

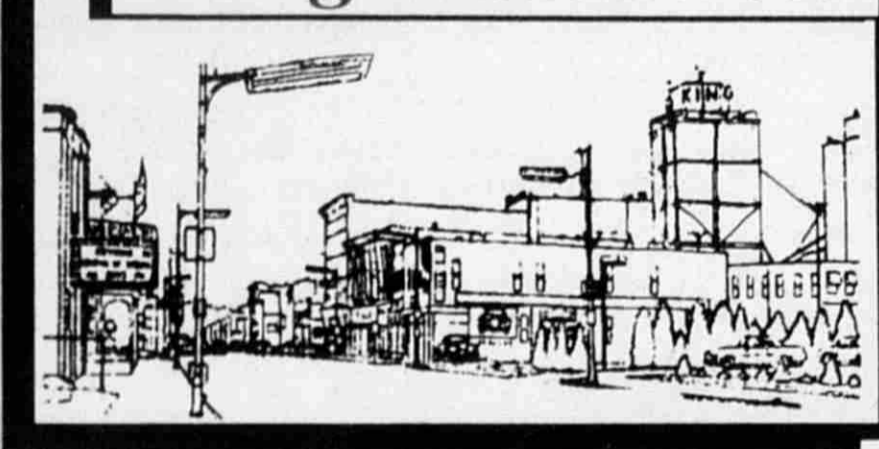
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Wednesday, March 29, 1995

Along Main Street



LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Jim Doyle will be presenting a slide program on the history of Lowell's Main Street. Slides of fires, floods, parades and many other pictures over 100 years old will be presented.

The program will start at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the Look Memorial Fire Station. The public is welcome and there is no cost.

LITTLE LEAGUE NEEDS USED UNIFORMS

The Lowell Little League is asking that anyone who has uniform pants left from last year, please return them to Hahn's Hardware or your current coach.

The Lowell Little League is looking for girls ages 7-9 to play softball. Interested parties should call the Little League office at 897-0724.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Due to the fact that spring break takes place immediately after the marking period, high school report cards will be mailed on April 11.

LCTV BROADCASTS FOURTH-GRADE MUSICAL

The Cherry Creek Elementary fourth-grade musical "The Stonecutter" performances of March 21, 22 and 23 will be shown on Lowell Cable TV, Channel 2, on the following dates: Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, March 28 at 5 p.m.; Wednesday, March 29, at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursday, March 30 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Friday, March 31 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

ARTS COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP

Lowell Area Arts Council summer camp scholarship applications are now available from Jill VanAntwerp at Lowell High School, Karen Lamberts at Lowell Middle School, or the Lowell Area Arts Council office at 149 S. Hudson.

The deadline for the applications is Wednesday, April 12, 1995. You will need written references so get your applications early. For further information call LAAC office 1 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday at 897-8545.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT PRESENTS THE SWEET ADELINES AND BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Lowell Showboat presents the Sweet Adelines and the Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus Saturday, May 6 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Auditorium.

Tickets are \$8 and \$10 and may be purchased by phoning the Lowell Showboat offices at 897-8280. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

DRIVERS TRAINING FORMS AVAILABLE

Drivers training forms are now available at Lowell High School for summer session. Students must be 15 by June 30 to apply.

HELP NEEDED TO LEARN MORE ON SHOWBOAT'S HISTORY

Persons interested in working on a committee to gather information about the Showboat's history in Lowell are asked to please contact Ray Quada, 897-8533.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed Thursday, March 30, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Lowell Moose Recreational N Building, 210 E. Main. Must bring proof of eligibility or no commodities will be distributed.

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EARNED INCOME?

Did Terry Kinsley, former Lowell business office manager, earn her 1993 overtime wages? That is the question jurors were left to decide following Friday's closing statements in the State vs. Kinsley case.

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After a week of testimony and closing statements on Monday, the case of the State vs. Terry Kinsley was sent to the jury for deliberation.

The case was tried by 17th District Judicial Circuit Court Judge Robert Benson.

Kinsley was charged on 27 occasions with intent to attain money under false pretenses by filing for overtime pay for hours the Lowell School District said she never worked.

Defense attorney James Dimitrius again argued in Kinsley's defense that she worked the overtime and she earned the money.

Prosecuting attorney Donald Zerial noted in his closing statement that Kinsley said she worked 976 hours of overtime in 1993.

As supervisor, Kinsley had two employees work under her. They worked a combined overtime of 811 hours, according to Zerial.

In speaking to the jury, Zerial said, "I think common sense tells you that the defendant never clocked 976 hours



Defense attorney James Dimitrius states his client's (Terry Kinsley) case during closing statements Monday.

of overtime. On an average year the defendant works 2,080 hours. She filed almost 1,000 hours of overtime."

Dimitrius rebutted Zerial in his closing statement by noting that the school district sought out a halftime employee and two other employees for filing and sorting after dismissing Kinsley. "So it had 4 1/2 people doing the work of what three people once did," he said. "The work Terry did the school now has two people

doing. There are more people doing the work and there is still overtime."

Dimitrius added that for 13 years, the office Kinsley worked in ran smoothly under her precise, exact and detailed work. "Now they want you (the jury) to believe she handed in sloppy time sheets. I don't think she would have lasted 13 years doing that kind of work," Dimitrius added.

Dimitrius speculated that Kinsley was used as an es-

cape goat. He said that the auditor's report showed that for quite some time that more monitoring and hands-on time was needed by Gary Kemp, then Lowell's assistant superintendent/business manager.

Kinsley also disagreed with the administration as to how former Superintendent Fritz Esch's W-2 from should be amended.

"Her refusal to alter documents and the implication drawn from her unwillingness along with the auditor's report maybe pushed Kemp to pass the buck rather than take the heat," Dimitrius said.

Kinsley's overtime pay accounted for a difference of \$18,620.93.

Of the 27 pay periods noted by Zerial, he said only on nine occasions did Kinsley get Kemp's signature.

"Those times were for audit reasons and payroll computer problems," Zerial said. "She only got his signature then because there might be suspicion."

Zerial also noted that not once did Kinsley write in her times for Saturday and Sunday. "She didn't write it in

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Lowell's library building committee the beneficiary of substantial funding

The confirmation of the monies to be made official on Friday

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A sizable amount of funding has been secured by the Lowell Public Library building committee toward the proposed 1996 spring construction of a new \$1.2 million library.

The Lowell Ledger has learned that the building committee has secured a foundation grant from the Helen Look Memorial Fund in the amount of \$270,000.

The committee will also receive \$380,000 from an anonymous benefactor.

This sizable amount of funding, along with site plans and architectural drawings, for the new library, will be unveiled at a Friday press conference (10:30 a.m.) in the Lowell city office conference room.

The Friends of Kent District Library's Lowell Branch building committee is expected to seek other area foundation grants to help with the cost and will carry out other fund-raising ideas.

There is speculation that the city and the two townships will be approached about a contribution toward the new library.

The city has a purchase option agreement with Lowell Area Schools for the proposed one-acre riverfront library site near

Riverside School at the corner of Monroe and Avery.

Chuck Myers, building committee chairman and FMB State Savings Bank vice president, said the committee would like to have bids in place by the end of December/end of construction year on the 9,000 square foot library facility.

The committee has been working on the library plan for the past year-and-a-half.

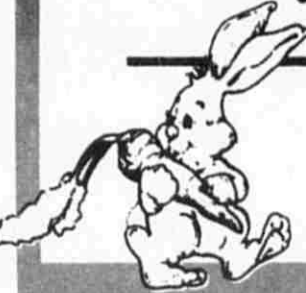
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OBITUARIES

BROWN - William R. "Bob" Brown, of Ionia, died March 22, 1995 at the age of 84. Mr. Brown was employed by the Johnson Service Company until the age of 62 and was later employed for 20 years by the Eyde Company. He was a World War II veteran and a member of the Plumber's and Pipefitter's Union, Local #70 for 33 years. Surviving are one daughter Mary Kay Brown of Ionia; one step-daughter Sally Parker of Grand Rapids; one step-son Jerry (Vera) Parker of Lowell; four grandchildren Gregory (Julie) Coe of Grand Rapids, Michael William Coe of Holt, William H. (Terri) Parker of Lansing, Lori (John)...

Lake of Ionia; six great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces and nephews. Graveside Services were held Saturday at East Lawn Memory Gardens Chapel, Okemos. In remembrance of Mr. Brown, those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Greater Ann Arbor Chapter, P.O. Box 1713, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

CARLISLE - Herman Carlisle, aged 76, of Fremont,

passed away Tuesday, March 21, 1995 at Gerber Memorial Health Services of Fremont. He was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Fremont and was a veteran of World War II. He was a former Muskegon Township volunteer fireman and retired from Gerber Products in 1982. He is survived by his wife June; children Ann and James Marvin of Lowell, Phyllis and Robert Willson of Walhallo, MI, Charles and Judy Carlisle of Grand Haven, Susan and Grant Berghuis of Muskegon; 25 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; six brothers Russell and Judy Carlisle of FL, Louis and Jean Carlisle of TX, Marvin and Betty Carlisle of IN, Bernie and Sue Carlisle of AZ, Bob and Virginia Carlisle of Muskegon, Jesse and Mary Carlisle of Muskegon; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister Elizabeth Smith and three brothers Ray, Jim and Gerrit Carlisle. Funeral Services were held Friday March 24 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church with Rev. George Brinley officiating. Interment in Sherman Township Cemetery. The family has suggested the Redeemer Lutheran Church as a memorial.

DEBRUYN (Belmont) - Mr. Richard DeBruyn, aged 86, went to be with his Lord Wednesday morning, March 22, 1995. He is survived by his wife, Ella, whom he married August 29, 1941; his children, Joan and Gordon Campbell of Lowell, Mary and Mel Eggleston of Ada, Richard and Deborah DeBruyn of Belmont, David and Nancy DeBruyn of Jenison, Martin DeBruyn of Rockford, Katherine and Jim Munson of Eagan, MN, Barbara and Steve Dinger of Jenison, Patricia and John Fynevever of Caledonia, Ruth and Steve Adams of Greenville; 21 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his brother and sisters, Harvey DeBruyn of Grand Rapids, Marian VanStrien of Grand Rapids, Frances and George Kerr of Long Island, NY; and nieces and nephews. The Service was held Saturday with Pastor Jim Carlson and Pastor Jim Munson officiating. Interment in Blythefield Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the charity of one's choice.

HAMMENT - Paulina Hamment, aged 97, of Grand Rapids, died Tuesday, March 21, 1995 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Hamment; grandson Gary L. Donaldson; and son-in-law Daniel Vanderhorst. Surviving are her daughters Betty Vanderhorst of Grand Rapids, Evelyn (Charles) DeShane of Fremont; grandchildren, Paul (Linda) Vanderhorst of Rockford, Peter (Jenny) Vanderhorst of Lowell, Tom (Sally) Donaldson of Grandville, Michael Vanderhorst and Pam Burdick of Grand Rapids, Karen (Kenny) DeBri and Kristine (Denny) Burrell all of Rockford; 15 great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Hamment was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star of Ionia. At Mrs. Hamment's request, there will be no funeral service. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation.

SMITH - Carl L. Smith, aged 81, former Lowell resident, passed away March 23 in Brownsville, TX. He was the former owner and operator of the Western Auto Store in Lowell. He is survived by his wife Ruth; two sons, Alfred Smith of Walker, and Allan Smith of Lowell; two step-sons William Cummings of Ionia and Philip Cummings of Lansing; one daughter Mrs. Alice (Mark) Alcorn of De-

troit; one step-daughter Mrs. Doris (Gary) Randall Lyons; two brothers Arvin Smith of St. John, Oris Smith Hanes of Alaska; three grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and seven step-great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday in Muir. Burial in Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell.

TIJEMA - Mrs. Lois L. Tiejema, aged 75, of Comstock Park, passed away March 25, 1995. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Irwin; children Lawrence (Nadine) Tiejema of Saranac, Suzanne (Gordon) Carpenter of Comstock Park, Judith (Allan) Rowe, David (Joyce) Tiejema, all of Grand Rapids, Mary Dawn (David) Anderson of West Olive; 14 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday. Interment Washington Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, the Christian Science Church or Kent County Humane Society.

WHEAT - Philip F. Wheat, aged 68, passed away February 24, 1995 in Sarasota, FL. He was born July 7, 1926 and is survived by his wife Juanita and seven step-children Pat (Ed) Roth, Donna Pinckney, Gail Friesner, all of Lowell, Bill (Toni) Piarof MN, Russell (Elaine) Wheaton of Trufant, Clayton Wheaton of Comstock Park, Dawn (Doug) Borup of Lowell; 25 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six sisters Evelyn (Clyde) Cooper of Ada, Olive (Bill) Cook of Lowell; Doris (Delmar) Carlson of Lemont, Alice Wheat of Kentwood, Mary Lou (Art) Botma of Wyoming, Jenny (Jerry) Roberts of Deland, FL; and one brother Jim (Marion) Wheat of Lowell. A memorial service will be held April 6 at 11 a.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church, Main St., Lowell.



What a Pickup!

Proudly displaying his newly refinished 1972 Chevrolet Custom 20 pickup is Doug Ford, of Lowell. The truck was repainted by Lowell Auto Body in the original hugger orange with a white roof. A white pinstripe accents the side of the body. The pickup has very low mileage on its 350 V-8 engine and optional automatic transmission. Ford's original plans were to use his vehicle as a work truck, but after seeing it in like-new condition, he is having second thoughts.

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How does an author pick a theme for a story? No secret; life! And that's what the three authors I've chosen to review the next couple of times has done—they've just simply taken life situations and perhaps with a little embellishment told a story that says, "Aha! I know about that." Helen Lester's book, Me First, begins: "Pinkerton (a pig) was pink, plumb, and pushy. He would do anything to be first, even if it meant...

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OFF THE BLOTTER

Marlott Starkweather, 30, of Grand Rapids, was arrested by Lowell officers March 23 on a warrant out of a Grand Rapids court for failure to appear in court.

Anthony Jones, 28, of Nashville, MI, was arrested March 24 for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, and on a warrant issued out of a Kent County court. A warrant was also issued for receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 when it was found that Jones was driving a stolen car out of Belding.

Two juveniles from Lowell will be referred to probate court on charges of trespassing on the Showboat March 18.

Thomas Dickerson, 51, of Lowell, was released on bond March 24 on a warrant out of 63rd District Court charging him with domestic assault.

Kinsley, continued....

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because she thought someone might become suspicious."

The defense had witnesses testify that they saw Kinsley working at the school on the weekends on several occasions.

An internal audit of Lowell School's payroll records uncovered a number of irregularities in Kinsley's payroll

account. It showed that her income totaled \$46,648 instead of her salary of \$29,648.

Following the discovery in late December of 1992, Kinsley was fired on Jan. 5 of 1993.

After a preliminary exam in March of 1993, the case was bound over to circuit court.



Terry Kinsley listens to closing statements Monday.

Eyepopping venue in the fields

This Joe Falls' column is printed with the permission of the Detroit News

A visit to Main Street in Lowell doesn't prepare you for first view from gleaming new edifice.

The old mill sits in the heart of town, just off Main Street. That's where they grind the flour.

Up a few blocks is the Flat River. It runs right under Main Street, and now, at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, there are six fishermen casting for pike, smallmouth bass and steelhead.

It is time for dinner, and they say the place to eat is Keiser's Kitchen at the far end of Main Street. So I buy a copy of the Lowell Ledger and go into the restaurant for a plate of fried shrimp.

I look through the paper to find out what's going on, and what's going on in Lowell is this:

- Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m., at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.
- Every Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 11:15. Ladies coffee break Bible studies. Calvary Christian Reformed Church.
- First Wednesday each month: Alzheimers support group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village.
- Every Saturday: Lowell Independent Amateur Radio Operators sponsor an information net on frequency 147.420.

By the time the waitress brings a slice of banana cream pie for dessert, I figure the high school will be little more than an old barn and I'll have to follow the Portland-Middleville game from a hayloft.

That's when Mark Russell sat down at the table. He introduced himself as one of the assistant football coaches at Lowell High School, and we chatted for about 10 minutes. I asked him what goes on in town.

He said, well, they had a showboat on the Flat River and it was open one week every summer. Then, he said, there was the Fallasburg Art Festival in the fall, but that lasted only one weekend.

They do not have a hayloft, and they do not have a barn at Lowell High School out in the country.

They have a brand new \$30-million facility that looks like something Don Canham might have built at the University of Michigan. My eyeballs almost fell out as I drove up to it on this warm evening.

The coach told me to drive to the back of the school and take a look at the football stadium.

They've got a new stadium back there, with built-in seats on both sides of the field, dressing rooms, a large press box, a ticket office, lights, a parking lot, plus a soccer field within the football field and a running track all around the football field. Oh my.

The stadium is set in a hollow among rolling hills and

Oh, yes. He said this is where the Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournament started, but that was a long time ago. Some people don't remember it.

It was time to start out for the game, and I asked Russell for directions. He told me the high school was out in the country, two miles this way, three miles that way, and now I'm wondering if they even have a hayloft.

Well, where do I start? They do not have a hayloft, and they do not have a barn at Lowell High School out in the country.

"We did it with a bond issue," athletic director Barry Hoblra said. "And the reason we could get such a bond issue through is because the people of Lowell believe in their children and their community. They're the ones who did it."

"We have a great relationship with the families who live in Lowell. Look around tonight. They're always out here volunteering to help us. They're just good people."

Portland beat Middleville, 48-43, and there could be no finer tournament site in the entire state. My apologies, Lowell.

The stadium is set in a hollow among rolling hills and

Library, continued.... From Page 1

The construction of the second block (north of Avery to the Amphitheatre) of the Lowell Lafayette Plaza/Riverfront Pedestrian Mall would be coordinated with the construction of the new library.

The Graham Building has served as the home to the Lowell Public Library for the past 70 years.

Once the new library is constructed, the Graham

Building will become the showcase for the Lowell Area

Historical Association's historical museum.

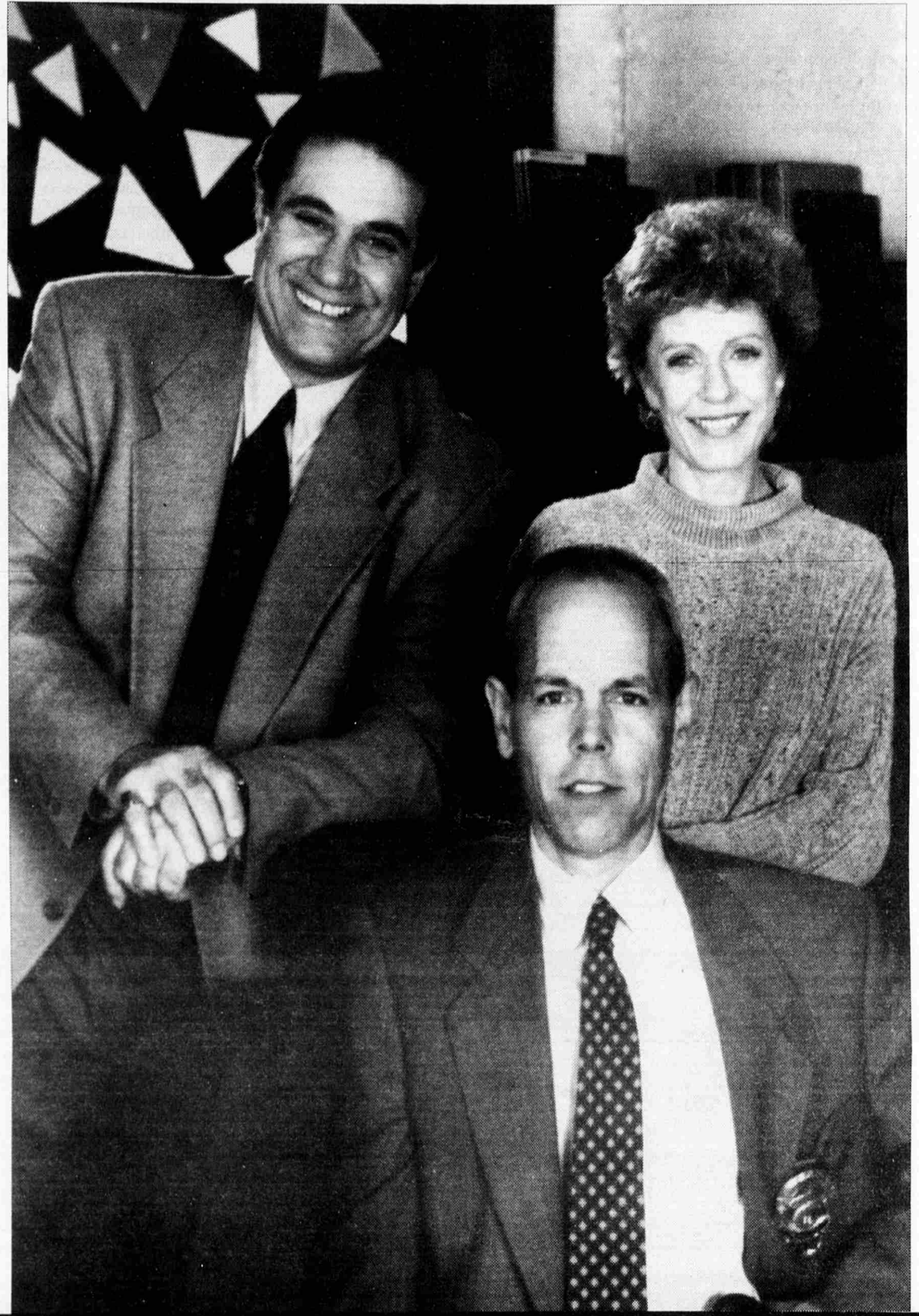
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The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals, will conduct two public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 3, 1995 at 7:30 PM at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following variance requests:

Steven Morrison (applicant) requests a variance to construct a 24' x 30' detached garage at 126 S. Division. The garage is proposed to be built eight feet from Kent Street (side street) where 25' of setback is required.

Sherry Staal (applicant) requests a variance to construct a 38' x 38' x 23' house at 738 High Street. The house is proposed to be built 20' from the front yard property line where 30' is required. The existing house has been demolished.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

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Lowell FFA Chapter is distinguished by a number of unique accolades

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Accolades in three of the eight leadership contests at the state FFA convention on the campus of Michigan State University were bestowed upon three members of the Lowell FFA Chapter.

"That is unique to have one chapter win three of the eight leadership contests," said Lowell FFA advisor Pete Siler.

Then again, unique is becoming commonplace for the Lowell FFA Chapter.

Siler has seen the local chapter accomplish the unique - the uncommon - on just a few occasions.

Lisa Posthumus won the Greenhand Public Speaking contest (for freshman only) at the state convention. Three years ago her sister, Krista Posthumus, won the same award.

Five of Lowell's FFA Chapter members were recognized with the highest honor given at the state level - the state degree. They were seniors Loren Kaeb, Ken VanSpronsen, Kevin Nugent,

Kerry Nugent and Krista Posthumus.

That's not all. Two chapter members served concurrently as state FFA president and vice president (first time that was ever done) and this year fraternal twins, Kevin and Kerry Nugent, each won one of the eight state leadership contests.

The FFA program has served as an extension of the agri-science curriculum. It has framed the gifted and talented LHS students in this curriculum area and in other areas. The stereotype that the

FFA is just for those who have grown up on a farm has been discarded as just a - a stereotype.

"It provides students with a hands-on way to apply the principles discussed in FFA to the agri-science curriculum," Siler said. "It's also a way for students to apply and practice what they are talking about in their curriculum courses. Students can learn as much or more through independent research and study as they can in a classroom."

Siler, in his 21st year as the Lowell FFA advisor, says the principles that all FFA members develop are as important as any awards some may receive.

"Leadership, citizenship and cooperation are principles that can be applied to every-

thing a person does," Siler said.

In these times of financial scrutiny, some may try to determine FFA's value to a district based on what it's costing the school.

However, former FFA alumni, current FFA members and its advisors maintain that the value of the program goes far beyond that.

Even if the cost to the district was the measuring stick used to determine its value,

the FFA would still rate at the top.

Lowell senior Kerry Nugent answered the question of cost to the district at the March board of education meeting. "The Lowell FFA Chapter (112 members) is 100 percent self-sufficient," she pointed out.

She noted an \$8 dues fee and fund-raisers are used to pay for stays at the state and national conventions.



Capital News Briefs

By Noel Jesse, Lansing

MEGA Causes First Engler Setback...
(CNB) Lansing - Governor John Engler experienced his first major setback of this year's session when the House defeated the Michigan Economic Growth Authority package after lawmakers spent several hours trying to insert amendments that would have severely watered down the original bill. Senator Paul Hillemonds (R-Holland) said the bill failed because Republicans had a "philosophical concern about a policy that creates winners and losers," and because Democrats desired "to link this with changes in the unemployment insurance bill (SB 322)."

Dan Loepp, the Democratic chief of staff, said the results of the vote should bring the parties together on the issues that the Democrats tried to tie onto MEGA, including a bill which would give tax breaks to in-state manufacturers.

Indian Tuition Waiver...
(CNB) Lansing - Native Americans would have to be Michigan residents and would have to be working towards a degree or certificate to be eligible for free tuition under the Higher Education budget passed by the House Appropriations Committee this week. Representative Timothy Walberg (R-Tipton) tried to reinstate Governor John Engler's proposal to end the plan altogether by reminding the committee that the Indian Tuition Waiver was initially a measure designed to increase Native American graduation rates. "This is a program that has had some success, a program I would contend no longer is needed or should be funded," Mr. Walberg said. He also stated that in 1993 the commission on Indian Affairs agreed that, contrary to arguments raised by tribal members, there was no treaty right to the funds. Representative Thomas Mathieu (D-Grand Rapids) said, "Treaty right or not, there seems to me to be some moral obligation here" considering the government's past treatment of Native Americans.

Affirmative Action...
(CNB) Lansing - Voters may soon be deciding whether Affirmative Action will be banned in Michigan. A plan modeled after California's "Equal Rights" initiative was proposed this week that would outlaw "quotas" or other preferential treatment based on race, gender, or other factors for any governmental agency or entity which receives state grants or tax breaks. Representative David Jaye (R-Washington Township) opened his assault on affirmative action by introducing the proposal, which would amend the state's constitution. Mr. Jaye

says that affirmative action is "hurting minorities by allowing them to go to universities where they can't compete, drop out and are deemed failures." Representative Floyd Clack says the public has been misled and doesn't understand the original intent of affirmative action which is to correct underrepresentation of women and minorities in areas such as employment and education. "I don't know of any company where white males are under represented," he added.

Gun Expulsion Law Amended...
(CNB) Lansing - Pressured by the US Department of Education, House Republicans on the Education Committee proposed legislation this week which amends a law passed last fall requiring schools to expel any student caught with a weapon in school. Lawmakers say that passing the proposed legislation is necessary because Michigan schools could lose funding if the law is not changed. One member of the committee took exception to the line of thinking and voted "no" on the proposal. Representative Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt) says, "Here we are, passing another state law because the federal government is telling us to. We should be looking at the concept of federalism and at which areas the federal government is imposing its will on issues that should be left up to the state."

The bill is worded to apply retroactively to all students who have been expelled since the law first took effect.

Environmental Legislation...
(CNB) Lansing - Cleanups of leaking storage tanks will be based on the site's risk to human health under a revision of Michigan's Underground Storage Tank acts by the Senate this week. Standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials, a national organization that develops such standards, will be used to determine the risk factors.

Supporters of the legislation say the new system will allow for cleanups of many sites to a level considered safe, as opposed to cleaning up only a few sites completely. Senator George McManus (R-Traverse City) remarked, "Let's stop trying to pick the gnats off the fleas and get our standards down to the national standards." Democrats were able to add many amendments, including one that prohibits the environmental fund from denying payment to a claimant who wants to have a site cleaned to a higher standard than recommended.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995, at 7:30 PM

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

Ken Kooiman has made application for a site plan review for four (4) or more lots and variation from the lot width-to-depth ratio for Parcel 41-12-20-401-007 located on Gavin Lake Road between 5 Mile and 6 Mile.

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



Linda Mangene

Greenridge Realty announced that Linda Mangene received Sales Associate of the Month in February.

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Importance of reading stressed to Bushnell students during the month of March

Bushnell Elementary School was very busy during the month of March celebrating "Reading." The purpose of our celebration was to enhance the children's awareness of the importance of reading and to strengthen the "connection" between home and school through a variety of activities.

Each classroom chose an "Author of the Month" and decorated their classrooms with projects involving their author's works.

Every Friday, there were performances given by the children with their class to the whole school for the specific author their group had chosen.

Each Wednesday had its own theme which involved help from home to celebrate reading through Beach Day, Bedtime Stories, Wear it & Read, and Search for Words.

Each week of March, there were selected activities which involved administrators coming to Bushnell to read to a classroom, and teachers switching rooms with each other to read to children. The first six days of the month were spent with teachers calling the children at home in the evening. If the teacher called and the child was "Caught Reading," there were some very special surprises for that child. Their picture was taken for the main hall board, they received a ribbon specially designed by middle school students for them and they ate lunch with Louie Dudeck on the stage.



Mark Weber reads to Bushnell Elementary students as part of the March reading celebration.

Freestyle Wrestling Notes:

Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club took four firsts at the Grandville Developmental Tournament on March 17 and 18.

The results were as follows:

GROUP I: (five through eight year olds) Matt Dood, third; Alex Carpenter, first.

GROUP II: (nine and 10 year olds) Joe Mendez, first; Craig Carpenter, third; J.J. Wilder, first; Jake Brower, first; Brandon Sherman, fourth.

GROUP III: 11 and 12 year olds) Beau Wilder, third; Joe Rottier, second; Bob Gingrich, third; Russell Sherman, fourth.

GROUP IV: (13 and 14 year olds) Bob Ford, fourth; Curtis Cook, third.

Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club was dominant at Northview earning four firsts and six second-place finishes on March 18.

GROUP I: Nick Endres, second.

GROUP II: Sean Gannon, first; Sean Myers, second.

GROUP III: Nick Lillie, second; Ben Fleet, second; Mike Forward, second.

GROUP IV: Caleb O'Boyle, second; Tony

Gonzales, first.
CADET: Nathan Roudabush, third.
JUNIOR: Casey Harper, first.

OPEN: Dave Strejcek, first.
Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club took a first in all four age groups at the Lake-wood Developmental Tournament on March 25.

GROUP I: Alex Carpenter, first.

GROUP II: Craig Carpenter, first; Joe Mendez, first; Sean Myers, first.

GROUP IV: Caleb O'Boyle, first.

Lowell Freestyle Wrestling Club came home with four firsts, one record, two thirds, and a fourth-place finish at the Forest Hills Developmental Tournament.

GROUP I: Nick Endres, third.

GROUP II: Sean Gannon, first; J.J. Wilder, first.

GROUP III: Bob Gingrich, third; Nick Lillie, fourth.

GROUP IV: Curtis Cook, second; Tony Gonzales, first.

On March 25 at Greenville:

GROUP II: Brandon Sherman, first.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Construction Apprentice Robert C. Barger, son of Charles and Kathy Barger of Saranac, has returned from a six-month deployment to the Caribbean Sea with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 (NMCB-74).

Barger initially deployed from Gulfport, MS, to Puerto Rico, to support Haitian migrant operations. While in Puerto Rico, Barger's unit sent detachments to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Panama; and Andros Island, Bahamas.

Barger was part of the group sent to Guantanamo Bay with 42 pieces of equip-

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Three superintendent candidates chosen for second interviews

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

How do you spend your time? It wasn't a trick question, but it was one of 28 used to narrow down the field of Lowell superintendent candidates from nine to three.

If you were a member of the Lowell School Board and community members, Jim Bossard and Pinky McPherson, you spent five hours on each of the evenings of March 21 through 23, asking questions of each of the nine superintendent candidates.

"I think the process we've used has been a good one," said board member Norm Byrne. "It has been an intense process - one which I think has helped to identify key topics."

Board president Marsha Wilcox added that the questions were refined three-four times. "It was a collaborative effort on the part of all of us."

The three candidates which emerged as the finalists for the superintendent position were Bert Bleke, assistant superintendent/instruction Forest Hills Public Schools; Robert Slotterback, assistant superintendent/curriculum and instruction Muscatine Schools (Iowa) and Richard Tate, superintendent Quincy Community Schools.

The times and dates of the second round of interviews are as scheduled:

- Bert Bleke, Tuesday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m. The agenda calls for the interview, then a visit of the school district, followed by lunch.

- Richard Tate, Wednesday, April 12 at noon. The schedule is for the interview, then lunch, followed by a visit of the school district.

- Robert Slotterback, Wednesday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The schedule calls for the second interview of the candidate, dinner and then a visit of the school district on Thursday, April 13.

Board member Ellen McClain said she was pleased that the selection committee shortened the interview time so that it

could interview more candidates.

"I think that was a good idea. It allowed us to hear from more candidates," McClain said. "I think the process provided us with some pleasant surprises."

The superintendent search process garnered 51 applications. From that list, it was narrowed down to nine.

The other six candidates interviewed over the three days were Roger Thelen, superintendent Colon Community Schools; Dr. Larry Corbett, high school principal Kentwood Community Schools; Dr. Hank Rubin, business for self/consultant Rubin and Associates, Chicago, IL; Thomas Gorang, superintendent, Frankfurt-Elberta Schools; Nancy Kraska, superintendent Walkerville Communities School; and Dr. Donald Larson, superintendent Lyons Elementary School District, Lyons, IL.

Some board members agreed that the process went even further than helping to select a new superintendent.

"I think it was a helpful exercise in working together," board member Pete Gustafson said. "A process like this I think is more likely to bring a board together than pull it apart."

Byrne explained that he felt the process used to search for a new superintendent was a great thing for the newer board members to go through. "It helps give them insight with how a board comes to a consensus on major issues," he said.

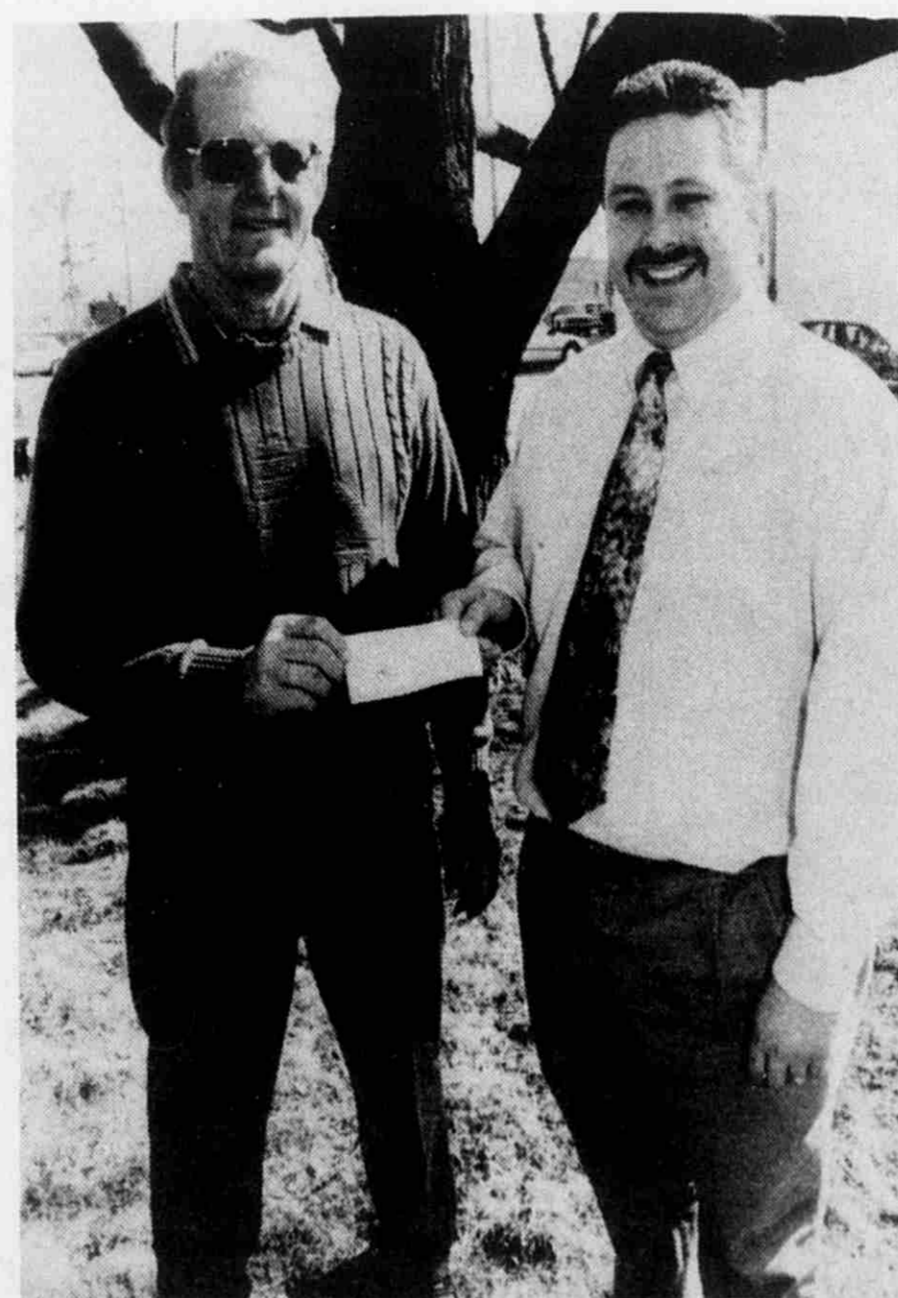
The new superintendent will be Lowell's ninth one in the last 69 years.

Incredibly, Walter W. Gumser served as Lowell superintendent from 1926 to 1960. He was followed by Stephen Nisbet (1960-1965); James Pace (1965-1969); Carl Hagen (1969-1970, term was cut short by an accidental death); Donald Kelly (1970-1971); Leonard Sinke (1971-1977); Kelly (1977-1981); Fritz Esch (1981-1994); Richard Korb (interim 1994-1995).

Jim Bossard, president and CEO of FMB State Savings Bank has enjoyed the ideas and different perspectives on management that the interview process has brought out.

"The perspectives are different, but I think you look for the same management skills: delegating responsibilities, accountability, response to customers, managing time and leadership," Bossard said. "Superintendent is an important position. I am happy to have been asked to help with selecting a new superintendent."

Helping to greet the superintendent candidates and introducing them to the interview process were National Honor Society and honors English students Lindsay Gustafson, Charlie Johnson, Kyle Triplett, Melissa Peterson, Kelly Biener, Sandra Loniek and Kerry Nugent.



Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 member Ivan Blough, left, presents a check for \$100 to Lowell YMCA director Andy Johnson. The money will be used for the Y's Invest In Youth program.

Masonic Lodge donates money to local organizations



Roger Roberts, Lowell Masonic Lodge # 90, presents a check for \$100 to Sue Simmonds, Lowell Senior Neighbor Coordinator. The money will be used to help combat center expenses. The Lowell Masonic Lodge raised the money through its monthly fish dinners.



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George Regan
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CONSIDERATION OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

The Lowell City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 3, 1995 at 7:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers to consider comments regarding a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant Application.

A grant request of \$349,563 (one half of eligible expenses) is proposed to assist the Downtown Development Authority in streetscape improvements (sidewalk, landscaping) along M-21 from Jefferson Street to Lincoln Lake.

Any questions or comments may be forwarded to the City Manager's office, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995, at 7:30 PM

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

T.R. Hessler Trust has made special land use permit application for a proposed private road located on Ashley south of 7 Mile Road, parcel 41-12-23-276-005, to service a proposed single home site, and variation from the width-to-depth ratio.

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



LOW BACK PAIN

New Report Examines Medical and Chiropractic Treatment

SAFETY **EFFECTIVENESS** **EXPENSE**

Pran Manga, Ph.D, Doug Angus, M.A., Costa Papadopoulos, MHA, William Swann, B.A.

LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY

LOW BACK PAIN is the nation's leading cause of disability for persons under 45.

LOW BACK PAIN is the most **EXPENSIVE** part of most employers' workers' compensation budgets. Disability from LBP is increasing.

This study compares **EFFECTIVENESS, SAFETY** and **COST** of treatment for Low Back Pain by medical doctors and chiropractors.



FINDINGS

F1. Spinal manipulation applied by Doctors of Chiropractic is **MORE EFFECTIVE** than medical treatments for Low Back Pain.

SAFETY

F2. The **SCIENTIFIC** literature suggests that **CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION** is **SAFER** than medical care for Low Back Pain.

MANIPULATION BY NON-CHIROPRACTORS?

F3. There is evidence to suggest that spinal manipulation is less safe and less effective when performed by **NON-CHIROPRACTIC** professionals.

COSTS

F4. Chiropractic treatment of low-back pain is **LESS EXPENSIVE** than medical treatment for the same diagnosis of Low Back Pain.

F5. There would be a **HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS** if more management of LBP was transferred from physicians to **CHIROPRACTORS**.

EMPLOYERS SAVE

Injured workers with a diagnosis of **LOW BACK PAIN** **RETURNED TO WORK MUCH SOONER** when treated by chiropractors than by physicians.

PATIENT RESPONSE

F6. Patients are generally **VERY SATISFIED** with chiropractic management of LBP and much less satisfied with medical management.

PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE

F7. Chiropractic is now accepted as a **LEGITIMATE HEALING PROFESSION** by the public and an increasing number of enlightened M.D.s.

F8. All the evidence above **PRESENTS AN OVERWHELMING CASE** in favor of chiropractic care in the management of low back pain.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SAVINGS

R1. Insurance and government policy encourage and **PREFER** chiropractic services **FOR MOST PATIENTS WITH** Low Back Pain.

R2. Chiropractic services should be **FULLY INSURED** under all Health Plans for **VERY SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS** to taxpayers and businesses.

R3. Chiropractic services should be **FULLY INTEGRATED** into the health care system. Hospitals, HMOs and long-term care facilities **SHOULD UTILIZE CHIROPRACTORS** on a full-time basis.

HOSPITAL AND CHIROPRACTORS

R4. Doctors of Chiropractic **SHOULD HAVE HOSPITAL** privileges. The current epidemic of unnecessary or failed back surgery is costly and shows quality care.

R5. **HOSPITAL PRIVILEGES** should be extended to all chiropractic doctors for treatment of patients and for access to diagnostic tests (MRI; CAT scans, lab tests).

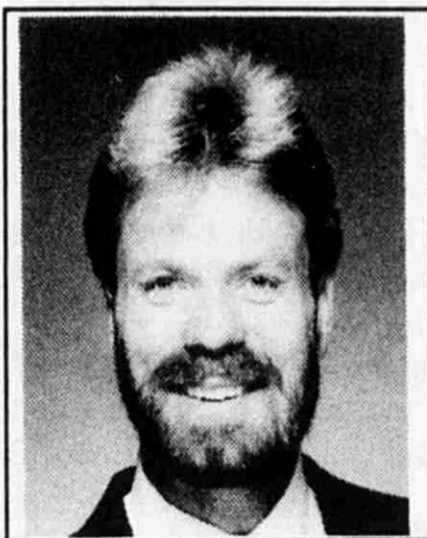
R6. Doctors of Chiropractic **SHOULD HAVE ACCESS** to all pertinent patient records and tests from hospitals and physicians.

R7. Doctors of Chiropractic **SHOULD BE ENGAGED AT DECISION MAKING LEVELS** on all Workers' Compensation Cases.

ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

R8. The government should take steps to **ENCOURAGE COOPERATION** between the chiropractic and medical professions to capture the large potential savings currently lost in treating Low Back Pain.

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