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Weekend crashes are reminders to area motorists of deadly Cascade Road/Alden Nash intersection

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two Grand Rapids women were killed and a Kentwood man was resting in critical condition following three accidents on Alden Nash Road over the weekend.

Two of the three accidents occurred at the intersection of Alden Nash and Cascade Road.

According to authorities, Erma Jean Ford, 72, Grand Rapids, and her passenger Bonnie Fisher, 56, Grand

Rapids, were killed when Ford, driving a Ford Escort, pulled out in front of an oncoming van at Cascade and Alden Nash.

The accident took place at 4:29 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 9).

Michael Martin, 35, Greenville, the driver of the van, was not injured.

The Kent County Sheriff's Department, Lowell Fire/Rescue and Lowell Ambulance responded to the call.

Kent County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jack Wood said seat belts were used and alcohol was not a contributing factor.

Moises Rodriguez, 27, Kentwood, incurred severe injuries early Sunday (Nov. 10) morning and was transported to Butterworth Hospital by Aeromed following an accident at the Cascade/Alden Nash intersection.

Rodriguez was driving eastbound on Cascade when he failed to stop at the intersection. He was struck in the driver's side door by a southbound vehicle driven by Thomas (Carol) Blumberg, both 51, of Gowen.

Blumberg suffered minor injuries and was transported to Butterworth Hospital along with his wife Carol who was reported in good condition. The Blumbergs were wearing restraints.

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An accident at Alden Nash and Segwun left motorists with minor abrasions, cuts and bruises.

Board of education discusses need to vote on something that has already happened

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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It has become an accepted way of business that school administrators, when offered a better professional opportunity in another school district, will change jobs in the middle of a school year.

Which, for some, begs the question: why then have contracts? The answer is explained by the fact that a contract lays out the rules of employment.

"I disagree with the contract part. I believe a school can hire good staff and treat them right without a contract and still have employees serve this district well," Lowell Board of Education trustee Ellen McClain said.

Along with questioning the necessity of a contract, McClain also inquired about the necessity of the board approving the hiring when in many cases the person has already begun working before the board votes.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said the board hires him and he hires everyone else within the framework laid out by the board. Bleke sees the board's vote as a stamp of approval.

Traditionally, schools have had contracts for administrators. Lowell School Board vice president Pete Gustafson said he would not go as far as doing away with contracts, but believes districts should be sure contracts are well written, protect their interests and are even handed and fair.

The Lowell School District recently lost its high school assistant principal Phil Christensen, when he accepted a principalship position with McBain High School.

In turn, Lowell hired Kevin Pearson from Catholic Central to replace Christensen.

The Lowell School Board formally voted to approve the employment of Pearson Monday night, although he began work on Nov. 4.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said he would bring the contract before the board for its approval.

Bleke was not sure if state code required boards to formally approve employment of administrators below the superintendent, though he did say it was district policy.

"In many instances, by the time the board votes on a hiring at a formal meeting, the superintendent has gone through the channels; the personnel committee has been given information and the candidate has already been retained," Gustafson said. "Thus the impression is created - the board is voting on something that has already happened. That may not be the best practice. I think the board should be kept abreast and make sure hiring policies are followed."

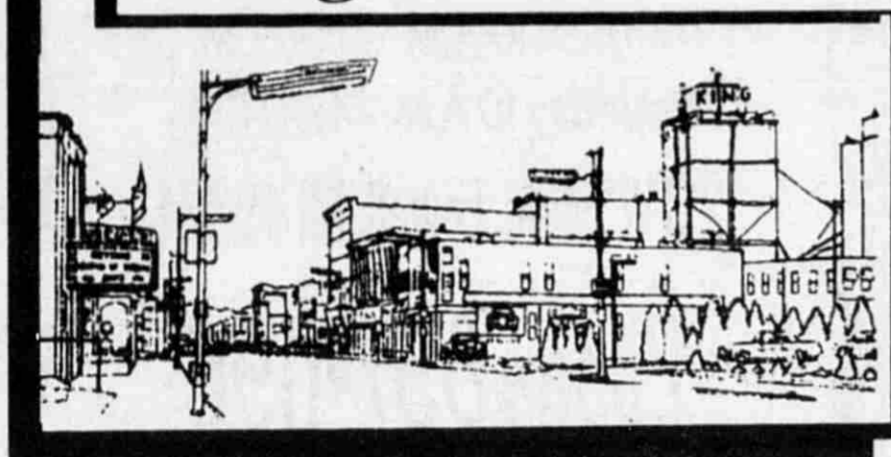
Bleke suggested that maybe all decisions should be deferred until the board formally acts on it. "I think the policy should be discussed and reviewed."

Gustafson added that existing board policy is short and not elaborate in this area. He said it doesn't explain the rationale behind it.

The Lowell superintendent said if that is what the board wants he could go along with it. "it may bring about a need for

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Along Main Street



LAAC EXHIBIT

The work of Grand Rapids artist Kathleen Kalinowski will be on view in the Lowell Area Arts Council exhibit at FMB Galleria Nov. 12 through Dec. 10. Kalinowski's work consists mainly of landscapes of this area in both oil and pastel.

FMB State Savings Bank is located at 414 E. Main in downtown Lowell. The exhibit is on view during business hours Monday through Saturday.

LOWELL LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING

The next Lowell Little League meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights community building.

YMCA WINTER BASKETBALL

The Lowell YMCA is currently taking registrations for winter basketball for grades 1-6. The deadline for grades 3-6 is Thursday, Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. The deadline for grades 1-2 is Thursday, Jan. 2.

For more information call the Lowell YMCA at 897-8445.

RIVETTE TRIBUTE TO BE SHOWN ON LCTV

A tribute to past Scoutmaster Gould Rivette will be shown on LCTV Channel 2 on the following dates: Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.; Thursday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.

GARAGE DOOR SAFETY CHECKS

Greenridge Realty will be canvassing the Lowell area from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Nov. 16, in an effort to bring to the public an awareness of electric garage door safety.

They will be asking the homeowners to check their garage doors to see if the automatic reverse is operating correctly.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM PARENT SUPPORT MEETING

There will be a parent support meeting for parents interested in the gifted and talented program at Cherry Creek Elementary media center at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14.

Parent Dr. Catherine DenHouter will demonstrate use of the Montessori Trinomial Cube in math education, and there will be reports on junior great books, the stock market game, art club and the first meeting of Continental Math League for grades four and five.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS THROUGH LOWELL

The 5th annual Christmas Through Lowell - 1996 is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 to 9; Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 to 5 and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 11 to 3. Visit the 15 homes

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OBITUARIES

ANTONOPULOS - Charles C. Antonopoulos, aged 67, of Grand Rapids, passed away on Friday, November 8, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and son, Robert; one brother Bill (Mary) Anton; sister, Vivian (Dick) Degner; aunt, Audrey Hansen; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He served with the United States Army during the occupation of Japan, and the Korean Conflict. He was a life member of DAV and PVA. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, November 12, 1996, at First United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions are suggested to Multiple Sclerosis or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

JOHNSON - Dr. G. Dana Johnson, aged 78, of Manhattan, Kansas, died Sunday evening, October 27, 1996. He is survived by his wife Lois; daughter Laurel Dyal of Overland Park, Kansas; son Wayne (Diane) Johnson of Broomfield, Colorado; sisters Portia (Donovan) Spriggs of Woodstock, GA, and Priscilla Lussmyer of Lowell; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His daughter Dana Eileen Johnson and brother Humphrey Johnson preceded him in death. Dr. Johnson was before his retirement a long-time professor of chemistry at Kansas State University. A memorial service was held Friday, November 1, in Manhattan.

KARSTON - Ronald J. Karston, aged 58, of Walker, passed away unexpectedly Friday, November 8, 1996. Surviving are his children John Karston, Tracy (Robert) Watkins, Kristi (Jim) Kalka of Granger, IN, Jodi Karston of New Port, CA, Fred Karston; eight grandchildren; his sister, Eleanore Karston. Ron was the vice president of Eastern Avenue Hall and employed by Thomet Chevrolet. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday at St. James Church. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the Rev. Kubiak Education Foundation will be appreciated.

LAMBSON (YEITER) - Marian, Etta (Yeiter) Lambson, aged 79, of Lowell, formerly of Grand Rapids, went to be with her Lord Saturday, November 9, 1996. She was preceded in death by her brother Donald Yeiter and brother-in-law Alvin Wittenbach. Surviving are her three sisters Phyllis (Alton) Mick of Clarksville, Elaine (Vern) Warnes of Ionia; and Elizabeth Wittenbach of Lowell, sister-in-law Betty Yeiter of Lowell; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. G. Robert Webber. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Lowell Methodist Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

LARSEN - Norine C. (Conrad) Larsen, aged 87, of Grand Rapids, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 9, 1996. Surviving are her children, James W. Larsen Jr. of Fayetteville, NC, Richard E. (Kay) Larsen of Wyoming, Kendall T. Larsen of Thompsonville, MI, Daryl B. (Pat) Larsen of Wyoming, Michael K. Larsen of Grand Rapids, David A. (Mary Ellen) Larsen of Alto and Marcia K. and Donald Lehman of Kentwood; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; her sister Mrs. Marcella Hurry; her brother Donald Conrad. In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Tuesday. Memorials to the

American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated.

SLUITER - Arie Sluiter, Jr., aged 71, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord Saturday, November 9, 1996. He was a veteran of WWII and employed at Standard Lumber for 40 years. Surviving are his wife Jozina Jean; his children Barbara Sluiter, Kathy and Julius Rahmandar, Cheryl Smith, Andrew Sluiter; 11 grandchildren; his brothers and sisters Rosella and Arthur Heyboer, Elvina Slot, Jim and Coral Sluiter, Maisie and Phil Longstreet, Ray and Sandy Sluiter; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Kaye Noorman, Arnold Noorman, Kasper Jr. and Linda Noorman, Rose and Howard Wanamaker; his special friends, Gerry Noorman, Evelyn DeBoer, Carolyn Forsema, Danny Kwee, Sandy Sluiter; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Archie VanderHart officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or C.R.W.R.C.

Ray and Sandy Sluiter; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Kaye Noorman, Arnold Noorman, Kasper Jr. and Linda Noorman, Rose and Howard Wanamaker; his special friends, Gerry Noorman, Evelyn DeBoer, Carolyn Forsema, Danny Kwee, Sandy Sluiter; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held Tuesday at the Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Archie VanderHart officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids or C.R.W.R.C.

School's annual variety show to benefit student scholarships

Lowell's third annual variety show will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the LHS Performing Arts Center. Curtain is at 7 p.m.

Once again, all proceeds go to the student scholarship funds administered by the Lowell Education Association. The two previous shows have gleaned close to \$2,000 in scholarship monies.

Staff members from all the district's buildings, including support staff, will participate in the show, which will last over an hour and a half.

Acts include comedy routines, dance, and serious musical interpretations.

Tickets will be available at the LHS box office starting November 18. Advance ticket prices are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. All tickets at the door will be \$3.

Seating is reserved, so early ticket purchase is recommended.

The Lowell Performing Arts Center is located at the Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Rd., Lowell, MI. For more information, call the LPAC at 616-897-4449.

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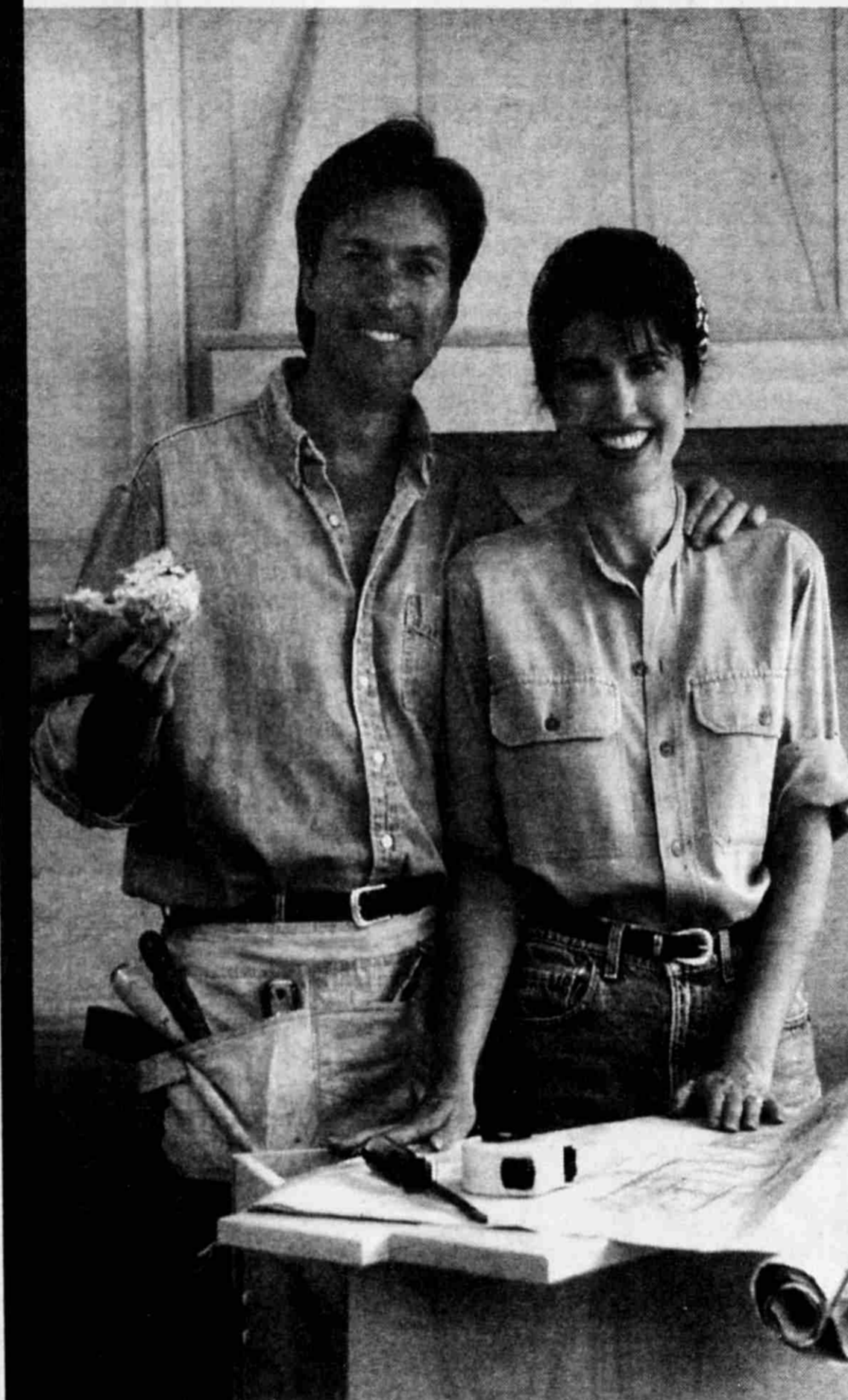
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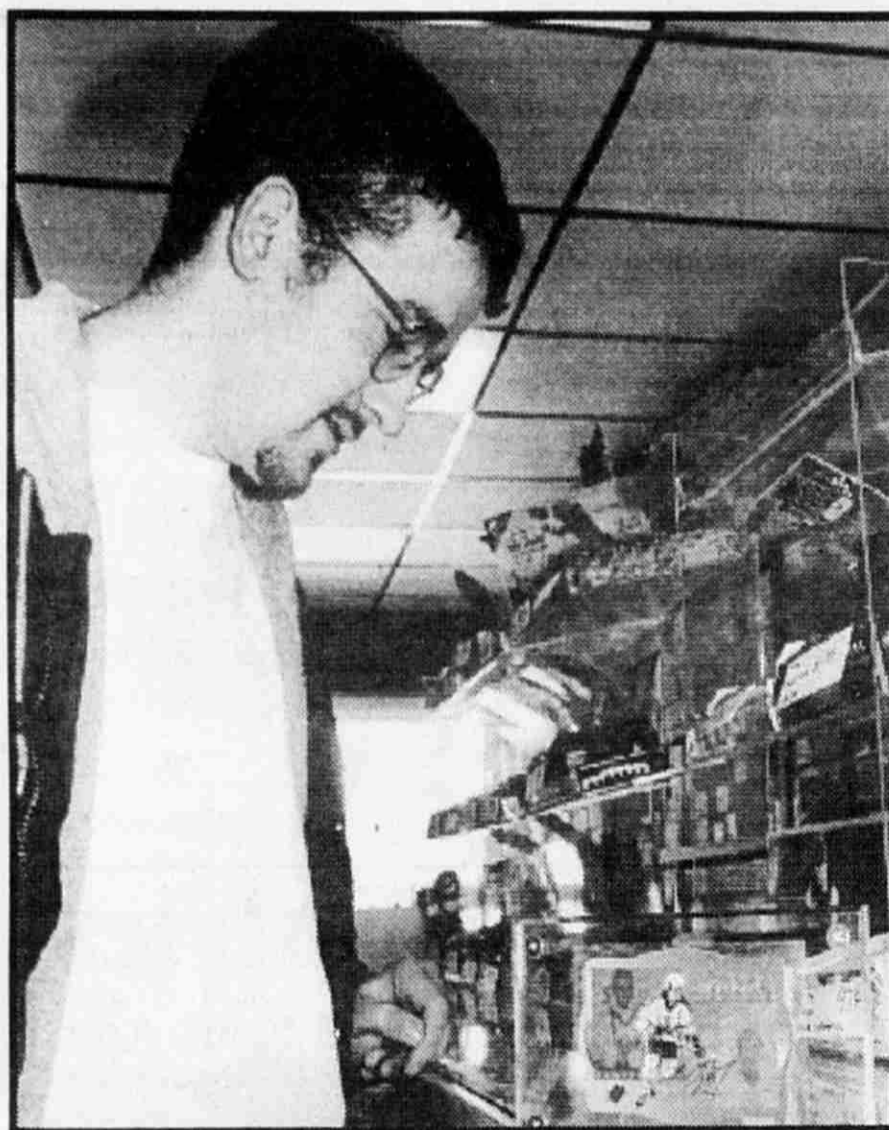
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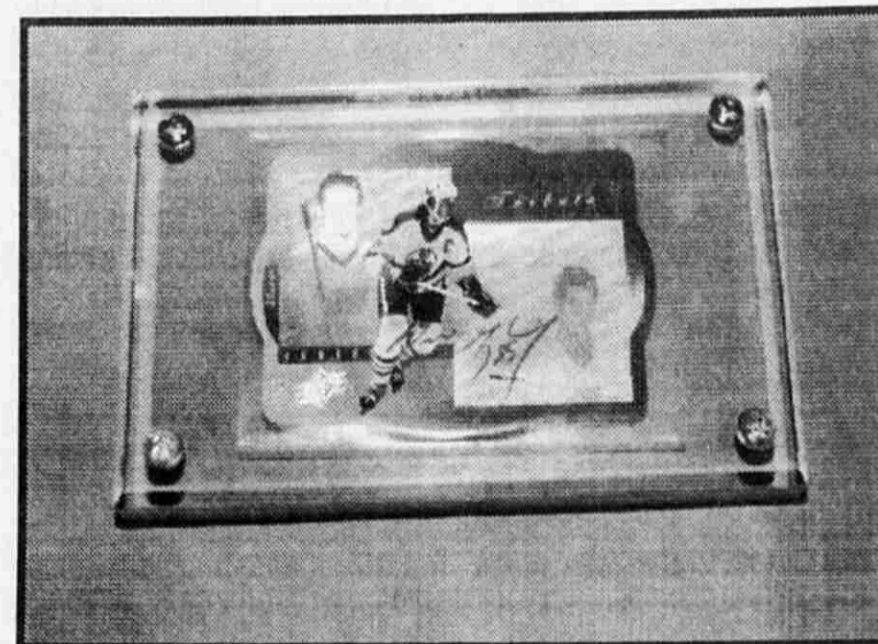


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Wayne Gretzky card a "Great One" at a great price for Myers



Nick Myers, left, goes through his weekly routine of checking out the hockey cards available at Rookies. Below is the Upper Deck Wayne Gretzky card Myers purchased for \$4; the card is valued at \$450.



By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For Nick Myers, the difference between luck and skill is about \$450.

Myers, an avid hockey card collector and an even bigger hockey fan, made one of his weekly visits to Rook-

ies Sportcards Plus, 106 W. Main.

The visit was much like those which preceded it - a look through the comic books and hockey cards, and then a purchase.

Myers bought an Upper Deck hockey card packet for \$4. After opening the pack, the Grand Rapids Community College student noticed that the card had two holograms on it, then he recognized the player to be Wayne Gretzky. Lastly, he noticed the "Great One's" signature.

"I knew when I saw it had two holograms it must be a special card," Myers said.

Rookies' owner Don Reedy confirmed it. Checking the price book indicated Myers had just become the proud owner of a card valued

at \$450.

"I was almost home before it hit me just how valuable the card was," Myers said.

He doesn't have any plans to cash in. "I am going to keep the card and just let it sit and collect dust. I will probably end up giving it to my grandkids someday."

While the Gretzky card may be his most valuable, the Red Wing rooster's most prized holding is a 1984-85 Steve Yzerman rookie card.

Myers, also a self-proclaimed comic book junkie, enjoys more than just reading them.

In fact, he recently professed 2, four-page submissions to Kalamazoo Comic, a bi-annual comic book.

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Anticipated water agreement won't adversely affect Vergennes Twp. property owners

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Officials from Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships are hashing out a water service agreement that will allow people to hook up to the new water line, but only if necessary.

The two municipalities are trying to reach an agreement that states property owners must hook up to the system if it is adjacent to their property, but only if their current system fails.

In Lowell Charter Township, the water agreement states that homeowners must hook up if the line is adjacent to the property, but doesn't state *only* if an existing system fails.

"We don't want to adversely affect property owners in Vergennes Township that don't need a hook up right away," said Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson.

Timpson informed his board that Vergennes' officials denied their agreement because they felt it was too broad.

"Our intent was not to include agricultural property because in many cases it is not financially viable to hook up for them," said Timpson.

Vergennes clerk Mari Stone said another component missing in Lowell's agreement is the statement that hook-up can only occur if the system allows for it.

"We don't want people hooking up if the system can't handle it," she said. "In their ordinance they consider their

residents' needs and in our ordinance we are doing the same thing. We are looking out for their best interest."

The two sides don't expect much complication in passing a new agreement and said discussions have been amicable. "If we don't reach an agreement, the only other thing we can do is sue them and that is out of the question," Timpson said. "We feel we can reach an agreement that will satisfy both sides."

Lowell officials said hook ups to the system have gone slower than expected, but aren't going to force people to hook up when it's not necessary.

We don't want to adversely affect property owners in Vergennes Township that don't need a hook up right away.

Lowell Township Supervisor
John Timpson

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He learned not too long ago that both entries will be published. The first one entitled "Big Problem" will come out this month. "It's about a guy who fights crime wearing a hockey mask and carrying around a chain saw," Myers explains.

The second entry will be published in December. It is entitled "Hot Head." This is based on an alien saving a city

from bad guys.

"Four pages don't allow for much depth," Myers said. Not only did the Lowell resident write the stories but he also sketched the illustrations.

Myers did not receive any money for his work, just the satisfaction of getting his comics published. "Actually, I was more excited about this than purchasing the Gretzky card."

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LHS PLANNING MEETING

There will be a planning meeting for the Lowell High School Renaissance/Academic Booster's Program for all high school parents and other Lowell community members on Monday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the high school in conference room A. Come and help make a difference for the students.

LACC BOARD NOMINATIONS

Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. The deadline for nominations is November 22. You can send your nominations to LACC,

P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331, or call Liz Baker at 897-9161.

LACC SEEKING PARADE APPLICATIONS

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the 1996 annual Christmas parade. The parade will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. To obtain an application call LACC at 897-9161 or pick one up at Rupert's Drop, State Farm, Hahn Hardware or Amoco gas station.

SNOWMOBILE CERTIFICATION CLASSES

Michigan law requires any persons between the ages of 12 and 17 to earn a safety certificate from a snowmobile education course before they can operate a snowmobile on their own.

The Department of Natural Resources along with the Flat River Snowmobile Club will be offering this class on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. at the club house at 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell. Anyone interested in taking this class must contact the D.N.R. at (616) 456-5071 prior to December 3, 1996.

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Don't forget to string your rights and decorations for the annual residential and business Christmas Lighting Contest. Gift certificates awarded. Judging will take place December 10. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce. Call 897-9161 for more information.

Accidents, continued... From Page 1

Department Deputy Ed Knott said Rodriguez was not wearing a seat belt and it is believed alcohol was a factor.

Witnesses to the accident said Rodriguez was driving erratically and running stop signs prior to the impact.

Rodriguez pulled into the path of a vehicle driven by Thomas Blumberg.

Cuts, bruises and abrasions were sustained in a Friday (Nov. 8) afternoon accident at Alden Nash and Segwun.

Two men from San Diego, California, were westbound on Grand River when they stopped and then proceeded into the path of a northbound vehicle on Segwun.

Raymond Dinsen, driver, and Richard Dinsen, passenger, sought their own medical treatment.

Nicholas Kuilema, the driver of the northbound vehicle, did not incur any injuries.

Dinsen was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

Board of Education, cont'd... From Page 1

more special meetings. But I would not want to leave a high school principal in a lurch because we had to wait two weeks for a board meeting,"

concluded Bleke. "I think the superintendent should be free to hire staff and not be hung up later with whether or not someone is hired or not," McClain said.

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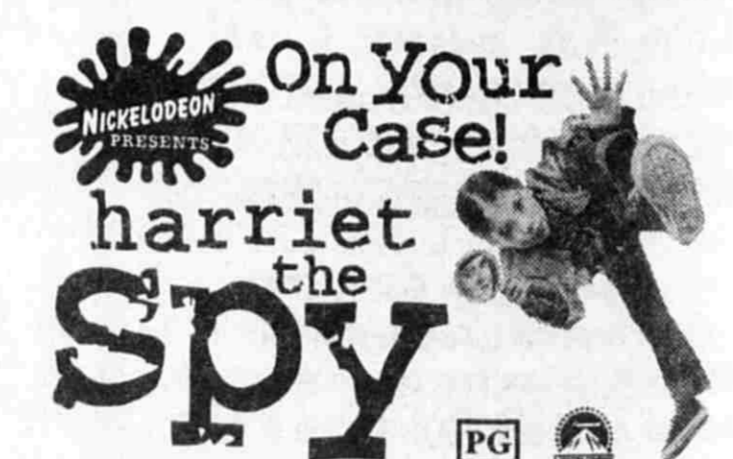
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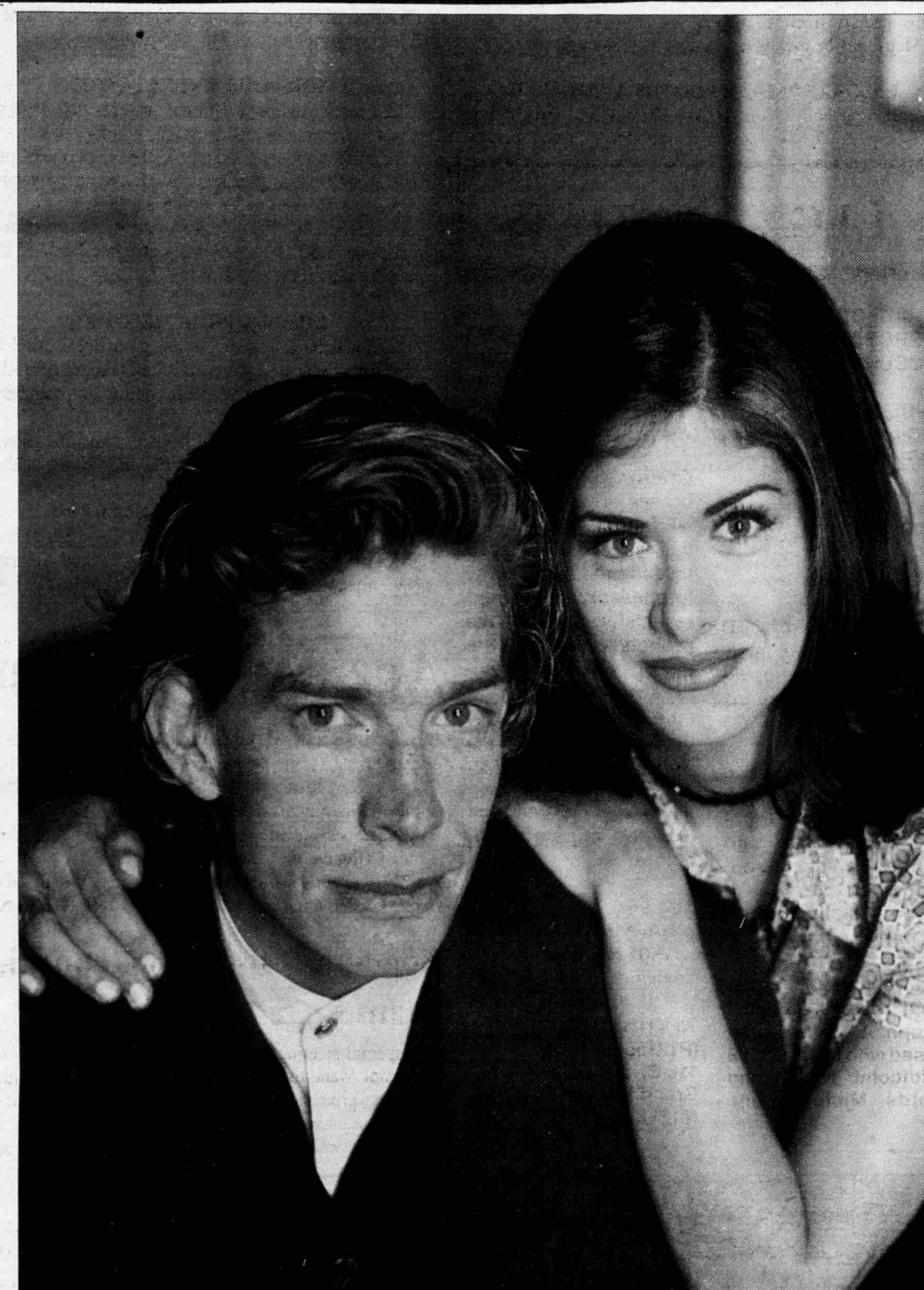


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Council allows Sellners to keep six-foot-high fence, minus an eight-foot panel

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Mark and Patricia Sellner constructed a six-foot high fence in order to provide them and their children some privacy from the neighbor's barking dogs and unrest.

The fence along their west property line, however, is not in compliance with an ordinance that requires a clear line of sight.

To be in compliance, the fence must be no higher than three feet from the Hunt Street right of way to 30 feet back. Sellners' home sets at the corner of Hunt and Hudson streets.

The Sellners went before the planning commission looking for a variance which would allow them to retain their six-foot high privacy fence.

After hearing Sellner's variance request, the planning commission denied their request as written, but said it was open to a modification which would taper the fence. It would be three feet at the Hunt Street sidewalk and gradually elevate to six feet in back.

Lowell Planning Commission chairman Mike Blough said if the Sellners were not satisfied with the modification suggested by the commission, they should try to work out a compromise with the zoning board of appeals.

While understanding what the ordinance states, commissioner Jim Hall said the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals also have a responsibility for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

Lowell city councilman Chuck Myers said he did not believe variances were intended to be used as a snapshot in time to control neighbors.

"The issue is the height of the fence. It is currently six feet and extends to within three feet of the sidewalk," Myers said. "Safety for visibility and for residents backing out of their

driveways I believe is impaired with a six-foot fence." Mayor Bill Thompson said he agreed with Sellner's feeling of concern for their current situation.

Mark Sellner stated six reasons as to why he wanted to keep his six-foot fence up between his yard and his neighbors. He cited bonfires that have been left unattended in the back yard, smoking and drinking teenagers, Doberman pinschers, malicious use of bebe guns, along with family violence.

Councilman Jim Hodges said he understood the spirit of the ordinance but felt room was needed for discretion. Sellners offered to take down one full eight-foot panel of fence to help clear the site line.

Mayor Thompson said he felt that would give a clear line of sight for pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

Tammy Hays, 937 Lincoln Lake, supported letting the Sellners keep the whole fence up. "They have gone through the effort of making things appropriate for the whole neighborhood," she said. "People put up fences for three reasons: appearance, keeping things in their yard and keeping things out of their yard."

With the exception of Myers, the council agreed and passed the variance, requiring that one eight-foot panel be removed from the front yard.

"This gives me a peace of mind knowing that my kids will be safe in their own yard," Sellner said. "The fence is a useful tool in keeping my kids safe."

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IN THE SERVICE

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Whalen successfully completed 11 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Whalen and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Whalen spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first

aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

Whalen joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. He is a 1996 graduate of Lowell High School.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Vergennes Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive to receive public comment on proposed Ordinance 96-5, Water Service Ordinance. If adopted, the ordinance would amend Ordinance 93-6, Water Service Ordinance, and would require connection to the water system in certain instances.

Background In 1993, pursuant to a Water and Sewer Agreement entered into by and between the Township of Vergennes and the Township of Lowell, Ordinance 93-6, Water Service Ordinance, was adopted by the Township of Vergennes, in order to provide for the use, management and operation of a Water System within a part of the Township of Vergennes. The Water and Sewer Agreement called for the Township of Vergennes to adopt changes in its Water Service Ordinance similar to changes adopted by the Township of Lowell.

In September, 1996, the Township of Lowell amended its Water Service Ordinance to more effectively achieve efficiency and future financial stability of the Water System. As a result, under the joint Water and Sewer Agreement referred to above, the Township of Vergennes has prepared proposed Ordinance No. 96-5, Water Service Ordinance which would, in certain instances, require connection to the Water System.

Section 1. Purpose: Restates the intent of Ordinance 93-6 and, if adopted, would require that in certain instances some structures and buildings be connected to the Water System.

Section 2. Definitions: Remain the same as in Ordinance 93-6, except for the following changes or additions: (a) "Person" now includes a "limited liability company."

(g) "Premise" has been expanded to add "condominium unit" and specify that a lot, parcel, condominium unit, or plot means any such property having its own tax identification number or is otherwise identifiable as being treated as a separate and distinct property.

(o) "Available Watermain." An available watermain means a watermain located in a right-of-way, easement, highway, street, private road or public way which crosses, adjoins, or abuts a Premises.

(p) "Site Development Plan, Private Road, Building Permit and Certificate of Occupancy." shall have the same meanings as provided by the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinances.

(q) "Water and Sewer Agreement" Specifies that any reference to such an agreement is limited to the Water and Sewer Agreement entered into by and between the Township of Vergennes and the Township of Lowell.

Section 3. Scope: Limits the scope of proposed Ordinance No. 96-5 only to the Water System constructed pursuant to the Water and Sewer Agreement between the Township of Vergennes and the Township of Lowell.

Section 4. Rules and Regulations: Unchanged.

Section 5. Service Connection: Divides service connections into Mandatory and Permissive. (a) Mandatory (1) New Structures and Developments (aa) After the effective date of Ordinance No. 96-5, if adopted, the owner of each Premise with an available Watermain would be required, at the time of erection of any structure requiring water for human consumption, to connect at the owner's expense to the Available Watermain.

(bb) After the effective date of Ordinance No. 96-5, if adopted, an owner of a Premise, or a person with a legal or equitable interest in a Premise, with an Available Watermain, who splits, sells, or otherwise develops such premises, would be required, as part of Township review and approval of such split, sale, or development, to install at such person's cost and expense an Available Watermain to the Premises split, sold, or otherwise developed or serviced by a Private Road.

(2) Existing Structures or Buildings: The owner of a Premise with an Available Watermain would not be required to install a connection to the Available Watermain except in the case of failure of any existing well, or the water from such well, to meet Kent County Health Department requirements.

(b) Permissive: Provides that any Person in conformance with this ordinance shall be permitted to receive Water Service, provided there exists adequate capacity and adequate Transmission or Distribution Lines to which such person can connect.

(c) Forms and Applications: Unchanged.

Section 6. through 14 are unchanged.

Section 15. Penalties: Provides that a violation of Ordinance No. 96-5 is a municipal civil infraction subject to certain fines and further would enable the Township to seek such other relief as may be provided by law.

Sections 16 and 17 are unchanged.

Section 18. Effective Date: If adopted, Ordinance No. 96-5 would become effective 30 days after its publication.

The full text of proposal Ordinance No. 96-5 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 1996.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTA COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 4, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning proposed ordinances to amend the Township of Grattan Zoning Ordinance. Such amending ordinances would, if adopted, (1) add Section 2.08a, stating the definition of "canopy" as the term is used in the Zoning Ordinance; (2) amend Section 3.29 so as to specify additional requirements concerning private roads, including a provision for special land use for the splitting or dividing of parcels served or to be served by a private road; and (3) amend Chapter 3 so as to set forth regulations on the dividing or splitting of platted lots and unplatted parcels, or boundary reconfigurations thereof, including requirements pertaining to permits for land division and the requirement that no permit for a land division shall be issued until it is determined that the proposed division complies with all applicable requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other Township ordinances.

The proposed text of the amending ordinance is on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township clerk, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amending ordinance.

Dated: November 11, 1996

Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan

TOWN TALK



Terry Burkhardt
A tax overhaul in Congress and see spending reduced.



Bernadette Pniewski
I'd like to see God's scriptural principles come back to the home, family and business. It must start with individuals reaching out to others.



Ralph Cadwallader
I want a flat tax.



Mary Ann Gwatkin
I'd like to see the abuse of medicare fixed. I'd also like to see improvements in education and in welfare.

With the millennium just four short years away, what would you like to see done, changed, improved, before the year 2000 that would make this a better country?



Ann Black
The drug problem. I wish I knew the solution to fix it.



Greg Louck
I'd like to see an end to the moral downside. I think this has contributed to what we've seen happen in this country over the last number of years.



Leola Watson
The whole government in particular medicare, medicaid and social security. In four years, there are going to be a lot more older people.



Barry Knooihuisen
The judicial system concerning everything. A way to easily remove judges from the bench who are incompetent or have mishandled things within the judicial system.

Expedient voting rate, only real change at Lowell Charter Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

More than 70 percent of Lowell Charter Township voters went to the polls last week to cast their votes for the township board, proposals and a new president.

While stuffing the ballot box, many voters were pleased to find that the long lines plagued at other voting stations in Kent County never surfaced at the new township hall.

When officials proposed construction of the facility, township clerk Carol Wells felt one of the biggest benefits would be added space and additional voting stations during presidential elections.

Her prognosis proved correct. Instead of five or six voting machines, the norm for elections in the past, Wells was able to set up 16 stations.

"Everything went very well. We had room to set up more machines and as a result we had very few problems," said Wells, who had eight booths and eight carrels to work with. "People never had to stay in line too long."

As voters marveled at Lowell's expedient voting rate, they also cast their votes for the township board.

All the races were unopposed and except for Carlton Blough, the township witnessed very little change.

John Timpson remains supervisor with 1,738 votes. Wells stayed on board for another four years with 1,752 votes and treasurer Jean Huver garnered 1,758 votes for her reelection.

Trustee seats went to Blough with 1,545 votes, Alyn Fletcher with 1,483 votes, Dick Huver with 1,564 votes and Herb VanderBilt with 1,495 votes.

Of a registered 3,148 voters, 2,224 went to the polls.



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Pat Schaefer

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If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is Tuesday. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is Wednesday. This program will continue until Thanksgiving.

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Poor foul shooting and rebounding lead to Lowell's demise

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Forest Hills Central's offensive rebounding, and Lowell's poor foul shooting in the last two minutes against Northview were key reasons as to why the Red Arrow girls' basketball team had its losing streak extended to eight games.

Lowell returned home after an extended slate of road games to battle Forest Hills Central.

Behind center Julie Zeefe's 19 points and 10 rebounds, the Rangers defeated Lowell 47-46.

"Zeefe was the difference in the game," said Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers. "We just couldn't keep her off the boards. When she didn't have position, she went right over the top of our girls because she's so 'dang' tall."

The Ranger sophomore scored 10 second chance points.

"Julie has been playing well since mid season," Ranger coach Tanya Place said. "She's still growing and developing."

Lowell trailed 13-7 after one quarter of play and 21-16 at halftime. The Red Arrows cut the deficit to four at 32-28 after three quarters of play.

A basket by Angie Young at the start of the fourth quarter got Lowell to within two at 32-30.

Central responded with a 7-0 run to take a 39-30 advantage. Zeefe scored three of the seven points.

"Our girls played hard and pretty well, but we just couldn't hit any buckets," Akers said.

Jenny Borg led Lowell in scoring with nine points. Emily Dunn added eight while

Lisa Murphy and Shannon Laux each tallied five points apiece.

Dunn also grabbed 11 rebounds.

Another key statistic in the game, Lowell was outscored at the foul line 12-0. The Red Arrows did not get to the charity stripe.

On Friday, Lowell trav-

eled to Northview. The Wildcats handed the Red Arrows a 40-30 O-K White defeat.

Lowell led 19-15 at halftime. "It may have been our best half of the year," Akers said.

The Wildcats held a two-point advantage with two minutes remaining.

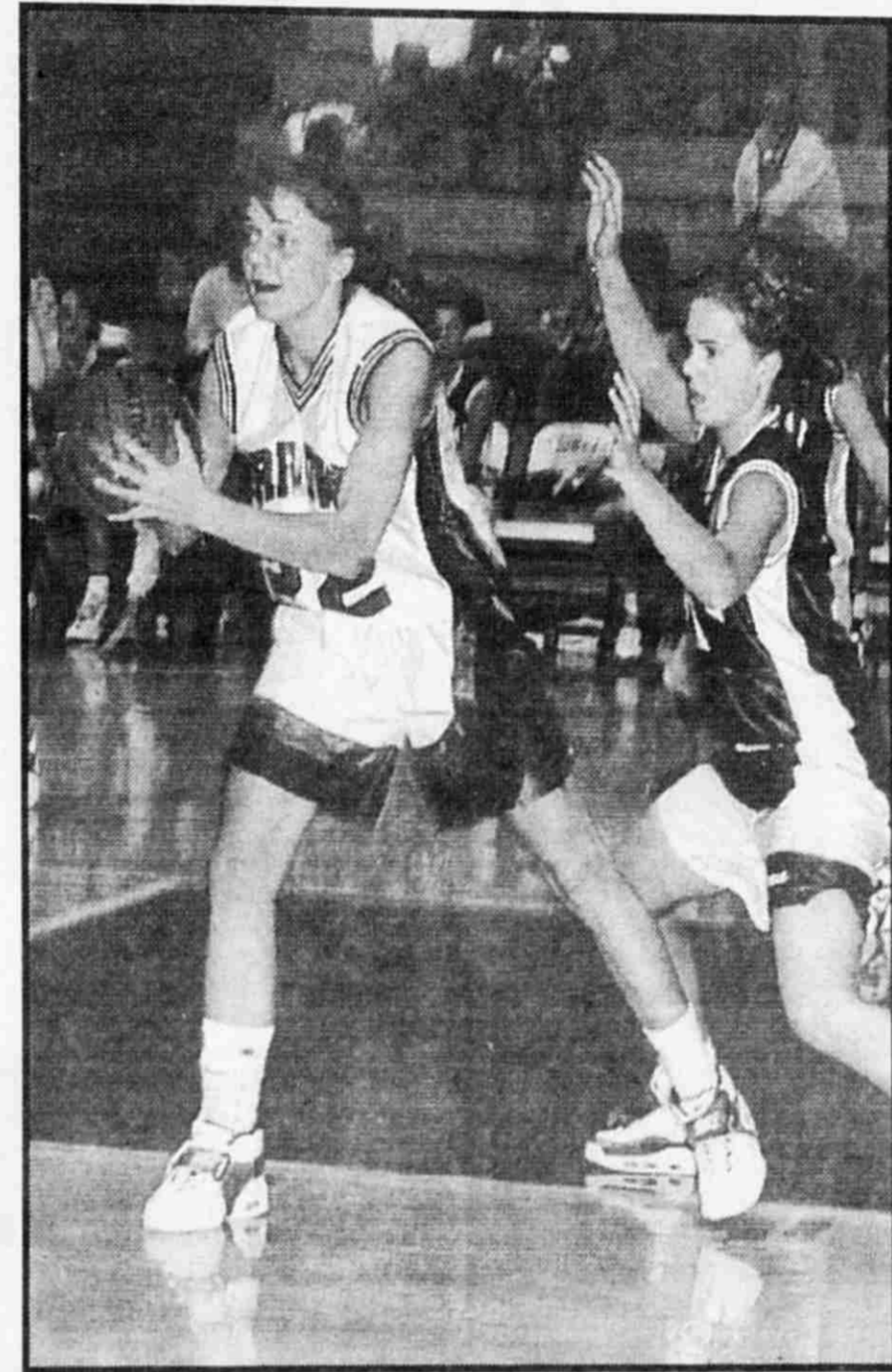
Over the final two minutes, Northview was eight-of-10 from the foul line. Lowell was two-of-nine. "The difference in the game was Northview made their foul shots and we didn't," Akers

said. "The girls played their hearts out, especially at the defensive end."

Borg led all Lowell scorers with nine points. Melissa Sobie scored six points and

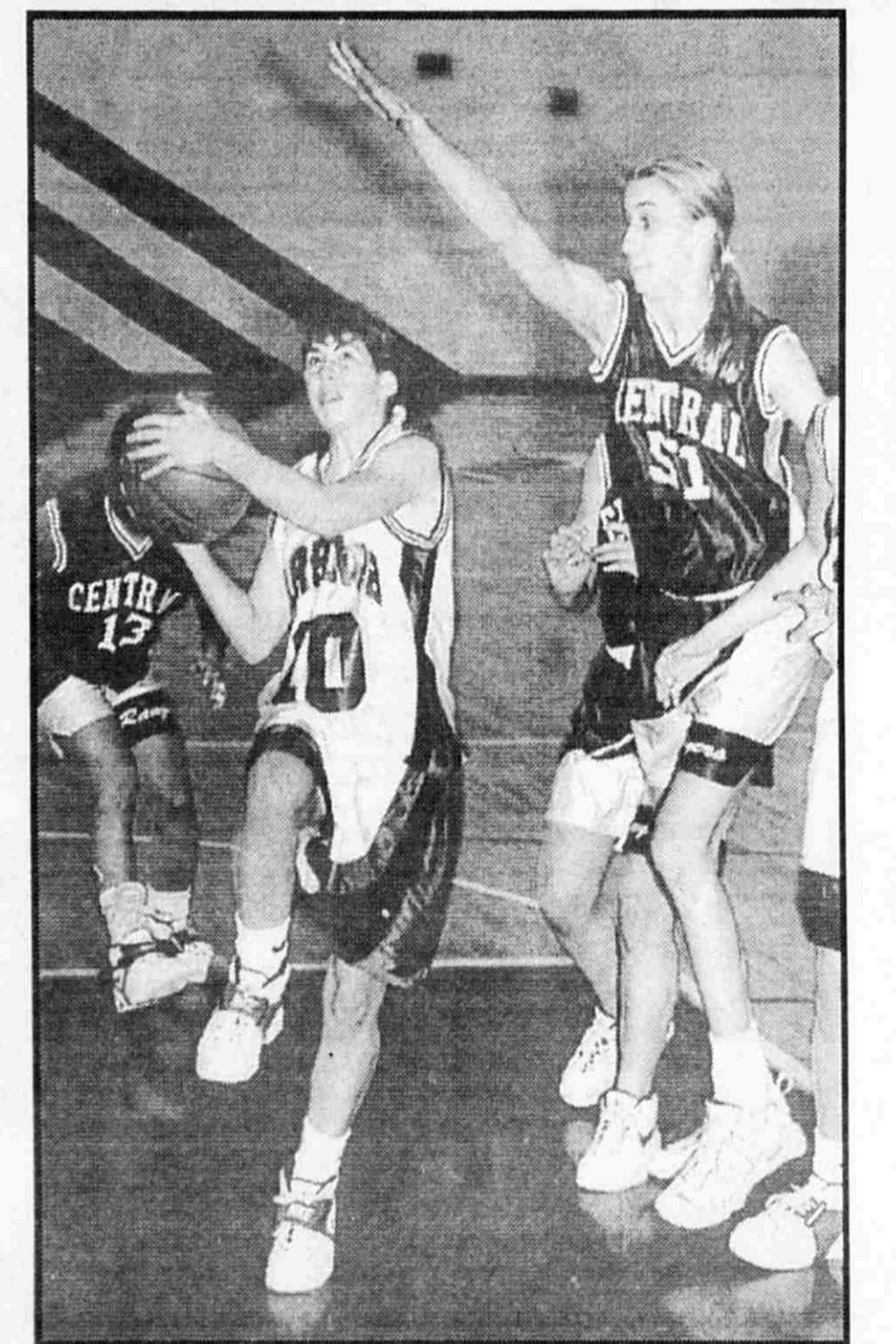
Dunn and Laux contributed with five and four points respectively.

Lowell ended the week 6-12 overall and 3-9 in the league.



Emily Dunn, left, works inside for a shot against Forest Hills Central.

Rachael Fredline, right, drives the lane with Ranger center Julie Keefe towering above her.



CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Summary of Ordinance No. 96-07 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on November 4, 1996

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OCTOBER SMILE OF THE MONTH:

NAME:.....Lyndsy Rolfe
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SCHOOL:.....Bushnell • 1st grade
HOBBIES: Playing with Barbies
Lyndsy receives a prize for her great check up.



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| Christina Saenz | Colton Hause | Nicole Baker |
| Caitlin Baker | Gary Osborne | Kayla Irwin |
| Haley Irwin | Brandon White | Matthew Hafey |
| Jennifer Blattner | Lauren Blattner | Dillon Hendrick |
| Melissa Hahn | Stephanie Hahn | Kyle Neubecker |
| Melissa Neubecker | Elizabeth Mosher | Josh Morrison |
| Nate Morrison | Ana Bohr | Melissa Mosher |
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Ordinance No. 96-07 amends the Code of Ordinances of the city of Lowell by adding Chapter 26 entitled "Historic District" and amending Section 7.02 of Appendix A - Zoning. Ordinance No. 96-07 establishes a historic preservation commission and requires that such commission issue a certificate of appropriateness or notice to proceed before work may commence on the exterior including signage, of a historic resource located in a designated historic district.

A person desiring to perform work on the exterior of a historic resource must apply to the commission and must supply certain prescribed information. When reviewing the application the commission is to apply certain standards and guidelines as identified in Ordinance No. 96-07. An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the commission may appeal the decision to the State Historic Review Board of the Michigan Historical Commission and ultimately to the Kent County Circuit Court.

Ordinance No. 96-07 further provides that the commission may determine that the owner of a historic resource has failed to maintain, repair or secure such resource and may require such work to be done. If the owner fails to do so after being given a reasonable time to do so by written notice, the commission or its agent may cause such work to be done and the cost thereof billed to the owner. If not paid the City may place the costs as a lien on the property which then may be collected in the same manner as delinquent property taxes. Also, if an owner of a historic resource performs work without approval of the commission, the commission may, if it finds the work does not qualify for a certificate of appropriateness, require the owner to restore the resource to the condition it was before the work or modify the work so it qualifies for a certificate of appropriateness.

Ordinance No. 96-07 requires that the commission also review and issue certificates of appropriateness for all exterior signs and interior signs that affect the exterior appearance of a historic resource in a historic district according to the requirements set forth therein.

Ordinance No. 96-07 also (a) provides for the establishment of a historic study commission to study and recommend the establishment of historic districts within the City and (b) establishes the Lowell Downtown Historic District which generally includes the downtown area of the City.

Finally, Ordinance No. 96-07 prescribes certain other duties of the commission and permits the public acquisition, ownership and maintenance of historic resources.

Ordinance No. 96-07 is effective 30 days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk



Sleigh bells ring for the fifth annual "Christmas Through Lowell"

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The 5th Annual Christmas Through Lowell will connect area holiday shoppers with 15 homes filled with hand crafted items. "Shoppers will find wood crafted items, candles, porcelain dolls, baskets, angels and much more," said Christmas Through Lowell organizer Bill Collins. "Many of the items will be Christmas decorating gifts that one buys for themselves as well as for others." The event, with over 50 local artists, will run three days (Nov. 15 -17). The homes will be open to the public from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday; and 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday. "Christmas Through Lowell has grown every year," Collins said. "From year three to four, we had an increase of 300 people. Last year there was an increase of 50."

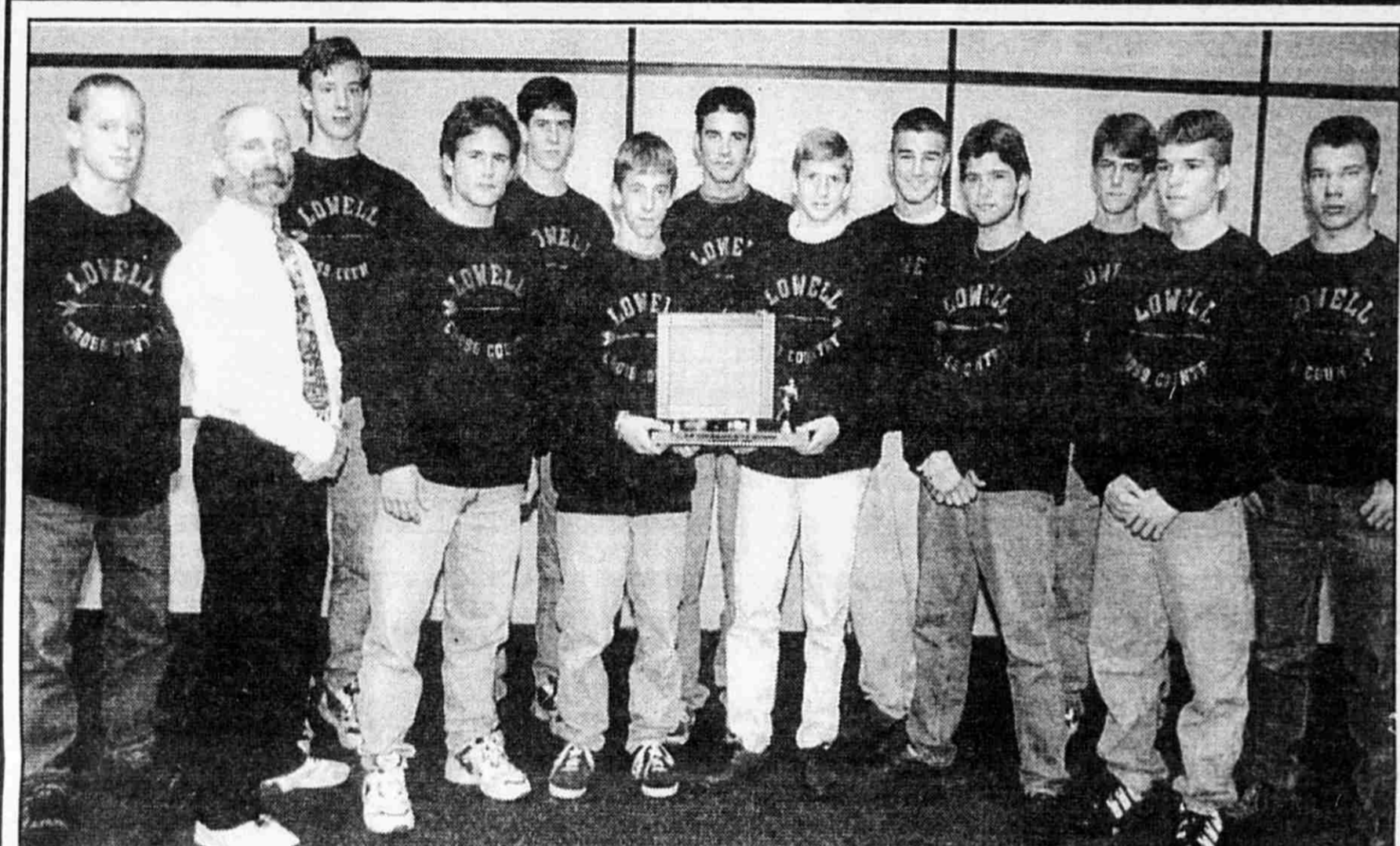
The event evolved from Jody Haybarker and Vicki Schreier turning their homes into Christmas shops each year. Crafters pay \$50 to open their homes for the event. That money is used to cover the cost of flyers and ads. "This year the homes are more centralized," Collins said. "This will make it easier for shoppers to get around." Shoppers who have their Christmas Through Lowell cards punched at 12 of the 15 homes will be registered for door prizes.

The 15 stops along the tour are Country Calicoes, 3980 Alden Nash; Porcelain Treasures, 3081 Alden Nash; Crafts By Collins, 213 Maple St.; Lowell Area Arts Council, 149 S. Hudson; From the Brush of Marla, 426 Avery; Hearts & Flowers Gifts, 704 Lafayette; Creative Hands Crafts & Gifts, 609 W. Main; Earth Angels, 1326 Jane Ellen; From Our Home To Yours, 249 Roberta Jayne; Hodge Podge Crafts, 517 Elm St.; Something for Everyone, 526 N. Hudson; Corner Crafts, 423 Suffolk; Chris' Crafts, 928 Riverside Dr.; Brenda's Country Charm, 845 Lincoln Lake Rd.; and The Honey Farm, 2.7 miles north of M-21 on Lincoln Lake (first house north of Bailey).

At each house patrons will receive a favorite casserole recipe. There are two homes which will not be open on Sunday. They are Brenda's Country Charm and Hearts & Flowers Gifts. Also on Saturday, the First United Methodist Church (621 E. Main) Holiday Craft Show will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with lunch being served from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Post Season Cross Country Awards

Lowell harriers were recognized with post-season awards at the annual cross country banquet. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Ann Townsend, scholarship award; Ryan Wittenbach, '97 captain; Casey Harper, coach's award; Frank Kirsch, all conference; Beth Larabee, '97 tri-captain; back row, left to right, are: Scott Hays, sportsmanship award; Jon Dean, most improved and all conference honorable mention; John Wojciakowski, scholarship award, all conference, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player; Annie Oesch, honorable mention all conference, and Lowell Lions Club most valuable player; Shannon Finnegan, sportsmanship award; Stacy Anderson, most improved and '97 tri-captain; Andrea Baker, '97 tri-captain.



O-K White Cross Country Champion

The Red Arrow boys' cross country team was the O-K White dual meet conference champion. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: coach Tom Harper, Frank Kirsch, Derrick Harmon, Dan Rottier, Mark Kirsch, Austin Krieg; back row, left to right, are: Casey Harper, Mike Suman, John Wojciakowski, Jon Dean, Scott Hays, Ryan Wittenbach and Patrick Rockwall.

Open House For Allan Baird

In appreciation of 18 years of service to the Township of Vergennes and its residents.

Please join the Township staff for refreshments before Al's last board meeting on November 18 at 6:00 P.M. in the Township Hall at the corner of Bailey and Parnell.

Not all residents cast their vote for township board

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Minor glitches and long lines welcomed voters to Vergennes Township Hall last week, but in the end, the voting process went rather smoothly. Out of 1,922 registered voters, 1,423 went to the polls in Vergennes to cast their votes for a township board. All the races were unopposed with Jim Cook receiving 1,110 votes to remain supervisor. Clerk Mari Stone garnered 1,149 votes and treasurer Jean Hoffman received 1,156 to continue in their positions. The only new face to the board will be that of Susan Geiger-Hessler. She replaces Allan Baird and received 1,037 votes in her first election. The other trustee seat went to incumbent Mark Weber, who garnered 1,014 votes. "There were times when it felt like all of the voters were in here at the same time," said Stone. "We had some long lines, but everything went smoothly. We also signed up

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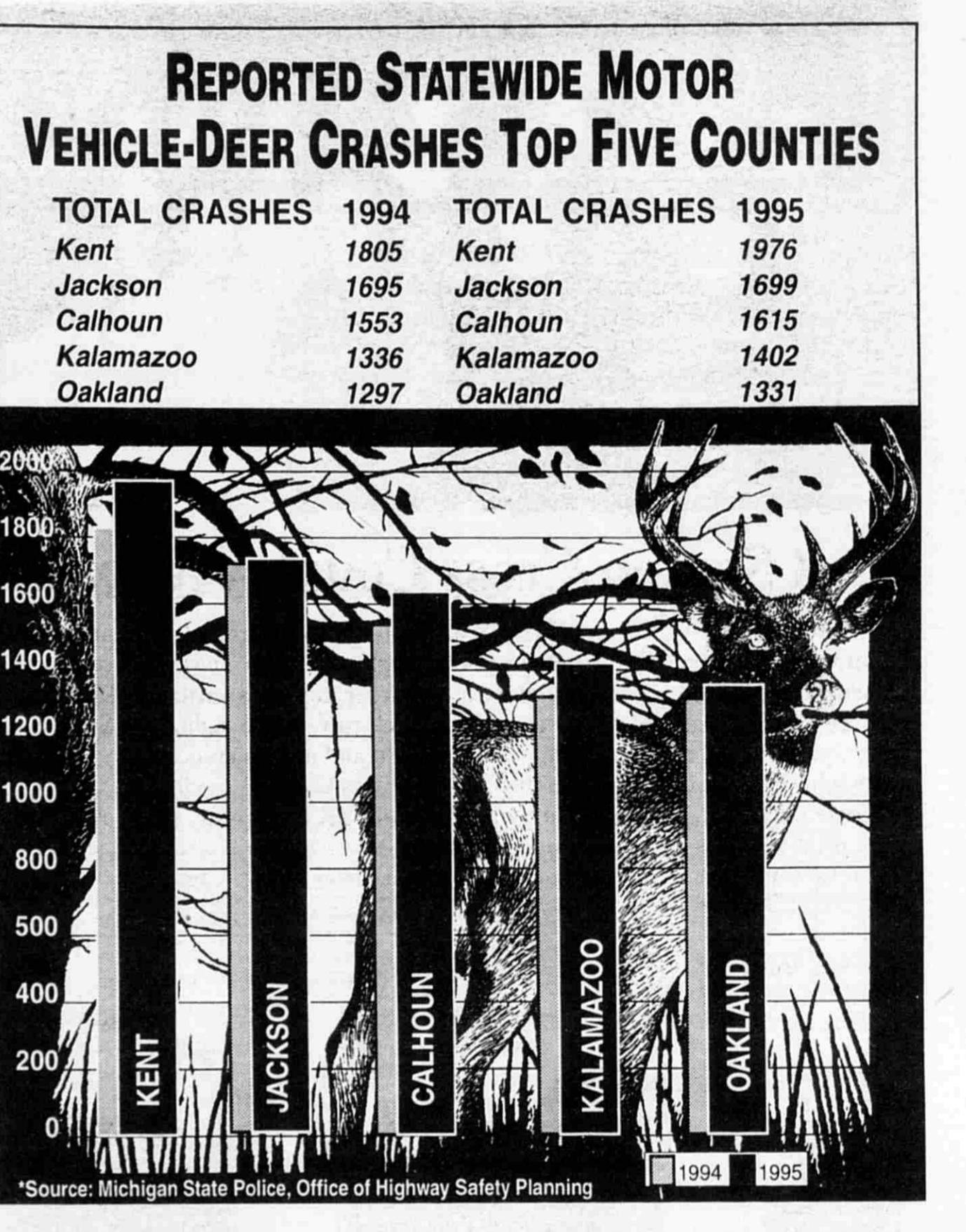
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DEER MOTORISTS:

Deer-vehicle crashes are a \$50 million problem in Michigan. The average deer-vehicle crash causes about \$1,500 damage. The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition campaign aims at minimizing injuries and fatalities.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kent County has led the State of Michigan in the number of car-deer crashes over the last two years. In 1994, there were 1,805 car-deer accidents in Kent County. Last year there were 1,976. What is even worse, is the lives of two Lowell residents were taken in these crashes. "We don't have the most deer or the most cars, but we have the most lethal mix," said Kent County Sheriff James Dugan. With deer hunting season for firearms set to open on Friday, deer will be on the move, helping to make October, November and December prime times of the year for spotting deer alongside or in the road. "Dawn and dusk are peak times of the day for deer to be moving," said Ann Redit of the Michigan Highway Safety office. "There is no pat answer as to how to best insure one's safety, but slowing down and becoming more aware of the roadside helps." Redit stresses maintaining control of your vehicle. "We don't want people careening off the road in an effort to miss a deer and then smashing into a tree, or crossing the centerline into the path of oncoming traffic." Deer-vehicle crashes are a \$50 million problem in Michigan. The average deer-vehicle crash causes about \$1,500 damage, often to the front end, leaving the vehicle undriveable, or shattering the entire windshield. So, what can drivers do? • Familiar deer crossing signs are reminders for driving cautiously, especially before dawn and an hour or two after sundown. One third of all crashes on rural two-lane roads are deer-vehicle related. • Wear safety belts, stay aware, awake, and alert. At peak times, deliberately look for moving or grazing deer. • Redit said sometimes when an animal appears in front of you, it is better to slow down, and just go straight ahead. • Also, if you see deer, flash your lights and/or honk your horn. A statewide public awareness campaign will distribute posters that are headlined "Oh deer" to emphasize the surprise of being confronted on the road by one of mother nature's creatures. The Department of Natural Resources states that mild winters have allowed more deer to survive. Car-deer crashes are expected to climb to 62,000 in the state of Michigan in 1996.



Lowell's Marshall Wins Racing Championship

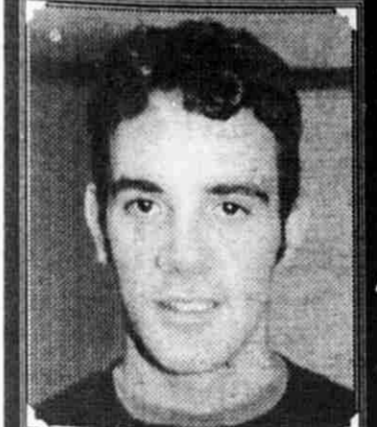
Legends car driver Dale Marshall of North Richland Hills, TX (formerly of Lowell) was awarded a champions trophy at the Region 34 (North Texas) 1996 season end banquet on November 9. Marshall garnered the trophy for being the high point driver in the masters class. He also was fifth place finisher in the overall points for Region 34. His high finish also earned him the right to compete at the A.C. Delco Legends Cars Series National Championships at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC. He garnered enough national points to be listed as 46th nationally (masters class) in October, having been as high as ninth in the May listings. Marshall and his No. 12 Apple Racing Team, 1937 Ford Sedan is a well known (and well liked) entrant at Legends' racing events all over north and central Texas and Oklahoma having raced at Austin, Fort Worth, Boyd and Red River Speedway ("Kick a Little Asphalt") at Wichita Falls in Texas, also at Altus Speedway, Altus, OK, Hallet Motor Racing Circuit, Hallet (Tulsa), OK.

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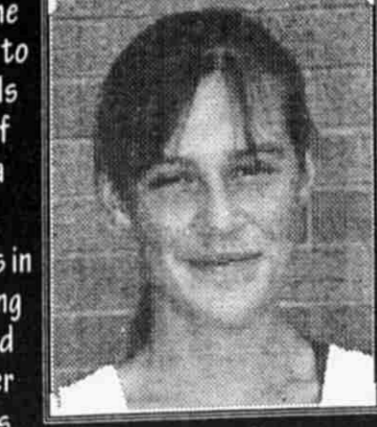
15 new voters." The voters were registered at the site after Stone talked to county officials who said she could do so, provided they had registered to vote at the secretary of states' office. "There seemed to be some mix-up between the list we received and names missing after registering at the states' office. We couldn't turn them away, and we made sure it was proper to sign them up before we allowed it," Stone said. The only other confusing issue seemed to come from voters who either forgot or declined to vote for the township board. "We had 283 under votes," said Stone. "Either they didn't turn over the ballot or they didn't want to vote for someone on the board they didn't know."

Count at least ten seconds every time you press a video camera's start button. The biggest single error novice film makers make is taking shots in very short spurts.

UNSUNG ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



JON DEAN
Boys Cross-Country, Senior



ANNIE OESCH
Girls Cross-Country, Senior

JON enjoyed an outstanding senior year as the Arrows 3rd or 4th runner. His position helped to determine the team placement in invitational and the conference meet. He missed by a half step of qualifying for the state meet. He is a hard worker in practice.

ANNIE has been one of the best female runners in Lowell history. She ran on an injured foot during the final month of the season and just missed qualifying for her 4th state meet in a row. Her work ethic is an inspiration to her teammates.

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It's politics as usual in Lowell Middle School's presidential election

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With a minimum of 271 electoral college votes needed to win the presidential election, candidate Mike Gustafson stood at 268 votes.

Wyoming, the state of equality, Yellowstone National Park and three electoral college votes, was preparing to announce its choice.

Three votes in Gustafson's behalf would end the election and send approximately 300 raucous, eighth-grade students back to class.

Votes going to any one of the other five candidates would mean a second roll call.

Constituents surrounded Sarah Newell, Wyoming's acting spokesperson, trying to persuade her not to give Wyoming's electoral college votes to Gustafson. Newell calmly answered each request with seven words, "but I want to vote for Mike."

Newell said sticking to her belief that Gustafson was the best candidate was not that tough. "It really wasn't that difficult. I knew I wanted Wyoming's electoral college

votes to go to Mike Gustafson."

The words "Madame Chairman, Wyoming gives its three electoral college votes to President Mike Gustafson" were not warmly received by all at the convention.

Those who wanted Heather Posthumus or Kristy Akers to be elected were upset with the "equality" state's choice.

"Some real-life choices had to be made. Newell stuck to her conviction," said Ken Akers, the election coordinator and Lowell Middle School history teacher. "The convention ended with some real drama."

The purpose of the mock convention was to show students the method in which the United States elects a president and then allow them to experience it.

Students who gathered 25 signatures on a petition were eligible to run for president.

Each eighth-grade student was allowed to sign just one petition. Garnering enough signatures were Matt Lynema, Heather Posthumus, Mike Gustafson, Kristy

In the weeks leading up to the election, political signs were hung in the hallways and political ads were run with the morning announcements over the classroom TV monitors.

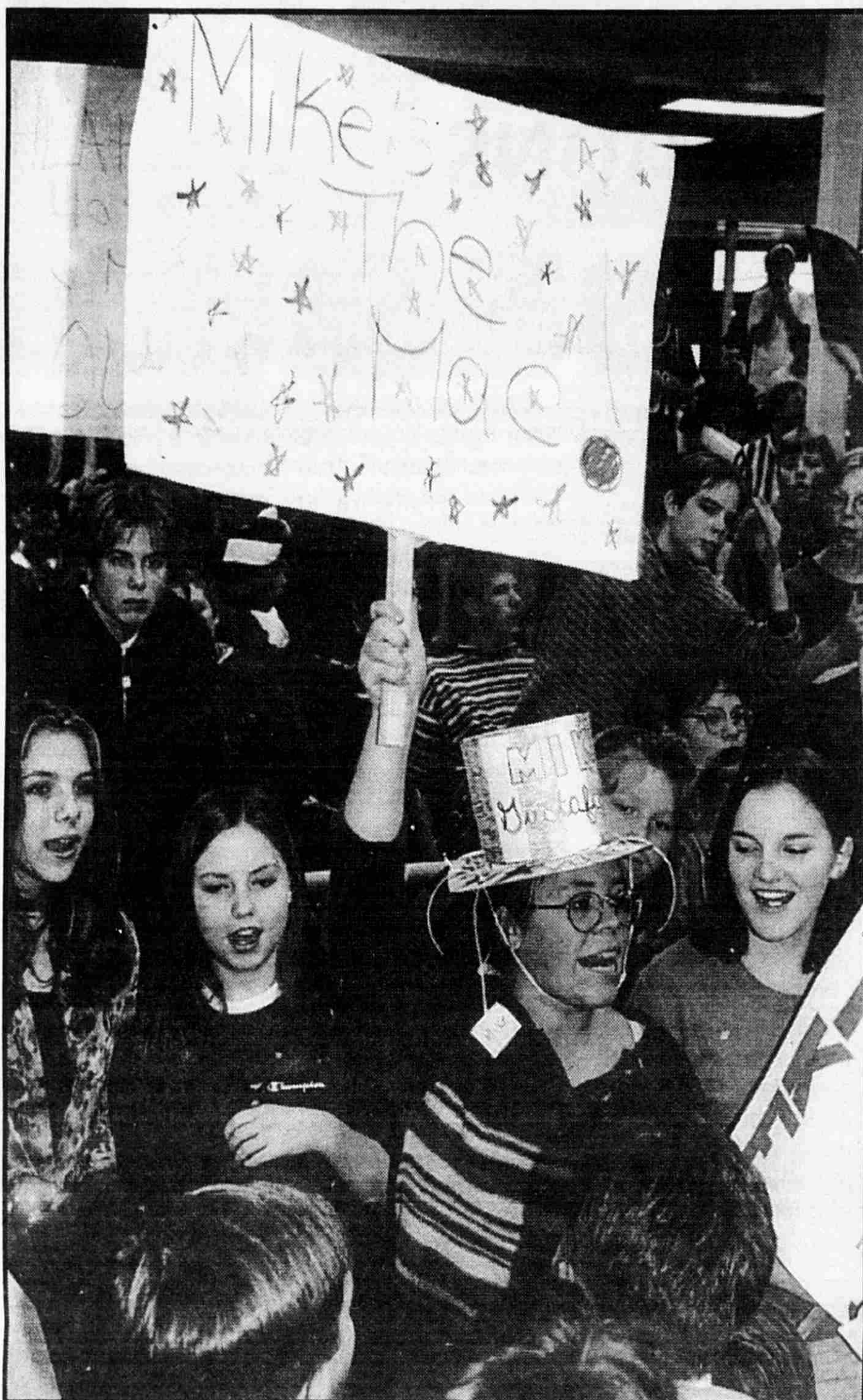
"Along with students learning and experiencing the election process, we also wanted them to become aware of the main issues confronting the presidential candidates," Akers said. "Candidates were expected to take a stand on the major issues and provide support for their choice."

The candidates were divided on what issues were of major concern to the delegates.

Akers and Posthumus named abortion and equal rights. Smith and Lynema identified crime, jobs and abortion.

The incentive to become a candidate also varied. Lynema said he wanted to beat the preps. "Everyone said I couldn't do it. I wanted to prove to them and myself that I could."

Smith added he has an interest in politics and law.



Sarah Newell proudly cast Wyoming's three electoral votes for President Mike Gustafson. Those votes put Gustafson at the magic number (271) needed to be elected.



Lowell Middle School eighth-grade students worked weeks leading up to the presidential election held on Tuesday (Nov. 5).

Akers, Jolynn Stalsonburg and Mark Smith.

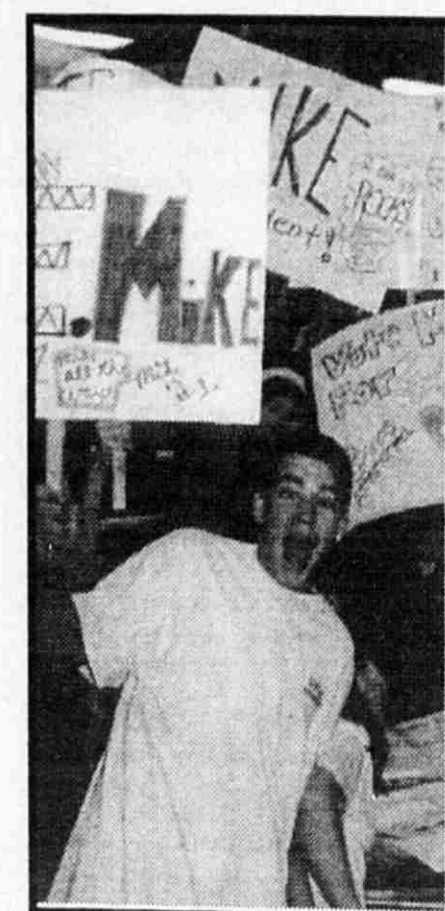
The eighth-grade wing of the middle school was divided into four geographic regions. Each contact room was assigned delegates to represent their part of the country.

Along with researching the issues and campaigning, candidates were required to address the convention. The speech had to be 10-15 minutes in length and had to cover all the main issues.

Lowell Middle School eighth-grade teacher Kristin Schutte helped the candidates after school with their speech writing and delivery. "They did an absolutely fantastic job," Schutte said. "What better way to learn about politics and how the electoral college works?"

Akers commended candidates for the poise they displayed while giving their speeches.

A most pleasing sidebar was all the eighth-grade students participated. Students who normally don't become involved participated in the student presidential election. "They not only learned a lot, but they had fun doing it," Akers said.



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