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Local artist takes home award in 10th annual LAAC competition

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The 10th annual West Michigan Regional Arts Com-

petition brought new faces and fresh pieces while providing area artists with a chance to be recognized for their efforts.

The competition, conducted at the Lowell Area Arts Center, drew 271 entries from the West Michigan area and was whittled down to a 42-piece exhibit by juror Susan Froelich, executive director of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

"She was pleased to find so many pieces of high caliber work," said LAAC director David Davis. "We could have had an 80-piece show, but due to space limitations, it was necessary to make sharp cuts."

Due to the size of the art entered, the competition can't accommodate all the works submitted, Davis said.

"There is so much great caliber of work, but the name of the game is competition," he said.

The cuts may have been sharp, but two area artists managed to make the show and one walked away with one of the competition's top awards.

Craig Convissor, of Alto, and Judith Tummino, of Lowell, made the final cut and Convissor was awarded "Best 3-D" piece with his *Under the Viaduct Storyteller's Chair*.

As in past years, the competition featured diverse works, which Davis said is accentuated by the juror.

"We try to bring a juror from the other side of the state so there will be a new ball game every year," Davis said. "Being from the other side of

the state, the juror is not familiar with the style of each artist. By becoming anonymous to the juror is how the competition gets variety."

Due to Froelich's decision, Davis said this year's show is stronger than past years, because of its ethics and professionalism.

With all the high caliber work submitted, Davis said it was difficult to choose winners in each category, but those who won represented the best of the best.

Taking home the top award, "Best of Show," was Michael Pflughhaar's oil painting *Sunlit Interior*.

Sparta native Rick Stevens won the "Best 2-D" award with *Autumn Snow*.

The "Best Creative Use of Materials" award was given to Selene Marsteiner for her *Seeing you - Seeing me* piece, which depicts a man and woman in a nose-to-nose profile.

A scene very familiar to most parents was awarded the "Juror's Choice" award.

Laura Lloyd's *Bedtime*, the portrait of a young boy pouting, was recognized by Froelich for its life like realism.

In a first for the annual competition Robin Jensen's *Charlie Bird Parker Always Flew in Other Dimensions*, a computer drawing, received



Laura Lloyd's *Bedtime*

the Kathie Quada Memorial Purchase award.

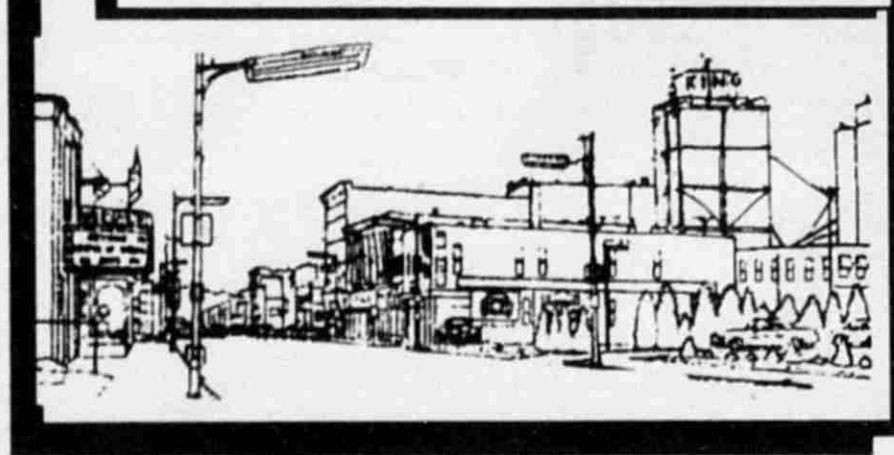
"We've gotten computer drawings in the past, but this is the first time one made the show and won," Davis said.

Tummino's *untitled* piece, Convissor's award winner and the rest of the show

can be viewed until April 13 at the center, 149 S. Hudson.

"This is a very solid show with so many examples (of mediums) making the exhibition," Davis said. "Dealing with such diverse style can be difficult to melt and come together, but this one does."

Along Main Street



COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

There will be no commodities given out until further notice.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHTER PLANNING MEETING

Senior parents, we invite you to attend a meeting for planning our Senior All-Nighter, Wednesday, March 27 at the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

HISTORIC ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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

LCTV WILL AIR "THE RAINMAKER"

"The Rainmaker" fourth-grade musical of March 19 and 20 and classes of Ansara/Blanding immediately followed by classes of Decator/Titcombe will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates: Wednesday March 27 at 4 p.m.; Thursday, March 28 at 5 p.m.; Friday, March 29 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m.

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.

TELEVISED CABLE COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tune in the public access Channel 2 to see the Cable Council meetings on Saturday, March 30, noon and 3 p.m.; Sunday, March 31, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Monday, April 1, 7 p.m., and Tuesday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

LACC PERSONS-OF-THE-YEAR NOMINATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations until April 10 for Person-of-the-Year award. Please send your nominations to LACC, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information call Liz Baker at 897-9161.

The quarterly meeting for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be held April 11, 1996 at the McGee Homestead, 2534 Alden Nash N.E., Lowell, at 7 p.m. R.S.V.P. Liz Baker at 897-9161.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Thomas Friedrich, of Lowell, reported to Lowell officers that the van he had parked in the NAPA lot on West Main St. had been struck by a hit and run driver March 19.

Brandon Hamilton, 17, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident March 19 when he failed to yield the right-of-way while exiting a private drive onto Foreman Rd. and collided with a car driven by Barbara Vezino, 44, also of Lowell.

A 15-year-old juvenile, from Alto, was apprehended March 23 for retail fraud by store security at the Family Fare store on W. Main.

Cathy Kehoe, 34, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident, March 22, when she struck a fire hydrant on Monroe St. near Sherman.

Ionia County National Bank proposes opening new Lowell branch in early fall

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a proposed fall opening date, Ionia County National Bank (ICNB) is busy preparing to open its sixth branch.

The new, full-service community bank that is being proposed will be constructed at the northeast corner of M-21 and Alden Nash.

Ionia County National Bank's chairman and chief executive officer Ron Story said the structure will be similar in size to its 3,600 square foot Woodland (south of Lake Odessa) branch.

Ionia County National Bank also has three branches in Ionia including its main office, and one in Belding.

"We've been considering opening up a branch in the Lowell area for a few years," Story said. "The new school has been an influential catalyst in this development. From our involvement in the new high school at Ionia, we know how that had a positive effect on Ionia's community development and economy."

Story and James Fast, Ionia County National Bank's president, believe Lowell will experience the same type of growth.

Prior to making the decision, in-house research and consultants were used to determine and substantiate Lowell traffic counts, employee figures, residential growth, per capita income and growth potential.

ICNB has filed an application to the Office of Comptroller of the Currency. It requests the establishment of a branch office at 2569 W. Main St. Story said he expects to receive the okay within the next month.

A topographical survey has also been ordered. That will be

followed by a site survey and then a site plan.

"We want to keep with what we've done in Ionia," Story said. "We want to create a warm and attractive atmosphere at the Lowell branch. The community of Lowell is an excellent philosophical and geographical match to the markets that ICNB currently serves."

The new branch will provide a full range of financial services including investment services, depository products and residential, commercial and consumer loans. Also offered will be drive-up services, safety deposit boxes, extended hours and electronic banking services.

"With the expected growth we think Lowell will support a second financial institution," Fast said. "There is a more substantial residential populous in the outlying areas that make Lowell's population much larger."

The existing Ionia County National Bank was built in June of 1934.

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OBITUARIES

FRENCH - Melissa French, aged 26, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, March 19, 1996. Surviving are her son, Daniel; six brothers; her special friends, Mary and Gill. Funeral service was held Saturday from the Grandville Chapel of Cook Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions for her son Daniel's care.

FURMAN - Steven M. Furman, aged 40, of Saranac, passed away March 21, 1996. He was born November 15, 1955, in Grand Rapids, the son of Albert and Elsie (Mosier) Furman. He is survived by his parents of Saranac; his wife Shirley Furman of Lowell; two daughters Jessica and Kevin Partridge of North Carolina and Karen and Tim Middlemiss of Hastings; two brothers Michael Furman of Saranac and Phillip and Robin Furman of Saranac; two grandchildren; and his grandfather

Clyde Mosier of Ionia. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorials to American Heart Association or Saranac First Responders would be appreciated.

NORRIS - Lloyd O. Norris, aged 94, of Lowell, died Sunday, March 24, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth in 1970 and daughter Patricia Thibodeau. He is survived by his son Reginald Norris; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; special friends, Doris and William Harrell and family. He was a member of Grand Rapids Elks, Lodge #48. Funeral services will be held Wednesday (today) 2:30 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Charles Homeyer, of Holy Cross Episcopal Church officiating. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 4252 Breton, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

WESSELING - Stuart Wesseling Sr., aged 76, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday evening, March 18, 1996. He was a member of the Blytheheld Christian Reformed Church, where he served as both an Elder and a Deacon. For many years he operated a floorsanding business first with his father and later by himself. He is survived by his wife, the former Alice Schipper, who he married on April 12, 1946; his children, Joanne and Paul Rogers of Lowell, Donna and Gordon Rogers, and Stuart and Ruth Wesseling Jr., all of Belmont, Rita and Terry Jones of Rochester Hills, MI, Ruth and Mel Reynolds of St. Petersburg, FL, 14 grandchildren; a brother The Rev. Jay Wesseling of Hudsonville; a sister Jessie; and her husband James Platschore of Grand Rapids; his brothers-in-law Edward Masselink of Jenison and Henry Visser of Flint, MI; nieces and nephews. Mr. Wesseling was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Tena Wesseling; and a brother Sidney. The Service was held on Thursday at Blytheheld Christian Re-

formed Church with his brother The Rev. Jay Wesseling and Mr. Gary Brouwers officiating. Interment in Oakwood Cemetery. For those planning an expression of sympathy, the family has asked that you consider either the Christian School Association designated for a new Christian School in the Rockford area or Grand Rapids Baptist Academy School.

Lowell's Uzarski second student in seven years to be accepted to West Point

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Discipline, structure and order are not three qualities an average freshman in high school seeks out.

Senior Joel Uzarski, however, was not an average freshman. His recent letter of acceptance to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, shows that he is a special, but rare student.

Uzarski, the son of Steve and Linda Uzarski, was one of only 1,200 students accepted to the academy from 12,000 applicants.

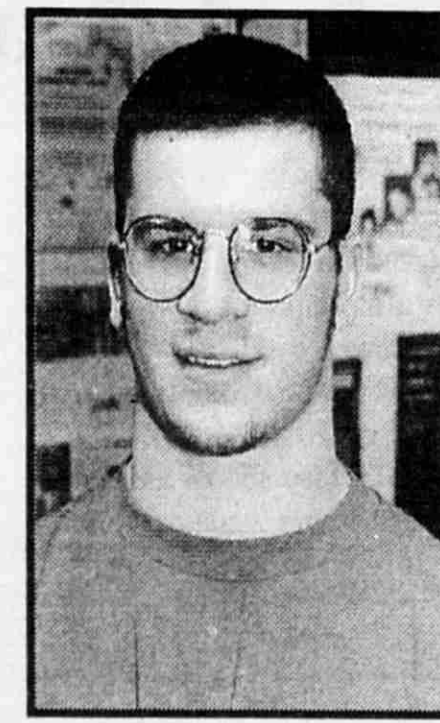
As a freshman (1993) at Lowell High School, Uzarski attended Ben Richmond's

Naval Academy graduation and also received a tour of the facility.

"I got to see what life was like there, and I liked it," Uzarski said. "I liked the order, the discipline and how people conducted themselves."

It was clear from that point on that the Naval Academy was where Uzarski wanted to go after four years of high school.

The senior received his letter of acceptance on Monday (March 18). "I was a little nervous. I'd been waiting and calling, asking them when I'd hear a decision. They told me it would be April," Uzarski



Joel Uzarski

Had the letter stated

Uzarski was not accepted, the Lowell senior would then have chosen between West Point and Ann Arbor. He had already received letters of acceptance from the Army and the University of Michigan.

Uzarski will report to Annapolis on July 2. He will report to boot camp for six-eight weeks before beginning his studies in Marine Engineering.

"It is a very prestigious honor to be accepted," said Lowell High School counselor Bob VanBelois. "Other than \$1,000 up front for uniforms and a down payment on a computer, Joel will be getting about \$200,000 worth of

education for free." Uzarski is the first Lowell graduate in seven years to be accepted into the academy. Richmond was accepted in 1989.

"It was a long process in gaining acceptance," Uzarski said. "I've been at it a year."

The average Naval Academy student is 18 years of age, physically fit, scholastically well prepared and demonstrates fine leadership potential.

Uzarski carries a 3.87-grade point average and ranks eighth in his class academically.

He is treasurer of the senior class, a member of Model

U.N., sits on the Lowell Township board as a student representative and is a Junior Rotarian. Uzarski played four years of high school football, wrestled for four years and competed one year in track.

Following his four years of education, Uzarski will serve six years of active duty in the Navy.

"It is quite a commitment, but it was not hard to decide since I want to make the military a career," Uzarski explains.

Snyder Farm Supply technician receives Case IH combine training

Ron Kietzman of Snyder Farm Supply in Alto, recently completed an intensive training session on servicing Case IH 2100 Series Axial-Flow combines at the Case Corporation service training center in Racine.

The session Kietzman attended provides a comprehensive review of hydraulic, electronic and electrical systems and components featured in Axial-Flow combines. Special testing, adjustment and calibration procedures are studied with emphasis on troubleshooting. Attendees are given extensive opportunity to disassemble, inspect and rebuild components.

Case offers more than 20 different courses of technical study throughout the year at three dedicated training centers and selected technical schools in North America. The majority of the sessions are a week-long combination of hands-on and classroom training on the latest techniques for fast, accurate diagnostics and service of Case IH agricultural and Case construction equipment. Kietzman is among nearly 3,000 North American dealer personnel

who attend one or more of the sessions annually.

"We want to help our dealers provide Case IH cus-



tomers with the best service possible in terms of their technical proficiency and professionalism," said Arnie Oelkers, Case Corporation manager, North American service training. Toward that end, Oelkers noted that skill-level profiles are developed at the start of each training session to determine the current level

of technical product knowledge for each attendee. Among other things, the skill-level profile provides an evaluation of the technician's improvement and an opportunity for feedback to the dealership.

"The objective is to make sure people are getting the maximum value out of these

classes. Skill-level profiles show students' progress and instill pride and confidence in the work they perform at the dealership," said Oelkers. "And that translates into improved customer service and product support."



Chamber Installs New Officers

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce officers were announced for the 1996 year. Seated, left to right, are Bob Perkins, Chadalee Farms; Marea Borg, FMB State Savings Bank, treasurer; Liz Baker, public relations coordinator; Bob Ford, Hahn Hardware, president; Charlene Chapman, State Farm Insurance; Richard Cole, Lowell Paint and Wallpaper. Standing, left to right, are: Richard Korb, Lowell Schools, ex-officio member; Dan Brubaker, Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, P.L.C.; Roger Bumgarner, Attwood Corp., vice president; Mike Springer, Springrove Variety; and Dale Triplett, Speerstar Car Agency Inc. Not pictured is Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale, ex-officio member.

City leaf program begins in April

Do you have just a few branches, twigs and leaves left over from the fall that didn't get raked up due to the early snow fall?

The city has scheduled an early spring pick up to help Lowell residents remove such items from their yards. Leftover fall leaves and

twigs will be picked up on Tuesday, April 9th and 16th, and Wednesday, April 10th and 17th.

If a resident's trash pick up is on a Monday or Tuesday, their leaf pickup day is Tuesday. If a resident's pickup is Wednesday or Thursday, its leaf pickup is Wednesday. The leaf pickup program

will continue the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from May to November.

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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.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 1, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

1. Jim and Barb Barber (applicant, 318 King) request a variance to construct a carport in front of their duplex (1600-1602 Bowes Road) within 25 feet of front property line where 50 feet is required located in an Industrial District.
2. Ordinance providing for hazardous materials response cost recovery. The purpose of said hearing will be to consider adoption of an ordinance to protect the City from extraordinary expenses resulting from the utilization of City resources in response to an incident involving hazardous materials.

Copies of the proposed Ordinance providing for hazardous materials response cost recovery is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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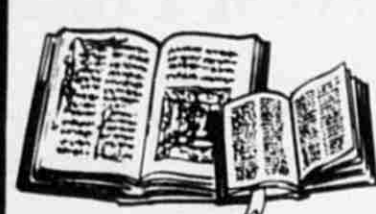
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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it (Romans 8:25).

Some people prefer the first piece of pie. Other clamor for the largest portion. Still there are those who eagerly reach for the piece with the most sugar on top. I like the last piece best, especially if I am allowed to eat it out of the pie dish. The extra cherries, the sweet juice, or the overflow of pudding, accompanies the final piece-my reward for waiting.

So often in our work for the Lord we are inclined to demand immediate results. But we need to learn the secret of waiting for Him to give the increase. Margaret Slattery said: "We teach and impatiently cry for results. God teaches, and with majestic patience waits through the years for the lesson to be learned. We see the sowing and are sometimes discouraged. God sees the ultimate harvest, and there is no discouragement with Him."

It isn't easy to wait for the last piece of pie, but it's worth it-if I can "scrape the pie dish." Prayer: O God, when I

would be impatient, teach me to wait quietly for Thee. When I demand hurried results, help me to rest and trust, knowing Thou art working and will give the increase in Thine own way and time. Amen.

Be still my soul: thy God doth under take To guide the future as He has the past.

Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Jane Laurie Borthwick

Lowell's First Baptist Church AWANA Club provides fun and fellowship

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Awana Club at First Baptist Church of Lowell provided a young John Gerard with a ministry from which the importance of religion in his life grew.

Gerard was a member of the Awana Club from fifth through eighth-grade in the mid to late 70's.

Today, in the club's 25th year, Gerard serves as a commander with the help of 35-40 other parents who are working to help train approximately 120 children to serve Christ.

"It helped make religion an important part of my life," Gerard concurs. "Only my parents had a stronger religious influence."

Gerard was the club's first Timothy winner. This is an award for boys and girls who pass all three handbooks.

The club night which meets on Wednesday evenings is broken down into three areas. They are:

- Handbook time - where clubbers (ranging from three-year-olds to sixth-graders) memorize Bible verses and receive awards for achievement.
- Game time - where the clubbers learn to work as a team.

• Counsel time - where the clubbers are challenged from God's word.

Throughout the year, clubbers participate in special events, including the Awana Grand Prix, Awana Olympics and the Awana Fair.

"I think the most important thing for a child to take away from their experience as a member of the Awana Club is that Jesus Christ should be the Lord of their lives," Gerard said.

The parishioners of the First Baptist Church of Lowell believe the success of the Awana Club over the past 25 years has come about because it provides children with activities for kids at age levels that interest them. "I also think it has had good leaders and workers," Gerard said. "I think it is more difficult to keep children interested today because of the entertainment industry."

The national Awana organization's roots date back to the late 1940s.

The First Baptist Church of Lowell received a charter from the Awana Clubs International in 1971. Over the last 25 years, Awana has provided fun, fellowship and Bible training for hundreds of Lowell youth.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 28 - Amie Thaler, Aaron Kastanek.

MARCH 29 - John Ellison, Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Schafer Eiseman, Laura Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Burns, Casey Yonker.

MARCH 30 - Erin Wade, Deb Maxim, Delores Ellison, Laurinda Horsley.

MARCH 31 - Katelynn

Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Maxine Post, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough.

APRIL 1 - Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure.

APRIL 2 - Kyle Geldersma, Ron Metternick, Alec Newhouse, Chris Rittersdorf, Blake Bergy.

APRIL 3 -



LHS Musical Coming in May

The Lowell High School drama department's spring production will be the musical "Little Mary Sunshine." It will be presented May 2-4. Pictured above, left to right, are: its leads Diana Rice, Little Mary Sunshine; Daryl Chamberlain, Capt. "Big Jim"; Josh Speerstra, Corporal Billy Jester; and Lainey Krieg, Nancy Twinkle.

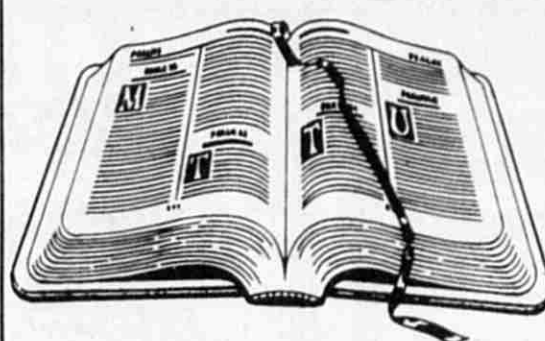
AREA BIRTHS

Emily and Joshua Currier of Colbran, Colorado, welcome their baby sister Sarah Elizabeth, born March 8, 1996. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz.

Proud parents are Nancy and George Currier. Grandmothers are Jeanne Shores of Lowell and Joy Currier of Colorado. Great grandmother is Florence Staal.

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Viewpoint . . .



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by Roger Brown

Have you ever seen the movie "Ground Hog Day"? It's a Bill Murray movie that dates back three or four years. It's on my daughter's short list of all-time favorites, and I have to admit I've watched it at least four times. My most recent viewing was just a week or so ago, and I laughed myself silly again. Based on that criteria, I'd have to say it's gaining favor on my list as well.

The movie casts Bill Murray as a wisebut weatherman from Pittsburg on assignment to Punxsutawney, PA, to cover the annual Ground Hog Day ceremonies on February 2nd. He has to make the trip every year, hates winter, hates Punxsutawney, can't wait to complete the assignment and clear out. He's stranded there because of a blizzard he missed in his forecast, wakes up the next morning and it's Ground Hog Day all over again. He's stuck in some weird time warp in the middle of winter, in some rural Pennsylvania town forced to live the same dreary day over, and over, and over again. No matter what he does, even killing himself several times, he

wakes up the next morning and it's Ground Hog Day in Punxsutawney.

I had no intention of turning this column into a movie review, but I had to give you a brief outline of the plot to make a point. Before parking my winterized bulk in front of this computer, I let the dogs out. As I looked out over the landscape, I couldn't help but notice a fresh carpet of snow. The wind was blowing, the temperature was well down into the teens and the forecast is for more snow and cold. St. Patrick's Day has long since come and gone. The calendar says the vernal equinox, or first day of spring, was nearly a week ago. Easter is just around the corner. What's going on here???

As I looked out at the fresh snow, I was hit with a sinking feeling that I am living in some variation of "Ground Hog Day." I'm stuck in Lowell, Michigan, during an endless winter, trying to sell advertising to businesses anxious for the spring market. So far I haven't been tempted to drive off a cliff, just to see if I'd wake up the next morning still stuck in the winter doldrums. I'll give it another week or two.

You think I'm exaggerating? Try this on for size. One of my customers, a car dealer, told me we had eight inches of snow on the ground on November 5th. He keeps track of such things in his daily ledger so he can account for the lack of sales and the extra expenses from heat, plowing, brooming cars, etc. This has been a long, long winter in everybody's ledger.

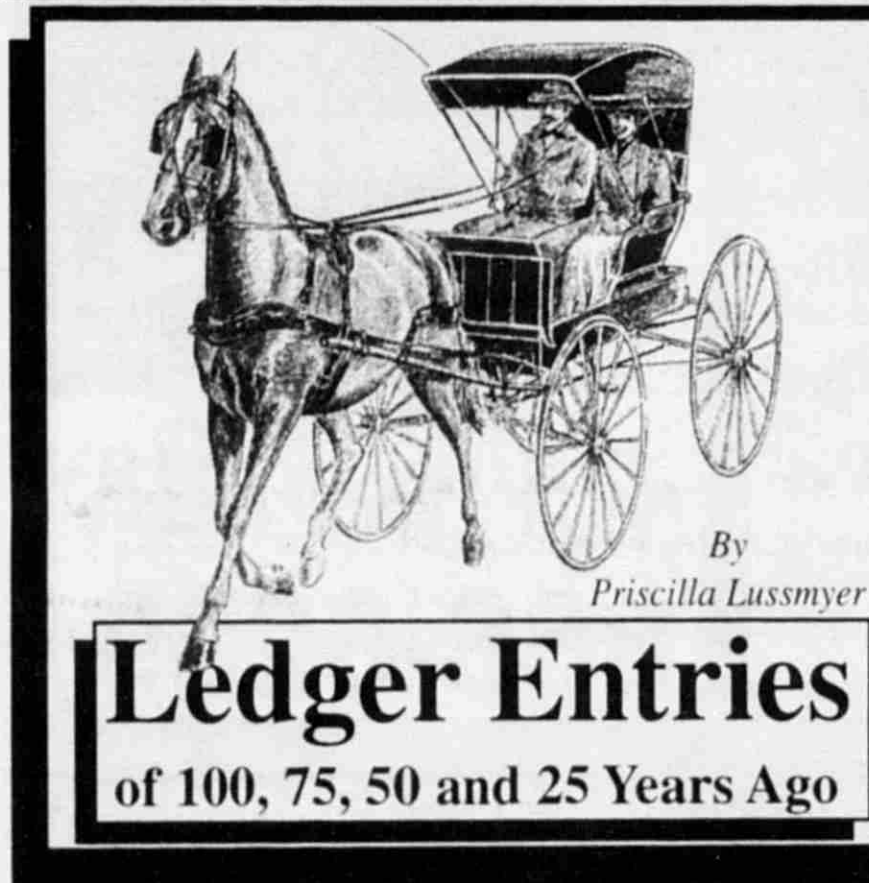
I'm currently selling advertising for the April 1st edition of the Buyers Guide. Yesterday I phoned or called on four propane dealers suggesting spring tank setting specials, three golf courses to pitch early bird packages, several landscapers,

lumber yards and a bike shop. I came up completely empty. I thought I had an ad lined up from one of the propane dealers, but as the temperatures dropped during the day, he had a change of heart, called me and postponed the ad until May. I went 0 for about 25 at bats. There must be a flicker of hope left in me, as I noticed the use of baseball terminology just then.

Today I'll be making my usual Tuesday rounds. I'll be calling on several car dealers, boat dealers, bike shops, a shop that sells roller blades, canoes, boat lifts, docks, etc., a couple of golf equipment dealers and so on. I'm not anticipating a lot of success. Talk about selling refrigerators to Eskimos. The only good thing about all of this is I'll know where to find the car dealers. They'll be out brooming cars for the umpteenth time this season.

Just to add to my cheery mood, I took a minute away from this column to watch the weather forecast. Craig James is calling for much below temperatures and cloudy skies for at least a week. That means I'll likely be here at the computer writing next week's column with very little change in the weather, my business prospects still in the toilet and an attitude to match.

In "Ground Hog Day," Bill Murray finally breaks the spell he's been under by making honest efforts to improve himself. He learns to play the piano, do ice sculpture, reads French poetry, does good deeds all over Punxsutawney, falls in love and finally wakes up on February 3rd. I'd sure hate to think I have to go through all that just to get the weather to break, but if it's still snowing a week from now, I may be looking for a piano teacher.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries

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100 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 27, 1896
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Lowell Schools Superintendent

Those of us who can remember the earlier days of television, I am sure will remember Joe Friday, the sergeant in that famous television show, Dragnet. If you remember Joe, I am sure that you will also remember his famous line, "Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts."

It is just the facts that I would like to present in the following brief article regarding the upcoming June 10 election during which the Lowell Area Schools will be asking district residents to renew the 18 mill property tax on non-homestead property. This vote on non-homestead property can be confusing and somewhat difficult to understand. I hope that the following facts will help clarify your understanding of this most important question facing district residents.

• **Why are we voting? I thought "Proposition A" got schools out of the school election business?**

FACT: While "Proposition A" fundamentally changed how public schools are financed, a local vote is still necessary in some cases. In order for the Lowell schools to receive its full foundation grant from the State, local residents must renew an 18 mill property tax on non-homestead property.

• **What does non-homestead property mean?**

FACT: Non-homestead property consists of businesses, industrial, commercial, rental property and second homes. The 18 mill renewal does not apply to any district resident's primary home because your home is considered your homestead.

Lowell Township promises a lively election next week, with many contenders for all positions. Polls are at Music Hall and Trains Opera House from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's the season for warm (maple) sugar socials; the one at Grattan Grange Hall netted \$9.50.

Peach Grove: "A little stranger entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. VanderWall last Sunday and engaged board and clothes for 21 years. Weight 8 pounds 10 ounces."

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 24, 1921
Michigan Motor Garment Co. wants to double its Lowell plant capacity and is selling stock. They like Lowell's electric power, which is steadier and cheaper.

Kent County is working with railroads to make crossings safer, eliminating sharp curves, steep hills and blind crossings.

Chapter 4 on the local column heads: Hickory Corners Cullings, Logan Life Lines and Boston Center Sittings, not to mention the Solo Bugle Notes of the Alto Solo.

Michigan legislature creates a state department of agriculture and again defeats the death penalty.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 28, 1946
In the latest political fight over state aid comes the informa-

tion that average teacher salaries are: elementary, \$1,600; junior high, \$1,700, and high school, \$1,800.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is prosecuting the food and beverage manufacturers who use saccharin or other illegal artificial sweeteners in place of sugar.

The first day of spring and lots of grass fires coincided. Traffic injuries and deaths are sharply up from last year, mostly on state trunklines - no gas rationing and higher speeds?

State rules include only smallpox and diphtheria to require quarantining of a household if one family member is ill.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 25, 1971
The Bushnell Parents' Club initiates a block parent plan to safeguard children between home and school.

The storm sanitary sewer project will cost average property owners \$1,325 over 15 years. Kent DPW member Depres tells 150 interested citizens.

Friday afternoon's telephoned bomb threat to the school sent everyone out into the cold and wet while search was made. Most returnable pop bottles are going from 2¢ to 3¢ per.

sheet regarding the upcoming June 10 renewal vote. If you have any questions regarding this matter or any other question or concern regarding the district, please feel free to contact me either by phone (897-8415) or send along the attached box shown below.

Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

I thank you for taking the time to read this brief FACT

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

HEEL PAIN

A common problem brought to our attention by some of our running patients is heel pain due to plantar fasciitis. Many runners begin to increase their mileage this time of year in preparation for the Old Kent Riverbank Run or other road races.

The plantar fascia is a band of tissue leading from the heel

to the ball of the foot. It helps form the ankle of the foot. A pad of fatty tissue lies over the plantar fascia of the heel which serves as a shock absorber. Excessive wear and tear may cause damage and inflammation of the plantar fascia at the heel.

Symptoms of plantar fasciitis are usually described as a sharp, stabbing pain in the heel especially when you stand up for the first time in the morning or after sitting for a length of time. After standing or walking for a while, the pain becomes more dull.

The pain of plantar fasciitis may be relieved by taking over the counter ibuprofen, or aspirin, soaking the foot in warm water daily, wearing good athletic shoes and by decreasing your running mileage.

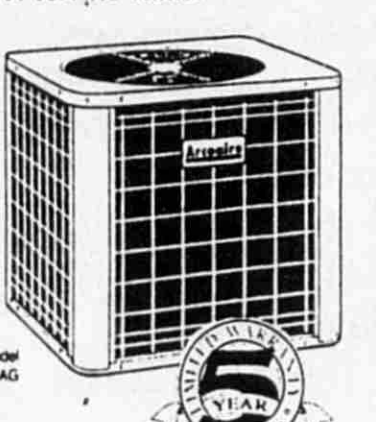
Stretching the muscles of the foot and calf will also help. Stand on the edge of a step or the balls of your feet and raise up as high as possible on your toes. Then slowly relax and let your heels fall below the edge of the step - hold this for a few seconds without bouncing. Repeat the stretching 10-15 times.

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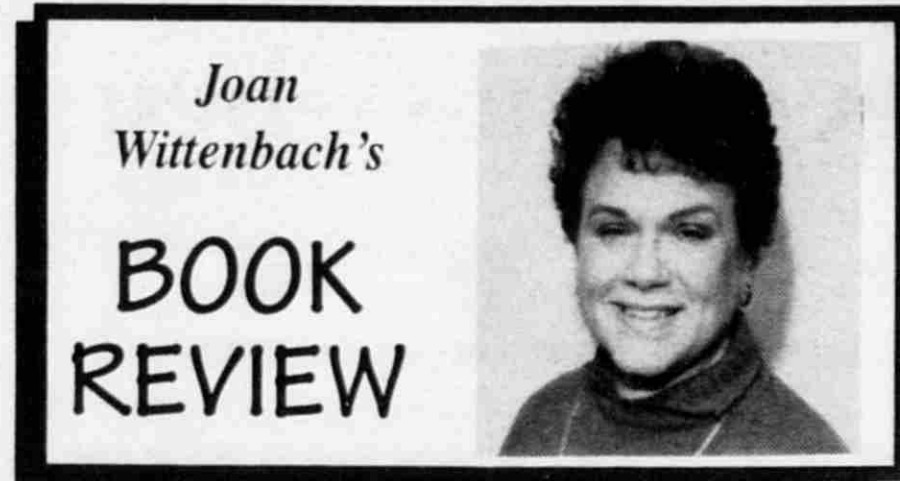


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Joan Wittenbach's
BOOK REVIEW

Gates of Excellence by Katherine Paterson is the reflections and philosophy on reading and writing books for children. This is the second time around for me with this book, but like the classic it is, it was like that first whiff of spring when the ground still shivers with the last of winter. I smiled and recognized the hope in the passing whiff. Hope and understanding flow from her often humorous heart and pulsate throughout its pages.

Paterson lets her pen talk in a convincing way when she says in the chapter, "The Perilous Realm of Realism:" The actual facts of life tend to serve up many a "bald and unconvincing tale." But perhaps "bald" is not the word, since life tends to be as chock-full and disorderly as the city dump. The writer of realistic fiction is not a steam-shovel operator but a treasure hunter. In finding the story, a great deal of garbage will have to be sifted through and discarded. And that

discarding comes from the many revisions that an author becomes involved in.

I had a renewed energy about words, when I heard her pen write. "I love revisions. Where else in life can spilled milk be transformed into ice cream? We can't go back and revise our lives, but being allowed to go back and revise what we have written comes closest."

Sometimes between an author and reader there develops a



THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION PROVIDES FOR TERM LIMITS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

In continuing the theme of my columns on the Michigan Constitution, I want to touch on an issue that is a fairly recent addition to our Constitution. So far, we've looked at constitutionally mandated issues such as the flat-tax, a balanced budget, now I want to talk about another issue that Washington

trust, and understanding friendship about the values of life. For the reader it is a treasure found, but it is seldom kept. The bounty of a treasure must be shared. Paterson's book is an experience for the reader who faces the calls of life and death in daily circumstances, but puts them in readable, understandable forms. *Through the Gates of Excellence* there is an adventure. Come join me. This book is for adult readers.

is trying to tackle but Michigan is implementing, term limits. I think term limits are a positive step toward infusing "new blood" into elected office. A term limit system ensures that there is always an influx of fresh ideas and unique perspectives injected into a government body. It also allows more of our citizens to have the opportunity to represent the people of Michigan.

Under an elective body, like Congress, which doesn't subscribe to a system of term limits, there is very little turnover. The truth is, it's difficult to unseat an incumbent congressman. In fact, during the ten years preceding the landmark elections of 1994, the percentage of incumbent federal and state legislators across the country who were reelected to office was 99.3 percent! If you were to ask the average person on the street if they would consider running for office with those kind of odds against them, chances are they would probably say no. Without term limits, it isn't logical for the average person to try to unseat an entrenched incumbent.

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Lowell's Kaeb prepares for state geography bee

Ben Kaeb of Lowell will be among 100 students in grades four through eight who will compete in the eighth annual Michigan Geography Bee on March 29 at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant.

The state bee is the second level of a national competition sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Students are tested orally on geographic knowledge.

More than 200 Michigan schools participated in preliminary

bees in January. Winners of the preliminary round took a written qualifying test, which was scored by the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. The top 100 scorers advanced to the state bee.

The March 29 competition will begin with preliminary rounds at 9 a.m. in the Bovee University Center. Ten students will advance to the 11:30 a.m. final round. Wayne Kiefer, Michigan coordinator of the National Geography Bee and a member of the

CMU geography faculty, will be the moderator. The winner will receive \$100 and an all-expenses-paid trip to the national finals May 28-29 in Washington, D.C. The national champion will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship.

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because of the financial cost and the relatively low chance of winning.

Some citizens may feel as though they don't make a difference. Do you realize that, according to the Heritage Foundation of Washington D.C., only 28.6 percent of registered voters regularly vote in Congressional elections. All other industrialized democracies have a much higher level of voter participation. It's not because Americans are undemocratic; unfortunately, it may be because they don't think their vote makes a difference.

The Michigan Constitution contains wording that guarantees term limits. Our Constitution mandates that no one can be elected to office in the House of Representatives more than three times and no one can be elected to office in the State Senate more than twice. This amendment was voted by the citizens of Michigan in 1992.

With term limits in our Constitution, we've returned the

Michigan government to one that is "of the people and for the people," the way our forefathers had intended. In fact, our first president, George Washington, declined to run for a third term, despite the urging of those around him. He knew that in order for our type of democracy to work, the government must be injected with fresh, new ideas. A good government is a limited government.

Many people are working to enact this same limitation on our leaders in Washington. The debate on Capital Hill is in the early stages, but it's an issue that cuts across party lines. By voting term limits in, they will be making changes in the way that Washington does business by restoring Congress to the citizen's legislature that our Founding Fathers had intended. They will be following the lead that has been made by states like Michigan which are already implementing constitutional term limits.

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Historical committee presents preliminary report to city

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bringing about standards that will help make buildings appropriate relative to the time period is the charge of the Lowell Historical District.

These standards are defined in the U.S. Department of Interior for historical rehabilitation.

They serve as a guideline for the approximately 60 historical districts in Michigan. It helps to insure that 1865 buildings don't have siding and wild colors on their facades.

"The guidelines are in place to help downtown areas/districts develop more of a district mentality and not by

individual buildings," said Jim Doyle, a member of the Lowell Historic District study committee. "Cohesiveness brings identity. I believe not having this cohesiveness has been detrimental to Lowell's downtown business district."

The development of a historical district in Lowell is significant in that it would help

maintain a feeling of place and contain a historical and architectural record of the early growth of Lowell.

The study committee presented a preliminary report for establishing a Lowell Historic District. Following the review, the Lowell City Council set a public hearing for May 20 on an ordinance establishing the historic district.

After the public hearing, a final report which will contain the ordinance will be prepared. The council will then have a year or not to determine whether to adopt the ordinance.

The preliminary report is comprised of background history on the historical district and photographs of the 41 structures within the district.

Once the historical district is established, owners of buildings within the commercial district will have to obtain a permit through the historic district commission before any change to the exterior of the building can be carried out. Everything in the district would be grandfathered; only new things would be regulated.

"In talking to people with the state and Kent County Historical Preservation, they have seen historical districts have a positive influence," Doyle said. "What happens is if a building's facade or sign does not look as good as others in the district, owners be-

gin to change and develop their buildings so that they are more cohesive."

The proposed historical district is bound on the north and south by the rear lot lines of properties abutting the north and south sides of Main Street. It extends from Hudson Street on the west to Jefferson Street on the east, excluding the dams and city parking lot on the east river bank.

On the north side, the east boundary extends one half block beyond Jefferson Street to include the property at 413 East Main St. The boundaries include only commercial structures and do not extend beyond the above described limits because of a decline in integrity.

Some of the key landmarks within the proposed district include the Robert Graham home (325 W. Main); Lowell City Hall (300 E. Main) and the Train's Opera House building (200 W. Main) which is now the Flat River Antique Mall.



City Hall Block

Life-saving air bags may also cause tots injury

Air bags - a great safety feature on vehicles - have been deployed in more than 650,000 crashes and reduced driver deaths in frontal crashes by about 20 percent nationally.

But while air bags have saved 1,000 lives since 1987, they infrequently cause serious injury. Of particular concern are reports of 15 infant and child fatalities caused by air bags, AAA Michigan reports.

In 11 of the crashes, the children were not wearing safety belts, or were not wear-

ing them properly. In four other crashes, infants riding in the front seat in rear-facing child seats were killed when the air bag deployed.

"Parents need to be aware that the force of an air bag deploying into a child who is unbelted, improperly belted or in a rear-facing infant seat can cause serious head injuries - even in frontal crashes at less than 15 m.p.h.," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

To avoid air bag injuries,

Basch recommends the following guidelines for child passengers:

- The rear seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride.
- An infant in a rear-facing child seat must ride in the back seat if the vehicle has a passenger-side air bag.
- Be sure that everyone in the front seat is properly buckled up and seated as far back from the air bags as is reasonably possible.
- Make sure that all young children are properly secured in a child safety seat and older children by a lap/shoulder belt. "Know how to properly

place your child seat in the vehicle," Basch added. "Read the owner's manual for the vehicle and the instructions for your child safety seat - educate yourself to protect your children from potential injury."

Federal safety regulations require air bags to be installed in the driver and passenger seat positions of all passenger vehicles and trucks, beginning in 1999.

In all states except New Hampshire, use of safety belts with or without air bags is mandatory, since air bags are considered a supplemental restraint system.

Vergennes Township residents will have to pay to rid themselves of gypsy moths

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township residents hoping to rid the area of gypsy moths will have to do so at their own expense.

The township board approved spraying for the critters, but said it will not pay any portion of the bill.

"If we pay for some (spraying) now, we'll have people lined up here to do more," said trustee Mark Weber.

The decision to have residents pay for the spraying may have the biggest effect on the Flat River Forest Association. Last year the association banded together to get a county survey performed to determine the amount of infestation in the northwest section of the township.

According to that survey, a majority of the forest association does need spraying, but the question facing the board was - who pays?

"The association said it will pay for their portion, but there is some land that falls within their 40-acre parcel that has not stated it will pay," said clerk Mari Stone.

Because neighboring citizens have not stepped forward, the board said it will not allow the spraying until it knows the entire costs will be covered.

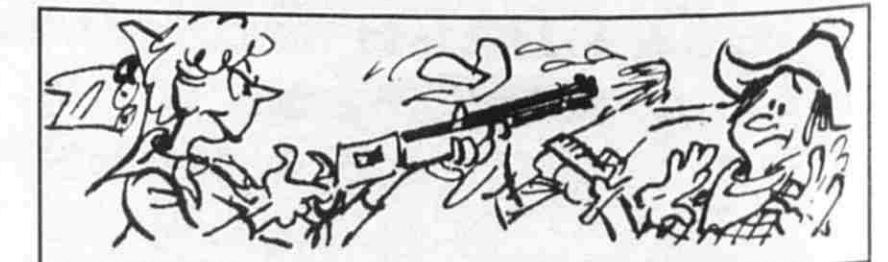
The county will spray individual 40-acre parcels at a cost of \$16.50 per acre.

Vergennes officials say paying for that 40-acre parcel must be done by the citizens and they will not ask them to do so.

"I understand the troubles gypsy moths can cause, but we shouldn't ask the association's neighbors to pay - they should," said Weber.

Township supervisor Jim Cook said in order for the spraying to take place, the association must come up with the funds to cover the whole project or have its neighbors agree to pay.

"It's all or nothing with the spraying. Over half of the infested 40 acres is in the association's area, but the county has to spray the whole 40," Cook said. "Let them go after their neighbors."



Calamity Jane was the nickname of Martha Jane Canary, a famous American frontierswoman. According to one story, she got her name because she used to warn men that to offend her was a calamity.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

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.

information please call (616) 897-6890.

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

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.

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

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

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 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.

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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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.

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

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.

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.

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall. **TUES.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRIDAYS:** From 10 to 12:15, income tax assistance. Call the Center if you have more questions. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre. **MON. - FRI.:** Senior Meals program, noon.

Special Events
WED., MARCH 27: 8 a.m. Women's breakfast. (Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous new meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

THURS., APRIL 4: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. Travelog program by Betty Yeiter, "Egypt at the Time of the Pharaohs." Pauline Burtle sponsors the meeting room at Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Aileen McCabe, Elva Watson and Dorothy Byrne. Items are still needed for Access 6 food bank. Also bring your personal history for our book.

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.

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.

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.

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 Thurs-

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

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

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

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

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Keb 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.

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Now that the Menendez brothers have been found guilty of first degree murder of their parents, do you believe they deserve a life sentence or the death penalty?

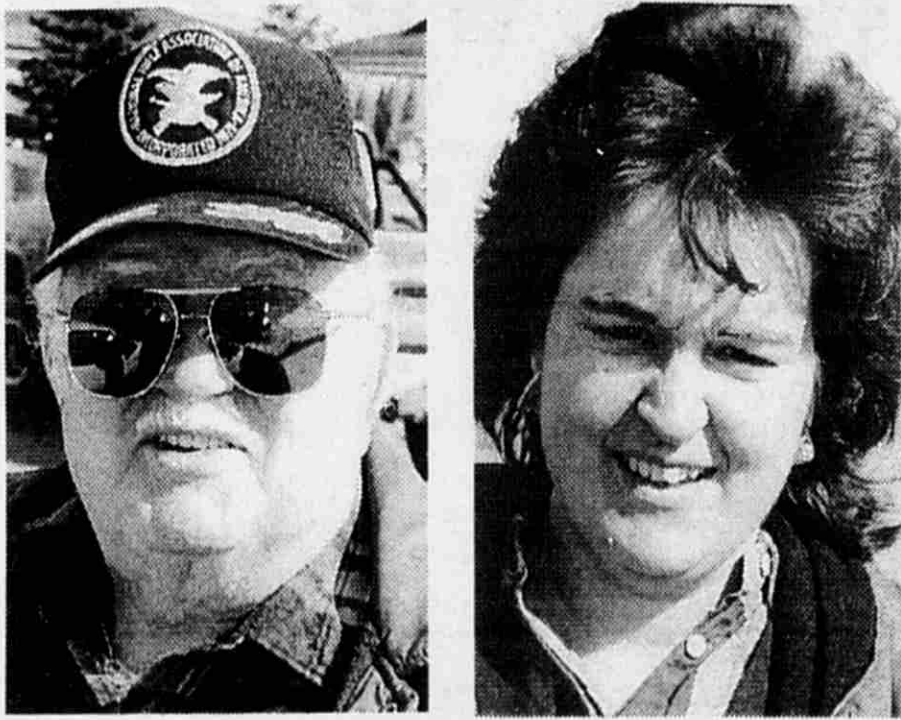


Eric Strand
They were old enough to walk away. Put the brothers to death - guess there isn't no need to feed them.

Joan Pfishner
They deserve the death penalty. For Pete's sake, they killed their parents.

Kathy Seif
They deserve the death penalty. Anybody who kills deserves to be put to death.

Wayne Brainard
I think they should get the death penalty. Give them the same treatment they dished out.



Pete Russo
If O.J. can get away with murder and have nothing done to him, then I guess the Menendez brothers should get life in prison.

Patty Sellner
I think the punishment has to fit the crime. What punishment fits the crime they committed? I think they should serve life in prison, but I think it should be more than just sitting there in their cells.



JoAnn Balcer
I think they should get the death penalty. However, I'm not sure murder is the worst thing they did, considering they went on a spending spree right after killing their parents.

Julie Wainright
It's sad that they killed their parents. The Smith lady killed her kids and she got life imprisonment. They let her off so I guess the Menendez brothers should serve life in prison.

DDA begins work to initiate focus group sessions

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the help of Lee Jakoces, of Jakoces and Associates, Lowell's Downtown Development Authority board reviewed a draft containing focus group objectives and specific group ideas.

The focus group process is tentatively scheduled for the end of April or beginning of May.

The process is intended to assist the DDA and Jakoces in developing a marketing plan that will bring business to the downtown district, growth to the surrounding community and a popular base for activities.

The objectives of the focus group identified by Jakoces in the draft were:

- To assess participant knowledge levels of business district development issues.
- To gather participants' ideas about the future growth directions of the Lowell business district.

- To gauge participant support for planned business district development efforts.
- To identify ideas and concerns unique to participant make-up of each focus group.

Jakoces and the DDA board added a fifth objective - assessing participants on other community-wide issues.

In preparing the DDA focus group draft, Jakoces visited the recently completed Lowell city plan.

"I've looked at a number of city plans. I must say this plan was very impressive. The author(s) should be commended," Jakoces said. "It really emphasized what was good for the city of Lowell and the surrounding community."

Jakoces and a couple of DDA board members Dick Korb, Lowell Schools, and Dave Pasquale, Lowell city manager, will meet on March 28th to discuss participants to serve on the different focus groups.

If interested in serving on a focus group, one may contact City Hall, Jim Reagan or Richard Korb.

Freestyle wrestling program opens tourney season

Lowell freestyle wrestling began the tournament season with successful showings at local competitions. Club members began practice on Feb. 20 in order to be ready for the beginning of the season, March 16.

The freestyle club is a feeder program for our junior high and high school wrestling teams. Practices are held at Cherry Creek Elementary on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Developmental tournaments are every Saturday and participation is at the discretion of the wrestlers and their parents. The tournaments are double elimination guaranteeing the competitor two matches. Awards are given for placing first through fourth.

The following wrestlers received medals in the first two weeks of competitions:

March 16 - Northview - Nick Endres, 3; Nick Lillie, 1; Caleb O'Boyle, 1 and Scott Stevens, 3.

March 16 - Caledonia High School - Jake Brower, 2; Luke Brower, 4; Phillip Burton, 4; Matthew Burton, 4; Alex Carpenter, 1; Jayme DeLiefde, 4; John Drier, 3; Justin Faulkner, 3; Bobby Gingerich, 3; Andy Jousma, 4; Tyler Meppelink, 1; John Mendez, 4; Joe Mendez, 1; J. J. Wilder, 2.

March 16 - Grandville - Justin Rottier, 3.

March 23 - Lakewood - Phillip Burton, 3; Alex Carpenter, 1; Bobby Gingerich, 1; Nathan Junglas, 3; Joe Mendez, 1; Jayme DeLiefde, 3.

March 23 - Greenville - Michael Forward, 3; Mark Kimberlink, 2; Kasey Kyser, 2; Travis Lake, 2; Tyler Meppelink, 2; John McKay, 1; Beau Wilder, 1; J. J. Wilder, 1.

March 23 - Byron Center - Luke Brower, 1; Justin Faulkner, 2.

March 23 - Forest Hills Central - David Kropf, 1; Robbie Karasiewicz, 3; Charlie Cook, 2; Andy Jousma, 3.

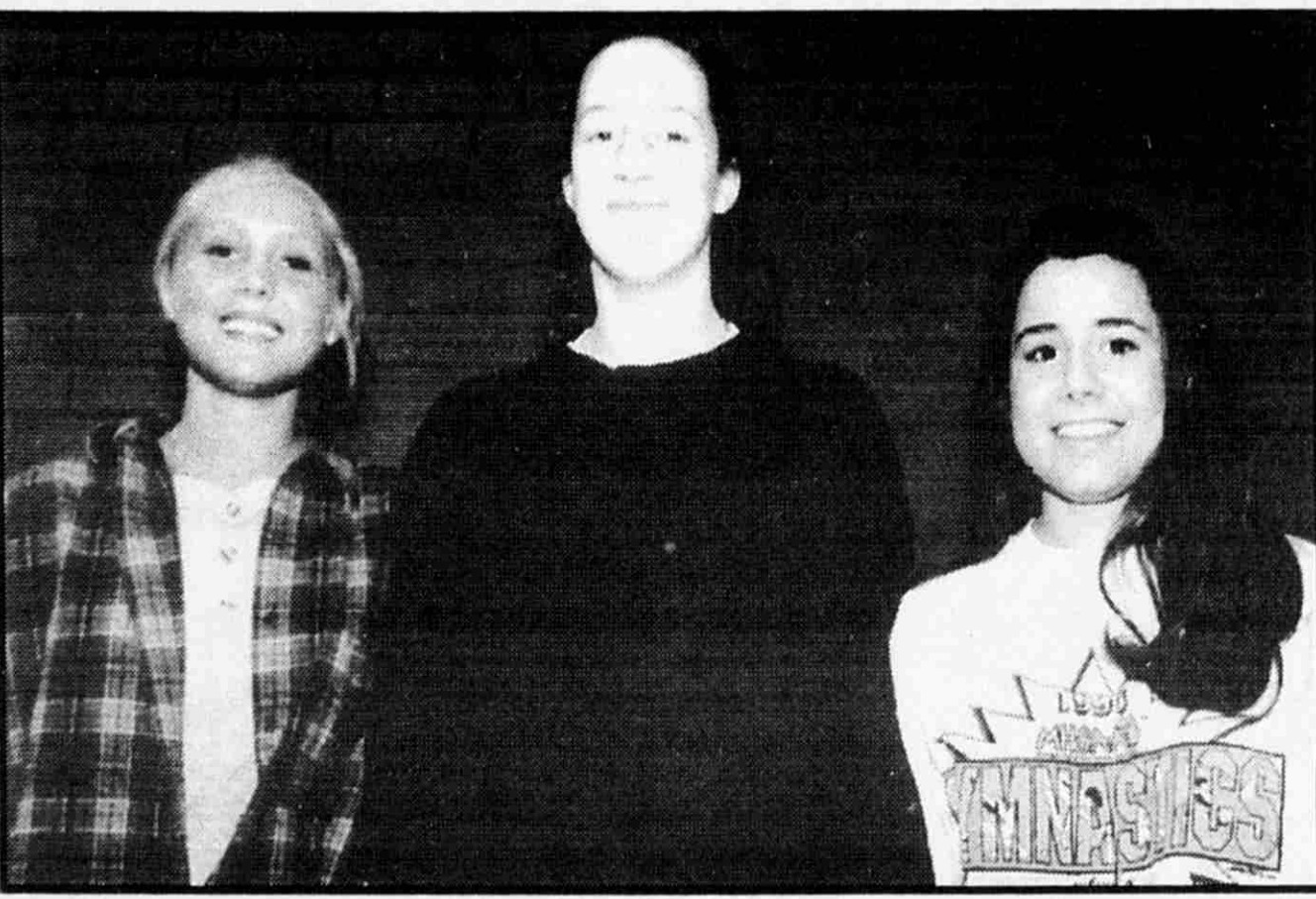
LHS winter athletes honored with post-season awards



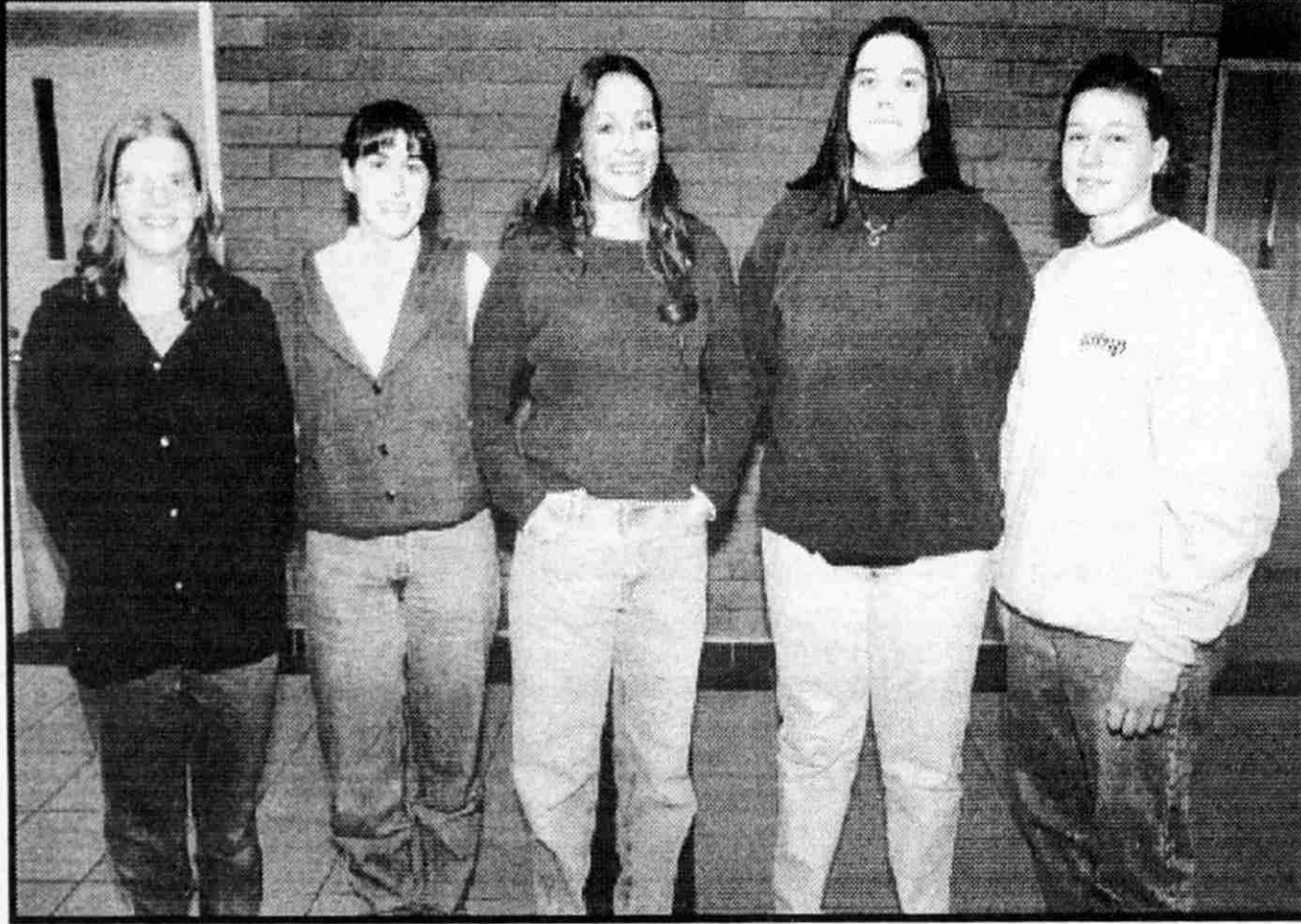
Post-season basketball awards were recently presented at its end-of-the-season banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Ryan Graham, sportsmanship and captain; Aaron Brander, most improved; Scott Smith, scholar athlete and captain. Not pictured is Kevin Brown, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and O-K White conference honorable mention.



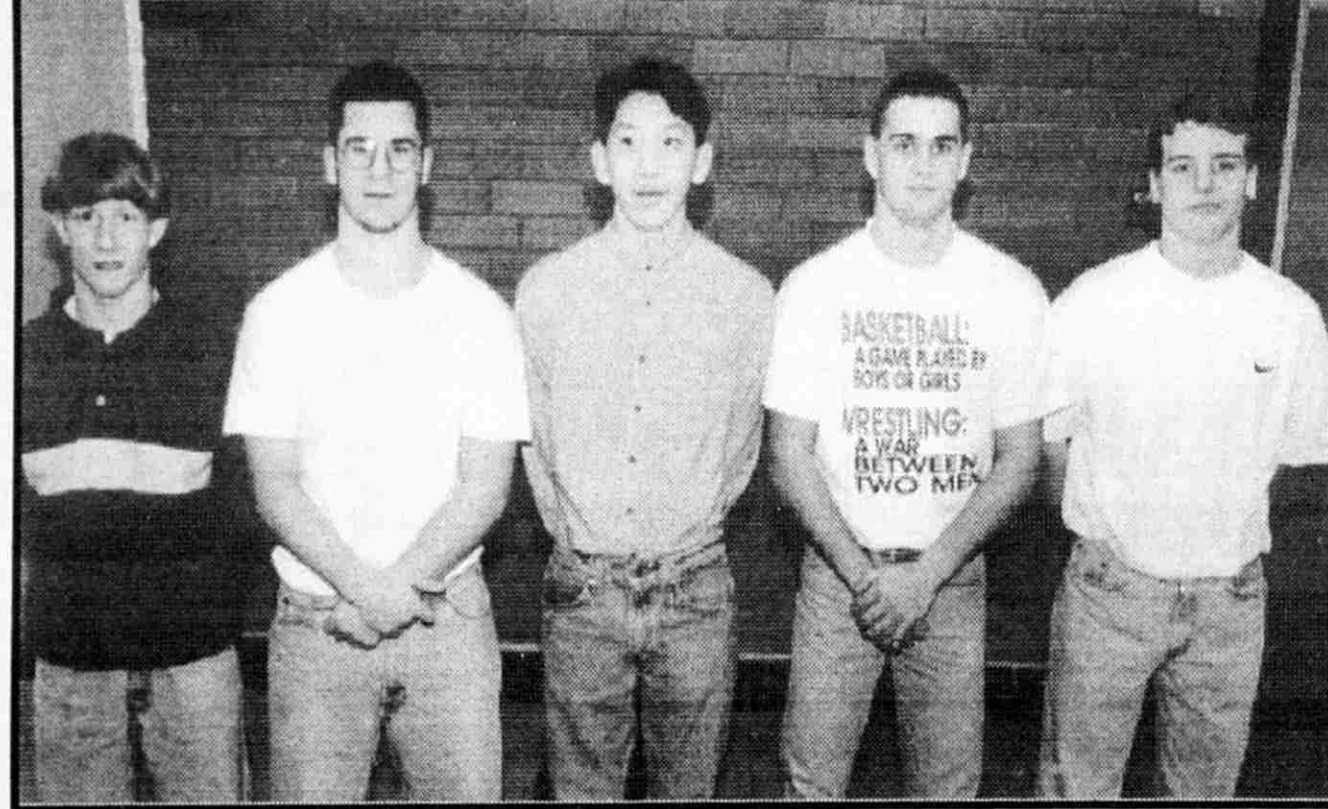
Post-season cheerleading awards were recently presented at its end-of-the-season banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Jenni Wilkins, sportsmanship; Amy Teunis, scholar athlete; and Brooke Krebill, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and captain. Not pictured is Kyla Cochran, captain.



Post-season gymnastics awards were recently presented at its end-of-the-season banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Skye Fisher, sportsmanship award; Shannon Laux, scholar athlete; and Brenda Lacey, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and O-K Rainbow Conference honorable mention.



Post-season volleyball awards were recently presented at its end-of-the-season banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Katie Stoffer, sportsmanship; Karen Dykstra, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and captain; Tracy Loughlin, captain; Courtney Kissinger, most improved; and Elena Richmond, scholar athlete. Not pictured is Corrine Arnett, captain.



Post-season wrestling awards were recently presented at its end-of-the-season banquet. Pictured, from left to right, are: Dan Spicer, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player and O-K White all-conference; Joel Uzarski, scholar athlete; Nate Roudabush, sportsmanship award; Matt Inman, most improved; and Brett Plattner, O-K White all conference.

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Breaking Ground

Goodrich Quality Theaters and Lowell city officials gathered for the traditional ground-breaking ceremony for the Lowell 5 Theater scheduled to be built at the west end of the Ridgeview Plaza. Construction is scheduled to begin in April. Goodrich vice president and general manager William T. McMannis said he is hopeful the doors can be opened by July. The cost to construct the new 800-seat, five-screen theater is \$800,000. Equipping the theater will cost another \$400,000. The theater will cover 13,000 square feet.

Business Matters

Laurel Health Care employees for the month who have stood at the top of their profession are: Linda Waldron R.N., Linda Aksamitowski CENA, Patty Barber CENA and Libby Barber CENA.RA.

They are experienced, knowledgeable, professionals who are conscientious, thorough and dedicated in their work. They have provided top quality care with a special touch.

Aksamitowski has worked at Laurel Health Care since 1977. She says she likes this type of work and that she has inherited many special grandparents.

The mother and daughter

team of Patty and Libby Barber enjoy working at Laurel Health Care. They like caring for the residents and enjoy that the residents call them by their names.

Waldron, one of the registered nurses, has been in the nursing field for over 23 years. She finds the work challenging and enjoys caring for the elderly. Her expertise is highly valued.



Pictured above, front row, left to right, are: Linda Waldron and Linda Aksamitowski; back row, left to right, are: Patty Barber and Libby Barber.

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Lowell Township sticks with what works in awarding cemetery and lawn care bid

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

If it's not broken, don't fix it and if a company's doing a good job, keep them on board.

That's what Lowell Charter Township officials believed when they awarded the township's cemetery and lawn care bid to Kruyswijk's Lawn Care.

"Their bid wasn't the lowest, but we've received nothing but compliments on the work they have done," said township supervisor John Timpson.

The township received four bids for upkeep on the township hall lawn and lawns at its four cemeteries, McBride, Merriman, Wright, and Roth-Coons.

Kruyswijk's bid of \$3,860 includes lawn care at the cemeteries, while an extra \$600 covers the township hall's needs through the lawn care season, which lasts approximately until October, weather permitting.

"They've taken care of the lawn care since I've been here," said Timpson, supervisor for the past seven years. "They do an excellent job and people like their work."

City's wastewater treatment surcharge structure not matching up with its costs

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Wastewater Treatment plant's current surcharge rate structure does not adequately reflect its cost.

"The current surcharge rate structure is at least eight-years old and was probably based on the operating costs of the old plant," plant manager Mark Mundt said. "Based on discussions I've had with city treasurer Judy Noonon, I have begun to assemble the data necessary to recalculate the surcharge rates so they are based upon the current operating costs."

Because of increased operating costs experienced at the plant since September, Mundt proposed a split in wastewater surface fees between Earth Tech and the city of Lowell.

Earth Tech pays the treatment costs at the plant and is entitled to all of the surcharges collected by the city.

"However, Earth Tech re-

alizes that this would cause a significant impact on the city's budget," Mundt said.

As a compromise, the city agreed with Mundt to split the surcharge fees with Earth Tech. By splitting the charge it would allow the cost to float so that if a company would start pretreating, theoretically the operating costs would come down as the surcharges are reduced or eliminated.

The split is retroactive to September when the centrifuge was first started to offset increased operating costs already incurred.

Because of the centrifuge, operating costs have gone up dramatically. Since September, water bills are up an average of \$75 per month, power is up an average of \$1,000 per month and polymer costs are running about \$600 per month. This comes to \$1,675 per month or \$20,100 for the year.

The three main operating costs, when running the centrifuge, are power, water and chemical.

Due to increased organic loading on the plant, Mundt said it has had to start up additional equipment. A second oxidation ditch was started up in the summer of 1994.

By splitting the surcharges, the city and Earth Tech would each receive \$12,000, helping to recover the cost of treating waste that is more concentrated than normal domestic waste.

The way up and the way down are one and the same.

—Heraclitus

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

—Derek Bok

EASTER COLORING CONTEST

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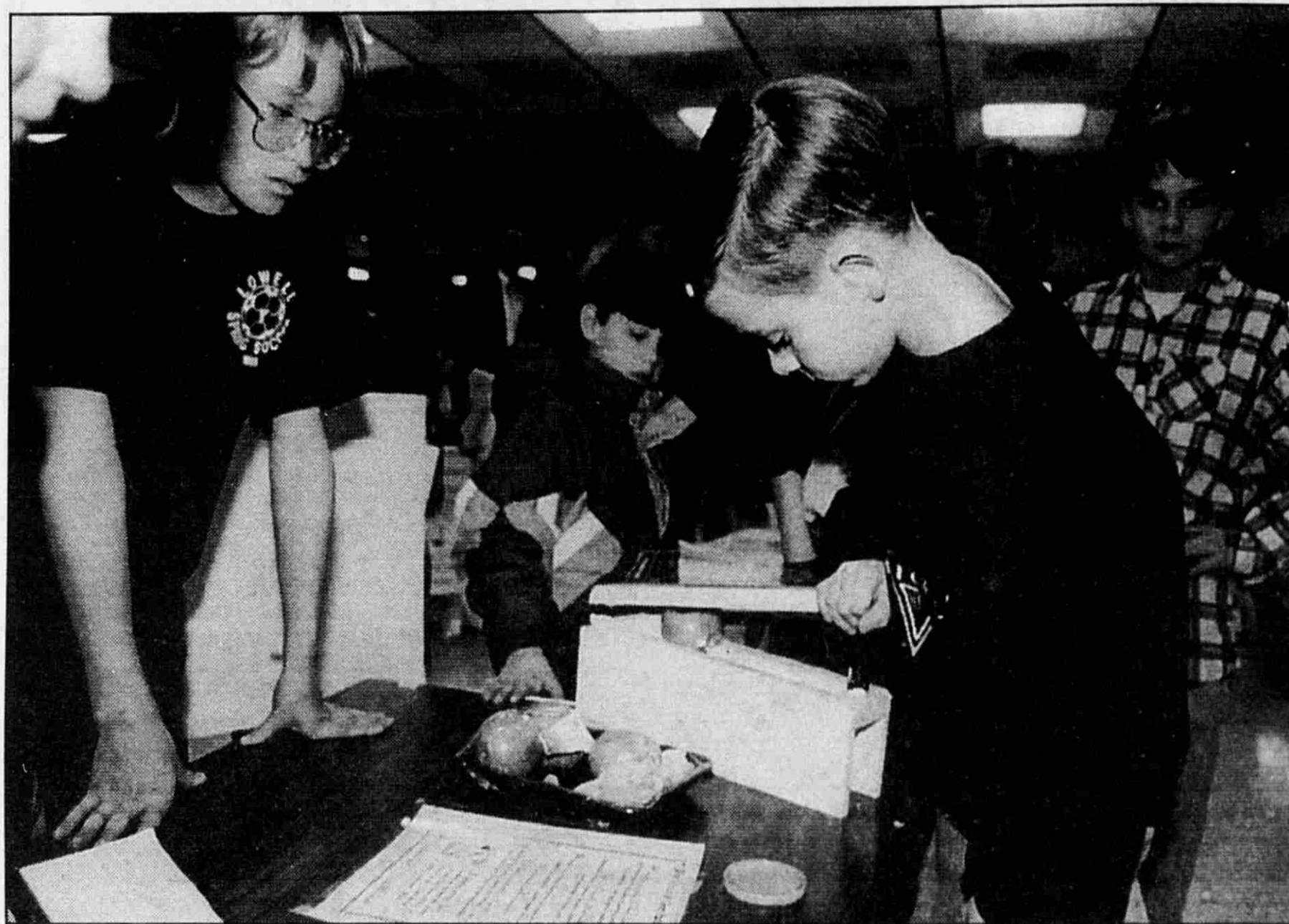
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WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN IN THE FOLLOWING 4 CATEGORIES:
Preschool (under 5 years old); ages 5 to 7; ages 8 to 10; and 11 & 12.
Pictures will be taken of the winners when they pick up their prizes
and published in the April 10th edition of the Ledger.

Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-grade students participated in the school's first ever Invention Convention. There were 125 inventions on display for friends and family to study. The Invention Convention project is part of the fifth-grades' new science curriculum outcomes which were started this year. Along with displaying their inventions, students also had to prepare a report on an inventor, draw a research and development plan, fill out an invention application and fill out a patent application. The convention took place March 12th. Pictured below is Michelle Dykstra and her "Easy Squeeze" invention. Looking on is B.J. Barle. Pictured to the right is Richie McGuire demonstrating his "Juice Maker." Pictured, lower right, is Christy Getz with her Automatic Mail Carrier. Students spent six weeks building their inventions. The 125 students were from the classrooms of Brent Noskey, Paul Jacobus, Mike Fillman, Carol Mandel and Judy Kelley.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual clean-up of the Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of:

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IN THE SERVICE

Matthew G. Staup, son of Dorothy Gill of Rockford and Glen Staup of Lake Odessa, entered the United States Air Force on March 6, 1996, according to TSgt David Kramer, Air Force recruiter.

Upon graduation from the six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, he will receive technical training as an Aircraft Armament Systems Apprentice and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Staup is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School.

Marine Sgt. Timothy L.

Sitzer, son of Dennis E. and Dawn F. Sitzer of Saranac, recently reported for duty with 1st Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

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

skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1991 graduate of Saranac Community High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1991. His wife, Lisa, is the daughter of Dennis G. and Joan Bowen, also of Saranac.

Army Pvt. Jason M. Richey has graduated from basic military training at Fort

Leonard Wood, MO.

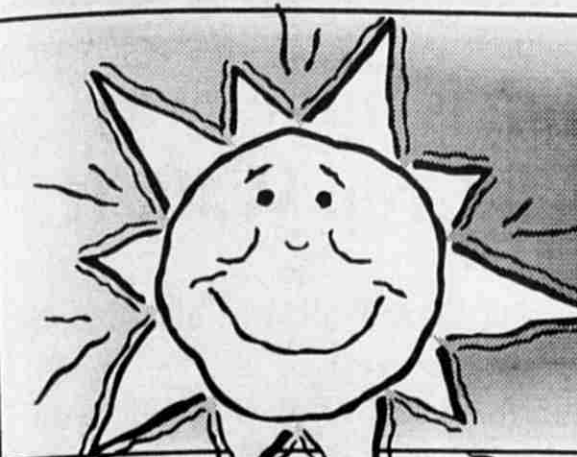
During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, mapreading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Richey is the son of Rhonda M. Rafferty of Kalamazoo and Rick Goodwin of Clarksville.

He is a 1994 graduate of Loy Norrix High School, Kalamazoo.



The leaves of the partridge pea are so sensitive that they fold together if touched.



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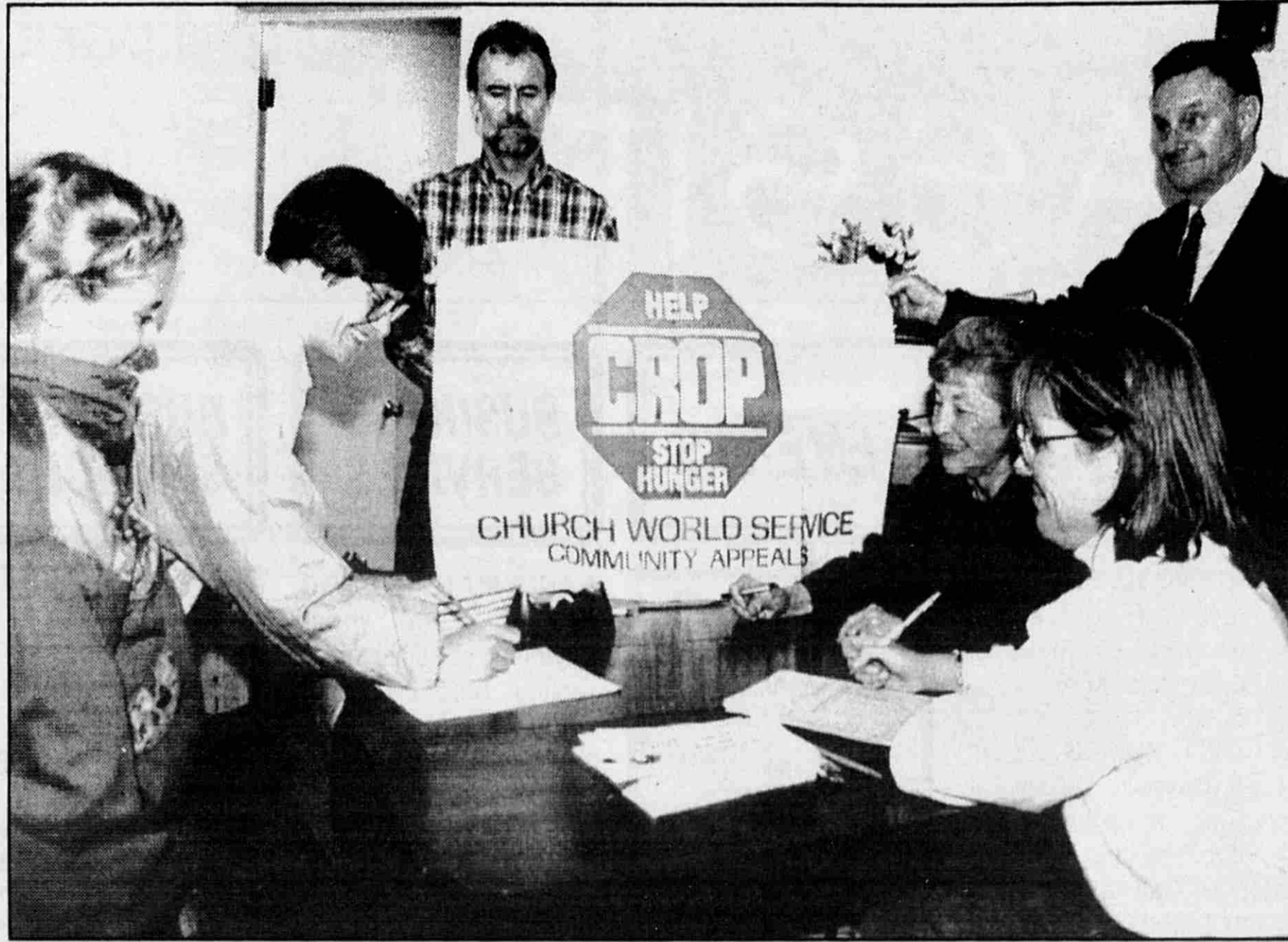


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HEY KIDS! DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE LEDGER'S COLORING CONTEST! LOOK FOR THE FULL PAGE IN THIS ISSUE!

The deadline for all entries in the contest is Monday, April 1 at 5 p.m. Drop them off at our office (105 N. Broadway) or mail them to us (PO Box 128)





Recruiting is underway for Lowell Crop Walk II

Lowell's first-ever Crop Walk was one of eight new walks in Michigan last year.

In its inaugural year, the Lowell Crop Walk signed up 231 walkers, raising \$15,241.

Crop Walk recruiter Dick Doezema said its goal this year is to raise \$20,000 and increase the number of walkers to 300.

A Michigan Christian World Service Crop Walk was held in 137 communities in 1995, resulting in \$1,703,950. There were 28,569 participants with an average income per walker of \$65.91. The Michigan walk income increased by \$166,000.

The Lowell Area Crop Walk held a recruiter's training rally March 13. The second Crop Walk will be held May 5. Registration is at 1 p.m. with the walk beginning at 2 p.m.

Pictured above is Mary Schoenborn signing up for the Crop Walk. Schoenborn is standing between her daughter Kaitlyn and Rev. Gordie Barry. To the left of Barry are Dick Doezema, Bobbie Doezema and Inge Whittemore.

Building boom adds revenue for Vergennes Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The building boom in Vergennes Township has hit where it counts - the pocket book.

The township board adopted its 1996-97 annual budget and revealed a 24 percent increase in tax revenue and a 51 percent increase in licenses and permit funds.

"The tax collection is due to our higher SEV (State Equalized Valuation)," said treasurer Jean Hoffman. "Developments like River Bluff are so reasonable that people are buying them up."

The increase in tax collection revenue is expected to be \$24,500 more than last year

while the revenue increase from permits is projected at \$12,000.

The township's total revenue is expected to be \$294,155, which is an eight percent increase from last year's revenue of \$272,333.

With any budget there are expenditures and Vergennes expects the two to equal out by the end of the year.

While there are many positives in the building boom, the township also will have a 66 percent increase in building inspection expenditures regarding contracted services and a 40 percent increase in mechanical and electrical inspections.

The township will also

pay \$6,800 to maintain 34 water hydrants. Maintaining the hydrants are part of the township water agreement with Lowell Charter Town-

ship for the newly constructed

water line, which runs to the school.

As part of its budget, the board agreed to give its ad-

ministrators a slight pay in-

crease. Supervisor Jim Cook's salary rose more than one percent to \$13,000.

Clerk Mari Stone and treasurer Jean Hoffman will also receive raises of 4.96 percent.

Their pay will increase from \$11,624 to \$12,200.

Chamber moves person of the year to May

By Thad Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bruce Walter, Jud Wilterink, Bob Pfaller, Ruth Thurtell and the late Gurney Hahn were brought together a little over 11 years ago to select an outstanding person in Lowell as the recipient of Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's inaugural "Person of the Year" award.

While the award was sponsored by the Chamber, the selection committee was not part of the Chamber of Commerce board.

Jerry Patton, president of the Chamber in 1986, thought it best to exclude the selection process from the politics of the Chamber board.

Patton was also responsible for bringing the "Person of the Year" idea to the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce.

Patton had served as a businessman in Howell before coming to Lowell. Howell had an annual award that honored an outstanding person in the community.

After discussions with the Lowell Chamber, the consensus was that such an award would also be good for the community of Lowell.

It was decided that since each year produced a "Person of the Year" recipient, one of the original five would leave the committee and the new recipient would become a member of the selection committee.

Patton said the original committee felt that five outstanding citizens with their diverse and broad knowledge of community issues were qualified to select the upcoming "Person of the Year."

In 1994, the Chamber board decided that the president of the Chamber would also have a vote.

A change has been added to the 1996 "Person of the Year" banquet. This time, however, not with the selection, but with the date and location.

This year's banquet will be held May 9 at the Riverview Restaurant, 14043 E. Fulton. Social hour will start at 6 p.m. with the award presentation at 7 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7:30.

Last year's presentation to James Maatman marked Lowell's 10-year anniversary of the award.

Although not restricted to any specific qualities or guidelines, the following are some the selection committee may refer to:

- A candidate has freely donated considerable time to the community, school district, church or humanity.
- The community is a better place to live because of the efforts of the candidate.
- The candidate promotes the community both in word and action.
- The candidate possesses new and innovative ideas that benefit the community.

While not required, it is helpful that nominations be in writing. They must be submitted by April 10.

CITY OF LOWELL SPRING LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the second and third weeks of April, leaves will be picked up by Denny's Disposal. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

**City Hall
Phillips 66 (Third Base)
Family Fare Supermarket
Hahn's Hardware**

These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00 They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area.

This is a leaf composting program. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday, April 9 or 16. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday, April 10 or 17.

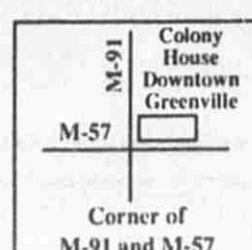
Also, the leaf pick up program will continue the first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from May to November!

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal (691-8530) or City Hall (897-8457).

CLEARANCE CENTER Spring Clearance Sale!

	Suggested Retail	Clearance Price
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42" Round (2 leaves - 4 chairs)	\$1,395	\$995
42" Round Drop Leafs - (2 leaves - 2 chairs)	\$995	\$650
48" Square Round	\$799	\$399
Solid Oak Bar Stools	\$99	\$69
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Barrell Chair	\$703	\$250
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Specifications may be secured upon request from the City of Lowell, City Hall - 897-8457 or the Public Works Garage - 897-5929.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.