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Lowell Area Arts Council presents 20th annual theatrical production

•••• "Sing On" opens Thursday at LHS's Performing Arts Center.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

There is \$10,000 awaiting a small-town theater group if it performs playwright Phyllis Montague's newest unpublished musical in Rick Abbot's play *Sing On*.

The family comedy, *Sing On*, is a sequel to last year's Lowell Area Arts Council's theatrical presentation *Play On*.

"*Sing On* is a musical," says its co-producer Dode Dey. "There is some semblance... people are singing."

Sue Bradford will direct the LAAC cast of 11 in a comedy featuring the problems of an amateur theater group staging an unpublished musical.

Sing On will mark LAAC's 20th community theater production. The three performances will be Feb. 13-15.

"The things portrayed in the play do happen to small amateur theater productions," Dey said. "The audience's senses will catch it all: They will see and hear all that goes on, from back stage talk that is too loud to something being dropped."

Dey has been involved in all 20 productions. This one is somewhat special in that three generations of Deys are members of the cast.

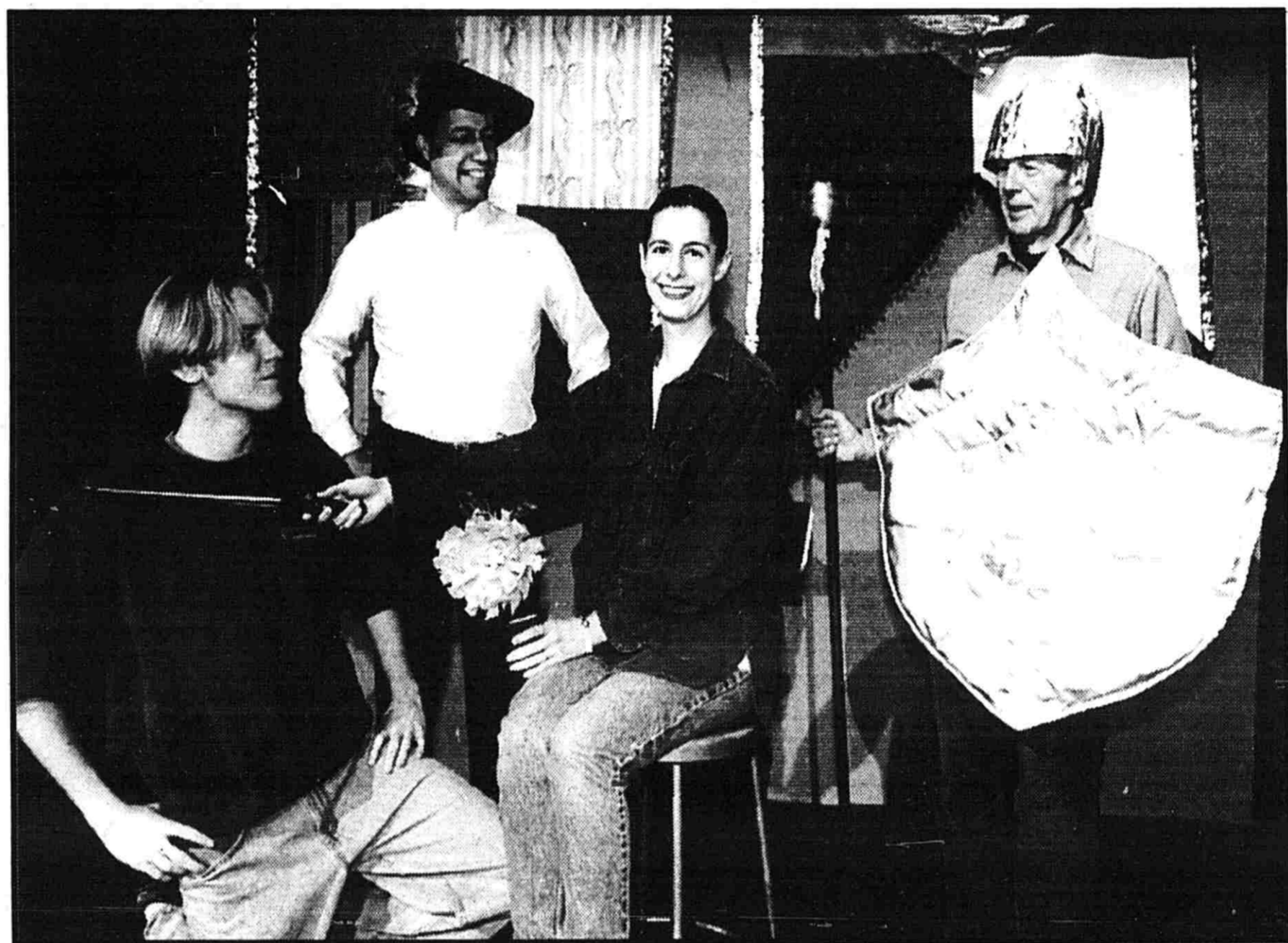
Dey plays Phyllis Montague, her daughter Laura (Dey) Leasure is Agness Manville and

Sing On

Written By: Rick Abbot
 Directed By: Sue Bradford

Cast:

Geraldine Dunbar	.....	Sue Veenema
Saul Watson	.....	Pat Hobbs
Marla Smith	.....	Deb Duiven
Agness Manville	.....	Laura Leasure
Louis Peary	.....	Tony Stencil
Polly Benish	.....	Anne Pasquale
Henry Benish	.....	Jim Marron
Violet Embroy	.....	Jennie Cantwell
Bill Embroy	.....	Steve Schmidt
Monte Montague	.....	Dave Durkee
Phyllis Montague	.....	Dode Dey



"Sing On" will open at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday. "Sing On" is a sequel to last year's presentation of "Play On." Pictured above from left to right, are: Steve Schmidt (Bill Embroy), Dave Durkee (Monte Montague), Deb Duiven (Marla Smith), and Jim Marron (Henry Benish).

Dey's six-month-old granddaughter Mary Kristine, who also may have the most difficult part.

"Mary Kristine's role requires the biggest stretch," Dey says. "In Montague's play, she is presented to the audience by Queen Elizabeth (Deb Duiven) as the baby boy who is the heir to the throne."

As for working with Leasure, Dey says it is fun. "She is not a kid anymore. As an adult, it has been fun working with her." Leasure is a speech and drama major.

Read-throughs for the play began in December.

"This is the first year we haven't had general auditions," Dey explained. "That was because it is a sequel.

However, as preparations began, several cast members had to bow out. "We had to replace four members from a year ago and one new character (Phyllis' nephew Monte) was added."

Each performance will be at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. All seats are \$7 on Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$5 with a special price of \$4 for students and senior citizens on Thursday. All seats are reserved. To order tickets, call the Lowell Area Arts Center at 897-8545 or purchase them at the Center at 149 S. Hudson from 1:30 to 4:30 Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Change in Subdivision Act opens door for Beach development

By Marc Popiolek
 Contributing Writer

The first beneficiary of Gov. John Engler's amendment to the state's Subdivision Act in Lowell Charter Township is developer David Beach.

Beach presented plans to the township planning commis-

sion regarding his five-home development off Alden Nash last year.

Beach had planned to develop the land under the township's site condominium ordinance, but was able to change that when Engler signed the Subdivision amendment bill on Jan. 22.

As a result, Beach was given two "bonus splits" in his development because he is building a private road to service the development.

The "bonus splits" allowed Beach to split one 10-acre parcel in two and still meet the township's minimum requirement of five homes on a private road.

Beach always intended to have five parcels, ranging from four to five acres, in his development, but now has less hoops

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Lowell School Board to give former Belding student a second chance

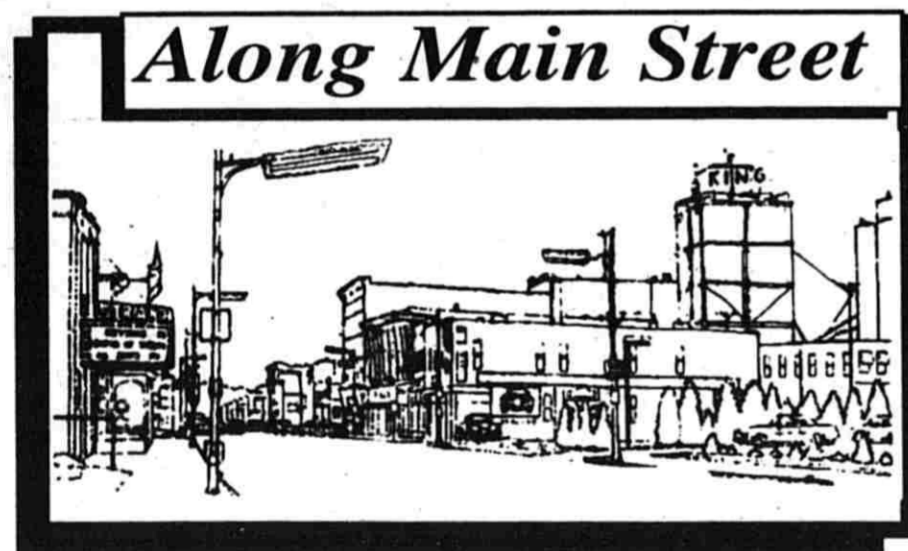
By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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A singular violation of board policy did not stop the Lowell Board of Education from accepting Chad Ward as an alternative education night student for the spring semester.

Ward, a former Belding area student, petitioned the board of education for reentrance to the Lowell Area Schools on Jan. 8.

Board policy states that 150 days must pass before a student can petition for reinstatement and 180 days must pass before the student can start back to school.

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Along Main Street

POP TAB COLLECTION

The seventh and eighth graders at St. Patrick's School are collecting pop tabs to see what one million looks like. Their drop off site is at Family Fare in Lowell by the bottle return.

CLASS OF '87 REUNION BEING PLANNED

The class of 1987 needs to find you for the 10-year reunion. Contact Tony Beachler at 531-4727 or Rick Sauber at 897-8100 with name and address.

LAAC PRESENTS "SING ON"

The Play *Sing On* will be presented by the Lowell Area Arts Council in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, February 13, 14 and 15.

On Thursday, tickets are \$4 for senior citizens and students and \$5 for adults. Tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$7. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the LAAC from

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OBITUARIES

DALSTRA - Clifford S. Dalstra, aged 66, went to be with his Lord, Friday, February 7, 1997. He was preceded in death by his parents, Seymour and Emma Dalstra. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Clara; children Joan (Ron) Denman, Gerald (Elizabeth) Dalstra, Ted Dalstra all of Lowell; sister Lena Mae Chapin of Zephyrhills, FL. Mr. Dalstra was a member and trustee of the Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

Methodist Church. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Thurlan Meredith officiating. Interment Snow Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Snow United Methodist Church, 3189 Snow, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HERALD - Geraldine Loretta (Dawson) Herald, aged 82, of Carson City, died February 8, 1997. She was born May 10, 1914 in Lowell (Flynn) Dawson. She married Ed Herald on April 6, 1937 in Lowell. She lived in Carson City since 1942. They co-owned and operated the Carson City Meat Locker and established Herald's Dairy Delight in 1956. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar Society. She is survived by her husband Edward Herald of Carson City; sons Jack Herald of Belding, Richard and Sharon Herald of Hastings, Daniel and Jackie Herald of Carson City, Thomas and Christine Herald of Manhattan, Kansas; daughters Jill and Gordon Lindsay of Lansing, Mary Jane and Bill Kooiman of Alma and Sue and Jim Lowe of Carson City; 18 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Paul Dawson, Harold Dawson, Bill Dawson and Merle Dawson and three sisters, Thelma Ward, Bertha Bibbler and Kathryn Fase and granddaughter Jennifer Herald. Services were held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City with Fr. William Rietz officiating. Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund.

MONKS - Melvott L. Monks, aged 70, of Belding, passed away February 5, 1997. Surviving are his wife Arleen (Hopkins) Monks of Belding; two daughters Dawn (Tom) Beckhorn of Ionia and Mary Ann (Steve) Castle of Greenville; step-daughter Sandra Dulyea of Sparta; son Richard Monks of Greenville; three step-sons Ronald (Sandra) Dulyea of Lowell, Raymond (Sharon) Dulyea of Cedar Springs and Larry Smith of Adrian; sister-in-law Alice Monks of Alto; granddaughter Chastity (Brian) Edleson of Wyoming; several nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. Funeral services were held February 8, 1997 with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Ionia. Arrangements by Huffman Funeral Home in Belding.

STEVENS - Emerson H. Stevens, aged 87, of Lowell, went to be with his Lord, Saturday, February 8, 1997. He was preceded in death by his first wife Beathea and son Roger. He is survived by his wife Carol Anderson-Stevens; children Gladys and Alyn Fletcher of Lowell, Ronald and Jeanene Stevens of Grand Rapids and Janet and Charles Boerema of Jenison; five grandchildren and four great-granddaughters. Emerson was employed at GM Plant No. 1 for 36 years, retired in March, 1971 and was a long-time and active member of Lowell Church of the Nazarene, and more recently, Lowell Wesleyan Church. Memorial services will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. at the Lowell Wesleyan Church, 1069 Lincoln Lake Road, with Rev. Bill Price and Rev. Alvin Yates officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lowell Wesleyan Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MOORE - Richard E. Moore, aged 58, of Ionia, passed away February 6, 1997. Surviving are his wife Susan; daughter Mary (Daniel) Robinson of Belding; four sons Richard Moore II of Ionia, Matthew Dawson, Harold Dawson, Bill Dawson and Merle Dawson and three sisters, Thelma Ward, Bertha Bibbler and Kathryn Fase and granddaughter Jennifer Herald. Services were held Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City with Fr. William Rietz officiating. Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund.

it shows, not only in the people she inspires to work with her but in the outcome of the projects and programs she works on. The Arty Award is given yearly to a member whose involvement over the years has been instrumental in the vitality and growth of the Arts Council. Simkins has certainly been instrumental in numerous ways despite a relatively short membership. In 1991 she joined the work on the Fallsburg Fall Festival at the urging of her friends George and Terry Smith. Enjoying involvement and finding that she didn't need to be "highbrow and stuffy" to be a member of the Arts Council, Simkins joined and began work on the Gallery Committee, where Director David Davis found her to be "full of good ideas and a tireless worker." According to Davis, "It was Mimi's idea to have our members-

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LMS recognizes second marking period Honor Roll students

The Lowell Middle School has released the names of the students making the honor roll for the second marking period. Students receiving a B or better average are included on the list.

SIXTH GRADE

Jennifer Adams, Cori Albert, Eric Anible, Stacey Arnsward, Eric Austin, Shawna Austin, Sara Bailey, Benjamin Barle, Karolyn Batt, Mark Baum, Heather Befus, Roberta Bender, Jacquelyn Benedict, Mark Biener, Heather Blough, Tara Bogdanik, Rebecca Bossard, Samuel Brower, Heather Brown, Cassandra Burke, Katelyn Bush, Kelsey Capps, Tara Cariano, Aimee Catlin, Mark Catlin, Nicole Chernoby, Katherine Clements, Tiffany Condon, Erin Curtis, Ryan Curtis, Emily Cyroeki, Sophia D'Agostino, Michael Deters, Noelle Dewey, Lena Dhayni, Evan Dorough, Sara Droese, Michelle Dykstra, Joe Estes, Michelle Eubanks, Brent Folsom, Michael Fosburg, Braton Fredline, Timothy Freed, Quinlan Garvin, Heather Geelhoed, Eva Geldersma, Kyle Geldersma, Christina Getz, Travis Gillan, Nicole Gillikin, Eric Gillman, Robert Gingerich, Jennie Girwannah, Jeremy Goff, Angela Gooch, Paula Grooms, Jennifer Gunberg, Rachel Heinicke, Katie Hettinga, Kimberly Hoogewind, Michael Hoogewind, Jared Huffman, Heather Huskey, Kimberly Huyser, Mark Hyzer, Nathan Junglas, Raymond Kennedy, Natalie Kent, Lesley Kerr, Amanda Kettel, Joel King, Kari King, Corey Krieg, Jacob Kulhawik, Larry Kuzmin, Christine LaFave, Tom Lancaster, Robert Latva, Jodi Laux, Shannon Levingston, Ryan Long, Katherine Lum, Jeremy Marchido, Alexandra McMahon, Jennifer Meyers, Lindsey Mitchell, Paul Mochmer, Nicholas Moyer, Kelsay Myers, Danielle Nebelung, Melissa Neubecker, Megan Nyson, Ryanne Oetman, Anthony Pedley, Courtney Phillips, Holly Plattner, Amy Polaski, Gregory Post, Bryan Poulos, Michael Price, Jessica Quist, Chad Rau, Patrick Regan, Andrew Riemersma, Kayla

Ritenburgh, Stephen Roberts, Kyle Rollins, Jolene Roth, Joseph Rottier, Kimberly Seaman, Audrey Slater, Nathaniel Sloan, Hillary Smith, Eric Soules, Stephen Sper, Mary Suman, Megan Thompson, Jason Trebian, Landon Trierweiler, Rachael Vegter, Patrick Vogel, Abby Vos, Nathaniel Vos, Bryan White II, Jordan Whitman, Dustin Whorley, Beau Wilder, John Wilder, Lori Zillmer.

SEVENTH GRADE

Brian Abbring, Katrina Alexander, David Anderson, Kristi Anderson, Donald Armstrong, Molly Balaam, Matthew Barry, Zachary Beachum, Vanessa Beddows, Amy Bellechasses, Christine Benson, Katherine Blough, Shannon Boggs, Brandon Bouwkamp, Nathan Boyce, Rebecca Brinkley, Tennille Bryant, Lacey Capen, Patrick Cavanaugh, Kimberly Davis, Brandon Dibble, Tyler Duckett, Jeanie Dunn, Brandon Duprey, Amanda Dykhuis, Logan Dykstra, Amanda Eickhoff, Bradley Eldridge, Jaclyn Estes, Megan Fleet, Corey Foote,

David Geldersma, Elizabeth Gerard, Holly Grummet, Bridget Harrigan, William Harrison, John Hauschild, Clifford Heiman, Corinne Hess, Susan Hoag, Samantha Hoekstra, Matthew Horan, Laura Horsley, Amy Howes, Austin Hunt, Tiffani Justifer, Hillary Johnson, Kirk Johnson.

Mark Kimberlin, Michael Kinney, Molly Kirsch, Michael Klemish, Eric Koeppel, Tara Kuipers, Adam Kuzmin, Christie Lacie, Andreas Larisch, Nicholas Lillie, Stacy Lott, Sean Mandle, Lisa Marker, Sara Meaney, Christopher Michael, Philip Moerdyke, Anna Moore, Jason Murray, Craig Myers, Joseph Nugent, Torrence O'Haire, Jason Offenbacher, Ericka Onan, Nicholas Onan, Stacey Onan, Michael Osterhaven, Steven Palasek, Courtney Perkins, Brian Pfalter, Heather Pretzel, Andrew Pullen, Melissa Reddy, Kelly Riddle, Jaimey Sadlak, Marc Scaturro, Kelsey Scheider, Melissa Schloop, Debra Sova, Justin Stanford, Zachary Stauffer, Jasmine Steel, Amanda Stiver, Eric Stormzand, Michelle Strzyzewski, Rachel Swift, April Telman, Jeffrey Telman, Daniel Thaler, Shelby Tomczak, Matthew Tschaenn, Angela VanderTuin, Gregory VanderWal, Amanda VanSpronsen, Jennifer Wagner, David Walker, Shannon Walsh, Casey Weber, Erin Weber, Jade Wilder, Amanada Willits, Michael Wilson, Melissa Wingeier, Shanda Yonker.

Bessey, Jacob Billingsley, Jay Blair, Sarah Blanchard, Regina Blough, Nathaniel Borth, James Bosserd, Elizabeth Brander, Patrick Brinkley, Andrew Brubaker, Virginia Bultema, Aaron Charrout, David Church, Rebecca Corbit, Danielle Corteville, Alecia Daggett, Molly Debiak, Heather Delamar, Jessica DenHouter, Ryan Dorough, Patrick Drake, Kimberly Drougal, Kenzie Dykeman, Jennifer Engle, Stacy Everitt, Jessica Faluso, Kristen Ford, Norma Michele Ford, Jordan Gallagher, Lyndsey Geer, Troy Gillan, Alyssa Gillikin, Naomi Girwannah, Lori Gleason, Derek Gless, Abbey Goff, Kathryn Gunberg, Michael Gustafson, Keenan Hacker, Erik Hays, Nicole Heacock, Heidi Hefner, Kyle Hines, Ryan Hoffman, Daniel Huffman, Christopher Huysler, Janet Ingersoll, Matthew Jackson, Shawna Jones, Lindsay Koehn, Elizabeth Koopman, Nicole LaFave, Lisa LaHaye, Michael Lechner, Erik London, Jessica Marvel, Treasure McElveen, Jason Meis, Gregory Meyers, Laura Miller, Katie Moore, Sunny Moyer, Caleb O'Boyle, Ryan Phillips, Heather Posthumus, Tina Quillan, Douglas Reed, Neil Reimbold, Mari Rich, Ashley Rickert, Christopher Rittersdorf, Jamie Roth, Jennifer Roth, Lindsey Sage, Lisa Schoen, Donald Shores, Shawn Simpson, Kristin Smit, Jessica Spencer, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Katherine Stanford, Jordon Steele, Jenny Stever, Stiver, Amanda Stoutjesdyk, Nichole Straub, Suzanne Swift, Nicole Tegg, Kurt Telman, Lindsey Thayer, Teresa Thompson, Matthew Trierweiler, Rebecca Trierweiler, Kurt Umlauf, Kimberly VandeBrake, Benjamin VanderVeen, Amanda VanDette, Beth VanEns, Phillip VanLaan, Collin Vincent, Gavin Vincent, Kevin Walker, Matthew Wilcox, Jennifer Williams, Joseph Wisner, Amber Young, Jennifer Zachowski.

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topic of Creative Ways to Recognize Business Associates for Achievement and Effort.

Pachulski will attend the Creative Memories National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, later this year.

area, as Demonstrations Chair, Decorations Chair, LAAC Kids Popcorn Booth Chair, Handbill Coordinator and Developer, and in 1994 and 1995, General Chair.

Other committees which Simkins has served on include the personnel committee, the building maintenance committee, the set decoration committee for the 1994 play, the White Elephant Sale committee, the Riverwalk Booth committee, and the Chicago Trip committee. Simkins also redesigned the newsletter so that it was more frequent and less costly and started a calendar of events.

"Mimi had a big impact on the Arts Council in a short time and is truly deserving of this award," commented VanAntwerp. Besides being presented with the roving Arty and a framed commemorative certificate, Simkins was given gifts which included a gift certificate for artist supplies for a planned trip to Greece to pursue her hobby of painting.



Barb Pachulski, of Lowell, recently attended Creative Memories' annual regional convention in Novi, Michigan, Jan. 31-Feb. 1.

Creative Memories, headquartered in St. Cloud, MN, is a national direct-sales company that teaches people how to organize and preserve their family photos. Creative Memories' 20,000 consultants offer educational seminars and hands-on workshops

at club/organization meetings and in-home classes. Consultants also sell a line of photo-safe albums and supplies.

Pachulski, who attended the regional convention along with 574 other consultants including Lowell consultants Sheila Dubbink and Leslie Marks, has been with Creative Memories for two years. She was recognized for her sales achievements in 1996 and spoke at the Leadership Seminar on January 31 on the

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EIGHTH GRADE
Karrie Akers, Kristine Akers, Ashley Alsop, Douglas Anchors, Katie Anderson, Travis Anderson, Courtney Baker, Sarah Balcer, Jacob Baum, Laura Befus, Rachel Bender, Lori

Simkins receives LAAC's annual Arty Award

The heart-shaped necklace given to Mimi Simkins by the Lowell Area Arts Council was symbolic of why she was presented with the 1997 Arty Award at the organization's annual meeting on Friday, January 24: Simkins puts her heart into her work with the LAAC and

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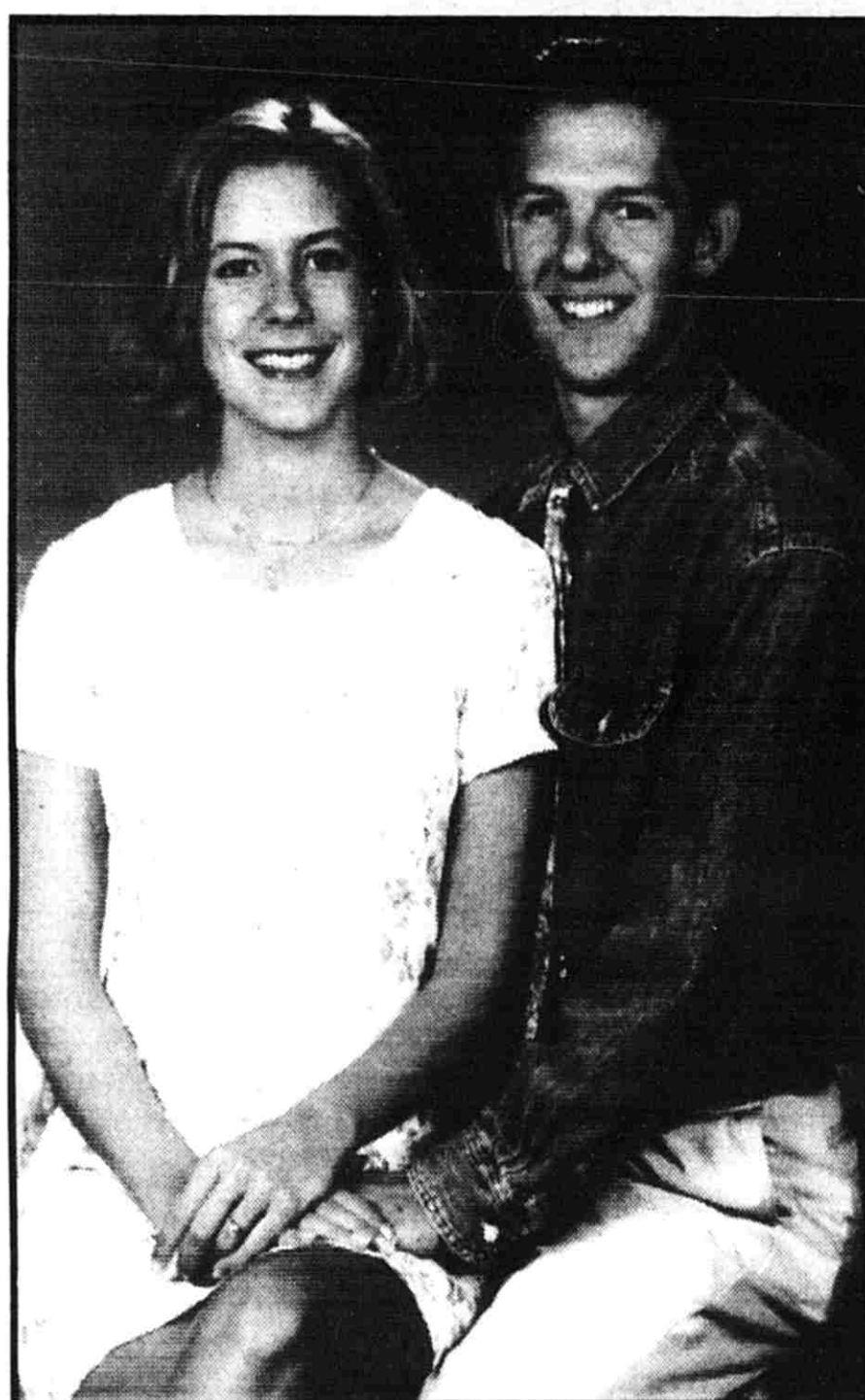
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The Lowell Showboat Garden Club, in cooperation with the City of Lowell, will be offering trees for properties fronting on East Main Street. This program has been funded through the generosity of the Look Fund.
If you are a residential or commercial property owner of parcels fronting on East Main Street, between Jefferson Street and the east city limits and would like to participate in the 1997 program, please sign the following form and mail to:
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I have a property on East Main Street and would like to be considered for receiving a tree(s). The variety will probably be a Bradford Pear but the final selection will rest with the Lowell Showboat Garden Club.
Signature: _____
Address: _____

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Haynes and Kirby to wed in August



Heather Elizabeth Haynes and Neil John Kirby

Heather Elizabeth Haynes, of Warren, and Neil

John Kirby, of Troy, will be wed on August 9, 1997.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Thelma Haynes, of Lowell, and Earl and Carol Klukas, of St. Joseph. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University.

The future groom is the son of John and Beverley Kirby, of Troy. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

School Menus
Week of Feb. 17, 1997
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, California blend veg., Johnny cake & syrup, assorted fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Lowell Red Arrow sub sandwich, homemade chili soup w/crackers, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, green beans, homemade dinner roll/margarine or peanut butter, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: No Kindergarten. Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, baby carrots, sherbet or fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: No School Mid-Winter Break.

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Taco w/meat, cheese & lettuce, turkey enchilada, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: Calif. blend, side salad or Spanish rice, Johnny cake/syrup, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Sub sandwich or corn dog, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: chili, side salad or deli pickle half; crackers, fruit or fruit crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, roast turkey, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: green beans, side salad, homemade dinner roll w/margarine; gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast served, 1/2 day secondary full day for grades 1-5. Conference in afternoon.

FRIDAY: No School, Mid-Winter Break.



Edwin and Barbara Marshall

Marshall and Butterworth exchange vows

Edwin Y. Marshall and Barbara J. Butterworth were united in marriage on January 24 as announced by their families. The ceremony took place in Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. E.J. (Dodie) Danoski acted as witness. A small reception will be held at a later date. The couple resides in Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 13 - Deb Heydenburg, Emily Gerard.
FEBRUARY 14 - Heather Claypool, Carol Leyman, Gerri Ellison, Scott Treglia, Clyde Newell.
FEBRUARY 15 - Jim VanDyke, DeeAnn Merriman, Deanne Newell.
FEBRUARY 16 - George Blocher, Matthew Schuitema,

Tracey Main.
FEBRUARY 17 - Chris Hodges, Justin Stanford, Stephanie Ellison, Reata Johnson, Lynda Horsley, Deb Tulecki.
FEBRUARY 18 - Richard Claypool, Courtney Phillips, Laura Walling, Georgie Boyce.
FEBRUARY 19 - Jerrica Foss, Bruce Baird, Betty Newhouse.

Jeff Grenell, founder or Renewal Ministries, to speak at Christian Life Center

Pastor Daniel Wansten of Christian Life Center in Lowell is pleased to announce that Jeff Grenell will be speaking on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. He will return on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Feb. 25 and 26 at 7 p.m.

Grenell is the founder and director of Renewal Ministries. Ordained in 1987 with the Assemblies of God, he has been in ministry for 10 years. He is the featured worship leader on a live praise and worship recording and has also written and produced his own praise and worship recording. Grenell has ministered at state conventions, conferences and camps.

Grenell is a 1985 Evangel College graduate. He and his wife, Jane, live in Grand Rapids with their children Jaren, Jorie and Justen. Renewal Ministries exists to present Jesus Christ through anointed preaching and singing. "We want to build an atmosphere of ministry so the Lord can work in the lives of the saved and lost. Renewal endeavors to encourage the church, evangelize the lost and exalt the Lord," said Pastor Grenell.



Jeff Grenell

Krebs to perform at Methodist Church

Ronald Krebs will perform and accompany in a concert at Lowell First United Methodist Church on February 16 at 6 p.m.

Krebs will accompany soloist Carol Garey. In addition, he will perform solo piano and organ works.

Krebs is organist at Second Congregational Church in Grand Rapids and a member of the American Guild of Organists. He has been guest soloist with the Grand Rapids Symphony and has presented concerts in Canada, Great Britain and the Netherlands.

Garey studied voice at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, the University of Michigan and with Margaret Harshaw of the NY Metropolitan Opera. In addition to singing with various groups in several states, Germany and Austria, she has most recently sung with the Robert Shaw Choral for a performance of "Elijah" at Carnegie Hall.

The concert is open to the public. A free-will offering will be received and fellowship time with the artists will follow.

Viewpoint . . .

Sharing The Vision

BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent



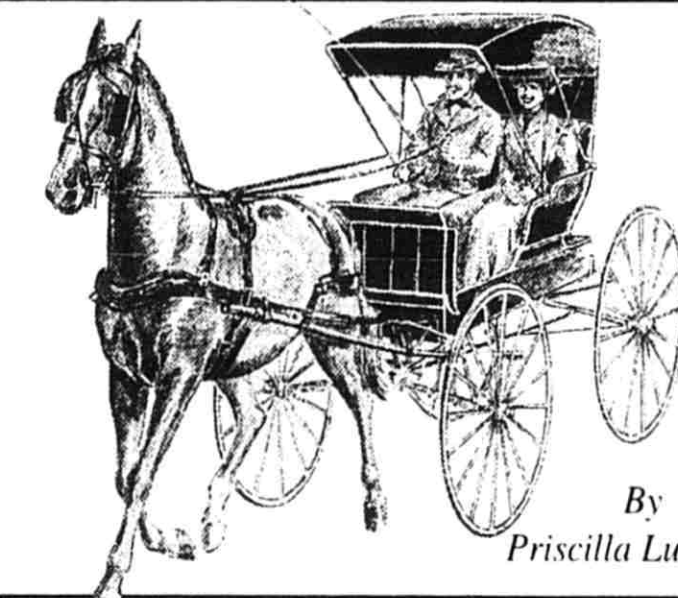
Todd Lenneman is our head custodian at Cherry Creek Elementary School. Last week he told me that, "If I do not show respect to the little ones, then they will not respect me." This single thought strikes to the heart of the character development concept that our schools and community are working hard to develop. Respect and care for others will most always be returned to you.

So what are we trying to achieve through this concept of character development? For the schools, it means several things. Our bottom line must indeed be increased learning for

all children. Thus with an environment in our schools and in our classrooms where there exists mutual respect between students and mutual respect between teachers and students, there will be increased learning. There will be increased learning when students assume responsibility for their education and for their work. There will be increased learning when students and staff act with integrity and honesty and where there is compassion for their fellow students especially when students are struggling or are different.

We also see the character development concept as a final step in the completion of our district's vision. Over the past months, we have identified the knowledge and skills that we expect our students to possess as they emerge from our schools. The identification of the five core character traits: Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty, and Respect completes our vision as it identifies clearly what we expect our students to be like.

We are hopeful that these traits which our community has helped us to identify will, in the end, increase learning for all students and produce a better school system for our staff, community, and kids.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - FEB. 12, 1897

The Republican caucus at Ada results in two respected citizens coming to hard blows, some with an ax handle.

Michigan Labor commissioner Morse says the state's pine trees are nearly all gone, and hardwoods are disappearing fast. The editor protests local police tendency to let off offenders too poor to pay fines.

Ionia is one of the earliest towns in Michigan to enact a curfew law, and is pleased with the results.

The Ledger accepts good meat and poultry products as payment for subscriptions.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - FEB. 9, 1922

A constitutional amendment for state income tax is being pushed for fall elections.

Alto school children can enter a prize essay contest, subject George Washington, sponsored by W.H. Watts.

Hilbert Moffit, of Alaska, fell in an ice-fishing hole where the spear-fisher didn't put in brush. We hear the hole-maker fell in, too.

Taxpayers, especially farmers, are protesting Michigan's ambitious highway-building program.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - FEB. 13, 1947

The editor calls for better methods of snow removal on Main Street. Now the men work hard and don't get anywhere.

The Kroger store is being remodeled to go to self-serve. Petitions have initiated a bill to the state legislature outlawing racial and religious discrimination.

Paying state legislators a daily expense account is also up in hopes of preventing graft.

Lowell is on the list of 153 airports nationally to be built or expanded in the next three years.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - FEB. 10, 1972

City Council tells senior citizens it is moving ahead with low-cost housing and is looking to locate a facility close to shopping.

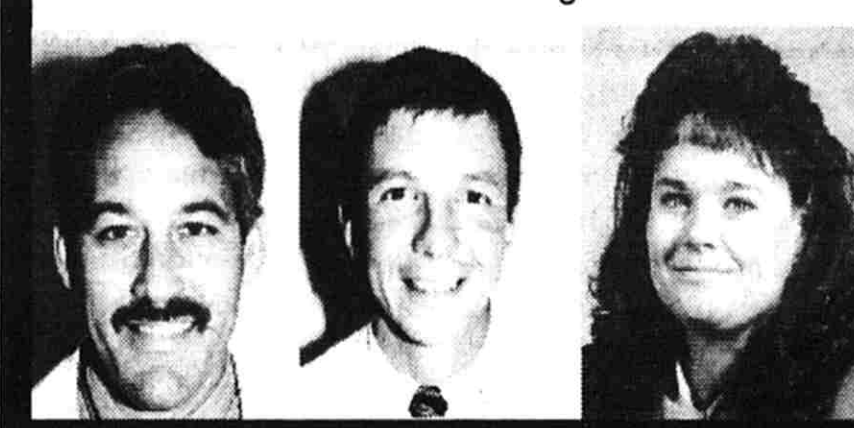
A party and a threatened shoot-out at the party end with tear gas thrown in the house trailer, igniting a fire when it hits the stove. Both police and firemen are there.

A Monday morning reading of 12 degrees below zero sets a record for February 7.

Sky divers were out in the cold Sunday, landing at the Lowell airport.

George Lessens receives the Eagle Scout award.

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



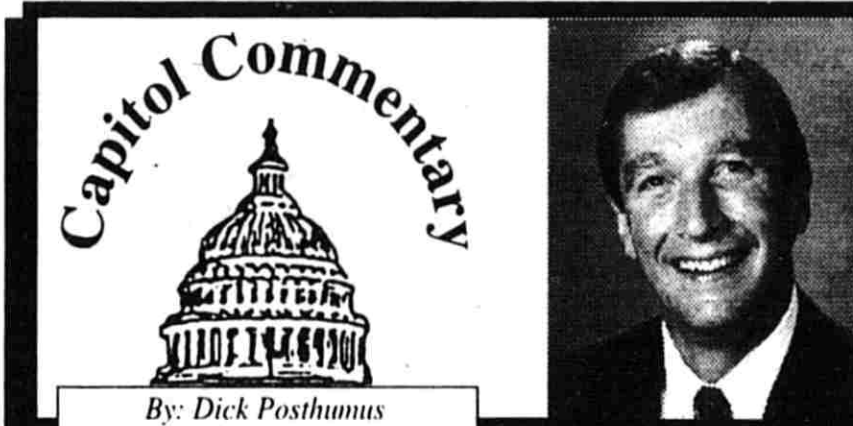
HYPOTHERMIA

Cold tolerance varies among individuals. Factors that increase the likelihood of injury from exposure to cold include poor physical health, nonacclimatization, elderly, very young and the use of alcohol or other sedative drugs. Smoking decreases the blood supply to legs and hands and puts an individual at risk. Outdoor occupations and recreational activities, homelessness, mentally impaired, accident victims, and chronic health problems can put anyone at risk for hypothermia.

Hypothermia occurs when the body temperature falls below 95 degrees Fahrenheit. It may take several hours or several days to develop. The risk of developing hypothermia increases with prolonged exposure to cold temperatures and exposure to cold wind-chills. The falling body temperature causes the body to reduce the physiologic functions of the organ systems. The body defends itself by decreasing blood flow and decreasing oxygen consumption. People who have been immersed for as long as 45 minutes in very cold water and appear to be dead have still been resuscitated because of the body's defense mechanism.

Early signs of hypothermia may be as subtle as weakness, drowsiness, confusion or irritability. Slow heart rate or irregular heart rate, low blood pressure, discoloration of toes and fingers, shallow breathing, muscle rigidity, fixed pupils and coma and cessation of breathing are all signs of moderate to severe hypothermia. Death usually results from the heart stopping or from a fatal heart rhythm.

Prevention is the key to avoiding hypothermia. "Keep warm, keep moving and keep dry." Dress in layers, avoid activities in cold weather with freezing wind chills, avoid alcohol and cigarettes. Be aware of strange behavior in members of your group that may signal early signs of hypothermia.



SENATE OUTLINES AGGRESSIVE AGENDA TO PROTECT MICHIGAN FAMILIES

As many of you probably know, the reason I ran for Michigan Senate in 1982 was a deep concern for my family. Back then, I knew that if Michigan continued to the direction it was going, there was little hope that my children and my children's children would have the same opportunities my wife and I enjoyed. It was this same concern for families across the state that led a number of legislators to the Capitol in Lansing and it's this concern that drives our legislative agenda still today.

You might remember a few years back, Michigan was laboring under a burdensome deficit, unemployment was out of control, and taxes were surging. Things were not good for Michigan's families.

For the past five years my colleagues and I in the Senate, working with the Governor and the House, have consistently defined and implemented a philosophy which has as its core the idea that lower taxes, better schools and leaner government improves the lives of Michigan families.

Since that time, we've cut taxes 21 times, and have more people working than ever before. Life has improved for Michigan's families. For this economic renaissance to continue, and for it to benefit our children and our children's children, we must continue to build upon the solid foundation we've already laid. My colleagues and I in the Senate have an agenda to make Michigan a better place for families. We have identified seven goals we intend to achieve in, with Michigan's families foremost in our minds.

Under our first goal of reducing the tax burden for Michigan's families, we will implement new tax cuts and protect those already in effect, increase the tax exemption for children and establish tax credits for in-home care for the elderly and other health care costs.

Our second goal is to make government more responsive and efficient. We will work to reform transportation spending, make revenue sharing more equitable, and reform Michigan's Civil Service System.

A third and very important goal is to make schools, streets and neighborhoods safe and drug-free. By cracking down on youth gangs, reducing illegal drug use, creating more crime fighting tools, as well as an oversight process to keep casinos crime-free, we will continue to build on our successes in fighting crime.

We also want to create an educational system that gives parents, students and educators the tools needed to compete. We have several objectives to accomplish this, including working to control higher education costs, increasing school accountability, protecting teachers from violent students, increasing job-skill training for high school students, and meeting the needs of high-risk children.

Another goal is to continue helping families to stay strong, healthy and independent. In this area, we will improve the lives of Michigan children by utilizing the recent recommendations from Lt. Governor Connie Binsfeld's Children's Commission. We will also continue our efforts to get people off welfare and into work.

Our sixth goal is to conserve our natural resources. In doing so, we're committed to restricting and regulating waste, acquiring development rights for sensitive areas, ensuring comprehensive protection of water resources, and protecting Michigan's long history of sound scientific management of wildlife.

Our final goal is one we've held strongly since 1991. That is to foster a healthy environment for the expansion of employment opportunities. In order to accomplish this, we want to invest more money in transportation infrastructure, improve Michigan's workers' compensation system, improve the business climate for agriculture, and eliminate frivolous lawsuits.

As you can see, we have an agenda to make Michigan a better place for families. This is an aggressive agenda, but one that's vital for Michigan to continue down the path of prosperity and opportunity. Jobs, lower taxes, safe communities, quality education — these are the core issues upon which we've built a new Michigan. With these goals and objectives in place, we've established the road map we'll follow, making Michigan the best place to live, work and raise a family.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Wednesday Worship.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 S. W. Lowell • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5994 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 6:00PM Sunday School Hour.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. times 897-7188 JOE GERKEN, PASTOR</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 897-5648 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Culver.....Music Director Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the city councilmen, police department and mayor for their willingness to work with the Flat River Snowmobile Club. Those of us who enjoy this outdoor activity know the value of the DNR Trail system in lower Michigan, and as a resident of Lowell I am proud of the fact that the trail leads people to

our beautiful town. As always, I hope that all travelers will be respectful of the rights and needs of the town and appreciate the hospitality offered them here.

Again, thank you, city decision makers, for doing your best to make Lowell a friendly, reasonable, nice place to live and visit.

Sincerely,
Beth Rich

MAIN ST., CONT'D.

1:30 to 4:30 every day but Monday. For ticket information call the LAAC at 897-8545.

WINTER SMASH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Calling all teens grades six through 12 to the "Winter Smash" at Lowell High School on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

There's a great lineup of entertainment including motivational speaker Jeff Grenell, music, open gym for basketball

Beach, cont'd.... From Page 1

to jump through and saves money and paperwork, according to township officials.

Beach presented the planning commission with detailed site plans, road plans, and health department findings. His last hurdle will be cleared when the township engineers review his road plans.

If approved, Beach plans to begin development sometime this spring.



German locksmith Peter Henlein is generally credited with making the first watch in the early 1500s.

and volleyball, pizza and pop. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information call Marti Kelly, 897-6172.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES & ENTREPRENEURS

The all new Lowell Community Expo is coming May 10. The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications on a first-come basis. Don't delay and send your application in today.

Second Chance, cont'd... From Page 1

A sub-committee of six, which included two board members (Jack Lane and Ann Mulder) met 10 days before the 150 days to consider Ward's re-entry.

Board trustee Ellen McClain voted against Ward's re-entrance because this was in violation of policy #5131.

McClain said she agreed with giving the student a second chance, but questioned whose authority it is to pick and choose when board policy should be followed.

Acting board president Pete Gustafson said he was not sure a rote application of the policy should be followed when it works as a hardship on a student.

"I voted to put the student back in school because I believe we were elected to pick and choose what is best for the student and the community," board treasurer Jack Lane said.

Gustafson explained that the law on expelled students has changed. It now states a student can attend alternative education school during that same year. It used to state a student who is expelled could not attend any type of school for a minimum of a year. Gustafson said Lowell's current board policy does not reflect that change.

If you need an application or information call Liz at 897-9161. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Lowell Area Schools.

SENIOR CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY

On Tuesday, March 25, a Senior Appreciation Day is being sponsored by FMB State Savings Bank and Lowell Senior Neighbors at Lowell Township Hall. Watch this space for more details.

"It came down to a choice of helping a student or not being in violation of board policy. I chose to help the student," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "In the strictest sense, one technical point was violated."

Board trustee Mulder added that rather than being punitive in its action and deny a student desired education, she voted that the board accept Ward as an alternative education student.

The board approved Ward's acceptance based on the conditions that he sign, along with his parents, a document indicating the necessity for excellence in attendance, make satisfactory progress in all classes, and encounter no disciplinary actions. It also asked that Ward retain a tutor at his expense until March 15 at which time he will be officially submitted into high school.

Bleke said the school was not in line to receive any money due to Ward's reentrance.

"Chad made a mistake and I believe he deserves a second chance," Bleke said.

Queen of country music highlights Showboat's return

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Since 1932, the Showboat has been a true example of civic enterprise and a demonstration of what people in a small community can do when they work together.

A small community devoted to civic enterprise will once again rouse the spirit of Showboat past as it begins preparations for a two-night gala featuring the Smothers Brothers and the Yo-Yo Man, and Loretta Lynn.

The two shows are scheduled for July 18 (Smothers Brothers) and July 19 (Loretta Lynn).

All seating for both Friday and Saturday night shows is \$22.

Tickets are available by calling 1-800-422-SHOW or 897-8280.

Bus tours, bulk mailing and event promotions leading up to the main event will be used to enhance ticket sales.

The initial promotional

event will be a St. Patrick's Day (March 17) dinner/dance at Larkin's Other Place. The Todd Nyson Trio will perform.

The Showboat queen's pageant will be held Saturday, March 22.

The amateur talent contest will be held on Saturday, May 17. Six amateur acts will be selected - three to perform each night.

There will also be a poster contest for children in grades two through five. The top two posters will be used along with pictures of the stars in a promotional campaign.

"We have good talent lined up for both shows," Showboat president Ron Woods said. "Loretta Lynn has never been here before and the Smothers Brothers were well received on their first visit."

The event will be in keeping with the Mississippi Riverboat shows including a chorus, interlocutor, end men

and amateur and semi-professional acts. In addition, the Showboat will bring well-known celebrities to the stage to round out an evening of entertainment.

"We want Showboat to return as a Lowell community project," said Wood. "Showboat is a great way for people to become and feel a part of the community."

The Showboat board voted in December to go ahead with a 1997 show in the face of a debt that is approximately \$17,000.

"We felt the best way to pay off the outstanding debt was through garnering support for a show," Wood said. "The Showboat gets lost in people's minds when there isn't a show each year."

A portion of the proceeds from the two performances will go to Family Life Center Alzheimer Care and Support in Grand Rapids.

Wood noted that there is a



Loretta Lynn, top, and The Smothers Brothers, right, will entertain at the Showboat on July 18 & 19.



local Alzheimer unit in Lowell.

For nearly 30 years, Lynn released single after single, presenting in working-class language just how rough life, especially domestic life, can be.

Her song titles have told the story: "The Home Your Tearin' Down," "You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)," "Don't Come Home A'Drinkin' (With Lovin' On

Your Mind)," and "When the Tingle Becomes a Chill."

In their first visit to the Showboat in the early 90's, Tom and Dick Smothers showed fans they were still

crazy after all these years.

Once again, they will bring their appealing, fresh and inventive ways to the Showboat amphitheater in July.

COLLEGE NEWS

Grand Valley State University announces the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the fall 1996 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. The honor is noted on the students' official records.

Included on the list from the Lowell area are: Brian R. Bennett, Robert J. Berrington III and Tara L. Geror. From the Ada area is Brett M. Knoop and from Alto is Paul A. Snywerda.

For more than a decade, Grand Valley has been the

state's fastest-growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and of their academic accomplishments.

Ferris State University's fall semester (Aug.-Dec.) academic honors list includes 1,176 students, university officials have announced.

To be eligible, a Ferris student must have compiled a 3.50 grade point average in at least 12 semester hours of work. The list includes 171 students who earned 4.00 grade point averages, or all A grades.

Included on the list are Jennifer S. Anderson and Cindy L. Cook, of Lowell;

Elizabeth C. Smith of Alto and Janet L. Tichelaar of Saranac.

Adrian College student Anna M. Lietzke of Lowell has been listed in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Lietzke was nominated for her outstanding academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. She joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Colum-

bia and several foreign nations.

Lietzke is a senior majoring in chemistry. She is the daughter of Theodore and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell and is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School. At Adrian, she has been a member of the college dean's list.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1935.

Burton E. Breuker, a junior, and Michael Wojciakowski, a senior, both of Lowell, are on the dean's list at Aquinas College.

First honors, known as the dean's list, are awarded to full-time students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above in a minimum of 12 hours or more of graded credit in any semester. Part-time students are eligible for inclusion on the dean's list if they complete 12 hours or more of graded credit and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above during a year commencing with the fall semester of any given year.

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

Denny Briggs, a student

at Lowell High School, has been admitted to Tri-State University, Angola, Indiana, majoring in engineering for the 1997-98 school year, and has been awarded a dean's scholarship.

Tri-State University, founded in 1884, is recognized as a leader in career oriented education, and offers programs in the schools of Engineering, Business, and the Arts & Sciences.

Emily A. VanStrien, of Lowell, daughter of Greg and Elizabeth VanStrien, has received the Honors Scholarship from Kalamazoo College.

Nominees for the Honors Scholarship were selected from new students admitted to Kalamazoo College. Selection criteria for the awards included academic accomplishments, as well as extracurricular achievements.

More than 300 students have been awarded the Honors Scholarship and Competitive Scholarship.

Kalamazoo College is nationally known for its "K" Plan, which combines off-campus experiences in career internships, study abroad, and independent research with on-campus studies in the liberal arts.

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Lowell City Board of Review will meet to receive and review the various Assessment Rolls for 1997 at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997
at 9:00 A.M.

A second meeting for the purpose of hearing appeals, and a continuation thereof, will be held at City Hall on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 1997
From
9 A.M. - 12 P.M. & 1:30 P.M. - 5 P.M.
and
6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Appeals may be made by letter or on forms available at City Hall. Letters and/or forms must be submitted not later than March 7, 1997. A personal appearance is not required.

The following ratios and multipliers are expected for Real and Personal Property assessments:

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Industrial Property	50.00%	1.0000
Residential Property	50.00%	1.0000
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Planning commission faces reversal on minimum number of private road lots

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

After bouncing the issue around for several months, the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will decide whether or not to drop the number of homes allowed on a private road from five to three.

Originally, the commission wanted to see the number reduced, but after much thought, commissioner David Simmonds made a motion to keep the number at five. Simmonds said the township already has 30 private roads and is afraid reducing the number will welcome further development.

Simmonds also cited a state amendment to the Subdivision Act as another reason to keep the number at five.

Before the commission could vote on the motion, township trustee Dick Huver asked whether or not the township board had made a resolution changing the number from five to three.

"A resolution is law and cannot be changed," said Huver, who was in attendance at the commission's regular monthly meeting.

Simmonds' motion was seconded by Carol Wells, but eventually tabled until the commission could determine if a resolution had been passed.

Commissioner Dick Bryan also wanted the motion tabled until Mel Beers was present.

"This is an issue the whole commission should vote on," said Bryan.

The idea of dropping the number of homes allowed on a private road from five to three was a major stumbling block in getting a new private road ordinance passed.

Wells contended that changing the number would open the township to too many developments too fast, while other township officials in favor of a change said it would allow many property owners the opportunity to develop land previously undevelopable.

Before the township adopts any change to the private road ordinance, a public hearing will be conducted.

Neither the board nor the planning commission has indicated when a public hearing will take place.

Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair.
George Burns

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- Austyn Foster
- Kacie Foster
- Mackenzie Gire
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NAME: Taylor Flanagan

AGE: 3 years old (Birthday 5/15/93)

HOBBIES: Playing with dolls and mom's make-up.

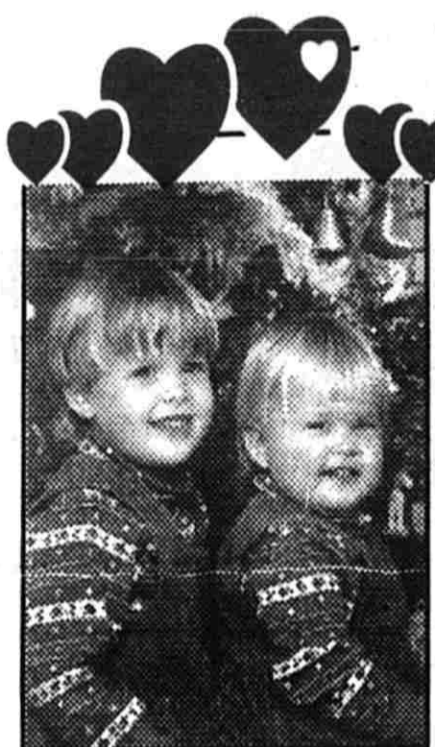
Taylor receives a prize for her great check-up.

**January
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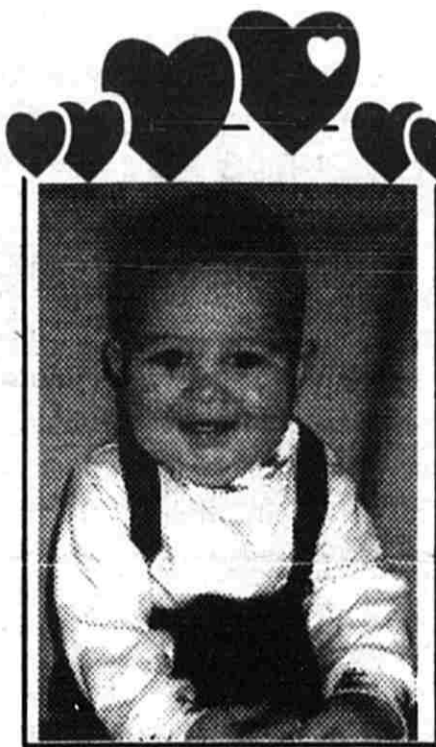
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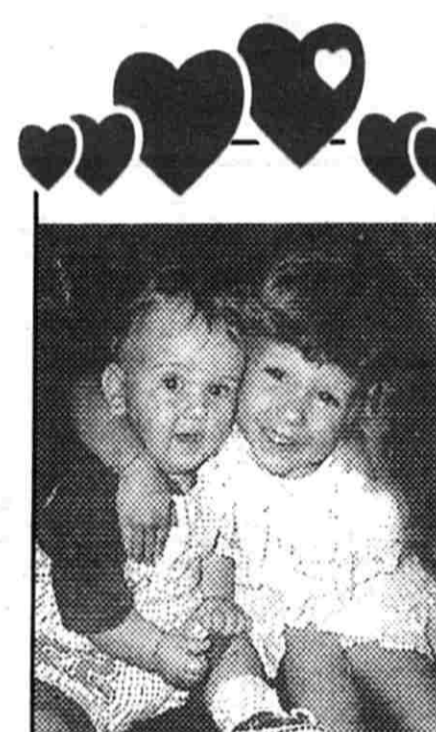
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Blue, Boy, do we love our
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Papa and Grammy Thaler



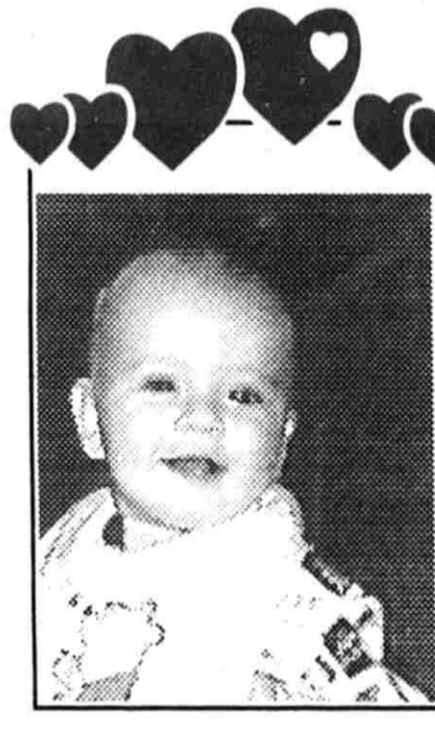
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You are the joy &
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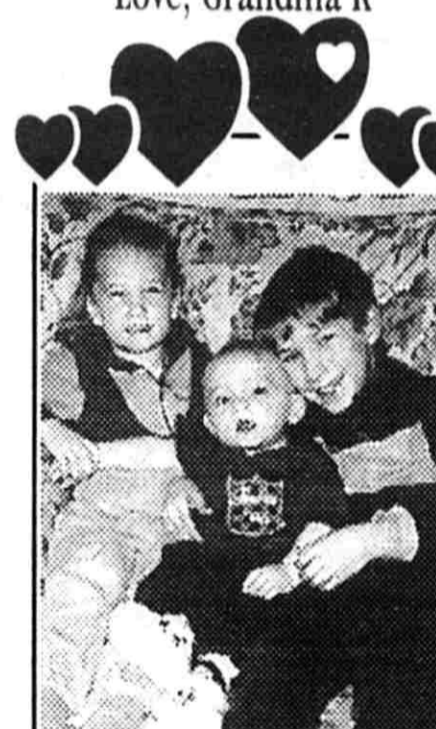
Luke Kloosterman
You are the sunshine
& joy of my life.
Love, Grandma K



Joey LaPenna
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from my Ada nest!



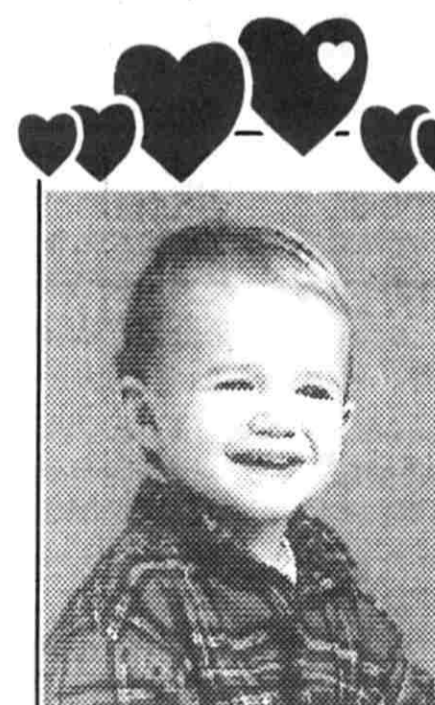
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I love you
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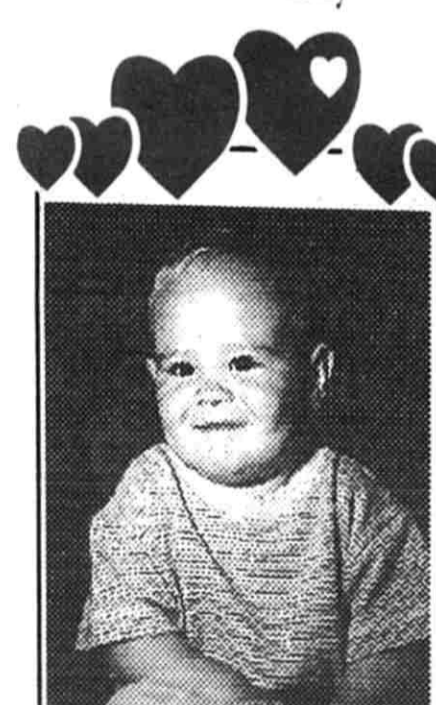
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Our little Valentine
Grandpa Bob &
Grandma Bonnie



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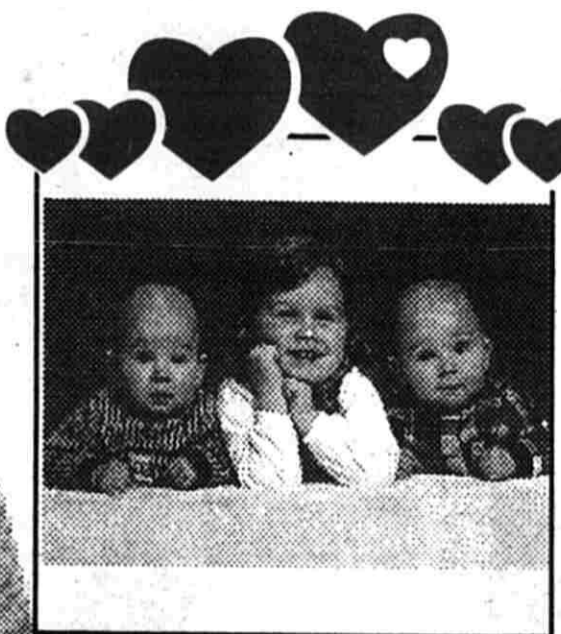


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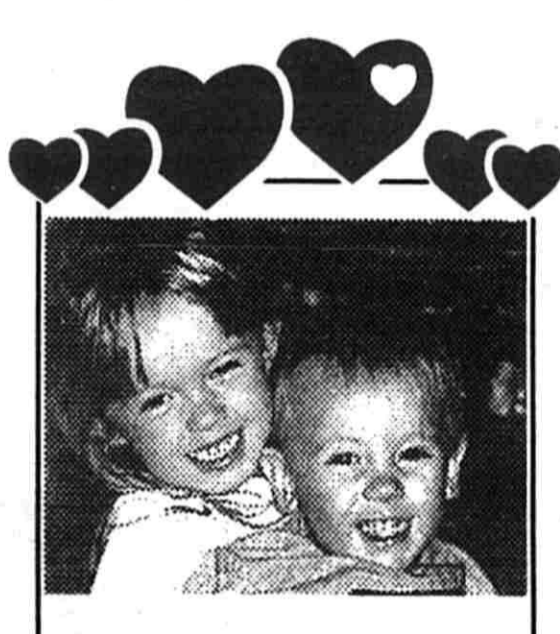


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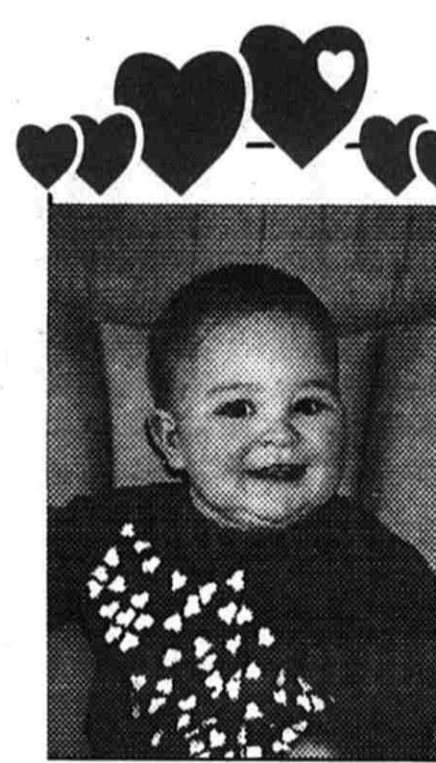
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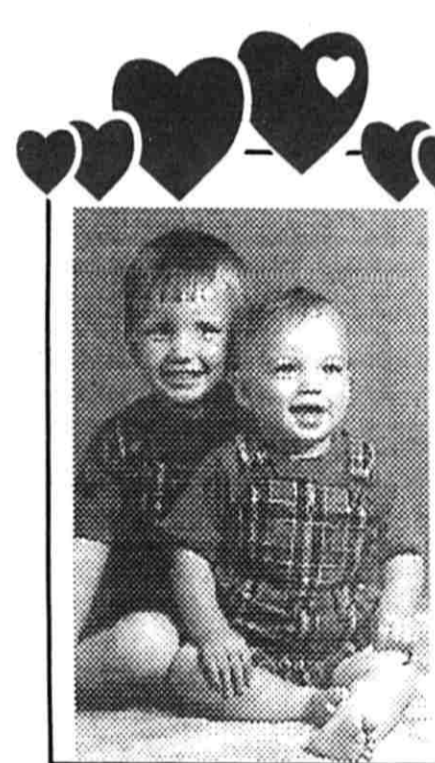
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City ordinance could limit yard sale signs to residents own property

City attorney Richard Wendt has been summoned to write up a proposed yard sale sign ordinance.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Blood Sweat & Tears hit song entitled *Spinning Wheels* exclaimed "What goes up, must come down."

Lowell city councilmember Jeanne Shores is sure yard sale signs in Lowell are the exception.

"They are put up on poles and then are not taken down," Shores said. "They look tacky." When they are finally removed or fall off the nail, staples or tacks are left to rust away.

Shores favors adopting a city ordinance that would limit yard sale signs to a person's own yard or property.

"I'm sure this will not be a popular issue. People will object," Shores said. "I just think with the downtown looking nice that it's time to do away with yard sale signs on electric poles."

The issue has been a concern of Shores for

a number of years. The councilmember revisited the issue at the Feb. 3 council meeting.

Following a short discussion, the council asked that city attorney Richard Wendt write up a proposed ordinance for the council to look at.

"I would like to see an ordinance that prohibits them entirely from being put up on poles," Shores said. "I don't know if legally people can put signs up on poles. I think that may be defacing public property."

The councilmember applauded local pa-

pers for starting a garage sale page.

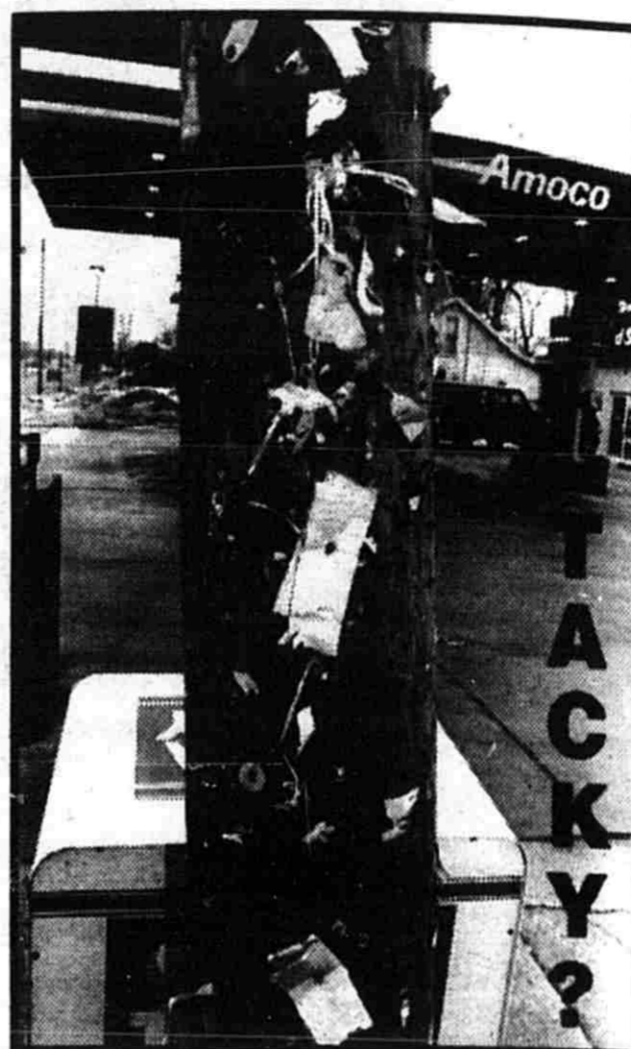
Shores also favors erecting a community bulletin board where smaller signs about sales or lost animals could be displayed.

"I live at the corner of Spring and Hudson and there are times that big signs attached to the electric pole make it hard to see, to turn," Shores said.

Lowell is not the only city in West Michigan looking to prohibit signs on poles. Zeeland has also broached the issue.



Sarah Josepha Hale, the most famous magazine editor in the U.S. during the 1800s was instrumental in persuading President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday and was also the author of "Mary Had A Little Lamb."



Off-site businesses in agricultural district subject of proposed Vergennes ordinance

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials are working side by side with area farmers to come up with an ordinance to restrict the

use of agricultural property for non-farming practices without hurting current practices.

The issues are tricky because the township wants to prevent non-farming businesses in agricultural districts, but doesn't want to hurt those property owners who use their property to farm as well as go off site with equipment to work.

"We want to come up with something that is fair and still protects the rural atmosphere of the township," said planning commission chairman Rick Gillette.

The commission presented a proposed ordinance to a group of residents regarding the issues, but those individuals failed to come to an agreement.

"We just couldn't come up with an agreement on revision and we suggest you throw it out and start over," said resident Ken Wittenbach.

The commission refused to throw out the ordinance and suggested the group get back together and come up with revisions that are fair.

Township officials are afraid those property owners with off-site businesses who keep equipment on their agricultural land may be copied by other people who move into the township; thus, too many similar businesses will exist.

The township is having trouble deciding the exact definition of an off-site business and what regulations can be enacted

that will limit future businesses from abusing their agricultural land.

Planning commission member Tim Howard doesn't want the township to draft an ordinance that is discriminatory, which will lead to challenge in and out of court.


"We can't just draft this out of the blue. Every case should be viewed separately," suggested Howard.

Other commission members argued that rules need to be established in order to prevent too many commercial ventures in the township.

"We've got the potential for problems. Right now, we are trying to keep ahead of it so it is a lot easier to deal with when the problems surface," said Gillette. "We don't want the township to have random commercial areas and have somebody get pinched."

While farmers search for input, the township will also seek advice from the Michigan Township's Association (MTA).

"I'm sure this had to surface in other communities. What we need to do is ask the MTA some very specific questions regarding these issues and see what other townships have done," said planning commission member Mark Weber.



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"Lacey's Too" enables adult foster care residents to maintain family setting

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Unable to live alone anymore, women 55 years and older residing at "Lacey's Too" adult foster care will have their medicine monitored, transportation, laundry, meals, hair care, and shopping trips all provided and still maintain that degree of independence.

"Lacey's Too is that step after independence but be-

fore a convalescent home," said its owners Dave and Gail Hays.

The new adult foster care home at 11933 Potters Rd will promote living, loving and laughter.

"There won't be a list of rules to follow," Gail Hays said. "We want residents to feel like they are at home. If they are awake in the middle of the night and want something from the refrigerator,

they are free to take what they want from their kitchen."

Lacey's Too is licensed for nine residents. It will be a 24-hour care facility.

Many residents don't want to live alone. Hays hopes to provide them an opportunity to reside in a family setting.

The home, which was at one time a boys' care facility, has been renovated and cleaned up, providing it with

a soothing, homey appearance.

"We had been looking for a place in the Lowell area for a couple of years," Dave Hays said. "This came along and the layout was perfect."

Gail Hays has 10 years of adult foster care experience, having successfully run a similar-type home in Davison.

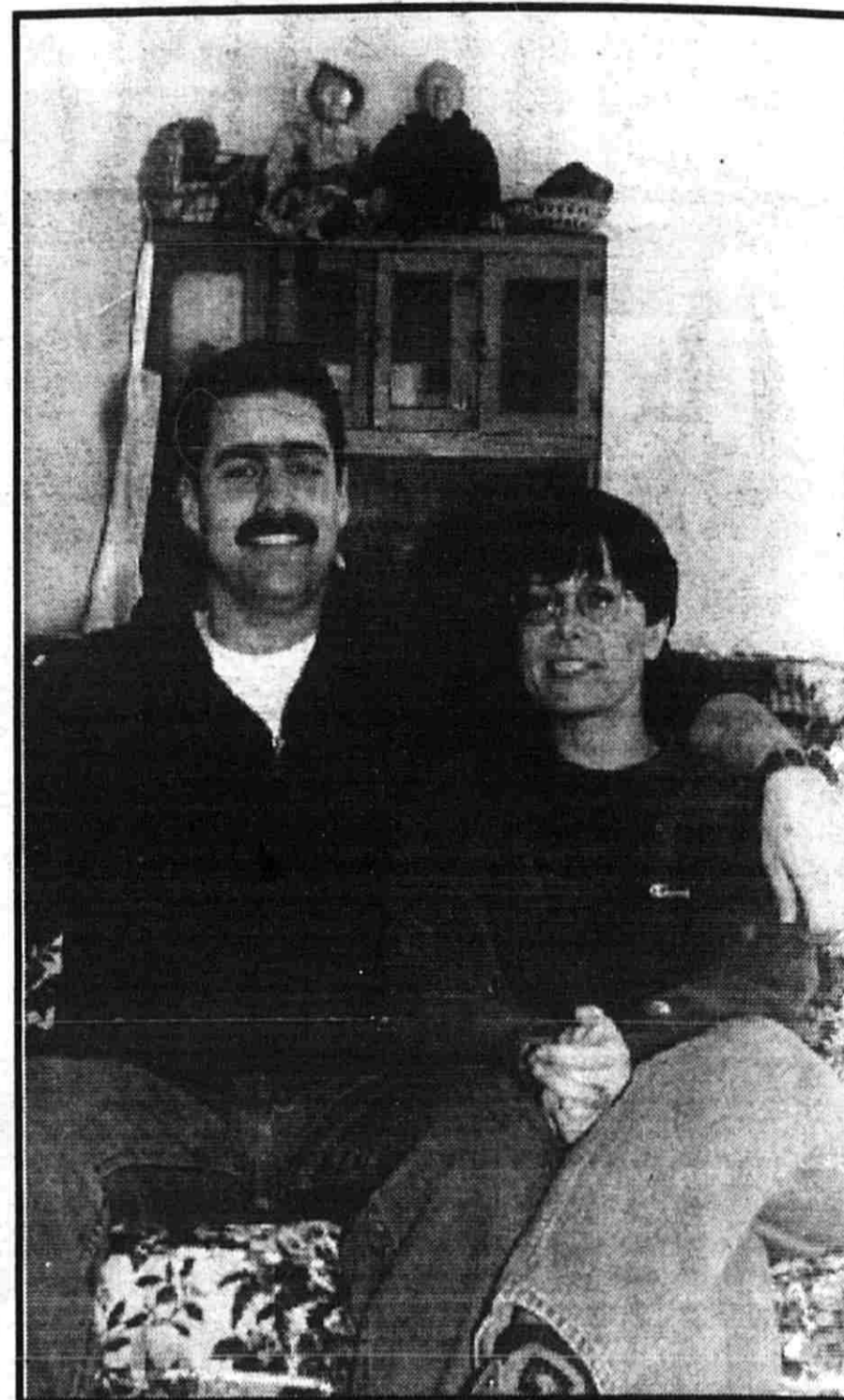
"I genuinely care about senior citizens," Gail Hays said. "There is a great reward in caring for people."

There is one part of the job she isn't crazy about. When a resident can no longer walk or is not ambulatory, they are given a 30-day notice that states they must relocate to a 24-hour awake care home.

"That is the hardest part, telling a resident she must move on," Hays said.

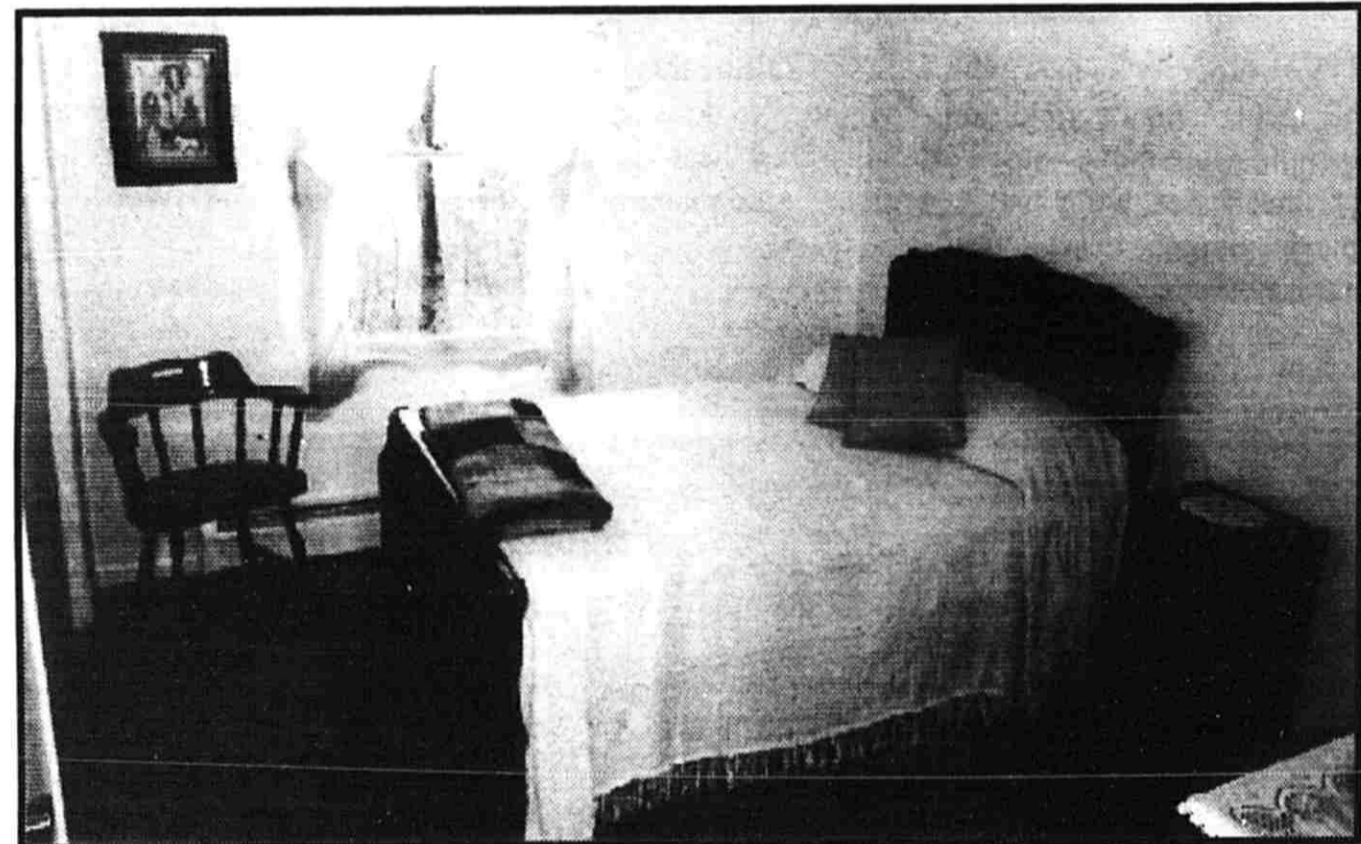
Lacey's Too has not yet opened. Hays' are awaiting the completion of the final inspections. "We expect all inspections to be complete within a month," Dave Hays said. "We are, however, taking applications."

Those wishing to view the



Dave and Gail Hays, owners of "Lacey's Too."

site will be given an opportunity on Sunday, Feb. 16. An open house will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.



The adult foster care home will be able to care and provide for nine residents.

Lowell ponders second road access point in private road ordinance

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

While Lowell Charter Township officials search for answers regarding the minimum number of homes allowed on private roads, they must also determine the maximum number allowed.

The township has yet to agree on whether it should drop the minimum number of homes allowed from five to three and must now determine if 21 lots is the maximum number allowed.

Planning commission member Dick Bryan said the township needs to determine if a development with more than 21 parcels should have more than one entrance/exit road.

Bryan said the township currently doesn't have any guidelines in place and said too many homes on one private road could become a safety concern. Bryan said a maximum number should be spelled out in the private road ordinance.

Commissioner Carol Wells said all of the township's

protection remains in its checklist for private roads that include the question, "Are all of the safety and health concerns in order?"

Wells said if any development fails to live up to that point in the checklist, then a second entrance will be required.

"You have to be careful what you spell out because you will have to live with it," said Wells, who has also voiced opposition to dropping the minimum number of lots allowed.

Wells said the current ordinance prevents too many homes from being built on one private road, and also provides flexibility to developers.

Bryan said the township hasn't had a problem with too many homes in the past, but with the prospects of more developments in the future, it is something that should be addressed.

"We need to nip this in the bud before it gets here," said Bryan.

The commission will discuss the matter further and present its concerns to the township board when the final draft of the private road ordinance is accepted and put to a public hearing.

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THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 20, 1997		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
33	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "Murder, Country Style"	Moloney "Deep Cover" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41	WOTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	Movie: *** "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) (PA) Clint Eastwood, Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman. (In Stereo)			News	Nightline			
35	WGVU	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailblaze: Adventure	Mystery! "Inspector Morse" "Deadly Slumber"	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
17	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "The Promise Land"	Party of Five "Intervention" (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H	Deep Space 9		
1	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends to Heaven "As Difficult as ABC"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Carson Classics	Carson Classics			
23	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Inspector Morse" "Deadly Slumber"	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors		
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Movie: *** "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) (PA) Clint Eastwood, Clint Eastwood's Oscar-winning portrait of an aged gunman. (In Stereo)			News	Nightline			
15	WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single	New York Undercover "The Promise Land"	Real TV	Coach (In Stereo)	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		
11	TBS	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Movie: ** 1/2 "Hudson Hawk" (1991) Bruce Willis, Andie MacDowell.			Movie: ** 1/2 "Fletch" (1985) Chevy Chase, Tim Matheson.				
10	FAM	Waltons "The Elopement"	Highway to Heaven "As Difficult as ABC"	A-Team "Wheel of Fortune"	Miami Vice "Back in the World"	In Living Color	College Basketball: Stanford at Washington State. (Live)				
20	FX	Mission: Impossible "Orpheus"	A-Team "Wheel of Fortune"	Figure Skating: Reflections of Ice.			Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)			
24	USA	Highlander: The Series "The Return of Amanda"	Wild Discovery "Arctic Wanderers" (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Cronkite Remembers "Summing Up"	Wild Discovery "Arctic Wanderers" (R)	Wild Discovery "Arctic Wanderers" (R)			
22	DISC	Wings of the Red Star "Soviet Rotors" (R)	Movie: ** 1/2 "Another 48 HRS." (1990) Eddie Murphy, Brian James.				News (In Stereo)	Wiseguy "7th Avenue Freeze Out" (In Stereo)			
25	WGN	Family Matters	Bzz! (In Stereo)	College Basketball: Michigan at Iowa. (Live)			College Basketball: Louisville at Marquette. (Live)				
26	ESPN	(6:30) Sportscenter	College Basketball: Michigan at Iowa. (Live)					Sportscenter			
27	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Moneyline		
28	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days "Cruisin"	I Love Lucy	Munsters "Pike's Pique"	Rhoda	Taxi		
29	A&E	Equalizer "Innerview"	Biography "Houdini: The Great Escape" (R)	Ancient Mysteries			Unexplained "The Mystery of the Crystal Skulls"	Law & Order "Guardian"			
14	PASS	CCHA Digest	IHL Hockey: Indianapolis Ice at Detroit Vipers. (Live)				FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News			
12	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier. A Southern sheriff and a black detective team up on a case.				Movie: *** "Duel at Diablo" (1966) James Garner, Bibi Andersson.				
16	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "One-Armed Bandits"	Championship Bull Riding: Bulnanza. (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)			Today's Country (In Stereo)	Dallas "Changing of the Guard" (In Stereo)			
18	TRAV	Perfect Trip	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	Exploring America	Guide-Cruising	Perfect Trip		
19	TLC	Hometime "Log Cabin"	Hometime (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "Death Row Kids"	Revolutionary War (R) (Part 5 of 6)		Electric Skies (R)		Real America: 48 Hours "Death Row Kids" (R)		
21	SCI FI	Time Trax (In Stereo)	Tekwar "Zero Tolerance" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "1986" (In Stereo)			Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space	Time Trax (R) (In Stereo)		
2	HIST	Air Combat "Legends of Air Combat"	Wrath of God "Disasters in America" (R)	Civil War Journal			Automobiles "1965 Chevy"	Year by Year "1943" (R)			
4	AMC	(6:00) Movie: ** 1/2 "No Way Out" (1950)	Movie: ** 1/2 "X the Unknown" (1956), Edward Chapman, Leo McKern	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Land Unknown" (1957), Shawn Smith, William Reynolds	Movie: ** 1/2 "No Way Out" (1950), Linda Darnell						
5	DISN	Movie: ** 1/2 "Batteries not Included" (1987), Jessica Tandy PG	Movie: *** "Splash" (1984), Daryl Hannah, John Candy PG (Adult situations, brief nudity)	Movie: *** "Cry Freedom" (1987), Denzel Washington (In Stereo) PG							
6	HBO	(8:15) Movie: "In the Line of Duty: Street War"	Movie: "Crossworlds" (1997), Josh Charles (In Stereo) PG-13	Movie: ** "Serial Killer" (1996) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)	Movie: *** "Gang War: Bangin' in Little Rock" (In Stereo)						
7	MAX	(6:30) Movie: "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995)	Movie: ** "Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." (1992), Kevin Thigpen R	Movie: *** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations)	Movie: "The Sweeper"						

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT FEBRUARY 20, 1997		12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
33	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard (In Stereo)		Geraldo Rivera				CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)
41	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)					
35	WGVU	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
17	WXMI	Deep Space 9	Cops (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Gordon Elliott		Murphy Brown	(Off Air)		Wonder Years	Cheers "Bar Bet" (R)
1	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)		Highway Patrol	Paid Program		NBC News Nightside	
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With		Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends		ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
15	WSYM	Bzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	(Off Air)							
11	TBS	Movie: *** "Running Scared" (1986) Gregory Hines, Steven Bauer.					Movie: ** 1/2 "Wise Guys" (1986) Danny DeVito, Harvey Keitel.			Laverne & Shirley	Gomer Pyle, USMC
10	FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program			700 Club (Left in Progress)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	FX	College Basketball	In Living Color	In Living Color			Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
24	USA	Silk Stalkings "Good Time Charlie" (In Stereo)	Knight Rider "The Scents of Roses" (R)	Movie: ** "Nightmare" (1991) Victoria Principal, Jonathan Banks. (In Stereo)			Sirens "Aftermath" (In Stereo)				
22	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Cronkite Remembers "Summing Up" (R)			Next Step "Earthquake" Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Love, Honor and Obey"	Simon & Simon "Bad Betty"				Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: *** 1/2 "What's Up, Doc?" (1972) Ryan O'Neal, Madeline Kahn.		
26	ESPN	(11:30) Sportscenter	Hawaii Sports	Unbelievable Sports	Running: Half Marathon	Sportscenter		Up Close (R)	College Basketball: Michigan at Iowa. (R)		
27	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	CNN/Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)		Overnight	Sports Latentight (R)	Crossfire (R)		Newsroom
28	NICK	Bewitched	I Dream of Jeannie	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days "Cruisin"	Munsters "Pike's Pique"	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Dick Van Dyke
29	A&E	Biography "Houdini: The Great Escape" (R)	Ancient Mysteries (R)				Unexplained "The Mystery of the Crystal Skulls"	Law & Order "Guardian"		Movie: *** "Framed" (1992), Timothy West	
14	PASS	IHL Hockey: Indianapolis Ice at Detroit Vipers. (R)					Unexplained "The Mystery of the Crystal Skulls"	Law & Order "Guardian"		Movie: *** "Framed" (1992), Timothy West	
12	TNT	(10:20) Movie: "Uptown Saturday Night" (1974, Comedy) Sidney Poitier. Trouble finds two friends visiting their favorite hangout.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Uptown Saturday Night" (1974, Comedy) Sidney Poitier. Trouble finds two friends visiting their favorite hangout.				Movie: *** 1/2 "The Defiant Ones" (1958) Tony Curtis, Cara Williams.				
16	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "One-Armed Bandits"	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)			(Off Air)				
18	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	Exploring America	Guide-Cruising	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Water Sports World	Undersea Adventures
19	TLC	Revolutionary War (R) (Part 5 of 6)	Electric Skies (R)	Hometime "Log Cabin"	Hometime (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
21	SCI FI	Tekwar "Zero Tolerance" (R) (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "1986" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz (R)	Inside Space (R)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller				Paid Program	Paid Program
2	HIST	Wrath of God "Disasters in America" (R)	Civil War Journal (R)	Automobiles "1965 Chevy" (R)			Year by Year "1943" (R)			Civil War Journal (R)	
4	AMC	(11:00) Movie: ** 1/2 "No Way Out" (1950)	Movie: ** 1/2 "X the Unknown" (1956), Edward Chapman, Leo McKern	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Land Unknown" (1957), Shawn Smith, William Reynolds	Movie: ** "The Brave One" (1956)						
5	DISN	(10:25) Movie: *** "Cry Freedom" (1987) PG	Movie: *** "Cry Freedom" (1987) PG	Movie: *** "Cry Freedom" (1987) PG	Movie: *** "Cry Freedom" (1987) PG						
6	HBO	Tracey Takes On... (R)	Movie: *** "Executive Decision" (1996, Suspense) Kurt Russell. A team of special agents must re-claim a hijacked airliner. R	Larry Sanders (R)	Movie: *** "Copycat" (1995) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)						
7	MAX	(11:30) Movie: "The Sweeper" (1996) R	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Mangler" (1995), Ted Levine (In Stereo) R (Adult language, graphic violence)	Movie: *** "Bad Boys" (1995), Will Smith, Tea Leoni (In Stereo) R (Adult language, violence)							

LHS FFA members bring home buckets of gold from district leadership contests



Pictured, back row, left to right, are: Brett Plattner, Annie Oesch, Brian Knudstrup, Brandy Fedewa, Shari Grieser and Lisa Osterhaven. Front row, left to right, are: Keith Krebill, Ben Kaeb, Carrie Hubbarth, Nicole Waldron, Amy Larabee, Beth Larabee and Shannon Finnegan.

Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Aaron Kaeb, Beth Hoag, Lisa Posthumus and Aaron Plattner. Middle row, left to right, are: Brad Jackson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Wisner, Lindsay Perkins, Hillary Tichelaar, Maggie Wisner. Back row, left to right, are: Chris VanSpronsen, Mike Dereski, Joe Patterson, Jeff Noall and Melissa Luyk.

Lowell High School's Future Farmers of America continued the tradition as they once again found a great deal of success at the district leadership contests in Ionia on Thursday.

Lowell had 10 teams compete in seven of eight contests. Each team received two gold medals and will advance to the regional competition in Cedar Springs on Feb. 20.

"These are the best types of competition for students to

sharpen and develop skills for their future," Lowell FFA leader Pete Siler said. "It is not so important how the students do, as to what they do in preparation for the competition."

Winning gold awards for Lowell were: Aaron Kaeb and Brad Jackson, Greenhand Public Speaking; Missy Luyk, Public Speaking; Lisa Posthumus and Hillary Tichelaar, Job Interview; Beth Hoag and Aaron Plattner (alternate), Extemporaneous Public Speaking; Beth Larabee, Amy Larabee,

Shari Grieser, Lisa Osterhaven, Andrea Baker, Shannon Finnegan, Tricia Fick and Nicole Waldron, Parliamentary Procedure; Brett Plattner, Ben Kaeb, Carrie Hubbarth, Annie Oesch, Brian Knudstrup and Keith Krebill, Agricultural Forum; Jennifer Wisner, Chris VanSpronsen, Brian Fitzpatrick, Lindsay Perkins, Joe Patterson, Mike Dereski, Jeff Noall and Maggie Wisner (alternate), Greenhand Conduct of Meetings.

Sauber flies Cessna 152 alone for first time

Despite the strong crosswind, 16-year-old Ryan Sauber treated it like just another flight... though there was a noticeable difference - Sauber was by himself.

The Lowell High

School sophomore, without the guidance of his instructor Craig Fish, flew a Cessna 152 alone for the first time at the Ionia Airport on Jan. 21.

There are three high points one must successfully complete when learning how

to fly... ground school, flight time with an instructor and flying solo.

Sauber began taking lessons when he was 14.

"Ryan has some natural ability for flying," said his father Stu. "He's always



Ryan Sauber, 16-years-old, stands beside the Cessna 152 he soloed on Jan. 21 at the Ionia Airport. Standing beside Sauber is his father Stu.

shown an interest in flying even as a kid."

Sauber said he didn't have any anxiety prior to flying the Cessna by himself. "No, there wasn't any anxiety. It was just like when my instructor was with me."

The next step for Sauber is attaining his license. "I think I may be interested in trying to become a commercial pilot," Sauber said.

The solo flight examination entailed three take-offs and three landings. Prior to soloing, Sauber went through 35 hours of instruction with Fish.

Sauber's initial interest in flying was nurtured through building model airplanes with his dad.

"I don't care who you are or how old you are; learning to fly is quite an experience," Stu Sauber concluded.

Change in Social Security excludes election workers

A change in Social Security coverage has led to the exclusion of Lowell election workers and officials.

A letter from the state Office and Retirement Systems recently outlined in federal legislation that the Social Security Administrative Reform Act of 1994 has been amended. The allowable exclusion amount for Social Security coverage of election workers and officials is \$1,000 or less in a calendar year.

The decision was based on prior history which indicates workers do not reach that amount.

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FRI-SUN/TUE - 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:45 • FRI-SAT LATE 11:40

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Proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 1997.

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LOWELL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

THE PLACE TO BE

•••• A new and revitalized spirit brings large numbers of developers and home buyers into townships.

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell and Vergennes townships are bursting at the seams with new homes, but what is it about the rural communities that has started this trend?

The factors leading to the increased development of single family homes vary, but township officials, realtors and developers believe three assets of the area stick out.

First is the "ruralness" of the area.

"People like the idea of

waking up in the morning and seeing wildlife grazing in their backyard," said realtor and one-time developer Dick Bryan.

Bryan has lived in Lowell Charter Township for 19 years and has served on its planning commission for the past eight years.

He has a firsthand account of the developments that have come in and believes more are in the township's future.

"If you build it, they will come," Bryan said. "Developers see this area as a great place because of the new high

school, the rural characteristics and the fact that many people are tired of city living."

First-time developer Russ Heibel has plans for a development on 21 acres of land in Lowell Township and said the area's geography is important to many people.

"You're only 20 minutes from Grand Rapids and because of the highway, there is easy access," Heibel said.

The easy access brings people into the area, but has yet to bring some of the downfalls that accompany growth

of this nature, such as high crime and overcrowding.

Bryan points to the area's low crime rate as another key to the exodus.

Developer Leonard Den Houter said the revitalization of Lowell's downtown district will also have an effect on the township's growth.

"There is a new spirit growing in the community and a lot of it can be attributed to the downtown project," Den Houter said. "People are seeing jobs staying in Lowell and many of the kids who grew up

here have decided to stay and live."

Den Houter, who has a 21-site home development overlooking the city currently in the works, said he is already receiving inquiries on available homes, even though final approval has not been given by the township.

"The time is right. I already have a list of people waiting for a site," he said. "Because the township has deliberately kept its agricultural land intact, many people

Townships, cont'd. pg. 27

Housing Developments	Location	Availability	Lot Prices
River Bluff	Burroughs Avenue	Limited Availability	\$32,500 & \$49,900
Flat River Forest	Flat River Drive	No Lots Available	Homes Available
Oak Trail	Parnell Avenue	Sold Out	—
Maple Run	Cascade Road	One Lot	\$69,900
Quiggle Estates	36th St. near Quiggle Lake	One Lot Available	\$54,000
Arrowhead Meadows	Downes & Alden Nash	Two Lots Available	\$19,900
Bryndale Farms	McCabe	Homes Available	\$38,000 - \$130,000
Stone Ridge Development	Vergennes	Sold Out	—
River Place	Vergennes	Six Lots Available	\$19,900 - \$29,900
McCabe Court	McCabe	Five Lots available	\$29-\$44,900
Conservancy (Phase I)	McCabe	Seven Lots Available	\$55-\$61,00
Fallasburg Point	Beckwith Drive	Eight Lots Available	\$49-\$65,000
Timpson Estates I	N. of 84th St. (Alto Way Dr.)	Sold Out	—
Timpson Estates II	N. of 84th St. (Alto Way Dr.)	Five Lots Available	\$27,900-\$39,900
Mill Isle Estate	Proposed 66 Lots (Three phases)		

Lowell Area Housing EXPANSION

Home buyers find large city conveniences in small town Lowell

•••• Area realtors and home buyers are discovering that the available homes in the Lowell area are less than their rising demand.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"The housing market is now made up of people who don't, but want to, live in the Lowell area," says Lowell city assessor James Marfia.

His assessment is given credence by the demand there has been for homes in the Lowell area over the last five years.

Connie Reedy, a realtor for the past 27 years, simply states that there are more people who want to move into the area than there are homes available.

Home buyers begin their search by getting an availability list of homes on the market within their price range. "If a buyer's restriction list is more than that, then chances are I have nothing to show them in the Lowell area," Reedy explains.

Fred Kamminga, developer of Mill Isle Estate (65-70-home subdivision), says there are two main

criteria responsible for the demand.

1. A highly rated school system. "Ten years ago, Lowell Schools was not rated that high, but that has

changed," Kamminga said.

2. City services/public utilities.

"People are also interested in drive time," Kamminga said. "Lowell has been helped by the fact drive time (home to work) has expanded to 30-40 minutes."

Reedy adds that Lowell is a small community with large city conveniences. "People can work in Grand Rapids or Lansing and live in Lowell. Being located between two large cities is appealing," Reedy said.

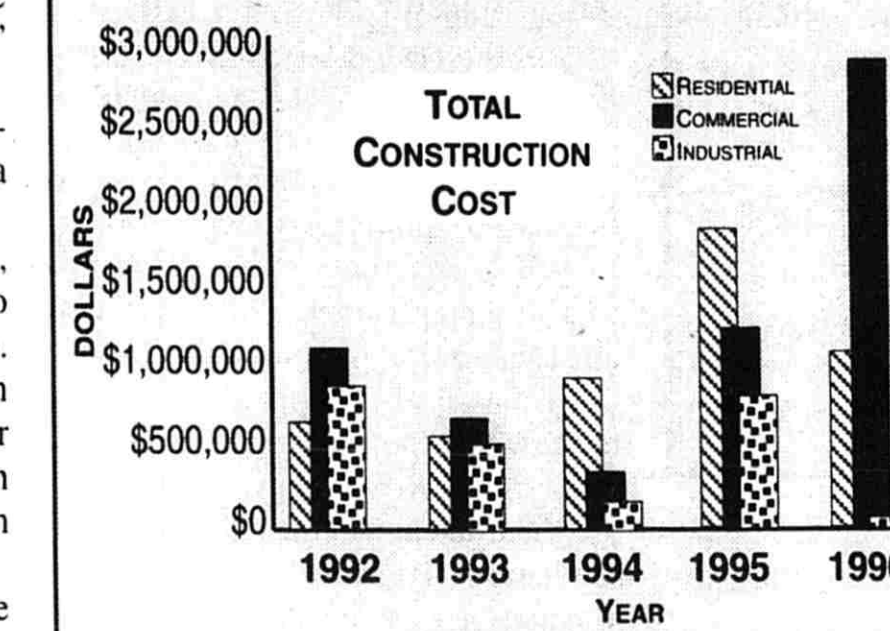
With demand up, affordable housing has risen to \$100,000 or less. "Houses in the Lowell area priced under \$100,000 are not in the market long," Reedy said.

In 1988, a one-story home in Valley Vista sold for an average of \$49,000. As of September 1996, the average one story home was selling for \$76,500.

The average price of a two-story

Lowell, cont'd. pg. 27

YEAR	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	TOTAL
1992	\$698,330	\$1,110,836	\$898,406	\$2,707,572.00
1993	\$618,999	\$776,835	\$531,000	\$1,926,834.00
1994	\$992,243	\$354,400	\$243,000	\$1,589,643.00
1995	\$1,779,525	\$1,302,750	\$743,000	\$3,825,275.00
1996	\$1,083,845	\$2,890,972	\$85,000	\$4,059,817.00



Vergennes Township growing into hotbed of activity

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

What once was a quiet farming community in the eastern section of Kent County has now become a hot bed of activity as new home development begins to sprout up, seemingly overnight.

Vergennes Township is known for its rolling hills, its agricultural background, and its tradition of preserving history.

But, now it's known as one of Kent County's most desirable places to move your family to and enjoy the lifestyle.

The area was always popular because of the rural atmosphere, but that atmosphere changed dramatically three years ago when the Lowell School District decided to take up residence with the township's boundary.

Since then, the township

offices have been deluged with building requests that were unheard of as little as five years ago.

Since 1994, the township has had more than 150 requests for single family home developments.

"Sometimes it can be overwhelming, especially in the spring and summer," said township clerk Mari Stone.

As a result, the township state equalized value (SEV) has jumped more than 11 percent over a five-year period.

In 1991, Vergennes' SEV was \$34,605,200, but by 1996 that number had increased to \$58,420,159. Over a 10-year span the increase went from \$21,853,600 in 1986 to its 1996 figure.

The sound of birds chirping in the spring also brings the sounds of hammers and saws as developers try to take advantage of Michigan's relatively short building season.

The Flat River district has seen the majority of growth in Vergennes, and development is expected to creep outside the area as a result.

Of the more than 60 new

homes being built this year, 36 are planned for the river district, which is protected by the township's strict guidelines and the Department of Natural Resources.

"The school is the main reason why people move here, but having a view of the river and surrounding landscape is also popular," said Stone.



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Lowell Area Housing EXPANSION

Economy, near full employment and expressway access aid growing Lowell Township

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

While its neighbors to the north seem to grow at an incredible rate each year, Low-

ter Township the growth rate is half as fast. However, the desire is still strong.

In 1994, 20 new homes were built and that number

Over a 10-year period, the growth was 6.88 percent.

While growth has been steady for many years, it wasn't until 1994 that inter-

genes is the school, but Lowell Township offers some advantages not found in many rural municipalities.

Lowell Charter Township Supervisor John Timpson attributes the rapid growth rate to such factors as a strong economy that has almost full employment, active service clubs, and easy access to the I-96 expressway which is a link to some of the state's major cities, such as Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Because of its location to the larger municipalities, Lowell residents have access to a new sports arena, theatres and several museums.

Timpson also attributes the growth to the topography of the Grand River valley.

"The junction of the Flat and Grand rivers and surrounding woods, fields and numerous streams make for a perfect locale for new homes," said Timpson.

For developers such as Russ Heibel and Leonard

DenHouter, the school system is still the main reason to develop and Timpson agrees.

"(It's a) first-class school system that attracts young families," Timpson said. "(And) the fact that we have programs for children through the schools and YMCA for sports activities."

In the past the township has won awards from the Home Builders Association for zoning that allows for the construction of low cost housing.

Timpson said the area's affordable land values and construction costs are among the most reasonable in the United States.

While township officials welcome growth, they remain committed to keeping the area's agricultural charm intact.

The area still boasts of many farms, and its largest potential light industrial site remains unoccupied, until it can be developed to the township's zoning requirements.

Lowell Area Housing EXPANSION

Townships	SEV TRENDS			% of Change	
	1986 SEV	1991 SEV	1996 SEV	Last 5 Years	Last 10 Years
Bowne	\$15,925,800	\$26,442,000	\$42,598,500	10.01	10.34
Lowell	\$33,857,600	\$43,877,400	\$65,839,850	8.46	6.88
Vergennes	\$21,853,600	\$34,605,200	\$58,420,159	11.4	10.33
City					
Lowell	\$18,449,000	\$25,858,400	\$35,645,500	6.63	6.81

ell Charter Township's growth is measured in much smaller steps.

Vergennes Township officials have recorded more than 60 new developments in one year, but in Lowell Char-

ter Township growth jumped to 30 in 1995 and 32 last year.

In a five-year period, Lowell Township's state equalized value rates have jumped 8.46 percent from \$43,877,400 to \$65,839,850.

est soared in new home developments.

It was at that time that school officials built a new high school in Vergennes Township.

The main draw for Ver-

IT'S SIMPLE - IT'S COUNTRY

••• Bowne, an out in the country township, provides home buyers with a sense of security.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

People can search and search as to why Bowne Township is growing. Its township clerk Sandy Kowalczyk simply explains in two words "it's country."

"It is still country but located close to town," Kowalczyk said.

One measurement of growth that can be looked at is the total SEV. It has more than doubled in Bowne Township over the last 10 years. In 1986, it was \$27.5 million. In 1996, it was \$58.5 million.

As of September was 1996, Bowne Township had processed 50 building permits - 34 were new residents and six were residence looking to add on to their existing home.

That small township out in the country isn't

short on housing developments either. There are five in Bowne Township.

The Grand Rapids Builders Association attributes the township's growth to small minimum square footage requirements for homes.

Another key advantage held by the township is cost.

"A person can buy a five-acre parcel in Bowne Township for the same price that a one-lot parcel would cost in Grand Rapids," Kowalczyk said.

The average cost of a new home in Bowne Township is \$140-\$150,000.

Many of the homeowners commute to either Lansing or Grand Rapids for work. This makes the close proximity of the expressway an added benefit.

The last development site that came into Bowne Township was at the beginning of 1996. Coldwater

Hills, a 23-home development, is located at 92nd Street and Morse Lake.

Other existing developments in the Lowell area include Ed Zaagman's 27-home Timpson Estates and Paul Bishop's five-home Rural Acres.

Kowalczyk said there are three developments in Bowne Township located in the Caledonia area.

Another key item in the decision to locate in Bowne Township is security. People perceive the country as a more secure place to raise a family than in the urban sprawl.

"Whether this is a false sense of security or not, I don't know, but people do feel more secure living in the country," Kowalczyk said.

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Maturing Lowell School District growing up and filling out

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Over the last 12 years, the Lowell School District has grown by nearly 800 students - 2,773 in 1985-86 to 3,504 in 1996-97.

That is a net increase of 771 students. Greenridge Realty's Rick Seese believes the growth is going to continue.

The new high school was built with growth in mind. It currently can house 1,200 students. Renovation/addition could increase that number to 1,600.

Bleke said Lowell schools has put together a demographic committee to track the amount of growth, locate where the growth is and how much room is left in each facility.

"This will be an ongoing tracking of what is happening with growth in the Lowell area," Bleke said.

The Lowell superintendent said whether or not 1,200 is the student limit for the new high school depends on what the number means in terms of classes and students per classroom. "Can the core (cafeteria and its capacity to feed, the gymnasium and the media center) of the facility accommodate more students?" Bleke asks.

In an era of vouchers, charter schools and schools of choice, many schools now actively market themselves.

"The real power in marketing is word of mouth," Bleke said. "I think the Lowell system is maturing and growing up. There is that 'place to be' sort of thing beginning to happen in Lowell. People are beginning to take that challenge and drive that extra 10 minutes to Lowell. That's not an easy thing. The

Forest Hills area is doing quite well."

Bleke defines marketing as everything that a school district does. "Marketing is a mosaic of what the whole system is about," Bleke said. "It is positive articles in the press, it is hosting state sponsored events, it is realtors using the school system as a reason to move into the Lowell area."

There are 14 housing developments in the Lowell School District. A 15th development is proposed. Of the actual developments, only three have more than five lots available; the rest are either sold out or have a limited number of lots available.

"I truly believe Lowell is the next Ada," Seese explains. "The two cities share the same river valley and the same type of landmarks (covered bridges and parks)."

Seese identified geographic location, access to the south via I-96 and to the west via M-21, and the upgrade and popularity of the Lowell school system as three reasons why Lowell will continue to grow.

"When the South Beltline is put in, that will provide even more access," Seese said. "Personally, the reason I choose to raise a family in Lowell is because it is a giving, supporting and volunteering community."

What is it that continues to draw people to the Lowell area?

"It's a small town atmosphere in a country setting," says Larry Peavey, who moved here six months ago from Grand Rapids' southeast side. "We love it out here."

Another main attraction Lowell possesses is its geographic proximity to larger cities (Grand Rapids and Lansing).

Karen Westover who moved back to Lowell about a year ago, after living five years in Belding, identified the driving distance from Lowell to Grand Rapids as a key point in her decision.

Steve and Ann Nichols who built a new home in Tia Trail a year ago found subdivision atmosphere with acreage space a scarce commodity.

"We wanted acres, woods, neighbors and a quiet road," said Ann Nichols, a mother of three boys. "We found that in Lowell."

There were a small number of homes on the market that fit that description and were in Nichols' price range. "Those homes that were available moved fast," Nichols said.

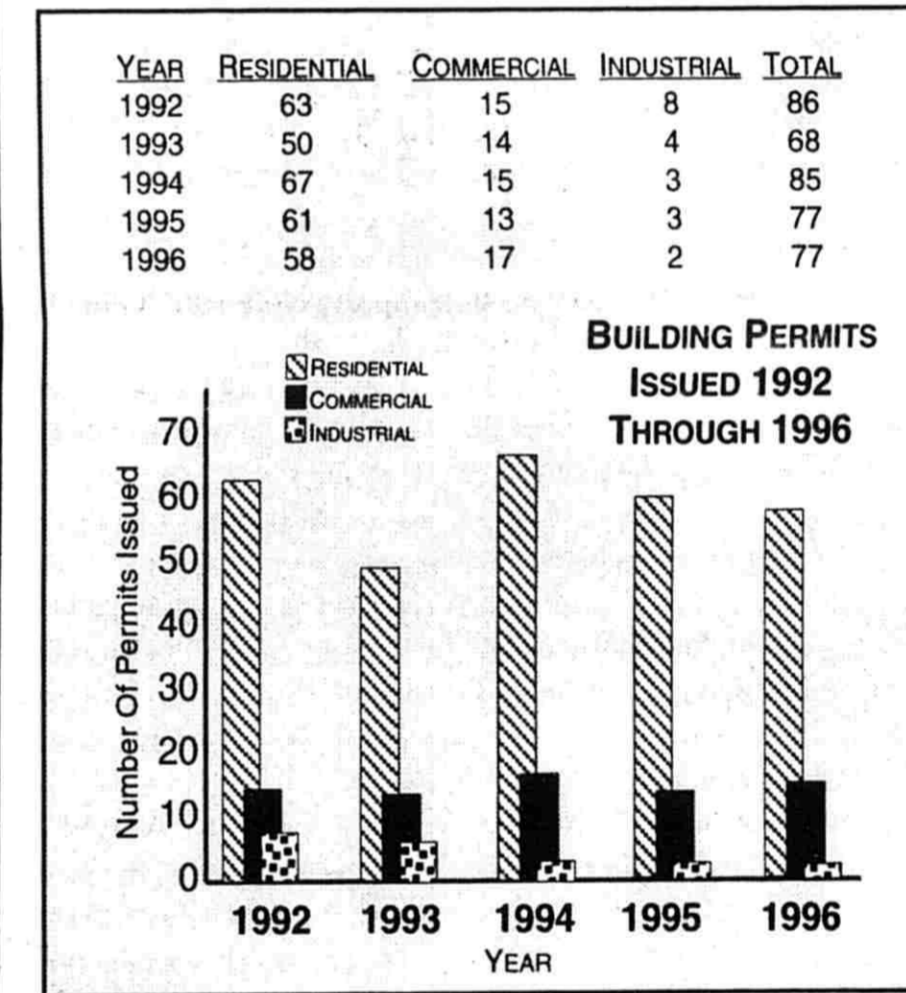
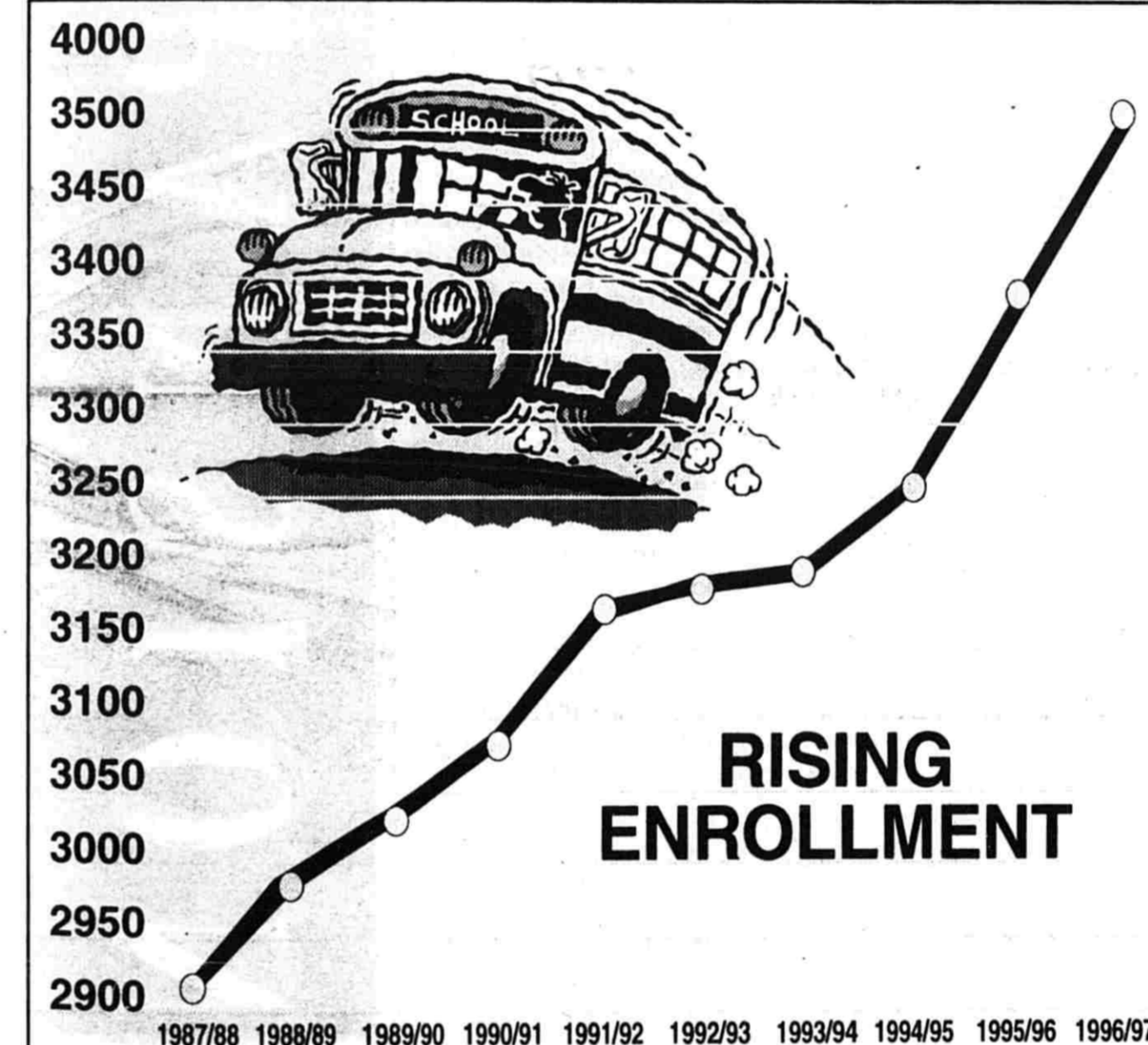
That all entered into their decision to build.

Nichols added that indirectly the new high school played a part in their decision to choose Lowell. "We didn't choose this area because there was a new high school. Instead, it was because the community felt good enough about the school district to support a new high school," Nichols said. "I think it is good for kids to be in that kind of positive community environment."

The other factor is economics. The cost of housing in Lowell is less expensive than most areas, which is why Todd Mahalic and his wife Allison moved from Belding to Lowell three years ago.

"I was willing to commute a farther distance to and from my job if we could live in a small town," Mahalic said.

Westover agreed. "I wanted to avoid the hustle of Grand Rapids."



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Developer offers new approach with conservation easement

... E.L. Ladd & Co., The Conservancy development, has donated a 33-acre easement to the Natural Area Conservancy of West Michigan.

Michelle Staal
Contributing Writer

Many people purchase homes surrounded by fields, woods, and wildlife, and worry that the vacant property next to them will eventually be eaten up by development.

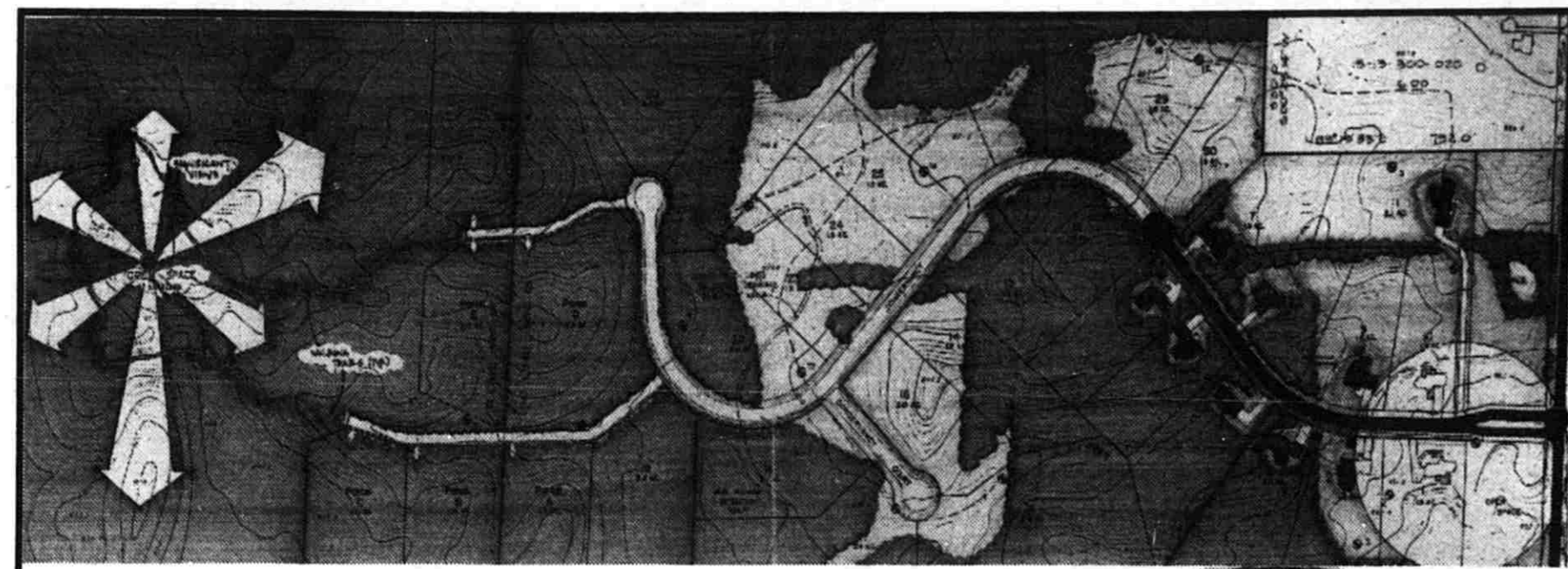
Residents of The Conservancy, a new housing development located off McCabe Avenue between Conservation Street and Downes Street in the Lowell Public School district, don't have that fear.

E.L. Ladd & Co., The Conservancy's development company, has permanently donated a conservation easement for a 33-acre portion of that property to the Natural Areas Conservancy of West Michigan (NACOWMI). This is the first easement of its kind in the West Michigan area and the first easement NACOWMI has negotiated, according to April Scholtz, a representative of NACOWMI.

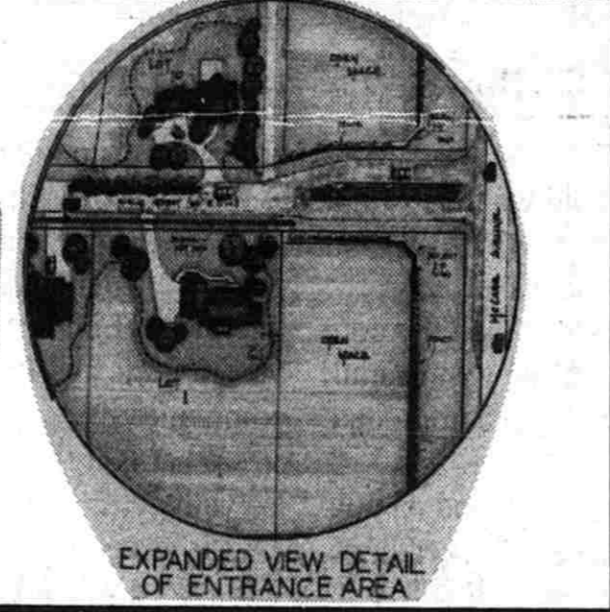
Although many newer developments contain dedicated open spaces, The Conservancy's concept is more unique, according to Scholtz.

The 33-acre open space area, at the west end of the 118-acre parcel, will be used by The Conservancy's homeowners association, but the easement, or control, of that property belongs to NACOWMI.

"They've actually gone through the government. That



THE CONSERVANCY



is not common in this area. Without stringent restrictions they (open space agreements) sometimes can be violated," said Scholtz. "This makes it legitimate, so there's no question this land is preserved."

Keeping the property permanently preserved is one of the reasons the conservation easement appealed to E.L. Ladd & Co.

"The important thing is that the space be permanent. It's assurance for us that it'll be kept in open space," said Jamie Ladd, president of E.L. Ladd & Co.

The Conservancy's open space concept is also unique because of the amount of open space involved, according to Scholtz.

Ladd donated approximately one third of the entire parcel. When land is protected in larger blocks, it benefits the wildlife in the area much more.

"One of the purposes of our organization is to work with developers to show them that what we need is larger blocks of preserved land," said Scholtz.

Due to the conservation easement, hawk nests, pileated woodpeckers, wild violets, dogwoods, maple trees, beech trees, oak trees, and white pine trees on this property will have a better chance of surviving.

"Jamie Ladd is a very progressive thinking developer. He loved the land and he wanted to preserve that part of the property because it was special," said Scholtz.

Ladd calls it "a progressive way to develop property with environmental sensitivity."

Ladd said he wanted to preserve that part of the property, but at first he wasn't sure how. Through his connections with the national Natural Ar-

ea Conservancy and his wife's involvement on the board of directors of NACOWMI, they were able to find this solution.

"We knew we wanted to set aside the space, but we didn't know about the availability of the easement through the conservancy," said Ladd.

The protected area will be available for residents of The Conservancy to use for walking, cross-country skiing, or snowshoeing. An informal walking trail has already been established.

The Kent County Conservancy League property and Seidman County Park are both located near The Conservancy and Ladd said he hopes the protected portion will eventually connect to those areas.

"It could be a system of open spaces connected to one another," said Ladd.

The remaining 85 acres of The Conservancy will con-

tain 36 home sites, ranging from 1.5 to 4.7 acres each. The lot prices are \$49,900 to \$57,900.

Ladd has asked that the Lowell School District release its portion of property to the Forest Hills School District. Such a move would mean more revenue for the Forest Hills School District and would increase the value of land, thus benefiting Ladd.

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said Lowell is not in the business of releasing land that supports the school and funding of bond issues.

Ladd said he would consider developing other properties with conservation easements in the future and he would like to see other developers incorporate the concept into their designs.

"We don't want to be the only ones. We want others to Conservancy, cont'd, pg. 27

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want to live in that kind of atmosphere."

In Vergennes Township, many of the same reasons for the building boom mirror Lowell Township, but with the new high school located within its boundaries and the Flat River also winding through the area, the explosion of homes has really taken off.

Of Vergennes' 61 new single family homes, nearly half are located in the Flat River area.

"People like the rural atmosphere and enjoy having a river run through their back yards," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

The boom began three years ago when the new high school was built and officials don't believe the trend will end soon.

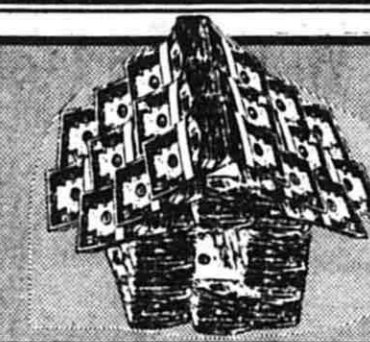
Proposed developments are being discussed across from the school and many more are projected nearby.

"The school system is a big draw in any community... just look at Forest Hills," said Stone. "Since the new school was built, people see it as a great place for kids, and living in the country makes it even better."

While many people believe growth can be harmful to a community's character, officials in each township don't believe that will happen.

"We know how important it is to our residents to keep the area rural, so we will do whatever we can to insure that atmosphere is unchanged," Stone concluded.

ASCENDING ASSESSMENTS



Residential property assessments continue to grow fastest in northeastern Kent County and the Lowell and Grand Haven areas, according to Kent County equalization reports. In Kent County, Oakfield Township had the largest average increase at 13.58 percent. Bowne and Vergennes townships also experienced double-digit increases. East Grand Rapids had the largest average increase at 8.41 percent for Kent County cities. Lowell was third at 6.34 percent.

Top Five Townships		Top Five Cities	
Oakfield	13.58	EGR	8.41
Bowne	12.51	Cedar Springs	6.97
Vergennes	10.30	Lowell	6.34
Nelson	9.82	Rockford	4.84
Lowell	9.00	Grand Rapids	3.14

*** Kent County Average Assessment Increase 4.83%

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emulate it," he said. "It needs to be the right piece of property and it needs to fit naturally. It needs to make some sense from the beginning."

Prospective residents of The Conservancy have liked the concept, according to Ladd.

"The open space doesn't need explaining. The easement needs explaining. Once that's been explained, they've

been very welcoming to having it set aside," said Ladd.

Although open space development is a new concept in this area, it has been used in other parts of the country, including Washington, Oregon, Vermont, Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, according to Ladd and Scholtz.

The concept requires the local government to cooper-

ate with the developer, because the homes usually are clustered on certain parts of the property, sometimes with lot sizes smaller than the government's regulations, in exchange for preserving the open space.

"Large minimum lot sizes were once thought to be the answer to urban sprawl. Now they're commonly seen as a threat to the conservation of

agricultural and natural areas," said Scholtz.

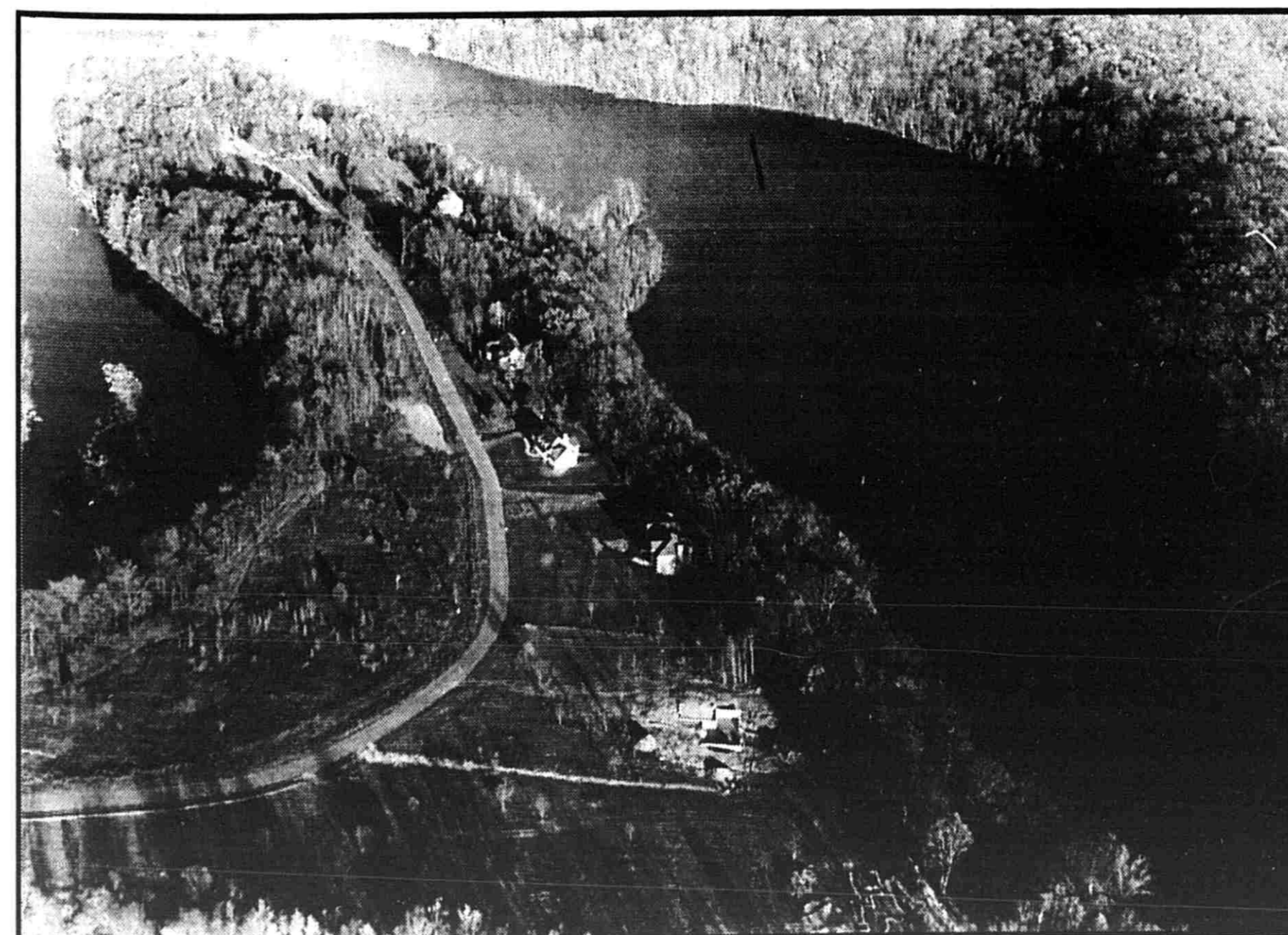
By law, NACOWMI will have to review the property once a year to be sure the restrictions aren't being violated. Other than that, maintenance of preserved land will be limited to allow nature to take its own course, according to Scholtz.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

	Ages					Population				
	<6	6-13	14-20	21-54	55+	1990 Census	1999 Proj.	% Change	Family Income	HH Size
ADA	989	2,008	1,321	6,262	1,538	9,568	12,118	13.62	\$96,130	3.06
ALTO	418	1,124	538	3,232	1,013	5,391	6,329	9.33	\$64,640	2.98
LOWELL	1,395	2,578	1,444	7,664	2,600	12,731	15,678	12.02	\$48,830	2.81

Following is a demographic breakdown of Ada, Alto and Lowell. The above chart breaks the areas down by age, population, family income and household size.

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Build a housing development in the Lowell area and people will come - that has been the trend over the last five years. The chart on page 22 shows that while the Lowell area has its share of developments, the number of lots available are few. Pictured above is Fallasburg Point, located off Beckwith Drive.

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home started in the upper \$50,000 range 10 years ago. Today the selling price starts in the upper \$80,000 range.

Costs to build a new 1 1/2 - 2 story home start at \$150,000. "This is costly, but it is still not as much compared to other areas," Reedy says. "However, young couples looking to buy their first home, and still go to a movie can't afford the escalating costs."

For some, the answer to the high costs is buying a lot and putting up a modular.

"Even parcels are going up," Reedy said. "People are getting \$10,000 - \$15,000 an acre in the Lowell area."

As one might guess with the escalating demand, there has been a rising number of residential plats.

There are anywhere from 15-20 in the Lowell area. Kamminga notes that another 6,500 new homes will be put onto the West Michigan market over the next two-three years.

He is, however, cautious about how long the growth will continue. "I think growth will continue, just not at this rate. There is a thing called absorption. I don't think all of these developers and new developments are going to make it," Kamminga said. "All that glitters is not gold."

The developer feels pretty good about his proposed development as does a local realtor. "If the houses are priced at \$90,000, I think it will do well," Reedy says. "Lowell is in need of affordable housing."

Lowell gymnasts miss upset of Rockford by slimmest of margins

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Red Arrow gymnasts posted eight regional qualifying scores in its 117.9-109.55 loss to Kenowa Hills. "It wasn't our highest team score of the year, but it was a good meet because of the number of qualifying scores the girls received," Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan said. DeHaan said the girls felt



Brenda Lacey scored 6.95 on the balance beam against the Rams.

real good about their effort. "Maybe even better than they did when they scored 110 points."

Red Arrow Renee Brower recorded qualifying scores on the vault, floor and balance beam. Brower needs two more scores of 7.3 or higher to qualify for the regional in the event. Lowell has two meets remaining.

Brenda Lacey led all gymnasts with a score of 8.05 on the balance beam. Lacey needs two more scores of 7.3 or higher to qualify for the regional in the event. The junior has already qualified for the regional in the floor, vault and uneven bars.

Brower was fourth overall on the beam with a score of 7.45. Shannon Laux suffered four falls and scored 6.6. Laura Douglass finished with a 6.05. While not figuring in the team scoring, teammate Lisa Malone tallied a 4.9.

In the floor exercise, Lacey led the way with a mark of 8.55. Brower was sixth overall at 7.8 and Douglass scored a 6.7.

"Renee had a nice routine. She hit both of her tumbling passes," DeHaan said.

Lacey was the medalist on the vault with a mark of 8.25. Laux was second at 8-1. Brower finished at 7.7 and Douglass scored a 6.2.

Kenowa Hills' Mary Piechocki earned top honors on the uneven bars, scoring a 7.65.

Lacey was second with a mark of 6.65. Brower came off the apparatus with a 4.95 and Douglass tallied a 4.05. Laux finished with a 3.95.

Rockford 107.85
Lowell 107.45

Lowell's near-miss victory left the Lowell gymnasts shaking their heads and wondering "what if."

Minus one of its top scorers, Heather Crawford, the Rams struggled to fend off the Red Arrow challenge. "One less fall on the beam, the execution of one more trick, just another half point and the girls would have won the meet by a tenth of a point instead of losing by four-tenths of a point," said a disheartened Lowell gymnastics coach Michele DeHaan.

Shannon Laux continued her super senior season as she led all gymnasts on both the vault and balance beam. Laux recorded an 8.1 on the vault. Brenda Lacey was third with a 7.75, Renee Brower placed sixth, tallying a 6.75 and Laura Douglass scored a 5.6.

On the beam, Laux posted a mark of 8.2. Brower was fourth with a 7.0 and Lacey was sixth with a 6.95. Douglass finished with a 6.25 and Lisa Malone scored a 4.75.

"I thought the scores for both us and Rockford were a little low," DeHaan said. "Renee didn't have a fall in her routine. It has degrees of difficulty and she doesn't receive a regional qualifying score. I thought the scores for both teams were a little low." The Lowell coach recognized Douglass for her effort. "Skill- and confidence-wise... that was Laura's best routine on the beam this year," DeHaan said.

Rockford's Tara Ogden came off the uneven bars with a meet-leading 8.0.

Lacey's 7.35 was third and Brower's 5.1 was good enough



Shannon Laux works on the balance beam in a meet against Rockford

for sixth place. Laux and Douglass scored 5.0 and 4.3 respectively.

Ram gymnast Kelly VanderKuyll's 8.95 easily outdistanced her opponents in the floor exercise.

Lacey was second at

8.45 and Laux placed third with an 8.25.

Brower finished sixth with a 7.0 while Douglass posted a mark of 5.3.

The Lowell gymnastics team travels to East Grand Rapids on Wednesday.

Freshman BB team wins 2-of-3

Lowell's freshman basketball team won two of three games as it improved its record to 5-9.

The Red Arrows defeated Hastings 40-34 Fri-

day night.

Ryan Mix led the way with 16 points. Scott Pullen and Aaron Alsgaard each contributed with seven points.

Mix, Steve Adams and Keith Valentine were the leading rebounders with four apiece.

In a non-conference game, Lowell handled Sparta 76-57.

The Red Arrows were led with a balanced attack.

Alsgaard was the team's leading scorer with 15 points. Mix tallied 12 and Adams netted 10. Valentine and Brady Foster contributed with eight and seven points respectively. Pullen and Brian Conley each scored six points.

Valentine was also the club's leading rebounder. In a conference game against Wyoming Park, the Red Arrows were defeated 77-50.

Mix led the team with nine points while Josh Vrooma and Conley each scored seven. Valentine contributed with six.

Mix and Foster were Lowell's top rebounders.



For every ten-degree drop in temperature, tire pressure goes down one pound.

Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township

COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES.: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

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

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

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

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

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a

parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: G.F.W.C. Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimer's Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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

EVERY THIRD SUN. The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montclair Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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

LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL: 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. thru the holidays. Phone 897-8545.

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

NEW ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10-5 p.m.

TUES., FEB. 18: Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder (C.A.D.D.) presents the video, "A.D.D. and Adolescents: Our Point of View" followed by a facilitated discussion for teens and parents with John Biggio, MA., at 7 p.m. at Sunshine Ministries, 3300 East Beltline. For more information,

C.H.A.D.D. voice-telephone information line, 248-2423.

SAT., FEB. 22: "Winter Smash" at Lowell High School from 6 to 10 p.m. Motivational speaker Jeff Grenell, awesome music, open gym for basketball and volleyball, pizza and pop. \$5 per person. More information call Marti Kelly, 897-6172.

SUN., MARCH 2: Lakeland gathering at Huntington

Hills. For information call (941) 688-7089.

TUES., MARCH 25: FMB State Savings Bank and Lowell Senior Neighbors sponsor an all-day "Senior Appreciation Day at Lowell Township Hall. Watch for details.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **THURS.:** 9:00 a.m. Walking and shop Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre.

TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. **FRI.:** 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance. **MON.-FRI.:** Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events

FRI., FEB. 14: 12:30 p.m., Valentine party. **WED., FEB. 19:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

TUES., FEB. 18: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class. **TUES., FEB. 25:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Eastbrook.

TUES., FEB. 18: 12:20 p.m., Opera Grand Rapids. **WED., FEB. 26:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance

FLOOR GUARD NEEDED AT ROLL AWAY
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KIDS, don't forget Bernie's get-well cards for your free pop this Friday night!
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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review of Grattan Township will meet at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, on:

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997
Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1997
Between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the tax roll and hearing all claims.

You may appeal your assessed valuation in person or by letter addressed to Frank Buckley, Grattan Township Assessor, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. Written appeals must be received by March 9, 1997. Those wishing to appeal in person should call the township offices to prearrange an appointment at 691-8450.

Frank Buckley
Assessor, Grattan Township

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be an organizational meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the township hall, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a chairperson for the 1997 meetings, and to educate new member (s) as to common procedural functions.

Mari Stone,
Vergennes
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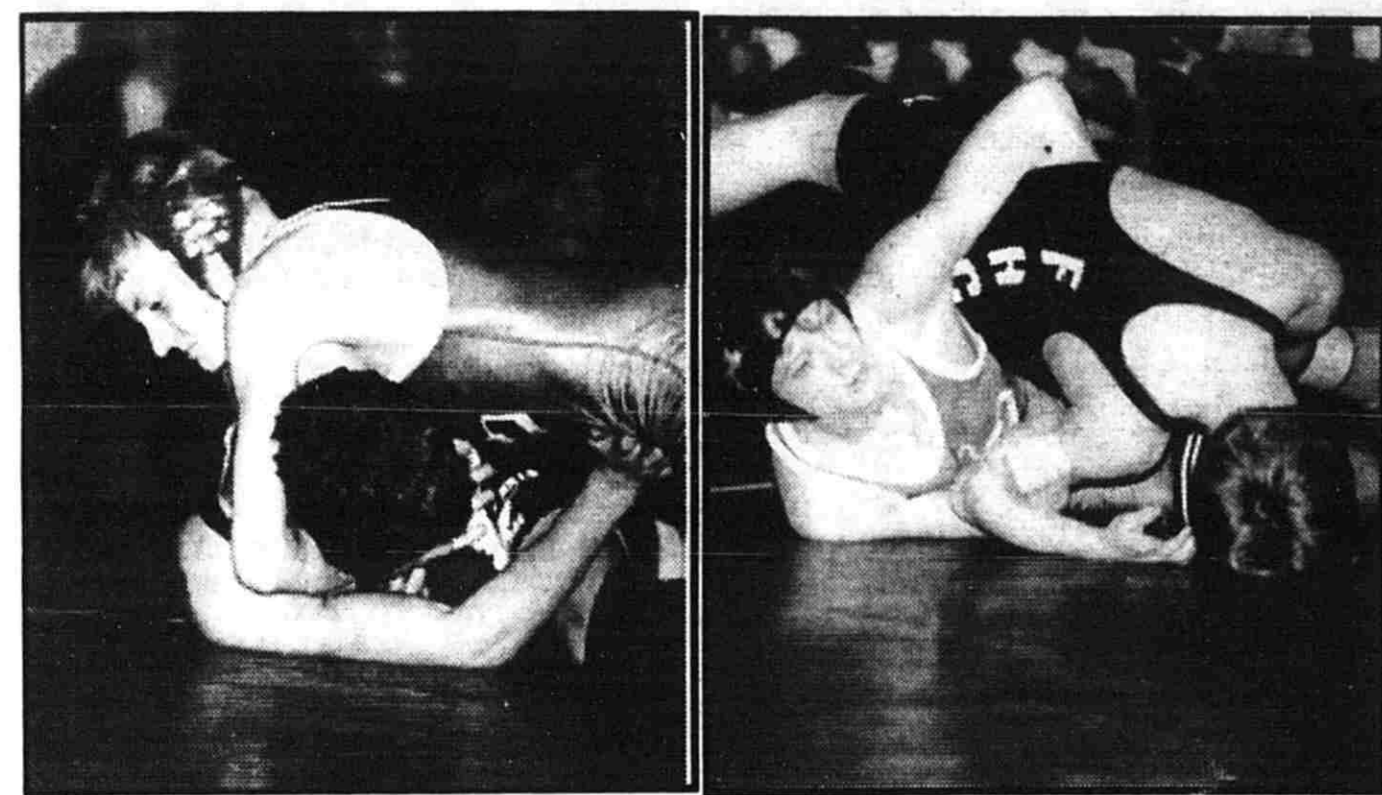
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Lowell wrestles strong in second-place finish at O-K White Conference meet



Lowell wrestling team's daily double of Dan Rottier, 103 pounds, left, and Nick West, 112 pounds, right, ignited Lowell to a 12-0 lead over Forest Hills Central. The Rangers came back to win the match 38-26.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers returned from the seedings Friday night for the O-K White conference tournament with that look of a cat which had just landed a canary.

"After the seedings, I felt we had an outside chance," Rivers said.

After 37 years, Rivers' premonitions usually provide a pretty good barometer for what may happen.

True to his premonition, his Red Arrow wrestlers had an exceptional day at Hudsonville on Saturday as eight grapplers made it into the finals - the most of any team. Three came home with conference championships.

However, it still wasn't enough to stay with the league's top bird, Forest Hills Central. After going undefeated in league dual meets, the Rangers won their second consecutive outright O-K White championship at the conference tournament.

Forest Hills finished with 196.5 points. Lowell was a

distant second with 154.5. They were followed by Wyoming Park 146; Northview 140; Hastings 99; Zeeland 50; Hudsonville 29; and East Grand Rapids 3.

The Rangers placed seven wrestlers in the finals and another six in the consolation round.

"We were right there, up until the consolation round and the finals," Rivers said. "Central just had too many horses."

Lowell freshman Dan Rottier won the 103-pound title with a 13-0 major decision against Northview's Joe Fortier.

Nick West, 112, earned top honors with a pin against FHC's Matt Mundrick at 3:57 of the second period.

"Rottier was dominant in all of his matches," Rivers said. "Nick has peaked at the right time. He wrestled really well."

Senior Scott Hays picked up Lowell's third and final win in the championship round with a 17-6 major decision over Wyoming Park's Dave Dame.

"Scott was also dominant. He won his three matches by the scores of 18-1, 16-0, and 17-6," Rivers said.

In other finals' matches involving Lowell wrestlers, Casey Harper, 119, was pinned by Northview's Jeff Missad at 1:19 of the first period; Brad Lyons, 130, was majorly decided by FHC's Matt Thomas 18-6; Brett

Plattner, 135, was decided by Park's Brian Gorman 7-5; Bill Stouffer, 215, was decided by Northview's Ben Jansen 8-7; and Mike Arnsward, HWT, was pinned by Hastings' Justin Waters at 3:24 of the second period.

"Plattner trailed 7-2 and then began to take charge; he just ran out of time," Rivers said. "Stouffer beat the number one seed (Randy Bouwman, Wyoming Park) and was beating Ben Jansen (a state medalist last year) 7-4 before he made a mistake and got put on his back."

Mike Minier was the only Red Arrow to wrestle in the consolation round. The Red Arrow lost to Park's Dustin Lindsay.

The individual districts will be held Saturday at Lowell High School.

The Red Arrows kept Central off its feet in five of the first six matches as it built an early 23-6 advantage.

"We started slow. A little slower than we would have liked," Mills said. "The boys stayed together and did what they had to do."

That was getting to the upper weights where the Rangers dominated, winning seven of the final eight matches.

"We didn't have enough firepower," Lowell coach Gary Rivers said. "I thought we'd do well in the early weights. They were able to move Kacher (Nick) and Anderson (Brad) up a weight and that hurt us."

Rivers said he was hoping to force Central to wrestle Art Romance at 189.

"I felt that if we could, we would beat them," Rivers said. "Central has a good team. They have done a nice job with their young kids."

Mills called Matt Thomas' pin against Brad Lyons at 1:30 pounds a key win. "That pin ignited the team," Mills said. "I also thought Anderson's win against Hays (Scott) was a big win for us."

Dan Rottier (103) and Nick West (112) got Lowell

off to a quick start as they recorded second period pins, giving Lowell a 12-0.

Casey Harper and Nate Roudabush followed up those pins with decisions at 119 and 125 respectively, extending Lowell's lead to 19-0.

Brett Plattner earned a decision at 135 pushing Lowell's lead to 23-6 after the first six weights.

Central's strength then kicked in. Mike McDaniels (140) technical failed Chris Wilkins; Kacher (145) technical failed Lowell's David Luyk. Anderson (152) then decided Hays, pulling Central to within four at 23-19.

Kyle Roth (160) and Keith Krebill (171) were pinned by Central's Ben Levy and Nick Erickson respectively. The pins put the Rangers in control at 29-23.

Tim Teft (189) then decided Mike Minier and Romance (215) defeated Bill Stouffer.

With Central leading 38-23, Lowell's Mike Arnsward defeated Austin Zeno 9-8 in the heavyweight match.

Forest Hills Central was better on its feet as it took down Lowell in an O-K White showdown between the league's top two teams.

"Lowell wrestles well on the bottom and we wrestle better on our feet," FHC coach Dave Mills said.

Lowell spikers unable to hold off Eagles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Tammy DeVries' face wore the look of a volleyball coach who just watched her team squander away a 14-7 lead in game three of an O-K White conference match.

"The girls lost their momentum and concentration," DeVries said. "They played tough throughout and then let Hudsonville get back into the game."

The Red Arrows fell victim to the Eagles 15-10, 7-15 and 16-18.

"This is the third time this year we've had to come back from a large third game deficit," Hudsonville coach Tom

Vruggink said. "There is no quit in these girls."

All three games of the match had similar starts. Lowell jumped out of the gate and took comfortable early leads. Hudsonville battled back and the two teams slugged it out in the end.

Lowell took a 7-0 lead in game one before the Eagles battled back to tie the game at eight. The Red Arrows finished out the contest with a 7-3 lead.

Lowell again jumped to an early lead in game two. The Red Arrows led 4-0 before Hudsonville got itself jump-started.

After tying the score at 5-

5, the Eagles controlled the contest and secured a 15-7 win.

Game three was a ditto copy of the first two. Lowell opened a 7-0 lead and Hudsonville rallied to pull to within three at 10-7.

This time it looked as though Lowell had the answer. With Corrine Arnett serving, Lowell ran off three consecutive points to take a 13-3 lead.

After the Eagles broke Lowell's serve, the Red Arrows returned the favor and turned back Hudsonville. Laurie Barton, serving, extended Lowell's lead to 14-7.

Then the roof caved in. Lowell failed on seven opportunities to serve for the win.

While the Red Arrows were struggling for that game-ending point, Hudsonville scratched and clawed its way back into the contest with a few points here and there and tied the score at 14-14.

Lowell stopped the run and then took a 15-14 lead.

The Red Arrow defense turned back the Eagles on their next service and once again served for the match.

A missed serve turned it back over to Hudsonville. The Eagles scored three of the game's next four points to earn the come-from-behind win.

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The Red Arrow defense turned back the Eagles on their next service and once again served for the match.

A missed serve turned it back over to Hudsonville. The Eagles scored three of the game's next four points to earn the come-from-behind win.

"It was kind of sloppy, but it is a win," Vruggink said. "We gave way too many aces. However, Lowell played well."

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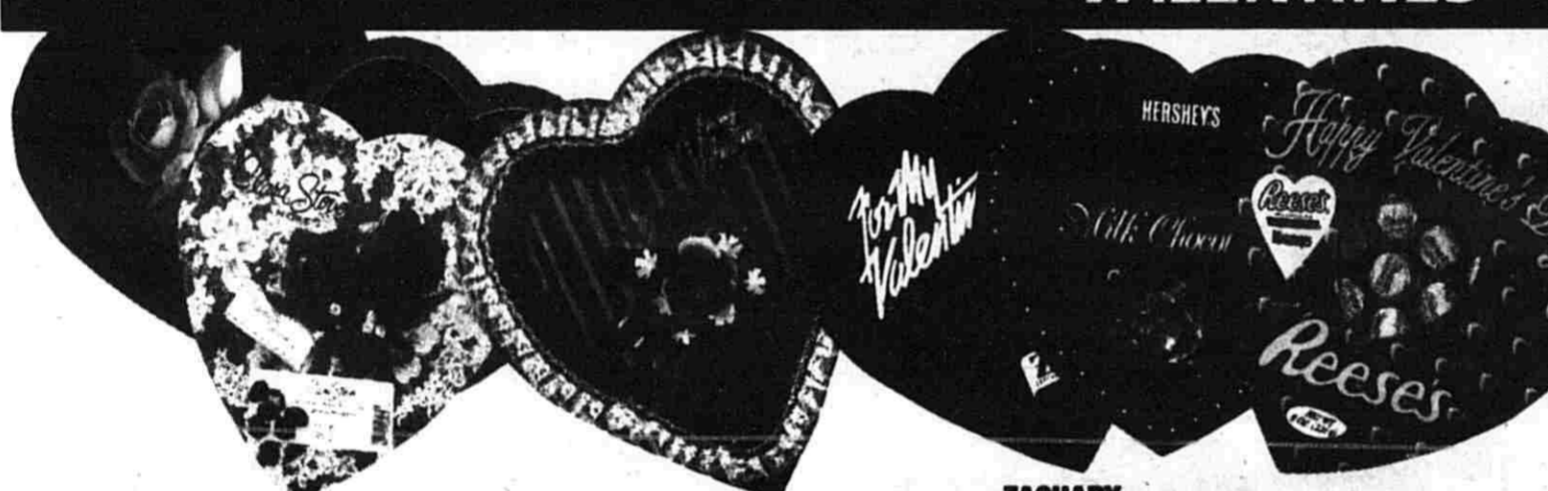


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