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## Rosewood sets precedent for other business expansion

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

A precedent set by one local businessman may keep another business from making the same mistake.

Following the Lowell Charter Township Board's decision to give Rosewood Products only two months to move its operation from the township to Ionia, the township's planning commission cautiously informed Mike Slachter that chances of him adding a building to his property are slim.

Slachter owns K & S Bulldozing and Trucking, 5460 Snow Ave., and would like to build a small office at his current location. However, the zoning for his land does not permit such a use.

Slachter and the commission discussed available options, but in the end only rezoning the land is an option and the commission can't guarantee that will happen.

"I wouldn't hold my breath right now," said commission chairman Mel Beers, describing his gut feelings about a possible rezoning. "The ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) may look at it but judging by the questions they have to ask themselves, they may not approve it."

Beers informed Slachter that one of the ZBA's main determining questions is whether the problem created was done so because the business created it. If so, they may turn down the request, Beers said.

Slachter's problem is that his property is zoned Agriculture I, which doesn't allow for commercial businesses. However, because the business existed before the land was zoned, it was grandfathered into the township as a commercial site.

Commissioner Dick Bryant pointed out to Slachter that the

township just concluded a similar situation with Rosewood, and that problem would be taken into consideration regarding his dilemma.

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**Mel Beers**  
Commission Chairman

"I need office space, so what do I do?" asked Slachter, as the two sides pleasantly discussed his situation. "I can't put a modular up there. I've got no place to go, but out."

The commission told Slachter he could look into rezoning his land to Agriculture II, which permits a building, or look to relocate his business to a site that would accommodate his needs.

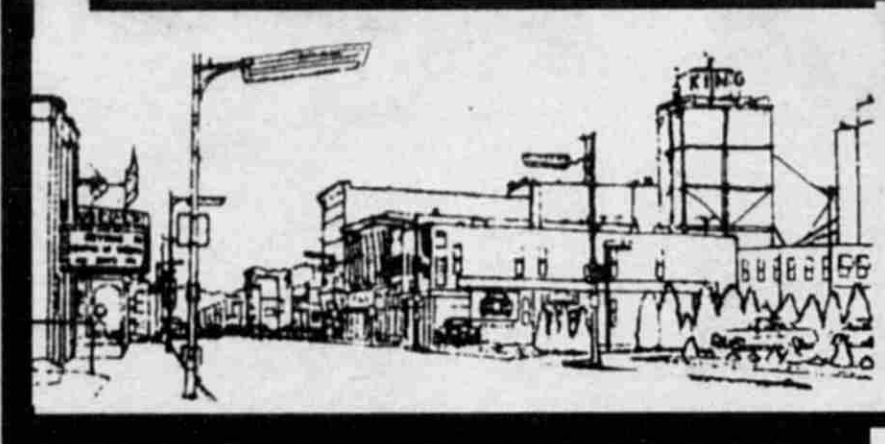
"At this time we don't have a mechanism that allows you to expand," Beers said. "Not only do we have to look at what is happening today, but what will happen 10 years down the road."

## Lions Club "eye" identifies charge of its donation



Lowell Lions Club treasurer Terry Conley, second from left, and Lowell Lions Club president Dr. David Durkee, far right, present Lowell Library Branch manager Jane Aronson, far left, and Evelyn Leeman, president of the Lowell Friends of the Library, with a check for \$2,000 to be used for the new Harold and Mildred Englehardt Library. The funds will be divided in half - \$1,000 will go toward the structure and \$1,000 will go toward materials for the visually impaired.

## Along Main Street



### LOWELL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION TO HOST PUBLIC PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Association will host a panel of historians in a public program entitled "An Evening of Lowell Area Memories."

Come and enjoy the program at the Lowell Township Hall on June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

### LOWELL CABLE OUTAGE

Because of the scheduled Lowell Light and Power outage on Saturday, June 22, Lowell Cable will also be affected west of Flat River and south of Grand River.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON LAC TV

The Lowell City Council meeting of June 17 will be shown on the LAC TV Channel 2 June 19 through 22 at 7 p.m.

### COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, June 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main.

Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

### CHANGE OF DATES FOR HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES

The date for high school summer classes has been changed because report cards aren't out yet. High school summer classes will run from Monday, July 1, thru Monday, Aug. 5. No classes on July 4. Call 897-8434 for information.

### ATTENTION SPRING CLEANERS

Lowell Area Arts Council on S. Hudson is accepting donations of articles for their annual white elephant sale June

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## Moving of house to increase parking for Softee Creme

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It's one of Lowell's favorite spots for a hot summer lunch, an afternoon treat or a bedtime snack.

Plans to increase parking for Softee Creme's loyal customers will be the result of a proposed house move.

Harold Ball received permission to move a house located on the east side of Softee Creme to the northeast corner of Division and High Streets.

The move will provide the popular ice cream stand with an additional 20-25 parking spaces for its customers.

"We've been afraid of losing parking on Main Street or the side streets for a number of years," Ball said. "People like to pull up in front or to the side of a business."

For the house move to be accomplished, a grading of a bank located north of Avery on Division just beyond the curb and gutter cutoff is needed.

This will enable movers to get the house down the narrow 23-25 foot wide street to its destination.

Ball said the plans are to go up on the bank eight to 10 feet, grade it on a 45 degree angle and clear it of the brush.

The grading and clearing of the bank will also assist in the visibility at the southeast corner of High and Division.

Ball said he plans to restore the lot by hydro seeding. He also agreed to replace the lilacs that would be destroyed with the grading of the bank.

"Harold has been involved in a number of projects in Lowell and has always done a quality job," Lowell councilman Jim Hodges said.

The house is scheduled to be moved the week of Aug. 5.

The council's approval was contingent on talking to the property owner of the southeast corner and getting permission before the project is started.

## YMCA Hoops tourney in need of volunteers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

YMCA Hoops Classic 3-on-3 basketball tournament officials are looking for a few good volunteers to help this weekend.

The YMCA, in its second year of running the tournament, is in need of volunteers for Friday, June 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 22, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed in the areas of court monitoring, scorers, referees and registration.

The venue for this year's tournament has been changed from Bushnell to Cherry Creek

Elementary.

"The move is partially due to convenience," said tournament director Christy Droogsma. "We are building new hoops this year. There are already six hoops up at Cherry Creek which means only four new hoops will have to be built."

Erb Lumber donated the lumber and D'Agostino Construction built the new hoops.

Droogsma said that 49 teams have signed up for this year's tournament. There will be 41 boys teams and eight girls teams.

Last year the tournament

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## OBITUARIES

**ARANOWSKI** - John R. Aranowski, aged 30, of Lowell, died June 12, 1996 from accidental automobile injuries. Surviving are his wife, Amy; son Nicholas; parents Richard and Barbara Aranowski of Alto; sister Valerie Shaw of Minneapolis, MN; brother Scott Aranowski of Clarkston; two nieces, one nephew; his mother and father-in-law, Nicholas and Sandra Veenkamp of Cascade; and two brothers-in-law, Aaron and Tyler Veenkamp. A Memorial Mass was held Saturday in St. Robert Catholic Church, Ada. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to a trust fund that will be named later.

**KELLEY** - Ronald (Blake) Kelley of San Francisco, Calif., aged 44, passed away June 7, 1996, in Calif. at Coming Home Hospice. Ron attended Lowell High School, served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He was born Oct. 23, 1951 in Lowell. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Asa and Flora Kelley of Lowell. Ron is going to be

greatly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his mother Joan (Kelley) Pitcher and stepfather Arnold of Belding; three step brothers Matt Pitcher of Fenville, Mark Pitcher of Saugatuck and Chris Pitcher of Colorado; aunts and uncles formerly of Lowell, Robert Kelley of Calif., Stanley Kelley of Texas, Gordon Kelley of Grand Rapids, Leo Kelley of Grand Rapids, Raymond Kelley of Ill., Charlotte Kelley of Ill, Pat (Kelley) Gansmiller of Grand Rapids, Donna (Kelley) Anderson of Caledonia, many more aunts & uncles, 54 cousins, several nieces and nephews in the Holland area. Graveside memorial services will be held at Oakwood Cem-

etry for family and friends, Sat., July 6, 1996 at 11 a.m. Pastor Gary (Jake) Jacobson of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Belding, officiating.

**KOOISTRA** - Melvin R. Kooistra of Ada, born November 5, 1911, died June 15, 1996 in Butterworth Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Shirley M.; children Sandra Kay Ross of Grand Rapids, Larry Newman of Vermilion, OH, Robert L. Newman of Lowell, Joan Jekel, Boyd Kooistra, and Cheryl Kooistra all of Grand Rapids, beloved grandchildren; one brother Jack and Lois Kooistra of Kalamazoo; one sister Freda Belford of Kansas; and his dog Muffin. Mr. Kooistra founded Painters Supply & Equipment Co. in 1946 and sold the business in 1988. He was one of the original founders of the Forest Hills School District, a faithful member of Faith Lutheran Church, and former member of Wolverine Seniors Golf Assn. and Junior Chamber of Commerce. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. in Faith Lutheran Church. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens. Memorials to the Arthritis Foundation or American Cancer Society.

**MOCHMER** - Ronald Gene Mochmer, aged 46, died Saturday, June 15, 1996. He is survived by his sons Paul W. and Matthew D.; their mother Brenda; brother Arnold; nephew Paul; special friends Louise Doty, Sandy VanKovering of OH, Vicki Hughes and family. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 1 p.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Visitation Wednesday 12 noon to 1 p.m. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**MUELLER** - Dr. Herbert R. Mueller, aged 68, of Rotonda West, FL, formerly of Lowell, died suddenly June 10, 1996. Dr. Mueller was born July 20, 1927. He was preceded in death by his son Gregory. Surviving are his wife Rebecca, two daughters Valerie Manes of Grand Rapids, and Marcy Arnon of Kalamazoo; four grandchildren, one sister Jean Valka of Troy, MI and one brother Robert Mueller of Ft. Wayne, IN. Dr. Mueller practiced optometry in Lowell for nearly 30 years. He served as Mayor Pro Tem, was a chairman of the State of Michigan Barrier Free Design Committee, Lions Club as well as many other civic and professional optometric organizations. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at St. Augustine Cathedral. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Lansing. Memorials may be made to the March of Dimes.

**LIND** - Harold G. Lind, aged 90, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 1996. He was preceded in death by his sister Lucille Arend of Baroda, MI and brother Don Lind of Lowell. He is sur-

vived by his wife of 65 years Mildred; children Jeannie Olson of Lowell, Robert A. Lind of San Jose, CA, James W. Lind of Hyde Park, NY; sisters Helen Hopp of Grand Rapids, Marian Cnossen of Holland, and Margie (Ray) Sullivan of Isla Morada, FL; brother-in-law Edgar Arend of Niles; sister-in-law Dorothy Ilvento (Don Lind); six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at Roth-Gerst, with Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gerontology Network of West Michigan. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

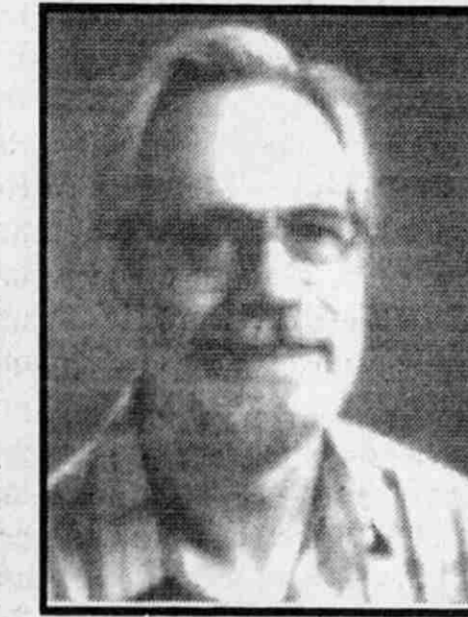
**POWERS** - Mr. Roger D. Powers Sr., aged 78, of Wyoming, MI, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, went to be with his Lord on Monday, June 10, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Hazel Powers; his children Lavada and Anthony Burke of Henrietta, MI, Calvin and Kay Powers of Lowell, Shirley and Roy Rood of Lowell, Barbara Manley of Wyoming, MI, Roger Jr. and Susan Powers of Saranac; his 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters Artie Gale of Shelby, MI, Irene (Marvin) Alexander of Grand Rapids, Hazel Anderson of Dorr, Jay (Mary) Powers of Howard City, Vernon (Bernice) Powers of Hopkins, Helen (Robert) Brown of Dorr and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Powers was preceded in death by his three brothers, Sherman Powers, Calvin Powers and Louie Powers, and his daughter-in-law Gladys Powers (Kuipers). The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon with Rev. Dr. Burdette officiating. Interment in Rosedale Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

**PAWLOSKI** - Eugene (Gene) V., aged 75, went to work with the Lord Saturday, June 15, 1996. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Brett Ronald Pawloski in 1981. Surviving are his wife, Irene; his children Rick (Mary) Pawloski, Patricia (Phillip) Decker, and Ronald (Maureen) Pawloski; 12 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a sister Dorothy (Harry) Wykoski of Wayland; one aunt, one uncle, many dear nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Gene was affiliated with insurance and real estate and retired from the State of Michigan. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Wayland Post 7581 and Knights of Columbus in Hillards. He served in the United States Navy in WWII. Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church with Fr. Tony Vainavicz celebrant. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: Boystown, Neb., or VFW Post National Home of Eaton Rapids.

**RENKEMA** - Olive Renkema, aged 72, of Wyoming, passed away unexpectedly Friday evening, June 14, 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband Gary in 1966 and a grandson, David in 1987. She is survived by her children William and Teresa Renkema of Lowell, Donald and Barb Renkema of Montana, Gary and Sue Renkema of Grand Rapids, Diane and Michael Miller of Illinois, Nancee and Tom Maciulewski of Walker; 18 grandchildren; her brothers John and Mick Penning, Stuart and Barb Penning, Lawrence and Ann Penning; her sister Marge and Roger Gritter; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday with her pastor Dennis Brown officiating. Interment Georgetown Cemetery. Memorial contributions to The 700 Club.

## After 29 years in district, Stegmier ready to take advantage of activities he enjoys

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



George Stegmier

George Stegmier strived, but didn't always succeed, in making his students "life-long learners." "Some did and some didn't," Stegmier said. "I know teaching for 29 years has made one out of myself." The Lowell Middle School science teacher notes that presenting astronomy material to his students was challenging and enjoyable. "I studied and worked as hard in teaching astronomy as I expected the kids to." Stegmier decided about two months prior to the end of the 1995-96 school year that his 29th year would be his final one. "It's a decision you make about 50 times," Stegmier said. "I got to the point where I was old enough to collect social security and had enough years in to collect a pension." It also occurred to the eighth-grade teacher that the number of hunting seasons ahead of him were becoming less and less.

"Retirement will allow me to take full advantage of doing the things I enjoy more," Stegmier said. Besides hunting (deer, squirrel and rabbit), he enjoys woodworking and gardening. Stegmier's woodworking does not include the use of hand tools or machines. "My wife Floretta and I have dealt in antiques (furniture most of all along with gun cabinets and candle boxes). I've always looked at the construction of the antique furniture and thought what a job it must have been," he said. "They didn't use nails or screws; it was all dovetail and mortise and tenon."

The middle school teacher's tastes are in direct contrast with today's students. "The tastes of kids have gotten much more lavish. They expect a lot. They don't want things that are mundane," Stegmier said. "Kids are so entertained, not taught, by television. It has made teaching much more difficult today than when I started." He adds that kids are exposed to more which also makes teaching more challenging. "I don't know that they are any more intelligent than the kids 29 years ago. I give a science demonstration in class and some students will say, 'Oh, I saw this on television.'" It is widely accepted that eighth-grade may be the toughest grade to teach. "I think eighth-grade is probably one of the most difficult," Stegmier said. As for his long tenure in the Lowell School District, Stegmier has no regrets. "I've always felt teachers at Lowell have somewhat of a free hand to try different things," Stegmier explains. "Over my 29 years I've genuinely felt an overall support by the community and administration."

## Internal repair sought on water tower despite its infancy

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's one-year-old water tower is already in need of repair, but the cost of fixing it up will not lay on the township's shoulders. In an annual inspection, it was revealed that the paint inside the tower was blistering and peeling and in need of repainting. "Either it was faulty paint or the surface wasn't cleaned properly before the paint was put on," reported township supervisor John Timpson, speaking of the cause of the blistering. In order to remedy the situation, the township must drain the tank, which is currently half full, sandblast the inside and repaint the surface. "It is difficult to determine the extent of the damage because the tank is half full," Timpson said. "It may be worse than we think or not as bad. Either way this needs to be done." The township board approved repainting the inside mainly because the project would be covered under the township's one year service agreement. The cost is expected to be less than \$5,000, including the engineering fee which uncovered the problem, plus an additional year of warranty. "I agreed to split the cost of the engineering, but I felt we should pay the full amount of the warranty so they knew who they were working for," Timpson said. Dixon Engineering has been retained to fix the problem and Timpson said they are experts in the field of water tank repairs. Timpson said an auxiliary tank would be used while the water tank is being repaired so the area can still be serviced. Timpson hopes to use the auxiliary tank only two weeks and wants the process finished before August when the Lowell School District begins a new school year. "It all depends on the weather. If it's too humid, the paint won't stick," Timpson said.

## School district recipient of gifts from community

The Lowell School Board formally accepted four gifts into the district at its June meeting. A gift from Old Kent Bank & Trust in the amount of \$200 was forwarded to the school to offset the Janet Boyles' workshop expenses for the Organizational Culture subcommittee of the education and business plan. The Lowell Engineering Corporation made a donation of \$250 to offset the Janet Boyles' workshop expenses for the Organizational Culture subcommittee of the education and business plan. Lowell's Knights of Columbus donated \$481.18 to the special education department for the 1996-97 school year. The Lowell Community Fund made a donation of \$200 to be used for alternative education.

## LEF producing school calendar

The Lowell Education Foundation is putting together a district-wide calendar for the Lowell School District. The LEF is looking for businesses interested in purchasing business card ad space. If interested call Pinky McPherson at 897-7203.



## Middle School Students of the Month

Lowell Middle School May Students of the Month, front row, left to right, are: Craig Myers, Jamie Roth, Molly Debiak, Troy Gillan, Sara Meaney and Laura Horsley. Back row, left to right, are: Ben Gerard, Betsy Eldridge, Lara Robertson, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Jamie Sheppard and David Walker.

## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA

County of Kent, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on July 10, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grattan Township Historical Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, to consider a proposed amendment in the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would add Section 2.17A on definition of greenhouse and Section 2.34A regarding the definition of nursery; add Section 3.01(L) relating to certain greenhouses as accessory structures; amend Section 13.17 on agricultural processing; and amend Section 13.18 on certain greenhouses and nurseries as special land uses.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment. Written comments regarding the proposed amendment may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, within the Township, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: June 11, 1996

Planning Commission of The Township of Grattan

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Dick and Bobbie Doezema - Now



Dick and Bobbie Doezema - Then

## Doezemas celebrate golden anniversary

Dick and Bobbie Doezema of Lowell Township will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with family and friends at an open house and luncheon on June 22 at the Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow Ave. SE, from noon

until 3 p.m. Their children are Allen and Robin Barton, David and Sherrie Brewer and Douglas and Dawn Seeley. They have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



### Noll and Denny announce wedding plans

A Lisa Marie Noll of Lowell and Frederick Minor Joseph Denny of Fenton would like to announce their engagement. The bride-elect is the daughter of Charles and Gail Noll of Midland, Texas, and of Dr. Gayle Noll of Kingwood, Texas. The future groom is the son of Mrs. Josephine Walsh and the late W. Minor Denny of Swartz Creek, MI. The couple will exchange vows on horseback on June 29 at the groom's ranch.

## Harthorn and Weststrate unite in May wedding

Tara Ann Weststrate and Brian Lee Harthorn were united in marriage on May 11, 1996 at the Cascade Fellowship Christian Reformed Church.

Maid of honor was Sue Harthorn. Bridesmaids were Laura Boyink, Tricia Raab, Angela Weststrate and Mary Weststrate. Best man was Jim Harthorn. Groomsmen were Todd Weststrate, Rich Mulnix, Jeff Hutchinson and Dave Beeman. Ushers were Tim Weststrate and Jim Zanzig. Master and mistress of ceremonies were Warren and Elaine Smith.

Parents of the couple are Herman and Bonnie Weststrate of Lowell and Jim and Ann Harthorn of Sand Lake.



Brian Lee and Tara Ann Harthorn

## Tom Rash delivers sermon

Lowell native Pastor Tom Rash delivered the sermon at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene Sunday evening (June 9). Rash, a pastor for the Tifton Church of the Nazarene in Tifton, Ga., is the son of Ed and Nora Rash, 12838 Grand River Dr.

# Viewpoint . . .



Years ago, I remember reading a humorous article written for one of the publishers trade magazines I receive here at the Ledger. The author was the publisher of a small town weekly newspaper in northern California. He'd owned this paper, and had been married to it for something like twenty years at the time. He had covered all the top news stories from the local Cub Scout Pinewood Derby to the Methodist bake sale without ever taking a vacation beyond extended week-ends.

I don't remember the name of the town, but older readers may recall a big national news story involving some wacko who hijacked a school bus full of kids and disappeared for several days. They finally found the bus buried at some old gravel pit or something. The kids were okay and the guy was caught, but it was a huge news story. Guess where the local publisher was. Yup, off on his first vacation in twenty years. He was camping in the Rockies, a thousand miles away, while every news media imaginable scooped his once in a lifetime story.

Last week's plane crash here at the Lowell Airport reminded me a little of that story. Here's how the events unfolded for me.

I had gone out to my hangar after work. It was a nice evening and I'd considered flying my old biplane, but it was very low on fuel. I guess I wasn't motivated enough to go gas it up, so I opted to cut some grass around the hangars. Of course I also had to periodically hit the baseball for my dogs. My daughter showed up for awhile and a fellow from the flight school across the field also stopped by. We hit the ball for the dogs, chatted and watched planes shooting landings on the north/south runway that passes in front of my hangar. As we talked, I watched the ill-fated pilot and his family as they

readied the plane that was destined to crash in about an hour. I even asked the fellow from the flight school what the plane rented for, as I considered using it to fly to Kansas to visit my son serving with the Army there.

After our chat, the young man from the flight school wandered back across the field, my daughter took off to visit a friend and I went back to my mowing. My daughter and I had made plans to go downtown for dinner when I finished.

From the front of my hangar, there is a front row seat to the events that were about to transpire. The runway in use that night runs within a couple hundred feet of my hangar. The end of that runway, the trees and the house the plane was to crash into, are all less than a quarter mile away and plainly visible. I was mowing in back of the hangar.

While I was cutting grass, the pilot of the light plane had aborted a landing attempt, clipped some tall pine trees and crashed into the peak of a two story house with his wife and their two children on board. Oblivious to what had happened, I put the mower away, cleaned up a little and called my daughter to come pick me up. As I waited for her, I remember hearing sirens wailing up Lincoln Lake Avenue, and assumed there had been a car crash north of town. My daughter arrived a few minutes later. On our way downtown, we met at least one volunteer fireman heading north on Flat River Drive and didn't think much of it. I guess twenty years of owning a newspaper has taken some of the edge off my ambulance chasing instincts.

As we enjoyed a leisurely dinner, all hell was breaking loose where we had just come from. A virtual army of firemen, policemen, neighbors, rescue personnel, curiosity seekers and of course, news media of every description descended on the sight. Everyone was there except a representative from the local newspaper. The Ledger editor was at the school board meeting, and our part-time reporter was covering a township board meeting. I was eating fried smelt.

As I was paying my bill, the owner of the restaurant said to me, "Well good, at least we know it wasn't you." Not having the foggiest idea of what she was talking about, I gave her a quizzical look. She said news flashes were all over the radio and TV about a plane crashing into a house at the Lowell Airport. I did manage to finish paying my bill before bolting out the door.

I made a quick stop at the Ledger for a camera and headed

straight for the airport. Back at my hangar, there was a throng of people. I knew every one of them. My brothers, customers, old neighbors, friends, employees, etc. They were all sure it was me who had crashed. They were also the same people who would be expected to show up for my funeral. I'm not finished diagnosing and trying to digest that whole concept. When I get a handle on it, I'm sure I'll expound on my thoughts in this column.

I assured those present that the rumors of my death were premature and proceeded to the crash site to take pictures for the paper.

Unlike the publisher in California, I didn't miss the story completely. But, I certainly didn't scoop anyone. I typically have a good camera and several rolls of film in my car. For some reason, it wasn't in there the night of the crash. Had it been, and had I been mowing in front of my hangar, I would have had exclusive photos of the dramatic rescue, the plane while it was still stuck to the peak of the house and the subsequent explosion that tossed the plane off the house and back into the trees it clipped in the first place. We're talking Pulitzer Prize winning photos, and I was stuffing my face with fried smelt. I might as well have been camping in the Rockies.



## Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>		<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 <b>Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M.</b> Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936  REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 &amp; 10:00 A.M.  REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinckney, north of M-21. <b>Worship Service.....10 A.M.</b> Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>		<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b> 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 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><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM &amp; 6:00PM Sunday School Hour.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. Times 897-7168 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b> Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. 897-5648 or 667-1948 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Music Director Meghan Culver.....Director of Education Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.  TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

## Thad's thoughts

As some of you are probably aware, our Governor has let it be known that he would like for each county to be responsible for state roadways in its area.

This would enable the Governor to invoke some sort of tax cut and remove one more thing from the list of state responsibilities.

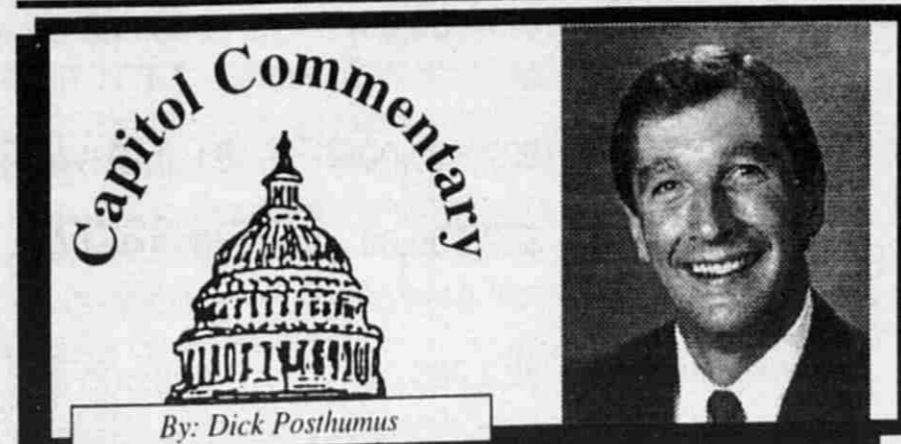
On the surface, the Governor's ideas sound great. However, what about the counties (I'm sure there are more than just a few) which cannot absorb another hand-me-down expenditure? What do they do, revert back to dirt roads?

Which leads me to my concern with all this Republican talk about empowering the states.

Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich and most Republicans want to relieve Washington of funding social programs and have the states set up some sort of grant program to handle them. This would enable them to finance their much ballyhooed tax cut.

This sounds good, unless your state has a Governor who's trying to empower the counties and cities.

I'm sure you see what I'm getting at. Washington passes programs on to Lansing. Lansing in turn does what it can to pass programs on to counties and cities all under the guise of empowerment.



### IN PRAISE OF OUR SCHOOLS

Now is the time of year when the school halls and classrooms are much quieter than usual. We don't see as many yellow school buses on the road and school kids concentrate

Trust me - there is a big economical disparity between Lowell and Bloomfield Hills or Kent and Wayne counties.

There will be an even bigger disparity in roads and programs if this empowerment ploy succeeds.

It's time those elected to offices of power on a state and national basis accept their responsibilities and quit looking for the little guys to do their heavy work.

With the approval of the Lowell Board of Education, the seven-block schedule will be implemented in the 1996-97 school year.

To say this program was discussed would be an understatement comparable to saying Michael Jordan is a pretty good basketball player.

The main point of discussion between the program's advocates and adversaries has been the seminar period. It's a good bet that this discussion will fuel a close monitoring of the seminar period... which in the end is why I think it will succeed.

Used correctly, the seminar period could have big rewards for students. Incorrectly, the seminar period becomes nothing more than a glorified study hall.

Lowell High School counselor Barb Pierce told me last week, "Now that the seven block has been approved, the real work begins."

Which for me is the key. There have been a number of well-educated educators who have put in a lot of time studying the seven block.

I can't believe now that it's been approved they won't work tirelessly to make sure the seminar debate doesn't come back to bite them.

So while the discussions on seven block and more specifically seminar at times seemed endless, it's those discussions that I believe in the end will insure its success.

less on homework and more on enjoying the summer. It's also a good time to reflect on the schools in our area.

As I've written many times in my columns, ensuring a high quality education for the families of our state is one of my most important priorities as a legislator. Our future success depends upon our ability to prepare the students of this state for the years ahead. Providing a quality education is key to the success of the future, and it's a challenge we mount every day. It's our most important investment for tomorrow.

Our local schools are up to that challenge. Every day, dedicated teachers spend hours preparing, teaching and evaluating our next generation of leaders. I'm proud to have sent my four children to public school. Although there's always room for improvement, it's a system that's working for thousands of students.

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### 100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JUNE 19, 1896

The Lowell High School Commencement program and closing exercises for the other village schools (South, West, Central) are on Page 1.

Della James, Edith Mange, Elsie Godfrey, Lottie Fletcher, Effie McDiarmid, Donna Winsner and Frank Coons are the graduates; all deliver essays or orations.

Ads on the front page (only one page, front and back, survives): Geo. Winegar Shoes, Rickett's Ice Cream, Ecker & Son Lowell Planing Mill, Lowell Marble Works with Jos. Hamilton, Nash Agricultural Implements.

The Michigan news on Page 2 is largely drownings, fires, fatal accidents and murders, with a few items of other news.

National and world news tell of smallpox in Cuba, aliens working for the U.S. government and the burning of the Horse Exchange Building in New York City.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 16, 1921

Lowell's base ball team beats Jess Elster's Colored Athletics, 4-3. The grandstand is not quite complete, but will be soon.

Lowell women organize a chapter of the Child Conservation League of America, with Mrs. Wm. Atkins as president. Ex-service men are requested to leave their discharge certificates at a local bank to receive their bonus.

The Farm Department pictures a contraption that uses horse power and a push rake to stack hay.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 20, 1946

Lines still form at grocery stores, with shoppers in pursuit of scarce food items.

Lowell water is much improved since using only the shallow well with a new continuous-flow pump, says Frank McMahon. The deep well is salty.

Common Council pledges \$2,000 a year for five years from the Lee fund to help finance Lowell school construction. Republican Kim Sigler vs. Democrat Murray VanWagoner is the result of the primary election.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - JUNE 17, 1971

Philip Kropf and David Miller win in the nine candidate school board race.

The Kent County 4-H gets approval from the City Council to add a 40' x 120' pole barn on the city-owned land next to the waste water treatment plant.

The Centennial Ball at the Fallasburg Park pavilion Friday night, is judged a success, with 250 present. A list of Centennial homes and sites has been drawn up and published by a Covered Bridge Centennial committee.

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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 and Mayor Thompson. Absent: Councilmember Hodges.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to excuse the absence of Councilmember Hodges.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the May 20, 1996 meeting be approved as written.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.  
YEA: Councilmembers Myers, Shores, Green and Mayor Thompson.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1. (Hodges)  
MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/03/96)

GENERAL FUND:.....	\$66,659.05
BUILDING & SITE FUND: .....	3,116.22
WATER FUND: .....	44,507.31
MAJOR STREET FUND: .....	65.72
AIRPORT FUND: .....	15.09
LOCAL STREET FUND: .....	65.73
EQUIPMENT FUND: .....	2,235.32
SEWER FUND: .....	202.43
DDA FUND: .....	2,920.74

**Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS A. NORTHEAST CORNER OF W. MAIN AND VALLEY VISTA - LOWELL VISTA SHOPPING CENTER VARIANCE FOR PYLON SIGN - PUBLIC HEARING.** Steve Pestka, son of Henry Pestka, on behalf of his father and H & H Development, asked Ben Van Houton of Valley City Sign, who designed the proposed structure, to address this variance issue. Van Houton stated that the top of the proposed sign is 96 sq. ft., which incorporates the name of the City as well as the shopping center quite predominately. The Rite Aid sign section, which denotes the major tenant, is 64 sq. ft. Then, ten 18" high and 8" wide sections side by side are provided for the tenants of the revamped Eberhard/Plumbs building in the lower section. The reasoning behind the proposed sign was to consolidate three separate signs, rather than spreading these across three parcels of property. The sign would be 12' from the ground, totalling 30' in height. A plastic face sign will be illuminated internally.

No public comments were received and the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Myers asked what the Planning Commission vote was on this issue. City Manager Pasquale responded the Commission unanimously voted to recommend against the variance. With the new ordinance, the Commission felt 125 sq. ft. would be sufficient. Mayor Thompson remarked that the Planning Commission usually is very consistent in following the sign ordinance.

Councilmember Myers stated as a member of the Planning Commission, he attended a special Commission meeting on October 4, 1995 to review the site plan for the new Rite Aid building. During the discussion, Henry Pestka stated that the old Plumbs sign would be adequate for the shopping center.

Councilmember Shores said that the Planning Commission invested much time in creating the new sign ordinance and the Council should uphold this code.

Van Houton inquired if the sign ordinance would allow a maximum to 100 sq. ft. pylon sign for the Rite Aid store, the shopping center to 125 sq. ft. and undeveloped

parcel to the east to 100 sq. ft. (if developed into a single business). Assuming this was true, it would be better to combine all three parcels into one sign of 280 sq. ft., rather than three separate signs.

Mayor Thompson supported the Planning Commission recommendation. He would rather have more small signs than a massive one.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to deny the variance request for the Lowell Vista Shopping Center to erect a 280 sq. ft., 30' high pylon sign, where 125 sq. ft. and 25' in height is allowed.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #2. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 1996-97 OPERATING BUDGET, SET MILLAGE RATE AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET.** The second of two public hearings regarding the 1996-97 budget was held. The Council had the opportunity to review the high lights of the text. The millage rate would remain at 13.85 with total projected expenditures of \$1.791 million. Through some refinement of the document, the General Fund balance of 426,000, representing 24% of the budget which is above the City's policy of 20%, has been planned.

The following are major projects the City had proposed or committed to accomplishing:

- 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 to be extended from Sibley at Ridgeview directly west to the city limits serving commercial and industrial properties along West Main Street.

A readiness to serve water rate increase from \$16 to \$16.50 per month has been proposed to meet increased operating cost. No change in the consumption charge of \$1.53 per thousand gallons per month had been planned.

The Wastewater Fund remained at the current user rate of \$1.80 per thousand gallons per month as well as the debt service charge of \$11 per residential equivalent per month.

In regard to the Water Fund, Mayor Thompson asked if the City and Lowell Township have reached an agreement on the wholesale water consumption fee. Pasquale responded this is still being discussed.

Dave Austin, 908 Lincoln Lake, questioned if the \$.50 increase in the water consumption charge is for operation and maintenance cost. Also, will the Township have this same increase.

Pasquale answered that the increase for the City users concerned the operation and maintenance of the system. Regarding the Township, the City has been discussing this issue. An agreed formula by both the City and the Township has provided sharing of costs for operating the plant and the integrated system to send the water to the Township.

Austin also asked who assisted the City in this process. Pasquale mentioned that Dan Calmeyer of the auditing firm of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson, and Dickinson, as well as City Attorney Richard Wendt has given such assistance.

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the 1996-97 Operating Budget as proposed and set the millage rate of 13.85.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS TO COMPLETE WORK NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE DOWN-**

**TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT.** At the last meeting the Council held a public hearing on the proposed Downtown Historic District. During the session, members of the Downtown Historic District Committee proposed utilizing Heather Aldridge, a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University and Ada resident, to complete the work necessary so that a district could be established and an accompanying ordinance be forwarded to the Council for consideration. It was mentioned previously that the Committee would require up to \$3000 in order to complete this project. The Council was asked formally to consider this request.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by THOMPSON to authorize up to \$3000 from the Unallocated Fund to complete the work necessary to establish the downtown historic district.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. ORDINANCE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CABLE TELEVISION BOARD FROM THREE TO FIVE - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (6/17).** In accordance to the joint City Council/Cable TV Board meeting on May 23, an ordinance to increase board membership from three to five had been provided for consideration. Increased membership would give more representation from the community, allowing greater opportunities for discussion regarding Cable TV.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to establish a public hearing on June 17, 1996 to consider adoption of an ordinance to increase the members on the Cable Television Board from three to five.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. 1995-96 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** As required by law, the City Council must review and approve final adjustments to the City's operating funds. The City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon had prepared a summary of the highlights explaining the adjustments in the current year's budget.

	Amendments	Amended Budget
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Police	\$18,150.00	\$572,550.00
Fire/Rescue	\$17,100.00	\$233,500.00
Cemetery	\$6,250.00	\$83,105.00
Dept. of Public Works		
	(\$23,000.00)	\$148,700.00
Sidewalks	\$50,000.00	\$59,800.00
Parks	\$19,300.00	\$130,310.00
Unallocated		
Expenses	\$20,520.00	\$51,020.00
Contingency	(\$10,000.00)	.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$98,320.00	\$1,779,120.00
Transfer to Water Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	\$198,320.00	\$1,929,120.00
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Unreserved	(\$188,320.00)	\$442,389.00
Reserve/Fire-Rescue		
Equipment	(\$10,000.00)	(\$3,302.12)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	(\$198,320.00)	\$557,891.27
<b>LOCAL STREET FUND</b>		
Capital		
Expenditures	(\$27,000.00)	\$23,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$27,000.00)	\$121,575.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$27,000.00	\$93,944.00
<b>DDA Fund</b>		
Administration	\$22,000.00	\$26,100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FUND BALANCE	(\$22,000.00)	\$771,756.00

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<b>BUILDING &amp; SITE FUND</b>		
Interest	\$5,110.00	\$5,200.00
Contrib. from Private Source	\$248,500.00	\$248,500.00
Proceeds-Sale of Bonds/Notes	\$770,040.00	\$770,040.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,023,650.00	\$1,023,740.00
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Other Services & Charges	\$10,400.00	\$10,800.00
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Capital Expenditures	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$170,400.00	\$170,800.00
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FUND BALANCE	\$853,250.00	\$854,620.00
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<b>WATER FUND</b>		
Administration	\$10,500.00	\$37,555.00

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION	\$10,500.00	\$352,795.00
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OPERATING INCOME	(\$10,500.00)	\$166,135.00
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Transfer from General Fund	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
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NET INCOME		
Retained Earnings	\$89,500.00	\$393,883.00
Unreserved		

TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS	\$89,500.00	\$608,818.00
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<b>IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>		
Revenues		
Special Assessment		
Charges (\$11,200.00)		\$350.00
Proceeds from Loan	(\$56,000.00)	.00
TOTAL	(\$67,200.00)	\$670.00

<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>		
Expenditures		
Capital		
Expenditures	(\$77,965.00)	.00
TOTAL	(\$77,965.00)	\$550.00

FUND BALANCE	\$10,765.00	\$44,642.00
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IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the 1995-96 budget amendments as proposed.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. AUDITOR AGREEMENT.** An agreement was presented for auditing services for the 1995-96 fiscal year from the firm of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson which outlines a maximum charge of \$18,500 or 3% more over last year. In the proposal letter, the auditing fees have been estimated to be \$12,550 to \$16,050 for the completion of these services.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to accept the 1995-96 auditing services proposal from Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson which outlines a maximum charge of \$18,500.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #7. INSTALLATION OF FURNACE UNITS AT AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.** Carl Francis, Director of Aviation for Cornerstone Aviation Services, which manages the airport for the City, noted that the furnace units in the terminal building were in need of replacement. Francis contacted several heating and air conditioning firms concerning installation of three new furnace units. Arctic Refrigeration, Inc., carried out this work for \$6,453.75. At the Airport Board meeting of May 28, those present recommended that the City and Cornerstone equally divide the cost. Therefore, it was recommended that a cost of \$3,226.87 be allocated from the Airport Fund for the City's share of the installation of these furnaces.

Mayor Thompson was concerned that the work was

completed before Council's approval and that the City bidding policy was not followed.

Councilmember Myers asked what was the recommendation of City Manager Pasquale. Pasquale responded that it was appropriate and recommended approval.

Councilmember Green felt as landlord of the building, it is appropriate for the City to share in the cost of the installation of the furnaces.

Councilmember Shores agreed with Mayor Thompson that the Council should have been notified before the work was approved.

Pasquale stated that the Airport Board was consulted and approved the project, but the Council should have been notified at the same time.

Mayor Thompson remarked that the Airport Board and Cornerstone have done an excellent job in making the Airport self supporting. But, the Council should be informed of future projects.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that \$3,226.87 be allocated from the Airport Fund for the City's share of the installation of three furnaces at the Airport Terminal Building.  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #8. BOWES ROAD PROJECT UPDATE.** The City did receive a final approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Kent County Road Commission for the layout of the Bowes Road realignment. Also, a survey has been completed. Currently, discussion with Grand Rapids Gravel concerning acquisition of property is being carried out. A description of the parcel required for the road in Lowell Township will be forwarded to the Township and the Road Commission for acquisition.

Several engineering matters were considered:

- the reconstruction of Bowes Road from Hudson to Pleasant to be carried out concurrently with the west end project to bring this section to Major Street status. Three quotes for engineering services were received:

Williams & Works \$5,800. (Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber \$9,100.) (McNamee, Porter & Seeley \$11,800.)

It was recommended that a contract be awarded to Williams and Works for the engineering design of Bowes Road from Hudson to Pleasant.

- engineering services for the realignment of Bowes Road - the Council at its December 18 meeting approved the engineering realignment project with Williams and Works for \$22,800. Based on additional work needed concerning right of way, approximately 45 hours were spent, costing \$2,650. Engineering and survey required for right of way acquisition including preparation of legal description is estimated at \$850.

Also, staking for construction on both Bowes projects would cost \$5,660.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to award the engineering contract to Williams and Works for the reconstruction of Bowes Road from Hudson to Pleasant (\$5,800), the additional 45 hours of work needed concerning right of way of Bowes Road (\$2,650), engineering and survey required for right of way acquisition (\$850) and the staking for construction on both Bowes projects (\$5,660).  
YEA: 4.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 1.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #9. CITIZENS COMMENTS.** Thad Kraus mentioned the Cherry Creek Classic 5K walk/run is planned for Saturday, June 8, 1996 at 8 a.m. with all proceeds being provided to the new library.

**Item #10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores received another comment regarding the excellent condition of Oakwood Cemetery. Councilmember Myers also stated that each grave stone appeared as though it was receiving a visitor, since there was no grass around any grave stones.

With all the construction going on downtown, Mayor

Thompson said that everyone must keep in mind that the workers are not City employees. The contractor is following the Council's directions. The Council and the DDA set the process. If everyone has some patience, the City residents and businesses will be very proud of the final outcome.

City Manager Pasquale mentioned that a meeting was held earlier with the City staff, engineers from FTC&H and Nagel Construction to ensure that everyone involved on "the same page" provide a clear line of communication. Mark Dressel is the construction inspector and is the key person on this project.

Also, the City will now be providing the newsletter to the merchants regarding the construction work and progress.

Councilmember Myers asked that areas on the north side of Main Street not in the construction zone at this time be filled in so that vehicles can park.

Mayor Thompson suggested that some signs be placed so that motorists are aware of available parking. Pasquale stated that the City is encouraging business owners to park a car on Main Street so that the public is aware of the parking.

Councilmember Myers also requested that the letters on the front City Hall building be repainted. Also, Myers recommended that one person from the Water Department, Cable TV and City Hall attend the Michigan Municipal League seminar titled "How to Provide Better Service to the Citizens", on August 6, 1996 in Grand Rapids.

**Item #11. MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

**A.** Copies of the Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of May 9 were provided in the agenda. At the May 23 meeting, the DDA approved the installation of a storm line to pick up roof drains from the buildings in the Broadway - Riverside lot. Bill Wheadon of the Flat Iron Group provided concepts for promotions for the downtown streetscape project and historic district. The saying: "Once. Again. Lowell." was considered very appropriate by the DDA.

**B.** A request was received from Harold Ball to move a house on the north side of M-21 between Jefferson and Jackson to the northeast corner of Division and High on August 5. Ball wished to cut back some of the vegetation that is around the area to accommodate the house move on Division. When Division proceeds north, it starts to get over grown. In order to accommodate the moving of the house, this needs to be cut back.

Mayor Thompson stated that the City needs to be accommodating to a point. But, there are trees close to the road. After such cutting, it is difficult to correct.

Department of Public Works Director Art Gall stated that Ball has plans to cut out some of the bank, because the house being moved is very wide. Ball plans to restore the lot by hydro seeding and planting maple trees.

Consensus of the Council was that the proposal be reviewed and have Ball prepare documentation on what would be necessary to accommodate the moving of the house.

**C.** The AAA Pedestrian Safety Study will be available for the June 17 meeting.

**Item #12. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Thompson appointed Dennis West to the Lowell Cable TV Board replacing Ivan Blough for a term that expires June 30, 1997 and reappointed Charles Doyle to the Lowell Light and Power Board for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 1999.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, June 17, 1996

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

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It is always the secure who are humble.

-G. K. Chesterton

## MAIN ST., CONT'D.

27, 28 and 29.

Articles may be dropped off at the center during normal business hours Tuesday thru Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. No clothing or large furniture desired.

Call 897-8545 if more information is needed or other arrangements for drop off are necessary.

### CIRCUS COMING TO LOWELL

King Royal Bros. four-ring circus is coming to the Lowell Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 10 for two shows, 4:30 and 7 p.m.

The cost is \$4 for children 11 and under and seniors 65 and older and \$6 for adults. Advance tickets can be purchased at Dr. David Durkee's office and at Hahn Hardware. Mail orders require a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Dr. David Durkee, P.O. Box 247, Lowell, MI 49331. For more information call 897-8486.

### MINI-SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE OFFERED

The Lowell YMCA will be offering a summer soccer

## Lions Club and King Royal Bros. bring circus to Lowell

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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.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Camilla Wehan, 78, of Lowell, was involved in a property damage accident on Hudson near Main St. June 7 when a vehicle driven by a 16-year-old juvenile pulled from a private drive into her path of travel.

Donald Calton, 34, of Belding, was arrested June 11 on warrants out of Stanton issued by the Friend of the Court and one out of Kent County for failure to appear in court.

Douglas McNutt, 19, of Saranac, was arrested June 11 on a warrant issued out of Ionia County.

James Arnold, 27, of Lowell, was arrested June 12 on a

## YMCA, continued... From Page 1

raised between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for YMCA youth programs.

Family Fare is once again the tournament's corporate title sponsor. Serving as court sponsors will be Chadalee Farms, Crystal Flash, FMB State Savings Bank, King Milling, Kropf Orchards, Larkin's Restaurant, Michigan Wire, Root Lowell,

## VanderVeen initial winner of "Hang Tough" anti-drug slogan contest

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob VanNoller, owner of Roll Away Ltd. Bowling and Skating, has started his own anti-drug program to help young kids hang tough against drugs.

"The program is to get kids to focus on 'saying no' to drugs," VanNoller said.

He has kicked off his program with a Lowell Middle School slogan contest which solicits children to create their own anti-drug slogan.

"This contest is the kickoff of the anti-drug program," VanNoller said. "I'll start the program back up again in September."

The program is intended to get kids to focus on 'saying no' to drugs.

Bob VanNoller  
Owner of Roll Away Ltd. Bowling and Skating

Ben VanderVeen, seventh-grader, was the winner of the first slogan contest.

VanderVeen's winning slogan was "If you don't bite, you'll never get hooked."

The drawing that went with the slogan was of a fish encroaching on a baited hook.

For his efforts, VanderVeen won a month of free skating at Roll Away; one month of free bowling on Friday nights from 7:30 until 10 p.m.; one month of free karate lessons; and a free T-shirt with Roll Away's anti-drug slogan "Hang tough against drugs."

warrant for failure to appear in an Ionia County Court.

Gregory Stevens, 19, of Wyoming, was arrested and released June 12 to appear at a later date in 63rd District Court on warrants issued for destruction of property under \$100 and domestic violence.

Bobby Parson, 25, of Lowell, was released on bond after a warrant was issued by 63rd District June 16.

Ellen Neitzel, of Cedar Springs, reported to Lowell officers on June 14 that her vehicle had been struck by a hit and run driver while parked in a private parking lot in the 1400 block of W. Main.

Two juveniles, both 14, one from Lowell, the other from Grand Rapids, will be referred to probate court for curfew violation when apprehended on Main St. June 14 after midnight.

Gloria Talbot, 39, of Ada, was ordered into 63rd District Court on a warrant obtained by the same for retail fraud from Family Fare store on June 8.

David Ryman, 30, of Lowell, was arraigned on charges after being arrested for domestic assault June 2.

and Thomet Chevrolet.

The tournament is expected to run over two days (Friday and Saturday). Droogsma said Sunday would be used as a rain day. "It's not going to rain - we're going to have beautiful weather," Droogsma says with a smile.

"I would like to expand the program to all grades in the fall," VanNoller said.



Ben VanderVeen, left, holds the shirt presented to him by Bob VanNoller. VanderVeen won the anti-drug slogan contest.

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### FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21 THRU JUNE 27

Della Reese (left) and Roma Downey star in *Touched by an Angel* as heavenly helpers who assist people through life's difficulties. The CBS drama, whose ratings have risen since it was moved to Saturdays, gets a new time slot and some company this fall, as more shows with uplifting themes join the networks' lineups.

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# TOWN TALK

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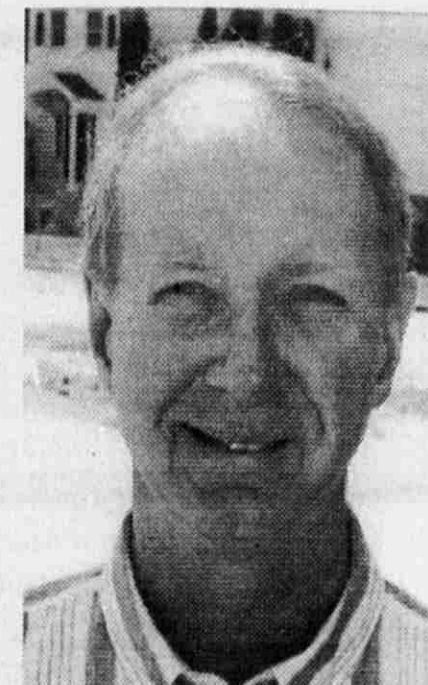
**Doris Canfield**  
Ribeye steak and chicken.



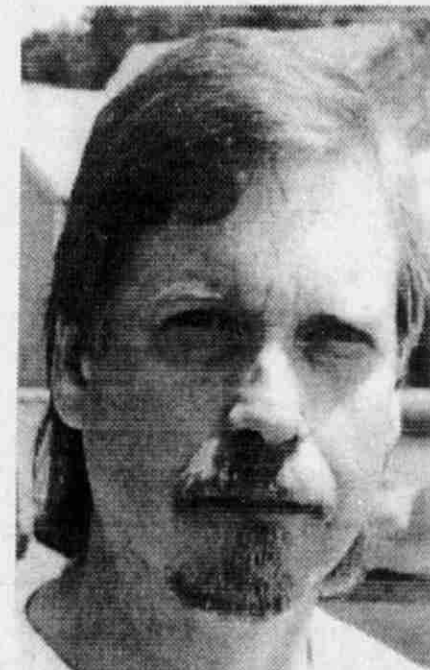
**Sandy Roe**  
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**Mary Potts**  
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**Don Scanlon**  
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**Mike Hardy**  
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## Class of 1946 to hold reunion

The Lowell Class of 1946 dedicated a plaque in honor of their fallen classmates who gave their lives in World War II.

The plaque is on display on the wall of the Lowell Middle School building entrance.

Fifty years ago the senior class accumulated a surplus in its treasury and wanted to do something for classmates who were killed in the war.

After much discussion, the consensus was that since members of the 1946 class had relatives, friends and close associates who had died, the deceased names would be inscribed on the plaque.

The plaque hung on the wall of the old high school until the building was torn down in the late 60's. It was later hung in the high school on Foreman.

The dinner dance will be held at the Charlevoix Club in Grand Rapids on June 29.

## CAP distribution days June 20-22

Jim Davis, organizer for the Community Access Program, said there is not as much food to go around as in previous years. However, there will be more than the last distribution, in which the only item was butter.

The delay in signing this year's farm bill has caused the decrease in food.

Distribution days are scheduled for June 20-22 in which about 130 tons of food come through federal and state grants, and the Gleaners Food Bank this year. Pickup for Lowell residents will be at the Moose Recreation building.

Davis said in the past, the program had distributed as much as 293 tons of food in a year to almost 14,000 families in Kent County in a highly efficient process of distribution, transportation and warehousing. More than half of the people who take advantage of the program are seniors.

The program was created in the 1980s by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a result of a cheese surplus.

Davis said on distribution days, the lines grow long early, and by registering, residents can avoid some of the delays. To register, proof of income and social security will be needed.

## Board gives Metsker 90 days to get house and "children" in order

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

If Jeane Metsker fences in 20 acres of her property and adheres to state guidelines regarding dog kennels, she will be allowed to keep the 15 dogs on her property that she affectionately refers to as her "children."

The Lowell Charter Township Board has given Metsker 90 days to complete a fencing project that would encompass the front 20 acres of her 40-acre horse farm, located at 1766 Parnell Ave. At the end of the time, Metsker will meet with officials from the county to determine if her facility is safe and sanitary for her animals.

If the state feels she has met their guidelines, she will be issued a one-year kennel license that allows her to keep all her "children."

In accordance with the kennel license will be township parameters that set the dog limit at a certain number insuring Metsker's dog population doesn't increase.

"I don't want any more dogs; all I want is to keep the dogs I have now," Metsker explained to the board on Monday night.

Disapproving of the kennel idea was Metsker's neighbor Lee Bloomquist.

Bloomquist and his wife feel the township should enforce its dog ordinance of two years. Under the township's ordinance only three dogs are allowed per household without a kennel license.

"I imagine the ordinance was put there for a reason," said the nine-year township resident. "Instead of enforcing it, you're putting your stamp of approval on it."

Township supervisor John Timpson informed the family that he was not going to take a "heavy handed" stance toward Metsker.

"I've gotten two complaints about Metsker's dogs and both were from you," Timpson said to the family. "Since I've found out the number of dogs, I've given it more attention, but I'm not going to go heavy handed. Most of those dogs have been there a heck of a lot longer than our ordinance."

Aiding in the township's decision was Barb Williams of the Kent County Humane Society.

Williams explained that the original intention of the kennel law was for those individuals who breed or train dogs

as a business.

However, she said the county and state have begun to recognize that many people have large amounts of dogs that have nothing to do with a business.

Williams admitted that her organization made a mistake when it placed five dogs with Metsker over the past several years, but said her organization wasn't planning on taking them back.

"When we place them, we don't expect them to move to another location," Williams said. "We made a mistake and we're willing to help out, but we didn't expect to take them back. We didn't knowingly contribute to the problem."

The idea of giving up just one dog didn't sit well with Metsker, despite Timpson's plan to have her reduce the number of dogs during the 90-day period.

The remaining board members agreed with Metsker saying they wouldn't want to choose which one of the pets they

would have to get rid of.

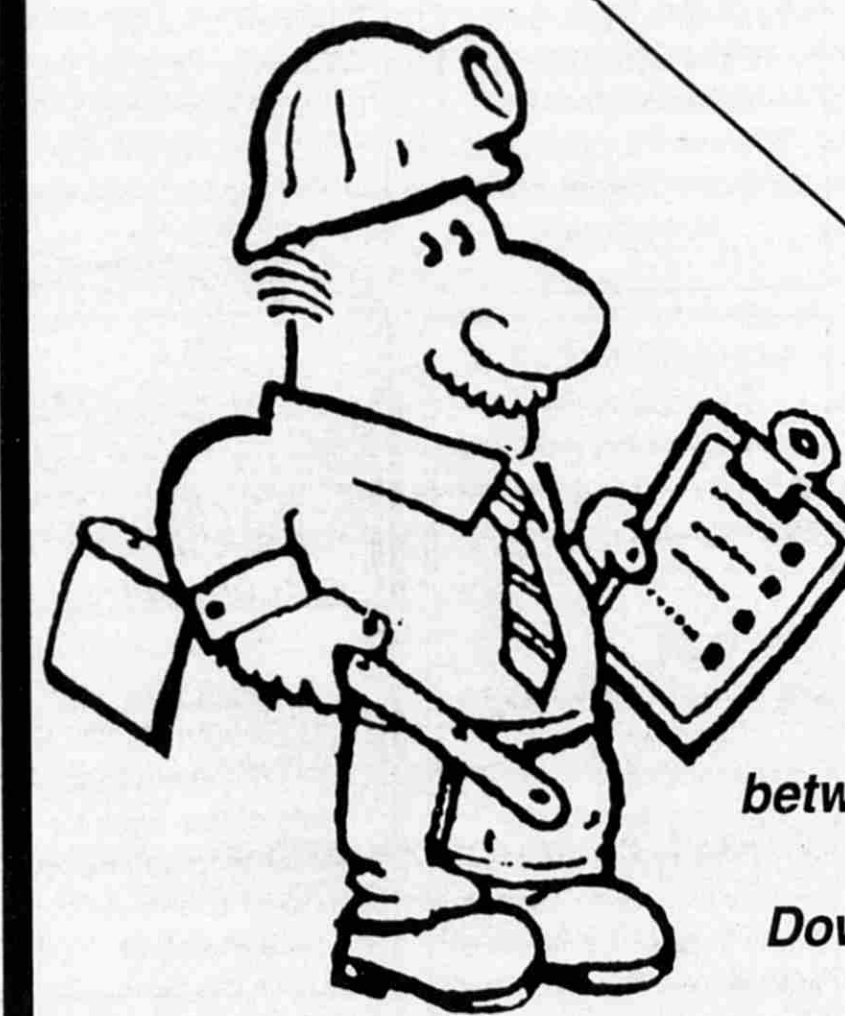
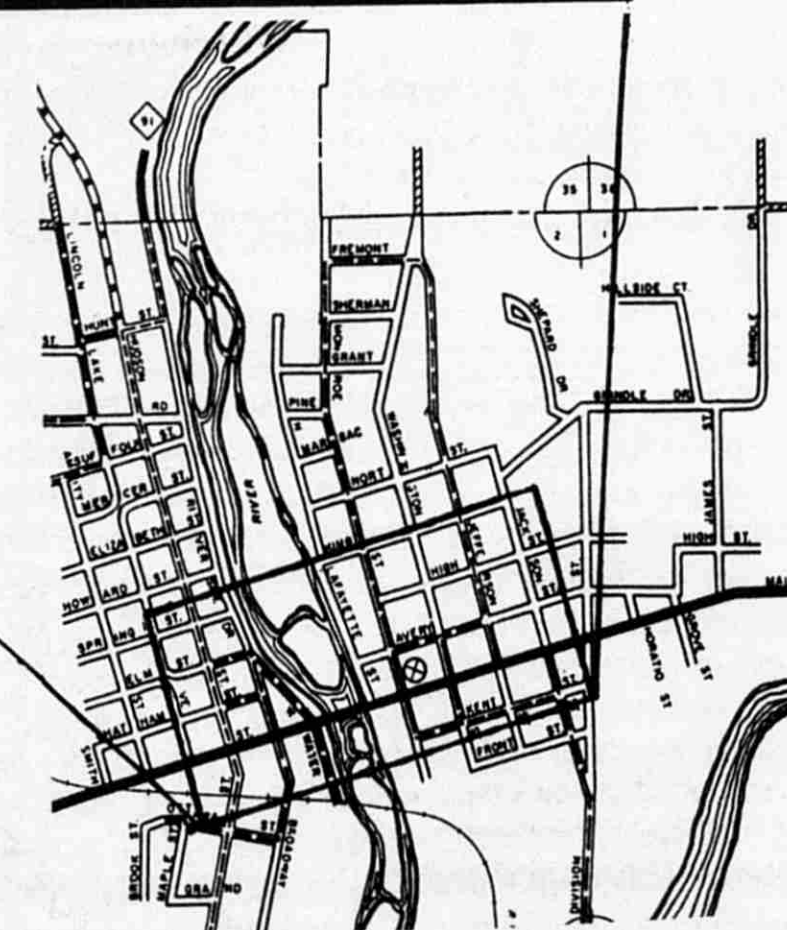
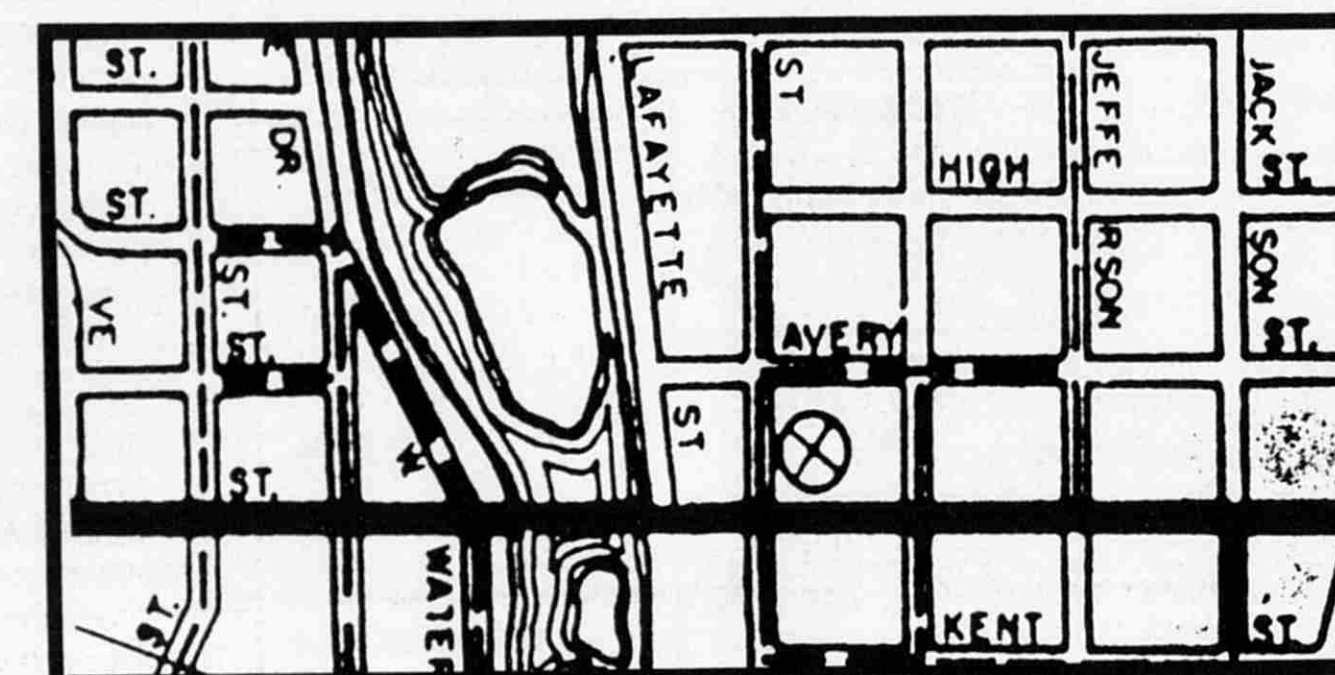
"People take their pets seriously no matter what their age," said treasurer Jean Huver. "I've looked at 17 to 23 letters from neighbors who said they have never heard the dogs. I'm willing to let her keep all 15 dogs as long as she doesn't add to it."

The concept of natural attrition, with the dogs passing away due to natural events, was enough to convince the board to let Metsker keep her dogs as long as they are confined.

Along with capping the number of dogs Metsker is allowed to keep, the board also retains the right to revisit the issue on a yearly basis.

"I feel the township still has a lot of control. As the dogs pass away, the numbers will be reduced and if any problems occur at any time, we can still make sure she complies," said trustee Alyn Fletcher.

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**Cooking Corner**

New Variations On An American Favorite

(NAPS)—What's your favorite pizza topping? Most Americans prefer pepperoni and few care for anchovies, but really anything goes and almost anything may go together on top of your pizza.

Just think of pizza as an art form and get really creative. Making unique pizza at home is easier than ever with pizza sauces, such as Ragù Pizza Quick sauce, which comes in five varieties: Traditional, Chunky Mushroom, Pepperoni, Garlic & Basil and Chunky Tomato.

Here are two creative recipes. Feel free to improvise.

**Mini Zucchini Pizzas**

- 1 cup chopped scallions
- 1 small zucchini, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 jar (14 oz.) Ragù Pizza Quick sauce
- 3 English muffins (whole wheat or white), split and toasted

1 cup (4 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large skillet, sauté scallions and zucchini in vegetable oil until tender. Spoon 1½ tablespoons Ragù Pizza Quick sauce on each toasted muffin half. Evenly top with Muenster cheese, zucchini and scallions; sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Place on baking sheet and bake 15-20 minutes or until cheese melts. Serves 6.

**Italian Specialty Of The House Pizza**  
1 pound Italian sausage, sliced



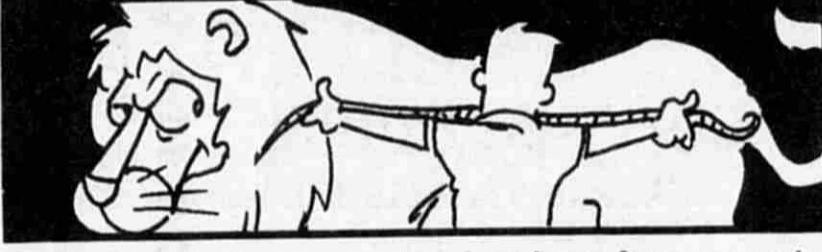
What ingredients define a pizza? Whatever you like. Top it with peppers, broccoli or sausage. Special pizza sauces make it easier to get creative.

1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil  
2 small zucchini, sliced  
1 small eggplant, sliced  
½ teaspoon garlic powder  
1 jar (4 oz.) sliced pimentos, drained  
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese  
1 round loaf Italian or French bread (10" diameter), split and toasted  
1 jar (14 oz.) Ragù Pizza Quick sauce  
1 cup shredded provolone or mozzarella cheese.

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a large skillet, sauté sausage in oil until meat is thoroughly cooked. Add zucchini, eggplant and garlic powder; sauté until vegetables are almost tender. Drain fat. Combine pimentos and Parmesan cheese with sausage mixture; set aside. Evenly cover each piece of bread with half a jar of Ragù Pizza Quick sauce, sausage mixture and cheese. Bake 13-15 minutes or until heated through. Serves 8.

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## City manager's favorable review leads to salary increase

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A favorable review from the Lowell City Council yielded city manager Dave Pasquale a five percent salary increase.

"Dave has had to wear a lot of hats this past year, and the council feels as if he has worn them all well," Lowell mayor Bill Thompson said.

The five percent increase will inflate the city manager's salary from \$56,180 to \$58,989 for the next year.

Thompson stated that the council asked Pasquale to continue building personnel relations and communications. "We're looking for a team effort throughout all city departments," Thompson said. "The council

would also like Dave to further work on the city's communications with merchants."

Financially the council said it was pleased with the great financial shape Pasquale has the city in.

The city's fund balance is at \$433,973. This represents 24 percent of the city's budget which is above the city's policy of 20 percent.

City growth over the last three years has helped maintain a millage rate of 13.85 for the last four years.

Pasquale has been the Lowell city manager for the past 11 years.

"We're fortunate. Most cities don't keep their city managers that long," Thompson said.

## Lowell Township seeks legal opinion on water-cost formula

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In an effort to determine who's right and who's wrong regarding the formula used to determine water rates between the city and Lowell Charter Township, the board has retained the services of a law firm.

"We need legal review of the formula to determine the cost of water from the city of Lowell," said supervisor John Timpson. "They interpret it one way and I interpret it another. If I'm right, I'll raise

an issue; if I'm not, I'll shut up."

The township has agreed to retain the services of Don Smith from the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Timpson would not reveal how much the law firm will cost them, but said it's 30 percent under the going rate.

The township and city have gone back and forth on the issue of water costs since residents in Eastgate Village received water bills nearly double that what was expected.

After lengthy discussions, a compromise was reached for this year's cost. But, the township board would like to

avoid a repeat of last year when hundreds of angry residents voiced their displeasure in the "high" bills at the meeting.

Timpson said the formula is complicated, but boils down to the cost of integrated improvements.

"Some improvements in the city serve both (the township and city), but at question is what is integrated and what isn't," Timpson said. "We need an uninterested expert to review the material. If we are right, we may have to take this to arbitration, but I don't want us to do that unless we are on firm ground."

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# LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

### REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 10, 1996

**BOARD RECOGNITION** - Marsha Wilcox presented Steve Idema with a plaque on behalf of his four years of service on the Board of Education. Steve served two years as a trustee and two years as treasurer.

#### ACTION ITEMS -

Accepted the following gifts:

- Old Kent Bank & Trust donation of \$200 to offset the Janet Boyles' workshop expenses for the Organizational Culture Sub-Committee of the Education and Business Plan.
- Lowell Engineering Corporation donation of \$250 to offset the Janet Boyles' workshop expenses for the Organizational Culture Sub-Committee of the Education and Business Plan.
- Knights of Columbus donation of \$481.18 to the Special Education Department for the 1996-97 school year.
- Lowell Community Fund donation of \$200 for Alternative Education.

Adopted the following resolutions: The amendment to the 1995-96 budget, the 1996-97 budget, the 1971 and 1990 Debt Fund, and the School Service Fund Appropriation.

Adopted the 7 Block Concept for the Lowell High School beginning with the 1996-97 school year.

Adopted the 1996-97 school year calendar and changes in the teacher contract language.

#### CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:

- May 13, 1996 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- The following payment of bills:

GENERAL FUND.....	\$1,141,828.75
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
1. Athletic Fund.....	\$ 35,297.27
2. Food Service Fund.....	\$ 92,210.37
TRUST & AGENCY FUND.....	\$ 30,229.24
DEBT FUND.....	\$ 340,845.00
1990 BUILDING AND SITE FUND.....	\$ 75,729.91

- Superintendent Compensation Package for the 1996-97 school year.
- Resignation from George Stegmier at the end of the 1995-96 school year.
- The employment of Heather Heritage as high school teacher for learning disabled students, and Suzanne Gilewski as part-time secondary Speech Pathologist.
- The admission of Fennville to the OK Conference
- The Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the 1996-97 school year.
- The appointment of Deb Swan-Ellis for a three-year term on the Parents' Advisory for Special Education Committee.

**BOND PROJECTS** -The board approved the following bond projects: Middle School ventilation, removal of existing tanks/installation of new at the bus garage; H.S. art room wall, middle school hallway gates and lockers, Riverside refacing windows & entry, playground equipment and landscaping.

**1996-97 POTENTIAL BOARD GOALS** - Superintendent Bleke presented possible Board goals for the 1996-97 school year.

**FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT** - Superintendent Bleke presented the Food Service contract for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years which will come back for formal approval at the July Board meeting.

**BOARD NOMINATION COMMITTEE** - Steve Idema, Pete Gustafson, and Ellen McClain will serve on the Board's Nomination Committee to establish a process to elect Board officers.

**POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE** -Superintendent Bleke presented the possibility of an enhancement millage for later this fall.

**K-12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM REPORT**- Curriculum director Jim White, and physical education teacher, Nancy Anderson, presented the revised K-12 physical education curriculum which will come back for Board adoption at the July Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Pinky McPherson expressed her gratitude to the Board for approving the 7 Block concept for the high school and also indicated that many positive changes are taking place throughout the entire district.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Superintendent Bleke expressed his gratitude toward Steve Idema for his service on the Board. He also informed the Board that each district may have to make a decision by July 1 concerning the School of Choice bill. Bert expressed his congratulations to Norm Byrne and Mark Blanding for winning seats on the Board, and he also thanked Mary Hasso and Joe Barnella for running.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education - Mon., July 8, 1996 - 7 p.m. Administration Building - Board Room.
- Special Meeting of the Board of Education - Mon., July 8, 1996 - Immediately following the Organizational Meeting

The Lowell Area Schools "Action Line" (897-1219) is a phone service available to anyone who has a question or wishes to leave a message for an administrator or members of the Board of Education.

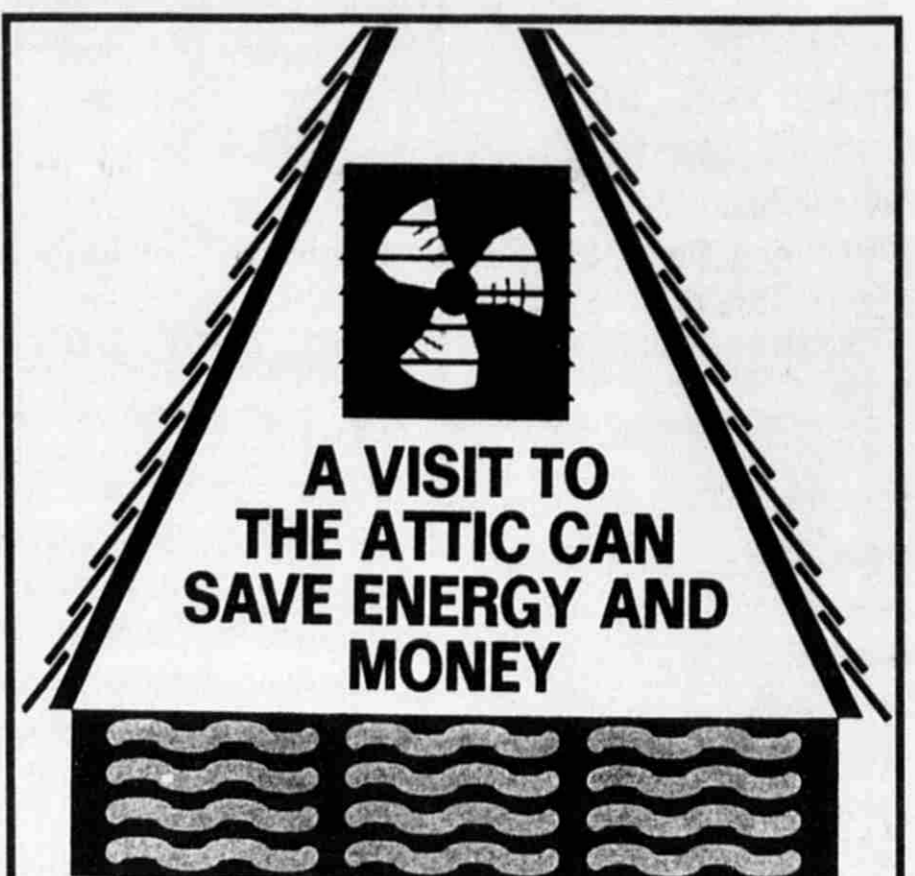
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