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## Tug-O-War

Kent County children were tugging on the arms of their parents to get to the opening day of the Kent County Youth Fair on Monday. The fair will last through Saturday.

## Bennett residents win paving battle, but construction still down the road

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Residents on Bennett Road will be pleased to hear that Vergennes Township officials have agreed to have an engineering study performed on their road... but deciding when or if the road will be paved is another issue.

At last month's township board meeting, residents submitted a petition outlining their desire to have the final mile stretch of road paved.

The petition was enough to convince the board to have the road engineered, but that is just the first of many steps that need to be taken before the road is paved.

Residents were upset that the board previously halted work on Bennett until other road issues could be cleared up.

"We were caught by surprise about their decision," said Harold Kettner, who submitted the petition to the township.

Township clerk Mari Stone said the board's turn-around coincides with its desire to have traffic studies performed on Bennett and other roads in the township.

An independent firm has been hired by the township, at a cost of \$800, to conduct traffic studies on all of the township's unpaved roads as a means of prioritizing projects.

"We pledged to prioritize projects and performing an engineering study and traffic counts are just the first step," said Stone. "We need to gather more information and then

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**Mari Stone**  
Vergennes Township Clerk

make a decision on which roads get paved."

The construction of the new high school and the current residential housing boom are just two reasons the township feels all the unpaved roads need to be studied.

Stone doesn't know how much it will cost to pave Bennett or when the road could see some asphalt being poured.

"They can't do a study until all the leaves have fallen off the trees, because all of their surveys are conducted aeri-ally," said Stone. "Maybe next summer we'll have a better idea how much it costs and when it could be done."

Stone said the township is also looking at paving a one-mile stretch of 4 Mile Road. The mile represents the only part of the road which is in Vergennes Township.

Stone said paving their one-mile stretch may prompt Grattan Township to follow suit, since the remainder of the road is in their jurisdiction.

## Sidewalk issue has Michigan Wire owner considering taking expansion project elsewhere

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Donald Fizer said he isn't opposed to sidewalk but is opposed to being told to put sidewalk in when it isn't practical.

"There is nothing in either direction of me, to put sidewalk. It is not practical to have me put sidewalk in now," Fizer said.

"There isn't one council member that can guarantee there will be sidewalk on either side of me in 15 years. By that time the sidewalk I've put down will have deteriorated to the

point of no value."

Councilman Chuck Myers explained that as every new piece of sidewalk is put in and fewer and fewer pieces of sidewalk are needed, it becomes easier for the city to have sidewalk put in through special assessment.

Myers also noted that someone had suggested to him that other cities have asked businesses to put money aside for sidewalk and then when it makes more sense, have the sidewalk installed at a later time.

Fizer said he felt Myers had a good idea. "However, if the city wants sidewalk from Family Fare to the new bank, it ought to put it in and then assess the property owners," Fizer said.

In response to Fizer's comment about it not being practical to have sidewalk in an industrial zone, Lowell Mayor Bill Thompson explained that industrial areas are not what they used to be. "People no longer want eye sores. They want a cushion."

Fizer stated that if every time a business wants to add on or improve its structure it has to put thousands of dollars into something else, it would be foolish to stay in business. "If they have the same frame of mind that I have they will go elsewhere to build."

Myers said he agreed with the city's plan to use new construction to get the sidewalk program started.

The discussion of sidewalk came up after Michigan Wire submitted a site plan to construct a 10,064 square foot addition to its facilities.

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## River Place development adds 10 homes to Vergennes building boom

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

The building boom which has gripped Vergennes Township for the past two years continues with a new residential site condominium project on the Flat River.

Vergennes Township officials have given preliminary approval for Kevin Rude's River Place development in

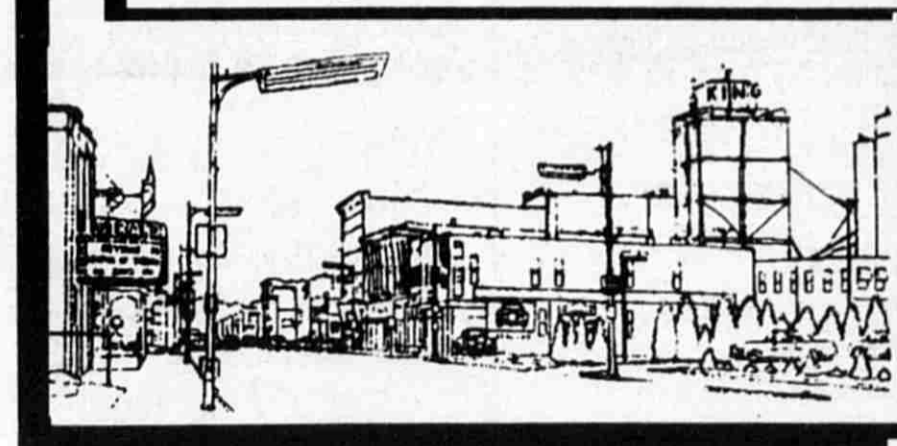
the Flat River Zoning District.

Rude proposes building 10 single family homes on the 7.2 acre residentially zoned site.

The development would be located on Vergennes Road and is set back 50 feet from the Flat River Bluff line,

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## Along Main Street



### PIG ROAST

There will be a pig roast fundraiser for St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, 12 and under, preschoolers are free. Carryouts welcome. For more information call 897-9820.

### OFF THE BLOTTER

Mattie Dalziel, 36, of Lowell, was arrested July 31 and taken to the Kent County Jail on a warrant.

Lowell officers investigated 18 accident complaints in the month of July, 2 of which incurred injuries. This brings the total for the year this far to 146 compared to 126 at the same time last year.

A 14-year-old juvenile, from Lowell, will be referred to juvenile court on charges of an assault which occurred on Aug. 1.

## Stephen Idema, former school board treasurer, remembered as a kind and caring man

As a Lowell Board of Education member, Stephen F. Idema always pushed to have things done a little better and sooner.

Those who served on boards or committees with Idema, or called him a friend, soon felt the better for it.

Idema died unexpectedly at his home Sunday afternoon. He was 53 years old.

"He was as gentle and caring a man as I've ever met," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

Idema completed his fourth and final year as a member of the Lowell Board of Education in June.

"He always encouraged us to move to higher educational ground," said Lowell Board of Education president Marsha Wilcox. "He always pushed us to do things a little better for kids and sooner."



Stephen Idema

While a member of the board of education, Idema served as the chairman of the finance/personnel committee; board treasurer; a member of the curriculum committee; and an ex-officio member of the Lowell Education Foundation.

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**OBITUARIES**

**BREEN** - Mrs. Alice M. Breen, aged 88, of Grand Rapids, widow of Govert, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 1996. Surviving are her children, Crisella James of Lyons, GA, Ena Mae (Don) Symonds of Nashville, MI, Judy (James) Zydor of Grand Rapids, James A. (Nancy) Breen of Lowell; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; brother Paul (Wanda) Vincent; sister, Ena Mae Tweedy; and nieces & nephews. She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Russell W. Griffee; and her great-grandson Russell J. Murray. Funeral and Committal Services were conducted Saturday, Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids will be appreciated.

**DURHAM** - Willmer L. Durham, aged 74, of Cascade, died Wednesday, July 31, 1996. He was preceded in death by his brother, Merle and sister Dorothy Zawacki. He is survived by his wife Sadie; children, Ralph Durham of Grand Rapids, Kenneth Durham of Olalla, WA, Steven (Linda) Durham of Pembroke, KY, Carol (Jack) Forward of Lowell, grandchildren Ralph Jr., Steven, Jared, Brendon Durham, T.J., Michael Forward, Deanna, Kendra Durham, Marinda (Tony) Ling; great-grandchildren Jennifer and Steven Durham; brother William E. Hamilton of Cleveland; sisters Melvina Turner of Chicago, Kathryn Monhollen of Toledo; brother-in-law Edward Zawacki of Manistee; sister-in-law, Lillian Penny of Arkansas. Funeral Services were held Sunday, Pastor Roy Kent

of Church of God Seventh Day, officiating, Interment Cascade Cemetery.

**KETCHAM** - John B. Ketcham Sr., aged 75, of Ada, passed away Monday, July 29, 1996. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Margaret; children John Ketcham Jr. of Grand Rapids, Kathryn (David) Timmer of Walker, Esther (Ron) Visser of Ada, Sharon (Alex) Cardoso Jr. of Dor; grandchildren Nathan, Stacey, Aaron, Matthew, Susie, Dan and Irene; sister Wanda Stinchcomb of Lowell; cousin Kathryn Powers of Toledo; brother-in-law Myron Verwys; nephew Marty Verwys both of DeLand, FL; John was a life member of Grand Rapids Elks Lodge #48, a member of the St. Stanislaus Aid Society, a pilot during World War II and the Korean Conflict and a retiree of General Motors Diesel Equipment Division. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Friday at St. Robert of Newminster Church, Rev. David Harpe presiding, Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

**KOCH** - Mrs. Rose Mae Koch, aged 84, formerly of Hollywood, NE, passed away Thursday, August 1, 1996 at Birchwood Care Center, Marne. Mrs. Koch was preceded in death by her husband William Koch in 1978 and by one sister Louise Ann Smith. Surviving are one nephew and two nieces, Thomas and Lynne Smith of Lowell, Patricia and Richard Premo of Allendale, Barbara Smith of Grand Rapids, many grand nieces and nephews, great-grand nieces and nephews and cousins. Mrs. Koch was ac-

**QUICK** - Theodora R. Quick, aged 100, passed away Friday, August 2, 1996. Born in Lowell, May 12, 1896. She was preceded in death by her

brother Maurice Quick and her sister Helen Dawson. Surviving are her nephew, Dr. Chandler Dawson of Mill Valley, CA; her niece, Eloise (Mrs. Phillip) Mance of Silver Spring, MD; many grand nieces and nephews. Miss Quick was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the St. Elizabeth Guild also having been a board member. She served on the Sr. Board at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, graduated Ypsilanti Teachers College (now EMU) and graduated from Columbia University with a Masters Degree in mathematics. During WWII she taught advanced mathematics at the Military Weather School stationed in Grand Rapids. She taught at Grand Rapids Junior College, South and Central High schools and was an Emeritus Faculty Member at Grand Rapids Community College. She was an avid bridge player. Funeral Services were held Tuesday in the chapel of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Interment Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Memorial contributions to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or Grand Rapids Community College Scholarship Fund in her name have been suggested.

**SCHOENBORN** - Frenz Schoenborn, aged 75, of Lowell, passed away Friday, August 2, 1996. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna. Survived by his wife, Klara; children Anemarie (Boyd) Anderson of Grand Rapids, Anton Schoenborn of Chicago, Frank (Joan) Schoenborn of Winfield Township, IL, Joseph and Frank Daudish; seven grandchildren. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Lowell. Fr. George Fekete presider. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church, 402 Amity Street, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**WITTENBACH, RAVELL, HEMPEL** - Maxine L. Wittenbach, Ravell, Hempel, aged 81, of

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**Rezoning puts tighter restrictions on former Aero-Liquid site**

By Marc Popiolek Contributing Writer

Residents living across from the former Aero Liquid Transit Inc. building can expect a new neighbor, but a less noisy one.

Lowell Charter Township officials agreed to rezone the site from commercial to light industrial, paving the way for Dick Edison's assembly and packaging company.

The rezoning actually puts more restrictions on the use of the building because no operation is allowed by right under light industrial zoning, said township officials.

In order for Edison to get his operation going, he must receive a special use permit (SUP) from the township's planning commission.

**Idema, continued... From Page 1**

"Steve was a kind, caring and considerate person," said Carol Schuster. "He was a friend to everybody. He liked everybody, and everybody liked him.

Idema was a shareholder of the Idema & Keyser law firm in Grand Rapids since 1989. He was also a member of the Grand Rapids and Michigan Bar Associations. He was a former director of the Legal Aid program in Grand Rapids.

"I've been in the district for 18 years. I knew Steve as a parent, an athletic booster's member, and a board member," Lowell assistant superintendent Richard Korb said. "He was a kind, considerate and passionate man. He cared for kids and their future."

Idema underwent heart-bypass surgery 12 years ago. His brother Phil said there had not been any signs or symptoms of any recent heart problems, but believed it was a heart attack that took his brother's life.

The SUP allows the commission to restrict and control what operations take place on the property, located at 13565 Grand River Ave.

At a public hearing last month, Edison informed the planning commission and residents that his business would have less truck traffic, less noise, no pollutants or contaminants, and operates from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. only.

"I attended the public hearing and other than some concerns which can be addressed in the special use permit, they seemed to be in favor of the change," said Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson.

Edison currently operates his business in a 3,000 square foot facility near Kent County International Airport. He employs five full-time and various part-time employees.

His desire to move stems from the lack of space at this current site.

The move to Lowell will give him more than 5,000 additional square feet to use.

Calling the site an eye sore, planning commission members agreed to the rezoning as long as Edison puts in a buffer zone between the property and neighbors.

"As part of the special use permit process, he must submit a site plan, which relates to a number of points including trees, shrubbery, lighting, and signage," said township trustee Carol Wieland.

Planning commission chairman Mel Beers said the company must go through quite a process to receive a SPU and then the "planning commission could put any restrictions on the SPU they and the neighbors feel are necessary."

According to township clerk Carol Wells, Edison has applied for a special use permit hearing and has already submitted a site plan.

Idema is survived by his wife Peggy; children Anthony Kiedis of Los Angeles, CA, Julie Idema and her fiance Steve Simmons of Oceanside, CA, Jennifer Idema of Lowell; his father Chester Idema of Grand Rapids; brothers Phil (Murry) Idema of Grand Rapids, John (Sandie) Idema of Vicksburg; grandson Jackson Simmons; several nieces and nephews.

Idema was a graduate of the University of Michigan. Funeral services will be Thursday (Aug. 8) at 11 a.m. at the Mayflower Congregational Church, 2345 Robinson Rd., SE. Rev. Robert Livingston will officiate. Visitation is Wednesday (Aug. 7) from 7 until 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stephen F. Idema Memorial scholarship fund in care of Lowell Area Schools.

"Steve was just a quality person," said Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction at Lowell Schools.

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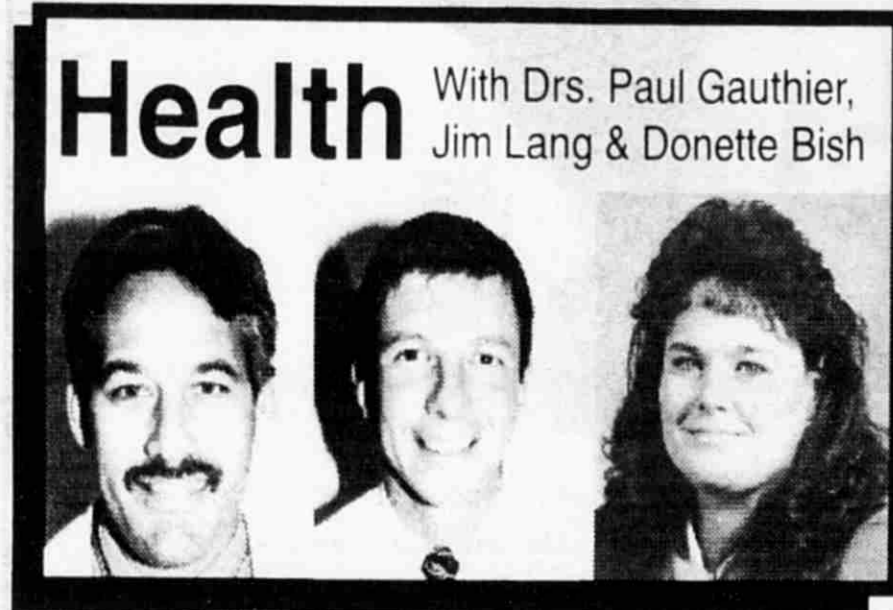
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There are a variety of symptoms that hemochromatosis can cause. The skin may become brownish or "bronze diabetes." Hemochromatosis is classically described as "bronze diabetes." Because the pancreas is often affected diabetes is common. Iron is naturally stored in the liver so liver enlargement and right upper abdominal pain can result. Enlargement of the heart can result in a dilated heart and heart failure. Other symptoms can include weakness, fatigue, joint pain and an increased susceptibility to infections.

Hemochromatosis can be diagnosed with certain blood tests.

If blood tests suggest you have the disease, a liver biopsy may be needed. If you have hemochromatosis, it is recommended that your brothers and sisters and children be tested. If you do have hemochromatosis, the treatment is frequent blood donations. Regular blood donations of a pint will decrease the amount of iron from your body. The amount of blood donations will depend upon the level of iron removed.

A special diet is needed for people with hemochromatosis. Avoid foods that contain iron, including liver, meats, egg yolks, legumes, dried fruits, green leafy vegetables, broccoli, molasses, and foods that are fortified with iron, such as breads and cereals. Reduce the intake of Vitamin C, which increases the amount of iron which is absorbed. Avoid alcoholic beverages which contain some iron and can aggravate liver diseases. Avoid cooking with iron cookware, and avoid iron-containing supplements.

For information about hemochromatosis write: Hemochromatosis Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 8569 Albany, NY 12208-0569.

**Development stumbles while seeking final approval of site plan**

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Russ Heibel's Grand River Estates development has received preliminary approval following last month's public hearing, but several glitches must be cleared up before his development can take the next step.

The approval was contingent on acceptance by the township's attorney, the submission of a final site plan, and the details showing setbacks for each home at more than 165 feet.

The 21-home development has a minimum of two-acre lots and road frontage may not be less than 165 feet under the township's zoning ordinance.

Several residents voiced concern about increased traffic, acceleration and deceleration lanes, water run off, and the road causing problems with existing yards.

Lowell Charter Township Planning commission chairman Mel Beers could not make any guarantees to the public, but did say the commission has done a great deal of work, effort and review into the proposal in an effort to avoid and prevent problems.

Heibel received final approval on the private road which services the site and had hoped to receive the same approval on the development following the hearing.

However, several commissioners voiced their displeasure that the 165 foot setback

issue had not been resolved by the developer.

Heibel's proposed single family development would be constructed on 50 acres of land off Grand River Drive, just two miles west of Alden Nash.

**Lowell's Sara Clemence brings home the gold in the 100-yard backstroke**

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Sara Clemence attended Macomb Community College as a senior Olympian; she returned to Lowell as its "Golden Girl."

The 72-year-old Lowell resident competed in four swimming events at the 17th annual Michigan Senior Olympics.

She garnered a gold medal in the 100-yard backstroke and earned bronze medals in the 100-yard freestyle, and the 50-yard backstroke and freestyle events.

"It was nice to earn a gold medal, but the fact that my time was a few seconds better than last year is what I was working for," Clemence said.

As a young girl, growing up in Reading, Pennsylvania, Clemence learned how to swim in a muddy mill pond. "My family swam, but not competitively. I taught myself to swim as a young girl and by watching others," she said.

Swimming remains a form of relaxation for Clemence, and explains she also benefits from the exercise. "With my orthopedic feet, swimming remains one of my only forms of exercise and it helps me with weight maintenance," Clemence said.

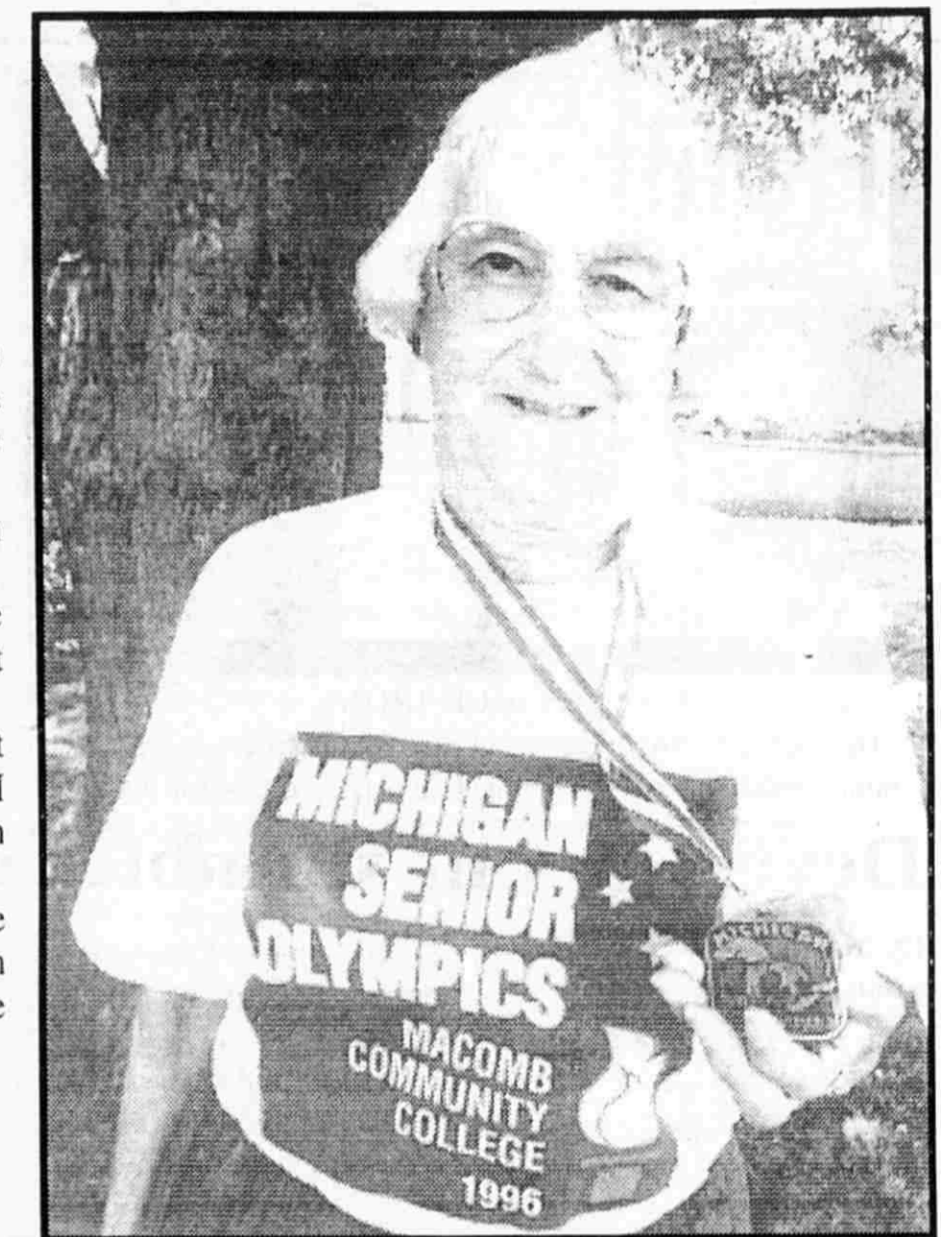
The Lowell resident began preparing for the Michigan Senior Olympics in February. For two weeks prior to the Olympics, she swam at the Forest Hills Aquatic Center every other day and bicycled in between.

This year over 1,100 seniors participated in the Michigan Senior Olympics.

Joining Clemence on her trip to the senior Olympics were her two daughters and her son. "They provided me with a lot of support," she explained.

Clemence is determined to participate in the games next year. She plans on adding another event - the breast stroke. "I am going to practice the breast stroke and am hopeful that I can enter that event next year."

The toughest challenge facing the grandmother of three may be selling her grandchildren on swimming. "I take them to Stoney-Lakeside Park, but they like playing in the sand more than swimming," she says with a smile.



Sara Clemence: Senior Olympic gold medalist.

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# Nagel extension request shortened to 13 working days

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

When is less more? When it involves the Downtown Development construction project?

The Lowell City Council followed suit as it approved a change order in the DDA project and a project time extension for Nagel Construction.

Initially it was thought the extension would be for 30 days. After a closer review the extension request was for 13 working days.

The extension will allow for a more orderly completion of the project, according to city manager Dave Pasquale. "It will be less disruptive to the downtown merchants," he said. "The emphasis will be placed on finishing the north side substantially by Aug. 13 (all flatwork, not landscaping). Then the

south side will be completed."

Pasquale added the method would not incur added costs, and would lessen the amount of detour time as well as provide more time for Light and Power to complete its work.

The project's engineering firm, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, noted that the extension was considered reasonable because of items added to the project. They included:

- Contaminate soil encountered in the water main trench at Main and Jefferson streets.
- More extensive sanitary sewer repair on the bridge span than anticipated.
- Encountering an additional headwall abutment during excavation of the water main adjacent to the bridge requiring

an additional 24-inch thick coring.

• Requiring a sanitary sewer repair in the Riverside parking lot due to the pipe being damaged when a monitoring well was drilled years ago.

• Installation of a sanitary manhole over a blind sewer connection in Broadway Street.

• The addition of a storm sewer to provide an outlet for roof conductors in the Riverside parking lot.

The change order involved formally eliminating the East Main Street water main project from the contract, adding \$3,096 in storm sewer and water costs to the streetscape and providing a deduction of \$8,870.73 for Lafayette Plaza.

## Fizer, continued.... From Page 1

The Lowell Planning Commission approved the plan, subject to construction of a sidewalk along the West Main Street frontage.

Fizer appealed that decision at a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing Monday night.

The zoning board upheld the planning commission's decision to require sidewalk along Michigan Wire's West Main Street frontage.

In response to the zoning board's decision, Fizer said he was withdrawing his building permit.

"I am not going to be held

hostage by this here planning commission. I'll put this business someplace else," Fizer said.

A great man is he who has not lost the heart of a child.  
—Mencius

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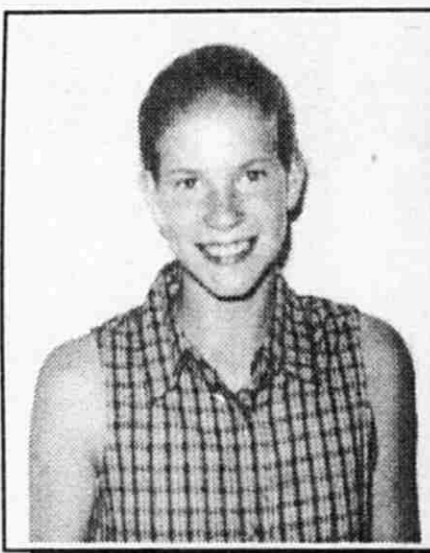
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NAME:..... Lisa Wojciakowski

AGE:..... 11 years old

SCHOOL:....St. Patricks

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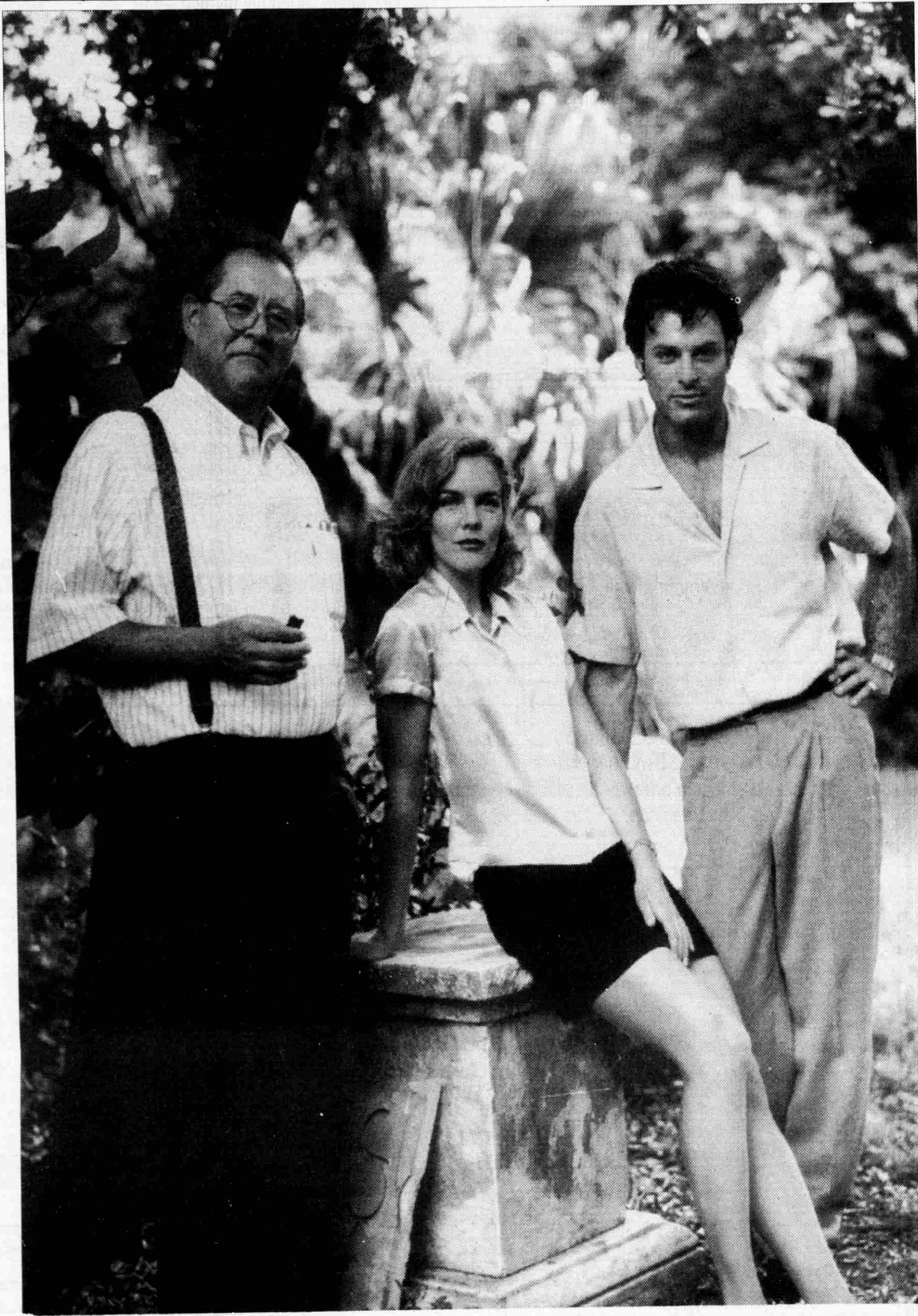
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WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 14, 1996. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Stations, Cable Stations, and Premium Stations.

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After you've heard two eyewitness accounts about an auto accident, it makes you wonder about history.  
**Bits & Pieces**  
 People wish to learn to swim and at the same time to keep one foot on the ground.  
**Marcel Proust**

## Building Jubilee

Representatives from the First United Methodist Church of Lowell spent six days in Sneedville, Tennessee, lending their helping hands toward the Jubilee Project (a community project designed to work with youth). During their six-day stay, 13 youths and four adults helped renovate (drywall and paint) the first floor of a building into a youth center; the second floor into a classroom and offices and helped prepare land for gardening. Through the leadership of Reverend Gordon Barry, this marks the third straight year the First United Methodist Church of Lowell has embarked on a community project. Last year, a group painted a house in Lowell and two years ago a group worked on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Pictured front row, left to right, are: Sarah Bommarito, Katrina Robinson and Heather Halbeisen; second row, left to right, are: Lonnie Bogdanik, Jill Rozman, Morgan Scheid, Lynn Boersma, Meghan Geer, Adam Peters, Casey Harper and Gordon Barry; back row, left to right, are: Tammy Ryder, Aaron Bloem, Heidi Elzinga, June Munroe and Carol Briggs.

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

which is required for development in the district. All lots are greater than the required 17,000 square feet, the average being 27,300 square feet. On-site water and septic systems are proposed and application for those services has been submitted to the Kent County Health Department. Township clerk Mari Stone said the township has worked with Rude on his Stoneridge development, across from the new high school, and is confident the proposed River Place development will be as nice as his previous project.

## TOWN TALK

If you could have lunch with one of the following gold medal winners of the Atlanta games, which one would you choose - Michael Johnson, Kerri Strug, Amy VanDyken, Dot Richardson or Dan O'Brien and why?



**Lisa Nelson**  
*Kerri Strug. I used to compete in gymnastics when I was younger.*



**Sherri Jahnke**  
*Dan O'Brien. He knows what it is like to fail and then come back up to the top again. I think he will probably appreciate the gold medal the most.*



**Sharen Droese**  
*Probably Kerri Strug. I like how she moved every-body.*



**Norm Weemhoff**  
*None of them. I'd like to have lunch or dinner with Shannon Miller. She's good looking.*



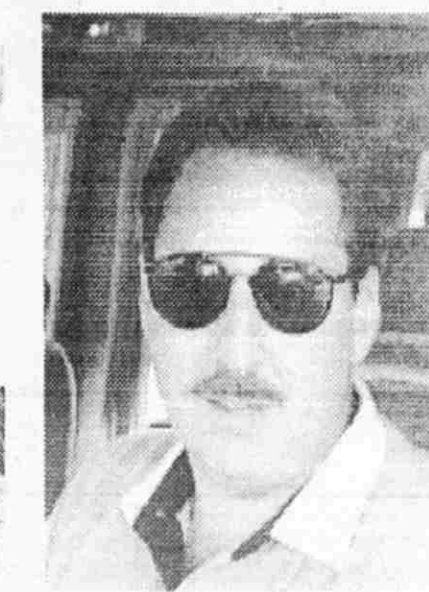
**Dawn Heet**  
*Amy VanDyken. I enjoy watching swimming.*



**Bob Shindorf**  
*Michael Johnson. He set the world record even before the Olympics.*



**Brenda Brengle**  
*Michael Johnson. I used to run in track.*



**Jim Shey**  
*Kerri Strug. I liked her performance and she's cute.*

Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own.  
**Doug Larson**

# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JULY 15, 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 Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Director of Public Works Art Gall, Streets and Parks Supervisor Daniel DesJarden and City Attorney Richard Wendt.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the July 1, 1996 meeting be approved as corrected.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.  
 NAY: 0.  
 ABSENT: 0.  
 MOTION CARRIED.

#### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (07/15/96)

GENERAL FUND	\$216,735.81
LOCAL STREET FUND	6,129.90
EQUIPMENT FUND	2,855.66
AIRPORT FUND	115.06
SEWER FUND	1,117.50
MAJOR STREET FUND	288.63
DDA FUND	29,275.12
BUILDING & SITE FUND	47,585.32
WATER FUND	3,141.82

#### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 222 S. DIVISION - KELLY NEVINS AND TOM MELLE - CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUR FOOT HIGH CHAIN LINK FENCE IN FRONT YARDS - PUBLIC HEARING.** Kelly Nevins and Tom Melle had petitioned to construct a four foot high chain link fence at their home which has frontage on Front, Jackson and Division Streets, where a three foot high fence is allowed in the front yard under the Zoning Ordinance. Due to the unusual circumstances of the lot configuration, a variance was requested.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this variance at their June 24, 1996 meeting.

No public or Board comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to approve the variance request of Kelly Nevins and Tom Melle to construct a four foot high chain link fence in their front yards at 222 S. Division, where a three foot high fence is allowed.

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

**B. 2485 W. MAIN - MICHIGAN WIRE PROCESSING COMPANY - APPEAL OF SITE PLAN REVIEW RULING BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING SIDEWALKS-SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (8/5).** The Planning Commission reviewed a site plan submitted by Michigan Wire Processing to construct a 10,064 square foot addition to its facilities at its June 24 meeting. The site plan was approved by the Commission, subject to the construction of sidewalk along the W. Main Street frontage.

Donald Fizer, President of Michigan Wire, submitted a written request to appeal the Planning Commission decision regarding the sidewalks. Fizer stated, in his request, that a sidewalk would not adjoin at either side of his property and felt it would be a waste and burden for him.

Under Section 18.10 of the Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Board may affirm or reverse the action of the Planning Commission, after holding a public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to establish a public hearing on August 5, 1996 to consider the appeal submitted by Donald Fizer of Michigan Wire Processing Co., on a June 24, 1996 site plan review ruling by the Planning Commission regarding sidewalks.

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

Councilmember Myers stated that he had been inspired by a local resident, George Blocher, who attends most City Council meetings, noting his spirit of always wearing his downtown development hat. Thus, Myers presented all the Councilmembers, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and Deputy City Clerk with a "Lowell's On A Roll...Official Sidewalk Superintendent" hat to wear during the Council meeting to show community support.

**Item #2. WEST SIDE SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT - CONSIDERATION OF FINANCING AND ALLOCATION OF COSTS.** As directed from the Council, a meeting was held with engineer John LaFevre of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, City Attorney Richard Wendt and City Staff regarding the west side sanitary sewer extension project. The project was reviewed in terms of total cost and allocations.

Wendt stated that if the project proceeds, it was recommended by staff to have the Wastewater Enterprise Fund finance the project because of its retained earnings balance and the need not to borrow externally.

The estimated cost of \$234,000 to extend approximately 3,500 feet of sanitary sewer would be spread over the six properties involved. A contribution of approximately 25% (\$58,500) from the Wastewater Fund was proposed because of (1) the economic development benefit to the City, (2) the recognition of additional available sanitary sewer system capacity will tend to stabilize system cost and rates and charges to all users, and (3) the extensions will in the future provide and permit further extension of sanitary sewer service to other properties on the west side. In addition, the cost of \$30,000 for approximately 630 feet of "dead space" which cannot be reasonably anticipated for connection was recommended to be borne by the system. The remainder of the cost of the extension will be allocated on a comparative footage basis by the six property owners who can reasonably be expected to directly benefit from the extension. These property owners are A & C Company, Donna Gerard, Michigan Wire, Todd Landman, Dr. John Wellman and the Ionia County National Bank.

Each property owner would have the option to enter into an installment agreement with the City permitting payment of the share of cost in ten equal annual installments, plus interest on the unpaid balance at 7% per annum. The agreement with

the property owner would be in writing and recorded. The amount owed would become a lien on the property. This could be paid in full at any time.

Michigan Wire and Ionia County National Bank would be required to pay their share or enter into an agreement for repayments prior to connecting to the system. The owners of the A & C Company property and Donna Gerard property need to pay their share or enter into an installment agreement before connecting to the sewer extension. Each year, a property owner defers paying its share or entering into an installment agreement would result in an increase of its share at the rate of 3.5% per annum compounded. This is in recognition of inflation and the system financing the extension for the benefit of these properties.

The Todd Landman property and Dr. John Wellman property would not be required to pay their share until there is a change of use or ownership. However, each would have to connect to the extension within 180 days after it becomes available. At the time of connection, these properties would incur a \$300 connection fee plus the cost of running a sewer lateral from the extension to the premises on the property.

John LaFevre explained the proposed line extends from Sibley Street at Ridgeview Drive directly west to a property line adjacent to Michigan Wire, which would proceed south to M-21, then west to the bank site.

Dean Lonick of Michigan Wire Processing stated that the company anticipated sewer to the west end for a long time. But, he believed the proposed design and financial package are unworkable. The total destruction of their eastern property line to excavate and install the sewer line would cause severe operational and financial hardship. Lonick proposed that consideration be given so that the north-south leg extending through the Michigan Wire property be moved to the east. He also requested time to review and digest the financial package.

Wendt responded that the City does not intend to take action at this time. But, it would be senseless to extend this line, unless Michigan Wire and Ionia County National Bank are connected.

Dr. Donald Gerard questioned the cost of the extension and the future burden placed on his property.

LaFevre stated that moving the proposed sewer line to properties east of Michigan Wire and along M-21 would not benefit all the users and the sharing of cost. Fred Kamminga of Kamminga Development (who has proposed a residential subdivision on the A & C Company property) was in favor of

the proposed sewer line. He noted that if the line would proceed west along M-21, there would be curb cuts, drive way replacements and utility relocation to consider. This would make the entire project much more costly.

The consensus of the Council was that City Manager Pasquale meet with Michigan Wire and Ionia County National Bank to establish an agreement, so the project would begin this construction season. Then, a special meeting for the Council could be scheduled to initiate the bid process.

**Item #3. CITY HALL FRONT STEPS.** It was proposed that the front steps of City Hall be replaced as part of the downtown streetscape project with rounded steps and a rail in the middle similar to the original style of the building. An estimated cost of \$650 was received. Several councilmembers expressed their concerns about the materials of the rail. Pasquale said he would investigate this. The consensus of the Council was to authorize Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber to proceed with this project.

**Item #4. MONTHLY REPORTS.** No comments received from the materials presented.

**Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** No comments received.

**Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores commended Mike Sprenger of Spring Grove Variety for his good community spirit by his article in the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide and "the Appreciation Sale."

Councilmember Hodges thanked the Lions Club for the excellent job bringing the Circus to the City on Wednesday, July 10, 1996.

Councilmember Myers had reviewed three quotes for a quarterly City newsletter. Those quotes ranged from \$11,632 to \$17,500 for 2500 copies of a four page, two color, double wide newsletter.

Councilmember Shores asked if anyone had seen a copy of Lowell Charter Township's newsletter. She had inquired concerning the cost and found that it is very reasonable, because the Township allows advertising. Shores stated that the advertising is not offensive. Businesses are part of the City. If they want to contribute to the newsletter, this should be allowed.

Councilmembers Myers and Hodges stated their reservations with allowing advertising.

Councilmember Myers also suggested that city staff attendance at various City meetings be noted in the respective

minutes.

Mayor Thompson had walked through the downtown construction area and noticed it is starting to show development and encouraged everyone to come and do the same.

**Item #7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

**A.** Copies of the June 12 meeting of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce were provided in the agenda.

**B.** The City had been informed through the Michigan Department of Transportation that a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$107,619 would be received for the 1997 downtown streetscape project from Broadway to Lincoln Lake. Pasquale noted his appreciation to John LaFevre of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber for his time and work on the grant application.

**C.** Bids will be received for the Roberta Jayne Street underdrain project on July 30. It is anticipated that Council award would occur at the August 5 meeting.

**D.** A leadership training session for elected officials will be presented by Michigan Municipal League and the Michigan Township Associates in Lansing on August 21. If any Councilmembers are interested in attending, Betty Morlock should be contacted.

**E.** On the 200 block of East Main there is a pay telephone in the City's name. As part of the downtown development project, a decision must be made to either relocate or have it removed completely. The business owners in the 200 block do not want the phone.

The consensus of the Council was to have the pay phone removed completely, informing Ameritech to do so.

**Item #8. APPOINTMENTS.** Mayor Thompson appointed Alan Teelander (802 Hunt) to the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy which expires January 1, 1997. Also, he reappointed Daniel Brubaker (523 Lincoln Lake) to the Planning Commission and Dave Clark (323 N. Jackson) to the Board of Review for three year terms expiring June 30, 1999.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: August 5, 1996

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

## Local libraries receive financial boost from township's cable revenue

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

Residents of Lowell Charter Township can have a sense of community pride as they enter the new library facilities in Alto and Lowell.

The pride stems from a donation made to both libraries from the township board in the name of its citizens.

"It would be nice if we could get a little recognition for the people in the community to show that they are committed to our libraries," said township supervisor John Timpson.

The township plans on donating \$5,000 to the Lowell library and \$3,000 to the Alto facility to address needs not covered under the county wide millage.

According to Carol Wieland, a township trustee and member of the county library board, only books, bodies, the phone, and computers are covered by the millage. Furnishings, shelves, and other utility bills must be paid for by the libraries.

The township will use funds from its cable television revenue to fund the donations.

Township clerk Carol Wells said the cable funds are not specifically earmarked for any cause and are ideal for donating because it puts a specific limit on how much can be donated.

"You have to be careful who you donate to because there are 1,001 good causes out there," Wells said. "The cable money comes from the community and it's good to put it back into the community."

Trustee Dick Huver discussed using cable funds to further extend cable services, but upon further discussions a consen-

sus was reached that extending cable lines is too costly and depends on the amount of customers wanting the service.

Timpson estimated that it costs approximately \$20,000 to extend the lines one mile into the township.

"We could spend three years paying for one mile for the

next one or two customers," said Wieland. "That would be a long haul and I would hate to determine which direction it would go. No matter which direction you go, somebody would be upset that you didn't go in their direction."



**St. Patrick's youth who worked in Evarts, Kentucky, for five days as a part of the national organization "Group" are, front row, left to right: Brenda Powers, Stephanie Conigliaro, Mike Frey; middle row, left to right, are: Shannon Rogers, Lacy Letts, Ana Klackle and leader Karen Rogers; back row, left to right, are: Andrea Baker, Brendan Donahue, Lindsay Scigliano, Sally Powers, Steve Nawrocki, Jason Herrington, Theresa Reath.**

## St. Pat's youth aid others through "Group" effort

Members of St. Patrick's high school youth group worked for five days to repair, remodel, paint and dry-wall home sites in Evarts, Kentucky (Appalachian Mountains) as part of a program through a national orga-

nization called "Group." The organization is based in Colorado. It's been organizing youth trips for 17 years at over 20 different sites across the country.

St. Patrick's youth group, under the guidance of its

leader Karen Rogers, left Lowell on June 15th and returned on June 23rd.

Rogers said the youth were apprehensive upon arrival, but after a short time got excited about what they were doing. "It was a good experience for them. It gave them a chance to see a different lifestyle and culture," Rogers said.

Members of St. Patrick's youth group awoke each morning at 6-6:30, had breakfast and then arrived at their work site to begin work by 8:00. Their day ended at 3:30 p.m. except for Wednesday when they completed work at 1 p.m.

Following their five days

of work, the group left for Cumberland Falls State Park where they enjoyed a day of white water rafting.

Joining the students on their eight-day trip were four adults (including Rogers).

The trip cost each student \$450. St. Patrick's Church donated \$100 to each youth and through fundraising each student earned \$75.

Rogers said students stayed at a hotel one night on the way down and one night on the way back.

While in Evarts, students were lodged in a school. "We slept in classrooms. The girls stayed on the first floor and the boys slept on the second floor," Rogers explained.

*If you wish to forget anything on the spot, make a note that this thing is to be remembered.*

Edgar Allen Poe

## Hard work and dental achievement a Vredenburg family legacy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Clark Vredenburg, D.D.S., worked hard to complete his graduate work in 1964 at the University of Detroit's dental school.

Daughter Michelle, his oldest child, worked hard to achieve the same educational status as her father in 1989.

Son Martin, his youngest child, worked hard to achieve the educational status of his father and his sister in 1996.

"Sure I'm proud. But, I have never pressured any of them," Clark Vredenburg said. "It's been their choice. Michelle and Martin have

worked hard to achieve what they have."

Michelle works with her husband at their practice in St. Clair, MI.

Martin is now working two days a week as a graduate associate at his father's practice (1150 N. Hudson). He also works two days a week at a dental practice in Hastings and one day a week at a Kentwood practice.

"It's harder to establish oneself and one's own practice," Clark Vredenburg said. "The circumstances have created branch offices. "Grandville may not be big enough to establish a practice

so I chose dental school."

As with Michelle, Martin chose the same school, the University of Detroit Mercy, as his father.

He completed four years of undergraduate work at Eastern Michigan University before enrolling at Detroit.

The youngest Vredenburg identified what he saw as major changes in dentistry since his father went to school. "I think the major change has been in materials. I also think some of the tech-

niques have changed over the years. My father did more lab work. Today, practices send things out to labs." Martin's wife Angela, also a dentist, practices out of offices in Hastings and Caledonia.

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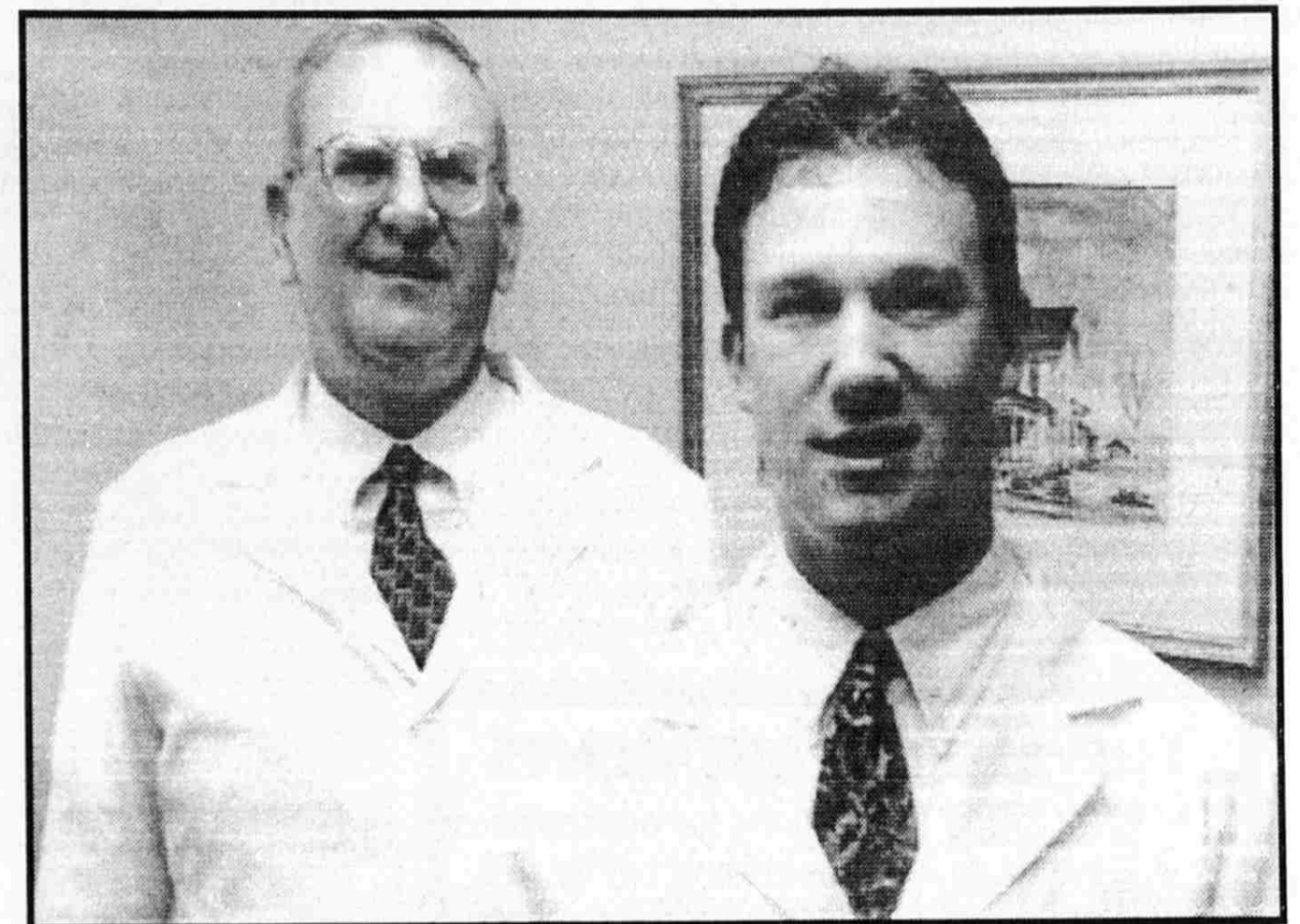
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"It ended up being a toss-up between medical school and dental school," he said. "I wanted more normal hours



Father and son dentist team, Clark and Martin Vredenburg.

### IN THE SERVICE

Air Force Airman Adam P. English has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

English is the son of Gary and Vicki English of Lowell. He is a 1995 graduate of Lowell High School.

*Success is more attitude than aptitude.*  
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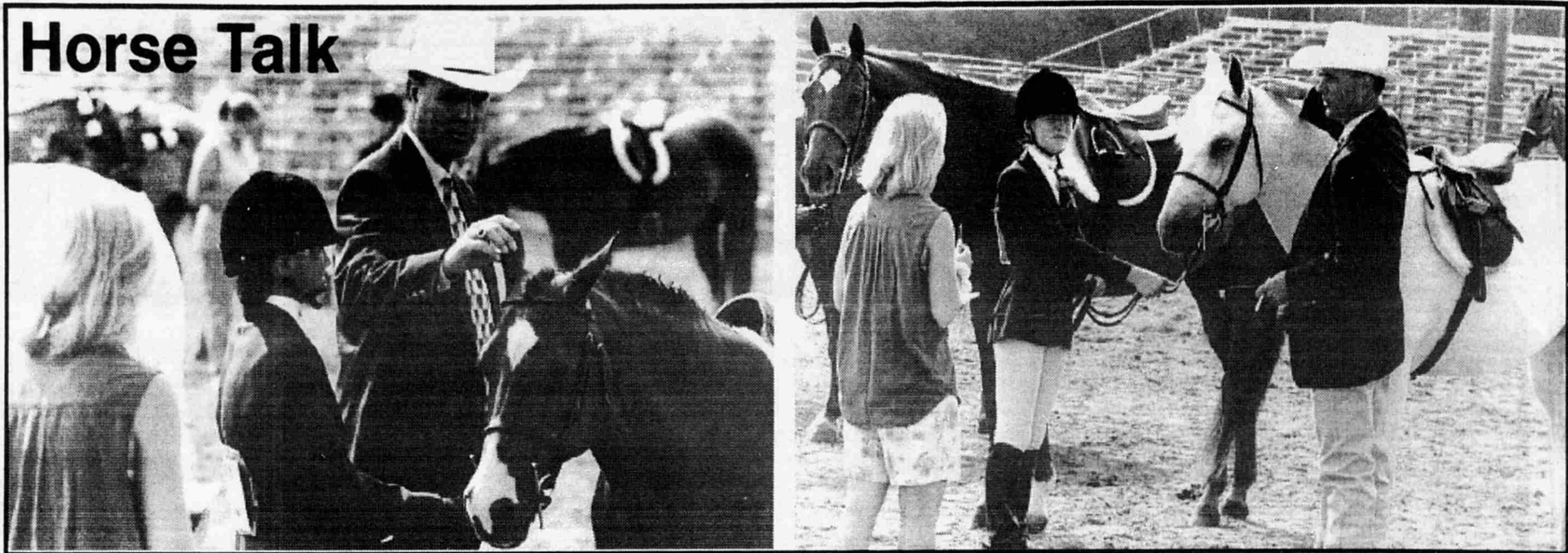
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## Horse Talk



Olivia Binstead, 13, of Rockford, showed her horse "Honey's Hanky Panky" in the ABC Grouping division. Judge Tim Abler awarded her the highest rating - an "A."

Judge Tim Abler talks to Jessica Richardson, East Grand Rapids, as he views her horse "Dream to Dawn." Richardson was a participant in the Kent County Youth Fair ABC Grouping horse judging contest. The 13-year-old earned the highest rating - an "A."

## Fall sports opening day of practice set for Monday

Lowell High School fall sports teams will officially begin practicing in preparation for the 1996-97 season on Monday Aug. 12.

Lowell varsity girls' basketball coach Ken Akers will hold practice in the main gym from 9 a.m. until noon.

Rob Smith, Red Arrow junior varsity girls' coach, has scheduled practice from noon until 3 p.m. in the main gym.

Coach Amy Stauffer and the freshman basketball team will practice from noon until

3 p.m. in the main gym.

Noel Dean and the varsity football team will hold their first practice from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the high school practice fields. The junior varsity and freshman teams will practice from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m.

All three teams will return for a two-hour afternoon practice from 1 until 3 p.m.

Soccer coach Dave Wydock and the varsity and junior varsity soccer teams will practice on the high

school fields from 7 until 9 p.m.

The Red Arrow cross country teams coached by Tom Harper will practice at the track from 8 until 10 a.m.

Coach Wendy Ackermann and the girls' tennis team will practice at the middle school courts from 9 a.m. until noon.

The boys' golf team under the guidance of coach Jack Ogle will practice at the Deer Run Golf Course. A time has not yet been determined.

## Red and White scrimmage set for Aug. 17

With the first day of football practice less than a week away, Lowell freshman, junior varsity and varsity football players are asked to pick up their equipment on Thursday (Aug. 8) at 6 p.m. in the field house.

Those interested in playing football this fall are asked to show up with their cleats and their proof-of-physical card.

For a large majority of Red Arrow football players, the sport has already been a large part of their summer.

First-year football coach Noel Dean has had players participating in team (varsity and junior varsity) camps, three different pass tournaments and a football camp hosted by Saginaw Valley State University. Players have also spent the summer in the weight room.

"We had 60-70 players lifting weights, 40 who attended the varsity team camp, and 20-plus players who attended the junior varsity team camp," Dean said.

Fans will get their first glimpse of the Red Arrow football teams at the Red and White scrimmage on Aug. 17 at the high school.

The freshman team will scrimmage at 9 a.m.; junior varsity at 10 a.m. and the varsity team at 11 a.m.

A picnic will follow for players, families and onlookers.

The Lowell Youth Football organization and the 78'ers will hold a Punt, Pass and Kick competition from 9 until 11 a.m. at the practice fields. Registration will take place from 7:30 until 8:30 a.m.

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