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## Successful search for raffle ticket a prelude to Stetler's big day

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It has become routine. Lowell's Caron Stetler buys a Z-28 Camaro raffle ticket from Terri Nausieda for the St. Patrick's Parish Festival. In turn, Nausieda, a friend and fellow aerobics instructor, purchases a Corvette raffle ticket from Stetler for the Grand Valley Corvette Association's September drawing. "Routine" was replaced with "remarkable" Sunday when Stetler, who had just returned from St. Ignace (Corvette Club convention), received a phone call.

Hello, Caron Stetler. This is Mike Jacobs from St. Patrick's Parish. Your name has just been pulled as the winner in our Camaro Z-28 Convertible raffle.

After a couple of "You're joking; right," responses, Stetler, standing in the kitchen, began mouthing "I won the car" to her husband Keith.

Winning a car over the weekend is anything but routine. In Stetler's case, the fact her ticket ever made it into the barrel for the 6 o'clock drawing may be as remarkable.

Before leaving town on Thursday, Stetler made her routine raffle ticket purchase from Nausieda.

Sunday morning before leaving for St. Patrick's, Nausieda gathered up the 42 ticket stubs she sold. In counting the stubs, she was alarmed at finding out there were only 41. One ticket stub was missing. She was horrified when she learned the stub missing belonged to Stetler.



Caron Stetler found the seating more than a little comfortable in the driver's seat of her new 1995 Z-28 Camaro convertible. Stetler won the "grand" prize at the St. Patrick's Festival over the weekend. Riding with Stetler is Terri Nausieda, center, and Stew Thomet from Thomet Chevrolet.

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## Crystal Flash unveils plans for expansion

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Pete Lazdins, architect for Design Plus, presented the site plan for Crystal Flash's proposed remodeling project.

The project will put in place a 15-door cooler on the east side of the Crystal Flash building; a storage room on the southeast side of the building; and changes to the glass storefront.

The two new additions which will be enclosed as part of the existing brick structure will total 477 square feet.

The convenience store will also replace the existing canopy

with a freestanding structure not connected to the building. It will also include corporate graphics on it.

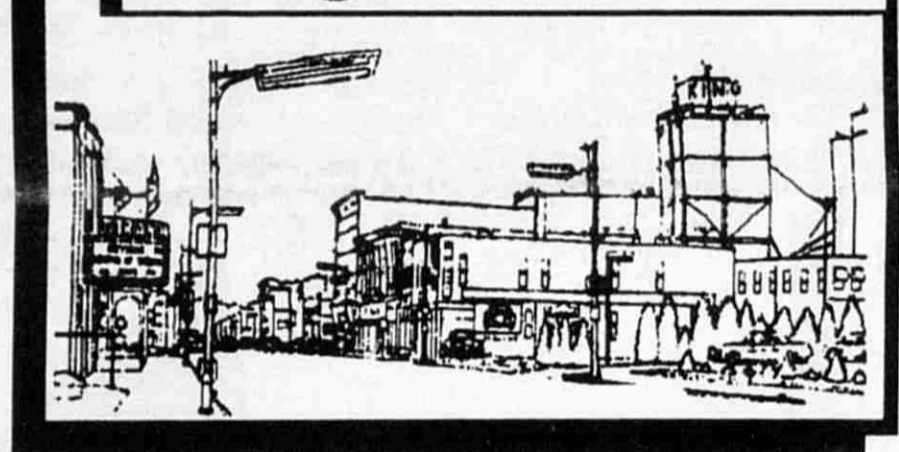
The only area of concern noted by the planning commission in review of the proposed project was the off-street parking.

According to the zoning ordinance the retail services store would require 26 parking spaces.

In reviewing the plan, city manager Dave Pasquale noted that 12 parking spaces were shown on the site plan, but parking can be extended along the rear lot line, and in front of the store. Pasquale noted that the pump islands are also used as parking spaces. In total this brings the number of parking spaces to 24.

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## Along Main Street



### MANDY TICHELAAAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

People who would like to contribute to the Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship fund may send donations to: Mandy Tichelaar Scholarship c/o Lowell Area Schools, 300 High Street, Lowell, MI 49331.

Attention Dale Folkert - please make checks out to Lowell Area Schools.

### LOWELL HISTORIC SOCIETY NEEDS INFORMATION ON BUSINESSES OVER THE BRIDGE

The Lowell Historic Society is looking for any old photos or information on businesses over "the bridge," from Springrove Variety at 123 W. Main, east to the old Levee Restaurant at 119 E. Main. Contact Dr. Jim Reagan at 897-9656.

### PANEL DISCUSSION SPONSORED BY THE LOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Save June 28 for a very special program sponsored by the Lowell Area Historical Association. This will be a panel discussion of Lowell area history given by several actual area historians. Please join us at 7:30 p.m. at Cherry Creek School (former middle school), 12675 Foreman, Lowell.

### ATTENTION HOOPS TEAMS

The registration deadline for the Hoops 3 on 3 basketball tournament is Friday, June 30. You can get registrations at Family Fare grocery store, area Crystal Flash stores, or at the YMCA office at 323 W. Main. For more information contact

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## First-year DDA projects to start Aug. 1

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Engineers for the Broadway/Riverside city parking lot and Lafayette Street Plaza projects were given the okay to initiate construction bids.

They are part of the \$1.2 million Downtown Develop-

ment Authority (DDA) project. The entire DDA project is scheduled to begin this year with completion in 1996.

The drawings of the two projects, which are scheduled to begin Aug. 1, were provided by Design Plus.

The cost for reconstruct-

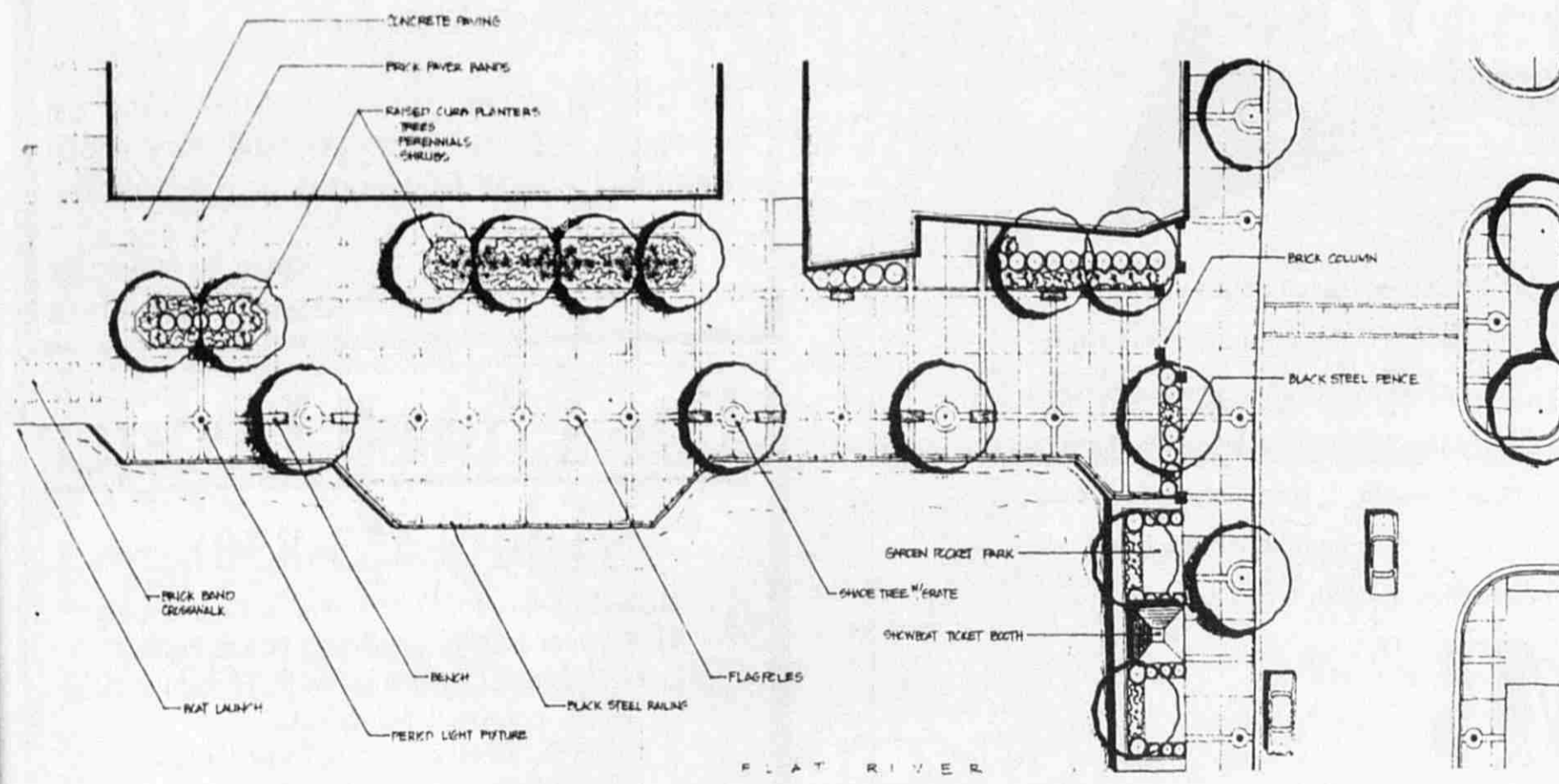
tion of the Broadway/Riverside parking lot is estimated at \$85,000. It will be paid for with DDA funds.

The cost for the Lafayette Street Plaza project is estimated at \$140,000. The Michigan Equity Grant will provide \$36,000 of the cost. The remaining \$104,000 will come

from the DDA fund.

Bids on the two projects will be presented to the DDA board for review and approval at the July 13 meeting (Thursday noon).

The downtown work (Main Street) is expected to begin in the spring of 1996.



RIVERFRONT PROMENADE DESIGN PLAN FOR  
LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Lafayette Street will take on a new look with the construction planned for later this summer.

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Have a Happy & Safe  
Fourth of July

# OBITUARIES

**EARLEY** - John "Jack" Earley, aged 74, of Grand Rapids, died suddenly Thursday, June 22, 1995 at his home. Surviving are three daughters, Maureen and Jack Stewart of Princeton, N.J., Mary Stephens of Alto, Callie and Vasan Sundaram of Chicago, IL; his former wife Dorothy Earley of Hurst, TX; and one niece, Callie Maginnis of Columbus, GA. Mr. Earley retired after 30 years as a tool and die maker with Steelcase and he was a Veteran of World War II. In keeping with his wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no formal services.

**ELENBAAS** - Mr. Marvin (Marv) R. Elenbaas, aged 74, of Grandville, went to be with his Lord on Sunday, June 25, 1995. He is survived by his

wife, Marian (Moss); his daughters Susan (Thomas) Gort of Tipp City, OH, Linda Patrick of Wyoming; seven grandchildren Ben, Jeremy, Albert, Bradley, Jessica, Joshua, Cameron; his sisters Edith (Quenten) Quist of Lake City, Dorothy (Elton) Shelton of Flint; his brothers, Arthur (Mac) Elenbaas of Plant City, FL, Clayton (Joan) Elenbaas of Bay City, Wilbur Elenbaas of Manistee, Harold (Patricia) Elenbaas of Otsego, Ray (Ange) Elenbaas of Jenison; his step-sisters Gertrude (Claude) Marcus of McBain, Francis Bekken of McBain; his step-brothers Ed Bekken of McBain, Ken (Iva) Bekken of Zeeland, and his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Dorothy and Mart Naerebout of Wyoming, Judy and Ed Bensed of East Grand Rapids, Fred and Jan Moss of Alto, Mildred and Henry Veenendall of Grandville, Bob and Gert Richards of

**MORRISON** - Morris C. Morrison, aged 88, of Saranac, passed away in Livonia, MI. He was born in Saranac January 22, 1907 to the parents of John and Lillian Morrison. He was a member of Saranac Community Church, member of Boston Saranac Historical Society, member of Saranac V.F.W. and member of Gleaners. He married Ruth Blasen in Ionia in November 1946. Besides his wife he is survived by a sister-in-law Esther Blasen of Livonia; one nephew Vaughn Morrison of Lowell; two cousins. Funeral services were held Thursday with burial in Saranac Cemetery.

# Business Matters

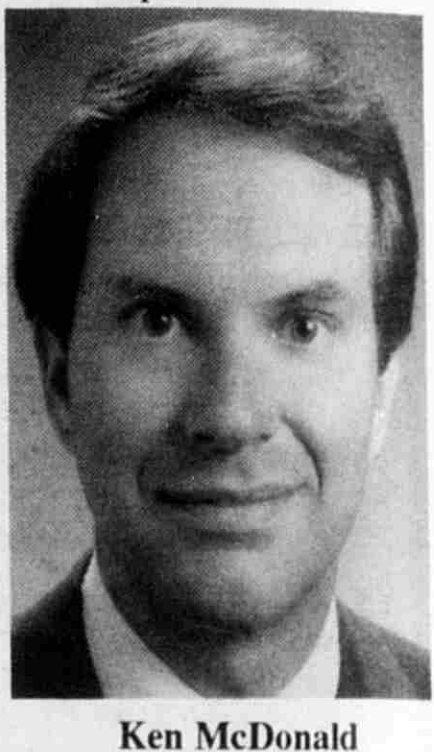
**G**reenridge Realty announced that Joice Smith received Sales Associate of the Month in May. This award recognizes Smith for her outstanding success and achievements.



Joice Smith

**A**mway Corporation has promoted Ken McDonald to Vice President of Communications. In his new position, McDonald is responsible for overseeing global development of emerging business automation technologies, as well as managing Amway's advertising, audio/visual, distributor communications and translation departments. In addition, he is responsible for Amway Distributor Association Council facilitation.

McDonald has been with Amway for 18 years and served most recently as director-communications. Previously, he worked for USV Pharmaceuticals and Revlon Health Care. McDonald received two bachelor's degrees, in advertising and mass communications, from Michigan State University. He is a member of the American Management Association, Direct Selling Association and the Grand Rapids Ad Club. Originally from Grand Rapids, McDonald now resides in Lowell.



Ken McDonald

The MasterMoney card is one of the services already introduced or planned for the next year that illustrate how FMB is using technology to increase banking convenience. FMB customers can transfer funds between accounts using a 24-hour automated telephone system, and customers in some areas will soon be able to obtain information from FMB products and services through their personal computers on the Internet.

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The new card will replace a customer's existing ATM

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Lowell City Offices, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable TV will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 1995 in observance of Independence Day.

Because of Independence Day, the Lowell City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 East Main St., Lowell, Michigan.

The City of Lowell refuse and leaf pick up schedule will be delayed one day from Tuesday through Friday due to the holiday.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

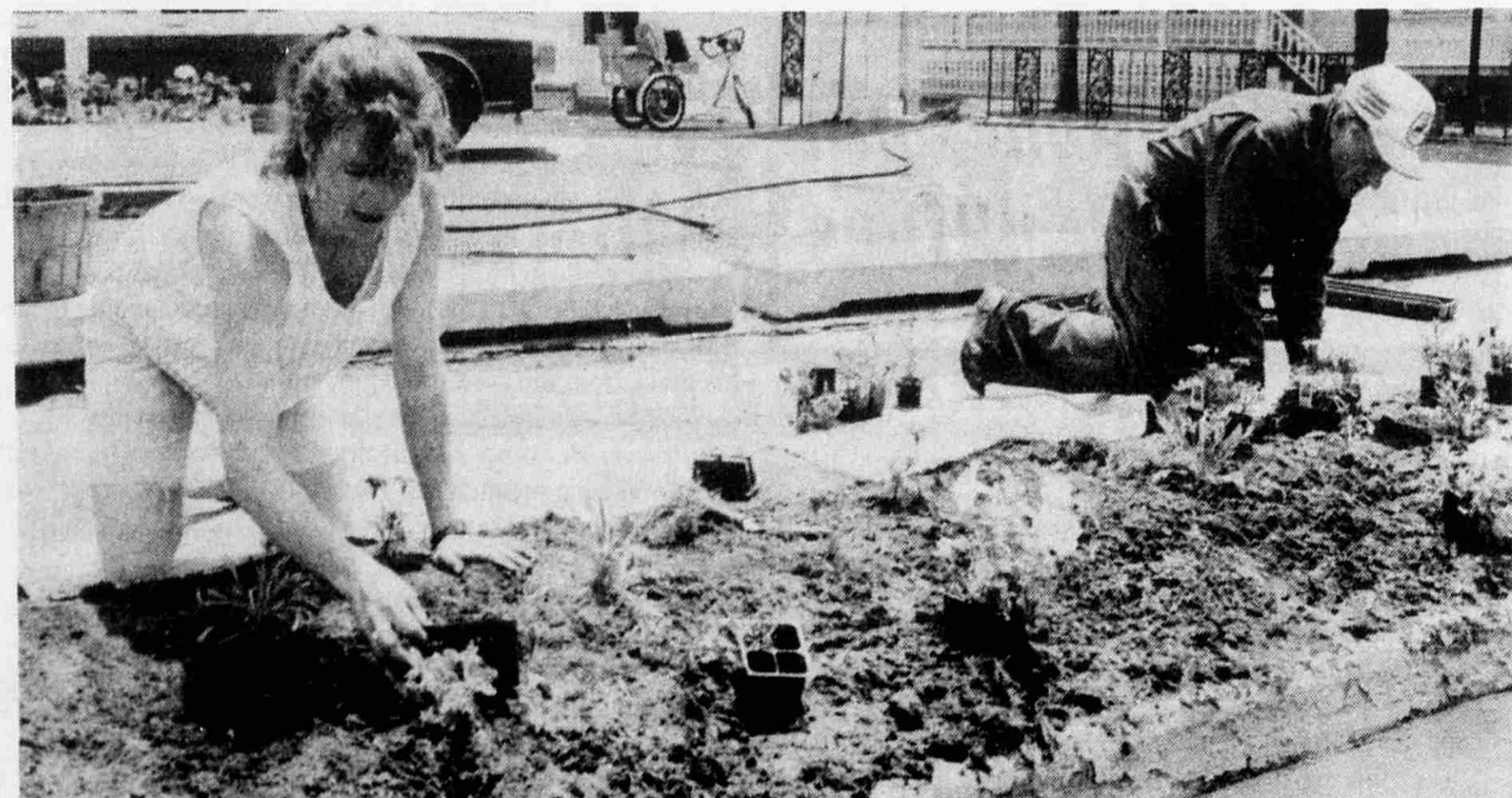
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## A splash of color for the Chamber office

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's Liz Baker, left, plants some summertime flowers in front of the Chamber office. Helping Baker with the landscaping work is Lowell's George Blocher.

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Doyle celebrates a lifetime of devotion to King Milling

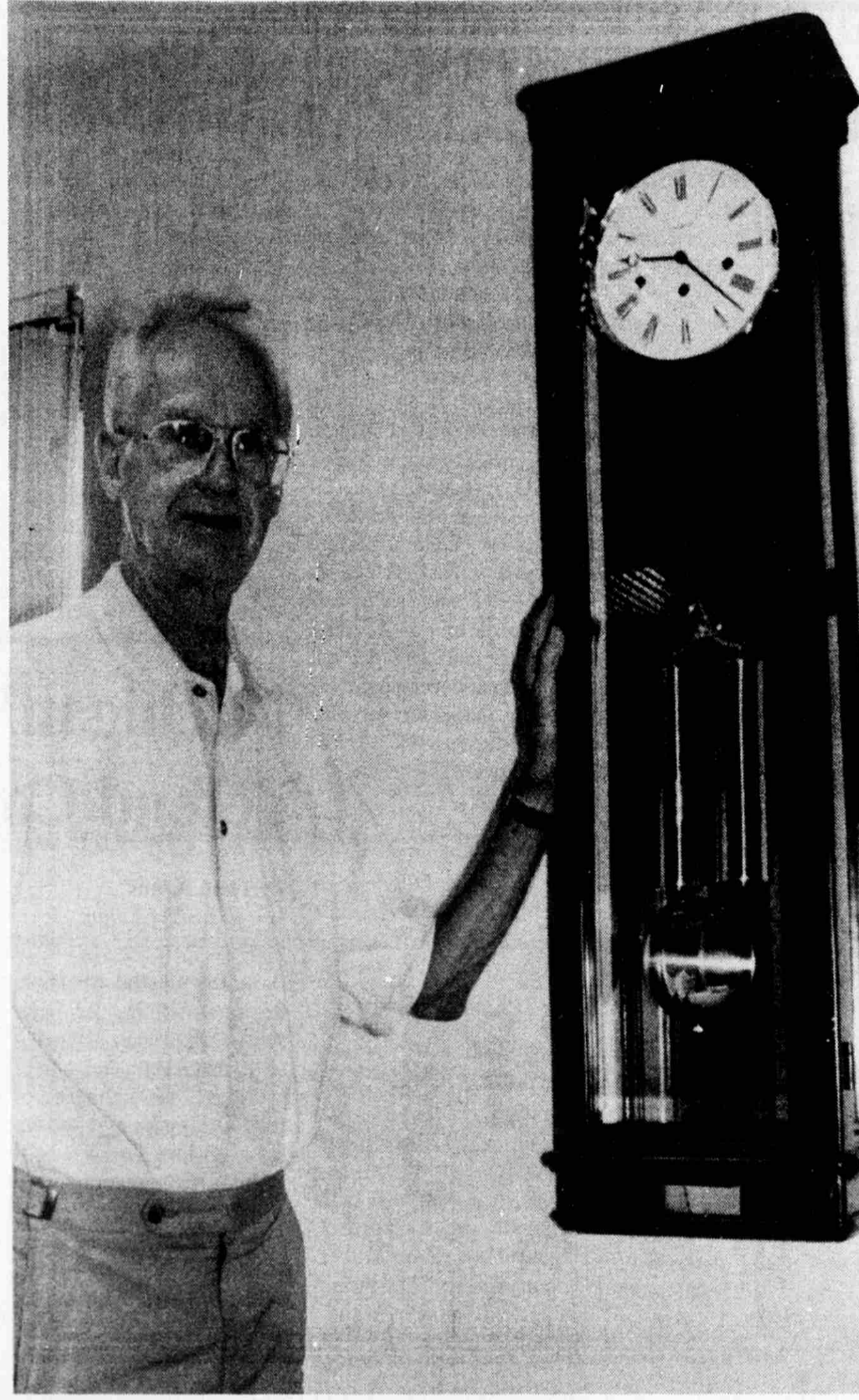
By Thad Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

King Doyle has had his life altered by three dramatic events in his life: WWII, his father's (William Doyle) death, and open heart surgery in 1985.

The mill paid Doyle \$50 a week. In the service he was

earning \$50 a week plus \$5 a week for combat pay. "I have no regrets about my life at the mill," Doyle said. "I think I'm too honest to have been a lawyer. If I had, I'd probably have been a defense lawyer."

Doyle believes the whole judicial system has been given a bad name by the Simpson trial. "O.J. is probably guilty, but I think he will get off," surmises Doyle.



The new clock on the wall in the office of King Milling represents the 50 years King Doyle has served as the company's president.

MDT purchase to help secure police officer safety

By Thad Kraus, Lowell Ledger Editor

"If just officer safety was the reason for the proposed purchase I think that would be enough," Lowell city councilwoman Jeane Shores said prior to making the motion.

Lowell Police Chief Jim Valentine submitted a proposal to purchase four mobile data terminals to aid police officers in gathering information such as running warrants and status checks on persons vehicles and property from the cruiser bypassing the dispatcher.

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# Thom Ellis shares new sound and material with Lowell Showboat crowd

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Thom Ellis returned home Saturday night to perform in front of 450 of his most intimate fans at the Lowell Showboat.

For most, it was the first time they have heard Ellis in person since his new beginning - one which has brought him together with his emotions, his love for writing and with music that says something from the heart.

"It is exciting for me to see Thom enjoying his music again," Ellis club president Diane Bennett said. "He's singing with emotion. He's expressing himself from the heart."

Ellis opened the show with a couple of trademark ballads that have become staples of his shows. His wide vocal range served as an endearing quality and captured the ears of those who were seated along the banks of the Flat River.

Walking out with acoustic guitar in hand, Ellis started a five-song set with "Leav'n Eyes" and wrapped it up with an emotionally charged and shortened "Sweet Music Man."

The Lowell native performed the ballads by himself before members of the Alavez band joined him. Alavez is Spanish for "beginning together."

Together they treated the

audience to original material written by Ellis and Keith Bowen, including "Border" and "Trails of Tears."

While the material maintains some country roots, it crosses over to more of a southwestern sound along the lines of Santana and Marshall Tucker.

Ellis spent a number of years trying to carve out his spot in country music. "As hard as I've tried I just haven't been able to get the Nashville sound down," Ellis told the audience.

Judging from the emotion in his voice, Ellis may have found music that fits his style rather than adjusting his voice to a style.

Ellis ended the 18-song

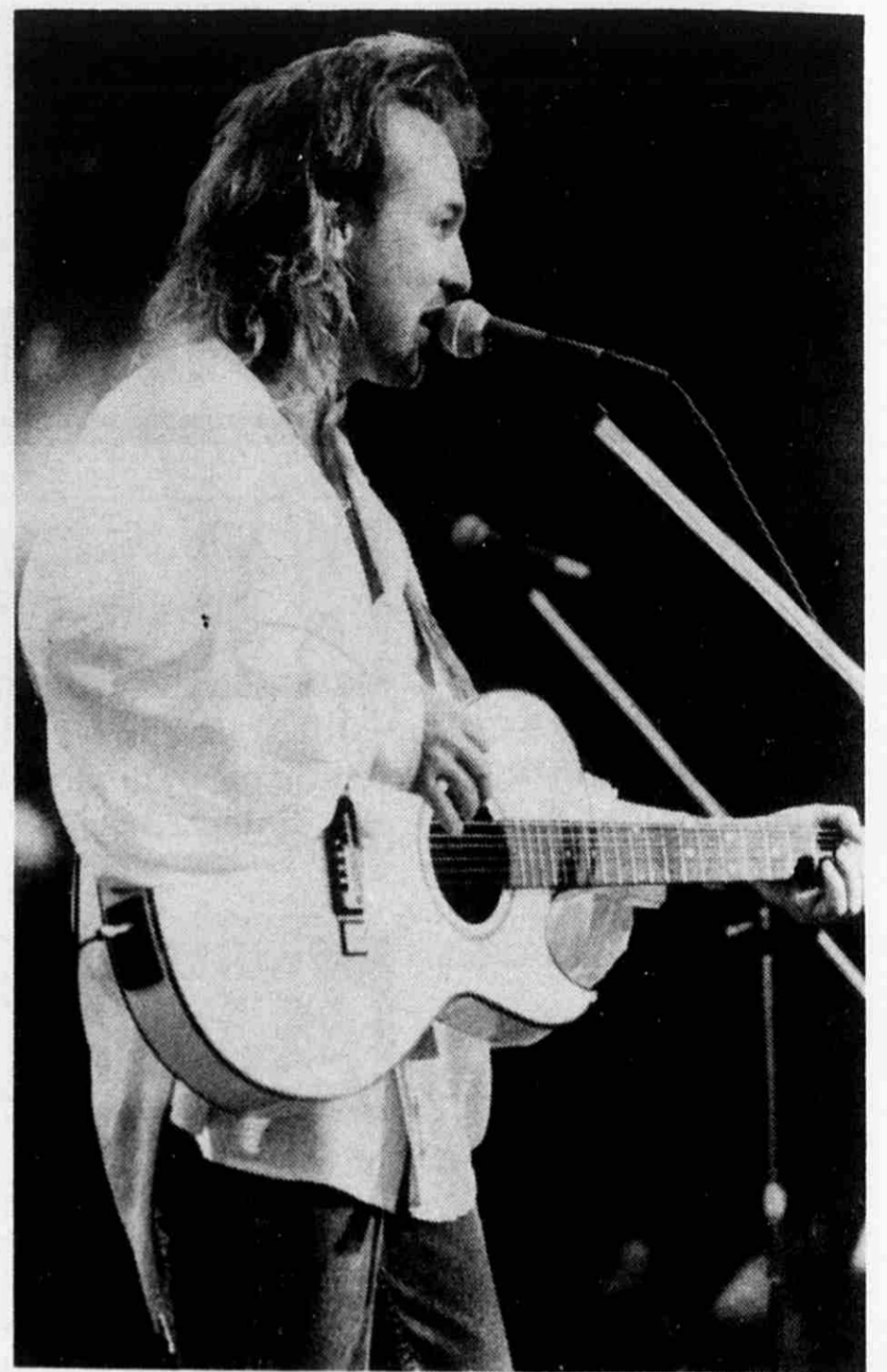
performance with an encore made up of fan favorites "Prove Me Wrong" and "Old Denim Shirt."

"I'm not sure Nashville is the place for Thom to be with his new sound," Bennett said. "I do know I will continue to support and encourage him. I've been a friend and fan of Thom's from the day he graduated to the day he started performing at clubs."

Ellis's 90-minute performance was preceded by Solid Ground.

Proceeds from the show will be used to help retire the Showboat debt.

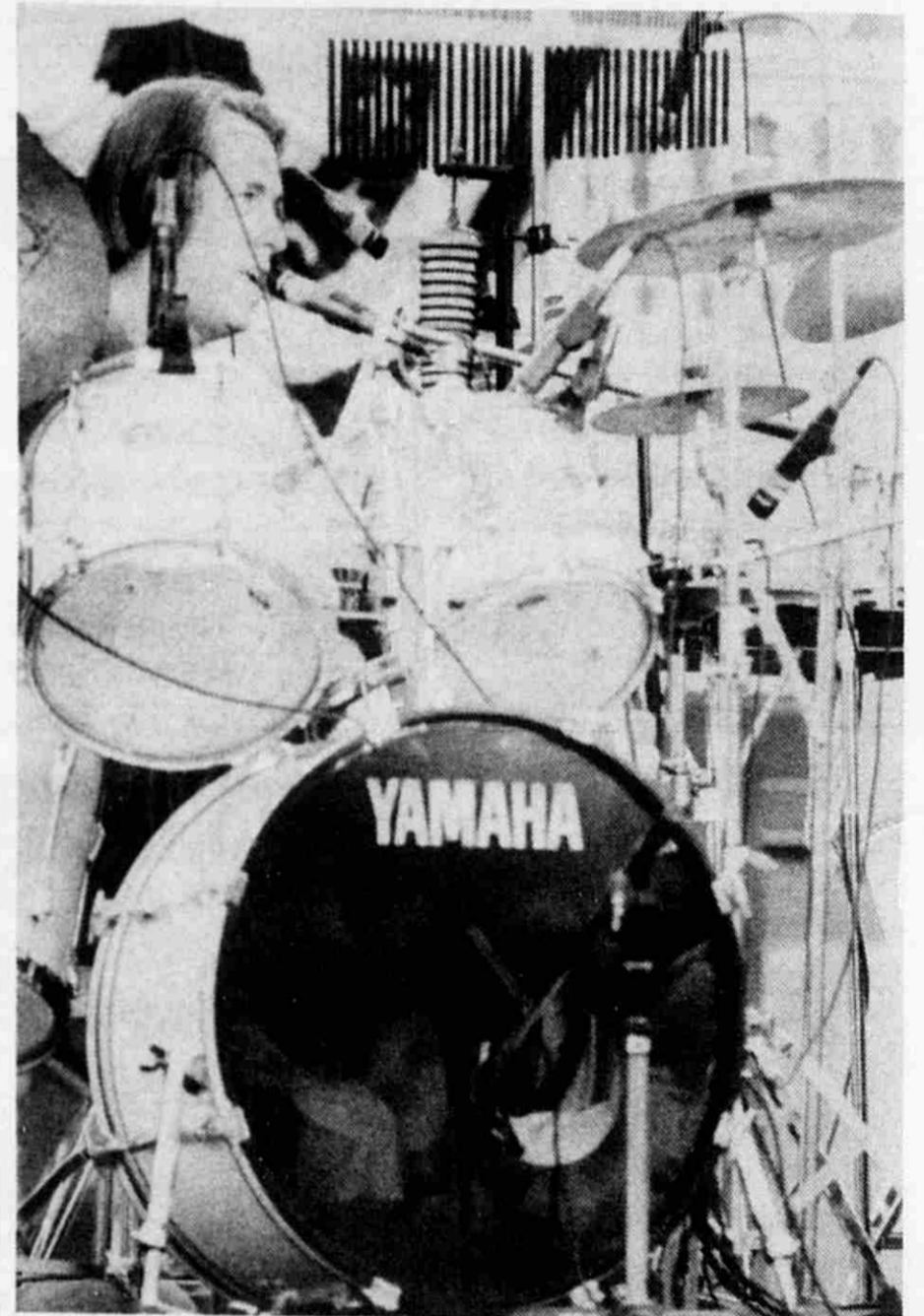
"Traditionally there is never a bad show at the Showboat," Lowell Showboat board member Dale Triplett said. "What's important is that the amphitheater is being used. It wasn't the traditional Showboat show with all the endmen and amateur acts but it was a show and the music by Solid Ground and Thom Ellis and his group Alavez was good."



Thom Ellis performed for nearly 90 minutes Saturday night at the Showboat.



Solid Ground, West Michigan's top nightclub group, provided a most entertaining opening act.



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