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Lowell Athletic Boosters purchases \$10,000 in video equipment

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a gift from the Lowell Athletic Boosters Club to the Lowell Athletic Department.

However, it will help boost and promote more than just Lowell athletics.

"We believe the new camera will help strengthen and promote the athletic program," said Mickey Burrows, president of the Lowell Ath-

letic Boosters Club. "It will also be used for band and choir concerts and to channel experience to students interested in communications."

The gift was the purchase of a 700 line VHS camera, a character generator (what is used to put graphics on the screen) and two black and white monitors.

One of the two monitors will be used as a character generator and the other will

be used by the announcers for the school's game of the week.

Richard Graham, coordinator of the performing arts center, said he was extremely pleased with the donation.

"The equipment allows me to teach and give students equipment operating experience. It also gives us an opportunity to broaden our curriculum scope to include broadcast journalism," Graham said.

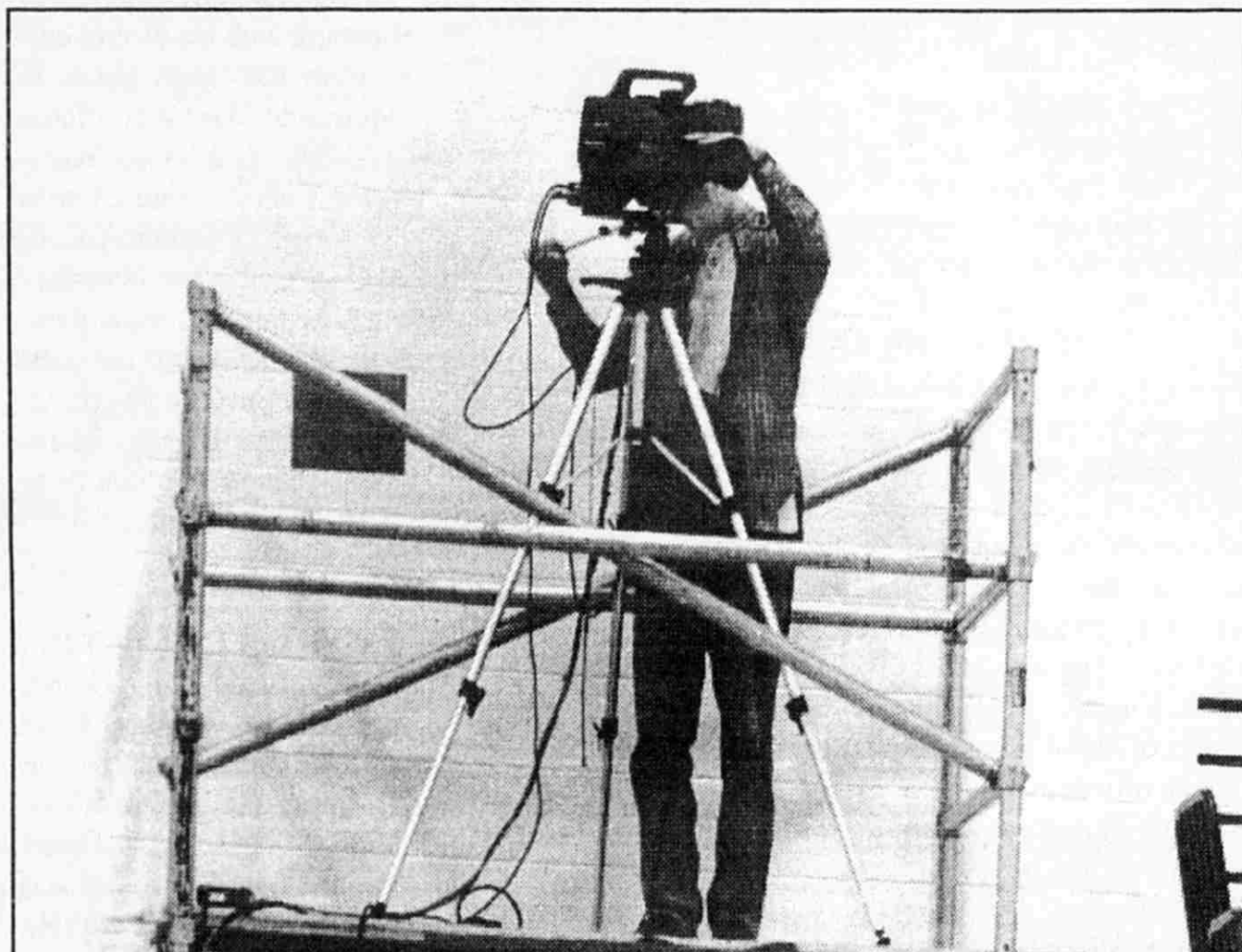
The Lowell Athletic Boosters Club asked Graham to research and recommend to the boosters what equipment to purchase. "He did that and we wrote the check," Burrows said.

The cost for the equipment came to approximately \$9,600.

"Technology-wise, the equipment will be good for another 5-7 years," Graham said. "If treated properly, the equipment will last 10 years."

Graham explained that the camera is quality stuff. "NBC uses a 750 line resolution camera. This camera is 700."

This year through the co-



Through a volunteer staff of a dozen students and volunteer staff announcers Performing Arts coordinator Richard Graham has been able to put together a televised schedule of 12 athletic games. The new video equipment will also be used for band and choir concerts.

ordination of Graham, Lowell is televising 12 sporting events on Lowell access channel 2.

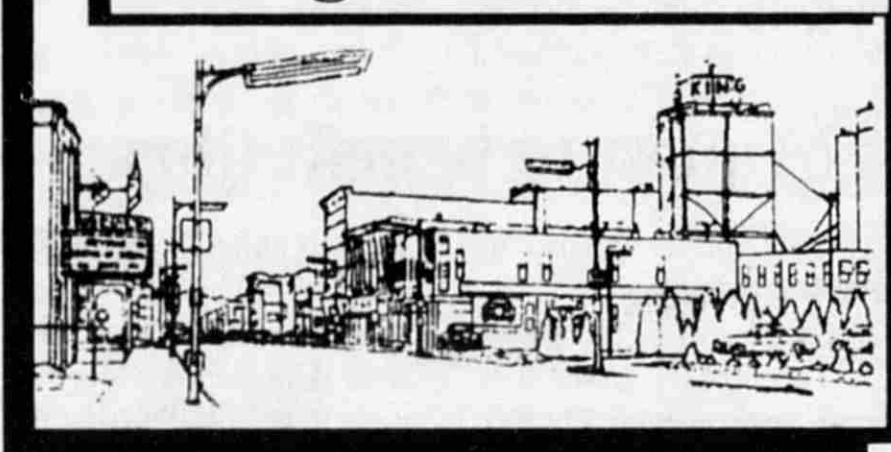
Each week through the winter sport season, Graham along with a student camera

crew and volunteer staff announcers have presented a "Game of the Week."

"We have a student who runs the camera, a student who handles the character genera-

tor and two announcers for each sport event televised," Graham said. "I'm very happy with the quality we've put out considering we've just
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Along Main Street



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL BOARD MEETING

A Lowell Youth Football League board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room. Anyone is invited to attend.

LMS VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED

Lowell Middle School is looking for several girls volleyball coaches. Practice is scheduled to begin in late January and end in late March.

Qualified individuals interested in a coaching position should contact Barry Hobrla at 897-4442.

OFF THE BLOTTER

James Harden, 41, of Grand Rapids, was arrested by Lowell officers on a warrant issued by the Friend of the Court in Grand Rapids Jan. 9.

James Peabody, 20, of Stanton, lost control of the car he was driving on Grand River Drive near Jackson St. and struck a tree Jan. 9. No one was injured.

Scott DeWitt, 22, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident Jan. 9 on West Main near Church St. after being forced off the road by a vehicle driven by Jerry Preston, 60, of Lowell, who changed lanes and struck a road sign.

Terri Watson, 32, of Lowell, was arrested on a warrant Jan. 10 and also for driving while license suspended.

Christopher Zuiderveen, 19, of Lowell, was ordered into 63rd District Court after a warrant was obtained for embezzlement Jan. 11.

Anthony Campbell, 19, of Ionia, was arraigned in 63rd District Court on Jan. 12 on a warrant.

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Suppressed warrant keeps information at a minimum in gambling arrest

The Lowell Ledger is aware an arrest was made regarding a gambling operation in the city.

The Ledger has pursued every avenue available; however, information has been suppressed.

As soon as information becomes available, it will be printed in the Ledger.

Mixed reviews issued by Lowell residents regarding proposed apartment complex

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Curt Cowles' proposed apartment complex development off M-21 was met with mixed reviews but residents who live or work near the area attended a recent public hearing to determine rezoning of 20 acres.

While some residents think a project of this nature would be better than a light industrial development, there are still concerns regarding the sewage flow and what effect renters may have on nearby homeowners.

Cowles has proposed building four two-story units consisting of 24 apartments. The entire project, to be located one-half mile west of Alden Nash, would be on 20 acres of land currently zoned Light Industrial and Residential I.

Cowles proposed rezoning the land to Planned Urban Development, which would allow for an apartment complex and a commercial enterprise.

Each unit would be made up of three buildings which would consist of eight two-bedroom apartments.

The 950 square foot apartments, which are expected to be rented for \$600 apiece, would have their own carport and covered walkway.

"Our goal is to create an upscale apartment development for the Lowell area," said Cowles.

Cowles plans on using 13.2 acres of the land for the apartment development and the remaining 6.8 acres for a commercial business.

"Any commercial business would come under the control of the township and its ordinances," said Cowles.

Under PUD guidelines, Cowles would need public water and sewer.

Last week he received good news from Lowell Charter Township Board when it said it would be interested in bonding a water district project.

In regards to the sewer needs, township supervisor John Timpson doesn't believe it would be a big problem.

"From what I've been told, we are using only 6 percent of our allotted 18 percent sewer use," he said. "I've been told we can handle a project like this, but we plan on getting specific

numbers if it's approved."

Only a handful of Lowell Charter Township residents voiced their concern at the public hearing and most of the debate centered around the sewer needs and how residents with children may affect the neighborhood.

"I already have problems with trespassers and from what I see you don't have any thing for them to do," said Bonnie Phillips, in regards to the apparent lack of playground equipment or recreation area.

Cowles assured Phillips that playground equipment is a part of the development and pointed to 300 feet of green space behind the development as a place for residents to use.

Those in favor of the project include Randy VanMadden, owner of the British Petroleum station across the street from the proposed development.

"This plan fits in better in that area than an industrial facility. It's a better buffer between the mobile home community and other properties in the area," Van Madden said.

The planning commission is expected to vote on the rezoning request at its next meeting Jan. 29 and has stated that this project is a good fit with the township's master plan.

"This plan is built on that master plan," said trustee Richard Bryan. "It's nice to have a developer come in and agree with the master plan and say, 'Yes, I'll do this.'"

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OBITUARIES

INMAN - Norma L. Inman, of Ada, born December 6, 1910, to Norman and Nora (Miller) Rhoades of Stanton, passed away January 5, 1996 after a valiant fight with cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband Shirley Inman; sister Eleanor Endres; brothers Frederick, Sylvan and Norman Rhoades. Beloved mother of Iris (Frank) Hoekstra of Belmost, Dian (Miles) Thomas of Rockford, Lesley Verlin of Grattan, John (Renay) Foss, Michael (Penny) Foss, Linda (Aaron) Putnam, Kurtis (Mary) Inman and Ardena Verlin all of Ada. Beloved grandmother to 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are sisters Marian Foss of Belding, Clista (Monty) Miller of Saranac, Donna Merizon of Grand Rapids, Helen Hodge of Ionia, Dorothy Russell of Star, NC; and brother Mark Rhoades of Saranac; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at Roth-Gerst Chapel. Pastor Ken Harger of Shiloh Community Church officiating. Interment Findlay Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Visiting Nurse Hospice, 1401 Cedar NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 or to American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MARVIN - Walter V. Marvin, aged 78, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord on January 10, 1996. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Ronald in 1946. He is survived by his wife Laih; children Lewis (Beatrice) Marvin of Saranac, Louise (Louis) King, Shirley Marvin, Kim (Bill) Howorth all of Lowell, Gilbert (Nancee) Marvin of TX, Lawrence (Deb) Marvin of Muskegon;

grandchildren, Sandra, Donna (David), Sharon, Dawn (David), Daniel, Robbie, Jon, Becky, Larry Jr., Kelly, Matthew and Monica; six great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday at Lowell Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Tim Harmon, officiating. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

NESTLE - Mr. Alfred C. Nestle, aged 70, of Wyoming, passed away peacefully Monday, January 8, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife Janet in May of 1995; and his daughter and son-in-law Jackie and Dennis Trumbull in 1993. He is survived by his children Sandra and James Marsh of Wyoming, Carol and John Guyer of Lowell; three grandchildren Mark Richard Trumbull, Matthew Jason Guyer, Trisha Faith Nestle; one brother George and Enid Nestle of Rosebush, MI; half brother Gary and Bea Nestle of Cannonsburg; a foster sister Marian Woodford of Drummond Island; and nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Zaagan Memorial Chapel. Rev. David Lee Smith of Burlingame Congregational United Church of Christ officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Mr. Nestle was a former Rochester Products employee, President of A.C.N. Sports Limited, and a charter member of V.F.W. Post 702.

SAWDY - Clifford Allen Sawdy, aged 42, of Belding, passed away Sunday, January 14, 1996 at the Greenview Hospital. He was born September 15, 1953 in Grand Rapids, the son of Carl and Armada (Woten) Sawdy. He graduated from Lakewood High School in 1971 and joined the U.S. Army in 1972. He was married to Norma Jean Batey July 22, 1978 in Lowell. He was employed at Extruded Metals and the Extruded Aluminum and due to health reasons retired May 9, 1989. He is survived by his wife Norma; four daughters and two sons: Lynne Radomski of Greenville, Heather (Jim) Bean of Lowell, Brandy, Michael, Traci and Daniel Sawdy all at home. Six grandchildren; his father Carl Sawdy of Sunfield; two sisters Donna Durkee of Ionia

and Linda Wearthman of Pontiac; one brother Charles Sawdy of South Carolina; his grandmother Agatha Sawdy of Ionia; his mother-in-law Doris Batey of Lowell; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother Armada Sawdy, his grandfather Clifton Sawdy, grandparents Melvin and Naomi Woten. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 18, 1996 at the Koops Funeral Chapel, Lake Odessa. Rev. George Speas officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Visitation Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

VEENEMAN - Mr. Melvin H. Veeneman, aged 69, of Coopersville, a life-long resident and carpenter by trade, went to be with the greatest carpenter of all Friday evening, January 5, 1996. He served on the Church Consistory, was a member of the Lion's Club and also served on the Board of Review. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife Gertrude; and his children Dave and Lorraine Veeneman, Lee and Brenda Veeneman of Grand Haven, Dan and Sue Veeneman of Coopersville, Russ and Sheryl Lillie of Lowell, Herb and Elaine Schoenborn of Conklin, Jim and Diane Meerman of Coopersville; 22 grandchildren; sister Mina (Nick) Hollar; brother Howard (Donna) Veeneman; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Also many special friends, especially John and Judy Prichard and Rev. and Mrs.

Larry Doom. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Church of the Saviour in Coopersville, Rev. Larry Doom officiating. Burial in Coopersville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of North Ottawa.

WALTERS - Chester Paul Walters D.D.S., aged 71, of Plainfield Township, died Thursday, January 4, 1996. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Kathryn (Katie) Braniff. He is survived by his sister, Evelyn (Stephen) Cousino of Grand Rapids; aunt Genevieve DeVries of Lowell; sisters-in-law Mary Braniff of AZ, Margaret (David) Bartz of NJ, Nancy (Terrance) Reilly of WI, Helen Boylen of Grand Rapids; brothers-in-law John (Donna) Braniff of FL, James (Patricia) Braniff of TX, Charles (Connie) Braniff of Flint; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Service was held Monday with Dr. Edward Dobson of Calvary Church officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or the charity of one's choice.

Frank L. Carr's bequest to benefit library

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A trust bequest to the city of Lowell will be used as a library assistance fund. City manager Dave Pasquale informed the council that a \$20,815.71 bequest from the Frank L. Carr Trust will be used to establish a perpetual fund in his name. Carr, a former Lowell resident, resided on Kissing Rock Road. The first amendment of the trust reads that one eighth of the trust is to be used to establish a perpetual fund in the name of Frank L. Carr It

was Carr's preference that the fund be used for public, charitable or educational purposes. The library assistance fund will garner \$1,000-\$1,200 a year from the principal balance. Pasquale said the funds will provide furnishings such as computers, CD ROMs, children and adult programs and speakers. "It will augment what the library already has," Pasquale said. Councilman Chuck Myers recommended that the Friends of the Library decide where the funds are to be applied. He also proposed that the Friends of the Library be asked to maintain a \$20,000 principal balance. Myers noted that personal contributions may be made to the fund so that the balance could build up. Pasquale requested that contributors refrain from purchasing new books. "They become property of the Kent County District Library and can be rotated through the system," he said. "They are not the property of the Lowell Library." The council asked that Pasquale have a policy statement drawn up on the trust fund and then bring it back for an official vote by the council.

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Hall project beset with delays; final product is worth it for township officials

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Walk into Lowell Charter Township's newly expanded hall and the air is filled with the smell of "newness."

However, it is also filled with the smell of dust and other construction material because the hall has yet to be completed.

While the township board and planning commission enjoy the use of the new meeting area, the staff still has to deal with workmen putting the final pieces together.

"The construction has been slower than anticipated, but when it's completed it will be a wonderful facility," said Gladys Fletcher, the township's receptionist for the past nine years.

Originally, township officials thought the project would be completed in No-

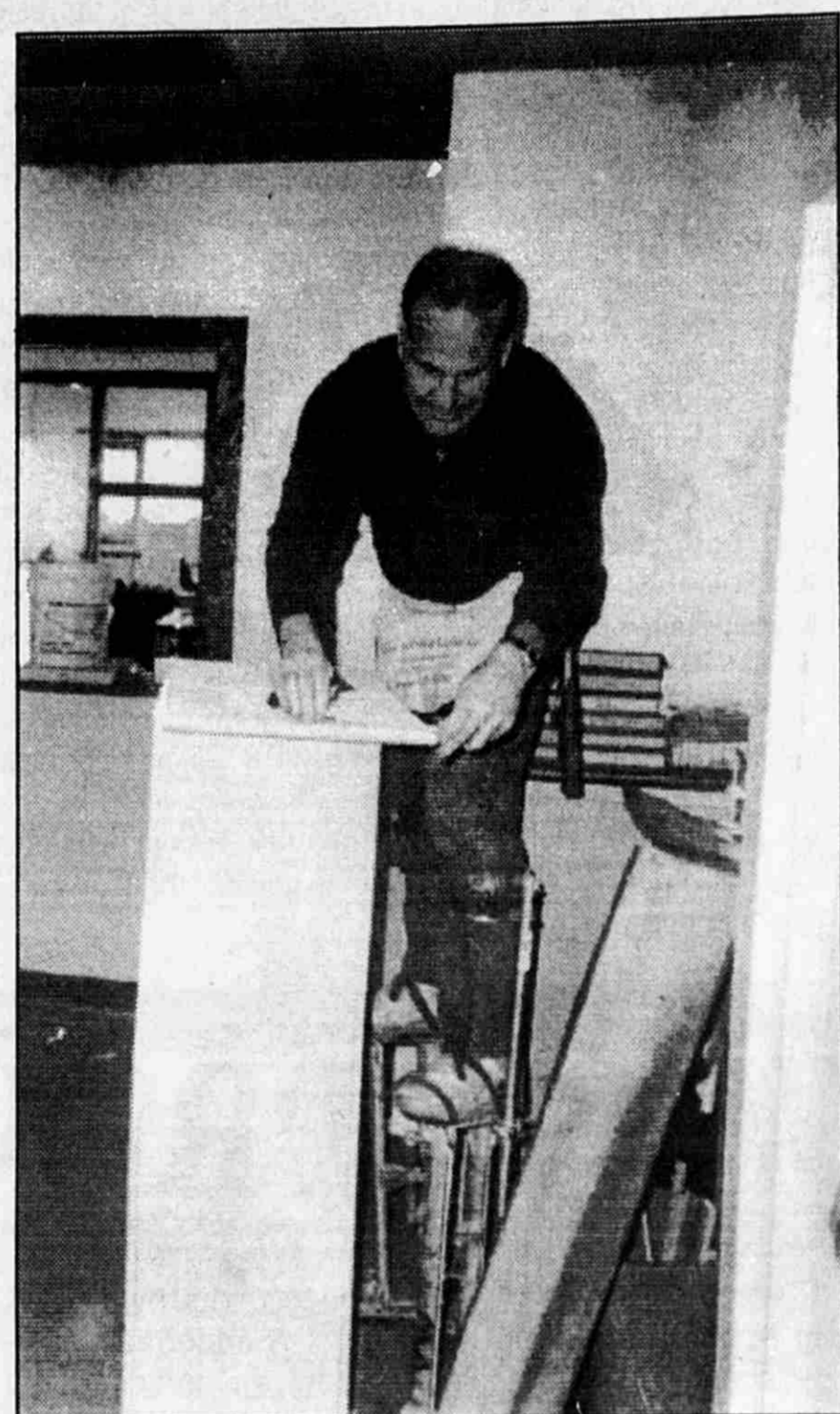
vember, then again in December and finally hoped for January, but now a spring completion date does not seem too far off.

"We aren't sure when it will be completed," said supervisor John Timpson. "It's been very difficult and it's complicated (for residents) the paying of taxes."

Workers are still putting together the new open office with its conference room, as well as offices for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

Landscaping the project is not expected until spring and the parking lot will not be finished until that same time.

The 8,000 square foot facility, which cost approximately \$600,000, was prompted because the township said it needed more space for meetings, voting, storage and office space.



Work is nearing completion on the \$600,000 renovation project at Lowell Township Hall.

Because workmen needed to renovate the reception area, the township office has been forced to close its doors to the public.

"We've closed a couple days every week for the past couple months," Timpson said.

As with any construction project, delays tend to come up and problems arise that are unexpected.

"It's been strained at times and it's a real challenge to locate files," said Fletcher. "Perhaps the funniest moment

came when our answering machine was accidentally placed in a heating run. For a week we couldn't find it and I suppose we lost a lot of messages."

Despite the problems, township officials and personnel are happy with the final product and said the biggest winners will be the public.

"It's going to be a lot easier during elections and other functions," Fletcher said. "This is something the community can be proud of."

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

Sidney Faber, 45, of Grand Rapids, backed from a parking space in a private lot off Main St. near Amity and collided with a car driven by 19-year-old Gregory Stevens, of Lowell, Jan. 12. No one was injured.

A 16-year-old juvenile driver from Lowell struck a deer on West Main St. Jan. 12 near Pleasant St. No one was injured in the accident.

Francis Mason, 40, of Lowell, backed into a vehicle driven by Brian Heitinga, 35, also of Lowell, in the Creekside Elementary School lot on Foreman Drive Jan. 10. The accident caused property damage to Heitinga's vehicle.

Callie Jagger, 20, of Belding, and John Overzet, 49, of Cedar Springs, backed into each other in the lot of the Amoco station Jan. 11 damaging both vehicles. No injuries were reported.

Scott Fales, 28, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident at the Admiral Gas Station on West Main St. Jan. 14 when he struck a fuel pump while backing his vehicle.

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started." There are 12 high school students who on a volunteer basis help Graham.

Prior to the Boosters' purchase of a VHS camera and equipment, Graham used his own equipment so that a "Game of the Week" could be produced.

The new equipment will broaden the spectator base. "Those unable to come out to the games can view some of them on television," Burrows said. "More and more people within the community are taking interest in the new high school and the activities that go on in it."

Many think they have a kind heart who have only weak nerves.

—Ebner-Eschenbach

An apple is an excellent thing—until you have tried a peach.

—George du Maurier

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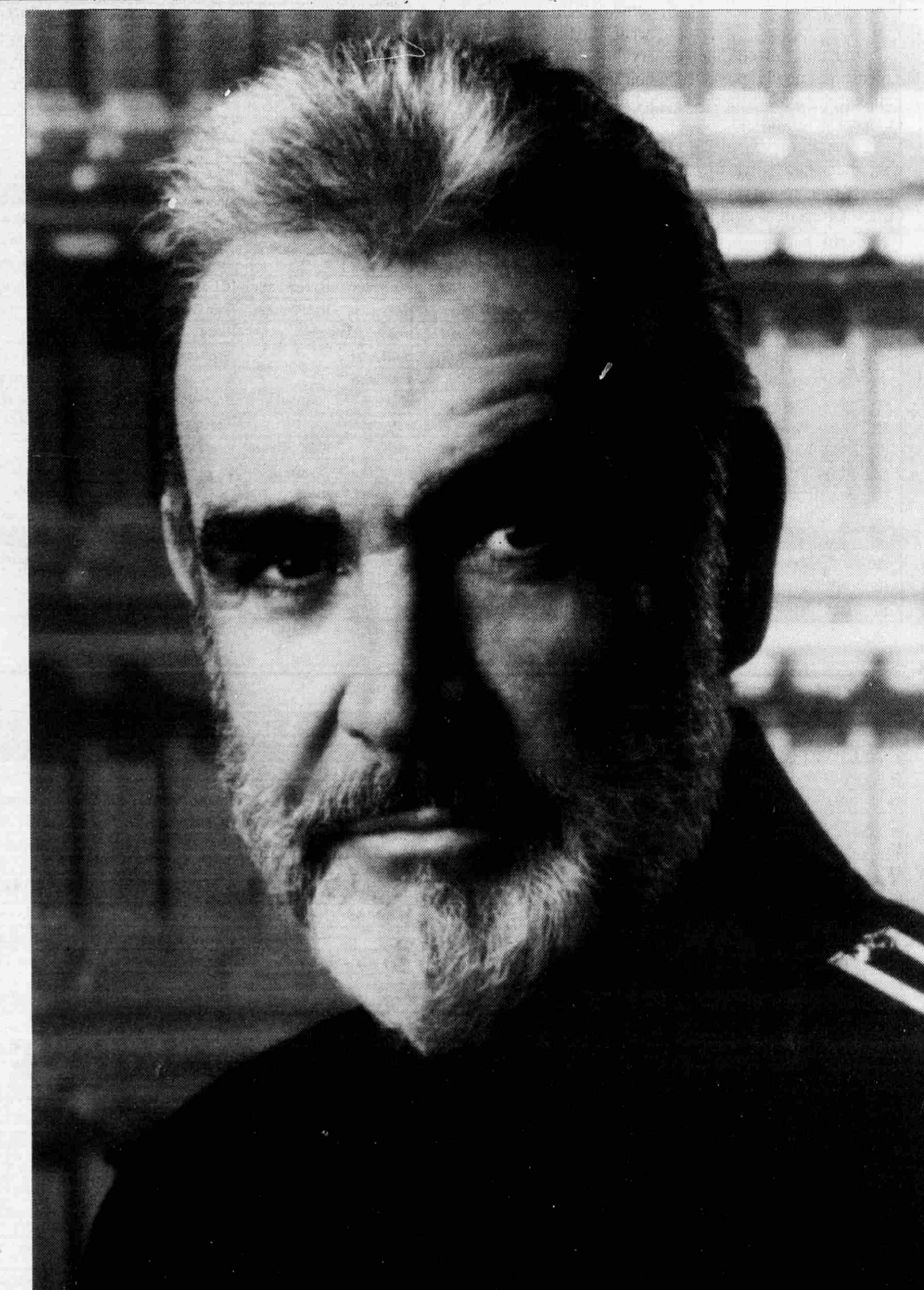
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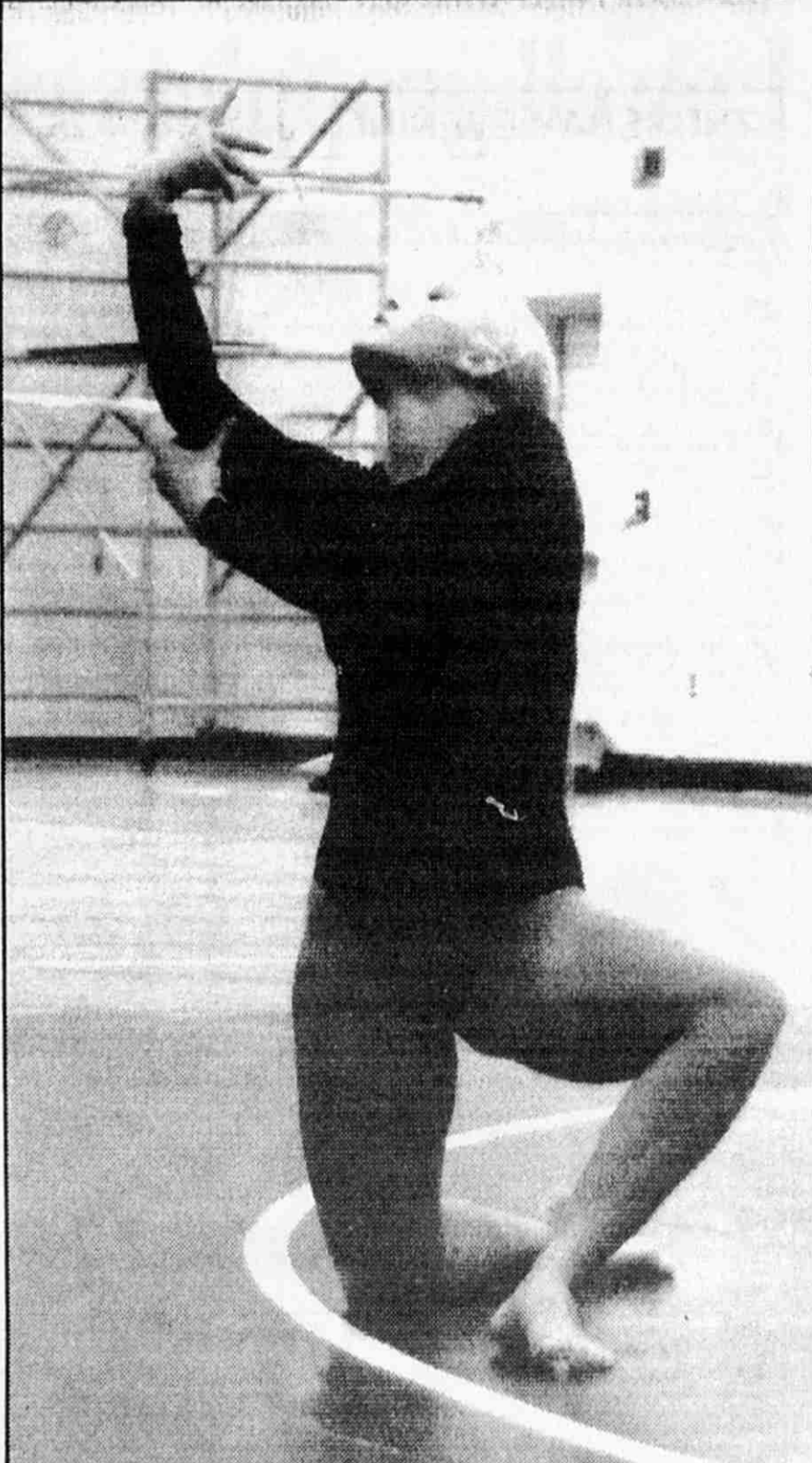
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Lowell gymnasts end conference drought with two-point win over Kenowa Hills

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A season-best team performance on the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise parlayed into Lowell's first gymnastics meet victory in two years. Lowell defeated visiting Kenowa Hills 100.3-98.0. The victory was also the first coaching win for Lowell's Michele DeHaan.



Skye Fisher performs her floor routine in competition against Kenowa Hills.



Shannon Laux helped lead Lowell to its first win of the season against Kenowa Hills.

Lowell did not fare as well at Rockford over the weekend. "It wasn't a good invitation for us," Lowell gymnastic coach Michele DeHaan said. "Our scores were down a little. The scoring was not consistent throughout the day."

Rockford Invitational

Red Arrow play picks up in loss to Chix

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Smart team placement assisted Zealand in effectively taking one of Lowell's best players out of the game and led the Chix to a 15-9, 15-3 win over the Red Arrows. Zealand's smart placement helped to limit Lowell's Dawn Burrows to three serve receives and just five hits.

Lowell fell behind 12-2 in the first game but rallied behind a 7-2 spurt before losing 15-9.

LMS Volleyball coaches needed

Lowell Middle School is looking for several girls' volleyball coaches. Practice is scheduled to begin in late January and will end in late March. Qualified individuals interested in a coaching position should contact Barry Hobra at 897-4442.



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It was just a mock robbery; however the anxieties it can create are anything but....

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The press memo read that the Emergency Support Team from the Michigan State Police, the Lowell Police Department and Lowell's FMB State Savings Bank would run a mock (as in not real) bank robbery/hostage taking scenario.

Although only make believe, the adjectives frightening, intense and realistic were heard in the debriefing following the mock robbery.

"Even though it was a simulation, it was very realistic and tense," said Sue Heinicke, an employee in the FMB loan department.

Noreen Balaam, an FMB commercial loan officer, called the beginning and the end of the bank robbery/hostage taking scenario significant.

"Despite knowing that blanks were going to be fired in the air, it still scares the bejesus out of you," Balaam said.

Five years ago Balaam participated in a mock robbery with the assistance of the Lowell Police Department.

"That was significantly different. It was just a robbery. It was a test of procedure as to how to operate after a robbery," Balaam said. "This time it was hostage taking/ SWAT team training."

The intensity of the mock up can create anxieties.

To help avoid such anxieties, there were breaks taken throughout the scenario where the participants went out of character.

A debriefing session was held by a state police psychologist afterwards.

"The debriefing session helps people unwind," FMB State



FMB State Savings Bank's mock bank robbery on Jan. 9 lasted four hours. Bank employees went through each segment of a robbery, hostage taking and negotiations. Above, Kent County's SWAT team watches and waits.

Savings Bank President and CEO Jim Bosserd said. "The training gave staff an opportunity to practice so they know what to do in certain situations."

The 16 FMB employees who participated were also interviewed prior to the training scenario by a state police psychologist to determine if they could be used as a volunteer.

FMB security manager Thomas Kinney said the mock scenario is part of a continual security training measure to keep employees from all three branches (bank, state police and local police) aware of what to do in robbery, extortion and kidnapping situations.

"This was an extreme scenario. It was a foiled robbery and the robbers were caught in the building," Kinney said. "It took us through every segment of the robbery, hostage taking and

negotiations."

Phil Ackley, a lieutenant for the state police, said it was also a good training exercise for their 45-man team.

It provided training to everybody in the overall operation including tactical, negotiation and assault.

"To prevent escape and control movement, the tactical personnel set up the perimeter," Ackley said. "The assault on the building is done in an effort to free the hostages."

Ackley said the mock training is something the department would like to do more often.

"Currently, we try to do these type training sessions once a year," Ackley said. The state police department has held mock training sessions at the nuclear plant in Bridgman and the Dow Chemical Plant in Midland in previous years.

FMB's Balaam gets promotion

Noreen Balaam has been promoted to commercial loan officer at FMB-State Savings Bank.

She joined FMB in 1990 and has served as a credit analyst and commercial lender. Balaam is a graduate of the University of Michigan and the Indiana University MBA program. She has also completed the ABA National Commercial Lending School and is a Certified Netware Administrator.

In the community, Balaam

is treasurer of the Lowell Area Arts Council and serves on the local fundraising committee for the American Heart Association. She also participated in Vision 2000 Strategic Planning for Lowell Area Schools.

FMB-State Savings Bank is an affiliate of First Michigan Bank Corporation, a \$3 billion diversified financial services company. Headquartered in Holland, MI, FMB consists of 13 bank affiliates and 84 branch offices.

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 8, 1996

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Jenny Jansma, Student Council President and Representative on the Board of Education, reported to the Board that the Student Council sponsored blood drive is Wednesday, January 31, 1996, and that the Adopt-A-Road program has been renewed for three years. Also, Jennifer reported that a new student group has been formed called "Students Against Drunk Driving" (SADD). They had 125 students signed up the first day (goal is 200 students) to sponsor open gyms, local bands, and training for elementary students regarding drug and alcohol abuse and peer resistance.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION - Governor John Engler has designated January as "School Board Recognition Month." Board members received a "thank-you" and a certificate for their dedication in serving on the Lowell Board of Education.

ACTION ITEMS -

- Accepted history books and video tapes from the VFW Post 8303 & Aux. valued at \$200 for general student use.
- Accepted \$1,000 from Engineered Plastics Components, Inc. towards an injection molding machine at the middle school.
- Authorized purchase of four additional buses.
- Adopted the budget amendment resolution for the 1995-96 school year which reflects an excess of \$9,000 in revenue over expenditures.
- Approved the Lowell High School Baseball trip to Florida during Spring break.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

- December 11, 1995 Dialogue Session minutes.
- The following payment of bills:

Food Service Fund	\$123,139.80
Trust and Agency	\$ 4,163.17
1990 Building and Site	\$ 3,982.87

• Maternity Leaves

- Ausma Pupel, Cherry Creek Elementary teacher, on or about January 15, 1996 through April 8, 1996
- Diane Heikkila, Middle School teacher, on or about March 25, 1996 through April 29, 1996.
- Barb Gumina, Alto and Cherry Creek Music Teacher, on or about March 30, 1996 through end of 1995-96 school year.
- Medical Leave: Sheryl Melle for remainder of the 1995-96 school year.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The Board approved the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,403,038.97 and Athletic Fund in the amount of \$66,576.31.

EDUCATION AND BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE - Dick Korb gave a brief update on the planning committees are progressing. Some groups are near completion of establishing recommendations while other groups need more planning time. There will be a presentation from each of the chair persons at the February Board meeting. The plan is to present the final report at a special Board meeting to be held on Monday, April 22, 1996.

HIGH SCHOOL 7 BLOCK UPDATE - Scott Vashaw updated the Board on the 7 block concept being looked at for the high school instructional day. A teacher training schedule is in place and the block schedule will be utilized at the high school from April 15-26.

PARKING LOT PROPERTY AT CITY LIBRARY SITE - Bert Bleke discussed the possibility of deeding over an additional piece of property to the city for additional parking at the new library site. This item will come back

for formal Board approval at the February Board meeting.

BOND PROJECTS - Bert Bleke indicated that the bond projects will be coming to the Board periodically over the next several months under the consent grouping of the Board meeting agendas.

MEAP REPORT - Jim White and building principals gave an extensive update of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and how this tool is used to improve learning for all students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Linda Taber raised questions and concerns regarding the 7 block instructional day. Shawn Eshragh stated a concern that his comments from the last Board meeting were not mentioned in the Board minutes. Mark Blanding discussed a concern that residents should be more positive in their approach to the school district as well as a concern that social economic status of parents can impact MEAP scores.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke reported that an 18 mill non-homestead tax renewal which impacts businesses and second homes needs to be carefully discussed. The millage will not impact the average home owner but does represent a substantial portion of the district's budget. Over the next several months the Board will review the new Mich. School Code which goes into effect July 1.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

• Board Dialogue Session - Mon., Jan. 22, 1996 - 7:30 p.m. Middle School Media Center

• Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Wed., Jan. 31, 1996 - 7:30 a.m. Admin. Bldg. - Conference Room South