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## Barbers and the city reach agreement on Bowes

### Road realignment; now wait for MDOT's approval

••• Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said the Bowes road realignment project will not start without concurrence from all sides.

By **Thad Kraus**  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The city of Lowell and Jim and Barb Barber, 1600 Bowes Rd., reached an agreement on the realignment project that has been a topic of conversation for approximately six months.

The agreement meets the traffic and safety standards and is within the 20 degree road deflection requirements of the American Association State Highway and Transportation Office.

However, the Michigan Department of Transportation, which controls whether or not a light is put in at the Bowes

Road/M-21/Alden Nash intersection, is not happy with the 18 degree deflection. It would like to see an eight degree deflection.

Williams and Works, Inc. consultant Jeffrey Vos said eight degrees would force the relocation of Bowes Road to sweep more to the south thus taking up more of the Barber property. Such a sweep would not be tolerable to the Barbers.

Councilman Jim Hodges said the agreed upon realignment proposal affects the fewest people.

Vos said he had hoped to hear from MDOT prior to Monday night's meeting, but officials were on spring break. "I

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## Bear Creek Watershed district provides environmental good deed opportunity for Vergennes residents

By **Marc Popiolek**  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township residents can make a difference when it comes to the environment.

While recycling programs remain popular, there are other means of protecting the environment that can be felt in your backyard.

One such project is the preservation of the Bear Creek Watershed district.

While the majority of the district lies within Cannon Township, over 480 acres border on Vergennes Township and are in need of help.

Patti Fisher, project manager, said the district has two main enemies which residents can help battle.

One is sedimentation, which sterilizes the district's vast trout population due to sediments exposing fish spawning beds.

The other is rising fecal coliform bacteria within the streams.

Fecal coliform is attributed to leaks in septic systems and farm animals defecating in the waters.

To help monitor and protect the district, Fisher said Vergennes residents can volunteer their time to watch over the district.

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Marion Wheat

## Election streak ends for local resident; Marion Wheat moves across the border

By **Marc Popiolek**  
Contributing Writer

What may seem difficult to some is considered fun for others and Marion Wheat will be the first to tell you working at the election site in Lowell Charter Township is fun.

"I don't understand why people think it's so bad. I've had nothing but fun working them," she said. "Even if they didn't pay me, which was not a lot, I would have volunteered for it."

Wheat knows a little something about working elections since she hasn't missed one since 1962.

Her incredible streak of working elections wouldn't be coming to an end if it weren't for a law that states you must live in the township you volunteer to work.

"The main reason I'm not going to work anymore is

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## Cowles' development puts facility's look to public test

By **Marc Popiolek**  
Contributing Writer

Curt Cowles' proposed Stoneridge apartment complex takes another step to fruition when his facility's design goes before the public.

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing at 7 p.m. on April 17

to review phase I of Cowles' plan.

"This is a review of his first set of buildings," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers. "His development must meet the township's Planned Urban Development guidelines."

The development's access road off M-21 and a commercial driveway, parallel to M-

21, will also be reviewed.

While the commission will listen to Cowles' proposal and citizens' comments, Beers said the commission will delay giving final approval until sewer, water and storm sewer issues are finalized.

"We believe the sewer issues has been cleared up, although we've not received anything in written form from

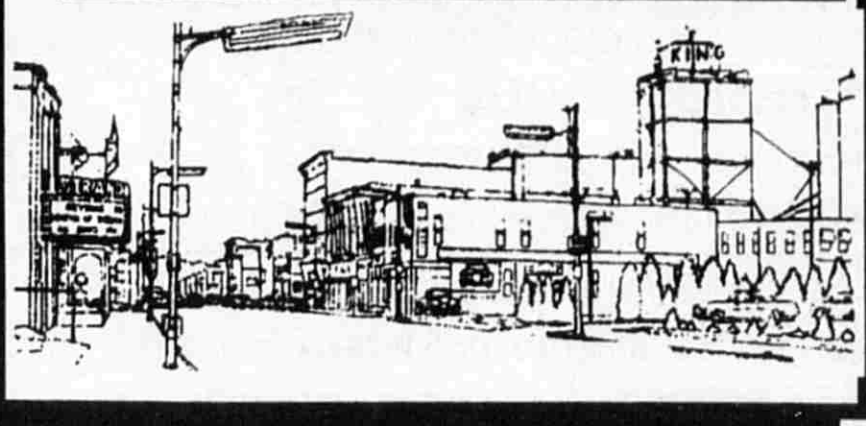
engineers, but the other issues still remain," Beers said.

Since his first proposal Cowles said his development would have public sewer and water on site and would follow the guidelines of the PUD ordinance.

Cowles proposed developing his 96-unit complex in three stages, with the first stage

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## Along Main Street



### CUMBERLAND RETIREMENT VILLAGE OFFERS SEMINAR ON LONG-TERM CARE

Cumberland Retirement Village and G.I.S. are offering an educational seminar on "Long Term Care - The Realities and Myths" Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 and 7 p.m. in the activity room. Reserve your seat by calling 676-1618.

### 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, April 10 at the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Boy Scout Troop 102 and Cub Scout Packs 3188 and 3102 will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry at Lowell First United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 13. The boys will be taking empty plastic bags to homes in the Lowell area during the first week of April. Please put food in the bags and place them in front of your house the morning of April 13. If you would like to take food directly to the food pantry, the church will be open to collect food from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. If you have any questions, call Jim Williams, 897-6405.

All of the food collected will be given to needy families in the Lowell area. Any non-perishable items can be used, but some things the pantry is low on are canned fruit, boxed potatoes, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce and peanut butter.

### ON VIEW AT THE 300 HIGH COLLECTION

The Governor's Traveling Exhibit will be on display at 300 High showing the top 30 art works of Michigan's high school students. This exhibit is part of the Michigan Youth Art Festival exhibit of last May 1995 and Lowell is one of 11 stops made in 1995-96.

The show is coordinated by Karen Lambert who represents MAEA on the MYAF board as visual art chair. Joe Zeeuw, LHS freshman, has been honored by having his "Russian icon,

LMS style" displayed in this exhibition.

### LOWELL POLICE TO TEST TORNADO SIREN

The Lowell Police Department will once again test the tornado siren and emergency alert system on Cable TV. The monthly tests will be conducted at noon on the first Friday of each month beginning Friday April 5.

The tests will continue through October. If a severe weather watch or warning is in effect during the time a test is scheduled, the test will not be conducted.

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# OBITUARIES

**COLEMAN** - Mr. Louis A. Coleman Jr., aged 73, of Grand Rapids, passed away Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; his children, Linda and David Looney of Grandville, Louis III and Helen Coleman of Kalamazoo, Larry and Gayle Coleman of Lowell, Elizabeth and Gary Gerard of Grandville, Les and Elizabeth Coleman of Grand Rapids; 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; his sister Virginia and Clarence Dood of Newaygo; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday from South Congregational Church with Rev. Ronald Skidmore officiating. Interment Floral View Memorial Gardens under the auspices of the Kent County Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the South Congregational Church Music Memorial or United Church Outreach Mission.

**GAUW** - Jean Alice Gauw, aged 78, a resident of Leisure Village, Belmont, passed into the presence of her Lord on Friday, March 29, 1996. Surviving are her husband of 55 years John Gauw; three sons, Rev. Daniel and Nancy Gauw of Forest City, AK, James Gauw, John and Pam Gauw both of Lowell; eight grandchildren; three sisters and one brother Betty Linemeyer of Belmont, Marilyn and Jim Dingman of Byron Center, William and Ruth Woolpert of Grand Rapids, Ruth and Fred Everett of Kentwood; one sister-in-law, Jeanette VanOstrom of Jenison, brother-in-law, Rich and Joan Gauw of Belmont; two aunts, Helen and Peter VanderArk of Walker, Mert Boonstra, of Pennsacola, FL; several nieces,

nephews and cousins. Mrs. Gauw attended the Alton Bible Church, Lowell. Funeral services were held Monday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel with her son, Rev. Daniel Gauw officiating. Interment was in Alton Cemetery, Lowell. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Ave. N.E., Lowell 49331. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

**HUMPHREYS** - Lillian W. Russell Humphreys, aged 94, formerly of Lowell, passed away in Ionia, Tuesday, March 26, 1996. She is survived by her children, Phyllis Condon, Charles (Eva) Russell, all of Lowell, Keith (Miriam) Russell of Portland, Marilyn (Victor) VanHouten of Dothan, AL; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry, of First United Methodist Church of Lowell, officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

**LADUE** - Douglas E. LaDue, aged 78, of Lowell, died Tuesday, March 26, 1996. He is survived by his loving wife and dearest friend of 57 years Pauline; son Douglas E. (Patricia) LaDue II of Grandville; daughter Karen K. LaDue of Chapel Hill, NC; grandchildren Douglas III, Daniel, Nicole, Michelle, Denise, Christine, Paula, Pamela, Jamie; two great grandsons; several nieces and nephews. Mr. LaDue was employed at Rowe A.M.I. of Grand Rapids for 36 years before his retirement in 1982.

He was a member of the Lowell Masonic Lodge #90F and A.M., American Legion, and First United Methodist Church of Lowell. Funeral Services were held on Friday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gordon Barry officiating. Interment South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, First United Methodist Church of Lowell, or Helping Hands Hospice of Ionia. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**ROESINK** - Joyce Faye Roesink, aged 81, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, in New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She was born in Kent County on July 21, 1914, to the late Earl Theron and Martha Mohler Wilson. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne W. Roesink in 1970 and a daughter Nancy Faye Sherman in 1993. Survivors include her son William E. Roesink and wife Jean of Wilmington, North Carolina;

grandchildren Theron E. Sherman of Akron, OH, Ronald C. Sherman of New Haven, MI, Julie Vandertuin of Grand Rapids, and Heather Hibbets of Lowell, Rhonda C. Hilburn of Wilmington, Tracy L. Roesink of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Stephen P. Roesink of North Miami, Fla. and nine great-grandchildren. Memorial Services were held Saturday in the 5th Avenue United Methodist Church with Reverend Michael Elliott officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Grand Rapids. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society or American Heart Association. A Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service, Oleander Chapel.



**ROTH** - Fred W. Roth, 79, of Ames, died Friday at Mary Greeley Medical Center, of a heart ailment. He was born in Lowell to Godfrey and Rose (Blaser) Roth. He married Virginia Harding on June 24, 1972. Mr. Roth had been a resident of Ames for 39 years. He was a professor of Agricultural Engineers and Epsilon Sigma Phi. Mr. Roth was one of the founders of the Green Hills Retirement Community and the Northminster Presbyterian Church. He was a lifelong pilot and a member of several flying clubs. He is survived by his wife Virginia of Ames; one son Mitchell

Roth of Fairbanks, Alaska; one grandchild; four brothers Walter Roth of Okemos, Mich., and Ed Roth, Rudy Roth and Alfred Roth, all of Lowell and one sister June Houser of Luray, Va. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dora. Services were held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, with burial in the Iowa State University Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Roth's name to the American Heart Association or to the Northminster Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by Stevens Memorial Chapel.

**WOODMAN** - Charles T. Woodman, aged 84, died March 27, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Mary; sisters, Mabel Keller, Cleone Trumbull, both of Hastings, Mae Bowerman of Middleville, MI. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Mr. Basil Bowerman officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

## Township approves effort to find funding for new bike path

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Bicyclists in Lowell Charter Township could soon have a new stretch of road to travel.

The Lowell Charter Township Board approved supporting Kent County Road Commission efforts to find funding for a bike path from Snow Avenue, easterly along Grand River Drive, and ending at Division Street near the Ionia County line.

"This is something a lot of residents would like to have completed," said Supervisor John Timpson.

Timpson said the latest stretch of road would be the third and final phase of the bicycle path project which began more than three years ago.

The second phase, a stretch of road from Buttrick Avenue to Snow Avenue, was completed two years ago.

"We expected to have the third phase completed last year, but there wasn't any funding," Timpson said.

In a letter to Steve Warren, Director of Planning for the Kent County Road Commission, Timpson said many residents voiced their concern on the dangers to bicyclists riding in a street which has many curves limiting the visibility of motorists.

"The proposed bicycle path would increase safety factors many times," he wrote. "We unanimously support your efforts."

No time frame or cost figures regarding the path's completion are available at this time.

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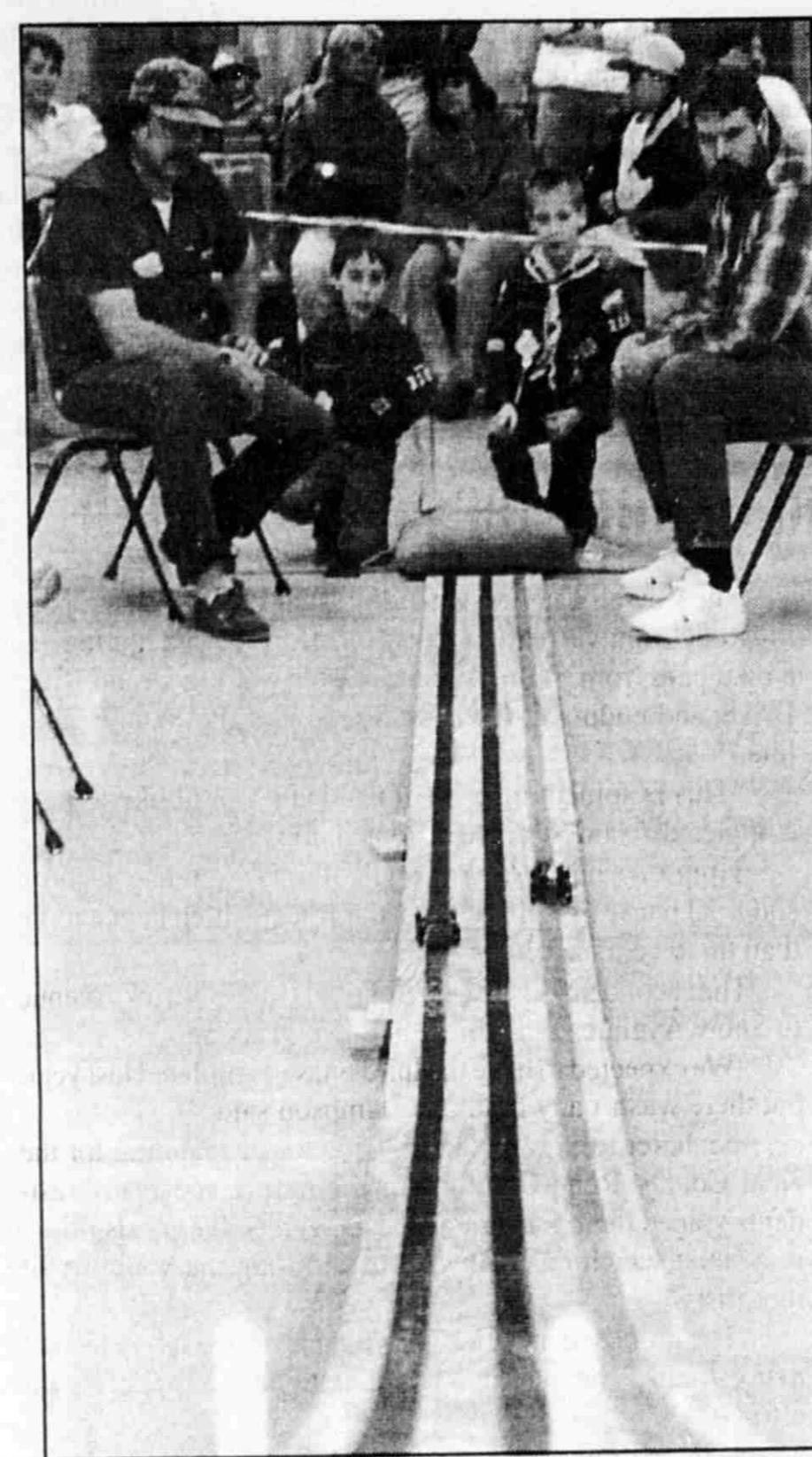
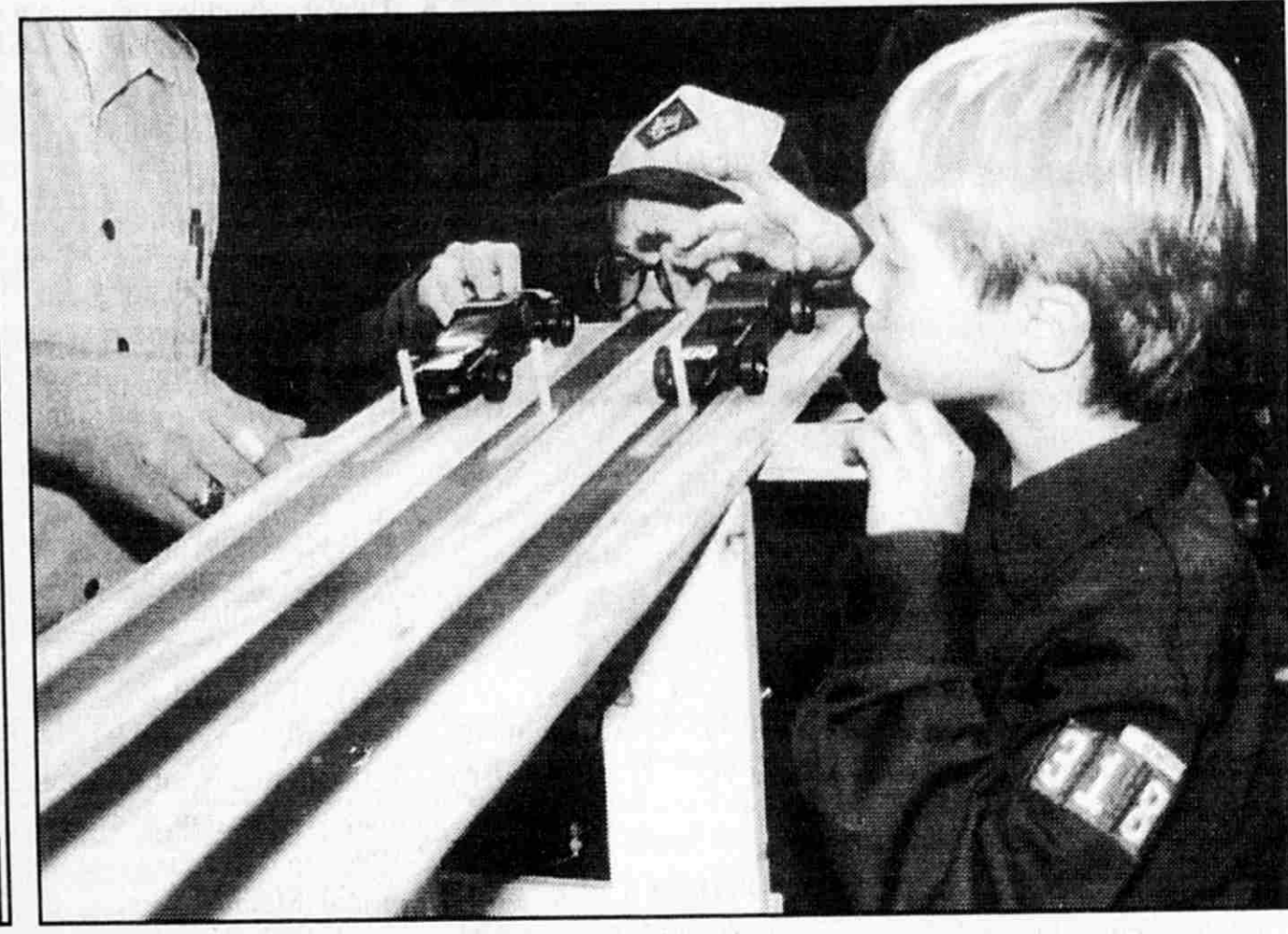
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—Samuel Butler

## Scout Derby Day

Area scouts participated in their annual Pinewood Derby event on March 23 at Cherry Creek Elementary. Cars were whittled, shaved, cut and sanded into aerodynamic shapes in hopes of attaining the slightest edge on the 25-foot track.

## In Memory

Brenda's Hair Designs is taking donations in memory of "Joey," Therese Jakeway and Russ Reinhardt's newborn son who was born and went to be with the Lord on March 18, 1996.  
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## City schedules early spring pickup

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 pickup 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.

All leaves and twigs must be placed in leaf bags. They can be purchased at City Hall, Phillips 66 (Third Base), Family Fare Supermarket and Hahn's Hardware.

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# Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God... (Hebrews 12:15).

One summer day while we were visiting relatives, our young nephew kept looking at a motto on the wall. Finally, in his fine southern accent, he drawled, "Grandmaw, why do you want us to 'keep looking up'?"

Peter made it fine as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. But when he looked at his surroundings, he began to sink. If we look around, we are apt to get our eyes on the faults and failings of others. If we look down, the problems and burdens of everyday living will overwhelm our souls and we will sink spiritually.

In his book, *I will Lift Up Mine Eyes*, Glenn Clark told about a man who was lost on a great body of water. When he realized his plight, he was terror-stricken. In his distress, he began to pray. Suddenly a brilliant star appeared in the sky.

Keeping constant watch on the star, he rowed his small boat with all his might. Eventually he came to land at the very spot from which he had embarked.

To make a joyful landing on the heavenly shore, we Christians must keep our eyes on Jesus. We must "keep looking up."

*Prayer:* Dear Jesus, Thou art the source of all my encouragement, strength, deliverance, and delight. Keep my eyes on Thee always. Amen.

If you want to be distressed, look within.

If you want to be defeated, look back.

If you want to be distracted, look around.

If you want to be dismayed, look ahead.

If you want to be delirious, look to Christ.

If you want to be delighted, look up.

Author Unknown

## Jaycee tour works to activate and educate

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's a daunting task - traveling to 257 communities in 46 states in a six-month period.

However, that is what Kelly Wills, a highly energetic 35-year-old president of the national United States Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees), is doing.

He launched his journey entitled Jaycees' *Wake Up America Tour*.

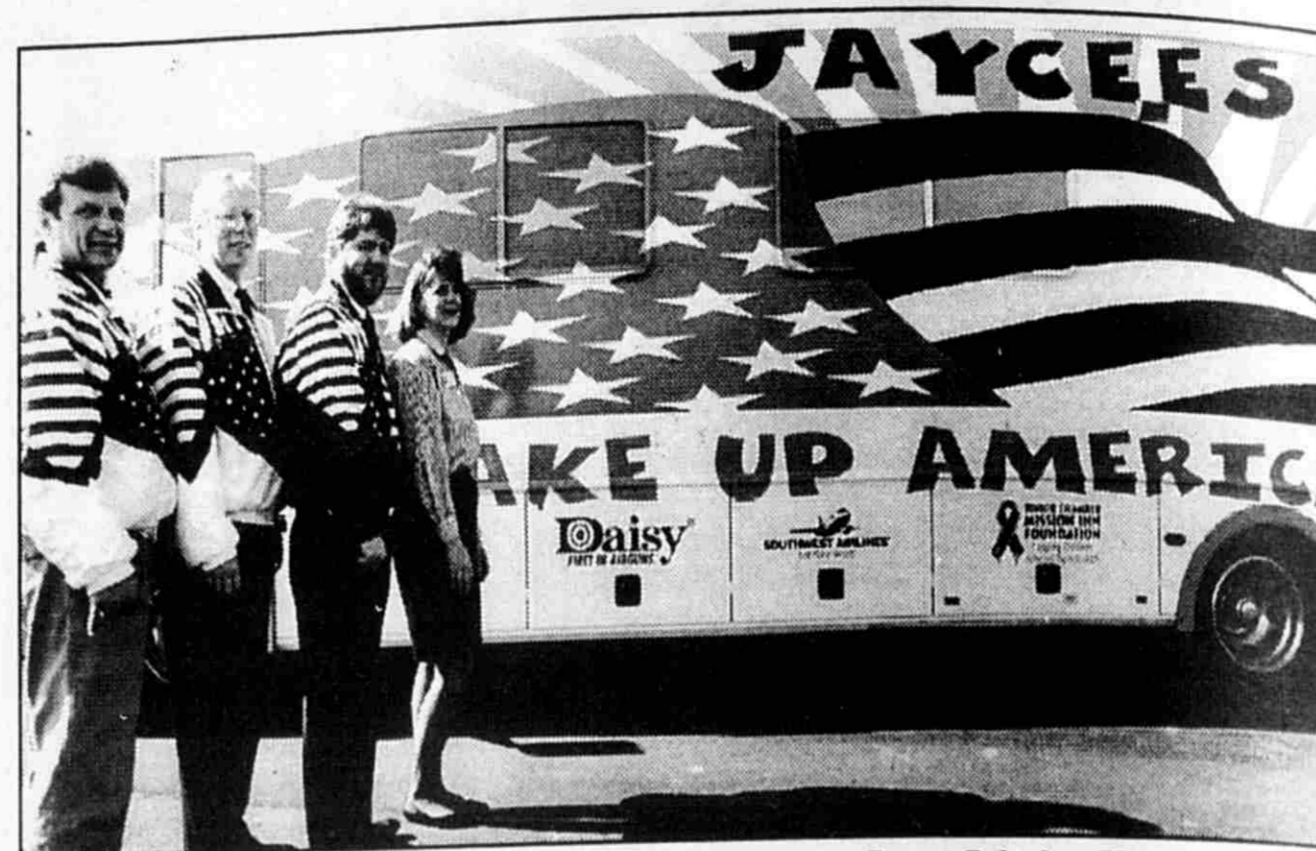
The focus of the ambitious travel agenda is two-fold:

1. To get more people to understand the charge of the Jaycees.

2. To encourage people to become more involved in the political process.

Lowell resident and a six-year member of the Michigan Jaycees, Tamela Spicer explains both tasks will be difficult to achieve but are attainable.

"I think it's difficult be-



Pictured above, left to right, are: Dennis Kramer, Steve Jahnke, Kelly Wills and Tamela Spicer.

cause there is a tremendous amount of apathy and people's lives, today, are so busy," Spicer said. "Many believe they just don't have time. If people are to better their communities and their quality of life, they need to find time."

Through his travels, Wills is taking the opportunity to try to inform, educate and acti-

vate young Americans to become a part of the process.

"We want young Americans to wake up and make a difference," Wills explains. "The Jaycees are not only going to register at least one million young voters this year, we're going to educate them about the major issues and get them activated."

Wills, national Jaycees vice president Steve Jahnke and Dennis Kramer who made stops in West Michigan on Friday including Grand Rapids, Ionia, Hastings, and Lowell.

There are 4,000 Jaycee organizations across the country and 140,000 members. Spicer said she hopes the tour helps revitalize some interest in the Lowell Jaycees organization.

"Encourage people to get involved," Spicer said. Those who are interested can call Spicer at 897-8264. Jaycee members must be between the ages of 21 and 39.

"The *Wake Up America*

tour is a long road trip," Wills said. "But it's been worth it. What makes it worth it for me is stopping in communities throughout this country and seeing what young America is doing and has done. Look at Creekside Kingdom. I am proud to know that the Jaycees took a part in it."

The trip which started in Tulsa, OK in January will wind up in Tulsa in June. "This is not the first time a national president of the Junior Chamber has gone on a "whistle stop" motor tour, but it is the most ambitious trip in the organization's 76-year history," Wills said.

The Jaycees is noted for providing young people with the opportunity to develop personal and professional leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement.

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Until Eve arrived, this was a man's world.  
—Richard Armour

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If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.  
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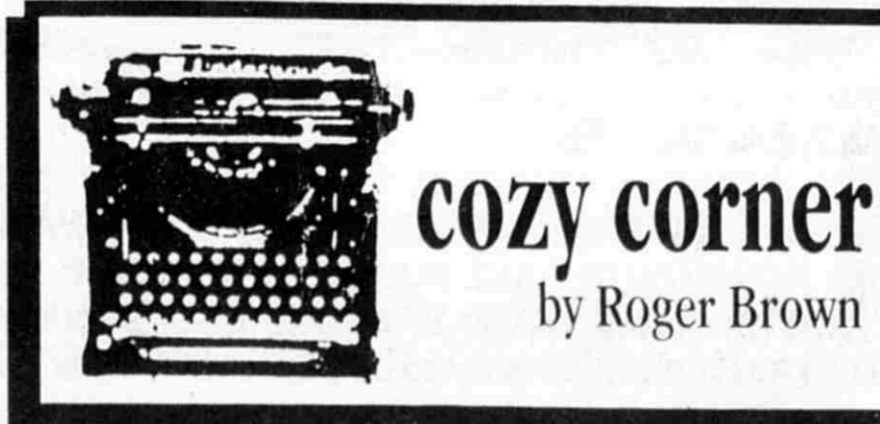
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# Viewpoint



## Cozy corner by Roger Brown

I've been flying for about eight years now. I received my training in various Cessna 172's at the Kent County Airport. Shortly after earning my private pilot's license I purchased a one fifth share in a Cessna 172 based at the Lowell Airport. About four years ago, I threw in with three other guys to purchase a Cessna 180. I've logged a few hundred hours in these "Spam cans" and have been around several others of the breed over the years. Until last Wednesday evening, I had yet to become a member of the famed "Diamondhead Club." Let me explain.

All of the very popular single engine Cessnas produced in Wichita, Kansas, during the light aircraft heyday that stretched from the early fifties through the seventies had at least a few things in common. They were all constructed of aluminum, they all had high wings and, most importantly to this story, they all had a peculiar crimp in the metal flaps and ailerons to give them strength. When examining the trailing edge of a Cessna flap or aileron, the crimp is an inverted "V" on the top layer of sheet aluminum and a regular "V" on the bottom. The flaps and ailerons are crimped every three inches and riveted together so that the "V" crimps match up to make a series of diamond shaped little cookie cutters a quarter of an inch on each side. Remember, the wing is high, about forehead high, and the sheet aluminum is relatively sharp. You should be way ahead of me by now, but for those who are a bit slow to catch on, you officially join the "Diamondhead Club" when you

inadvertently walk into the trailing edge of a Cessna wing. The resulting injury leaves one, or perhaps two, perfect quarter inch diamonds gashed into your forehead.

I think you become a life member if your gate is fast enough, the impetus forceful enough and the wound deep enough to leave a permanent scar. If you happen to be running at the time of impact, tradition mandates you retrieve your scalp from the floor and tack it up on the hangar wall alongside the shirttail cut off after your first solo flight.

Over the years, I have had many close calls, some minor contact and even a small cut or two but never a full-fledged "walk-right-straight-into-the-#%\*?#@-thing" frontal lobe meeting with a Cessna wing.

My assignment for Wednesday (seems like there is always something to do) was to get my old garden tractor running. I think I've written about this tractor in previous columns. It's a twenty-some-year-old Wheelhorse. My father gave it to me, along with a barn full of attachments. It's a monster of a tractor weighing in at 900 pounds and sports a big sixteen horsepower single cylinder engine. In the year I've had it, I know I've spent at least twice as much time working on it as I have working with it. It's the same story with my thirty-some-year-old motorcycle and my fifty-some-year-old biplane. Those of us who can't afford new stuff have to keep telling ourselves we enjoy this continual tinkering with our antiques.

The old Wheelhorse died under the wing of the Cessna a few weeks ago. I nearly frostbit my fingers while trying to get it started on a cold Saturday morning. I was going to fly the Cessna, and wanted to use the tractor to clear the snow in front of the hangar. I ended up frying the tractor's solenoid while trying a jump start from my car. The snow was shoveled by hand. It's sometimes difficult to convince myself that this tinkering with antiques is fun and therapeutic.

Having waited for warmer weather (it must have been all of 35 degrees) to repair the tractor, I set about the project in earnest (no relation to Ernest from the milk commercials). I

opened the hangar door to get some good light on the project. I gathered an arm load of tools and headed for the tractor. I was moving with purpose, as I wanted to get the project done while I still had light. The sun was low in the sky and directly in my eyes. I was wearing a billed cap which partially obstructed my forward vision as I averted my eyes from the sun. I was also watching where I stepped, as there was a garden hose, an extension cord and a few scattered tools in my way. That pretty well sets the stage.

The next thing I knew, my head jerked back, my neck snapped and I was seeing stars. When I realized what had happened I roared an expletive unfit for publication, set the tools down and massaged my forehead. I was checking my fingertips for blood when I noticed a man, his wife and two little kids standing in the open hangar door. They were there to look at a hangar that is available to rent, and I hadn't seen them until that moment. "Wow! You really smacked that thing, didn't you?" said the man. Trying my very best to keep from cursing any further, I managed only a weak, "Yeah, I sure did."

Fortunately, the impact was cushioned by the cotton ball cap I was wearing, but I still ended up with a two-inch gash in my forehead and a distinct diamond shape at one end of it. I snugged the cap back on my head and positioned it so that the sweatband served as a bandage. I gave the folks a tour of the hangar they were interested in, thankful for the diversion. There was a sizeable ball-peen hammer among the tools I was carrying, and the Cessna aileron may have been in for some retribution had it not been for that nice family happening along when they did.

The wound was superficial. I'm hoping the lesson was not. Had it not been for that cap, my scalp, or at least a portion of it, would be tacked to the hangar wall. At best, I'd be scheduled at the doctor's office about now to have the stitches removed and would certainly be bearing the permanent scar of a life member of the "Diamondhead Club."

Vergennes' Allie Bennett, Mary McLean and Charley Merriman all have new \$100 bicycles.

Ohio passes a law prohibiting high hats in theatres.

Fishermen in both Saginaw and Keweenaw Bays are stranded on ice floes in high winds, but all are rescued.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MARCH 31, 1921

Vergennes Township offers two complete voting tickets with the exception that Republican Ray Onan runs for treasurer unopposed.

The Lowell Literary Club debates "Shall the Immigrant Be Excluded?" while the Clover Leaf Club ponders the Monroe Doctrine and its relation to the present troubles in Mexico.

Fourteen prisoners at the county jail, convicted last week in federal court for violation of the liquor laws, are transferred to the Detroit House of Correction. A crowd of relatives and friends say Goodbye the day before.

International intrigue: Detectives hired by the American Legion are jailed when they try to capture an American deserter in Germany.

Pages 2 and 3 feature serials, "The Strange Case of Cavendish" and "The Voice of the Pack," condensed Classics (this week: Kingsley's "Hypatia"), jokes and many patent medicine ads.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 4, 1946

Overcrowded state parks, already in poor shape because of

wartime shortages, are predicted for the summer. Only Porcupine Mountain Recreation Area will have new trails.

A second recount resolves the very close council election; Wm. Christiansen wins by one, three and five votes over the other candidates.

Dave Clark buys Cook Plumbing & Heating, in business since 1920.

The hilltop school in Segwun is being used by the McBride District since their school burned.

Last Monday got up to 77 degrees, but retreated to 32 degrees by night.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - APRIL 1, 1971

An ad shows a multi-story, high-rise mobile home park but doesn't say where.

Paul Balaam takes the high school choir to the Tri-River festival at Greenville.

Another heavy snow last week brought the March fall to eleven inches above average and the winter total to 95" (average 80").

Huge growth in Eastgate and Valley Vista created an emergency situation in Lowell schools. The board is asking for a new junior high, new elementary and addition to the high school and forecasts an increase to 1,200 pupils over present numbers by 1975. This qualifies for the Michigan School Bond Building Loan, which will require only one mill increase.

to higher education by increasing total funding by 5.1 percent over fiscal year 1996, the largest yearly increase since the 1980's. Grand Valley State University received one of the highest increases this year, receiving a 15 percent hike over last year's funding. This increase, in turn, will help keep tuition increases down, making college more affordable for Michigan's families. And, in our global, high-tech world which demands greater knowledge and skill-nothing could be more important for our children.

Under this bill, the state will spend \$1.499 billion on higher education. For the first time, this budget establishes a per-student minimum funding floor of \$4,150. Graduate and various technology programs also received significant funding amounts. To support minority engineering training programs, the budget authorizes \$4 million in funding for Focus Hope's engineering programs.

Another budget bill passed last week, SB 846, will provide funding for Michigan's community colleges. Overall, community college funding will be increased by five percent. Under SB 846, \$262 million will be appropriated for community college education. Grand Rapids Community College has been appropriated an increase of 3.24 percent over last year's funding.

A third budget bill passed last week, Senate Bill 851, funds the K-12 budget for fiscal year 1997. This bill will increase the amount the state pays for K-12 education by 5.9 percent over last year. School districts will now have greater flexibility to

provide adult education and at-risk programs by combining resources totaling \$295 million. Schools will also receive one-time Technology Grants totaling \$32.5 million to ensure they will be able to meet the technology needs of the future. Under SB 851 the state will spend a total of \$8.65 billion on K-12 education.

The children of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. We must do all that we can to prepare them for their futures. The higher education budget for fiscal year 1997 is just another example of the Senate and the Governor's commitment to aggressively advancing education in Michigan. By keeping tuition increases to a minimum, this budget is a big win for all Michigan families.

## Letters, Letters, Letters...

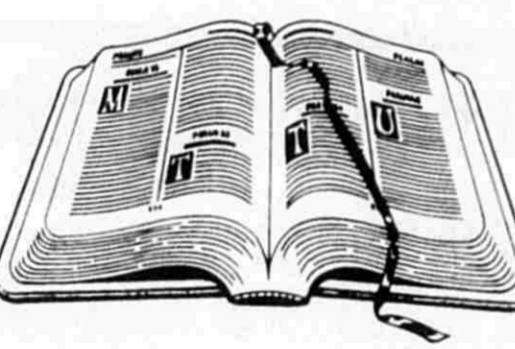


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# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.</p> <p>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	 <p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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.</p> <p>Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "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><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 &amp; 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M. Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M. AWANA &amp; J.V. Wednesday.....6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting: Wednesday.....6:45 P.M.</p> <p>JOE GERKIN, PASTOR, 897-7168</p>	 <p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> 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><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemore • 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><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M.</p> <p>JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906</p> <p>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><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> 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.</p> <p>(Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M.</p> <p>REV. RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "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!)</p> <p>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><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.</p> <p>TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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 HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the March 4, 1996 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES 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 (03/18/96)

General Fund .....	\$66,238.81
Major Street Fund .....	903.57
Local Street Fund .....	690.37
D.D.A. Fund .....	5,386.31
Building & Site Fund .....	7,679.08
Airport Fund .....	45.52
Wastewater Fund .....	22,287.38
Water Fund .....	5,234.27
Data Processing Fund .....	158.85
Equipment Fund .....	1,641.31

### Item #1. PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

**A. CONFIRMATION OF CONSTRUCTION BID AWARD.** Bids were received for the construction of the new public library on March 5. Ten bids were received with Elmridge Construction Company of Grand Rapids providing the low bid of \$946,000. This was \$87,000 under the January, 1996 cost estimate.

The total cost of the project was \$1,298,000, which is \$72,000 under the January, 1996 estimate. The Building Authority accepted the low bid of Elmridge Construction for \$946,000 at their March 14 meeting and it is recommended that the City Council confirm this.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to confirm the low bid of \$946,000 from Elmridge Construction Company of Grand Rapids for the construction of the new public library.

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

### B. REVIEW OF BONDING AWARD BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY; CURRENT FINANCES OF PROJECT.

The Building Authority also accepted bids at its March 14 meeting for \$770,000 in bonds to assist in the financing of the library construction. Six bids were received with Edward Jones (brokerage firm) providing the lowest net interest rate of 4.8634%. The Authority voted to accept this low bid. Currently there are \$806,500 pledged from various non city sources which amount to 62.13% of the project cost. It was noted that a \$68,000 grant was awarded from the State of Michigan under the Arts and Cultural Project Program, administered by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. With only \$1,024,500 available state-wide, the City received one of the largest single awards of the 39 grants given.

Since the State of Michigan grant was awarded after the advertisement of bond, the City would use these funds to

assist in lowering the City's front end contribution, helping in the overall funding of the project as well as the bond payments in the future.

It is expected that construction would begin in early April with a ground breaking ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m.

**Item #2. PURCHASE OF A PERSONAL COMPUTER, SOFTWARE PROGRAMMING AND HARDWARE FOR THE OPERATING OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED FACILITIES.** George Regan, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, solicited quotes for a personal computer, software, programming and hardware for the Plant to assist in automating the plant facility high service pumps and remote control for the booster pump station. Also, reports such as those required for the Michigan Public Health Department can be handled from the computer.

The following quotes were received:

Computer	Programming, Training and Installation
Software America \$4,394.	
Windemuller Electric \$4,660.*	\$23,400.
C. P. U. \$4,898.	
Smith Instruments \$5,900.	\$17,100.*
Engineering Solutions of Michigan	\$20,000.

After reviewing the quotes, it was recommended that the Windemuller Electric (computer, Gateway 2000 P5-120) and Smith Instruments (programming, training and installation) be awarded contract for purchase. Regan recommended the Gateway 2000 P5-120 because of its use in East Lansing and Three Rivers with a good record.

Mayor Thompson questioned what will be gained with this \$17,100 investment. Regan said remote control operation of the pump station and radio transmission from the station to the plant will be attained eventually eliminating the telephone service lines. This would give more control of the pump stations as well as provide an actual computerized read out of elevations and drops in the system, acting as a back up on the alarm system. The computer will also have word processing capabilities.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to approve the purchase of the Gateway 2000 P5-120 computer and software from Windemuller Electric at \$4,660 and the programming, training and installation be purchased from Smith Instruments for \$17,100 at the Water Treatment Plant.

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

### Item #3. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 1600 - 1602 BOWES ROAD - JIM AND BARB BARBER - ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF CARPORT STRUCTURE FOR DUPLEX WITHIN 25 FEET OF FRONT LOT LINE LOCATED IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT - SET PUBLIC HEARING (4/1).** Jim and Barb Barber petitioned for a variance to construct a carport in front of their duplex located at the west end of Bowes Road. The proposed structure would be located within 25 feet of the front property line where 50 feet is required located in an Industrial District.

The Planning Commission will review this request at their March 25 meeting and provide a recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the public hearing on April 1.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to set a public hearing on April 1, 1996 for the variance request from Jim and Barb Barber to allow construction of a carport structure for a duplex at 1600 - 1602 Bowes Road within 25 feet of the front lot line located in an

Industrial District where 50 feet is required.

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

**Item #4. ELM STREET/FOREMAN ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - SET PUBLIC HEARING ON ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (4/15).** As directed by Council at the March 4 meeting, a resolution had been drawn which initiates the steps to proceed with a special assessment district for sidewalk improvements along Elm Street and Foreman Road. The first step involves establishing a district that encompasses the areas that the City is considering new sidewalk and sidewalk replacement. A public hearing on the district has been proposed for April 15. Assuming the Council does establish the district, then bids would be sought to determine the cost of these improvements. After receiving bids, a second public hearing would then be scheduled to establish the district roll. If approved, a resolution would be adopted allowing the project to proceed.

All property owners involved would be notified by mail of both public hearings for their input as well as a notice published in the Lowell Ledger.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to establish a public hearing for April 15, 1996 to consider creating a Special Assessment District for the Elm Street and Foreman Road sidewalk improvements project.

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

**Item #5. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND APPROVING A CREDIT CARD POLICY FOR THE CITY.** Due to Public Act 266 of 1995, a credit card policy must be approved by the City Council to keep authorization of such arrangements. The policy as proposed allows for usage of a credit card solely for City business while the holder, on behalf of the staff and Councilmembers, is away from the City for conventions, seminars, conferences or similar activities or in making reservations. Also, the purchase of goods and services may be utilized through the credit card.

Councilmember Myers mentioned that in Public Act 266 of 1995, it stated that the maximum limit should not exceed 5% of the budget for the fiscal year. He asked what is the City's limit on the credit card. Pasquale responded that he believed that the limit is \$2000.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution establishing and approving a Credit Card Policy for the City of Lowell.

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

**Item #6. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NORMAL WORK DAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR MERS.** It had been requested by the Municipal Employees Retirement System that a resolution be provided from each municipality that defines a normal work day. With the City, this is defined as eight (8) working hours.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to adopt the resolution defining a normal work day as eight (8) working hours for City of Lowell employees.

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

**Item #7. PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT.** Jim Doyle of the Historic District Study Committee presented the preliminary report on the proposed Downtown Historic District. The Committee had been working on assembling this study over the last several months and provides the City to about one third through the process of establishing a historic district. Upon the presentation of this report to the Council and Planning Commission, it requires a sixty (60) day waiting period before a public hearing can be held. Two weeks

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prior to the public hearing, the City must notify all property owners in the district by mail of the public hearing. Once the hearing is held, the City Council has one year to determine whether to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Thompson stated that the Historic District Committee had done an excellent job on preparing the report.

Mike Blough, as a member of the Historic District Study Committee as well as the Planning Commission, stated that this project arose when the Planning Commission was updating the Master Plan. A survey had been mailed to approximately 600 residents with approximately a 35% response. One of the questions asked was how important in evaluating the image of Lowell in response to viewing a historic building. On a scale of one to five, over 70% of the people replied that it was very important. As a result, one of the policies the Planning Commission established dealt with a community image goal. It stated that Lowell would foster its image as a historic community, featuring turn-of-the-century architecture, rich cultural history, and founded on its natural features, including the Flat and Grand Rivers. After adopting the Master Plan, the Commission formulated an action plan which proposed to investigate the creation of a historic district in the downtown to encourage the City's historic heritage. This would be the responsibility of the Lowell Area Historical Association to create the district according to the Action Plan. There were some minor funding issues to be resolved relative to preparation of the report.

In discussing the issue with Jim Reagan of the Committee, City Manager Pasquale stated there were some expenses which will be requested for reimbursement. Doyle stated that at this time the committee had spent approximately \$150.

Pasquale also mentioned that a great amount of effort was undertaken by this volunteer board. In particular Jim Doyle spent much time and effort. All the committee members should be congratulated for their hard work on this project.

Doyle also said that the next Lowell Area Historical Association meeting on Wednesday, March 27 will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary School, regarding the Downtown Historic District.

Councilmember Myers mentioned as the Historic District is being proposed, the signage issue should also be reviewed and discussed.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to establish a public hearing on May 20, 1996 on the downtown historic district proposal.

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

**Item #8. ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE COST RECOVERY - SET PUBLIC HEARING (4/1).** The Fire Department had requested an ordinance that identifies unusual costs that the City may incur in responding to a hazardous materials incident or emergency. This further provides that person or persons responsible reimburse the City for those costs. Such costs would be over and above those services normally provided by the Fire Department.

This type of ordinance had been adopted by a number of communities, such as Lowell Township. Basically, the ordinance provides reimbursement where the Fire Department would respond to a hazardous materials emergency.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to set a public hearing for April 1, 1996 to consider adopting an ordinance providing for hazardous materials response cost recovery.

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

**Item #9. WASTEWATER SURCHARGE FEES.** Mark Mundt, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, explained that the City can collect surcharges when an industry contributes higher than normal concentrations

of wastewater to the plant. Therefore, it was necessary to establish a rate structure to allow billing a business for above and beyond their normal wastewater fees. This has been done since 1989.

Earth Tech as contractual operator of the plant had considered previously recommending that these surcharges be split with the City. But, operating costs have increased since September when the centrifuge was started.

Mundt pursued the splitting of the surcharges rather than request an increase in the contract because if an industry would lower the excessive concentrations of wastewater, the treatment cost would be lowered also.

As part of the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mayor Thompson stated that the City's expenses would be controlled by additional volume, not increase the cost. Mundt responded that there was no increase in cost to the City, but rather an increase to Earth Tech in the operating cost. By City ordinance, surcharges defray the cost of treatment that the excess organic in water are causing on the treatment plant. Basically these industries are discharging dirtier water than the average business. Thus, they should pay because it cost more to treat. Earth Tech is responsible for all operating costs of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mundt also noted that the current surcharge rate structure is at least eight years old, probably based on the operating costs of the old plant. Earth Tech is now recalculating the surcharge rates, based upon the current operating cost and will be forthcoming soon.

Pasquale stated that it is projected that the operating costs will rise approximately \$20,000 for the year. If surcharges are split, the City and Earth Tech, as the plant operations administrator, would each have \$12,000. This would not significantly affect the City's Wastewater Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to accept the proposed split in wastewater surcharge fees between Earth Tech and the City retroactive to September, 1995.

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

**Item #10. MONTHLY REPORTS.** No comments were received from materials presented.

**Item #11. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** Dale Latva of 904 Riverside Drive stated several concerns and ideas for the proposed sidewalk program on Foreman Road. He opposed the project as he understands it having sidewalks on both sides of Foreman, five (5) feet wide with two (2) foot barrier from the road. He wanted the Council to step back and review the plan city wide and then present it to the citizens and receive their support.

Councilmember Shores stated that the City would have to review each individual property, deciding if and where the sidewalk will be placed.

Councilmember Green mentioned that the City had adopted a Sidewalk Ordinance in 1988 which stated that there would be sidewalks throughout the City. This started as a volunteer program in 1988 for approximately four (4) years. The Council stated, after the volunteer program, the property owners would be responsible for the entire cost as mandated. Currently, the Council agreed to share some of the cost and consider an eight (8) to ten (10) year plan. But, just recently the staff had requested that the Council consider bonding so that a city wide program could be completed in three to four years. Green stated that the Council is united to have a network of sidewalks throughout the City where possible. The issue of equity is a concern.

Dave Austin, 908 Lincoln Lake also discussed the sidewalk issue. He stated for the record that he also opposes the sidewalk project. He presented a letter listing concerns he and his neighbors have regarding the sidewalk issue to the Council. Austin asked that the Council contact him to review it.

**Item #12. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Myers suggested that a professional City quarterly newsletter be provided to the residents.

Councilmember Myers also mentioned that while attending the 30th Annual Legislative Conference this past February in Lansing, he stopped in the MML Bookstore and noted a two week video lease program is available. The video could be circulated to Councilmembers or come early to a meeting to review the video and have a dialogue session.

Councilmember Myers presented literature regarding streetclocks for the downtown area.

**Item #13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. Copies of the February 2 and 19 meetings for the Light and Power Board along with the March 18 agenda were provided to the Councilmembers.

b. The Cable TV Board will meet on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. and a joint meeting with the City Council will be held at 7 p.m.

c. Mayor Exchange dates with the City of DeWitt have been proposed for Wednesday, May 15 at Lowell and Tuesday, May 21 in DeWitt. Council ratified the proposed dates for Mayor Exchange.

d. Chamber of Commerce proposed a banner extending over M-21 advertising the Riverwalk Arts and Crafts Festival near Lafayette from August 1 to September 2. Council approved the Chamber of Commerce request.

e. With the closing of Clary, Nantz, Hoffius, Wood and Cooper as a law firm, Paul Christman and Pasquale discussed options for labor and employment law needs. In reviewing this, it was their recommendation to utilize Nantz, Litowich, Smith and Girard. Pasquale has known Philip Nantz for over fifteen years as a labor attorney and ranked him highly. As mentioned previously, this would be on an as need basis with no retainer involved.

Councilmember Myers asked how often this type of service is used and is it enough of an issue to investigate other firms.

Pasquale felt very comfortable in working with Nantz having known him and used his services for over fifteen years as a labor attorney. Also, at this time, this type of service will not be used very often.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the City of Lowell utilize the firm of Nantz, Litowich, Smith and Girard for labor and employment law needs.

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

f. The Downtown Development Authority will be meeting on Thursday, March 21 at noon. They are working on the marketing of the Lowell community with Lee Jacokes identifying community perceptions and needs through the use of focus groups.

g. Denny's Disposal Service will provide brush and leaf pick up on April 9 and 10 and 16 and 17. Regular garbage pickup dates on Monday and Tuesday will have brush and leaf collection on Tuesday while Wednesday and Thursday garbage pick up dates will have brush and leaf collection on Wednesday. Then, starting in May brush and leaf pick up is scheduled during the first week of the month.

h. The DDA will have a bid opening on April 4 at 2:00 p.m. for the downtown improvements.

**Item #14. APPOINTMENTS.** None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

DATE: APPROVED: Monday, April 1, 1996

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

## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

### LCTV TO SHOW "THE RAINMAKER"

"The Rainmaker," the fourth-grade musical from the classes of Roth/Burradell and Kunnican/VanBelois, immediately followed by the classes of Bird/Dewey will be shown on LCTV, Channel 2, on Wednesday, April 3 at 4 p.m.; Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 at 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 6 at 10 a.m.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 6 at Creekside Park. Children two-years old and under, noon; three and four-year olds, 12:30 p.m.; five to seven year olds, 1 p.m. and eight to 10 year olds, 1:30 p.m.

The Easter Bunny will be there with 7,000 eggs and \$1,500 in prizes. Sponsored by the Lowell Moose.

### LACC PERSON-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.

### LAAC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships for fine arts camps and classes this summer are available to middle and high school students. These can be picked up from Karen Lambert at the middle school; Jill VanAntwerp at the high school or stop in at the LAAC Center.

Deadline for applications is April 12, 1996.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Daniella Scott, 21, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident March 21 when she backed from a private drive onto Pleasant St. just south of Main and struck a vehicle driven by Lorena Smith, 32, also of Lowell.

Todd Farmer, of Grand Rapids, told police his car was struck while parked in the Family Fare parking lot March 15 by a hit and run driver damaging the front of his vehicle.

A 16-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, will be referred into probate court at a later date for larceny which occurred March 25 when he left the Admiral gas station after pumping gas and did not pay for it.

Edward McBride, 54, of Wayland, lost control of his car March 26 on Main at Bowes Rd. and slid into the ditch. No one was injured.

Julia McEwan, 35, of Crystal, slid through the intersection of Center and Main St. March 25 and struck a vehicle driven by Jennifer Kolkman, 21, of Wayland. No injuries were reported.

Benjamin Bills, 17, of Lowell, was taken into custody March 27 for failure to appear in court and lodged in the Kent

County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Lynne Harman, 28, of Comstock Park, failed to yield right-of-way while exiting a private drive and struck a vehicle driven by Cornelia Fischer, 32, of Lowell, on N. Hudson just north of Main St. March 27. No one was injured.

Elva Anderson, 50, of Saranac, was involved in a property damage accident on West Main near Ridgeview Dr. March 26 when a passing pickup truck struck a deer and threw it into the side of her vehicle.

Margaret Gasper, 37, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident March 14 when she backed into a parked car in a parking lot in the 300 block of West Main St. belonging to Lori Gerard, also of Lowell.

Gregory Stevens, 19, of Lowell, was arrested March 25 for domestic assault by Lowell officers.

Ronald Hause, 33, of Lowell, was taken to the Kent County Jail on charges of domestic assault which occurred March 31. Released after posting bond for retail fraud which occurred at Family Fare store on West Main St. March 30 was John Brown, 55, of Lowell.

Sarah Gates, 79, of Grand Rapids, was involved in a property damage accident March 31 when she struck a tree just off the paved portion of a parking lot on Hunt St.

Two juveniles from Lowell, eight and nine years old, will be referred to probate court for causing \$300 to \$500 worth of property damage to the Lowell Showboat March 30.

Lowell officers investigated 20 accidents in the month of March, two of which incurred injuries. So far this year, 64 have been reported compared to 42 at the same time last year.

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hope to hear from MDOT within the next week," Vos said. The consultant said it was his belief that MDOT should accept the realignment proposal.

"It meets the traffic and safety standards," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale explained.

Once concurrence is given by MDOT, Williams and Works would initiate construction plans. This would include completing the property acquisition and initiating construction drawings.

Pasquale said it is his hope that the project can be completed by late summer.

Vos met with Barbers back in March to show them the potential alignment configurations for Bowes Road. He presented six alternatives to the original proposal which would have put the steps at 1600 Bowes Road within 13 feet of the

street right of way. The city setback calls for 20 feet.

Two options presented by Vos routed Bowes Road south of the Barber property while four options proposed winding Bowes Road north of the Barber property.

The proposals routing Bowes south of the Barber property were ruled out as a result of greater overall cost.

"Of the remaining four alternatives, one was slightly better than the rest, considering the minimum of right of way required from the northerly portion of the Barber property," Vos said.

Jim Barber referred to the amount of property as a small irregular strip. "It is nothing like the old idea which took the front half of my property," Barber said. "This was something we could live with."

The irregular strip referred to by Barber is on the northern portion of his 1.36 acres on which a duplex sits on.

Barbers agreed to sell the portion of their property to the city for \$4,500. In addition to that, the Barbers asked that in return for the property they receive:

- A new survey with the existing and proposed stakes and a description of the north property line for the parcel.
- Paving of the existing driveway approaches with asphalt from the new street to the new property line.
- Appropriate relocation of mailboxes and existing fence.
- Restoration of lawn to same or better condition.
- Keeping driveways accessible during construction.

In other related news the Barbers received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals to construct a carport structure for the duplex within 25 feet of the front lot line located in an industrial district where 50 feet is required.

## Wheat, continued... From Page 1

because we're moving to Boston Township and I can't work elections in Lowell by law," she said.

Wheat and her husband James will move to the neighboring township once their remodeling project on a house is complete. And while working elections has always been fun, she has no intention of starting over in Boston Township.

"I'm at that age to retire," she said. "I don't want to start over. I'll miss the people and co-election workers, but it's time for somebody new to step in."

When Wheat's election-volunteer days began, the hours and work were tremendous and only the advent of computers helped relieve the work.

"With the old paper ballots, we would work from 6 a.m. until 4 a.m. and sometimes you got stupid and silly from counting all the ballots," she said. "We've never had any real problems (counting or working the elections) but sometimes your eyes would get crossed and it was hard to work the next day because you were still a little silly."

Wheat's dedication to working with election committees can be traced to her friendships with voters and fellow workers.

"Most of the time that was the only time I would see these

people," she said. "I'd go from one election to the next without seeing them and then when we got together it was great to share stories."

Wheat progressed from "just a worker" to chairman of her district and it was up to her to make sure everything went all right.

"I kind of believe I got it because nobody else wanted it, but it was still fun to be a part of all those elections," said the Lowell Charter Township resident since 1945.

Wheat doesn't claim to have a most memorable election, but does remember those times when the day would just drag on.

"It was always great to work presidential elections because it was always busy, but there were some other elections when hardly anybody showed up...those were the boring ones," Wheat said.

Boring elections will no longer be a part of Wheat's life and she will not miss that, but she will miss her friends.

"I'll miss seeing everyone and talking to them, but if I can still stay busy it will make it easier," said the grandmother of two. "More people should try it at least once. I had fun and I know they would also."

One person who will definitely miss Wheat's contribution is Carol Wells, who could always depend on her services.

"I'm really going to miss her; she was very dependable," Wells said. "I didn't have to worry when she was the chairperson because she applied common sense and solved problems that arose and didn't just holler for help."

## Bear Creek, cont'd... From Page 1

"We have several ways residents can become involved," Fisher said. "One is by our Adopt A Stream program, which is popular with scout troops and other school children. The other is by calling our help line and asking what you can do to prevent any further damage."

Both programs teach children the importance of protecting the environment while also providing some good learning tools.

"Students can learn more about chemistry and apply other forms of science to watch over the streams," she said.

Currently, youngsters from surrounding communities have spent time measuring the district's water temperatures every month, while others measure the stream's flow/rise during storm events.

"It's all about education," said Fisher. "We not only want to educate students, but farmers and neighbors of the district as well."

Fisher said funding is in place to assist farmers with installing fencing along the streams to prevent livestock from entering.

By calling 874-INFO (4636), homeowners can discover tips to construct buffer zones which will also help preserve Vergennes' 482 acres.

"We don't want to do any arm twisting here; we just want people to help preserve the beauty of the district," Fisher said.

Residents interested in helping preserve the district can contact Fisher at 895-2527.

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

consisting of 24 units.

The second and third stages would add more apartments and possibly some commercial businesses.

Cowles also said he hopes to begin his development this summer, with proper approval.

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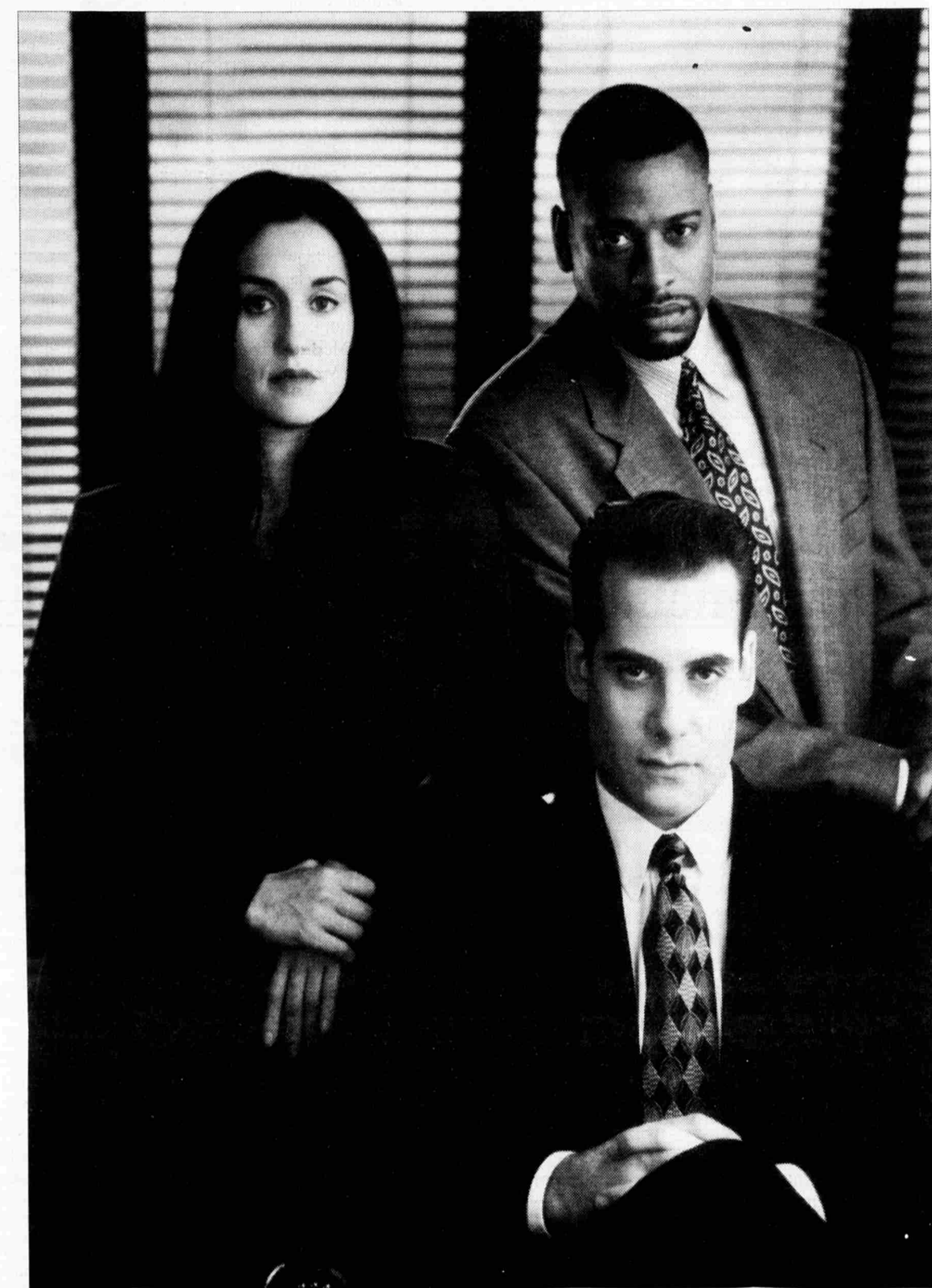
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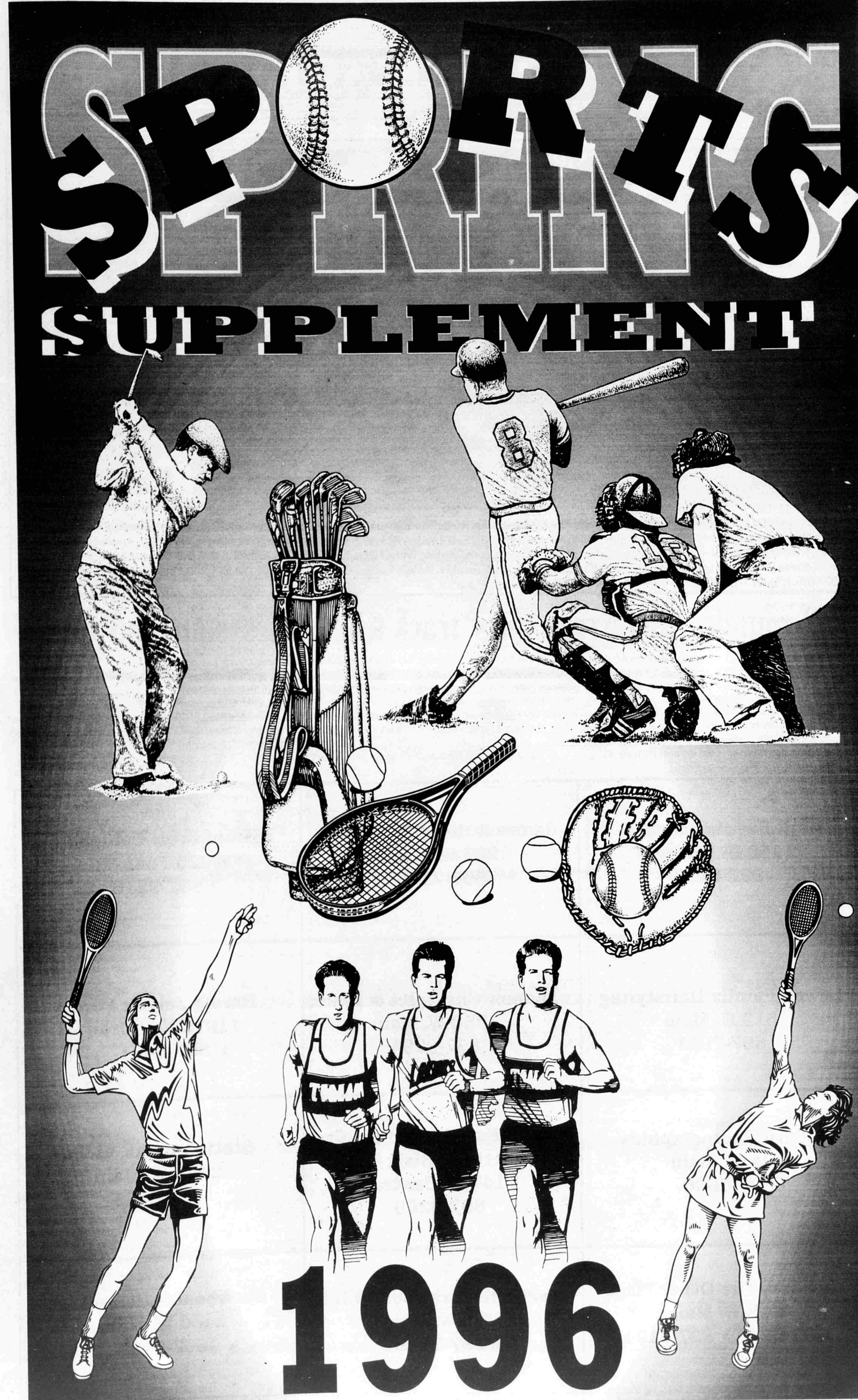
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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WVMT	Star Trek: The Next Generation "The Bonding"	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman (In Stereo)	Touched by an Angel "Reunion" (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Blackout" (In Stereo)	News	Star Trek: Next Gener.				
4	WOTV	Moesha: Friends (R) Minor Adjustments	Real Funny (In Stereo)	Movie: "Brothers of the Frontier" (1996) Joey Lawrence, Andrew Lawrence. Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	News	Nowhere Man (R)				
5	WGVU	Lawrence Welk Show: Easter	Woman and Her Music (In Stereo)	New Red Green	Mr. Bean	Waiting for God	Keeping Up	Are You Being Served?	Ask the Lawyer (R)		
6	WXXM	Baywatch Nights "Payback" (R)	Cops "Albuquerque" (R)	Cops "Buffalo" (R)	America's Most Wanted (In Stereo)	Mad TV (In Stereo)	Baywatch "The Incident" (R) (In Stereo)	News	Saturday Night Live		
7	WOOD	Star Trek: Voyager "Cold Fire" (R) (In Stereo)	Malibu Shores "Cheating Hearts" (In Stereo)	Hope & Gloria	Home Court (In Stereo)	Sisters "Guess Who's Coming to Seder" (R)	Walker, Texas Ranger "Blackout" (In Stereo)	News	Star Trek: Voyager		
8	WLNS	Sightings (R) (In Stereo)	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman (In Stereo)	Touched by an Angel "Reunion" (In Stereo)	Hope & Gloria	Home Court (In Stereo)	Sisters "Guess Who's Coming to Seder" (R)	News	Saturday Night Live		
9	WLX	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Starship Down" (R)	Malibu Shores "Cheating Hearts" (In Stereo)	Hope & Gloria	Home Court (In Stereo)	Sisters "Guess Who's Coming to Seder" (R)	News	News	Saturday Night Live		
10	WKAR	Lawrence Welk Show: Easter	Survival	Last Train Across Canada (Part 1 of 2)	New Red Green	New Red Green	Mr. Bean "Mr. Bean"	News	Nova (In Stereo)		
11	WZZM	Emergency Call (R) Hard Copy	Real Funny (In Stereo)	Movie: "Brothers of the Frontier" (1996) Joey Lawrence, Andrew Lawrence. Premiere. (In Stereo)	Outer Limits "The Conversion" (In Stereo)	Mad TV (In Stereo)			Hercules-Jmys.		
12	WSYM	Baywatch "The Incident" (R) (In Stereo)	Cops "Albuquerque" (R)	Cops "Buffalo" (R)	America's Most Wanted (In Stereo)						
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
17	TBS	Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves. From Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. (Live)									
18	FAM	Christy "Pilot" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)	Dream West (R) (Part 2 of 3)								
19	FX	Picket Fences "Dairy Queen"	Lost & Found	Hooperman	Trapper John, M.D. "The Final Cut"						
20	USA	5:30 Movie: *** "Cape Fear" (1991)	Pacific Blue "Takedown" (In Stereo)		Weird Science	Duckman "Pig Amok"					
21	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Know Zone (R)	Wings "Wings Over Europe" (R)	Wings "Wings Over the Pacific" (R)						
22	WGN	Family Matters	Illinois Instant Riches	Columbo A research scientist murders the man he has been blackmailing.	News (In Stereo)						
23	ESPN	Senior PGA Golf	Sportscenter	Major League Soccer: D.C. United at San Jose Clash. From Spartan Stadium. (Live)							
24	CNN	Capital Gang	Inside Politics	Prime News	Sports Saturday	Larry King Weekend					
25	NICK	Aaah!!! Real Monsters/Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	All That (In Stereo)	Space Cases (R)	Are You Afraid?					
26	A&E	Ancient Mysteries "Mysteries of the Bible" (R)	Biography This Week		Investigative Reports "New Skinheads" (R)						
27	PASS	College Baseball: Miami at Florida State. (Live)									
28	TNT	In the Heat of the Night "Pilot" (R)	In the Heat of the Night "Pilot" (R)	Lazarus Man "Purgatory" (R) (In Stereo)							
29	NASH	Talent Roundup (In Stereo)	Opry Backstage	Grand Ole Opry Live							
30	SCI FI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Movie: *** "The Furhouse" (1981) Elizabeth Berridge, Cooper Huckabee							
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
41	DISN	Movie: *** "The Muppet Movie" (1979). Bob Hope, James Coburn 'G' (R)	Making-Indiana	Movie: ** "Any Which Way You Can" (1980). Sondra Locke 'PG' (Adult language, violence)							
42	HBO	6:00 Movie: ** "Three Amigos" (1986) PG	Movie: *** "Tommy Boy" (1995). David Spade (In Stereo) PG-13	Movie: ** "Sugar Hill" (1993) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)							
43	MAX	6:30 Movie: ** "The Chase" (1994) PG-13	Movie: "Frank & Jesse" (1994). Bill Paxton, Randy Travis (In Stereo) R (Violence)	Movie: "Hologram Man" (1995). Evan Lurie (In Stereo) R							

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
3	WVMT	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Good Fishing	Simply Fishing	Home Shopping Spree			Home Shopping Spree (Left in Progress)			
4	WOTV	11:30 Nowhere Man	Extra (In Stereo)		Paid Program			Paid Program (Off Air)			
5	WGVU	Emerging Powers How Brazil and Mexico are transforming the global marketplace.									
6	WXXM	Highlander: The Series "The Innocent" (R)	U.S. Customs: Classified (R) (In Stereo)								
7	WOOD	11:30 Saturday Night Live (R) (In Stereo)	Night Stand (R) (In Stereo)								
8	WLNS	Star Trek: Voyager	Murphy Brown								
9	WLX	11:30 Saturday Night Live (R) (In Stereo)	Extra (In Stereo)								
10	WKAR	11:30 Nova (In Stereo)	Off Air								
11	WZZM	Hercules-Jmys.	Xena: Warrior Princess "The Black Wolf" (R)	Extraordinary							
12	WSYM	Movie: *** "No Man's Land" (1987) D.B. Sweeney, Lara Harris									
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
17	TBS	10:05 Movie: *** "The Sand Pebbles" (1966) Steve McQueen									
18	FAM	10:00 Movie: *** "Three Stooges"	Paid Program								
19	FX	Rawhide "Incident of the Dogfaces"	In Living Color (R)	In Living Color (R)							
20	USA	Movie: ** "The Experts" (1989) John Travolta, Kelly Preston. (In Stereo)									
21	DISC	Wings "Wings Over Europe" (R)	Wings "Wings Over the Pacific" (R)								
22	WGN	Major League Baseball: White Sox at Angels	Lifestyles (R)								
23	ESPN	Baseball Tonight	Motorcycle Racing AMA Supercross Series	Dong A Marathon							
24	CNN	NewsNight	Style (R)	Sports Latenight	Capital Gang (R)						
25	NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Mary Tyler Moore	Bob Newhart	Taxi "Jim's Inheritance"						
26	A&E	Biography This Week (R)		Investigative Reports "New Skinheads" (R)							
27	PASS	Equestrian: Grand Prix of Florida	Press Box								
28	TNT	10:00 Movie: *** "The Lords of Discipline" (1983) David Keith, G.D. Spradlin									
29	NASH	Stalder Bros. (R) (In Stereo)	Yesteryear (R) (In Stereo)								
30	SCI FI	Movie: *** "The Furhouse" (1981) Elizabeth Berridge, Cooper Huckabee									
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>											
41	DISN	11:00 Movie: Conversation With Carol Starring Carol Burnett									
42	HBO	11:45 Movie: *** "Black Rain" (1989) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, violence)									
43	MAX	11:45 Movie: ** "Bikini Summer 2" (1992) R	Movie: ** "Mind Twister" (1993). Suzanne Slater (In Stereo) R								

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<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>															
3	WVMT	Shop Spree	Paid Program	Beakman's W.	Hour of Power (In Stereo)	News	Sunday Morning								
4	WOTV	(Off Air)	Nancy Drew (R)	Hardy Boys (R)	Iron Man	Fantastic Four	John Ankerberg	Paid Program	Paid Program	Space Strikers	Face the Nation	Star Trek: The Next Generation			
5	WGVU	(Off Air)	Against Odds	Against Odds	Statistics	Sesame Street									
6	WXXM	3:30 Movie: (Off Air)	Your Business	Haven (R)	In Touch		From Calvary	Angler's Diary							
7	WOOD	4:30 NBC News Nightside	Paid Program	Paid Program	Kenneth Copeland Weekly	Today (In Stereo)									
8	WLNS	13:35 Home Shopping Spree	Paid Program	Wall Street Jnl	Dave Williams	Day-Discovery	Paid Program	Paid Program	Sunday Morning						
9	WLX	WWF Superstars	Easter Mass From Santa Fe	Mind & Body	Real Estate										
10	WKAR	(Off Air)													
11	WZZM	4:05 Movie: "Jacob's Ladder"	Paid Program	A.J.'s Travelers	James Kennedy										
12	WSYM	(Off Air)	Christopher	Black	Paid Program	Health Update	Day-Discovery	Jack Van Impe	Hour of Power (In Stereo)	Siskel & Ebert	GrrrdgeRealty	Good Morning America/Sunday			
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>															
17	TBS	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Paid Program	It Is Written	Bugs Bunny	Jetsons	Scooby Doo	Captain Planet	Flintstones	Garfield-Friend	Family Matters	Movie: *** "Willow" (1988, Fantasy) Val Kilmer.		
18	FAM	Paid Program	Paid Program	James Robison	Zola Levitt	Ben Haden	James Kennedy	In Touch		Popeye	Masters-Maze	Wild Animal	Family Challenge (In Stereo)	Rin Tin Tin	
19	FX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Personal FX: The Collectibles (R)	Wonder Woman			Batman		Swiss Family Robinson	Movie: ** "The Renewal" (1978) Dan Haggerty.			Okavango	
20	USA	Facts of Life	Paid Program	Paid Program	C-Net Central	Itsy Bitsy Spider	Chipmunk East	Ninja Turtles	Highlander	Exosquad	Adv. of Sonic	Wild C.A.T.S.	Savage Dragon	Street Fighter	Savage Dragon
21	DISC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Home Matters	Start to Finish	Housesmart! (R)		Great Chefs	Cyberlife (R)
22	WGN	Fame	Key of David	Rock Church	Oral Roberts	G.T. Armstrong	Sylvestr-Tweety	Animaniacs		Bozo Super Sunday (In Stereo)	Animaniacs			Freakazoid!	Earthworm Jim
23	ESPN	Senior PGA Golf: The Tradition	Scholastic Spt.	Sportscenter (R)		Par for Course	Inside Sr. PGA	Inside PGA		NBA's Greatest	Sportscenter			Sportsweekly	
24	CNN	Sports	Showbiz Week	Moneyweek	Your Money (R)	Daybreak Sun.	Pro Golf Weekly	Sunday Morning						Sports Today	Week in NBA
25	NICK	M.T. Moore	Bob Newhart	Mr. Wizard	Lassie	Arcade	Double Dare	Muppet Babies	Beetlejuice	Looney Tunes				Ren & Stimpy	Rocko's Life
26	A&E	Movie: ** "Too Good to Be True" (1988, Drama) Lori Anderson								Breakfast With the Arts "Peter and the Wolf"					
27	PASS	IHL Hockey	FIT TV	Body Shoppe						TBA	TBA				
28	TNT	3:30 Movie: "Our Gang Shrt"	Our Gang Shrt	Rudy & GoGo Cartoon						Flintstones	Bugs Bunny	Scooby Dooby Doo			
29	NASH	(Off Air)								Shde-Mechanic	Shde-Mechanic	Inside NASCAR (R) (In Stereo)		NHRA Today (R)	My Classic Car
30	SCI FI	4:30 Movie: "Dr. Jekyll-Hyde"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mad Scientist	Anti-Gravity	Sci-Fi Buzz	C-Net Central	Inside Space	Mystery Magic
<b>PREMIUM STATIONS</b>															
41	DISN	4:15 Movie: "The Muppet Movie"	Music Box	Dumbo's Circus	Pooh Corner	Life of Toys	Little Mermaid	DuckTales	Chip 'n' Dale	Charlie Brown	Easter Mornin'	Easter Rabbit	Easter Bunny Is Coming to Town		
42	HBO	4:20 Movie: ** "Zero Tolerance"	Movie: ** "Off Beat" (1986) Judge Reinhold PG	Kids on Kids	Never-Story	Wizard of Oz			Movie: *** "A Little Princess" (1995) Eleanor Bron.	Movie: *** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks					
43	MAX	3:45 Movie: "Ebbets" (1994) Harry Hamlin R							Movie: "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult" (1994) R	Movie: ** "Double Blast" (1994) Linda Blair PG					



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# TRACK '96



Members of the Lowell girls track team are: Stacy Anderson, Andrea Baker, Kelly Beiner, Audra Bolthouse, Cindy Briggs, Gena Buhler, Dawn Burrows, Beth Cummings, Niki Darling, Carolina Dolinski, Tammy Eteo, Skye Fisher, Nichole Fortin, Kim Foss, Lyndsey Ghaeb, Lyndsay Gustafson, Trisha Guyer, Alicia Hale, Amber Helsel, Jennifer Hubenet, Sarah Jannenga, Jenny Jansma, Angie Johnson, Deb Kammers, Beth Larabee, Trisha McCaul, June Munroe, Kelly O'Dell, Annie Oesch, Jennifer Pabon, Celena Risner, Karen Roudabush, Sarah Smith, Melissa Sobie, Sandy Spicer, Katie Stauffer, Brenda Tarney, Amy Teunis, Rachel Thomas, Julie VanLoozenoord, Jessica Winsor, Julie Wisner, Molly Wisner, Kaily Wittenbach, Sheila Yeiter and Rachel Zalokar.

## Well-rounded Red Arrow girls' track team mixes stars and youth

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus thanked her "lucky stars" for much of her Red Arrows' success last season. "We had the stars last year who we knew would get their points," Talus explains. "What we've been missing the last couple of years, however, has been the total team aspect."

Lowell's coach sees signs of that changing in 1996. "We're going to be a more well-rounded team this year, although we are young and will need to develop. Lowell senior Dawn Burrows has developed into one of West Michigan's top female track athletes over the last four years. If the Grand Rapids Community College indoor meet is

any sign, that isn't going to change in 1996. Burrows took a first in the long jump with a distance of 17-10 1/2. She finished third in the 60-yard dash. "Dawn's jump of 17-10 1/2 will make her competitive even at the Class A level," Talus said. "That is a good distance for this time of year."

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# BASEBALL '96

## A lefty-dominated rotation springs anticipation for '96 baseball season

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The varsity baseball team will not practice in Lowell over spring break.

That's because they will be down in Florida strengthening their arms, quickening their bats and learning team defensive concepts.

"The last time I took a team south over spring break was in 1990," Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf said. "We went to Houston with a team from West Catholic. I thought that trip helped us. I hope this trip helps us too."

This year, Lowell will be joined by Lakewood on their trip to the sunshine state.

The arms in the Red Arrow rotation that should be warmed by the Florida sun belong to Scott Smith, Cory Zemaitis, Aaron Brander, Brian Willmarth, Nate Jannenga and Nick Kuzman.

Three of the top four arms are lefties. Leading the pack of lefties is Smith. He had Lowell's best ERA last year at 2.98. Despite the fine ERA, Smith's record suffered. He was 1-8.

"Scotty didn't get any support. He gave us a solid

five innings every time out. We just didn't score runs for him," Kropf said.

Willmarth posted a record of 2-2 with a 4.73 ERA. Junior lefty Cory Zemaitis

was the ace of the junior varsity staff last year.

Zemaitis and Willmarth will also fill the void at first. Kropf says they both play a good first base.

"I'm happy with our pitching staff. I believe we have a solid starting rotation," Kropf said.

Catching the six-man staff the majority of the time will

be junior Jack Livingston. The Red Arrow threw out 42 percent of those runners attempting to steal in '95. Livingston batted .273.

"I felt Jack was the sec-

ond best catcher in the league last year," Kropf said.

Backing Livingston up is junior Adam Scheid. "He's a very capable backup," Kropf said.

Second base ground will be landscaped by either Brian Wierenga or Andy Smith. The fact Wierenga played there last year gives him the advantage. Both have better than average speed and have the defensive ability to be very good.

Junior Jeff Catlin brings athletic ability and quickness to the shortstop position, but he lacks playing experience. "Jeff can cover ground and has a decent arm, but he has 16 games under his belt at the high school level," Kropf said.

The keystone bag (third base) is being contested by Brander, Scott Hays and Scheid. "Brander is the better hitter, Hays is better defensively and Scheid is learning, according to their manager," Kropf said.

The outfield is solid defensively with senior Ryan Graham in center, Smith in right when he's not on the

Baseball, continued page 19



Members of the Lowell varsity baseball team are, front row, left to right: Mike Curtis, Ryan Graham, Andy Smith, Jack Livingston, Adam Scheid; middle row, left to right: Keith Valentine, manager, Tommy Dumas, Scott Smith, Brian Wierenga, Scott Hays, Mike Minier, Tim Schutte, manager; back row, left to right: coach Dale Minier, Aaron Brander, Jeff Catlin, Brian Willmarth, Cory Zemaitis, Nick Kuzmin, Nate Jannenga and coach Kris Kropf

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# TRACK '96



Members of the Lowell boys track team are: Mike Arnsward, Brian Bellechasses, Bobby Bessey, Adam Billingsley, Nick Blough, Denny Briggs, Kevin Condon, Don Cross, Jon Dean, Nick DeZwaan, Matt Dykstra, Bob Ford, Shawn Ford, Blaine Haywood, Luke Kimberlin, Austin Krieg, Jason Lavelle, Nathan Lietzke, Cory London, Josh Manion, Bill McPherson, Luke Merigian, Doug O'Dell, Jeff Ortowski, Jeff Pfaller, Tim Raymor, Nathan Reimbold, George Rollins, Sean Saldivar, Kurt Schenk, Mike Sigliano, Tyler Southwell, Steven Spino, Jim Stoutjesdyk, Michael Suman, Joe Talbot, Ryan Teelander, Richie Tousley, Josh VanSpronsen, Brent Whalen, Ryan Wittenbach, John Wojciakowski, Jason Willard.

## Development of young freshmen will key thinclads' 1996 season

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell boys track team has finished third or higher in the O-K White conference each of the last five years. The Red Arrow thinclads were second in the O-K White in 1995 with a team that was made up of 70 percent freshmen and sophomores. This year half of the 42-man roster is made up of freshmen. If you figure in the seven sophomores, the combined total of freshmen and sophomores will be right around 70 percent again in 1996.

Does that mean another second-place finish? "We have a solid group of juniors, and a large freshman class. We will be as good as our young depth. If the young kids develop and provide us with that much needed depth, we will be okay," Lowell track coach Keith Boeve said. Leading point-getters returning from 1995's team are Brian Bellechasses, Denny Briggs, Ryan Teelander, Ryan Wittenbach and John Wojciakowski. Bellechasses is a versatile all-around performer "Brian's a good athlete," Boeve said. The sophomore will display his

athletic talents in sprints, the pole vault and long jump. Joining Bellechasses in the pole vault will be Luke Merrigan, Bob Bessey and Matt Dykstra. Dykstra will also see action in the high jump and long jump. Briggs will be Lowell's top sprinter in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. He will also have a leg in what should be a very strong mile relay. "I'm really looking forward to seeing our mile relay team," Boeve said.

With Briggs, Teelander, Jim Stoutjesdyke and Wojciakowski, Boeve expects his mile relay team to be formidable. Stoutjesdyke will lead the hurdle crew. Helping him in the hurdles will be Josh Manion, Nathan Reimbold and Sean Saldivar. Stoutjesdyke will also play a role in the middle distance events. Teelander, coming off a huge year in '95, should be one of the league's best in the sprint events. He will also run the mile. Wittenbach will lead what should be a very competitive distance pack. **Boys' track, continued, page 19**

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# SOFTBALL '96

## League's tough softball reputation demands Red Arrows have a strong work ethic

•••• Bob Rodenhouse, after a three-year absence, returns to the helm of Lowell's softball program.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell has an old, new look at the helm of its varsity softball program. After a three-year absence, a familiar, friendly face returns to Lowell/West Michigan softball. Bob Rodenhouse, who coached Lowell softball for 14 years before stepping down to watch his son play high school baseball, returns in '96. "I've been looking forward to returning. I've missed it," Rodenhouse said. "The first year away from the game was the toughest." The toughest part about returning is his familiarity with the competition. "I don't know how good we are in relationship to the competition out there."

However he does know the O-K White has a reputation for being a tough league. Rodenhouse has stressed that and the need for this year's team to nurture a work ethic. "I told the girls they need to get a work ethic," Rodenhouse said. "They need to focus on the fact it's a tough league and they can't just put on a Lowell uniform and expect good things." Good things in the game of softball come from good pitching, good defense and some hitting. Rodenhouse feels secure going into the '96 season that he has one of the three. "I think our defense will be fairly decent. Any solid foundation needs a good defense," the Lowell coach explained. He described their hitting as being suspect. "Although, hitting is difficult when you have girls throwing the ball 90 miles an hour," Rodenhouse said. "Everybody in this league has a thrower, has someone who throws 'beebees.'" The Lowell coach said he looks to athletes who are willing to dedicate themselves to the art of pitching. "Every freshman who comes into the program is given a look as a pitcher."



Members of the Lowell varsity softball team are, front row, left to right: Tammy Stauffer, Jen Walker, Jennifer Miller, Lisa Murphy; middle row, left to right: Cherelle Weber, Shannon Laux, Missy Kemen, Ann Townsend, Lisa Rollins, Amy Larabee; back row, left to right: coach Bob Rodenhouse, Missy Luyk, Tami Froese, Tracy Loughlin, Laurie Barton, Katie Rooker and Karen Dykstra.

Rodenhouse said. "You never know who may develop into a pitcher." This year's squad has four girls who are throwing. They are Katie Rooker, Jenny Miller, Lisa Murphy and Amy Larabee. Lowell's coach said Rooker and Murphy are hard workers, Miller is the most accurate and Larabee throws the hardest. They will be throwing to a decent core of catchers. "I think all the catchers have looked good," Rodenhouse said. He has given Missy Luyk, Tracy Loughlin, Shannon Laux and Jenny Walker a look behind the plate. "If Luyk doesn't catch, she will find herself in the outfield," Rodenhouse said. Loughlin, a free swinger, can catch or play first base. Challenging Loughlin at first will be sophomore Laurie Barton. Laux, while she can catch, is likely to spend most of her time at third base, a position she held last year. Backing Laux up at third will be Lisa Rollins and Tami Froese. Murphy will cover ground at second when she isn't

pitching, with backup being provided by Rollins and Froese. "They are our multi-talented all-purpose players," Rodenhouse explains. O-K White all-conference candidate Tammy Stauffer will be Lowell's shortstop. "What can you say - she plays good defense and hits well," Rodenhouse said. The outfield from left field to right will likely see Cherelle Weber, Dykstra and Luyk. "Weber is quick, Luyk is a smart player and Dykstra can go get the ball in center. She gets a good jump on the ball," Lowell's coach said. "They all have good arms." Senior Missy Kemen will provide backup support in the infield. Ann Townsend is expected to provide outfield depth. Rodenhouse has tabbed Northview, Hudsonville and Wyoming Park as the league favorites. "I'd like to see us finish above .500," Rodenhouse concluded.

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—Willa Cather

## Preparation and an excitement for science lead LMS students to big day at GVSU



Members of the Lowell Middle School Science Olympiad team are, front row, left to right: Brittany Huisman, Aaron Kaeb, Philip Moerdyke, Mike Armstrong, Kyle Hines, Susan Hoag, Courtney Perkins, Steve Palasek and Ben Kaeb. Back row, left to right, are: Jay Blair, Ellen Suman, Erin Weber, Reade Evans, Mark Maatman, Kim Meiste, Ryan Hoffman, Michael Lechner and James Bosserd.

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Four medals were the result of members of the Lowell Middle School Science Olympiad team putting in a great deal of time preparing for the competition at Grand Valley State University.

The coaching team of Gary Butts, Dave Strejc, George Stegmier, Jack Misner, Russ Bacon, Kelly Moody, Luane Kaeb and Melanie Kaeb took 15 participants and three alternates to the one-day event.

"It is great to see students be so excited about doing science activities," Butts said.

In preparation for the Science Olympiad, students practiced a couple of nights a week

for two-three months. Each student was involved in an average of three events.

The competition took place between 39 middle schools. The schools compete in one or more of 24 events - this includes hands-on as well as knowledge-based events.

Butts said about 1,500-2,000 students took part in Science Olympiad.

Earning first-place medals for Lowell were: Mark Maatman and Aaron Kaeb in "Egg Drop"; and James Bosserd and Susan Hoag in "The Science of Fitness."

A third-place medal went to Ben Kaeb and Steve Palasek in "Earth Science Processes."

Mike Armstrong and Maatman received a fourth in "Metric Mastery."

Not medaling but earning a high placement were: Maatman and Ryan Hoffman (sixth place) in "Tower Building"; Ben and Aaron Kaeb (ninth place) in "Nature Quest"; Kim Meiste, Kyle Hines, Ellen Suman and Armstrong (10th place) in "Science Petathalon."

This was Lowell's fifth year of competing in the Science Olympiad. "I've found things you think you will do well in, you don't always," Butts concludes. "Other events you are surprised by."

Lowell placed ninth out of 39 schools.

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Members of the regional-winning Lowell Middle School Academic Track team, front row, left to right, are: Angie Houtman, Ben Kaeb, Beth Fredline, Katie Balaam, Katie Fleet, Teresa Thompson and Aaron Kaeb. Back row, left to right, are: Aaron Alsgaard, Annie Zalokar, Jaime Sheppard, Keith Valentine, Caleb Grummet, Angela Schmidt, Jon Wiering and Niki Russell.

### LMS academic track team laps the field with nine firsts

It was a fast track at the regional academic track meet in Rockford.

Lowell Middle School's academic track team wasted little time in setting the pace.

The Red Arrows, competing against five other schools, dominated the competition as they earned nine first-place awards, four seconds, four thirds, and five honorable mentions.

Lowell's team finished undefeated during the regular season with wins against Rockford, Northview, Kenowa Hills, Grandville and Comstock Park.

The regional meet was divided into three sections. Students take written tests in subjects such as history, mathematics, science and communication arts.

In section two, the artistic students work in black and white sketching as well as in pastel still life.

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### Lowell Township Hall adds fourth gallery to LAAC's prize exhibitions

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Area Arts Council and Lowell Charter Township Board may have reached an agreement allowing the newly constructed town hall to be the center's fourth gallery.

"It's a thrilling idea," said trustee Alyn Fletcher. "If you've ever seen the artwork displayed at the bank, you could understand how nice it would be."

Currently, the LAAC has three galleries which display local artists works.

The main gallery at 149 S. Hudson and FMB's gallery have monthly displays, while the center's latest gallery "300 High" (the school administration facility) has a more permanent display which is

changed every six months.

Under the proposal, the township hall walls would display an exhibit every six months. And according to township officials would also display work which depicts the area's history.

"David is from the area and he knows our history, so I am sure he would choose the appropriate work," said Fletcher, in regards to LAAC director David Davis' leadership in the project.

According to John Timpson, Lowell Charter Township supervisor, the LAAC has accepted the offer and will display the work once the two sides can decide on a way to hang the art without "punching" holes in the walls.

"This is a great opportunity for them and us," Timpson

said. "We have a lot of space that needs decorating."

"And if we can have it depict the history of our area, such as Native American, loggers or farmers, it would be a nice touch."

Timpson doesn't know when the artwork will be displayed, but hopes it can be accomplished before the township conducts an open house this summer to show off the new hall.

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### New business venture sheds light on repairing convertible cars

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Summer is coming and now is the time to break out that prized convertible and take it out for a spin. But what happens if the top is torn and you don't feel like tracing down a repair facility in Grand Rapids.

If you wait long enough, one such shop will be coming to Lowell. Robert Stedman has proposed opening B & B Auto Upholstery at 11799 W. Fulton (the old John O'Neil Auto Body Shop) in Lowell Charter Township to address that and other car care needs.

"I specialize in repairing convertible tops, but we'll also repair car interiors and other automobile upholstery needs," Stedman said.

The final approval for Stedman's venture will come from the Kent County Health Department and Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission.

"The only concern we have is in the septic system," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers. "If the county gives it a clean bill of health, then it could be approved."

Beers said the proposed business meets the township's zoning requirements. Stedman said the need for a convertible repair shop has increased steadily over the years due to companies closing their doors.

"When I first started doing this, there were 10-11 shops that did that kind of work; now there are only four or five," he said. "I still get my phone ringing off the hook from people who need to have their tops fixed, but don't know where to take it."

Stedman's restoration abilities range from restoring antiques and muscle cars to reupholstering interiors damaged by cigarettes and other materials.

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Heidi Christine's is pleased to announce the appointment of Marilyn Sage-Dawson as the Director of Heidi Christine's Salon for Men. Sage-Dawson joined Heidi Christine's in 1995 and was appointed as a member of Heidi Christine's Artistic Team. She has many years of experience in men's haircutting and platform work. Under her direction, Heidi Christine's Salon for Men will become the most progressive in the area. The Men's Salon offers a wide range of services and is especially designed for the man of the 90's. Sage-Dawson will provide flexible schedules for working mothers and full-time employees, allowing the employees to have the best of both worlds. She is offering custom-designed graduate

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**EXHIBIT B CITY OF LOWELL Kent County, Michigan**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intent to make certain public improvements consisting of the construction of new public sidewalk, replacement of existing defective public sidewalk and certain related culvert extensions and curb and gutter work along certain parcels of property on Elm Street from Riverside Drive to Amity Street and Foreman Road from Riverside Drive to Gee Drive and at 225 S. Jefferson Street (the "Improvements") and has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Chapter 10 of the City Charter and Chapter 18 of the City Code to make said Improvements in the City. The City Council has tentatively determined that a portion of the cost of said Improvements shall be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels of land, which together comprise proposed Elm Street/Foreman Road Sidewalk Improvements Special Assessment District 96SA:

Street Address	Permanent Parcel Number
<b>Elm Street</b>	
304 Riverside Street	41-20-02-334-007
305 N. Hudson	41-20-02-334-002
224 Riverside Street	41-20-02-338-005
306 Elm Street	41-20-02-338-004
Driveway (400 block Elm Street)	41-20-02-337-005
418 Elm Street	41-20-02-337-002
222 Lincoln Lake Road	41-20-02-336-007
221 Amity Street	41-20-02-336-006
517 Elm Street	41-20-02-332-005
<b>Foreman Road</b>	
810 Riverside Drive	41-20-02-179-002
904 Riverside Drive	41-20-02-128-014
815 N. Hudson Street	41-20-02-179-001
903 N. Hudson Street	41-20-02-128-006
820 N. Hudson Street	41-20-02-178-002
407 Foreman Road	41-20-02-127-014
821 Lincoln Lake Road	41-20-02-178-001
824 Lincoln Lake Road	41-20-02-177-004
908 Lincoln Lake Road	41-20-02-104-011
534 Foreman Road	41-20-02-177-002
555 Foreman Road	41-20-02-104-016
600 Foreman Road	41-20-02-152-003
707 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-016
731 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-015
745 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-014
767 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-013
781 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-012
795 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-011
799 Foreman Road	41-20-02-103-017
<b>Jefferson Street</b>	
225 S. Jefferson Street	41-20-02-436-005
<b>Railroad &amp; Foreman Road (South)</b>	41-20-02-501-015
<b>Railroad &amp; Foreman Road (North)</b>	41-20-02-501-015
1000 Foreman Road	41-20-03-276-007
1001 Foreman Road	41-20-03-226-007
1187 Foreman Road	41-20-03-226-009
1187 Foreman Road	41-20-03-226-009
12675 (12661) Foreman Road	41-20-03-201-002
1400 Foreman Road	41-20-03-276-008

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 15th day of April, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., local time, at the City Hall located at 301 E. Main Street in said City to hear and consider any objections to the proposed Improvements, the proposed special assessment district, and all other matters relating to said Improvements.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the City Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a person must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the City prior to the public hearing in order to protect his/her right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to appeal a special assessment the record owner of land must file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF THE COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 12% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.

This notice was authorized by the City Council of the City of Lowell.  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

David M. Pasquale, City Manager  
301 E. Main Street  
Lowell, MI 49331  
Telephone: (616) 897-8457

Dated March 18, 1996

David M. Pasquale  
City Clerk





# Lowell's basic cable rates to jump up one dollar beginning in May

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell Cable Television's basic service rate will increase by one dollar beginning May 1.

Subscribers to Lowell Cable's basic service currently pay \$18.95 a month. That price will be increased to \$19.95 in May. The basic service package includes 37 stations.

Lowell Cable superintendent Paul Christman said based on a comparison with surrounding private cable operators, the

cost for this service is very competitive. "The cable rate has been and is the lowest in the immediate area," he said.

The increase is deemed necessary due to the rising programming expenses, those costs paid to satellite cable providers to carry their programs on Lowell's system. The rise in basic service is also due to increased operating and maintenance expenses.

Christman noted that Lowell Cable's expenses for all channels carried by Lowell Cable service increased 17.81

percent from 1995 to 1996.

The increase cable customers will incur reflects a 5.3 percent increase.

The increase comes with the recent addition of three channels - the weather channel, the history channel and the American Movie Classics.

The increase is the first since August of 1994.

There will be no increase in the three premium channels.

# Spring - a common time for distemper among domestic and wild animals

By Thad Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Many Lowell residents may not know what distemper is; and many who do may not recognize its symptoms.

If not diagnosed early, though, it is almost always fatal to younger animals and weakens older animals, making them more susceptible to other diseases, according to Lowell animal catcher Jill Moore.

Distemper is a common viral infection that is spread from animal to animal.

"Dogs often spread the virus nose to nose," Moore said. "Animals with the virus are often logy, have runny, matted eyes, drool often hangs from their mouths and they act disoriented." She adds that "distemper is most common in the spring because that is when wild animals are out and about."

Moore explained that distemper is a big contributor to the number of dead wild animals found on the road this time of year.

"For whatever reason there always seems to be a big pocket of road kill between Ada and Lowell," Moore said. "Animals with distemper are more likely to walk toward car lights."

Another problem distemper presents is it puts wild ani-

mals such as raccoons in a groggy, docile temper enticing some to approach them.

This is not a good idea, according to Moore. "Raccoons are mean animals and should not be approached. They will walk in circles when inflicted with distemper."

Virus or not, Moore warns they will bite. If bitten and the raccoon is not found so it can be tested, an individual must go through a set of rabie shots.

If a resident is being bothered by raccoons or opossums, Moore said they should call the police department who will then dispatch Moore to the scene. There is no charge to have wildlife removed from one's yard.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said he was not sure if residents realize that Lowell does have an animal catcher.

If Moore is called to pick up a stray dog or cat, its owner will be charged \$15 per day for lodging.

Moore noted that animals must be kept three days before they are put to sleep. "A nice looking, healthy domestic animal is many times kept a week," she said.

A city resident can have no more than three dogs/cats at one time.

Dogs six months or older must be licensed. If a dog is picked up and taken to the shelter, not only is there a fee but a rabies shot must be paid if there is no proof the dog has had one.

A license for an unneutered animal is \$22.50 and just \$9 for a neutered animal.

Dogs must be confined - meaning fenced in, in a kennel or

on a chain.

"Animals on electronic tethers are not considered confined," Moore said.

There is also a leash law for cats. Despite this, Moore says there are a lot of stray cats. "I pick up more cats than dogs." While it is not a law, Moore recommends that cats also be given rabies shots.

## Cars, continued....

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"I love this kind of work because no job is the same," said the 11-year veteran of upholstery repair. "I'm also looking forward to the opportunity to live and work in Lowell. My father lives there and I've also enjoyed the community."

Stedman began working in the upholstery industry while he attended college and quickly realized this was his career calling.

"I've tried other things, but this is what I love to do," he said. "I've worked with just about every type of convertible system and I enjoy bringing them back into perfect working condition."

Whether it's a hydraulic system from the early 70's or a "milky" white discoloration in today's vehicles, Stedman said he has replaced them all.

"I'm all set to go. I've cleaned up the building and I'm putting together the sign. All I'm waiting for is the county's and township's approval," he said.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

### CITY OF LOWELL, MICHIGAN

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the construction of the Recreation Park Pavilion in the City of Lowell. Please be sure to mark envelope "RECREATION PARK PAVILION BID."

Specifications/blue prints may be secured upon request from the City of Lowell, City Hall, 897-8457. Estimated time of start and completion of project must accompany bid. Contractor is responsible to secure appropriate permits. If there are any questions about the project, please contact Dan DesJarden at 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 bids, if the City's interest will be better served.

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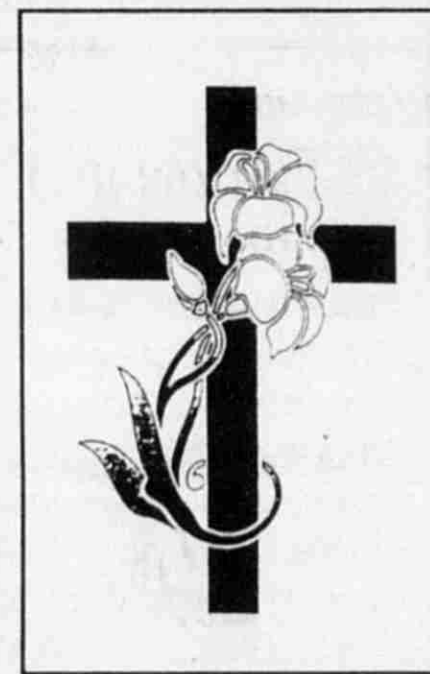
The City of Lowell's Department of Public Works will be closed at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 1996 in observance of Good Friday.

The following offices will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 5, 1996 in observance of Good Friday.

LOWELL CITY HALL OFFICE  
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POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE

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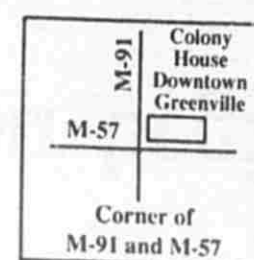
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## CLEARANCE CENTER

## Spring Clearance Sale!

	Suggested Retail	Clearance Price
<b>4 Table Sets Solid Oak</b>		
48" Round (4 chairs)	\$1,475	\$799
42" Round (2 leaves - 4 chairs)	\$1,395	\$995
42" Round Drop Leafs - (2 leaves - 2 chairs)	\$995	\$650
48" Square Round	\$799	\$399
<b>Solid Oak Bar Stools</b>	\$99	\$69
<b>Upholstered Chairs</b>		
Barrell Chair	\$703	\$250
2 Conover (Matching)	ea. \$985	pr. \$800
Clayton Marcus	\$899	\$399
Leather High Leg Recliner	\$1,499	\$799
<b>Glide Rockers</b>		
Many covers to choose from	\$299	\$199
<b>Sofas</b>		
3 to choose from	\$1,375	\$699-\$599
<b>Wicker Table &amp; 2 Chairs</b>	\$1,404	\$899

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