

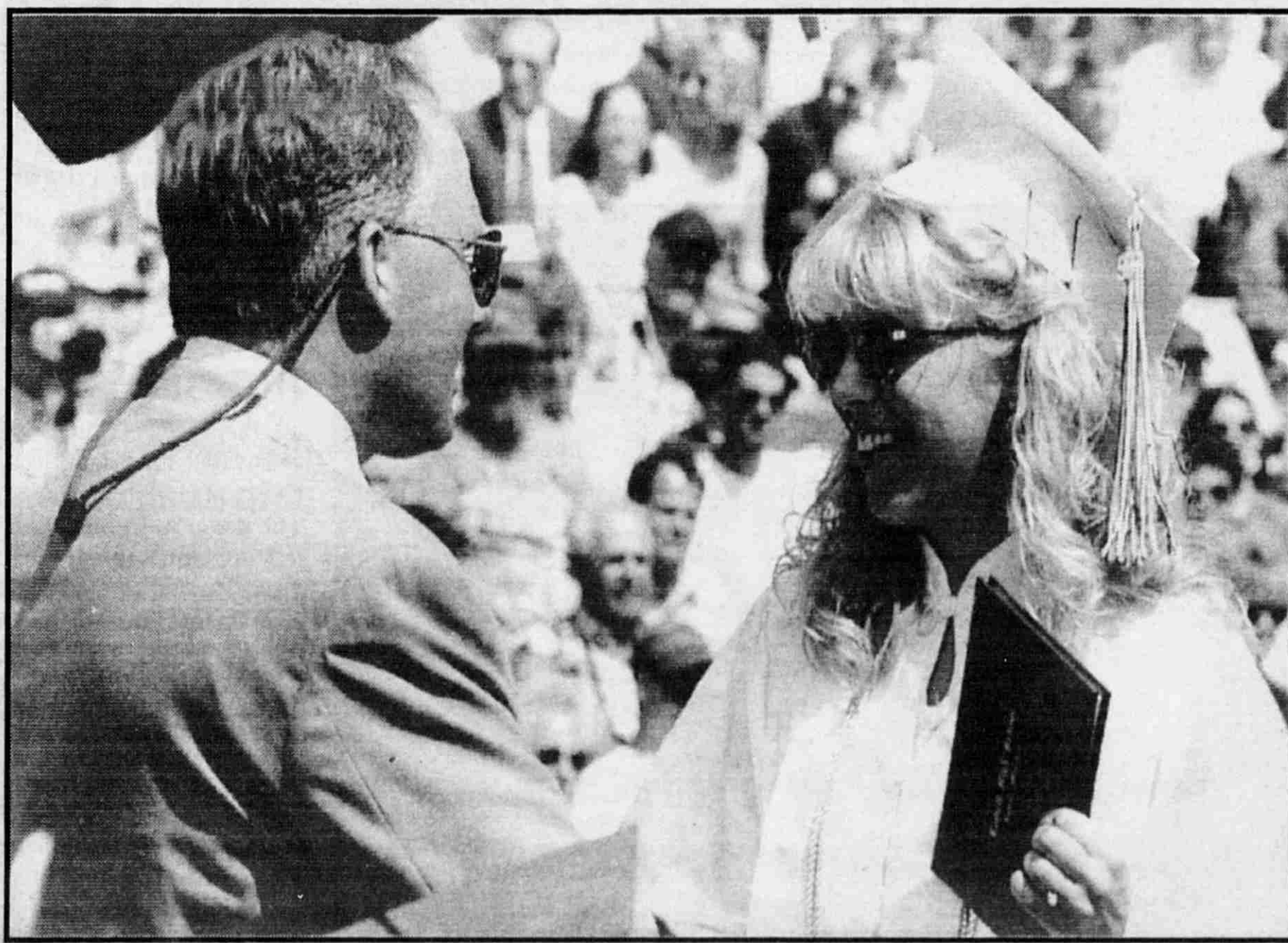
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Lowell senior Tami Froese receives congratulations from Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw after being presented with her diploma. Froese was one of 178 graduates at the commencement exercise.

LHS graduates ready to "go places"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Heather Young, class president and co-salutatorian, asked that the 118th Lowell High School commencement exercise be a celebration of her class's personal diversity.

"We've evolved over the years into different and prominent individuals with our own diverse personalities," Young said. "Let us celebrate that diversity and our discovery of each other."

The class president also asked that each of her class members be honored for working hard and doing their best.

Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw shared that message in his opening remarks.

"Often we get caught up in the best and the brightest. That's good. Academic excellence should be our goal. But let's not forget the silent majority who have worked and toiled to do their best, reach their potential and are graduating here today," Vashaw said.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke joked that he had the toughest task of the graduation ceremony. "My address to the class has been put between Dr. Seuss and the presentation of

diplomas," he quipped. "What are the chances of anyone caring about what I have to say."

Bleke was referring to Amy Teunis' valedictorian speech. In that address Teunis recanted Dr. Seuss' "All the Places You'll Go." Through this children's literature, she talked about choices and direction, waiting and being alone.

Bleke challenged the graduating class to work hard and do their best, to care for and help other people, and to be good to themselves along the way.

There were 178 graduates who made up the class of 1996. Of those 178 38 percent or 67 completed their schooling with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Lowell High School counselor Barb Pierce recognized seven foreign exchange students.

They were Dritan Ali Spahija, Albania; Eduardo Monche Arias, Spain; Pablo Hugo Velasco, Spain; Jens Martin Goehre, Germany; Eskil Wahlberg, Finland; Lasmina Rusidovic, Yugoslavia; and Carolina Dolinski, Brazil. All seven foreign exchange students were presented with honorary diplomas.

Co-salutatorian Matt Langridge urged his classmates to

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Vergennes Twp. shines a light on dangerous intersection

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A dark and sometimes dangerous intersection will have a new light to guide travelers.

The Vergennes Township Board agreed to install an overhead light at the intersection of Parnell and Vergennes Avenue because motorists tend to miss the intersection.

"There is nothing out there," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. "It's pitch black and some people tend to miss the intersection at night."

Considering the intersection is home to a stop sign, the consequences could be costly.

Recently the intersection was the sight of an accident because of thick fog.

"The motorist couldn't see the stop sign and ran it because of the fog," Stone said. "Hopefully the new light will eliminate that problem."

The incandescent light will cost the township \$100 to install and approximately \$10 a month to operate.

"It's a small price to pay for safety," Stone said.

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City works to strengthen frayed communication lines

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Barely three weeks into the Downtown Development Authority project and two points are crystal clear.

1. Inconvenience will be tolerated by merchants and city officials.

2. Changing plans without notice will not be.

"Merchants cannot be told things will be done one way and then have things done another way," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

"That can't be tolerated."

Pasquale met with engi-

tion was tested when the north parking lane on Main Street was torn up by construction crews from Broadway to Jefferson midway through last week.

"I was told traffic would not be restricted until July. Here it's not even June and it's been restricted already," said River City Beer Store owner Tom Speerstra, at a meeting of merchants on Thursday evening at the Backwater Cafe.

Pasquale said Monday that there must be a balance between completing the

Strong efforts must be taken to meet the concerns of the merchants.

Lowell City Councilman Chuck Myers

neers from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, and construction representatives on Monday to discuss and confirm a clear line of communication for the remainder of the project.

The line of communica-

tion project as soon as possible, but not to the detriment of the downtown merchants.

Tearing up the parking lane on the north side of Main Street left Mike Sprenger, owner of Springrove Vari-

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Business moves out to accommodate neighborhood complaints

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A dispute between neighbors has led to the departure of two long-time residents and one promising business.

Herm Damstra Jr. and his father Herm Damstra Sr. will pick up their stakes and move to Ionia in an effort to keep their growing business from disturbing the neighborhood.

"I hate to deal with unhappy neighbors and I planned to do things to make them happy, but it is obvious that they are so sore that there is nothing to make them happy," said Herm Damstra Jr., owner of Rosewood Works.

Rosewood Works makes wooden picnic tables and mail

It's gotten out of hand. He's gone to mass producing his articles, which is not what that land is approved for.

Lowell Township Supervisor John Timpson

boxes, and supplies them to 48 states in North America.

Damstra has been operating the business at his home on Kissing Rock Avenue for several years, but recently the operation has grown too big for neighbors to tolerate.

The Lowell Charter Township Board received two letters and numerous phone calls from neighbors com-

plaining about the early morning noise.

Damstra believes he is allowed to operate the business at its current location because of a special use permit granted to the land's previous owner.

Township supervisor John Timpson recognized the permit, but said it was in-

tended for renting storage space for vehicles.

"A workshop at the end of the property was intended to be used as a hobby shop, not a business the size of Damstra's," Timpson said earlier in the year.

"It's gotten out of hand," Timpson said. "He's gone to mass producing his articles, which is not what that land is approved for."

Because Damstra sees his company growing even more and realizes the neighbors will continue to complain, he has found a site in a newly formed industrial district in Ionia.

The only catch for Damstra is that he must build

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Neighbors band together to fight crime, pg. 29

OBITUARIES

BUKALA - John V. Bukala, aged 79, of Grand Rapids, a veteran of WWII, passed away Monday, May 27, 1996 after a brief illness. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Marguerite; his children Dianne (Mike) Anderson, Larry (Mara) Bukala, Thomas (Sylvia) Bukala, Cheryl (Frank) Radeck, Sandra Bukala; nine grandchildren, one sister Irene Fron; his brother Harry (Dolores) Bukala; many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his son Gordon who died February 27, 1996. Mr. Bukala was a member of the American Legion Northeastern Post 459 and a retiree of the New York Central Railroad. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at St. Isidore Church, Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the St. Isidore Church Improvement Fund.

COLBURN (Middleville) - Howard R. Colburn, aged 77, passed away Sunday, May 26, 1996 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center. Surviving are his wife, June (McNee) Colburn; two daughters Barbara (Jerry) Elkins of Middleville, Patty Steffen of Middleville; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four brothers Glen (June) Colburn of Alto, Leo (Rose) Colburn of Middleville, Claude (Dorothy) Colburn of Caledonia, Leon (Marion) Colburn of Hastings; one sister Beatrice Taylor of Lowell; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Colburn of Wayland, Ann Colburn of Florida; many nieces and nephews. Funeral and Committal Services were held Wednesday with Rev. Stan Finkbeiner officiating, Interment Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

GRUMMET - Ronald (Ray) Grummet, aged 56, of Ionia, passed away at his residence May 25, 1996. He is survived by his wife Carol; five sons Kevin (Diane), Brian (Brenda), Ted (Brenda) Grummet all of Ionia, Dale (Penny) Jarman of Lyons; three daughters Brenda LaTour of Ionia, Kimberly (Craig) Spense of Ionia and Anna (Dallas) Geiger of Ionia; one brother Robert (Lila) Grummet of Alto; three sisters Francis (James) Warner of Lowell, Sharon (Larry) Jenks of Jenison and Mary Lou (Terry) Carzoli of Georgia; 20 grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Wednesday at the Church of the Nazarene of Ionia with Rev. Kirk Starkweather officiating, Interment Tuttle Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions for a family choice.

MUMFORD - David Carey Mumford, aged 55, formerly of Lowell and Grand Rapids, of Tarpon Springs, FL, died June 1, 1996 of a lingering illness. He was preceded in death by his father Robert Mumford and brother Robert James Mumford. He is survived by his mother Beatrice Wilbur of Lowell; daughter Margaret Ann (David) Atwood of Wayland; two grandchildren; a good friend Charles Briggs of Grand Rapids; also several aunts, uncles and cousins. Graveside Services were held Tuesday at Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of West Michigan, 305 A-Waters Bldg. Grand Rapids, 49503. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MUNGER - Mary Lois Munger, aged 72, of Alto, passed away Saturday, June 1, 1996 at the Home of Hope. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 1987. She is survived by her son Thomas and Joyce of Alto; a brother Lyle and Margurite Stauffer of Alto; grandchildren Robert Munger of Alto, Shawn and Ron Smith of Middleville; and a special friend, Pat Fisher of Lake Odessa. She was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. for many years. Services were held Tuesday, Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth Gerst, Lowell.

THOMAS - Marie Ellen Thomas, aged 89, of Grand Haven, died May 27, 1996. Born August 26, 1906 in Parnell to Otis and Marry (Duffy) Bibbler, she married John R. Thomas November 16, 1927, in Lowell and he preceded her in death on April 30, 1989. She was a school teacher for

Lowell Public School and retired many years ago. She had been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lowell and of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Grand Haven. She is survived by two daughters Dorothy (William) Ilvento of Lancaster, PA; Shirley (Richard) Robinson of Grand Haven; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment in Lake Forest Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hospice of North Ottawa Community. Arrangements by Vanzantwick Bartels Kammeraad, Grand Haven.



Scouts' highest honorees

Boy Scout Troop 102 celebrated an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on May 25. The troop welcomed, from left to right, Jim Hodges, Jason Haybarker and Chad Uzarski into the Eagle Scout brotherhood. The Eagle Scout is the highest rank in scouting. Troop 102 now has 32 Eagle Scouts. Jim is the son of Jim and Chris Hodges. Jason is the son of Kraig and Jody Haybarker and Joel is the son of Steve and Linda Uzarski. Kraig and Jason Haybarker are the first father/son Eagle Scouts in the troop.

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There are some men who lift the age they inhabit, till all men walk on higher ground in that lifetime.
—Maxwell Anderson

Here's a good rule of thumb
Too clever, is dumb
—Ogden Nash

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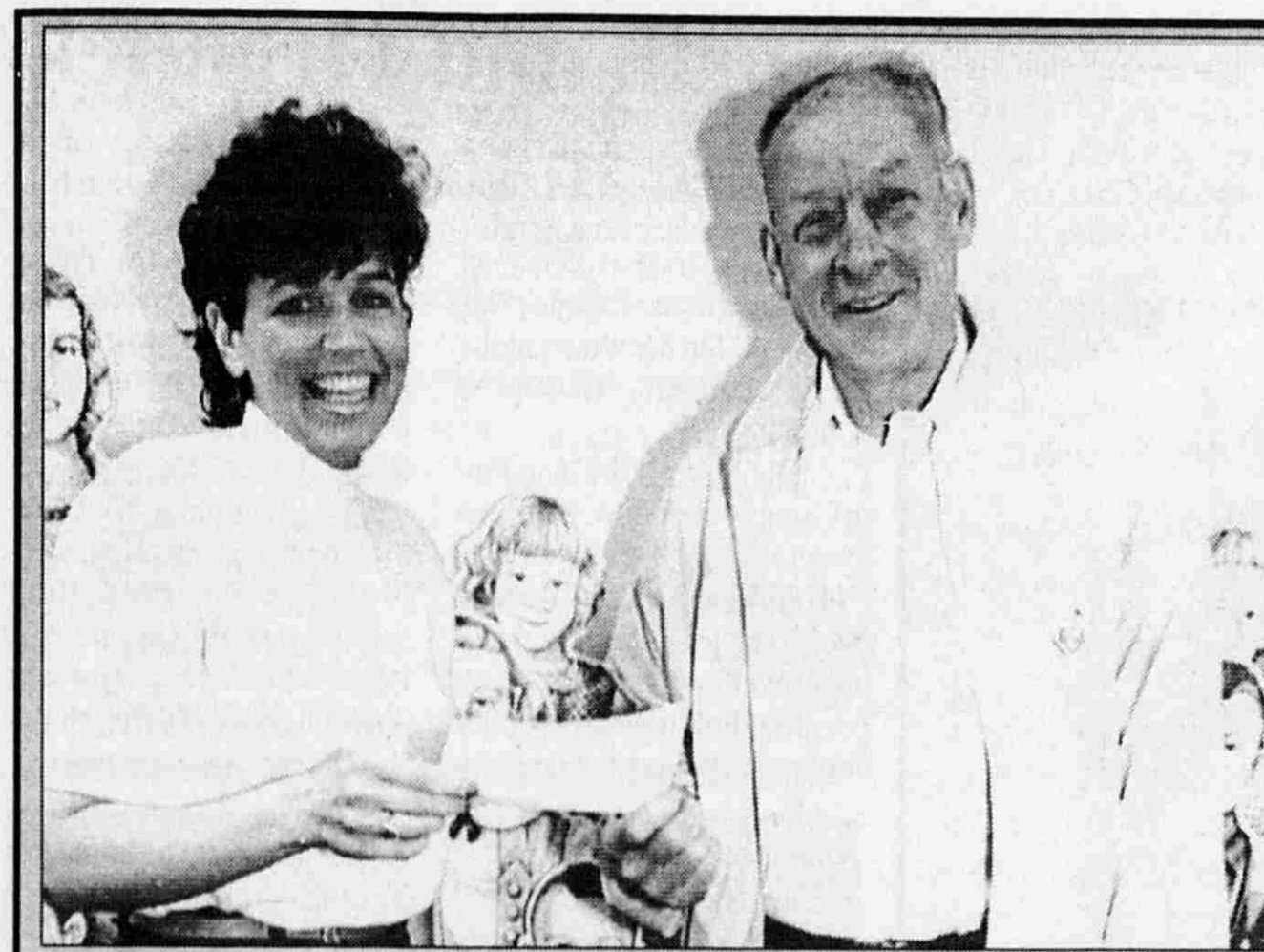
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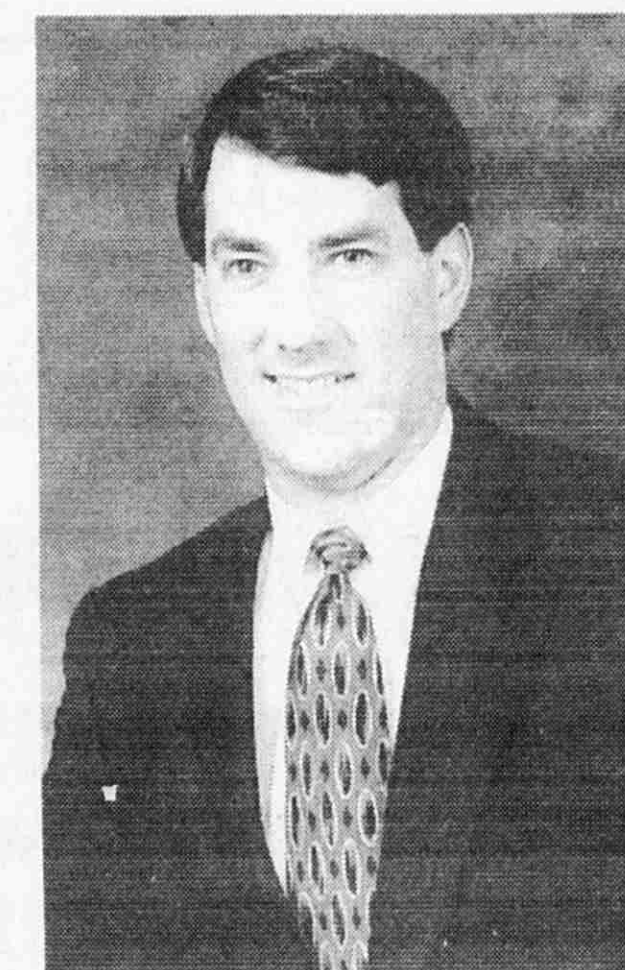


Knights of Columbus donation to school district "rolls" in

Tom Scheidel, right, Grand Knight of the Lowell Knights of Columbus, presents Pam Thomas, director of Lowell Special Education, with a check for \$481. The money was raised through the Knights of Columbus' annual Tootsie Roll sale. The funds will be used to buy materials to teach students about disabilities and to provide students with experiences they may not otherwise share in.

It's Time -

- For the different factions of the community, the school board, and the administration/staff, to put the past behind them, and to work together for the betterment of our children.
- For the school board to promote its vision of our schools in the new competitive environment, and to provide the leadership, direction, and the authority to attain it.
- For a more progressive, challenging, and innovative education.
- For continuous quality improvements and accountability in our schools.
- For an experienced, professional manager familiar with today's business methodologies and technologies.



For MARVIN HASSO - Lowell School Board

My Objectives As A Lowell School Board Member:

- **Continuous Process Improvements:** Institutionalize Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) methodologies at all levels. Use CPI to champion positive change throughout the district.
- **Technology:** Maximize the return on our investment in technology by increasing availability, utilization and training.
- **Communication:** Continue to increase communications, trust, and credibility between the board, administration, staff and parents.
- **Curriculum:** Update curriculums to include recent technological advances and improved instructional methods.
- **Cost Control:** Aggressively reduce non-instructional expenses and improve efficiency in the delivery of high quality education.
- **New Programs:** Reallocate the savings from cost control measures directly towards new and enhanced programs and staff development

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| Hugh Linkfield | Deb Lawrence | Frank Leasure | Larry Roth | Chuck Horan |
| Speray | Gay Pfaller | Sally Gunberg | Nancy Biener | Gary Dykstra |
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Dave and Betty Lou Clark - Now



Dave and Betty Lou Clark - Then

Clarks celebrate 50th anniversary

Dave and Betty Lou (Beak) Clark will observe their golden wedding anniversary on June 8, 1996. In honor of this occasion, a luncheon for family and friends will be hosted by

their daughters Candyce Sisson and Corliss Bulthuis on June 9. In addition to their two daughters, the Clarks have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

It was amusing to watch three youngsters as they played leapfrog over some large rocks, purposely placed on the lawn to keep the cars off. But one of the children

astonished me most of all. She was about ten years old and walking with crutches. However, her inability to walk with two good legs didn't stop her from engaging with the others in their game. She merely put her crutches on either side of the huge rocks. Then using her one good foot

as a lever, she went over the boulder easily, managing to keep but a step behind the other children in their play.

How often we are prone to make excuses! It is so easy to look at our difficulties and say, "I just can't make it! If things were only different..." "It is doubtful if anyone ever made a success of anything who waited around until the conditions were just right before starting," one has said.

J.R. Miller asserts: "When God gives a duty, He is ready also to give the grace needed for the doing of it."

Our difficulties may slow

us down a bit, but they need not stop us. Through Him, we can be "more than conquerors."

Prayer: Precious Lord, Thy great love overwhelms me. Cause me, in turn, to love Thee more and more. Give me grace to serve Thee acceptably and to "conquer ev'ry foe." Amen.

The cross is not greater than His grace.

The storm cannot hide His blessed face. I am satisfied to know That, with Jesus, here below I can conquer ev'ry foe. Ballington Booth

North and Organek unite in marriage

The marriage of Heather North and Brian Organek was celebrated in the winter at the First United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Sonny and Julie North of Sand Lake and the late Betty North. The groom is the son of Mike and Gloria Organek of Lowell.

Maid of honor was Heidi Holmes. Bridesmaids were

Sonnie Lee North, Angie Martinez, Kim Wilcox and Jennifer Cook. Miniature bride was Jenna North and flower girl was Nicole Wilcox.

Best man was Dave Organek. Groomsmen were Mark Anderson, Brad Strouse, Jeff Kyburz and W.J. Price. Miniature groom was Tyler Organek and ring bearer was Jacob Gould.



Brian and Heather Organek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JUNE 6 - Daniel Thaler, Jessie Stephens, Mark Newhouse, Mary Ellen Miller, Dimpna Hill Brown.
JUNE 7 - Amber Metternick, April Metternick, Zachary Beachum, Ray Kennedy.
JUNE 8 - Barbara Brown, Mark Essich.
JUNE 9 - Kristina Parish, Doris Plummer, Jessie Hunt.
JUNE 10 - Courtney Tulppo, Jim Stone.
JUNE 11 - Joseph Vezino, Jeanne Boss.
JUNE 12 - Benjamin Zoodsma, Jenny Engle.

AREA BIRTHS

Caroline Margaret Thomet is proud to welcome home her twin brothers Spencer Alan, 6 lbs. 5 oz., and Samuel Aaron, 5 lbs. 4 oz., born May 14, 1996.

They were also welcomed home by Momma and Papa Steve and Ruth Thomet. Grandparents are Dr. Robert and Carol Reagan and Stewart and Pat Thomet. Great-grandmother is Fanni Gahan.

Kevin and Kathleen Hurt of Waterford, MI, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Kelsey Marie, born May 24, 1996, she weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Al and Phyllis Eckman, formerly of Lowell, and Rev. William and Gladys Hurt of Grand Ledge.

Viewpoint . . .



cozy corner

By Roger Brown

My daughter was at a friend's house the other day and gave me a call. She was checking in about our dinner plans for later in the evening. As small talk she asked what I'd been doing. Cutting grass and hitting a baseball for the dogs was my reply. She made some wisecrack about the time I spend with the dogs. In the background I heard the friend, her mother and her sister jump on the bandwagon and begin heckling me. "Are those dogs the only friends he has? That's all he ever writes about in his column anymore. Tell him he needs to get a life! etc. etc." Like they say, "With friends like mine, who needs enemies?"

When I'd heard enough about my relationship with my dogs, I told Angie, "The more I'm around people like your friends, the more I like my dogs." She passed that along, and that was the end of the heckling.

Like it or not, here's another dog related column. Well, sort of.

Angie and I flew my old biplane to Brighton Saturday. The Michigan Stearman group was having a meeting. The event was hosted by one of our members who lives right on the airport. Nice set-up! Big brick home, bigger hangar, three flying airplanes, a project plane and a tennis court to keep his wife happy while he flies and tinkers. Like I said, nice set-up!

Before our meeting started, I wandered around the hangar and workshop with a plate of food. I took mental notes of things a guy would be interested in. Tools, airplane parts, tool storage, work benches, power tools, etc. What is it Tim Allen says, or more accurately, grunts? "Ooh, ooh, ooh!" Something like that.

As I took my tour, I noticed something that looked out of place. It was a contraption on wheels with a bin on the top full of tennis balls. It bore a label on the side, "Lobster." After surveying the machine for a moment I determined it was designed to fire the tennis balls out the muzzle protruding from one end. The idea is to stand at the other end of the court and practice your return as the tennis balls come at you. The wheels began to grind in my brain. I sought out the wife of our host to ask some questions.

She was noticeably excited to think she may have found a fellow tennis buff among her husband's boring old pilot buddies. Her enthusiasm waned when I explained I was curious about the Lobster as an automatic ball throwing device for my Labrador retrievers. She should have guessed by my physique that I wasn't a tennis player.

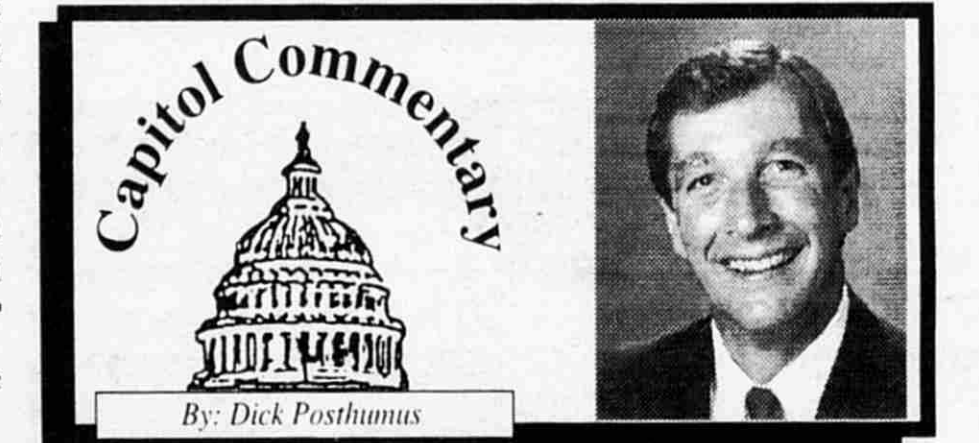
Despite her disappointment, she was a good hostess and explained the machine to me anyway. My first question was, how far will the machine shoot a tennis ball? She guessed that cranked way up with the muzzle elevated, it would probably shoot a tennis ball about twice the length of a court. Respectable! When I asked about cost, she said hers was a deluxe model with six frequency settings and an oscillating muzzle. It ran around four hundred dollars. A little rich for my blood. She thought the basic model was about half that. Still a little steep, but maybe I could find a used one.

You're probably way ahead of me here, but I'll explain anyway. My dogs drive me nuts with this retrieving thing. Last

night I was working on my old mower. I was on my back and up in its bowels with a wrench. I was busting knuckles and cursing when a slobbered up old tennis ball was dropped in my face and two dogs barked in my ear. This is not an isolated incident. It happens all the time. They follow me everywhere I go, and the instant I stop moving, there is a ball at my feet and they're barking like idiots for me to throw it. I need some relief! The Lobster may be my salvation!

My idea is, one tennis ball and a Lobster. I'm sure I could train the dogs to drop the ball in the bin and wait for it to shoot out again. I do have a couple of concerns. One is, how will the machine stand up to dog slobber. I'd sure hate to invest a couple hundred bucks in one, only to have it rust out, gum up, or fry wires in a week or two. My other concern is the human element. I'm not so sure the dogs wouldn't become bored with the Lobster and pester me anyway. I'd be out two hundred bucks and still going bananas.

As a sidebar to all this, I want to confess that of late I've been craving a nice hammock. I fantasize of warm summer afternoons and evenings stretched out in a hammock with a good book open on my chest, an iced tea getting warm beside me and little "Z's" floating around my head. Obviously, my fantasy hammock is never going to become reality unless I first invest in a Lobster, and it keeps the dogs at bay. I must be getting old! There was a day when I never would have guessed logging a little hammock time would be one of my goals in life.



CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING A PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE FOR MICHIGAN FAMILIES

The month of June means summer break or graduation for the thousands of students in Michigan's public schools. Among those children looking forward to summer are the students who attend Michigan's growing number of public school academies, or charter schools. Just last week, some of these students, along with their teachers and parents, gathered in Lansing for the first Charter School Expo. The expo was entitled "Michigan's Charter Schools: Making a Difference For Children."

At the expo, each of our charter schools was able to promote their creative and innovative methods of preparing our children for the future.

This expo was the first of its kind in Michigan. I'm encouraged that it will lead to more innovative discussion about our public school system. As a father of four, I know the importance of educating our children.

As long as I've been in the Senate, I've stressed the need for a public school system in Michigan that meets the challenges of the coming years and offers parents, children and teachers more choice and control. Fortunately, many of my colleagues in the Legislature and Governor Engler also believe in this model for educational excellence. Together, we've followed this vision by working hard to establish our current charter school program as a way of injecting both innovation and choice into our public school system.

These academies are giving parents more options for their children and giving teachers more opportunities to be creative. Working hand-in-hand, they've been given the freedom they need to explore new teaching methods to better prepare our children for the marketplace of tomorrow.

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Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

125 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL - JUNE 7, 1871

The VanAmburg Menagerie is coming June 15th, and is judged educational, enjoyable, and not the empty entertainment that circuses offer.

All crops except small fruits are doing well in spite of the spring dry spell. Paris Green is the control of choice for potato bugs.

Mr. Bosworth has taken over the Lowell Bakery, employing the best of cooks in a very clean establishment. He also sells groceries, vegetables and Dr. Cronk's sarsaparilla beer.

The editor complains that the village cemetery has been open for quite awhile to grazing livestock of all kinds. Widening the sidewalk 16 feet on Flat River bridge began last Saturday.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 2, 1921

One of the longest parades ever seen in Lowell proceeds to



Sharing The Vision

MARSHA WILCOX
Lowell Board of Education President

NUMBERS, NUMBERS

It seems like we rarely talk about today's education without spouting numbers, quoting numbers, producing numbers, working on numbers, or estimating numbers. Everyday discussions for board members and administrators include: Current

the cemetery on Decoration Day, led by the new 44-piece Lowell Boy Scout band, led by R.E. Springett.

The county Interscholastic track meet will take place here tomorrow, with about 100 boys from Class B schools. "Pop" Churm of South High School will be chief official.

The Methodist Episcopal Church's Mother-Daughter banquet is held at the high school gymnasium, followed by music, speakers, musical games and a May pole.

Some newspapers are printing "slacker lists" of draft dodgers from World War I. The rumor that anyone may arrest a slacker and be rewarded \$50 is denied.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 6, 1946

The largest crowd in years attends Memorial Day ceremonies, including 70 veterans in uniform.

Marjean Fonger and Chris Burch will head the eight-week summer recreation program at Recreation Park, sponsored by the Board of Trade.

Ionis Free Fair moves up to the first week in August so Lowell Showboat, in turn, moves to the last full week in July. The two have an agreement to come a week apart.

The Lowell Boots and Spur Saddle Club rides their horses, 35 in all, down Main Street on the way to their meeting at Recreation Park.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER SUBURBAN LIFE - JUNE 3, 1971

Record numbers of spectators watch the "best-ever" Memorial Day parade, and are delighted by the addition of Rose and Harold Ball's new dairy freeze.

Island Park renovators Chuck Lippert, Vince McCambridge, Larry Wittenbach and Carlen Anderson call for help in a work bee for Saturday afternoon to clean up the island.

Valley Vista mobile home sites are taking shape. Soon to be added will be a swimming pool and community building.

A bike-safety rodeo will be held Saturday. Several bicycle accidents following the Memorial Day parade, in which a large number of bicycles participated, pinpoint the need.

economic conditions, budgeting, millage rates, class sizes, per student grants, employee pay, test results, bus miles and computers-per-kid. In such a people-intensive business, we ordinarily add to those numbers our collective experience and common sense. This helps us make good consensus decisions. When we make good decisions we produce the excellent environment needed for our community's children to grow up to love learning for a lifetime.

But numbers alone are not everything. Solutions to today's problems are almost always a complex blend of many thoughts, suggestions experiences and ideas. Focusing on a single number would almost always leave out other important numbers and/or considerations. Proceeding with only a single piece of information without looking at the whole picture could leave out important parts of a whole.

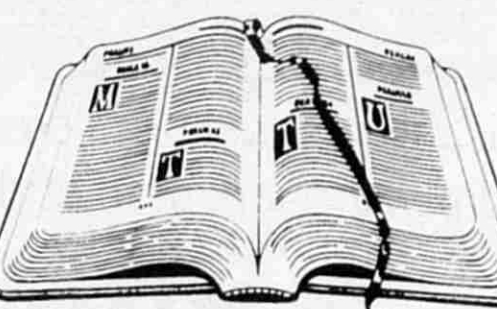



Having just said how many different elements are always required in a discussion, I am going to point out that right now the number 18 is one very important number to our children.

That number 18 represents the millage renewal coming up next Monday - levied on business, industrial, commercial, rental property and second homes. The 18 mills is not levied on residents personal homes (homesteads), but residents are required under Proposal A to vote to periodically renew this tax on businesses.

This 18-mill renewal represents about 10% of Lowell's foundation grant from the State. Our goal for continuous quality improvement and expanding educational opportunities for students would be unattainable without the \$1.8 million in state grants which this millage provides.

And so, if there were now a number more important to the current discussion than others, it would be 18. Oh, and the date of the 10th (June). And hours the polls are open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. And the ideal weather next Monday would be 72 degrees with 0 inches of precipitation . . .

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 876-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	 <p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>	
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 10:00 A.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available at both services Barrier-Free Entrance</p>	 <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 6:00PM Sunday School Hour.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. times 897-7168 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>	 <p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>	
<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 1521 S. ... 897-7165 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. 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>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Prayer Service.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaVare, Pastor Joa LePard, Director of Education Meghan Culler, Music Director Barrier-Free Nursery Provided</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. REV RICK FLOYD, Interim Pastor 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message!" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and non-denominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21 Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	
			<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School & Adult Bible.....9:00 A.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307</p>
			<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 20, 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 GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the May 6, 1996 meeting be approved as written.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS 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 (05/20/96)

GENERAL FUND:	\$85,359.14
SEWER FUND:	26,630.23
DDA FUND:	7,138.47
BUILDING & SITE FUND:	33,419.83
AIRPORT FUND:	5,017.98
LOCAL STREET FUND:	1,315.81
EQUIPMENT FUND:	4,692.55
WATER FUND:	5,714.34
MAJOR STREET FUND:	549.75

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 136 S. CENTER - ORMAND LYONS - VARIANCE TO USE A VACANT LOT TO PARK A MOTOR HOME - PUBLIC HEARING. A public hearing was held for a variance request from Ormand Lyons (131 S. Center) to use a vacant lot across the street (136 S. Center) to park a motor home. The Zoning Ordinance stated that outdoor storage or parking of recreational vehicles is prohibited in all residential districts, unless it is located on a lot with an inhabited dwelling.

Lyons stated that there was no room at his residence to park the motor home. He had owned the house with the vacant lot, until it was sold ten years ago. If he had known the lot could not be used for parking, the house would not have been sold.

No public comments were received.

Councilmember Green stated that Lyons had parked his motor home at this location for years. Green understands what the ordinance states, but the only difference is a change in half of the lot. If Lyons still owned the house, it would all comply. Green feels the intent of the ordinance is to keep the residents from filling vacant lots with items. But this vacant lot looks very attractive with the garden and its upkeep. The technicality lies in the fact that he does not own a house on the lot in question. This should not be enough to keep him from storing his motor home. Also, it abuts a commercial lot that has trailers and cars parked, but is allowed because of its zoning district.

Councilmember Myers attended the Planning Commission meeting of May 13, 1996, which recommended against the variance by a vote of 8 to 1, because it was contrary to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Myers also stated that the issue is a motor home sitting on a vacant lot. The ordinance is there to maintain regulations overall.

Councilmembers Shores and Hodges both felt that the Zoning Board must consider the ordinance, but sometimes there are exceptions. But, the Board must also consider what makes sense, as stated in Mr. Lyons' letter, "his motor home parked on his lot across from his residence".

City Manager Pasquale noted at the Planning Commission meeting, it was questioned if there was support for the variance, some changes to the ordinance should be accommodated.

Myers mentioned that the ordinance allows for the motor home to remain on the lot if a structure is built, such as a garage. When the Planning Commission revised the zoning ordinance, there was great concern regarding how large of a truck should be allowed in the City. He felt that it is the size of the unit that draws the most attention.

Mayor Thompson questioned if there were any complaints from neighbors. The City received a complaint regarding several motor homes, a boat and other items being parked on this lot last year.

Thompson understood the Planning Commission's concern of how to control and enforce the ordinance. But on the other hand, Lyons had parked his motor home on this lot since 1980. The complaint centered on a number of items being parked there with Lyons requesting to park just his motor home.

Councilmember Hodges mentioned that if this was just a vacant lot to store the motor home, it would be a different situation. But Lyons actually inhabits the house across the street and is in close proximity.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to grant the variance request from Ormand Lyons to park only his motor home on the vacant lot located at 136 South Center owned by the petitioner.
YEA: 4. (Thompson, Hodges, Green and Shores)
NAY: 1. (Myers)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

B. 504 E. MAIN ST. - DENNY'S APARTMENTS AND ROOMS - CONSTRUCTION OF 12 ROOMING HOUSE APARTMENTS - VARIANCES CONCERNING SETBACKS, PARKING AND LOT SIZE - PUBLIC HEARING, REPORT FROM PLANNING COMMISSION. As a matter of information, City Manager Pasquale stated that Jim Hummel, owner of Denny's Apartments and Rooms (southeast corner of E. Main and S. Jefferson) had proposed to construct 12 rooming house apartments at the site. Several variances were to be considered concerning setbacks, minimum lot area, lot width and parking for this meeting.

At the Planning Commission meeting of May 13, a public hearing was held on a special use permit (because of the proposed use similarity to a motel and hotel) and the site plan for the rooming house apartments was reviewed. Both the special use permit request and the site plan were turned down by the commission.

Since the Planning Commission took the action, it was not necessary to consider the variances at this time for the rooming house apartments.

C. NORTHEAST CORNER OF W. MAIN AND VALLEY VISTA - LOWELL VISTA SHOPPING CENTER VARIANCE FOR PYLON SIGN - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (6/3). City Manager Pasquale stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed and recommended against a variance request to erect a 280 sq. ft. (17.5' x 16'), 30' high pylon sign (where 125 sq. ft., 25 feet maximum is allowed) for the Lowell Vista Shopping Center (the former Plumb's site). Henry Pestka, as owner, was not at that meeting. Therefore, he was invited to this meeting to explain the reason for this request.

Steve Pestka, son of Henry Pestka, on behalf of his father and H & H Development, stated that the property and building in question have been vacant for a considerable period of time. With a substantial investment of capital, planning and faith, the success of a new concept for this property, a small neighborhood shopping center with a new Rite Aid drug store as the anchor tenant is anticipated. Hopefully, five (5) new smaller businesses in the renovated supermarket building, plus future expansion will come. It was understood that having three (3) separate parcels the owner is entitled to three (3) 100 sq. ft. signs. City Manager Pasquale stated that only one shopping center sign of a maximum of 125 sq. ft. was allowed.

Henry Pestka requested to place the 280 sq. ft. sign because of the desire to develop the property. With the name of this new shopping center being Lowell Vista, the proposed sign would give the businesses exposure. It is hoped that this property will be turned around, making it successful giving exposure for the tenants.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to establish a public hearing on Monday, June 3, 1996 to consider a variance for a 280 sq. ft., 30 foot high pylon sign at the Lowell Vista Shopping Center (northwest

corner of W. Main and Valley Vista) where 125 sq. ft., 25 foot high maximum is allowed.
YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY - PUBLIC HEARING. Jim Doyle, a member of the Downtown Historic District Study Committee, stated that the preliminary report presented to the Council at the March 18, 1996 meeting was also sent to the State of Michigan. The State Historic Preservation Officer provided comments. These were made in an effort to assist in preparing the final study committee report providing a strong legal basis to protect historically significant resources. Because of the integrity of the buildings, the State believed the district could attain national status. The establishment of such a district would bring prestige and tax breaks, which would encourage restoration.

Doyle stated to complete the final report, research and register cards need to be compiled on each of the 41 properties proposed. The committee felt that this should be done in compliance to qualify for a national registered district. It will take a laborious amount of time to complete the cards, costing approximately \$2000- \$3,000. The Committee members contacted Heather Aldridge of Ada, recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University, who has studied historic preservation and worked with the Fallsburg Historical Society, to undertake this project.

If this public hearing is approved, the next step will be to write an ordinance governing the historic district. Then, another public hearing before the Council will be held to adopt the ordinance.

Councilmember Myers asked how the \$2000 - \$3000 would be used. Doyle said these funds will help create the register cards with the personal property and legal descriptions, as well as historical significant documentation on each. There was also concern regarding signage in the historic district. This would be included in the research.

By creating this district, Councilmember Myers also questioned if other homes throughout the city could be included. Doyle responded that a card could be completed for these structures and included in the report.

As a business owner and committee member, Dr. Jim Reagan said this will fit into the plans of the Downtown Development Authority. It will take a long time and only applies to business exterior facades at this point when a building permit for major renovations is requested. Some uniformity in the downtown would be created.

Mike Page, of the Historic Preservation Society in Grand Rapids, spoke on behalf of Rebecca Hoffman, who is the chair of the Kent County Council, giving her endorsement of the ordinance. He noted that these buildings were left to us by real pioneers and we should preserve and pass on this heritage to their children and grandchildren.

Page also mentioned that a moratorium could be attained to prevent any building facade improvements while the historic district is being considered.

It was asked if a variance could be granted for a building which could not be repaired without totally being rebuilt due to severe neglect and bricks actually crumbling under the siding. Page said that the first task is to retain what is present. Second, repairs should match existing materials or original materials in design. If neither one of these can be accomplished, then the local commission can examine alternate materials of design.

Mayor Thompson questioned if a new structure were to be built in the historic district, would the local commission be able to oversee that the building complies with the aesthetics of the district. Reagan responded that the Commission would have control to direct that the building blends with the other buildings.

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing. No further action was needed at this time.

Item #3. 1996-97 BUDGET - PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale stated that the budget is truly a team effort as all departments have been involved. Special thanks was given to Judy Noonon, Treasurer/Finance Director, for all the time she personally spends on preparation of the budget. It is one of the most important tasks of a city because it provides an outline and a plan for expenditures for the coming fiscal year.

City gets approval from MDOT on Bowes Road realignment

By Thadeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Layout for the realignment of Bowes Road has been approved by the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

With approvals in place, the project can begin as soon as possible.

However, it is not clear when that will be - at least not yet. "We would like the project to be completed this year," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said. He is hopeful a specific date for the start of the project can be identified by the

June 17 city council meeting.

Currently discussions with Grand Rapids Gravel are taking place for acquisition of approximately two acres land. Pasquale said he does not anticipate that the purchase will pose a problem.

The description of the needed parcel in Lowell Township will be forwarded to the township and road commission.

Williams & Works was contracted by the city to carry out the engineering design of Bowes Road from Hudson to Pleasant. This would be carried out concurrently with the west end to bring Bowes Road to major street status.

The cost to have the engineering design completed is

\$5,800.

Previously, the council approved a contract with Williams & Works to carry out design engineering of the Bowes Road realignment for \$22,800. Based on additional work needed, concerning the right of way, approximately 45 hours was spent costing \$2,650.

The city will also pay \$5,660 for the staking of construction on both Bowes projects.

The total engineering cost involving both the east and west sides of Bowes Road is \$36,910.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

As an introduction to the public hearing, Pasquale explained the following main components of the proposed 1996-97 Operating Budget:

A. General Fund: The same millage rate of 13.85 has been proposed for this coming fiscal year. The projected revenues will decrease from 1,727 to 1,718 million dollars. State Taxable Value would increase 4.2% (from \$68,862 to \$71,742 million). State shared revenues were projected to rise 2.6% (from \$424,050 to \$435,300). It was important to note an unreserve fund balance of over \$430,000 has been planned. This would be 24% of expected expenditures, above the City's policy of 20%.

The total expenditures will be \$1,791 million, which represents a 4.85% decrease from the fiscal year 1995-96.

B. Major Projects: The City has proposed or committed to the following major projects:

- construction of new library
- downtown streetscape project, primarily financed through the Downtown Development Authority
- installation of an underdrain adjacent to Roberta Jayne Street to relieve ground water problems.
- relocate the west end of Bowes Road to provide a four way intersection at M-21. This would allow the installation of a traffic light. The upgrading of Bowes between S. Hudson and Pleasant has been planned.
- the construction of a sanitary sewer would be extended from Sibley at Ridgeview to directly west to the city limits serving commercial and industrial properties along West Main Street.

C. Water Fund: To meet increased operating costs, the readiness to serve water rate would increase from \$16 to \$16.50 per month. No change in the consumption charge (\$1.53 per thousand gallons per month) has been proposed.

D. Wastewater Fund: The user rate (\$1.80 per thousand gallons per month) and the debt service charge (\$11 per residential equivalent per month) remain unchanged.

Mayor Thompson commented on the excellent layout of the budget, noting the five (5) year history on the property tax rates. He also mentioned that the City had not increased the millage rate since 1993.

Councilmember Hodges stated that it is a true tribute to the staff and the departments for their accomplishments with the funds available.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Debra Pipe asked how could a request for a project be placed on the budget such as the repair of the alley behind the 200 block of East Main.

City Manager Pasquale answered that this could either be brought to the attention of his office or directly to the City Council.

Mayor Thompson stated that this project had been requested before and there appeared to be a question on who owns the property. The City will review this.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing. The second and final hearing is scheduled for June 3, 1996.

Item #4. ADOPTION OF 1996-2001 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM. The Council has provided

a Capital Improvements Program previously. But in this particular case, it was accomplished in conjunction with the Master Plan process, coordinated by the Planning Commission. This document outlines a six year plan for capital expenditures necessary to implement the Master Plan. This serves as a blue print for the City, explaining to the community the current priorities. The Planning Commission had recommended that the 1996-1997 Capital Improvements Program be adopted as presented at its May 13, 1996 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adopt the 1996 - 2001 Capital Improvements Program as presented.

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

Item #5. BOWES ROAD RELOCATION PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT. A copy of the proposed layout for the Bowes Road relocation project as prepared by Williams and Works was provided to the City Council. The layout had been reviewed by both the Kent County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The City is waiting for a final approval from these agencies. The staff anticipates a further update at the June 3, 1996 meeting so that this project may be implemented.

Item #6. MONTHLY REPORTS. No comments were received from materials presented.

Item #7. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Thad Kraus mentioned the Cherry Creek Classic 5K walk/run is June 8, 1996 at 8 a.m. with all proceeds going to the new library.

Item #8. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers mentioned he received the letter of explanation regarding the May 2, 1996 power outage from Light and Power Superintendent Paul Christman in his agenda packet and asked if this was circulated to those affected by the outage.

City Manager Pasquale stated that Christman provided a letter of explanation in the Ledger, but the letter in the agenda was in response to Councilmember Myers' questions concerning the outage. Thus, it was addressed specifically to the Council.

Councilmember Shores thanked the City staff for all their hard work on the Mayor Exchange activities with the City of DeWitt. She felt that the DeWitt dignitaries enjoyed themselves as she had thoroughly enjoyed them.

Shores also attended the Focus Group Meeting on May 7 as part of the DDA marketing plan effort and the Fire Board meeting on May 14. Both meetings were very interesting as well as providing a good exchange of ideas and comments.

Councilmember Hodges also commented on the success of the Mayor Exchange with the City of DeWitt.

Mayor Thompson mentioned that when he first started on the Council twelve years ago, he questioned the value of Mayor Exchange Day activities. But, he found it valuable in the exchange of ideas and information that could save both communities time and money. It also gives the City a chance to recognize the people who serve on the committees and boards, meeting socially at the dinner.

City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon and Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock stated they enjoyed the Mayor Exchange, observing how fortunate we are here at the City of Lowell. Most communities do not have the good

working relationship that the staff and Council have here.

Item #9. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

A. The letter from Light and Power Superintendent Paul Christman concerning the May 2 power outage, as discussed previously, was provided in the agenda. Mayor Thompson requested that a copy of this letter be sent to all the businesses affected.

B. Copies of the April 25 Downtown Development Authority minutes were provided. At the May 9 meeting, the DDA discussed budgeting for notices of construction, providing budget for billboard messages and T shirts to notify the public about the streetscape project. Also, monies were set aside for temporary directional signage, place mats for restaurants and video taping of the project from Roger VanVlek. Updates on the focus groups in formulating a marketing plan were also given to the DDA.

C. The minutes of the March 12 and April 10 meetings of the Chamber of Commerce were provided.

D. The minutes of the April 22 Planning Commission meeting were attached to the agenda. At its May 13 meeting, the Commission received the preliminary site plan for the Ionia County National Bank, to be at the northeast corner of West Main and Alden Nash. A final plan will be presented at the June 24 meeting.

The Planning Commission approved the site plan for the expansion of the Fire Station parking lot, providing 45 spaces in total. The Commission required that a hedge be placed between the parking lot in front of the building and the sidewalk, similar to what is planned for the library. Streets and Parks Supervisor Dan DesJarden contacted the nurseries and found that 124 Alpine current shrubs with bark mulch will cost \$2119 from Pratt Lake as a low bid. Pasquale asked if the staff could proceed with this. Mayor Thompson questioned if there was any type of warranty with these plantings. DesJarden responded that there is generally a one year warranty. Consensus of Council was for the City to purchase 124 Alpine current shrubs with bark mulch for \$2119 from Pratt Lake for the Fire Station parking lot project.

E. In response to a Council request, six references were provided by Jeff Duell, who was awarded contract to build the new grandstand at the Recreation Park Ballfield. Mayor Thompson asked if the references were contacted. DesJarden stated that the references recommended Jeff Duell highly.

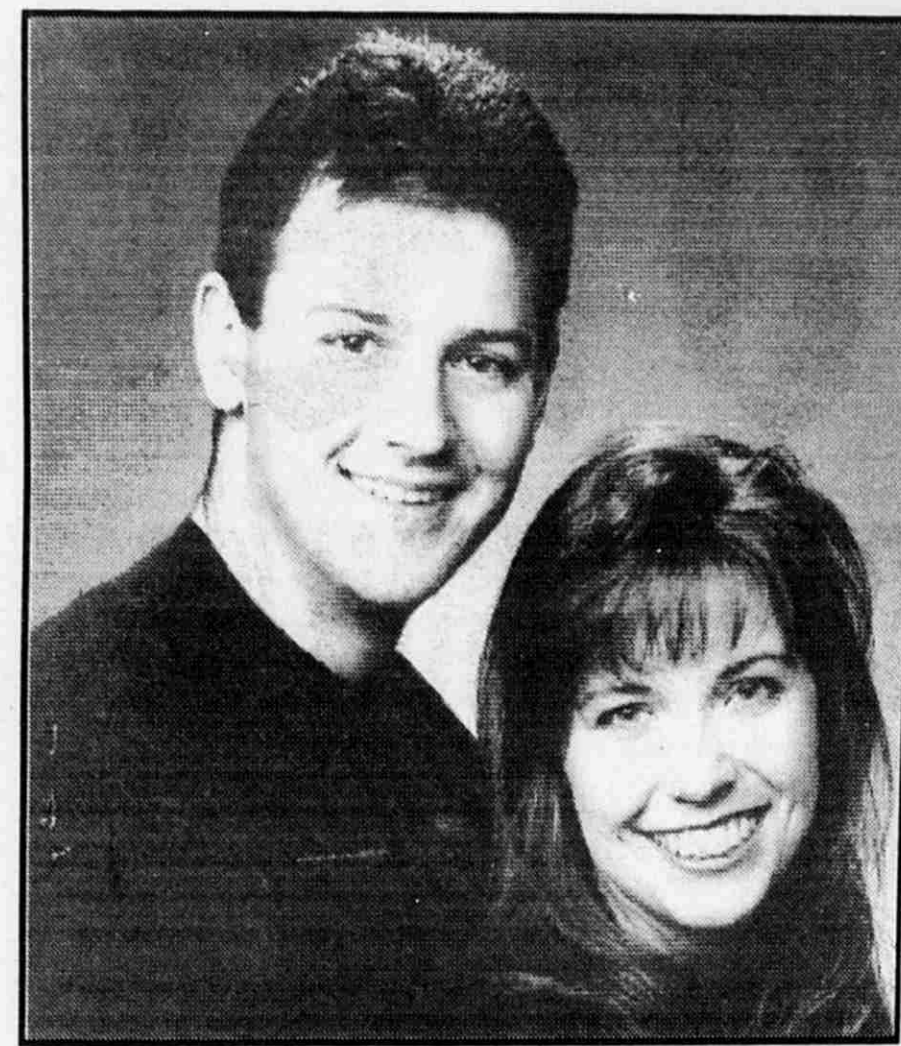
F. The City had received a request from Mike Harding (617 W. Main) to remove two trees between the sidewalk and the right-of-way. The reason was based on obstruction of view and heaving of sidewalks. Mayor Thompson asked the condition of the trees. DPW Director Art Gall stated that the trees are in good condition. According to City policy, the Council was asked to review the situation.

Item #10. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson appointed Thadeus J. Kraus to the Lowell Cable TV Board effective immediately. This three (3) year term will expire on June 30, 1999.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: June 3, 1996

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



Dr. Aaron John Kroemer and Sherri Elaine East

East and Kroemer announce September wedding plans

Julia East, of Kentland, IN, wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter Sherri Elaine to Dr. Aaron John Kroemer, son of Jim and Cheryl Kroemer of Auburn, IN. Sherri is also the daughter of the late Robert East Sr.

The bride to be graduated from Butler University with a degree in secondary education. The future groom attended Wabash College and graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry and is currently affiliated with Saranac Dental in Saranac.

A September 21, 1996 wedding in Fort Wayne is being planned.

Development and competition basis for gas franchise in Vergennes Twp.

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Increased development and a desire for some good old fashioned competition have prompted the Vergennes Township Board to grant gas franchise rights to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

Currently, the township is not serviced by any utility company which provides natural gas services.

Much like Lowell Charter Township, who approved the gas company's request at the same time, Vergennes officials will allow the company to service the entire municipality rather than just a small portion.

"Originally we received a request for two parcels, but we figured as long as they wanted to come in we might as well do the whole thing," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone. "This may spur other companies to look our way, which sparks competition. I think competition is good

for everyone, especially our residents."

The gas company now has permission to install and maintain gas pipes and other equipment in the highways, streets, and alleys throughout the township.

The company has stated it will begin to lay its pipes within a year.

Township treasurer Jeane Hoffman said the company's pipes will extend from current pipes in Ada Township.

"They are going to come down Vergennes Avenue and spread out as needed," Hoffman said.

Any streets or roads which are opened up to accommodate the pipes will be repaired by the gas company. All road work will be conducted in conjunction with the Kent County Road Commission and township officials.

The franchise rights allow Michigan Consolidated to operate within the township limits for at least 30 years and is subject to review by the board anytime during that time frame.



Light housework will consume about 270 calories an hour—about the same as playing golf.

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MARKETING UPGRADE PROGRAM

MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY FRANCHISE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 96-3

AN ORDINANCE, granting to MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power, and authority to lay, maintain, and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES ORDAINS:

Section 1. Grant of Gas Franchise and Consent to Laying of Pipes, Etc.

Subject to all the terms and conditions mentioned in this ordinance, consent is hereby given to Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan (the "Company"), and to its successors and assigns, to lay, maintain, operate, and use gas pipes, mains, conductors, service pipes, and other necessary equipment in the highways, streets, alleys, and other public places in the Township of Vergennes, Kent County, Michigan, and a franchise is hereby granted to the Company, its successors and assigns, to transact local business in said Township of Vergennes, for the purposes of conveying gas into and through and supplying and selling gas in said Township of Vergennes and all other matters incidental thereto.

Section 2. Installation and Extension of System.

If the provisions and conditions herein contained are accepted by the Company, as in Section 6 hereof provided, then within not more than one (1) year following the later of the date upon which this ordinance takes effect and the date upon which the Company receives such regulatory approval as may be necessary for the Company to convey gas to the Township of Vergennes and to construct and operate its facilities therein, the Company shall determine the area within the Township of Vergennes to be served initially and commence the installation of a gas distribution system within such area, and the Company shall thereafter proceed to complete said initial installation as soon as reasonably practicable; provided, however, that the Company shall not be held responsible for delays due to

weather or labor conditions, inability to procure necessary materials, or other causes beyond its control; and provided further that such initial installation and any extensions shall be subject to the Main Extension provisions, the Area Expansion Program provisions (if and where applicable), and other applicable provisions now or from time to time hereafter contained in the Company's Rules and Regulations for Gas Service as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission or successor agency having similar jurisdiction.

Section 3. Use of Streets and Other Public Places.

The Company, its successors and assigns, shall not unnecessarily obstruct the passage of any of the highways, streets, alleys, or other public places within said Township of Vergennes and shall within a reasonable time after making an opening or excavation, repair the same and leave it in as good condition as before the opening or excavation was made. The Company, its successors and assigns, shall use due care in exercising the privileges herein contained and shall be liable to said township for all damages and costs which may be recovered against said Township of Vergennes arising from the default, carelessness, or negligence of the Company or its officers, agents, and servants. No road, street, alley, or highway shall be opened for the laying of trunk lines or lateral mains except upon application to the Highway Commissioner or the Township of Vergennes, or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises, stating the nature of the proposed work and the route. Upon receipt of such application, it shall be the duty of the Highway Commissioners or the Township Board, or such other authority as may have jurisdiction, to issue a permit to the Company to do the work proposed.

Section 4. Standards and Conditions of Service; Rules, Regulations and Rates.

The Company is now under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission to the extent provided by statute; and the rates to be charged for gas, and the standards and conditions of service and operation hereunder, shall be the same as set forth in the Company's schedule of rules, regulations, and rates as applicable in the several cities, villages, and townships in which the Company is now rendering gas service, or as shall hereafter be validly prescribed for the Township of Vergennes, under the orders, rules, and regulations of the Michigan Public Service

Commission or other authority having jurisdiction in the premises.

Section 5. Successors and Assigns. The words "Michigan Consolidated Gas Company" and "the Company," wherever used herein, are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 6. Effective Date; Term of Franchise Ordinance; Acceptance by Company.

This ordinance shall take effect the day following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of its adoption, and shall continue in effect for a period of thirty (30) years thereafter, subject to revocation at the will of the Township of Vergennes at any time during said thirty (30) year period; provided, however, that when this ordinance shall become effective the Township Clerk shall deliver to the Company a certified copy of the ordinance accompanied by written evidence of publication and recording thereof as required by law, and the Company shall, one hundred eighty (180) days after receiving the documents from the Clerk, file with the Township Clerk its written acceptance of the conditions and provisions hereof.

Section 7. Effect and Interpretation of Ordinance.

All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which conflict with any of the terms of this ordinance are hereby rescinded. In the case of conflict between this ordinance and any such ordinances or resolutions, this ordinance shall control. The catch line headings which precede each Section of this ordinance are for convenience in reference only and shall not be taken into consideration in the construction or interpretation of any of the provisions of this ordinance.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Date Passed: 5-20-96

Attested, by Order of the Township of Vergennes

Mari Stone,
Township Clerk

James B. Cook,
Township Supervisor

MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT

MONDAY JUNE 10

LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION '96

Editor's Note: Readers will notice that not all the questions posed to Joe Barnella, Mark Blanding and Marv Hasso were given to Norm Byrne. The reason for this is Byrne is currently in Ireland and could not be reached for comment. However, the Ledger is printing information previously acquired in past interviews over the last three weeks.

What are the two most important issues facing Lowell Schools?

As the district grows, therein lies the challenge to continuously improve the quality of education of our students. I also think there needs to be a cooperative attitude between board members and the superintendent to help transform our school system into one of the nation's best.

What Lowell School activities have you been directly involved in other than attendance at school board meetings?

I have been a member of the Lowell School Board since 1986; I was chairman of the building and site committee; I am currently a member on the finance and personnel committee; and I am a past member of the Lowell Excellence in Education committee.



Norm Byrne

This is the last of three years that Lowell could ask voters to approve up to three mills of enhancement millage for the school. Would you be in favor of the enhancement millage? If not, why not? If so, for what?

I'm in favor of putting it before the voters. Because of the education and business plan. I think there are a lot of good things that the enhancement mills could be spent on.



Mark Blanding

What Lowell School activities have you been directly involved in other than attendance at school board meetings?

I served on the technology committee for the education and business plan; as a counselor for the fifth-grade camp; on the senior all night committee; on the academic boosters committee; and was a volunteer for the playground construction.

What are the two most important issues facing Lowell Schools?

I think the most vocal issue is the 7-block schedule. The most important is continuous improvement. I believe 7-block is part of that. The other important issue is team building.

What are the poorest and best decisions the board has made, or direction it has taken, in the last two years?

I don't have a serious problem with any decision the board has made over the last two years. I have been happy with most of the decisions and directions it has taken. I thought making the Lowell High School and Lowell Middle School administrative positions permanent was a good decision. I felt it was the fair and right thing to do.

When one is part of a board of education, do you feel it is important to be supportive of an issue that the majority of the board supports even if you may not be in 100 percent agreement?

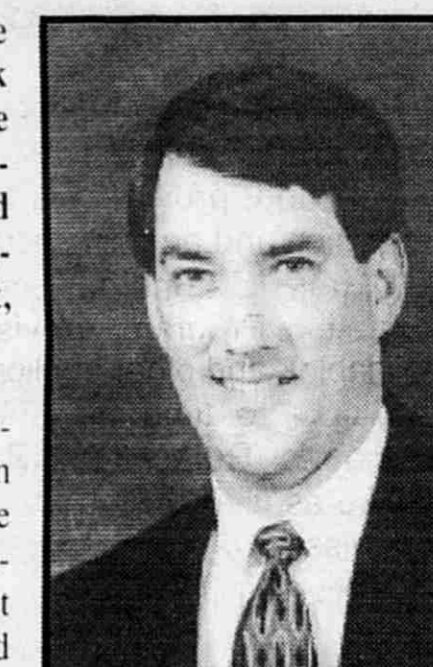
I think when an issue is being discussed prior to being voted on, a board member does not need to be supportive just because other board members are. Once a decision is made, then a board member should get behind it. The exception would be if it is a significant issue and a board member strongly opposes decision. Then I would continue to argue my point and work to bring it to another vote at another time.

This is the last of three years that Lowell could ask voters to approve up to three mills of enhancement millage for the school. Would you be in favor of the enhancement millage? If not, why not? If so, for what?

I feel we've moved too fast on some policy and curriculum changes. I believe that changes should be made in an orderly and progressive manner and only after receiving input from all levels of the community. Abrupt changes in policy lead to chaos, poor morale and dissatisfaction. I think the best decision has been building the new high school complex and not patching up the old schools.

This is the last of three years that Lowell could ask voters to approve up to three mills of enhancement millage for the school. Would you be in favor of the enhancement millage? If not, why not? If so, for what?

If the board and administration lay out a detailed plan that defines when and where they would spend the enhancement mills to directly impact children's education, I would favor putting it on the ballot. I am not in favor of using the funds for maintenance or bus repair. It needs to be an added or expanded program.



Marv Hasso

What Lowell School activities have you been directly involved in other than attendance at school board meetings?

I was chairperson of the technology committee for school improvement. I have also served as the Lowell School Education Foundation vice president.

What are the two most important issues facing Lowell Schools?

I think good progress has been made in the area of improving the district. That needs to continue. There needs to be a continuous process of improvement methodology used consistently throughout the district. We need continued, steady improvement in all areas. The second issue would be financing. There are still unknowns in state funding. The interest payments on the bond will start to ramp up. There is going to be a lot of uncertainty and pressure - we need to prepare for that.

What are the poorest and best decisions the board has made, or direction it has taken, in the last two years?

The best decision was the selection of a first rate superintendent. Bert Bleke has excellent leadership skills. This has enabled him to pull staff and administration together. He has set a vision for this district. He is treating parents as our customers - they can go elsewhere if they want.

When one is part of a board of education, do you feel it is important to be supportive of an issue that the majority of the board supports even if you may not be in 100 percent agreement?

As in business, there should be a lot of discussion and lively debate. Once a decision is made, whether I agree or not as a board member, I should stand behind it. I would back a decision made by the board.

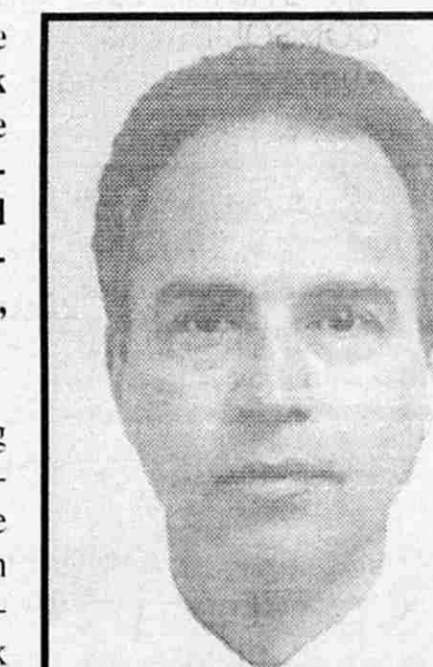
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Joe Barnella

I am not in favor of going for three additional enhancement mills. I don't think the school has done a good job in managing its money. Therefore, I don't think it should ask for more.

What Lowell School activities have you been directly involved in other than attendance at school board meetings?

I was quite involved in the PTO when my kids were in the elementary grades. I was also a member of the education and business plan technology committee.

What are the two most important issues facing Lowell Schools?

The quality of education for kids and accountability from top to bottom.

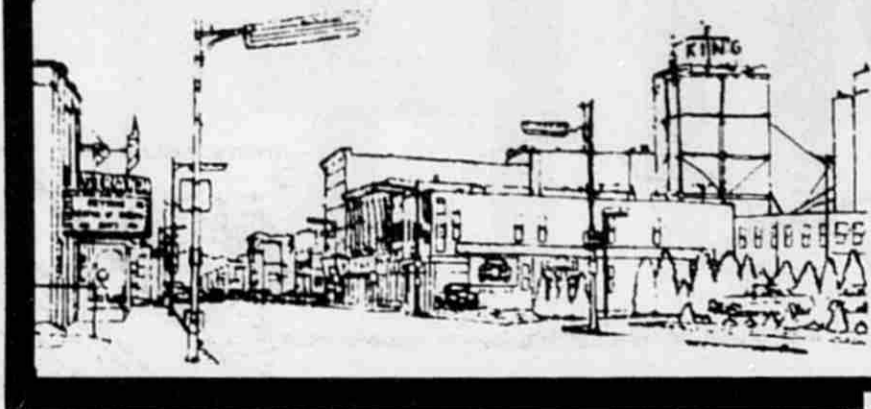
What are the poorest and best decisions the board has made, or direction it has taken, in the last two years?

The best direction it has taken is trying to reach out to the community more. I think the education and business plan helps to do that. As a board member I would work to see that it continues.

When one is part of a board of education, do you feel it is important to be supportive of an issue that the majority of the board supports even if you may not be in 100 percent agreement?

As a member of the board, if the majority of the board votes to go in one direction, I think a board member is bound to support it. I don't think a board member has to compromise one's convictions. I think the board is obligated to hear all sides. I feel strongly it should do this before making a decision.

Along Main Street



LHS CLASS OF '76 REUNION

Lowell High School class of 1976 will hold its 20-year reunion at Harley Hotel on Saturday, June 8, 8 p.m. by June 1 for dinner. Music at 9 p.m., the cost is \$10 at the door. Do not forget to bring door prizes from employment.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LACTV

The Lowell City Council meeting of June 3 will be shown on the LACTV Channel 2 June 4-6 at 7 p.m. and on June 11 at 7 p.m.

CANDIDATE FORUM SHOWING ON LACTV

The school board candidate forum of May 23 will be broadcast on LACTV Channel 2 on June 4 through 10 at 7 p.m. and June 11 at noon.

LHS COMMENCEMENT ON LACTV

The Lowell High School commencement program will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on Wednesday, June 5 at 5 p.m.; Thursday, June 6 at 5:30 p.m.; Friday, June 7 at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m.

SUMMER DRIVER'S TRAINING

Driver's training for the '96 summer will be held at Cherry Creek, (not the high school) starting at 8 a.m.

The first session is June 10 and the second session is July 8.

YMCA HOOPS CLASSIC

The Lowell YMCA/Family Fare Hoops Classic 3 on 3 Youth Basketball Tournament is scheduled for June 21, 22 and 23 for age brackets 8 to 18 years old.

Registration deadline is June 6 at 4:30 p.m. Call 897-8445 for information and to register.

YMCA BASKETBALL CAMP

The Lowell YMCA is currently taking registrations for the basketball camp to be conducted by the varsity coach, Pete Bush and his staff. The camp will be June 10-14. Entering grades 1 & 2, 9 to 10:30 at Cherry Creek Elementary; entering grades 3 & 4, 9 to 10:50, Lowell Middle School; entering grades 5 & 6, 11 to 12:50, Lowell Middle School and entering grades 7 & 8, 1 to 2:50, Lowell Middle School.

Basketball camp deadline is Friday, June 7. For more information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

MINI-SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE OFFERED

The Lowell YMCA will be offering a summer soccer league for boys and girls entering grades one through six. The program will run for four weeks, one week for practices and three weeks with games being played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Registrations going on now through Friday, July 5. Space is limited. Call the YMCA for further information at 897-8445.

MASONS HELP SPONSOR FREE DIABETES CLINIC

The Michigan Masons and Children's Hospital of Michigan have joined together to help area children who have diabetes. The Mason are sponsoring a free regional clinic at St. Mary's Health Services on Wednesday, June 5. Deadline for signing up is May 24.

OFF THE BLOTTER

Audrie Olszewski, of Lowell, reported to Lowell police that her pickup truck was struck by a hit and run driver while parked in a private parking lot May 23 on West Main St.

Sara Kropf, 19, of Middleville, was involved in a property damage accident May 24 on Hudson St. at Elm when a vehicle driven by 19-year-old John Roark, of Grand Rapids, failed to yield at the intersection and pulled into the path of Kropf's car.

William McComber, 17, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident May 25 when he pulled from a private drive onto Valley Vista Dr. south of Main St. and collided with a pickup truck driven by Doris Drain, 34, of Lowell.

Auston Hardy, 18, of Lowell; Keith Bernhardt, 20, of Grand Rapids; Benjamin Boggs, 17, of Lowell; Timothy Yaw, 18, of Lowell; Joseph Corey, 17, of Lowell; Stacy Ranburger, 18, of Alto, along with two 15-year-olds from Lowell were cited into 63rd District Court for minor consuming alcohol or minor consuming alcohol to be referred to juvenile court. All were involved in the same incident on May 12.

Sara Vosovic, 17, of Lowell, was released on bond after being arrested on a warrant May 13.

Michael Ackerman, 29, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol and open alcohol in a motor vehicle May 21.

Penny Glenn, 28, and Elizabeth Wiegand, 38, both of Battle Creek, were apprehended by store security at Family Fare May 24 for felony shoplifting. Both were lodged at the Kent County Jail.

Sylvain English, 36, of Grand Rapids, was released after posting bond on a warrant issued out of Ionia County for failure to appear in court on May 25.

Two 14-year-old juveniles, from Lowell, will be referred to probate court at a later date for breaking and entering a residence in Lowell on May 25.

Jeremy Dean, 19, of Lowell, was arrested May 26 for violation of conditional bond release and turned over to Ionia County sheriff's deputies.

Three juveniles, ages 13, 14 and 15, will be referred to probate court for minors consuming alcohol on May 28.

Michael Allerding, of Jenison, Mark Schmaltz and Harold Krause, of Lowell, all had their vehicles damaged when a "boom truck" traveling on Main St. hit a cable wire which struck their parked vehicles on Broadway St.

Lowell officers investigated 21 accident complaints in the month of May, three of which incurred injuries. The total for the year this far is 105.

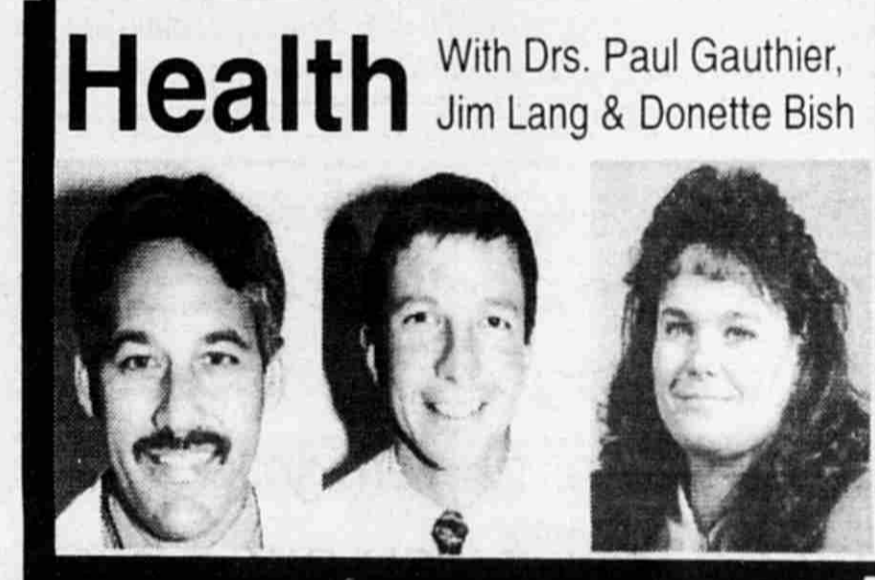
Luke Merigian, 18, of Lowell, Dritan Spahija, 17, of Grand Rapids, and Charles Teunis, 18, of Ada, were all cited into 63rd District Court May 26 for minors consuming alcohol.

Michael Ackerman, 29, of Lowell, was arrested and taken to the Kent County Jail for driving under the influence of alcohol May 26.

Benjamin Bills, 17, of Lowell, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol May 31. Ryan Krieg, 19, of Lowell, was cited into 63rd District Court for minor consuming alcoholic beverages on the same date.

A warrant was issued and interim bond posted for Heather Maynard, 19, of Grandville, in connection with an embezzlement from Family Fare earlier in the month.

Jennifer Knooihuisen, 19, of Lowell, was released on interim bond after a warrant was issued for larceny over \$100 from the FMB bank earlier in the month.



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

WARTS

Warts are due to infection of the skin by the human papilloma virus. There are several different types of human papilloma viruses that cause warts on many different areas of the body. Warts on the hands and feet seem to be the most common.

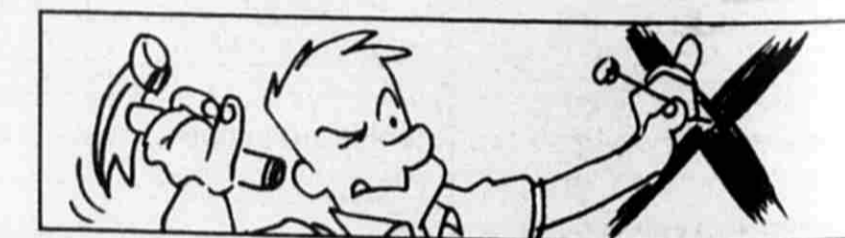
Warts can be passed from person to person by direct contact. It may also be possible to pass the wart virus through inanimate objects like wet towels. Genital warts are passed during sexual contact.

Most warts will disappear on their own if given enough

time. The body's immune system finally kills the virus after months or years and the wart resolves. Warts should be treated if they are painful, cosmetically bothersome or if they involve the genital areas.

Non-genital warts can be treated with over-the-counter remedies containing salicylic acid. The acid should be applied to the wart every day for several weeks after a bath or shower. If over-the-counter treatment fails, your doctor may destroy the wart by freezing it, burning it, excising it, or by using a laser to vaporize it.

Genital warts are different, and you should never apply over-the-counter treatment to warts in the genital area because significant damage may occur. Depending on the number of warts and location, your physician will usually apply chemicals to the warts on a weekly basis or use cryotherapy (freezing) to treat this delicate region.



Putting up a nail? Mark an X on the spot before nailing. If you have crumbly plaster walls, put tape over the X before nailing so that the plaster will not flake.

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Thurs. & Fri., June 6 & 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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YARD SALE
All kinds of good junk. Come & see at 7788 Peck Lake Rd., Saranac. June 7 & 8 from 9-5 p.m. If rain, Sat., June 15.

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on Downes Rd. between Parnell & McCabe. Patio/misc. furniture, girls' clothing & more. June 6, 7 & 8, 9-5 p.m.

ADA GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., June 6 & 7, (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) 7254 Thornapple River Dr. (first house behind Ada Hardware & across from Balloons or Bust.)

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Antique trunk, color TV, children's wicker chairs, desk lamps, Home Interior, baskets, rugs, crafts & gift items. Small girls' bike, videos, toys, good quality youth-adult clothing, jewelry, 1994 Kawasaki 125 dirt bike with riding equipment & many more household items. June 5 & 6, 8-5 p.m. 328 N. Jefferson.

YARD SALE
Fri. & Sat., June 7 & 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult & children's clothing, toys, household items, jewelry, books & much more. 145 Washington St., Saranac.

GARAGE SALE
7070 Cherry Valley, Caledonia, June 6 & 7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Boys sizes 0-2T, maternity, car seats, stair climber, leather coats.

GARAGE SALE
June 6 & 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 9619 Foreman. Loveseat, appliances, household items, dishes, baby clothes, clothing, cookbooks & more.

GARAGE SALE
June 5, 6, 7 & 8, 767 Foreman Rd. 9-6 p.m. Lots of good quality useful items, some clothing never worn. Come see.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
- Fri., June 7, 9-5 p.m. Many baby items, adult clothing, teen clothing & much misc. 2355 LowellView.

We've had many positive comments about this section of the Ledger. We hope it is a helpful tool for all you garage sale goers! If you are thinking about having a garage or yard sale, by all means give us a call & place your ad in this section!

GARAGE SALE
4155 Bedaki, Murray Lake. Fri., June 7 & Sat., June 8, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Framed art, tools, old records, paper cutter, cactus, pinball machine, computer, antique pump organ, drawing tables, art supplies, file cabinets, dryer.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
located on 1304 Sibley, June 7 & 8, 9 a.m.-? lots of toys, baby clothes, furniture, women's clothing, freezer, moped, maternity clothes & exercise equipment plus much more.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., June 8, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Baskets, books, weight bench, lamps, fireplace insert, & misc. stuff. 705 Cumberland.

SALE
Odds & ends, Thurs., Fri. & Sat., June 6, 7 & 8. Thurs. at 6 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m. til dark. 11625 Sayles

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GARAGE SALE
June 7 & 8, 218 Marsac (off Monroe), Lowell. Clothes, dishes, jewelry, furniture & more.

YARD SALE
Sat., June 8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Toys, clothes, car seat, etc. 285 Valley Vista Dr., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., June 6 & 7, 9-5 p.m. Young boys & adult stuff, lots to sell, want it gone! 1760 Faith Dr.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE
5 kitchen chairs, antique wheelchair, playpen, school desk, jewelry, super single waterbed & bedding, queen size waterbed, clothing in many different sizes but mostly women's L & XL, men's clothing L & XL, 1982 custom van. 171 Jackson St., Saranac. June 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE
Thurs. & Fri., 8-3 p.m.; Sat. 7-noon, June 6-8. Clothing, some baby items, furniture, some collectibles. 12841 Hillcrest Dr.

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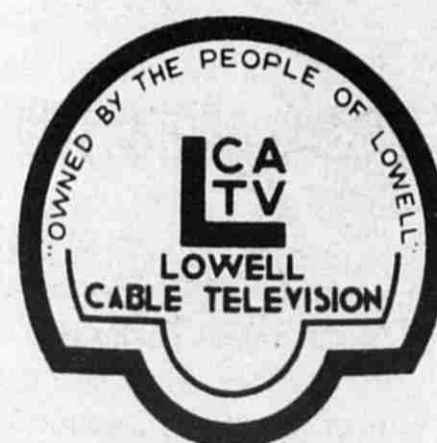
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3. City of Lowell by the mayor
4. Lowell Senior Neighbors by the Advisory Council
5. Lowell Ministerial Association by the chairman
6. Lowell Area School staff by the superintendent
7. Lowell Area School student representative by the superintendent

Submitted by
Ivan K. Blough

Send the name of your representative to the Lowell Area Cable TV Office.

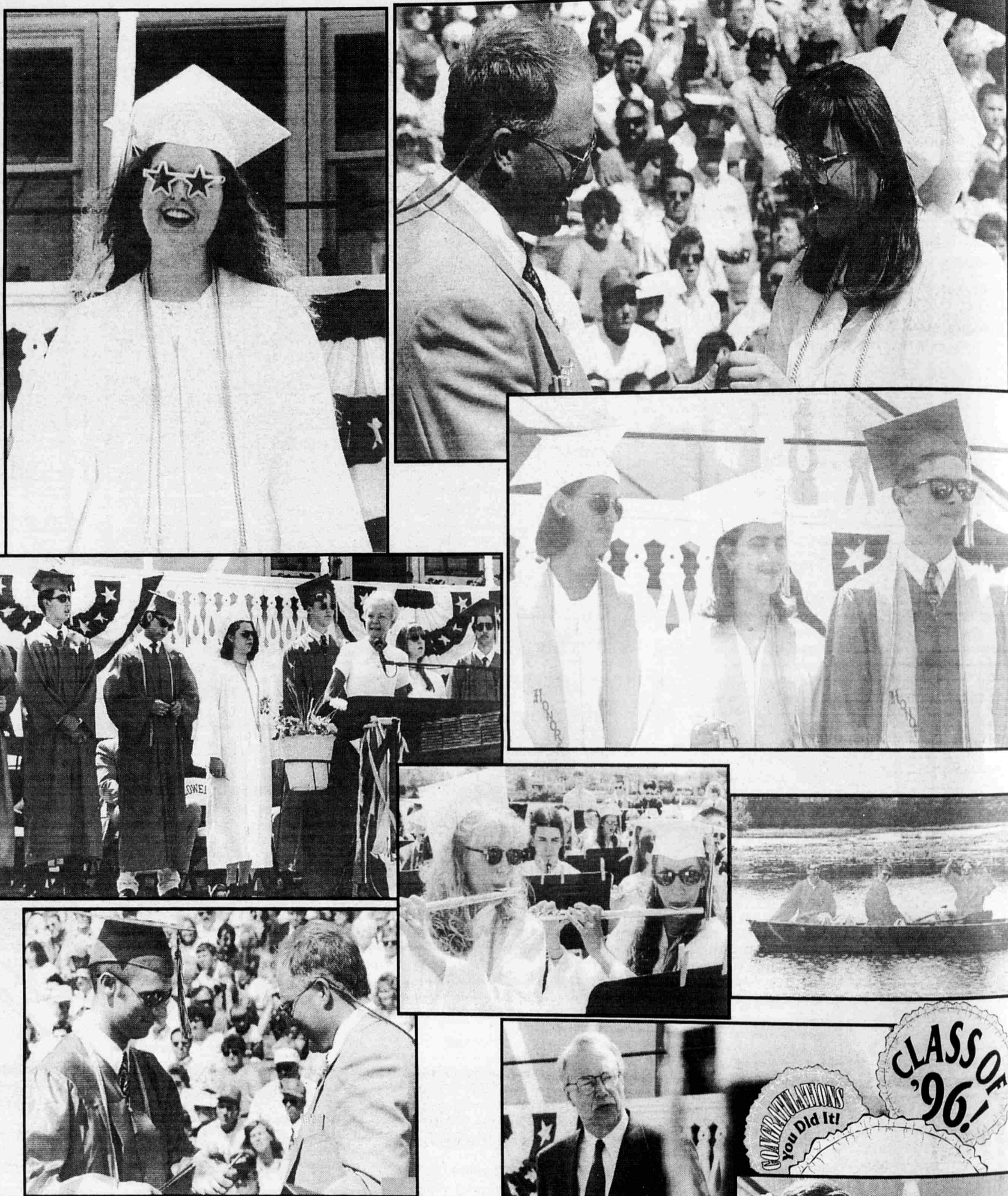
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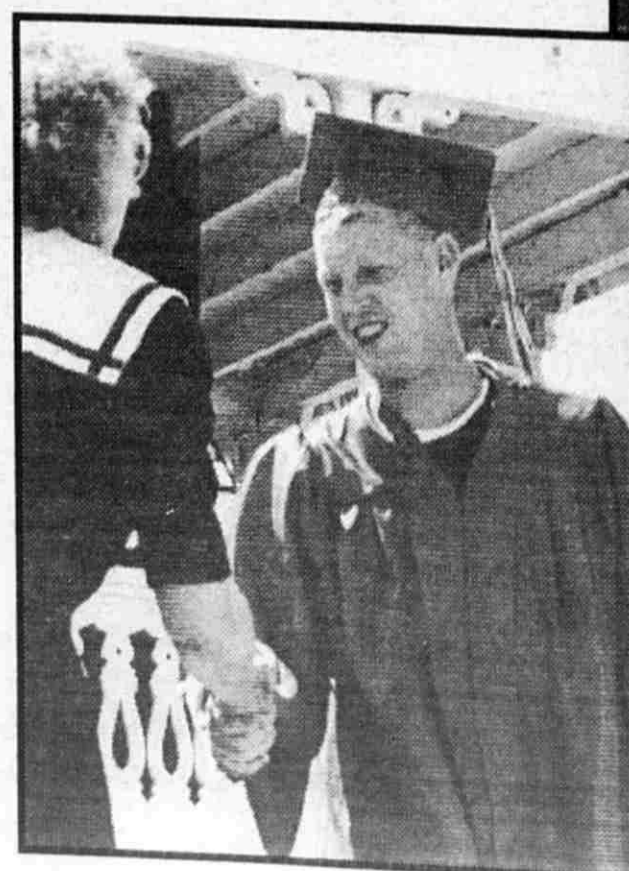
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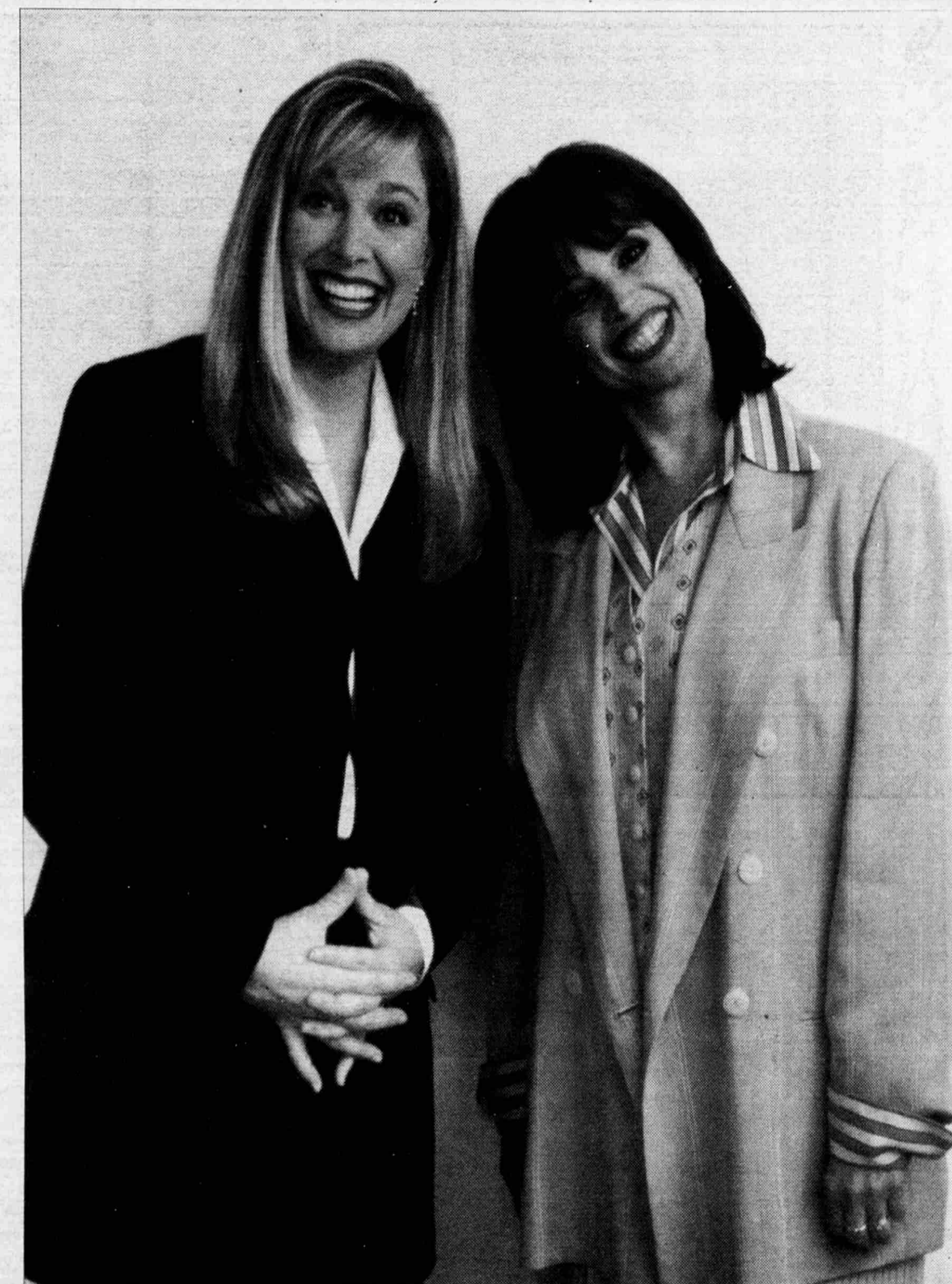
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FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7 THRU JUNE 13

Comic duo Caryl Kristensen (left) and Marilyn Kentz, also known as The Mommies, are hosts of their own talk show, *Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends*, airing weekdays on ABC. The show will feature celebrity guests, crafts, humorous observations and topical discussions.

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MONDAY EVENING JUNE 10, 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.

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TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 11, 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.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 12, 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.

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THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 13, 1996										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	Late Show		
41	WOTV	Highway Patrol	LAPD	World Videos	Before Stars!	Commiss	Commiss	Waiting for God		
35	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Mystery!	Star Trek: Deep Space		
17	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Martin	Living Single	New York Undercover	Diverse at Work	Cheers		
8	WOOD	Extra	Inside Edition	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	ER	And Baby Makes Two		
10	WILK	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	Murder, She Wrote	Friends	Single Guy	Rescue 911	48 Hours		
23	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Wild America	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery!	Gallowglass		
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Hard Copy	World Videos	Before Stars!	Commiss	Commiss	Highway Patrol		
7	WSYM	Home Improvement	Roseanne	Martin	Living Single	New York Undercover	Cops	Jenny Jones		
CABLE STATIONS										
11	TBS	Funnest Home Videos	Major League Baseball	Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. From Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. (Live)			Movie: ** 1/2 "Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects" (1989) Charles Bronson.			
16	FAM	Waltons	"The Birthday"	Highway to Heaven	"A Dream of Wild Horses"	Rescue 911	700 Club	Three Stooges		
21	FX	Fall Guy	"The Silent Partner"	Hart to Hart	"Slam Dunk"	Mission: Impossible	In Living Color	Vegas		
23	USA	Wings	"Wings (In Stereo)"	Movie: ** "Ghost Dad" (1990) Bill Cosby, Denise Nicholas.	(In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Renegades" (1989) Kiefer Sutherland, Jami Gertz.	(In Stereo)	Beyond 2000		
20	DISC	Wild Discovery	"The Red Desert"	Wild Discovery	"The Red Desert"	Mysterious World	Movie Magic	Next Step		
25	WGN	Family Matters	Newhart	Major League Baseball	San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field. (In Stereo Live)	Stanley Cup Playoffs	Finals Game 5 - Colorado Avalanche or Detroit Red Wings vs. Florida Panthers or Pittsburgh Penguins. If necessary.	News		
23	ESPN	Golf: U.S. Open	Sportscenter	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	Sports Tonight		
23	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Monsters	Dream of Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	
23	NICK	Doug	Tiny Toon Adventures	Biography	"Remembering Patsy Cline" (R)	Ancient Mysteries	"Odyssey of Troy" (R)	Voyages	"Crime Science"	"Dead Witness" (R)
23	A&E	Equalizer	"Beyond Control"	Biography	"Remembering Patsy Cline" (R)	Ancient Mysteries	"Odyssey of Troy" (R)	Voyages	"Crime Science"	"Dead Witness" (R)
23	PASS	Red Wings Hotline	To Be Announced	This Week in NASCAR	Cycle World	Press Box	To Be Announced	Trackside		
23	TNT	In the Heat of the Night	(In Stereo)	Movie: *** 1/2 "True Grit" (1969, Western) John Wayne. A one-eyed marshal and a Texas Ranger aid avengeful teen.		Movie: ** "Rooster Cogburn" (1975) John Wayne, Richard Jordan.		Club Dance		
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard	"Baa, Baa White Sheep"	Life and Times of Dottie West	(In Stereo)	Prime Time Country	(In Stereo)	Country News		
23	SCIFI	Twilight Zone	Monsters	Quantum Leap	"Moments to Live - May 4, 1965"	Something is Out There	"Night of the Visitors"	Friday the 13th: The Series	(In Stereo)	Twilight Zone
PREMIUM STATIONS										
11	DISN	Baby-Sitters Club	Ready or Not	Movie: "Nightjohn" (1996), Beau Bridges, Allison Jones.		Best of Abbott and Costello	(R)	Movie: ** "Oh God! Book II" (1980) PG		
11	HBO	Movie: "Paradise Lost: Child Murders"		Movie: *** "True Lies" (1994, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger. A man lives the double life of a spy and a family man. R		Eraser: First Look	(R)	Movie: ** "Dennis Miller Citizen Arcane"		
11	MAX	Movie: "Gremlins 2: The New Batch" (1990)		Movie: *** "The Sum of Us" (1994) R (Adult language, adult situations)		Movie: ** "The Expert" (1994) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)		Movie: "Body Chemistry 4" (1995) (In Stereo) R		

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 13, 1996										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Jerry Springer	Home Shopping Spree	Home Shopping Spree				
41	WOTV	Top Cops	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
35	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)	Home Business	Murphy Brown	Cosby Show	(In Stereo)	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers
17	WXMI	Richard Bey	(R)	Home Business	Murphy Brown	Cosby Show	(In Stereo)	(Off Air)	Wonder Years	Perfect Strangers
8	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	Late Night	(In Stereo)	Paid Program	Jim J. & Ann	(R)	NBC News Nightside	
6	WLNS	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show	Cosby Show	(In Stereo)	Home Shopping Spree	(Joined in Progress)	Home Shopping Spree	(Left in Progress)	
10	WILK	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night	Late Night	(In Stereo)	News	(R)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside	(Joined in Progress)
23	WKAR	(Off Air)							Headline News	
13	WZZM	Current Affairs	Most Wanted	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends	ABC World News Now	(Joined in Progress)	
7	WSYM	Ricki Lake	(R)	LAPD	(In Stereo)	Rescue 911	(In Stereo)	Home Based Business	(Off Air)	
CABLE STATIONS										
11	TBS	Movie: "Kinjite"	Movie: ** "The 10 Million Dollar Getaway" (1991) John Mahoney, Tony Lo Bianco.	Movie: *** "The Face of Fear" (1971) Ricardo Montalban, Jack Warden.	Laverne & Shirley	Gomer Pyle, USMC				
16	FAM	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
21	FX	Rawhide: Moment in the Sun	In Living Color	In Living Color	(R)	Movie: ** "Perfect Family" (1992) Jennifer O'Neill, Joanna Cassidy.	(In Stereo)	American Gladiators	(Joined in Progress)	
23	USA	Highlander: The Series	"Mortal Sins" (In Stereo)	Knight Rider	"Just My Bill"	Movie: ** "Perfect Family" (1992) Jennifer O'Neill, Joanna Cassidy.	(In Stereo)	American Gladiators	(Joined in Progress)	
20	DISC	Wild Discovery	"The Red Desert" (R)	Mysterious World	Movie Magic	Time Traveler	"Memphis Belle" (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	WGN	(11:30) Simon & Simon	Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night	"Perversions of Justice"	Movie: "Memories of Midnight" (1991) (Part 2 of 2) Jane Seymour, Taro Meyer.	(In Stereo)	Stanley Cup Playoffs	Avalanche or Red Wings vs. Panthers or Penguins	
23	ESPN	Baseball Tonight	U.S. Open Golf First Round Highlights	Inside the PGA Tour	Larry King Live	Overnight	Sports Latentight	Crossfire	Newsroom	
23	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today	Inside Politics	Sports Latentight	Larry King Live	Rhoda	Taxi	"Fantasy Borough"	
23	NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Monsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	"Fantasy Borough"	Bob Newhart	Phyllis	"The First Date"
23	A&E	Biography	"Remembering Patsy Cline" (R)	Ancient Mysteries	"Odyssey of Troy" (R)	Voyages	"Crime Science"	"Dead Witness" (R)	Law & Order	"Seed"
23	PASS	Motorsports Hour	To Be Announced	Press Box	Paid Program	USISL Soccer: Chicago at New Mexico	This Week in NASCAR	Motorsports Hour		
23	TNT	(10:45) Movie: ** "Rooster Cogburn" (1975)		Movie: *** "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938) Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone.		Movie: *** "The Court Jester" (1956) Danny Kaye, Basil Rathbone.		(Off Air)		
23	NASH	Life and Times of Dottie West	(In Stereo)	Prime Time Country	(In Stereo)	Country News	(R)	(Off Air)		
23	SCIFI	Quantum Leap	(In Stereo)	Something is Out There	"Night of the Visitors"	Friday the 13th: The Series	(In Stereo)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program
PREMIUM STATIONS										
11	DISN	(11:00) Movie:	Movie: *** 1/2 "The Guns of Navarone" (1961, Adventure) Gregory Peck, David Niven. Allied soldiers are assigned to destroy Nazi weapons. (In Stereo)	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Golden Voyage of Sinbad" (1974) G (Violence)						
11	HBO	Comedy Jam	Movie: *** "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis. A New York cop must stop a mad bomber's game of revenge. R	Movie: ** 1/2 "Tough and Deadly" (1995), Roddy Piper (In Stereo) R						
11	MAX	(11:15) Movie:	Movie: ** "Unveiled" (1994), Nick Chinlund, Whip Hubley R (Adult situations, nudity, violence)	Movie: *** "The Dogs of War" (1980), Tom Berenger (In Stereo) R						

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Burrows places fifth in state long jump at Rockford

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In some respect it was just another state track meet for seniors Jenny Jansma and Dawn Burrows.

However, in reality, it was their first Class A state meet. "The attitude going in was to set new school records in the events we participated in," Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus said. "The girls knew the chances of placing were not very good."

Saturday's state meet in Rockford marked the fourth state meet that Burrows and

Jansma have competed in. Jansma medaled her junior year. Burrows medaled in her sophomore and junior years.

"Jenny has been a quiet force for us over the last four years. She has given us great leadership. She has not always been vocal, but has always been able to step in and talk to her teammates," Talus said.

On Saturday, Burrows added a third medal as she placed fifth in the long jump with a distance of 17-3 1/4.

"Obviously we were really pleased that someone placed in the Class A meet,"

Talus said.

Burrows was seeded third going into the meet. The seeding was based on her performance (17-5 1/2) at the Forest Hills Northern regional.

Teammate Julie Wisner missed qualifying for the final round. Her best mark of the day was 16-11 1/2.

Burrows made it into the semi-finals of the 100-meter dash before being eliminated. Lowell's relay teams (400 and 800) did not medal but posted times close to their season's best.

Running in the 400-meter relay were Jansma, Celena

Risner, Wisner and Burrows. In the 800-meter relay, it was Jessica Winsor, Wisner, Julie VanLoosenoord and Burrows.

At Lowell's track banquet last Thursday, post-season awards were handed out to the following: Burrows, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player award; Winsor, most improved; Jansma, most dedicated; Melissa Sobie, rookie of the year; Wisner, the captain's award; Trisha McCaul, coach's award; Annie Oesch, sportsmanship award; and Amy Teunis, scholar athlete award.

John Wojciakowski was the track team's only boy representative from Lowell.

Wojciakowski, who competed in the 800-meter run, was seeded fifth going into the state meet. The Red Arrow did not place but stopped the clock in his second best time of the year at 2:00.02.

"John did a nice job, but he got boxed in on the first lap and that hurt," Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve said. "It was a learning situation for him. Next time he will be more aggressive."

Post-season awards handed out at the track banquet went to the following boys: to Wojciakowski, Lowell Lions Club most val-



Dawn Burrows placed fifth with a jump of 17-3 1/4.



Julie Wisner's jump of 16-11 1/2 just missed qualifying for the finals.

Blessed is he that expecteth nothing for he shall be gloriously surprised.

—G.K. Chesterton

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ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN, TO BE HELD JUNE 10, 1996

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 1996.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

At the annual school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2000.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| Joe Barnella | Norman R. Byrne |
| Mark R. Blanding | Marvin B. Hasso, Jr. |

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the annual school election: OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This millage will allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, excepting therefrom homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation for a period of 5 years, 1996 to 2000, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect is the millage is approved and levied in the 1996 calendar year is approximately \$1,800,000 from local property taxes authorized herein (this being a renewal of the 18 mills for operating purposes legally permitted to be levied from the 26.1 mills previously authorized which expired with the 1995 tax levy)?

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the city of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Old Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell townships in Kent County, and Boston Township in Ionia County.

PRECINCT NO. 3

Voting Place: Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County, and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

STATEMENT OF KENT COUNTY TREASURER AS TO VOTED INCREASES

STATE OF MICHIGAN) SS: COUNTY OF KENT)

I, JOHN K. BOEREMA, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer of the County of Kent, State of Michigan, hereby CERTIFY that (part) of Lowell Area School is located within the boundaries of said County of Kent and that, at the date hereof, the records of this office indicate that there are voted increases in the total tax rate limitation, in local units, affecting the taxable property in said school district as follows:

UNIT	VOTED INCREASES	YEARS EFFECTIVE
By Kent County	.84 Mills	1990 to 2009 Incl.
By Kent District Library	.68 Mills	1995 to 1999 Incl.
By Grattan Township	.8431 Mills	1994 to 1998 Incl.
	.1569 Mills	1994 to 1998 Incl.
By Ada Township	1.25 Mills	1992 to 1996 Incl.
By Vergennes Township	NONE	
By Cannon Township	NONE	
By Bowne Township	1.50 Mills	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	.50 Mills	1989 to 1998 Incl.
	1.00 Mills	1989 to 1998 Incl.
By The School District	NONE	

Dated April 19, 1996
at Grand Rapids, Michigan

John K. Boerema
John K. Boerema
Kent County Treasurer

I MARGARET BEATTIE, Treasurer of Ionia County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of April 22, 1996, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan, is as follows:

By Ionia County	3 Mills unlimited	.75 Mill 1991-96
By Boston Township	NONE	
By Campbell Township	1.5 Mill	1994-1996
By Keene Township	NONE	
By The School District	NONE	

Date: April 22, 1996

Margaret Beattie
Margaret Beattie
Treasurer, Ionia County

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

NORMAN BYRNE
Secretary, Board of Education

Red Arrow girls lose to Comets

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Wasted opportunities came back to bite the Red Arrow softball team in the Class A district semifinal at Ionia on Saturday.

"We had our chances but failed to bunt down or to get a key hit when we needed it," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Grand Ledge took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on the strength of three singles.

Lowell tied the game at 1-1 in the second. Shannon Laux singled, advanced to third on a single by Laurie Barton and then scored on a fielder's choice by Ann Townsend.

The Comets increased their lead to 4-1 in the bottom half of the second inning, thanks to four walks and two singles.

"The second inning hurt. The strike zone got smaller and Lisa Murphy walked four batters," Rodenhouse said. "Plus, we had runners on second and third with one out and could only score one run."

Lowell cut the deficit to 4-2 on consecutive singles by Tammy Stauffer, Murphy and Tracy Loughlin.

Grand Ledge added a single run in the bottom of the third inning, increasing its lead to 5-2.

Murphy pitched the whole game, walking eight and striking out two. She allowed five runs on nine hits.

Lowell scored two runs on eight hits against Grand Ledge's Amy Block. The Comet walked one and struck out five Lowell hitters.

"Murphy just didn't have her good stuff. She did not give up a run after the third inning, but was always in trouble," Rodenhouse said.

Grand Ledge left 10 runners on base and Lowell left eight on.

Lowell finished its season at 10-16.

**Ionia 11
Lowell 2**

Ionia jumped all over a lethargic group of Red Arrows in a makeup nonconference game.

"We did not play very sharp. We looked as if we were in slow motion," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

Lowell committed five errors.

Jenny Miller pitched and took the loss. Miller walked five and struck out one as she fell to 3-6 on the year.

Ionia grabbed the lead with three runs in the second. The Bulldogs added single runs in the third and fifth innings to take a 5-1 lead. Ionia put the game on ice with a six-run sixth inning.

Lowell scored single runs in the second and sixth innings.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Lois Jean Wilkin, Ryan Jeffrey Peel, Stephen Patrick Malone (bachelor of science degrees) Edward Nausieda and Rachel Marie Cilley, (bachelor of arts degrees) all of Lowell, graduated from Aquinas College on Saturday, May 11.

Aquinas College is an independent liberal arts college with a Catholic affiliation and an enrollment of 1,200 traditional-age students and 1,275 adult and graduate students.

Anna M. Lietzke, a graduate of Lowell High School and a senior majoring in chemistry, was among the 234 students named to the 1996 spring semester dean's list at Adrian College.

She is the daughter of Ted and Ellen Lietzke, of Lowell.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Adrian College is a highly

regarded, independent liberal arts institution located in southeast Michigan.

A total of 4,831 Michigan State University students earned a 3.5 or better grade point average for spring semester 1996. Students from Michigan numbered 4,453.

Students from this area included: Marc Alan Briggs, Sara Elice DeWaard, Brant A. Erbentraut, Heidi Marie Kaeb, Melanie Joy Kaeb, Timothy James Schumaker and Kendra Nicole Walker, of Lowell; and Janna M. Boomstra, Theresa L.



Steve Heim
Bravata, Jennifer Lynn Dougherty, Heather L.

Houweling, Jaimie Therese Oatley, Veronica Robertson and Natasha Jean Versluys, of Alto.

engineering technology at Ferris State University.

Heim graduated from Grand Rapids Community College in 1994 with an associate degree and then transferred to Ferris State University. He has accepted a position with Ackerman/Kendall Electric in Grand Rapids.

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Post-season softball awards presented at the year-end banquet were to Cherelle Weber, most team spirit; Tami Froese, "Charlie Hustle;" Amy Larabee, most improved; Missy Luyk, sportsmanship award; Froese and Tammy Stauffer, academic all-state; Tracy Loughlin and Stauffer, honorable mention all conference; Karen Dykstra and Lisa Murphy all conference; Murphy Lowell Lions Club most valuable player. Lowell was named as one of the 1996 all-state academic teams.



Unlike the premier theater (Tony) and movie (Oscar) awards, the Emmy isn't named after a person. In 1948 when Charles Brown, president of the budding National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences formed a committee to select outstanding achievement in television that year, he also looked for suggestions for a name and symbol for the award. Harry Lubke, a pioneer television engineer and future president of the Academy offered "Emmy," a nickname for the image orthicon tube (state of the art at that time) and it prevailed.

Kent District Library plans for summer reading club

For nearly a year, the Youth Specialists and Librarians at the Kent District Library have been feverishly working to plan more reading excitement. Now, just in time for summer, they are ready to unveil the greatest creation to date, the 1996 Summer Reading Club.

Beginning June 10, all 17 Kent District Branch libraries will be registering participants for the most action packed and fun-filled reading club around. Open for people of all ages, Kent District Library's 1996 Summer Reading Club is the perfect blend of reading, fun activities and prizes. Last year nearly 20,000 participants registered for Kent District Library's Summer Reading Club, logging almost 80,000 hours of reading. Furthermore, over 14,000 people enjoyed the variety of programs and activities offered at the branch libraries.

Kent District Library's Summer Reading Club once again proves that summer reading is fun. Every week each Kent District Library Branch will host sensational programs and fun activities for the whole family. This summer our programming includes the ever popular Corduroy the Bear and Amelia

Bedelia; Dino Bingo and Dino Crafts; a movie party at Star Theatre with Fox 17's Maranda; T-shirt painting; bead making; puppets, clowns, magicians, stories and much more.

This year participants will receive a special summer packet when they register. The packet includes book lists, a log for keeping track of hours and books read, craft projects, bookmarks and other surprises. Once they receive their packets, club members are encouraged to begin reading.

As the summer progresses, participants can qualify for reading rewards. After 12 hours of reading, members will receive great rewards from sponsors such as Subway and a ticket to a celebration at Old Kent Park hosted by Fox 17's Maranda underwritten by Smith, Haughey Law Firm.

Reading Club participants will also be eligible to enter drawings for a free pass to Meijer Botanical Gardens; as well as prizes from Witmark and Star Theatre. All participants completing the program are eligible to register for the Grand Prize drawing of a trip for four to Disney World in Orlando. Everyone who completes the minimum reading requirements will receive a ticket to the largest Goosebumps party in West Michigan to be held August 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Old Kent Park.

As part of the Summer Reading Club fun, Fox 17's Maranda will be visiting the Summer Reading Club participants throughout the Lakeland Library Cooperative in the Fox 17 van to pass out prizes.

According to Barb Marconi, Plainfield Library Branch Youth Services specialist, summer reading is very important. "Studies indicate that those who read during their summer vacations retain their comprehension skills and are able to move ahead in the fall. Plus, it's always fun to read." For more information contact your local Kent District Library branch.

Grand Ledge routs Lowell in districts

Grand Ledge, the defending Class A state champions, used balanced hitting and solid defense to close out Lowell's post-season play with a 13-1 win Saturday in Ionia.

"Grand Ledge is a very good baseball team. Their hitters, one through nine, make contact," Lowell baseball coach Kris Krupf said. "They are a better hitting team than we are. They also play solid defense."

The Comets broke through against Lowell's Corey Zemaitis with five runs in the second inning.

The Red Arrows responded with their only run in the third inning. Tommy Dumas singled with one out and then scored on a Jeff Cathin RBI double.

Lowell managed just five hits against Comet pitching.

"Hitting is an area we have to focus on for next year," Krupf said. "We will improve."

Lowell finished its season at 10-16.

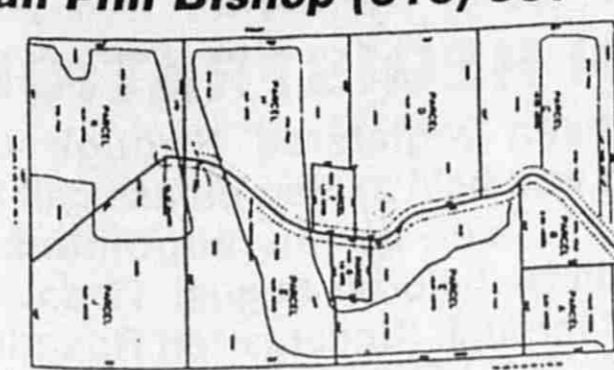
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Eichberg leaves Lowell for Grant teaching/coaching position

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The opening at Grant High School for the teacher/football coaching position required at least five years coaching experience.

Lowell's David Eichberg only had three, none at the varsity level. He sent his resume anyway.

Three weeks later, Eichberg went to his first interview. A week later he went to his second interview and before it ended was offered the job.

"I wasn't looking, but I learned about the opening at a state coaching clinic," Eichberg said. "I was familiar with Grant because of its block scheduling format (eight-block). With that and its aggressive technology plan, I think the Grant School District is on the cutting edge academically."

package fulfills a lifelong dream for Eichberg. "I've always wanted to be a head coach. Initially I thought it would be in basketball where the greatest extent of my experience is, but since coming to Lowell, I've really grown to love football as much as basketball."

The decision to accept Grant's offer was an agonizing one for Eichberg. "I told them after they offered me the position that I wanted to make sure the position was right for me and that I was right for Grant Schools because I would be giving up a lot leaving Lowell."

Eichberg talked to a number of people before making a decision, including former Lowell football coach Phil Christensen. "I asked him point blank if he thought I was ready to be a head football coach."

The new Grant football coach intends to run the veer



Dave Eichberg

offense with an occasional I formation.

"The kids want to win, the parents want to win and the community wants to win," Eichberg said. "I want to instill character and integrity into the players."

Eichberg said he has already scheduled a couple of

community service projects in an effort to teach the players about giving back and voluntarism.

Grant School District has hired itself a business/computer teacher and a football

coach who also brings integrity and character to the positions.

Art lovers get opportunity to expand skills

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Would-be artists or artists looking to perfect their skills can get a lesson in water colors from West Michigan's most promising artists.

Through the efforts of the Lowell Area Arts Council, local artists can attend a two-day workshop with noted watercolorist Loretta Sailors.

The workshop will be

conducted from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on July 17 and 18.

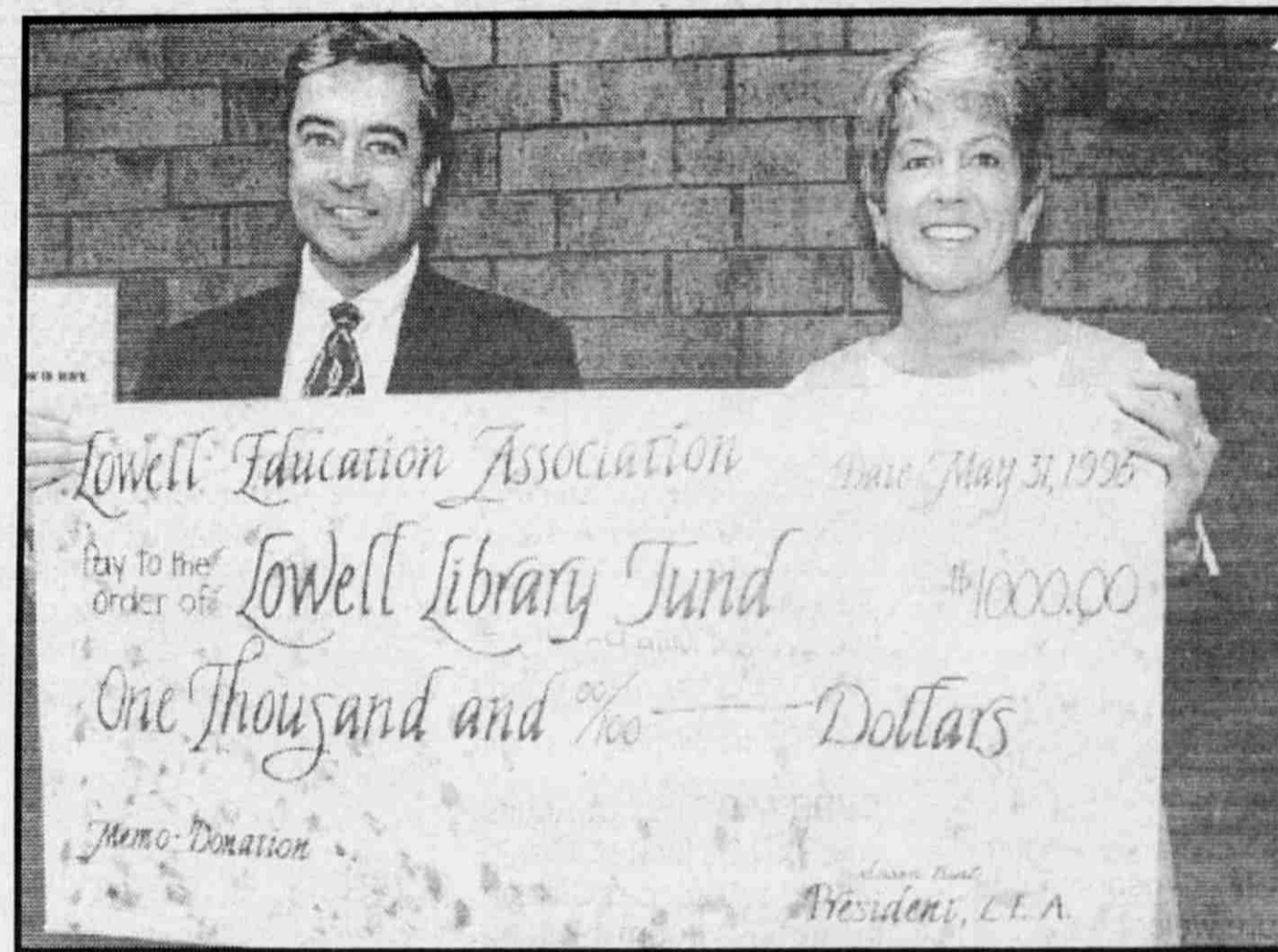
Each session consists of demonstrations by Sailors, painting of flowers, on-site painting and even a little constructive criticism from colleagues.

Those artists attending the sessions will be treated to a gourmet lunch on both occasions.

Seating is limited and supplies will be furnished by the LAAC if desired. Artists can also bring their own supplies.

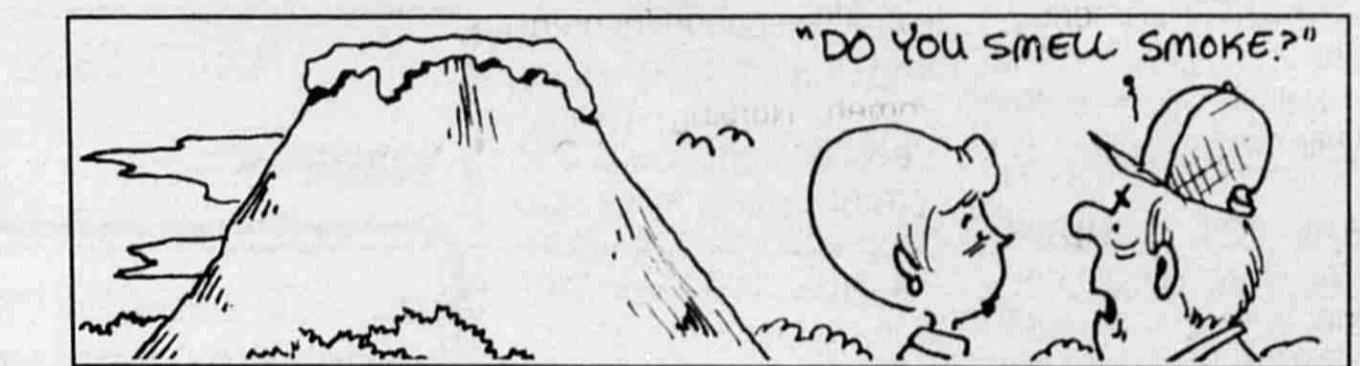
The cost for the two-day session is \$85 for LAAC members and \$95 for non-members.

To receive more information or to register, contact the arts center at 897-8545.



LEA Donates to New Library

As part of its community service each year, the Lowell Education Association donates money to a project or organization that will help and benefit the community and students. This year the LEA donated \$1,000 toward items for the new library. Pictured above are Chuck Myers, Lowell Library building committee chair and LEA president Sue Burt.



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COMING EVENTS

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 7 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour, Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

LAST TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Concerned women for America meets at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 W. Main Street. Protecting the rights of the family through prayer and action. Phone for more information 897-6044 or 897-6418.

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

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

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

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

FOURTH TUES. OF EVERY MONTH: Family story-time offered by Saranac Public Library at 7 p.m. Designed for the whole family, pre-school thru 6th-grade, plus parents. For information call 642-9146.

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

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

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

EVERY WED.: Clubhouse Ministries for children (ages 2 thru 6th-grade). Lowell Wesleyan Church at the 1069 Lincoln Lake Rd. 7 to 8 p.m. Complete program of activities to help kids grow physically, emotionally and spiritually. For more information please call (616) 897-6890.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to

10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation! For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

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

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

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

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

SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson

St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays. Phone 897-8545.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038. 8045 Cannonsburg Rd. Any questions call Frank at 874-6861.

THURS., JUNE 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club meeting, 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Sponsor is Marie Rickett. Program: "Parables and Baskets" by Lorraine Otto. If you haven't done a personal history for the book, please help complete it. The club is still collecting good for Access 6. Hostesses are Esther Clemenz and Ruby Christiansen.

AUG. 21 - 23: Georgian Bay, Canada trip. Lowell Seniors travel. Contact Mary Condon, 897-7092.

OCT. 21 - 31: Panama Canal cruise. Lowell Seniors travel. For more information contact Mary Condon, 897-7092.

Now when I bore people at a party, they think it's their fault.
—Henry Kissinger

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Board, at a regular meeting on May 20, 1996, adopted Ordinance 96-2, which amends Sections 201.306G, 201.307G and 201.311 of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance to specifically state the required minimum first floor living space for the several recognized types of dwelling units and to update the Bulk Table, a digest of the various zoning requirements applicable in the several zoning districts.

Sections 201.306G and 201.307G are amended to specify that all types of housing with less than two full stories of living space above ground require at least 900 square feet of first floor living space, with the minimum first floor living space for dwelling units with two or more full stories above ground remaining at 750 square feet.

Section 201.311 - Bulk Table is amended to include the above amendments to Sections 201.306G and 201.307G and the amendments in Ordinance 95-6, April 1995, to the Industrial Ordinance, Section 201.309.

The full text of Ordinance 96-2 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Ordinance 96-2 becomes effective upon publication of this notice.

Mari Stone
Township Clerk

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 5: 8 a.m., Men's breakfast.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 5: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Blood pressure.</p> <p>THURS., JUNE 6: 12:30 p.m., Shopping in GR.</p> <p>FRI., JUNE 7: 12:30 p.m., Amish cheese house.</p> <p>TUES., JUNE 11: 12:30 p.m., Shopping at Meijers.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 12: 6:30 a.m., Breakfast and band</p>	<p>THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall; 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking Woodland Mall.</p> <p>MON.-FRI: Senior Meals program, noon.</p> <p>at MacDonald's in Cedar Springs.</p> <p>TUES., JUNE 18: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 19: 6 a.m., Bingo at Meijers.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.</p> <p>THURS., JUNE 20: 11 a.m., North Center-lunch and band.</p> <p>FRI., JUNE 21: 12:30 p.m., Reminisce.</p> <p>WED., JUNE 26: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.</p>
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(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

Lowell's McDonald's reopens; rebuilt in "Mc record" time

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With tongue in cheek, Downtown Development Authority board member Ray Quada made a motion that the contract with Nagel Construction be terminated and that the construction crew who built the new McDonald's be hired to complete the downtown renovation work.

"They probably would have the work completed by mid-July," Quada said with a large smile.

He was referring to the expedient manner in which the new McDonald's, which opened to the public Saturday, was reconstructed.

The 11-year-old McDonald's structure burned to the ground on April 17. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new McDonald's restaurant took place six days after the fire and 39 days from that date the new McDonald's was up and running.

"I would venture to say it is probably the fastest we've put up any of our 280 West Michigan branches," said McOpCo operator, Eric Rodewald.

Barbara Jans, regional marketing manager for West Michigan McDonald's, said the community support McDonald's has received over the years, the loyalty from its employees, and the shock of the fire galvanized

everyone.

"Everybody from the vendors to the internal office volunteered to help clear rubble and worked to see that the Lowell McDonald's got reopened," Jans said. "The faster it was put back up, the faster our loyal employees could get back to work."

Rodewald said he was in Kalamazoo when he heard of the fire on April 17th. "I called the seating and decoration company that same day to schedule a meeting so we could begin ordering for the new McDonald's," he said.

While the fire was devastating, Rodewald said the reconstruction process was aided in that the Lowell Planning Commission's monthly meeting followed five days later. "We had engineers drawing up the plans and designs two days prior to the planning commission meeting," Rodewald explained.

The McOpCo operator said McDonald's usually schedules four-six weeks for pre-planning and then seven to nine weeks for construction following groundbreaking.

The new McDonald's from the series 2000 model, is about 2,000 square feet. Rodewald said that is slightly smaller than the model built 11-12 years ago.

However, the new Playland is slightly bigger than the previous one, and



Some Lowell residents got a sneak preview of the new McDonald's on Thursday.

the new structure seats 94 customers. The old McDonald's seated 82.

"I'm ecstatic about re-opening. I am happy everything has gone so smoothly."

Lowell McDonald's manager partner Tina Blattner said. "I am looking forward to taking care of the Lowell community again."

Neighbors band together to fight crime and get in touch

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Some Lowell Charter Township residents are making their neighborhood safe while revisiting a way of life. Nearly 60 families on Bailey Drive, Alden Nash, Lincoln Lake and Parnell Avenue have joined together to establish a Kent County Neighborhood Watch Association.

"I've been living here for more than 30 years and recently I've noticed that I don't know many of my neighbors," said Joy Smith, treasurer of the association. "I thought this was a good idea because we want to make our neighborhood safe and it gives us an opportunity to meet new people to the area."

Smith and her neighbors recently got the opportunity to meet each other at a block party; that also served as a way to put up the association's new signs.

The association received help from Kent County Sheriff's Deputy John O'Rourke.

O'Rourke specializes in providing information to neighborhood watch organizations and said the latest group is one of 90 in Kent County.

"I don't know of any other county in the state that has this many organized watch groups," O'Rourke said. "It's not that people are overly concerned with crime, it's just the fact that West Michigan residents take neighboring very seriously."

O'Rourke said the key to any organization is making sure members understand how to report information quickly and accurately.

"They help us help them, when they provide us with good up-to-date information," O'Rourke said.

The cost of starting a watch organization is relatively low, said O'Rourke.

Members pay \$30 per sign and are asked to donate \$10 per household to purchase the signs.

Parties are also a part of the organization's yearly activities.

"We encourage block parties because they are a great way to meet new neighbors and discuss what is happening in the area," O'Rourke said.

The most difficult part of organizing a group of people is getting them together for the first meeting.

O'Rourke said once neighbors contact each other and discuss a good time to meet, he shows up and discusses calling



Taking neighboring seriously, nearly 60 families in Lowell Township have started a Neighborhood Watch Association.

trees and how to recognize something out of the ordinary in the neighborhood.

"Neighbors don't patrol or spy on each other; all they do is watch for anything that may be out of the ordinary," O'Rourke said. "If neighbors know the area and who lives in it, they will know when something is out of place."

Once the association spots something out of the ordinary or the sheriff's department has information to share, the formal calling tree quickly comes into play.

Neighbors, cont'd pg. 30

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that on June 10, 1996 at 7 p.m. at 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan, the Board of Education of Lowell Area Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 1996-97 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 1996-1997 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 1996-1997 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate will be available beginning June 3, 1996 for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Building located at 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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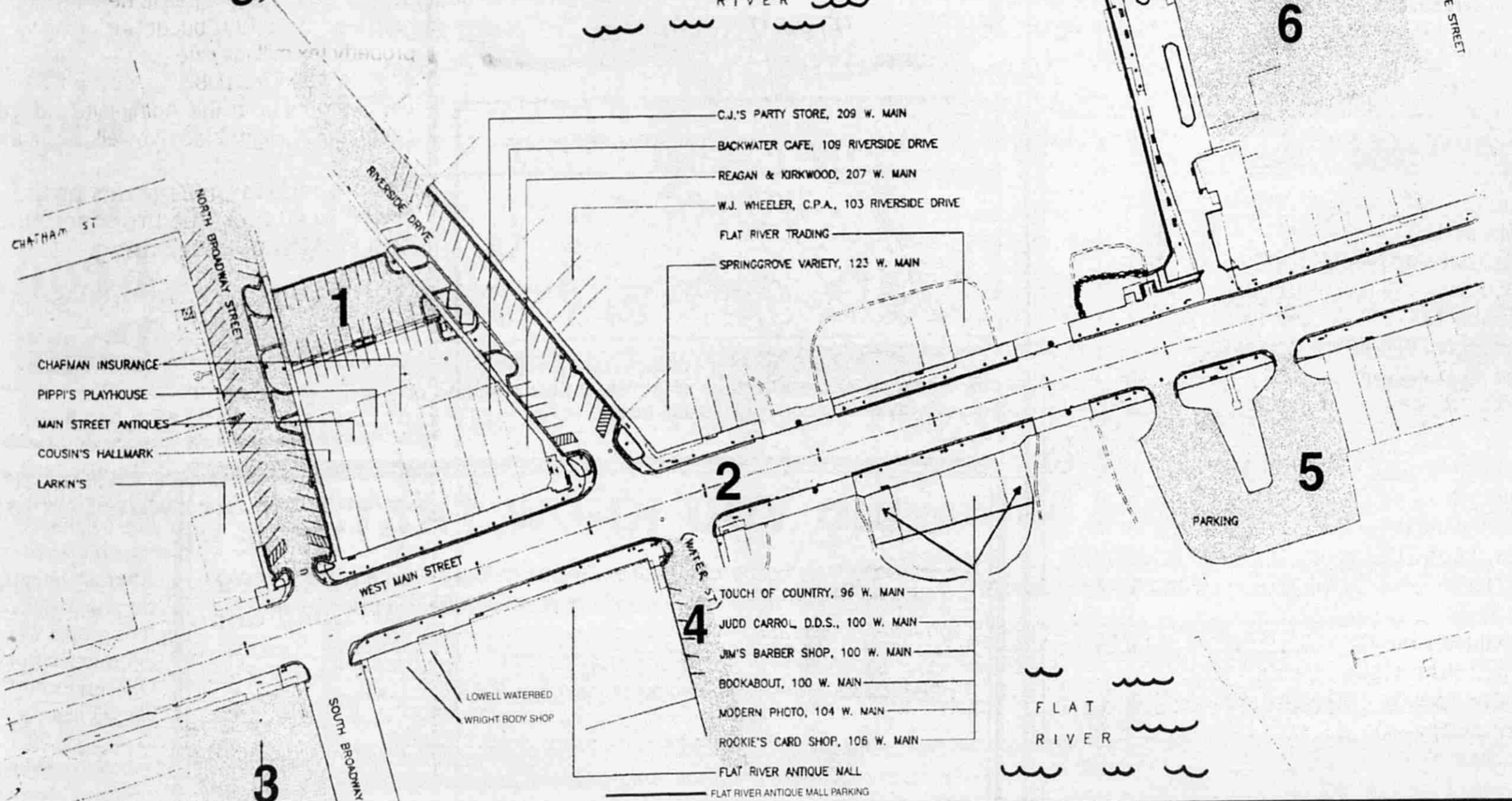
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TOWN TALK

There were 178 seniors who graduated Sunday at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre. Do you have any advice or direction that they might find helpful in their future endeavors?

LEGAL NOTICES

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COUNTY OF KENT

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who died 3-2-96.

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ESTATE OF
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FILE NO. 96-162,045-1P

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing.

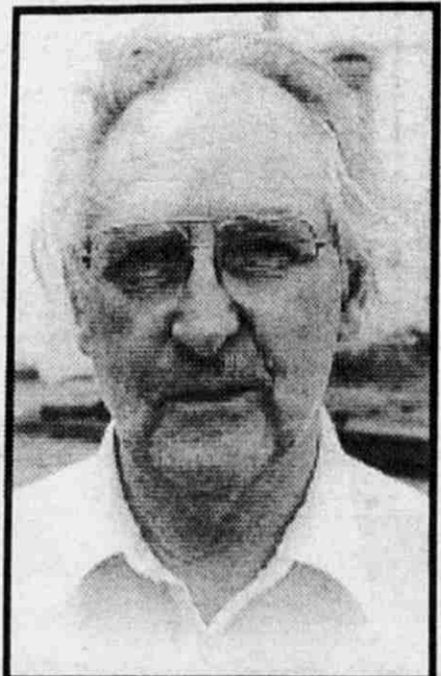
NOTICE: A hearing was held on May 17, 1996 at 9 a.m. in the probate courtroom, 320 OTTAWA, NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49504, Michigan on the petition of GEORGE WOLLNER requesting that GEORGE WOLLNER be appointed personal representative of FRIEDRICH WOLLNER, deceased, who lived at 546 LYON, NE, KENT

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Bill Wood
I got where I am through hard work and keeping my nose to the grindstone. I am retired but I am still working.

New furnaces installed at Lowell City Airport

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Asked that in the future it be involved in the review of bids before a project is started, the Lowell City Council went ahead approved allocating \$3,226.78 from the airport fund toward the installation of three furnace units.

Carl Francis, director of aviation for Cornerstone, contacted several heating and air conditioning firms concerning the installation of three units.

Arctic Refrigeration, Inc. was then contracted to do the work for \$6,453.75.

"The airport board has done an excellent job in bringing the airport around," Lowell mayor Bill Thompson said. In that the city owns the building, Thompson requested that the city should have at least seen the bids before the work was completed.

Councilman Don Green agreed. "In the future I'd also like to see the city be involved."

At its May 28 meeting, those present recommended that the city and Cornerstone equally divide the cost.

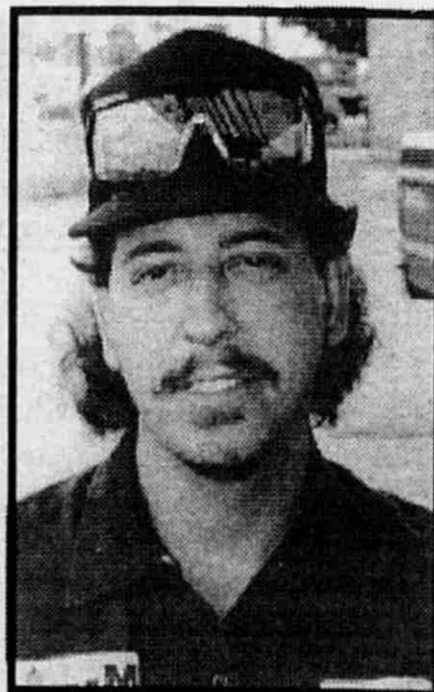
Following the Council's approval, both the city and Cornerstone will pay \$3,226.78. The city monies will be allocated from the airport fund for the city's share of the installation of furnaces.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said he felt the request by the airport board was appropriate.

The funds will be taken from airport revenues which are derived from hangar rentals.



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Steve Rodammer
Don't move out of your house. Find a job you enjoy and don't do something so much for the money.

Neighbors, cont'd.... From Page 29



Until 1965, the U.S. quarter contained 90 percent silver and ten percent copper. Because of the shortage of silver, it now consists of a layer of copper between layers of copper-nickel mixture.

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

- Local school districts are not out of the millage business because Proposal A requires them to vote to renew (not increase) the 18 mills property tax on non-homesteads.
- HOMESTEAD means the home or farm you live in.
- The word NON-HOMESTEAD means commercial property, industrial property, business property, rental property and second homes.
- The 18 mills non-homestead property tax is part of the Basic Foundation Grant that the state has set up to operate public schools.
- Renewing the 18 mills non-homestead property tax assures that the Lowell Area Schools will receive its full Foundation Grant.
- The 18 mills non-homestead property tax will generate approximately \$1,800,000 or 10% of the Lowell District budget.
- THE 18 MILLS NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX IS A RENEWAL AND WILL NOT INCREASE THE MILLAGE RATE.

The formal calling tree is made up of a chairman, co-chairman, and group leader who calls three or four of his/her neighbors.

"It's not a calling circle. After the initial call is made, the group leader calls three or four people which keeps the information from changing," O'Rourke said. "The key is to have as many groups in place as possible."

O'Rourke said watch groups have proven to be very successful and have helped the department solve many crimes.

"Once people know what to look for and how to report it accurately and up to date, it makes it easier for us to solve the problem," O'Rourke said. "People are surprised to find out that many crimes happen from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and when they realize this they begin to look out for each other."

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This 18 mill RENEWAL millage affects only non-homestead property owners such as business, industrial, commercial and rental property. This renewal does not represent a rate increase. Homestead property, where you live or farm, is not affected by this RENEWAL. The approval of this 18 mill RENEWAL will allow our school district to collect the full foundation grant provided to our schools by the state.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors shares in the pride we all have for our schools. We urge your support for our schools in providing quality educational programs for all the children of our community. Please join us, the members of your business community, in voting "Yes" on June 10, 1996.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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Vergennes candidates enter race as a love of their community

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

When Vergennes Township voters go to the polls in November, they can rest assured that the candidates they elect love their job.

In an uncontested ballot, voters can reelect four township officials and elect one new trustee on Nov. 5.

Supervisor James Cook will seek another four years with a position he has held for the past 12 years.

Cook wouldn't comment on why he is seeking reelection.

Another long-time veteran of municipal government will be looking to extend her 12-year stint on the board, but will also accomplish a personal first.

Treasurer Jenean Hoffman will once again appear on the township ballot, but this will be the first time she is running for

treasurer.

Hoffman served the township as clerk until 1994. "I like the work and the people," Hoffman said. "I still enjoy what I'm doing."

When Hoffman took over the treasurer's position, following Carol Nauta's departure, her clerk's seat was filled by Mari Stone.

Stone is used to township work, but this will be the first time she will be running on the ballot.

"It's a great way to be involved in your community," Stone said. "I feel I've worked my life to get to this position. I enjoy the work and communicating with the residents."

Another board member who likes working for his community is Mark Weber.

Weber will be seeking his second four-year term as a trustee.

"Vergennes means a lot to me. I like to think I share a vision with most people in the township in trying to preserve our rural atmosphere," Weber said. "Our meetings are more like a town meeting where anybody who attends has a say. I like that and I like meeting with my neighbors."

When fellow trustee Alan Baird decided to spend more time with his family, Susan Geiger-Hessler decided now was a good time to put her name on the ballot.

Geiger-Hessler, owner of the Alden Pine Bed and Breakfast, has lived in the area since 1977 and is interested in keeping Vergennes a quality place to live.

"I understand Vergennes is going to grow, but I just want to make sure it is done with a good perspective," Geiger-Hessler said. "I come from an agricultural background and I want Vergennes to keep as much of that as possible."

Cherry Creek 5k Run Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An anticipated 200 participants are expected to take part in the Cherry Creek Classic 5K run/walk.

We anticipate at least 200 runners," said race co-coordinator Terry VanderWarf.

In its first year, the race brought in 108 participants and raised \$1,000 for the Lowell Showboat.

Proceeds from this year's race will go toward the purchase of items for the new Harold and Mildred Englehardt Library.

"Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for the library," VanderWarf said.

Those who ran or walked in the race a year ago will notice a few changes.

The race will begin and end at the Lowell Middle

School.

The starting time has been moved up to 8 a.m. "This is being done so that the weather is cooler and so there is less traffic," VanderWarf said.

A water table will be available to runners halfway through the course.

The course, however, will remain the same. Runners will go west on Foreman to Alden Nash; south to Gee Drive; east on Gee Drive to Foreman; and then east on Foreman back to the Lowell Middle School.

"We're looking to future growth and possibly adding a 10-K at some point," VanderWarf said.

Race sponsorship was opened up to three levels - bronze (\$75), silver (\$150) and gold (\$300).

This year 24 businesses

signed up to be sponsors.

Gold level sponsors are as follows: Kropf Orchards; FMB State Savings Bank; King Milling; Springrove Variety; and The Lowell Ledger.

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Medals will be given to the top three places in each age bracket. A trophy will be awarded to the top overall female and male runners.



Winnings Come in Time for New Home

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GENERAL FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL FUNDING UNDER PROPOSAL A

KEY POINTS

- The State will continue to collect and distribute 6 mills of property tax on all property.
- Voters must renew 18 mills of non-homestead property tax to ensure full school funding (this guarantees that each district will be able to collect their full basic foundation grant).

SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

FROM THE STATE

- 6 mills levied on all properties by the state
- Sales tax
- Portion of State income tax
- Cigarette tax
- Lottery profits
- Real Estate transfer tax
- Liquor tax
- General fund appropriation

FROM LOCAL SOURCES

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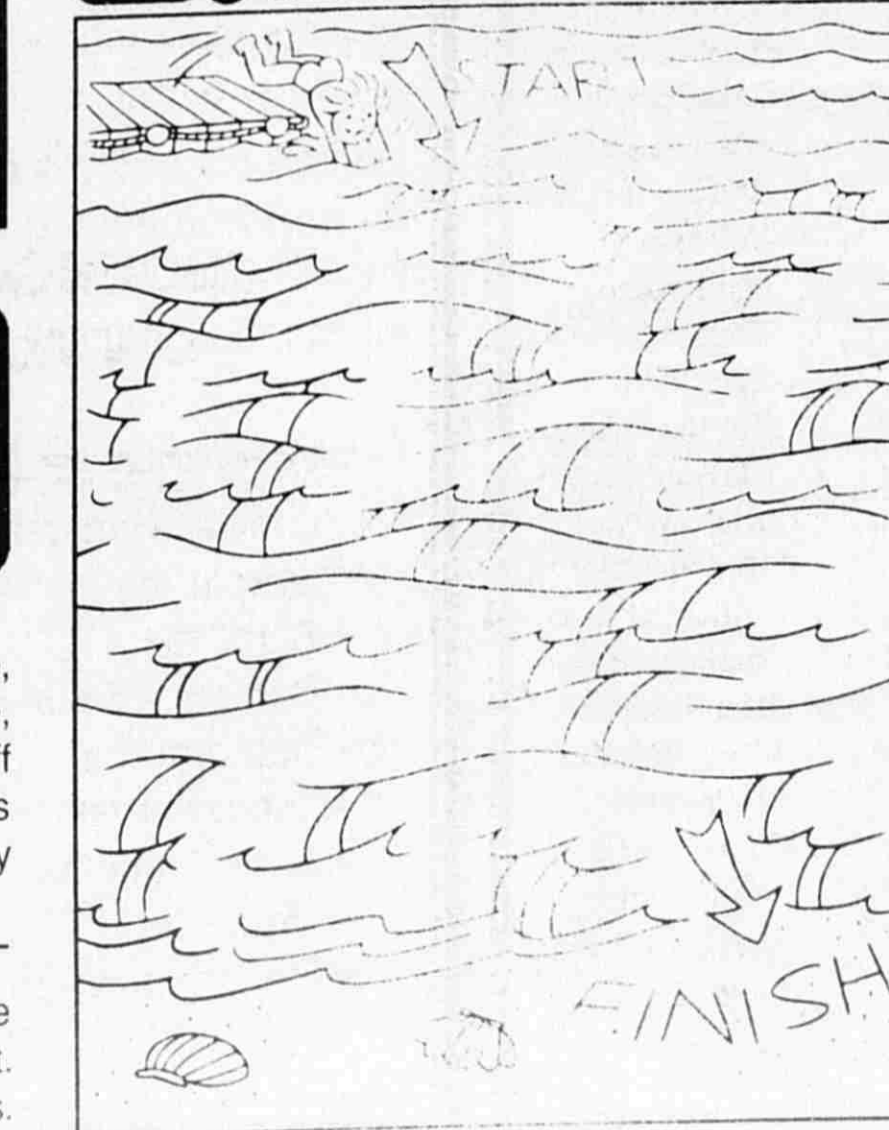
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5. What did the insurance agent tell Adam and Eve?

1. Because it melts it down.
2. A frog. It croaks every night.
3. A pond fish.
4. When they have bright students.
5. I can see your fat covered.

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Blough's effort keeps Showboat a graduating tradition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's three days before the 118th Lowell High School commencement exercise and Ivan Blough is busy scrap-

ing, paboarding and cleaning the Showboat so that the 1996 senior class could enjoy its graduation day on Sunday. A life-long resident of the Lowell area, Blough has been

seeing to it that the Showboat is safe and decorated with banners and flags for graduation for approximately 15 years.

"Jane (my wife) and I always try to get the Showboat back into shape in time for graduation," Blough said.

Last fall the senior class voted to keep graduation at the Showboat.

"I can't tell you how happy I am that the kids decided to have their graduation here and keep with tradition," Blough said.

Blough had a concern with the advent of the new high school - that the Showboat setting might be replaced with the new high school sports complex.

"It shows a lot of respect and pride for the tradition that the students keep coming back," Blough said.

High school principal Scott Washaw said he believes comfort in tradition has something to do with why no change has been made.

"Many of the students probably associate Showboat more with graduation than performances. They have had brothers and sisters and in some cases parents graduate at the Showboat," Washaw said. "As long as the kids elect and are willing to use the Showboat and it is safe to use, graduation will stay there."

Some of the work began on the Showboat two months ago after it was discovered that 185 light bulbs and 30 glass windows had been knocked out, four cabin doors had been destroyed, and holes had been struck through the dressing room dry walls. The cost of the material damage was approximately \$1,850.

Over the last 12 years the Showboat has been victimized by the destructive activity of others.

"It's happened about four or five times. It's just a small

minority of people," Blough said. "They just don't think. Some day the young kids responsible will look back and feel bad."

The partnership between graduation and Showboat is unique, which may account

for its longevity.

"I think many of the students have grown up with it. It's been a part of their life," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "It is unique - and you can't beat the setting."

A taste of irony has kept more hearts from breaking than a sense of humor—for it takes irony to appreciate the joke which is on oneself.

—Jessamyn West

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

18 MILL NON-HOMESTEAD RENEWAL JUNE 10, 1996 - ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

On Monday, June 10, 1996, at the annual election, voters in the Lowell Area School District will be asked to renew the 18 mills of property tax on non-homestead properties. There are three very important things to understand about this renewal.

- THIS IS **NOT** A TAX ON PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
- THE RENEWAL OF THIS LEVY WILL NOT RESULT IN A TAX RATE INCREASE.
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The following question and answers are provided for your information so that you may cast an informed vote:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

QUESTION #1: WHY IS THIS ISSUE ON THE BALLOT?

Because our authority to collect this millage expires and we need your approval to continue collecting these dollars.

When Proposal A passed, non-homestead property taxes for school operations were reduced to 24 mills (6 State and 18 Local). Renewal of the 18 mills is required periodically by voters in order for the district to continue collecting this millage.

QUESTION #2: WHAT IS MEANT BY HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTIES?

When Proposal A was passed by Michigan voters in 1993, Michigan's property taxes for schools were restructured and reduced. Property was divided into two categories - Homestead and Non-Homestead. A Homestead property is your primary residence or farm. (your home where you live.) Non-Homestead properties are land and buildings that have been designated as primary residences or farms, such as businesses, rental properties and vacation homes.

QUESTION #3: WILL THIS RENEWAL RESULT IN A TAX INCREASE?

- THIS TAX IS **NOT** LEVIED ON YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE (YOUR HOME) SO THERE WILL BE NO TAX INCREASE.
- THIS TAX IS LEVIED ON NON-HOMESTEAD PROPERTY, BUT THE BALLOT ISSUE IS A RENEWAL OF THE 18 MILL RATE, **NOT** A RATE INCREASE.

QUESTION #4: WHAT PART OF OUR LOCAL BUDGET IS THIS?

The question of renewal represents a significant part of the school district's operating budget. Approximately 10% or over **\$1,800,000** of the current budget comes from the 18 mills non-homestead property tax.

QUESTION #5: WHEN IS THE ELECTION?

- This Annual School Election will be held on Monday, June 10, 1996.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

QUESTION #6: WHAT WILL BE THE ACTUAL BALLOT LANGUAGE?

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This millage will allow the school district to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, excepting therefrom homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Lowell Area Schools, Kent and Ionia counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000.00) on taxable valuation for a period of 5 years, 1996 to 2000, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 1996 calendar year is approximately \$1,800,000 from local property taxes authorized herein (this being a renewal of the 18 mills for operating purposes legally permitted to be levied from the 26.1 mills previously authorized which expired with the 1995 tax levy)?



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LOWELL SCHOOLS TO SEEK RENEWAL OF MILLAGE

On June 10, 1996, the Lowell Area Schools will be asking district residents to renew the 18 mills property tax on **non-homestead** property.

Under Proposal A, the basic foundation grant, which funds school districts, is composed of two parts: the first part consists of those funds derived from the state through sales tax and income tax and the second part is the 18 mills collected locally on **non-homestead** property. Proposal A requires the district to levy 18 mills on **non-homestead** property in order to collect the full foundation grant due the district.

For Lowell Area Schools, this represents about \$1,800,000 or 10% of its annual operating budget.

The 18 mills is levied on **non-homestead** property. This type of property consists of business, industrial, commercial and rental property. Homestead property, where you live or farm, is not affected by this renewal.

It must be emphasized that this 18 mills is a renewal of the existing **non-homestead** property tax for a five (5) year period and does not raise the millage rate.