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Superintendent search committee takes interview process to the candidates' hometowns

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After being wished good luck in his quest to become superintendent of Lowell Public Schools, Bert Bleke, assistant superintendent/instruction of Forest Hills Public Schools, responded, "That's good have you know."

Bleke's comment following the second round of interviews probably was shared by the other two superintendent finalists, Robert Slotterback, assistant superintendent/curriculum and instruction of Muscatine Schools (Iowa) and Richard Tait, superintendent of Quincy Community Schools.

Separating the three candidates by their vast knowledge and understanding of public education may be a difficult task for the superintendent search committee. So Bleke's comment, acknowledging good luck, may have a clover of merit.

The Lowell superintendent search committee completed its second round of interviews with the three candidates last Wednesday. From that, the committee was still undecided and could not narrow the field. "More information will be needed to help the committee narrow down the list," said Marcia Wilcox, Lowell Board of Education president and a member of the committee.

To help in its decision, the committee will make visits to each of the candidates' home towns. Wilcox said the committee is looking for something to separate the candidates.

The committee will interview a cross section of people from the candidates' school district. "Since not all committee members will be able to make it to each hometown, we will come up with a standardized agenda of items/questions to ask," Wilcox said.

Second-round interview questions ranged from goals for the district, to setting budget priorities, to challenging aspects of the district. After the committee finished with its questions, the candidates had another opportunity to ask questions of the committee.

Tate listed changes in public education and developing and enhancing the technology process as challenging aspects of the school system.

"As far as goals for the district - I would first seek out the needs and direction of the district and find out what's important to others. Hopefully they would mesh with what I value," Tait said. "I'd also develop collaborative relationships with business; I'd want to establish quality learning and thinking and staff development."

Bleke was asked if he'd try to create Lowell in an image of Forest Hills. He noted that he hasn't always worked for schools like Forest Hills and East Grand Rapids. "I've also

worked in Caro and in Gary, IN," he said. "I certainly would not make Lowell into a Forest Hills. Instead, I'd try to build on Lowell's strengths in its schools and community. Image is a matter of attitude, not money."

Asked if it's possible for Lowell to attain the same scores as a Forest Hills on the MEAP test, he answered, "That is a fair reachable goal, but a difficult one. Look at studies done across the state and the country - social economic status does make a difference. Denying that would be denying reality."

In listing goals he'd set for the Lowell School District, Bleke said he'd want to be proactive on the financial side. "I'd want to look down the road so Lowell would be financially secure in the future."

He added he would take a hard look at the K-12 curriculum - making it accountable to some form of outside testing.

"I'd also look at the district's communication. Making sure that it's listening to people internally as well as externally," Bleke said. The final point on his list was developing an attitude of continuous improvement. "That's a springboard to getting better," he concluded.

Slotterback said every person within the district should be technologically literate as well as every student that leaves the district. "I've found in some cases the student is ahead of the technology being taught," he said.

Slotterback said increasing student performance increases a district's standard of living. "Where the Lowell School District is now isn't bad, but it has to be better and smarter," he said.

When asked about the greatest concerns facing public education, Slotterback's answer included student performance. "What can a student do when he/she leaves high school?"

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Richard Tait



Robert Slotterback



Bert Bleke

Commission wins Winslow drain case; now townships' residents faced with the bill

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

A six-year legal battle regarding the Winslow drain has been won by the Kent County Drain Commission, but now it is time for Lowell and Bowne township residents to pay for the project.

In 1989 Marie Doyle asked the drain commission to clean out the Winslow drain because 30 acres of her property had been underwater since 1971.

However, before the commission could start the project, a lawsuit filed by Jim Azzar prevented the clean-up.

"I'm not sure why Azzar filed a lawsuit, but from everything I can see, it was just a misunderstanding," said Kent County Drain Commissioner Roger Laninga.

After losing the initial decision Azzar filed for an appeal. That appeal was denied last month and now the drain commission hopes to once again move forward with the clean-up.

The "misunderstanding" will now cost Lowell and Bowne township, along with more

than 40 residents, an extra \$22,000 toward the project's total clean-up cost.

The cost for the clean-up is approximately \$36,000. However, the added court cost brings the total project cost to \$58,000 which will be paid by property owners in the drainage district.

"Lowell Township will pay for 38 percent of the clean-up cost, Bowne Township 40 percent and the rest will be paid by residents in the district," said Laninga.

Laninga recently approached Bowne and Lowell township boards to make sure interest was still alive for cleaning up the drain.

"If the townships or majority of residents decide they don't want to go forward, then we will not clean it out," said Laninga. "However, if you say go ahead, then we will proceed."

Laninga has received an apprehensive vote of approval from Lowell Township, barring any extra costs.

Azzar has until April 21 to ask the judge to reconsider the prior decision. If the judge reconsiders, the cost could go up once again.

"Unless there is an insurmountable objection,"

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List of '95 summer events to benefit Lowell's Showboat

••• Board works to retire debt in time for '96 season

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

897-8280.

Lowell Showboat president Terry Robinson is hopeful that the sum of the parts will be greater than a Showboat.

Robinson and the Lowell Showboat Board decided that due to financial restrictions, the annual weekend Showboat gala will not highlight the '95 summer in the city, where the Grand meets the Flat River.

But that doesn't mean the Showboat won't be entertaining you - its faithful West Michigan following.

On the contrary... a number of less-costly production events have been scheduled. On Saturday evening, May 6, the Sweet Adelines and the Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus will perform in the new Lowell High School Performing Arts Auditorium.

Both groups have earned national and international awards for their performances which include an assortment of barbershop standards, patriotic, inspirational, swing and jazz songs.

Tickets are available at a cost of \$8 and \$10 and may be purchased by phoning the Lowell Showboat offices at

The show will be the second production put on by the Showboat indoor production committee which is being co-chaired by Carol Briggs and Nancy Raymor.

In February of this year, the indoor production committee also brought family entertainer Carol Johnson to the performing arts auditorium.

On June 24 Thom Ellis will do a benefit concert at the Showboat Amphitheatre. Opening for Ellis will be Solid Ground. Tickets for the show are \$10.

Work is currently underway to hold mountain bike raffles, as well as several teenage dances at the amphitheatre this summer.

Nonshowboat-sponsored events will also be taking place at the amphitheatre. On Aug. 12 the Jaycees will bring in singer Kirsten and the Lipsticks along with magician/comedian/illusionist P.J. Weber. Tickets are \$5. Children ages eight years old and younger accompanied by a parent will get in for free. The show will start at 7:30 p.m.

On Aug. 19 the West Michigan Blues Society will perform at the amphitheatre.

The Showboat president noted that on June 17, the proceeds from the Cherry Creek Classic 5 K Run and Walk will also benefit the Showboat.

"I hope in a year we can have the debt retired and the amphitheatre this summer."

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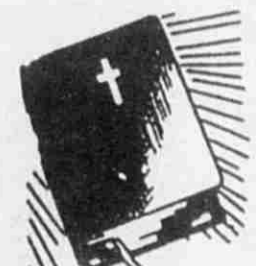
Kaylene Majeske and David Thaler

David and Carolyn Thaler of Lowell are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest son, David, to Kaylene Majeske, daughter of Thomas and Virginia Majeske of Tecumseh, MI.

The bride-to-be attends Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she is majoring in mathematics and physics.

The future groom is a graduate of Lowell High School and Michigan State University and is now pursuing his Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Michigan.

The couple will be married on May 16, 1995.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Be strong and of a good courage ... (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Robert Louis Stevenson said: "Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage."

The Christian has need of

courage. And he needs to share his courage with those about him. His influence counts.

When others are taking the path of least resistance, it takes courage to stand up for the right. Courage is needed

to maintain one's convictions when they differ from those with whom one associates. It takes courage to face unpleasant situations and overcome them through faith.

Daniel was courageous in prayer. He prayed faithfully, in spite of orders to the contrary. The pressures of the king did not overcome him. He was courageous in the lion's den, facing death. God was with him and delivered him.

David was courageous in facing the giant. Nor did he let the giant's size dismay him. He was the victor in battle.

God is our help today in every situation which calls for courage. With His power at our disposal, we can "be courageous."

Prayer: Dear Lord, make me brave for Thee. Help me to take my stand for the right regardless of what others do. Grant that I may always be faithful, strong, and very courageous. Amen.

Dare to be a Daniel!
Dare to stand alone!
Dare to have a purpose firm!
Dare to make it known!

PHILIP P. BLISS

AREA BIRTHS

Timothy and Debra Schuitema of Lowell wish to announce the birth of their son Matthew David. Born February 16, 1995 at Butterworth Hospital, he weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Donna Dombrowski, Mavis

Schuitema and Howard and Marilyn Schuitema all of Grand Rapids.

Pete and Nancy Bencker of Alto wish to announce the arrival of third daughter Perry Lee. Born March 14, 1995 at St. Mary's Hospital, she weighed 6 lbs. and measured

20 inches long.

Welcoming her home are sisters Emma and Ana-Lyse. Grandparents are Lyle and Delores Bencker of Alto, Edgar and Ruth Strong of Hart. Great-grandparents are Lily Bencker of Alto, Hazel Strouse of Lowell, Alice Sullivan of Rockford, H.R. and Josephine Clingensmith of Grayling, with special recognition to the late Ruth Clingensmith Strong.

Bernie and Candice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

PLEASE NOTE: As of May 1, 1995 we will be throwing out all the names in our current birthday book & will be starting a new book. Our current one is outdated due to marriages and deaths. If you have someone you would like to include in our new list, please call 897-9261 or send to 105 N. Broadway, Lowell, MI 49331.

APRIL 20: Carrie Thomet, Jim Hodges, Dick Yeiter, Sara

Johnston, Carol Van Weelden, Matthew Peters, Rick Briggs, Bobbie White, Donna Peterson, Chris Johnson.

APRIL 21: Amber Bouck, Tony Dommer, Jennifer Gasper, Joe Grummet, Brandon Onan, Roxann Roth, Connie Phillips, Ernest Smith, Michael Wright.

APRIL 22: Timothy Hill, Mark Wilcox, Dick Hawkins, Mallorie VanDerWarf.

APRIL 23: Tom Meisner, Dale Willmarth, Tom Cornell,

Terry Dintaman, Drake DeCator, Chuck Schram, Mary Wingeier.

APRIL 24: Nichole Hoag, Donnie Shaffer, John Stencil, Ty Stahl, Michael Kropf, Barbara Kropf, Pat Kropf, Gary Goff, Richard Wingeier, Lyle Fullington, Orion Thaler, Billy Kennedy, Trevor Foss.

APRIL 25: Chris Hildenbrand, Mike Hale, Edna Harig.

APRIL 26: Lisa Wright, Marsha Ray, Casey Brown, Bonnie (Baird) Ball, Tim Pfaff, Ron Pawloski, Jerrold Richmond, John W. Guastavino, Ina Fisk.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

"There is more than one way to skin a cat," is one of those ancient phrases that must have had some meaning at one time, or it never would have caught on like it did. I mean, it's right up there with "A penny saved, is a penny earned." The difference is, we all know where that one came from. Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Kin Hubbard, Ben Franklin... one of those guys. I'll be darned if I can remember reading about cat skinning as a hobby, sport, pastime, occupation or ritual in any history class I ever suffered through. Of course, history classes were a good place to catch up on my sleep when I was in school.

You've probably already surmised that cat skinning has nothing to do with this week's column. This week's column is about my desk here at work. For nearly twenty years the mess that accumulates in, on, under, and around my desk has been a source of ridicule, scorn, shame and embarrassment. For the employees, not me.

Heck, I took a certain amount of pride in the mounds of unopened mail. The stacks of old magazines, catalogs and newspapers continually amazed me. The drawers stuffed full of useless junk like life insurance documents, contracts, bank statements and check stubs were a testimony to my lifelong

refusal to deal with that kinda stuff. Then there were the little treasures. Photos, knick-knacks, souvenirs, letters, etc. were everywhere. It was a great place, though I rarely visited it. Once or twice a week, and then only when I wasn't able to find what I was looking for anywhere else.

Every time I approached my desk, I'd routinely muttered to anyone in earshot, "Anybody got a grenade for this mess?" I was only kidding; I actually liked my desk that way.

I'm sure organized people can't appreciate all of this. But, I found my mess fascinating, and sometimes, downright delightful. I remember pawing through my desk looking for the title to a car I was trying to sell and stumbling upon the photos from the 40th birthday party the employees had for me. That girl they hired to sing "Happy Birthday" sure wasn't wearing much. Thumbing through those photos was a nice break from the frustrating search for that title.

Over the years I've had an assortment of desks located in various places here. Each desk, and each area, soon took on a dumpster-like aura. My latest desk, which included a credenza, was located in the largest office in the building. Several years ago we remodeled the adjacent warehouse into additional office space. I was granted the big office under the guise that I was the owner and deserved it. In reality, the employees just wanted to be able to close the door on my mess.

As the business grew, we became more and more pinched for space. Soon after moving into my office, I was sharing it with our salesman. When I took over the sales duties, the proofreader moved into the salesman's space. As we added computers, the classified ad department was set up in the proofreader's space. My desk was squeezed further back into a corner and the proofreader moved in with the editor. When

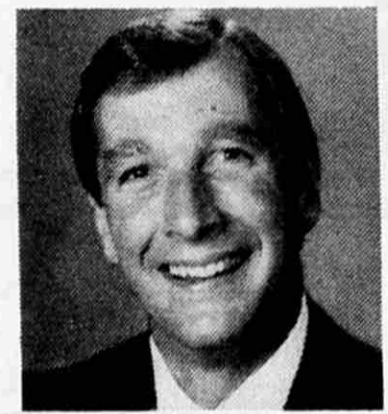
a new proofreader recently came onboard, she took to using my desk rather than being cooped up with the editor, who often had his door closed while making phone calls and conducting interviews. That's when I offered to abandon my desk completely. I didn't have to offer twice. I went on vacation a few days later and returned to find all my junk in boxes. I said, "COOL!" Now I don't have to listen to the employees carp about my messy desk anymore!

That's why I have been referring to my desk in the past-tense throughout this column. It's history. And, that's why the inference to the cat skinning thing. Rather than succumbing to the pressure to clean my desk, I simply abandoned it. In other words, "There's more than one way to skin a cat."

I still don't know what all of this has to do with cat skins, other than I seem to remember another old adage that had something to do with the cat's pajamas. I did mention that my desk is history, and there was something about sleeping through history class. Maybe the cat's pajamas tie in with the sleeping business. Somehow, this may all fit together in the grand scheme of things. Somehow, I doubt it. All I know is, some columns come out smoother than a cat's you-know-what, and some don't. This one was in the "don't" column.



By: Dick Posthumus



tra, glee club, sousaphone solo by Humphrey Johnson (that's my younger brother) and piano solo by Anita Doyle.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 16, 1970

Several women appear at city council to protest the spring-time weekly flushing of water mains, showing the red laundry that has resulted. City Manager Blaine Bacon will consult with water experts to try to find a solution.

The city's only taxicab driver cancels his insurance, so the city cancels his license.

Douglas Parker plans to construct hangars for four airplanes at the Lowell Airport.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

Week Of Apr. 24, 1995

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH - French toast or pancakes with blueberry syrup, scrambled eggs, orange juice, canned fruit or fresh, milk.

TUESDAY: Pizza with meat, cheese and pepperoni or chicken fajita or chef salad with bread, fruit juice, carrot sticks with dip, assorted or gelatin, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburger in a bun or tuna salad in a pita or chef salad with bread, baked beans or lettuce salad, fresh or canned fruit, cookie, milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken patty or sliced roast beef or chef salad, baked potato half with sour cream, dinner roll, fruit or frozen juice bar, milk.

FRIDAY: Nacho tortilla pieces with meat and cheese sauce or fishwith in a bun or chef salad with bread, lettuce salad or corn, apple crisp or canned fruit, milk.

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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - APRIL 17, 1895
McCords is having a mumps epidemic. Vergennes and Parnell also report cases. Cascade has German measles.

The editor "dreams" of a small dam at the mouth of Flat River, not enough to hamper mill operations, but enough to create a small still-water lake around Island Park for pleasure boats and swimmers.

The Michigan Reform School boys' choir will be at Train's Opera House next week. Well-known for the quality of their concerts, the group features a boy soprano.

The government will stop custom-printing business envelopes as soon as the present orders are filled. Local printers are happy.

Morse Lakes' T.S. Stewart has a fine litter of Belted Thirind pigs, which are rare in these parts.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 15, 1920
Stormy and Doggie (A.H. Stormzand and Dell Dawson) have opened the People's Garage and will guarantee their work on Ford and Dodge cars.

A new company will fly a regular schedule between Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo, but only in seaplanes.

Maryland's legislature refuses to enforce Prohibition. New York State warns that making the St. Lawrence River navigable from Lake Ontario to Montreal will be a commercial and economic failure.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 19, 1945
A driver's license bureau finally has been opened here, thanks to Frank Stephens. It will be open for business Friday afternoons.

Gardens and flowers are enjoying a very early spring. Businesses on Friday and churches on Sunday paid their respects to the memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who died April 12. Harry S. Truman is his successor.

Fred Hosley has resigned as Postmaster. Mrs. Cecil Bibbler is acting PM.

The spring concert next week will feature the band, orches-

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



We seem to be at the tail end of a significant local strep throat outbreak. We have probably seen more strep throats this winter than in any other winter we can recall.

Strep throat is caused by an infection of the pharynx by the streptococcal bacteria. It is fairly contagious. About one in four family members will become infected after exposure. It is much more common in children.

Symptoms of strep throat are well known. There is usually a rapid onset of throat pain, fever, headache, a generalized ill feeling, pain with swallowing, tender, swollen glands in the neck and frequently bright red tonsils with white spots. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish strep throat from a viral pharyngitis. Viral illnesses are more commonly associated with a runny nose or other typical cold symptoms.

Complications of strep throat include rheumatic fever, kidney disease, ear infections, and sinusitis. Appropriate treatment with antibiotics will prevent these complications.

The diagnosis of strep throat is made after examination and obtaining a strep culture or screen. Once diagnosed, strep throat is treated with a 10-day course of oral antibiotics. To avoid complications, you should be sure to finish your 10-day prescription even if your feeling better. Acetaminophan will help relieve the fever and pain of strep throat. Gargling with salt water or spraying the back of the throat with a topical anesthetic agent help soothe the throat. Children should remain out of school for at least 48 hours after the antibiotic is started. You may resume normal activities as symptoms improve.

What people say behind your back is your standing in the community in which you live.

—E.W. Howe

Throughout the 1994 campaign season, Republican candidates across Michigan and the nation promised American voters real change if elected to office. Pointing to the failed policies of Bill Clinton and his liberal supporters, conservative hopefuls pledged smaller government, lower taxes, personal responsibility and individual empowerment.

On the national level, these promises came in the form of the "Contract With America." Drafted by House Republicans, this now-familiar pact outlined tax cuts, welfare reform, a line-item veto and tough anti-crime measures, among other things.

On April 5, 1995, House Republicans completed work on their "Contract With America." Though the battles were rough and the skeptics often brutal, the Republican legislators did what they said they would do.

Here in Michigan, Republican leaders didn't make a formal "Contract with Michigan." However, we did vow to push forward with the bold agenda of lower taxes, educational excellence and a strong economy laid out since 1990. When you look at the record we've assembled over the past four years and in just the first three months of this new legislative session, you'll see Michigan leaders are serious about the campaign promises we've made.

People used to complain about a "do-nothing" Legislature that was stymied in gridlock. Since the start of this decade however, new leadership has moved with action. We've gained attention for our clear record on taxes, as well as our action on welfare reform, anti-stalking and truth-in-sentencing legislation and the comprehensive school finance reform. In fact, we were the only state to both cut its taxes AND eliminate a budget deficit without cutting education spending.

In this new legislative session, our vision continues to be bold. Already this year, the governor has signed four new tax cuts into law. The bipartisan package will provide Michigan families and job providers with more than \$1.6-billion in tax relief over the next five years. At the same time, these cuts will continue to fuel our growing economy by encouraging investment.

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To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Translation of Jim Lindhout's letter to the editor from April 11, 1995, "Don't criticize our good old boy system - It works for me."

To be blatant enough to use this unfortunate incident of death in the community and to actually say that "friendship is more important than wasting taxpayers' money" is a low blow.

Respectfully,
Shawn Eshragh

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. Rankema - 897-7060 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 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 Settlement • Ph. 897-7185 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, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</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 Daphnie Lattimore</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</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>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. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	<p>THURSDAY: Chicken patty or roast beef or chef salad. Choose Two. Mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rice, dinner roll, fruit or frozen juice bar, milk. FRIDAY: Nacho tortilla pieces with meat and cheese or fishwith in a bun or chef salad. Choose Two. Lettuce salad, corn, creamed with syrup, apple crisp or canned fruit, milk.</p>

Business Matters

Dr. Paul Tuthill, a chiropractic physician at Doctors Chiropractic, announced a new public health service for area businesses and individuals with a fax machine.

The new, no cost service

is called X-MED (Express Medical Information). It is a one page faxed Health Newsletter. It contains the latest health news from sources such as the Internet, The AMA Journal, The Associated Press and other sources of interest.

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In another effort to make doing business in Michigan more attractive, the Senate passed a comprehensive unemployment insurance reform package. By lowering the cost of unemployment insurance in job providers, we'll make Michigan more economically competitive and bring more jobs to our state. The House recently gave its approval to this package.

Other Senate accomplishments include:

- Approval of legislation that will ensure contaminated land posing the most significant risk to the public is cleaned up on a more timely and efficient manner;
- Passage of a three-bill package that will ensure crime

The newsletter, according to Dr. Tuthill will focus on prevention, saving health care dollars, medical breakthroughs and health care alerts.

"The great value of the service is to help already informed people to scan critical health information they might otherwise miss from sources such as TV, radio and the newspaper," said Tuthill. "X-MED can be quickly read and discarded or posted for other employees' benefit," he added.

The X-MED newsletter will be faxed twice a month at no charge to area businesses

or individuals who have a fax machine. There is no charge for X-MED, but it is limited to 897, 691, 676, 868 and 698 exchanges. The recipients fax machine must always be call ready.

Dr. Tuthill sees X-MED as a way of strengthening individuals, families and businesses in the Lowell Area with the latest in health care information.

Those wishing to receive X-MED or wish a sample newsletter at no cost may call 897-4999 day or night, and leave their request and fax number.

Gruizenga named Phi Beta Kappa

Gregg Gruizenga, a Hope College senior from Ada, is one of 47 graduating seniors and recent graduates elected at Hope College to the Zeta of Michigan chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest and best-known scholastic honorary society.

For more than 200 years, election to Phi Beta Kappa has been a recognition of intellectual capacity well employed, especially in acquiring an education in the liberal arts and sciences. The objectives of humane learning encouraged by Phi Beta Kappa include intellectual honesty and tolerance, range of intellectual interests and understanding, not merely knowledge.

Hope faculty who are members of Phi Beta Kappa have elected students in recognition of their high grade point average in liberal arts courses, their exceptional scholarly ability, and their independent and creative scholarly activities.

Gruizenga's activities at Hope have included the Business and Economics Club, the Engineering Club and the college's Baker Scholars program. He is the son of John and Kathy Gruizenga of Ada, and is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School.

A formal initiation ceremony and reception will take place on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m. in the Maas Center auditorium. The honorees will also be recognized during the college's Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.



March's Middle School Students-of-the-Month

Middle School Students-of-the-Month for the month of March are, front row, left to right: Abbey Goff, sixth-grade; Jennifer DenHouter, seventh-grade; Alan Stiver, sixth-grade; Nicole Tegg, sixth-grade; Jake Baum, sixth-grade and Heidi Hefner, sixth-grade; back row, left to right: Jessica Koopman, eighth-grade; Melanie Wieland, seventh-grade; Josh Vrooman, seventh-grade; Jason Alber, eighth-grade; Morgan Scheid, eighth-grade; Lindsay Perkins, seventh-grade and Erin Koewers, eighth-grade.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1995.

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 GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the March 20, 1995 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON 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 (4/3/95)

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 45,117.79
MAJOR STREET FUND:	80.82
LOCAL STREET FUND:	80.83
DDA FUND:	9,478.40
WATER FUND:	35,093.31
SEWER FUND:	113.66
EQUIPMENT FUND:	266.22
CURRENT TAX:	68,726.40

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 126 S. DIVISION (NORTHWEST CORNER OF S. DIVISION AND KENT) - STEVEN MORRISON - SETBACK VARIANCE FOR GARAGE - PUBLIC HEARING. Councilmember Thompson, as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, opened the public hearing to consider a request from Steven and Julie Morrison (126 S. Division) to construct a 24' X 30' garage eight feet from Kent Street (side yard) where 25 feet of setback is required. Steven Morrison explained that his property is unusual as three streets surround his property (S. Division, Kent and Jackson). He stated in order to comply with the Kent Street setback, the garage would have to be constructed on top of his water service line and a large walnut tree taken out. Morrison explained he wanted to save the tree and construct the garage 5' south of the tree, leaving 8' from the Kent Street right of way.

City Manager Pasquale noted that the Planning Commission, at its March 27 meeting, reviewed the request

and unanimously recommended approval of the variance to the Zoning Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAATMAN and seconded by SHORES to approve the setback variance for - Steven and Julie Morrison, 126 S. Division allowing construction of a 24' X 30' garage eight feet from Kent Street (side yard) where 25 feet of setback is required.

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

B. 738 HIGH (SOUTH SIDE, EAST OF N. DIVISION END OF ROAD) - SHERRY STAAL - FRONT YARD VARIANCE FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. Sherry Staal, 738 High, stated that she wished to construct a new house 20' from the property line where 30' is required. Ms. Staal wanted to save a mature walnut tree from being removed. Also, due to the topography of the site, there would be considerably more fill used if the house was constructed 30' from the front yard lot line. City Manager Pasquale mentioned that the Planning Commission, at its March 27 meeting, concurred with the applicant's reasons and unanimously recommended that the Zoning Board approve the variance as proposed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MAATMAN to approve the variance request for 738 High (south side, east of N. Division, end of Road) for Sherry Staal to construct a new single family house, 20 feet from her front property line where 30 feet of setback is required.

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

Item #2. SIDEWALK BIDS FOR CITY OWNED AREAS AND HANDICAPPED RAMPS. City Manager Pasquale stated that recently bids were received for sidewalks in front of municipally owned areas. He noted that 3,127 lineal feet of new sidewalks have been proposed for the Water Treatment Plant, Richards Park, Department of Public Works Garage, Cemetery (Fremont Street) and a vacant lot at the corner of Sibley and Ridgeview. Also, there are a number of intersections in the Valley Vista Subdivision that have no sidewalk ramps. Pasquale explained that in order to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, there should be ramps instead of curbs. He noted that General Fund monies would be utilized for sidewalks in front of the public areas while Community Development Block Grant funds are to be allocated toward the handicap ramps.

The following bids were submitted based on unit prices:

Burns Contracting Inc. (G.R.)	\$1,791.15
Dykema Excavators (G.R.)	\$2,207.75

City Manager Pasquale stated that \$17,820 would be necessary to complete the sixteen ramps, with \$23,000 budgeted. More ramps at other intersections may be added. The public area walks would cost \$46,567. A total of \$40,000 has been allocated in the General Fund

budget. Pasquale noted that, in discussions with City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, the Contingency Fund can cover the remaining \$6,567. Councilmember Thompson questioned if the City had utilized Burns Contracting Inc. before or checked on their work. Director of Public Works Art Gall stated that Burns Contracting comes highly recommended from Thomas Tilma, Local Allocation Administrator/Planner from the Kent County Community Development Department, that the contractor has completed numerous jobs for various communities using County CDBG funds.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to accept the low bid received from Burns Contracting to construct 3,127 lineal feet of new sidewalk in front of city owned properties with \$46,567 in funds allocated from the General Fund (including \$6,567 from the Contingency) and \$17,820 to complete the sixteen sidewalk ramps in the Valley Vista subdivision with funds allocated from the Community Development Block Grant.

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

Item #3. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION - PUBLIC HEARING. Mayor Maatman opened the public hearing to receive comments on the Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant application through the Michigan Department of Transportation. City Manager Pasquale explained these funds are available through MDOT and if approved, would assist in streetscape work, sidewalks, brick enhancements, landscaping and curb and gutter along Main Street between Jefferson and Lincoln Lake. Pasquale explained over the course of two years the downtown improvements cost has been estimated at \$1,271,325 in total. By eliminating such ineligible grant items as street lighting improvements, this was reduced to \$699,126.

In order to be competitive in the grant application, a 50% local match is necessary which would bring the City's grant request to \$349,563. The local funds will be allocated from the Downtown Development Authority TIFA bond funds.

Pasquale stated that the DDA has recommended its approval of the grant application. If the City receives these funds, it will extend more projects in the downtown. The grant application must be submitted by April 15. Announcements of grant awards are expected in June by MDOT.

No public comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to apply for a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$349,563 (50% match of eligible expenses) to assist the streetscape improvement project planned along Main Street (M-21) between Jefferson and Lincoln Lake with the local funds allocated from the Downtown Development Authority TIFA bond funds.

YEA: 5.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. COUNCIL CONCURRENCE WITH THE MASTER PLAN. City Manager Pasquale stated that the Planning Commission has completed its work on updating the Master Plan. This document outlines goals and policies in the areas of growth and development, community image, land use, transportation, housing and community services. The Commission, at its March 27 meeting, held a public hearing and passed a resolution adopting the plan. They are now in the process of assembling an action plan. Pasquale noted that the Commission will then inform the Council of these proposals. A resolution of concurrence regarding the Master Plan has been requested by the Planning Commission to the Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt a resolution of concurrence supporting the Master Plan which outlines goals and policies in the areas of growth and development, community image, land use, transportation, housing and community services.

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

Item #5. WAIVING OF PENALTY AND INTEREST OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR MICHIGAN WIRE PROCESSING. City Manager Pasquale explained that Michigan Wire Processing has requested that the City consider waiving \$3,645 in penalty and interest, if the company pays all delinquent personal property taxes (\$10,345 City Share) in full. In 1990, Michigan Wire fell behind and has continued to submit partial payments from 1991 - 95. Over these years, Michigan Wire has paid over \$25,500 in interest and penalty. Pasquale noted that the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates (Public Act 198) was paid in full. They would begin to make monthly payments on the 1995 personal property taxes to prevent any further delinquencies. Pasquale stated it was his understanding that this would be a one time situation.

Dale Folkert, Lowell Area Schools Business Manager, will present a similar request to the Lowell Board of Education.

Councilmember Thompson questioned if waiving penalty and interest on personal property taxes had ever been approved in the past. Pasquale responded not since he has been with the City. Mayor Maatman inquired if this would set a questionable precedence. Councilmember Thompson noted that the City has established a policy for collecting delinquent personal property taxes. If the City waives the penalty and interest, the present policies will be reversed. Maatman added that if the City grants this for Michigan Wire, there will be an obligation felt to waive the penalties for anyone owing delinquent personal property taxes.

Councilmember Hodges asked if the \$10,345 was paid in full, would there be any means for spreading out the

penalty over the next few years. Councilmember Shores had a slight problem with the proposal. Councilmember Hodges felt that as a sizeable organization, this is probably not a considerable amount of money. City Manager Pasquale stated that the City will continue to negotiate with Michigan Wire regarding this situation.

Item #6. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Dr. James Reagan and James Doyle, of the Lowell Area Historical Association, were present to discuss their plans to establish a historic district in the downtown. Reagan explained in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Act, a section of the legislation includes the preservation of historic sites, and promoting and maintaining historic buildings. Doyle mentioned a set procedure that must be followed for the creation of the district. Currently, there are 65 historic districts in the State of Michigan. He stated that the first step includes forming a study committee which will create a survey of the properties and a history of the buildings. Doyle said that a significant share of this study was completed in 1981. He noted that 75% of the downtown buildings were surveyed along with completion of history cards. The finished report will be filed with the Michigan Historic Commission and the City. After sixty days of completing the report, a notice of public hearing would be sent by the City to all the property owners in the proposed district to solicit comments. Within one year, a final report would be submitted to the City to create an ordinance and a decision to approve the district by the Council will be made. Doyle stated that there has been much spent in the Downtown and it would be good to capitalize on long term improvements to the downtown buildings. The district will help to establish continuity to the fronts of buildings. Mayor Maatman questioned what Council action that was needed. Reagan responded that the Council needs to adopt a resolution to establish a historic district study committee. Councilmember Hodges asked if there were any anticipated funds needed to undertake this work. Reagan said currently it is a volunteer effort. He noted that eventually some financial assistance from the DDA or the Lowell Area Historical Association may be needed.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON to establish a resolution to create a historic district study committee according to the Michigan Local Units Historic District Act.

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

Reagan and Doyle provided a listing of those interested in serving on the committee from which Mayor Maatman will appoint.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores commended the Historical Association for their presentation on the history of Lowell. Also, she was enthusiastic about the new library and the improvements to the Downtown.

Item #8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. Charlene Chapman has informed me that the Lowell Area Ministerial Association wishes to have a dedication of the Riverwalk on Sunday, September 3 at 2 p.m. as part of the festival activities. Pasquale questioned the Council if they had any concerns with this. The Councilmembers expressed none. Councilmember Hodges commended Ms. Chapman for her efforts with this weekend.

Pasquale noted that the rubber duck race will be on the Grand River instead of the Flat.

B. A copy of the February 27 Planning Commission minutes were presented.

C. Denny's Disposal has scheduled a spring clean up for leaves, grass and brush (under 2" in diameter) during the first two weeks in April. The residents whose trash pickup is on Monday and Tuesday will have yard waste collected on Tuesday, while Wednesday and Thursday trash dates will have Wednesday. The paper bags as used last will again be utilized. Pasquale noted that land fills can no longer take yard waste. Starting in May, Denny's Disposal will pick up yard waste the first week of the month. Councilmember Shores questioned what is done with items over 2" in diameter. Pasquale responded to call Denny's Disposal directly to arrange for a special pick up.

D. Director of Public Works Art Gall reported that the City sold the two sewer bucket machines for \$125 a piece and the cemetery lawn mower/snow plow sold for \$625 through Miedema Auctioneering. As a result, the City received \$787.50 (\$875 total sales less \$87.50 for commissions) at the municipal auction held in Hudsonville.

E. There was an announcement of the new library construction project on Friday, March 31. Pledges from the Look Memorial Fund and an anonymous donor have amounted to \$650,000 of the \$1.2 million project. He noted that there will be efforts during the course of the year to raise the remaining, needed funds. If there is sufficient revenues by September, 1995, the architects will be able to proceed with construction drawings. There will be a strong effort to secure as much in private funds as possible. Councilmember Hodges questioned how long the construction period will be. In December 95, bids will be sought. City Manager Pasquale said assuming successful fundraising construction would begin in April 1996. The dedication is expected for April 1997 or possibly sooner.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: April 17, 1995

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



Along Main Street

O-K WHITE CONFERENCE AT LHS
Lowell High School will host the O-K White Conference meet on May 11 and 12 and also the Regional May 19.

SPRING FLING AT CHERRY CREEK
Cherry Creek Elementary will be hosting its first annual Spring Fling on Thursday, April 20 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is the culmination of the writing of Young Author books. All the books will be on display, along with some artwork, a rain forest display, two presentations by the Advanced Chorale and an ice-cream social put on by the P.T.O.

The parents, students and other members of the Lowell community are invited to this great event.

SENIOR CLASS PARTY
There will be a meeting at the high school in room A206 on Thursday, April 27 at 7 p.m. for all interested parents of 1995 seniors for the senior class party.

The senior class party will be Friday, May 26 at 6 p.m. Everyone is to meet at the high school.

LHS CLASS REUNION
The classes of 1954 through 1960 will be holding a reunion at Fallasburg Park shelter house on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. A buffet of homemade food will be served with tea, coffee or punch. The cost will be \$10 per person to cover the meal and other expenses.

They need your reservations no later than July 1. Send your reservations to Allan and Judy Baird 13738 Three Mile Road, Lowell, MI 49331 or call (616) 897-9081.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET
The annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Ticket prices are \$5.25, 13 to adult; \$3.25, 5 to 12; and free under 5.

Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at Koininia on Sunday. The program is Mary Beth Quillin-Gregor, storyteller/actress.

LOWELL YMCA COED SOFTBALL
The Lowell YMCA is still taking registrations for 1-2 coed softball; 3-4 boys' baseball; 3-4 girls' softball; 5-6 boys' baseball and 5-6 girls' softball.

Call and sign up today at 897-8445 or stop by the office at 323 West Main Street. Limited space is available.

YMCA T-BALL REGISTRATION
Don't miss out. The Lowell YMCA will be taking registrations for four, five and six-year-old T-Ball until May 2. Limited space is available so sign up today. Call 897-8445 or stop by the office at 323 West Main Street.

LOWELL AREA HUNGER C.R.O.P. WALK
Mark your calendars for May 7 and plan to walk against hunger. The first annual Lowell Area C.R.O.P. Walk will begin with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk starting at 2 p.m. from the First United Methodist Church.

Senator Dick Posthumus will be the Grand Marshal. Twenty-five percent of all pledges will be distributed to the Lowell Food Pantry and Lowell Senior lunch program. For more information about the C.R.O.P. Walk or to sponsor a walker, please call First United Methodist Church at 897-5936.

YMCA'S FITNESS CLASSES AT NEW LOCATION
The location of the Lowell YMCA's Fitness Classes have been changed from the Riverside Community Building back to the United Methodist Church on Main Street.

This includes the Monday and Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. class as well as the Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. class.

ANNUAL FFA HOG ROAST AND AUCTION
The Lowell Area FFA chapter will be holding its annual hog roast and auction at the Lowell High School cafeteria on Thursday, May 18. Serving will be from 6 to 8 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets cost \$5 and children five and under are free. For more information call Mr. Siler at Lowell High School at 897-4125 or Tom Mauric at 874-6906.

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 office at 897-8280. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

OFF THE BLOTTER
Melissa Tarrington, 18, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident on West Main near Valley Vista Drive April 14. The accident occurred when she exited a private drive into the path of a vehicle driven by Duane Melver, 47, of Lowell.

Shirley Gould, 58, of Saranac, backed from a parking space in the Family Fare Plaza April 13 and into a car driven by a 16-year-old juvenile from Lowell. Neither party was injured.

Martin Aeder, 40, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident April 7 when exiting the Shell gas station parking lot onto Hudson Street into the path of a car driven by Kathy Friesner, 38, of Lowell.

Kelly Klemish, 34, of Lowell, sustained injuries in an accident on West Main Street near Ridgeview Drive April 12 when the vehicle she was driving was struck from behind by a 16-year-old driver from Ada.

Maurice Bice Jr., 49, of Ionia, was injured in an accident April 4, on West Main near West Street, when his vehicle was struck from behind by a pickup truck. The truck was driven by Joseph Wawiernia, 36, of Clarksville.

A car stolen from Lowell late in March was recovered April 4 in Chicago, IL. Two Grand Rapids residents will be charged in connection with the theft in that state.

Scott Slaughter, 29, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued out of Ionia County for assault on April 5.

Matthew Erickson, 20, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol April 6.

Tracie Short, 36, of Alto, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued out of a Grand Rapids court April 7 for driving while license suspended.

Harley Buche, 17, of Belding, was arrested by Lowell officers April 7 on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court for possession of marijuana.

Laury Topping, 33, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant issued by 63rd District Court April 13.

William Racine, 32, of Ada, was arrested and lodged in the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol April 15.

A 13-year-old juvenile from Lowell was referred to pro-bate court on charges of assault and battery this past week.

Christopher Vos, 25, of Conklin, was involved in a property damage accident March 30 when his vehicle was struck from behind by a car driven by Denise Kulka, 33, of Lowell, on West Main near West Street.

Superintendent, cont'd.... From Page 1

He used as an example a German exchange student who stayed in his home and could speak English. "I have a son who took two years of German but can't speak it," he explained.

Slotterback says public schools are here to produce excellence in education. "Students need to be well-rounded, have experience skills and be able to read and do math. This may require rethinking the education mold we're all familiar with, rethinking the school year and being creative with our school day," he said.

As a goal he would look for an adequate way to measure and assess student performance. "A fourth-grader should be able to write at a fourth-grade level," he concluded.

Wilcox said the committee is still hopeful of making a selection by the end of April.

Drain, cont'd.... From Page 1

tion by the 21st, then I believe we should move ahead with the project," said township treasurer Carol Wells.

Lowell's cost of the project is estimated at \$22,000 and the first payment, of roughly \$8,000, would be due by December 1.

Laniga said the township will be granted a three-year period to pay off the cost.

Township supervisor John Timpson said the drain should be cleaned out because it is vital to farmers in the area.

"The drain doesn't affect small property owners, but farmers need it to make a living," said Timpson.

The cost to homeowners varies from just \$2 to \$2,222, depending on how much of the properties water run-off flows into the Winslow drain.

Laniga said barring any further litigation or a township's disapproval, the drain will be cleaned out by the end of summer.

Showboat, cont'd.... From Page 1

Showboat can get back to its annual show," Robinson said. "Anyone vaguely interested or with any ideas is encouraged to attend our meetings which are open to the public."

Showboat treasurer Pete Kubacki said the Showboat board has been successful in paying for the 1994 shows in full. "Since the '94 shows, the Showboat has retired its debt by 40 percent," he said. "With the schedule of fund-raising events, it is my hope we can retire all the debts within the next 18-24 months."

The Showboat meets every fourth Monday of the month at the Look Memorial Fire Station at 6:30 p.m.

"We've got to get the community enthused again about the Showboat," Robinson said.

Former Showboat president Ray Quada is seeking help in collecting historical Showboat items for an eventual museum.

"We need a community renewal for the Showboat," Robinson said.

TOWN TALK

GTE Directories are offering new neighborhood directories to the Kent County area. It will offer new neighborhood directories to help advertisers better target their markets and for consumers to easily shop in their own neighborhood. Do you think it's a good idea?



Sharon Miles
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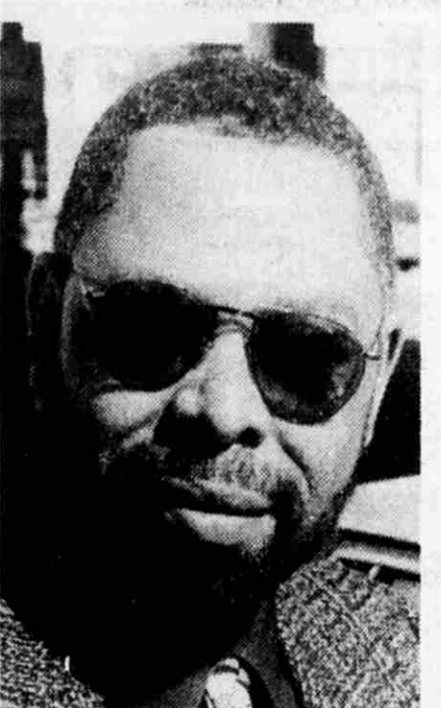
Susan Nielsen
No. We have enough telephone books as is. The ones I have give me all the information I need.



Karol Kemp
No. We have enough phone books.



Meg Kowalski
It's a great idea, to break the books down to what is needed in the area.



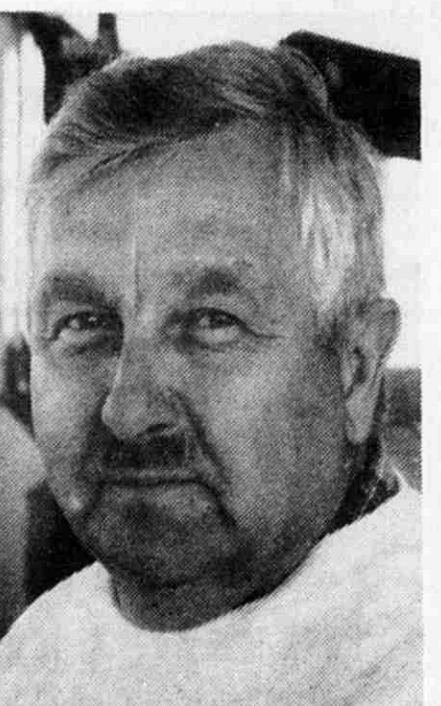
James Lock
I like the idea of being able to find what I need without being bothered by stuff I don't need.



Karl London
I'm satisfied with the telephone books we have. Although, if it makes it easier to organize, then maybe it's not a bad idea.



Cheryl Mulder
It might be helpful, but I'm happy with the way books are serving me now.



Bob Garrett
We don't need them. It's a waste of time. Why do we need three telephone directories?

Third LAAC gallery to open in May

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Could the city of Lowell become an inland Saugatuck? Now that another art gallery will open its doors, the answer could be yes.

The Lowell Area Arts Center is about to open its third gallery at 300 High St. in mid-May and director David Davis hopes it is a sign of more to come.

"Art is everywhere you look - TV, billboards, and buildings - all are artistic, but many people don't realize it. This latest gallery is another way for the LAAC to wake people up to the art around them," said Davis.

The gallery at 300 High

is actually the Lowell School District's administrative offices, but like the LAAC's First Michigan Bank gallery, 300 High will showcase art to people who wouldn't normally go to see it.

"Unlike the LAAC gallery, people don't go to FMB or 300 High to view art; they go there to do business or attend meetings," said Davis. "When you introduce art to people who are not expecting it, they are generally pleased with what they find."

However, unlike FMB or the LAAC gallery, 300 High will not feature a new artist every month.

White, also a member of

the LAAC, approached Davis about the idea last year, but he was not able to convince Davis easily.

"When I first viewed it, I thought it was too big of a job. But I viewed a second time and talked with Jim and then I got excited about it," said Davis.

Davis said the exhibit will showcase many facets of artwork, from sculptures and mobiles to oil, water, and acrylic paintings.

"A city as big as Lowell having three art galleries is unheard of, but people here really enjoy art," said Davis. "I hope the we (the LAAC) can continue to bring more art to the area."

Davis hopes to have the 300 High exhibit available for viewing by the end of May.

will change it, but I think one exhibit will stay on display for at least six months," said Davis.

Davis said more than 30 artists will display their talents at 300 High, with some actually creating works specifically for the space available.

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Nobody can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it is his own.
—Sidney Harris

The fundamental secret of science is that seeking truth is more important than truth itself.
—Friedrich Nietzsche

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River City Beer Store - a place where the owner knows your name

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After a year of flying mega hours down in Florida, Lowell's native son, Tom Speerstra, has landed right



Tom Speerstra became the official owner of the River City Beer Store (formerly Lowell Beer Store) on March 23.

On March 23, the Lowell Beer Store, now called the "River City Beer Store" officially became the property of Speerstra.

"In good times and bad times people come and buy beer, liquor and wine," Speerstra said. "The other point is, the beer store has been established a long time and everybody knows it."

Clientele who have patronized the Lowell business since March 23 know Speerstra has been busy cleaning and changing the way items are displayed.

Speerstra intends to add a few things to the store's inventory. "I want to carry a small line of picnic and grocery items," he explains. "I'd also like to open up a self-serve counter where people can grab a sandwich - heat it up in a microwave if they wish and grab a cup of coke."

The River City Beer Store owner also wants to have coffee and donuts available for anyone who wants to stop in during the morning hours.

The beer store will continue to carry the old standbys - chicken, fresh deli sand-

wiches and soup. Speerstra said in the near future, beef jerky and summer sausage will also be available.

Speerstra insures customers that the large selection of imports and micro breweries will continue. "We're also adding Michigan wines. As the demand for wine grows, so will our stock," explains Speerstra.

Speerstra wants River City to be more than a place everybody knows. His focus is for a place where the man behind the counter knows the name of every customer.

Community Dialogue series slated to begin April 27

... Issues of area and national concerns will be discussed

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

pertinent information," LaWarre said.

The idea for the spring series came about when LaWarre, along with Lowell First United Methodist Church Rev. Gordon Barry and Norene Myers attended a forum in Grand Rapids on the national budget and deficit.

"We thought that this is something that Lowell could and should do," LaWarre said. "We liked the idea that it provided an opportunity for dialogue instead of just lecture."

LaWarre said he believes that if issues aren't talked about, they become bigger than life and apathy can begin to set in.

The second dialogue in the series will take place on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be John Tiemstra, Ph.D., a professor of economics at Calvin College. He will discuss "The Falling Dollar, and other Unsolvable Problems."

On Monday, May 8, also at 7:30 p.m., Rev. George Hartwell, of Heartside Ministries and a Grand Rapids City Commissioner, will discuss "Welfare Reform: A War on Poverty or a War on the Poor?"

LaWarre said that the three dialogues will be nonpartisan both politically and religiously. "We contacted area colleges to help us find speakers," LaWarre said. "They will present the issues as they see it and understand it."

here in the "River City."

Dorothy once said, "There's no place like home, there's no place like home." Remembering that, Speerstra steered the nose of the plane north.

Speerstra openly admits, over the years, he's been in and out of numerous retail and other business endeavors. While he was flying in Florida, he rekindled an interest in a Lowell business venture.

"I'd talked to Gary Laux (former owner of the Lowell Beer Store) three-four years ago about my interest in the Lowell Beer Store," Speerstra said. "I opened those talks again, about a year ago."

It took the Lowell native a year to get his ducks in a row and beans counted and to get an okay from the liquor commission.

Perseverance paid off and

By reflecting on issues that affect everyone, the charge of a series entitled "Community Dialogue" is an effort to pull the Lowell community together.

"If Lowell is to keep its sense of caring and community, it must continue to work, talk, dialogue and be together in areas of common concern," said Pastor Roger LaWarre of Lowell First Congregational Church.

In an effort to provide honest and open conversation on serious issues, a spring series entitled "Community Dialogue" is scheduled to begin April 27.

Three speakers have been selected to hold individual sessions at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

The first of the three dialogues will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Glenn Barkan, Ph.D., a professor of political science at Aquinas College.

The topic of conversation that evening will be "Understanding the Contract with America: What Kind of Deal was made in Our Name?"

"He will offer an array of opinion and

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—Samuel Johnson

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a hearing on

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 1995 AT 7:00 P.M.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E. At this hearing the request of TDCE Company, LLC will be considered for a special use permit to allow the installation and operation of an on-site waste water treatment system known as a Sequential Batch Reactor ("SBR") system in the Light Industrial area located at the corner of Cascade Road and Alden Nash S.E.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services for the hearing should contact the Clerk prior to the 22nd of April, 1995. For further information, please call the Township Hall at 897-7600.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., to consider Woodruff Palmer's request to rezone approximately 80 acres in Section 19, 41-20-19-400-002 at 10399 Cascade Road, S.E. This request is to rezone Agricultural-1 land to Agricultural-2 to allow a Special Use permit to build a Golf Course.

The rezoning request and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance and maps are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should call the Clerk at 616-897-7600 seven (7) days prior to the public hearing. Please call if further information is needed.

Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk

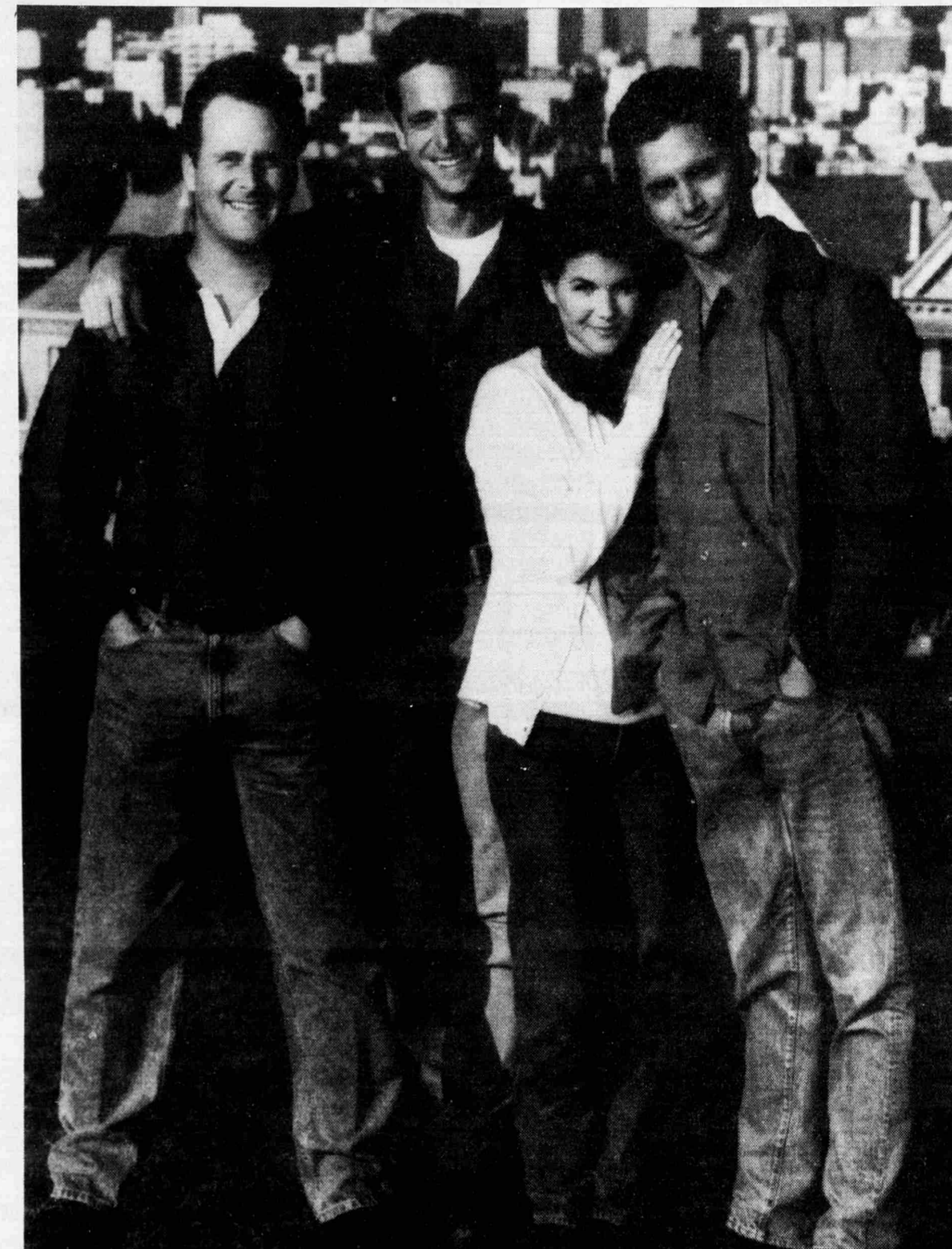
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THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING WITH THE LOWELL BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1995, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - (RUNCIMAN - 300 HIGH ST.)

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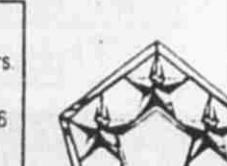
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WEDNESDAY EVENING APRIL 26, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 26, 1995. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

THURSDAY EVENING APRIL 27, 1995										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Figure Skating (In Stereo Live)				48 Hours (In Stereo)		News	Late Show (In Stereo)
4	WOTV Highway Patrol	Extra (In Stereo)	Extreme (In Stereo)	To Be Announced (In Stereo)			Day One		News	Nightline
5	WGVU MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Last Train Across Canada (Part 1 of 2)		Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)
7	WXMI Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Simpsons (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover	Manchild (In Stereo)	Kung Fu: The Legend Continues (In Stereo)		Cheers (Part 3 of 3)	Murphy Brown
8	WOOD Entertainment Tonight	Inside Edition	Mad About You	Hope & Gloria	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	ER "Men Plan, God Laughs" (In Stereo)		News	Tonight Show
9	WLNS Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Figure Skating (In Stereo Live)				48 Hours (In Stereo)		News	Late Show (In Stereo)
10	WILX Star Trek: The Next Generation (In Stereo)	Mad About You	Hope & Gloria		Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	ER "Men Plan, God Laughs" (In Stereo)		News	MacNeil-Lehrer
11	WKAR [5:30] Auction									
12	WZZM Cops (In Stereo)	Current Affairs	Extreme (In Stereo)	To Be Announced (In Stereo)			Day One		News	Nightline
13	WYSM Simpsons (In Stereo)	Roseanne (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover	Manchild (In Stereo)	Cops (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol		Jenny Jones
CABLE STATIONS										
17	TBS Who's the Boss?	NBA Basketball Playoffs: First Round Game -- Teams to Be Announced (Live)								NBA Basketball Playoffs: First Round Game -- Teams to Be Announced
18	FAM Watsons "The Unthinkable"	Dove Awards The Gospel Music Association presents the 26th annual awards ceremony. (Live)				700 Club				Father Dowling Mysteries (In Stereo)
19	FX Under Scrutiny	Hart to Hart "Harts on the Scant"	Dynasty "The Testimony"			In Living Color				Sound FX
20	USA Wings (In Stereo)	Wings "Legacy"	Murder, She Wrote							Wings (In Stereo)
21	DISC Beyond 2000	Next Step (R)	World of Wonder	Amazing America (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Beyond 2000		World of Wonder (R)	Amazing America (R)
22	WGN Love Connection	Jeffersons	Movie						Honeymooners	Simon & Simon
23	ESPN [6:30] Sportscenter	Auto Racing: Thunder. From Ventura, Calif.				Extreme Games 101			Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter
24	CNN Moneyline	Crossfire	Primewest			Larry King Live			Sports Tonight	Moneyline
25	NICK Doug (In Stereo)	Looney Tunes	I Dream of Jeannie	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi "Fantasy Borough"		Bob Newhart	Dick Van Dyke
26	A&E Rockford Files "A Deadly Maze"		Biography "John Cleese" (R)			Pablo Casals Festival Highlights from the 1994 Pablo Casals festival in Puerto Rico. (R)			Law & Order "Doubles"	
27	PASS Cycle World	This Week in NASCAR	On Pit Road Preview	Press Box		Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Seattle Mariners. From the Kingdome. (Live)				
28	TNT In the Heat of the Night	Time's Long Shadow	NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced (Live)							NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams to Be Announced (Live)
29	NASH American Skyline	Country News	Legends of Country Music (In Stereo)			Music City Tonight Scheduled: Naomi Judd. (In Stereo)			Club Dance (R) (In Stereo)	Country News (R)
30	SCIFI Twilight Zone		Quantum Leap "Lee Harvey Oswald"			Dark Shadows (Part 1 of 4)			Friday the 13th: The Series (In Stereo)	Twilight Zone
PREMIUM STATIONS										
1	DISN Movie: *** "The Manhattan Project" (1986), Cynthia Nixon (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language)					Diana Ross...Sings Jazz and Blues: Stolen Moments (R) (In Stereo)				Movie: *** "Jane Eyre" (1944), Orson Welles, Margaret O'Brien
2	HBO [5:30] Movie: "Star Trek 3" Movie: ** "The Chase" (1994), Kristy Swanson (In Stereo) PG-13					Movie: "Red Scorpion 2" (1994), Jennifer Rubin (In Stereo) NR				Def Comedy Jam (R) Movie: "The Saint of Fort Washington" (1993) R
3	MAX [6:30] Movie: "Addams Family Values" (1993) R					Movie: ** 1/2 "Tequila Sunrise" (1988), Michelle Pfeiffer, Kurt Russell (In Stereo) R				Movie: "Test Tube Teens From the Year 2000" R Movie: "A Brilliant Disguise" (1994) (In Stereo) R

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT APRIL 27, 1995										
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BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT [11:35] Late Show	Late Show (In Stereo)			Jerry Springer					
4	WOTV Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)			Dennis Prager				Home Shopping Spree
5	WGVU [11:30] Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
7	WXMI Jon Stewart (In Stereo)		Psychic Phone Line	(Off Air)						
8	WOOD [11:35] Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)			Later (In Stereo)					NBC News Nightside
9	WLNS [11:35] Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)				Paid Program				Home Shopping Spree
10	WILX [11:35] Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)				Later (In Stereo)				News (R) NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress)
11	WKAR [Off Air]									Headline News
12	WZZM Rush Limbaugh	Married... With			In the Heat of the Night "Hutton's Turn"					Mike & Maty
13	WYSM Extra (In Stereo)	Cash Flow			Jon Stewart (In Stereo)					ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)
CABLE STATIONS										
1	TBS NBA Basketball Playoffs: First Round				Movie: ** 1/2 "To Live and Die in L.A." (1985) William L. Petersen. A federal agent hunts down the crook who killed his partner.					Munsters
2	FAM Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "Peace Officer"				Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club			Laverne & Shirley
3	FX Batman	Back Chat			Paid Program	Paid Program				Paid Program
4	USA Quantum Leap "Doctor Ruth - April 25, 1985"				Paid Program	Paid Program				Paid Program
5	DISC Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)			Beyond 2000					Paid Program
6	WGN [11:30] Simon & Simon	Movie: * "Breaker! Breaker!" (1977) Chuck Norris, Terry O'Connor.								Paid Program
7	ESPN Baseball Tonight	Black Ice (R)			Motorcycle Racing: Australian Grand Prix	Racehorse Digest (R)				Sportscenter
8	CNN Newswatch	Showbiz Today (R)			Calling All Sports	Sports Latentight	Larry King Live (R)			Up Close (R)
9	NICK Dragnet	Superman			Lucy Show	F Troop	Mary Tyler Moore			Crossfire (R)
10	A&E Biography "John Cleese" (R)				Pablo Casals Festival Highlights from the 1994 Pablo Casals festival in Puerto Rico. (R)					Overnight
11	PASS Major League Baseball: Tigers at Mariners	Trackside			Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers at California Angels. From Anaheim Stadium. (R)					Dragnet
12	TNT NBA Basketball Playoffs: Teams TBA	Inside the NBA			Movie: * 1/2 "The Split" (1968) Jim Brown, Gene Hackman.					Then Came Bronson
13	NASH Legends of Country Music (R) (In Stereo)				Music City Tonight Scheduled: Naomi Judd. (R) (In Stereo)					Country News (R)
14	SCIFI Quantum Leap "Lee Harvey Oswald"				Dark Shadows (Part 1 of 4)					(Off Air)
PREMIUM STATIONS										
1	DISN Walt Disney World	The Who's Tommy: The Amazing Journey (R)			Movie: *** "The Parent Trap" (1961, Comedy) Hayley Mills. Twins separated at birth plot to reunite their parents. G					Movie: ** 1/2 "The Manhattan Project" (1986) NR
2	HBO [11:00] Movie: "Saint of" Movie: ** "The Park Is Mine" (1985), Helen Shaver (In Stereo)				Movie: "The Expert" (1994) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)					Movie: "Red Scorpion 2" (1994) (In Stereo) NR
3	MAX [11:15] Movie: "A Brilliant Disguise" (1994) R				Movie: *** "The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise. A law-school grad signs on with a sinister Memphis firm. (In Stereo) R					Movie: * "Surf, Sand & Sex" (1994) NR

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Township not ready to commit to 300-foot communications tower

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A communications tower proposed by Century Cellnet may have to find a new location according to the township's zoning ordinance. Century Cellnet sent Traverse Bay Land Company, a real estate broker hired to handle the land acquisition, to the Lowell Charter Township's Planning Commission to inquire on the possibility of installing a 300-foot tower on Morse Lake Road.

The commission told Traverse Bay that Federal Aeronautic Aviation must be approved before the commission can vote on the plan.

However, upon further review, the commission found that the 10.5 acres of land in question is zoned Agriculture I, which doesn't allow for a structure of this nature.

Century Cellnet can put a tower on Ag II zoning, but

only with a special use permit.

That leaves the company with three options: 1) Century Cellnet could relocate the proposed tower to an Ag II area and ask for the permit. 2) The company could request the land be rezoned from Ag. I to Ag. II, or 3) The planning commission could change the zoning ordinance to allow the construction of a tower in an Ag. I area.

Planning commission trustee Carol Wieland said first and foremost, Century Cellnet must get FAA approval before the commission will look at the option.

"They need FAA approval which we (the commission) do not think will happen. We looked at the area and it's a low distance area and in the flight path of Kent County Airport," said Wieland.

If the tower is approved by the FAA, then Century Cellnet must prove a need in the area.

"I've driven that area and I can get calls in fine, so I don't know what the need is," said Wieland.

According to Liz Craft, communications specialist with Century Cellnet, the tower will fill in one of the company's gaps.

Craft said in a 1993 poll, 50 percent of cellular phone users indicated they use the service in the case of emergencies and 70 percent said they feel safer with a cellular phone in their cars.

"Survey show that 6,000 calls a month are placed to 911 operators. That will help those traveling on I-96," said Craft.

Wieland said the commission has listened to the proposal, but is not ready to jump through any hoops to make it happen.

"We'll respond to their request after they answer our questions. Until then it is up to them," said Wieland.

Lions' Clubs promote White Cane Week

Over 20,000 Michigan Lions, members of the International Association of Lions Clubs, will be soliciting donations between April 28 and May 7. Governor John Engler has proclaimed this ten-day period as "White Cane Week" in Michigan.

The Lions will be seeking public support of their many sight conservation projects. Major projects of the Lions of Michigan include: Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester; Michigan Eye Bank and Transplantation Center in Ann

Arbor; and Welcome Home for the Blind (a home for the elderly blind) in Grand Rapids. The Lions also support many community projects with the funds they collect during White Cane Week.

Funding for eye examinations and eyeglasses for the needy is an important service provided by many Lions Clubs.

The "White Cane Law" states that drivers of vehicles shall take all necessary precautions when approaching a crosswalk, or any other pedestrian crossing, to avoid

accident or injury to a blind person carrying a cane or being led by a dog guide in harness.

Public Accommodation Laws require that all public facilities must permit a blind person being led by a dog guide in harness to enter and use such premises.

To symbolize and create awareness of their efforts, the Lions have chosen 23-year-old Cheryl Winter of Oscoda, Michigan as White Cane Ambassador for 1995.

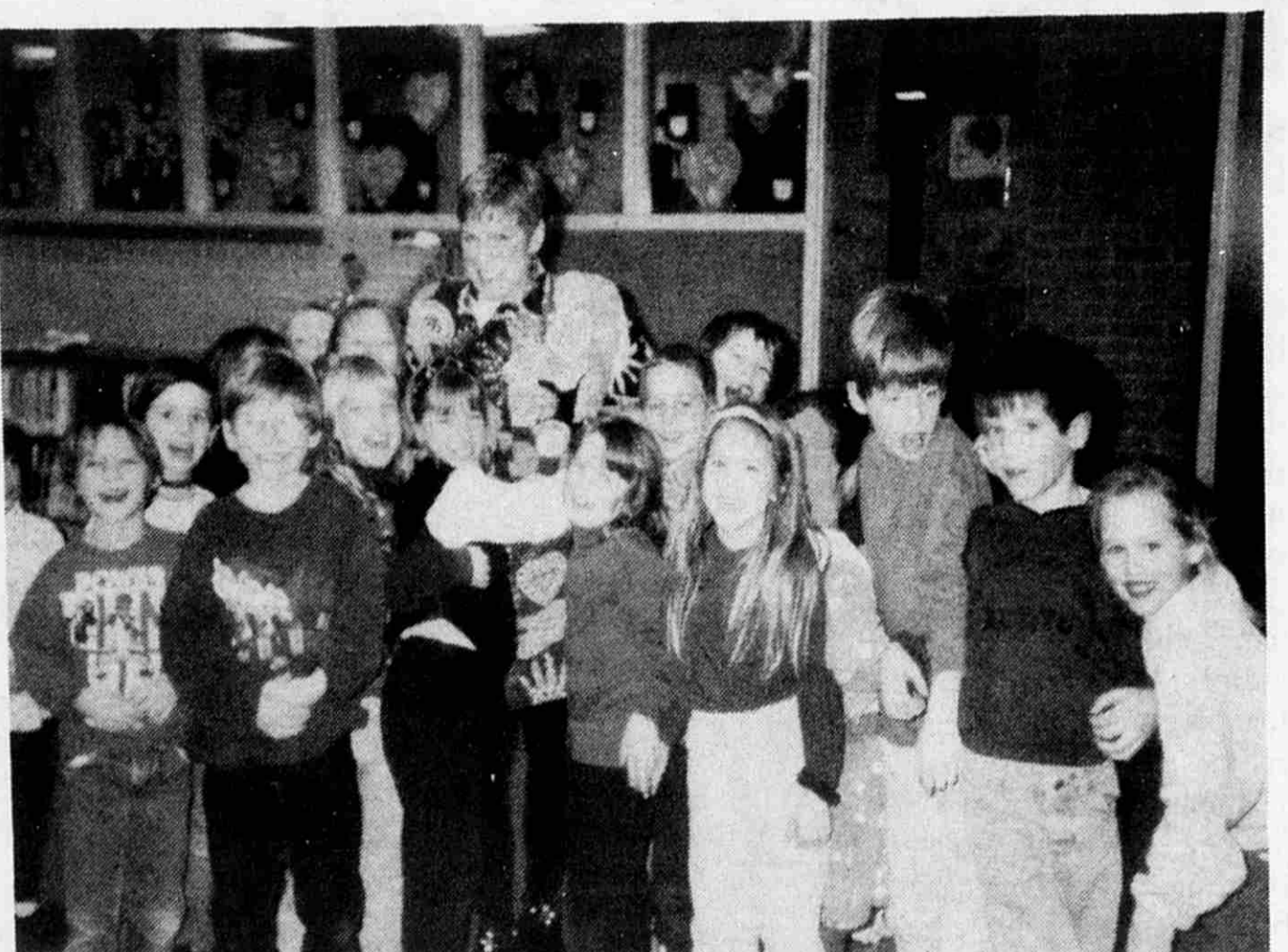
Contest open to local poets

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest, open to everyone in the Lowell area. There are 28 prizes in all, worth over \$2,000. The deadline for entering is May 10. Winners will be announced on or before July 6, and a winner's list sent to all entrants.

"Poems may be written on any subject, using any style," says Dr. Richard Huntington, famed Contest Director of the International Library of Famous Poets. "We are so sure this contest will attract great - yet heretofore unknown - poets that we are reserving the right to publish

the winning poems. We can't emphasize enough: Beginners are welcome."

To enter, send one poem only 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 421 N. Rodeo Dr., Suite 15-544, Beverly Hills, California 90210.



Bushnell "Young Authors"

Miranda, from FOX 17, visits Bushnell first-graders to encourage reading and writing their own books for "Young Authors" at Calvin College.

COLLEGE NEWS

Kerry C. Nugent, Karyn M. Rogers and Sarah M. Wieland are among the prospective freshmen who have been selected to receive a share of \$7 million in academic scholarships from Western Michigan University this fall.

The awards are part of WMU's Medallion Scholarship Program. The recipients were among more than 1,000 leading high school seniors from 12 states who competed for the scholarships during events this past winter on campus. The competition included written testing and group problem-solving activities for students and information sessions for parents.

To be eligible, participants had to be admitted to WMU by Jan. 10 with at least a 3.7 grade point average in high school, or at least a 3.5 GPA and an American College Test score of at least 30.

The top students were awarded Medallion Scholarships. Valued at \$25,000 over four years, those scholarships are among the largest merit-based awards in American public higher education. Several other top participants won Board of Trustees Scholarships of \$16,000 over four years.

received one of three types of awards: University Scholarships of \$12,000 over four years; University Excellence Awards of \$8,000 over four years; or WMU Academic Scholarships of \$4,800 over four years.

Nugent and Rogers received the WMU Academic Scholarship and Wieland received the University Excellence Award.

Two area residents were among the recipients when Adrian College handed out its highest academic and student service awards during the Honors Award Ceremony on March 31 and the Student Life Reception on April 4.

Cheryl Hildenbrand is a recipient of an Outstanding Senior in Sociology Award, which is given to the senior in the department with the highest academic average and the most outstanding record of

service to the college community. Hildenbrand, who is majoring in psychology and sociology, is the daughter of Lee Hildenbrand of Lowell and Rose Hildenbrand of Rockford and is a 1991 graduate of Lowell High School.

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Lowell dominates field events and Vikings in 91-46 win

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Lowell Ledger Editor

It was an eventful day in the field for Lowell in its league-opening 91-46 win against Wyoming Park.

Sweeps in the long jump and high jump helped the Red Arrow boys dominate the field events, 37-8.

"We swept in the long jump with three kids who didn't long jump against Ionia," Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve said.

Brian Bellechasses won the long jump reaching a distance of 17-11. Teammates Brian Haan and Tim Stencel were second and third respectively. Haan finished with a mark of 17-5 1/4 while Stencel booked a mark of 16-10 3/4.

"Bellechasses has been a pleasant surprise," Boeve explains. "He just keeps getting better." Besides winning the long jump, the Red Arrow finished third in the pole vault, third in the 100-meter dash, and had a great leg in the 400-meter relay.

In the high jump Kevin Brown won with a height of 5-4. Blaine Haywood was second at 5-2 and Red Arrow Nate Schoen finished third at 5-2.

In the midst of battling the flu, Ron Acheson found enough strength to win both the shot put (46-1 3/4) and discus (128-10). "He's been sicker than a dog for over a week," Boeve said. "He came in today and won both events and then we sent him home."

Lowell's Jason Koster took second in both the shot put (44-3 1/2) and discus (117-11).

Lowell's Jim Stoutjesdyk was big in the 110-meter hurdles. The Red Arrow was first in a time of 16.35. Teammate Tim Stencel came home third at 17.13.

Stencel was second in the 300 hurdles, stopping the clock at 44.83. Stoutjesdyk placed third in 45.36. Wyoming Park won the event in a time of 44.24.

Lowell's Ryan Wittenbach knocked eight seconds off last year's best time in the 3,200-meter run, breaking the tape at 10:37.5.

Denny Briggs won the 100-meter dash in 12.08 for the Red Arrows. Bellechasses was third in 12.34.

Red Arrow Ryan Teelander grabbed firsts in the 200- (24.54) and 400-

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The foursome of Briggs, Stoutjesdyk, Shambeau and Teelander ran the 800 relay finishing in 1:42.79.

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In its first meet of the season, Lowell boys' track team bested five of their top 17 times and distances last year.

"Other than Jason Koster and Eric Reibold all of our other points were scored by underclassmen," Lowell coach Keith Boeve said. "Of

where he left off last year. He won the 200- and 400-meter relays and anchored the winning 800-meter relay team.

"His times in the 400 (51.56) and 200 (23.6) beat last year's best times," Boeve said.

Denny Briggs also had a big day. He won the 100-meter

personal best).

Jim Stoutjesdyk won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 43.7. He used a personal best time to finish second in the 100-meter hurdles.

Red Arrow linksters fall short of Pioneers

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Lowell girls' golf team learned a few things Thursday.

1. The Red Arrows are ahead of last year.

2. They are ahead of Northview.

3. And, they are a few shots in back of co-conference favorite East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows shot a season and conference-opening round of 215 at the Deer

Run Golf Course. That score easily bested Northview's 253, but fell short of the Pioneer's 206.

"I'm pleased with the score. It took us a while to get to 215 last year," Lowell golf coach Rick White said. "It's too bad we had to match up with East Grand Rapids right away."

The teams played the par 36 on a cold, blustery afternoon. "It was our first match, but I don't think we played as well as we should have," White said.

The conditions didn't bother Pioneer Abby Nims. Lowell's Cheryl Anderson

She carded a medal round of 47.

Lowell's top golfers for the afternoon were Denise Koekkoek and Emily Dunn. They both fired rounds of 52.

Koekkoek had a good day chipping, but struggled with her putting.

Dunn said she was not consistent with her short irons. However, she was pleased with her drives.

"Denise and Emily came through for us with good rounds," White said. "Anderson and Metternick struggled."

Lowell's Cheryl Anderson

finished with a 55 and Leesha Metternick was one stroker back with a 56.

Following Nims for EGR were Katie Reltor and Sarah Beresa with rounds of 50. Elizabeth Yared was nine shots back at 59.

Northview was led by Tammy VanOongen who carded a 58. Jenny Welch finished with a 63. Rachael Marinch came home with a 64 while Kellie Hannibal shot a 68.

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1600 M Run - (I) 5:39; 3. Jessica Winsor 6:08
400 M Relay - (L) (Jansma, Lyndsay Gustafson, Eteo, Arnett) 53.9
400 M Dash - 1. Burrows 62.0
300 Hurdles - 1. Arnett 50.9; 2. Eteo 52.1; 3. Murphy 52.6
800 Run - 1. (I) 2:38.1; 2. Sandy Spicer 2:38.7
200 Dash - 1. Burrows 27.4
3200 Run - 1. (I) 12:31; 2. Annie Oesch 12.59
Discus - 1. (I) 93'6"; 3. Jansma 76'3"
Shot Put - 1. Beute 31'1"
Long Jump - 1. Burrows 17' 2 1/2"; 3. Lori Catlin 13'5"
High Jump - 1. Murphy 5'2"; 3. Eteo 1600 Relay - 1. (L) (Spicer, Winsor, Candi Briggs, Murphy)

Burrows won the long jump easily at 16-3 1/4. Finishing a distant second was park's Barb Raczynski at 15-1.

Burrows defeated Park's promising freshman Lisa Kibiloski in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Burrows finished the 100 in 13.07; Kibiloski was second at 13.26.

Burrows won the 200 in 28 seconds flat. Kibiloski placed second at 28.35.

In the 400-meter dash, Burrows came home in 1:02.65 edging Park's Sheri DeMaagd who finished in 1:04.31.

Last year's conference champion in the high jump, Lowell's Lesley Murphy, won the event with a height of 4-10. Teammate Tammy Eteo was second at 4-8.

Eteo took a first in the 300-meter hurdles, coming home in 53.53. Lowell's Courtney Arnett was second in 53.88.

Arnett won the 100 hurdles in 17.06. Eteo placed second at 17.26.

Talus was also pleased with the second-place performance (13:08.59) of Annie Oesch in the two-mile. Park's Tami Lauritzen was first at 12:33.22. "Annie also scored us points by taking a third (5:52.06) in the mile," Talus said.

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Cheerleading Awards

Honored with post-season varsity basketball cheerleading awards were, left to right: Michelle Murphy, scholar athlete; Emily Dunn, most valuable player; Melissa Beute, most valuable player; and Jenni Wilkins, sportsmanship award.



Volleyball Awards

Honored with post-season varsity volleyball awards were, left to right: Krista Posthumus, coach's award; Kortney Gowen, all conference, sportsmanship award, and best defensive player; Cori Boersma, coach's award; Elena Richmond, most improved; Alison Kissinger, most valuable player, all conference, all regional, best offensive player and Kerry Nugent, all conference. Missing from the picture is Jenny Jansma, spirit award.

Beachler resigns as the Lowell varsity boys' basketball coach

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

He began coaching at the high school level two years prior to being hired as a teacher. He has coached at least one sport or another in each of the seven academic years since joining the Lowell High School teaching fraternity.

For the last five years, Phil Beachler has been Lowell's head varsity basketball coach. Next year (1995-96) he will

be an observer. This comes following his resignation as head basketball coach Monday.

"I think I've reached the point where I need to observe, not just basketball but all the other things life has to offer," Beachler said.

The Lowell math teacher spent two years as the boys junior varsity basketball coach and two years as the freshman boys basketball coach. He also coached the girls junior varsity basketball

team for three years; the freshman basketball team one year; and the freshman basketball team one year.

"I still enjoy going to practice and working with the kids," Beachler said. "The second half of the 1994-95 season was probably the most enjoyable for me of the five years."

He added that a person cannot be prepared for everything else that goes with being a coach - overseeing the middle and high school programs,

helping with the YMCA programs, banquets, and inventory.

"The stress I felt came from

within. I wanted to be successful. I wanted the players to be successful. I played here at Lowell and I had an opportunity to coach here at Lowell," Beachler said.

The young coach said that he tended to take things personally.

During his five-year tenure his Red Arrow clubs won eight games twice (1992-93 & 1993-94).

In 1991-92 his club won six games and in his first year and final year Beachler's team won four games.

The Lowell coach said he would like to see an intramural program at Lowell. "Players who get cut as freshman-

that's it for them. Intramurals would give them a chance to play," Beachler said.

He added that he'd like to see more people commit themselves to working year round through open gyms, individual camps, summer camps and the YMCA program.

"I'd like to thank all the players and coaches who worked their tails off for me," Beachler said.

The coach did not rule out coaching again. "If the right opportunity would come up at another time, I might be interested," he said.

For now, Beachler is just going to watch.



Phil Beachler

Hastings Relay, continued.... From Page 21

Battle Creek-Lakeview won the invitational with 56 points. Delton was second with 53, followed by Lansing Waverly and Lowell with 46 and 43 points respectively.

Gull Lake won the distance medley in a time 13:50.7. Lowell's team of Sandy Spicer, Cindy Briggs, Jessica Winsor and Annie Oesch was second in 14:20.1.

Battle Creek-Lakeview won the 800-meter relay in 1:50.4. Jenny Jansma, Tammy Eteo, Courtney Arnett and Dawn Burrows were second at 1:53.2.

Arnett, Jansma, Eteo and

Burrows also teamed up for a second in the 400-meter relay (53.3). Battle Creek-Lakeview was first at 52.2.

In the shuttle hurdles Arnett, Melissa Beute, Eteo and Marianna Kroftova placed third in 10:10.3. Delton won the event in a time of 1:07.1.

Sandy Spicer, Cindy Briggs, Jessica Winsor and Annie Oesch finished the 3,200-meter relay in 11:09.0 (fourth). St. Joe was first, stopping the clock at 10:25.1.

Delton won the shot put with a mark of 64-4. Melissa Beute and June Munroe

placed fourth with a distance of 59-10.

Burrows and Lori Catlin finished fifth in the long jump with a total of 29-1. Battle Creek-Lakeview was first at 31-5 1/2.

Lesley Murphy and Eteo were fifth in the high jump with a mark of 9-5. Battle Creek-Lakeview won the event with a height of 10-0.

In the 800-sprint medley Jansma, Lyndsay Gustafson, Arnett and Burrows were sixth in a time of 2:02.7. Charlotte was first with a time of 1:59.2.



Gymnastics Awards

Honored with post-season gymnastics awards were, left to right: Lesley Murphy, scholar athlete; and Trisha Schmidt, sportsmanship award. Missing from the picture is Brenda Lacey, all conference honorable mention and most valuable player.



Basketball Awards

Honored with post-season basketball awards were, left to right: Scott Smith, sportsmanship; Dustin VanStee, scholar athlete and most valuable player; Brandon Eisentrager, honorable mention all conference; B.J. Barber, most improved; and Ryan Graham, coach's award.

Craig's dramatic two-run home run lifts Lowell to a sweep over GR Union

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

At any level, it's the stuff that dreams of America's pastime are made of - Andy Craig hit a dramatic two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning to give Lowell a 5-4 win and a sweep of the doubleheader against Grand Rapids Union.

Saturday's Easter weekend doubleheader allowed Lowell's boys to even their early season record at 2-2.

"It was a well-played game defensively by the kids. The offensive strategies for both teams worked through the contest," Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf said. "The game came down to the last out - providing a lot of excitement for the fans, players, coaches and even the grounds crew."

With two out in the bottom of the seventh, Jamie Compton singled, setting the stage for Craig's dramatic hit. The Red Arrow hit the ball over the 325 mark in left center field. "The distance was never in doubt. It was just a matter of whether it was going to clear the foul pole," Kropf said. "It was inside the foul pole by about two feet."

Craig's heroics overshadowed Compton's big day at the plate and on the mound. The senior went seven innings allowing just two earned runs. He gave up eight hits.

"After the first two innings, Jamie pitched very well," Kropf said.

At the plate, the senior was 4-for-4 (including a double and a triple) with two RBIs and two runs scored.

Union scored three in the bottom of the first to take a 3-1 advantage. Lowell added a run in the third to pull within one at 3-2. Union got the run back in the fourth inning to take a 4-2 lead. Lowell pulled to within one at 4-3 with a run in the fifth inning.

In the opener, Jarred Sper went the distance, allowing two runs on four hits while walking three and striking out 13.

Lowell's three runs came in the second. The inning was highlighted by Jack Livingston's two-run single.

Huskie Dave Curtis allowed Lowell three runs on three hits while striking out 13.

Rockford drops Lowell, 14-3 in softball opener

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Box score numbers don't always tell the whole story.

Case in point, the box score showed that Lowell's softball team out-hit Rockford nine to three in the club's season opener.

What those numbers wouldn't tell a person is that one of the Rams' three runs was a first inning three-run home run. And wrapped around that homer were eight walks and a hit batsman.

Those numbers led to an 11-run first inning for Rockford and it led the Rams to a 14-3 non-conference win over Lowell.

"The girls showed a lot of

six Union batters, in Lowell's 5-2 win.

"Jarred pitched with confidence and control. His only scare came in the fourth inning with two outs," Kropf said. Union had the bases loaded, but Sper struck out Union left fielder Brett Gingrich to close the door.

The Red Arrow hitters struggled the first time through against Red Hawk pitcher Andy Lorenski.

In Lowell's five-run fourth inning, Paul Pelon led-off with a walk and then scored on an RBI double off the bat of Compton.

An RBI single by Brent Teft plated Compton. Ryan Graham, running for Compton, took second on an overthrow when a pick-off attempt sailed past the first baseman. Aaron Kennedy then drove Graham home with an RBI single.

Brian Wilmarth walked. A wild pitch advanced Lowell runner to second and third. Both runners scored on a two-run single by Ryan Barle.

FH Northern 7 Lowell 3

A seven-run third inning by the Huskies was Lowell's undoing in this non-conference clash.

Lefty Brian Wilmarth made his first varsity start for Lowell. He allowed no hits through the first three innings, but trouble brewed in the Huskie fourth. A walk, a double, a walk and a fielder's choice made the score 3-1 Lowell with two men on base.

Paul Pelon came on in relief but could not stem the tide. FHN scored its seven runs on four hits and four walks.

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Lowell's season-opening 12-4 baseball loss to the visiting Rams from Rockford may have at times resembled a walk in the park more than a baseball game.

Three Red Arrow pitchers combined for 10 walks over six innings. On seven occasions the batters receiving walks came around to score.

"Other than the walks I was very pleased with the effort from my players," Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf said. "In defense of my pitchers, I thought they were consistently over the plate about knee high. A different day, a different strike zone, a different result."

In terms of hits and errors, the game was pretty close. Rockford had six hits and committed three errors. Lowell tallied seven hits but committed five errors.

"The difference was Rockford's Jaramy Castora did a better job adjusting to the strike zone," Kropf said.

Scott Smith started for Lowell, giving up two unearned runs in the first inning.

With the score tied 2-2 going into the third inning, Rockford got to Smith for three runs. With one out, there were back-to-back singles by Kirk Kempf and Andy Klein.

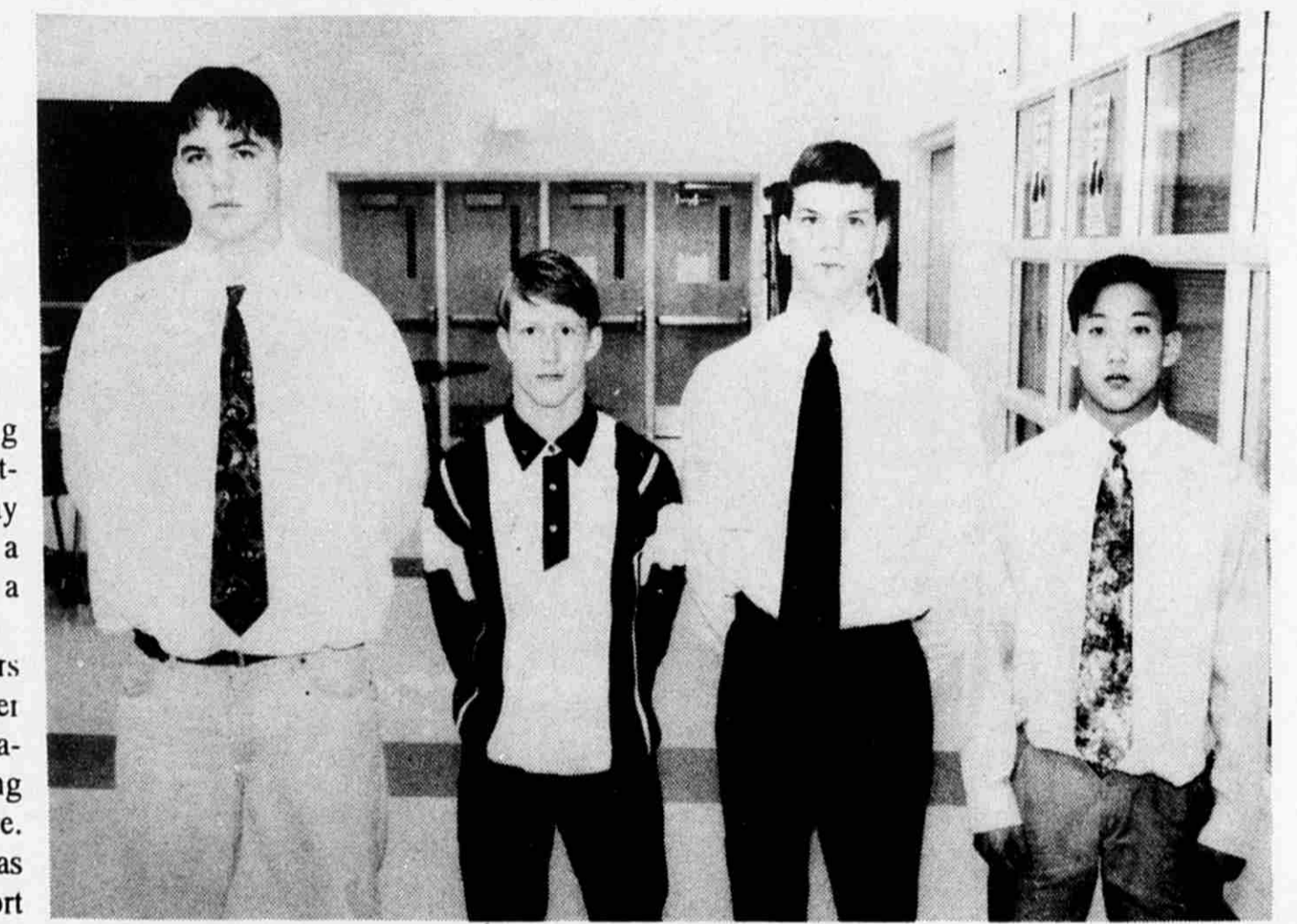
A passed ball advanced Ram runners to second and third. Kempf scored on a fielder's choice. Then, with two out, Rockford's designated hitter Mike McCullough took Smith deep for a two-run homer bringing the score to 5-2.

"Scotty got the pitch above the belt," Kropf said. Lowell's Brian Wierenga had two hits and scored a run to lead Lowell.

Ryan Graham and Aaron Kennedy each contributed with a double and an RBI.

Red Arrow sophomore Jack Livingston also collected his first varsity hit.

"The boys made a few mental mistakes, but they hustled for seven innings," Kropf said. "We also had some new faces which contributed."



Wrestling Awards

Honored with post-season wrestling awards were, left to right: Rob White, most valuable player; Dan Spicer, named 1995-1996 captain; Mike Rottier, scholar athlete; and Scott Swanson, sportsmanship award.

Lowell netters tie Wayland

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's tennis team swept the singles play and Wayland swept the doubles play as the two clubs split their season-opening, non-league tennis match 4-4.

Nate Livingston, Red Arrows' number one singles player, handed Wayland's Terry Shimizu a 6-3, 6-0 setback.

In second singles action, Lowell's Neil Nelson defeated Wayland's Chad MacIntosh in straight sets 6-0, 6-2.

Andy Smith defeated Chad Bruinslat and Jeremy Burchaadt 7-5, 4-6, 5-7.

Lowell's Kyle Triplett was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Wayland's Ben Schaffer in fourth singles action.

An off-court injury to Lowell's doubles player Jeff Grove will sideline the Red Arrow for the remainder of the season which forced some major lineup changes in Red Arrow doubles' play by Lowell coach Terry Abel.

Lowell's Ryan Teunis and Zac Cole lost in three sets to

Wayland's Justin Thompson and Niko Theis 1-6, 6-7 (5-7).

In third doubles, Lowell's Mike and Tom Roudabush in three games 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Fourth doubles saw Lowell's Brandon Grove and Charlie Johnson lose 0-6, 3-6.

City extends contract with Earth Tech

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The extension of the contract between Earth Tech Operation Services and the city of Lowell was extended through July of the year 2,000.

The city had been under contract with WW Operation Services since July 1, 1989 to operate and maintain the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WW Operation Services was part of Summit Environmental. In May of 1994, a merger between Summit and Earth Technologies was completed, resulting with a name change.

Adjusting the annual compensation from \$235,380 to \$267,212. This includes a 4.5 percent cost adjustment, a \$1,240 per year charge for sludge analytical analysis as regulated by the EPA and the DNR.

Amendments made to the contract extension include:

- A sewer system investigation/remediation program

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Lowell Ledger Easter Coloring Contest winners are, left to right, Tracy Jones, Paul Mundt, Roya Eshragh and Elizabeth Schreur.

Four area kids rewarded for efforts in Lowell Ledger Easter Coloring Contest

Four area children were rewarded for their meticulous work in the Lowell Ledger Easter Coloring Contest.

The four winners were Tracy Jones, pre-school division; Paul Mundt, 5-7-year-old division; Roya Eshragh, eight-10-year-old division; and Elizabeth Schreur, 11-12-year-old division.

The Lowell Ledger would like to thank all those who participated in the 1995 Easter Coloring Contest.

Preschool category: Treasure Bristol, Josh Hobria, Melissa Hawks, Kevin Jones, Tracy Jones, Cheyenne Brown, Katelyn Wallace, Cody Toomey, Troy Heffron, Heather Witherell and Kathryn Collins.

5 - 7 age group: Austin Blough, Cody Chambers, Robin Figley, Tarah Essich, Jacob Seaman, Nicole Green, Drew Kyllonen, Cory Jones, Sean Adrianse, Anthony Adrianse, Shannon Anderson, Samantha Collins, Brett, Paul Mundt, Allison Heffron, Danielle Anchors, Emily Timpson, Nicole Smit, Lisa Boomers, Heather Kraus, Ashley Kennedy and Cara Pieroni.

8 - 10 age group: Kimberly Seaman, Sophia D'Agostino, Sara Bailey, Raymond Kennedy, Cassie Burke, Heather Essich, Adam Scott, Adam Chandler, Amy Green, Roya Eshragh, Casey McWhinney, Sarah Wallace, Ben Symmes, Devin Kyllonen, Lyndsey Adrianse, Amanda Craig, Laura Pelz, Tiffany Condon, Katie Lum, Erik Schreur and Joe VanLaan.

11 & 12 age group: Pete VanLaan, Jamie Roth, Amber VanOverbeek, Brandon Figley, Molly Balaam, Michael Anderson, Mary Sova, Elizabeth Schreur, Jason Craig and Stacy Boomers.

Area Jaycee Chapters to meet Michigan Jaycee board candidates

Jaycee Chapters in Region C will have an opportunity to meet candidates for the Michigan Jaycees 1995-96 board of directors on Saturday, April 22. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Sam's Joint in Alaska, MI.

Region C Chapters include Allegan, Caledonia,

Comstock Park, Coopersville, Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Greater Muskegon, Hart, Hastings, Holland, Kentwood, Lowell, Maple Valley, Rockford, Sparta, Wayland and Wyoming.

This is the seventh in a series of candidate forums that are scheduled statewide during

the month of April. These meetings give local Jaycee Chapters an opportunity to hear Michigan Jaycee board candidates speak on their ideas and plans for the upcoming Jaycee year. Meeting participants also have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates. The Michigan

Jaycees will elect their 1995-96 board during their spring assembly convention that will be held in May at Boyne Mountain Resort.

Candidates scheduled to speak include Walt Downes (Ionia Jaycees) and Rick Lewis (South Lyon Jaycees) candidates for president;

Adam Pieczynski (Posen Jaycees), candidate for membership development vice president; Don McDurmon (Plymouth/Canton Jaycees), candidate for management development vice president; and Tony Bliss (Madison Hts. Jaycees) and Tamela Spicer (Grand Rapids Jaycees), can-

didates for individual development vice president.

The Jaycees are a leadership training organization for individuals ages 21 to 39.

Friends & Neighbors 4-H Club build homes for bluebirds

The bluebirds were disappearing, due to the lack of natural homes. By the placement of well-designed nesting boxes, we can do much to save this favorite bird.

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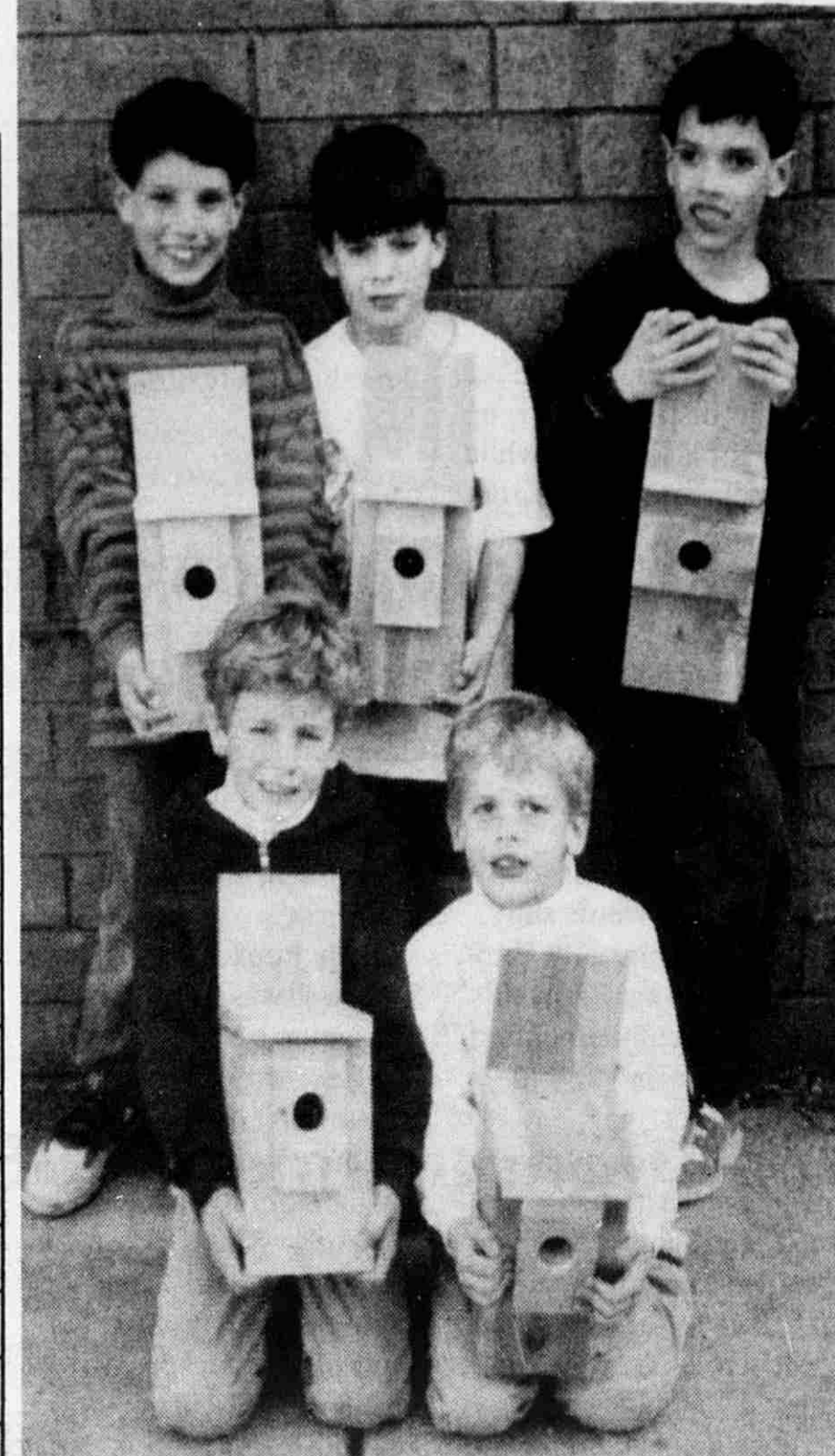
vide a beautiful sight and sound for us to enjoy.

The nesting boxes made by the members, will be placed north of Lowell and Ada. These boxes will be added to those that some of the members already have in place. Last year, two boxes occupied bluebirds with seven

fledglings during the season.

The members meet monthly to learn about conservation, showing cows, gardening, crafts and art, along with community service projects they are involved in.

The new nesting boxes will be placed by the middle of April. Other projects that the members are working on will be exhibited at the Kent County Youth Fair in August.



Friends and Neighbors 4-H Club members are front row, left to right: Steven and Christian Koning and back row, left to right: Alan Hasso, Chris Pearson and Eric Hasso.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the enactment of Ordinance No. 95-2, that amends the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance to expand and revise sections of the ordinance concerning the "I" Industrial District.

Article III, Section 201.309, is revised to include a new statement of purpose, addition of certain permitted uses, conditions requiring special exception uses and itemized site development standards. Article IV, Section 201.417 F4, is amended to cover numbers of required parking spaces for industrial operations and Article V, Section 201.501, is amended to allow already approved special exception uses to continue under terms originally granted but requiring that future expansion beyond any originally approved must conform to the new ordinance requirements.

On March 22 and March 29, 1995, a notice of public hearing containing a detailed account of the proposed ordinance was published in local media. On April 3, 1995 the Vergennes Township Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed industrial ordinance amendments and subsequently recommended to the Township Board that the ordinance be approved.

At a regularly scheduled meeting on April 17, 1995, the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 95-2 in its entirety. The full text of Ordinance No. 95-2 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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 7 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 MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at the Lowell Congregational Church basement, Corner of Spring and Hudson St. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kezik 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.

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

WEDNESDAYS: 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

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.

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell Burger King. New members are welcome. Membership 21-39 years of age. Leadership training through community involvement.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program

with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SUNDAY: The Grattan Museum, Old Belding Road in Grattan, is open from 2 to 4 p.m. Museum will not be open on Easter Sunday or Mother's Day.

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 SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949 WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking.

WED., APRIL 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

FRI., APRIL 21: 12:30 p.m., Reminisce.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

THURS., APRIL 20: Keenagers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Notice, this is the first meeting of the year. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. They will have a pot luck dinner and play cards. Come and bring a friend.

APRIL 27, 28 & 29: Second best sale for Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Temple. There will also be a bake sale at the same time as long as the baked items last.

APRIL 27 - MAY 3: Wisconsin/Iowa trip. Call Mary Condon at 897-7092.

FRI., APRIL 28: The regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple. There will be a bridal shower for Cara Jackson following the meeting.

FRI., APRIL 28: The music department from Grand Rapids Community College will present "Musical Moods '95" at the Lowell Performing Arts Center, Lowell High School from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the GRCC Music Center or for more details call 771-3940. Tickets will cost, \$3 for adults and \$1 for seniors and students.

SAT., APRIL 29: Special immunization clinics from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at following locations: Kent County Health Department, 700 Fuller N.E.; Wyoming/South Kent Clinic, 17354th

St. S.W.; Westside Clinic, 215 Straight N.W.; Cherry Street Health Services, 550 Cherry S.E.; Breton Health Center, 1801 Breton S.E. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who are asked to bring their children's immunization records. Free transportation is available by calling the American Red Cross at 454-7433 the week prior to the clinics. For more information, call 243-2584 or 336-3440.

SUN., APRIL 30: Spring Ring '95, a bell concert, will be held at Lowell First United Methodist Church at 4 p.m. The public is invited and admission is free.

TUES., MAY 2: The annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Ticket prices are \$5.25, 13 to adult; \$3.25, 5 to 12; and free under 5. Tickets can be purchased at the church office or at Koinonia on Sunday. The program is Mary Beth Quillin-Gregor, storyteller/actress.

SUN., MAY 7: Lowell Area Hunger C.R.O.P. Walk. Registration at 1 p.m. Walk starts at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Phone 897-5936 for more information.

SUN., MAY 7: Annual statewide Bed & Breakfast open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Local innkeepers will open their doors and show visitors how they can make a bed and breakfast their "home-away-from-home. Visit Alden Pines B&B, 1320 Alden Nash N.E.; McGee Homestead B & B, 2534 Alden Nash, N.E. and The Union Hill Inn, 306 Union, Ionia.

SEPT. 6-18: 7-day Alaskan cruise on The Love Boat plus more. Call Mary Condon at 897-7092.

After fifteen minutes nobody looks at a rainbow.
—Goethe

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Public Notice of Receipt of a Special Use Application

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 1995 at 7 PM

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE. At this hearing the request of Woodruff Palmer will be considered for a special use permit to allow the building of an 18-hole public golf course with driving range on 180 acres at 10399 Cascade Road (PP#s 41-20-19-400-002, 41-20-19-200-005 and 41-20-20-100-007.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services for the hearing impaired should contact the Clerk prior to the 22nd of April, 1995. For further information, please call the Township Hall at 897-7600.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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FOR SALE - 1980 Corvette, white with red pinstripe, auto., with T-tops, 27,000 miles, winter cover included. \$11,000; 10-speed Sears, Free-Spirit bike, \$75. 418 N. Jackson, Lowell.

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SALES

GARAGE SALE - 1 day only! Fri., Apr. 21, 8 a.m. to ? Just moved, have too much stuff. Filing cabinet, some furniture, some tools, toys, clothes, lots of misc. 652 Birchwood Ct., Lowell.

ESTATE SALE - April 21, 9-6 p.m.; April 22, 9-3 p.m. Antiques, household furniture, 2 antique bedroom sets, tables, lamps, quilts, radios, glassware, tools, old farm equipment, spring tooth drag, blacksmithing tools, disc, Homelite chainsaw (used twice), Toro riding lawn mower, Gibson stove, washer & dryer, lots of misc. Numbers at 8:30. Garage opens at 8:30. M-21 to Lowell, north on Hudson, right on Hunt, left on Flat River (Sayles Rd.) to 9329 Sayles Rd. just past the Pinckney Cemetery.

ADA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - Rummage sale, Sat. April 22, in school gym, 7192 Bradford, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Good used clothing, household items & fresh baked goods.

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Thank You

CARD OF THANKS
The Family of Philip Wheat wishes to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, food and money. Also a special thanks to Verdina Borup, Jean Chase, Brenda Karsies and Vivian Hey for putting on the luncheon, also the Rev. Lou VanderMeer for the service.

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FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23-29

ARIES March 21-April 20
The outdoor bug has bitten, and it may be all you can do to force yourself not to call in sick. It's important not to this week—big developments may be afoot.

Taurus April 21-May 21
A difficult week. Someone may be trying to manipulate you, or perhaps just help you see things differently. It may be hard to know at this point—trust your heart and put off making any big decisions.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Things settle down slightly as this week starts, but Gemini still feels the itch of transition. New information precedes a big decision. Loved ones rally around in support.

CANCER June 22-July 22
A short-tempered colleague is making work unbearable, but conditions improve later in the week. Plans this week are accomplished—think big for the most productivity. A loved one brings news.

LEO July 23-August 23
A family member suffers when they hear some distressing news. Listen to what kind of help they ask for, rather than what would make you feel better. Their needs may be simpler than you think.

VIRGO August 24-September 22
Emotions run high at home as outside stresses mount on everyone. Solitude may prevent a blowup. Plan a quiet weekend at home to reforge caring bonds.

LIBRA September 23-October 23
A glitch at work has everyone spinning their wheels. Watch carefully—the ones with the calm approach have the insight needed to solve the problem. A financial strain will ease soon.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22
Make a wish! This week is the time for dreams to turn into plans. They'll enjoy prosperity if they're backed with sincerity and good intentions. A quiet evening at home may turn romantic.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21
A new source of financial advice may seem to have all the answers, but be sure to see things from every angle. Delaying big decisions might not be a bad idea either, and advice from close friends is likely to be sound this week.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20
Technical difficulties could have you screaming with frustration early on—an expert opinion could make a big difference. A small investment pays big dividends. Close friends surprise you with a call or letter.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18
Strong, decisive action on your part prevents a complication from worsening. Listen to those in authority. You may not have to follow their advice, but don't flaunt your opposition, either.

PISCES February 19-March 20
You may find yourself at the eye of an emotional hurricane this week. Try to help warring factions reach a compromise. Avoid involving yourself directly at all costs—someone wants to manipulate you.

LOST & FOUND

REWARD - lost 1 year old male Golden Retriever. Last seen 4/17 from Eastgate. Our Hobie has a liver disorder, needs medicine daily. If seen call 897-5108 or 942-6630 ask for Kelly.

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ADOPTION - Our wish is for a baby to love & share our happy home. Please call our home at 1-800-347-2418.

Board gives Korb an adjustment in interim superintendent salary

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School Board showed their appreciation for the work Dick Korb has done as interim superintendent for the 1994-95 school year.

The board approved a salary adjustment for the 1994-95 school year in the amount of \$10,000 retroactive to July 1, 1994 and concluding on June 30, 1995.

When Korb took the role of interim superintendent, he was receiving the salary of his position as director of school and community service - \$75,000 (\$71,500 annually and \$3,500 annuity). That total was roughly \$14,000 less than what former Lowell Superintendent Fritz Esch was making (\$89,263).

The adjustment agreement in Korb's salary was reached by the personnel committee (Ann Mulder, Norm Byrne and Jack Lane).

"I was approached last fall in regards to an adjustment in my salary by the board, but I asked that they wait until stu-

dents got into the buildings," Korb said. "I also asked that they let me get some things started and begin work on lowering the deficit.

Lane noted that the personnel committee felt that his performance during a crucial period for the district, and his

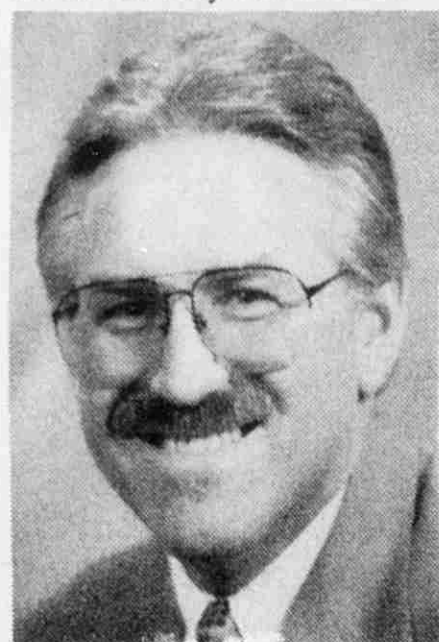
successful record, would fairly reflect an appropriate salary for the position.

"I was honored that I was asked to take the position of interim superintendent," Korb said. "The Lowell School District has always treated me well."

"The reimbursement formally and financially recognizes Dick for carrying out his responsibilities associated with the role of superintendent," Lane said.

Board member Ellen McClain thanked Korb for waiting a year.

"I'd like to thank the board for the opportunity. It has been my honor to serve the district in this capacity. I will do everything possible to help the superintendent. I will offer any bit of expertise and advice I've gained through this experience."



Dick Korb

Democracy dictates Kissing Rock paving dilemma

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Residents on Kissing Rock Avenue will be able to flex their democratic muscle to determine if the road will be paved.

According to Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson, the Kent County Road Commission has improvements to Kissing

Rock "in their computers" and will soon begin mapping out the improvement project.

Plans to pave over 4,000 feet of the road and improve blind spots have been met with differing opinions from people who use the road as access to their property.

Residents for the improvements feel the road will become safer. Those against

the project believe paving it will increase the speed of motorists, thus making the road more dangerous.

To solve the dispute, Timpson said going through or finishing the project will depend solely on the residents.

"If two thirds of the residents vote against the project then we will drop it, but if the majority approves it, then we

will proceed," said Timpson.

No time frame has been given by the road commission for its final plans, but Timpson said the commission will begin marking trees and determining where the slopes will be cut.

"When the commission finishes marking the trees, it will set up an information meeting and put it to a vote," said Timpson.

The cost of paving Kissing Rock Ave. is estimated to cost \$200,000. The county and Lowell Township would split the cost of the project.

Sidewalk program to begin in May of '96

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A proposed sidewalk program, which would be implemented in May of 1996, would assure a continuous network of sidewalks to four local school buildings (Cherry Creek, Lowell Middle School, St. Mary's and Bushnell Elementary).

Lowell's City Council has approved the plan providing city residents who would be assessed for new and replacement sidewalk, be given a year's advance notice.

The year time frame would give those residents who will be assessed time to contract out their own work or do the work themselves.

A priority areas map was presented to the council last year. The first area is bound by Foreman, the railroad tracks, the Flat River and Main Street.

From this, public works director Art Gall proposed sidewalk work be completed on Elm Street from Riverside to Amity, as well as on Foreman Road from Riverside to Gee Drive.

With the city contributing 25 percent of the cost for repair and installation of walks, budget of approximately \$27,000 for city share has been budgeted.

The estimated cost for new sidewalk for the two projects would be \$80,464. The city participation in private sidewalk costs would be \$18,966. The total city cost estimated for new walks is \$23,566.

The city participation cost for private repair cost is \$525. The total repair cost is \$675.

A total of \$2,424 was also figured in for contingency cost.

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