

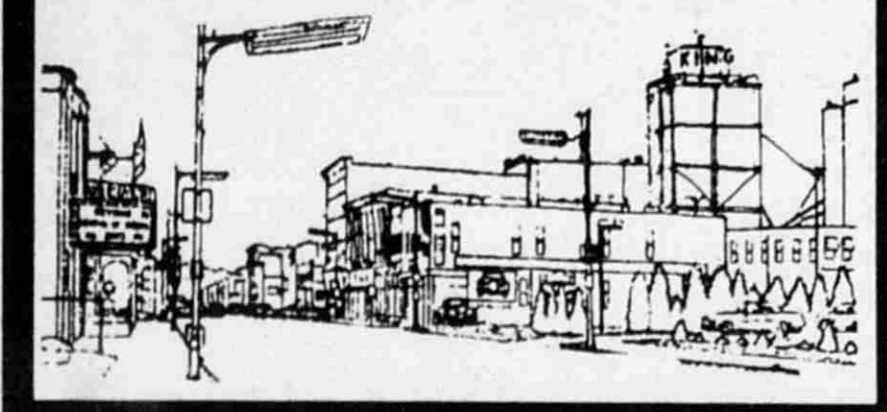
# The Lowell Ledger

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## Along Main Street



### CREEKSIDE KINGDOM FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Music, merriment and amazement all free at Creekside Kingdom on Friday, July 28 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Featuring the Southern Union Band performing country rock hits from the 90's. Also strong man, "Dan Drenth" will be performing feats of strength for you and your children's amazement.

Children will also enjoy exciting playtime and face painting. Common Gentry Carriage Company will be providing carriage rides at reasonable rates and concessions will be available.

### CLASS OF 1930 REUNION - (Note corrected date)

The Lowell High School class of 1930 reunion will be held July 29 at Keiser's Kitchen. The class of 1929 and 1931 are invited.

Call Emma Herron at 897-7218 for more information.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Lowell Friends of the Library invites you to an ice cream social on August 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. on the east lawn of the library, 325 West Main Street.

Donations of \$1 per person or \$5 per family. For more information call 897-9596.

### LOWELL CLASS OF '54-'60 CLASS REUNION

The Lowell classes of 1954 through 1960 will be having a class reunion at Fallasburg Park on Aug. 12. Meet at the park after 2 p.m., eating at 6 p.m.

Reservation deadline is August 1. Call or send reservation to Judy Baird, 897-9081, Rt. #3, Lowell.

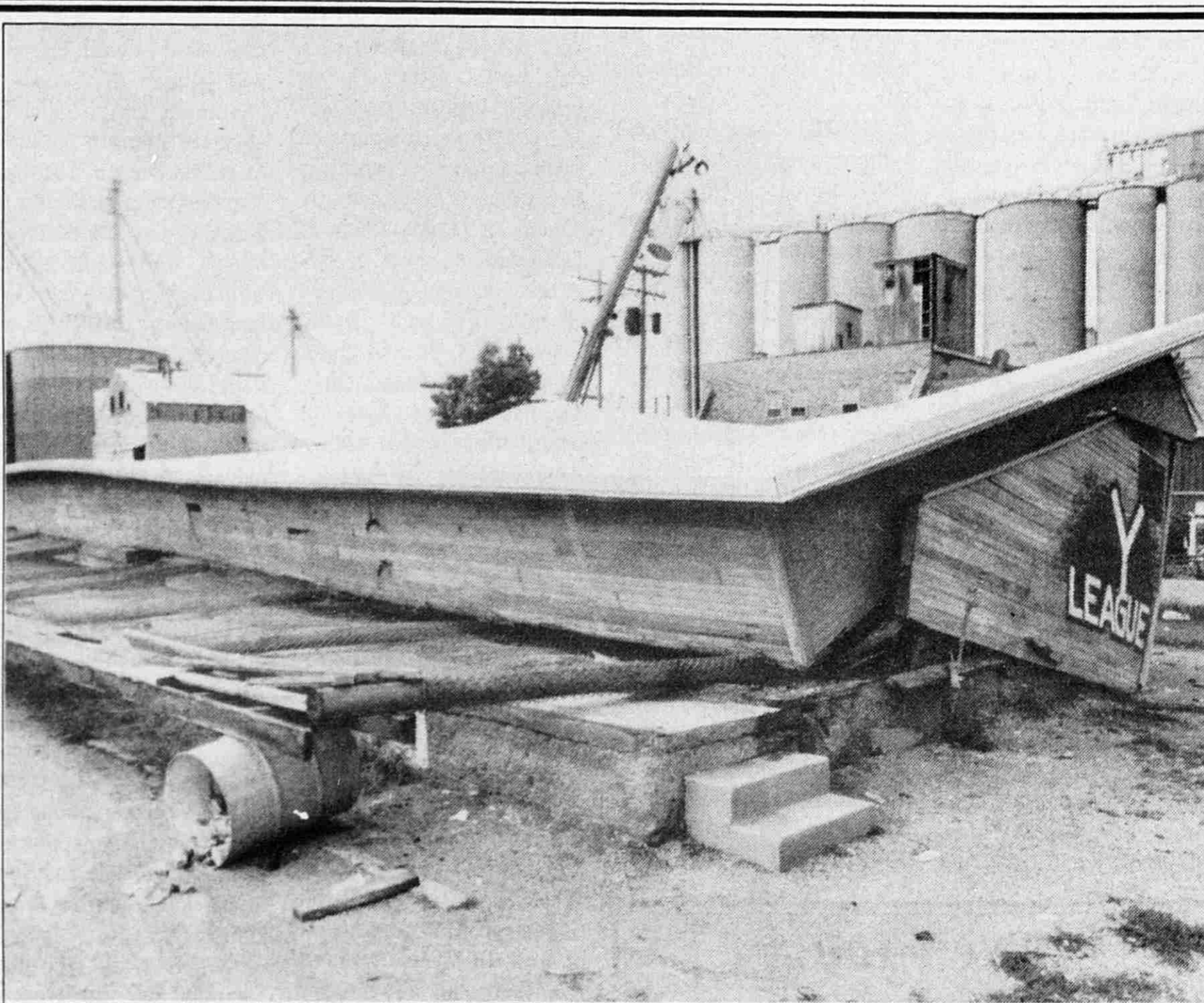
### YMCA SWIM LESSONS

In cooperation with the S.E. YMCA, swim lessons will be offered to area youth ages 6 to 12 years old in an outdoor heated pool. Lessons will run from July 31 to August 19 (two days a week) on Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Van transportation will be provided by the Lowell YMCA. For more information please call 897-8445.

### LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS "FINE ARTS DAY CAMP"

The LAAC will present "Fine Arts Day Camp" August 14 through 18. The program includes five art forms for children  
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The storm which blew through Lowell early Saturday evening grounded Recreation Park's grandstand.

## Storm Makes Grandstand Play

... A little over 70 years of nostalgia and tradition were struck down by Saturday's storm.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 20-30 mile an hour winds that came racing through Lowell early Saturday evening left in their wake more than the average amount of branches and twigs.

It brought to its foundation nearly 70 years of tradition and nostalgia.

The grandstand that served as a seating box for horse race watchers and later for baseball and softball games at Recreation Park was have leveled by the storm.

"The wind must have hit it just right," said Ivan Blough, who has been playing softball/baseball at Recreation Park since 1948. "It would be nice to replace it if we could; however, the nostalgia is gone."

Blough was as surprised as anyone by the collapse of the grandstand structure.

It was just a week ago that Blough put a new steel roof

on the grandstand. The city paid him \$3,200 for the service.

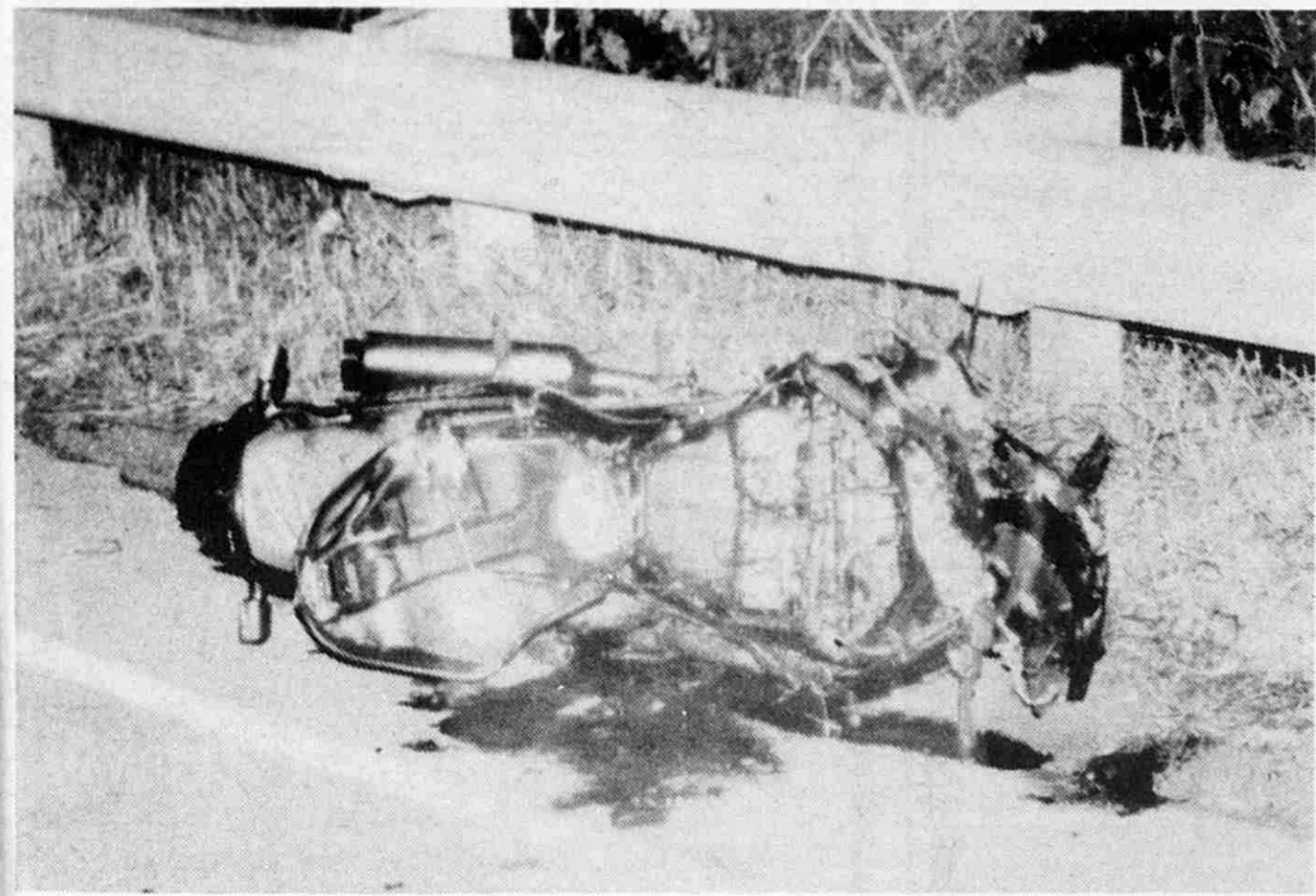
"It was not rotted in any of the places of the wooden structure that would make it come down," Blough said. "All the roof boards were there. We even shored up some of the timbers."

City manager Dave Pasquale said the city carried liability insurance on the structure. "Right now we want to clear the debris from the site as soon as possible. In terms as to what will be done for the long term that decision has not been made. At this point we have not excluded or included anything."

Lowell YMCA director Andy Johnson said games scheduled for Recreation Park this week have been relocated to other sites.

Louie D'Agostino, planning commission member, said the fall softball league starts the first week in August. "A temporary backstop will need to be put in before any games  
Grandstand, cont'd. pg. 8

## Lowell woman dies from head injuries sustained in motorcycle accident



A motorcycle crash on Flat River Drive claimed the lives of Michael Alan Moore and Denise Ann Moore Thursday night.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A 26-year-old Lowell woman died Saturday at 12:52 a.m. from head injuries sustained in a Thursday (July 20) evening collision involving a motorcycle and a pickup truck.

Denise Ann Moore was a passenger on a motorcycle driven by 27-year-old Michael Alan Moore at about 8:40 p.m. on Flat River Drive.

The Moores were northbound when the bike they were riding crossed over the centerline in the area of 1152 Flat River Dr. Failing to negotiate the curve, the bike struck a southbound pickup, driven by Anthony Scott Hall of Lowell, head on.

After impact, the motorcycle skidded approximately 75 yards before coming to a stop against a guard rail.

Michael Alan Moore was pronounced dead at the scene by the medical examiner.

Hall incurred minor injuries in the collision. He was

transported to Butterworth Hospital where he was treated and released.

Hall's brother Robert Douglas Hall, Williamston, MI, was a passenger in the truck. He incurred no injuries.

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## INSIDE THE LEDGER

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History tour planned, page 17

Board reaches informal consensus on enhancement mills, page 21

## OBITUARIES

**HOLTROP** - Mrs. Edna L. Holtrop, aged 79, passed away Tuesday, July 18, 1995 at Breton Manor. She is survived by her children Ross Holtrop of Grand Rapids, Marjorie Huffman of Milwaukee, WI; her grandchildren Emily Holtrop, Melissa and Scott Youngs, Jordan Huffman, Kathy and Rodney Lucas, Sarah and Joban Smith; her great-grandchildren Mitchell Lucas and Connor Smith. Also surviving is her brother, Karl Fry of Lowell; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Services were held Friday at Trinity Congregational Church, with Rev. Dr. Gerald Wick officiating. Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park.

**MAST** - Mrs. Norman (Donna) Mast, aged 51, of Drenthe, went to be with her Lord Wednesday morning, July 19, 1995. Surviving are her husband Norman; her children Deb Mast at home, Kevin and Kim Mast of Hamilton, Ken and Martha Mast of Drenthe; four grandchildren; her mother Mary Boomers of Grand Rapids; her mother-in-law Laura Mast of Zealand; sisters and brothers Mary and Rol Mast of Hudsonville, Joanne and

Harold Buist of Kentwood, Shirley and Jerry Krusys of Bauer, Rich and Joanne Boomers of Wyoming, Diane and Jim Crawford of Bauer, Robert and Karen Boomers of Lowell. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Drenthe Christian Reformed Church with the Rev. Calvin VanderMeiden officiating. Burial in West Drenthe Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hospice of Holland.

**MOORE** - Denise Ann (Sees) Moore, aged 26, of Lowell, died July 22, 1995. She is survived by her children Cynthia Ann, Jeffrey Robert; mother and father Rosa and Roger Petroeljc, all of Lowell; father David Sees, of CA; sister Rosa and Michael Welch; brothers David and Terry (Mason) Sees, all of Lowell, Randall Petroeljc; grandparents Peter and Bernice Petroeljc, all of Grand Rapids, Cora Sees of WV; nephew David Sees; several aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, and numerous friends. Funeral services were held Monday with Pastor Wayne Otto officiating. Interment Rosedale Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Cynthia and Jeffrey's Educational Fund.

**MOORE** - Michael Alan Moore, aged 27, of Lowell, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, July 20, 1995. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Alexia Moore of Lowell; children Cyndi and Jeffrey; sister Shelli (Darrin) Peterson; and niece Rhianna, all of Lowell; and grandparents Harry Moore, Glenna Russell both of Grand Rapids, and Richard Cunningham of Wyoming. Funeral was held Tuesday with Rev. Gordon Barry officiating.

**SHAW** - Thorai H. Shaw, aged 81, of Lowell, died Friday, July 21, 1995. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary G. Shaw. He is survived by his children Richard (Barbara) Shaw of Greenville, Thorai Jr. (Linda) Shaw of OK, Ardise Shaw of TX, Albert Shaw of TX, Daniel Steele of FL; sister Theresa Shaw of TX; several grandchildren; close friend, Ginny Thomas of Ionia. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Assoc.

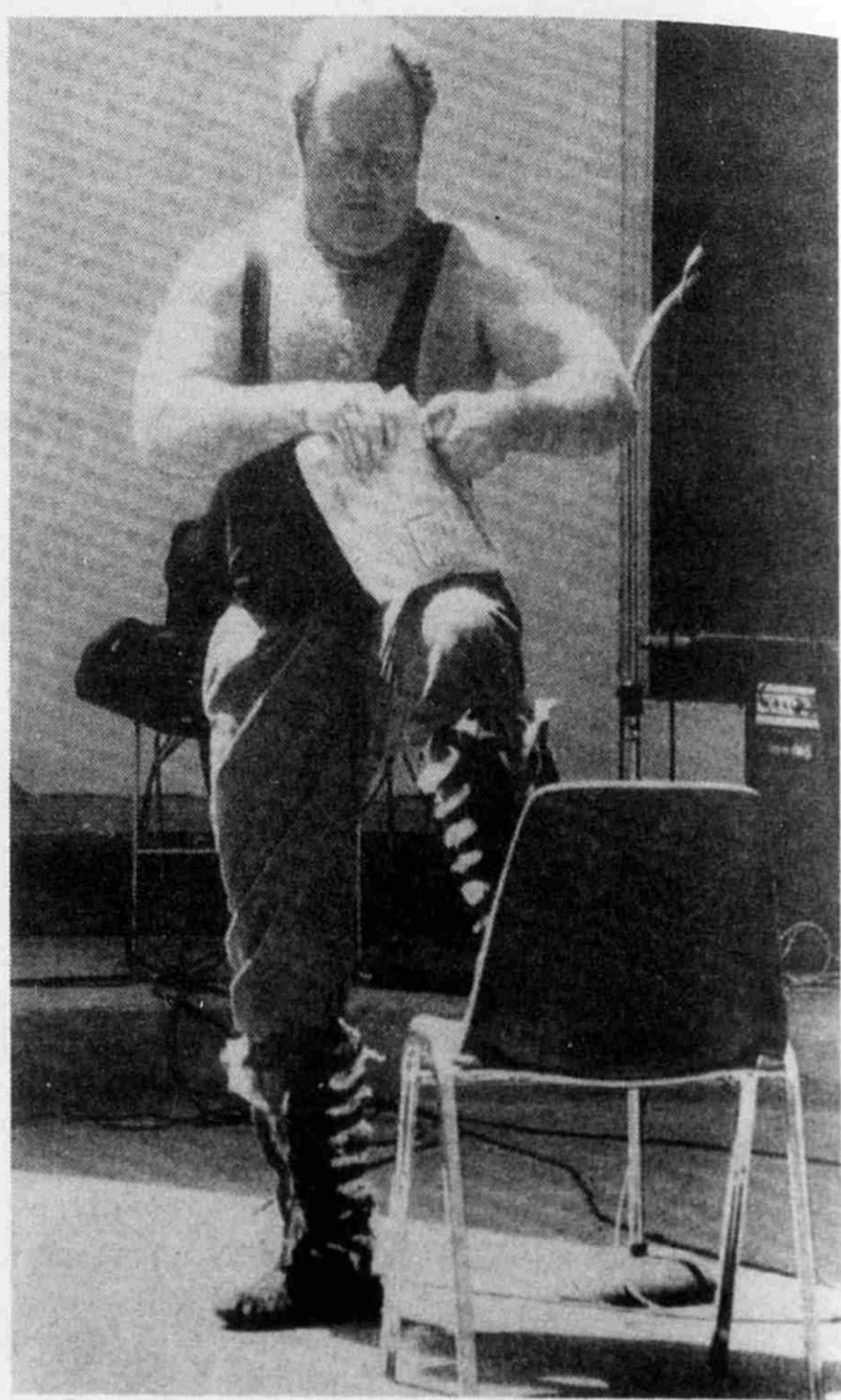
**TERRY** - Judith A. (VanAlstine) Terry, aged 48, of Clarksville, passed away Thursday, July 20, 1995. Surviving are her husband Ricky; one daughter Denise VanAlstine at home; her mother Marilyn Bonner of Grand Rapids; her adopted parents Earl and Cleo Barker of Lake Odessa; step-sons Pat and Ron VanAlstine of Westphalia, Ray VanAlstine of Saranac, Mark VanAlstine of Lowell, Ryan, Brandon, Evan Terry, all at home; and several brothers and sisters. Funeral Services were held Saturday. Interment Clarksville Cemetery.

## Drenth performs powerfully at third Party in the Park

When was the last time you saw someone bend a steel reinforcement rod over his head? If you bring your family down to Creekside Kingdom on July 28 at 6 p.m., you will witness that and more.

The Lowell Area Jaycees are sponsoring the third Creekside Kingdom "Party in the Park." The goal is to provide free entertainment to the families of Lowell. The party will include the sounds of "Southern Union" and the "Feats of Strength" by Strong Man Dan Drenth. There will also be face painting for the kids and food concessions for anyone who wants a break from cooking at home. Common Gentry Carriage Co. will once again be providing carriage rides at reasonable rates. Southern Union plays Country Rock hits of the 90's and may inspire you to get up and start a line dance.

Dan Drenth is an area strong man who is instructional as well as entertaining. He performs incredible feats of strength such as ripping a 1,000-page phone book in half and blowing up a hot water bottle until it bursts. "Body-building is good for mental and physical relaxation," says Dan. "A holistic approach to mental, physical, and spiritual health requires proper knowledge and application of diet, exercise and relaxation. The mind and body work together. What affects the body, affects the mind."



Strongman Dan Drenth will perform many feats of strength, including ripping a 1,000 page phone book in half, at the Party in the Park.

The whole idea of having a Party in the Park came from Lowell Jaycee member Veronica Blough. Blough felt that Lowell should have an annual event that families could bring their children to, at little or no cost, and enjoy what their hometown has to offer. Other communities have done the same and have been very well received. "This is the third and final 'Party in the Park' this year. The Jaycees welcome any suggestions from the community on how to make it a even more enjoyable event next year."

## Two-year dispute ends with restoration agreement between Tip Top Gravel and township neighbors

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Tip Top Gravel's request for further their mining operation was dealt a slight setback by the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission.

Tip Top Gravel was seeking a special use permit to continue operating, but the commission denied that request until the company resolved its differences with nearby residents and completed restoration of previously mined land.

For two years Steve and Linda Uzarski, 9925 E. Fulton St., complained to township officials about the gravel company's infringement on their property.

Tip Top mines land owned by itself and leases land from Clifford Perin on Fulton Avenue. Perin's land borders Uzarski's property which sparked the debate on whether the company had crossed the property line.

After two years of trying to settle the dispute, Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson was forced to stop the mining company's operation for one week because they failed to cease mining on Uzarski's property.

A survey conducted by the Uzarskis revealed the company had crossed 20 feet into their property.

Crossing into Uzarski's land violated the township's mining ordinance. According to the ordinance, mining operations must not come any closer than 150 feet to land which is not leased to them for mining.

June Matthews, wife of Jack Matthews - owner of Tip Top

Gravel, said she doesn't believe the company has crossed into Uzarski's property and is in the process of conducting a separate survey.

However, Matthews said Tip Top Gravel will abide by the planning commission's decision and will begin restoration to the property in question.

"We thought our mining operation was grandfathered in, but the township said we need a special use permit. So we will do restoration work in order to get the permit," said Matthews.

Tip Top has agreed to restore Uzarski's property plus 50

feet from their property line.

The Uzarskis hoped to have 150 feet restored, but Timpson said Tip Top Gravel's initial lease agreement precluded the township's ordinance.

"The restoration guidelines are grandfathered in from the initial agreement with Perin," said Timpson.

The planning commission said it will not issue a permit until all sides of the debate are satisfied with the final results of the restoration project.

## Firovich found guilty of first-degree murder

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A plea for a manslaughter conviction by Vincent Firovich's defense attorney Damian Nunzio was ignored.

The jury, instead, found Firovich guilty of first-degree murder for strangling his wife Nancy Firovich on Thanksgiving morning.

"Detective Ed Rusticus

testified that the defendant (Firovich) stated that he lost it and could not control himself," Nunzio said. "That goes directly to the heat of passion argument and elements of manslaughter."

Nunzio said his client was very disappointed with the jury's verdict. "There will be an appeal," he said.

Kent County Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Bramble

said Firovich was in control from the beginning. "He knew exactly what he was doing. He gave his wife an ultimatum to straighten up or he would kill her," he said. "His statements to the decedent and the police were clear."

The jury took less than 40 minutes to find Firovich guilty before Kent County Circuit Judge Dennis Kolenda.

Nunzio defined first-de-

gree murder as the intent to kill with premeditation and deliberation. He added that manslaughter is the intent to kill but in the heat of passion.

"The defendant wanted to work things out in the marriage. Between the time he told his wife to straighten up or he would kill her, he contacted a television ministry asking for help.

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### Lowell YMCA '95 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Posted 7/24/95

| MONDAY - CO-ED       | W  | L  |
|----------------------|----|----|
| ITM BALL PLAYERS     | 10 | 0  |
| LOWELL NAZARENE      | 7  | 3  |
| ALTO BAPTIST         | 7  | 3  |
| WILCOX TRUCKING      | 7  | 3  |
| ITM                  | 5  | 4  |
| ATTWOOD              | 4  | 6  |
| FIRST CONGREGATIONAL | 3  | 7  |
| POSTER CHILDREN      | 2  | 9  |
| LOWELL METHODIST     | 0  | 10 |

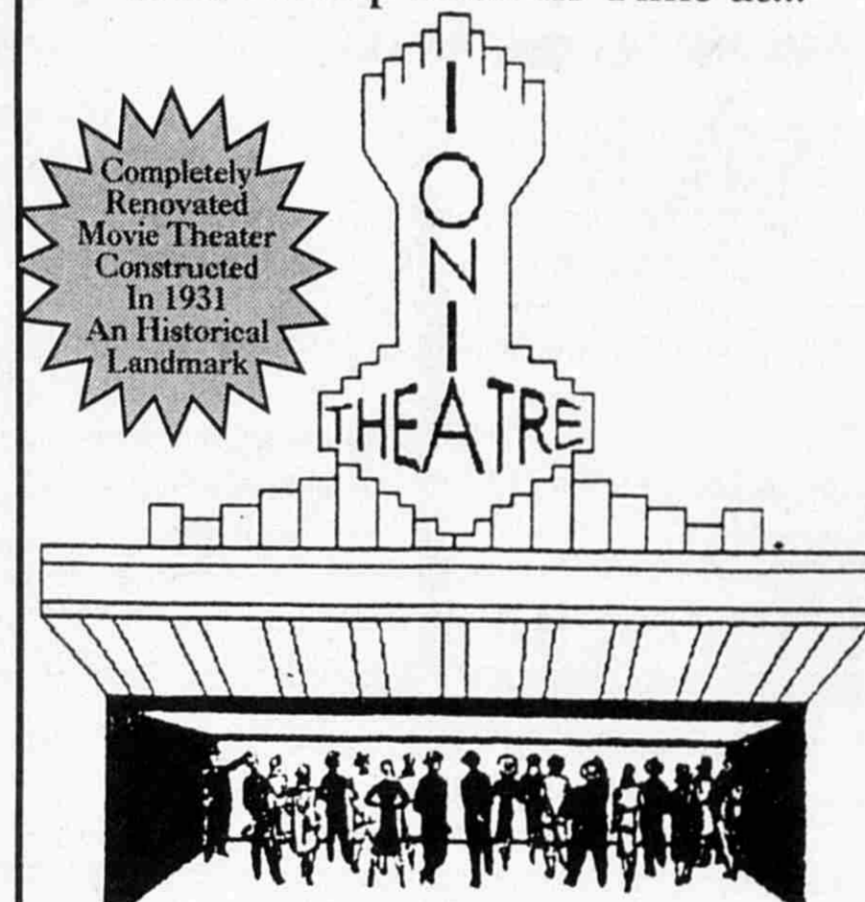
| TUESDAY - MEN'S OVER '30' | W  | L  |
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| LARKIN'S                  | 11 | 1  |
| ALTO GAS                  | 11 | 1  |
| IDEAL Poured Walls        | 8  | 4  |
| SARANAC                   | 6  | 6  |
| SNEAKERS                  | 3  | 9  |
| CRYSTAL FLASH             | 2  | 10 |
| CENTRAL STATES            | 1  | 11 |

| WEDNESDAY - MEN'S (Final) | W | L |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| KING MILLING              | 9 | 3 |
| LENA LOU'S                | 7 | 5 |
| LOWELL VISION             | 5 | 7 |
| MOOSE I                   | 3 | 9 |

| THURSDAY - MEN'S (Final) | W  | L |
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| LARKIN'S                 | 11 | 1 |
| LOWELL GRAPHICS          | 10 | 2 |
| BALL BUSTERS             | 7  | 5 |
| RIVER DOGS               | 4  | 8 |
| VANHAREN ELECTRIC        | 3  | 9 |
| CREATIVE BRICKSCAPES     | 3  | 9 |
| CASCADE LAWN SPRINKLING  | 3  | 9 |

| FRIDAY - MEN'S           | W | L |
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| PICKING ROCK HOMES       | 8 | 3 |
| OSTRANDER SIDING/ROOFING | 7 | 4 |
| ADA BEEF                 | 7 | 4 |
| MICHIGAN WIRE            | 5 | 6 |
| LOWELL MOOSE II          | 3 | 8 |
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# Kelley and Potter announce October wedding plans



Karen Kelley and Kelly Potter

Karen M. Kelley and Kelly J. Potter are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mike and Char Kooistra of Lowell and N. Steve Kelley of Newport News, Virginia. She is also a 1988 graduate of Lowell High School.

The future groom is the son of Connie and Rick Taylor of Lowell and Kelvin and Mindy Potter of Alto. He is a 1986 graduate of Lowell High School.

The couple is planning an October 28, 1995 wedding.

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Human reason needs only to will more strongly than fate, and she is fate.

—Thomas Mann.



## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

### HOMESPUN

Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord... (Zechariah 2:13).

A children's worker once gave a group of us youngsters some excellent advice. She said, "Boys and girls, when you have finished talking to Jesus, always wait for a few minutes. Listen carefully. Maybe Jesus has something to tell you, too." Praying is a lot like talking to loved ones on the telephone. Although I've been married and away from home for many years, I love to visit my parents. When seeing them is impossible, the next best thing is to talk to them by long distance. Of course, I have much to tell them, but I also listen carefully to what they have to say.

In the quiet place of solitude we can listen to our Heavenly Father. It is a wonderful experience to take time out of a busy day, to relax completely, and to shut out everything but God's still small voice.

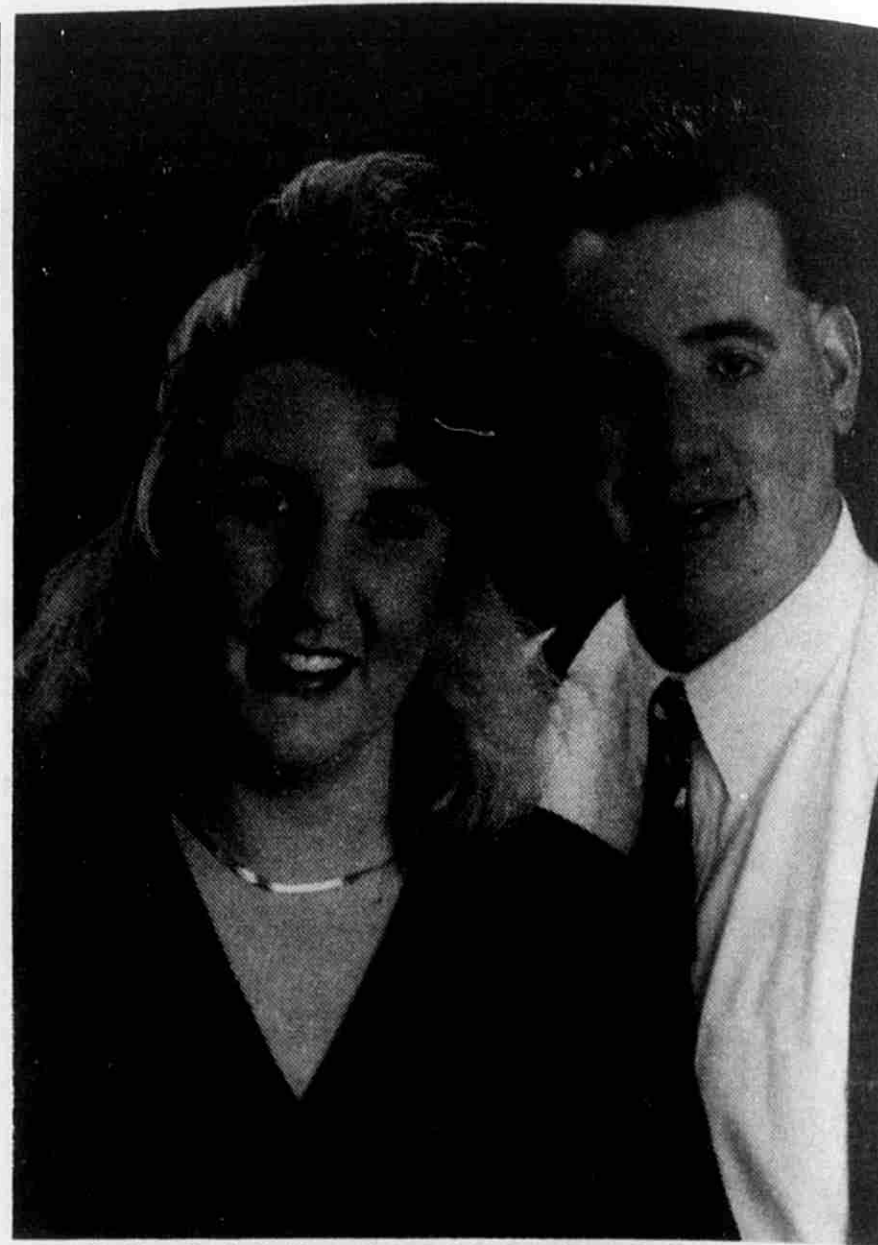
Thomas a Kempis advised: "Seek a convenient time to retire into thyself, and meditate often upon God's lovingkindness."

Life would look much different to us if we spent more time meditating upon God's goodness. We would be happier, too, if we talked to Him more often, and if we waited to "listen to His voice."

*Prayer:* Dear Jesus, I love to meditate on Thy lovingkindness. Silently I wait in Thy Presence. Speak to me and I shall be strengthened and fortified. I feel Thee near. Amen.

Take time to be holy. The world rushes on; Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone.

WILLIAM D. LONGSTAFF



Erika Leigh Broek and Scott Randall Johnson

## December wedding in the offing for Broek and Johnson

Erika Leigh Broek and Scott Randall Johnson will be united in marriage on December 28, 1995.

The future bride graduated from Jenison High School, attended Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, and is currently attending Grand Valley State University pursuing public relations. She is employed by the Zeeland Chamber of Commerce. She and her parents, Cal and Mary Broek, reside in Jenison.

The future groom graduated from Lowell High School and attended Davenport College. He is now employed with Prince Corporation in Holland. He and his parents, Barb Johnson, and Warren and Beth Johnson, are all of Lowell.

## AREA BIRTHS

Pat and Cindy Kehoe of Lowell are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Annette Sue Kehoe. She was born July 9, 1995,

weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by big sister Stephanie. Grandparents are Jim and

Shirley Berk of Saginaw and Bruce and Char Reffeor of Coopersville.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY 27 - Kyle Hendrick, Mike Shalander.

JULY 28 - Tom Speerstra, Rachel Shanne Smith, Bobby Wright, Tiffany Hunt.

JULY 29 - Rachele Vegter, Matt Lee, Mary Acosta.

JULY 30 - Patricia Smith, Scott Kooistra, Jodi Andrews, Kimberly DeBold, Bill Potter.

JULY 31 - Nancy Raymor, Sandy Roth, Rochelle Bieri.

AUGUST 1 - Sue Shalander, James Ryder.

AUGUST 2 - Carolyn Kline, Hayley Woolfenden.

## COLLEGE NEWS

Dora L. Thompson, BSBA degree, of Alto and Beth A. Thompson, BAA degree, of Saranac were among the 3,000 students who were May graduates at Central Michigan University.

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The freedom of the press is one of the great bulwarks of liberty, and can never be restrained but by despotic governments. —George Mason

# Viewpoint . . .

## Thad's Thoughts

I called Bill Smith, the owner of Compu Craft (a Macintosh company integrator), to ask him a marketing research question.

The question had to do with survey confidence and validity.

So why am I asking a computer mogul of sorts about survey validity and confidence? Prior to investing into the Macintosh business world he was employed at Pure Marketing Research. He also has a degree in marketing and is a marketing instructor for Grand Valley State University.

The other reasons I called him were because he came highly recommended by Western Michigan Research Inc. and Phil Babcock, Kent Intermediate School District. Babcock assisted the school in setting up the survey but was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

The question I posed to him was if the confidence factor of the Lowell School phone survey could have been skewed by

the number of missing cases or by the "no answer" or "can't respond" rejoinders that came with each question. This question was very similar to one posed by board member Ellen McClain at the July board meeting.

The number of missing cases to each question varied anywhere from three to 83.

If you're like me and don't understand what a missing case is, let me try to explain Smith's answer. A missing case is a person who is interviewed in a survey who does not meet the criteria of the research study.

An example from Smith went like this: if I was asked a question that required having a daughter in high school, I would be labeled a missing case since I don't have a daughter in high school.

He continues, "The only way it does have an impact is if the missing case answers are not reported. Then it would take away from the confidence factor."

According to Smith, missing cases are handled by subtracting that number from the base number. "So the effect is it restates the confidence interval. So instead of a 95 percent confidence percentage with a plus or minus five percent it may be recalculated at 90 percent, with a plus or minus five percent.

However, Smith added that 100 missing cases would have little effect on the confidence percentage. "The difference between 300 and 400 is minuscule when figuring these percentages. Now, if in one of the questions all but 75 answers were labeled as missing cases, then there would be a dramatic

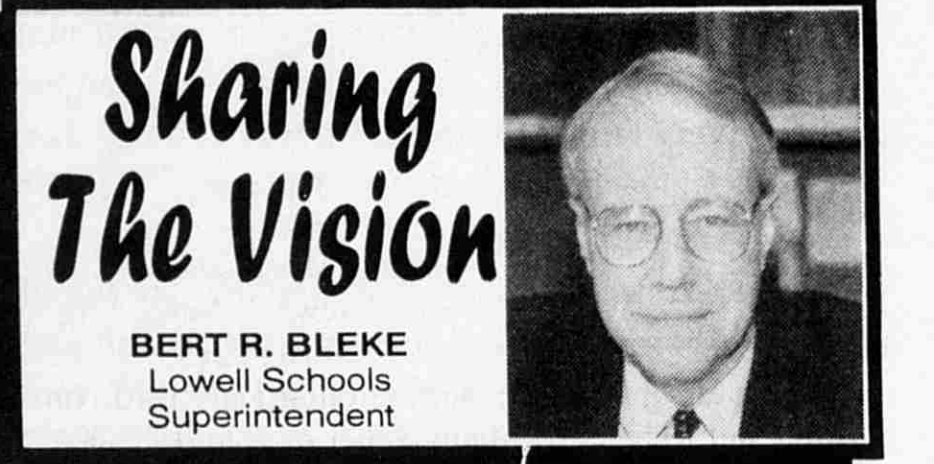
impact," Smith said. Smith explains that if 100 people respond "A," 100 respond "B," 100 respond "C," and 100 respond "I don't know," the figures are only skewed if they are recalculated over the base number of 300 instead of 400.

"The common mistake people make is thinking that not having an opinion about an opinion question is not an answer. In reality it is. An 'I don't know' is an opinion. Those people are called swing voters," Smith said.

From what Smith could gather from the survey it was not screening anyone out but rather making it a general broad population study. Knowing this he said there should not have been any missing cases.

Fred Howell, executive vice president of Message Factors, agreed with Smith's definition of missing cases. He added that he has seen surveys whereby the software package used dumps, the no response-type rejoinders, into missing cases. "Handling the responses this way does not distort the findings," he said. "It is not unusual in a survey that there might be approximately 20 percent who may not have an opinion to a certain question."

The marketing instructor at GVSU said an error that is made which would skew the validity and confidence percentage is when a busy signal is received and the number is not put back into the calling schedule. "A number should be put back into the calling schedule. This should be done from three to six times," Smith said. "To not do that would be a non response bias."



## Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE  
Lowell Schools Superintendent

"THE RULES HAVE CHANGED"

A farmer near Imlay City, fearful that his hot haymow might burn, bought a 50-pound block of dry ice and cooled it off.

The undefeated Haskellites will play the New York Colored Giants this Sunday. If there's a good turnout, sponsors will bring in other big-name teams.

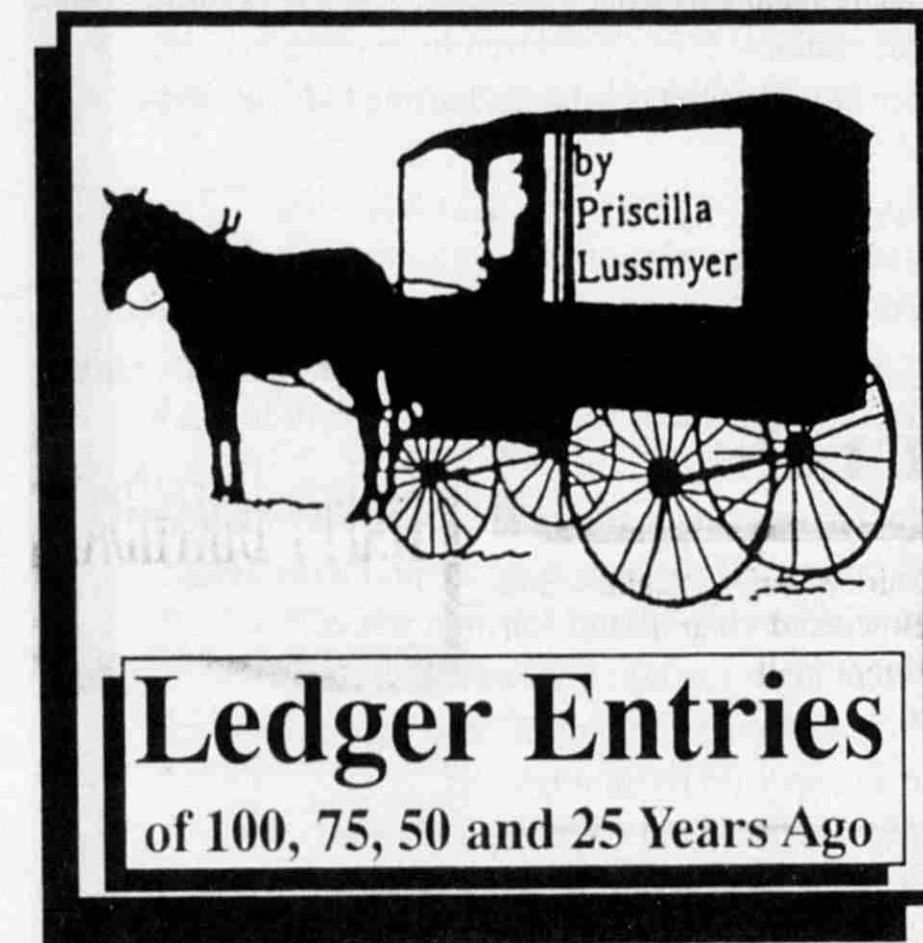
### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 23, 1970

The state Supreme Court rules that books and school supplies must be furnished to pupils, leaving schools in a quandary as to how to pay for it all. In Lowell the fees students have paid for books and supplies amounted to the equivalent of one mill.

Dawn Phillips wins more trophies in Michigan for her bator skills and is preparing to go to the national in Charlotte, NC.

In order to appeal to both young and old, the Showboat next week will feature Gary Puckett and the Union Gap for three nights, then Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows for three. Last year's show ran a deficit of \$16,000.

The school board orders eight new sewing machines for home use for \$1,537. The old ones are falling apart.



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

### 100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - JULY 24, 1895

Mrs. Levi Fletcher of Pratt Lake had a thimble party last week; ten ladies sewed 13 pounds of carpet rags.

"It is a singular fact, but fact it is, that—those the delinquent subscription articles are intended to reach, who are \$3 to \$5 behind, pay no attention to them."

A tongue-in-cheek article details the base ball game between the Fats and the Leans (11-18): "Fred Fallas could stop a ball if it came to him just right and some of the others could too;" the Leans had several players who could catch the ball and they spoiled the fun.

Morse Lake is the lowest it has ever been. Elsewhere, farmers are traveling long distances to haul water for livestock and crops. Late plantings have failed.

Wesley Johnson's black dog, Rover, caught three woodchucks Tuesday. He usually catches only two a day.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 22, 1920

Grand Rapids motor truck dealers are sponsoring a caravan of pneumatic-tired trucks to Lowell soon, accompanied by a 35-piece band, to demonstrate and explain the superiority of trucking.

Right under the article above: "Rush, Smash, Bang!" about a Ford truck ramming a hydrant which emptied the reservoir and shorted out electric wires; and another night a driver destroying a lamp post. Neither driver caught, cost to the taxpayers, \$100.

Congress considers a bill to lease foreign oil fields in view of depletion of U.S. oil fields in the near future.

A "Beauty Chats" column explains what calories are and gives the caloric values of some foods.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JULY 16, 1945

The Dean of Agriculture at Michigan State College predicts that the farm of the future will be completely mechanized, including baling hay in the field, combining grain in the field, and chemical sprays for weeds and insects. One man will be able to handle 200 acres as easily as he now does 80 acres.

Phlorus Hale of Keene delivered the first load of 55 bushels of wheat to King Milling Company Tuesday.

Tuesday was the hottest day so far, 97, followed by a thunderstorm in the evening.

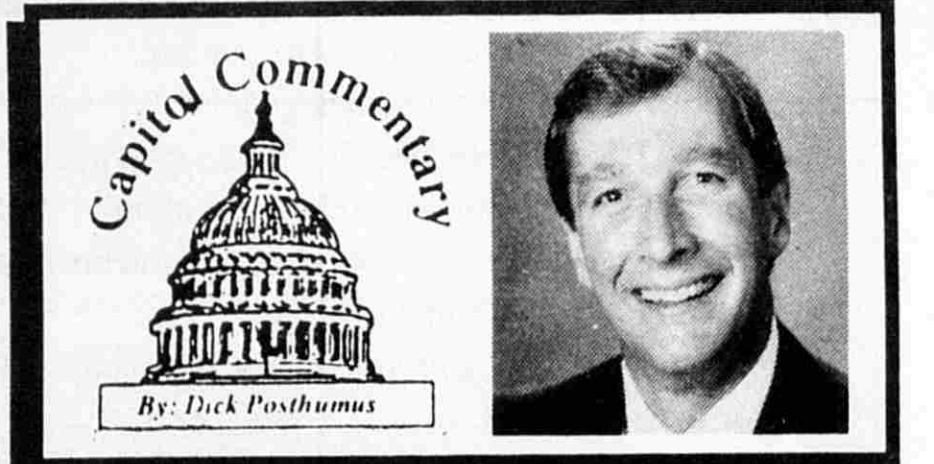
## Health With Drs. Paul Gauthier, Jim Lang & Donette Bish



### SELF BREAST EXAM

While no one can absolutely say that monthly female self breast exams will reduce your chance of dying of breast cancer, we still firmly believe in its usefulness. If you don't examine your breasts regularly - either because you're afraid of missing (or finding) a cancer, or your breasts are lumpy and you can't tell one lump from another - you're not alone. Fewer than one in three women say they do a self exam every month. While probably greater than ninety percent of tumors are found by women, not their doctors, the lumps are usually discovered because they are too large to miss, not because of diligent self inspection.

Still, monthly self breast exams are a good idea. We know that tumors found by women who perform monthly self exams are smaller than those found by women who don't. Also, in women in their forties, tumors may grow enough between yearly mammograms to be felt during a self breast exam. Most importantly, by becoming familiar with your breasts, you will notice any dramatic or subtle changes which may occur on a monthly basis. Any changes in your breast exam regardless of how trivial you may feel them to be, should be brought to the attention of your physician. For more details on self breast exams, you may contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.



By: Dick Posthumus

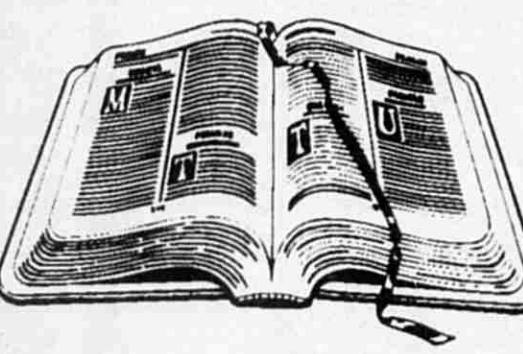



One month ago in this column, I told you about the Senate's very productive first six months, and highlighted some of our more significant accomplishments. If you recall, we cut taxes five more times, reformed the unemployment insurance system, passed a balanced budget with increased education funding and made improvements to the Polluter Pay law, among other things.

In that same column, I mentioned some of our priorities for the rest of the year and promised the last half of 1995 would be as productive as the first half. And I have also discussed the controversial issues of revenue sharing, court and cultural funding that have caused friction between Detroit and the rest of the state. To address the issue, I said I would appoint a work group to look at the big picture and make some recommendations for change.

Well, last week I did just that. But rather than appoint just one work group, I appointed a total of four summer task force groups and two ongoing work groups to study the larger issues facing Michigan right now and ready the Senate for a busy fall session.

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## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| <b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b><br>7227 Thornapple River Dr. 876-1032<br>Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA<br>Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M.<br>Sunday School.....11:00 A.M.<br>Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.<br>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.  |   | <b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br>REV. WILLIAM J. RENKEMA - 897-7060<br>1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI<br>Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.<br>Sunday School.....11:20 A.M.<br>Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.<br>Nursery available at both services<br>Barrier-Free   |    |   |
| <b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br>621 E. Main Street • 897-5936<br>REGULAR HOURS<br>Morning Worship.....8:30 & 10:00 A.M.<br>REV. B. GORDON BARRY<br>Nursery & child care available at both services<br>Barrier - Free Entrance  | <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br>2275 West Main Street<br>Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.<br>Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.<br>AWANA & J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M.<br>Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M.<br>JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168   | <br><b>CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF LOWELL/ADA</b><br>Sunday Worship at 10 A.M. at Cherry Creek Elementary<br>Phone (616) 897-0077   | <b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b><br>A New ELCA Church<br>Serving SE Kent County<br>Meeting At:<br>Pine Ridge Elementary School<br>3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611<br>(off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton)<br>WORSHIP 9 A.M.<br>SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M.<br>We invite you to "walk" with us.                          |   |
| <b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b><br>10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185<br>Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.<br>Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M.<br>Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.<br>Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M.<br>GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110<br>STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894<br>ALL ARE WELCOME!<br>(Barrier-Free) |   |  |   | <b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>10305 Bluewater Highway<br>Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.<br>Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M.<br>JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR<br>897-8307 |
| <b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b><br>(United Church of Christ)<br>404 North Hudson • 897-5906<br>Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.<br>Dr. Roger LaWarra.....Pastor<br>Eleanor Martin.....Director of Education<br>Meghan Oulver.....Music Director<br>Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided  | <b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b><br>Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road<br>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.<br>Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.<br>Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.<br>(Sept. - April)<br>Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M.<br>REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor<br>897-5648 or 897-1948<br>YOU ARE WELCOME! | <b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b><br>"A friendly church with a life changing message"<br>• God Loves you and has a plan for your life.<br>• Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins.<br>• Forgiveness is yours and Heaven your destination when you believe in Christ.<br>Sunday Service.....10:00 A.M.<br>Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Monday<br>897-6332<br>Located on Coniferline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy.<br>Pastor Frank and Daphnie Lattimore | <b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br>201 N. Washington • 897-8800<br>Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.<br>Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.<br>Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.<br>Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.<br>TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister<br>Staffed Nursery Provided<br>Barrier-Free Entrance |   |

# GIVEN THE INFORMATION...YOU DECIDE!

*In response to articles re: Lowell Area Schools Voter Survey published in the Community Edition on 7/13/95 and The Lowell Ledger on 7/19/95 it is important to provide the public with complete information. Four days after a portion of the survey results were given during the 7/10/95 School Board Meeting, 9 additional pages of public comment were given to the board in an envelope marked "Confidential." The public cannot understand the spirit of the answers given without access to the comments. Five comments about specific individuals have been omitted, otherwise here are the rest of those comments in their entirety.*

## 1. How well does the school keep the public informed? -1 comment:

• Tells you what they are going to do instead of talking to you.

## 2. Where do you get most of your information about the school? - 7 comments:

Should send letters out to area people. • Didn't like being stuck with water bill.  
• YMCA Daycare, Advance, Athletics, Buyer's Guide, Open Houses, Needs more from building.

## 3. Describe the level of trust in A) Board of Education and B) Admin. - 54 comments:

Board not knowledgeable and hasn't worked in enough areas like finances.  
• Hard to get an answer out of anybody  
• The way they (school) do business is barely above board.  
• Has 4 kids thru system—not for kids enough; more for own advancement.  
• Doesn't agree with the school board and administration views on teaching kids values and morals. Every family has their own way of doing things—not always the Board of Ed.'s way.  
• Bd.—no choices  
• Bd./Admin. treat people like they are stupid.  
• Progression of policies of school development.  
• High School: Not provided all info. on cost, sewers, road, transportation, busing—need more public input. Keep things from public. Rumors heard; changing curriculum or school day.  
• It's good to have new staffing, new administrators and board.  
• Didn't like the Gun Club deal and the way the school went about it. Doesn't like Riverside being destroyed by children (vandalism).  
• Doesn't know where money is being spent. Board answers questions differently.  
• Board and Admin. don't get along too well w/each other—they don't talk much.  
• Administration follows Board on spending—spends too much.  
• Son is in 3rd grade and well above that level academically. Tried to work with Admin. and doesn't feel he got any results.  
• Board: Not involved; don't get info.; Adm.: Bad experience with Kindergarten roundup.  
• Money—the way it's managed.  
• Professional decisions by Admin. are not to be done by only them—ask others for input.  
• Little trust- Board: Negative comments/board meetings; Adm.: Same as above  
• Strategic planning process was being manipulated for their purposes.  
• Things that have happened. Sale of land for school. Administration put stuff over the public.  
• If you ain't with the crowd, you ain't in. Administration has ruled the Board.  
• Admin.: Not open, don't feel welcome. Not allowed to see blueprints when requested over the phone. Impressions that they are better than us. Some teachers good, some not. My kids have had bad teachers. Doesn't like school time (being used) taken to see movies/videos in school (Gremlins, Homeward Bound). Wants to pick children's teachers. All day/alternate day Kdg. convenient for teachers and some parents, but she doesn't like it—majority of schools don't use it.  
• Past records - raised taxes; spent more on Admin. salaries and teachers' salaries.  
• Very little trust because of Bd. saying not enough

money last year.  
• Little trust in public officials.  
Board of Ed. doesn't do what they say—only want the paycheck. Adm.: See what new Admin. will do.  
• Don't keep people well enough informed.  
• Board more interested in others' opinions rather than community.  
• "Us against them" feeling - Administration; information is not out there; a lot goes on behind closed doors.  
• No one trusts the bureaucrats anymore, just another government agency.  
• Problem with prior Administration.  
• Don't trust anybody; kids in trouble - just one of those general gov.  
• Mishandled new high school.  
• Administration: high-handedness—run "their" program.  
• 5-hr. day should never have happened. Found money—where was it?  
• Need pool.  
• Carpeting lunchroom; not good job policing where money goes; too much waste.  
• More money for special reading program for advanced students.  
• Learn to operate on money given—don't ask for more; we don't make our money go far enough; Teachers make too much money for the 180 days worked.  
• If private schools can get by with \$2500, why can't public schools?  
• Busses - too frequently run on 1/2 days  
• Not pleased with the new high school and the money spent on it  
• Waste a lot of money. Looks out for self, not children. Teachers included. Kids get bad end of stick.  
• I think they're spending dollars they don't have - they don't need a \$30 million high school - better education in country school.  
• When they cut to five hours it made me not trust - people are overpaid.  
• Watched budget meeting/appalling. Bond issue payback schedule  
• Spending money because it's there—not out of need. Need fiscal responsibility.  
• Too much money on sports.  
• HS looks like a community college - overkill; too much land, too many lights at night - hasn't seen school budget.  
• Too much waste on high school - too much emphasis on sports, not on education

## 4. What do you think are the biggest problems with which the public schools in this community must deal? -111 comments:

• Set budget and stick to it; Get focus on core curriculum, not on sports.  
• Not enough Gifted/Talented/Specialized programs. Financial threat of losing teacher and cut hours.  
• Allow children to pray in schools.  
• Too much spending for a small school community.  
• Better business management; the school should be run like a business.  
• Test scores aren't good enough.  
• Job training  
• Accountability—working for the students.  
• Truancy and violence.  
• Try not to succumb to pressure from outside persons. Maintain a rural/local character. High-pressure money people—do not feel we need to be

like neighboring district.  
• Taxes.  
• Small interest groups trying to destroy respect of school system; handling problems children face in everyday life—divorce, drugs.  
• Keep from having dropout students.  
• Attitude of students.  
• Question the truth from administrators; views are dismissed too quickly. Need to work on community matters. You (schools) are a public servant.  
• Poor bus setup.  
• Dealing with student needs.  
• Trailer parks that don't pay taxes.  
• More social workers.  
• Community giving Bd. hard time.  
• Opposed to outcomes based education.  
• Moral issues: drugs; schools should be a place of freedom for prayer and after-school bible study.  
• Too much emphasis on "extras" instead of education.  
Administrative stability—making sure students have basic skills.  
• Governor revenue cutbacks hurting kids; no control.  
• Trouble w/computer system in lunch line.  
• Poor basics foundation—more academic oriented; need to reflect community values; more conservative/less liberal; no planned parenthood.  
• Higher taxes must produce better education is not always true.  
• Not recognizing learning disabilities in children.  
• Repairing PR damage done by problems associated with buying of land for high school.  
• Parent input not taken seriously.  
• Problems with funding of new high school and keeping up with technology.  
• Upgrade math and science programs.  
• Sex education; gang related activities.  
• No money from state.  
• Public's attitude toward the Board and Administration.  
• Minority groups stirring trouble.  
• Transportation.  
• Moral standards: Lead students to a better life.  
• H.S. sign on AldenNash/M21; lack of community pride in going to Lowell; Lowell students have inferior attitude. Need pride in our schools so people will move here. Schools not running efficiently; if they were a business, they would be out of business. Lack of supplies from school; not trying to save money. Doesn't agree with salary raises of administration giving it to themselves.  
• Adequate funding for music and arts usually are dropped first.  
• Parents don't care what students are doing in school.  
• Salaries too high for quality of education.  
• Special Ed. problems (ADD); teachers must adapt  
• Trust from the community of school board and admin. is lacking. Common measuring stick to measure students performance by students, parents, teachers and community.  
• Inform disclosure of \$—don't snow public; teachers are running schools—not administration.  
• No in-house and no detention.  
• More of Christianity back. If this would be done, all other problems would be solved.  
• Personal contact with children  
• Outside policing in high school.  
• Educating to the 1990's on a limited budget. School Bd./Admin. vs. people—not dealing fairly & directly.

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• Too many students per class.  
• Growing too fast; too many kids in classes; \$ a problem  
• Interest challenge children  
• Group management; new approaches.  
• Sports, athletic programs: not strong; none of our athletes go on after h.s.  
• More maintenance help to keep up buildings; concerned that block schedule will interfere with skill center.  
• Be aware of "outsiders"; Lowell changed from farms to urban and increased # of people; change to home/private schooling so children are not contaminated by outside people. Schools need to know how to educate people to change. Need smart people to change.  
• Administration - tell the whole story  
• Juggling act for teachers to meet the needs of all students.  
• State looks at a different way to fund the money;  
• Moral standards - root of all - not schools problems - nobody wants to take responsibility for kids actions - No morality taught at home - no rules  
• Keeping good teachers and administration  
• Full year of school  
• Getting away from reading, writing and arithmetic  
• More programs for pregnant teens  
• Administration relationship with teachers is poor  
• Guns  
• Getting most for money; could be more efficient  
• Girl was swearing at YMCA and no discipline given.  
• Video games are distractions; keep focus on learning  
• Keeping up with technology and fast-changing world  
• Sex Education and Guns  
• Drug addiction, Aids education  
• Feeding students breakfast  
• Problem kids get no help  
• Parents who don't care; kids with kids whose parents don't care; violence  
• Greater emphasis on the "entire" child—phys.ed,arts; need of technology, computers; being prepared for outside world.  
• More "course" offerings (scholastic) for students  
• Does not want "multi-cultural & diversity — Back to "basics"; training is taught at the expense of the "regular" or basic curriculum  
• The stress in the district with regard to suburban development; suburban vs. rural standards and ideals; Respondent and spouse have voted for every millage and the bond issue; however, they will not be able to do so again because they felt "betrayed" and disappointed at the amount of money spent on the athletic facilities for the new high school; Teacher work hours were also a concern.  
• Respondent has concern at the h.s. about the same classes being taught by different teachers without the same quality of instruction, particularly the Spanish and math programs  
• Managing growth  
• Millages  
• Textbooks  
• Technology and growth  
• Clerical and janitors (overpaid) teachers are backbone of school  
• Cost of programming/expense involved with running quality programs and the fact that we encompass such a lg. geographic area.  
• State MEAP tied to funding; lack of middle school computers; memorizing requirements, as opposed to problem-solving  
• Last few days of school are play days  
• Some people blowing things out of proportion/dissatisfied  
• Peer pressure  
• Bring up quality of instruction  
• Dealing with negative faction  
• Maintenance of buildings  
• Large class size  
• Too few teachers; long bus rides

• Parents control  
• Traffic by new high school  
• Voter apathy  
• Curriculum: should be more practical  
• Long bus rides  
• Maintain level of curriculum necessary for college  
• Modern way of teaching  
• Need programs for gifted - in elementary schools, too much time spent on holidays, not enough on teaching.  
• Managing money  
• Teenage pregnancy  
• Creative level up for latch key kids

## 5. In what ways are the Lowell Schools particularly good? - 44 comments:

• Encourage teachers to change with the time; keep current.  
• Quality of kids not so good.  
• Well-rounded school.  
• Comm. Ed. programs.  
• Keeping up with MEAP.  
• Upkeep of schools.  
• Bus transportation and lunch program good.  
• Homogenous population; community involvement.  
• Good social studies and English programs.  
• Good student behavior.  
• Creative teachers.  
• Positive reinforcement when kids do good things; homework hotline.  
• New high school, track, and computers are good.  
• Students are pleased and show enjoyment of school.  
• Special Ed. is good.  
• Discipline.  
• High praise; excellent caring.  
• The way the schools are run  
• Good education  
• Elementary program  
• High school and middle schools are going downhill academically  
• Enthusiasm  
• School spirit  
• High school program  
• Field trips, etc. keeping things particularly interesting.  
• Skill Center  
• Hiring Bert will help - need vision  
• All Day/Alternate Day Kindergarten  
• Good job of teaching  
• The administration is well above average as knowledge of what kids need. Their hands tied by state and federal government  
• Discipline.  
• Open Forum meeting  
• Small town volunteers  
• Extra curricular activities  
• Transportation  
• Different approaches to education; age level separation  
• Good high school, nice athletic facility  
• Good management of money  
• High level of parent participation; schools have an openness; they show a genuine concern; generally an excellent system  
• New superintendent is particularly good; everyone trying to do better  
• Impressed with the learning that takes place in early years  
• Family atmosphere community provides for good education  
• "Together Lowell Cares"  
• Close knit community - nice families

## 6. Would you support an enhancement millage which would generate additional dollars for the schools for two years to A) Support transportation; B) Purchase additional textbooks/materials for curriculum; C) Purchase additional computers, software, technology; D) Place dollars in the bank as a hedge against cuts in future state funding? - 37 comments:

• Enhancement: Would give to gifted students program. Live within means; get computers, software donated.  
• Doesn't really want to raise taxes or millage.  
• Teachers training ADD and others; learning disabilities for children; Sex education: safe sex education.  
• Maintain old fleet of busses; maybe place dollars in short term interest funds CD's.  
• Knew that we would be asking for more money sooner or later, but he didn't think it would be so soon. He is a senior citizen on fixed income w/ health problems. Can't afford any more taxes.  
• Afraid that if enhancement millage was passed to put dollars in bank, it would be used for other purposes. As far as for textbooks, not sure if we're fully utilizing what is there and if it's outdated.  
• Big waste—should hand down.  
• Too elaborate  
• Old high school—go back to contractor to fix roof.  
• Doesn't support enhancements. Should find better management of district funds with present monies.  
• Transportation dollars driven—our own problem.  
• Would support millage: Depending on curricula — no outcomes based education.  
• Millage enhancement depends on how much you're talking about.  
• Textbooks: Depends on textbooks; Transp.: State must pay for busses. State must pay for busses.  
• Put in pool.  
• Teachers well-paid for 9 months.  
• Not using resources wisely; better utilize the money we have.  
• End "Pay to Play."  
• Thinks schools teaching is good, but not for money spent.  
• Why are there so many TV's in rooms? For the 3 R's, it's okay, but not for recreation.  
• Already have plenty of busses and computers.  
• Needs more information on this.  
• Students should take better care of books; parents should purchase books, but she would support a millage.  
• Get old books from other districts. Shop around/barter. If they can prove the need, don't throw something away if it can be fixed. Doesn't trust that we need/if he trusted the figures, then yes.  
• Transportation: "Part of budget."  
• Justify need; be responsible just like private schools - get used to living on budget.  
• No tax increase!!! Our government assured us that we would get relief from schools with a 6 percent sales tax.  
• If (schools) handle money well, will support - find out how money is.  
• Does not think community in general will support a millage.  
• Purchase additional computers: if they get a teacher to teach it.  
• Would not support to have "nice" things. The state has not gone far enough to alleviate the over tax burden on public.  
• Continue tight budget  
• As long as for what you say.  
• Would vote for more transportation if they knew what shape they were in.  
• Transp./Textbks.: Some she feels would be a good expense, but doesn't feel they personally have money for it.  
• Only if they are funding needed programs, i.e. elem. art.  
• Have students buy their own books.

## 7. Students are often given the grades A, B, C, D or E to describe the quality of their work in school. What grade would you give the local school system? - 4 comments

• I would like to say on Outcomes Based Education that I don't approve of that at all.  
• More phonics. Basics in lower grades.  
• Lack of science frustrates this person.  
• Opposed to year-round school or to any restructuring; do not lengthen elementary day.

Provided courtesy of Citizens For Quality Education

## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

six to 12 years of age. Kids get an opportunity to dance, draw, tie dye, paint and more. The workshop is held at the Arts Center from noon to 3 p.m. each day.

Registration fee is \$75 for LAAC members and \$85 for non-members. For further information or to register call the Center at 897-8545.

### LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS

Lowell Youth Football sign-ups for ages 8-15 (birth certificates needed), on Saturday, July 29 and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at King Memorial Pool building by Burch Field.

Helmet and shoulder pad rental available for \$15 each. Registration fee is \$30. No fund-raiser this year. Payment due at registration. No money - no sign-up. Any questions, call 897-5073.

### CLASS OF 1985 REUNION

The Lowell High School class of 1985 reunion is planned for Wed., October 14, 1995. Classmates are encouraged to call Terri Jones at 897-5794.

### 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.

## Grandstand, continued... From Page 1

could be reused. "It was put on with screws and not nails, so it could be unscrewed and taken off."

Blough hesitated before giving a figure of \$45,000 as to what it might cost to replace the 2,500 square foot grandstand.

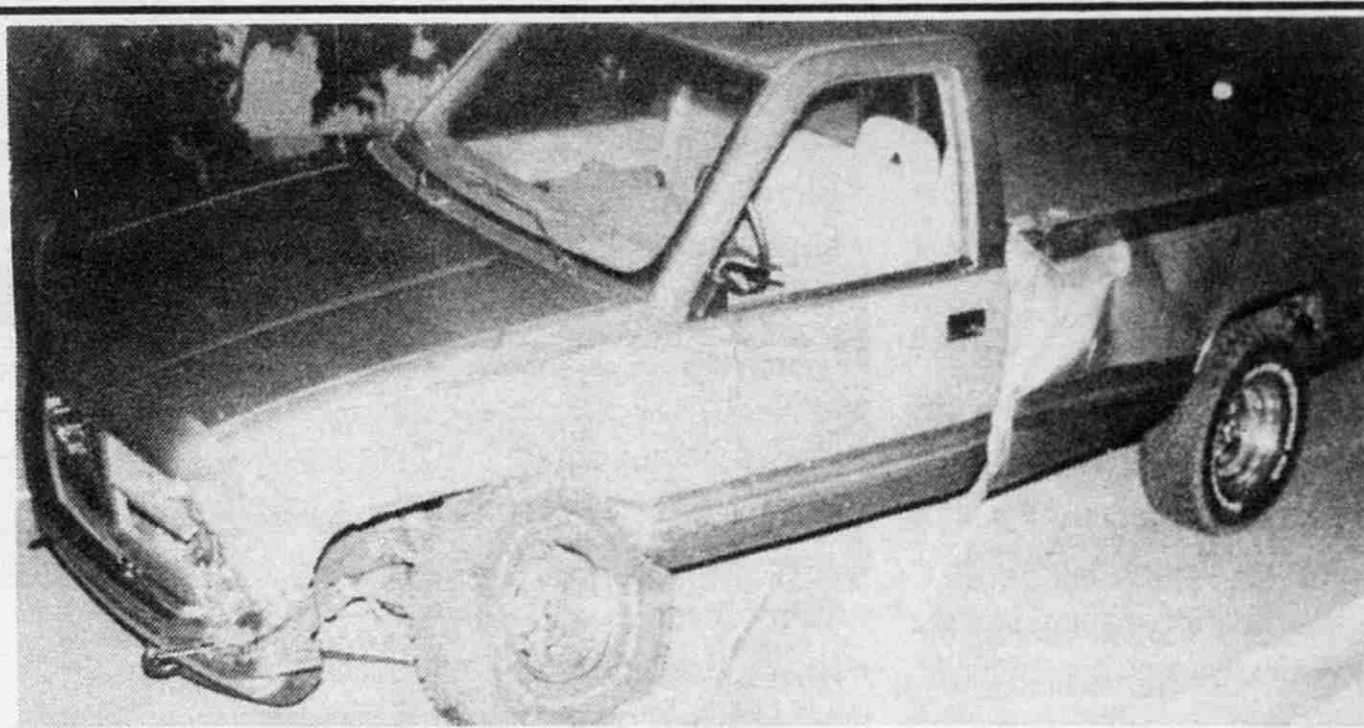
For Blough and many others who play at Recreation Park regularly, or for those who have visited, the grandstand helped give it an old ballpark flavor.

## Motorcycle, cont'd... From Page 1

Halls reported that they were southbound on Flat River Dr. on their way back from checking out a car in storage when they saw the motorcycle coming at them.

The truck sat in the southbound lane with a deflated left front wheel.

Kent County deputy sheriff Blaine Madejczyk said both the driver and passenger of the motorcycle were wearing helmets and both the driver and passenger in the truck were using restraints.



Pat Schaefer

The motorcycle driven by Michael Moore hit the front end of the driver's side of the pickup truck and then skidded 75 yards before coming to rest beside a guard rail.

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| 8       | WOOD-8       |
| 9       | WLNS-6       |
| 10      | WILX-10      |
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| 12      | WKAR-23      |
| 13      | WZZM-13      |
| 14      | DISNEY**     |
| 15      | WSYM-47      |
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| 19      | FAM          |
| 20      | FX           |
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| 29      | NICK         |
| 30      | A & E        |
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## FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28 THROUGH AUGUST 3

The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, starring James Avery, Daphne Maxwell Reid, Joseph Marcell, Alfonso Ribeiro, Will Smith, Tatyana M. Ali and Karyn Parsons (clockwise from top left), will rule Mondays this fall for its sixth consecutive season on NBC.

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| <b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>       | 33 WWMT Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Detroit Tigers. From Tiger Stadium. (Live)                        | 41 WOVU Highway Patrol Top Cops (In Stereo) | 35 WGVU MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour | 17 WXMI Fresh Prince of Bel-Air | 8 WOOD Extra (In Stereo) | WLNS Entertainment Tonight | 19 WILX Star Trek: The Next Generation (In Stereo) | 23 WKAR MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour | 19 WZZM Cops (In Stereo) | 17 WSYM Simpsons (In Stereo) | To Be Announced       |   |                           |                        |
| <b>CABLE STATIONS</b>           | 17 TBS Andy Griffith   | 41 FAM Waltons "The Tailspin"               | 20 FX Under Scrutiny            | 20 USA Wings (In Stereo)        | 20 DISC Beyond 2000      | 20 WGN Love Connection     | 20 ESPN (6:30) Sportscenter                        | 20 CNN Moneyline                | 20 NICK Doug (In Stereo) | 20 A&E Rockford Files        | 20 PASS Tigers Weekly | 20 TNT In the Heat of the Night "Missing" | 20 NASH (6:30) Club Dance | 20 SCIFI Twilight Zone |
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| <b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>          | 33 WWMT (11:35) Late Show  | 41 WOVU Paid Program                               | 35 WGVU (11:30) Charlie Rose              | 17 WXMI Richard Bey (Part 2 of 2)                   | 8 WOOD (11:35) Tonight Show | 6 WLNS (11:35) Late Show     | 19 WILX (11:35) Tonight Show | 23 WKAR (Off Air) | 13 WZZM Rush Limbaugh | 17 WSYM Extra (In Stereo)                           | 17 WSYM Extra (In Stereo) | 17 WSYM Extra (In Stereo)   | 17 WSYM Extra (In Stereo)                         |   |
| <b>CABLE STATIONS</b>              | 17 TBS (10:35) Movie: "Fort Worth" (1951) Randolph Scott, Phyllis Thaxter. | 41 FAM Bonanza: The Last Episodes "The Bucket Dog" | 20 FX Mission: Impossible "The Execution" | 20 USA Quantum Leap "Glitter Rock - April 12, 1974" | 20 DISC Movie Magic (R)     | 20 WGN (11:30) Simon & Simon | 20 ESPN Baseball Tonight     | 20 CNN Newsnight  | 20 NICK Dick Van Dyke | 20 A&E Biography "Jayne Mansfield: Love and Kisses" | 20 PASS Motorsports Hour  | 20 TNT (11:55) Movie: "House of Wax" (1953) Vincent Price, Frank Lovejoy. | 20 NASH Waylon Jennings & Friends (R) (In Stereo) | 20 SCIFI Quantum Leap "Piano Man - November 10, 1985" |
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# TOWN TALK

Does affirmative action provide for equal opportunity or does it lead to racial preferences?

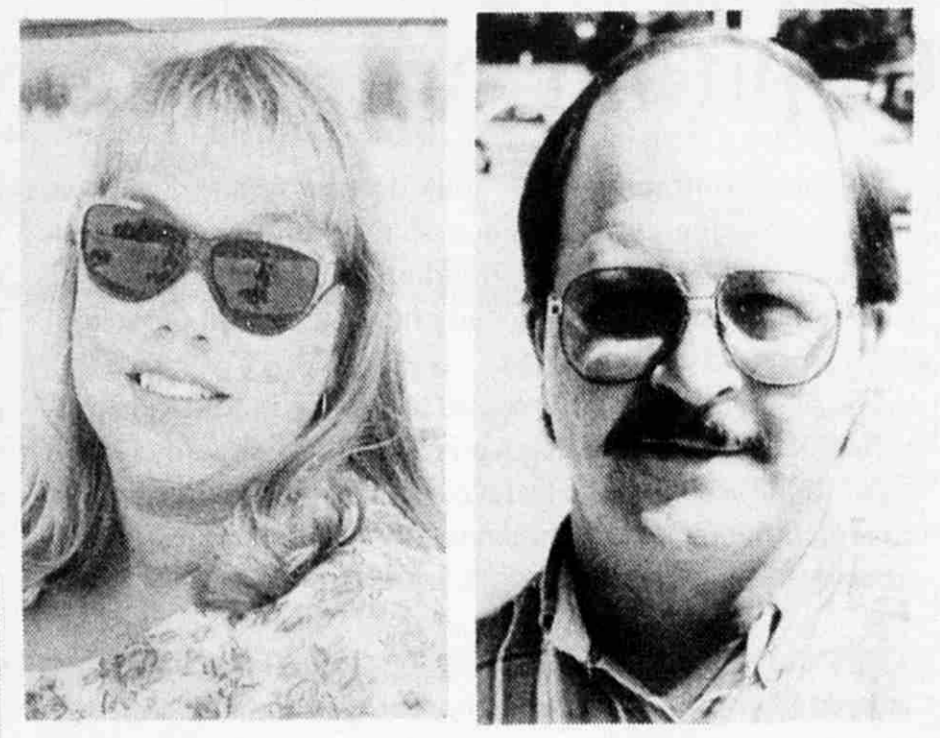


**Jerry Sydow**  
I think it leads to racial preferences from my experiences and from what I've seen in Michigan.

**Glen Herblet**  
Affirmative action provides equal opportunity.

**Martha Handing**  
I think everyone has equal opportunity now. I also think there was equal opportunity before affirmative action.

**Geneva Umbenhour**  
It can go both ways. I think there is racial preference with or without affirmative action.



**Amy Aranowski**  
I believe it gives everyone equal opportunity - a fair chance that they might not have otherwise. I think employees discriminate against minorities.

**Larry Johnson**  
It leads to racial preferences. With affirmative action it doesn't make a difference who is qualified; instead it depends on whether quotas are filled.

## History department plans tour for on-site lessons

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Imagine standing on Normandy Beach and revisiting the discussion of the stand in Amsterdam, at the home of Anne Frank, discussing the contents of her diary.

Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, a world tour supplement will be offered to World History sophomores, juniors and seniors at Lowell High School.

"This is something the history department has been working on for about four years," Lowell history teacher Jack Ogle said. "The idea behind it is to supplement our history program with on-site history lessons."

The first 13-day world studies tour is scheduled to take flight on June 27, 1996.

"The tour is intended to appeal to the students who have a strong interest in history," Lowell High School history teacher Steve Kampfschulte said. "This is not some packaged tour; this is a customized tour we put together."

It was put together through the help of E.F. Educational Tours out of Cambridge, MA.

Ogle said the trip will also teach students about travel exchange and the arts. "They will be able to view the Egyptian Museum," he said.

There will be some pre-trip requirements for students.

- All students must have a recommendation form signed by two members of the social studies department.
- Students must have taken and completed either World History I or World History II.
- Students must attend all six seminar pre-trip sessions and complete any tasks assigned to them in those sessions.
- And students must be enrolled in a social studies class during the 1995-96 school year.

The cost per student will be \$2,204. This price will include airfare, hotels, meals, and tours. It does not include lunch and spending money.

Ogle said the initial turnout brought forth 75 interested students. However, only 30 of those 75 students will go on the world studies tour.

"We're very excited about the tour," Kampfschulte said.

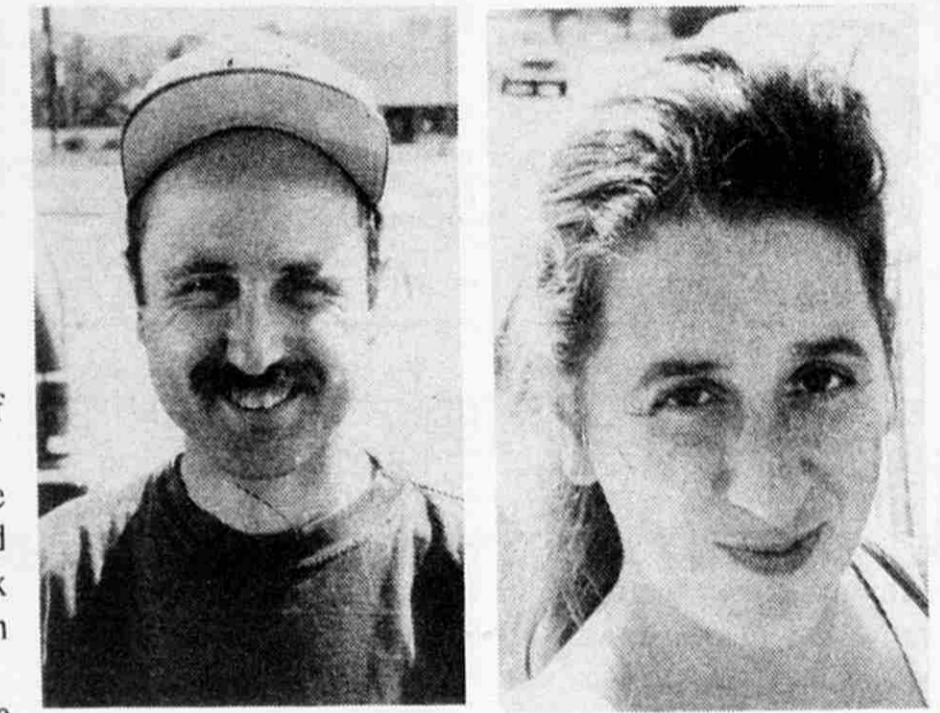
The steering committee consists of Ogle, Kampfschulte, Dale Triplett, and Dave Johnson.

The world studies tour also has a finance committee and publicity committee. These committees are made up of parents.

Members of the finance committee are Dick and Teresa VanderWarf, Frank Southwell, Laurie and Tom Krebill and Kay Speerstra.

The publicity committee consists of Sheila Hoag, Barb Tindall, Ann Wittenbach and Maureen Mikulski.

The first scheduled fundraiser will be a July 29 car wash at Family Fare. It is scheduled to go from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.



**Don DeWitt**  
It leads to racial preference. People are discriminated against because of color.

**Theresa Martinez**  
It provides equal opportunity. I think equal opportunity is available without affirmative action.

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Many in this world run after felicity like an absent man hunting for his hat, while all the time it is on his head or in his hand.  
—Sydney Smith

## Mill Isle project revision approved

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The result of a revised preliminary plat of the Mill Isle Estates will change the subdivision project to a two phase project. The first phase will result in 46 lots while the second phase will have 24 lots.

James Jansma, senior project manager with Nederveld Associates, noted that the revised plan represents the alterations requested at the May planning commission meeting.

One of the revisions will be at Ridgeview and Sibley, making it a straighter extension.

The second revision will extend Jacqueline Avenue to Gee Drive.

Jansma noted that by revising the Ridgeview/Sibley intersection, one lot on the south side of Sibley will be lost. It has been inserted on the north side of Sibley in an area that is zoned R-3 and R-2.

The revised preliminary plat also proposed extending Jason Avenue to Alisha Way to Jacqueline Avenue to Gee Drive as the connector. This would include the lots bordering the extension.

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# Capitol Commentary, continued...From Page 5

The four summer groups will develop comprehensive, long-term strategies on revenue sharing and equity, urban redevelopment, prison overcrowding and state courts. The two ongoing task forces will study health care and the school code/charter school revisions.

The goal of these task forces is to make recommendations on how we as a Senate Republican Caucus should address these crucial issues and help develop a reasonable time line for implementing those recommendations. Without question, all of these issues are ones the citizens of the state are concerned about.

As I've mentioned before, there has been a lot of animosity between west and southeast Michigan regarding state funding.

Our goal in appointing the task force on Revenue Sharing and East-West Equity Issues is to make state funding more fair and balanced, so that everyone reaps the rewards of being a Michigan citizen.

The task force on Urban Redevelopment will review such proposals as empowerment zones, renaissance zones, charter schools and urban incentives. Overall, the committee's goal is to find the best ways to revitalize and attract job providers and residents to our cities. While our economy is doing quite well right now, our core inner cities still lack a lot of the vitality and life we see in suburban areas. Over the next several months, we want to develop plans to change that.

Another major issue of concern is prison overcrowding.

Over the past few years, we've passed legislation cracking down on crime to make our streets and neighborhoods safer. In the meantime, our prisons are getting fuller. The task force on Prison Overcrowding and Criminal Justice issues will not only address the overcrowding problem, but it will also take a look at providing law enforcement agencies with enhanced tools for fighting crime.

Our fourth summer task force, the Structure of State Courts, will review different ways to organize and build an effective and efficient state court system for the 21st century.

All of these summer task force groups are expected to

# Freshman science curriculum will bring students down to earth

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

One-third of the state science proficiency test objectives are earth science related.

Up through the 1994-1995 school year, Lowell High School did not offer students an earth science course.

The result has meant that Lowell High School students have had a difficult time meeting and identifying the objectives expected of them on the state proficiency test, previously referred to at the high school level as the MEAP test. "The proficiency test is a new name for the high school MEAP test," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

According to the Lowell superintendent, prior to the last couple of years, many schools were giving students a choice between physical science and earth science. "Now that a third of the science proficiency test is earth science, schools over the last year or two have not given students that choice. They must take both," Bleke said.

"In the area of earth science, Lowell High School has been lagging behind," said Lowell science teacher Kurt Kaeb.

In 1995-96, ninth-grade students at Lowell will be required to take 18 weeks of physical science and 18 weeks of earth science.

"Six years ago when earth science was approved, it never got implemented," Kaeb said.

Last school year, Lowell was one of a few schools which did not offer earth science. Bleke says all schools are rushing to catch up and meet the objectives set by the proficiency test.

Kaeb noted that East Grand Rapids is another school which doesn't have an earth science class offered at the high school level. The Lowell science teacher said he does not believe it will have one in 1995-96 either. "We were going to go ahead with one whether or not the textbook and materials were approved at the July meeting," Kaeb said. "Students have been doing things in earth science at the elementary and seventh and eighth grades."

Lowell High School science staff members, Heather Kohtz, Pete Siler and Kaeb, were involved in the selection of the earth science textbook.

Kaeb said a group of eighth-graders was asked to review three sample textbooks. "Sometimes we select material, but forget who is going to be using it," Kaeb said.

Of the three textbooks the eighth-graders reviewed, they

selected the Merrill earth science text published by Glencoe. Kaeb said the students stated that the other books used terms before defining what they meant. They also added that they felt the Merrill text laid information

out in a nice, clean fashion.

The Lowell School Board approved the purchase of a class set of books along with other class materials. The total estimated cost for books and materials was \$7,900.

Kaeb said the reason for purchasing a class set of books for the 1995-96 school year is that the Kent Collaborative Core Curriculum (KC-4) for earth science will not be completed this year.

"Lowell High School will implement earth science classes this year and will adjust next year to meet the outcomes which will be set forth at that time," Kaeb said.

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in 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.

**SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH:** The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Infield, 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.

**EVERY TUES.:** 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 897-6405.

**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-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY TUES.:** Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

**EVERY TUES.:** 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

**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 Dari'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

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

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:** 8 p.m. ALANON meets at Lowell Congregational Church.

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

**EVERY WED.:** Royal Rangers for the boys at 7 p.m. Sonshine Adventure Team for the girls kindergarten and up. Christ Ambassadors for the youth (7th thru 12th grades) Christian Clubs to help our children grow through the means of achievement programs, special activities, crafts, and basic moral learning. For more information, call Christian Life Center, 3050 Alden Nash S.E., 897-1100.

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

**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 SECOND & FOURTH WEDNESDAY:** Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the

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

**WOMEN OF THE MOOSE:** Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

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

**THURS., JULY 27:** Commodities will be distributed at the Lowell Rec Center from 8 a.m. until gone.

**WED., AUG. 2:** Grattan Township Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at Grattan Museum, 11675 Old Belding Road. The program will be slides and talk by Rex and Marilyn Lally on their trip to China. Social hour and refreshments will follow business meeting and program.

**NOV. 27 - DEC. 1:** "Fantasy in Lights - A Ride-Through Spectacular At Callaway Gardens" a Christmas extravaganza plus Nashville's Opryland Hotel. Also featuring Dollywood's Christmasfest. Modern Motorcoach Transportation. \$589, dbl; \$739, single and \$565, triple. Deposit of \$25 due at time of registration and balance due by Oct. 11. For reservations please contact Mary Condon at 616-897-7092.

**THURS., AUG. 3:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor - Catherine Hurlbut, sponsor. Program is a talk on Costa Rica by Dr. Emanuel Campos. Answer roll call with

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| <b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking.              | <b>THURS:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop; 9:30 a.m. Bingo; 1 p.m. Euchre. |
| <b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking.             | <b>FRI.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking.  |
| <b>WED.:</b> 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. | <b>MON. - FRI.:</b> Kent Co. Nutrition ProgRam, noon.                  |

**Special Events**

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| <b>WED., AUG. 2:</b> 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.                          | <b>TUES., AUG. 15:</b> 12:30 p.m., Shopping in Grand Rapids. |
| <b>WED., AUG. 2:</b> 10 a.m. Blood pressure.                           | <b>WED., AUG. 16:</b> 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.           |
| <b>THURS., AUG. 3:</b> All day - bank popcorn.                         | <b>THURS., AUG. 17:</b> 4 a.m., Badger boat trip.            |
| <b>FRI., AUG 4:</b> 10 a.m., All centers picnic - Center closed.       | <b>FRI., AUG. 18:</b> 12:30 p.m., Reminisce.                 |
| <b>TUES., AUG 8:</b> 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.                       | <b>TUES., AUG. 22:</b> 11 a.m., Lunch at Grandville seniors. |
| <b>THURS., AUG 10:</b> 12:30 p.m., Preserving social security/medical. | <b>WED., AUG. 30:</b> 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.             |


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**GARAGE SALE**  
Lots of clothes, dining room set, some furniture, lawnmowers, sewing machine, small T.V. & misc. items. Sat., July 29, 9-3 p.m. 13558 Grand River Dr. SE.

**YARD SALE**  
3 families. Antiques, old furniture, crib, knick knacks, household items, toys. 9658 - 60th St. 1.5 miles E. of Whitneyville. Thurs. & Fri., July 27 & 28, 9-6.

**GARAGE SALE**  
6240 Whitneyville Rd., 9-5 p.m. July 27-28. Lots of boys' clothes (sz. 4-7); girl's clothes (sz. 4-6), kitchen items, Tupperware & bowls, men's & women's clothes.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Fri. & Sat., July 28 & 29, 8-6 p.m. 725 Lincoln Lake (Corner of Suffolk & Lincoln Lake) Clothes, some furniture, children's toys, Nintendo, full-size comforter, sheets. A good variety.

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**GARAGE SALE**  
One day only, July 28th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Did a lot of closet cleaning, plus we have moved. Need to make room for new stuff. We have a lot of different treasures for everybody. Corner of Hudson & Hunt, Lowell.

**MOVING SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., July 27 & 28, 9-5 p.m. at the corner of Dygert Dr. & 84th St. Went from a house to an apt. & everything won't fit. There's appliances, furniture, a few antiques & other items too numerous to mention.

**MOVING SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., July 27 & 28, 11019 Crooked Lake Dr. off Gavin Lake in Grattan. Large quantity of stuff; 10 hp outboard motor; 18 ft. pontoon, 25 hp Johnson motor, 6 years old; lumber, antique stove, mirrors & furniture, much more.

**GARAGE SALE**  
July 28 & 29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 3 families. Clothing, numerous misc. items. 13375 19 Mile Rd. NE.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Sat., July 29, 9-5 p.m. 3550 Alden Nash N. of 36th St. Cleaned out the house & garage. Priced to sell.

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8778 Cascade, 9-5 p.m. Thurs., Fri. & Sat, 27, 28 & 29.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
good clothing for men, women, & children in all sizes. Exercise equipment. Lots of misc. items. 2758 Lee Rd., Saranac. M-21 to Saranac corners, N. on Hawley to Centerline Rd., W. Lee Rd., N. 1/4 mile. July 28 & 29.

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9148 - 84th, Campbell Lake area, Thurs., July 27 & Fri., July 28, 9-6 p.m. King-size waterbed, chairs, carpeting, a glass sliding window, file cabinet, glass top table, wine glasses, men's & ladies' clothing.

## Special use permit granted- Palmer's dream course one step closer to completion

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Planning Commission has cleared the way for Woodruff Palmer to build his dream.

The commission approved a special use permit for Palmer to start construction on an 18-hole golf course off Cascade Road.

Before granting the permit, the commission issued specific conditions in conjunction with the construction of the project before it is opened to the public.

The conditions include the construction of a 25-foot wide paved entrance off Cascade Road and a 22-foot wide drive, limiting the sale of items at the pro shop to golf-related items and providing customers with golf cart and club rentals as well as golf lessons and balls for the driving range.

The permit also limits what type of food and beverages will be sold at Beechtree Golf Course. The food items include hot dogs, sandwiches, pop, coffee, non-alcoholic beer and other items.

The golf course is not allowed to sell beer, wine or liquor, but companies or guests using the course for "outings" may bring their own alcoholic beverages as well as outside barbecue grills and catered food.

The commission stipulated that all existing peripheral property line fencing, trees, and shrubs will remain in place. The permit also said all neighboring property lines adjoining the fairways and playing area will be maintained by fences, trees, rocks, grade changes, or any other obstacle which will prevent golf carts from entering neighboring properties.

However, if the township does receive complaints from neighbors in regard to intrusive golfers, the owner of the course will immediately install fencing to prevent further problems.

Palmer must also clean out the Bundy County drain and construct a bypass lane on the south side of Cascade Road.

A provision of the bypass lane requirement states that Palmer must complete the project one year from the issuance of his occupancy permit. To insure the lane completion in one year, Palmer is required to provide proof of a performance bond upon receipt of the occupancy permit.

Palmer said he hopes to open the course by the summer of 1997.

"I'm pushing for the whole 18 holes, not by next summer, but by the following summer," said Palmer. "If I can't get the 18 holes completed, I hope to have at least nine holes and the driving range opened in that time."

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## Board consensus is there will be no enhancement mills in 1995-96

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was the first of nine dialogue sessions scheduled for the 1995-96 school year.

As expected, the forum provided 90 minutes of continuous input and dialogue between the community, board and administrators.

The informal setting revealed that at this time, the consensus among board members is not to ask registered voters to approve levying enhancement mills.

"With the change of administration, the uncertainty in funding, and not yet having identified where the money could best be spent, the consensus on the board is to not ask for enhancement mills for the 1995-96 school year," Lowell school board member Steve Idema said. "In the Vision 2000 finance committee's recommendation, it made clear it wanted to see fiscal responsibility. There's no possibility of being able to show that at this time."

The informal consensus announced by Idema was in line with that of Vision 2000 finance member Dean Lonick. He was not at the meeting but stated by phone that the consensus from the finance committee is school officials shouldn't be talking about more millage. "Instead it should be talking about a balanced budget, where are its costs, and why are the costs what they are," Lonick said. "The committee is interested in seeing fiscal responsibility on the part of the school district before it considers more millage."

The school board has been discussing the issue of enhancement mills off and on since January. While it has not officially taken action on what it will do, Monday's announcement may give some direction as to what that decision will be.

Earlier in the week Jim Bosserd, co-chairman of Vision 2000, had this to add on the issue of enhancement mills. "I don't think enhancement dollars should be used for operation.

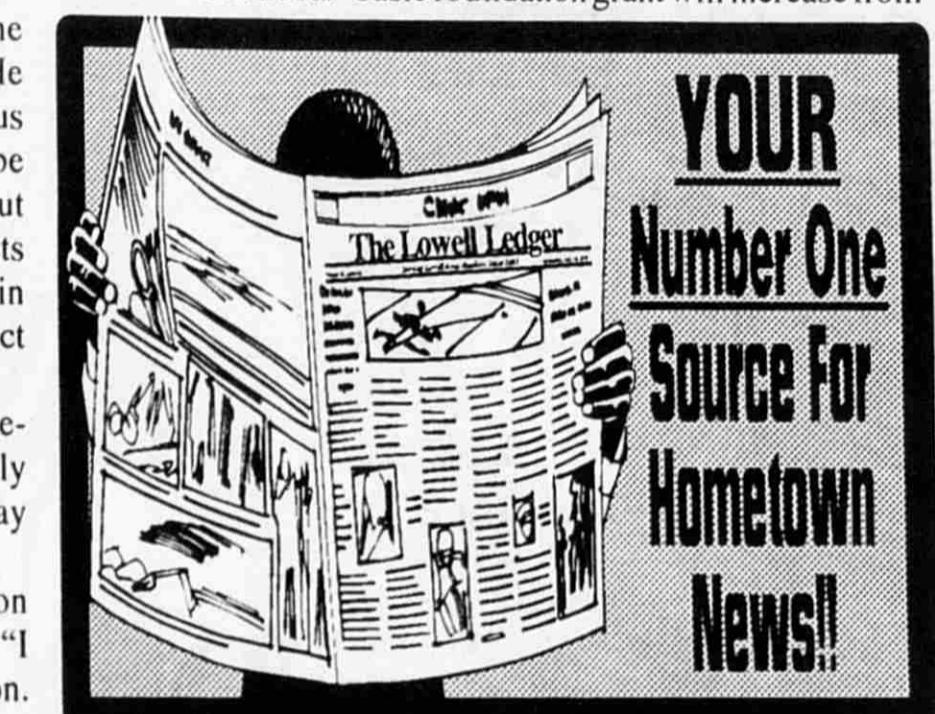
"I think it should be something tangible and solid and not a normal operational item. It should be a one-time expense which brings about improvement."

Bosserd said ideally he would like to see cost cuts in the operational budget fund enhancement projects. "However, I don't know the numbers well enough to know if that is possible."

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said he was not 100 percent sure the school needed the enhancement mills, nor was he 100 percent sure on how enhancement mills should be spent. "That is why the board consensus is not to go for enhancement mills at this time," he said.

Bleke said not going for enhancement mills does not mean the voters won't be asked next year. "I think between now and then the district needs to look for ways to spend its money more efficiently."

Other matters discussed included:  
• Lowell Schools' basic foundation grant will increase from



\$4,812 per student to \$5,046 per student. This means school student foundation grant revenues will be increased by approximately \$750,000 for the 1995-96 school year. School finance manager Dale Folkert added that the school will lose money in some other grant areas, making the total amount of increased revenues in 1995-96 roughly \$500,000.

• The survey's valid representation was questioned by Mark Beatson.

"What was said in the survey was valid, but the results from the final question indicated that the cross section of registered voters was biased," said Beatson.

The last question on the survey asked if registered voters had voted in the last 3-5 years on school issues. The response indicated that 84.1 percent had. Beatson noted that does not match up with how the cross section has voted in the past.

"It's a biased representation in that the survey indicates that 84.1 percent of those surveyed voted in the last 3-5 years. Numbers show that is not a valid representation of the cross section of registered voters."

## Firovich, continued, From Page 3

Bramble, in his closing statement, said to the jury that the defense wanted it to give Firovich a second chance. "That's a whole heck of a lot more than what he gave Nancy Firovich," he said.

Firovich will be sentenced on Aug. 14 at 2:30 p.m. First-degree murder brings an automatic life sentence without parole.

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The simplest and commonest truth seems new and wonderful when we experience it the first time in our own life.

—Ebner-Eschenbach

# LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - July 10, 1995

**OATH OF OFFICE** - Superintendent, Bert Bleke, administered the oath of office to Ann Mulder, who had been elected on June 12, 1995 for a four year term.

**SLATE OF OFFICERS** - The Board accepted the following slate of officers for the 1995-96 school year.

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| Marsha Wilcox | President      |
| Jack Lane     | Vice president |
| Norm Byrne    | Secretary      |
| Steve Idema   | Treasurer      |

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES** - The following dates were approved for the regular meetings for the 1995-96 school year: (Meetings will be held in the Administration Building - Board Room at 7:30 p.m.)

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| August 14, 1995   | September 11, 1995 |
| October 9, 1995   | November 13, 1995  |
| December 11, 1995 | January 8, 1996    |
| February 12, 1996 | March 11, 1996     |
| April 15, 1996    | May 13, 1996       |
| June 10, 1996     |                    |

**DIALOGUE SESSION MEETING DATES** - The following dates were approved for Dialogue Sessions for the 1995-96 school year: (Meetings will begin at 7:30 and locations will be determined)

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| July 24, 1995      | August 28, 1995  |
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| November 27, 1995  | January 22, 1996 |
| February 26, 1996  | March 25, 1996   |
| April 22, 1996     |                  |

### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - July 10, 1995

### BOARD AGENDA AND MEETING STRUCTURE CHANGE

Superintendent Bleke explained the change in the Board agenda and structure of the meeting. A consent grouping concept was added for the purpose of handling basic routine matters. Board members may pull any item in the group out for more in-depth discussion. The administration plans on not bringing anything to the Board asking for a vote, unless it has been discussed at the previous Board meeting. The public comment portion was limited to the beginning of the agenda with the hopes that community members would attend Board Dialogue sessions where true dialogue could take place.

**AUDIENCE COMMENT** - Dennis VanderMeer addressed the Board of Education to share his concern about the Science Curriculum at the High School.

**BOARD OF CANVASS REPORT** - The Board accepted the Canvass Report for the June 12, 1995 annual election.

**INTERIM APPOINTMENTS** - The appointment of Mr. Scott Vashaw as the Interim High School Principal for the 1995-96 school year and the appointment of Mr. Jim Harden as the Interim Middle School Principal for the 1995-96 school year was approved by the Board.

**NEW HIRE** - The Board approved the employment of Gene Ellens as Elementary Art Teacher.

### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

- The June 12, 1995 regular meeting minutes.
- The payment of bills for the month of June:
 

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| Athletic Fund               | \$19,855.55  |
| Food Service Fund           | \$61,634.78  |
| Trust and Agency Fund       | \$51,820.98  |
| 1990 Building and Site Fund | \$113,813.96 |
- Maternity leave of Cindy Young, Fifth grade teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary.
- Resignation of Mike Matlosz, Interim Director of Personnel/Community Services.
- Adoption of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Resolution for the 1995-96 school year.
- The 1995-96 school year calendar.

**GENERAL FUND BILLS** - The Board approved general fund bills in the amount of \$1,003,911.94.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS** - Superintendent Bleke reported that a 2.9% salary increase is being considered for the administrators for the 1995-96 school year. An exception to this percentage will be Jim Harden, Mary Ann Schramm, Pam Thomas, Maureen Dorrough, and Dick Graham.

**ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE** - Superintendent Bleke asked that the Board Committees look at the pros and cons of conducting an enhancement millage this Fall.

**ASBESTOS UPDATE** - Superintendent Bleke updated the Board on the EPA's concerns involving asbestos. The majority of concerns were due to reporting violations and those are being addressed.

**1990 BOND UPDATE** - Superintendent Bleke updated the Board on the monies remaining from the 1990 bond issue. A process needs to be developed to make sure that all options are thoroughly examined, the community is involved, and the time line is 3-5 months.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE CURRICULUM AND MATERIALS** - Jim White, Curriculum Director, and Mary Malone, High School Spanish Teacher, discussed the need for

curriculum and additional materials in the area of High School Foreign Language. This item will come back for formal approval at the August Board meeting.

**EARTH SCIENCE CURRICULUM AND MATERIALS** - Jim White, Curriculum Director, and Curt Kaeb, High School Science Teacher, discussed the need for curriculum and additional materials in the area of High School Earth Science. This item will come back for formal approval at the August Board meeting.

**POTENTIAL BOARD GOALS** - Superintendent Bleke presented a list of potential Board goals which may be considered for the 1995-96 school year. President Wilcox said that the goals would be discussed at the Board Committee levels.

**DISTRICT TELEPHONE SURVEY** - Jim White, Curriculum Director, presented the results of the district telephone survey which had been held on June 11 and 12. The survey was used to find out how the community felt about the district and whether there was support for an enhancement millage. Since the complete results were not known in time for the meeting, this item will be brought back to the August Board meeting for further discussion.

**SUPERINTENDENT PRIORITIES** - Superintendent Bleke discussed his priorities as a superintendent. Expectations would include cultivating trust; a vision of what the school stands for with that vision being concise and communicated by staff and kids; result driven with the use of the MEAP test as a good measurement device; customer driven by paying attention to parents, kids, and citizens; kid driven by always asking the question, "How is that going to help our kids learn?"; Academics: curriculum aligned K-12; provide for the needs of all kids; increase technology efforts; Finance: be accountable and raise level of trust; put in place a marketing concept since schools are now in competition.

**EDUCATION FOUNDATION** - Member Idema reported on the Education Foundation which is being formed. The steering committee has met three times and everything is going well.

**UPCOMING MEETING**  
Regular Board Meeting - Admin. Bldg. - Board Room, Monday, August 14, 1995 - 7:30 p.m.

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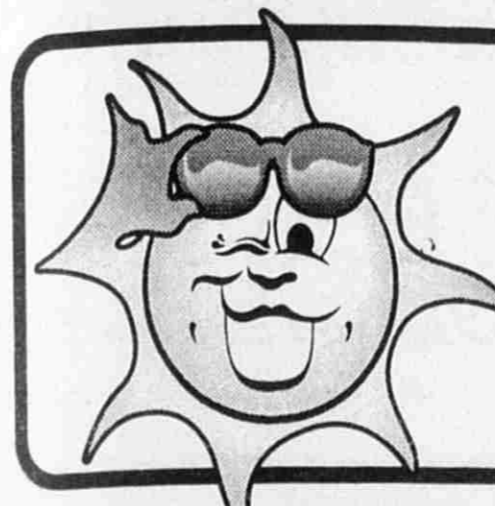
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**CARD OF THANKS** - The family of Helen M. Ford would like the extended family of Lowell to know how much we appreciate the support given during the illness and death of our Mother. To Rev. Fekete and Rev. Stasker for their spiritual help. To the entire staff of Lowell Medical Specialists who provided such excellent care throughout her life. To the Visiting Nurse Hospice program that seemed to always know our specific needs and filled them. To her very special lifelong friends who shared her life and in so many ways made it richer. Thanks also to those who helped with the Mass and provided the beautiful luncheon. Thank you for kind acts. We will always remember and treasure your kindness.  
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# Fallasburg Historical Society looks to restore and relocate old mill

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

There will come a day when the old Waterville Mill will be restored with glass

windows and flower boxes, but for now the painted boarded up windows will suffice.

The Waterville Mill, also known as the Stutz Mill years

ago (named after its owner), currently sits on MacArthur Street in Saranac.

Fallasburg Historical Society purchased the mill from its owners, Ron and Renee

Goff. FHS president Priscilla Lussmyer said the Goffs asked that price of the sale not be disclosed.

The Fallsburg Historical Society is cleaning up the mill

and securing it so that it can one day be moved to Fallsburg. "I'm not sure of the timing of the move because there are a number of regulatory agencies we must go through before we can move the mill," Lussmyer said.

In its latter years the Waterville Mill served to grind feed. It made buckwheat flour.

The three-story mill originally secured its power from a water wheel, then graduated to turbines and when it closed in 1965, it was using gasoline engines.

"The mill has suffered from aging and vandalism," Lussmyer said.

The historical society president said she hasn't been able to determine the age of the mill. "However, it is pretty much the same dimensions of the mills that stood in Fallsburg."

Fallasburg was attractive to John W. Fallas because the Grand River made it a natural place to build mills.

"Fallas built the bridge and the mills, and the town followed," Lussmyer said. Fallas built saw and grist mills. The saw mill was torn down in 1875, the grist mill in 1912.

Lussmyer says the historical society knows the exact location of the old Fallsburg grist mill and the feasi-

bility of placing the Waterville Mill in the same location is being discussed.

"Wherever it is relocated, it will be able to operate as a grist mill," Lussmyer said.

The historical society president said an estimate was sought out for the restoration of the mill. The cost was \$250,000. "We will seek out volunteer help, funds and bids to try to lower that cost," Lussmyer said.

The restoration work will include replacing windows and rotten wood.

Craig Wood has put in a lot of time securing the building's doors, windows and gratings.

"We're just trying to clean it up so that we can take a look at it and see its original form," Wood said. "It's been swept and cleaned three times. We shoveled out 17 cubic yards of corn cobs and dust."

Wood said he believed many individual grants would be needed to restore the mill. "I think we will need individual grants for tearing it down, putting in a foundation, for the engineering and for the framing."

Lussmyer and Wood said they believe the mill will be moved in sections.

"I grew up in a small town that had a feed mill," Wood said. "I think they are a fascinating piece of history."



Craig Wood points to some of the mechanics used by the Waterville Mill years ago.



Jeanne Rockett paints a ladybug on the wooden windows used to board up the mill.



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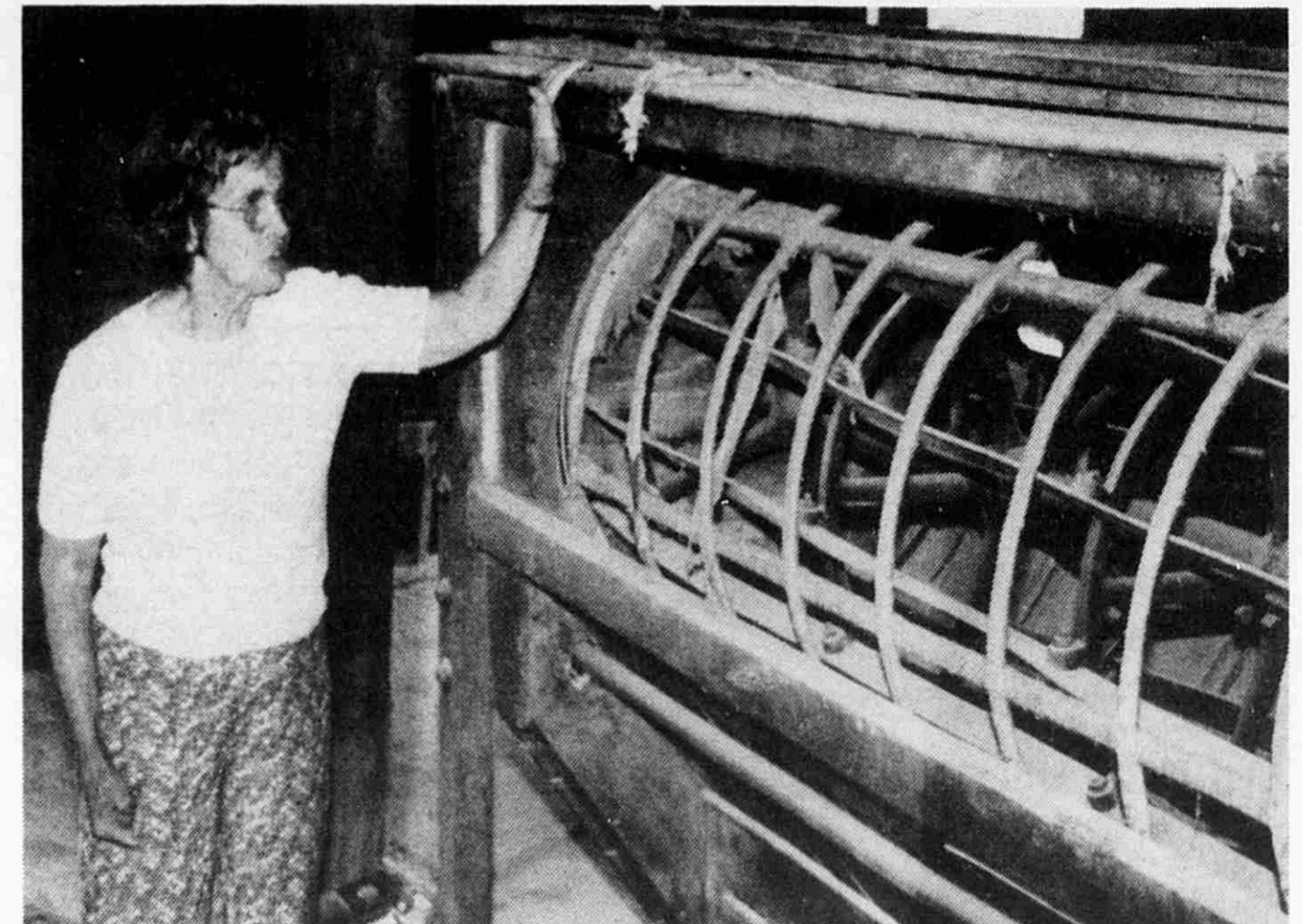
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Helping to decorate the wooden windows were, from left to right, Kristen Lambert, Ed Lambert and David Schroeder.



Fallasburg Historical Society president Priscilla Lussmyer shows off some of the equipment still present in the Waterville Mill.