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Board votes to exercise its last chance at enhancement mills

••• Superintendent recommends asking the district for 2.79 mills to be used for technology and transportation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Weighing what the future holds for school funding with what is financially prudent today can be a tough task.

It is one, however, the Lowell Board of Education tackled in discussing Lowell Superintendent Bert Bleke's recommendation to ask the school district for 2.79 enhancement mills in September.

The 1996-97 school year is the final year schools can ask for enhancement mills. The Lowell School Board chose not to seek enhancement mills the first two years.

Bleke recommended seeking enhancement mills because the 2.79 mills would immediately improve the educational service provided by Lowell and it would help protect the general fund and fund equity.

"I think it is an appropriate thing to do," Bleke explained. "I believe the district has been financially prudent over the last year and has worked to improve the finan-

cial processes."

The 2.79 mills will represent approximately \$960,000 to the district. That money would be divided equally between technology and transportation, according to Bleke.

"The technology money would be divided into two components," Bleke said.

The \$480,000 would put a computer, printer, and cart in every classroom in the district. It would also update the technology lab (27 work stations) at Bushnell Elementary.

Allocating \$480,000 of the enhancement mills toward transportation would pay approximately \$30,000 in existing debt. Any of the remaining transportation debt (\$270,000) would be provided for through the general fund.

By expediting the payoff of the transportation debt, the district would be debt free in transportation by the end of 1998.

It will also pay for four new buses in 1996-97 and five new buses in 1997-98. Business manager Dale Folkert

said the district would then alternate those numbers on a schedule to replace buses on a 10-year rotation.

The 2.79 enhancement mills would be for one year. For homeowners of a \$60,000 house it would cost them an additional \$84 for that one year. In subsequent order it would cost \$112 for an \$80,000 home; \$140 for a \$100,000 home; and \$167 for a \$120,000 home.

Board trustee Ellen McClain believes had the district not overlevied on its bond fund it wouldn't have to go after enhancement mills. "I would like to see the district either spend the debt fund reserve money on computers or return it back to the taxpayers." These monies could be returned by not levying as much debt millage in a future year or years.

Business manager Dale Folkert learned Tuesday morning that debt fund reserve monies can only be transferred to the general fund if there is no outstanding debt bond issue. Lowell will have

a debt bond issue through the year 2020

Board president Marsha Wilcox added that a cushion is always built in so that bond and interest payments are not defaulted on.

"In determining the debt mills needed, there are two factors that are not known; growth and delinquent taxes," Wilcox said.

Critics of the way the bond was set up have argued it could cause the district to go broke. "Bleke said with this in mind maybe the reserve cushion should be left alone.

McClain also suggested spending some of the fund equity excess (which represents more than 10 percent of the operating budget).

McClain noted that the fund equity represents roughly 11.6 percent of the general fund.

"The district has approximately \$668,000 in debt service, 10 percent of that is about \$180,000 leaving \$491,700," McClain said. "We know what we're going Enhancement, cont'd. pg. 8

Ionia County National Bank construction could start as early as Aug. 1

••• Lowell Planning Commission approves bank's site plan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Construction of the 4,018 square foot Ionia County National Bank branch is scheduled to begin Aug. 1.

That was determined following Lowell Planning Commission's approval of the banking institution's site plan.

The site plan did not vary much from the preliminary site plan presented to the commission in May.

Ionia National Bank chairman Ron Story said within the next week Lowell Light and Power would be relocating power lines adjacent to the bank site.

Trees will also be moved and cut down.

One notable addition to the site plan was Ionia County National Bank's acquisition of an additional 90 feet of property to the east.

The property acquisition will allow the bank to satisfy the Michigan Department of Transportation's concern with the ingress and egress for west bound traffic on M-21; provide better driveway approaches; set entrances further away from the congestion of the Alden Nash intersection; and it will provide more on-site green area.

During the preliminary review in May, commissioner Jim Hall said he felt the site plan was not sensitive to the area that is heavily wooded with pine trees.

John Fountain, architect with Barber-McCalpin Bank, cont'd. pg. 8

DenHouter starts down long road for 57 acre housing development

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

Developer Leonard DenHouter took the first step in making his 57 acre Oak Hills Estates a reality.

Den Houter received tentative approval on his plat design from the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission which would bring 23 new homes to the land overlooking the city of Lowell.

The proposed housing development would consist of two to three acre lots off Alden Nash and Segwun Avenue. It would also have two access points and a third access point

will be set aside in case of further development of the area.

The development would be hidden from the road by trees and would keep the natural beauty of the area intact, according to its developer.

Because DenHouter is developing the land under the state's plat plan, the board's approval is one of three times they will get the opportunity to review the plans.

After the board's approval the plan is sent to the

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Two drivers injured in Monday morning collision

••• Both drivers cited for failing to wear seat belts.

An Ada and Ionia man were transported and treated at Blodgett Hospital following a two-car accident at West Main and Ridgeview early Monday morning.

Jason Hopkins, of Ionia, was east-bound on M-21 in a

Chevy Cavalier when he attempted a left turn north on Ridgeview.

Hopkins, 21, turned in front of a westbound Celebrity station wagon driven by William Dykstra, 78, of Ada.

Lowell police sergeant Steve Junewick said the two vehicles collided head on.

Neither driver suffered life-threatening injuries.

Hopkins was cited for making an improper turn.

Junewick said both drivers were cited for failing to wear a seat belt.



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OBITUARIES

McNALLY - Frederick Robert "Pete" McNally, aged 55, of Six Lakes, formerly of Grand Rapids, Belding and Greenville passed away Thursday, July 4, 1996 at Grand Rapids. He was a data processor for Associated Truck Lines in Grand Rapids for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Lynn Johnson whom he married on September 3, 1960 at Belding; a daughter Pamela (Carl) Kolenda; a son Frederick Robert "Rob"

McNally, both of Grand Rapids; a sister Paula (Roger) Cameron of Greenville; a brother Tom (Marilyn) McNally of Saginaw; a son-in-law Jim Johnson of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren Jenny Kolenda, Kyle Kolenda, Matthew Johnson and Mandy Johnson; his father-in-law Stanley Johnson of Stanton; two sister-in-laws, Kathy (Ross) DeGraaf of Kentwood, Sheri Rhodes of Greenville; a brother-in-law Stanley (Lynn) Johnson of Lowell; special

friends Bernie and Karen Jewell of Belding and Robert and Maxine German of Grand Rapids; and many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by a daughter Brenda Johnson in 1990. Memorial Services were held Monday at the Greenville First United Methodist Church with Pastor Harry Johnson and Dr. Lawrence Cameron officiating. Burial will be in Fairplains Cemetery at Grand Rapids. Memorial contributions are suggested to the charity of one's choice.

MILLER - Violet R. Miller, aged 80, of Lowell, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996. She was

preceded in death by her husband, Olen E. and son Boyer. She is survived by her children Olen (Rita) Miller, Jr. of Hudsonville, Ralph (Sandy) Miller of Ironton, OH, Don (Joella) Miller of Brodhead, WI, Cindy (Terry) Thode of Lowell; sister Evelyn (Ralph) Oom of Grand Rapids, Ilene (Cleo) Baker of Ionia; six grandchildren. She was a member of the Lowell Ladies Auxiliary VFW 8303, Eastern Star Cyclemen Chapter #94, Fallsburg Historical Society. Funeral Services were held Friday with Rev. Gordon Barry, of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu

of flowers, Blodgett Memorial Hospital Burn Center.

PIERCE - Mr. Charles A. Pierce, aged 87, of Cutlerville, was called home to be with his Lord Sunday, July 7, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 67 years Dorothy; his children Mable (Lyle) Jackson of Lowell, Jimmie (Betty) Pierce of Wyoming, Robert (Marilyn) Pierce of L.A., Ken (Shirley) Pierce of Allendale, Baraba (Jim) Payne of OH, Tom (Lynelle) Pierce of Zeeland; 22 grandchildren and

several great-grandchildren; brother Harold Pierce of Grand Rapids; sisters Myrtle Moore of Muskegon, Nettie Alverson of Jenison; also several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) 1 p.m. at the Throop Funeral Home, 6850 Lake Michigan Dr., Allendale. Burial in Georgetown Cemetery Memorial contributions may be made to Baptist Mid Missions, envelopes available at the funeral home.

Planning commission guides developer down path for 36th St. project

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission has listened to plans to develop four homes on 21.9 acres of land south of 36th Street.

Developer David Beach sought guidance from the planning commission on what he needs to do to make the project work.

Besides tweaking the development cul-de-sac, Beach was informed he must present certified plans regarding the project which directly follow the township's ordinances.

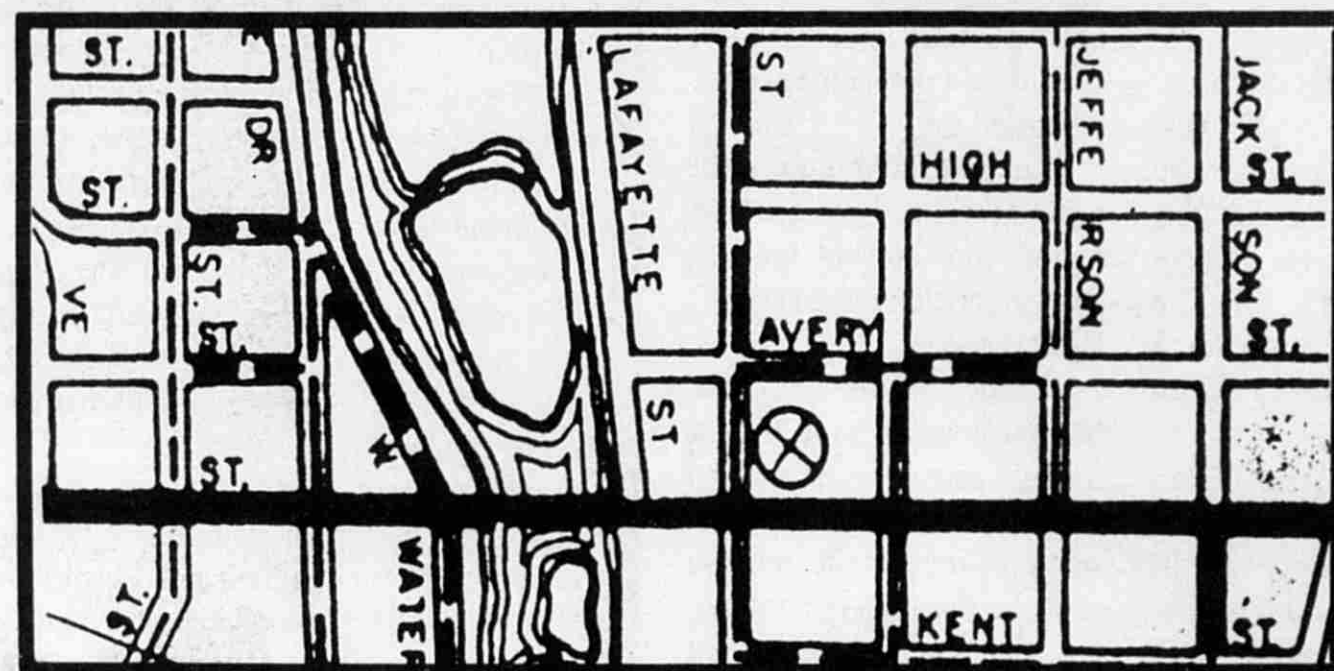
"As long as it meets our ordinance letter for letter there is no reason why it couldn't work," said commissioner Richard Bryan.

Because Beach's property is 21.9 acres and he plans on developing it under the township's single family housing site condominium plans, he can only develop two of the four parcels in the next 10 years.

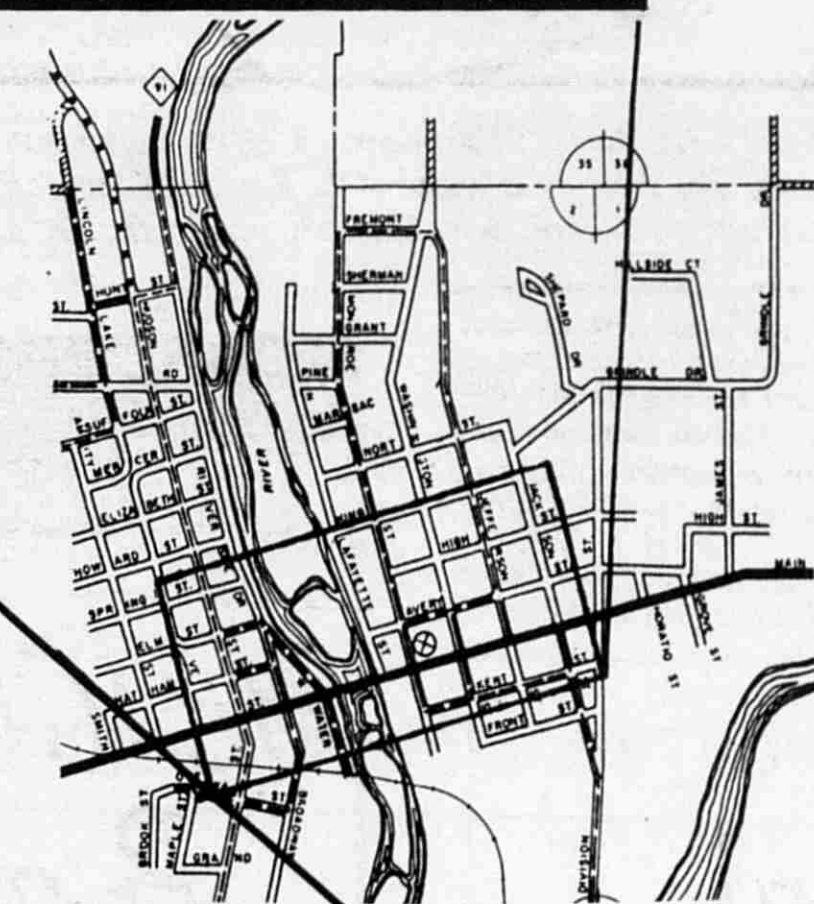
After the two parcels are developed and the private road is completed within the 10 year period, Beach could then develop the other two parcels.

Beach presented his plans before the commission as an informational item. If and when he presents the actual plans has not been determined.

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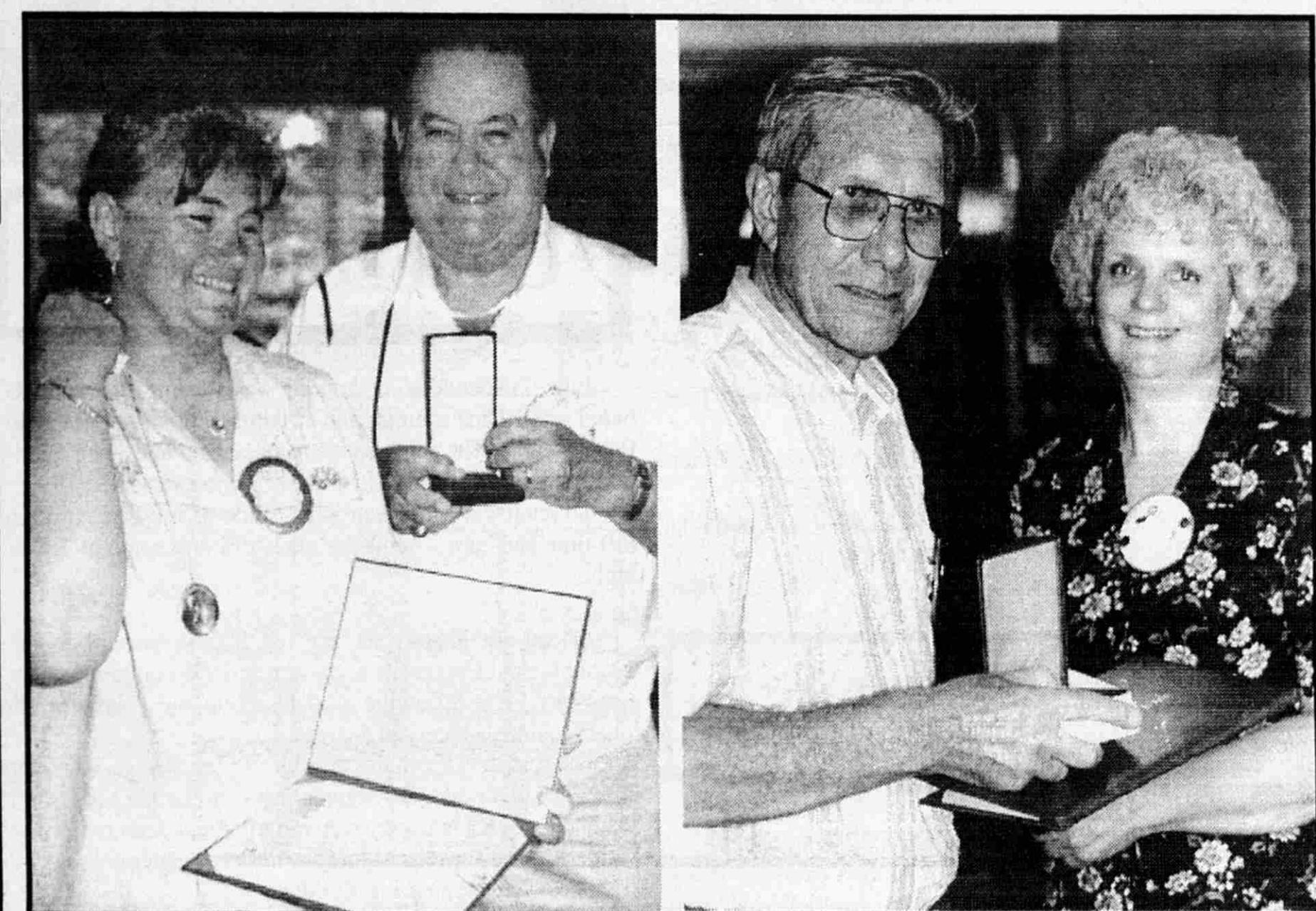
Sylvia Taylor stepped down from her year as Lowell Rotary Club's first woman president. Jim Bossard, the club's incoming president, presented Taylor with the traditional past president's plaque. The ceremony capped events at the annual Rotary picnic held last Wednesday at Fallsburg Park.



Recognizing Rotarians



The officers for Lowell Rotary Club's 1996-97 year are pictured above. The board is comprised of Sylvia Taylor, past president; Tammy Doran, board member; Terry Robinson, secretary; Pete Kubacki, treasurer; Dean Lonick, board member; Scott Carpenter, 2nd vice president; Jim Bossard, president; Dave Pasquale, board member; and Andy Johnson, 1st vice president. Bob Pfaller is also a board member, but was unable to attend the induction ceremony.



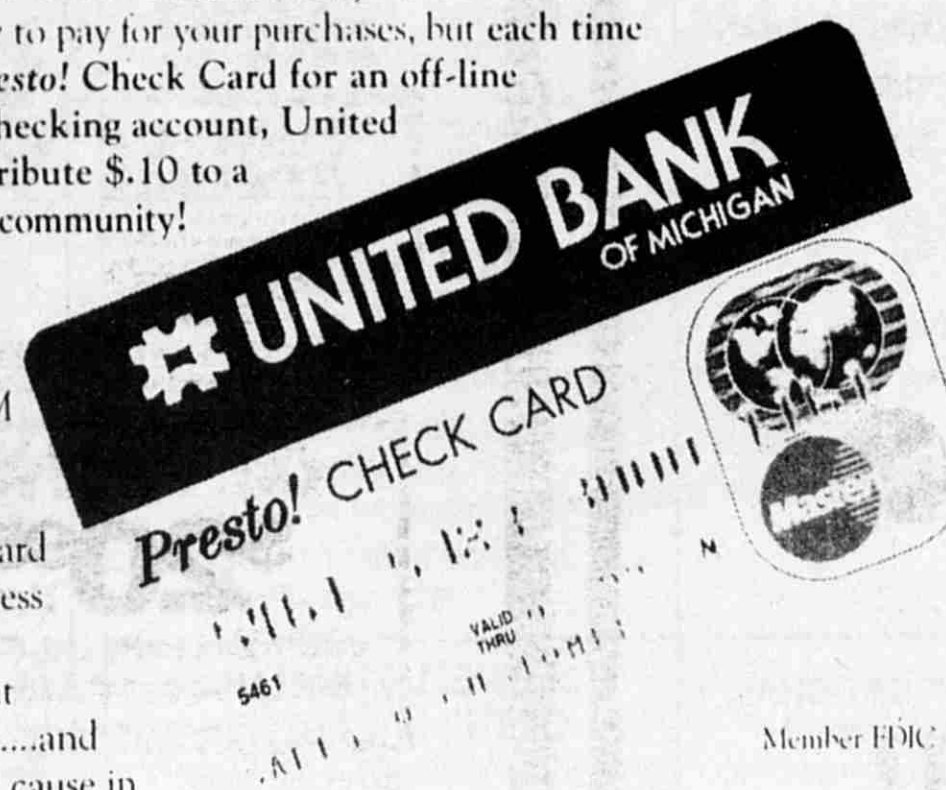
The Lowell Rotary Club presented Sylvia Taylor and Jud Wilterink with its distinguished Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. The award is in honor of the Rotarians' involvement in the club. Former postmaster Charlie Doyle presents Taylor with the award. Betty Morlock, deputy city clerk, presents Wilterink with the award.

Sam Yeiter, left, donated his family organ to the Laurels of Kent nursing facility (formerly Lowell Medical Care Center) in Lowell. Yeiter, Lowell Rotarian, made his presentation to Laurels of Kent administrator Troy Snyder at the Rotary's weekly luncheon.

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Michigan Wire gains approval for manufacturing and storage addition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Michigan Wire will be constructing a 10,064 square foot addition at the west end of its property at 2485 W. Main. "The new addition will enable us to centralize equipment and add some new equipment," said Michigan Wire owner Don Fizer. "It will be used strictly for manufacturing and storage."

In June of 1995, Michigan Wire/D&D Trucking was granted approval on the addition of a 5,680 square foot addition. Some of that project has still not been completed, which was of concern to the Lowell Planning Commission.

Fizer said part of the problem was the late start in the fall. The delay dealt with the city listening to and dealing with concerns brought forward by neighboring residents.

Planning commission chairman Mike Blough said he felt a year was a reasonable time to complete the project.

Items that have not been completed are curbing, the removal of a building, paving, and the laying of sidewalk along Fulton.

The work that remains should be completed within 90 days.

The Michigan Wire owner questioned the planning commission's concern. "There is no need to hold me captive because the project (June '95) is not yet completed as long as

the money in the performance bond.

Fizer said sidewalk is expensive and questioned why it was needed when there was no sidewalk to each side of his

property to connect it to.

One change the commission did make in the site plan was to have a proposed door on the north side removed.

School board elects its 1996-97 officers

The 1996-97 officers were elected by the Lowell Board of Education at a special meeting prior to its regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

With the recommendation by the nominating committee to forego nominating a slate of candidates for each of the four offices, the board voted by ballot for each individual office starting with the president.

After each vote, superintendent secretary Kay Jones tallied the votes openly to those in attendance.

Marsha Wilcox was elected to the office of president for the third consecutive year.

Pete Gustafson was voted in as vice president; Norm Byrne was selected as secretary and Jack Lane was voted treasurer.

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Second annual Fallasburg Bike Tour Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Is your mind toying with thoughts of a leisurely bike ride?

Then Andy Schipper has just the thing for you.

Schipper in cooperation with the Fallasburg Historical Society is coordinating the second annual Fallasburg Bike Tour scheduled for July 14.

The event is being used as a fund-raiser for the Fallasburg Historical Society, and as a way to bring people into Fallasburg Park to see the restoration work being done to the buildings.

The proceeds from the bike tour are earmarked for restoration work.

Schipper who has been road and mountain bike rac-

ing for the past 10 years was pivotal in putting together three different tours.

Fallasburg Bike Tour participants will be able to choose between the 28, 50 and 100 mile bike tours.

The preregistration fee for all three tours is \$10. Bikers can sign up for \$15 the day of the tours. The family preregistration fee is \$20. The cost the day of the race is \$25.

The 28-mile course will take bikers from the Fallasburg to Ada Covered Bridge and then bring them back along Grand River Drive. It is approximately a two-hour ride.

The 50-mile course will take bikers to the Ada Covered bridge then south down to Alaska before looping

through rural areas on their way back to Fallasburg. Schipper said it will be a 3-1/2- to 4-1/2-hour ride.

The 100-mile course takes in the first 50 miles and then heads up towards Rockford before returning to Fallasburg. It will take bikers about six hours.

Registration the day of the tours will be from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the Fallasburg School House. Bikers can take off on their tours any time after registering.

Bikers can preregister by picking up mail-in registration forms at Speed Merchants in Rockford, Kentwood Schwinn in Kentwood and the Village Bike Shop in Cascade.

Schipper said maps will be provided to all participants.

"There will be rest stops along the way with food and water," Schipper said.

There will also be a support service if bikers can't make it or if their bikes break

down. "Everybody will get home again," Schipper said.

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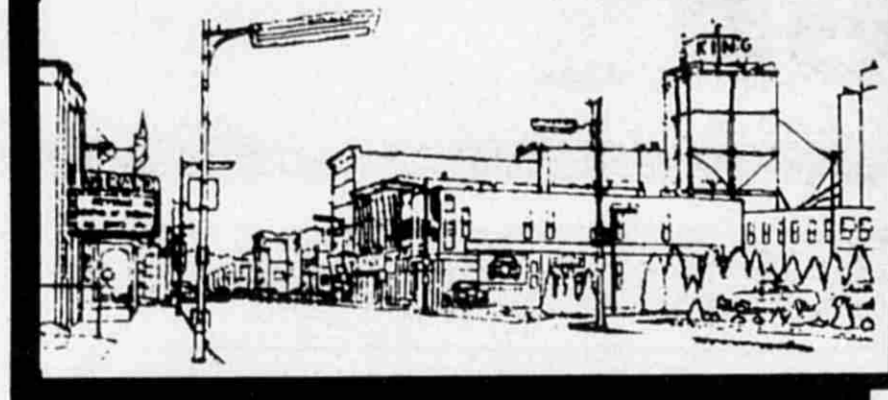
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LOWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING
The quarterly meeting for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce will be held July 11 at the Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson St., Lowell, MI, at 7 p.m.
RSVP Liz Baker at 897-9161. The subject will be Impact of Art in the Community, by David Davis.

**Bank, continued....
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said in June that 21 trees are scheduled to be saved and 23 would be removed. "The design plan will save nearly 50 percent of the trees."

At the request of the commission, Fountain noted that the gate to the dumpster would face Alden Nash. The dumpster will be located in the back of the site.

Commissioner B.J. Thompson said the planning commission was interested in preserving a nice view from the M-21 front yard.

The approved site plan allows for customers to use a northerly drive to access a drive-through from a straight-on approach.

Fountain said there would be no identification signs on the building. "Everything will be on the sign in front in conformance with the city ordinance," he said.

**Lowell Police Department
helps raise money for
American Cancer Society**

Lowell police officer Steve Bukala, together with the Rockford State Police and the Wyoming Police Department, raised over \$2,400 for the American Cancer Society through a 24-hour relay event held at the East Grand Rapids High School track.

The teams of 17 police officers completed 344 laps. This amounts to 86 miles over the 24-hour period.

The team motto was "Be Safe, Be Sober" which is in participation with the Michigan Safe and Sober program.

The Lowell Police Department participated in the program along with other local businesses in order to promote safe and sober driving.

All the participating teams raised over \$125,000 for the American Cancer Society.

YMCA VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The YMCA will be having a volleyball camp July 15 through July 19 at the Lowell High School auxiliary gym. Times will be as follows: entering grades 3 and 4, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; entering grades 5 and 6, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; entering grades 7 and 8, 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the YMCA office at 897-8445.

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.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Fallasburg Historical Society meeting on Monday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. After refreshments and a brief business meeting, guest Russell Gregory will talk about White's Bridge.

The Fallasburg covered Bridge and White's (covered) Bridge, two of only three original covered bridges left in Michigan, were both built by Jared Brazee or Brasee in 1871 and 1867, respectively. They have a unique structure, the "Brown truss" and have both been restored within the past few years. Visitors welcome.

Enhancement, continued.... From page 1

to pay each year in bond payments and interest.

McClain advocates keeping the funds at the recommended 10 percent.

"I think the comfort level for the equity funds should be determined by the times and the district's outlook," Wilcox said.

Bleke does not believe reducing the bond debt millage will be a problem. "The question is how much and when. Tying yourself down to a number now I think would be pre-

mature," he said. "We have to do what's best for the kids now without jeopardizing the future."
That future is unclear to the Lowell superintendent who believes the economy is at its peak in prosperity and in a state where the success of power ball is going to help determine how much money a district gets.

Board president Marsha Wilcox referred to a statement made by Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus.

"Even the Senate Majority Leader believes the economy will take a turn down in 1997," she said. "So maybe we can't go with the minimums."

Gustafson said he would support asking the public for enhancement mills provided discussions are held in reducing the bond millage. "Because we are ahead in our bond levy account we can give money back," he said.

The vice president noted that along with the enhance-

ment mills, the district also proposes spending several hundred thousand dollars from its general fund.

"I'm in favor of letting the district decide. I don't think the board should road-block the district's final opportunity for enhancement mills," Gustafson said.

The board's decision was 5-1 in favor of placing an enhancement mill resolution on a Sept. 24 special election ballot.

Development, continued.... From Page 1

Kent County Road Commission and Drain Commission. It must also be presented to the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources, local health departments and other agencies before it comes before the planning commission again.

If the other agencies require changes, DenHouter will make those changes before coming back to the planning commission.

The commission will review the changes before making a recommendation to the board.

If approved, DenHouter will be allowed to build the roads, but not the actual homes.

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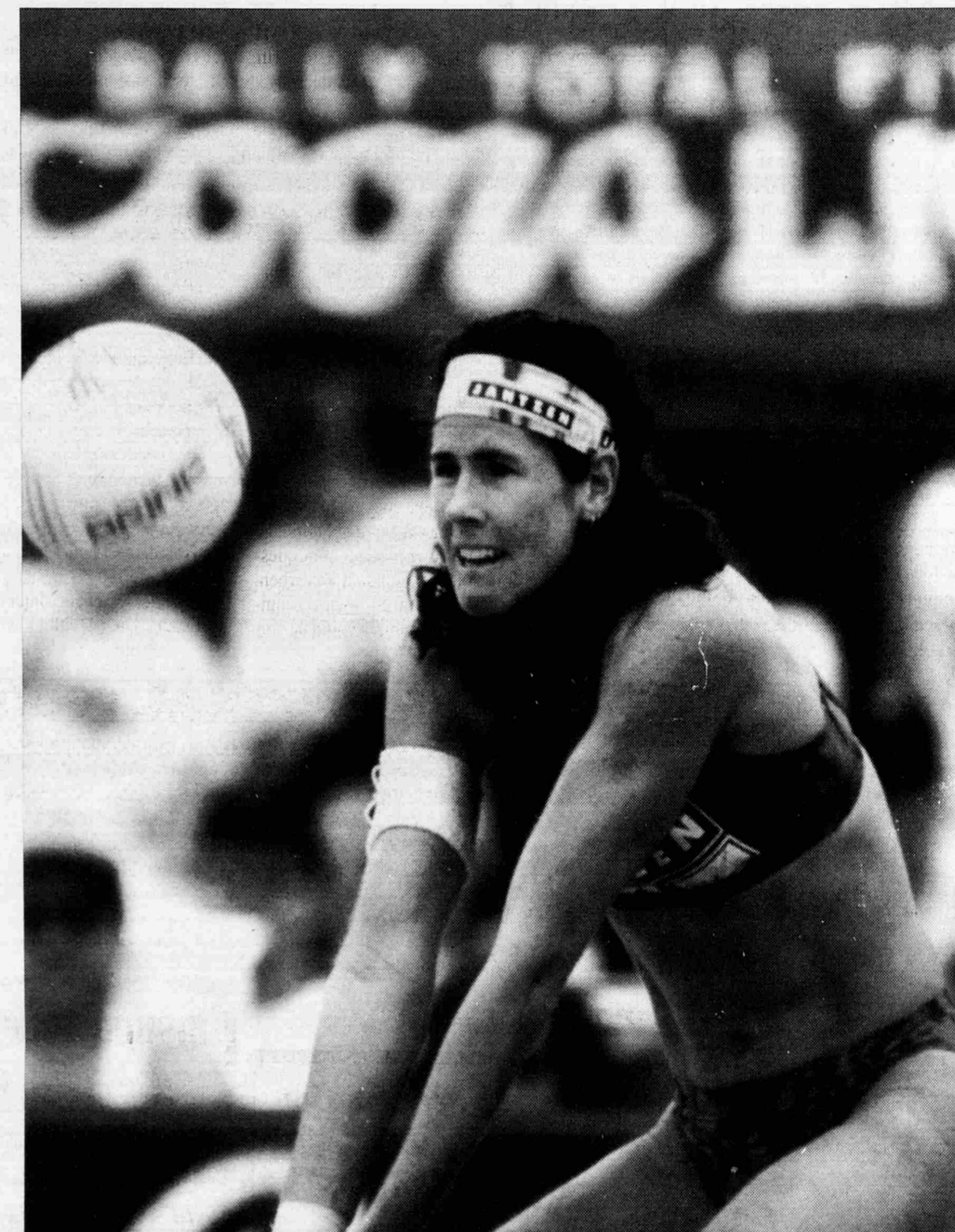
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FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12 THRU JULY 18

Nancy Reno (pictured) and Holly McPeak will be serving up the action as members of the U.S. Beach Volleyball Team at the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Beach volleyball debuts as an Olympic sport this year. NBC has coverage of the Games beginning Friday.

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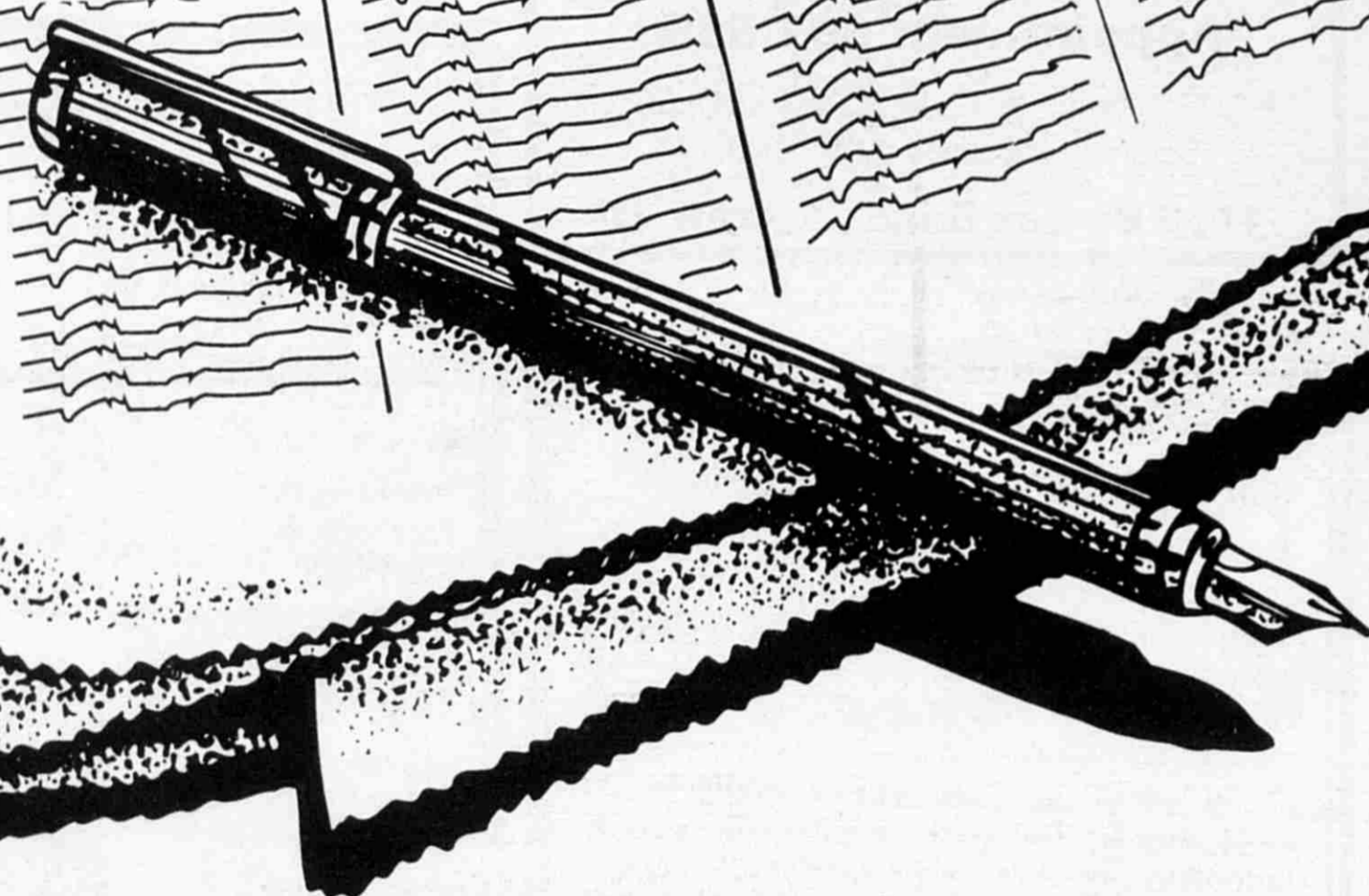
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Heavenly Tans Plus offers professional, healthy and lasting tan

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In an age where people want instant access, their food fast, and their news in sound bites, it should not come as a surprise people also want instant tans.

It may surprise people that not everyone is willing to sell them an instant tan.

Heavenly Tans Plus, which opened in February, is one of those places.

"Tanning is a process. There is an intelligent way to slowly build a lasting tan," said Mike Sullivan, who along with his wife Pam, own and

operate Heavenly Tans Plus at 1335 W. Main (suite 107).

"A smart tan is one where the exposure is controlled. We don't want people coming in and spending 20 minutes in a bed and walking out burned. That is not lasting or healthy," Mike Sullivan said.

The length of time it takes one to build a lasting tan varies from person to person.

"It can take 14 days or it can take five weeks," Pam Sullivan said.

Sullivan has wanted to run her own tanning studio for a long time. "Mike and I have talked about it for a long time," she says.

Their charge is to run a quality tanning studio where people attain a healthy tan.

The Sullivans are certified through the International Smart Tan Network.

What this means is they are trained in the administration of ultraviolet light for cosmetic tanning; dedicated to teaching clients to avoid sunburn both indoors and outdoors; and that they adhere to the exposure schedules on their tanning equipment.

"Being a member of the Smart Tan Network helps with a salon's reputation," Mike Sullivan said.

Sullivan said since they

are still waiting on their sign, they've had to depend on the word of mouth. "The word of mouth has been fantastic," Sullivan said. "The people who have patronized Heavenly Tans Plus have been very receptive."

The tanning salon has drawn patrons from Greenville, Hastings, Clarksville and Grand Rapids.

The plus in Heavenly Tans will stand for hot tubs. Sullivan said down the road they would like to add four hot tubs to the east side of their building. Recently a nail technician was brought in.

Heavenly Tans has 10 Sun Vision 28 beds and a stand-up unit.

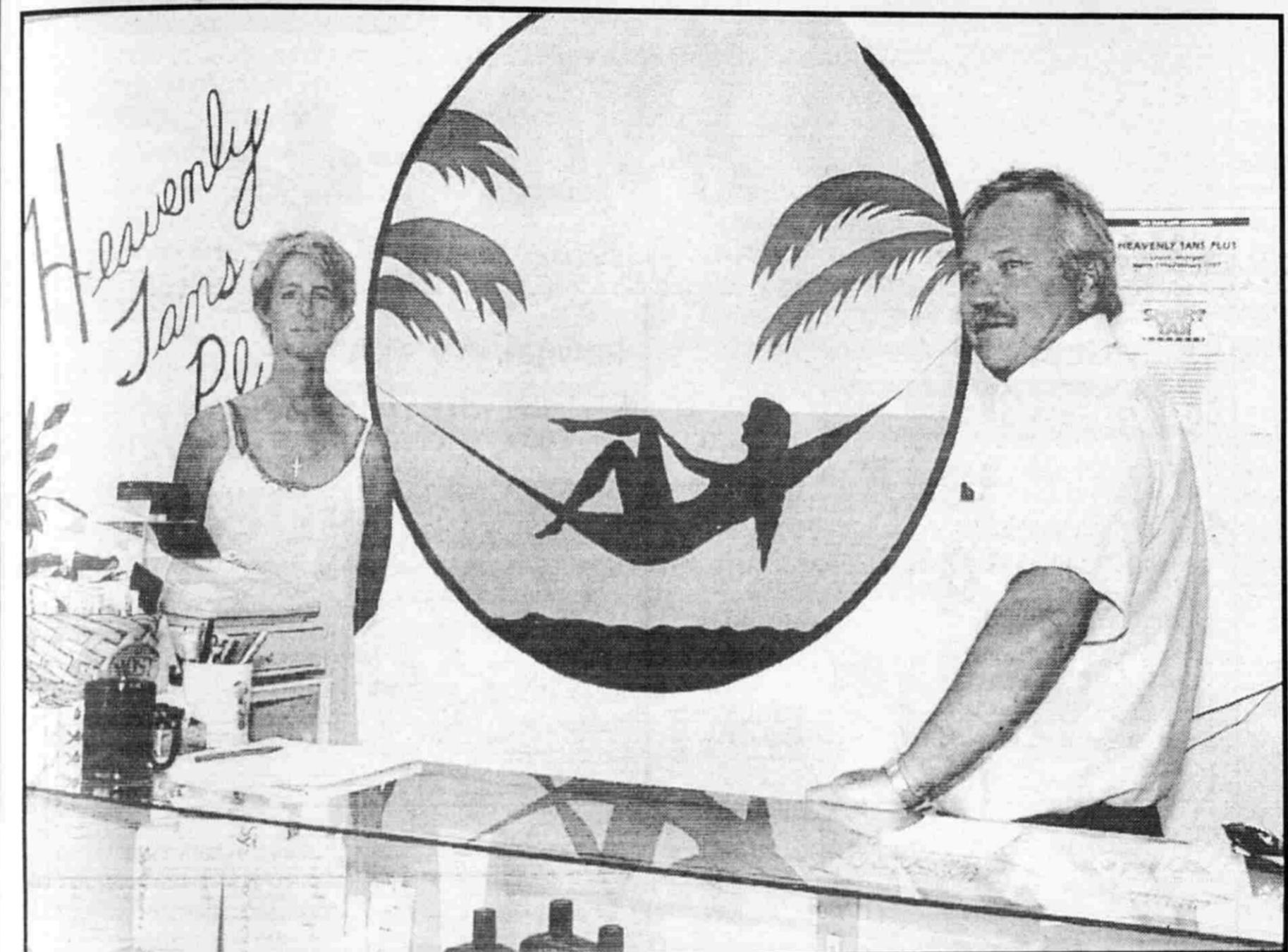
Heavenly Tans does not take appointments. "Many people tan as a form of relaxation," Mike Sullivan said. "Having to set and meet an appointment is not relaxing. This way there are no fees for no shows or late shows."

Sullivans have it figured out that the longest anyone should have to wait, assum-

ing all beds are full, is two to four minutes.

Heavenly Tans Plus is open seven days a week. Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Friday from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m.; Saturday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Each month Heavenly Tans Plus will a percent of sales on a product to a charity.



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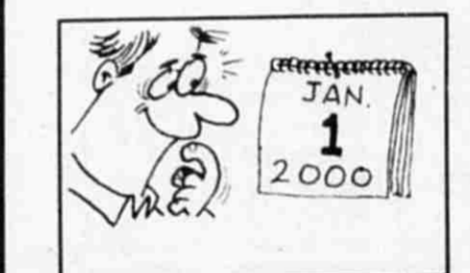
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J.H.F.	6	0
CHADALEE FARMS	4	2
LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE	4	3
ATTWOOD ANIMALS	4	3
ALTO BAPTIST	2	3
LOWELL METHODIST	2	5
FIRST CONG. CHURCH OF LOWELL	1	5
F.M.B.	0	7

TUESDAY - MEN'S OVER 30	W	L
LARKINS	7	2
IDEAL Poured Walls	5	4
CENTRAL STATES	5	4
ALTO GAS	4	5
TEAM YMCA	4	5
SNEAKERS	2	7

WEDNESDAY - MEN'S	W	L
KING MILLING	6	2
LOWELL ENGINEERING	6	2
LENA LOU'S	4	3
BALL BUSTERS	4	4
CASCADE LAWNSPRINKLING	0	9

FRIDAY - MEN'S	W	L
PICKING ROCK HOMES	7	1
OSTRANDER SIDING/ROOFING	7	1
MOOSE	6	2
KAPTAIN JACKS	4	4
ADA BEEF	2	6
N.A.R.	1	6
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Pam and Mike Sullivan opened Heavenly Tans Plus in February. The new business is a member of the Smart Tan Network



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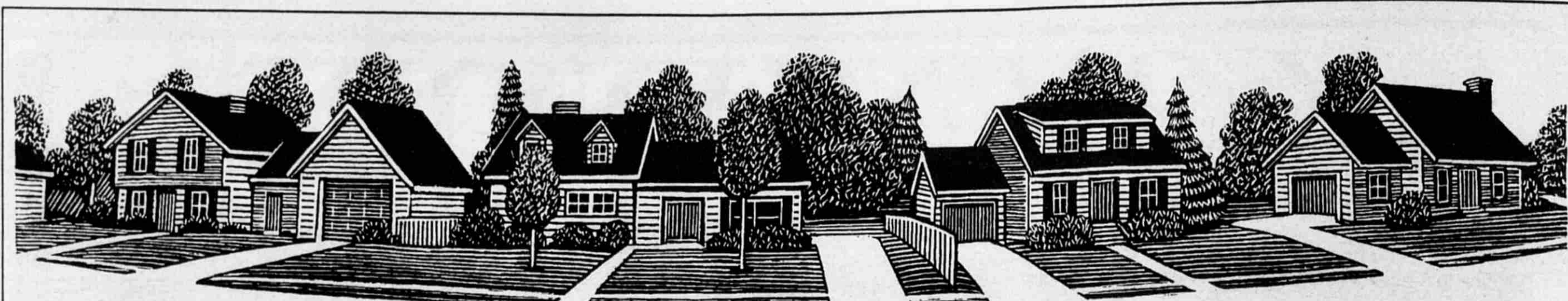
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Thurs., July 11, 9-6 p.m. 946 Lincoln Lake Rd. Low prices. Good stuff. Microwave, stereo, (3) 24-inch bar chairs, trimmers, ladies clothes, sizes 8 thru 14, light fixtures, carpet cleaner, aquariums, rabbit cage & carrier. Plus lots of useful & collectible items including a kitchen sink.

BIG MOVING SALE
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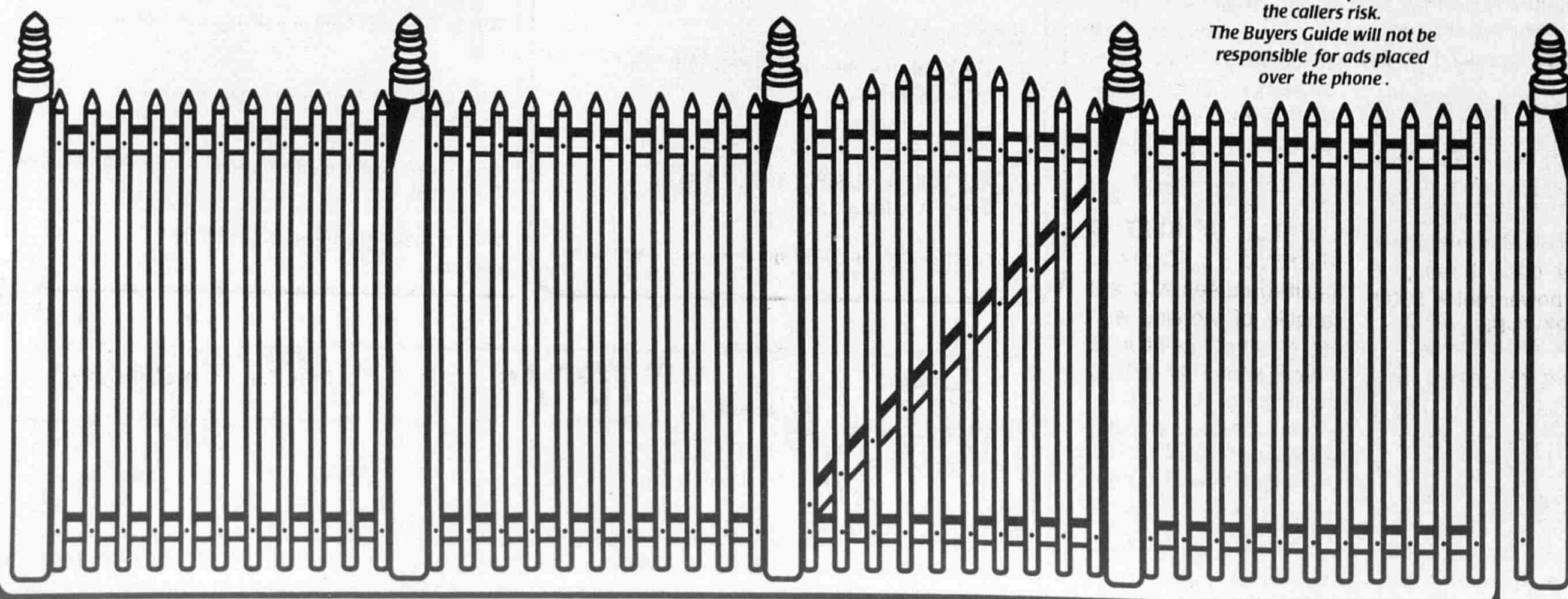
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Cascade area. Exercise bench & weights, exercise bike, tables, chairs, dresser, apt. size dryer, lamps (including lava), toys & games, cassette player, knick knacks, household items, clothing etc. Thurs. & Fri., July 11 & 12, 9-5 p.m. 8100 45th St. Off Cascade Rd. or Whitneyville Rd.

GARAGE SALE
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D.O.N. - Laurel Healthcare has an opportunity for a Director of Nursing to lead the Laurels of Kent into the extended care arena. The individual must be an R.N. with a current Michigan license, have strong management & leadership skills with a sound clinical background. 3 strong years of long-term care experience in a facility of 100 beds or more required. Send resume to: Administrator, The Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center, Lowell, MI 49331 or call 897-8473.

SELF DEFENSE INSTRUCTOR - black belt, part-time evens. good money. Must be good with children. 616-891-4445.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR - Laurels of Kent is seeking a full-time therapeutic recreation specialist or an Activities Professional who is licensed by the state and is eligible for certification as a recreation specialist. Must be knowledgeable of the MDS process and have a winning attitude. Those interested candidates should submit their resume to: Laurels of Kent, 350 N. Center St., Lowell, MI 49331. Attn: Administrator.

GENERAL HELP/CUSTOMER SERVICE - Growing Michigan company has 8 full-time positions available. \$1,540/month to start. Must be 18, have own car & able to start immediately. For job description & hours for job, call for one on one interview, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. only. 243-8625.

LAURELS OF KENT IS SEEKING - a couple of qualified nurses who are capable of working with the geriatric guest in a nursing home, as well as supervising a staff of professional nursing assistants. If you or someone you know represents these qualifications, please contact the Laurels of Kent at 616-897-8473.

CERTIFIED NURSES AIDES - Leisure Living Home Health is accepting applications for Certified Nurses Aides to join our nursing pool in Grand Rapids, and Lowell areas. Flexible schedules, hours to fit your needs. Weekend shifts especially needed. Staff relief for our adult foster care facilities. Rate of pay between \$8-\$10 per hour. Apply 11571 E. Fulton, Lowell, MI or call Lynne at 897-

BANQUET HALL - Available for rental, for wedding receptions, birthday parties, etc. Call The New Riverview Banquet Hall. 897-9948.

CENTER COURT APARTMENTS - Lowell. 1 & 2 bedroom apartments with heat, carports, garages, short-term leases, small pet, air & more. 897-0099 day or night.

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household access, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month. LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

THE LOWELL CLASS OF 1986 - 10-year class reunion will be held August 24, at Cannonsburg, for more info. Call Brent 897-4982.

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WANTED

WANTED - in Lowell 2 or 3 bedroom house to rent to gainfully employed 35 yr. old non-drinking male. 517-855-2602, leave message

EVENTS

CLASSIFIEDS DO THE TRICK!

Kids' Kitchen

Peanut Butter Balls

What You Need:
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup honey or corn syrup
3/4 cup instant powdered milk
1 cup crispy flakes
coconut or chopped nuts

What You Do:
1. Mix peanut butter and honey in a bowl.
2. Stir in dry milk.
3. Stir in cereal.
4. Roll mixture into 3/4-inch balls.
5. Roll balls in coconut and/or nuts.
6. Store in refrigerator.

(Information provided by Peoria City/County Health Department)

Man is not the sum of what he has but the totality of what he does not yet have, of what he might have.
-Jean Paul Sartre

You've Got To Be Joking

Why did the little boy take his bike to bed with him?
So he wouldn't have to walk in his sleep.

What's the worst time of year to go mountain climbing?
Fall.

What do police do with an outlaw chicken?
They grill him.

What do you call a cranberry that eats another cranberry?
A cranball.

What do baby ghosts wear on their feet?
Booties.



Golf probably developed in Scotland around 1100 from a Roman game called paganica. The Romans played paganica in the open countryside with a bent stick and a leather ball stuffed with feathers.

Lowell Schools in line for a 4.7 % increase in basic grant

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell School District will enjoy a 4.7 percent increase in dollars it will generate per student for the 1996-97 school year.

Michigan Governor John Engler signed the legislators' basic grant increase recommendation of \$155. Because Lowell is under the basic grant base of 5308 it will get \$88 in catchup monies in addition to the \$155, making its overall basic grant increase \$239 per student and bringing Lowell's basic grant total to 5291.

Lowell business manager Dale Folkert said the figure of \$155 has a much better chance of standing if the power ball game, Michigan will participate in starting in September,

generates the monies Lansing anticipates.

With the additional funds Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said the district will add an English teacher at the high school, increase teaching supplies and reduce the cost of pay to play.

Bleke said even if the \$155 figure does not stand, he believes the final number will be more than the conservative figure (\$122) used by the district in putting together its budget.

In other financial news, the board approved a new two-year food service contract. It calls wage increases of 3.93 percent in 1996-97 and 3.49 percent in 1997-98.

The two-year contract was approved by a 5-1 count. Board member Ellen McClain said she approved of the first-year increase but could not support the contract since the

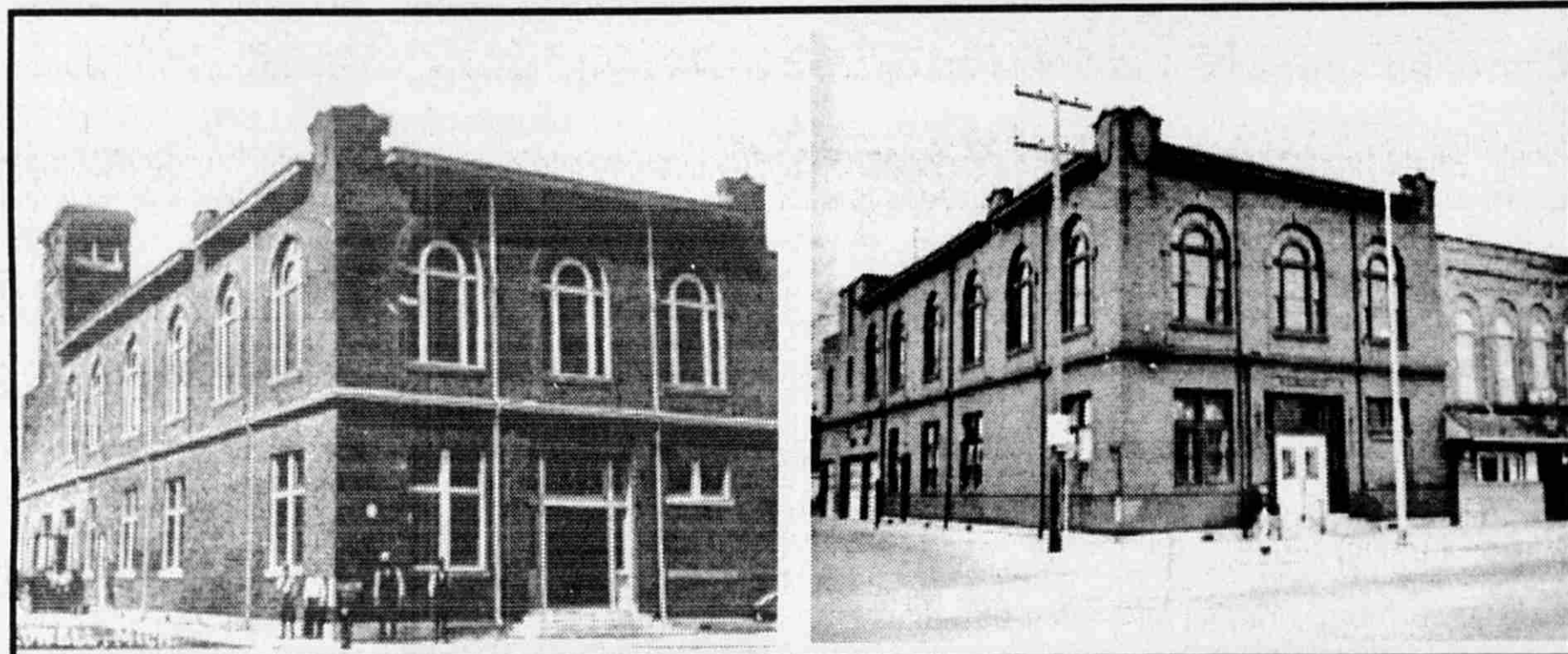
district does not know what its additional revenues will be in 1997-98.

Folkert said the food service area is different in that the general fund does not subsidize food service. "Its increases come from the funds it generates," he said. "In being self funding it takes care of its obligations and part of that is wages."

The Lowell School District's food service program is unique in that it has not raised its lunch rates in three years.

Folkert noted that the program will increase its participation in 1996-97 but not its prices. "Lowell will be serving more meals for the same price."

Food service is operated by its director Carol Harper.



Lowell's City Hall, built in 1909 - yesterday and today. The city plans on returning to the style of steps used back in 1909. The only change will be a rail running up the middle of the steps.

City Hall's new steps to take a page from its history

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Downtown Development Authority project will help the city of Lowell's Main Street and sidewalks to take on a look of the 90's.

To do so, the city will also retrace steps from its past.

Lowell's city council gave city manager Dave Pasquale the go ahead to replace the steps in front of City Hall.

The new steps will simulate the look of 1909, the year City hall was constructed.

The idea was from an initiative proposed from the council. "The council thought it would be a good idea to bring back the original style so that it is in theme with the look we want for the downtown," Pasquale said.

The design allows for the door to be opened while standing on the landing of the top step.

The walkway in front of the steps will be approximately 7' 4" inches wide for pedestrian traffic.

The steps will come out approximately 4 1/2 feet from the building.

Pedestrians will be able to access the steps from the sides and front. The rail will run up the middle of the steps.

Pasquale will present an illustration of the new steps to the council for its approval.

The steps currently in front of City Hall have cracks in a number of places.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to correct the various Assessment rolls at City Hall, 301 East Main Street, Lowell, Michigan on:

Wednesday, July 17, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

William F. Thompson, Mayor
James Marfia, Assessor

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Lowell, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331 will be accepting sealed bids for asphaltting work to be done at the Department of Public Works, Look Memorial Fire Station, Oakwood Cemetery, Water Treatment Plant and Horatio Street until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 1996 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Specifications may be picked up at the Lowell City Hall office or call 897-8457. On site inspection can be scheduled with Dan DesJarden between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling 897-5929.

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

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lowell Planning Commission-Citizen Advisory committee will conduct public hearings at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, July 22, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following rezoning requests:

Michael Nosko and John Huseby petitioned to rezone southeast corner of Sibley and Ridgeview on parcel 41-20-03-401-016. It is requested that the eastern section of the property (map available at City Hall) be rezoned from C-3 (General Business) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) and the westerly portion from C-3 (General Business) to R-2 (Two Family Residential).

Henry VanderVennen petitioned to rezone a residential lot (133 S. West Street, parcel 41-20-02-354-006) on the east side of South West Street adjoining his business (Vennen Chrysler Dodge, 930 W. Main) from R-2 (Two Family Residential) to C-3 (General Business).

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk
897-8457

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council, acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 17, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearing will be to receive comments on the following variance request:

Kelly Nevins and Tom Melle petitioned to construct a four foot high chain link fence at their home located at 222 S. Division, where the lot has frontage on Front, Jackson and Division Street and under the Zoning Ordinance, a three foot high fence is allowed in the front yard.

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

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Friday, July 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., to receive public comment on an application from Kevin Rude for preliminary approval of a proposed residential site condominium development in the SW 1/4 of Section 26, at or about 13150 Vergennes, in the R-2 District. Mr. Rude proposes a site condominium of ten parcels, with access by a private road off Vergennes.

The site plan can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 P.M. on July 19, 1996.

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Chairman

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