

The Lowell Ledger

Volume 21, Issue 27

Serving Lowell Area Readers Since 1893

Wednesday, May 15, 1996

Lowell's expanded preschool program will help assure kids don't start kindergarten behind

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A centrally-based Head Start program and a preschool readiness program that will serve up to 24 children will be part of Lowell Area Schools' push to expand its preschool program next year.

"Whatever the Lowell School District can provide to encourage things that make a difference in a child's learning should be considered seriously," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

Lowell School's readiness director Marlene Heemstra said the expansion of its preschool program is such that Lowell can reach more 3-4-year-olds and help provide them with educational services.

"Research has shown that the most effect on a child's education can be made in the early years," Heemstra said. "By expanding the preschool program, we will be helping children succeed academically."

This year Lowell Schools is serving 33 children ages 2-5 in its pre-primary impaired program.

It is also providing 10 children with educational services in its readiness program.

Heemstra said at least the same number of students will be served next year.

Due to the lack of space, Lowell Schools has not previously offered a Head Start program. In the past Head Start has been a home-based program where they met once a month.

Beginning next year, the centrally-based program will meet once a week in the Runciman building.

When children come into kindergarten behind, they have a difficult time catching up.

Lowell Superintendent Bert Bleke

"A couple of years ago when there was a change in buildings, space was freed up," Heemstra said.

The Head Start program is a service provided for three-year-olds from low income families.

There is a maximum of 12 students per each readiness classroom. Heemstra said if there is a need, two classrooms could be used.

An extra classroom may also require an additional part-time readiness teacher. The readiness

program and its teacher(s) are funded through a grant from the Michigan Department of Education/Michigan School readiness program.

To qualify for the readiness program, a child must have met two of six predetermined at-risk factors.

The pre-primary impaired program is funded through special education dollars from the Individual Disability Education Act.

Lowell will hold a collaborative preschool educational screening June 4 and 5. This will allow parents to have their child pre-screened for any one of the programs their child would participate in.

Heemstra asked that parents call Carol Briggs, Lowell Area Schools, before May 31 at 897-8415 to schedule an appointment.

The only preschool programs being offered are through the Lowell YMCA, the Lowell United Methodist Church, and the Franciscan Child Development Center.

The expansion of the pre-school program comes about because research shows there is a need, according to Heemstra.

"It will help lower income families and it will help insure kids do not start kindergarten

Preschool, cont'd pg. 8

Road Block

... Private road construction stalled by Twp. engineers.

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Kevin Rude has hit a bump in the road with his construction of a private road off Cascade Road.

Rude proposed building Maple Run Road to the Lowell Charter Township's planning commission in February and said efforts to get the road approved by the township's engineering firm, Progressive Architecture Engineering Planning, have been less than fruitful.

"They wouldn't even talk to me in the beginning," Rude said. "Progressive is not working with me to tell us what they want or tell us what they need."

Maple Run Road is being designed to service seven residential homes in a 55-acre housing development, but before actual construction can begin, Rude must have the road approved by the township planning commission.

Before the commission can approve the road, it must receive a letter from engineers at Progressive approving Rude's plans.

Adding to Rude's confusion is the fact that a previous road, Oak Trails, was approved six months ago by the commission.

According to Rude, Oak Trails is very similar to the proposed Maple Run Road.

"If I play by the rules of the game, I should be able to play the game, but the rules have changed," Rude said.

Planning commission members said whatever was approved in the past is not a basis for approving roads now.

"Each proposal is viewed by itself," said planning com-

Pfaller, cont'd pg. 8

Rude, cont'd pg. 8

Civic service and retail excellence make Pfaller an easy choice

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob Pfaller was named the 11th recipient of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce "Person of the Year" award Thursday evening.

Approximately 50 people were on hand at the new Riverview Restaurant to pay homage to Pfaller for his service to the Lowell community over the years.

"I'm humbled to be put on the same shelf as the previous recipients," Pfaller said. "They are all people I've looked up to and respected

over the years."

Presenting Pfaller with the award was Ray Quada, a previous recipient himself.

Quada, just returning from a rafting trip on a rain-swollen river in West Virginia, talked of the attributes needed by those rafting in order to make a successful journey down the river.

"People must be good listeners, hard workers, considerate of others, team players, leaders and forward thinkers," Quada said. "Bob Pfaller has all of those attributes."

Pfaller, a 1975 Lowell High School graduate, started



Judge Ray Quada hands down Lowell Chamber of Commerce's "Person of the Year" choice.

his active role in school as a member of the band and student congress as well as in the National Honor Society.

Quada noted that Pfaller's polite and sincere demeanor does not mean he didn't have time for mischief.

"Prior to graduation Bob and others cemented a toilet dubbed 'Seat of Wisdom' 75

to the school courtyard," Quada said. "Bob, in his orange Vega, was stopped by police, but was saved by his cherub face and pleasant voice. Police did not notice the shovels, cement on his shoes, and pails in the back of his car."

After high school, Pfaller attended Aquinas and Grand

Rapids Community colleges. He currently attends GRCC where he is enrolled in business administration.

From 1973 to 1979 he served as assistant manager of Lippert Pharmacy. From 1979 until present, he owned and operated Pfaller's Clothing and Shoes.

"Bob set a new standard for retail excellence in Lowell by operating a clothing store with quality goods, courteous service and pleasant surroundings," Quada said.

Pfaller's community service resume is extensive. It includes: Precinct chairperson for "Neighbors Who Care"; committee chairperson for Lowell Schools Strategic Planning; Webelos Pack 3188 leader; member of the Lowell Schools' Vision 2000 committee; Lowell Planning Commission; Lowell Showboat board of director; president of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce; chairperson of

Property owners win utility battle, but the future is still in doubt

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Property owners along M-21 have won their battle against proposed water and sewer line improvements, but it may be too soon to tell who will win the war.

The Lowell Charter Township Board agreed to drop the utility plans for now, but agree that utilities will be needed in the long run.

The township's busiest commercial district will need utilities, but the cost is too great at this time, maintains township supervisor John Timpson.

According to the township's engineering figures, small property owners could face assessments of \$12,000, while bigger parcels could pay five times that amount with the township agreeing to fund a portion of the project cost.

If the township didn't agree to pay, and it wasn't forced to,

Utility Battle, cont'd pg. 8

INSIDE THE LEDGER

Inside Out Work, pg. 3

"Three Women, Three Dimensions," pg. 9

Cowles Construction Delayed, pg. 28

OBITUARIES

BAILEY - Mrs. Helen M. Bailey, aged 76, passed away peacefully on May 8, 1996, surrounded by the love of her family and the compassionate nursing staff at Butterworth Hospital. Mourning her are her husband Robert L. Bailey; her children Robert and Sharon Bailey of Wyoming, Harold and Beverly of Grandville, Janice and Charles Moore of Wyoming, Norma Tanner and Ronald Overton of Wyoming. She will be remembered and loved by 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren who were the love of her life. Her brother Homer and Lee Guild of Grand Ledge; sister-in-law Jackie Guild of Lowell; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Gerald and Beatrice Britten, all of Grand Rapids. She leaves many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends whose lives she has touched. Preceded her in death were her parents Herman and Serilda Guild; her brothers Stanley, Clifford and Leroy Guild. Funeral Services were held Saturday, Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Helen has gone to a place of peace and glory which she so greatly deserves. Please don't mourn her, but celebrate her life and her love of life.

EICKHOFF - Harry B. Eickhoff, aged 77, of Mendon, Michigan, died

Monday, May 6, 1996 at the Three Rivers Area Hospital following a long illness. He was born in Marne, Mich. on August 7, 1918, the son of the late Martin and Lena (Ruesser) Eickhoff. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1934, and from Worsham Mortuary School in 1939. He served with the U.S. Army's 42nd Rainbow Division in the European Theater during WWII. He was married to Margaret Myers in Lowell on September 13, 1941. They moved to Mendon in 1947 and established the Eickhoff Funeral Home. Mr. Eickhoff has been a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and the Michigan Funeral Directors Association for the past 57 years. He was also a member of St. Edward Catholic Church in Mendon and had served on the Church Board and Cemetery Committee. He has served on the Mendon Fire Department, the Mendon Township Library Board, the Mendon Village Council, the St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation Commission, the St. Joseph County Emergency Services Council. He was the Charter secretary and past president of the Mendon Kiwanis Club, and served as Village president in the 1950's. He also owned and operated a Standard Oil Station in Mendon from 1954-61; a hardware store from 1965-80; and established the

Mendon Ambulance Service in 1969. His favorite activities included the construction of many stone walls along the bank of the St. Joe River; deer hunting with his closest friends at Lake City; card games, especially pinocle; and bird watching. He is survived by seven children: Sue Ellen (Ken) Scherer of Mt. Clemens; Jon (Sue) Eickhoff of Vicksburg, Martin (Connie) Eickhoff, Rick (Susan) Eickhoff, Dale (Vicki) Eickhoff all of Mendon, Tom (Lisa) Eickhoff of Fenton, and Lynn Marie Eickhoff of Holland; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; four sisters, Irma Richmond, Ruby Christiansen, Josephine Willard, and Marie (Bob) Steward all of Lowell; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret on April 18, 1994; also by two brothers Erhart and Harvey; and by two sisters Roxie Sullivan and Thelma Roth. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday in St. Edward Catholic Church in Mendon with Rev. Joseph Thachet officiating. Military interment in St. Edward Catholic Cemetery by the Snow Hasbrouck V.F.W. Post #4898 of Mendon. Memorial contributions will be directed to St. Edward Catholic Church for masses, to Reed River Park for tree benches or the Three Rivers Area Hospital Auxiliary for equipment.

MYERS - John D. Myers, aged 53, of Punta Gorda, Fla., died May 9, 1996 after a 10-year battle with cancer. John was born on April 9, 1943 and

was a 1961 graduate of Lowell High School. Following high school, John served in the U.S. Navy for three years on nuclear submarines. He then attended G.R.C.C. and M.S.U. He had lived in Florida for over 20 years. He was a licensed stock broker and owned several automotive businesses. He was recently preceded in death by his father, Dr. Harold Myers. He is survived by his wife Cheryl; son Scott and daughter Morgan. He is also survived by his mother Florence Jefferies of Grand Rapids, two brothers Dr. Steven (Sally) Myers of Newberry, MI; Larry Myers of Eureka, Calif. and sister Joanne (William) Forsyth of Grand Rapids. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be a memorial service in Florida.

NOAH - Helen L. Noah, aged 85, of Lowell, passed away May 13, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Noah who passed away in 1965. Surviving are her daughter Louise (James) Lesniak of Orange, CA, & Pauline Vanden Bosch of Grand Rapids; sister Marian Lee of Lowell; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; several nieces & nephews. A private Memorial Mass will be held. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery, Bowne Township, MI. Contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

VELTMAN - Mr. Donald Alvin Veltman, aged 71, of Wyoming, went to be with his

Lord Friday, May 10, 1996, after a courageous battle with cancer. Surviving are his wife, Mary; his children Daniel and Marilyn of IL, Karen and Arthur Shillito of Kentwood, Patricia and Richard Wyma of Jenison, Glenn and Sandra of Lowell, Marilyn and Mark Patterson of Grand Rapids, Shelly and Randy Kuipers of Hudsonville; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandson; his brother Stuart and Linda of Hudsonville; his sisters Margaret and Harold Elenbaas of Spring Lake, Hazel and Nancy (William) von Schulz of Colorado, Diane (Richard) Napierkowski of Parnell, Carl R. Walkons of Lowell, Christopher and Curtis Walkons of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren; three sisters; one brother and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions to Newhall Baptist Church.

WALKONS - Carl Walkons, aged 72, formerly of Murray Lake, passed away April 15, 1996 at his home in Grand Rapids. A gentle man who loved children and nature and who truly enjoyed sharing his philosophy with others, will be sorely missed by his seven children: Linda (William) Bassford of Rockford, Sue (Ron) VanPortfliet of Ada, Nancy (William) vonSchulz of Colorado, Diane (Richard) Napierkowski of Parnell, Carl R. Walkons of Lowell, Christopher and Curtis Walkons of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren; three sisters; one brother and many nieces and nephews.

Lowell Medical Care Center changes name

Lowell Medical Care Center, 350 N. Center Street, Lowell, has changed its name to the Laurels of Kent. A Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, effective May 10.

"The new name reflects our association with our parent company, Laurel Health Care Company, and its mission of providing the highest quality long-term, subacute and rehabilitative care in our community," said Troy Snyder, administrator of the 153-bed skilled nursing, subacute and rehabilitation center.

"Our company philosophy emphasizes the importance of treating people with respect and dignity, conducting ourselves with integrity, and achieving the highest standards of care and caring through state-of-the-art programs and compassionate caregivers," Snyder added. "We want people to value the Laurels of Kent as a caring and enthusiastic team of professionals who are working together to enhance the quality of life for our guests while providing a vital service to this community."

Laurel Health Care Company, a national provider of skilled, nursing, subacute and rehabilitative services based

in Dublin, Ohio, acquired the home in 1995. Since then, the Lowell facility has continued to improve and expand its services to its residents.

"We want our community to choose the Laurels of Kent as their 'Partners in Caring,'" Snyder said. "We believe the new name will help people identify us as a community of caregivers dedicated to achieving the highest level of independence physically, socially and emotionally for our guests."

Laurel Health Care Company owns and operates 15 long-term care facilities in five states. The company's management and resources enable its local facilities to offer high-quality patient care by providing a comfortable living environment and comprehensive health care services, including subacute care, and comprehensive physical, occupational and speech therapies.

"The name change reflects Laurel Health Care Company's desire to be an active, visible partner in the growth and development of this community," said Jack Alcott, vice president of operations for Laurel. "We look forward to meeting the long-term and subacute care needs of the Kent County area."

You cannot write in the chimney with charcoal.
—Russian proverb

The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe.
—David Hare

The Lowell Ledger

(USPS 453-830)

Published weekly for \$12⁰⁰ a year in Kent County, \$17⁰⁰ a year outside the county by the Lowell Ledger Publishing Company, 105 N. Broadway St., Lowell, MI 49331

Roger K. Brown Publisher Thad Kraus Editor

(616) 897-9261

Second Class Postage Paid at Lowell, MI.

Published every Wednesday

POSTMASTER: Send address change to:

The Lowell Ledger

P. O. Box 128 • Lowell, MI 49331

Spring Plantings

Volunteers gathered at Alto's outdoor classroom Saturday to plant trees, bushes, wild flowers and a multitude of other projects. The approximately 60-75 volunteers worked at the Inside-Out classroom for five hours.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

By preserving a small portion of the natural environment that surrounds Alto Elementary School, students for years to come will be able to experience it.

Alto's Inside-Out classroom workshop coaxed 60-75 volunteers to come out Saturday and work on the outdoor classroom.

There are currently 15 outdoor classrooms in the state of Michigan.

"I think Alto's is unique in that it has a little bit of everything," said first-grade Alto teacher and volunteer Gene Sampson.

In the fall of last year, a group of volunteers headed by project coordinators James Kovach (Alto fourth-grade teacher), Paula Blumm and Sue Clements cleaned up the woods and meadow areas.

On Saturday, many of the same volunteers and a strong contingent of new volunteers worked at planting trees, bushes, wild flowers and

theme gardens. They also cleared paths, spread wood chips, cleaned up the stream and pond, installed bird boxes and rebuilt brush piles.

"I'm so excited about this," Clements said. "So many people have been so generous with their time and donations of equipment, plants and money."

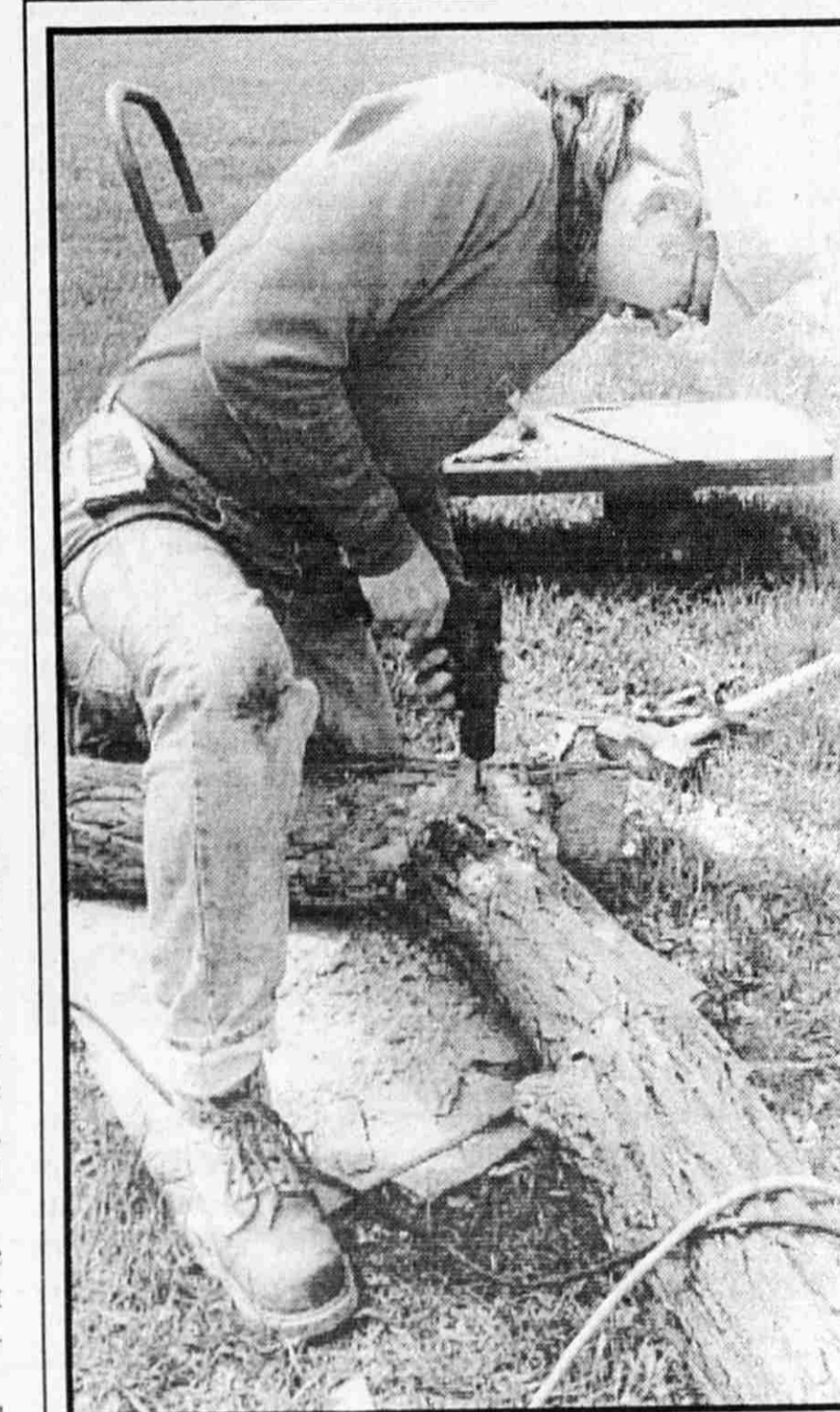
Alto resident artist Craig Convissor worked on a classroom archway which was made out of tree parts from Black Locust and Osage.

"I live just down the street from the school," Convissor said. "I have two children who attend Alto. I enjoy doing this. I just wish I had more time."

On each side of the archway an Eastern Red Bud tree will be planted. Once the archway is standing, Convissor said students will be allowed to carve on it.

The 20 bird boxes were constructed by Cub Scout Pack 3188 and parent volunteers.

Area girl scouts provided



Pictured above, Craig Convissor works on the archway for Alto's Inside-Out classroom. Nancy Underwood and Kristin Bouwhuis (upper right hand corner) helped plant wild flowers and plants. In the picture to the right (from left to right) G.M. Ross, Nick Bergy, Mary Ann Schramm and Shawn Eshragh were busy planting trees.



NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, for the purpose of receiving public comment on an application for a special exception use permit in the Industrial District, as follows:

Walter Vanderwulp, P.O. Box 646, Ada, MI, has applied for a special exception use permit to operate a warehouse and outside storage facility for impounded vehicles on Lot 3, Lincoln Lake Business Park, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 34 at or about 700 Lincoln Lake Road, in the Industrial District.

A proposed site plan and the application can be reviewed at the Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 1996.

Rick Gillett
Chairman

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LOWELL

KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Summary of Ordinance 96-2 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on May 6, 1996

Ordinance 96-2 replaces in its entirety Chapter 20 entitled "Subdivision Control Ordinance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell. It provides for the application, review and approval requirements and procedures for preliminary and final plats in connection with the subdivision of real property in the City in accordance with the provision of the Subdivision Control Act, Act 288 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1967, as amended.

Ordinance 96-2 is effective 30 days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk

WE'VE GOT A LOAN FOR WHAT YOU WANT.

8.75% APR*
36-Month Term

- The application takes 10 minutes or less.
- You'll get an answer in 24 hours.
- And there are no processing fees.
- Just call 1-800-FMB-TIL8, Monday-Thursday.

FMB
Member FDIC

AMOUNT BORROWED	MONTHLY PAYMENT
\$2,500	\$84.81
\$5,000	\$169.62
\$8,000	\$271.39

*Offer good until May 25, 1996. 8.75% annual percentage rate (APR) based on a 36-month term. Monthly payment includes optional payment protection.



White Elephants float toward arts center for annual fundraiser

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Garage sale season has hit the Lowell area, but when it comes to garage sales, only white elephants can help the Lowell Area Arts Council.

The 4th annual White Elephant sale will be conducted at the LAAC center from June 27-29, but director David Davis said it's never too early to collect your unwanted elephants.

"Odd- and off-beat items

are what the sale is all about," said Davis. "It's a big yard sale where members and the community donate items from their homes to help the center raise funds for its expenses."

New and used items such as dishes, pictures, plants, jewelry, toys, books, tools, artworks, small furniture, and unique collectibles are appreciated by the center.

However, the center can not accept magazines or clothing.

All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be available at the time of drop-off.

Articles will be accepted at the LAAC center from 1 - 4:45 p.m. on June 11 and June 18.

In conjunction with this year's sale, many LAAC members will have their artistic talents on display for public viewing. "This is the first time an

art show has been added to the sale," Davis said. "There are so many members who paint or sculpt and as long as we have walls we decided it would be a lot of fun for them and the community."

To learn more about white elephants, the sale, or to volunteer your services, contact Denise Dommer at 897-9678 or the LAAC center at 897-8545.



Kelly Nevins and Thomas Melle

Nevins and Melle plan September wedding

Vincent and Sharon Nevins, of Ionia, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly L. Nevins to Thomas J. Melle, son of Joe and Sheri Melle of Saranac.

The future bride is a 1992 graduate of Ionia High School and a 1995 graduate of Ferris State University. She is currently employed by Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones, P.L.C. in Grand Rapids.

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Saranac High School. He is currently finishing his internship in radiology at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He will graduate from Ferris State University in August.

A September 7, 1996 wedding is being planned.

Search begins for historical artwork in township hall

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The sign outside of the newly renovated Lowell Charter Township Hall depicts one of the area's first settlers and its rich history.

Now the township board and Lowell Area Arts Council (LAAC) want to add to that history with more images that capture the bygone era.

When the hall was nearly completed, supervisor John Timpson approached the LAAC and asked them to make the hall the area's fourth art gallery.

The LAAC currently has galleries at FMB Bank (FMB Galleria), in the Lowell school administration offices (300 High) and at its main office on Hudson Street.

The council quickly agreed to the offer and plans

to name the gallery, Segwun Gallery. According to LAAC officials, the name is reminiscent of the historic area in which it is located.

This marks the third "Arts in Public Spaces" venture for the center, the first being the FMB Galleria followed by the 300 High exhibit.

Landscape and artworks with, about, or by Native Americans are currently being sought by the LAAC for display in the hall.

Besides the landscape and Native Americans' artwork, the gallery will include works depicting the area's logging heritage of the past and current farming practices.

Like its predecessor, 300 High, the works displayed in the township hall will be rotated every six months.

Currently, the LAAC is installing the second phase of "The Collection" at 300 High. The new work should be on display sometime this week.

LAAC officials hope to install the township's artwork

in mid-June followed by an open house for the public in July.

Artists or persons with art interested in submitting work

which will be sold, can contact LAAC director David Davis at the gallery by calling 897-8545.

Volunteers needed

Lowell Area Schools' Volunteers in Action program, (VIA), is seeking volunteers willing to help out in areas such as tutoring, field trips, parties, classrooms, media centers, etc. If you have some time to spare, VIA needs you!

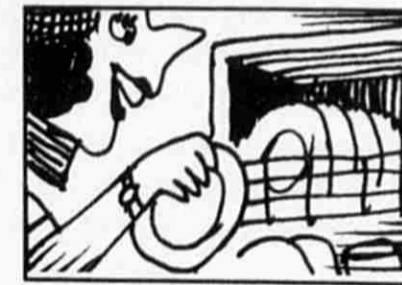
You can specify in which building you would prefer doing your volunteering, and also what kind of job you would be willing to do. Please call Marge, 897-8434, for information or

AREA BIRTHS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Corey and Sunni Lake of Middleville are proud to announce the birth of their delightful little girl Kiley Marie. Kiley arrived on April 19, 1996 at 5:35 a.m. weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She was welcomed into the world by all of her grandparents and great-grandparents, but especially proud are her two great-great grandmothers Lilian Wert of Alto and Gertrude Smalley of Saranac.



Washing dishes by hand uses up, on average, 20 gallons of water—a dishwasher uses only nine to 12 gallons for the same load of dishes.

A man who can rightly and truly enjoy his existence is absolutely and almost divinely perfect.
—Montaigne

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 19, 1996
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

at Schneider Manor
725 Bowes Rd., Lowell

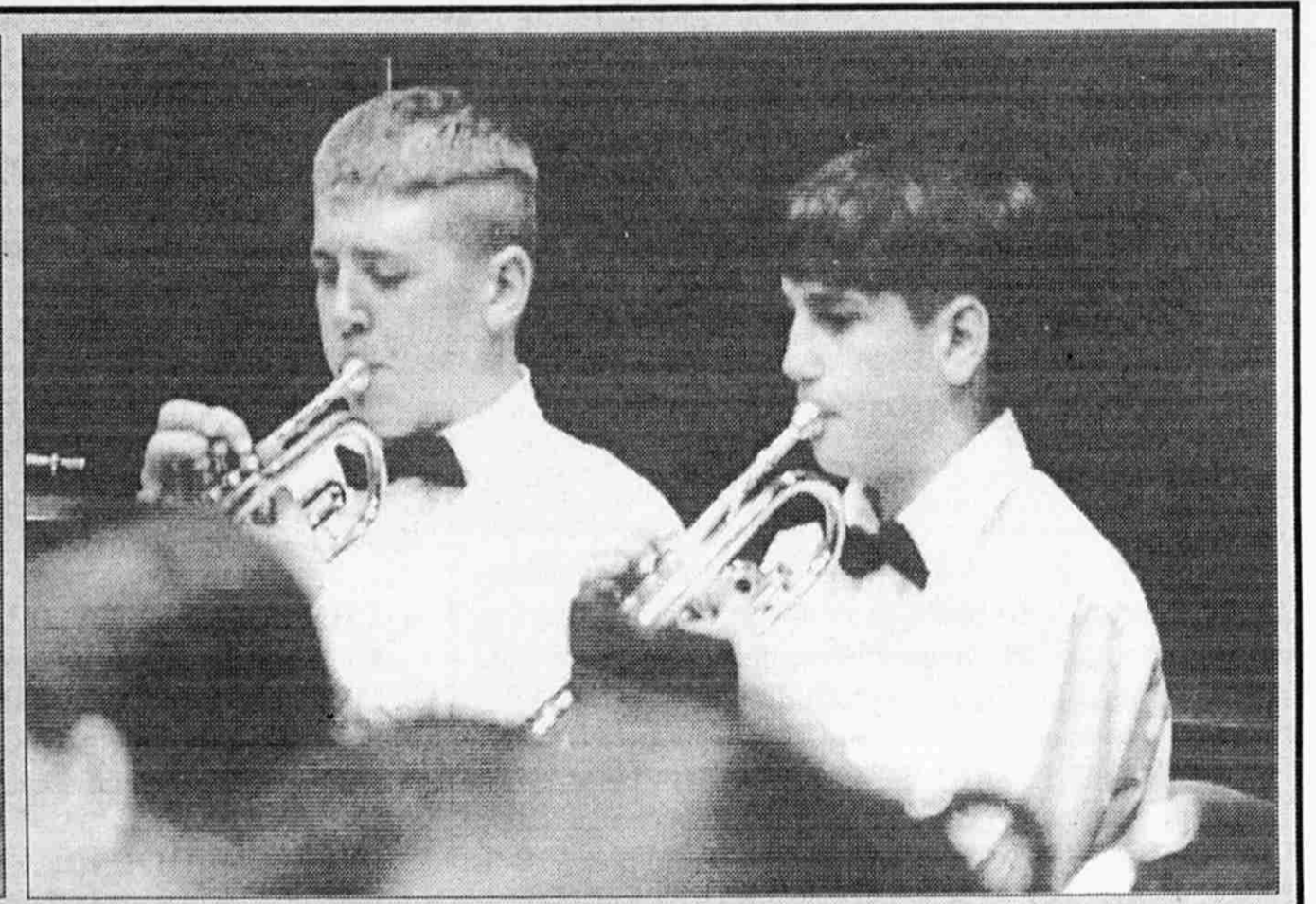
50th Wedding Anniversary
for
Gib & Winnie Snieder

Married April 30, 1946 in a double wedding ceremony with Les & Stella Sherman. Stop by for a visit & dessert with them.
No Gifts Please.

Eighth-grade band spring concert



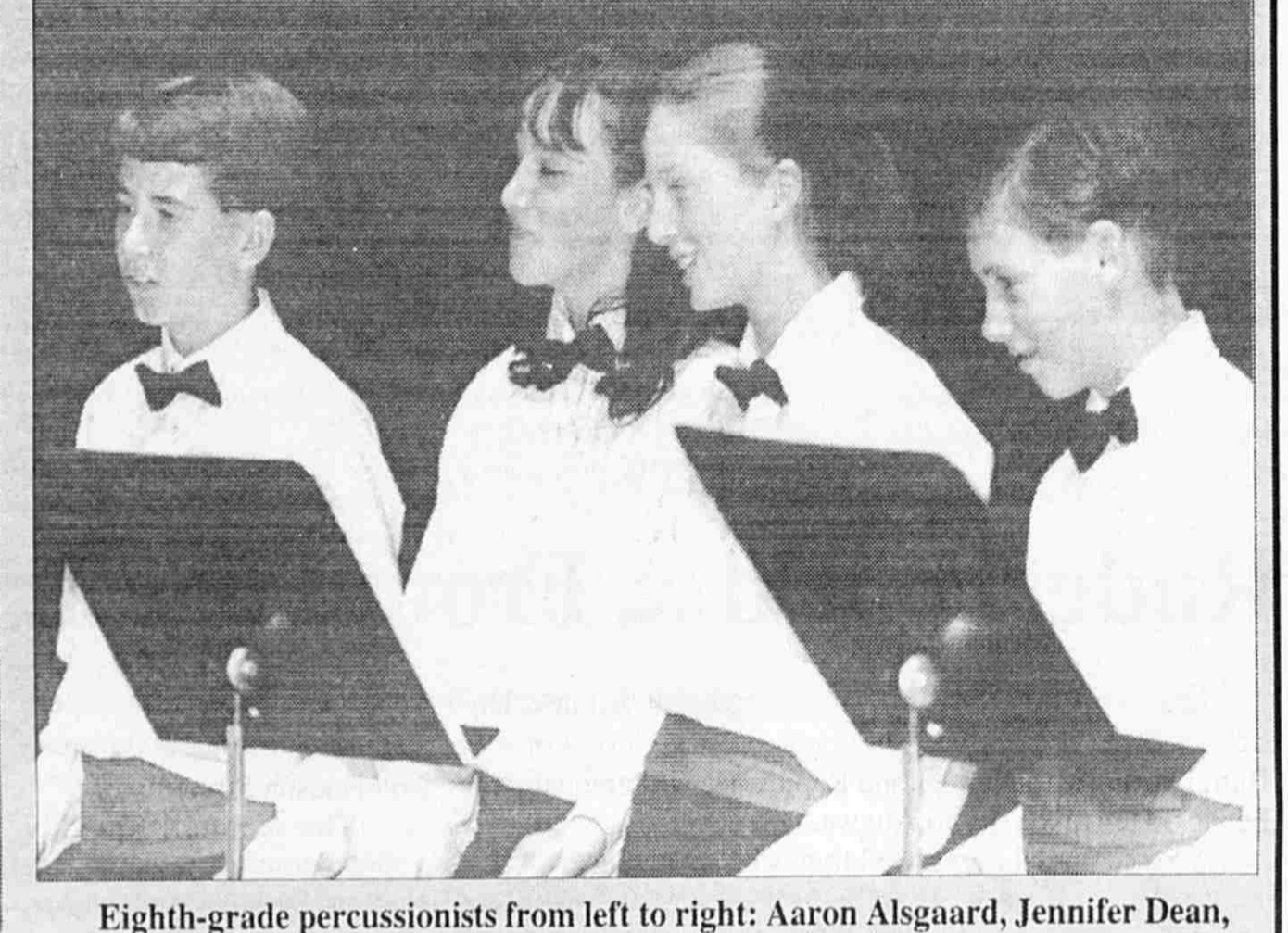
Elissa Kinney, center, receives the Robert L. Rice Directors Award for leadership from Robert Rice, high school band director, left, and Dale Latva, middle school band director, right.



Trumpet duo Caleb Grummet, left, and Dwayne Simpson.



Clarinet players Ryan Brown, left, and Mindy Tarney.



Eighth-grade percussionists from left to right: Aaron Alsgaard, Jennifer Dean, Lindsay Scigliano and T. J. Forward.

Annual poppy sale benefits needy veterans

Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8303 and its Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Buddy Poppies at various locations around Lowell on May 16, 17 & 18. According to Post Commander Gordon Marshall, "VFW by-laws require that the proceeds from our sale of Buddy Poppies must be used to benefit disabled and needy veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans right here in the community."

In 1923, the VFW was the first veterans' organization to promote a nationally organized campaign for the annual distribution of poppies assembled by disabled or hospitalized veterans. That tradition continues today, with more than 18 million poppies assembled by paid, disabled and hospitalized veterans each year. The members of the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary raise more than \$15 million annually from the sale of Buddy Poppies.

The VFW, founded in 1899, is the nation's oldest major veterans' organization. Its more than 2.1 million members include 1.1 million veterans of WWII, 526,000 Vietnam veterans and some 426,000 Korean War veterans. The remaining members come from American military actions in Haiti, Somalia, the Persian Gulf, Grenada, Panama and Lebanon, as well as expeditionary and occupation forces.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS FREE EDUCATIONAL SCREENING for Two-to Five-Year-Old Children

WHO: Children ages 2-5, who seem to be growing or learning at a slower rate than other children the same age, or 3-4 year-old children who meet income guidelines

WHAT: Free educational screening.

WHEN: June 4 and 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Runciman Building, 300 High St.

WHY: Identification of children who may benefit from early educational intervention in one of a variety of specialized Lowell preschool programs--PPI, Head Start and Readiness

HOW: Call Carol Briggs at 897-8415, by May 31, to schedule an appointment.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 20, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

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

1. City Operating Budget for 1996-97. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year.
2. 136 S. Center - Ormand Lyons - variance to use a vacant lot to park a motor home.
3. 504 E. Main St. - Denny's Apartments and rooms - Construction of 12 rooming house apartments - variances concerning setbacks, parking and lot size.

Copies of the proposed 1996-97 Budget are available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) at City Hall.

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

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

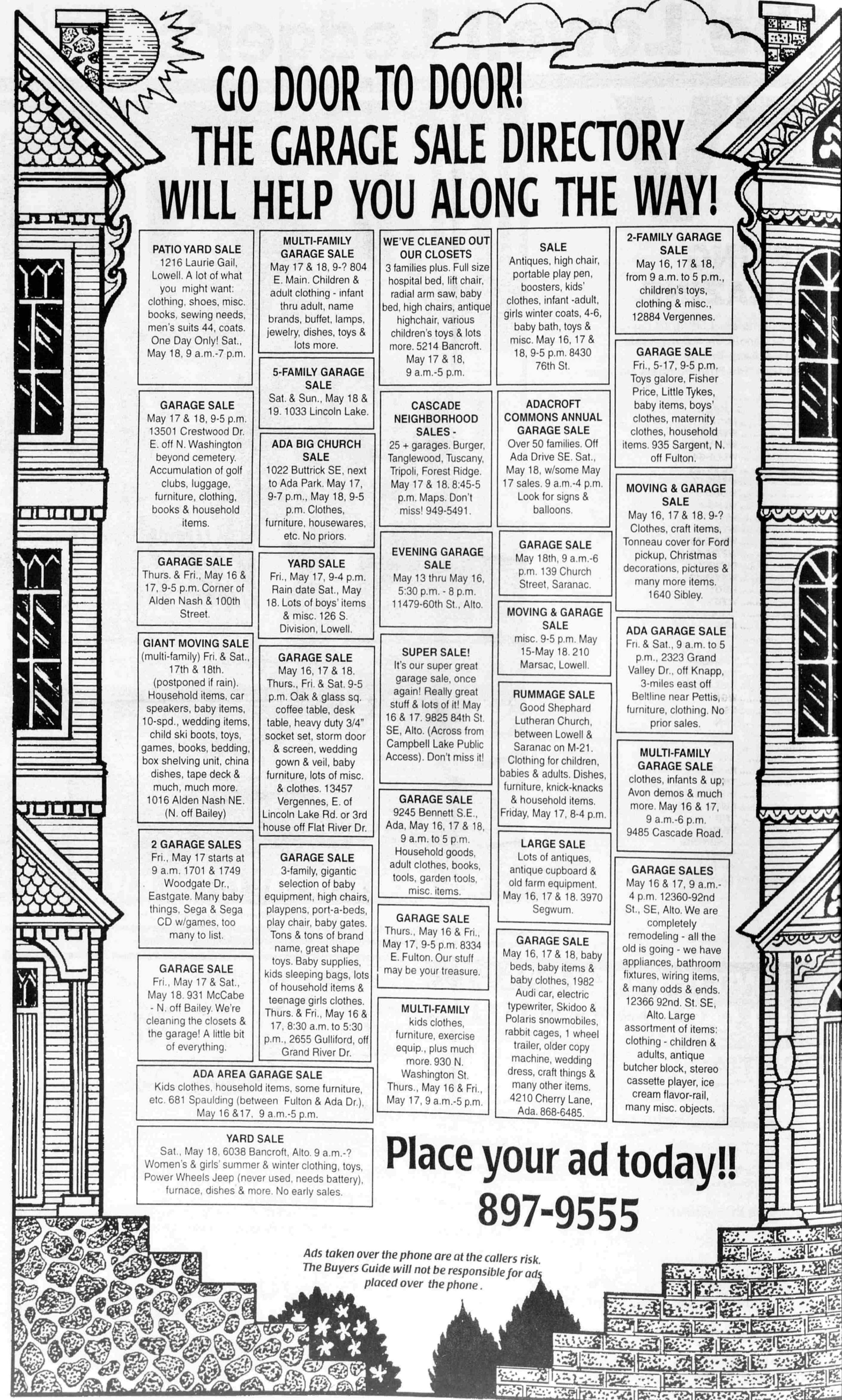
**Insure Your Home and Car
With Us and Save \$\$\$.**

When you insure your home and car with Auto-Owners, we'll save you money with our special multi-policy discounts.

**Auto-Owners
Insurance**
Life Home Car Business
The No Problem People

Speerstra-Carr Agency
a division of Carr Agency Inc.

**835 W. Main St.
Lowell
897-9259
or 897-8500**



GO DOOR TO DOOR! THE GARAGE SALE DIRECTORY WILL HELP YOU ALONG THE WAY!

PATIO YARD SALE
1216 Laurie Gail, Lowell. A lot of what you might want: clothing, shoes, misc. books, sewing needs, men's suits 44, coats. One Day Only! Sat., May 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
May 17 & 18, 9-? 804 E. Main. Children & adult clothing - infant thru adult, name brands, buffet, lamps, jewelry, dishes, toys & lots more.

WE'VE CLEANED OUT OUR CLOSETS
3 families plus. Full size hospital bed, lift chair, radial arm saw, baby bed, high chairs, antique highchair, various children's toys & lots more. 5214 Bancroft. May 17 & 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SALE
Antiques, high chair, portable play pen, boosters, kids' clothes, infant-adult, girls winter coats, 4-6, baby bath, toys & misc. May 16, 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m. 8430 76th St.

2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
May 16, 17 & 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., children's toys, clothing & misc., 12884 Vergennes.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., 5-17, 9-5 p.m. Toys galore, Fisher Price, Little Tikes, baby items, boys' clothes, maternity clothes, household items. 935 Sargent, N. off Fulton.

MOVING & GARAGE SALE
May 16, 17 & 18, 9-? Clothes, craft items, Tonneau cover for Ford pickup, Christmas decorations, pictures & many more items. 1640 Sibley.

ADA GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2323 Grand Valley Dr., off Knapp, 3-miles east off Beltline near Pettis, furniture, clothing. No prior sales.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
clothes, infants & up; Avon demos & much more. May 16 & 17, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 9485 Cascade Road.

2 GARAGE SALES
Fri., May 17 starts at 9 a.m. 1701 & 1749 Woodgate Dr., Eastgate. Many baby things, Sega & Sega CD w/games, too many to list.

GARAGE SALE
Fri., May 17 & Sat., May 18, 931 McCabe - N. off Bailey. We're cleaning the closets & the garage! A little bit of everything.

ADA AREA GARAGE SALE
Kids clothes, household items, some furniture, etc. 681 Spaulding (between Fulton & Ada Dr.), May 16 & 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

YARD SALE
Sat., May 18, 6036 Bancroft, Alto. 9 a.m.-? Women's & girls' summer & winter clothing, toys, Power Wheels Jeep (never used, needs battery), furnace, dishes & more. No early sales.

Place your ad today!!
897-9555

Ads taken over the phone are at the callers risk.
The Buyers Guide will not be responsible for ads placed over the phone.

The Lowell Ledger's TV LISTING MAGAZINE

• Features Complete Listing Of Lowell Cable TV Channels On A Daily Basis.
• Complete & Easy-To-Use
• Listings Coincide With Numbers On Your Tuner

CHANNEL	SYMBOL
2	LOCAL
3	WVMT-3
4	WOTV-41
5	WLLA-64
6	WGVU-35
7	WXMI-17
8	WOOD-8
9	WLNS-6
10	WILX-10
11	WTLJ-54
12	WKAR-23
13	WZZM-13
14	DISNEY**
15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
17	WTBS
18	C-MAX**
19	FAM
20	FX
21	M-TV
22	LOCAL
23	USA
24	DISCOVERY
25	WGN
26	ESPN
27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A & E
31	PASS
32	TNT
33	DOPLAR RADAR
34	EWTN
35	TNN
36	TRAVEL
37	LEARNING
38	SCI-FI
39	VH-1

** Denotes Premium Channels



FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THRU MAY 23

Walter Cronkite, whose career spans six decades, recounts those years in *Cronkite Remembers*, a two-hour special airing Thursday on CBS. Using personal photographs, home movies and newsreels, Cronkite recalls his own life and his memories of the kings, queens, and presidents of our times.

WITTENBACH HAS USED CAR SELECTION

PONTIAC

1996 GRAND AM SE 4 door, V6, auto, sharp	SAVE THOUSANDS
1995 TRANS AM One owner, list \$19,800	NOW \$17,495
GRAND PRIX GT 4 door, loaded, list \$17,100	NOW \$15,995
GRAND PRIX SE 4 door, bright red, list \$14,600	NOW \$13,995
BONNEVILLE SE Loaded, list \$16,600	NOW \$15,795
TRANSPORT SE 3800 loaded, list \$17,325	NOW \$16,495
GRAND AM SE 4 door quad, 46,000 miles, list \$13,800	NOW \$12,750
GRAND PRIX SE One owner, just arrived, list \$15,600	NOW \$14,795
1994 FORMULA T-tops, leather, list \$17,850	NOW \$15,995
1993 TRANSPORT SE 3800 lower miles, bright red	\$13,495
BONNEVILLE SE Lower miles, sharp inside & out	\$13,695
GRAND AM SE 4 door, one owner, list \$9,425	NOW \$8,495
1992 BONNEVILLE SE Sharp, one owner, only 42,000 miles	CALL NOW!
1991 GRAND PRIX SE Sport pkg., one owner, priced to sell	\$7,495

Oldsmobile

1995 ACHIEVA S 2 door, sharp, only 10,000 miles	SALE \$11,700
1994 88 ROYALE Just arrived, clean in every way	SALE \$14,495
CIERA S 6 cylinder, only 22,000 miles	SALE \$11,495
1993 88 ROYALE Full power, extra sharp	SALE \$11,995
1992 98 REGENCY Full power, leather, priced to sell	\$9,995
98 REGENCY Clean, one owner, Tahoe	NOW \$9,495
88 ROYALE Full power with warranty	\$9,495
1991 88 ROYALE BROUGHAM One owner, lady driven	\$7,995
SUPREME 4 door, loaded with equipment, just arrived	\$7,795

REAL PEOPLE, REAL DIFFERENCE

wittenbach

OLDS • PONTIAC • GMC TRUCKS

Lowell, MI • Phone 897-9227

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: 9 AM TO 9 PM; TUESDAY: THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9 AM - 6 PM; SATURDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

Table for DAYTIME MORNING (5:00-11:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

Table for DAYTIME AFTERNOON (12:00-6:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

Table for FRIDAY EVENING (7:00-11:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

Table for FRIDAY LATE NIGHT (12:00-4:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

Table for SATURDAY MORNING (5:00-11:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

Table for SATURDAY AFTERNOON (12:00-6:30) listing broadcast stations, cable stations, and premium stations with their respective programs.

MONDAY EVENING MAY 20, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT MAY 20, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 21, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MAY 21, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 22, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MAY 22, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

Lowell Middle School hosts its 15th annual "Career Days"

The Lowell Middle School eighth graders participated in the LMS annual eighth-grade Career Days. The purpose of the unit is to help students to start thinking about educational and career directions.

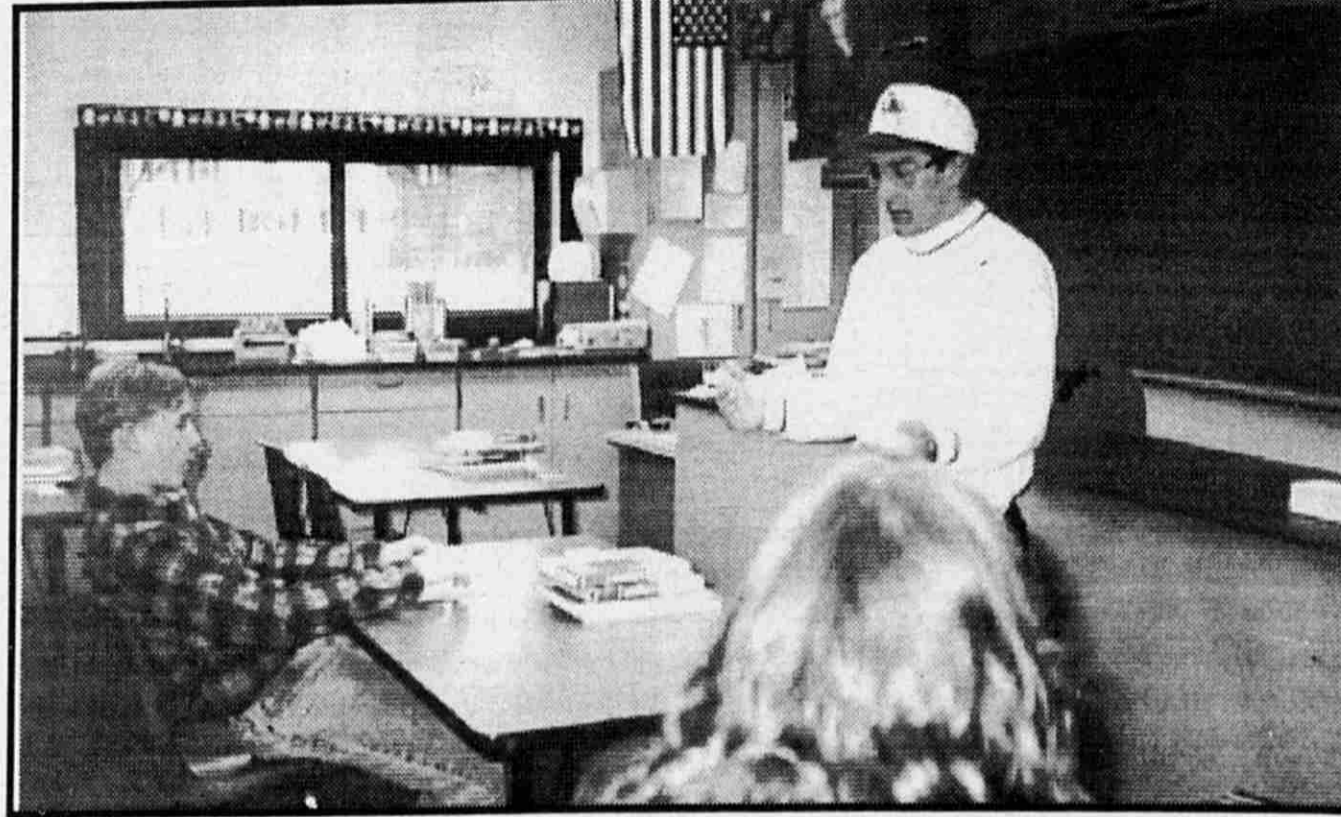
During the first two days of the event, the students were given the opportunity to meet with visitors representing thirty different careers. The eighth-graders signed up ahead of time, for the careers they were most interested in pursuing. The students were encouraged to ask questions,

and learned about such aspects of the career as: what a day on the job is like; personal qualifications, educational training and skill requirements; related career opportunities, and advantages and disadvantages.

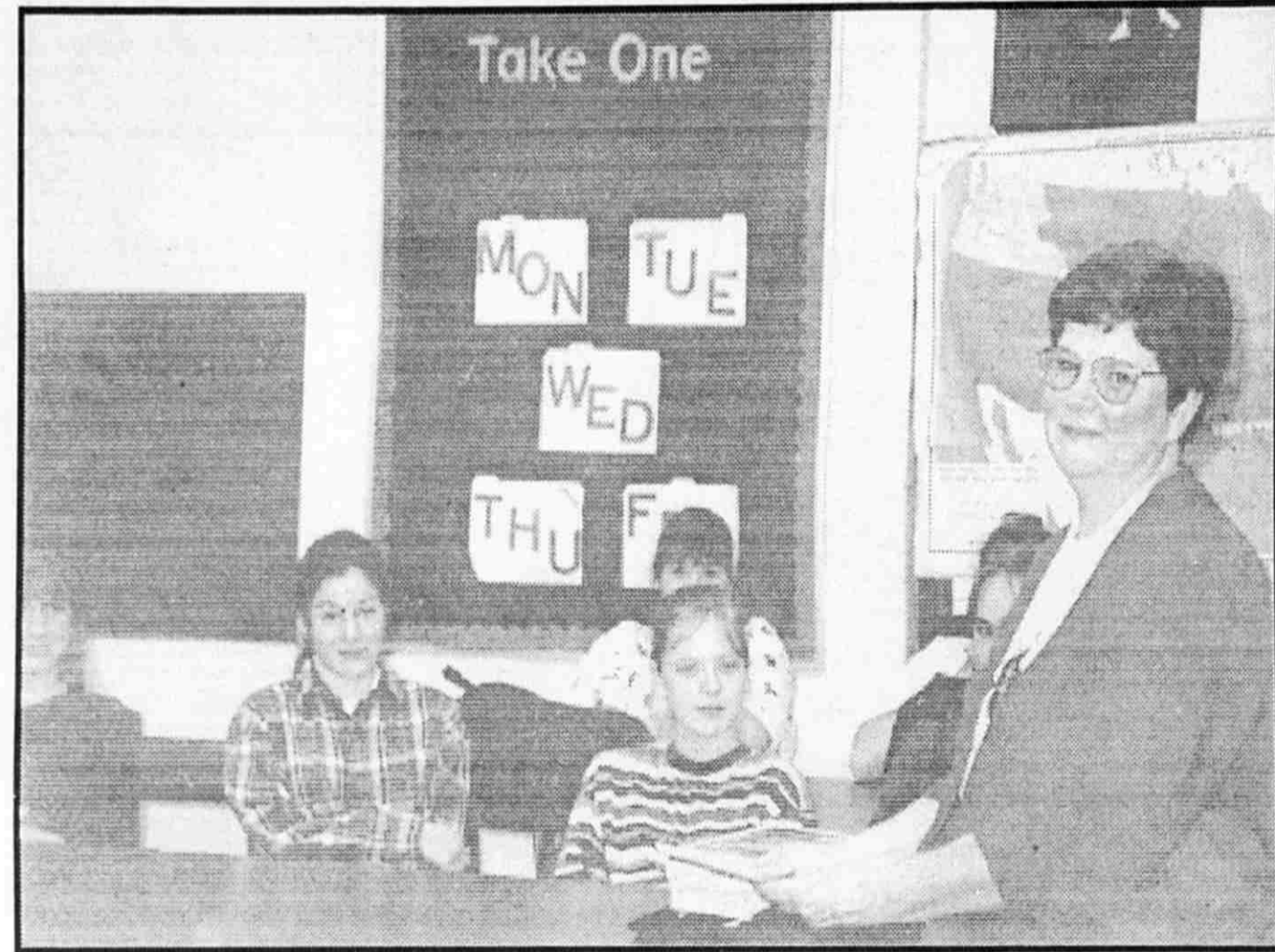
On the third day of Career Days, the eighth graders were divided into five separate field trip groups, according to the results of a previously administered survey. Each group visited one or two of the following locations: Aquinas College, Calvin College, Chadalee Farms, Concept In-

dustries, Grand Rapids Community College, Kent Career Technical Center, Metric Manufacturing and Root-Lowell.

The following people shared their valuable time and expertise with students: Actor, Eric Ohlman; agriculture, Sherry Grieser; Aquinas College, Tom Milanowski; artist, Robin White; Calvin College, Sue Rozeboom; child care, Gayle Parker; Concept Industries, Shaun Eshragh; business, Charlie Bernard; carpentry/construction, Lou D'Agostino; Career Days, cont'd, pg. 28



Students interested in building-construction learn about different aspects of the career from Lou D'Agostino.



Sandy MacDonald helps future teachers learn about the joys of teaching.

Boxes, cont'd... From Page 9

eral images in a photograph. Libertore takes an internal and retrospective look into her own life through her photographs and said her friendship with the other artists has contributed to her work.

"When you're friends for that long, there is a sensibility that begins to travel from one to the other," Libertore said.

While the psychological boxes addressed in Libertore's work add to the show theme, it was more of a reflection of herself.

"I looked at the life transition in my life and used it as a metaphor for boxes," she said. "I just turned 50 and I'm in a transition. My work reflects that, but I also hope it goes

beyond that to reach other people."

Using one life as a backdrop for the boxes is a concept that Roeser and Kane share with Libertore.

"My work is 53 years in the making," Roeser said. "Look at it as a culmination of expressions."

Kane's work is also a culmination of many years and collections. "I started collecting things with a friend when I was growing up and I've always kept that interest in collecting items and placing them in a box," Kane said.

The show will be the first time Roeser and Kane

display their talents in an all-woman show, but for Libertore the experience is something she has experienced before.

"There is a certain amount of support and cooperative spirit in an all-woman show," Libertore said. "It's one of my favorite means of showing and the fact that it's with two good friends is very exciting."

"3 Women 3 Dimensions" will be shown from May 14 until June 15 at the LAAC center gallery, 149 S. Hudson St. in Lowell, and an artist reception will be conducted from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Sunday (May 19) at the same gallery.



The ruby is the rarest, and in large sizes, the costliest of all gems. The finest rubies come from Burma and a large perfect Burma ruby may be worth several times as much as a diamond of the same size.

WIC

Special Supplemental
Nutrition Program For
Women, Infants, and Children

Now Available at the

LOWELL PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC

Lowell Township Hall
2910 Alden Nash Road, SE

Schedule your WIC appointment by calling the Kent
County Health Department WIC program at **336-3011**,
Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Or call the Lowell Public Health Clinic at **897-7600**
ext. 16, Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Also available at the Lowell Clinic:
Free Childhood Immunizations, Blood Pressure
Screening, Nutrition Counseling, Pregnancy Testing.

McDonald's wants you to be a part of our team!

McDONALD'S OF LOWELL IS LOOKING FOR FRIENDLY,
ENERGETIC PEOPLE TO BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!

YOU WILL RECEIVE 1/2 PRICE EMPLOYEE MEALS, FREE UNIFORMS, REGULAR
WAGE REVIEWS, A FUN PLACE TO WORK, YOU'LL MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
PLUS THERE ARE OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE
WITHIN OUR COMPANY.

YOU NEED FLEXIBILITY WITH HOURS & AVAILABILITY?
NO PROBLEM!

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE ALSO.
OPENING AND CLOSING SHIFTS AND DAY SHIFTS STARTING AT \$5.00 AND UP

COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM McDONALD'S OF LOWELL
1300 WEST MAIN STREET
616/897-4141

COME ON IN FOR AN INTERVIEW AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

MAY 16TH 2PM - 7PM	MAY 23RD 10AM - 7PM
MAY 17TH 2PM - 7PM	MAY 24TH 10AM - 7PM
MAY 20TH 10AM - 7PM	MAY 25TH 10AM - 5PM
MAY 22ND 10AM - 7PM	MAY 28TH 9AM - 6PM

BUSINESS DIRECTORY 897-9261

We Sell
Service
You're Our
Top Priority!

Speerstra Agency

A Division of Carr Agency, Inc.
835 W. Main St. • Lowell, MI 49331
897-9259 or 897-8500

Showboat Automotive Supply, Inc.

See Us For Parts, Accessories, Paint Body Shop Supplies & Machine Shop Service

1450 W. Main Street, Lowell, MI
(616) 897-9231

HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8-7; Sat. 8-5:30

NOW OPEN SUNDAY 9-3

Denny Hawk Towing

Nights & Weekends
Local People...
Helping Local People

868-6269

ECKMAN
LANDSCAPE

Residential & Commercial
Free Estimates

Maintenance • Lawn Care
• Snow Plowing
• Hydro Seeding
• Boulder Walls
• Retaining Walls
• Brick Paving
• Tractor Services
• Landscape Construction

CALL
897-0819

Thomet

CHEVROLET BUICK Geo

1250 West Main Street • Lowell, Michigan 49331

Mr. Goodwrench
★ COMPLETE BODY
& FRAME REPAIR

Phone 897-9294

Call
ARCTIC, INC.

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING • REFRIGERATION

Call
Bryant
to the rescue

1301 Bowes Rd., Lowell, MI 49331 (behind McDonald's)
Phone 897-4123

DURKEE
LUMBER, INC.

Lumber and Building Materials

868-6026

6071 Depot St.
Alto, MI

Choosing A Rental Truck?

It's An Easy Call.
LOWELL TRUCK RENTAL & STORAGE
1301 Bowes Road, Lowell 897-0180

OPEN SUNDAY
FLORAL & GIFTS
PRODUCE GROCERY
BEER & WINE
HUDSONVILLE ICE CREAM

CUMBERLAND
PRODUCE
MARKETPLACE

SUNDAYS 9 TO 9 • WEEKDAYS 8 TO 9
1250 E. FULTON, LOWELL
Phone 897-7617

CITY TREE SERVICE

897-0339

• Tree & Stump Removal
• Lot Clearing
• Trimming
• Brush Chipping

25 Years Experience • 24 Hour Emergency Service
We're Insured For Your Protection!
(Ask for our certificate)

Let Everyone
Know About
Your Business!

This Space Only
\$5⁰⁰ Per Week!

ADVANCED
AUTO GLASS

"GIVE ME A
BREAK... I'LL FIX IT -
FOR LESS!"

897-4912
242-8401

CREATIVE DESIGNS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

• Fresh, Silk and Dried Flowers
• Fresh Plants and Foliage
• Distinctive Gifts • Cards and Balloons

505-B W. Main
(Next to Little Caesar's)

HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 9-6 • SATURDAY, 9-3
PHONE: 897-5767 • FAX: 897-9097

TRADING CARDS • COMIC BOOKS

Rookies

SPORT CARDS PLUS

BUY • SELL • TRADE

106 West Main • Lowell • 49331
(616) 897-5650

BILL WHEELER

Certified Public
Accountant

W. J. WHEELER Michigan

103 Riverside Dr.
Lowell, Michigan
49331

616-897-7711

BODYWORKS GYM
& FITNESS CENTER

Nautilus - Cardiovascular
Free Weights - Aerobics
Personalized Programs - Tanning
Supplements - Clothing - Co-Ed

1335 W. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331
Brett Thomas, Owner
Phone (616) 897-8397

JB HARRISON
Insurance Agency, Inc.

BUYING A HOME?

We offer competitive rates
and group discounts.

Call for a Quote Today!

616-868-0050 800-217-0712 Judy Harrison
6090 Alden Nash NE • P.O. Box 175
Alto, MI 49302 President

L.A. TRIM

AUTO UPHOLSTERY
897-6546

MIKA
MEYERS
BECKETT
& JONES
PLC

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

117 West Main Street
Lowell, MI 49331
(616) 897-3111

Ross A. Leisman
Daniel C. Brubaker

KID'S CORNER
DAY CARE

We Now Have 3rd Shift
Available Sun - Thurs
From 10 PM - 8 AM
CPR/First-Aid Certified
WARM, CLEAN ENVIRONMENT
For More Information Call:
897-6386

Noel Dean approved by board as Lowell football coach and science/social studies instructor

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Noel Dean was officially approved by the Lowell School Board as the new Lowell football coach and science/social studies teacher.

The approval did not come without some discussion about the selection's academic achievement.

Dean carried an overall GPA of 2.7 while in college. His GPA in his major and minor subjects were 2.95 and 3.14.

The board's vote was 6-1. Board trustee Ellen McClain said she could not support Dean's academic record.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said in his recommendation while he'd be happier if Dean's academic record were higher, he believed Dean would prove to be an outstanding teacher, coach and credit to the community.

"I think we were looking for an excellent teacher, coach and role model for kids," Bleke said. "In Dean I think we've found that."

The search and selection process took four to five months. The school received 75 applications for the coaching/instructor position.

The extensive search process was handled by coaches, administrators, parents and students.

McClain said she appreciated the selection committee going through the effort it did.

However, in comparing it to the process used in hiring a remediation teacher, McClain noted that not many applicants were interviewed in that selection process.

Bleke reemphasized that had the administration taken the same amount of time to hire a remediation teacher, school would have ended and they would have been unable to help students through the middle course of the year. "We wanted to help those students before they got to ninth grade," Bleke said. "Because less time was used does not indicate the position is any less important. The person selected for the remediation position is doing a good job with the students."

McClain also noted that the instructing position was not posted.

Board secretary Norm Byrne said the board should strive for excellence in hiring teachers and coaches. "I don't think we

should not hire someone because he/she is not an "A" student. A "B" student is a good student."

Board president Marsha Wilcox said numbers are easy to focus on. However, she pointed out that there are other standards the policy states should be used in making a determination.

Board trustee Pete Gustafson stated that Lowell's selection and recruitment policy is appropriate. "I think we need to recognize in our society, in terms of the number of students affected, the position of a head football coach is an important one this day and age," he said.

Gustafson added that it was Dean's leadership credentials and ability to relate and work with students that persuaded him Dean should represent Lowell.

Dean's expressed philosophy of education included that success in athletics is an extension of academic success.

"Dean is enthusiastic, caring and a tireless worker," board treasurer Steve Idema said. "On balance, I think we have an outstanding candidate."

Career Days, cont'd.... From Page 22

Chadlee Farms, Rick Davis; computers. Mark MacDonald; counselor, Carol Meisenbach; dentistry, Clark Vredenburg, Kim Dauser and Mary Emser; doctor, Kathleen Chase.

Environmentalist, Steve Mueller; filmmaking, Jim Kipp and Amway video staff; firefighting, Bryan Kimball; Grand Rapids Community College, Edie Hyde; hairstylist, Marilyn Dawson; interior design, Susan Moushon; journalist, Kate Convisser; KCTC, David Rodriguez; landscaping, Tom Rooks; law

enforcement, Dave Bush and Rocky Ybarra; lawyer, Joy Fossel; Metric Manufacturing, Gary Gilbert; military, Bill Harmon; model, Ernest Chandler; musician, Roger MacNaughton; nursing, Sherry Knoppers; paramedic, John English; photographer, Bruce DeBoer; Pro Athletics, Mitch McNeal; Root-Lowell, Samantha Semrau; sports and recreation director, Christy Droogsma; teacher, Sandy MacDonald; truck-driving, Jerry Warnemuende and veterinarian, Sue Skelding.

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Plans to develop an apartment complex along M-21 have been put on hold for at least one year due to rising costs.

Developer Curt Cowles informed the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission that he will put a hold on the actual construction of his Stoneridge development because construction bids have come in much higher than expected.

"The bids are at least 30 percent higher than I anticipated," Cowles said. "Lumber alone has gone up more than 20 percent in the last 30

days."

Despite putting construction on hold for one year, Cowles plans on working with the planning commission to get all his ducks in a row to be ready for next year.

"I still want to work on the issues that need to be cleared up to make this happen," Cowles said. "I would like to have all my ducks lined up by the first of the year, so I'm ready for the summer."

Getting his "ducks lined up" will mean getting a final site plan approval from the commission and reaching an agreement on water and sewer issues.

Under the township's

Planned Urban Development ordinance, Cowles must have public water and sewer at his development.

Providing those services prompted a public hearing last week to discuss a plan which would affect all property owners along M-21, but that plan has been halted for now.

Cowles has agreed to run water lines to the 96-unit apartment complex and hopes to have a payback agreement in place by the first of the year.

The sewer issue may also be resolved if the township agrees to allow Cowles to install his own grinder pump which would connect into the

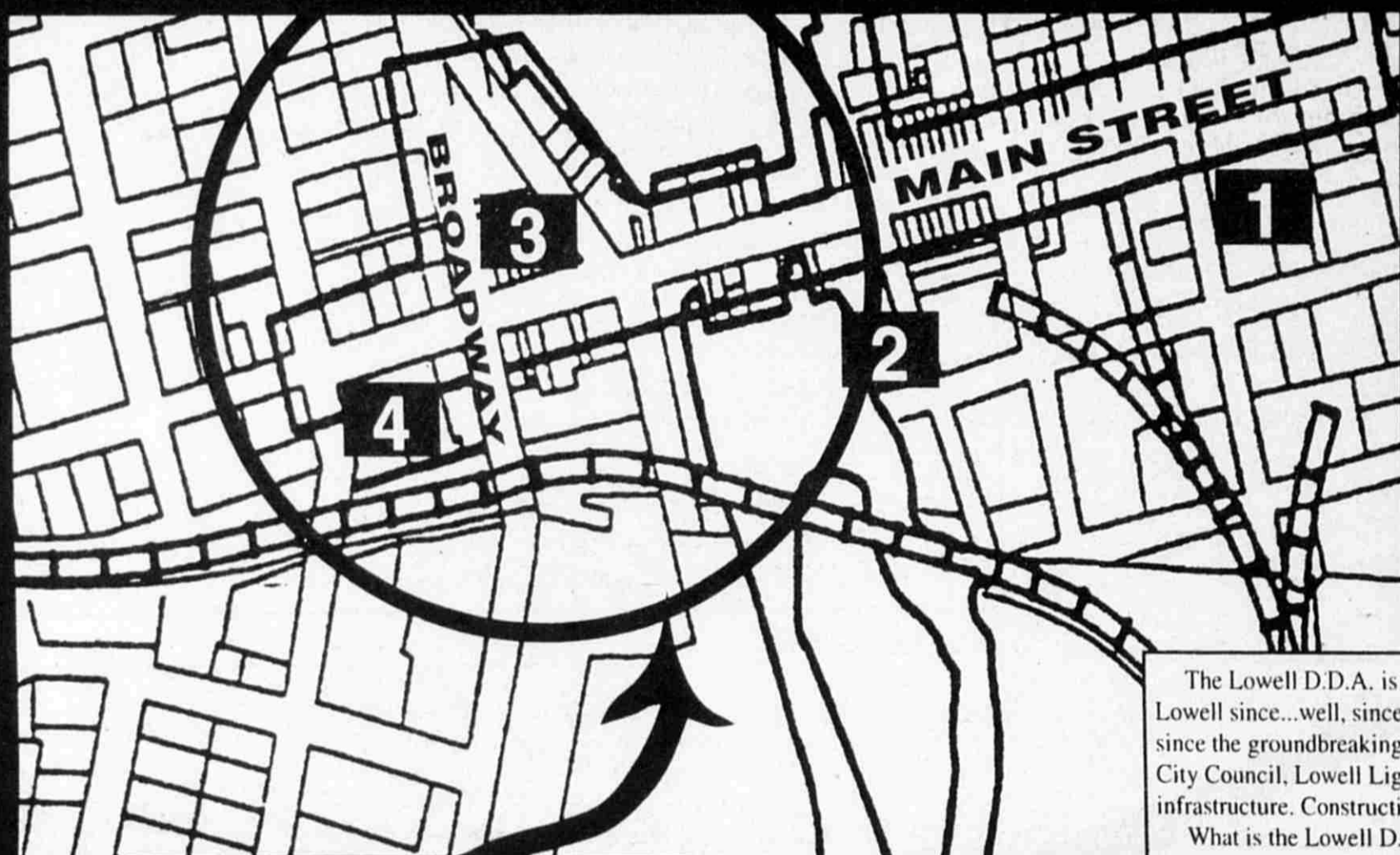
city's existing sewer line.

"There is more than one way that we can live with it to make this happen," said planning commission chairman Mel Beers, in regards to Cowles installing sewer to the site.

Beers and trustee Richard Bryan said the water and sewer issues will be the main driving force to getting Cowles' site plan approved and ready for next year's construction season.

"From what I understand, there is more than enough room for the existing sewer system to handle your site, and if we can put in a pump to handle it, then I can live with it," Bryan said.

D.D.A.'S DOWNTOWN MAKEOVER IS STARTING!



CITY OF LOWELL PROJECT

PARKING AREAS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- 1 FMB BACK LOT
- 2 DOWNTOWN CITY PARKING LOT
- 3 BROADWAY /RIVERSIDE - 1/2 LOT OPEN
- 4 FLAT RIVER ANTIQUE MALL RESIDENTIAL SIDE STREETS

The Lowell D.D.A. is about to kick-off a major city project. It will be the biggest improvement to Lowell since...well, since groundbreaking of the new Englehardt Library a short two weeks ago, or since the groundbreaking of the new high school three years ago! The D.D.A. with cooperation from City Council, Lowell Light and Power and Look Fund will pump over \$1.56 million into the city infrastructure. Construction begins May 13, 1996.

What is the Lowell D.D.A.? The Downtown Development Authority Act 197 of 1975 was put in place by the Michigan Legislature. The Lowell City Council began a Lowell D.D.A. in November 1992 under the Act. The purpose of Act 197 of 1975 was:

- To correct and prevent deterioration in business districts.
- To encourage historic preservation.
- To authorize the acquisition and disposal of interest in real and personal property.
- To authorize the creation and implementation of development plans in the district.
- To promote the economic growth of the district.

The business community of Lowell has been in existence before Lowell was even an established village in 1831. Lowell businesses cannot survive without customers who live in the Lowell area. We have so much to be thankful for in Lowell. We have a new high school, new Englehardt Library, and soon a new downtown. We are not the only ones who see the benefits of living in the Lowell area.

The surrounding townships are rapidly growing with new residents. The school's population is growing beyond expectations. We need you to shop in Lowell and help the Lowell businesses who locate here.

Finally, I would like to invite the citizens of Lowell and surrounding townships to "come on down." Do not be afraid during the construction. We want you to be curious and see the changes taking place. All Lowell businesses need you to shop in Lowell. You may need to park one, two or three blocks from your favorite shop or store. Parking will be a challenge. Use the warm summer weather to exercise and walk downtown and "stroll 'buy' the Lights of Lowell," the new street lights.

The D.D.A. and Chamber of Commerce will be organizing a number of activities throughout the summer construction to bring you into Lowell to see, feel, and experience the exciting changes as they take place throughout the summer construction stages.

James E. Reagan
D.D.A. Chairman