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Lowell DDA project extended into 1997 in an effort to attain \$137,000 in federal grant monies from MDOT

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Downtown Development Authority will push back a portion of the planned streetscape work to 1997 so it can reapply for the Transportation Enhancement grant offered through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

In June of this year, Lowell City Manager Dave Pasquale was informed that the DDA's grant application was not approved for its 1996 projects. The application requested a grant in the amount of \$350,000.

In resubmitting its application, the DDA will ask for a grant in the amount of \$137,000. The application must be in by June of 1996.

The streetscape work from Broadway to Lincoln Lake will be pushed back from 1996 to 1997.

The grant requires matching funds in order to be eligible. Pushing a portion of the streetscape work back will assure the DDA has matching funds.

The DDA voted 7-1 to extend the project to 1997. Brian Doyle voted not to delay a portion of the streetscape construction for the following reasons:

- There is no guarantee that the DDA will be successful in attaining grant monies a second time.
- General inflation will increase the base cost.

I just think this is the city of Lowell's one best shot to do substantial public improvements to the downtown. The city should try to do as much as it can.

Dave Pasquale
Lowell city manager

• Delaying a portion of construction means the downtown is cut up two years running and the main intersection (Hudson and M-21) will not be improved until 1997 as opposed to 1996.

"There may be other grants out there that will come along that we can take advantage of," Doyle said.

DDA chairman Jim Reagan said he felt the main reason for delaying a portion of the streetscape work was that Fishbeck, Thompson Carr & Huber said they felt bids were too high.

"Also, this will allow us to work more closely with the state in seeing to it that Main Street is repaved (1997) from city limit to city limit," Reagan said.

The chairman agreed there is no guarantee that the DDA will get the grant the second time around. "However, by delaying a portion of the work we improve our chances," Reagan said. "So either we will be \$137,000 ahead or we will be zero ahead."

Construction work that is still scheduled to be completed by

October 1995 is the razing of the old Hobby Stop building and stabilizing the river banks with sheet piling in the area of the proposed pedestrian mall.

Pasquale said the contracts for these two projects will be bid simultaneously with the M-21 streetscape work. "The larger project makes for a more competitive bidding environment because of the increased work scope for similar repetitive streetscape details," he said.

In 1996, construction projects scheduled to be completed are streetscape work from Broadway to Jefferson Street; city parking lots; and pedestrian sidewalks.

Other reasons given for the DDA's decision were:

• The parking lot and the accompanying sidewalk improvements along West Main between Broadway and Riverside would not be torn up at the same time.

• The concrete flatwork and brick paver accents at the transition between M-21 streetscape and the Lafayette development can be finished uniformly.

• The construction disruption for businesses adjacent to the work area can be condensed and coordinated better if all surface improvements are completed under one contract.

• The streetscape improvements of the plaza and the parking lot can be bid over the winter months which would be much more competitive than trying to bid the project during the height of the construction season.

Pasquale noted that even without the grant money, the city will have approximately \$109,000 left after all the

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Water rate hike complaints shower Lowell Township board

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

In the wake of the city of Lowell's decision to raise water rates for Lowell Charter Township residents, it was the township board which endured the brunt of the complaints.

Residents of Eastgate Village packed the township hall to have one basic question answered... Why did our rates go up so much?

The township answered numerous questions regarding the city's decision to

charge \$2.95 per thousand gallons used instead of the expected \$2.10. But in the end all they could tell the residents was that they would sit down with the city to make sure all the figures were correct and try to reach a "happy medium."

"We're going to sit down with the city on August 17 to go over the cost figures and try to work out an acceptable agreement," said Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson. "We haven't made any promises either way, but we'll conduct

a good thorough review of the numbers."

Residents of the 278-home development, who hooked into the system a year ago to combat problems with their wells, had their rates raised when the township failed to reach its projected usage.

Engineering projections expected the township's water district, which consists of the high school, Eastgate, and two other homes, to use 34 million gallons of water in one year.

However, according to the

city, the township will have used only 30 million gallons.

The four million not used raised the township's share of the cost to \$88,511 or \$2.95 per every thousand gallons used.

The rise in cost for water not used had many residents confused.

"I don't understand why they tell us to use more water at a time when everybody says we should conserve water," said Helen Hoffman.

Timpson said that despite the amount of water not used, the township was still liable

for the cost of running the water system.

"The plant's in place, the people are in place and the equipment is in place so you have to pay for it no matter how much is used," said Timpson. "If you have a car payment of \$500 and don't drive it for two weeks you'll still have to pay \$500 a month."

Many of the residents in attendance realize there isn't much the township board can do, but they hope some of their concerns can be conveyed to the city.

"The township board did everything it could," said Steve Uhen. "The initial usage figures were too high and they had them lowered to a more acceptable level, but it still wasn't enough."

Uhen said residents were angry because the cost did a complete reverse to what was expected.

"We were told by the city that our cost would drop 50 to 70 cents; instead they went up 85 cents," said Uhen.

Timpson can't promise to reduce the cost, but said a dialogue between the two municipalities is necessary.

"We'll sit down to talk and reason with them (city of Lowell). We're neighbors who have to live and work together and in these relationships you need to work things out," said Timpson.



Kirsten

Kirsten brings variety act to Lowell Showboat stage

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kirsten has been entertaining professionally since the age of 10.

So now, at the age of 24, she is considered a veteran of the entertainment circuit.

The Flint native, who now resides in Flushing, does anywhere from 100-200 shows a year at fairs and festivals in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Kirsten, who will be performing at the Showboat Amphitheatre on Saturday, Aug. 12 (7:30 p.m.), has something for everyone - jazz, 50s-60's music, adult contemporary, country, a little gospel and even some choreographed

dance routines.

Assisting Kirsten with backup vocals and the dance routines are performing arts students. This not only says something about Kirsten the act, but also Kirsten the person.

"Because they are students (ranging in age from 15-18), their schedules change so I have to replace most of them. I try to keep at least two girls," Kirsten said.

Kirsten identifies and tracks talent through Flushing's annual fair talent show. "Actually I track many of them for two years leading up to the talent show," she said. "I've been blessed this year with some wonderful stu-

dents."

Because of this, Kirsten believes this year's shows have been some of the best she's had.

"People are always telling me I'm so young, but I feel

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OBITUARIES

BARNES - Orville R. (Barney) Barnes, aged 78, formerly of Lowell, died August 1, 1995 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. He was retired from Amana Corporation. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He was a member of the board of directors of the EMU Alumni Association at the time of his death. Mr. Barnes was a member of Phi Delta Pi Fraternity. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Barnes also belonged to the VFW Post in Lowell and the Ionia Elks Club. Surviving are his wife Martha L. Barnes of Northville, MI; four sons Thomas Barnes of Tangent, OR, Richard Barnes of San Francisco, CA, Jeffrey Barnes of Des Moines, Iowa, Gregory

dren. He was a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy in World War II. Interment was at Sherman Township Cemetery near Fremont. Memorial contributions to the Eastern Michigan University Alumni Association of Ypsilanti, Michigan would be appreciated.

BOGGIANO - Rudolph Boggiano, aged 53, of Frazier Park, CA, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away July 24, 1995 in Bakersfield, CA. Surviving are his wife Loretta of Frazier Park; his children Robert and Mark Boggiano of Grand Rapids, Shari Brooks of Wayland; his brother Christopher (Joy) Boggiano of Kentwood; sister Gina (Gary) Koning of Alto; grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts and cousins. Funeral Services were held in Bakersfield.

BOESKOOL - Louis (Louie) Boeskool, aged 77, of Fremont, died August 2, 1995 at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont. He is survived by his wife Bernadine (Bernie) Boeskool; 1 son Larry Boeskool of Grand Haven, 1 daughter Penny Cummins of Paris, MI and two grandchil-

BUMSTEAD - Donna M. Bumstead, aged 57, of Lowell, went to be with her Lord,

Wednesday, August 2, 1995. She is survived by her children Ronna Lesense of GA, Bruce R. Whitmore of Dowiaigaic, MI, Richard Dean Miller, Rick Dean Miller, both of Grand Rapids, Tim Jay (Pamela) Miller of GA, Karen Mae (Kevin) Snyder of Saranac; mother, Nella Marie Swifink of Grand Rapids; brother Erwin Karl (Marty) Swifink of Grand Rapids; sister Nancy Marie Slager of Jenison; grandchildren Nickolas, Billy, Brandi, Richard, Ricky, Jacob, Adali and Austin. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Evergreen Missionary Church, Rev. Glenn Marks officiating. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

SMITH (BALDWIN) - Julia E. Smith, aged 79, of Baldwin, died on July 31, 1995 at home following a long illness. Julia Ebmeyer was born on April 9, 1916 in Baldwin to Bert and

grandchildren, Tom, Emily, and Andrew Eichenberg; Melissa and Kelsay Myers; and Scott and Julia Olson; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Ebmeyer and Yvonne Ebmeyer; brother-in-law Kurt Kahl; Karen's fiancé, John Brown; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter Karen Lynn Schroeder; two brothers, Burt and Eddie Ebmeyer; and one sister Alene Kahl. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, August 2, 1995 at the Baldwin Congregational Church with Rev. Bernard Fetty officiating. Interment will be in Pleasant Plains Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider memorial contributions to the Michigan Pine and Dunes Girls Scout Council - Julia Smith Memorial Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Auto theft increases in Michigan during 1994

For the first time in ten years, the number of motor vehicle thefts in Michigan has increased, according to a spokesman for the insurance industry. Thefts went up six percent last year after declining steadily since 1984. The number of vehicles stolen in 1994, however, is still considerably lower than during the peak year. Last year, 60,216 motor vehicles were ripped off here, compared to 78,006 in 1984. Thefts in Wayne County rose nine percent during 1994. Other more populous counties which experienced significant increases were

Ingham, Washtenaw, Saginaw and Genesee. Auto theft increased in 41 of Michigan's 83 counties last year, according to Terry Buckles, president of Michigan Association of Insurance Companies. State motorists typically pay from around \$50 to several hundred dollars a year per vehicle for theft insurance coverage. Rates vary according to factors such as geographic location and value of the vehicle. Protection against theft losses is included in "comprehensive" coverage, an optional part of the auto insurance

policy. In recent years, premiums paid by some Michigan consumers for this coverage had decreased somewhat due to success of public and private initiatives which helped reduce auto theft here, Buckles said. One such program, funded by auto insurers, pays for information adding to the arrest and prosecution of thieves and chop shop operators. Citizens can call the tip line at 800-242-H*E*A*T (Help eliminate Auto Thefts), with information on stolen cars and suspected auto theft activities. Qualified H*E*A*T tips are rewarded with up to \$1,000

each for information that leads to the arrest and prosecution of individual auto thieves, or up to \$10,000 each for tips that result in the arrest or binding over for trial of chop shop operators. The Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA), created by state law, has also had a positive impact on motor vehicle theft here. The ATPA provides financial support (through a one-dollar fee on each insured vehicle) to law enforcement agencies and private groups for theft prevention programs. Finally, the Michigan Anti-Car Theft Committee—

NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT OFFENSES BY LOCAL COUNTIES - 1993-4

County	1993	1994	%Change
Ionia	59	57	-3.4
Kent	1,691	1,624	-4.0
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Statewide	56,670	60,216	+6.3

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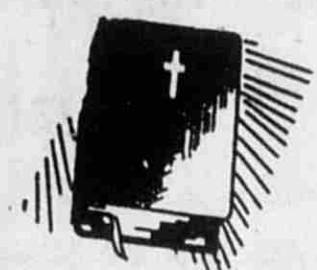
Pamela Sterzick and Brian Veldhof

Don and Barb Sterzick of Lowell and Lester & Janice Veldhof of Holland are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Pamela Sue and Brian Veldhof, both of Holland.

The bride-to-be is assistant manager at Eddie Bauer. The groom-to-be is a CAD operator at Holland Hitch. A September 23, 1995 wedding has been planned.

It is as absurd to pretend that one cannot love the same woman always, as to pretend that a good artist needs several violins to execute a piece of music.

—Honore de Balzac



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

... man shall not live by bread alone... (Matthew 4:4).

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we housewives could set out a large container of food for our household once a day? Then we could go about the remainder of the day forgetting the kitchen work. Think of all the time we would save! There would be plenty of leisure for crocheting, reading, and relaxing.

As soon as we awaken in the morning we are faced with this challenge. The kitchen is barely straightened up, the beds made, the floors swept, and again it is time to cook. The afternoon hours pass quickly. Again we are faced with the problems of meal preparation.

Now wouldn't it be wonderful if we could skip all this fuss? If we could eat enough at one setting to last us twenty-four hours, there would be

more time for other activities. But it cannot be done.

Just as we need frequent nourishment for our bodies, so we need frequent nourishment for our souls. Human strength is maintained largely by the food we eat. Our souls need the nourishment furnished by the heavenly manna found in God's Word—just as our bodies need "three meals a day."

Prayer. Dear Jesus, Thou hast said that we shall not live on earthly bread alone. We need manna from heaven. Open my eyes as I read Thy word. Give me the strength and nourishment my soul needs. Amen.

**Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea.**

MARY A. LATHBURY

Studying Afloat



Heather Young of Lowell, daughter of Scott and Dawn Young, recently studied the ecology of the Great Lakes while aboard the Inland Seas, a 77-foot schooner and "floating classroom" operated by the Inland Seas Education Association.

Students aboard the Inland Seas learned about the ecology, history, geography, biology, and chemistry of the Great Lakes ecosystem. Young, a student at Lowell High School, participated in the Inland Seas experience as part of Northern Michigan University's Summer Institute for the arts, sciences and technology.

Laughing is the sensation of feeling good all over, and showing it principally in one spot.

—Josh Billings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner by Roger Brown

I'm dog-sitting again. Wait, let me rephrase that. I think I've become the owner of my daughter's dog. As you may have guessed, I'm not terribly excited. I need another dog like I need a spare navel.

His name is Teago, or Tego, or Tigo or something like that. It's supposed to be short for Santiago, the fisherman in Hemingway's "The Old Man and The Sea." Way too complicated for a dog name. I call him Tito. Not because he looks like Michael Jackson's brother, I just didn't like Teago, or Tego, or Tigo, or whatever it's supposed to be. And, you can rest assured I'm not calling a dog Santiago. Maybe if he were a Chihuahua, but then he wouldn't really be a dog, and he damned sure wouldn't be living with me.

Tito is a one-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever. He's a neutered male, well-behaved, healthy, had all his shots, registered...wait, wait, wait...this is sounding way too much like an ad. My daughter would kill me.

Whew! That was kinda like a Freudian slip on a word-processor. I don't know if something like that can count as a slip. All I have to do is go back and correct it. Oh! Excuse me. Having weird thoughts here early in the morning. I'll get back to my story.

Tito has been in my care for most of the summer. My daughter has been at Michigan State frantically cramming in some classes so she can begin the fall as a junior. Her boyfriend, who is also part owner of the dog, is in Milwaukee. He's enrolled in a summer internship as part of his engineering studies at the U of M. I don't know what this fall is going to bring.

To be honest, having two dogs isn't any more work than one, so I haven't minded my dog-sitting duties. In fact, Tito has been a lot of company for Thor when I'm away at work. Having him around relieves me of some of the guilt I feel when I have to leave Thor for the day. Jeez... "dog guilt"... what kinda idiot am I?

But, the past five days have been a different situation. Thor isn't around to help me dog-sit. This is a long story that will likely be the subject of next week's column. Thor was stranded down in the Florida Keys last week. He was supposed to fly home with me, but the airlines said it was too hot to transport large animals. At well over 100 pounds, Thor definitely qualifies as a large animal. I couldn't dispute that.

For a young dog, Tito is very well-behaved, with one exception. When he was born a Labrador retriever, he took the retriever business way too seriously. It is virtually impossible to relax for even the briefest of moments before you have a soggy tennis ball, stick, stuffed animal or Frisbee in your lap. If you try to ignore him, he barks incessantly in that loud, deep, "big dog" bark of his. He'll ram you with his nose. He'll claw at you. He'll do anything he can think of to get you to throw something, anything, anywhere! JUST THROW IT!

Once you give in and throw something, then he's even more

relentless. He's also way too healthy and never seems to tire. He's way too fast. I'll throw a ball as far as I can, and in just a couple short seconds he's back with it. He's wearing this old boy out.

I spent the better part of Sunday cutting the grass around my hangar at the airport. My mower is an old and tired rider that often requires more repair time than I get back in mowing. Sunday was one of those days. One of the blades worked loose, so I took them all off, sharpened and reinstalled them. A rear wheel fell off twice. The belt slipped off. And, I ran over a length of wire in the tall grass that wrapped itself up good in the mower deck. Each of these problems required jacking the mower up and lying on the ground to get things fixed. It was hot and humid and my mood was going south fast.

Tito spent the day following me around at a trot with a tennis ball in his mouth. Sometimes he'd drop the ball in my path so that I'd have to stop the mower, get off, throw his ball and continue. The repairs were further complicated by Tito drooling on my head, dropping his saliva-soaked tennis ball in my face and barking in my ear as I lay on the ground wrenching on and swearing at something under the mower. To make matters even worse, my daughter and her boyfriend were in town for the weekend, but they spent the day at a swimming pool and thought Tito would have more fun hanging around with me at the airport. Well, "he" probably did.

Thor is supposed to be home in a couple of days. I hope he's enjoying his Florida vacation and getting lots of rest. He's going to need it, because Tito is his responsibility as soon as he gets back.

Had's thoughts

I'm not a gambling man perse. RIGHT!

Okay, I did play blackjack in Mount Pleasant about a month ago. Yes, on several occasions I have participated in those football line-picking sheets that were distributed throughout the small town pubs as I was growing up. Now and then, I will make a small, friendly wager on a game.

Since that new CNN television series entitled "The Simpson Trial" began airing over a year ago, I have been one of those crazed fanatics who religiously takes in at least a part of it every day. There are a number of days that I follow it up with CNN's 30-minute review weeknights at 10:30.

What does that have to do with gambling? It has been my view since the beginning of the trial that Simpson is guilty but

will be let off the murder hook because of the sloppy work carried out at the crime scene.

A fellow employee has disagreed with my view from the outset. She believes he is guilty and will be found guilty.

So, I made a little friendly wager with her - that Simpson will be let off the hook because of the way the LAPD botched up the crime scene. That will also help raise reasonable doubt with the prosecution's DNA evidence. Without or with a minimal amount of blood evidence, I don't believe the prosecution has much of a case. Considering they don't have a witness or a weapon, it has also been unable to nail down the time frame.

The problem with the friendly wager is that if CNN reports that the botched up crime scene was the main reason for Simpson being let go, the New York Times reports some other reason - do I win or do I lose?

Since neither one of us reads the New York Times, I guess I could be collecting my winnings.

I was home a number of weeks ago because close friends of the family were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. The celebration consisted of a social hour at their place and

then dinner at a restaurant in South Bend.

My mother used to babysit their children, the youngest when he was just a little tot and the oldest since she was table top high. The oldest (daughter) is now in college and the young son, I believe, is a freshman in high school.

The 13 of us had finished dinner and were sitting and chatting when their father asked us "Kraus Kids" who is the most spoiled. Without hesitation they all turned and pointed to me. This was a clear indication that they all had had too much to drink with their dinner or I have been right all these years and they are just not that bright. My oldest brother and two oldest sisters weren't there. That could have changed things or they may have followed suit.

So I shared this unsettling news with a fellow employee. She responded in kind by saying belligerent people are often viewed as spoiled. She added that people view spoiled as someone who got everything they wanted and that isn't necessarily the lone definition. So I asked for her definition of belligerent. She said "stubborn."

If I found spoiled unsettling, you can imagine what the labels belligerent and stubborn have done to me.

I think the fellow employee may be my sister!

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 10:00 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN A New ELCA Church Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. • 868-6611 (off "7000" Cascade Rd. on Leyton) WORSHIP 9 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 A.M. We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & JV; Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	<p>CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF LOWELL/ADA Sunday Worship at 10 A.M. at Cherry Creek Elementary Phone (616) 897-0077</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemood - Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....8:30 A.M. & 11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" • God Loves you and has a plan for your life. • Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins. • Forgiveness is yours and Heaven your destination when you believe in Christ. Sunday Service.....10:00 A.M. Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Monday 897-6332 Located: on Centerline Rd. just east of Pinkney or 2 1/2 miles west of Hawley Hwy. Pastor Frank and Daphne Lattimore</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p>
<p>Join Us In Worship</p>			



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE JOURNAL - AUG. 9, 1895

Lowell and Saranac Horticultural societies met together last week and heard orchardist R. D. Graham of the Grand Rapids society speak on raising fruit. He recommended Stump of the World, Crawford, Albertas, Foster and Mountain Rose peaches for this area.

The county clerk reports that marriages have been down the last two years, since the financial panic of 1893. A story about a drunken foot race has such delights as "under the seductive influence of a horn of Lowell benzene" and "Justice Hicks...scratched the place where his hair ought to be and remarked, "Five dollars and costs."

Michael Carey opts for jail instead of fines for leaving his horse tied to a tree for 28 hours without food or water. 200 people sign a petition to Common Council for

lower charges for electric lighting of the streets by changing from arc to incandescent lights, and to economize in all matters.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 5, 1920

"About \$7000" has been paid out to Lowell and Saranac clam fishermen for shells. They run about 60 bushels to the ton and a ton brings in \$100. Clams will soon disappear at this rate and regulation will be necessary. Also, it is suggested that a button factory be located here to save on freight costs.

The Truck Tour was a great success; M.N. Henry in his speech pointed out that Lowell has pioneered in truck service to and from Grand Rapids.

The Lowell baseball team defeated the Grand Rapids American Legion team last week and will play Jess Ellster's Colored athletics next week. This Thursday the Lowell Northsiders and Southsiders "will have an awful game at Recreation Park."

Kent County has a fight between city and rural tax assessors; the city was assessed more than \$5 million above valuation while the rural townships were almost \$1 million below, is claimed.

An article claims that 99 of 100 left feet are larger than the right, attributed to lounging around—leaning against door jambs and lampposts, almost always on the left foot.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 9, 1945

The only international news in this issue is a small column, "Russia Declares War on Japan" and the comment that this, together with the atom bomb drop on Monday, should convince Japan not to continue fighting.

Saturday's receipts at King Milling says Adolph Litschewski, elevator superintendent, more than doubled the best day in the milling company's history, due to nice weather last week and a bumper crop.

The editor comments that the Main Street Park benches are a good idea, but they seem to be occupied by men who have nothing to do but squirt tobacco-juice on the sidewalk.

Michigan inventors take out almost twice as many patents as the national average.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUG. 6, 1970

The Showboat did very well this year, says President William S. Doyle. They are waiting the complete report. Congressman Gerald Ford and 200 others had a picnic at ex-Mayor Arnold Wittenbach's home one night.

Donkey Softball will be played Tuesday - police department vs. teachers.

Lowell is told it needs to plan for separation of storm and sanitary sewers plus removal of more phosphates. The cost will be high.

The Primary elections Tuesday offered light turnout and very few surprises.

Letters, Letters, Letters,

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page.

Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

Sharing The Vision

MARSHA WILCOX
President
Lowell Board of Education



When a school board meeting adjourns, decisions have been made which affect our local district. But do other elected officials who have major responsibilities for public education know how their decisions will affect school children in Lowell and across the state?

Whether a board of education likes to or has time to engage in the political process, its members should be involved in

influencing the public policies that impact our lives and the lives of our children. School boards need to be local district advocates because every other elected official in the state influences our children's education. From local city, township, and county governments who are the tax collection agencies, to the state legislature (in whose power the Constitution vests control - translate that to mean school law and control of the purse strings - of the public school system), to the state board of education (whose clear Constitutional charge is planning and coordinating public education), to the state Supreme Court, they all bear responsibility in some way.

At a recent meeting at the Kent Intermediate School District, area legislators met with over a hundred school board members and educators to talk about how the actions of the legislature, the state board of education, and the state supreme court have affected and will affect the children of our districts.

Concerns were focused in seven areas: 1) The future direction of public education; 2) Unsure/inadequate funding for public education; 3) State Board of Education/Michigan De-

partment of Education issues; 4) Enhancement millages; 5) Pupil accounting/blended counts; 6) Cost containment; 7) Special education.

The experience and expertise on the part of board of education presenters was unequalled. These school board members routinely attend meetings early and late; read publications, articles, policies, and proposed legislation into the wee hours; meet with parents and staff; work with the media to be sure a clear picture of each district's situation is presented; and above all, they are part of a lobbying and advocacy coalition on behalf of your children and your community's schools.

The members of Kent County's boards of education are translating their commitment to public education into action. These dedicated community members are probably the most knowledgeable, effective advocates for school children. You can count on board members from Lowell to do their part for your kids, too.

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



URINARY TRACT INFECTIONS

Urine should normally be sterile - that is, free of infection, be it bacterial, viral or fungal. Infection occurs when germs - which are often transmitted through sexual intercourse - stick to the lining of the urinary tract and multiply. Two of the most common sites of infection are in the bladder and the urethra, the tube which passes urine to the outside world.

While children and men aren't immune to urinary tract infections (UTI), they tend to get them very seldom. Women, on the other hand, tend to be rather susceptible to these types of infection. The urethra, because it is so much shorter in

women, can become contaminated with bacteria much easier. Once this occurs the infection can ascend into the bladder, causing the typical burning and urinary frequency of a urinary tract infection.

Once diagnosed, UTI can be treated rather simply with antibiotics. In the case of an uncomplicated infection, usually three days of therapy is sufficient. Preventing recurrent infection may be a different story.

Here are some suggestions for preventing UTI in the adult

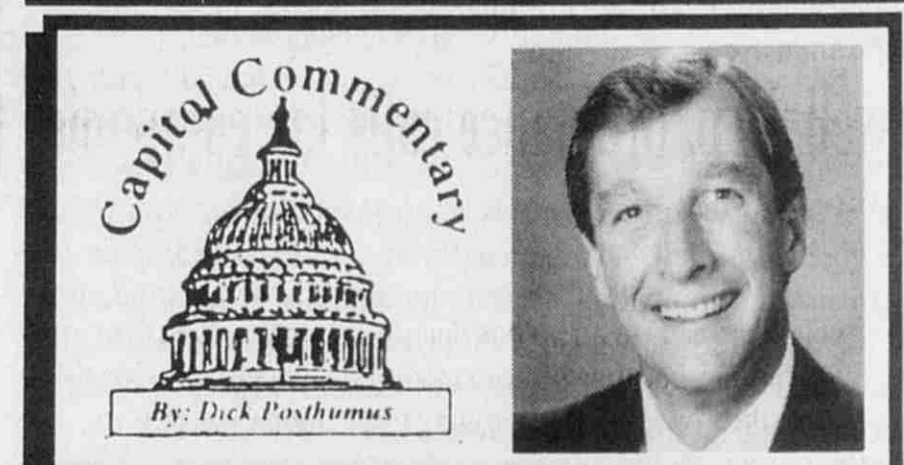
female population:

- Drink plenty of fluids. Cranberry juice may help to prevent infection, but it does nothing to treat them.
- If you have to go, go. Any residual urine in the bladder may be a breeding ground for bacteria.
- Keep the area around your urethra clean. Stick with showers and avoid baths.
- Avoid perfumed feminine products - they may irritate the urethra and lead to infection.

the beach, it's easy to see that Michigan is a great state. We have been extremely blessed when it comes to our natural resources, having miles and miles of beaches, fertile soil for farming and the greatest concentration of fresh water in the world. These resources must be protected to insure that our grandchildren and their grandchildren will have the chance to enjoy them as much as we do. Recently, Governor Engler signed an executive order creating the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which will do just that.

The Governor's executive order will further consolidate the regulatory functions of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), allowing environmental and conservation issues to receive the attention they deserve. When this move takes effect on October 1, Michigan will find itself in the ranks of 35 other states and the federal government, which have

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FOCUSING ON MICHIGAN'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION ISSUES

Summer is a great season to vacation in Michigan. Whether you are hiking in the woods, fishing in a stream or lounging on

Proficiency to be a by-product of Root Lowell's job commission grant

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Proficiency and being better able to produce products are two immediate benefits the Root Lowell Manufacturing Company, 1,000 Foreman, foresees from its Michigan Jobs Commission grant.

This was Root Lowell's third attempt in attaining grant monies and its first successful one. The funds are derived from Michigan's \$40 million Economic Development Job Training program.

Root Lowell will receive a \$26,673 grant in order to upgrade the skills of 70 of its employees through the Kent Intermediate School District.

"In this global economy it is crucial that our workers have all the tools available in order to compete. This grant will allow

Root Lowell to gain a competitive edge in the marketplace," said state Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus.

Root Lowell's David Abel, quality assurance manager, said 50 assembly employees and 20 supervisors will be trained in total quality management; 15 will be trained in Lotus software; 23 in Microsoft Word for Windows; and nine in Microsoft Excel for Windows.

Abel added those employees already somewhat familiar with the programs will be able to hone their skills. Those not so familiar will have an opportunity to get training and to increase their knowledge.

The employees' training will be provided by Quantum Services of Grand Rapids which is subcontracted out by the Kent Intermediate School District. This is the same company that helped train employees of a former grant recipient, Chadalee Farms.

Total quality management is recognized and used for fundamental principles on the lines; for attaining feedback; processing guidelines, making meetings more effective, communicating more effectively, team development and effectively using a seven-step problem-solving process.

"By more employees having more access to program software, Root Lowell will be better able to expand and be more proficient at it," Abel said.

Root Lowell submitted an application for the grant last November-December but was turned down. It resubmitted another application at the end of April and was approved.

"Last November-December Lowell's Marlene Hoemstra helped us write out the contract. Through no fault of hers, we were turned down," Abel said. "KISD's Sandra Andrews was referred to us by Hoemstra to resubmit the contract."

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separate departments that deal with natural resources and environmental issues.

The DEQ will have cabinet status, and will provide a more coordinated process by merging all permitting functions within one department, addressing them on a more comprehensive basis. The current Deputy Director of Environmental Protection of the DNR, Russell Harding, has been named director of the new department. Roland Harnes will remain as DNR director.

This order will allow the DNR to intensify its focus on resource management programs. More time will be able to be spent on conservation and recreation, as well as having more accountability in environmental enforcement. The DNR will continue to focus on providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the citizens of Michigan and our visitors. Our great state's legacy of outdoor activities, from hunting and fishing to boating and camping, will be protected, preserved and probably enhanced by this new approach.

Some of its critics have described the Governor's actions as catering to business and industry, and putting Michigan's water, air and wildlife in jeopardy. This isn't the case. The Governor, along with members of the legislature, understand the important role that our surroundings play in the lives of Michigan residents. Besides the obvious beauty, we fully

appreciate the economic benefits that our natural resources provide the state.

Our natural blessings are enjoyed by more than just Michigan residents. We recognize that these very same resources are some of the main attractions for tourists from all over the world. Tourism pumps billions of dollars into our economy and supports thousands of businesses across the state. It will generate an estimated \$4.3 billion this summer, as our second-biggest industry.

Lowell Twp. ordinance calls for companies to incur hazardous spill clean-up cost

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township has decided the volunteer fire department is busy enough without having to clean up hazardous spills, so the township is reviewing ordinances which will place the burden on the violator.

The township has agreed to review similar ordinances from Ada and Cascade townships as well as other municipalities in an effort to force clean-up costs on companies that spill hazardous material.

"We have railroads, and federal and state highways running through the township which bring a lot of exposure

to accidents," said John Timpson, township supervisor. "I like us to deal with it in a manner that takes the liability off the township."

Timpson said the fire department has the capability to contain a spill, but it doesn't want to absorb the cost or liability of cleaning and disposing of material.

Timpson said disposing of hazardous waste requires special vehicles and landfills and costs a lot of money.

"We have to find an ordinance which fits our needs and goes through the proper procedures," said Timpson. "I'm not for more ordinances than needed, but I think this one is necessary."

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 17, 1995.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Maatman and the Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Shores, Green, Hodges, Thompson and Mayor Maatman.
Absent: None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the July 5, 1995 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by THOMPSON that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (7/17/95)

GENERAL FUND: \$ 223,505.22
WATER FUND: 3,361.63
MAJOR STREET FUND: 3.95
LOCAL STREET FUND: 14.66
DDA FUND: 6,844.57
AIRPORT FUND: 33.51
SEWER FUND: 702.37
LEE FUND: 5,335.34
EQUIPMENT FUND: 2,881.49

Item #1. PROPOSED WATER SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS. As mentioned briefly at the last meeting, City Manager Pasquale stated that proposed Water Service Rules and Regulations were assembled by City staff, primarily through the efforts of the Water Distribution Supervisor Bob Robinson. This document had been reviewed by City Attorney Richard Wendt. It outlined

such areas such as responsibility for services and connections, size of taps and services, service connection fees, meter location, testing and tampering with meters, service turn on/turn off fees and filling of swimming pools. These rules and regulations when adopted have the same effect as if included in the Code of Ordinances. Upon adoption by the City Council, a notice will be published in the Lowell Ledger stating that these rules and regulations have been adopted and a copy is on file at City Hall for review.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by SHORES to adopt the Water Service Rules and Regulations as proposed.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH U.S. SIGNAL, INC. City Manager Pasquale explained that the letter received from Brad Evans of City Signal, Inc., doing business as U.S. Signal, requested a right of way agreement with the City of Lowell.

Evans explained that U.S. Signal will offer local telephone service to the businesses and residents in the City of Lowell, being the first company in Michigan authorized by the Public Service Commission to compete against Ameritech to offer such service. For the last three months, U.S. Signal has been offering service within the City of Grand Rapids, working with several other municipalities in Kent County which executed similar agreements. Already, over 2000 businesses and residents have signed during the first two months of operation.

The agreement authorizes U.S. Signal to provide local telephone services, and sets forth the rules and conditions in the building of fiber optic networks within the city. A compensation fee will be paid to the City of Lowell. In 1995, a 25¢ per foot for cable in place with a minimum of \$1,000 will be paid. Beginning in 1996, the City will receive 25¢ per foot or 1% of Gross revenues derived, whichever is greater.

Evans noted that this not only saves the customers monies on their telephone bill and provides better quality service, but it also helps compensate the City for its efforts in allowing U.S. Signal to offer this service.

U.S. Signal has made a commitment to the Michigan Public Service Commission to offer service in the entire local calling area, trying to build the system within the twelve months from April, 1995.

This document had been negotiated over the past nine months with several attorneys representing the local municipalities. City Attorney Richard Wendt had modified the document to meet the city's specific requirements.

City Manager Pasquale pointed out that the agreement includes a \$10 million insurance coverage package, the right of the municipality to approve all permit requests and a discounted long distance proposal which will save between 20% and 50% to the city.

Councilmember Hodges stated concerns regarding U.S. Signal being involved with cable television utilizing their fiber optic cables. Evans responded that the company is not authorized to provide Cable TV. If U.S. Signal ever wanted to furnish this service, a separate agreement would need to be signed. In reviewing the document, City Attorney Richard Wendt felt very assured that would not happen without coming before the Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to enter into a right of way agreement with U.S. Signal to provide local exchange telephone service.

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

Item #3. RESOLUTION APPROVING COMPUTERIZED DATA BASE AS THE TAX ROLL. In order to stay in compliance with State Law, a resolution is needed by the Council every four years to recognize a computerized data base for maintaining property tax records. This takes the place of hand posting these records.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THOMPSON to adopt a resolution approving the computerized data base as the Tax Roll.

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

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION TO THE

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

GRAND RAPIDS AND ENVIRONS TRANSPORTATION STUDY (GRETS) FOR FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDS AND JOINING GRETS. It was brought to the attention of City Manager Pasquale that there are federal funds available through the Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS). These monies, through the Federal Surface Transportation Program Fund, provide approximately \$183,000 for rural Kent County. In talking with Abed Itani, Transportation Program Manager, the possibility of the City applying for these funds was discussed. Until this year, the Road Commission was the only eligible agency to apply for these funds. But now, cities and villages under 5000 in population are also eligible. In reviewing possible projects, the Boves Road relocation project was proposed. While a new road is in eligible, intersection improvements qualify. The cost of the first 200' of road improvements from M-21 would qualify for these intersection improvements. The program could fund 80% of this, which is estimated at a \$20,000-\$30,000 cost.

The GRETS organization itself represents the transportation interests of Kent County. While housed with the Metro Council, GRETS is a separate organization. Pasquale mentioned that joining the organization would be very helpful. The cost to the City would be \$480 per year.

Councilmember Thompson questioned if the City could apply for monies for a project that is not approved by Council yet. City Manager Pasquale responded that the Council could approve the application at this time. But, a decision on the overall Boves Road relocation project would have to be made by the Council.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to apply to the Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS) for Federal Surface Transportation Program Rural Funds for the Boves Road - M 21 intersection improvements project.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the City of Lowell join the Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS).

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the City of Lowell join the Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS).

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the City of Lowell join the Grand Rapids and Environs Transportation Study (GRETS).

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

Item #5. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments on materials presented.

Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Thompson questioned if there will be any landscaping remediation done for the King Street water main project. City Manager Pasquale said that Horrock Landscaping will be coming shortly to slit seed the affected properties along King Street. Councilmember Thompson requested that a letter be sent to the property owners updating them of this progress.

Councilmember Hodges stated that he was at Boy Scout Camp two weeks ago and that Lowell's Troop 102 performed well. Approximately 38 merit badges were successfully reached during the week of camp and Lowell's Troop 102 placed second out of sixteen troops in point total. He mentioned that the community should be very proud of the Boy Scouts as well as the facilities provided for them.

Item #7. MANAGER REPORTS. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

1. Don Fizer, President of Michigan Wire, contacted the City regarding his need to have sanitary sewer extended on West Main to service his plant. Presently, sanitary sewer is located approximately on the corner of Ridgeview and M 21 and is estimated that about 2000' of main is needed to be extended west. Also, a lift station would be required. In talking with Mark Mundt, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, an engineer's estimate of cost and project outline is necessary.

Councilmember Thompson asked if the City didn't complete this a few years back. City Manager Pasquale said that such a study was finished about seven years ago, but an updated figure is needed. By Council consensus, a preliminary engineering on the proposed sanitary sewer extension to Michigan Wire will be carried out. Results will be submitted to the Council and Don Fizer.

2. Dwight Nash has agreed to have the water main be extended from lot line to lot line on Grindle near James

for a new home as discussed at the last Council meeting. He has requested a four year special assessment. The City is considering combining this with several other water projects utilizing one contractor. It is scheduled to be completed during this construction season.

3. As part of the water service agreement with Lowell Township, it is necessary to establish a wholesale rate. With the assistance of the City Auditors and City Attorney Wendt, the formula for establishing revised water rates was utilized. Based on this formula, the water rates are to be raised from \$2.10 to \$2.95 per 1,000 gallons. The Township has been notified of this and will be effective on their August 1st billing, based on July consumption.

4. The Michigan Municipal League will have its annual convention in Detroit between October 4 and 6. The Council was provided correspondence concerning designation of a convention delegate as well as any resolutions the Council wish to propose.

5. George Regan, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, had discussed with the Council the installing of lexan glass windows and a security system in the Water Treatment Plant due to vandalism causing several windows to be broken over the past three weeks.

A reward identifying the person or persons was also suggested.

The Council by consensus, agreed to pursue the purchase of these windows as suggested by Regan.

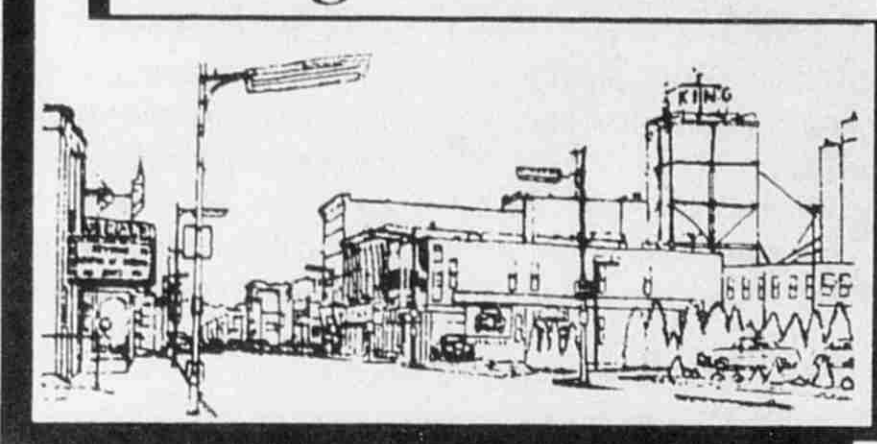
Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Maatman reappointed Norm Borgerson to the Light and Power Board, whose term will expire on June 30, 1998 and appointed Ray Quada to the Cable TV Board filling Bob Masten's unexpired term of June 30, 1996.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: August 7, 1995

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

Along Main Street



SECOND ANNUAL COW CHIP BONANZA

Win \$1,000, \$500 or \$250 at the Kent County Youth Fair Cow Chip Bonanza. Tickets are now on sale. Come join the fun Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Kent County Fair to see if that "special cow" will choose your plot of land to relieve itself and win you \$1,000.

All proceeds will directly benefit the Kent County Youth Fair. For tickets call Veronica at 897-7964 or Brenda at 897-8282. Tickets will also be available at the Fair office through Aug. 10. Hurry, spaces are limited.

LHS GIRLS TENNIS TEAM CONDITIONING

The Lowell High School girls tennis team conditioning starts Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until noon at the middle school tennis courts.

CAR WASH

Lowell High School's World Study Council will be holding a car wash on Aug. 12, Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at Family Fare Supermarket to help raise money for the students' trip to Europe in July of '96.

AUCTION

The Lowell Police Department will conduct an auction on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. Numerous bicycles, and possibly other property, will be auctioned off. The auction will be held inside the Richard Reath Show Barn at the Kent County 4-H Fair.

Cash or check will be accepted from the highest bidder. The Lowell Police Department reserves the right to refuse a bid.

MUSIC AND MAGIC AT THE SHOWBOAT

An evening of family entertainment is planned for the Lowell Showboat Saturday, Aug. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Vocalist, Kirsten, singing country, oldies and adult contemporary music, and world-renowned magician/illusionist, P. J. Weber will be appearing.

To order tickets call 897-8280. The cost is \$3 with children under five free. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate, and during the Kent County 4-H Fair at the St. Patrick's food booth.

LOWELL CLASS OF '54-'60 CLASS REUNION

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

For more information call Judy Baird, 897-9081, Rt. #3, Lowell.

AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY PICNIC

The American Legion and Auxiliary family picnic will be held at Creekside Park Monday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. Meat and coffee will be furnished, remember to bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

LACC PERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year award nominations can be sent to: Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 224 or call 897-9161.

Nominations must be in no later than Sept. 8.

PIG ROAST

A pig roast will be held as a fund-raiser for St. Mary's Church at 402 Amity on Sunday, Sept. 10 from noon to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for children 12 and under; and preschoolers are free. Carryouts are welcome. There will be live music by the "Rogue River Trio" with raffle prizes, a silent auction and 50/50 drawings all afternoon.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Lowell officers took 20 accident complaints in the month of July, seven of which incurred injuries. This brings the total for the year to 126 compared to 155 at the same time last year.

Mark Waters, 27, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a

property damage accident Aug. 1 when he struck the rear of a car driven by Timothy Borgeson, 30, of Grandville, on Main at Hudson.

Kathryn Hopkins, 21, of Belding, a passenger in a car driven by Steven King, 19, of Belding, was injured when King failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Michael Elliot, 45, of Saranac, who was also slightly injured. Elliot's vehicle then struck the rear of a car driven by Clifford Kimble, 38, of Belding. The accident occurred on Main Street near Riverside Drive Aug. 1.

Richard Newman, 34, of Alto, was arrested Aug. 2 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Daniel Randall, 37, of Flint, was arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant issued by The Friend of the Court out of Genesee County Aug. 2.

Lorelei Nieboer, 38, of Grandville, was involved in a minor property damage accident Aug. 2 in a private parking lot when her parked pickup truck was struck in the side by a 16-year-old from Clarksville. Nieboer was attempting to exit a parking space in the 500 block of West Main.

A 13-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, will be referred to probate court for larceny from the McDonald's Restaurant on Aug. 3.

Melissa Eggleston, 23, of Lowell, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued through 63rd District Court Aug. 3.

A 13-year-old juvenile will be referred to probate court for receiving and concealing stolen property and a 15-year-old for larceny from a person in connection with an incident that occurred July 25.

Lansing Timmer, 40, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Aug. 3 on Main Street near Amity when Scott Franks, 28, of Lowell, lost control of the car he was driving and went left of center.

Roy King, 33, of Freepport, driving a semi-tractor trailer, attempted to make a left turn off Main onto Hudson Street, Aug. 4, when his trailer struck a pickup truck driven by Eric Granholm, 17, of Lowell. No one was injured.

Shana Skibinski, 19, of Muir, and Frederick Wolfe, 54, of Ada, were involved in a property damage accident Aug. 4, when they collided at Main and Hudson Street.

A 10-year-old juvenile from Lowell will be referred to probate court on charges of manufacturing explosives with illegal intent in connection with an incident on Bowes Road Aug. 4.

DDA, continued.... From Page 1 construction work is completed. The addition of the grant money will increase that amount to roughly \$250,000.

"This will give us an opportunity to extend the project," Pasquale said.

Possible areas where that money could be used include the renovation of the Avery/Monroe parking lot, river bank work along the King Milling parking lot; extending the streetscape work to the west; and razing the Lee's Landing building.

All bond money must be spent by the end of 1997. "I just think this is the city of Lowell's one best shot to do substantial public improvements to the downtown," Pasquale said. "It should try to do as much as it can."

Kirsten, cont'd....

From Page 1

older," Kirsten said. "Traveling, she realizes, can take its toll on a person. "I think when we're on the road I need to take care of the girls, take on a mother role."

She says she's tried doing her show with bands, and keyboard and saxophone players, but asking a 30-40-year-old man to take direction from a 24-year-old female is difficult.

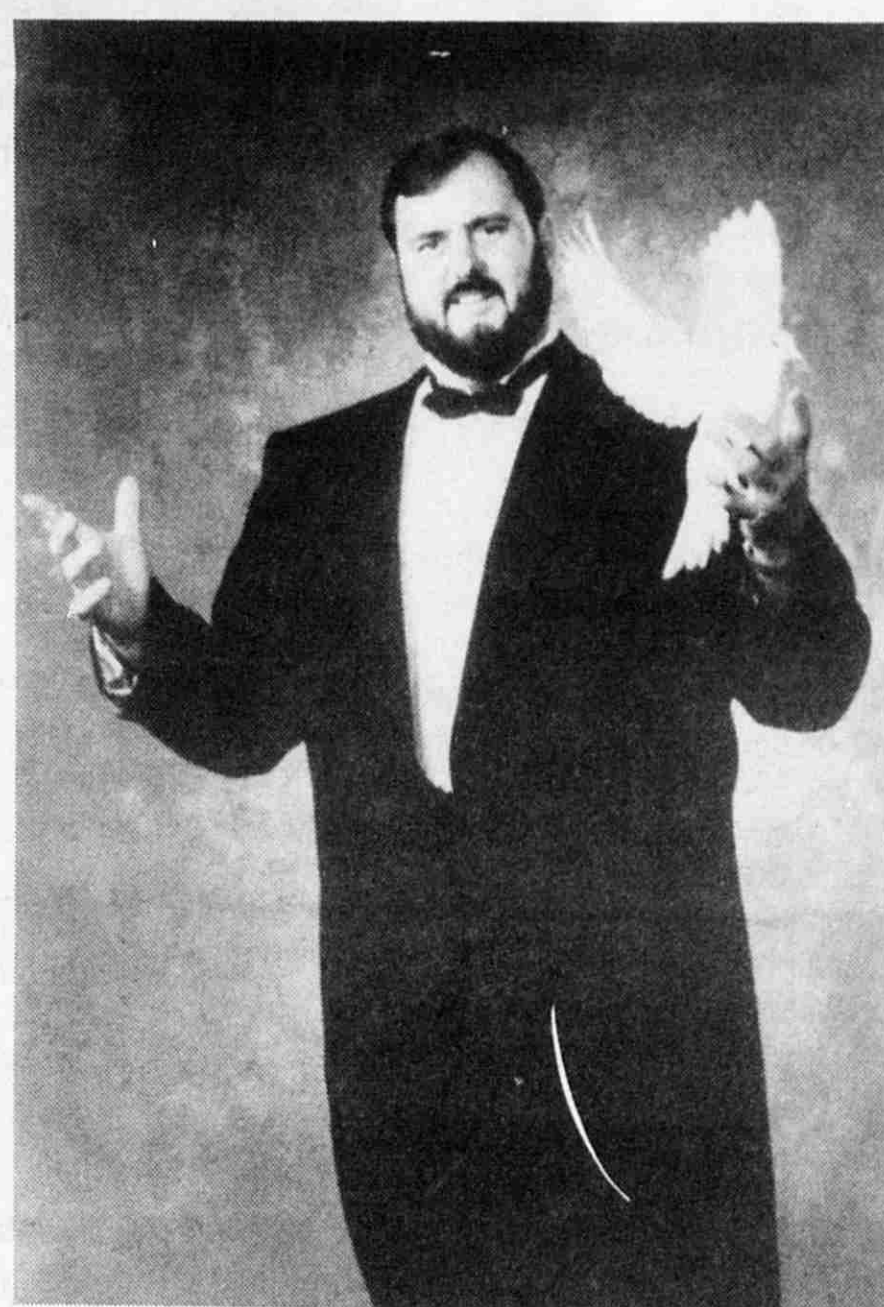
The contemporary and country vocalist not only fills the role of a mother, but recently filled the role of a bride. Kirsten married her boyfriend of eight years, Ken Morin, last Friday.

Morin is an architect. Kirsten says he knows how to run the sound board, but doesn't like to. "He gets nervous if something goes wrong, so he's kept separate from my career."

Kirsten loves dancing and calls herself a quick study in picking up new dance steps. "Usually I only need to see the step or dance once and I can do it."

She enjoys listening to Barbara Streisand and Whitney Houston. She keeps up with the latest in dance by watching tapes of Michael Jackson.

Her show will last approximately 45 minutes. Tickets to see Kirsten and P.J. Weber are \$3. They are available at the Showboat gate and at the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide office. During the week of the 4-H Fair, tickets may be purchased at the St. Patrick's food booth.



P.J. Weber

free. Proceeds from the event will go toward retiring the Lowell Showboat debt.

Weber got his first taste of magic when he was three years old. "I sat next to a magician," he said.

Later he would study the craft of magic under the master Neil Foster and the Great Morris.

"The Great Morris taught me all the basics such as keeping all magic a secret. He said the good magicians keep secrets and the bad ones tell," Weber explained. "Foster was a master. He taught at the Chevez College of Magic. He always said that entertaining was much more important than fooling an audience."

Weber left college with degrees in law enforcement and social work. "I just counsel my friends," Weber said with a laugh.

Weber was raised in Saginaw and then moved to Grand Rapids in 1971.

He does approximately 500 shows a year. "I enjoy entertaining. I like people to have fun and laugh at my shows," Weber said.

By Thad Kraus

Lowell Ledger Editor

P.J. Weber likes to entertain and create wonder with his illusions.

While in China, Weber's appearance created an illusion - one which left him in a state of wonder.

"They thought I was Pavarotti (Luciano)," Weber said, as he chuckled from his home in Grand Rapids. "I can sing but nothing like Pavarotti."

Weber has been performing full-time since 1971. Over the past 24 years, he has taken his magic, illusions and comedy to 68 countries, including Spain, Africa, China, Korea, the Netherlands and Hong Kong.

"I've worked from birthday parties to large corporate conventions," Weber said.

He will dock his act at the Lowell Showboat Saturday (Aug. 12) at 7:30 p.m. Weber, along with Kirsten, a music variety act, will provide an evening of family entertainment.

The cost is \$3. Children five and under can attend for

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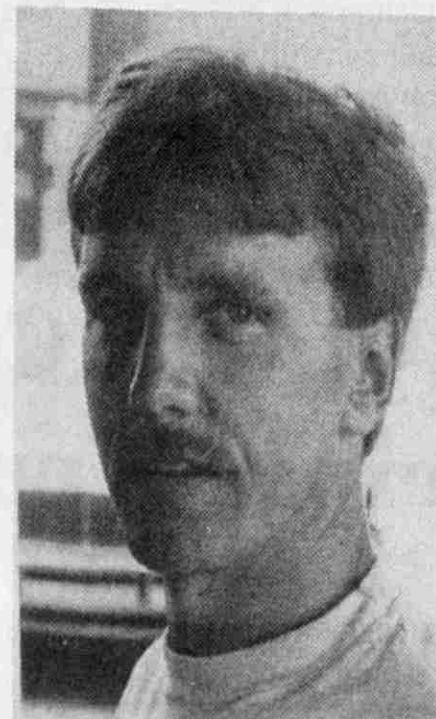
TOWN TALK

A Michigan man who was on welfare for 10 years recently hit it lucky in the lotto, winning his family \$15 million. He has chosen not to pay any of the welfare funds back. Would you and do you think he should be made to?



Richard Beimers

It's a moral question. If I did, I would repay the money given to me through welfare. I think he should repay the money. He is able to help someone out.



Scott Osborne

He should pay it back. It's only right. He was helped and now he should help out someone else.



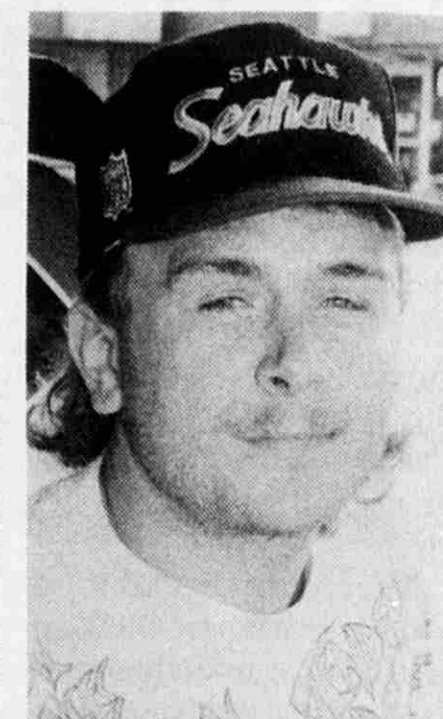
Mike Ogle

He should pay the money back. If I won, I would pay it back - it's the only right thing to do. He should be made to pay back at least half of it.



Julie Scheid

It would depend on the circumstance that got him on welfare to begin with - I would pay the money back because there might be people out there who need the money worse than me.



Dale Harris

Yes, he should pay the money back. I figure he should pay back the money to those taxpayers who provided for him so he could sit at home. He should be made to pay the money back.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Airman Recruit Chad R. Clemens, a 1991 graduate of Saranac High School, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in San Diego.

Clemens's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore stations around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Clemens are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

He joined the Navy in February 1995.

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Vergennes Township tightens the reins on zoning ordinance violators

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Zoning ordinance violators will find it more difficult getting around Vergennes Township ordinances following the planning commission recommendation to change its status.

The commission agreed to reduce zoning ordinance infractions from misdemeanors to civil infractions at a recent public hearing.

Concerns among citizens regarding the change were very minimal as only one resident, Dennis VanderMeer, attended the hearing.

VanderMeer expressed

concern about the township picking up its surveillance and about possible fines.

"Will the township now travel the streets more looking for violations?" said VanderMeer. "And what kind of penalties will violators face?"

Vergennes Planning Commission trustee Gil Wise said the change doesn't mean the township will single out anybody.

"The change just makes it easier for us to enforce and process violators," said Wise.

The reduction also means violators will be less likely to face jail time.

Under the previous misdemeanor classification, violators faced a \$100 fine, 90 days in jail, or both.

The change to a civil infraction means a \$100 to \$500 fine will be levied. A second offense, within 12 months, would raise the fine to between \$500 and \$1,000.

Violator would only face jail time if the court, which collects all fines, determines an individual is in contempt of court. And then it could only put someone in jail for one day for every 30 days the fine is overdue.

"The change takes attorneys out of the process, but it

also adds more work for the township because it will be up to us to process the cases," said Wise.

Because the township would face additional work, Wise and the commission have asked the township board to make provisions to create an enforcement system.

According to the proposed ordinance, Vergennes Township Supervisor Jim Cook would be in charge of enforcing the ordinances.

"We need to set up a system so the day to day work load of this ordinance doesn't fall on Jim," said Wise. "If we keep on adding to his work

load willy-nilly like this, he will become too burdened to handle other things."

The zoning ordinance reduction will be voted by only the township board on August 14. At that meeting the board will also discuss reducing its building, electrical, plumbing and smaller ordinance from misdemeanors to civil infractions.

Township clerk Mari Stone said many communities in Grand Rapids have either passed or are considering passing this kind of ordinance revisions.

"It just makes it easier for the local municipalities to enforce ordinances," said Stone.

Attwood Corporation expands product line

Attwood Corporation strengthened its position as the leading supplier of marine

parts and accessories with the acquisition of SpringLift Marine Corporation of Monticello, Arkansas. The acquisition was announced on July 7 by Don Rocheleau, Chairman and CEO of Attwood and Les Currey, president of SpringLift.

SpringLift manufactures seat pedestals, table pedestals, ski tows, and transom savers for the marine industry. They are also the exclusive marine and RV distributor for Stabilus® gas springs, the world-leader in that product line.

SpringLift will continue their operation as a subsidiary of Attwood Corporation. Current plans call for manufacturing, warehousing and shipping to continue out of the Monticello plant. Order entry and customer service will shift to Attwood in Lowell, Michigan, effective in August, 1995.

"SpringLift is an important addition to our product line," said Rocheleau, "as it allows us to expand our offering to OEM and aftermarket accounts. SpringLift has excellent manufacturing capabilities and a strong position with major boat builders. Plus their broad line of quality seat mounting products and hardware is the perfect complement to our new ProForm line of boat seats."

The SpringLift acquisition is the latest step in the expansion of Attwood's marine product lines. Since 1992, Attwood has acquired the LS Brown Company, (canvas covers, transport covers, bimini tops and trailer accessories); and the Roberts Company, (rod holders and down riggers.) Attwood has also constructed a new stainless steel foundry and introduced a variety of new products, including Ballistic stainless steel props and ProForm boat seats.

Today, Attwood manufactures and markets more than 6,000 marine products, including deck hardware, navigation lights, bilge pumps, canvas covers and tops, seats and pedestals, stainless steel props, and trailer accessories. Attwood Corporation is a subsidiary of Steelcase, Inc.

Young men think old men are fools but old men know young men are fools.
—George Chapman

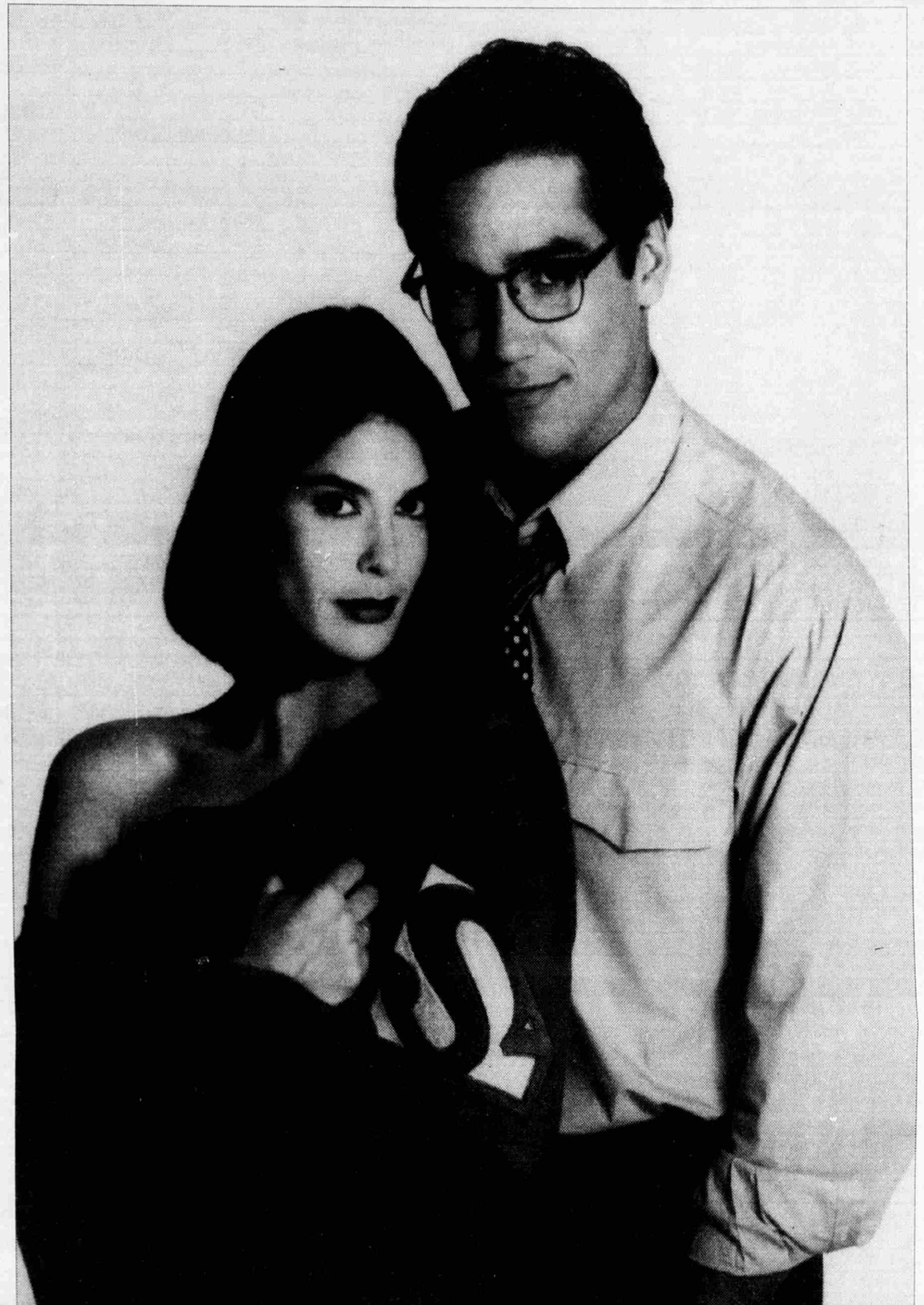
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THURSDAY EVENING AUGUST 17, 1995

Table of broadcast stations for Thursday evening, August 17, 1995, including channels like WMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM and various programs.

CABLE STATIONS

Table of cable stations and their programming, including channels like TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, and SCIFI with program titles.

PREMIUM STATIONS

Table of premium stations including HBO and MAX with movie listings.

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT AUGUST 17, 1995

Table of broadcast stations for Thursday late night, including channels like WMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WLNS, WLX, WKAR, WZZM, and WSYM.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's 'Coming Events' are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area.

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 Linfield, 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 Mt372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights trailer park pavilion. 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.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children

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

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops Mt. 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 aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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EVERY SAT. AND SUN. - Fallsburg Schoolhouse Museum, across the Covered Bridge from Fallsburg Park and up the hill, is open 2-6 p.m. Admission is free.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd.

Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

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

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FRI., AUG. 11: Initiation ceremonies during the regular meeting of Cyclamen Chapter #94 O.E.S. at 7:30 p.m. in the Lowell Masonic Temple.

SAT., AUG. 12: The Boston-Saranac Historical Society will again be serving homemade pie, ice cream, coffee and ice tea in the Clarksville Community Building all day during the Clarksville Ox Roast activities. Proceeds for the Saranac Depot restoration.

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TUES., AUG. 22: Peachy Ice Cream Social '95 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Grattan Roadside Park. In case of rain, social will be held at Tri-Town Conservation Club, 5616 Dunn Ave. Cake, ice cream with peaches, punch and coffee will be served. Proceeds will go to the Grattan Township Historical Society to

help with up-keep of the roadside park. Donation \$1.25. For more information call Marian Van Haitsma, 691-8027.

MON., AUG. 21: American Legion and Auxiliary family picnic at Creekside Park at 6 p.m. Meat and coffee furnished. Bring table service and a dish to pass.

SAT., AUG. 26: During the Saranac Bridgefest the Boston-Saranac Historical Society will sponsor a flea market, food booth, special music and horse and wagon rides from downtown Saranac to the Depot.

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

SUN., SEPT. 10: Pig roast fund-raiser for St. Mary's Church from noon - 4 p.m.

\$6 for adults; \$4 for children, 12 and under; preschoolers, free. Carry-outs welcome. For more information call 897-9820 or 698-6059.

SAT., SEPT. 30: Bridal show presented by Audries Flowers at Larkin's Other Place from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Recreation Park games scheduled to reconvene within a couple of weeks

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Streets and parks supervisor Dan DesJarden told the Lowell City Council that he believes a new backstop can be put up at Recreation Park within two weeks.

DesJarden provided the council with a proposed plan for a new shelter at Recreation Park.

From that plan, the council approved paying O.E. Bieri \$1,500 to remove the old bleacher and foundation. It will also pay Cedar Springs Fencing \$1,695.40 to put up a backstop.

DesJarden's proposal also included a shelter (12 feet high) that measures 96 feet by 20 feet. The estimated cost for this is \$16,000. A new foundation for the shelter would cost \$2,880. Bleachers (five rows, 15 feet long) were estimated at \$6,344.

The council recommended that these proposals be taken to the parks and recreation board for review and discussion.

The Recreation Park grandstand collapsed during a storm on July 22.

Judy Noonon, city finance

director/treasurer, stated that the city's property and liability insurance covers the structure under the policy minus a \$1,000 deductible.

The city is not sure of the amount of coverage since a value on the grandstand was not assigned. City manager Dave Pasquale said the reason for that was the structure was old and was not identified as a principle structure in the city's policy.

Noonon said this would be determined by Meadowbrook Insurance Company, which administers

the Michigan Municipal Property and Liability Insurance. Pasquale noted that the city would be submitting a cost estimate to Meadowbrook on

the reconstruction. "They will be given the estimate to look at and determine if it is a reasonable amount."

Lowell's city manager was not sure how long it would take to determine what the amount of coverage will be.

Exchange students hosted through Rotary International



Pictured above are, left to right, Joris Smeets, Lowell Rotary president Sylvia Taylor and Renata Acerbi.

Through the Rotary International exchange student

program, Joris Smeets and Renata Acerbi spent a month in the United States.

Smeets spent the month with the family of James and Rose Ennis of Lowell.

Acerbi spent two weeks with Ennis's and then stayed two weeks with a family in Frankfurt, MI.

"They blended well with my teenagers," Rose Ennis said.

Ennis has two daughters, Julia, 14, and Christy, 16; and a son, Joshua, who is 18 years old.

"Things went well. They did a number of teenage ac-

tivities," Rose Ennis said. Smeets calls Neerpelt, Belgium home. He is 16 years old and is one of seven children. He said he enjoys photography and in-line skating.

His father, a physician, is also a member of the Rotary Club.

Acerbi's home is in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is 17 years old and is one of three children.

Acerbi enjoys playing the guitar and going to the beach. Her father is a Rotary Club member in Brazil and a businessman.

Wolverine Paving awarded bid for city projects

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

the Creekside Park parking lot.

Three asphalt projects will be seen to their completion before summer breaks.

The city of Lowell contracted Wolverine Paving out of Middleville to patch the lot behind the Department of Public Works building due to the fuel tank removal and remediation; to pave the east-west cemetery road between the second and third additions; and to pave the final course of

the Creekside Park parking lot. Wolverine Paving's total bid for the three projects was \$21,531.72.

The Middleville company put in a bid of \$1,207 for the DPW project; \$3,675 for the cemetery road project; and \$16,469.22 for Creekside Park.

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Full Steam Ahead

••• Plans are ongoing for Clarksville's Gas and Steam Association Festival Aug. 18-20

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The gas and steam engines "that could" back in the early 1900s will be featured at the sixth annual Clarksville Gas and Steam Association Festival on Aug. 18-20.

The festival serves not only as a historical experience but as an educational event as to how the engines were operated.

As the years passed and technology advanced, companies quit producing the steam engine - the last being built in 1928.

Last year's festival raised approximately \$1,500. Clarksville Gas and Steam Association vice president Gerald Seese said the money raised through the upcoming three-day festival will be used to purchase land in the Clarksville area. The land will be used to showcase the festival each year. Presently Seese's sons allow the association to use 30 acres of their land.

Included in this year's festivities will be country singer Calvin Power (singing and square dancing), antique trac-

tors' slow race, sawmill parade, threshing, primitive camping, a kiddie peddler tractor pull and a pig roast (Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m.).

The Lake Odessa Christian School and the area Boy Scouts will provide food (hot dogs, sloppy joes and homemade pie) booths.

Last year's festival averaged about 1,000 people a day.

The festival will honor area farmer Irv Stahl.

The event is located on Robbins Road, one mile west of the south village limits.

Lowell superfan tickets now available

The Lowell High School Athletic Department is once again offering superfan and football season tickets.

Superfan tickets cost \$40 per adult and \$25 per student and provide admission to all Lowell High School sponsored home athletic events. Football season tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and are good for all Lowell High School home football games. Both superfans and season ticket holders receive reserved seating between the 40 yard lines.

Superfan/season ticket information can be picked up

at the Lowell Ledger office, Family Fare, FMB and the high school athletic office. Tickets are available now so

head to the athletic office and select your seats. For further information call 897-4442.

AREA BIRTHS

Chris and Mary Jo Bieri are proud to announce the birth of a son, Austin Jon Bieri, born July 10, 1995 at 8:06 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 19 1/2" long.

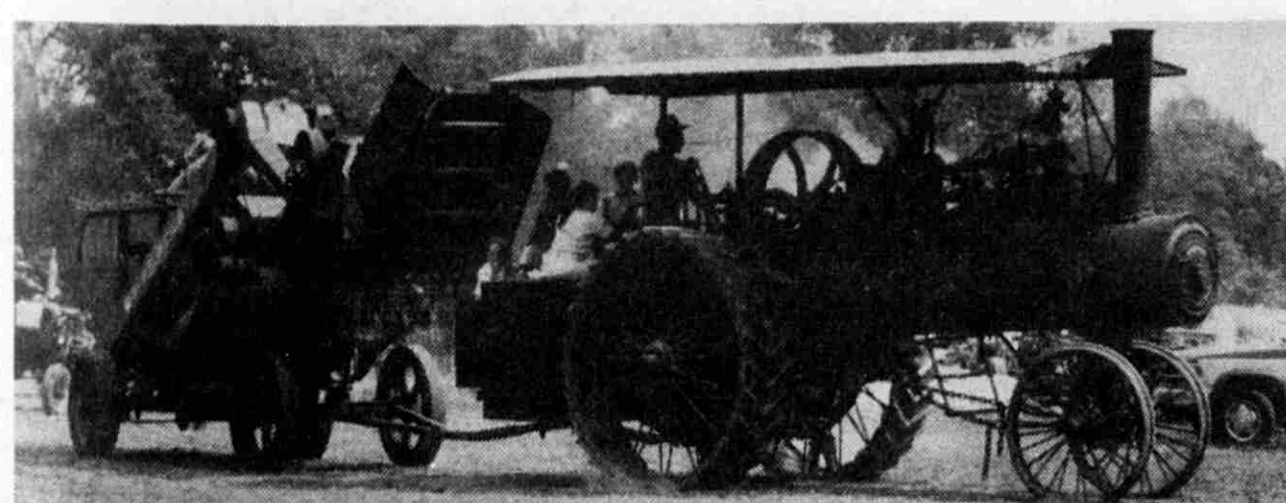
He is welcomed home by his sister Rochelle and brother Cody.

Grandparents are Jim and Eleanor Serne and Donna Bieri. Great-grandmother is Margaret Geelhoed.

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Weighing In



These lucky 4-H Fair volunteers spent a good portion of their Monday afternoon weighing in the swine. Cooperative pigs they weren't.

Lilley given the task to dig new drain field

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township has agreed to hire Jim Lilley to dig its new drain field.

The new field will be located just north of the township's new parking lot on the north side of the property. It is needed to accommodate the added sewage from the township's addition to the township hall.

Lilley outbid Ken Wittenbach by \$300 (\$3,200 to \$3,500) to be awarded the contract.

Timpon said both came with good recommendations, and initially pushed for

Wittenbach, but finally agreed with the township board.

The field, whose dimensions have not been determined, will be approximately 18 inches deep and allow the excess water to evaporate.

Michigan receives emergency funds due to severe heat

Michigan will receive \$10.8 million in emergency

funds from the Federal government due to the severe heat wave in July. Final plans for use of the funds in Michigan have not yet been decided.

In the meantime, the local Departments of Social Services are being encouraged to seek exceptions to pay electric shut-offs and to purchase air conditioners for the aged and medically infirm in emergency situations.

Persons wishing to receive more information, or wishing to apply for emergency help, should contact the Department of Social Services office in the county of their residence.

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—George Santayana

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The Local Government is required by law to enforce the filing of the affidavit, and if you need forms, assistance or have questions, please contact your local Assessor at the following location:

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Lowell, MI 49331
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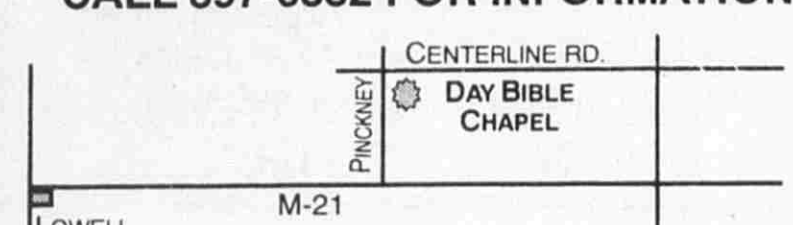
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Bruce Munroe, commander of Post 175, Dave Oliver and Dave Mackey presented the first banner to Bruce Fahmi, President of the Boston-Saranac Historical Society. The Legion project committee was Larry Quinn and H. K. VoVilla.

The Depot, pictured with the banners on the 4th of July, is in the final stages of restoration by the Boston-Saranac Historical Society.

Watch for the upcoming events scheduled at the depot on August 26, 1995 at the Annual Saranac Bridgefest.

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'94 fair queen reign comes to an end, but Brown continues to care and share her time

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was just nine short years ago that Jennifer Brown, the pupil, was receiving instructions from her brother, the teacher, as to the correct way to show a pig at the fair.

Last year was Brown's final year to compete in the showing of livestock at the Kent County Youth Fair.

When that door of opportunity closed, Brown, like so many other past 4-H members, quickly sought the opportunity to share her knowledge and experience with a young, new 4-H member.

Leading up to this year's fair, Brown spent many hours teaching and training nine-year-old Jodi Laux the dos and don'ts of showing rabbits.

Coming full circle in nine short years, from student to teacher, is the rule rather than the exception in 4-H. It is also why the Kent County Youth Fair remains so special to so many in this, its 61st year.

Brown never received that grand champion trophy at the fair for showing her livestock, but was rewarded for her dedication and service with the title of 1994 4-H queen.

"Everyone told me that they thought I would win the queen's contest, but I figured no one really knew," Brown said.

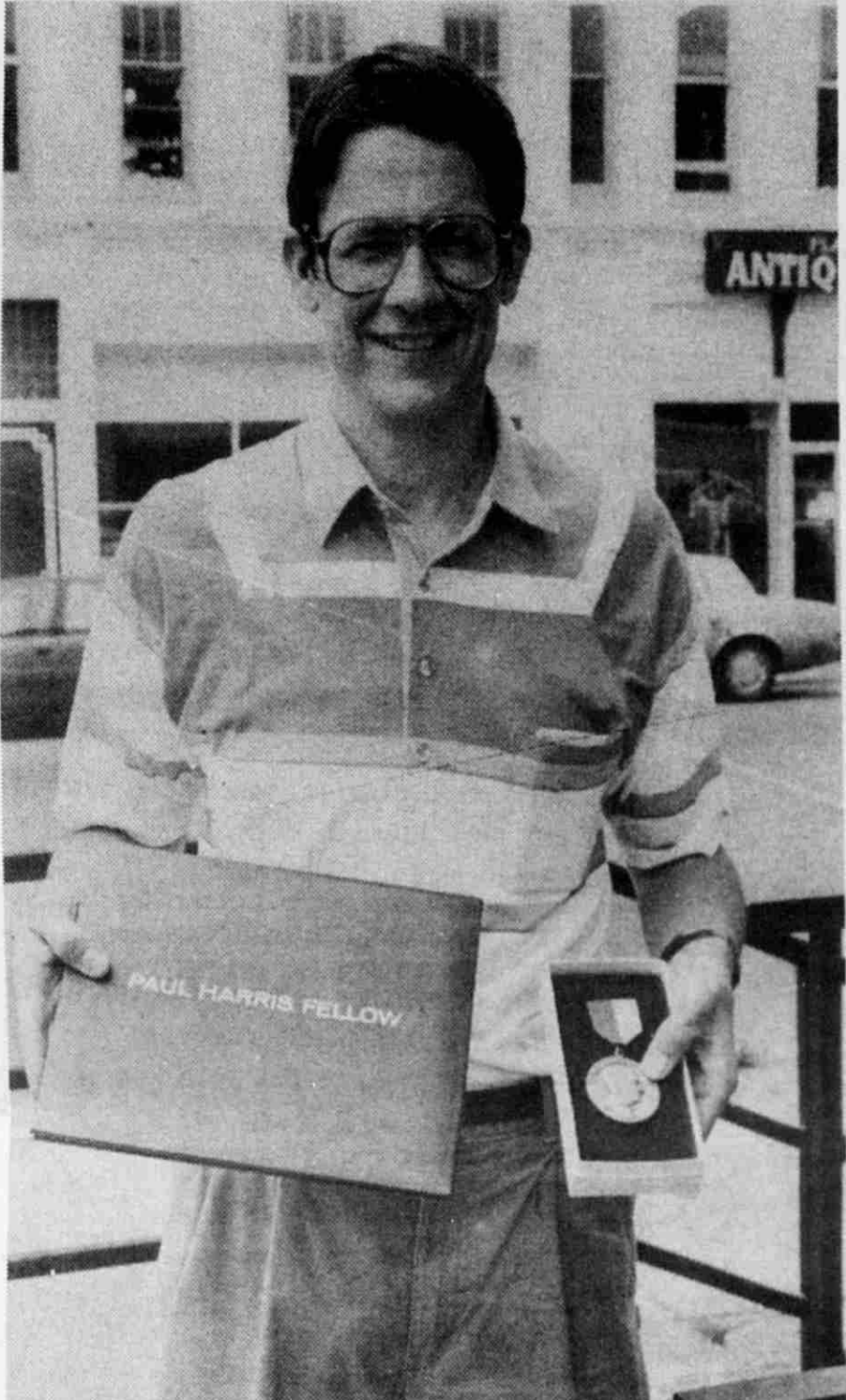
Brown was wrong. Her friends' suspicions were correct and for the past year she has represented the fair in the capacity of queen. That included attending parades and interviewing applicants for the junior court and for prince

and princess. Joining Brown were members of the court Jennifer Languche (first runner-up), Queen Silverman (second runner-up), and Skye Fisher.

It took a couple of years, but Brown, like others, learned walking away with a ribbon or a trophy is not the stick that measured if 4-H members were winners.

"I realized at the age of 13 that as long as I did my best I was a winner," Brown said. "The thing I realized is that maybe I wouldn't win, but I should still have fun competing."

Through perseverance Brown has learned about competing, not quitting, communication skills, being a good sport, taking care of animals and caring about others.



Paul Harris Fellowship Recipients

The Lowell Rotary Club presented two of its members with the distinguished Paul Harris Fellowship award. Receiving the award this year was Bob Hahn (left), pictured above. Presenting him the award was Bruce Walter (right). Hahn is a charter and honorary Rotary member. Walter reminisced about Hahn's 50-year association with the Lowell Rotary. The other Rotary recipient was Jim Reagan (pictured to the left). Reagan was recognized for his work with the DDA, the Lowell Rotary, and the Lowell Showboat.

Project leads Haybarker on path to Eagle Scout award

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Landscaping timber, wood chips and red brick are things an Eagle Scout is made of - or at least Lowell's Jason Haybarker is.

Haybarker, Boy Scout Troop 102's most recent

Eagle Scout, organized, coordinated and labored over a one-month project.

His Eagle Scout project included grading a path and then laying the timber, brick and wood chips. The path begins in back of the high school and blazes its way down to Red Arrow Stadium.

"It was a bigger project than I thought it would be," Haybarker said, "although the hardest part was coordinating the times as to when my help could be there to work."

Haybarker, fellow scouts, friends and scoutmaster Jim Williams spent a month putting in the path. "Most of the

work was done over 4-5 week-ends," Haybarker said.

The path is lined with landscaping timber and with red brick inside the timber while the inside path is filled with wood chips. "I'm very happy with the final product," Haybarker said.

The idea for his Eagle Scout project came from former high school principal Jim DeWeerd. "Brent Tichelaar, also an Eagle Scout, was given the idea after his project was already determined. He told me that

Jim DeWeerd mentioned it to him and that I should talk to Mr. DeWeerd about it."

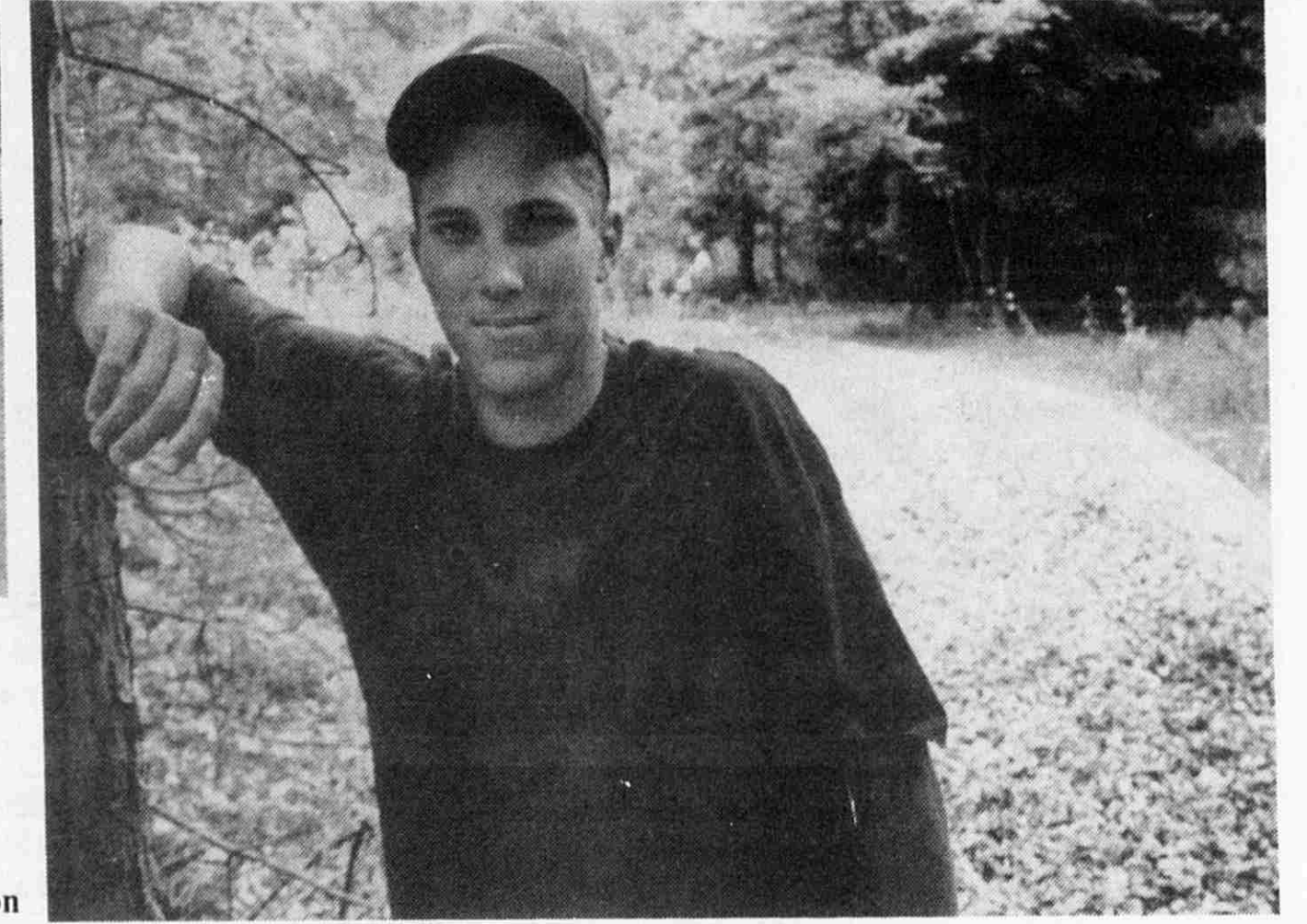
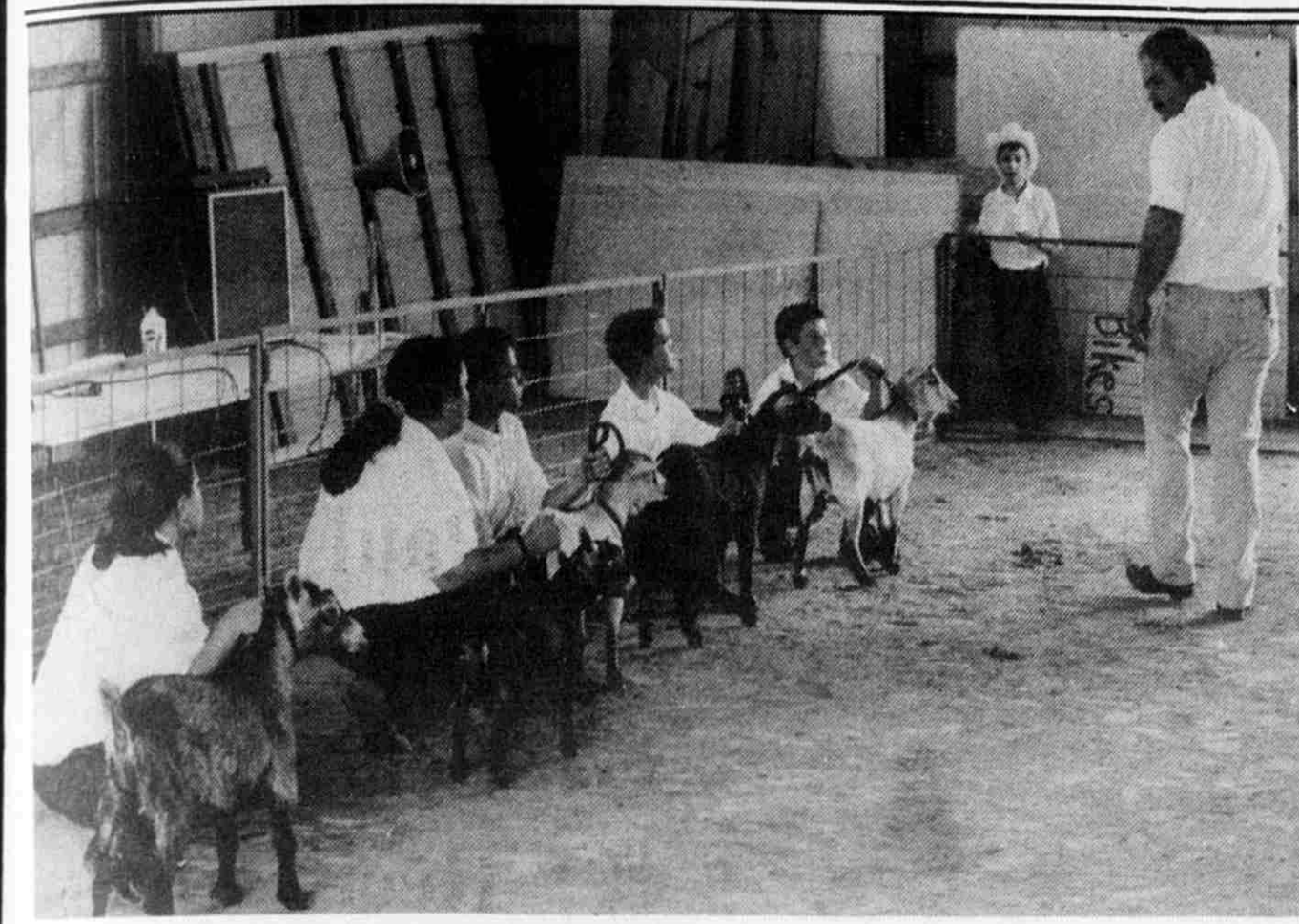
Haybarker is not the first member of his family to earn the Eagle Scout honor. His father Kraig Haybarker also achieved the honor.

"My father pushed me. He helped me stick with scouts at a time when I nearly got off the track," Haybarker said. "I also need to give credit to my scoutmaster (Williams)."

Haybarker started in Cub Scouts when he was in the

third grade. He joined the Boy Scouts when he was in the sixth grade.

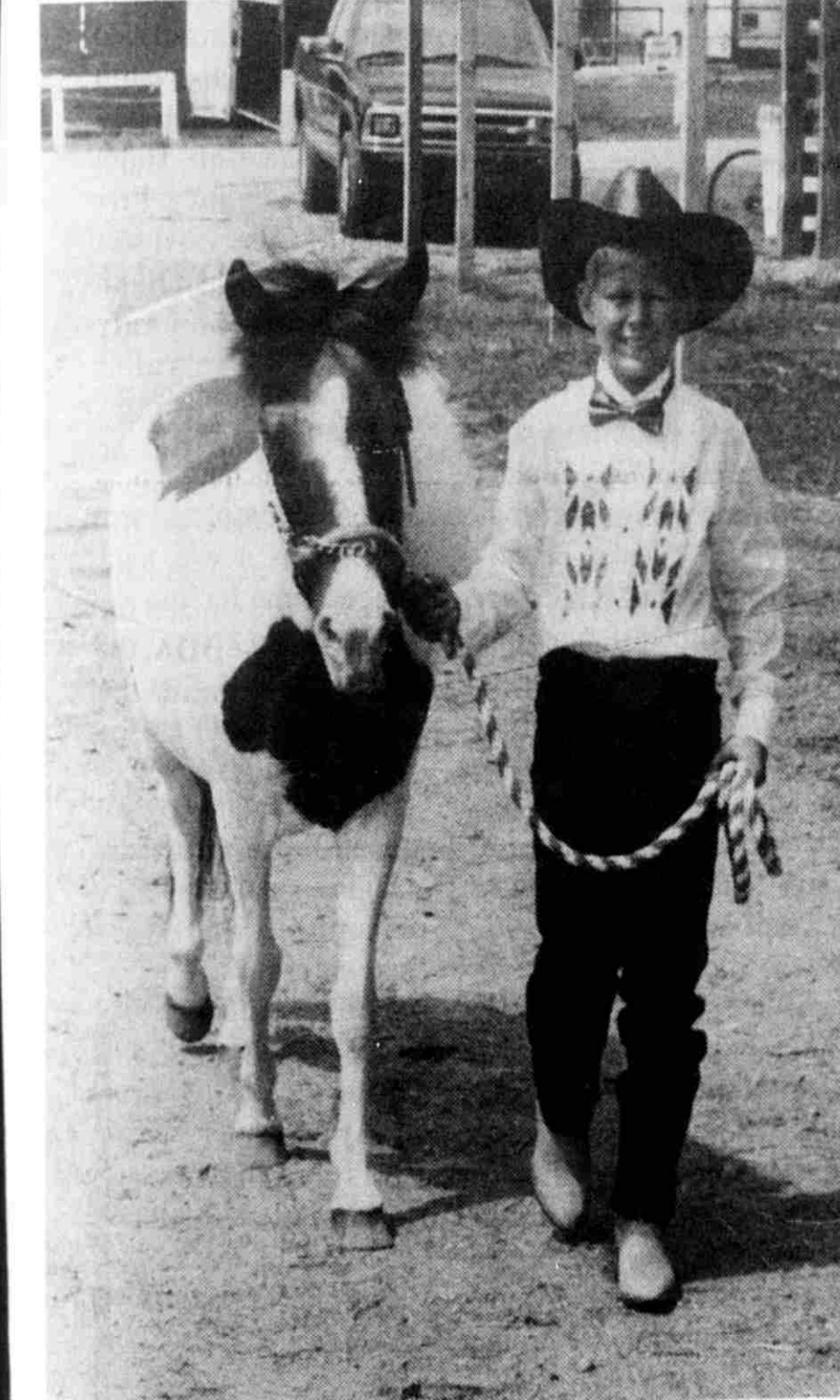
The 16 year old said the High Adventure program started by Rick Briggs, Terry VanderWarf and Steve Uzarski has been something that has helped keep his interest in scouts. The adventures have included biking at Grand Island, backpacking at Pictured Rocks in the Upper Peninsula and white water rafting in West Virginia.



Jason Haybarker coordinated a month-long Eagle Scout project which lays out a path from the high school to Red Arrow Stadium.

Judging Fairly

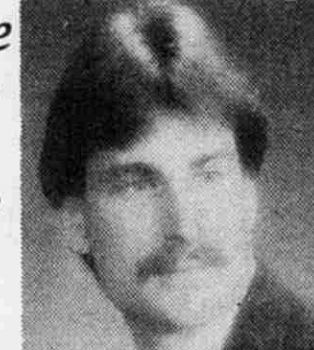
Livestock competition took center stage Monday at the Kent County Youth Fair. Above, the judge takes one more look at the goats before announcing his winner. Left, Robby Kas, 10, walks with "patches" toward the horse arena. Kas placed fourth.



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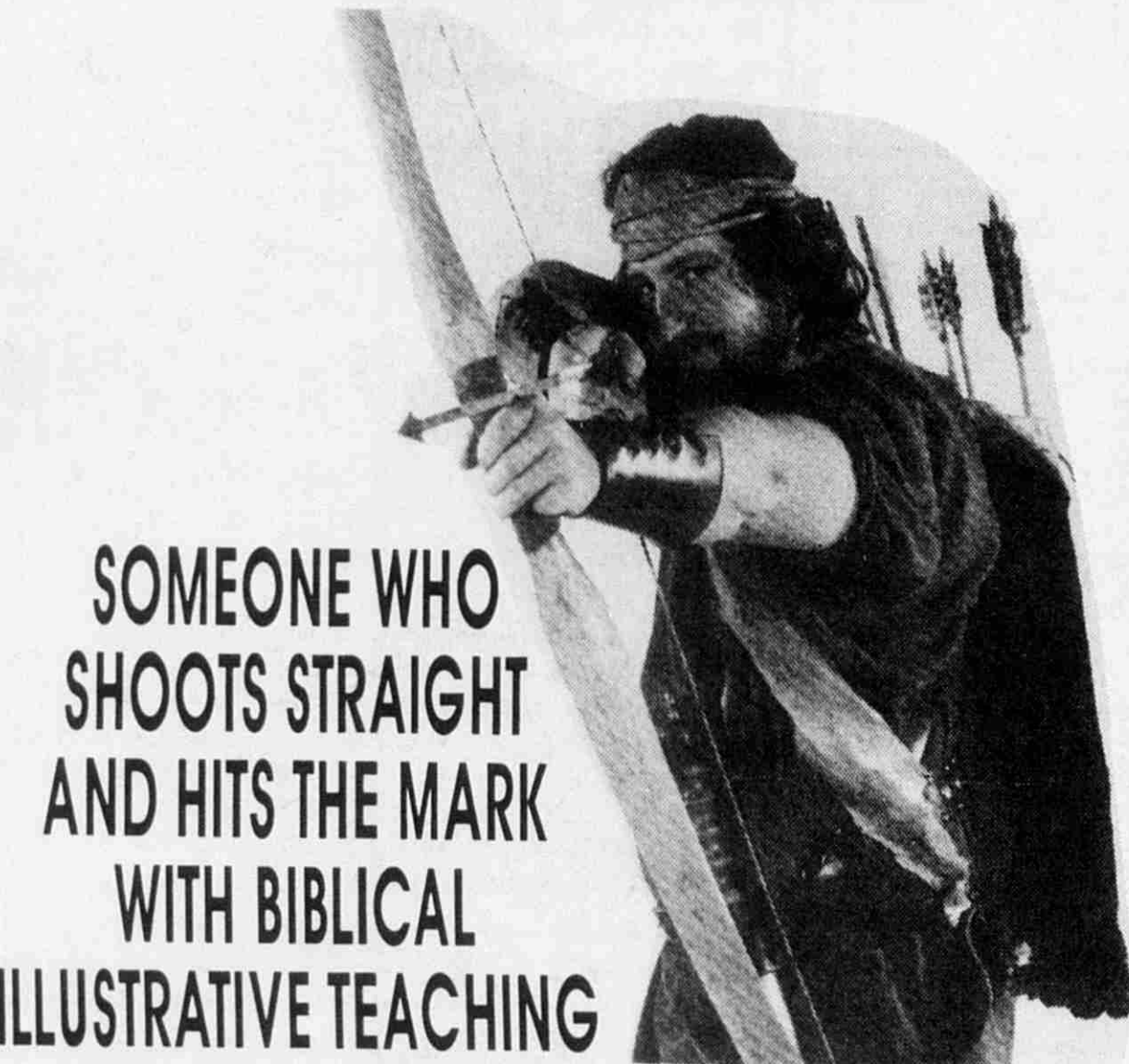
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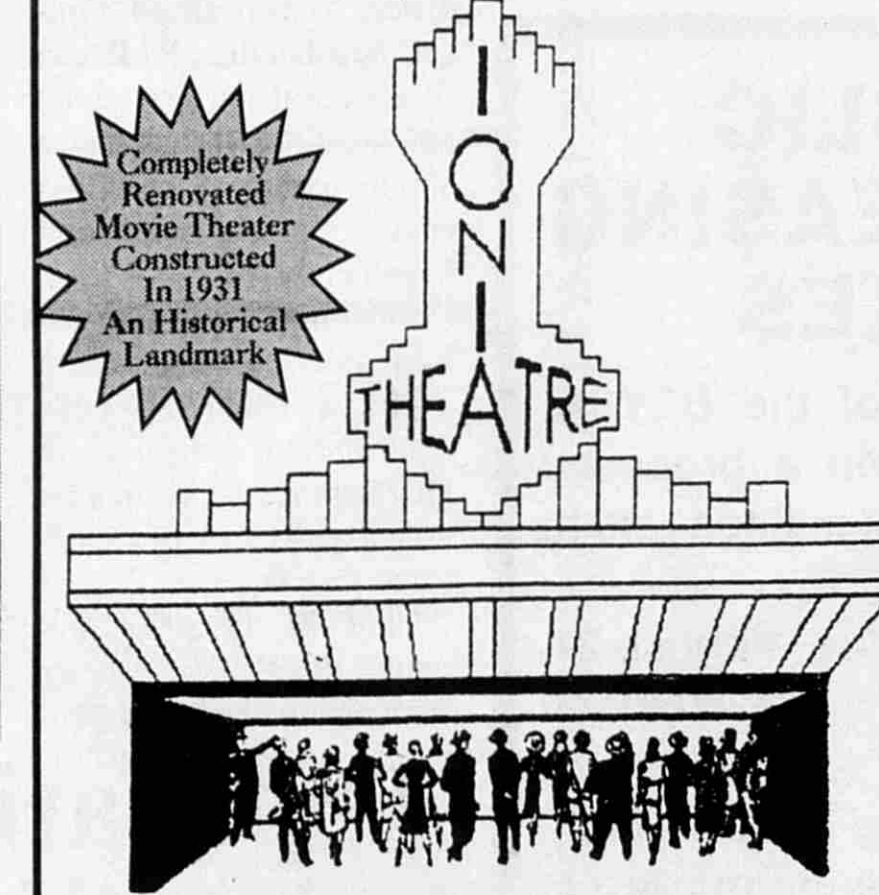
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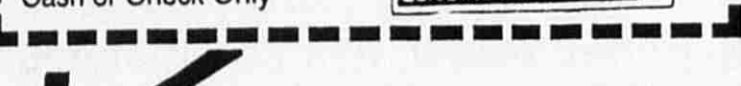
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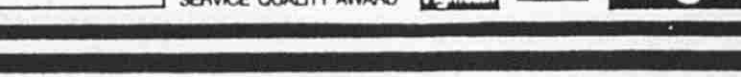


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1994 FIVE-STAR SERVICE QUALITY AWARD



Victorian Thymes, newest floral shop, to feature dried and silk flowers, and herbs for culinary and craft use

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The name Victorian Thymes fits in well with the historical aspect of downtown Lowell.

The owners of the new floral service intend to provide quality arrangements with upbeat designs.

"I think successful floral shops provide what the customer is looking for and not what the floral designer likes," said Victorian Thymes co-owner Cecilia Weatherly.

Both Weatherly and her partner, Joanne Poulas, explain that Victorian Thymes will feature dried and silk flowers. "There is a demand out there that we feel is not getting met," Poulas said.

Another feature that will help define the new floral shop is the availability of herbs for culinary and craft use.

Victorian Thymes (located next to Little Caesar's at 505 W. Main) will offer customers an extensive line of herbs.

"Herbs can be grown in pots at home or in gardens at an expense less than what customers pay for them in the store," Weatherly said. "Once fresh herbs are dried, a person won't go back to dried herbs in a jar."

Poulas (who grew up in Lowell) and Weatherly both have floral backgrounds. Poulas' is more extensive. "We worked together before at a place where we produced thousands of floral arrangements and bud vases," Poulas said. "While my background in floral work is more extensive, Cecilia has the business background."

They chose Lowell because it has a good economical base and has plans to renovate the downtown.

"They did that in Hastings a few years back and it really made a difference," said Weatherly.

Poulas said they plan on providing a different type of service and specialties.

"The floral industry is experiencing a boom and we believe Lowell is big enough to support another floral shop," Weatherly said. "This is something we both wanted and believe it will continue to grow."



Victorian Thymes opened its floral shop in Lowell on Aug. 1. Pictured above are, left to right, Pam Weatherly and co-owners Cecilia Weatherly and Joanne Poulas.

Victorian Thymes' first official day of business was Tuesday, Aug. 1. Its shop hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"The support has been positive. The response in the first week has been better than we thought," Poulas said. "It's been exciting."

Pacific Intercultural Exchange host family homes are needed in Lowell

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.)

Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural

experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Germany, Po-

land, Russia, Finland, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a nonprofit educational organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for Inter-

national Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Lowell area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Applications available for fall festival 3-on-3 tourney

The third annual Alto Fall Festival "Kids Only" 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 in Alto. The tournament is open to boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14.

Team entry fee is \$52 which includes a player t-shirt. Trophies and plaques will be awarded. Participants can pick up team application and player information at Rookies, 106 W. Main, Lowell, or at Kountry Korner,

6077 Linfield, Alto.

Deadline to enter is Wednesday, Aug. 23. The tournament is open to a limited number of teams.

For more information call Mike Fillman, 364-8835, or Russ Bacon at 956-3481.

Exhibit at Franciscan Center offers Global Impressions

You are invited to "An Evening of Global Impressions Through Painting" on August 23. This evening will include selected artists exhibiting their global impressions from around the world with featured artist Aleksander Labiniec from Bielsko-Biala, Poland; which is Grand Rap-

ids sister city.

Labiniec will feature acrylic on paper with an abstract/color focus. This exhibit trade between the sister cities was arranged in the fall of 1994 when Labiniec was in Grand Rapids.

The evening will include

a slide presentation, exhibit tour with artists and an international buffet dinner and music. This exhibit runs through August 25 at the Franciscan Life Process Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; weekends by appointment.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The BOWNE TOWNSHIP BOARD of the BOWNE TOWNSHIP will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0474 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1995.

The hearing will be held on Monday, August 21, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. at Bowne Twp. Historic Hall, 8240 Alden Nash S.E., Alto, MI 49302.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 1.25% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by 8.92% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

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FOR SALE

LOWELL-BOSTON TOWNSHIP - Large 1.2 acre building lots. Lots of trees. \$21,900; \$2,000 down, \$195 per mo. 10.9% interest. Approved for septic systems. Free map. Ed Zaagman Realtor. Call 455-2220.

RURAL ACRES PLAT - For sale - 3 bedroom ranch with full walkout lower level, 1/2 of which has area. 14x65 with 12 ft. high ceiling. 3 bedrooms, living room, beautiful large kitchen, dining room, family room with fireplace, 2 car garage, covered front porch, 24' balcony. Parcel "A" 6.89 acres with house overlooking beautiful pond. Lowell Schools, 12 miles to 28th St. & I-96 to M-50 (Alden Nash Hwy.) South 2-1/2 miles to rural acres plat. We also have: Parcel "B" 10.02 acres, Parcel "D" 10.01 acres. These three parcels can be bought with 11% contract with 20% down with a 3-year balloon. Call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900. Evenings after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE - New Honda Shadow 1100. 1,200 miles, helmets, bags, no damage. Gotta go. Must sell. \$7,900. Days, 897-9841.

MODEL 870 YOUTH EXPRESS - 21" barrel, 20 gauge Remington, \$300. Call 897-5183 after 4 p.m.

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HOUSEKEEPING/LAUNDRY - Part-time, 2nd or 3rd shift, **new wage scale in affect.** We're looking for staff with a high energy level & a positive & caring attitude. Please apply in person at Cascade Care Center, 1095 Medical Park Dr., Grand Rapids.

DATA ENTRY - Full-time position available. Please send resume to: Kropf Orchards & Storage, Inc., Human Resources Department, 12025 Four Mile Rd., Lowell, MI 49331

RN'S/LPN'S Please come & join our new nursing management team. We are looking for staff with a high energy level & a positive & caring attitude. If you like people and want to make a difference, send your resume or apply in person at Cascade Care Center, 1095 Medical Park Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49546. Attn: D.O.N.

PACKERS - Kropf Orchards is looking for full time help at their apple packing plant in Belding. Apply in person at 11980 Fisk Rd. in Belding or 12025 Four Mile Road in Lowell.

HELP WANTED - Full-time pressers, days only, no weekends. Apply at Curtis Cleaners, Lowell.

HELP WANTED

AUTOMOTIVE ASSEMBLY OPENINGS AT LESCOA, INC. - We are currently accepting applications on behalf of Lescoa Inc. in Kentwood. Current openings primarily on 2nd and 3rd shift. Company offers a 60 day conversion to regular hire with benefits. 401K, life, disability, retirement, dental, medical and vacation. Applicants are being screened for experience, reliability, and stable work history. Open applications will be accepted this week. For more information on how to apply call 942-2850. **TRILLIUM STAFFING**, 2930 Shaffer Dr. SE, Kentwood.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED - to coordinate youth sports & recreation programs. Successful candidate will have a bachelors in recreation skills & ability to work well with all ages. Full-time, entry level, \$16-\$20,000 plus benefits. Send resume by August 15 to: Lowell Branch YMCA, 323 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331. No phone calls please.

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QUALITY CONTROL - Kropf Orchards is looking for temporary positions starting immediately. Apply in person at 12025 Four Mile Rd. in Lowell.

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HELP WANTED

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THE LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT - is accepting applications for the position of part-time animal control officer. This position has a flexible schedule averaging 10 to 15 hours per week. The successful candidate will be responsible for the investigation, follow up and enforcement of the city animal ordinances. Some court appearances may be required. This position currently pays \$5 per hour. Applications may be picked up at the Lowell Police Department during office business hours; 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Application closing date is August 14, 1995. The City of Lowell is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

COOKS - Full or part time. Apply at John Brann's Steakhouse, 5510 28th St., Cascade.

CARPENTER HELPER/TRIM - Must have own transportation. Send resume to Carpenter, P O Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

DEPENDABLE CHILD CARE NEEDED FOR 2 WEEKS - 8 a.m.-5:30, end of August - Sept. Preferably my home. 897-7461.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN GRAND RAPIDS - We are currently hiring for many full-time positions in the Grand Rapids area. Current openings include: painters, \$7, die setters, \$7, radial arm drill operators, \$9, welders, \$11, warehouse, \$6.50, wiring control panels, \$7.50, woodshop, \$6.50, assembly, \$7.40. For more information on how to apply call 942-2850. E.O.E.

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ATTENTION CRAFTERS, FLEA MARKETERS & GARAGE SALERS - Sell your goods at Shady Acres Indoor & Outdoor Flea Market. Renting space on first come first serve. Make reservations today. Aug. 11-14, Aug. 18-20. Call Jack or Laurie, 897-7211 after 6 p.m. Buying new or used items, bring out or give us a call.

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ESTATE SALE - 11129 Ware Road & Garage sale 10761 Ware Road. Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

PERSONAL
I miss seeing you on 77A and B-4, Mike Moore. I can still hear you saying Oh Mylanta! I still look for you driving in town. Instead of a smile, I've been wearing a frown. I'm so glad I got to know and work with you those years. I just wish I could stop these tears. Someday I will see you again. I'm so glad we got to be friends.
Love,
Your Little Ohah

TO THE PERSON WHO HIT & KILLED OUR PUP - on Segwun late Sun. night or early Mon. morning: we really didn't appreciate your not stopping & telling us or someone that the pup was hit. My children were very sad & upset to find their pup in the road dead. Next time stop & tell someone what happened.

THANK YOU

CARD OF THANKS
The Family of Aaron Thompson would like to thank the staff at Lowell Medical Center for the care and support during the time of Harriet's residency there.

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IN MEMORIAM
I miss seeing you on 77A and B-4, Mike Moore. I can still hear you saying Oh Mylanta! I still look for you driving in town. Instead of a smile, I've been wearing a frown. I'm so glad I got to know and work with you those years. I just wish I could stop these tears. Someday I will see you again. I'm so glad we got to be friends.
Love,
Your Little Ohah

IN memory of our son, brother & uncle Mike Moore
We would like to thank Rev. Barry for a beautiful service and for being there in our time of sorrow. To Roth-Gerst Funeral Home for all your help, we thank David Gerst Jr. and Mark Gerst for our last minute problems. To Lowell 66, thank you for putting out a memorial fund and raising \$168. To the Drumyer family, Deb, Mark and Brandy, whoever you are, thank you so much for the beautiful letter and money, we appreciate your kind words. To the owner, Mike's supervisor and to all the co-workers at Central States Precision Grinding, thank you all for your support and putting the flag outside at half-mass. That was sweet. To all the pallbearers, Dan Lesson, Leon McKay, Dave Northington, Roger Waters, Rick Eickhoff, Andy Stormzand, Ben Schrouder, Tom VanSiclen, David Seese and Darrin Peterson, and friends of Mike's from when we moved to Lowell in 1979, when Mike was only 12, thanks for giving him the best time of his life and being there when he needed you. Thank you all. The Moore family, Dick, Lexie, Shelli and Rhianna.

IN MEMORIAM

TO MY DEAR FRIEND,
who was killed August 11, 1994.
Dedicated to the one I love, Theresa Jean Ignasiak
What is a friend?

What is a friend? I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can be naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him, you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that leads others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities and in opening them up to him, they are lost, dissolved on the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you - He is like fire that purges to the bone. He understands. He understands. You can weep with him, sin with him, laugh with him, pray with him. Through it all - and underneath - he sees, knows and loves you. A friend? What is a friend? Just one, I repeat, with whom you dare to be yourself.

To my friend: Theresa Jean Ignasiak.
From your friend, Marion Rose Runnels Guastavino.
Aug. 18, 1994.

In loving memory of Cynthia May Thomas Acosta who walked with the Lord on August 9, 1994.
A million times we have needed you, a million times we have cried. If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died. In life we loved you very much, in death we love you still. For in our hearts you hold a place, no one can ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God took you home. Our hearts still ache with sadness, our eyes shed many a tear. God alone knows how much we miss you, as we enter another year. Thinking of you, loving you always.
Your children
Frannie, Cassie & Guadalupe Acosta;
Mom: Frances Thomas; Dad: memory of Levi Thomas;
sisters: Rose, Julie & Sandy. God Bless.

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of August 6-12

ARIES March 21-April 20
Pressure at work eases as the week begins. Take the opportunity to attend to some personal affairs you've been neglecting. An old friend may be feeling a bit forgotten.

CANCER June 22-July 22
An old friend may need your support in handling a difficult problem. Be prepared to lend an ear, or perhaps some financial support, if you're able. A little compassion goes a long way.

TAURUS April 21-May 21
A reckless feeling may lead you into a situation that's over your head. Don't hesitate to ask for help, since the consequences of not doing so could be dire. A sporting event is a source of amusement.

GEMINI May 22-June 21
Someone who rubs you the wrong way is about to get a fresh opportunity. Be prepared. If you're aware ahead of time, you may not find their actions quite so obnoxious.

LIBRA September 23-October 23
Stick out a confusing relationship for a little while longer. You may gain insight, even if it still doesn't work out. The effort you make to avoid hurting another person will come back to you tenfold.

SCORPIO October 24-November 22
A happy announcement may make you the center of attention early this week. Enjoy it while you can—stressful moments may be following closely behind.

SAGITTARIUS November 23-December 21
A brilliant insight on the part of a co-worker may seem silly at first, but give the idea the benefit of the doubt. A trial run may be the very thing to prove its value.

CAPRICORN December 22-January 20
Planning a big event proves more exhausting than you had anticipated, so enlist help from someone you trust to get things done in time. Save some energy so you can enjoy yourself, too!

VIRGO August 24-September 22
A relationship deepens with some effort and attention. Be clear about what you want, and your companion will equal your honesty. It's important to give trust in order to have trust.

AQUARIUS January 21-February 18
A visit with a close friend or relative brings you up to date on some gossip you've missed. Ignore a catty remark from a co-worker, since their spitefulness is probably rooted in jealousy. Living well is the best revenge.

PISCES February 19-March 20
A good week for catching up on minor projects you've been ignoring. Cover all your bases before making an off-the-wall suggestion—you don't want to make others think you're a fool.

There are people who are so much their own enemies that they prefer a misfortune they have foreseen because they have foreseen it, to good luck they did not expect.
—Prince de Ligne

Kent County Road Commission scheduled for two hearings involving bumpy situation on roads

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Kent County Road Commission will visit Lowell Charter Township on two occasions to decide the fate of Pratt Lake and Timpson Avenues.

The first public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on August 29 to hear comments on

the proposed paving of Pratt Lake.

Residents recently filed a petition with the commission which indicates a strong desire to have the project completed.

"We have 99 percent of the people on the road wanting the road to be paved," said township supervisor John Timpson. "If there aren't too

many objections, it's most likely that the project will be put on next year's list of improvements."

The Pratt Lake paving project would run from 28th Street to Cascade Road, approximately two miles.

Forty two residents signed a petition circulated by Al Grover to pave the road because of safety concerns.

The road commission will come back to the township on September 12 to hear concerns about improving the intersection at Timpson Avenue and Grand River Drive.

According to preliminary plans handed to the township in March, the improvements would include a secondary road being built off Timpson and running west through ap-

proximately five properties before ending at a 90-degree angle on Grand River.

In conjunction with a new road, a cul-de-sac would be built on Timpson, closing the current road to through traffic.

Currently the intersection presents traffic problems because of its "blind spots" and steepness.

Township officials agree the current intersection causes problems, but would like to see any improvements routed to the east rather than the west.

"I agree the intersection is dangerous and something should be done, but I can't see going through a swamp to do it," said Richard Huver, at an earlier meeting.



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