be sure to fill out your withholding exemption certificate by December 1 so you can get the income tax exemptions due you.

Quotas for individual bonds in the Sixth War Loan are Lowell, \$95,000; Vergennes, \$45,000; Bowne, \$45,000 and Grattan, \$35,000.

Stores are urging customers to bring their own shopping bags as the paper shortage grows ever worse.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 20, 1969

Marine rescue equipment is added to the Police Department: Chief Barry Emmons' boat can be used by the department, and another boat is contributed anonymously.

It snowed last week and the prediction is for lots of it this winter.

Amway is finishing, starting or planning ten new buildings, additions and parking lots in the next year.

A 14-year-old Forest Hills junior high student, Marty Koepke, reports the first deer killed to the Ledger-Suburban Life, a four-point buck at 6:45 a.m. Saturday.

Even if you are many years post menopausal now, studies have suggested that hormone replacement may still benefit you substantially.
• Exercise regularly. Weight-bearing exercise is extremely effective in maintaining strong bones.
Every person has different risks and concerns regarding this disease. Especially if you are female, we recommend discussing osteoporosis with your family physician. Long-term bone health is something we should all be aware of and concerned about.



Capitol Commentary

This week, people across our state and nation will come together to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. For most of us, this holiday represents a break from work or school and a day filled with family and friends, good food and lots of fun. But the true meaning of Thanksgiving is much more significant than turkey and pumpkin pie, football and parades.
In the early 17th century, the Pilgrims celebrated the first American Thanksgiving in order to offer thanks for their survival, an abundant food supply and newfound Native Ameri-

can friends. These ordinary people with extraordinary religious convictions were a cornerstone on which this great country grew and was blessed. Today, Thanksgiving is still a celebration of our liberty and the many gifts bestowed upon us.

In the American Heritage Dictionary, thanksgiving is defined as "an act of giving thanks; an expression of gratitude, especially to God." And while many of us offer thanks every day for our loved ones, friends and good fortune, Thanksgiving is a day wholly dedicated to offering appreciation for what we have. Looking around us, we have much for which to be thankful.

On a personal level, we can be thankful for those people in our lives who make each day special and more meaningful in some way—be it our families, friends, neighbors, colleagues or even total strangers. We can also be thankful for the gift of life, and the opportunity to make something of it on this earth.

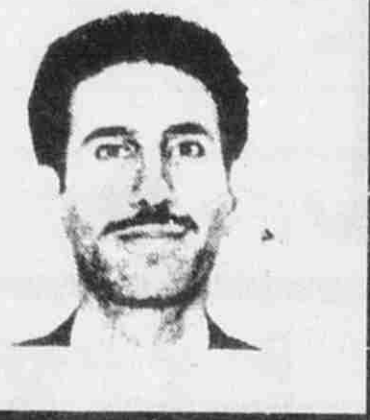
On a community level, we can be thankful for our neighbors, our beautiful surroundings and for the strength of our local leaders.

On a state level, we can be thankful for plentiful natural resources, an evolving education system and a strong economy.

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LEGAL EASE

With
Jonathan J. David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am thinking about taking a job with a consulting firm. They tell me, however, that if hired I will not be an employee but an independent contractor. How is an independent contractor different from an employee? Why would this company not want to hire me as an employee?

JONATHAN SAYS: Let's take your last question first. The main reason the employer would like to classify you as an independent contractor is because it is cheaper to do so. With an independent contractor, the employer does not have to withhold federal, state or local income taxes or social security (employee's and employer's portion) taxes. Withholding for these taxes would be your responsibility. Further, the employer would have reduced insurance, worker's compensation and state unemployment tax costs. Also, the employer is not required to provide an independent contractor with any fringe benefits.

The IRS has identified 20 factors which should be reviewed when trying to determine whether a worker is an employee or an independent contractor. These factors are reproduced below:

- 1. Instructions.** The requirement that a worker is to follow another person's instructions regarding when, where, and how he or she is to work suggests employee status.
- 2. Training.** Training a worker shows that the recipient of the services performed wants the work done in a particular manner, again indicating employee status.

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3. Integration. Integration of the worker's services into the business operations indicates direction and control, pointing to employee status.

4. Services Rendered Personally. If the services must be rendered personally, then presumably the party for whom the services are performed is interested in the methods used to accomplish the work as well as in the results, again showing employee status.

5. Hiring, Supervising and Paying Assistants. If the service recipient hires, supervises, and pays assistants, this suggests control and, therefore, employee status. On the contrary, if a worker hires, supervises, and pays assistants under a contract in which the worker agrees to provide materials and labor and is responsible only for the result, this suggests independent contractor status.

6. Continuing Relationship. A temporary or one-shot arrangement suggests independent contractor status. However, a continuing relationship can exist where work is performed at frequently recurring, although irregular, intervals.

7. Set Hours of Work. If the service recipient can set the work hours, this indicates control and employee status.

8. Full Time Required. If the worker is required to devote himself or herself substantially full time to the company for which the work is provided, this suggests employee status because it impliedly restricts the worker from pursuing other gainful work. An independent contractor is free to work when and for whom he or she chooses.

9. Doing Work on Employer's Premises. Using the company's facilities to perform the work suggests control and employee status. In contrast, work done off the premises at the worker's office shows freedom from control and suggests independent contractor status.

10. Order or Sequence Set. If the worker must perform a

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We can also appreciate state leaders who are dedicated to making Michigan a better place to work and raise a family far into the future.

On a national level, we can be thankful we live in freedom to be who we want to be, say what we want to say and believe what we want to believe. We can also express endless gratitude for the benefits of living in the most advanced and blessed nation in the world.

On a global level, we can be thankful more and more countries are opening their arms to democracy and personal freedom and turning their backs on communism and the "government knows best" mentality. We can also be grateful for the diversity among us, from which we can learn so much.

For each and every one of us, there are endless things in our lives we can and should appreciate. The wonderful things in life range from a child's smile to a friend's hug to a newborn puppy—and all contribute to our happiness and well-being.

So let us take some time from the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving and the season ahead of us to look around and reflect on the good things in our lives. While we may not have everything we need or want, each of us has something special in our lives that merits our gratitude.

And as we count our blessings, let us not lose sight of those less fortunate than ourselves. Let's take this opportunity to reach out to those who may need our love and support. By sharing with and giving to others, we enrich not only their lives, but also our own.

Cherish Thanksgiving and the holiday season, keep in mind their true meanings and may you and your families find health and happiness far into the future.

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Pacific Intercultural Exchange looking for host families in Lowell

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon into the Lowell area for second semester 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.

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, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the

United States.

P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 23 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Informational Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational

Travel Programs.

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.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Joyce Thuston received Sales Associate of the Month in October.

This award recognizes Thuston for her outstanding success and achievements.



CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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 GREEN that the minutes of the October 17, 1994 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (11/7/94)

GENERAL FUND	\$70,515.16
MAJOR STREET FUND	138.48
LOCAL STREET FUND	9,718.30
DDA FUND	3,418.21
AIRPORT FUND	56.25
SEWER FUND	32,351.91
WATER FUND	13,233.20
DATA PROCESSING FUND	305.73
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,121.09
CURRENT TAX FUND	9,947.89
LOOK FUND	7,500.00

Mayor Maatman presented a plaque on behalf of the Lowell City Council to Tina Phillips and Brenda Clark for their efforts organizing the Creekside Kingdom project.

Item #1. MERS RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASE. As adopted for the last five years by Council, a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living for City retirees has been proposed. City Manager Pasquale requested that the Council again adopt a 2% increase effective January 1, 1995 for retirees through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN

to adopt a 2% compound benefit increase for cost of living to retirees through the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) effective January 1, 1995.

YEA: 5
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Item #2. PURCHASE OF A 1995 POLICE CRUISER. On November 3, bids were solicited for the purchase of a 1995 Police Cruiser. Also, a trade in value for the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice. The following bids were received:

Kool Chevrolet	\$16,600	1995 Chevrolet Caprice	less trade in
	5,100		
	\$11,500		
Thornat	\$17,700	1995 Chevrolet Caprice	less trade in
	5,300		
	\$12,400		
Dutcher Ford	\$17,874	1995 Ford Crown Victoria	no trade in value given
	\$17,874		

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the low bid for a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice in the amount of \$16,600 from Kool Chevrolet as well as trading in the 1992 Chevrolet Caprice for \$5,100, providing a net cost of \$11,500 with funds allocated from the General Fund.

YEA: 5
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Thompson noted the significant difference in cost between Kool Chevrolet and Thornat amounting to \$2,340.00.

Item #3. ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE HANDLING AND ENFORCEMENT OF DISHONORED CHECKS (SET PUBLIC HEARING 11/21) AND CONSIDERATION OF RELATED RESOLUTIONS. As directed by Council, City Attorney Richard Wendt prepared an ordinance for the collection of expenses incurred in the enforcement of bad checks. Also, two related resolutions would be considered at the next meeting subject to the passage of the ordinance. The first involved authorizing a contract with Kent-Metro Check Enforcement Unit, Inc. to recover dishonored checks. The second established the cost recovery fees for the enforcement of dishonored checks (\$25 totals \$5.50 City and \$19.50 Kent-Metro CEU, Inc.)

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing date for November 21 to consider an ordinance which provides for the collection of expenses incurred in the handling and enforcement of dishonored checks.

YEA: 5
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Item #4. RELEASE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY EASEMENT AT 2240 W. MAIN. A request was received from Leonore Wittenbach, owner of the property immediately west of the Admiral station (2240 W. Main) for release of an electric utility easement dated February 9, 1955. The release had been petitioned because of a proposed sale to NAPA and the desire for clearance of the 2240 Manager Pasquale stated that Paul Thompson, Superintendent of the Department of Light and Public Works reviewed the request and had approved the release.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to approve the release of the electric utility easement at 2240 W. Main from Leonore Wittenbach to NAPA S.E. Lowell.

YEA: 5
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Item #5. BOWES - M-21. ALDEN NASH TRAFFIC LIGHT AND RELATED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. City Manager Pasquale stated that a meeting was held on November 2 with Rise Pappas, a Michigan Department of Transportation, Tim Halpin, of the Kent County Road Commission, Art Gahn and Paul Christman for himself in regard to the proposed Bowes - M-21 Alden Nash traffic light and needed improvements to the intersection. The State had given the right to proceed with a traffic signal at the location. It is expected that the light will be installed during April or May of 1995. Design drawings have been authorized with an agreement to be made from the State's perspective. There are two options to proceed. The City could either proceed off Bowes to create the road to form a 90 degree angle at M-21. If this option is chosen, the light may be installed prior to the street construction. But Bowes present location would have to be closed. The light and the road can be closed during the 1995 construction year, and avoid the closure. City Manager Pasquale discussed preliminary engineering for relocation of Bowes with Jeff Vos of Earth 1 (formerly WW Engineering and Science) who provided the intersection study. An estimate was given for the surveying, wetland analysis, review of topographic features, soils investigation, schematic plans for three configurations of alignment and detailed cost estimates. A cost not to exceed \$22,520 had been proposed.

It was determined that the preliminary engineering could be allocated from the Local Street Fund. Actual construction and engineering for the project could be financed through the General Fund from monies previously assigned to the recently retired Fire Station debt. This

would raise between \$35,000 - \$40,000 per year. A millage increase could provide the balance.

City Manager Pasquale explained the new road would straddle the corporation limits. He had approached Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson about cost sharing. Timpson mentioned that he had discussed with the Road Commission about assuming engineering responsibilities for the project. Even with the county sharing the cost, Pasquale stated that a responsibility for construction remains. The County would not fund this entire cost, if at all. He added that Timpson will discuss this issue with the Township Board.

Councilmember Thompson said that everyone appears to want Bowes to remain open. However, no financial commitments have been given. He questioned the liability involved if it was not designed correctly.

Mayor Maatman was concerned about the \$22,520 in preliminary engineering costs and why it was the City's sole responsibility.

Councilmember Hodges felt that the City should proceed with the engineering study in order to assess the situation. He believed that the City should check into the costs including land acquisition and property values.

Mayor Maatman suggested the City not proceed until there is a commitment from the Township. He felt to commit to engineering at this time would be premature.

Councilmember Green stated that the resolutions received from the Lowell Area Schools and township would have meant much more if there were checks enclosed. He believed that the City cannot incur all of the costs. Councilmember Shores stated she was opposed to closing Bowes Rd. She felt that funds should be spent to keep the road open and to pursue monies from the other governmental bodies.

City Manager Pasquale felt that the City should make every effort to examine the possibilities of having Bowes relocated. If it is determined not to be economically feasible, the public has to know what those costs are. There will be a need to provide an informed decision based on financial analysis. He believed that the City should make a conscious effort to allocate funds.

Councilmember Thompson questioned how significant a safety issue the intersection is. If it's not a safety issue, he felt that the City must determine what is the real need. He noted that the State did not consider the intersection as an immediate concern.

City Manager Pasquale suggested the City seek the township's position as well as the Kent County Road Commission.

Councilmember Thompson asked if there were accident studies of the intersection. Chief James Valentine responded that the majority of the accidents at this location are handled by the Kent County Sheriff's Department. The Council took no further action.

Item #6. UPDATE FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. City Manager Pasquale explained that the Downtown Development Authority has met several times this year. Also, a tax increment

financing bond of \$1,235,000 has been sold through the Michigan Municipal Finance Authority and has initiated certain projects. The following actions have been taken by the DDA recently:

- initiated the engineering of streetscape improvements on Main Street (both sides) from Jefferson to Lincoln Lake and parking lot improvements (King Milling and the Riverside Drive lot) - (October 13, 1994 meeting).
- acquired the Hobby Stop building (119 E. Main) for the \$35,000 to be assigned to the City (October 25, 1994 meeting).

- agreed in concept to the riverfront pedestrian mall on Lafayette, initiating surveying.

City Manager Pasquale stated that there has been much interest by the DDA in riverfront improvements.

Councilmember Thompson questioned if the DDA had considered the cost to remove the Hobby Stop building. City Manager Pasquale responded that a specific dollar amount has not been calculated.

In a related matter, City Manager Pasquale said that Larry Swanson from the Grand Rapids MDOT office has indicated that repaving along M-21 has been scheduled for 1996. This would include bridge improvements as well as needed curb replacement work. He noted that MDOT is aware of the DDA's plans for streetscape work and wishes to coordinate with that project.

Additionally, Swanson has encouraged the City to apply for Federal Transportation Enhancement funds through the State of Michigan. This includes a minimum 20% local match allowing the DDA to stretch their revenues further in the downtown area.

Item #7. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE GEE DRIVE TO FOREMAN ROAD WATER MAIN. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City has completed an extensive water improvements project on the west side. In examining the westside system, a key element of future improvements is the installation of a 12" main from Gee Drive to Foreman. This will assist greatly in the water flow and looping of the system. Also, it would help the businesses along Foreman Rd.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber has agreed to perform engineering design services for this main totaling \$4,650. The construction cost has been proposed to be paid from the Federal Community Development Block Grant. Having the engineering completed over the winter would give the City flexibility in the bidding scheduling.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to approve the design engineering services from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber for the installation of a 12" main from Gee Drive to Foreman in the amount of \$4,650.

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

Item #6. UPDATE FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. City Manager Pasquale explained that the Downtown Development Authority has met several times this year. Also, a tax increment

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman noted that Nancy Anderson has resigned from the Parks and Recreation Commission. A vacancy still remains on the Planning Commission.

Item #9. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Don Clark, 1245 Jane Ellen, was present to request the proper procedure to appeal his variance denial given last September. He originally had applied for a side yard setback variance to construct an attached garage. City Manager Pasquale stated that he could resubmit an application.

Councilmember Hodges said that his opinion would not change on granting a variance.

Councilmember Thompson asked if Clark could present a list of the reasons he was requesting the appeal.

Councilmember Green questioned if the Zoning Board of Appeals' decision was final. City Manager Pasquale stated yes.

Anna Jankowski, 315 Alden Nash, was present to request an update on Michigan Wire. She continues to hear noise, although her windows and doors are now closed. Councilmember Shores stated in discussions with Dean Lonick, Vice President/General Manager of Michigan Wire, that concerns previously expressed were being addressed. Additionally, City Manager Pasquale said that he will contact Lonick for an update.

Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson suggested placing snow removal notices in the paper to inform residents to keep their sidewalks clear.

Item #11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. A copy of the September 26 Planning Commission minutes were presented.

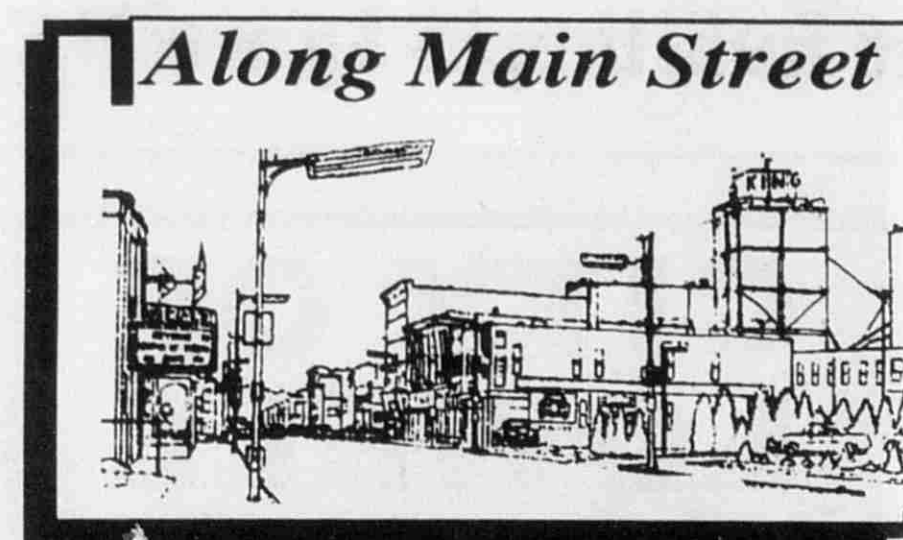
B. The September 8 and October 13 Downtown Development Authority minutes were provided. A joint meeting with the City Council, DDA and Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

C. John Timpson has decided on behalf of Lowell Township to defer the water maintenance agreement, but asked that there be City assistance on Miss Dig requests. They will utilize private contractors as needed. City Manager Pasquale stated that he will monitor the requests in terms of demands on City staff. Mayor Maatman mentioned that the City's requests should be covered first.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: November 21, 1994

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



HOLIDAY POST OFFICE HOURS

The Lowell Post Office holiday hours from Nov. 28 to Dec. 24 are: Mon., 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Tues.-Fri., 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat., 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

LAAC WINTER PLAY AUDITIONS

Winter play auditions for the Lowell Area Arts Council winter play, "I Remember Mama," will be held at the Lowell Area Arts Center, Mon., Tues., and Wed, Dec. 5, 6, & 7, from 7-9 p.m.

We need 12 women ages 12 to 55, and eight men, ages 12 to 65. For more information call the Lowell Area Arts Council 897-8545.

BED & BREAKFAST OPEN HOUSE

McGee Homestead, 2534 Alden Nash NE, and Alden Pines, 1320 Alden Nash NE, will have their annual Open House on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 12 to 5 p.m. Refreshments and free Michigan Bed & Breakfast directories.

FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL COACH NEEDED

Lowell High School is in need of a Freshmen Volleyball Coach for the 1994-95 season. Persons interested should contact Barry Hobria, Athletic Director, at 897-4442.

LMS HOLIDAY BAND PROGRAM

Lowell Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade bands will be presenting their "Holiday Program" on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LHS COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Lowell High School is encouraging its students to bring in non-perishable food items through Nov. 23 to reach their goal of 3600 cans.

Suggested non-perishable foods include canned vegetables, canned fruits, cereal, jello, soups, juice, packaged meals and pasta.

LEARN ADULT CPR

Give your family the gift of life this Christmas and learn

adult CPR. The Lowell Area Fire Department Tate Memorial Community Training Center will be offering an adult CPR course on December 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Look Fire Station.

The fee is \$5. You must register for the class by December 7 by calling 897-5241 and leaving a message.

LOWELL WOMEN'S CLUB FUND-RAISER

GFWC Lowell Women's Club is selling lovely pecans, dried fruit and fancy tins for Christmas. Please call Dorothy Randall at 676-2362 if you wish to order.

The money raised is used for scholarships.

LOWELL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Entries are needed for the Lowell Christmas parade. It will be held Saturday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.

For more information contact Dee Brown at 642-9820.

Eshragh, continued.... From Page 1

and since then has been confirmed — that the school learned the first week in September it would be receiving \$1.1 million more from the state than it had planned.

"At the time, we were accused of fabricating the figures. Then at the November meeting, Gary Kemp acknowledged that our numbers were correct," Eshragh said.

In that same letter, Eshragh argued that accelerated spending was carried out so that the figures would support what the school was contending. The audit showed that there was \$123,209 worth of school supplies in the warehouse.

Saurman said he did not believe it was excessive. "It's constant with the numbers of the last couple of years," he said. "I believe this year's figure is about \$15,000 more than in each of the last two years. It is a problem if people are not in place to control it. Lowell seems to have the people in place."

In a letter to the editor in the Oct. 19 edition of the Lowell Ledger, Eshragh pointed out that the auditor's report (which would be presented in November) would indicate that there were enough funds to provide a full school day. The audit supported Eshragh's claim that there was enough money.

The audit indicated an increase of \$569,194 (\$1.9 million) over the previous year's undesignated balance of \$1,332,653.

When the school defended its decision to return to a six-hour day, it claimed that money saved from running a five-hour day would be used to do that. Eshragh pointed out at the November board meeting that the school saved the district \$993 by going to the five-hour day. It saved the district \$130,703, but the district spent \$129,710 in unemployment.

"Was it worth it to all the children who were cheated out of their school day? What do you say to seniors who cannot go back and make up for lost school time?" Eshragh asks.

Former school board president Ray Quada denied that the average step increase for teachers was more than 1.5 percent and he indicated that this would be reflected in the audit. The audit is pointed and Eshragh points out that it reflects a 3.19 step increase.

"Step increases should be tied to evaluations," Eshragh said. "There is a way to do this even with tenure."

The owner of Concept Industries said he wants to (and believes it is necessary to) look ahead to the future, but he also believes it is necessary for the Lowell Board of Education to recognize that mistakes were made.

Eshragh notes that schools like Lowell (with bond issues to pay back) are going to face serious financial problems in the future. Their financial problems are going to be compounded. Lowell Schools has \$116 million in bond debts. Projected state SEV values along with growth are expected to be eight percent. However, with inflation (economic growth) at less than one percent and land value increasing at a three percent rate, that leaves schools feeling the crunch.

He maintains that he would support three enhancement mills if he could see steps were being taken to right the ship and if it was outlined as to where the enhancement monies would be spent.

Eshragh argues that he does not believe the right people are in place to see that the changes are made. He adds, however, that he could endorse Dick Korb as the next superintendent.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Daniel Pabon, 34, of Grand Rapids, struck and killed a deer on West Main near Smith St. Nov. 15. No one else was injured.

Karen Hughes, 42, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 20 on West Main St. near Alden Nash when a deer ran into the side of the car she was driving.

Walter Riley, 24, of Saginaw, was arrested Nov. 18 by Lowell officers for driving while license suspended and on a warrant issued out of a Kent County court for probation violation.

Arrested on a warrant out of 63rd District Court Nov. 18 was Adan Chapa, 21, of Ionia, for malicious destruction of property under \$100.

Walter Stevens, 58, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Nov. 17 when he backed into a vehicle driven by Melissa Wright, 21, also of Lowell, in the Crystal Flare Service Station on West Main.

What is Eshragh's plan?

• He would like to see the administrative services in the Lowell district consolidated. "Our number one priority is educate children, not to provide administratively."

• Eshragh would like to see assistant principals be used as curriculum directors at each level. "The curriculum should be updated on a yearly basis in cooperation with parents and teachers."

• He would like the Lowell Education Association to realize they are here to educate children and that there is need to extend the school day to seven hours. The catch would be that it's done at no added teacher's cost.

"The idea of a seven-hour day is nothing new. It's mentioned in the 1988 Strategic Plan," Eshragh said.

School board member Steve Idema said he hoped the day would come where the knowledge and information provided by CQE could be used to help move the district forward.

"I'm willing to cooperate in every way possible. My hands are extended," Eshragh said. "I will cooperate in finding solutions but will not compromise."

Korb, continued.... From Page 1

educational leader."

Returning to his role as director of school and community services will allow him to be in position to use a creative and pro-active style of leadership. "It will also bring me back to the process of hiring good, quality teachers - who can affect a child's life forever," Korb said.

In retrospect Korb said he enjoyed and had fun at all his previous positions. "I can't say the same about the role of superintendent. This is a job a person must want 100 percent. It demands a tremendous amount of time," he said.

With his youngest son less than a year away from entering Lowell High School, Korb has chosen to make his family the focus.

Korb will continue his role as interim superintendent until the search for the new superintendent has been completed.

"Actually I think it will be easier for a person coming in from the outside. Having a 17-year history in this district might have served as a handicap to me," he said. "Someone from the outside can bring a new perspective, ideas, and new way of doing things to the superintendent's position."

Korb said he hoped he has brought stability, leadership and an end to controversy swirling about the community. "I think I've made progress in these areas, but there is a long way to go."

"With the help and support of the community, administration and staff the new superintendent can help this district go forward."



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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell City Offices, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV will be closed on Thursday, November 24, and Friday, November 25, 1994 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

History repeats as MacNaughtons and Roudabushes there again to open up new H.S.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In 1964, 144 freshmen strolled through the hallways of the new \$1.1 million high school at 750 Foreman with maps in hand and anxiety butterflies in their stomachs.

In 1994, 250 freshmen strolled through the corridors of the new \$26 million high school at 11700 Vergennes with maps in hand and anxiety butterflies in their stomachs.

While 30 years, student enrollment and monies spent on the new high schools separate the two freshmen classes, they are forever linked by the singular fact that both classes will be remembered as the first freshmen classes to attend the respective new high schools all four years.

For Mark MacNaughton and Susan Roudabush, the link is much stronger and more personal.

The parents of both of these 1994 freshmen, Roger and Diane MacNaughton and Joel and Brenda Roudabush, were also freshmen 30 years ago at the new Lowell High School on Foreman Road.

As the senior Roudabushes and MacNaughtons did in 1964, their children will issue in a new era in Lowell education in 1994.

"I think my classmates believe that they are lucky to have a new high school," said Mark MacNaughton.

Brenda Roudabush added that her class felt a responsibility to the classes that would follow them. "I think that sense of responsibility was ingrained in us. It was an expected part of your behavior during that time," she said.

Another expected part of a student's behavior were the nerves that came with opening day. That has remained the same whether it was 1964 or 1994.

"I definitely was nervous. The school was so big. I had no idea what to expect when they started talking about building a school three years ago," Susan Roudabush said.

Brenda Roudabush said she didn't remember being scared about getting lost. "The new high school wasn't that big. I remember the biggest concern being who was going to be your lockermate," she reminisces. "They don't have that concern today, every student has her/his own locker."

Her father said he felt a larger sense of pride and responsibility about the new \$26 million high school than the one he attended in 1964. "I guess the pride comes from being a taxpayer and that I'm actually helping to pay for it," Joel Roudabush said.

The parents agreed that full appreciation of their new facilities came slowly. "I don't think as a freshman you can fully appreciate it," Joel Roudabush said.

Roger MacNaughton added that because times were simpler back in 1964, maybe they were better able to appreciate what a new school offered. "That and kids have so much more today than we did," he said.

Ironically, there were questions as to whether either of the schools would be able to open on time.

The construction of the new high school in 1964 came on the heels of the old high school burning down.

Thirty years later, doubt about opening the doors to the new high school came in the form of finances and whether or not water mains would all be connected so that water could be run to the school.

The fact that both sets of parents spent four years at a new high school and graduated, and the fact that their children are following in their footsteps is quite amazing, but some will tell you that the real marvel is that both the Roudabushes and the MacNaughtons are still married.

"Now that's a novelty," Brenda Roudabush smiles.

Unless we remember, we cannot understand.
—E. M. Forster

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Pictured, left to right, are Brenda Roudabush, Joel Roudabush and their daughter Susan Roudabush.



Pictured, left to right, are Mark MacNaughton and his parents Roger MacNaughton and Diane MacNaughton.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS AND FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Keystone Drive Special Assessment District No. 1

I. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

5th day of December, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, in said Township, to hear and consider any objections to the petitions filed, to the proposed Improvements, or to the proposed special assessment district, and to consider all other matters relating to said Improvements.

Property shall not be added to the proposed special assessment district and the original estimate of costs shall not be increased by more than 10% without further notice and public hearing.

II. PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR AND REVIEW ANY OBJECTIONS TO SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Township Supervisor has made and certified a special assessment roll for the proposed special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the costs of said Improvements which is to be levied in the form of special assessments against each benefited lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district. This special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Grattan Township Hall, and may be examined during regular business hours.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATAN WILL HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1994 AT 7:15 P.M., AT THE GRATAN TOWNSHIP HALL, TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF SAID OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEALS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance of protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Grattan.

Dated: November 16, 1994

Peggy A. Gurney, Township Clerk
Township of Grattan

Keystone Drive Special Assessment District No. 1

Lots and Parcels Numbered:

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- 41-12-29-252-006
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Plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on the

Lowell Middle School recognizes its honor roll students

The Lowell Middle School honor roll for the first marking period of the 1994-95 school year is as follows:

SIXTH GRADE
 Brian Abel, Karrie Akers, Kristine Akers, Ashley Alsop, Douglas Anchors, Katie Anderson, Travis Anderson, Jessica Atkinson, Courtney Baker, Sarah Balcer, Amy Barton, Jaelyn Batt, Jacob Baum, Rachelle Becker, Laura Befus, Kimberly Bek, Lori Bessey, Jacob Billingsley, Sarah Blanchard, Aimee Bloom, Regina Blough.
 Nathaniel Borth, James Bossert, Elizabeth Brander, Nicole Briggs, James (Jess) Brown, Amanda Brown, Andrew Brubaker, Jeff Buitenhuis, Virginia Bultema, Heather Canfield, Matthew Collins, Rebecca Corbit, Danielle Corteville, Andrew Curtis, Alecia Daggett, Shawna Dalga, Molly Debiak, Anthony Degrote.
 Heather Delemar, Jessica DenHouter, Dan Denton, Ryan Dorough, Kimberly Drougal, Jennifer Engle, Reade Evans, Stacy Everitt, Jessica Faluso, Joseph Farley, Morna Michele Ford, Kristen Ford, Jordan Gallagher, Lyndsey Geer, Troy Gillan, Alyssa Gillikin, Derek Glass, Abbey Goff.
 Joshua Griffin, Kathryn Gunberg, Michael Gustafson,

Melissa Hamstra, Robert Harrison, Brandy Haybarker, Erik Hays, Nicole Heacock, Heidi Hefner, Kyle Hines, Thomas Hobbs, Ryan Hoffman, Christopher Hoogewind, Daniel Huffman, Christopher Huyser, Matthew Jackson, Shawna Jones, Lindsay Koehn, Elizabeth Koopman, Michael Krause, Nicole LaFave, Lisa LaHaye, Sarah LaNore, Michael Lechner, Erik London, Michael Lott, James Mack, Justin Malone, Bryan Martin, Jessica Marvel, Lee Mastenbrook.
 Kara McMahon, Jason Meis, John Mendez, Gregory Meyers, Laura Miller, Sunny Moyer, Sarah Newell, Matthew Oesch, Adrian Pattok, Lisa Payne, Ryan Phillips, Heather Posthumus, Rebecca Raymor, Douglas Reed, Nathan Reniger, Mari Rich, Ashley Rickert, Amber Rittersdorf, Christopher Rittersdorf.
 Adam Roossien, Jennifer Roth, Keeley Sadlak, Lindsey Sage, Alexander Schloop, Richard Schloop, Richard Schmitt, Lisa Schoen, Donald Shores, Shawn Simpson, Kristin Smit, Joshua Smith, Mark Smith, Mark Soyka, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Joshua Stanard, Katherine Stanford, Jordan Steele, Gary Stevenson, Jenny Stever, Alan Stiver, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Nichole Straub, Ellen Suman, Suzanne

Swift, Nicole Tegg, Kurt Telman, Lindsey Thayer, Teresa Thompson, Jacqueline Thuston, Rebecca Trierweiler, Matthew Trierweiler, Kurt Umlauf, Kimberly VandeBrake, Bradley VanderJagt, Beth VanEns, Phillip VanLaan, Amber VanOverbeek, Collin Vincent, Gavin Vincent, Kevin Walker, John Webb, Matthew Wilcox, Skyler Willett, Jennifer Williams, Patricia Wilson, Joseph Wisner, Paul Wright, Jennifer Young.
SEVENTH GRADE
 Aaron Alsgaard, Michael Armstrong, Katie Balaam, David Barry, Jennifer Bellechasses, Jacqueline Bennett, Laurie Biener, Theresa Bonner, Eric Bradley, Rebecca Brander, Dan Burton, Erik Byle, Abby Christenson, Sarah Claire, Brian Conley, Jennifer Dean, Tina Delemar, Jennifer DenHouter, Holly Denton, Michael Dereske, Nicole Deeters, Nicole DeVries, Angela DeWit, Michael Dykstra, Betsy Eldridge, Stephanie Ellison, Felicia Eshragh, Sarah Everitt, Douglas Ford, Richard Ford, Bethany Fredline, Nicole Gauw, Megan Gillett, Cherie Gillman, Joseph Giuliano, Elizabeth Graham, Robin Green, Caleb Grummet.
 Stefanie Hafey, Aaron Hall, Kindra Harper,

Courtney Hedlund, Rebecca Heukels, Kyle Holst, Angela Houman, Bradford Jackson, Nikki Jamison, Audra Jastifer, Jim Jastifer, Katie Johnson, Aaron Kaeb, Ben Kaeb, Kelly Kamen, Elissa Kinney, Ryan Kremer, Amber Kuipers, Trevor Land, Mark Maatman, Louis Markel, Tara May, Jenny McCaul, Leonard McElveen, Melissa McGuire, Bryce McMahon.
 M. Kate McPherson, Laura McQueen, Kimberly Meiste, Carolyn Mercer, Courtney Merrills, Melissa Miller, Ryan Mix, Jerry Moerdyke, Tom Oesch, Amanda Osterhaven, Debra Overway, Joseph Patterson, Nicole Pearce, Lindsay Perkins, Bo (BJ) Peterson, McKenzie Plummer, Kerri Postema, Jennifer Prins, Matthew Reed, Michelle Reed, Rachel Rice.
 Lara Robertson, Daniel Rottier, Elizabeth Roudabush, Angela Schmidt, Megan Schoenthaler, Timothy Schutte, Lindsay Scigliano, Jesse Sefton, Courtney Shaffer, Tashia Shattuck, Jaime Sheppard, Debra Sheppard, Bob Shindorf, Christina Shortle, Stephanie Smith, Nathaniel Spencer, Brad Spoelman.
 Amanda Stouten, Misti Sumner, Mindy Tarney, Miranda Tase, Jamie Tegg, Lindsey Thaler, Terra Thurlow, Jason Tomczak,

Kara Tousley, Arienne Tunistra, Keith Valentine, Christopher VanSpronsen, Lane Vickers, Joshua Vrooman, Lori Walsh, Christine Wansten, Melanie Wieland, Jon Wiering, James Willits, Jennifer Wisner, Maggie Wisner, Charles Wood, Annie Zalokar.
EIGHTH GRADE
 Katherine Akers, Jason Alber, Dara Anchors, Stacy Anderson, Nicole Arnett, Michael Arnsward, Andrea Baker, Jonathan Ballega, Brooke Bennett, Robert Bessey, Joshua Blanding, Nicholas Blough, Lynn Boersma, Sarah Bommarito, Joseph Boruta, Melissa Bowen, Lisa Bristol, Erin Burgess, Kelly Capen, Megan Cindric, David Clinton, Dylan Cole, Nick Collins, Kevin Condon, Bradley Corbit, Rose Corey, Kalie (Nosko) Cowen, Stacey Craig.
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Capital News Briefs

By Dave Conklin, Lansing

Property tax increase could be coming to your neighborhood real soon...
 (CNB) Lansing - The property tax assessor may be the "arch foe" of property owners. However, this year they may be the saviors of cash-strapped local units of government.
 The one percent property tax collection fee traditionally received by local governments was eliminated by school finance changes approved by voters in June. Because of this, some communities are planning to make up lost revenues by encouraging their property tax assessors to aggressively pursue assessment increases. That's according to Marty Marshall of the state Assessors Association.
 In light of this, some state lawmakers have suggested you might not want to spend that property tax cut you received this year until you see next year's tax bill.

State school bus drivers to receive drug tests...
 (CNB) Lansing - A new federal mandate requires local school districts to begin testing school bus drivers for alcohol and drugs starting January 1. The law also specifies that schools randomly test at least half of the drivers the first two years. Districts who fail to act on the new law could face stiff fines. The law affects over 12,500 state school bus drivers.

New Federal rules could hamper school districts.....
 (CNB) Lansing - A U.S. Department of Education policy which discourages the expulsion of special education children from public school classrooms is causing concern among school authorities in Michigan and elsewhere. Under the new federal regulations, kids with pervasive behavior disorders are protected from the consequences of their actions. States

which allow school districts to expel special needs' kids - even those who break school rules- could lose millions in federal education dollars.

New Federal Nursing Home Standards...
 (CNB) Lansing - The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently released new regulations this month to clean up abuses and substandard care in the nation's nursing homes.
 Included under the new rules are fines of \$2,000 for any inspector or staff who tips off a nursing home about the date of a surprise inspection. The new measure also includes a mandate that nursing homes conduct initial and annual assessments of the condition of each resident and develop individual plans of care. These regulations are being released to implement a law Congress passed in 1987.

Political notes...
 (CNB) Lansing -
 * 38.7 percent of eligible Americans voted this year. While obviously less than half, that is still the highest turnout for a non-presidential election since the recession year of 1982.
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MONDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 28, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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TUESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 29, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 1994. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 1, 1994										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
33	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Due South (In Stereo)	Chicago Hope (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
41	WOTV	Highway Patrol	Extra: Ent. Magazine	My So-Called Life "Pressure" (In Stereo)	Matlock "The Confession" (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Nightline		
35	WGVU	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-Of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Great Railway Journeys (In Stereo)	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)
17	WXMI	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Simpsons "Burns' Heir"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "School Ties" (In Stereo)	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues "Retribution" (In Stereo)	ER "Day One" (In Stereo)	News	Cheers
6	WOOD	Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Friends (In Stereo)	Sainfeld (In Stereo)	Madman of the People	ER "Day One" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show
6	WLNS	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Due South (In Stereo)	Chicago Hope (In Stereo)	Eye to Eye (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
19	WILX	Star Trek: The Next Generation	"Menage a Troi"	Mad About You	Friends (In Stereo)	Sainfeld (In Stereo)	Madman of the People	ER "Day One" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show
23	WKAR	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	Ted Nugent Spirit of the Wild "Bulls and Buffaloes"	Mystery "Poit" "The Chocolate Box" (In Stereo)	Fred Trast's Practical Sportsman (F)	News	Nightline	
13	WZZM	Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affairs	My So-Called Life "Pressure" (In Stereo)	Matlock "The Confession" (In Stereo)	Primetime Live	News	Nightline		
15	WSYM	Simpsons "Burns' Heir"	Roseanne "Slice of Life"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "School Ties" (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	News	Extra: Ent. Magazine
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Movie: *** "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971, Adventure) Sean Connery, Jill St. John, James Bond battles a space-crazy villain.	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) Roger Moore.					
48	FAM	Evening Shade	Evening Shade	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club	Father Dowling Mysteries (In Stereo)				
20	FX	Hart to Hart "A Change of Hart"		Under Scrutiny	Home and Away	Dynasty "Suspicions"	In Living Color	In Living Color	Sound FX Music videos.	
23	USA	Chipmunk Christmas	Chipmunks Rockin'	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: "Breath of Conduct" (1994, Drama) Peter Coyote. A colonel stalks the wife of one of his officers.	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)		
23	DISC	Beyond 2000	Next Step	World of Wonder	Amazing America	Movie: Magic	Know Zone	Beyond 2000 Sculptor/engineer Chuck Hoberman.	World of Wonder (F)	Amazing America (F)
23	WGN	Love Connection	Jeffersons	Conspiracy Tapes				News	Night Court	Simon & Simon
23	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	NFL Football: Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings	From the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. (Live)				NFL Sportscenter		
23	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Primetime Live				Larry King Live	World News	Sports Tonight
23	NICK	Doug	Looney Tunes	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi	Taxi	Bob Newhart
23	A&E	Rockford Files "Black Mirror" (Part 1 of 2)		Biography "Van Cliburn"				Red Star Red Army Chorus & Dance Ensemble	Law & Order "Benevolence"	Dick Van Dyke
23	PASS	CCHA Digest	Baseball: Arizona Fall League - Tempe at Peoria.					MotorSports Hour	Motorcycle Racing: World Superbike Series.	
23	TNT	Kung Fu "The Forbidden Kingdom"		Movie: *** "A Christmas Story" (1983, Comedy) A boy wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas.				Movie: "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" (1954) Frontier brothers develop a hankering for matrimony.		
23	NASH	American Skyline	Country News	Legends of Country Music (In Stereo)	Music City Tonight (In Stereo)			Club Dance (F) (In Stereo)		Country News (F)
23	SCIFI	Ray Bradbury Theater	A. Hitchcock	Quantum Leap "Daughter of Sin"				Movie: ** 1/2 "Vampire at Midnight" (1988) A hypnotist leads a cop on a trail of bloodless corpses.	Ray Bradbury Theater	A. Hitchcock
PREMIUM STATIONS										
48	DISN	Movie: ** 1/2 "Project X" (1987, Drama) An Air Force pilot uncovers highly classified information. PG		Peter Gabriel's Secret World (F)				Preview Show	Movie: ** "Do Not Disturb" (1965) Doris Day.	
48	HBO	Movie: * "Only the Strong" (1993, Drama) Mark Dacascos. PG-13		Witch Hunt: First Look				Def Comedy Jam (F)	Def Comedy Jam (F)	
48	MAX	(6:30) Movie: ** "Mom and Dad Save the World"		Movie: ** "Twenty Bucks" (1993, Comedy) Linda Hunt. (In Stereo) R				Movie: ** "Sins of the Night" (1983, Suspense) Deborah Shelton. NR		Movie: ** 1/2 "Double Threat" (1993) F

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT DECEMBER 1, 1994										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
33	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Sweating Bullets (In Stereo)		Jerry Springer		Dennis Prager		Home Shopping Spree	
41	WOTV	Last Call (In Stereo)	Top Cops (In Stereo)	Psychic Phone Line	(Off Air)					
35	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose								
17	WXMI	Jon Stewart Singer Julio Iglesias. (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)					
6	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Hawthorne	Leeza (In Stereo)			NBC News Nightside	
6	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Murphy Brown	Cosby Show	Paid Program	Home Shopping Spree				
19	WILX	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	News (F)	NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)				Headline News
23	WKAR	(Off Air)								
13	WZZM	Rush Limbaugh	Married... With	In the Heat of the Night "Don't Look Back" (F)	Mike & Maty				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
15	WSYM	Jon Stewart Singer Julio Iglesias. (In Stereo)	Psychic Line	Movie: ** 1/2 "Blackout" (1985, Suspense) A retired detective finds a clue to a long-unresolved murder.					(Off Air)	
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS	(10:35) Movie: ** 1/2 "The Man With the Golden Gun" (1974) Roger Moore.		Movie: ** "Fighting Back" (1982, Drama) A family man organizes a neighborhood patrol to fight crime.					WCW Pro Wrestling	Jeffersons
48	FAM	Black Stallion	Big Brother Jake	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	FX	Batman (Part 1 of 2)	Back Chat	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23	USA	Quantum Leap (In Stereo)	Counterstrike							
23	DISC	Movie Magic (F)	Know Zone (F)	Beyond 2000 Sculptor/engineer Chuck Hoberman.	Next Step (F)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
23	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Movie: * 1/2 "American Commandos" (1985) Vietnam vets try to wipe out Thailand's drug underworld.	Tower	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Movie: ** 1/2 "Money to Burn" (1973, Drama)			
23	ESPN	Up Close	NASCAR Yr.	Burbank Kennel Club Dog Show (F)	Racehorse Digest (F)	Hurricanes	Hurricanes	Motorcycles		
23	CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (F)	Calling All Sports	Sports Latenight	Larry King Live (F)				
23	NICK	Get Smart (Part 2 of 2)	Dragnet	A. Hitchcock	Superman	Lucy Show	F-Troop	Taxi	Mary Tyler Moore	Bob Newhart
23	A&E	Biography "Van Cliburn" (F)		Peter and the Wolf: A Prokofiev Fantasy (F)				Red Star Red Army Chorus & Dance Ensemble	Law & Order "Benevolence"	Movie: *** "Topaz" (1969) John Forsythe.
23	PASS	College Hockey U.S.A.	Auto Racing: Formula 2 Super Cup.	To Be Announced	College Hockey U.S.A.	American Adventurer	Cycling: Tour of Hawaii Classic. (F)			Bowling: ABC World Team Challenge. (F)
23	TNT	(10:15) Movie: "7 Brides" (1964, Comedy) Buddy Ebsen.		Movie: *** "Westward the Women" (1951, Western) Robert Taylor, Denise Darcel. Women go west to meet their mail-order husbands. Colorized.						
23	NASH	Legends of Country Music (In Stereo)		Music City Tonight (In Stereo)						
23	SCIFI	Quantum Leap "Daughter of Sin"		Movie: ** 1/2 "Vampire at Midnight" (1988) A hypnotist leads a cop on a trail of bloodless corpses.						
PREMIUM STATIONS										
48	DISN	(11:00) Movie: ** "Do Not Disturb" (1965)		Movie: ** "Cheetah" (1989, Adventure) Keith Coogan. (In Stereo) G						Peter Gabriel
48	HBO	Movie: "Fatherland" (1994) Rutger Hauer. A series of suspicious murders occurs in 1964 Berlin.		Hardcore TV (In Stereo)						Movie: *** "Fright Night" (1985, Horror) Chris Sarandon. (In Stereo) R
48	MAX	(11:00) Movie:		Movie: * "Inner Sanctum" (1991, Mystery) Joseph Bottoms. R						Movie: ** "Trax" (1988, Comedy) Shadde Stevens, Priscilla Barnes. R

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Advisory committee recommends renovation over construction on Vergennes Township Hall

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township completed a study in improving its township hall when its citizens' advisory committee presented their recommendations to the township board.

The Vergennes Citizens Advisory Committee, made up of Chris Kulhanek, Justin Michael, Gay Nauta and Roger Odell, recommended to the township board that renovations to the existing hall are more desirable than building a new hall.

The committee stated that

the hall, located at 12625 Bailey Drive, can serve the future needs of the township with some renovation work to the second floor and by purchasing land to accommodate parking needs.

The recommendation doesn't guarantee that improvements will take place, but it does give the township a direction to follow when addressing the construction and funding requirements.

"We had six points to look at and from that we've determined that the existing location is workable and the second floor has the potential for

renovation," said Kulhanek.

The committee determined that the extra square footage, approximately 1,266 square feet, from the second floor would give the township the needed space for public meetings and during voting periods.

The committee also determined that to improve the parking problem at the current hall, the township would need to acquire additional land behind the hall.

The study found that the current location is ideal because it's in the center of the township and adjacent to two

major roads.

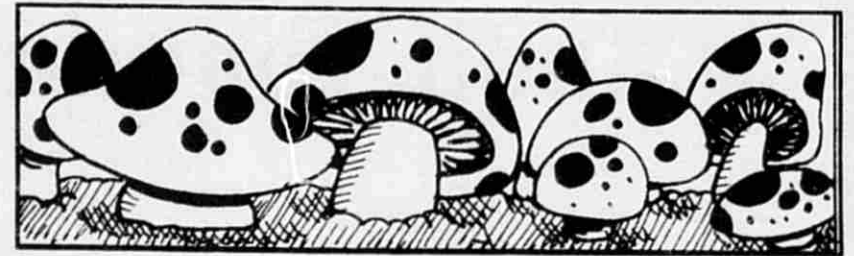
Kulhanek said that the committee doesn't believe there would be sufficient public support for the construction of a new building when the township can work with what they have at the current hall.

The next step the township needs to take is to obtain expert technical advice from a planner on what exactly needs to be renovated and how much land needs to be acquired before taking their plans to a builder.

"We're going step by step and we need to evaluate the

options in order to get a cost figure," said township trustee Mark Weber. "We need to know what can be done with the current building parameters. We may not be able to afford it or we may need to look at other avenues, but we

won't know until we ask." Township Supervisor Jim Cook said the township currently doesn't have any funds for the renovations, but the project is still a long way off before it is started.



Mushrooms that have a bad taste or are poisonous are often called toadstools.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Education
Lowell Area Schools
Lowell, Michigan

evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lowell Area Schools at June 30, 1994 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Lowell Area Schools. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Phillip W. Saurman

August 26, 1994

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
June 30, 1994

FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS	
	GENERAL	GENERAL	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
TRUST AND AGENCY	FIXED ASSETS	LONG-TERM DEBT	1994	1993
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	458,340		4,629,744	3,836,152
			7,777,717	18,266,845
	82		10,776	7,286
			61,230	-0-
			-0-	129,942
			109,367	45,441
			144,040	237,971
			155,450	140,379
			5,000	-0-
	15,462		15,462	16,328
		47,389,600	47,389,600	36,455,383
			563,548	446,838
			<u>35,604,471</u>	<u>36,055,603</u>
	\$ 473,884	\$ 47,389,600	\$ 36,168,019	\$ 96,466,465
			\$ 96,466,465	\$ 95,638,238

ASSETS	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			CAPITAL PROJECTS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	
Cash (Note B)	\$ 60	\$	\$	\$ 1,117,134
Deposits (Note B)	3,205,113	89,027	528,421	1,164,258
Investments (Note B)				139,179
Receivables:				109,366
Accounts	9,417	1,277		149,711
Taxes (Note C)	51,619		7,652	76,692
Accrued interest				35,435
Due from other funds (Note D)	63,181	11,059	35,127	120,119
Due to other governmental units	127,209	16,831		136,526
Inventory (Note A)	123,930	31,520		35,691,493
Prepaid expenditures	5,000			35,691,493
Land contract receivable (Note E)				36,266,493
General fixed assets (Note F)				83,328
Amount available in Debt Service Funds				33,629
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt				102,924
Total assets	\$ 3,585,529	\$ 149,714	\$ 571,200	\$ 8,128,519

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			CAPITAL PROJECTS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 154,710	\$	\$ 862,310	
Salaries payable	1,164,258			
Due to student groups	36,928	34,388		29,258
Due to other funds (Note D)	169,711			
Deferred revenue (Note E)	51,619		7,652	1,959
Leases payable (Note G)				
Notes payable (Note G)				
Bonds payable (Note G)				
Early retirement incentive pay (Notes A, G)				
Accumulated vacation pay (Notes A, G)				
Compensated absences (Notes A, G)				
Total liabilities	\$ 1,577,226	\$ 34,388	\$ 7,652	\$ 993,527
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets				\$
Fund balances:				
Reserved for capital outlay				7,134,992
Reserved for debt service				563,548
Reserved for principal endowment				
Reserved for endowment activities				
Reserved for community education				106,456
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	1,901,847	115,326		
Total fund equity	\$ 2,008,203	\$ 115,326	\$ 563,548	\$ 7,134,992
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 3,585,529	\$ 149,714	\$ 571,200	\$ 8,128,519

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
June 30, 1994 (Continued)

Puppy love prevails as Lowell Township approves kennel license

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The daughters of Bob Moyer will have a wish come true now that Lowell Township has agreed to approve Moyer's request for a kennel license.

Moyer approached the township board two months ago about obtaining the li-

cence because his daughters wanted to keep two Irish wolf-hound puppies as pets.

Moyer usually breeds the wolfhounds and then sells the puppies, but this time his daughters wanted to keep them and show them at the 4-H fair.

That posed a problem because Moyer, of 12590 Grand River Drive, already owns

two dogs and two more would have been above the township ordinance limit.

Lowell Township has an ordinance which limits three dogs per household.

Township Supervisor John Timpson said the township will approve the request because Moyer agreed to have only four dogs on his premises and because neighbors

didn't object to the dogs.

Moyer has five and a half acres and fences off a half acre just for the use of his dogs. He doesn't believe the dogs will be much of a problem because the puppies have a tendency to mature into very quiet and easygoing dogs.

"These dogs don't go outside unless nature calls. It's almost like having an extra

carpet in my house," said Moyer at his initial meeting with township officials.

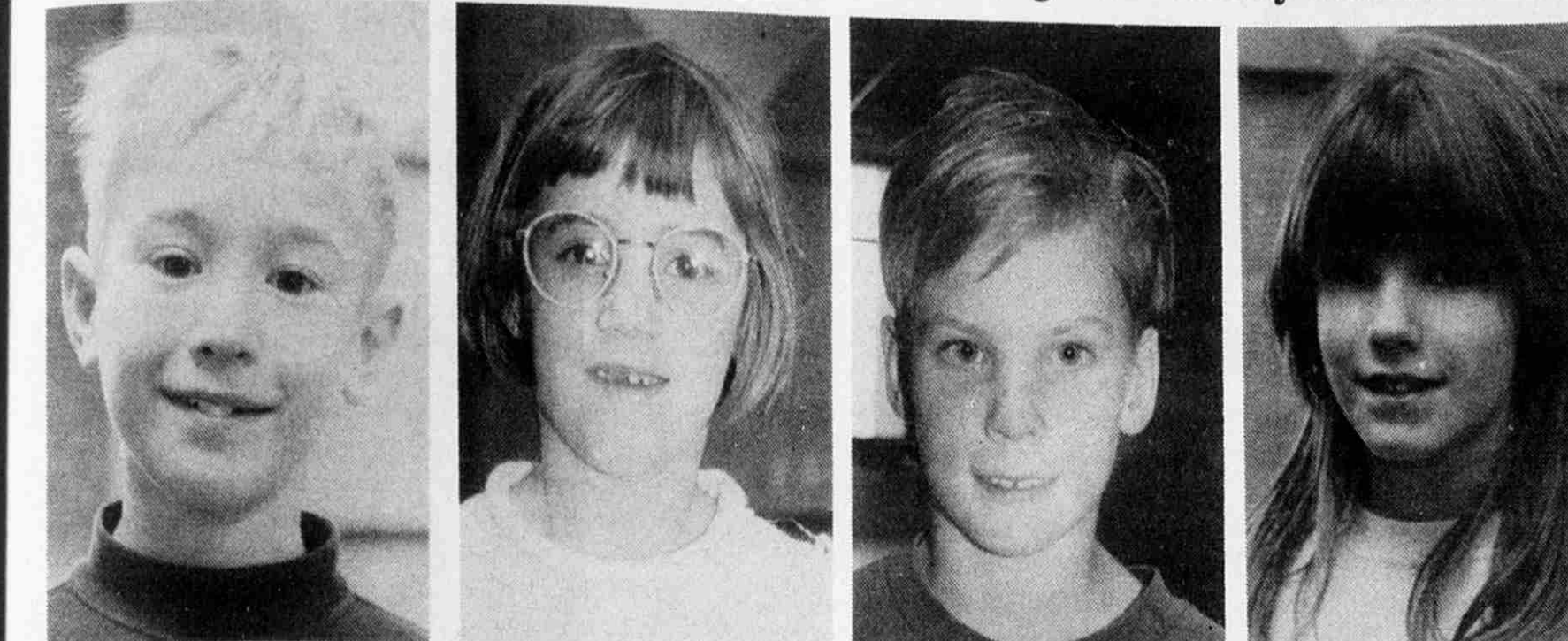
Moyer will not be able to get the kennel license until March because two of his

dogs are licensed and a person needs four unlicensed dogs to receive a license. He will, however, be able to inform his daughters that the puppies can stay.

The human body has more than 600 major muscles. Only about 240 of them have specific names.

TOWN TALK

Who cooks your family turkey on Thanksgiving Day? What do you have with your turkey? How much does the turkey weigh? How long is the turkey cooked?



Jamie Deliefde
My grandma cooks the turkey. We work together to help with dinner. The turkey weighs about 21 pounds. We have mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, broccoli and pumpkin pie with it. I guess my grandma cooks the turkey about 1 1/2 hours.

Rachel Nawrocki
My grandma does. It weighs around 39 pounds. We have corn, pie, vegetables and turkey stuffing. She cooks it about two hours.

Eddie Boeve
My mom does. It weighs about 20 pounds. We have gravy, corn and beans with it. She doesn't put anything inside it. She cooks it for one hour.

Stephanie Wagner
My mom does. The turkey weighs about 30 pounds. We have beets and potatoes with it. She cooks it about 15 minutes.



Chelsea Karas
My mom or grandma cooks the turkey. We have potatoes and gravy with it. It may weigh 40 pounds. She cooks it about two hours.

Kyle Manszewski
My mom cooks the turkey. We have corn, potatoes and green beans with it. It weighs 21 pounds and Mom cooks it 50 seconds.



Kyle Smets
My mom cooks the turkey. We have stuffing, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots. It weighs about 50 pounds. I think she cooks it one hour.

Matthew Meppelink
My grandma and grandpa cook the turkey. We have green beans, potatoes and fruit with the turkey. It weighs 20 pounds. My grandparents call us when it's done. I think they cook it 10 minutes.

Audit, continued...

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE TRUST AND AGENCY	ACCOUNT GROUPS		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT	1994	1993
\$	\$ 47,389,600	\$	\$ 47,389,600	\$ 36,455,383
			7,134,992	17,048,571
			563,548	446,838
196,253			196,253	196,253
114,084			114,084	102,114
			106,456	80,634
			2,017,173	1,431,585
\$ 310,337	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 10,132,506	\$ 19,305,995
\$ 310,337	\$ 47,389,600	\$ -0-	\$ 57,522,106	\$ 55,761,378
\$ 473,884	\$ 47,389,600	\$ 36,168,019	\$ 96,466,465	\$ 95,638,238

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
Year ended June 30, 1994

Revenues:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE
Local sources	\$ 10,079,389	\$ 460,115	\$ 1,520,949
State sources	4,221,840	2,162	
Federal sources	222,487	148,563	
Interdistrict sources	835,323		
Total revenues	\$ 15,359,039	\$ 610,840	\$ 1,520,949

Expenditures:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE
Instruction:			
Basic programs	\$ 6,181,399	\$	\$
Added needs	1,313,560		
Adult education	621,445		
Employee benefits	1,387,319		
Supporting services:			
Pupil services	581,349		
Instructional staff services	364,226		
General administrative services	435,144		
School administrative services	715,927		
Business services	623,529		
Operation and maintenance services	1,045,259		
Pupil transportation services	835,038		
Other supporting services	15,404		
Employee benefits	347,524		
Food service		491,917	
Athletics		198,789	
Capital outlay	211,445		
Debt service	17,863		1,404,239
Interdistrict	168,875		
Total expenditures	\$ 14,865,306	\$ 690,706	\$ 1,404,239
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 493,733	\$ (79,866)	\$ 116,710

Other financing sources (uses):	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE
Note proceeds	\$ 150,000	\$	\$
Operating transfers in		96,260	
Other transactions	47,543		
Operating transfers out	(96,260)		
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ 101,283	\$ 96,260	\$ -0-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	\$ 595,016	\$ 16,394	\$ 116,710

Fund balances, July 1	1,413,287	98,932	446,838
Fund balances, June 30	2,008,303	115,326	563,548

CAPITAL PROJECTS	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE EXPENDABLE TRUST	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
		1994	1993
\$ 782,426	\$ 5,225	\$ 12,848,104	\$ 13,211,462
99,379		4,323,381	4,259,132
		371,050	458,937
		835,323	600,477
\$ 881,805	\$ 5,225	\$ 18,377,858	\$ 18,530,008

\$	\$	\$ 6,181,399	\$ 5,941,360
		1,313,560	1,346,182
		621,445	631,758
		1,387,319	1,600,618
		581,349	594,157
		364,226	431,535
		435,144	277,465
		715,927	666,291
		624,746	482,865
1,217		1,450,388	1,702,322
405,129		835,038	856,399
		15,404	17,988
		347,524	369,852
		491,917	439,973
		198,789	176,261
10,389,037		10,600,482	15,152,419
		1,422,102	1,351,056
		168,875	147,645
\$ 10,795,383	\$ -0-	\$ 27,755,634	\$ 32,186,046

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS - KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL
Year ended June 30, 1994

Revenues:	GENERAL FUND		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Local sources	\$ 10,368,400	\$ 10,079,389	\$ (289,011)
State sources	4,140,000	4,221,840	81,840
Federal sources	210,000	222,487	12,487
Interdistrict sources	750,300	835,323	85,023
Total revenues	\$ 15,468,700	\$ 15,359,039	\$ (109,661)

Expenditures:	GENERAL FUND		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE- FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Instruction:			
Basic programs	\$ 6,256,371	\$ 6,181,399	\$ 74,972
Added needs	1,362,462	1,313,560	48,902
Adult education services	629,830	621,445	8,385
Employee benefits	1,440,233	1,387,319	52,914
Supporting services:			
Pupil services	542,951	581,349	(38,398)
Instructional staff services	418,593	364,226	54,367
General administrative services	365,021	435,144	(70,123)
School administrative services	759,086	715,927	43,159
Business services	707,115	623,529	83,586
Operation and maintenance services	1,052,994	1,045,259	7,735
Pupil transportation services	931,772	835,038	96,734
Other supporting services	37,678	15,404	22,274
Employee benefits	402,216	347,524	54,692
Food service			
Athletics			
Capital outlay	50,408	211,445	(161,037)
Debt service	35,400	17,863	17,537
Interdistrict	170,000	168,875	1,125
Total expenditures	\$ 15,162,130	\$ 14,865,306	\$ 296,824
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 306,570	\$ 493,733	\$ 187,163

Other financing sources (uses):			
Note proceeds	\$	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Operating transfers in			
Other transactions		47,543	47,543
Operating transfers out	(166,563)	(96,260)	68,303
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$ (166,563)	\$ 101,283	\$ 265,846
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other financing sources (uses)	\$ 142,007	\$ 595,016	\$ 453,009
Fund balances, July 1	1,413,287	1,413,287	-0-
Fund balances, June 30	1,555,294	2,008,303	453,009

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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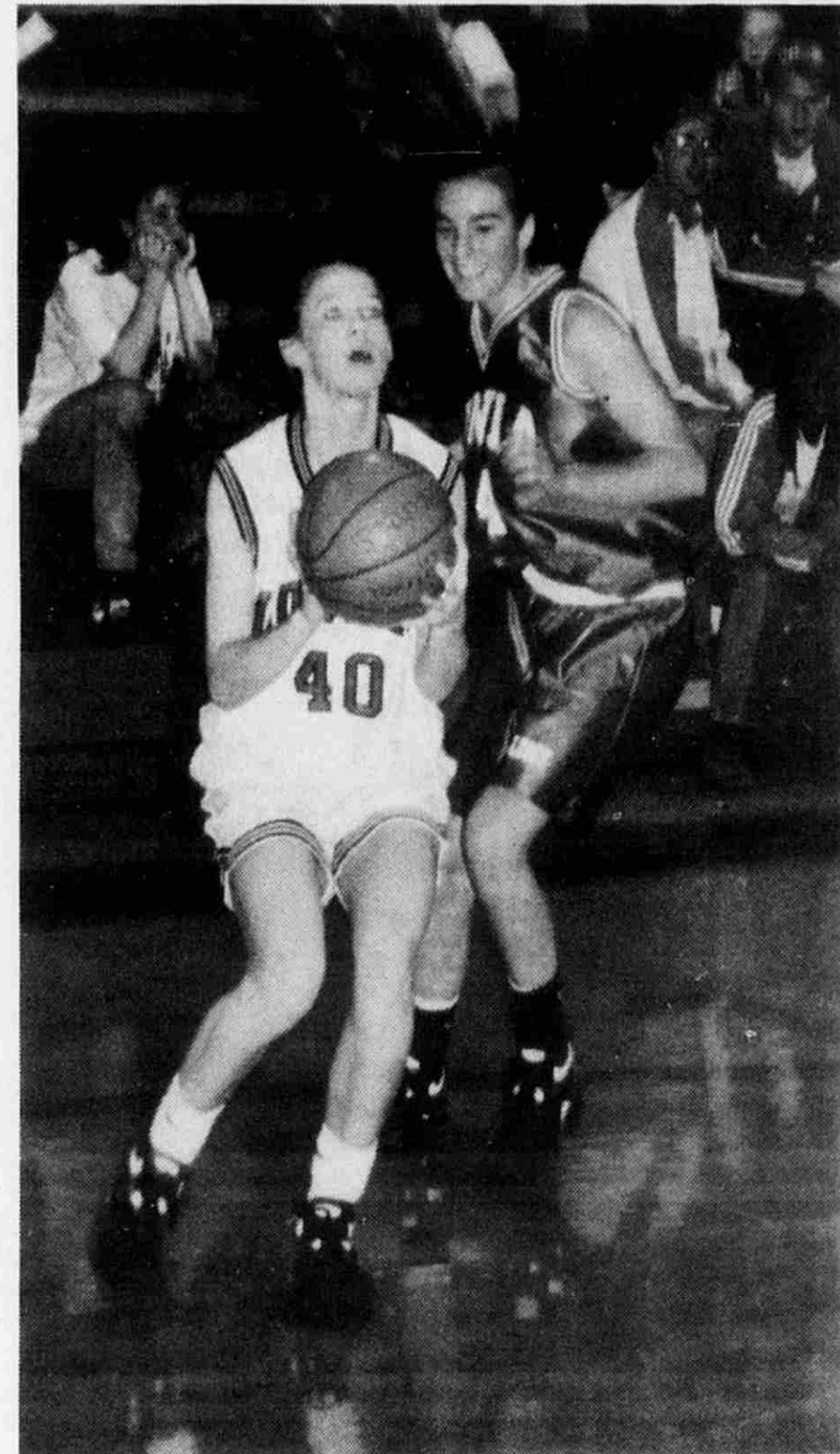
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Red Arrow girls run out of gas in 59-39 loss to Ionia

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The high octane finish in a 65-64 win over Belding left the Lowell girls' basketball



Kortney Gowen finds breathing room for a baseline jumper.

team a little short on gas against a good Ionia squad Wednesday night.

Our second half performance against Ionia was all pride, because the girls didn't have any gas left," Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers said, following his club's 59-39 defeat to the Bulldogs.

Ionia used a press against a tired Lowell team to jump out to a quick 6-0 lead.

A poor-shooting first quarter by both teams was indicated in the 11-3 first-quarter lead held by Ionia.

"I'm not sure 6-0 is a good start when over half of the first quarter has already been played," Ionia coach Jim VanSyckle said. "We felt Lowell would be tired and we could get some quick baskets off of our press. Lowell expended a lot of energy in that great comeback win against Belding."

The Bulldogs built on their first-quarter lead as they outscored the Red Arrows 16-5 in quarter number two.

Lowell only managed three field goals in the first half.

"Nobody shot the ball well for us. The ball was just not falling," Akers said. "If we hit a few of the easy shots we got inside, I think it's a whole different ball game."

"This game does not a lot of Ws (34). These girls have been successful," Akers said.

But we missed those shots and then I think the girls began to press."

While Lowell was pressing, Ionia was shooting freely — none more impressively than Nikki Walter, who finished the game with 24 points.

Trailing 27-8 at halftime, Lowell came out aggressively and cut Ionia's lead to 12 (33-21) with a 13-3 run to start the third quarter.

Ionia had an answer to Lowell's run. It was Walter. The senior buried 2 threes from the corner and a jumper in the lane within a two-minute span to push the lead back up to 20 at 41-21.

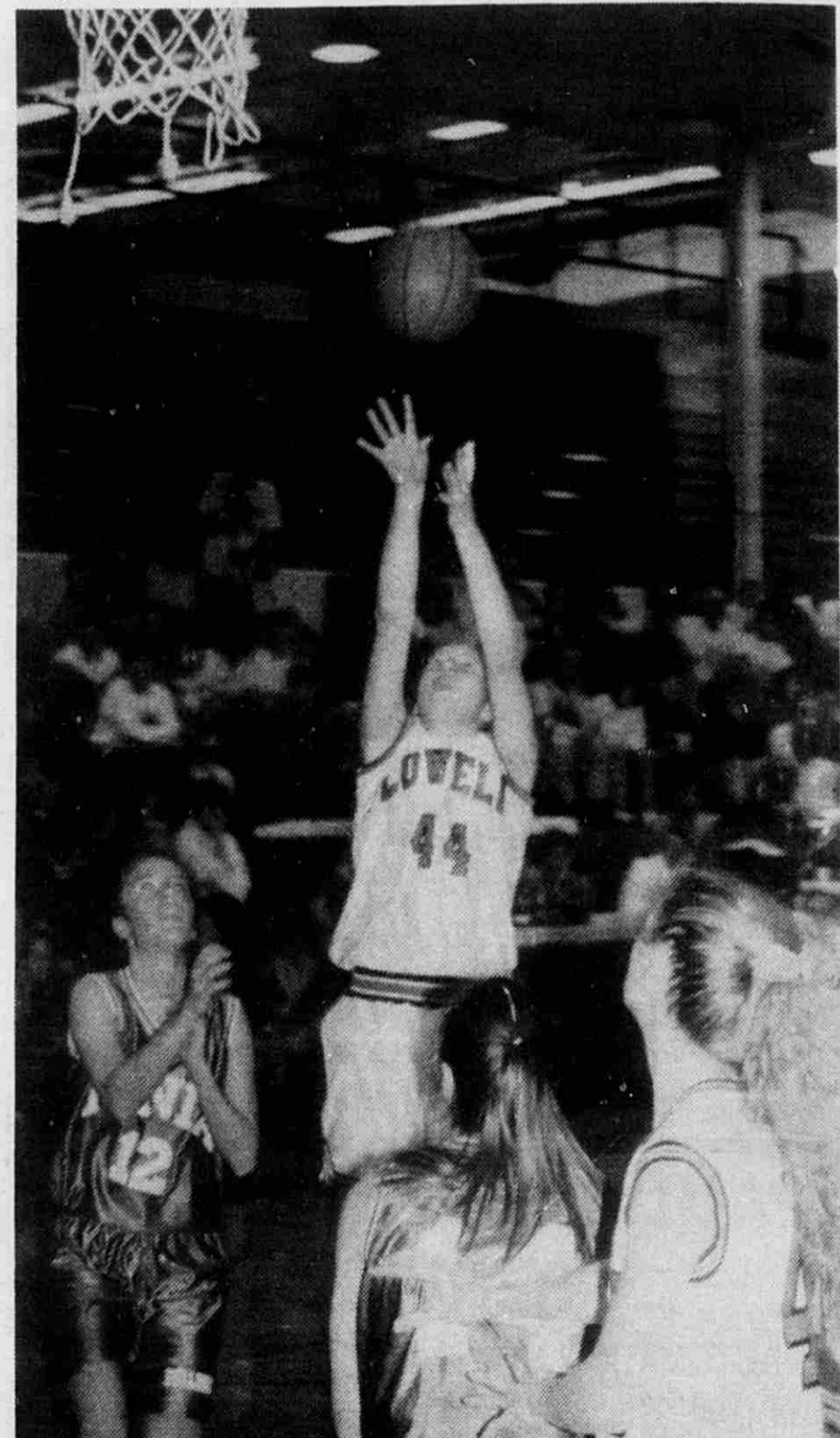
The Red Arrow girls were not able to muster another run the rest of the way.

"Walter played an outstanding game," Akers said. Kortney Gowen led all Lowell scorers with 11 points. Krista Posthumus tallied nine points.

Ionia outrebounded Lowell 46-35. Lowell's leading rebounder was Melissa Beute with 17.

The Red Arrows' season ended with a record of 18-4. "Lowell had a good year," VanSyckle said.

Akers added that while he was disappointed with the results from the game, he was not disappointed with the girls.



Courtney Arnett releases a short jumper in the lane against Ionia.



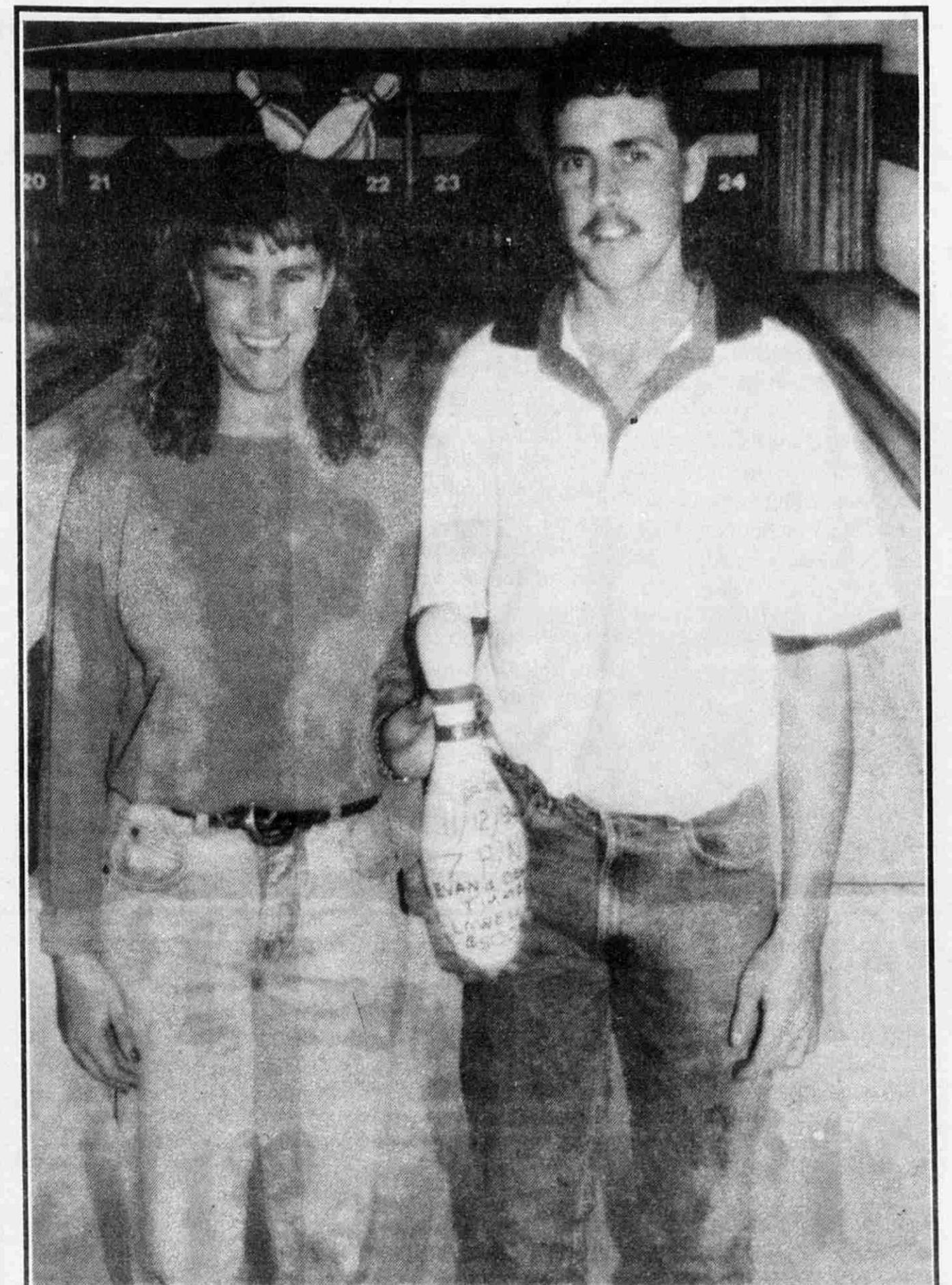
Dietz bags an eight-point buck

Shawn Dietz, Lowell, dropped an eight-point, 160-pound buck with his 12 gauge Wednesday morning about 7:10 a.m. out near 36th Street. It was his first buck.



Trophy-like 15-point buck dropped by Bishop

Jerry Bishop, watching some property for a friend, was rewarded ever so kindly for his good deed late Tuesday afternoon. Using his 870-Remington, Bishop spotted a 15-point, 180 pound buck on his friend's property. From a distance of approximately 75 yards, Bishop dropped the good-size buck. It was Bishop's 16th deer.



Lucky "7" earns Timmermans \$500

Evan and Denise Timmerman were one of six Moonlight Madness participants to have their ticket drawn to take one roll at \$500. With the first five contestants having struck out, Evan drew his jackpot ticket. The last number on the ticket was a seven. The mission was simple - roll one ball and leave just the seven pin standing and win \$500. Evan accepted the mission and after all the pins had settled, just the seven pin remained standing, winning him and Denise Timmerman \$500. "We've played before, but had not won," Denise said. Timmermans said a portion of the money would be used toward saving for a house and the rest was being used for birthdays and Christmas.

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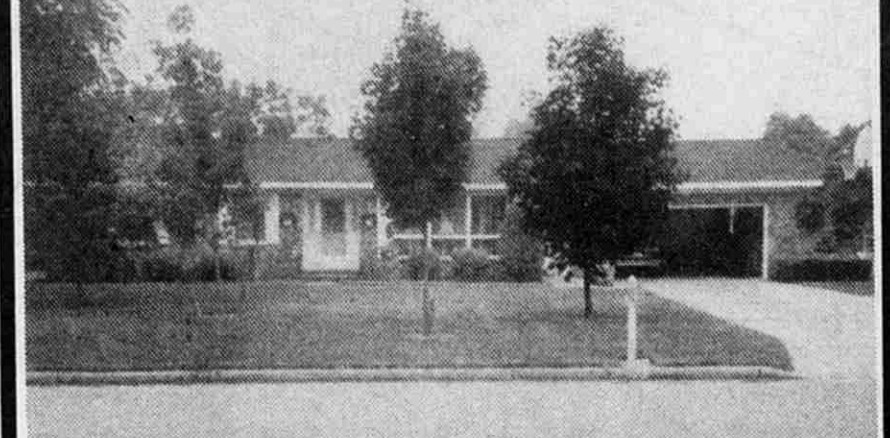
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BELDING vs. DETROIT COUNTRY DAY	BELDING	DETROIT COUNTRY DAY	DETROIT COUNTRY DAY	BELDING
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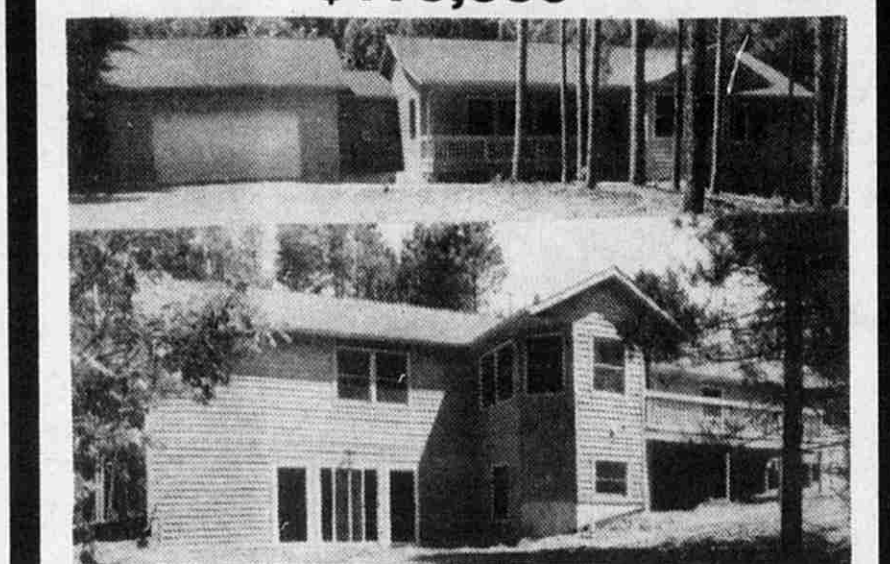
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Jan 1	Bowling open	1 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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CLIP & SAVE

Technology coordinator gets board's okay to purchase another 79 computers

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Since September Lowell School's technology coordinator Mark MacDonald has seen to it that 228 computers have been installed.

Through the good graces of the board of education, MacDonald received the okay to purchase another 79 Macintosh computers for the elementary schools (37 at Cherry Creek, 37 at Alto, and five at Bushnell). The cost for the computers and their software totaled \$181,879.

Computer instruction has been delayed at most of the elementary schools since July pending the availability of the 1990 building and site funds.

The purchases approved at the November meeting will raise the total number of district computers to 433. There are approximately 3,400 students in the district, making the ratio of computers to students one to eight.

That is second only to Forest Hills Central and Byron Center who have a one-in-seven ratio. East Grand Rapids has a one-in-eight ratio, but if models not

being used are counted, it then drops to one in seven.

MacDonald said building networks at the elementary, middle and high schools will be connected during second semester.

Modems will allow files and the uploading of student data to be shared between buildings.

"The installation of some telecommunication products (in all buildings) has been slowed by the complex nature of the network. It's a pleasure to see the clocks and video monitors go up bit-by-bit," MacDonald said. "We should have them on-line by Christmas."

The technology coordinator pointed out that Lowell Schools has utilized \$20,000 in special education grant funds. They have also re-

ceived "a share" of the \$120,000 grant money from the Frey Foundation to defray the cost of teacher training/trainers.

Water main (12") improvement approved

Eliminating the flow deficiency should be the end result of an engineering design service for the Gee Drive to Foreman Road water main.

Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale said having the engineering completed over the winter will give the city flexibility in the bidding scheduling.

The installation of a 12-inch main from Gee Drive to Foreman will be a key element of further west side water improvements. It will also assist greatly in the water flow and looping of the system

"By Christmas all computers should be on-line at the elementary schools if all remains constant," said MacDonald.

Section 504 to bring special accommodations to some general education students

along with business on Foreman Road.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber Inc. will perform the engineering design service for the main at a cost of \$4,650.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Students in general education classrooms in need of special accommodations but not eligible to receive them through special education will now have them provided for through Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving fed-

The next step will be a proposal for a computer system which will be used to manage the business and cen-

tral administration office so that business can be carried out more effectively.

"Since the firm will be carrying out surveying already in the city, cost savings will be realized," Pasquale said.

The service will be paid through a loan from the general fund.

The construction cost of the main has been proposed to be paid from the Community Development Block Grant.

Unlike special education, Section 504 does not have a list of eligible handicaps. Thus, Section 504 potentially covers a number of handicaps not mentioned in special education laws and rules.

Lowell special education director Pamela Thomas said section 504 provides rights for these students.

"What this will do is create more of an awareness, provide a formalized procedure and provide an accommodation in writing that can be passed on from one level to another," Thomas said.

She adds that doesn't mean all of these students in need of special accommodations will need an in-depth written plan. "For some, all it may take is using a tape recorder in the classroom or a set of textbooks at home," she said.

Lowell's special education director is hopeful it will bring a more consistent approach and heighten the awareness among staff.

"I think this will also improve delivery of services to at-risk students," Thomas said.

A couple of years ago, an interest group at the state level lobbied to have a category put in special education for ADD students.


This 504 plan to provide special accommodations to general education students is a by-product of that lobbying.

"Section 504 can't guarantee success, but it can create conditions favorable to attaining success," Thomas said.

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FILE NO. 94-2419-DM

TERESA YARBROUGH Plaintiff

vs.
ANDRE CALVIN YARBROUGH Defendant.

At a session of said Court held in the Hall of Justice, Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 21, 1994.

PRESENT: The Honorable DONALD A. JOHNSTON, Circuit Court Judge.

On the 14th day of October, 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 c/o JENNIFER DOOLEY, WESTON APARTMENT #612, 44 IONIA SW, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503 shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 30th day of December, 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.

DONALD A. JOHNSTON
Circuit Court Judge

Examined, Countersigned and Entered:
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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 MONDAY: 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.: Oua-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.

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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.

Nov. 29 thru Dec. 1: A book fair by Pooh's Corner will be held in Bushnell's Media Center on Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Thursday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Books for all ages. Profits will go for new books and materials for Bushnell's library.

SAT., DEC. 3: Last meeting of the year for Vergennes Cooperative (note change of date) at Schneider Manor. Noon punch bowl, 1 p.m. catered luncheon. Reservations must be paid by Nov. 25 to Charlotte Siciliano, 514 Lafayette St., Lowell 49331. Lunch and decorations: Phyllis Bieri and Gladys Thorne. Sponsor: Pauline Burtle. In lieu of gifts each member and guest bring a boxed or canned product for ACCESS-6.

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SUN., DEC. 4: The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their annual family Christmas dinner at Schneider Manor. Potluck dinner at 1:30. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Meat and beverages will be furnished. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. John DeHaan.

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LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walkers. **WED.:** 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walkers. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walkers.

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS. NOV. 24: Center closed. **FRI., DEC. 16:** 3:30 p.m., Byron Center - Lights & dinner.

FRI., NOV. 25: Center closed. **MON., DEC. 19:** 10:30 a.m., Christmas Party.

WED., NOV. 30: 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast. **MON., DEC. 19:** 12:30 p.m., FMB Bank Bingo.

FRI., DEC. 2: Bank pop-corn, FMB. **TUES., DEC. 20:** 10:30 a.m., Wellness.

SAT., DEC. 3: 9:30 a.m., Christmas parade. **WED., DEC. 21:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.

TUES., DEC. 6: 12:30 p.m., Shopping - Target. **FRI., DEC. 23:** Center closed.

WED., DEC. 7: 7:45 a.m., Men's traveling breakfast. **MON., DEC. 26:** Center Closed.

FRI., DEC. 9: 12:30 p.m. Video - Age Wave. **WED., DEC. 28:** 7:45 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.

FRI., DEC. 16: 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence. **FRI., DEC. 16:** 12:30 p.m., Reminiscence. Make noon meal reservations 3 working days in advance.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of Nov. 28, 1994
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

MONDAY: Ravioli or burrito, steamed buttered corn, french bread w/almond butter, assorted fruits, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun, tater tots, peas, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, carrot sticks, fruit juice, fruit or whipped dessert, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets, California blend vegetables, dinner rolls & peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Macaroni and cheese, lettuce salad, sweet roll, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Ravioli or burrito or chef salad, choose two: corn, side salad or cole slaw, french bread w/almond butter, assorted fruits, milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or hot dog in a bun or chef salad w/bread, baked potatoes w/toppings, peas or side salad, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese and pepperoni or crispito or chef salad w/bread, choose two: carrot sticks, fruit juice or side salad, fruit or whipped dessert, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken nuggets or roast beef or chef salad, California blend vegetables, mashed potatoes or rice w/gravy, dinner rolls and peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Macaroni & cheese or scalloped potato and ham or chef salad, choose two: lettuce salad, cole slaw or green beans, sweet roll, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

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job in the order or sequence set by the party for whom the work is performed, then control is demonstrated and employee status is suggested.

11. Oral or Written Reports. A requirement that a worker submit reports shows control and suggests employee status.

12. Payment by the Hour, Week, or Month. A fixed payment shows employee status. In contrast, payment by the job or on a commission basis indicates independent contractor status.

13. Payment of Business and/or Traveling Expenses. Where the party receiving the services pays, then employee status is shown since an employer who controls expenses generally retains the right to regulate and direct a worker's activities. Where the worker must bear the costs, then independent contractor status is shown.

14. Furnishing of Tools and Materials. If the party for whom the services are provided furnishes tools and materials, this suggests employee status.

15. Significant Investment. If a worker invests in the

VanAlstine drops first eight-point buck

Alto's Joshua VanAlstine, 15, dropped his first buck on Saturday, Nov. 5. Using his bow, VanAlstine connected from 30 yards away with an eight-point, 130-pound buck. He was hunting on his great-grandmother's farm in Alto. The youth has his hunting and safety certificate from the Qua-Ke-Zik sportsman's club. VanAlstine practiced his bow shooting from the flat part of the garage roof.

facilities used in performing the services, this shows independent contractor status.

16. Realization of Profit or Loss. If a worker is subject to an economic risk of loss beyond the mere nonpayment for services, this shows independent contractor status.

17. Working for More Than One Firm at a Time. An exclusive service arrangement can suggest employee status; working for several unrelated persons or firms suggests independent contractor status.

18. Making Services Available to the General Public. Advertising services to the public on a regular and consistent basis indicates independent contractor status.

19. Right to Discharge. Clearly this is an aspect of control by an employer and suggests employee status.

20. Right to Terminate. If the worker can end the relation-



ship at any time without incurring liability, this suggests employee status.

All of these factors do not need to be present to make a determination one way or the other. The key factor in making this determination is how much control the employer has over the worker. The more control, the better chance a worker will be deemed an employee.

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CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 3 • 94

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE HANDLING AND ENFORCEMENT OF DISHONORED CHECKS

Councilmember Thompson, supported by Councilmember Hodges, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:

Section 1. Purpose

The City of Lowell finds that a significant number of checks are written and dishonored within its geographical boundaries causing serious financial loss and hardship to citizens and merchants therein. In addition, the city of Lowell finds that the financial loss and hardship incurred by its citizens and merchants seriously impacts on the stream of commerce and the general public by causing increases in the costs of goods and services. As a result of these determinations, a greater operational and financial burden is placed upon the City's police and legal services by persons who are placing dishonored checks into the stream of commerce.

Section 2. Definitions

When used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Check" shall mean: Any check, draft or order for the payment of money, to apply on account or otherwise, upon any bank or other depository.
- B. "Dishonored" shall mean:

- 1). Any check, draft or order drawn or written on any account, or otherwise, upon any bank or other depository, without sufficient funds for the payment of same when presentment is made to the drawee.
- 2). Any check, draft or order drawn or written on any account which has been closed with or by the bank or other depository upon which it is drawn.

- C. "Expenses of Dishonored Check Response" shall mean: The direct and reasonable cost incurred by the City of Lowell or to a private person or corporation operating at the request or direction of the City of Lowell, when making a dishonored check response, including the cost of providing police, city attorney and/or administrative services in response to any dishonored check. These costs further include all of the salaries and wages of the City of Lowell personnel and/or contractors responding to the incident, all salaries and wages of the personnel and contractors engaged in the investigation, supervision and report preparation, and all costs connected with the administration and provision of any prosecution of the person responsible for the dishonored check.
- D. "Address of Record" shall mean: The address that appears on the check or the last known address of record with the Secretary of State at the time the check was presented for payment of goods or services.

SECTION 3. Liability for the Expense of Dishonored Check Response

- A. **Person Responsible:** Any person is liable for the expense of a dishonored check response, if such person proximately causes any incident resulting in a dishonored check response.
- B. **Presumptions shall mean:**

- 1). For the purpose of this ordinance, a person is presumed to be the proximate cause of an incident if said person makes, draws, utters or delivers any dishonored check or causes directly or indirectly a check to become dishonored.
- 2). For the purpose of this ordinance a person is presumed to have acted with intent to defraud if said person shall not have paid the drawer thereof the amount due thereon, together with all costs and protest fees, including the fees assessed hereunder, within five (5) business days after receiving notice by first class mail to the last known address of record that such check, draft or order has not been paid by the drawee.

- C. **Charges Against Person:** The expenses of a dishonored check response shall be a charge against the person liable for the expense under this ordinance. The charge constitutes a debt of that person and is collectible by the City of Lowell for incurring those costs in the same manner as in the case of an obligation under a contract, expressed or implied.

- D. **Cost Recovery Schedule:** The Lowell City Council shall, by resolution, adopt a schedule of costs included within the expense of a dishonored check response. This schedule shall be available to the public from either the Lowell City Clerk or the Police Department.

- E. **Billing:** The City Manager, or his or her designee, may submit a bill for the dishonored check response by first class mail to the last known address of record or personal service to the person liable for the expenses as enumerated under this ordinance. The bill(s) shall require full payment within thirty (30) consecutive days from the date of service. Service by mail shall be effective upon depositing said bill in a United States Postal Service receptacle. In no event shall billing be permitted after one year from the last expense incurred.

- F. **Failure to Pay; Procedure to Recover Cost:** Any failure by the person described in this ordinance as liable for the expense of a dishonored check response, to pay the bill within thirty (30) consecutive days of service shall be considered in default. In case of default, the City of Lowell may commence civil suit to recover the expenses and any costs allowed by the law.

Section 4. Severability

The phrases, sentences, sections, subsections and provisions of this ordinance are severable; and the finding that any portion of this ordinance is unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable shall not detract from or affect the enforceability of the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City. YEAS: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Maatman.

NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above ordinance is a true and complete copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Lowell City Council held on November 21, 1994; the ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on November 23, 1994; and became effective on December 3, 1994, ten days after publication.

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED,
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

The CLASSIFIEDS

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Early Bird Bingo at 4:00 P.M.

THE 1994 WEST CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - Sat., Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. West Catholic High School, 1801 Bristol NW.

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SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED - part time/full time technician to work in small Cascade area salon. Flexible schedule, great opportunity. If interested call Joan or Jeanine, 285-2855.

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LOST DOG - Black shepherd & collie mix, white stripe on chest, answer to Roscoe. Lost on Sparks Rd. between Whites Bridge & Marble. Please call 897-9220 if found.

MOVING - Great deal on large refrigerator, if you can come Sat., Nov. 26, \$75. Call 897-8612.

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FOR SALE - Hand-held cellular phone w/spare battery & charger. \$200 or best; 1988 Chevy Blazer, S-10, \$6,300 or best; answering machine, \$40; 1972 Triumph TR-650 motorcycle on rigid frame, \$400 or best; 1979 Harley Davidson FLH custom, \$8,500. Call 361-2169.

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Thank You

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all our relatives and friends who sent cards, flowers, food, and their loving support during the illness and death of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather Wesley Adriane. Special thanks to Rev. Gordon Barry for his prayers and words of comfort. To the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for all their help, to the pallbearers, and the V.F.W. Post #8303, the V.F.W. Auxiliary for their wonderful lunch. To the Kent County Honor Guard. To the dedicated staff of Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids who helped him and all of us so much. To everyone who contributed to Hospice in Wesley's memory. God bless you all.

Lucile Adriane;
Ronnie & Gary Denman & family;
Bob & Becky Adriane & family;
David & Tammy Adriane & family.

In Memoriam

IN HONOR OF MY MOM, Phyllis Shinabarger

I will feel your presence when the sky lights up and the thunder storms.

I will hear your sweet voice singing among the dolphins as they dance.

Your beauty will behold me as it glitens through raindrops reaching for the earth.

I will stare into your eyes as they watch over me and reflect off the smooth calmness of a lake.

And as I look to the sky's balloons I will know that it is you pulling them closer to the heavens.

For though you have left my presence in search of peace, you will be with me every step of the way; in my heart, my mind, and my soul.

I love you mom; today, tomorrow and forever.

Matthew

FOR SALE

SANTA IS COMING TO ROLL AWAY RINK - Sat., Dec. 3, 12 to 2. 897-0001.

HAPPY 9th BIRTHDAY
Joshua Spencer
November 27, 1994!
Love Mom, Dad, Jason,
Jessica & Jared.

Good news exceeds bad in Lowell's fiscal year 1993-94 audits

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For the first time since the start of the Lowell Cable system, the assets are greater than the liabilities.

An aggressive effort in retiring the system's debt has helped make that possible.

When the system was first setup, it was based on retiring

the debt over a 50-year span.

With the aggressive payback effort, the remaining \$550,000 is expected to be retired in the year 2,000.

For the year ending June 30, 1994 the total cable television revenues were \$561,000. The previous two years showed \$550,000 and \$545,000 respectively.

The system's operating

expenses also rose slightly to \$357,000. The prior two years' expenses were \$330,000 and \$328,000 respectively.

Auditor Virgil Biggs, Biggs, Hauserman, Thompson and Dickinson, said this increase can be attributed to additional costs in programming and additional legal fees (negotiations between cable

companies and local television stations).

Revenues exceeded expenses by \$76,000; that is down from \$115,000 a year ago and \$93,000 two years ago.

The difference, in part, is due to a one-time charge in the change of the trapping system (approximately \$23,000).

Biggs pointed out that the rate adjustment Lowell Cable Television made had no effect on the revenue. "Because of the money, many customers saved. When the tier charge was dropped the two balanced out," he explained.

Biggs was pleased to report that Lowell Light and Power broke a two-year string of having expenses exceed its revenues.

For the year ending June 30, 1994, revenues exceeded expenditures by \$165,385. The prior two years saw expenditures exceed revenues by \$1,700 and \$1,400.

Factors that contributed to this turn-around included cutbacks on the cost of diesel power, generation costs and less shared expenses, less maintenance and less labor.

Lowell City Councilman Bill Thompson commended Lowell Light and Power for the excellent job it did in bringing around its non-collectibles. "With the write-offs under control, it's making money."

Auditor Tom Dickinson commended the city on its nicely prepared document and the fact that the audit shows that it is right in line with where it should be.

The year ending June 30, 1994, showed an excess in revenues of \$64,000.

This leaves the fund balance at \$590,000. Dickinson said only \$450,000 could be used toward next year's expenses; the rest would be kept in reserve.

The fund balance represents about 29 percent of the budget.

Dickinson said both the water and waste water/sewer funds are in good shape.

The water revenue is at \$450,000. The debt service is one third of that - \$150,000.

The waste water revenues were at \$600,000 with debt service at \$200,000 or 34 percent of its budget.

"The city records speak well of the staff and the city as a whole," Dickinson said.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

FROM NOVEMBER 14, 1994. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

"SHARING THE VISION" STUDENT PROGRAM - Students from Alto Elementary were on hand to "Share the Vision." Mrs. Jan Hanson's students demonstrated a math lesson, and students from Mrs. Sharon Vensas's classroom told the story about the First Thanksgiving.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Zac Cole reported on a recent principal/student council meeting and a council/staff meeting. He also announced the annual food drive the student council members are conducting and their plan to visit Jenison High School.

TECHNOLOGY PROJECT UPDATE - Technology Coordinator, Mark MacDonald, updated the board on the technological progress around the schools and the need to approve elementary computers later on the agenda.

AUDIENCE AGENDA COMMENTS - During this section of the agenda, Shawn Eshragh from Citizens for Quality Education asked the district's auditor several questions relating to the 1993-94 audit, and Winnie Eshragh read a letter dated December 6, 1993 regarding the 5-hour student day. Linda Beers of the VISION 2000 Finance Committee spoke of the need of the board and community to look to the future by putting the past behind as it relates to last year's finances and the 5-hour student day.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The board approved the payment of general fund bills in the amount of \$750,872.60; and athletic, food service, trust and agency, and energy and maintenance funds in the amount of \$110,860.51. Also approved was the payment of the 1990 Building and Site funds in the amount of \$789,261.87.

504 REPORT - "WHAT IS 504"? - Pam Thomas and Sharon O'Donnoghue explained Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the impact it has on Lowell Area Schools. The 504 Handbook will be placed on the December board agenda for adoption.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT - The 1993-94 district audit prepared by Phillip Saurman, CPA, was presented to the board. The district ended the year with a \$1.9 million fund equity which will help the district's projected deficit this year.

ELEMENTARY COMPUTER PURCHASE - The board approved the purchase of computers for the elementary level in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM CHANGE ORDER - A change order was approved in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 for improvements to the middle school auditorium.

MAINTENANCE TRUCK PURCHASE - The board approved the purchase of a 3/4 ton Ford pickup truck with snow plow equipment in an amount of \$22,072.

PORTABLE PERSONNEL ONE-MAN LIFT - The purchase of a used portable personnel one-man lift for the high school from S&R Equipment in the amount of \$6,100 was approved.

ATTORNEY SERVICES FOR THE 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR - The board approved the continuation of attorney services from Thrun, Maatsch and Nordberg of Lansing, MI and Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt, and Howlett of Grand Rapids, MI through June 30, 1995. Approval was also given to submit requests for proposals to several law firms for the 1995-96 school year.

BOARD POLICIES - 1st READING - The board accepted the following board policies on their first reading:

#1330 & #X-1330	Use and rental of school facilities
#1332 & #X-1332	Fees for the use of school facilities
#X-2420.1	Continuity of administration
#4118.4 & #4219.2	Sexual harassment
#5127	Graduation requirements
#5127.1	Adult education diploma requirements
#9341.33	Public participation (new)

RECOGNITION OF THE AUDIENCE - During this section of the agenda, Shawn Eshragh expressed his dissatisfaction with the board's decision last year to go to a 5-hour student day. He concluded that the financial picture, given the 1993-94 audit, indicated that it was not necessary for the district to cut the student day for the first semester. Mrs. Wendy Southwell expressed her concerns about the lack of information provided to the VISION 2000 Finance Committee as it relates to the audit process and also the lack of a revised budget for this year. Dick Korb, interim superintendent, thanked Mrs. Southwell for expressing her concerns and assured her that the committee's request for financial information will be forthcoming in December. Mr. Art Warning, community member, addressed the board stating that the board needed to follow its own bid procedures as established by board policy and to discontinue overestimating expenditures and underestimating revenues when establishing the budget.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Community Forum Meeting, Monday, November 21, 7:30 P.M.
Alto Elementary Cafeteria

Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 12, 7:30 P.M.
Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria

City approves purchase of new \$37,370 slaker unit

The inflated cost, over one year, for the purchase and installation of a new slaker unit got Lowell's water treatment plant superintendent to thinking that there must be a better, more direct way.

There was, and the more direct approach saved the city over \$10,000 above the contractor proposal.

The city of Lowell received one bid for the new slaker unit and installation. That came from Franklin Holwerda of Wyoming for \$47,400.

George Regan, water treatment superintendent, who was unhappy with the price bought the unit directly and contracted out the installation in lieu of accepting a high bid.

A new slaker (with a grit conveyor, spare parts, disconnect switch, record drawings and freight) was purchased from Peterson and Matz, Inc. out of Farmington Hills for \$32,000.

The electrical work (wiring and the installation of a new corrosion-resistant dis-

connect) was contracted out to Rickert Electric for \$1,500.

The mechanical work was contracted out to Ken Shaler and Son Excavating for \$1,930 while RS Technical Services, Inc was signed for the start-up services at a cost of \$1,940.

The total cost came to \$37,370. It was slightly over the budgeted amount of \$36,300 but well under the one bid the city received.

"Doing it this way took the monkey off our (city's)

back. I feel more comfortable saying what we're going to do. This also gives the city more control," Regan said. "Also, taking a bid at an inflated price bothers me."

The existing slaker unit lasted 18 years. Regan said with better maintenance, the new one will last 20 years.

The new slaker unit (which mixes lime and water for softening) is part of the water revenue proceeds for the westside water improvements.

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