

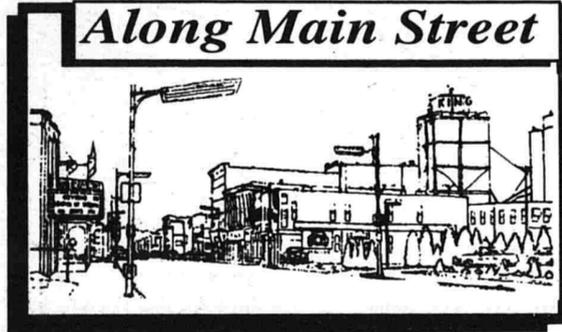
The Lowell Ledger

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Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Along Main Street



CLASS OF '92 REUNION BEING PLANNED

The class of 1992 needs to find you. Please contact Jen Dougherty (Wieland) 868-0439 with your name and address.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lowell Area Fire Department will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the Look Memorial Fire Station.

LAAC W. MI COMPETITION & GIFT SHOP

On view in the center gallery, located at 149 S. Hudson St., will be the 11th annual West Michigan Competition Exhibit. You can see the exhibit Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Don't forget the gift shop while you browse the gallery. There will be many specialty items from West Michigan artists.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Fallsburg Historical Society's annual meeting will be held Monday, March 24. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., bring a dish to pass and table settings. Report on exciting news about Fallsburg and trustee election. The program will be Jim Budzynski (Coopersville-Marne Railway), the interurban railways.

LMS DRAMA CLASS PRESENTS "ONCE UPON CAMELOT"

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Come join the fun and enjoy a free evening of entertainment at 7:30 in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

STUDENT AND STAFF VARIETY SHOW

A student and staff variety show sponsored by SADD and the Art and Drama Club will be held Wednesday, March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The cost is \$3.

EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter egg hunt at Creekside Park on Saturday, March 29. Ages 2-4, 12 p.m.; ages 5-7, 12:30 p.m. and ages 8-10, 1 p.m. Check eggs for numbers and win a prize. Sponsored by Lowell Moose Lodge #809.

ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING

The Lowell Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will meet Monday, March 31, at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library. All parents of Bushnell and Cherry Creek students are invited to attend.

Free child care will be provided at the Runciman building (directly north of the library).

SENIOR CITIZEN APPRECIATION DAY (DATE CHANGE)

Senior Appreciation Day, co-sponsored by Lowell Senior Neighbors and FMB State Savings Bank, has been moved to April 22. Save this date and watch for ad with details soon.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed at the Moose Recreation Building between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 20.

CLASS OF '67

Lowell High School class of 1967 is looking for addresses and phone numbers for the following people: Gail Green,

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City to tighten enforcement of existing ordinance in fight against improper sign placement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

After months of discussion, Lowell's city council decided it has an ordinance that deals sufficiently with improper signage.

Instead of making any changes in it or banning garage sale signs altogether, it decided to make an effort to better enforce the ordinance that already exists.

"The city has an ordinance

that is sufficient in dealing with placement of signage," councilman Jim Hodges said. "It is against the law to put signs on utility poles. Signs can only be put in yards with the permission of the property owners."

Hodges suggested that the city not go out of its way to make things difficult in trying to dictate where signs are to occur.

The council will ask for

the reserve senior volunteers to help remove signs from poles in conjunction with the Department of Public Works.

Any improper signs in yards will be dealt with on a complaint basis.

Lowell mayor Bill Thompson said the process would be tried for a year and then evaluated. "The city expects people will cooperate. The intent of this is to not have signs all over the place."

Councilmember Jeanne Shores, who originally brought up the signs issue, said she was opposed to signs being on poles. "I also favor regulating the size of signs. Otherwise, you have all different sizes and you have 28th Street where every restaurant has a sign bigger than the next."

If over the next year the

Signs, cont'd. pg. 8



Lowell Area Fire Department's Fire Safety House for Children was recently delivered. A fundraising effort to purchase and maintain the safety house has netted approximately \$27,000 to date.

New fire safety house to be displayed at pancake breakfast

After filling up at the Lowell Area Fire Department's pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 22, area residents can take a firsthand look at Lowell's new fire safety house for children.

Fundraising for the \$22,000 unit began last summer. In January, the department announced that enough monies had been secured to purchase the fire safety house for children. To date, approximately \$27,000 has been raised through private and public donations.

The two-story, 29-foot unit based on a travel trailer frame will be used to demonstrate fire safety techniques to children.

The unit will be used at schools, organizational events, the fair, Fallsburg Park Festival and church events and will be rented out to other area fire departments.

"The fire safety house has been delivered and we will have it on display at the Lowell Area Fire Department for our annual pancake breakfast," Lowell fire chief Frank Martin said.

The pancake breakfast will be held at the Look Memorial Fire Station on South Hudson from 7 until 11 a.m.

The local fire department will serve pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and milk.

The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Board to receive graduation credit increase recommendation in May

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School students currently have 24 opportunities, over a four-year period, to accumulate 22 credits required for graduation.

The board of education is expected to receive a recommendation from the administration and high school staff in May to increase the minimum graduation requirement to 23.

The increase in the minimum graduation requirement will require students to take

three years of math and science. This recommendation is expected to go before the board of education in May.

"This way, we allow sufficient time to get public feedback," Vashaw said.

Lowell High School students must now take three years of English and two years of science and math.

Students also have a generic core curriculum requirement. That would be eliminated and assigned to either math or science.

"In reality, many students

already are taking that additional year in math and sci-

ence," Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said.

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Students Experience Success Again in Model U.N. Competition, Pg. 10

Showboat Queens Pageant Saturday, Pg. 28

OBITUARIES

BUSSEMA - Carl Bussema, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Saturday, March 15, 1997. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Laura; daughter Sandra Miller of Grand Rapids; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

CHASE - Albert R. Chase Sr., aged 57, of Saranac, passed away suddenly Thursday, March 13, 1997 at Ionia County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Ionia County August 15, 1939 to the parents of Harry (Nina Tucker) Chase. He was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church of Saranac. He married Lois

DAVIS - Mrs. Amelia G. Davis, aged 93, a much beloved longtime resident of Tallmadge, passed away Wednesday, March 12, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley B. Davis in 1982. Surviving are her children James W. Davis and Jack F. Davis, both of Tallmadge, Maybelle A. Yarrington of Tallmadge and Grace M. Davis of Alto; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She leaves one sister Evelyn Pirkey of Louisville, KY and a niece, Diane Grinstead of Washington D.C. Amelia was a graduate of Michigan Oak School, Central High School and Western Normal School. She taught school in the area for several years before marrying Stanley in 1924. She was a member of Park Congregational Church and Trinity Congregational Church. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, 1997. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to a charity of one's choice.

DOMBKOWSKI - Mrs. Elaine M. Dombkowski, aged 70, beloved wife and friend for 46 years, left to be with her Lord Jesus Christ, Friday, March 14, 1997. Surviving are her husband Marion; children Dennis (Alicia) Dombkowski of Trufant, Karen (Michael) Stuver of Lowell, Mary (Tom) Pell, Joan (Scott) Smith, Julie (Ted) Kalinowski of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Mark,

Martin, Matthew Dombkowski, Jacob and Jenny Stever, Regina Pell, Cherie, Anna and Emmaly Smith, Raymond and Lucille Kalinowski; three sisters Dorothy (Bob) Smith, Winifred (Karl) Slusser of FL, Esther Derwin of Flint; brother Dan Warfield; sister-in-law Josephine Oddy; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers Joseph and Lawrence Warfield and sister Irene Deuling. Mrs. Dombkowski was a member of St. Mary's Church Ladies Guild and a volunteer at the Food Bank. A Mass of Christian Burial and Committal Service was celebrated Monday at St. Mary's Church. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Society will be appreciated.

HALE - Phlorus Hale, aged 77, of Lowell, passed away Friday, March 14, 1997. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret. Survived by his children Jerry (Joann) Hale of Lowell and Gloria (Michael) Orgnek of Lowell; four brothers; two sisters; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Monday

at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Frank Lattimore officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to A.L.S. or the Emphysema Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

MORLOCK - Tony J. Morlock, aged 80, of Greenville, retired Montcalm County Deputy Sheriff, died March 12, 1997. He is survived by his wife Marie; daughter, Phyllis (Al) Eckman; son Dale A. Morlock; grandchildren Fred (Susan) Beachler, Phillip (Christine), Tony, Phyllis, Tracy and Stacy Beachler, Kathleen (Kevin) Hurt, Betsy and Dixie Eckman; and three great-grandchildren; his sisters, Cecilia Traut of OH, Frances Vanleuven of IN and Mary Pfahler of Coopersville. Funeral services were held Saturday. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart or American Diabetes Association.

SLATER - Frances L. Slater, aged 93, of Clarksville, passed away Friday, March 14, 1997. Surviving are two sisters Marie Rufner and Ruth Potter both of Clarksville; two brothers-in-law Forrest Slater of Lake Odessa and Richard

Slater of Clarksville; two sisters-in-law Mary Peterson of Clarksville and Phebe Geiger of Hastings; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Richardson and Mabel Jepson. Funeral Services were held Monday at the Clarksville Wesleyan Church. Rev. James Vanderwerker officiating. Interment Clarksville Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clarksville Wesleyan Church.

TOPOLSKI - Barbara J. Topolski, aged 71, of Alto, went to be with her Lord and Savior, March 13, 1997. Surviving are her children Joseph and Pat Topolski, Michael and Diane Topolski, Rachael and Jim Sr. Bokelmann; Charles and Teresa Topolski, David and Dee Topolski; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; her sisters Gert Dillree, Dee Veenstra. The Funeral Service was held Tuesday with Father Charles R. Dautremont officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

Scholarship applications available at student service center

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell seniors looking to attain some financial assistance to help cover their college tuition costs can now pick up scholarship applications at Lowell High School's student service center.

Scholarship applications were released on Monday and are to be completed and returned by or on April 18. There are 14 local scholarship programs available to students. There are also three scholarships related to local residents given through area colleges and/or universities. "Lowell is very fortunate to have many local scholarships available to students," Lowell High School counse-

lor Barb Pierce said. "The funds come from different sources including families and civic-minded persons in the Lowell area who have established award programs.

The three additional related scholarships are the Harold J. Englehardt, C.J. Christoff and Wendy Southwell Nursing Scholarship.

The scholarships will be awarded at the senior awards assembly.

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Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Rachel Bender, Wendy Bischoff, Theresa Frey, Treasure McElveen, Courtney Baker and Jordan Steele. Back row, left to right, are: Bill Zook, Kurt Umlauf, Ryan Dorrough, Collin Vincent, Ashley Alsop and Joe Wisner.



Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a wonderful adaptation of the classic Camelot: "Once Upon Camelot," on Tuesday, March 25. Pictured, front row, left to right, are: Aimee Bloem, Toni Addington, Lindsey Thayer, Kody Gerkin, Laura Befus, Matt Donahue and Mike Krause. Back row, left to right, are: Corey Perdaris, David Rozema, Matt Trierweiler, Kyle Hines (as Threadbare), Ashley Cunningham, Lindsay Koehn and Suzanne Swift.

LMS drama class to present "Once Upon Camelot"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present a wonderful adaptation of the classic Camelot: *Once Upon Camelot* on Tuesday, March 25.

All the luck in Camelot has been bad lately, and the brotherhood of peasants, serfs and city scum expect King Arthur to do something about it or else. Merlin the Magician has become a fly and the king's evil half-sister, Morgan LeFey, has turned Arthur's three most loyal knights Sir Tin, Sir Loin and Sir Cuss into a grasshopper, a rock and a frog. It takes Threadbare, a lowly weaver, to turn the tables on Morgan and her magic as he bravely faces the likes of Gigantisaurus the Dragon and assundry other creatures of the forest.

Come join the fun and enjoy a free evening of entertainment at 7:30 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria at 750 Foreman.

Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
Dennis Frakes

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1997

at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE.

At this hearing the following described property which generally lies at 12982 Grand River Dr., SE; permanent parcel #'s 41-20-11-180-009 and 41-20-11-301-004 will be considered for a special use permit to allow the development of two (2) building sites.

The special use permit application and the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection at the Township Hall during regular office hours. Please call 897-7600 for further information.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township

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Hope You Had A Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Comdure children attain their U.S. citizenship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They were adopted by the same U.S. parents nearly two years apart when they were just a few months old. The oldest (boy) is from Dageau City and the youngest (girl) is from Seoul, South Korea. They share the identical birth date (April 10) and adop-

tive parents - Orin and Vickie Comdure, 11641 McPherson Rd.

Nicholas and Chelsea Comdure shared another significant event in their lives on Tuesday (March 11). They both officially became citizens of the United States.



Chelsea Comdure congratulates her brother Nicholas after they officially became U.S. citizens.

American flags were flown in the children's honor on Tuesday at the nation's capitol in Washington D.C.

The ceremony was held at the Department of Immigration and Naturalization in Port Huron, Michigan.

"Nicholas spent time during the school year learning the Pledge of Allegiance," said his mother. "He was a touch too nervous and I think a little scared once he got there to say it."

Nicholas, five years old, is a kindergartner at Bushnell Elementary.

The Comdures adopted Nicholas in 1991 at the age of six months.

Chelsea, now three, was adopted in 1993 at the age of four months.

"Korea is the only country where you can adopt children and don't have to physically travel there to pick them up," Vickie Comdure said. "Korea flies the child to you."

Comdure says she has information about their children's actual birth places and parents that she will share with them when they get older.



Mary Grace and Lewis Eric Esterline Esterline and Brown exchange September vows

Mary Grace Brown and Lewis Eric Esterline were united in marriage on September 28, 1996 at St. Mary's Church with Father George Fekete performing the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Bill and Marilynn Brown and Earl and Jean Esterline, all of Lowell.

Matron of honor was Sandra Roth, bridesmaids were Kris Ruesink (Bazan) and Bev Nies and flowergirl was Kelly Roth.

Best man was James Larson, groomsmen were Scott Esterline and Gary Wandas and ushers were Tom Esterline and Earl Esterline.

The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Branson, Missouri and now reside in Lowell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Candy Speerstra, Isobel Edwards, Angela Titcombe, Marian Rutherford.
MARCH 20 - John Roudabush, Cody Moore.
MARCH 21 - Terry Raymor, Ardis Barber, Gary Yeiter, Molly Clark.
MARCH 23 - Brian Gabrion.
MARCH 24 - Joe Vezino Jr.,

Viewpoint



I received an interesting letter a few weeks ago. It was from Jon Mills. Mills is an attorney in Providence, Rhode Island and an old army buddy. We served in a Military Police platoon stationed at Stallion Range Center, a small outpost at the extreme north end of White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. The middle of nowhere.

I don't say that simply out of hand. There is some logic behind the statement. Our barracks was just a few miles from Trinity Site, the spot they picked to test the first atomic bomb. Since they weren't really sure what was going to happen when they touched that sucker off, I figure they found the true "middle of nowhere" to do it. So, in actuality, we were stationed about five miles from the middle of nowhere. We were so isolated, the nearest officers were at the main post, over a hundred miles south of us.

There were about 60 troops at Stallion Site. Roughly a third of them were support people like cooks, clerks, mechanics, medics, etc. Another third were responsible for recovering what was left of the bombs, missiles and drones that kept falling out of the sky on us. The rest of the group were M.P.'s in charge of keeping innocent folks from wandering under the ordinance raining down. Despite our best efforts to shirk this responsibility, nobody was blown up while I was there.

I was at Stallion Site in early 1970. It was a time when it seemed everyone in our generation was either getting shot at in "Nam" or shot at on a college campus. We were isolated from the world with our Jeeps, guns, very little supervision and a few thousand square miles of desert to bomb around in. It was like living out "The Lord of the Flies." It was a gas!

Back to Mills. He and a New York Italian named Anthony Mannino were the ringleaders of our merry little band of outlaw M.P.'s. There was a handful of us that always seemed to be pushing the envelope of our already liberal existence. At least by army standards it was liberal. I could recount stories for pages, but that's not what this column is about. Besides, the majority of those stories are not suitable for a family newspaper.

I had called Mills about three years ago. This was after nearly 25 years of no contact with any of them. A friend of mine was in Providence on business and called me. That piqued my curiosity and I had him check the phone book for a Jon Mills. He was listed and I wrote down the number. I called and we chatted for an hour or so. That was the last I heard from him, until this recent letter.

Mills had the idea we should all get together in New York this spring or summer for a couple of days. A "Wild Bunch" reunion of sorts. He didn't know what old guys would do at such a gathering, but said, "It would be interesting to see just how gravitationally and folicly challenged we'd become in 30 years".

He said he knew how to get in touch with Mannino, a guy named Pelouin from Boston and a couple other east coasters. I volunteered to try to track down Paul Avitable from Connecticut and Pete Smith from Minnesota. I put on my Colombo disguise and went to work.

Avitable was easy. I called directory assistance for North Haven, CT, and asked for Paul Avitable. There were two, one listed and one unlisted. I called the listed number and had the Paul Avitable I was looking for. This was too easy.

Avitable is the only person I've ever met who was actually at Woodstock. Judging from my phone conversation with him, part of his brain is still there. He sounded excited about the reunion idea, but didn't seem to remember much about ever being at Stallion Site. He sort of remembered being in the army, but wasn't keen on details.

Smith turned out to be a challenge. There was no listing for a Peter Smith in Northfield, MN. Mills and I had recalled that Pete's dad was on the faculty at a small college in Northfield. The operator helped me with the switchboard number at a St. Olaf's College where I was told to try the alumni office. There I asked for a Mr. Smith who was possibly on their staff in 1970. I was told they didn't give out names and numbers of alumni, but they would take a message. I figured this for a dead end, but gave them a detailed message describing what I was up to.

The next day a Mr. Smith called me. I asked a couple quick questions and determined that he was indeed Pete's dad! I told him what was up, and he gave me Pete's address and phone number in Maine. Wow! I was impressed. Colombo would be proud.

I called Pete and we had a great chat. He's excited about the reunion. I then called Mills and downloaded all my info on

Smith and Avitable. Mills was amazed. I don't think he figured I'd find those guys. Especially Smith. Nothing like having a name that sounds like an alias.

The ball is in Mills' court. I haven't heard anything. I gotta say, I'll be a bit surprised if the thing comes off. If it does, I'll keep you posted. Maybe I won't have to. If you see something on the national news regarding a bunch of gravitationally and folicly challenged old guys causing some sort of trouble in New York City, you'll know Mills got us together.



By Priscilla Lusmyer
Ledger Entries
of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

126 YEARS IN THE LOWELL WEEKLY JOURNAL, MARCH 22, 1871

The Saginaw Valley log crop is estimated to be 144 million feet short of last year's.

Someone has said that the upper Grand River bridge has NOT settled at all, so the editor asks readers to accept both reports until they hear further (last week: settled two feet).

S.P. Hicks, principal, publishes the schedule of exams for the Lowell Union School the last three days of this week.

"Friends and patrons of the school are invited to be present."

Michigan's Militia Law, being worked over by the legislature, will allow local militias to be uniformed as well as armed. The "Old Soldiers" want one, with a field-piece (annon), especially with Memorial Day coming up.

The first Spiritual Society of this village will have a supper and warm sugar (maple sugar) party Tuesday at Union Hall.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - MARCH 16, 1922

Between the new state law requiring all public teachers to have Normal (college) training, which will drive up teacher salaries, and tuition costs of sending the kids to town for high school, consolidation of districts is the big discussion.

Second District friends of Dexter G. Look for legislative representative will hold a smoker at City Hall tomorrow.

Ernest C. Foreman, professor of poultry husbandry, is the speaker for the Bowne Center poultry meeting, after spending the morning visiting poultry farms and evaluating flocks.

The election last week had a turnout of forty voters who were almost unanimous in affirming the recent caucus. John Arehart is village president.

Former Postmaster General Will Hays becomes head of motion picture distributors, with no comment on movie censorship.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - MAR. 20, 1947

Lafayette Avenue has its own mini-business district, with five businesses.

Rural street numbering by the county is generally very helpful, but the post office still uses rural route numbers and returns mail with the new street numbers.

The Michigan State Extension specialist gives directions for lengthening skirts for the new, longer fashions.

The FFA Swine Sale is a big success, with over 500 attendees and 58 sales ranging up to \$235.

It's been a long winter, so birds are a little late in arriving. The imminent ice breakup will help.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/ SUBURBAN LIFE - MAR. 16, 1922

Fire followers have been trampling gardens, going into houses where a fire is and doing other damage; they are warned to stay away.

More heavy, wet snow and ice stop school again and break powerlines south of the city.

A study finds that snowmobilers who crash also have more traffic accidents with cars, and that even crash-free snowmobilers have worse driving records than control groups.

Michigan's first presidential primary in several years will have 15 contestants.

School News
Week of Mar. 24, 1997
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, cole slaw, French bread & peanut butter, fresh or canned fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog in a bun, baked beans, assorted fruit or strawberry shortcake, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, buttered corn, homemade dinner rolls with margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza w/ham & cheese, baby carrots or fruit juice, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Good Friday. No School

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY: Italian spaghetti w/3 meatballs, crispito w/cheese sticks or cheeseburger, chef salad; choose 2: cole slaw, broccoli or salad; French bread & margarine or peanut butter, choice of fruit, milk.

TUESDAY: BBO roast beef in a bun, chicken patty in a bun or chef salad w/bread; choose 2: baked potato, side salad or pasta salad; strawberry shortcake or assorted fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, pork chop pat, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: mixed veg., side salad or mashed potatoes w/ gravy; homemade dinner roll/margarine gelatin or fruit, milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza pocket, burrito w/bread, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: side salad, fruit juice or cole slaw, canned or fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY: Good Friday. No School

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Capitol Commentary
By: Dick Posthumus

FILLING POTHOLE WITHOUT EMPTYING POCKETBOOKS

Certainly, growing up most of us learned the rhyme, "April showers bring May flowers," but one fact that we learned as drivers is that the month of March brings potholes. The periodic freezing and melting that late winter and early spring bring, combined with road salt and regular use, cause serious damage to our roads and highways every year. This year is no exception.

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RUNNING
As spring approaches, many of our patients are seeking ways to shed some of the extra pounds they've gained over the winter. One of the easiest aerobic exercises is running - it doesn't cost anything. You don't need any high-priced gear, it can be done almost any time. And you don't have to possess great athletic skills to achieve excellent results. Running on a regular basis will reduce stress, help you control your weight,

Unfortunately, due to increased fuel economy among other reasons, we need to find ways of increasing the amount of money spent on the repair and creation of Michigan roads. For some time now, some have called for an immediate hike in the gas tax. Though some think this is an easy answer to this complicated problem, the Senate has remained committed to looking into other options first. We've been examining all available alternatives in order to find ways of improving our roads. As I have said all along, before I can look you, as a taxpayer, in the eye and ask you to pay a higher price at the pump, I want to make sure we have exhausted all other options.

I've written here before about the initiatives we're working on to make sure we're getting more for the money we're already collecting. Simply put, the money we collect for road repair should be used for blacktop and bridges, not lawyers and bureaucracy. We're capping local and state M-DOT expenses at 10 percent of transportation dollars, reducing 500 M-DOT employees, reducing district offices from nine to seven, requiring disclosure of lawsuits by local officials, requiring performance audits and privatizing maintenance while requiring...

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increase cardiovascular fitness, and provide a general sense of well-being and achievement. You can start a running program by purchasing a comfortable pair of well-fitted running shoes. Before running, stretch thoroughly for a few minutes, then start walking, alternating with jogging, for a mile or so at a comfortable pace. Stretch for a few minutes after you jog/walk. Every other day or so, increase the amount of jogging instead of walking until you are able to jog the entire mile. After you can jog the entire mile, start to increase the distance that you run by about 10 percent per week. Our goal is to run for 30-50 minutes, three to five times per week. Try to run at a speed that is comfortable for you. A good rule is that you should be able to carry on a conversation while running.

It will take at least 6-10 weeks to develop good aerobic conditioning, so take your time and gradually increase your mileage. Some people like to run with a partner while others enjoy the solitude that distance running provides.

The beauty of running is that almost anyone can do it. If you have a chronic medical condition, you should probably check with your physician prior to starting a running program, but we've been at marathons (26 mile races) where some of the participants have had previous heart surgeries.

Mystery cross to be replaced by new and improved version

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

A 15-year-old wooden cross adorning a plot in Lowell Charter Township's McBride Cemetery has seen better days and has been marked for replacement.

The cross was mysteriously placed in the cemetery and has been untouched since.

As a result, the cross has suffered dry rot and no longer stands on its own.

With the prompting of township resident Elmer Layer, the township board has agreed to replace the worn out cross with a brand new one by Memorial Day.

Unlike the wooden one, the new cross will be made out of plastic in an effort to withstand mother nature and other elements that have caused its decay.

While the original cross was not placed in the cemetery under township specifications, it has become a welcomed site and deserves to remain, according to supervisor John Timpson

who, like other board members, is at a loss when it comes to the cross's origins.

"It lends something to the cemetery and replacing it is the right thing to do," he said.

Township trustee Richard Huver has been given the task of replacing the cross and said it will be done in time for the May holiday.

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ing that contractors warranty their work. Besides doing this, we've found other ways of increasing funding without raising the gas tax.

One way is by asking the federal government for more of the federal gas tax money that we pay to Washington. Of the funds disbursed from the federal Highway Trust fund for highway purposes, Michigan ranks 45th of 50 states in what it gets back. In fact, for every dollar we send to Washington, we get back only 93 cents. Compare this with states like Pennsylvania, which received \$1.22 or Massachusetts which received \$2.14 for every dollar sent to Washington.

In 1992, the federal government collected \$689 million in fuel taxes from our state and only returned \$382 million in road funding. This needs to change. It is estimated that this year, if

we get a dollar back for every dollar we send, that would mean a \$50 million increase. Every dollar returned from the federal government is one less dollar we need to take from taxpayers.

As we begin the budgeting process for next year, we want to increase investment on roads by \$193 million over last year. This amount is equivalent to a 3.9 cent per gallon gas tax increase, and because this increase comes from the more efficient use of the tax dollars we're already collecting, taxpayers aren't paying more per gallon at the pumps.

By improving the way that we spend our dollars, we can put more of our money for transportation into roads and bridges, where it was meant to be. Michigan's on the road to the next century. It's time to make sure we're maintaining that road as efficiently as we can.

Railroad stalls park plan as deadline approaches for funding

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township's dream of a public park continues to be held up by legal talk in regards to a gate at the proposed entrance.

Further clouding the picture is a deadline set by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources which gives the township until June 30 to purchase the park property or lose grant money that would help with the cost.

Township officials have been stymied in efforts to buy the land by the Grand Rapids Eastern Railroad company who must first approve an easement agreement that will allow the public to cross over a railroad crossing at the park's proposed entrance.

The township reached an agreement with Wayne Norton last year to purchase the 70-acre parcel which includes two small islands for \$91,000.

Township supervisor John Timpson said the two sides have agreed on the wording of the entrance, but have failed to agree on a proposed gate.

The gate would protect the park from vandals and other unauthorized activity when the park is not in use, but officials don't want to be pinned down to a specific time that the park would not be used.

"It's common sense to say the park will be open in the

summer and closed in the winter, but we may want to open it for special occasions," said Timpson. "Also, we don't have a department that can lock it every night at a certain time. It's in our best interest to lock when not in use, but it would be hard for us to agree on a specific time."

Without the easement agreement, which Timpson said has been bantered about between attorneys for several months, the township would not be interested in the property, which

they agreed to purchase last year.

"Without an easement there is no entrance and the land is useless to us," Timpson said.

The township is disappointed in efforts to get the entrance, but are not upset about the DNR's deadline.

"We've been working at this for five years and should have had it done. We can't be upset with them for wanting us to get it done already," Timpson concluded.

Maple Syrup Run Saturday, March 29

Runners and syrup will be running at the annual Crystal Flash/Thornapple Valley Lions Club Maple Syrup Run on March 29.

The 5-K race will begin at 9 a.m. at the Sap House/ Maple Hills Sugar Bush, 9306 Grand River Dr.

All finishers will receive medals.

Runners and walkers can register at the Sap House from 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Race day registration will begin at 7 and last until 8:30 a.m.

Runners and walkers who pre register can pick up their

packets on Friday March 28 from 4 until 7 p.m.

The cost to enter the race is \$15 by March 24 and \$18, March 25 through race day.

Families pay for two and each additional family member is free to run or walk and eat; shirts are \$5 each.

For more information call (616) 698-8223.

Checks should be made payable to "Maple Syrup Run" and sent to Maple Syrup Run, 7992 Kilmer Dr. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49512-9615.

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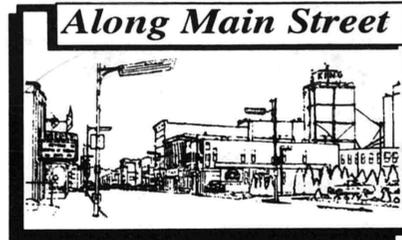
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Don't delay and send your application in today. If you need one, or more information call Liz at 897-9161. Sponsored by the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Lowell Area Schools.

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Board of Education will be conducting an Educational Forum to review educational programs with school staff at

Lowell Middle School
Mon., March 24, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.
Middle School Media Center
750 Foreman Rd.

Everyone is welcome & encouraged to attend.

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 1997, at the KENT COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, 1500 SCRIBNER AVE., NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, 49504, County of Kent, or such place and time, I, Roger G. Laninga, Kent County Drain Commissioner, may adjourn, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised with the "BUNDY DRAIN," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review on the above specified date only, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Also on this date, the computation of cost for said drain will be open for inspection by any interested parties. YOU MAY ALSO REVIEW YOUR APPORTIONMENTS BY PHONE AT (616) 336-3687.

WHEREAS, You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended, any owner of land within the Drainage District or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionments within ten (10) days after the Day of Review of Apportionment by making an application to the Kent County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN THE DISTRICT, YOU ARE SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT.

Signs, continued... From Page 1

sign problem doesn't improve, the council may look into asking people to register at City Hall before holding a garage sale.

Thompson suggested that it might require a person to make a deposit of \$25. In turn, the city would provide them a sign to put up. The resident would get the \$25 back when he/she returned the sign to the city.

"If the person isn't responsible, then he/she would lose their \$25."

Karen Jelsma, 702 N. Jefferson, said she felt most people were responsible and removed their signs after the sale was over.

"Those who don't remove their signs should be fined. I'm responsible and I think most others are too. I don't want to see the town look trashy either."

Jane Mathews, 822 Grindle, asked that the council not punish the many who are responsible and do take their signs down. "Punish those who are irresponsible," Mathews said.

Credits, continued... From Page 1

There are only 31 seniors not taking three years of math and all but 44 seniors are taking three years of science.

Which raises the point... why, then, invoke the new policy?

The change is needed, according to Vashaw, because universities require more of students applying to get in. "An example of this is that Michigan State University wants high school graduates who have completed algebra II," he explained.

Other factors also enter into the possible decision: the state administers a new test (High School Proficiency) to high school juniors. "It is more difficult and demanding and exposes more in the core areas," Vashaw said. "The other factor is entry level positions require more skills of students today than 30 years ago."

Board member Norm Byrne's support will waiver on whether there are appropriate courses for all students to take successfully.

"If we can produce courses that non-college bound students can handle, then wonderful. But I don't think we have the



If you can't see the rear tires of the car in front of you at a stoplight, you're too close.

The Lowell resident also noted that garage sales bring people into town. It has a rippling effect. "After they are done at a sale, they go to other stores and restaurants in town," Mathews said.

Herb Holcomb, 529 Avery, said he realized that garage/yard sale signs can be a pain in the neck. "It serves as a way of keeping a couple of bucks in the family. Many people don't use Goodwill anymore. Many of the people at Schneider Manor use garage sales as a way to get out of the house and get some fresh air," Holcomb said. "It forces them to move around."

Shores concluded by saying she had no objection to garage/yard sales. "In fact, I like going to them. But our town doesn't need to have signs plastered on poles," she said. "I have no objection to putting signs in neighbors' yards as long as a person gets permission. Downtown is just not the place for them."

money or staff needed to do so," Byrne said. "I don't think we should be making things tough on kids not going to college. Let's offer students the opportunity to take additional years of math and science but not require it."

Vashaw added that if the decision is made to require an additional year of math and science, then opportunities must be created so that all students can be successful.

"We must be sensitive to the needs of all students, not just those who are college bound," Vashaw said. "Math and science are two areas where if a student does not have skills, they are difficult to succeed in."

The high school principal said eventually he would like to work out a way to bring the physical education and health curriculums together so that more opportunities are available for foreign language and band.

"This way, we allow sufficient time to get public feedback," Vashaw said.

Lowell High School's administration and staff began studying the possibility of increasing graduation requirements a year ago.

CORRECTIONS

CJ's Party Store refuses sale

CJ's Party Store was the only one of five licensed liquor stores to check the ID and refuse sale during Lowell Police Department's decoy buy sweep. The March 5 edition of the Ledger incorrectly wrote D.J.'s Party Store.

School sets minimal payback at \$325,000

The Lowell School Board gave bond underwriter A.G. Edwards & Sons permission to refinance bonds when the district payback reaches a minimum of \$325,000. The headline in the March 12 edition of the Ledger incorrectly stated the figure was \$350,000.

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TOWN TALK

President Bill Clinton recently spoke out in favor of a national test which all high school students would have to pass before graduating. Would you support such a test?



Sara Brown

Yes, I do support it. Our students will be competing with other countries. This would be a way to measure if they know what is expected from them.



Cedric Doyle

I think it is a good idea. There would be too much variation if each individual school drew up a test. This way each student is getting the same degree of education.



Kim Meiste

Yes, I think it would be helpful for those students who plan on attending college.



Annemarie Biernacki

I would support that type of test if we were sure it was covering information that students were receiving. Also, that the teaching ability was equal to the information the kids were being tested on.



Don Alexander

No. If they can complete 12 years of grade school, I think that is good enough. The current system is fine.



Dottie Prins

Yes. I had six children who all got their diplomas and went on to get a college education. However, one of them got through both without being able to spell. Schools need to do a better job of policing themselves.



Larry Bussell

Yes. It seems that the last generation is not as smart in the areas of values and knowledge as the previous generation. Many without the use of a cash register cannot give back correct change.



Kimberly Martin

No. I do not think we should be federalizing our schools.

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LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - March 10, 1997

OATH OF OFFICE - Board President, Pete Gustafson, administered the oath of office to Jim Reagan who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Marsha Wilcox.

BOARD SERVICE AWARD - On behalf of the Lowell Board of Education, Pete Gustafson presented past Board President, Marsha Wilcox, with a plaque in commemoration of her character, quality and commitment to her outstanding board service.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Emily Dunn, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that the Student Council blood drive brought in 48 pints and another drive is scheduled for May. She also announced a talent show with high school students and staff on March 26 at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

FFA AWARDS - Pete Siler introduced members of the FFA club who won awards at the State convention held in Lansing last week. Superintendent Bert Bleke recognized Pete Siler for receiving the "1997 State Outstanding Service Award" for Agricultural Science Education.

FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM AWARD - Coach Noel Dean presented plaques to 11 members of his team for achieving the prestigious award of Academic All-State. The grade point average for these football players was 3.81.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL - Bert Bleke congratulated Bob Rice for both high school bands receiving a first at the regional band festival.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
• Art Warning & Family donation of an 1864 U.S. Wall Map for display and student use.
• Janet Baughman donation of 500 pounds of Grolleg Porcelain Clay valued at \$100 to the Lowell High School

Art Department.
• Susan Frasier donation of \$100 to be used to purchase a printer for the Math Department.

TABLED ITEMS - The Board tabled the Bus Financing and Roof bids until a special board meeting to be held on Monday, March 24, 1997.

BOND REFINANCING - The Board approved Erickson & Associates Limited as Financial Manager. A.G. Edwards and Sons as the underwriter for the refinancing of bonds, and set a minimum amount of \$325,000 as the net savings to be gained prior to initiating the refunding project.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS - The financial questions raised at the February Board meeting were answered by Bert Bleke.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved were:
• Minutes for February 10, 1997 Regular meeting, February 17 Special meeting, and February 19 Special meeting.
• The bid of \$4,685 from Ace Hardware to place a fence around the Bushnell Elementary School playground.
• The following payment of bills:
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND
A. Food Service Fund.....\$34,887.89
B. Athletic Fund.....\$15,432.40
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....\$27,738.64
1971 FUND DEBT.....\$17.70

• Maternity leave for Rochelle Cummings, Cherry Creek Elementary teacher, on or about April 2, 1997 and ending six weeks later.
• The Career Exploration Leave for Sue Burt for the first semester of the 1997-98 school year.
• The resignations of Wayne Townsend, Barb Townsend, and Sharon McMann effective at the end of the 1996-97 school year.
• The Waiver and Consent form to strike property taxes from the city of Lowell rolls in the amount of \$584.19.
• The Lowell High School Baseball Trip to Florida during Spring Break and the High School Business trip to New York City on May 1, 2, 3 and 4.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - The Board approved the General Fund bills in the amount of \$743,214.02 and the 1990 Bond Fund Proceeds in the amount of \$12,643.20.

FINANCE MANAGER - Dick Korb explained the selection process for the new finance manager to be hired sometime in the summer.

1996-97 BUDGET UPDATE - Jim Gallagher, Acting Business Manager, gave his projections for the 1996-97 budget in the area of food service, athletics, and general fund.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS - Scott Vashaw discussed the possibility of raising the graduation requirements at the high school. This item will be brought back to the April Board meeting with possible adoption in May.

BORROW MONEY - Bert Bleke explained that due primarily to how the State will distribute revenue to local school districts and the district's declining fund equity, it will be necessary to borrow money to meet financial obligations in the Fall of 1997. In order to process the borrowing, the Board of Education will need to adopt a resolution at the April Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Shawn Eshragh presented graphs which showed that more students were on the honor roll but there were less students receiving endorsements on the High School Proficiency Test.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Educational Forum - Middle School Media Center - Monday, March 24, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education - Administration Bldg. - Board Room - April 21, 1997 - 7:30 p.m.

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Lowell students up to the task in Model U.N. competition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School students who participated in this year's Model U.N. competition at Hope College were held to higher standards.

They have Lowell students who preceded them to thank.

"Our success over the years has had some drawbacks. Competition is now pointing toward us. Their focus is 'how do we beat Lowell?'" High school government/social studies teacher Steve Kampfschulte said. "Because of our success, judges are now holding our kids to higher standards."

For the fourth straight year, Lowell took home the highest number of awards out of the 40 schools, covering a four-state area, who participated.

This was the second consecutive year Lowell claimed

seven awards. It was the third time in five years Lowell has won its case in the international court of justice.

Lowell's success has had its benefits.

Its program has grown. In Lowell's first year (1993), approximately 20 students participated. This year there were 48 students.

"Success has had a lot to do with the growth," Kampfschulte said. "Our students are also social studies oriented and competitive."

Both Kampfschulte and Jack Ogle (social studies/history teacher) are quick to explain the success. "The kids work hard. They are willing to spend time after school researching on their own and with us," Kampfschulte said. "It's the students' hard work, effort and initiative."

Ogle adds, "Steve can't say it, but I can. He also puts in a lot of time and Steve

understands the process. He makes sure the kids are prepared."

Students are prepared to discuss college level material. This year that included global trade and U.N. finance reform, and international law with regard to intellectual properties.

Preparations began in January. Because of the numbers, Kampfschulte, Ogle and Sue Bristol (social studies teacher) worked with 10 students a night, one night a week.

In the security council category, Denny Briggs and Josh Speerstra, second place, representing the USA, discussed emergency.

Nate Seeley and JB Hunt, third place, representing Egypt, discussed Israel/Palestine.

In the international court of justice, lawyers Aaron Skidmore and Susan Clark, representing Cuba, won their

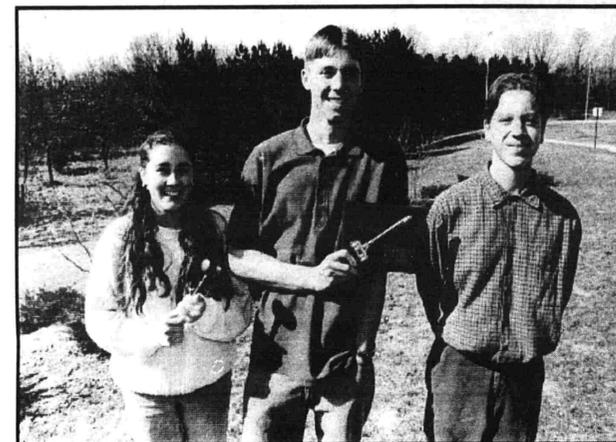
In advanced general assembly, Aaron Plattner and Gerrid Uzarski placed third.

discussing world trade from Zimbabwe's point of view. John Fox and Eric Howes

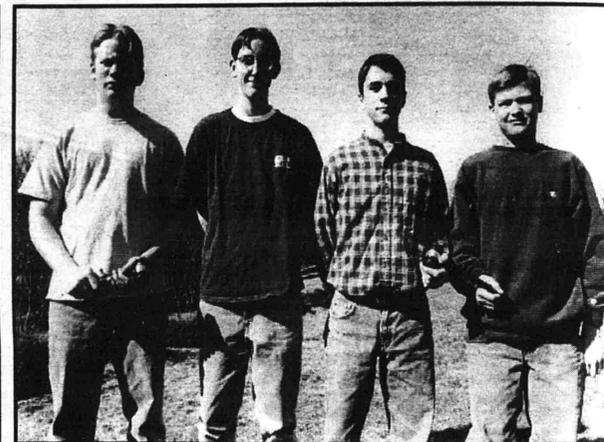
earned top honors discussing world trade from the position of Tunisia.



Members of Lowell's Model U.N. International Court of Justice and Security Council Joe Corey, Denny Briggs, Josh Speerstra, J.B. Hunt and Nate Seeley



Members of Lowell's Model U.N. Economic and Social Council from left to right, are: Crystal Meaney, Nate Schoen and Jeff Nethercot.



Members of Lowell's Model U.N. Advanced General Assembly team from left to right, are: John Fox, Eric Howes, Gerrid Uzarski and Aaron Plattner.

case involving USA delinquency to pay its share of UN contributions.

In the same case, Joe Corey was a judge representing the Netherlands. He earned a third place.

Under economic and social council, Crystal Meaney placed third, discussing refugees from the position of Australia.

Nate Schoen and Jeff Nethercot were third overall, discussing intellectual properties and refugees from the position of Latvia.

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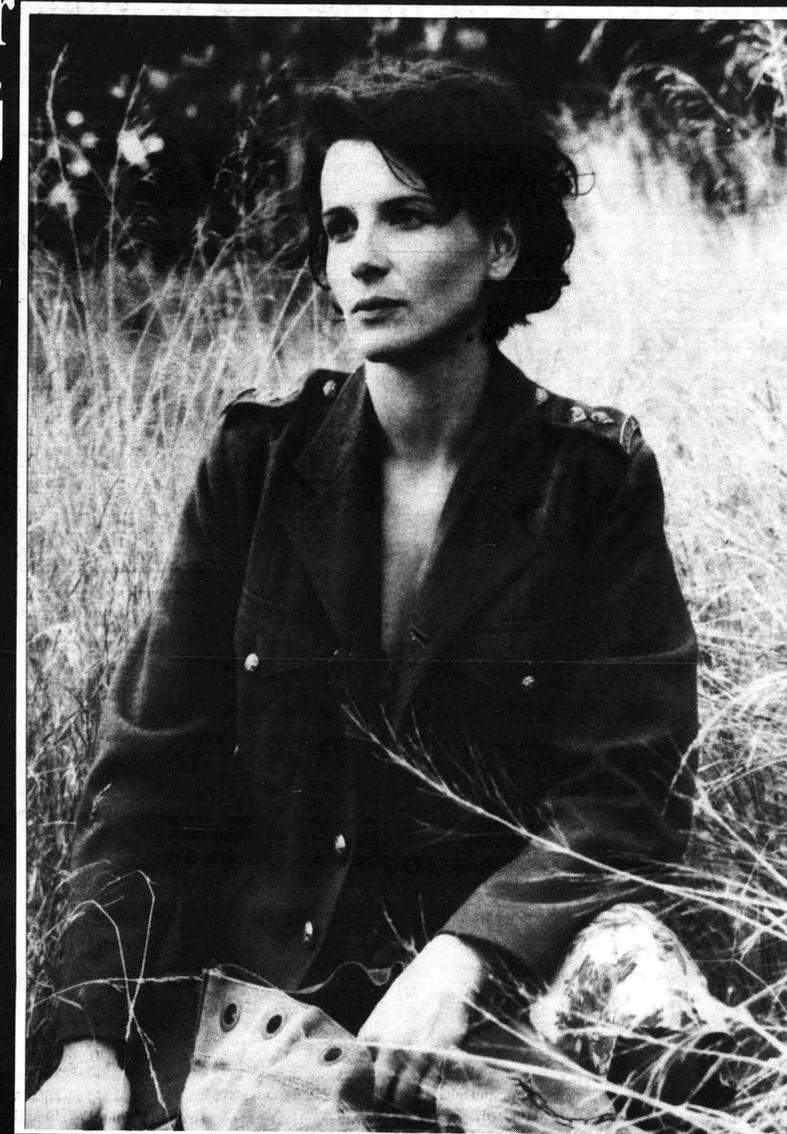
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15	WSYM-47
16	HBO**
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18	C-MAX**
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27	CNN
28	HN
29	NICK
30	A&E
31	PASS
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33	DOPLAR RADAR
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SUNDAY MORNING MARCH 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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MONDAY EVENING MARCH 24, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Mr. Cooper, and various news and entertainment shows.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 24, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30. Includes programs like Late Show, American Journal, CBS Up to the Minute, and various comedy and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 25, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Mr. Cooper, and various news and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 25, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30. Includes programs like Late Show, American Journal, CBS Up to the Minute, and various comedy and entertainment shows.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MARCH 26, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Mr. Cooper, and various news and entertainment shows.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT MARCH 26, 1997. BROADCAST STATIONS: 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30. Includes programs like Late Show, American Journal, CBS Up to the Minute, and various comedy and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 27, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
31	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy	World of Peter Rabbit and Friends (In Stereo)	Moloney (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
41	WOTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	Figure Skating: World Championships	Vital Signs (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline		
35	WGVU	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Mystery "Cadafae" "The Devil's Novice" (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	
17	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Shoes"	Martin "Snow White"	Living Single (R)	New York Undercover "Hubris" (In Stereo)	Power of a Promise Kept	M*A*S*H "Payday"	Deep Space 9	
8	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Suddenly Susan	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Naked Truth (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Showtime" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show
23	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery "Cadafae" "The Devil's Novice" (In Stereo)	Part 2 of 3	Practical Sports
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Figure Skating: World Championships	Vital Signs (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline		
15	WSYM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin "Snow White"	Living Single (R)	New York Undercover "Hubris" (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Coach "Poodle Springs"	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)	
17	TBS	Funnies Home Videos	Funnies Home Videos	Atlanta Braves: New Season, New Home	Movie: ** "Fire Birds" (1990) Nicolas Cage, Sean Young.	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Three Stooges	Picket Fences "A Change of Seasons"	
40	FAM	Waltons "The Festival"		Highway to Heaven "Birds of a Feather"	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	700 Club (Left in Progress)	In Living Color	In Living Color	Wings (In Stereo)	Wings (In Stereo)
20	FX	Mission: Impossible "Blind"		A-Team "Small and Deadly War"	Miami Vice "Red Tape"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen. (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Coach "Poodle Springs"	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)	
15	USA	Highlander: The Series "Shadows" (In Stereo)		Murder, She Wrote "The Bottom Line is Murder"	Movie: ** 1/2 "Major League" (1989) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen. (In Stereo)	Real TV (In Stereo)	Coach "Poodle Springs"	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		
25	DISC	Wings "Duel Over Korea" (R)		Sisterhood (R)	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Time Traveler "Target Pearl Harbor" (R)	Sisterhood (R)		
25	WGN	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Toronto Raptors. From the SkyDome. (In Stereo Live)		Movie: *** "Zorro the Great" (1964, Drama) Anthony Quinn. A Greek laborer takes the heir to a mine under his wing.	Burt Lancaster	"The Seven Little Foys"				
25	ESPN	Sportscenter	College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Championship - Teams to Be Announced.	College Basketball: Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championship. From Indianapolis.						
25	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof (R)	Larry King Live	World Today			
25	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Odd Couple			
25	A&E	Equalizer "Slent Fury"		Biography "Elizabeth I: The Virgin Queen"	Ancient Mysteries "Private Lives of the Emperors"	Unexplained "Hypnosis: The Big Sleep"	Law & Order "Aria"			
25	PASS	Drag Racing: NHRA Gatornationals	NBA Action	Final Four Preview						
25	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "Foul Play" (1978, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Goldie Hawn. An innocent woman is drawn into a plot to kill the pope.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Used People" (1992) Shirley MacLaine, Jessica Tandy.					
25	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Carnival of Thrills"		Peace in the Valley (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (In Stereo)				
25	TRAV	Florida!		Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	Getaway			
25	TLC	HomeTime (R)		Real America: 48 Hours "Child Hunter"	Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind (R)	Case of the UFOs (R)				
25	SCIFI	Time Trax "To Live and Die in Docker Flats" (R)		Viewers' Choice: Viewers vote to watch their favorite movies by science fiction category.	Masters of Fantasy	Inside Space				
25	HIST	Combat at Sea "Carrier Victory" (R)		Four Years of Thunder (R) (Part 4 of 4)	Civil War Journal	Automobiles "Tucker" (R)				
25	AMC	(6:15) Movie: *** "The Winning Team" (1952)		Movie: *** "Zorro the Great" (1964, Drama) Anthony Quinn. A Greek laborer takes the heir to a mine under his wing.	Burt Lancaster	"The Seven Little Foys"				
25	DISN	Movie: "Picture Perfect" (1995), Mary Page Keller, Dave Thomas		Movie: ** "Leapin' Leprechauns" (1995) PG (Adult language)		Movie: ** 1/2 "The Happiest Millionaire" (1967), Greer Garson, Tommy Steele (In Stereo) 'G'				
25	HBO	(6:30) Movie: ** "Down Periscope" (1996)		Movie: ** "Assassins" (1995, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. A wild newcomer draws a bead on a veteran hit man. (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: *** "Making of Assassins" (1995) [C]man Tapes: Conversations With a Killer (R)				
25	MAX	(6:30) Movie: ** "The Crazy Stranger" (1995) PG-13		Movie: ** "Three Wishes" (1995) (In Stereo) PG (Adult language, adult situations)		Movie: ** "The Dogfighters" (1996), Alexander Godunov (In Stereo) 'R'				

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BROADCAST STATIONS										
31	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Geraldo Rivera		CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)			
41	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe (R)	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	Doogie Howser, M.D.
8	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	Buzz! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe (R)	(Off Air)						
17	TBS	(11:05) Movie: ** 1/2 "Uncommon Valor" (1983) Gene Hackman, Fred Ward.		Movie: ** "Chrome Soldiers" (1992) Gary Busey, William Atherton.		Movie: ** 1/2 "Runaway Train" (1985) Jon Voight, Rebecca DeMornay.				
40	FAM	Carson Classics	Carson Classics	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
20	FX	Miami Vice "One-Eyed Jack"		In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
15	USA	Silk Stalkings "Red Flag" (R) (In Stereo)		Knight Rider "Deadly Maneuvers"		Movie: *** "Salvador" (1986, Drama) James Woods, James Belushi. A photographer looks at El Salvador's political situation.				Facts of Life (In Stereo)
25	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step (R)	Time Traveler "Target Pearl Harbor" (R)	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Child's Play" (In Stereo)		Simon & Simon "The Wrong Stuff"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	ESPN	Sportscenter	Baseball Tonight	Tennis: ATP Lipton Championships - Men's Quarterfinal		Sportscenter			College Basketball: NIT Championship - Teams TBA	
25	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	CNN Sports Illustrated	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom
25	NICK	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Rhoda	I Dream of Jeanie	Munsters	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Newhart	Taxi "Retrospective" Mary Tyler Moore
25	A&E	Biography "Elizabeth I: The Virgin Queen" (R)		Ancient Mysteries "Private Lives of the Emperors"		Unexplained "Hypnosis: The Big Sleep" (R)	Law & Order "Aria"		Movie: ** 1/2 "She" (1965), Peter Cushing	
25	PASS	College Hockey U.S.A. This is the PGA Tour		Prolong	Great Sports Vacations	Champions of Speed	Drag Racing: NHRA Gatornationals (R)		Yachting: Key West Race Week (R)	
25	TNT	(10:30) Movie: ** 1/2 "Used People" (1992)		Movie: *** "Murder on the Orient Express" (1974) Albert Finney. Inspector Poirot engineers a railway murder investigation.	Movie: ** 1/2 "Warning Shot" (1967) David Janssen, Keenan Wynn.					
25	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Carnival of Thrills"		Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Peace in the Valley (R) (In Stereo)	(Off Air)				
25	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Water Sports World	Undersea Adventures
25	TLC	Close Encounters of the Fifth Kind (R)		Case of the UFOs (R)	HomeTime (R)	HomeTime (R)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	SCIFI	Viewers' Choice: Viewers vote to watch their favorite movies by science fiction category.		Masters of Fantasy	Inside Space (R)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "The Specialists"			Paid Program	Paid Program
25	HIST	Four Years of Thunder (R) (Part 4 of 4)		Civil War Journal (R)		Automobiles "Tucker" (R)			Civil War Journal (R)	
25	AMC	(11:30) Movie: "The Seven Little Foys" (1955), Mily Vitale, George Tobias		Movie: *** "The Seven Little Foys" (1955), Mily Vitale, George Tobias		Movie: *** "The Seven Little Foys" (1955), Mily Vitale, George Tobias			"The Pride of St. Louis"	
25	DISN	(10:05) Movie: "The Happiest Millionaire" (1967)		Movie: *** "Monkey Business" (1952), Ginger Rogers, Marilyn Monroe		Movie: "Picture Perfect" (1995), Mary Page Keller, Dave Thomas			Movie: ** "Leapin' Leprechauns" (1995) PG'	
25	HBO	(11:50) Movie: "The Second Civil War" (1997), James Coburn, Phil Ha-		Making of Citizen X (R)	Tracey Takes On...	Movie: ** 1/2 "The Rookie" (1990) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, adult situations, violence)			Movie: "Out for Justice"	
25	MAX	(11:40) Movie: * "Zapped" (1982), Willie Aames 'R' (Adult language, nudity)		Movie: "South Beach Academy" (1996), Al Lewis (In Stereo) 'R' (Nudity)		Movie: ** 1/2 "Black Day Blue Night" (1995), Michelle Forbes (In Stereo) 'R'			Movie: "Girl 6" (1996) 'R'	

Camp and Myers advance to Greater Grand Rapids spelling bee

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Alto fifth-grader Elizabeth Camp was unremitting in her preparation for the regional spelling bee.

So when it came time to spell a-s-s-i-d-u-o-u-s-l-y, the diligent Camp did so with ease.



Elizabeth Camp
Her effort earned her the title "regional spelling bee champion." On March 18 she will compete at the Greater Grand Rapids spelling bee.

In preparation, Camp spent two hours a night and

15 minutes each morning before going to school studying words she might be asked to spell in competition.

"I was nervous, but I liked it," Camp said of her participation in the regional. "I enjoyed the challenge."

The 10 year old said she hasn't always been a good speller. "I became good after winning the school spelling bee."

Camp says she enjoys winning but wouldn't be unhappy if she wouldn't win the Greater Grand Rapids spelling bee.

In earning the regional

award, Camp had to spell roughly 20 words.

For Emily Myers, a trip to Washington D.C. could be as easy as spelling A...B...C.

However, it is more likely to include words like pestilence and protagonist, the type of words that earned her spelling bee crowns at St. Patrick's School and in the regional spelling bee at Cherry Creek Elementary.

"I started to think of myself as a good speller once I began winning spelling bees," Myers said. "I got my first award for spelling in the sec-



Emily Myers

ond grade. I misspelled one word the entire year."

Myers participated in the Greater Grand Rapids spelling bee on March 18.

The Lowell eighth-grader is viewing it as an opportunity to go to Washington D.C.

"My goal is to see the Library of Congress," Myers said. "I like to read." She enjoys adventure and suspense novels.

Myers had to last for over 20 rounds at her school's

spelling bee before winning the contest by spelling p-e-s-t-i-l-e-n-c-e.

Myers only needed four rounds to win the regional. She did so by spelling p-r-o-t-a-g-o-n-i-s-t.

"I was more relaxed at the regional than at my school spelling bee," Myers explained. "I don't know why."

If she earns that trip to Washington D.C., it will be because she won the Grand Rapids spelling bee contest.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

CASE NO. 97-00264-DO
HON. DONALD A. JOHNSTON

GERRY SIVERTSEN
Plaintiff,

vs.
VERNON SIVERTSEN,
Defendant

MOTION FOR SERVICE
OF PROCESS UNDER
MCR 2.106 - NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION

NOW COMES Gerry Sivertsen, by and through her attorney, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, and says:

1. That a Complaint in this action was filed on January 8, 1997.

2. That a Summons was originally issued in this action on January 9, 1997.

3. That Plaintiff has been unable to service of pro-

cess in the manner prescribed by MCR 2.105 in that the whereabouts of the Defendant are currently unknown. Defendant's law known address was KENT COUNTY JAIL, 701 BALL NE, GRAND RAPIDS, MI.

Complaint in this action cannot be otherwise effectuated, and it appearing to the court that the Defendant can best be apprised of this action by the publication of this Order in a newspaper.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendant, Vernon Sivertsen, shall serve his answer on Nancy S. Brewer, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 89 Ionia NW - Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 15th day of April, 1997. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against this Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff moves that she be permitted to serve process in this case under the provisions of MCR 2.106, and that the Defendant be notified of the pendency of this action by means of publication.

DATE: 2-21-97

LEGAL AID OF WESTERN MICHIGAN
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
NANCY S. BREWER (P49051)
89 Ionia NW - Suite 400
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-774-0672 Ext. 120

ORDER TO ANSWER - PUBLICATION

At a session of said Court, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on this 3rd day of March, 1997.

PRESENT: Honorable Donald A. Johnston, Circuit Court Judge

On the 8th day of January, 1997, an action for divorce was filed by Gerry Sivertsen, Plaintiff, against Vernon Sivertsen, Defendant, in this court.

Donald A. Johnston, Circuit Judge

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, reviewing and adopting the annual budget for the 1997/1998 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 24, 1997 in the Grattan Museum, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan, at 7 p.m.

All interested parties are welcome. A copy of the proposed budgets can be viewed at the township hall prior to the public hearing.

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Lowell FFA teams take in three gold and four silver at state convention



Earning a team award in agricultural forum, front row, from left to right, are: Carrie Hubbarth, Annie Oesch, Brandi Fedewa and Ben Kaeb. Back row, left to right, are: Keith Krebill, Brett Plattner and Brian Knudstrup.

Lowell Future Farmers of America members competed in the 69th annual Michigan State Convention.

Lowell, which sent seven leadership teams to state competition, received three gold and four silver awards.

Winning gold awards for Lowell were Brad Jackson, greenhand public speaking (third place); Missy Luyk, public speaking (fifth); and Lisa Posthumus, job interview (fourth).

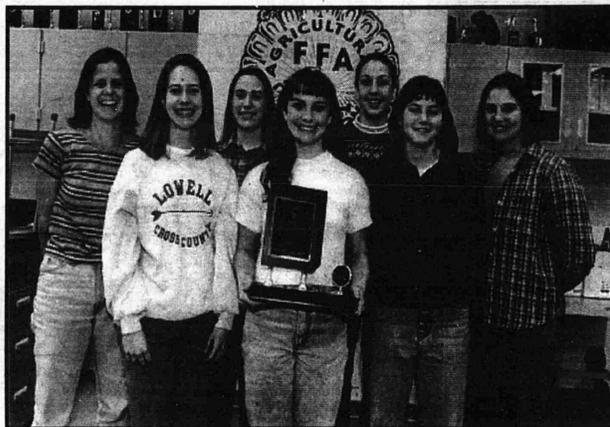
Silver award winners were Beth Hoag, extemporaneous public speaking; Aaron Kaeb, greenhand public speaking; Beth Larabee, Amy Larabee, Shari Grieser, Lisa Osterhaven, Andrea Baker, Shannon Finnegan, Tricia Fick and Hillary Tichelaar, parliamentary procedure. Brett Plattner, Ben Kaeb, Carrie Hubbarth, Annie Oesch, Brian Knudstrup, Keith Krebill and Brandi Fedewa, agricultural forum.

Finnegan was selected to represent Michigan in the national chorus. State FFA degree winners were Oesch, Brett Plattner, Hubbarth, Grieser and Amy Larabee.

Receiving scholarship recognition were Tichelaar and Grieser.

Aaron Plattner, Nicole Waldron, Brian Fitzpatrick were state convention delegates and Joe Patterson was an alternate.

Grieser became the 10th Lowell FFA member to be elected to the prestigious Michigan Association of FFA's governing board. She was elected the 1997-98 state FFA secretary.



Earning a team award in parliamentary procedure, front row, left to right, are: Shannon Finnegan, Beth Larabee and Andrea Baker. Back row, left to right, are: Tricia Fick, Lisa Osterhaven, and Amy Larabee. Not pictured is Hillary Tichelaar.

After you've heard two eyewitness accounts about an auto accident, it makes you wonder about history. Bits & Pieces



Winning individual awards at the 69th Michigan FFA State Convention, from left to right, are: Lisa Posthumus, job interview; Beth Hoag, extemporaneous public speaking; Aaron Kaeb, greenhand public speaking; Missy Luyk, public speaking; and Brad Jackson, greenhand public speaking.

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Winning the superior chapter award were Lowell delegates, left to right, Joe Patterson, Aaron Plattner, and Nicole Waldron. Not pictured is Brian Fitzpatrick.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to post, paste, tack or in any manner to attach any circular, notice, picture, sign, card, advertisement or any other document in printing or any writing to any telegraph, telephone or electric light pole, or to any tree in any public place within the city, or on the railing to any bridge or sidewalk within the city.

City of Lowell will remove illegal signs.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

School initiates search for business manager

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke recommended to the Lowell School Board that a process be started so that a full-time business manager can be in place in July.

Bleke said while the process used to select a business manager is not yet in place, the school district has posted the position and has begun taking applications. The deadline for applications is April 10.

The school district studied the idea of hiring a private contractor.

"It boiled down to this district needs a full-time business manager," Bleke said. "Jim Gallagher has come in and done a wonderful job increasing the business department's effectiveness many times over."

Lowell's superintendent said Gallagher will be involved in some way with the selection process. "Jim has agreed to stay on after a selection is made and work through a transition period," Bleke said.

The position has been posted with area colleges and universities, newspapers and journals, and area business CEO's. Also, the 30 applicants who previously applied for the position have been notified of the opening.

City inks one-year custodial deal

A one-year contract for custodial services for City Hall and the Englehardt Library were awarded.

With the expiration of the current City Hall custodial contract with D.D.D. Janitorial Service, Inc., the city considered five bids before approving a one-year contract with Grace Rash, 862 Lincoln Lake Rd., to clean City Hall and the library for a total of \$14,560 a year.

Lowell's Post spots sign of spring

Maxine Post of 14115 Grand River Drive spotted the year's first robins on Saturday, March 1, at 11:35 a.m. in her backyard.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: Councilmember Shores.
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine and Director of Public Works Art Gall.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the February 18, 1997 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/03/97)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 57,711.18
WASTEWATER FUND	517.87
MAJOR STREET	814.18
CURRENT TAX	623,917.61
LOCAL STREET	1,544.48
BUILDING & SITE FUND	180,418.75
AIRPORT FUND	16.03
EQUIPMENT FUND	4,835.74
DATA PROCESSING FUND	3,152.53
WATER FUND	83,066.02

Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 1270 SIBLEY - DAVID ROSKAMP - VARIANCE FOR SETBACK OF GARAGE ADDITION FROM THE HOUSE - PUBLIC HEARING, PETITION WITHDRAWN. David

Roskamp had withdrawn his variance request to construct a 14' x 16' addition to his garage at his residence located at 1270 Sibley. He intended to extend the garage to within 3'8" of his house. Under Section 4.08F.1. of the Zoning Ordinance, accessory buildings must be located a minimum of 10 feet distance from any main building.

It was noted that the Planning Commission at its February 24 meeting recommended to deny the variance request upon its review. This was based on the applicant's failure to meet the criteria established in the Zoning Ordinance for variances (Section 21.09). No practical difficulties were established. After that meeting, Roskamp decided to withdraw his application. Instead, he would pursue an attached garage which conforms to the Ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to acknowledge the withdrawal and deny the variance request from David Roskamp to construct a 14' x 16' addition to his garage located at 1270 Sibley within 3'8" of the house, a 10 foot distance from any main building is required by the Zoning Ordinance.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. AUTHORIZATION OF 1997-98 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. City Manager Pasquale stated on an annual basis, the City must adopt an agreement with Kent County in order to comply with federal Community Development Block Grant requirements.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to enter into the annual Community Development Block Grant Program agreement with the County of Kent and authorize Mayor William F. Thompson and City Manager David M. Pasquale to execute all agreements.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL AND LIBRARY BUILDINGS - AWARD CONTRACT. With the expiration of the current City Hall custodial contract and the opening of the new library, quotes were sought for a one year services agreement. The following submitted quotes based on cleaning the City Hall and Police Department five times a week and the library six:

	City Hall	Library	Yearly Total
Grace Rash 826 Lincoln Lake Lowell	\$ 5,200.	\$ 9,360.	\$ 14,560.

Clean & Sweep Maintenance. 10809 Sconcewood Dr. Lowell	\$10,200.	\$12,150.	\$22,350.
D.D.D. Janitorial Service, Inc. Belding C-More Cleaning Saranac	\$ 8,076.	\$15,624.	\$23,700.
Reflections Cleaning Lowell	\$12,300.	\$14,100.	\$16,400.
	\$14,136.	\$17,136.	\$31,272.

Based on quotes received and the references given, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock recommended that Grace Rash of Lowell be awarded the contract for one year to clean the City Hall and Library at a cost of \$14,560 for the year. Morlock mentioned that the contractor must provide liability insurance. Also, either party could terminate the contract with a thirty day written notice.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to award a contract to Grace Rash of Lowell for the cleaning services of City Hall and the Library from February 8, 1997 to February 7, 1998 for \$14,560.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE FOR LOAN TO LOWELL CABLE TELEVISION FROM LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER. As was previously discussed and approved by Lowell Light and Power and Cable Television Boards, a resolution reamortizing the current loan to Lowell Cable TV from Lowell Light and Power was presented for Council consideration. The revised schedule would extend the current payment of the loan to June 1, 2013. While the current amortization timetable supplies payment in full on July 20, 2000.

As discussed previously with the Boards, this extension would free up approximately \$70,000 per year for Cable TV Department to use in modernizing and improving the system.

Councilmember Myers stated the Cable TV Board was very much in favor of this proposal. The ability to modernize and provide improvement to the system has been always critical with a business with this magnitude of changing technology. There is also accountability to Light and Power regarding the reporting of efforts made and use of these additional monies.

Myers questioned the City Attorney at the last Cable TV Board meeting about any conflict of interest existing with Councilmember Hodges and himself, as Boardmembers, voting on this matter at the Council meeting. He was informed that this is not an issue.

Recruiters rally behind third annual Crop Walk

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

To feed a hungry world.... There's no such thing as too many cooks.

The third annual Lowell Area Hunger Crop Walk doesn't believe there can be enough walkers either.

Its goal for the May 4 event is to have 300 participants make a difference in World Hunger by walking 6.2 miles.

The proceeds from the walk will benefit the Church World Service.

Crop Walks support long-term development, assist in disasters and famines, help meet the special needs of refugees, and share more than \$3 million annually to support local hunger fighting efforts across the U.S.

However, 25 percent of the funds raised will remain in the local community and support Access-6 Food Pantry and the Lowell Area Senior Neighbors program.

Just a little under 200 people made the walk a year ago, raising approximately \$19,000. The 1997 goal is to raise \$22,000.

This year's walk will begin and end at St. Mary Church, 402 Amity St. The 6.2 mile trek, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will take walkers through the city of Lowell.

Churches or organizations which would like to participate either by walking or sponsoring a walker may call 897-9657.

Those already participating in the Lowell Area Crop Walk are: Alto United Methodist, Bowne Center United Methodist, Cascade Christian, Lowell First Congregational, Lowell First United Methodist, Genesis United Methodist, Lowell Lions, Lowell Area Schools, Snow United Methodist, St. Mary's Roman Catholic, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic and Vergennes United Methodist.

Snow Methodist Church raised the most money (\$5,800) last year.

"Knowing that you're helping other people is what keeps

me hyped about the event," said an event coordinator, Lee Feuse.

Marge Rehl, a school representative on the Crop Walk committee, noted that this year the Lowell Area Future Farmers of America organization has also become involved.

FFA members Beth Hoag and Lisa Osterhaven will also serve as recruiters. If the organization brings in over \$500, it will receive a gold plaque at its yearly conference. If it brings in under \$500, it will receive a silver plaque.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1997-98 budget at 7:00 P.M. on March 31, 1997 in the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall during regular office hours.

MARI C. STONE
CLERK

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION NOTICE
Decedent's Estate
FILE No. 97-163,562-IE

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 13033 E. 19 MILE RD., LOT 161, GOWEN, MI 49326 died January 16, 1997.

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ceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative: SUSAN R. BENCKER, 13033 E. 19 MILE ROAD, LOT 161, GOWEN, MI 49326 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

MARY L. BENEDICT
(P-45285)
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(616) 942-0020

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Councilmember Hodges stated that both Light and Power and Cable TV Boards spent much time on this. The reamortization will help improve the Cable system and service to the customers.

Councilmember Green questioned if this money would be spent year by year. Councilmember Hodges stated that the Cable TV Board is reviewing a progressive plan to improve the system as well as its inventory.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by GREEN to approve the resolution amending the amortization schedule for the loan to Lowell Cable Television from Lowell Light and Power, as presented.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROHIBITING OFF PREMISES YARD SALES SIGNS - RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance amendment prohibiting off premises yard sales signs at its February 24 meeting. The Commission felt that the ordinance as submitted would be too restrictive and limiting. It was noted that the City already has the right to remove signs in the right of way. But, the ordinance amendment could allow enforcement under a civil infractions process.

Comments were directed on the difficulty of enforcement. Also, Commissioners believed that small ground signs on neighbors' properties should not pose a problem. The Planning Commission provided these comments in terms of a recommendation, but did not give a formal motion.

After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was to defer this until the March 17, 1997 meeting when Councilmember Shores would be present to give her input.

Item #6. CITIZENS COMMENTS. Carol Nielsen of D.D.D. Janitorial Service, Inc. stated that in the custodial contract involving the cleaning of the library, it was proposed that the staff area be cleaned once a week. In cleaning the library for the past weeks, her firm discovered that the staff area needs to be cleaned more than weekly. D.D.D. Janitorial Services had been doing so, as far as emptying the trash, cleaning the bathroom and the floors. No additional funds had been requested.

In response to the Council request for input regarding City Charter amendments, the Commission recommended that its members be compensated (under Section 7.9). Also, the Commissioners suggested that the Planning Commission be eliminated as a possible designee as the Zoning Board of Appeals, seeing a conflict in such a dual role (under Section 7.10).

Attached in the packet were the January 8 Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes.

Also, the Chamber wishes to discuss the old NAPA building with Mayor Thompson and City Manager Pasquale to review the scope of needed renovations for the facility to accommodate Chamber offices.

The Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at the Lansing Center. Councilmembers were urged to contact Deputy City Clerk Morlock if interested in attending.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Myers had attended the Community Pool meeting on Tuesday, February 25. The firm doing the study for the pool met with the public to receive ideas involved in such issues as location, uses and funding.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. A schedule of events involving the 1997 Lowell Showboat was provided.

b. The Board of Review will meet on Wednesday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. to hear property assessment appeals. Prior to Board actions, the current taxable value for the City is \$74,540,908 (1996 valuation \$71,742,189 or 3.9% increase presently).

c. The minutes of the January 27 Planning Commission meeting were attached in the agenda.

At its February 24 meeting, the Commission decided to hold a work session on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. to review the issue of a new/renovated facilities for the City Hall and Police Station as part of the updated Capital Improvements Plan. The Councilmembers were invited to attend this meeting for discussion at this time.

Councilmember Myers asked who is charged with initiating this type of discussion and planning of the new/renovated facility for the City. Pasquale stated this is a charge to the Planning Commission to have a Capital Improvements Plan prepared. This originates from the responsibility involving the Master Plan. The ultimate responsibility for the City Hall/Police Station is the City Council.

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f. In response to a Council request, Kent District Library Director Claudya Muller will attend the April 7 City Council meeting.

g. The January 23 Cable TV Board meeting minutes were provided.

h. At the February 25 Airport Board meeting, Bob Mol, Vice President for Business at Cornerstone College, informed Boardmembers that the school will eliminate its missionary aviation program at the airport by August. Also, a decision was made by the College to sell its assets at the airport.

The decision was based on economics, and not reflective of the City. As mentioned to the Council previously, an independent group is preparing a proposal for aviation and maintenance training. The program, if successful in implementation, would have a contractual relationship with Cornerstone. The Airport Board would support such action.

To ensure airport management will be in place, the Board has decided to seek proposals for a Fixed Base Operator, who would manage the airport as well as providing services. The plan would be to have an FBO in place by August.

It was noted that the City has had a contractual relationship with Cornerstone since September, 1993. Prior, the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music had an airport lease agreement which was approved by the Council in November, 1977.

i. The City had received the Distinguished Budget Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the second year in a row. Congratulations were given to Judy Noonon, in particular, as well as all city employees who participated in this process.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by HODGES to reappoint Brian Doyle to the Downtown Development Authority for a four year term ending January 1, 2001.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: March 17, 1997

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

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR
897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
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WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

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FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.
MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events
WED., MARCH 19: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.
WED., MARCH 26: 8 a.m., Women's Traveling breakfast.
THURS., MARCH 27: 12:30 p.m., shop, Woodland Mall/Visit Eastern Floral.

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 Darl's at 7 p.m.

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

SAT., MARCH 22: Turkey dinner at Bowne Center United Methodist Church (corner of 84th and M-50), from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults, \$6; children, \$3.5 & under, free.

MON., MARCH 24: Fallsburg Historical Society annual meeting, Potluck at 6:30, bring dish to pass

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.

THRU MARCH 22: (1997) All inclusive trip to Italy (air fare, meals, hotel, tours) for \$1099. Call Mary Condon, 616-897-7092.

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2. Giving kids a safe place to live and play.
3. Helping your kids express all their feelings appropriately and listening to what your kids are saying.
4. Giving your kids appropriate choices whenever possible.
5. Having responsible rules that are understood by all.
6. Being responsible and teaching your kids to be responsible.
7. Spending time together with your kids.
8. Setting an example by what you say and do.
9. Working with your schools and community to make them better for kids.
10. Asking for help when you need it.

Brought to you by TOTS!
(Tots on Track for School!)

EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR TORNADO WATCHES OR WARNINGS

Lowell Area Schools continues to be very concerned about student safety and encourages you to review the following measures as a family. Please be sure that your children understand the importance of following directions during any abnormal weather situations and/or school closings.

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WEATHER WISE

Craig James from News 8 shared his firsthand experiences with weather forecasting at Alto Elementary as fifth-grade students culminated their weather unit of study. As students watched his slides and listened to his commentary, they verified their knowledge.

ALL ABOARD FOR KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP • NOTICE TO PARENTS

Lowell Area Schools will be holding its annual Kindergarten Roundup on June 17 and 18. We have scheduled two evening meetings for parents only, at which time teachers will talk about the new student visitation format of testing and what your child can expect next fall.

The meeting for families in the Alto attendance area will be on Thursday, May 1 in the Alto gym from 7-8 p.m. The meeting for families in the Bushnell attendance area will be on Tuesday, April 29 in the Bushnell gym from 7-8 p.m.

The testing format this year will be done in a more natural setting-an actual classroom with a small group of classmates in attendance. Details and scheduling will be discussed during the parent meetings on April 29 and May 1.

We are asking that you pick up a registration packet from any of the elementary schools beginning April 1. Please bring the completed packet to the parent meeting. Please remember also to bring a recent photo and your child's birth certificate to this meeting.

Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1997). If you have questions, please call the appropriate school (Alto, 868-6111 or Bushnell, 897-8471).

Sincerely, Louis Dudeck and Mary Ann Schramm

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS FREE EDUCATIONAL SCREENING FOR TWO- TO FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

WHO: Children ages 2-5 who seem to be growing or learning at a slower rate than other children the same age, or 3-4 year-old children who meet income guidelines.

WHAT: Free educational screening.

WHEN: Friday, April 18, and Thursday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Runciman building, 300 High Street

WHY: Identification of children who may benefit from early educational intervention in one of a variety of specialized Lowell preschool programs - Head Start, Readiness or Pre-Primary Impaired

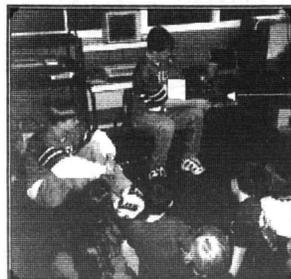
HOW: Call Carol Briggs at 897-8415, weekdays, between 7:45 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. Deadline to schedule an appointment is Monday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.

VARSIY FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT BUSHNELL

Varsity football players Kevin Teunis and Brad Lyons demonstrate their ability to make a good story come alive to Mrs. Rice's first graders at Bushnell.

These young men also talked about the Lowell football program and brought a small gift for each of the students.

Varsity football coach Noel Dean encourages his players to be a role model for the younger children as a means of giving something back to their school and community.



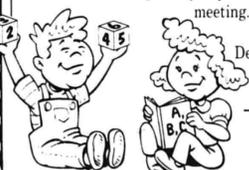
BORROW-A-BOOK

The Borrow-A-Book program has proven very successful in Mrs. Peterson's first-grade classroom at Alto Elementary. Thirty-two paperback books were purchased with a grant provided by the Lowell Schools Education Foundation.

The first graders can borrow a book suitable to their reading level for a day or two, bring it back and take another. Most of the students have a book signed out every day. Parents have commented that they appreciate the books being available to their children.

The first graders are acquiring library skills and enjoy checking the books in and out.

Sincere thanks to the LSEF for the funds to begin the Borrow-A-Book project.



AUTHORS VISIT CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY

Helen Lester and Ray Bentley visited Cherry Creek Elementary to talk about writing books. Lester is the author of *Tacky the Penguin*, *Three Cheers for Tacky* and others. She worked exclusively with 2nd grade. Bentley spoke to students in grades 3-5 about the *Darby* books he has written. Bentley also played professional football for 10 years and won two Super Bowl rings which he showed to us.

TEACHERS NEVER STOP LEARNING TO TEACH

Throughout this school year there are four full days set aside for Professional Development for our teachers and our administrators. Most recently on January 20th, a full agenda for each of our buildings included many different topics which dealt with improving what we do in our schools to improve student learning.

While the kids were off, our teachers and principals around the district were:

1. Reviewing the recent MEAP scores in mathematics and reading.
2. Setting plans for March which has been designated the "Reading Month."
3. Setting strategies for at-risk students (at-risk students are those which are falling below our expectations for the grade level, specifically in reading and mathematics skills).
4. Reviewing our phonics program.
5. Reviewing common issues which cross from one grade level to the next.
6. Preparing for the new science curriculum.
7. Learning new writing strategies.
8. Learning about a discipline approach called "Discipline With Love And Logic."
9. Discussing Character Education and how it can fit into our school and community.
10. Setting review plans for the upcoming High School Proficiency Test.
11. Reviewing different learning styles and teaching strategies.

The next scheduled in-service times will be used as continuing follow-ups to some of the topics from this day as well as several other topics that we have on our plate for improving what we do with students.

IN TOUCH WITH TEENS

Lori Finn-Ziegler, social worker at New Dawn, is presenting an 8-part curriculum entitled *In Touch With Teens, Relationship Violence Prevention*.

Some of the topics to be discussed are: relationship, violence, cycles of violence, sexual harassment and, most importantly, building blocks for a good relationship.

This curriculum is being presented through a grant from the health department and R.A.V.E. (Prevention, Advocacy, Education Awareness) of West Michigan.

JUMP ROPE FOR THE HEART

All students at Cherry Creek Elementary "jumped" during the week of February 10-14 to bring awareness to the area of physical fitness.

During this event, the students raised \$3,300 for the American Heart Association to promote cardiovascular exercise and to help fight heart disease.

The Physical Education Department at Cherry Creek Elementary will receive \$221.00 worth of gym equipment for being a sponsor of this event.

Top pledges by individuals were Matthew Brinningstaul, Michael Koster, Kayli Arnett, Nathan Arnett and Jared Spencer.

Thank you to all the students that turned in pledges and helped to make this event a success.



Matt, Michael, Kayli, Nathan and Jared, 1996-97 Jump Rope For The Heart.

WATCH ME DAYS



Hard at work in Mrs. Vidro's first grade are, from left to right: Andrew Kuhn, Joshua Brubaker and Dan Brubaker. In Mrs. Pierce's room, from left to right, are: Krystal Perrin, Madelyn Bowes and Mrs. Perrin.

Tuesday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 5, were very special days at Bushnell when upwards of 350 parents, grandparents and special guests spent an hour in our classrooms with some equally special kindergartners and first graders.

This was the kids' opportunity to show a special adult what a typical school day is like and, in some cases, involve them in completing a special project. Broad smiles were a penny a dozen and easy to find throughout the morning.

Schools of Choice Plan

This plan is developed in compliance with the School State Aid Act of 1992 by the Lowell Schools "Schools of Choice Committee." All elementary school students of the Lowell Schools will be eligible for this program. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to school.

A. In general, students shall attend the school serving the attendance area in which they live. Parents may request a transfer from one attendance area to another in order to exercise some freedom of educational choice. Such transfers may be granted only when:

1. The parents are not requesting a change to avoid meeting legitimate academic or conduct requirements for their students.
2. Staff and facilities of the receiving building can accommodate additional student assignments.

B. Transfers will be considered on a space available basis using the optimum class size in the Teacher Master agreement for elementary students.

C. If there are more requests made than there are available slots, the selection will be made by lottery.

D. Students/parents who would like to request a change in school buildings must submit their requests in writing, using our district form, to the Superintendent's office by May 30 each year. A transfer student must apply each year the transfer is desired.

E. Where there is documentation of disruptive behavior or pending disciplinary action, such a student may be transferred on a temporary basis. If such behavior persists, the transfer may be rescinded.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month (except April which will be the third Monday). All people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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PLAN EXISTS FOR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The Lowell Area Schools has adopted a Schools of Choice Plan to comply with the school State Aid Act of 1992. This plan is published in its entirety in the box below. The purpose of this article is to inform the public that the plan exists.

Anyone interested in exercising the School of Choice option may call the building principal of the chosen school for an explanation of the program so that an informed decision may be made.

The District Open Enrollment form may be obtained from the Superintendent's office or any of the three elementary school offices, and must be completed and submitted to the Superintendent's office by May 30. Parents will be notified of a decision regarding their request by July 1, 1997.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Parents should listen to radio stations: WCUZ, WGRD, WHFM, WKTH, WLAV, WLHT, WOOD, OR WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 a.m.

Six area girls will vie for Showboat Queen honors Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the return of the Lowell Showboat slated for July 18 and 19, so, too, returns the Lowell Showboat Pageant.

Six girls will vie for Showboat queen honors at 7 p.m. on Saturday (March 22) at Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center.

The Lowell Showboat queen and her court will be asked to attend both the Loretta Lynn and The Smothers Brothers performances as well as represent the Showboat in several parades and festivals throughout the summer.

Admission into the pageant will be \$2.

Hoping to be crowned Showboat queen are Terri L. Irwin, Kyla DeYoung, Denise Watson, Nicole Collier, Amber

Hysel and Meagan DeZwaan.

Irwin is the daughter of Charles and Linda Irwin, 1193 Bellamy Rd in Ionia.

The Ionia High School senior plans on attending Montcalm Community College in the fall. Her future ambitions include becoming a U.S. marshal or lawyer.

"I like the idea of helping people and defending their rights," Irwin said.

Her hobbies include singing, writing short stories and playing volleyball.

DeYoung, a senior at Saranac High School, plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall.

She is the daughter of Case DeYoung, 6174 Bluewater Highway.

"I would some day like to attain a job in theatre. It has been a love of mine since I was little," she says.

Her hobbies include drawing, reading, and playing the flute.

DeYoung has roughly 500 books ranging from *American Girls* to *Les Miserables*.

Watson, a senior at Saranac High School, is the daughter of Dennis and Gwen Watson, 451 Mill St.

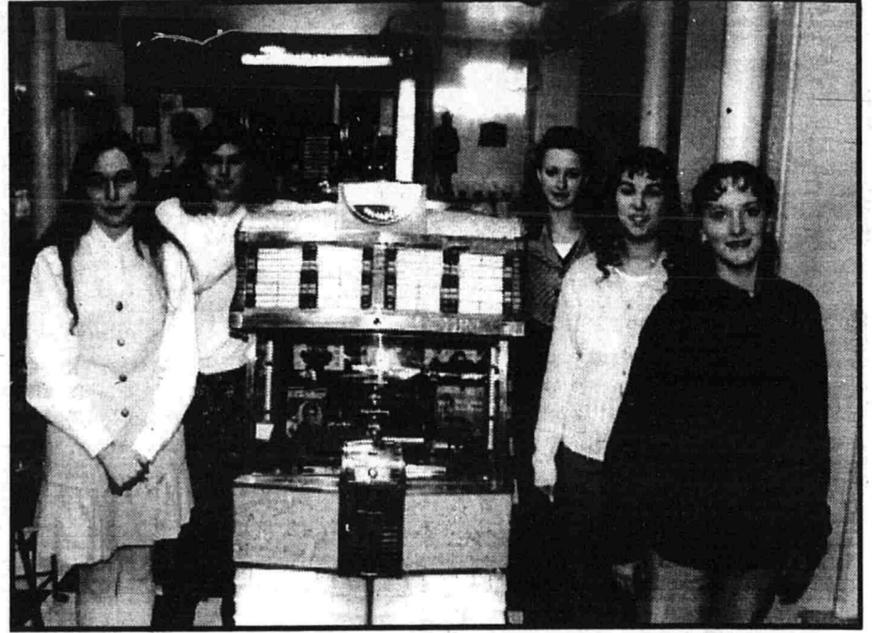
The 17-year-old plans on attending Baker College in the fall where she will study graphic communication.

Her hobbies include roller-blading, reading and drawing.

Watson was the 1996 runner-up for the Miss Macker Pageant in Belding.

She is president of the Business Professionals of America and a member of the Youth Volunteer Corps.

Collier, an 18-year-old senior at Saranac High School, is the daughter of Patrick and Mary Collier, 5528 Ivan Rd.



Showboat Queen hopefuls pictured, from left to right, are: Kyla DeYoung, Terri Irwin, Amber Hysel, Nicole Collier and Denise Watson. Missing from the picture is Meagan DeZwaan.

Her future ambitions include attending college, becoming a nanny and doing her part to educate people about Attention Deficit Disorder.

Her hobbies include playing the flute, music and working with children.

Hysel is the 16-year-old daughter of Peggi and Jack Vasbinder, 10419 Peck Lake Rd., Lowell.

After Hysel is through with high school (Lowell), she plans on attending Davenport College.

"I also want to join the

Air Force and become a paralegal," Hysel said. "I love working with the law."

Hysel is a member of the Lowell track team, Future Farmers of America, and served as president of the Health Fair.

Her hobbies include running and truck-model building.

DeZwaan, a Lowell High School senior, is the daughter of Ronald and Darci DeZwaan.

She plans on attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall where she will be-

gin working on a criminal justice degree. "I chose this because I believe it will be very challenging," DeZwaan said.

DeZwaan is a Junior Rotarian, member of the pompon squad, vice president of horse clubs and held other 4-H offices.

Her hobbies include horseback riding and showing at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair.

Judges for the 1997 Showboat Queen's Pageant will be Charlene Chapman, Liz Baker and Connie Stencil.

Terry Fenech will host the event.

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Dr. Anthony Trombly

Chiropractic Helps Asthma

While all of the participants had some improvement, for some the treatment was life changing, according to parents of the children. An increased ability to exercise, play outdoors in grass and pollens and an increase in overall breathing capacity were reported by happy parents.

Deaths from asthma have doubled in the last 15 years. Researchers feel that the new study offers scientifically proven new treatments for young asthma sufferers who could otherwise be drug-dependent for life. The chiropractic treatment, it is theorized, relieves pressure on nerves that regulate the asthmatic response, thus allowing the body to correct its own illness and heal itself.

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