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Bye Bye, Winter

Hello, spring! Children at the YMCA Child Development Center enjoyed the spring like temperatures as they took a leisurely stroll around Lowell last week in their Bye Bye Buggy. Driving the buggy is YMCA Child Development Center employee Julie Reens. Seated, front seat, left to right, are: Justine Walsh and Meghan Loser. Peeking through the back seat, left to right, are: Rachel White and Anthony Vela.

Lansing and Washington decisions could have an effect on pay to play status

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

How the political dominoes fall in Washington and Lansing will have an effect on how much parents of Lowell High School athletes pay to have their kids play sports in 1996-97.

Which raises the questions.... What are you talking about and how can that be?

Governor John Engler's state budget is based on receiving \$400 million from the federal government as part of the welfare reform that Congress and President Clinton are working on.

If the federal government doesn't come through on the entire \$400 million, Engler's budget will be affected, causing education as well as other areas to take a hit. It would affect any additional revenue Lowell would receive as well as the school's decision on whether to maintain pay to play, reduce its cost, or eliminate it.

When combining middle school and high school, Lowell has 1,200 students participating in athletics throughout the year. The pay to play program adds \$50-\$60,000 a year to the school budget.

Engler's education budget proposal would bring Lowell's additional revenue projection for the 1996-97 school year to \$197,000.

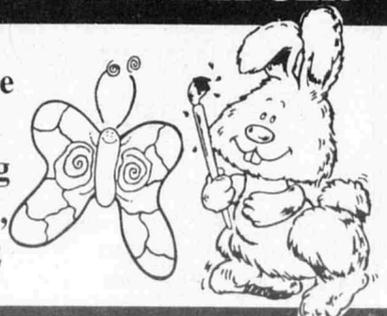
That number is based on a 2.53 percent basic foundation grant increase plus catch-up monies for schools not at the minimum base grant figure. Including the catch-up money, Lowell's total increase in its base grant would be 3.6 percent under the Governor's proposal.

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Construction bid awarded on new \$1.298 million library

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Elmridge Construction Company was awarded the new library construction bid.

The bid from the Grand Rapids construction firm was one of 10 bids submitted.

Elmridge's was the lowest. Its building and construction bid was \$946,000, coming in \$87,000 under the January 1996 cost estimate.

The total cost of the project is now estimated at \$1.298 million or \$72,000 under the projected January 1996 estimate.

The building authority also accepted bids for \$770,000 in bonds. The lowest was received by brokerage firm Edward Jones providing the lowest net interest rate of 4.863 percent.

The building authority voted to accept the bid.

The bond will be for 10 years. It is front

loaded to accommodate gifts provided to the project over the first four years.

Project finances currently are at \$806,500, accounting for 62.13 percent of the project.

City manager Dave Pasquale said the project was awarded a \$68,000 grant from the state of Michigan under the Arts and Cultural Projects Program administered by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

"With only \$1.024 million available state-wide, the city of Lowell received one of the largest single awards of the 39 given," Pasquale said. "It was at the top in Kent County in terms of money amount and second in the state."

The monies will be used to lower the city's front end contribution.

It is expected that construction will begin in early April. A groundbreaking ceremony is planned for April 16 at 9 a.m.

Hall construction costly to township accounts

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Planning a yearly budget can be a major undertaking in any household. Now imagine that household's budget is in the millions of dollars.

That's what Lowell Charter Township officials face every year and like most households, they too can overspend in certain areas.

This year the township overspent in five categories, but with excellent planning will overcome the shortfalls without compromising other accounts.

"By law we can't overspend in any account, but there are times when things

cost more than expected," said township clerk Carol Wells.

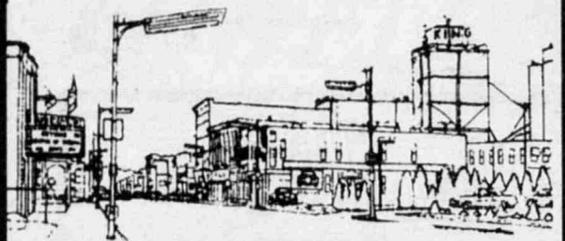
The township accounts which showed a shortfall of \$20,000 this year include the deputy clerk's and treasurer's positions, general operating account, pension plan, and cemetery fund account.

The shortfall in the two deputy positions is equated to increased hours worked, while the general operating fund and cemetery account also showed increased activity.

"Because of the construction, our electric bills were extremely high. We had to clean the carpets and repair the old furnace," Wells said.

Wells added that she must

Along Main Street



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

DDA MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Downtown Development Authority at noon on Thursday, March 21 at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street. Sandwiches will be provided.

The purpose is to review the proposal by Lee Jacokes to provide an assessment of community perspective and needs regarding Lowell.

LOWELL YOUTH FOOTBALL

The LYFL Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Creek P.T.O. room. Anyone is invited to attend.

MAPLE SYRUP RUN

The Lions Club presents the fourth-annual 5 K Maple Syrup Run Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. at the Sap House, Maple Hills Sugar Bush, 9306 Grand River Dr., Ada. The entry fee is \$13, if paid by March 18; \$15, March 19 to race day.

All proceeds benefit Lions community activities, sight conservation and services for the blind. For further information, call (616) 940-3373.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The annual meeting of the Fallasburg Historical Society will be held Monday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a potluck with beverages furnished, election of trustees and the speaker will be builder, Jeff DuPilka, owner of Westshore Museum Services.

For further information call 897-6430.

SPRING FLING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Spring Fling and Ice Cream Social will be held Tuesday, March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary.

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OBITUARIES

DENMAN - Maxine M. Denman, aged 75, of Saranac, passed away March 13, 1996. She was born May 15, 1920, in Cimmoner, Kansas, the daughter of Theodore and Ora (Scott) Reinhardt. She went to on marry Lloyd E. Denman June 22, 1939, in Ionia. He preceded her in death June 9, 1979. She worked at Saranac Elementary School for 20 years. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for a number of years. She is survived by three sons Jack and Duane Denman of Saranac and Ronald Denman of Lowell; two daughters Joan McDonald of Saranac and Janet Swiger of Saranac; brother Robert Reinhardt of Saranac; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday with burial in Saranac Cemetery. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home. Memorials to the Saranac Elementary School Library or the American Diabetes Foundation would be appreciated.

DUTKIEWICZ - Mr. Raymond W. Dutkiewicz, aged 80, of Grand Rapids,

passed away Tuesday, March 12, 1996 in Largo, FL. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances in December of 1991. Surviving are his children Susan J. Korte of Lowell, Shirley A. Dutkiewicz of Grand Rapids, Paul R. Dutkiewicz of Chantilly, VA; his grandchildren Michael J. Korte of Grand Rapids and David R. Korte of Utica, MI; and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Dutkiewicz was a veteran of WWII with the Army Air Corps, and a U.S. postal carrier retiring after more than 30 years of service. The Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Basilica of St. Adalbert with Rev. Fr. Leo Rosloniec as celebrant. Entombment in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to either the American Heart Association or the St. Adalbert Education Foundation.

HOATS - Florence L. Hoats, aged 93, of Lowell, died Sunday, March 17, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer and sons Joe, Jay and daughter Barbara Still. She is survived by her chil-

dren Margaret Hoats of Lowell, Julia Hoats of Palentine, IL, Mary Culham of Okemos; sister Ione Sherman of Somonauk, IL; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at First Congregational Church of Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 or American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

KOEWERS - Zona Ann Koewers, aged 80, of Scottsdale, Arizona died March 13, 1996, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born in Lyons, Michigan. She is survived by her daughter Dovina; her son Roger Koewers; sister

Avis Joliff and two grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday in Phoenix.

PEQUENO (LINDHOUT), (CURTIS) - Myrna Pequeno passed away on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1996, to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by Della L. Curtis and Clyde W. Curtis. She is survived by her long love and companion Bud Smith, her close friend Ann Jamrus, her friend and sister Joyce Stoecker (Hank) of Freeport, MI; her children Deborah Fahling (Steven), Robert Lindhout, Diane Snyder of Lowell, William Lindhout (Pam) of Wyoming, Marlene Zylstra (Mark), Carol Tope (Ronald) of Texas; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held, time and place announced at a

later date. Arrangements by Critterdon and Hanson Funeral Home.

RITTENGER - Frieda A. Rittenger, aged 96, of Grand Rapids, formerly of Lowell, died Thursday, March 14, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Rittenger. She is survived by her children Robert and Sharon Rittenger of Lowell; grandchildren Paul Rittenger, Diane and Paul Papranec, Denise and Mark Neubecker and four great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral services will be Thursday 1 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery with Rev. Gordon Barry of First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. There will no visitation

ZIMMERMAN (SWAN) - Sue J. Zimmerman, aged 53, of Lowell, died Sunday,

March 17, 1996. She was preceded in death by her brother Patrick, nephew Patrick, Swan and father Donald. She is survived by her husband of 32 years Ronald; children Rick Zimmerman, Greg (Amber) Zimmerman, all of Lowell; mother Jeanette Swan of Ada; brother Clifford Swan of Ada; sisters Marilyn (Denny) Grimm of Luther, MI, Leanne Swan of Ada, Denise (Stephan) Rector of Cedar Springs; mother and father-in-law Vivian and Lewis Zimmerman of Grand Rapids; many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Ted Porter officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands of Ionia. Interment Findley Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

Lowell Township buys defunct land to recover cost and start park

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

In an effort to recoup lost funds and to provide park space, Lowell Charter Township agreed to purchase two Tax Reverted Lands.

"This is the first time we've done this," said township supervisor John Timpson. "I asked the DNR how to do it; they gave me the paper work and now it's done."

Tax Reverted Lands are parcels of land property owners couldn't, didn't or wouldn't pay taxes on and as a result of not being payed are reverted back to the state of Michigan.

Once given to the state the land is made available to the municipality at a "nominal fee."

Timpson said the parcels, one 5-acre lot on Lowell View Drive and one 3-acre parcel

off Grand River Drive, will be purchased by the township at a cost of \$75 per parcel.

"We'll try to sell the 5-acre lot to recoup funds spent on legal fees and cleaning it up," Timpson said. "The other lot we'll try to use for our park, if we can purchase the rest of the nearby land."

Timpson couldn't reveal who owned either parcel, but said both properties will benefit the township.

"We spent more than \$6,000 cleaning up the one property, so we obviously would like to get some of that money back," he said. "The other parcel will help develop a park in that area."

The township has plans to develop a park on 70 acres of land off Grand River Drive, but must reach an agreement with the property owner regarding the purchasing price.

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to the office.

—Robert Frost

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Seven applicants - recipients of grant money from Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation announced its grant recipients.

The foundation doled out nearly \$6,000 to seven of the 15 applicants applying for grant money.

"The foundation has been up and running less than a year," Lowell Area Schools Education Foundation president Pinky McPherson said. "The board is extremely happy to be able to provide grants to projects that will enhance learning."

The foundation was started in the fall. In that short time, it has raised \$9,000.

"We will begin brainstorming for fundraising ideas which allow us to bring in more money and give away more grants next year," McPherson said.

The recipients of grant money this year were as follows:

• Dottie Roth, fourth-grade teacher at Cherry Creek El-

ementary, received grant money in the amount of \$600 for Michigan encampment. The money will be used to bring two guest historians to Alto and Cherry Creek for a presentation in May.

• Paula Blumm, an Alto parent, received grant money in the amount of \$900 to help with Alto's outdoor classroom (earth window and entrance arch). Efforts also are being made to get shrubs and trees donated toward the project.

• Jerry Biernacki, a history teacher at Lowell High School, will receive a grant in the amount of \$225 to help cover the cost of a Lowell history book that covers a specific Lowell time period.

• Sue Frasier, Lowell math teacher, will receive a grant not to exceed \$2,500 to help cover the cost of 30 TI-82 calculators for the advanced algebra class.

• James Kovach, Alto science teacher, will receive grant

money in the amount of \$400 to help purchase water sampling equipment to be used by third-, fourth- and fifth-graders at Alto.

• Mike Fillman and Paul Jacobus, fifth-grade teachers at Cherry Creek, will receive grant monies in the amount of \$500 to help fund the school radio station. The funds will help in the purchase of an on-line service, cassette tapes and a video camera.

• Nancy Anderson, Cherry Creek Elementary physical education teacher, will receive grant money in the amount of \$850 to help fund a two-day dance exercise workshop for students at Cherry Creek.

The foundation will be soliciting ideas and suggestions for fundraising. Its goal is to raise \$50,000 by next fall.

Donations of funds and items can be made by calling McPherson at 897-7203 or Marve Hasso at 897-5235.

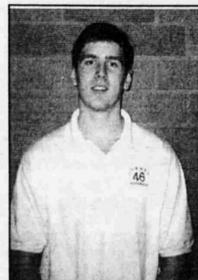
Lowell High School recognizes its February students-of-the-month

Each month four of the twelve Lowell High School departments select a student who has shown outstanding achievements in that particular subject area. Students of the month of February are: Brian Driesenga, Liz Zeeuw, Molly Wisner and Kelly Biener.

Molly Wisner, a freshman at Lowell High School, was selected by the foreign language department. Molly is an exceptional learner who not only self-directs her own learning but eagerly takes on the responsibility of aiding those who are struggling or in need.

Wisner's positive attitude and desire to succeed (despite challenges) are the reasons for her academic success. Her creativity, antonym and compassion are admired and appreciated by the class.

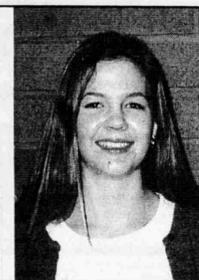
She has been involved in International Club and track



Brian Driesenga



Molly Wisner



Kelly Biener



Liz Zeeuw

and is active in 4-Hand Awana Club. Her favorite class is Spanish.

She is the daughter of Dave and Cathy Wisner of Lowell.

A senior, Liz Zeeuw was selected by the English department because she is an outstanding writer who is very creative. She is also a good

performer whether it be drama or public speaking. She loves to read and interpret literature and writes fantastic essays.

Zeeuw has been involved in drama club, art club, the all-school play, National Honor Society and International Club and was president of the drama club as a junior. She enjoys acting, reading,

photography, music, art, French and English classes and playing Pac-Man.

Her plans are to go to Western Michigan University next year to major in theater. She is the daughter of Bryan and Nan Zeeuw of Lowell.

Kelly Biener, a sophomore, was selected by the so-

cial studies department because she is a student who cares about her assignments and has a positive attitude in the classroom. She has been involved in cheerleading, track, Model UN, International Club and has been a student council representative. She is currently active in her youth group at the Lowell

United Methodist Church and enjoys boating on Lake Michigan and going out with her friends. This summer she plans on practicing her French during a three-week trip to France.

He is the son of Ginny Driesenga of Lowell.

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 11, 1996

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Jenny Jansma reported to the Board that there are 230 members in the SADD organization, spring sports have started, and there will be a Lowell High School musical held sometime in May.

FFA STATE CONVENTION - Pete Siler and members of the Lowell FFA were at the meeting to report on the awards received at the State Convention held in Lansing last week. The local chapter received 2 silver awards, 3 state runner-up awards, and 1 state award.

ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts to the district:

- A Franklin - Ace Apple II Compatible Computer valued at \$450 from Judie Silvis for student/classroom use.
- A printer and individual teacher classroom teaching materials valued at \$1,200 from Bushnell/Cherry Creek PTO for use by special education students.

Adopted the resolution calling for the annual school election to be held on Monday, June 10, 1996.

Approved the employment of Judith Thomas as middle school academic remediation teacher for the remainder of the 1995-96 school year.

CONSENT ITEMS -

Approved were:

- February 12, 1996 regular meeting minutes and the February 26, 1996 dialogue session minutes.
- Bond Projects:

- Gasper Construction \$8,810
- 2 girls softball dugouts at Cherry Creek
- McKearney Asphalt & Sealing, Inc. \$2,600
- Repair to Middle School Tennis Courts
- JR's Locker Service \$6,530
- Repaint & repair lockers at M.S.
- Endless Lawn Service \$1,900
- New tile for drainage at bus garage parking lot

Payment of Bills

The following payment of bills:

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| General Fund | \$ 821,232.77 |
| School Services Fund | |
| 1. Athletic Fund | \$ 47,630.41 |
| 2. Food Service Fund | \$ 95,512.46 |
| Trust and Agency Fund | \$ 17,613.11 |
| 1990 Building and Site Fund | \$ 34,394.73 |
| Personal Property Taxes Stricken | |
| City of Lowell | \$ 2,605.56 |
| Ada Township | \$ 161.13 |

• Resolution to participate in the Federal Property Assistance Program

BOARD POLICY #4111 - The Board adopted revisions to Board Policy #4111 entitled "Recruitment and Selection" on its second reading.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - Business Manager, Dale Folkert, reported that there was little change to the district's budget but that figures have not come in from the insurance company on repairs needed for roof repair at Cherry Creek and Central Office along with the well problem at Alto.

BOND PROJECT UPDATE - Larry Mikulski reported on several bond projects that will soon go out for bid. Those projects included Middle School air quality, parking lot and tennis courts at high school, exterior repair to Riverside, playgrounds at Alto-Bushnell-Runciman, H.S. Sprinkler/irrigation system, and the FFA building across from the high school. Bert Bleke explained that all building roofs would be inspected and repaired, if needed, before any future bond projects were approved.

PAY TO PLAY OPTIONS - Bert Bleke explained the following four options available for Pay to Play: Continue the program status quo, eliminate the pay to play, reduce the amount for pay to play, or take more time to study the fairness in conjunction with other extracurricular activi-

ties. Dale Folkert also gave three budget scenarios so the Board had an overall financial picture of where the district possibly could be in June before they decide on this issue.

18 MILL NON-HOMESTEAD TAX RENEWAL - Bert Bleke briefly explained that the Board will need to decide on the number of years the 18 Mill Non-Homestead Tax Renewal will be in effect. The number of years will be part of the School election ballot language resolution coming to the Board at the April meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL 7 BLOCK UPDATE - Scott Vashaw reviewed the concept, seminar, evaluation tools, and community awareness of the 7 block instructional day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Dennis VanderMeer stated that he did not agree with the grading policy for class retakes at the high school and also gave support for the 7 block concept. Joe Barnella expressed his concern about 7 block, raised a question as to how At Risk money is spent, and indicated that he felt the Board did not support Ellen McClain. Doris Roth made a positive comment about the FFA kids. Shawn Eshragh expressed his concern that the Board was rubber stamping the decisions of the superintendent.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board Dialogue Session - Monday, March 25, 1996 - 7:30 p.m. Bushnell Elementary - Media Center

Board Finance/Personnel Committee - Wednesday, March 27, 1996 - 7:30 a.m. - Administration Building - Conference Room South

Board Curriculum/Policy Committee - Thursday, March 28, 1996 - 7 a.m. Administration Building - Conference Room South

Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever (Psalm 37:18).

Back when I was a girl during depression days, I did not have as many pretty dresses as most girls do today. I had dresses for school - two cotton prints the fall I started high school. Then there was my "very best" dress which was reserved for Sundays. Sometimes I had a "second best" - one which was too good for school but not good enough for dress up. This was worn on "not so special" occasions.

God has a special plan, a "very best" one, for each life. It is unique and especially designed for the individual personality. His "very best" plan brings fulfillment and genuine satisfaction to the finder.

But there are many who have had to settle for God's "second best." Perhaps they

failed to seek His will for their lives early enough. Some never felt the need for God's guidance until it was too late. Others failed to make proper preparation. Fretting and grieving will not help these people. However, they can work willingly and faithfully at their assignments and finally claim the reward God has in store for those who must accept His "second best."

Prayer: O Lord, Thou knowest all about my days. Help me to work willingly and faithfully at the task Thou hast given me. May I so love that some day I shall joyfully claim my heavenly reward. Amen.

Oh, help us, Jesus, from on high:

We know no help but Thee!

Oh, help us so to live and die

As Thine in heaven to be. Henry Hart Milman



Jousma Takes the Inside Track
Alto first-grader Lyndsey Jousma was the winner of the "Name the Classroom" contest. Over 70 students entered their suggestion for the outdoor environmental classroom. Jousma's winning entry was "The Inside Out" classroom. For her effort, Jousma received a certificate and a bag of wildflower seed. Jousma is pictured with Paula Blumm.

AREA BIRTHS

Kelly and Matthew Kelley, of Saranac, are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Liam Matthew Kelley, born March 4, 1996 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 22 inches long. Grandparents are Jeanne and Ed Smit and Sherry and John Free, of Lowell; Jim and Jeanice Breimayer, of Saranac

and Darroll and Philena Kelley, of Morley. Lowell, are thrilled with their twelfth grand-lyrechaun.

Tony and Marion LaPenna of Grand Rapids are equally thrilled with their sixth grand-bambino.

Great Aunt Esther, of Spring Lake, and many cousins along with their parents welcome Joey with much love.

Bill and Peggy (Reagan) LaPenna, of Ada, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Joseph Thomas. He was born Friday, February 2, 1996 and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Bob and Carol Reagan, of Lowell, are thrilled with their twelfth grand-lyrechaun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- MARCH 14 - Venita Wheeler, Mike Stevens, Dan Baird, Kari Merriman.
- MARCH 15 - Daniel Vegter, Ward Boulard Jr., Brett Hobla.
- MARCH 16 - Greg Briggs, Louise Weeks, Emma Oesch.
- MARCH 18 - Bruce Phillips Jr., Chase Treglia, Jim Hacker.
- MARCH 19 - Jeremy Barber, Elmer Czapek, Terry B. Abel, Kimberly Dixon, Sean Ellison.
- MARCH 20 - John Roudabush.
- MARCH 21 - Terry Raymor, Ardis Barber, Gary Yeiter.
- MARCH 23 - Brian Gabrion.
- MARCH 24 - Joe Vezino Jr., Candy Speerstra, Isobel Edwards, Angela Titcombe.
- MARCH 25 - Chris Yeiter, Shirley Carigon.
- MARCH 26 - Margaret Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Maynard.
- MARCH 27 - Joel Roudabush, Kelly Geldersma.

School receives gifts

The Lowell School District was the recipient of two gifts valued at \$1,650. Judie Silvis donated a Franklin-Ace Apple II Computer valued at \$450 for student classroom use. The Bushnell/Cherry Creek PTO donated a printer and individual teacher/classroom teaching materials valued at \$1,200. Since the start of January, the district has received 11 gifts valued at \$29,425.

Correction....

In the February 28th edition of the Lowell Ledger, 10 of 65-70 young Lowell gymnasts in the YMCA gymnastics classes were identified in a picture. Those gymnasts also participated in a tumbling program at halftime of a recent Lowell High School boys basketball game.

School News

Week of March 25, 1996
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, California blend vegetables, blueberry muffin square, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow Sub Sandwich, lettuce salad, homemade chili soup, crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or chef salad, green beans, homemade dinner rolls & margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, carrot sticks, lettuce salad, frozen juice treat or canned fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Spring Vacation!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, chicken fajita or chef salad, choose 2: California blend, side salad or Spanish rice, blueberry muffin squares, margarine & syrup, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Sub sandwich, hot dog in a bun or chef salad w/bread, choose 2: soup, side salad or 1/2 deli dill pickle, crackers, fruit or fruit onsp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets or roast beef or chef salad, choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans or side salad, homemade dinner roll w/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, lasagna or chef salad w/bread, choose 2: carrot sticks, side salad or fruit juice, frozen juice bar or canned fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Spring Break!

New York was the first state to require the licensing of motor vehicles. The law was adopted in 1901.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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| <p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. BARTHA Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p> | | <p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. 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>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p> |
| <p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p> | <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA & J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting; Wednesday.....6:45 P.M. JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p> | | <p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p> |
| <p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7165 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>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>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>100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 20, 1896 Winter term of primary and grammar grades will close with exhibits of pupil work in the afternoon Friday and a program by the children in the evening, admission 10¢.</p> |
| <p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p> | <p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 867-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p> | <p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank 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. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p> |

Viewpoint . . .

Thad's Thoughts

From everything I have read and heard on television, the popular spin on Abdul-Rauf's decision to sit out the national anthem was that he should be commended and applauded for having the courage to stand up (or should I say sit up straight) for his beliefs and convictions.

I also read that his rights, which the flag represents, were taken away when the National Basketball Association suspended him and fined him \$30,000 a game until he decided to stand up for the American flag.

The name Abdul-Rauf may lead some to think he was not born a red, white and blue American. When he attended Louisiana State University, he was known by his birth name, Chris Jackson.

Since his playing days at LSU, he has found the Muslim faith - a faith he is obviously committed to.

The popular spin from other NBA players and columnists was if you believe in the Constitution and in the freedom it represents, then one must support Rauf's decision.

I'm all for his religious freedoms and any freedom scrolled out in the Constitution.

The national anthem and the flag Americans salute when it's played celebrate our freedoms and our brave forefathers who fought and gave their lives so those who followed could live in a land of freedom.

Standing is a small and symbolic way for all of us to remember, reflect and show our respect and gratitude. It's not meant to be about our day-to-day struggles and the ills which

we as a "whole" society have brought upon ourselves. Furthermore, it's not meant to be used as a symbol to fight those ills.

If Rauf is terribly shaken by the oppression and tyranny that remains in this land, I suggest that showing disrespect and manipulating what the flag represents to fit his beliefs is not the answer.

Furthermore, in what other land where tyranny and oppression exist could he earn \$30,000 a basketball game?

If Rauf wants to know true tyranny and oppression, take a first-class flight to South Africa, China or Cuba. Maybe then the freedoms and rights represented by the American flag won't look so bad.

A well-known local sports editor wrote that often it is a pain in the posterior to stand for the national anthem. He rationalized this disturbing thought by saying that often people aren't being respectful while the anthem is being played.

I suggest that maybe he needs to get out of his chair and exercise a little more. I also suggest that the solution isn't to do away with the anthem at sporting events, although this would give him and others time to go get a hot dog.

Hakeem Olajawon, Muslim, and one of the all-time great centers to play basketball, was critical of Rauf's vision of what was included in the Muslim faith. Olajawon explained that the Muslim faith encourages its followers to show respect to the flag of the country one lives in.

Not long after Hakeem's comments, Rauf released a statement that it was his intention to try and live a peaceful life, play basketball and perfect his humanity to the highest level possible.

I suggest, and it sounds like the Muslim faith suggested it also, that this includes standing for the national anthem. Late last week Rauf returned to his team (Denver Nuggets) and now stands for the anthem.

A Louisiana woman gave birth to a baby girl. The father of the girl has been dead for two years. The pregnancy and

eventual birth were made possible through the storage of the father's semen and eventual artificial insemination. The question arose recently whether the girl was still eligible to receive the monetary benefits entitled to the father's offspring even though her birth came two years after his death. A Louisiana court ruled she was entitled to the benefits.

Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison were offered \$225 million to do a 21 (I think) city tour in the U.S. They turned it down. They said they didn't think a tour should be done without John Lennon.

Not only is the Beatles music ageless, but it is refreshing that the Fab Four minus one understand its history and just how integral a part Lennon was to the success of the Beatles.

It's time to hand out a few kudos to some Lowell High School athletes. I start with Brenda Lacey. She was the first Lowell gymnast in five years to qualify for the individual state competition. Lacey is only a sophomore. Watching her over the next two years should provide plenty of excitement for the Lowell gymnastics program. The physical and mental toughness required by athletes in the sport of gymnastics may be unequalled in any other high school sport.

Those qualities can also be applied to Lowell wrestler Dan Spicer. Saturday, March 9, marked the third consecutive year Spicer has medaled at the individual state competition in Battle Creek. Spicer's excellence in the sport of wrestling is defined by his three trips to the state competition and the fact he finishes his four years at Lowell with the most wins (164) in a career by any Lowell wrestler. That means Spicer averaged 41 wins per year.

One of the most often heard comments by coaches at any school is how nice it is to see an athlete have his/her best year as a senior. Well, that can be said for Matt Inman. The senior put it all together in this his final year wrestling for Lowell. For his efforts he earned himself a trip to the state tournament.

By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 20, 1896
Winter term of primary and grammar grades will close with exhibits of pupil work in the afternoon Friday and a program by the children in the evening, admission 10¢.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Seems to me sheer nonsense for the city of Lowell to destroy trees and grass and replace them with sidewalks!

I have seen many young people walking in the streets when there are sidewalks available.

If anything is going to help homo sapiens survive on this planet, it is going to be Mother Earth with all the trees, plants, streams and lakes. Save, don't destroy!

The future benefits are far greater than covering the earth with asphalt, cement and buildings.

Bertha B. Brown

Dear Editor,

What an exciting day it was Saturday, March 2, at the high school regional gymnastic competition in Holland. Even though the weather was rotten, the Lowell team was there for their three qualifiers to compete. Congratulations goes out to Brenda Lacey for qualifying that day on balance beam to compete at the state finals. This is the first time in five years Lowell has had a gymnast qualify for a state meet.

Can you believe that this is the sport the Lowell High School athletic department is considering dropping next year simply because there were only four girls on the team this year?

"Buck," a self-proclaimed divine healer, is arrested in Grand Rapids and charged with hugging and kissing a woman who went to him for treatment.

The Triumph yellow peach, earliest freestone, is lauded on the front page by peach king J.H. Hale. It was developed in Michigan.

Early intellectual property? Thum Bros. sues a former employee who alone knew the secret formula for their flypaper. He took the formula to another company.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 17, 1921
And still more local column heads, installment #3: Seeley Corners 5 miles, McCords & Whitneyville Matters, Vergenes Echoes.

Lowell's election turnout, largest in years (759) and including many women, sticks by the incumbent citizen's ticket.

The Senior Civics class has studied balloting for a week, culminating in a field trip to observe balloting at the Lowell polls and finally doing their own straw vote.

A state constitutional amendment to allow county commissions ("home rule") is deflated because "large cities would dominate the counties."

Wesley Johnson, 73, took a 6-foot crosscut saw and cut,

trimmed and cut into sections a large tree in his swamp, alone. The saw was bought at an auction for 10¢.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 21, 1946
Dr. MacDonald has been discharged from the Navy and will resume practice with Dr. Shepard.

The Lowell Creamery is selling milk in the new square-cornered bottles, which save refrigerator space.

The FFA is sponsoring another waste-paper drive. There is still a paper shortage.

No state fair this year. The army has released the fairgrounds, but continuing shortages of labor and material will make the reconversion impossible this year.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 18, 1971
Lowell High School band receives a first division rating at the District band festival.

This week it's an 11-year-old boy crime wave; he broke into several cars and the junior high school.

The owner of the B & O Store is found guilty of arson to collect insurance, in a fire last June.

Michigan has 116 aviation schools.

Only one member on this year's team is a senior and the others are juniors. It is not fair to expect these girls to be able to pick up a brand new sport for their senior year.

Sure, interest is lacking in the sport at the moment. But there are other girls entering Lowell High School soon who are interested in competing on this team. Boys can try out for gymnastics even though it is not presently offered to boys. If high numbers of students trying out for the sport are what is necessary to maintain the sport at Lowell, then let's open it up to Saranac, Forest Hills, or Belding schools. Other schools in our Rainbow Conference League have had several years of declining interest in the sport. But rather than dropping the sport, they joined with another school to continue to provide the sport for their schools. Then they both share in the cost for the program. Schools that are currently doing this are: Creston/Central, West Catholic/Catholic, Union/Ottawa, Mona Shores/Norton Shores, Portage/Northern Portage.

We have also had neighboring schools drop the sport after having offered it for many years. Ionia Public School for years held all practices and meets at the National Guard Armory, even though it was not large enough. Ionia built a big beautiful new school, but never made plans to accommodate this sport in the new building. The sport only lasted for two more years, with practices and meets switched to the old high school. Even though the school had more than enough girls for a team, the sport was dropped due to the "unavailability of obtaining a coach."

East Kentwood High School also dropped the sport. But after much effort by parents and students alike, the sport returned after three years. This is a rarity. Once a sport is

dropped schools seldom, if ever, will reestablish it. East Kentwood qualified as a team to go to state competition this year for the first time.

The gymnastic sport develops self-discipline, concentration, strength, flexibility, endurance and courage. "Anyone" can compete on a high school team as long as they have routines choreographed to meet as many of the event requirements as possible. This is where the high school sport differs from the club sport. In club, competition is fierce. Only the most advanced are allowed to compete. That is why high school gymnastics provides a much needed niche for our area teens. Anyone and everyone should have the opportunity to compete no matter what their ability. Proficiency in the sport has no bearing on the qualities one obtains simply by practicing and competing in this sport.

It would be a great tragedy if this sport were dropped from our local high school athletic department. Instead, let's join together to encourage the athletic department to provide adequate practice room and equipment for our gymnastic team. Let's encourage other teens to try out for the team and show them your support by attending their meets and cheering them on. Please be sure to tell Barry Hobla, Lowell High School athletic director, with a phone call or a letter of your interest in maintaining this sport at Lowell.

Sincerely,
Kathy Swift
Michigan High School
Athletic Association Gymnastic Judge
(1989-1996)



STATE SCHOOL AID BUDGET INCREASE

Over the past few years, the Michigan Legislature has shown a great commitment to the education of our children. A few years ago, we revamped the way that schools are funded and provided guaranteed per-pupil funding for our public schools. We've set up one of the most extensive charter school programs in the country in order to give parents and children a choice as to the education of our students. Last year, we totally reformed our school code by removing pages of unnecessary and burdensome regulations and returned more power to parents and local school officials in shaping the kind of education that is offered.

The legislature is making such a commitment to education because we know that the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. It's our responsibility and our duty as parents and adults to ensure that our students are prepared for whatever the future may hold. Educational excellence for our children is one of our most important goals.

The overwhelming changes in technology make quality education even more important. The information superhighway has opened doors and minds, and brings the world to our doorstep. Even if you are computer challenged, technology affects you. News from around the world is transmitted in minutes, by satellites, computers and fax machines. Communication is made easier by pagers and cellular phones. It's just about impossible to escape technology today.

Recently a proposal was introduced in the Senate, that would increase funding for the 1996-97 state school aid budget by \$150 million and provide added funds for technology in education.

The proposal incorporates a \$58 million federal tax assumption and an anticipated \$80 million multi-state lottery revenue increase with an \$18 million balance currently in the School Aid Fund. The additional funds, injected into the foundation allowance, will provide districts with a larger increase than was earlier anticipated for 1996-97. Specifically, the plan would raise the basic foundation allowance from its 1995-96 level of \$5,153 to \$5,345 in 1996-97 - an increase of \$192.

The creation of a one-time \$20 per-pupil computer technol-

ogy grant which would rely on \$32.5 million from the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS) reserve account for health benefits, has also been proposed.

These one-time funds will be specifically targeted toward bringing technology to the children of this state. By providing an opportunity for children to learn technology first-hand in the classroom, we will be helping to secure them a place in the world of tomorrow. Knowledge is a powerful tool. This funding proposal will go far to provide our children with the resources they need for a brighter future in the global market of tomorrow.

In the next couple of weeks, the Senate will be working on these budget issues. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions or comments.

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



FEVER

A fever is nature's way of telling us we are fighting off an infection. Most fevers are due to a viral or bacterial infection. No one really knows what purpose an elevated temperature serves. Some researchers feel that a fever may help kill the invading organism but other studies have shown that many organisms thrive at a higher temperature.

Most now believe that a fever helps boost the immune system. Research has shown that an elevated temperature leads to the production of certain types of white blood cells that attack invading germs. A fever may also inhibit the bacteria's ability to utilize our iron stores.

A fever starts after patrolling white cells devour an invading organism. The cells send a message to the brain causing a reset of the body's thermostat. Your body responds by shivering which produces extra heat. Blood vessels near the skin surface constrict, leading to retention of the heat inside your body.

Unless your temperature is extremely high (greater than 104) you really don't have to treat it and it may help in the fight against an infection. If your fever really makes you feel lousy, you can take aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen which helps reduce the fever and reduces some of the general achiness. Aspirin should not be used in children, unless directed by your physician, due to a slight increased risk of Reye's Syndrome. There is no evidence to show that bringing down a fever prolongs the illness responsible for the elevated temperature.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996.

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

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

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the February 20, 1996 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.
YEA: Councilmembers Myers, Shores, Green, Hodges and Mayor Thompson.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/04/96)

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| GENERAL FUND | \$50,358.95 |
| MAJOR STREET FUND | 813.48 |
| LOCAL STREET FUND | 542.30 |
| DDA FUND | 6,108.90 |
| BUILDING & SITE FUND | 3,498.15 |
| DATA PROCESSING FUND | 288.00 |
| CURRENT TAX FUND | 640,337.35 |
| AIRPORT FUND | 32.91 |
| SEWER FUND | 4,983.50 |
| WATER FUND | 645.01 |
| EQUIPMENT FUND | 125.00 |
| LOOK FUND | 17,772.99 |

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 199 SMITH STREET - OPTEC, INC., - VARIANCES IN CONSIDERATION OF A 1300 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION - PUBLIC HEARING. The public hearing was opened to consider two variances requested by Gerald Persha, owner of Optec, Inc., who wished to construct a 1300 square foot building addition to his present building accommodating a precision machine shop. First, a 30 foot variance is needed from the required 50 foot setback on Chatham Street. Second, a variance is required to expand an existing use on a nonconforming lot. The lot

contains 17,424 square feet, where 20,000 square feet is needed for industrial use.

Chairman Shores of the Zoning Board asked if the City had received any letters or comments regarding these variances. Deputy City Clerk Morlock stated that a resident on Chatham stated that he had no objections to the variances as long as the property continues to be kept neat and clean. City Manager Pasquale noted that the Planning Commission approved the site plan last Monday, February 26, 1996 and further recommended approval of the variances to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Myers, who attended the Planning Commission meeting, mentioned that there were no citizens present with any concerns. The discussion of the Planning Commission was positive and unanimously approved to recommend the variances.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to approve the two variances concerning the 30 foot setback on Chatham Street where 50 feet is required and the nonconforming lot size of 17,424 square feet where 20,000 square feet is needed to construct a 1300 square foot addition at Optec, Inc., 199 Smith Street.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE ROBERTA JAYNE STREET UNDERDRAIN SEWER. At the January 2, 1996 meeting, the Council decided to proceed with the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain sewer project. This drain will be constructed immediately to the west of the street helping to relieve ground water problems experienced by approximately ten homes located on Roberta Jayne.

In order to insure that the project is constructed during the summer of 1996, it is necessary that engineering commence at this time. It was recommended that McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Inc., which undertook the Roberta Jayne Stormwater study, provide the services for design and construction engineering. A proposal of \$15,000 was received that outlined the scope of services. The General Fund would be responsible for this amount with the majority of the construction expenditures provided by the Community Development Block Grant.

Councilmember Shores asked if the engineering would be placed for a bid. City Manager Pasquale responded that the City previously asked for stormwater study proposals from several firms. McNamee was awarded the project. Since this firm has completed the study and has the information, it appears sensible to have McNamee do the engineering.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to approve the contract with McNamee, Porter and Seeley, Inc. to carry out the engineering design and construction services for the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain sewer project for \$15,000 allocated from the General Fund.

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

Item #3. PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT - ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR LEASE WITH THE BUILDING AUTHORITY. City Attorney Richard Wendt stated that the Building Authority had been formed to be the vehicle to provide the financing of the new library for those funds needed in addition to the contributions already made. The resolution is a contract of lease between the Building Authority and the City whereby the City agrees to pay the debt service on the bonds issued by the Authority. It is currently proposed that the Building Authority will issue bonds in the amount of \$745,000. This assumed that the bids received on March 5, 1996 for construction of the project would be within estimates. Second, the City will provide a contribution in the amount of approximately \$150,000. Finally, various other contributions will be made to assist financing the cost.

The Building Authority structured the financing so that the bonds will be a term of ten years, front end loaded. This means during the first four years, a large amount of the principal will be paid, taking into account the funds from the benefactor gift and the additional revenues pledged from the Look Memorial Fund. So in effect, the City will be paying off more principal early in the first four years.

The Building Authority met earlier and adopted a resolution which authorized the competitive bids for the bonds to be taken on March 14, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. At 5:30 p.m., the Building Authority will award the bid on the bonds. It has been tentatively scheduled that the bond issue would be closed and have the funds available by March 27 or 28, 1996.

With respect to this contract, Wendt also noted that the City is pledging its limited full faith in credit as security for these debt service payments. Thus, the City has agreed to extend funds available from the authorized tax levy, up to the maximum if necessary. By doing this, a much better interest rate on the bonds is provided.

The Building Authority authorized David Pasquale, a member of the Authority, to seek a maximum of \$850,000 in bonds. If necessary, this would be reflected in this contract and in the debt service paid on the bond issue.

Gypsy moths take a bite out of township with spray program

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Gypsy moths beware- Lowell Charter Township officials have your number.

The township board approved spraying nine 40-acre parcels in an effort to eradicate the pests before they get out of control.

Approving the aerial spraying program, which will take place this spring, will cost township property owners \$5,940.

Sending county officials the funds to start the spraying helps end one problem, but may add another for the township board.

"We can't wait to see if people will participate, so the township will pay now and try to collect later," said township supervisor John Timpson. "If people don't, can't or won't pay their portion of the spraying, then we (the township) may have to add it to their tax bill."

Spraying for the pest will benefit the entire township, but

paying for it will have to come out of the pockets of landowners who have the pests in their trees.

Timpson said the county would only participate in funding the program if egg masses of 302 per 40-acre parcels were found.

"We didn't even come close to that figure. I think the most we had in one spray area was 170," Timpson said. "Because of that, the county will not participate."

The spraying cost is \$16.50 per acre and residents whose property lies within the designated areas will be billed by the township.

"Ada tried to bill ahead and there wasn't healthy participation," Timpson said. "Putting it on the tax bill may be our only option if they don't pay."

Adding to the township's problems are property owners who don't have sufficient numbers of moths to warrant spraying, but still want to be a part of the program.

"We don't know what to do with those people," said Timpson. "If one person wants it and his neighbor doesn't, then it presents a lot of problems. You can't spray within 100

yards of the property of somebody who doesn't want their land sprayed."

Because of that situation Timpson said all land within the 40-acre parcels must be sprayed.

"I can understand if a farmer has the moths only in his tree line and doesn't want to pay, but these moths just don't go away," he said. "If we don't get rid of them now, it will get worse."

The areas which will receive spraying include:
Two 40-acre parcels along 36th Street and Pratt Lake Avenue. The infestation in this area equals 250 egg masses.

Two 40-acre parcels on the north and south side of Alden Nash Avenue, west of Emery Drive.

A 40-acre parcel north of Tip Top Gravel on Hawthorne Hills.

Two 40-acre parcels on Timpson Avenue, north of 36th Street.

One 40-acre parcel on the corner of Cascade Road and Hilton Avenue.

GIS and Cumberland Manor offer seminar on long-term care

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The cost and effects of long-term care will be the topic of discussion at the "Realities and Myths" seminar on April 9 at Cumberland Manor in the activity room at 7 p.m.

Mike McNeil, of Growth, Integrity and Security, and Lynne Bylsma, L.P.N., Cumberland Retirement Village, will use the seminar to educate the public on the problems with long-term care and discuss policies that have been designed

to help cover costs related to long-term care.

"I think it is important people know that there are ways to plan for long-term care," McNeil said.

Long-term care currently costs approximately \$3,000 a month. Medicare covers only two percent of all claims and is limited in nature.

Medicaid covers some of the costs; however, a person needs to be destitute before Medicaid pays anything, according to McNeil. He added that many facilities do not accept

Medicaid patients.

Growth, Integrity and Security is a planning firm which works with individuals focusing on designing solutions that will help clients keep more of the money they earn and help them avoid the problems of retirement, by utilizing tax-advantaged products.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Councilmember Myers also noted that there is one more grant application, but a possible award should be known by April.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to adopt the resolution authorizing entering into a contract for lease with the Building Authority for the Public Library Construction Bond.

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

Item #4. PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FOREMAN - ELM SIDEWALKS PROJECT. As discussed over the past year, the construction of new sidewalks and repair of old would be carried out on Foreman Road and Elm Street. These areas are priorities because of school foot traffic. Last year, the property owners were notified of this proposal.

DPW Director Art Gall had assembled preliminary estimates of cost for each affected property owner. The Elm Street project includes one new sidewalk and eight repaired walks totalling \$5,571 in estimated costs, while the Foreman Road project provided 20 new walks and 7 repaired walks totalling \$83,719.60 in cost. Also, the City has \$4,818.50 in charges for municipally owned property (primarily intersection work). Gall mentioned that the City should consider who would be responsible for tree removal on the right of way, the City or the property owner. The cost could be possibly shared. The City should also consider extending some culverts on the western end of Foreman. Gall also mentioned the alternative of installing four foot wide sidewalks, which could lower the cost. It was also discussed that the City could decide whether to exempt a side, particularly the first block of Foreman from Riverside to Hudson on the south side because of the narrowness between homes to the street.

City Manager Pasquale said that the City staff need to know if the Council wishes to proceed with this project and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the special assessment documents so that the process can be started.

Councilmember Hodges stated that the special assessment issue needs to be handled now rather than fine tuning walk location on each parcel. Pasquale responded that the Council can include all of these subject properties. If any are to be exempted, it could be done at the end of the process. City Attorney Wendt stated that the process includes two public hearings. First, a special assessment district is proposed including properties within the project area, which likely would be special assessed. After establishing the district, the City would seek sealed bids for the repair of the old and installation of the new sidewalks. If these bids are too costly, the

project could be stopped at this point. If the prices are reasonable, then a public hearing on a special assessment roll is held, which identifies special assessment costs, the interest rate and duration for each parcel.

Councilmember Myers asked if these areas are part of an overall long range plan for sidewalk repair and installation. Pasquale said that the Council last year determined that these were the priority areas because of the school pedestrian traffic.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and supported by HODGES to direct the City Attorney to prepare the documents for the Special Assessment district and roll involving the Foreman Road and Elm Street sidewalk project.

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

Item #5. ELECTRIC SERVICE UPGRADE TO CITY HALL. At the January 2, 1996 meeting, Council authorized staff to secure quotes to upgrade the electric services at City Hall. Specifications were reviewed by Electrical Inspector Bob Winchester. The following quotes were received:

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| Schneider Electric (Lowell) | \$1,529.19 |
| Rickert Electric (Lowell) | 1,856.00 |
| Ward Electric (Ada) | 4,200.00 |
| River City Electronics (Grandville) | 4,695.00 |

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the low quote from Schneider Electric to upgrade the electric service at City Hall for \$1,529.19.

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

Item #6. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Dave Austin of 908 Lincoln Lake requested that the Council carefully review the specifications for proposed sidewalks on Foreman. There are many obstacles, particularly the north side, such as trees and power poles. Austin also mentioned that the City be very cautious on installing four foot sidewalks as opposed to the specified five feet sidewalks. The safety aspect of installing sidewalks abutting the curb should be considered. It was also stated that there are seven driveways on the north side of Foreman compared to only two driveways on the south side to examine when routing children to the schools. The Council needs to value safety instead of aesthetics in the alignment of the sidewalks along Foreman.

Austin also asked what is the time table for property owners to decide whether to install the sidewalks themselves. Pasquale said that property owners should contact

the City as soon as possible if they wish to install their own sidewalks. But a decision must be done before bids are sought.

Mayor Thompson stated that all property owners will be involved in the sidewalk project process.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers asked the condition of the pavement on Horatio Street (between M-21 and Avery just west of the Roll Away Ltd. Bowling and Skating) be examined based on a complaint received from a resident. Also last Thursday, March 7th, he had the opportunity to visit to the City facilities with City Manager Pasquale. Being very informative, Councilmember Myers wished to publicly thank those individuals, employees and department heads involved in the tours.

Councilmember Myers wanted the City to consider working with the School District on providing the Council meetings taped for Cable. The School has acquired, as a gift from the Sports Boosters, new video equipment to tape such activities as School Board meetings and sports events. In discussing this with the Schools, taping of these meetings for educational purposes could be provided as well as giving a continued opportunity for these meetings to be aired on the local cable station.

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

a. Copies of the January 22 Planning Commission meeting were provided. At its February 26 meeting, the Commission received a proposal to provide a plastic recycling company at 211 S. Washington. It was determined that such a proposal requires rezoning to accommodate the industrial use, currently zoned R-3, Multiple Family Residential. The petitioners decided to wait before pursuing the request.

b. The Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 13. Prior to receive appeals, the current taxable value for the City is \$71,735,193.

c. Bids for the new library will be opened on Tuesday, March 5 at 2 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 18, 1996

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

All parents, grandparents, siblings and community members are invited to attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Lowell Area Fire Department, will be held Saturday, March 30 at the Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. Pancakes,

eggs, sausage, coffee and milk will be served from 7 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Proceeds go toward fire equipment.

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historic Association will be having a program March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Creekside. The topic will be on the proposed historic district in Lowell. Members and guests are all welcome.

OFF THE BLOTTER

David DeShone, 25, of Lowell, was injured in an accident March 12 when he struck a snow pile and utility pole on Bowes

Rd. near M-21.

Jeani Howe reported to Lowell police that her vehicle was struck by a hit and run driver while parked on Center St. near Heffron on March 11.

A 16-year-old juvenile, from Grand Rapids, was arrested March 15 after being apprehended in Ada with a vehicle that was stolen from Lowell about 15 minutes earlier.

A wrecker driven by Gabriel VanderWulp, 21, of Ada, backed into a vehicle owned by Arturo Gomez Jr., of Lowell, while Gomez' vehicle was parked in a parking lot on Hunt St. March 10. No one was injured.

Roy Morse, 34, of Lowell, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, third offense, March 12.

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this year. It's hard to determine how many we will have each year," she said.

To make up for the shortfall, the township took \$4,000 from its library fund account and used \$16,445 from its contingency fund.

"That's what the contingency fund is there for, to make up for any over expenditures," she said. "We had extra funds in our library account because the county mileage kicked in this year and I put a full year's payment down in case it didn't kick in."

Lowell's business director Dale Folkert explains that what the proposal shows isn't necessarily what schools are getting.

The 2.53 percent increase for next year is supposed to be calculated from the basic foundation grant.

Instead, the increase is being figured from \$5,136-\$17 less than the basic foundation grant (\$5,153), lowering the actual increase to about 2.2 percent. Either way the increase is below the rate of inflation which was 3.1 percent for this region.

"The Governor's increase to the grant is less than inflation," Folkert said. "If these are good times for the state of Michigan, what happens in bad times?"

Senator Dan DeGrow has submitted an alternative proposal to the Senate Subcommittee. DeGrow's proposal is a little more optimistic.

His proposal calls for an increase of 3.73 percent in the basic foundation grant. The increase would total 5.3 percent, including the catch-up monies.

"DeGrow's proposal sounds good, but there are questions as to where the money would come from," Folkert said.

Folkert believes the final number will be somewhere between the Governor's proposal and DeGrow's.

The school finance director, through his own projections, comes up with additional revenues totaling \$55,758.

The school board's decision as to what it wants to do with the pay to play policy will depend on which projection is closest to being correct.

Another factor in its decision will be the district's fund balance. The fund equity currently stands at \$2.3 million.

Folkert said if the board decides to use \$60,000 from the school's fund balance, he could go along with that decision as long as the fund balance doesn't drop below \$2 million.

"It's important that the school administration and school board look at the whole picture and not just a segment, before deciding what to do with the pay to play policy," Folkert said.

Township hall facelift complete with landscape project

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The beauty of Lowell Charter Township's new hall is evident on the inside, but now it's time to make the outward appearance just as nice.

The township board agreed to improve their exterior with the hiring of Cascade

Sprinkling and Ullery Landscaping and Design at a cost of more than \$10,000.

The township will spend \$7,650 of the funds to have Ullery plant shrubs, ornamental trees, evergreen trees, perennials, stones, seed, fertilizer and mulch around the newly renovated structure.

Once planted the items will need to flourish and that is when the township's payment of \$3,200 to Cascade will pay off.

"To maintain any landscaping design and product you need good irrigation," said township supervisor John Timpson.

Timpson said Cascade's bid wasn't the lowest submitted, out of five, but it had more for the money.

Ullery's bid was the lowest in the landscaping bids and includes replanting evergreens around the flagpole, constructing a "rock green way" to accommodate water runoff and seed lawn in an area designated as a "play space for children."

"Once completed the hall will look good inside and out," Timpson said.

To most men, experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

ANNUAL REPORT OF PRIVATE FOUNDATION NOTICE

The annual report of the Lowell Area Housing, Inc. Foundation for the year ending December 31, 1995, is available for inspection at its principal office, 725 Bowes Road, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests within 180 days after date of this notice.

Dated: March 20, 1996

Phillip H. Schneider, Jr.
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FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22 THRU MARCH 28

Movie fans, industry insiders and celebrities galore will be on hand for the 68th annual Academy Awards, airing Monday on ABC. Led by host Whoopi Goldberg, a corps of presenters will pass out the coveted Oscar statuettes in categories ranging from best picture to best music.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 23, 1996 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 23, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

SATURDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 23, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 24, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 24, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 25, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 25, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 26, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 27, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 27, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

| THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 28, 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
| BROADCAST STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | WVMT | Wheel of Fortune | Jeopardy! | Murder, She Wrote "Evidence of Malice" | Rescue 911 (In Stereo) | 48 Hours (In Stereo) | News | Late Show (In Stereo) | | |
| 4 | WOTV | Highway Patrol | LAPD (In Stereo) | World Videos | Before Stars! | Movie: ** "Taking Care of Business" (1990) James Belushi, Anne DeSalvo, (In Stereo) | News | Nightline | | |
| 5 | WGVU | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Practical Sports | This Old House | Michigan Out-of-Doors | Traislide: Adventure | Waiting for God | Charlie Rose (In Stereo) | |
| 7 | WXMI | Home Improvement | Seinfeld (In Stereo) | Living Single (R) | Martin "Love T.K.O." | New York Undercover "Internal Affairs" (R) | Tales From the Crypt | Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Second Skin" (R) | Tonight Show | |
| 8 | WOOD | Extra (In Stereo) | Inside Edition | Friends (In Stereo) | Boston Common | Seinfeld "The Rye" (R) | Caroline in the City | ER "The Match Game" (In Stereo) | Late Show (In Stereo) | |
| 16 | WLNS | Entertainment Tonight | Hard Copy | Murder, She Wrote "Evidence of Malice" | Boston Common | Rescue 911 (In Stereo) | Caroline in the City | ER "The Match Game" (In Stereo) | Tonight Show | |
| 19 | WILX | Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Outcast" | | Practical Sports | Wild America | This Old House | Frugal Gourmet (R) | Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" "Fat Chance" (R) | Practical Sports | Wild America (R) |
| 23 | WKAR | NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | | Practical Sports | Wild America | This Old House | Frugal Gourmet (R) | Mystery! "Inspector Morse VI" "Fat Chance" (R) | Practical Sports | Wild America (R) |
| 23 | WZZM | Entertainment Tonight | Hard Copy | World Videos | Before Stars! | Movie: ** "Taking Care of Business" (1990) James Belushi, Anne DeSalvo, (In Stereo) | News | News | Nightline | |
| 27 | WSYM | Home Improvement | Roseanne "Saturday" | Living Single (R) | Martin "Love T.K.O." | New York Undercover "Internal Affairs" (R) | Cops (In Stereo) | Highway Patrol | Jenny Jones | |
| CABLE STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | TBS | Funniest Home Videos | Funniest Home Videos | Movie: *** "The Love Bug" (1969) Dean Jones, Buddy Hackett. | | Movie: ** "Surf Ninjas" (1993) Eric Reyes Jr., Nicolas Cowan. | | | | |
| 18 | FAM | Waltons "The Rump" | | Highway to Heaven "Cindy" (In Stereo) | Rescue 911 (In Stereo) | 700 Club | | Three Stooges | | |
| 20 | FX | Fall Guy "Love Paris" | | Hart to Hart "Harts on the Scent" | Trapper John, M.D. "Friends and Lovers" | In Living Color | In Living Color | Vegas "The Golden Gate Cop Killer" (Part 2 of 2) | | |
| 20 | USA | Wings "El T. Antonio" | | Movie: ** "The Babe" (1992) John Goodman, Tim Lincecum, (In Stereo) | | Highlander: The Series "Line of Fire" (In Stereo) | | Silk Stalkings "Schemes Like Old Times" (R) | | |
| 20 | DISC | Invention (R) | | Wild Discovery "In Grizzly Country" (R) | Movie Magic (R) | Know Zone | | Movie Magic (R) | Invention (R) | |
| 20 | WGN | Family Matters | Newhart | Bulls Eye (In Stereo) | NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Chicago Bulls. From United Center. (In Stereo Live) | | | News (In Stereo) | Simon & Simon | |
| 20 | ESPN | Sportscenter | Basketball: Collegiate 3-Point & Slam Dunk Championship. From New York. | College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Championship - Teams to Be Announced. (Live) | | | | Sportscenter: Final Four Edition | | |
| 20 | CNN | Moneyline | Crossfire | Prime News | Inside Politics | Larry King Live | | World Today | Sports Tonight | Moneyline (R) |
| 20 | NICK | Doug (In Stereo) | Tiny Toon Adventures | Munsters | I Dream of Jeannie | I Love Lucy | Bewitched | Mary Tyler Moore | Wiki "Elegant Iggy" | Welcome Back, Kotter |
| 20 | A&E | Equalizer "Sea of Fire" | | Biography: Winchell: The Voice of America | Ancient Mysteries "The Rosetta Stone" | Ape Man: "Story of Human Evolution" (Part 3 of 4) | | Press Box | Boxing: Michigan Golden Gloves Tournament | Boxing: Gold Gloves |
| 20 | PASS | Red Wings Hotline | College Hockey U.S.A. | Tennis: ATP Nokia Grand Prix Final. From Essen, Germany. | | | | | | |
| 20 | TNT | In the Heat of the Night "Even Nice People" | | Movie: **** "2001: A Space Odyssey" (1968, Science Fiction) Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, Stanley Kubrick's groundbreaking space saga. | | Movie: *** "2010" (1984), Helen Mirren | | | | |
| 20 | NASH | Dukes of Hazzard "The New Dukes" | | Life and Times of Lefty Frizzell (In Stereo) | Prime Time Country (In Stereo) | Club Dance (R) (In Stereo) | | | | |
| 20 | SCIFI | Masters of Fantasy | | Quantum Leap (In Stereo) | Fantastic Journey "Atlantium" (Part 1 of 2) | Tales-Darkside | | | | |
| PREMIUM STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISN | Eerie Indiana | MMC (R) (In Stereo) | Movie: ** "Newsies" (1991), David Moscow, Luke Edwards (In Stereo) PG | | | Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: Blood Brothers (R) | | | | Bruce Springsteen |
| HBO | (6:45) Movie: ** "Babe's Kids" (1992) PG-13 | | Movie: ** "With Honors" (1994), Brendan Fraser (In Stereo) PG-13 | | Movie: "Body Language" (1995), Heidi Schanz, Nancy Travis (In Stereo) R | | | | | Comedy Jam |
| MAX | (6:15) Movie: ** "Sin City" (1994) PG-13 | | Movie: "Frank & Jesse" (1994), Bill Paxton, Randy Travis (In Stereo) R (Violence) | | Movie: ** "Silent Rage" (1982) R (Adult language, graphic violence, nudity) | | | | | "Reflections in the Dark" |

| THURSDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 28, 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| BROADCAST STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | WVMT | (11:35) Late Show | Late Late Show (In Stereo) | | Jerry Springer | Home Shopping Spree | Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress) | | | |
| 4 | WOTV | Top Cops (In Stereo) | Paid Program | | | | | | | |
| 5 | WGVU | (11:30) Charlie Rose | (Off Air) | | | | | | | |
| 7 | WXMI | Richard Bey | Psychic Phoneline | Murphy Brown | Gabrielle (R) | | (Off Air) | Wonder Years | Perfect Strangers | |
| 8 | WOOD | (11:35) Tonight Show | Late Night (In Stereo) | | Later (In Stereo) | Paid Program | Carnie (In Stereo) | | NBC News Nightside | |
| 16 | WLNS | (11:35) Late Show | Late Late Show (In Stereo) | | Cosby Show | Home Shopping Spree (Joined in Progress) | Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress) | | | |
| 19 | WILX | (11:35) Tonight Show | Late Night (In Stereo) | | Later (In Stereo) | News (R) | Billy Dee Williams | NBC News Nightside (Joined in Progress) | | Headline News |
| 23 | WKAR | (Off Air) | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | WZZM | Current Affairs | Most Wanted | Cops (In Stereo) | Gordon Elliott | | Mike & Maty | | ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress) | |
| 27 | WSYM | Gabrielle (R) | | LAPD (R) (In Stereo) | Rescue 911 (In Stereo) | | (Off Air) | | | |
| CABLE STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | TBS | Movie: * "Metalstorm: The Destruction of Jared-Syn" (1983) Jeffrey Byron, Tim Thomerson. | | Movie: ** "Battle Beyond the Stars" (1980) George Peppard, John Saxton. | | Laverne & Shirley | Gomer Pyle, USMC | | | |
| 18 | FAM | Bonanza: The Lost Episodes "Child" | Paid Program | Paid Program | 700 Club | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | |
| 20 | FX | Rawhide "Gold Fever" | In Living Color (R) | In Living Color (R) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | |
| 20 | USA | Highlander: The Series "Finale" | Forever Knight "Night in Question" (In Stereo) | Movie: ** "The Diamond Fleece" (1992) Ben Cross, Brian Dennehy, (In Stereo) | | Movie: ** "The Greek Tycoon" (1978, Drama) Anthony Quinn. Love develops between a tycoon and a president's widow. | | American Gladiators | | |
| 20 | DISC | Wild Discovery "In Grizzly Country" (R) | Movie Magic (R) | Know Zone (R) | Time Traveler "Hitler's Death - The Final Report" | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | |
| 20 | WGN | (11:30) Simon & Simon | Honeymooners | In the Heat of the Night "Time's Long Shadow" | Paid Program | Movie: ** "The Greek Tycoon" (1978, Drama) Anthony Quinn. Love develops between a tycoon and a president's widow. | | | | |
| 20 | ESPN | Baseball Tonight | Tennis: ATP Lipton Championships - Men's Quarterfinal. | | Sportscenter | Up Close (R) | Racehorse Digest (R) | Inside the PGA Tour | Inside Sr. PGA | |
| 20 | CNN | NewsNight | Showbiz Today (R) | Inside Politics (R) | Sports Latentight | Larry King Live (R) | | Overnight | Sports Latentight (R) | Crossfire (R) |
| 20 | NICK | Bob Newhart | Munsters | Mary Tyler Moore | I Love Lucy | Wiki "Elegant Iggy" | | Welcome Back, Kotter | Dick Van Dyke | Bob Newhart |
| 20 | A&E | Biography: Winchell: The Voice of America | Ancient Mysteries "The Rosetta Stone" (R) | Ape Man: "Story of Human Evolution" (Part 3 of 4) | | Law & Order "Animal Instinct" | | Police Story "The Jaw" (Part 2 of 2) | | Auto Racing: Chili Bowl Nationals (R) |
| 20 | PASS | Boxing: Gold Gloves | To Be Announced | Press Box | Viper Bite | Skiing: Extreme Champ, Prime Cuts | | Rodeo: International Finals (R) | | Auto Racing: Chili Bowl Nationals (R) |
| 20 | TNT | (11:00) Movie: *** "2010" (1984) Roy Scheider, Helen Mirren. | | Movie: *** "When Worlds Collide" (1951) Barbara Rush, Peter Hanson. | | Movie: ** "Destination Moon" (1950) John Archer, Tom Powers. | | | | |
| 20 | NASH | Life and Times of Lefty Frizzell (R) (In Stereo) | Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo) | | Country News (R) | (Off Air) | | | | |
| 20 | SCIFI | Quantum Leap (In Stereo) | Fantastic Journey "Atlantium" (Part 1 of 2) | | Tales-Darkside | Boris Karloff Presents Thriller | | Paid Program | | Paid Program |
| PREMIUM STATIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| DISN | *** "Midnight Run" (1988), Charles Grodin (R) (Adult language, adult situations, violence) | | Gene Kelly... An American in Pasadena (R) | | Movie: ** "Newsies" (1991), David Moscow, Luke Edwards (In Stereo) PG | | | | | |
| HBO | Movie: ** "Outbreak" (1995), Rene Russo (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence) | | Making of Outbreak (R) | | Movie: ** "Innocent Blood" (1992), Anthony LaPaglia, Robert Loggia (In Stereo) R | | | | | Murder 9 to 5 (R) |
| MAX | (11:45) Movie: ** "Reflections in the Dark" (1995) | | Movie: "Bikini Drive-In" (1994), Richard Gabai (R) (Strong sexual content) | | Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. R | | | | | |

Kevin Nugent elected as FFA's new state vice president

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kevin Nugent's affiliation with Future Farmers of America did not slow down after graduation. In fact, with his recent election to the office of state vice president, Nugent's affiliation may be cruising along in overdrive.

"The position of vice president is quite a time-consuming position," Nugent said. "It will give me a chance to serve everyone else."

Nugent is the third member of the Lowell FFA to be elected vice president at the state level.

"It is my biggest accomplishment as a member of the FFA," Nugent said.

As state vice president, Nugent will make chapter visits,

attend state leadership camps for officers, and represent the FFA at different functions across the state.

Nugent is currently a freshman at Michigan State University where he is studying agriscience. He would like someday to teach in the agriscience education area.

Lowell FFA advisor Pete Siler has had some influence on Nugent.

"Actually he's had quite a bit of influence," Nugent said. "I've talked to him quite a bit about teaching."

Throughout his involvement in FFA, Nugent has shown the ability to take advantage of opportunities before him.

A year ago Nugent served as the Region V treasurer and chapter vice president.

Nugent says serving as a state officer is something that he's always wanted to do.

Nugent was one of three individuals picked from Region V to go on to state interviews.

At state he went through two days of interviews and then was slated as one of two people to run for vice president. The other candidate was Kelly Wizner of Laingsburg.

"We found out Tuesday night and gave speeches Wednesday morning to the delegates," Nugent said.

The Lowell graduate said he was pleased with the speech he'd given.

"I talked about goals that I'd set for the FFA and what I'd give back as an officer."

An hour after the speeches were delivered, Nugent learned he'd been elected.

"Without a doubt, this is my biggest accomplishment as a member of the FFA," he said.

"Caught reading" encourages students to read with parents

Bushnell Elementary first-grade teachers are catching their students in the act - the act of reading.

March has been designated as reading month. As part of the celebration, Bushnell first-grade and kindergarten teachers have asked parents to help them improve the reading habits of children through home and school reading activities.

Bushnell first-graders are being asked to read with their parents between 7 and 7:30 p.m. over an eight-night period.

During this time frame, each first-grade student will receive at least one call from their teacher to see if the child is reading or being read to.

Students who are reading with their parents will receive a "caught reading" ribbon and will be invited to have lunch with

Bushnell principal Louie Dudeck at the "Caught Reading Cafe." They will have their picture put up on the main hall bulletin board and their name will be announced to the whole school by Dudeck over the loudspeaker.

For three weeks in March, kindergarten students will take

home a reading chart.

Parents are being asked to initial the calendar each day their child reads with them for 10 minutes.

Students who return their reading charts on March 22 and 23 will be invited to a Reading Chart luncheon.



Bushnell principal Louie Dudeck eats lunch with first-graders who were caught reading. Bushnell used the "Caught Reading" program as a way to celebrate March as its reading month.

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TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 1, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, for the purpose of receiving public comment on a proposed amendment to Section 201.306, 201.307, and 201.311 of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance to accomplish the following:

The purpose of the amendment is to specifically state the required first floor living space for each of several types of housing used for dwelling units. All types of housing with less than two full stories of living space above ground (one story, tri-level, bi-level, raised ranch) would require at least 900 square feet of first floor living space. For units with two or more full stories the required minimum first floor space remains at 750 square feet.

The specific wording of the proposed ordinance amendment can be reviewed at the Township Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on April 1, 1996.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 3, 1996 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Thomas E. Zbikowski for a special land use under Section 3.45 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, so as to permit a single-family residence on a parcel of land that has a rear lot line with a depth greater than four times the width of the parcel. The special land use covers the lands located at 10110 Kehoe Drive and legally described as follows:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, described as beginning at a point on the South line of Section 31, distant North 89°26'40" East 489.93 feet from the South 1/4 corner of Section 31, and proceeding thence North 00°03'54" East 1333.20 feet along the East line of the West 16 acres of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31; thence North 89°34'00" East 250.53 feet along the South 1/8 line of Section 31; thence South 00°07'51" West 1332.60 feet; thence South 89°26'40" West 249.01 feet along the South line of Section 31 to the point of beginning; Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: March 20, 1996
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA
Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Kay Harris
Approved by: Peggy Gurney

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SYNOPSIS OF THE MINUTES OF GRATTA TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 11, 1996

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Gurney, Herweyer and Palazzolo.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nugent

MOTIONS APPROVED:
Motion to approve Agenda.
Motion to add "sewer legal fees" to New Business item #4, on the Working Agenda.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda.
Resolution approving the Community Development Block Grant.
Resolution approving the Township joining HAZMAT consortium.
Motion to transfer funds from the sewer fund to general fund for reimbursement of legal fees paid.
Motion to set April 20, 1996 as the date for the annual township appreciation dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 1996, at 7:00 p.m.

The complete set of minutes are available at the Grattan Township Office and may be viewed during regular business hours.

Respectfully Submitted: Brenda Kay Harris
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Lowell's Merriman elected MAA director

The Michigan Angus Association elected officers and directors for 1996 at the group's annual meeting held February 10 in Battle Creek. Pictured seated from left



are: Joseph Winn, Columbus, president; Daniel Vaassen, Ann Arbor, vice president; Amanda Powell, Saranac, secretary; and Jim Maxey, Eaton Rapids, treasurer. Directors pictured standing from left are: Charles Preston, Prescott; Brian Pendleton, Belding; Joe Merriman, Lowell; Joe Nofzinger, Morenci; John Buher, Dimondale; Steven Thelen, Ann Arbor; and Fed Good Charlotte. Photo by American Angus Association.

Council sets public hearings on carport and special assessment

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell City Council set public hearings for the construction of a carport and for the establishment of a special assessment district at its meeting Monday night.

Jim and Barb Barber proposed to construct a carport in front of their duplex located at 1600-1602 Bowes Road. A variance application to the Zoning Board of Appeals was requested because the proposed structure is located within 25 feet of the property line where 50 feet is required in an industrial district.

A public hearing was set for April 1. City manager Dave Pasquale said a recommendation from the Lowell Planning Commission can be provided at its March 25 meeting.

The city drew up a resolution to initiate the special assessment process for the sidewalk construction on Elm Street and Foreman Road.

A public hearing was set for April 15 so that a special assessment can be established.

City purchases computer and programs for Water Treatment Plant

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Water Treatment Plant took a step toward modernization following the city's okay in the purchase of a personal computer, software, programming and hardware for its operation.

Plant superintendent George Regan said the computer

system will assist in automating the plant and high service pumps and provide remote control for the booster station. "The same software, programming, and hardware is being used in East Lansing and Three Rivers," Regan said. "It has a good record."

Regan said there are two notable gains that will come from the purchase: It will allow for remote control operation of the pump station and radio transmission from the station to the

plant - eventually eliminating telephone service lines. "It will provide us with more control of pump stations and enable us to receive readouts of elevations and drops in the system," Regan said.

The council approved the purchase of a Gateway 2000 P5-120 computer from Windemuller Electric for \$4,660. The programming, training and installation will be purchased from Smith Instruments for \$17,100.

Lowell juniors, Dunn and Noskey, learn about city from council

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Hoping to gain a better understanding of their community and what goes on within it, Lowell juniors Emily Dunn and Heidi Noskey chose to become student representatives on the Lowell City Council.

"I chose the city council because I want to be involved in the city," Dunn explained.

"The program is sponsored through the Grand Valley Metro and the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids.

Any student who lives in Kent County may serve on a board or commission. In each of the two years Lowell Schools

has participated, six students have taken part in the program. Former students in the program have stated they would do it again if given the opportunity.

"I find it interesting to see how the council works and how it goes about doing business," Noskey said.

Both Noskey and Dunn are members of the Lowell Student Council. Both students learned of the opportunity through high school counselor Bob VanBelois.

"The first council meeting I was at I was kind of lost. I began catching on to what the council was talking about in meeting two. That's when things became more interesting," Noskey said.

Both juniors have attended three meetings to this point. Cities, other than Lowell, which are participating in the program are: Grand Rapids, Cedar Springs, East Grand

Rapids, Grandville, Kent City, Kentwood, Rockford and Wyoming.

Townships participating are: Alpine, Byron, Caledonia, Cannon, Cascade, Courtland, Gaines, Grand Rapids, Lowell, Plainfield, Sparta, Spencer and Tyrone.

"So far, sitting on the council has been what I expected," Dunn said.

Besides serving on the council, Dunn plays basketball, is a cheerleader, plays golf, and is a member of the student council, SADD and the art club.

Noskey is also involved in basketball, student council and SADD.

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Kelly Speck
He signed a contract; he should stand.



William Lemke
I agree with the fine. He's playing in the U.S. and it's a U.S. team that is paying him. He should stand for the country's national anthem.



Robert Peters
Yeah, I do agree with the NBA. I'm an old veteran; he should stand for the country's national anthem.



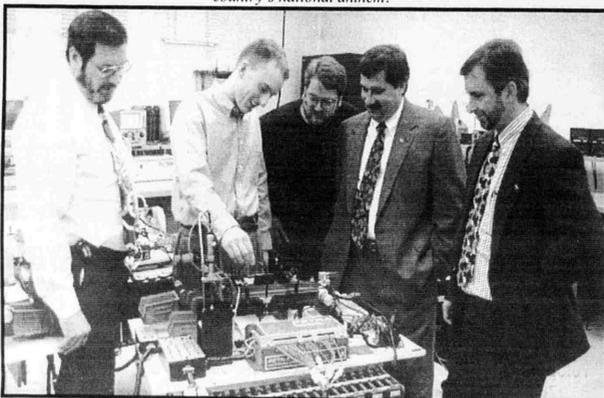
Stuart Hawley
I think he should have been allowed to continue to play. People are entitled to opinions, their religious beliefs and their constitutional rights. If the league's action is denying him his constitutional rights, then this is a question for the Supreme Court.



Diane Smith (Kelsey)
Yes, I do. He is in this country. As a citizen I believe it is his duty.



Paul Stryzewski
It's in the player's contract - he should abide by it. If he doesn't like it, well then maybe he should quit.



Heim receives first Kodis Scholarship

Steve Heim (second from left) of Lowell, a senior in the bachelor of science in electrical/electronics engineering technology program at Ferris State University, has been selected as the initial recipient of a \$500 Charles J. Kodis Scholarship.

The annual award was established in 1995 by the Kendall Electric Company of Battle Creek. The scholarship can be given as a \$1,000 award or two \$500 awards, one each for fall and winter semesters. Those eligible must be upperclass students enrolled in BSEET's advanced automation sequence with a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

Heim, who was honored at a luncheon at the Ferris Holiday Inn Conference Center, received his associate's degree in electronics from Grand Rapids Community College and transferred to FSU in the fall of 1994.

He is pictured in the

BSEET laboratory with (from left) Jim Romanosky of Kendall/Ackerman of Cadillac, Mike Wehrenberg of Kendall Electric, and Mark Koopman and Barry Balcom.

Bill Dykstra
I don't think the league should cater to him. He should stand for the national anthem.



Velma Johnson
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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 451-8953. 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 MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 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.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

EVERY 1ST TUES.: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just s. of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY TUES.: Good News Club for children, ages 5-12, meets at 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. The Good News Club is an hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun. For more information please call Phyllis Bender, (616) 897-7571.

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.

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

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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.

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.

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ing divorce or separation! For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

EVERY THURSDAY: Good News Club for children, ages 5-12 meets after school in the Community Center at Key Heights. This activity for kids is one hour of music, Bible stories, snacks and lots of fun! For more information, please call Phyllis Bender, 897-6890.

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

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

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EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

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.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.8045 Cannonsburg Rd. Any questions call Frank at 874-6861.

WED., MARCH 20: Family forum night for family and friends of residents of Lowell Medical Care Center. 6 p.m. in the C day room at Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center, Lowell. Call 897-8473 for further information.

TUES., APRIL 9: Cumberland Retirement Village and G.I.S. is offering an educational seminar on "Long Term Care - The Realities and Myths" at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in the activity room. Reserve your seat by calling 942-9775.

WED., APRIL 10: Snow United Methodist Church will serve a family style turkey and dressing dinner at 5:15 p.m.

SAT., MARCH 30: All-you-can-eat Lowell Fire Department pancake breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station. Adults, \$4; children, \$2.

SAT., APRIL 6: All-you-can-eat fish dinner at Lowell Masonic Temple, 119 Lincoln Lake, from 5 to 7 p.m. Public welcome. Adults, \$6.50; children, 6-10, \$4; under 6, free.

TUES., APRIL 9: AYSO spring soccer clinic registration from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Harker Middle School gym, Saranac, for boys and girls ages 4 1/2 to 11 years old. The clinic will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. with one Saturday from 9 to 12 p.m., April 23 thru May 4. For more information call Cathy Topp at 642-9448, after 5 p.m.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1996-97 Budget at 7 p.m. on March 25, 1996 in the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

Mari C. Stone
Clerk

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.

FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.

FRIDAYS: From 10 to 12:15, Income tax assistance. Call the Center if you have more questions.

MON. - FRI.: Senior Meals program, noon.

Special Events

WED., MARCH 20: 9:30. Advisory council.

WED., MARCH 27: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast.

FRI., MARCH 22: 12:30 p.m., Flea market, Shady Acres.

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LOST DOG - slight Shepherd cross in Alden Nash/Cascade area. Call 897-4964.

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Before bond project decisions are made, district roofs will be checked

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's school board is heeding the call of the February shattered roof crises.

The board asked Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski to have all district school building roofs analyzed for warranty and damages, before it makes any decisions as to which of the remaining bond projects should be completed.

Mikulski informed the board that bids have been received on seven of the remaining 14 bond projects.

"I am happy to report that six of those seven projects came in under budget," Mikulski said. "The reason for that is we took bids early enough so that businesses were looking to fill their summer schedules. I think we were also helped by being able to work with area (Grand Rapids) contractors."

Mikulski said he expects to turn in the bids to the board at either the April or May board meeting.

The seven projects which bids have been received on

include the following:

- The Middle School classroom unit ventilation system. The engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber determined that a new system must be installed through a wall air conditioning/ventilator system.

- Jay Rickert, Rickert Electric, will conduct an electric system's capacity study to determine how much power can be used for the ventilator," Mikulski said. "With the bid under budget, we need to determine if we want to add heat to the units."

- Playground equipment and landscaping for Alto, Bushnell and Runciman. Mikulski said this decision will be held off until the weather breaks. How money will be allocated needs to be determined.

Superintendent Bert Bleke explained that these are only recommendations and none of the projects would be started unless first approved by the school board.

- District parking lots and tennis courts: Studies are being done to determine what parking lots will be done and contrac-

tors have been asked to give a list of tennis courts they have completed so that school officials can observe their work.

- Riverside boiler room exterior work is the one area where bids came in high. Mikulski said the whole building needs to be redone; the white trim around the building is crumbling, windows are broken and the metal frames need to be replaced. Mikulski said other possibilities will be looked at to bring the project closer to budget.

- A high school sprinkler/irrigation system for the five athletic fields. Mikulski said confirmation from the city as to what type of plumbing is needed.

- High school storage barn/ multi-use building to be constructed across the street to the north. Confirmation is needed on the inside design of the building to determine what if any restrictions Vergennes Township may hold.

- A permanent wall constructed between the two art rooms. A partial wall was built, but it has been decided that a permanent one is needed.

Construction set to commence following Lowell 5 groundbreaking

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

William T. McMannis, vice president/general manager of Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc., says Lowell 5 will have the look and comfort of the metropolitan theaters.

"It will be equipped as

well as the theaters in Chicago," McMannis said Friday, following the groundbreaking ceremony at the Lowell 5 site just west of Family Fare on M-21.

Lowell 5 construction is scheduled to start in April. McMannis is hopeful the

doors will be opened by July.

"We want movie-goers to enjoy prompt, friendly service in a state-of-the-art environment," McMannis said.

To help ensure this happens, Lowell 5 will be enhanced with Irwin Seating's top-of-the-line high back celebrity rocker chair seat with padded cupholder armrests along with digital sound stereo.

Movie-goers will enjoy 25-cent refills on popcorn.

McMannis also points out that any customer who waits longer than four minutes in the concession line will get a free Pepsi.

Another opportunity Lowell 5 will offer the community is free movies for kids and their families during the spring and fall. "The nine-week series is designed to allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy "G" and "PG" rated quality children and family movies," McMannis said.

The 18 weeks of matinee movies will be free to everyone on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.

"Local movie-goers can expect the movie selection to be wider and the hit movies to play longer," McMannis said.

Construction of the new five screen, 13,000 square foot theater will cost \$800,000. McMannis said equipping the theater will cost another \$400-

\$425,000.

Goodrich currently operates 16 buildings in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

Presently, there are theaters under construction in St. Johns, Greensboro and Huntington, IN. In October of 1995, one was completed in Cadillac.

The construction work will be completed by A.C. Geenan.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be having a "Dialogue Session" on

Monday, March 25, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Bushnell Elementary Media Center, 700 Elizabeth St., Lowell, MI

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COLLEGE NEWS

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To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.0 average and earn grades of B or better in at least four full-credit courses, the equivalent of 16 semester hours.

Berea is a nondenominational, liberal arts college offering bachelor of arts degrees in 23 areas of study and bachelor of science degrees in agriculture, business administration, industrial arts and nursing. There is no charge for tuition and each student works at least 10 hours a week to pay living expenses.

Caswell to serve Grand Chapter

Sandra Caswell, of Alto, secretary of Cyclamen Chapter #94, Order of the Eastern Star, has been given the honor of being appointed to serve the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

The appointment is Grand Representative of Tennessee in Michigan for two years (1996 and 1997).

Caswell will be attending numerous Eastern Star events in the two years and will be representing the state of Michigan at the Tennessee Grand Chapter session in April.

Michigan has the oldest Grand Chapter in the world and has sent representatives all over the world.

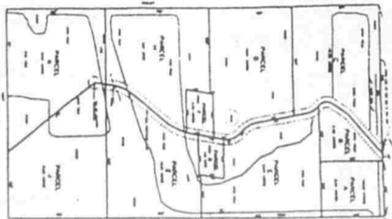
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