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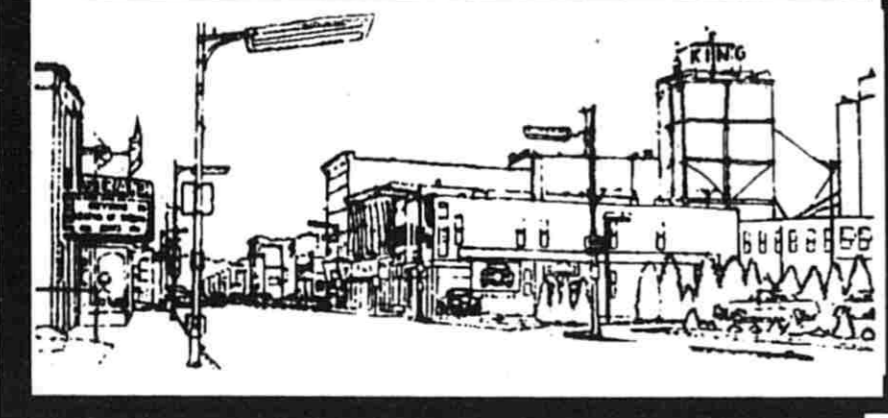
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Wednesday, April 9, 1997

Along Main Street



SENIOR CITIZENS APPRECIATION DAY

Seniors, be sure and register at Lowell Senior Center or FMB State Savings Bank for April 22 Senior Appreciation Day. See ad on page 11. Limited seating available.

YOUTH T-BALL/SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Registration is still open for youth baseball and softball for boys and girls first thru fifth grades. The registration deadline is this Thursday, April 10. T-Ball registration for boys and girls ages 4 years thru kindergarten is now open through May 1. For more information call the YMCA at 897-8445. Financial assistance available.

SHOWBOAT LAS VEGAS NIGHT

The Lowell Showboat Las Vegas Night previously scheduled for April 12 has been postponed. A new date will be announced at a later date.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Lowell area Scouts (Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explore Scout) will be collecting food for the Access Six Food Pantry. All food collected will stay in the Lowell area. Present food needs include: soups, canned meat, cooking oil, cereals, rice, instant potatoes, canned spaghetti and macaroni. Foods not needed at this time include pork and beans and canned vegetables.

Scouts will be handing out empty bags April 5 through April 10 and picking up the full bags Saturday, April 12 about 11 a.m. Food can be dropped off at Lowell First United Methodist Church after 11 a.m.

STORYTIME AT LOWELL & ALTO LIBRARIES

It's a special storytime featuring Jack and the Beanstalk at the Alto Branch Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m. and on Friday April 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Englehardt branch in Lowell. Participants may enjoy a fractured fairy tale, plant their own seeds and watch their sprouts grow.

For more information call the Englehardt Library at 897-9596 or the Alto branch at 868-6038.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Attention all interested softball players. Summer is right around the corner and so is the 1997 softball season. Registration is going on now. "New" Monday coed churches division, Monday coed open division, Tuesday men's over 30, Tuesday women's, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday men's leagues available.

Leagues start in early May. Call the YMCA now to reserve your team's spot at 897-8445. Space is limited.

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOPS

With the help of the local Girl Scout Troop from Lowell Middle School, six puppet making workshops will be held at the Englehardt Library. Two workshops will be held at 10:30 and 12:30 on April 12, 19 and 26. Favorite books come to life through the making of puppets and storytelling.

Registration is required by calling the library at 897-9596.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT MEETING

A gifted and talented parent meeting will be held at Cherry Creek media center on April 17 at 7 p.m. They will be evaluating this year's program and looking ahead to this summer and next fall.

If parents need to attend the community education parent meeting, they may pick up our written information first. Your input is most welcome.

BOOK REVIEW

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a book review on April 18 at 10 a.m. in the community room of the Englehardt

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Strong winds on Sunday blew this pine tree onto the top of a Ford Escort.

High winds leave fallen trees in its path

By Thaddues J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The house shook and then came a bang. Hearing the noise Christine Ellison came down the steps at 410 Kent St. to investigate.

"I came downstairs and my cat (Tiger) had an odd look on its face as it peered out the window," Ellison said. "I went over and opened up the French doors and walked outside."

She was greeted by the familiar pine tree that has stood in the backyard for years.

However, now it wasn't standing. Wind gusts, whistling through Lowell at speeds ranging from 50-to-70 miles an hour, toppled the pine tree, roots and all, on Ellison's 1990 Ford Escort.

"The tree came down sometime between 10 p.m. and midnight," Ellison explained. "The car held up the tree enough, preventing it from taking out our power line."

The falling pine tree did take out a line that runs from

Ellison's house and the barn.

Ellison was somewhat grateful that it was the '90 Escort the pine tree had landed on. "The vehicle was already damaged in a prior accident. We didn't drive it much. We were waiting to either sell it or salvage it someday."

Late Sunday afternoon, a limb was ripped from a tree north of Lowell. It fell and took out a Wolverine 69,000 volt K.V. transmission line, leaving the entire city of Lowell without power for 21/2 hours before Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative Inc. could restore it.

There were four other trees within the city limits that were taken down by the high winds.

Lowell Light & Power crews spent much of Monday cutting up and removing fallen trees from roadways.

Lowell Light & Power supervisor Paul Christman said there were four LL&P crew members out working on isolated problems caused by the storm from 5:30 p.m. Sunday until 2:30 a.m. Monday. "Two employees were sent out again at 5:30 a.m. Monday.

Railroad agreement paves the way for Lowell Township Park

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

When it comes to fighting gypsy moths, Lowell Charter Township officials are happy to join in, but they want more accountability as to the success of programs before they agree to further spraying.

Township officials approved the spraying of 280 acres this year by the Kent County Gypsy Moth Suppression program, but want some answers as to the effectiveness of the program.

"It seems to me that they are awfully irresponsible in the way they go about this," said trustee Herb Vanderbilt. "There is no control group and no follow up...there should be a more systematic approach to this thing."

Vanderbilt was the lone

trustee to vote against spraying this year, but his sentiments were shared by other trustees who want some accountability on the part of the county.

"I have never seen a report on its effectiveness," said township supervisor John Timpson. "Basically they leave it up to the people to compare if there is more in the area than last year."

Despite questioning the county's accountability, officials felt it was better to continue with the program than fall behind and have the moths decimate local trees.

"One good sign is that the area they want to spray this year is nowhere near where they sprayed last year, so there must be some effectiveness," said Timpson.

Residents on 36th Street

off Kissing Rock Avenue and Bewell Road can expect to receive a questionnaire from the township asking if they want their property sprayed for the moths at a cost of \$11 per acre.

The largest parcel identified for spraying would pay \$203, while the smallest would pay only \$16.

Residents agreeing to the

spraying will be required to pay the full amount for their property and those who don't pay will have the amount added to their tax bill.

Last year, the township collected all but \$866 of the spraying cost, but clerk Carol Wells said most of that will be collected once delinquent

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OBITUARIES

FRANKS - Cleona Marie Franks, aged 82, of Grand Rapids, passed away Thursday, April 3, 1997 at Laurel's of Kent Nursing Facility, Lowell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold S. Franks in 1990. Surviving are five sons Harold (Tok) Franks of Kentwood, Carl (Lorna) Franks of Lowell, William (Bertha) Franks of Harlingen, TX. Lee (Mary) Franks of Kentwood, Dennis Franks of Wyoming; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; two brothers Russ (Cubby) Little, Gerold (Emily) Little, both of Wyoming; one sister Velma (Bob) Perry of Lowell. Mrs. Franks loved being in the out-of-doors and working in her garden. In

keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

HOLLINSHEAD (MCAUL) - Mrs. Ruth Sarah Hollinshead of Alto went to be with the Lord Saturday, April 5, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin McCaul Jr. and Charles Hollinshead; her father and mother Cornelius and Grace Bouwens; her brothers Frank and Ramsy Bouwens. Surviving are her special friend, Art Hiller; her children, Judy and Errol Flynn, Ruth and Randy Hale, Michael and Rose Hollinshead; her grandchildren Cari and Tim Slusser,

Bob Flynn, Zachary and Korin Hollinshead; three great-grandchildren; her brother and sisters-in-law Seymour and Caroline Bouwens, Eunice Bouwens; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean Fahmi, Vern and Ken Goff; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday with Rev. Gary Dougherty officiating. Interment Bowne Center Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

PERRY (DENISON) - Nina Blanche (Denison) Perry, aged 90, of Brown Manor, died Tuesday, April 1, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Perry; sisters, Nellie VanderVeen and Barbara Charters. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Rev. R. Dale Charters; nephews Perry VanderVeen of Alto, Robert D. (Christina)

Charters of Mattawan; nieces Nina Scripps of Hesperia, Nancy Milanowski of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Perry was a member of Unity Church of Peace. Funeral Services were held Friday, Rev. James Ashby and Rev. Ann Havenman-Ashby officiating. Interment Cascade Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Unity Church of Peace, 6159 28th St., SE, #9, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

RASMUSSEN - Mrs. Dorothy M. Rasmussen (Drieborg), aged 80, passed away April 3, 1997 in Lowell. Surviving are her two children Richard (Susan) Drieborg of Grand Rapids and Susan (Roger) Chittenden of Steamboat Springs, CO; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Rasmussen, after raising her children, worked in the Ad-

ministration Department of the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital and was a nurse at the Michigan Veterans Facility. Funeral Services were held Monday. Memorial contributions are suggested to the United Way or the Salvation Army.

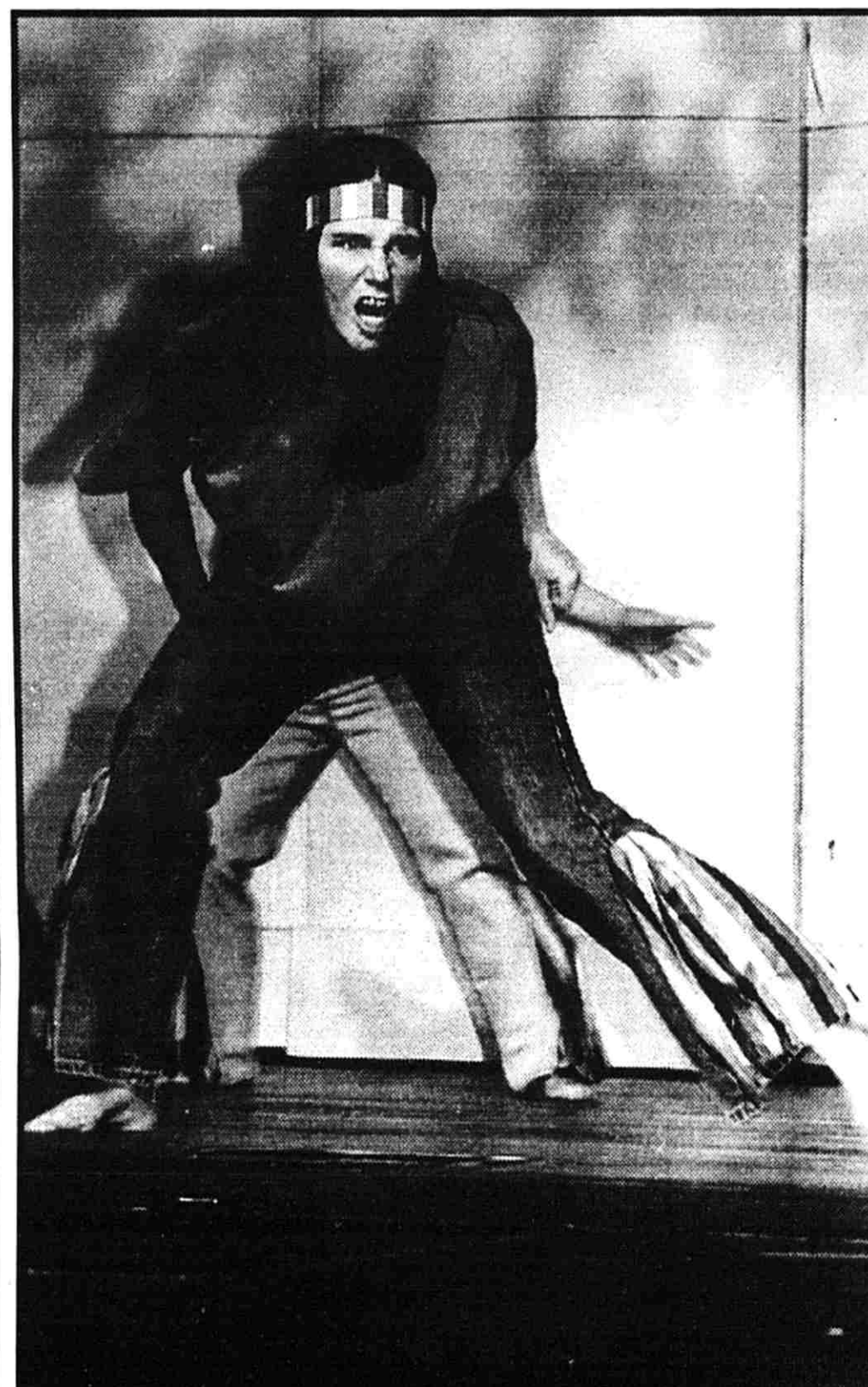
WHEELER - Laura Marie Wheeler was called to be with her Lord on April 1, 1997. She was 97 years old. She was born to Jens and Kristine Jensen near Entrican on November 28, 1899. Laura attended County Normal and became a teacher. She taught in country schools until her marriage on December 5, 1925 to Ralph E. Wheeler of Manton. They resided in Detroit until 1945 when they moved to a farm near Rodney. While there, Laura taught school, retiring from the Barryton School System. She was an active member of the

Chippewa Lake United Methodist Church. She moved to Lowell to be near family after her husband's death in 1985 and has resided there since. She is survived by her two sons Harold J. (Shirley) Wheeler of Punta Gorda, Florida, James (Venita) of Alto; six grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by a son Jerry and her husband Ralph E. Wheeler. Funeral services were held Saturday with Reverend Kevin Parkins officiating. Burial at Martiny Township Cemetery, near the farm home in Rodney. Memorial contributions in Laura's name may be made to: Lowell Senior Neighbors, 314 South Hudson, Lowell, MI 49331 or the United Methodist Church of Chippewa Lake.



Show Me The Talent

Students, teachers, and office help entertained at the annual Lowell Schools' Variety Show. There were approximately 150 people in attendance. Above, Tammy DeVries, LHS Spanish teacher, left, and Sue Frasier, LHS math teacher, right, were part of the Sister Act routine. Upper right, Whoopie directs Sister Sue and Sister Robin (Briggs). Bottom left, Kim Nyson helps Marsha Ebling get into the swing of things. Bottom right, Jenny Borg plays the role of an angry Indian.



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Experience wins out in lawncare service bid

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Rather than saving a few pennies, the Vergennes Township Board has decided to go with a proven winner in its lawn care needs.

Recently the township received two bids from local companies for the spring, summer, and fall lawn care in the township and while one was a little less than the other, the board opted to go with experience.

Newcomer Rake Inc. submitted a bid of \$18 per week to mow, trim and blow off debris at the township's parking lot, while Harding Enterprises, the lawn care provider for the past five years, submitted a bid of \$25 per week for the same work.

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TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 97-3, amending parts of Section 201.307, Flat River Ordinance, of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, was adopted by the Township Board on March 31, 1997 and becomes effective 30 days after public notice of its adoption.

A summary of the changes is as follows:

- A change in wording of A. *Statement of Purpose and Description* in Section 201.307 more clearly establishes the goals of the Township for the land within the Flat River District.
- An addition to Section 201.307 (F) more clearly provides for a 50-foot setback requirement from a bluff, as set forth by the Michigan Natural River Act of 1970.
- The deletion of Section 201.307 F, a. and b. eliminates the formula which allowed the reduction of certain setbacks.
- An addition to Section 201.202 provides a definition for a *filtered view of the river*.

The full text of the adopted amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Tuesday, April 15th, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive. This is a continuance of the public hearing held on October 29, 1996 to consider a variance request pertaining to Section 201.307 of the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:

James Blair, 13922 Thompson Dr., in the SW 1/4 of Section 24, has applied for a variance to build a deck within the 50-foot setback requirement along a bluff in the Flat River District.

The application for the variance and minutes of the initial meeting can be viewed at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Written comments will also be considered if received at the Township Hall by 7:00 p.m. on April 15th, 1997.

Tim Howard, Chairperson
Zoning Board of Appeals

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City contribution helps keep building authority fund in the black

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A general fund contribution and anticipated added contributions will be used to bring the ending building authority fund into the black by the end of the fiscal year.

It is estimated that the total cost to complete the new Mildred and Harold Englehardt Library will be \$1,295,305. After professional services and miscellaneous (\$18,076) and debt service (\$200,838) for 1996/

1997, the total expenditures will be \$1,514,219. Revenue is expected to total \$1,340,478, leaving the ending balance at a negative \$173,741.

However, with the city's

general fund contribution of \$150,000 and an estimated additional contribution of \$25,000, the ending balance jumps \$1,259 into the black.

Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale pointed out that \$150,000 of the Englehardt donation is still due toward the debt service payment as is \$160,000 from the Look Fund and a \$20,000 donation from the Lowell Rotary.

Those monies would bring the total revenue to over \$1.8 million.

Pasquale said the monies remaining after construction

cost is covered would be used to pay off bond payments over the next 11 years.

"If there is a shortfall, the city would use a contribution from the general fund to make up the difference," Pasquale said.

The first bond payment (\$20,206.25) is due in September. During the following two years that payment jumps up to \$194,852 and \$189,796 respectively.

From there, it begins to go down significantly, with the final year's payment being \$41,000.

"Such a significant reduc-

tion in payment after the first two years allows the city the opportunity to look at other projects," Pasquale said.

The \$150,000 the city will contribute from its general fund will bring the unreserved general fund balance to \$529,555.57.

City treasurer Judy Noonon projects that even with the contribution, the fund balance will exceed \$400,000 on June 30.



Payment Drop

No longer will Lowell residents have to get out of their cars to drop off their Lowell Light & Power and Lowell Cable payments. Now customers can drive up, roll down their window and put their payment in a drop box. The slot in the door on the west side has been replaced with a drop box on Riverside Drive (east side). It was assembled and installed by the city on Thursday, March 27. Pictured above is Lowell Light & Power employee Gail McQueen

Superfluous hair is the very fine hair many women have on their upper lip and cheeks. Waxing is the perfect solution for treatment of both problems. When the hair on the upper lip and cheeks is over-abundant, the resulting condition is called hyper-trichosis. There are many reasons for the "peach fuzz." One of the main causes in mature women is the hormone disturbance due to stress or endocrine disorders. Medication to correct hormone imbalances will sometimes increase the growth of superfluous hair.

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"Mikey's" blue eyes and chubby cheeks still holding on after 26 years

●●● John Gilchrist, that finicky three-year-old for Life cereal now works as a salesman for CBS.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The commercial's charge was to highlight how even some finicky three year old would eat oat bran cereal.

The commercial was first cut in 1971 and a couple of different versions were filmed.

The version selected would eventually become one of the longest running commercials (1971-1987) in television history.

It forever linked the name "Mikey" with Life cereal. It has forever given John Gilchrist an alias.

"It is not something that I am put out with in any shape or form," said the original "Mikey" from his CBS sales office in New York. "I wouldn't be where I am or who I am without it."

The blue-eyed, chubby cheeked facial characteristics that endeared the three-year-old "Mikey" to the nation are still noticeable in the 29-year-old Gilchrist.

"To walk past me on the street people probably would not notice me," Gilchrist said. "However, if they were to stop and take a close look, they would see I still have the same blue eyes and chubby cheeks."

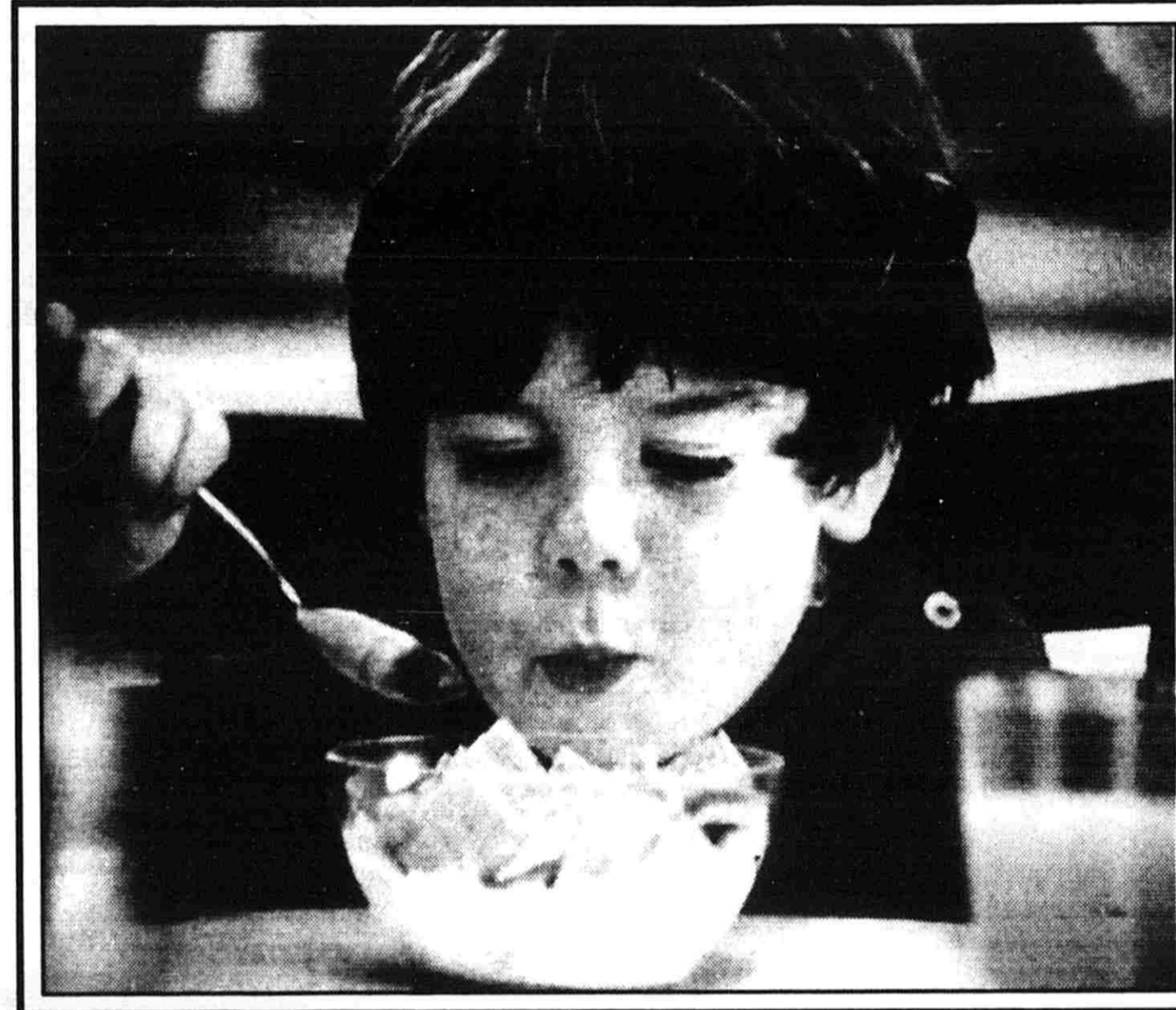
Following the Life cereal commercial, Gilchrist went on to film approximately 250 commercials. "I took an interest in the commercial business up until I was 18-19 years old," he said.

None of them brought the recognition or opportunity that the infamous 1971 commercial did.

"It has done many things for me. It helped put me (one of seven children) and others in my family through college," Gilchrist said.

The success of the Life cereal commercial stems from the fact that "Mikey" represented to every family in the U.S. that one person who was finicky. "Everybody could relate. Every family had a Mikey," Gilchrist said.

Because what Mikey represented was more important than who Mikey was (a three-year-old-boy), Gilchrist believes the new Mikey can be whoever Life cereal wants.



As a three-year-old John Gilchrist became infamous as Life Cereal's "Mikey." Life cereal will announce its new "Mikey" later this summer.

"The character just happened to be a boy back in 1971," Gilchrist said. "It could just as easily have been a girl. Mikey can be Asian, Black, Latino, three years old or six years old..."

Gilchrist shared an interesting fact that many television trivia buffs may not know. Who played Mikey's two brothers in the famous Life cereal commercial?

The answer is..... Thomas and Michael Gilchrist (John's brothers).

Gilchrist said he would be receptive to meeting the new Mikey. "The old Mikey meets the new Mikey. It might be a good slant for a new commercial," Gilchrist says with a noticeable chuckle. "Or how about the old Mikey and his son?"

The once finicky kid has now become a pretty good salesman.

Trust is like sleep: in the normal human condition it is at the same time the fruit of sanity and the source of it.

—Metternich

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 17, 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, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: Councilmember Myers.
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 GREEN and seconded by Hodges to excuse the absence of Councilmember Myers.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES that the minutes of the March 3, 1997 meeting be approved as written.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/17/97)

GENERAL FUND:	\$59,105.49
WASTEWATER FUND:	4,600.34
MAJOR STREET FUND:	2,421.21
CURRENT TAX FUND:	16,562.05
LOCAL STREET FUND:	12,553.44
EQUIPMENT FUND:	2,364.66
DATA PROCESSING FUND:	28.22
DDA FUND:	168.76
AIRPORT FUND:	25.54
WATER FUND:	4,417.91
LOOK FUND:	311.00

Item #1. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROHIBITING OFF PREMISES YARD SALES SIGNS - DEFERRED FROM THE LAST MEETING. A letter that was received from Gloria Ossewaarde, 250 Brook, was read by City Manager Pasquale, regarding the posting of yard and garage sale signs. She could not agree more with Councilmember Shores about how unsightly it is when the signs are not removed on a timely basis. However, Mrs. Ossewaarde felt that it would be unjust to those who are conscientious about removing their signs. Many have used local garage sales as a way to stretch hard earned dollars a little farther. If not allowed to post signs directing folks to her home, Mrs. Ossewaarde felt that very few, if any, customers would come. She knew that there must be many others who are in a similar position. Instead, Mrs. Ossewaarde sought the possibility of instituting a fine for those who have not removed their signs within a week of the end of their event.

Approximately twelve to fifteen residents were present at the meeting stating their concerns and agreed with Mrs. Ossewaarde's letter. Herb Holcomb, 529 Avery, stated that many senior citizens use garage sales as a way to get out of the house. This forces them to move around. Also speaking on this issue were Karin Jelsma (702 N. Jefferson), Jayne Mathews (8221 Grindle), Shantell Ford (1800 W. Main, Lot 107), Laura Becker (249 Roberta Jayne), Linda Johnson (3550 Alden Nash) and Bettyann Holcomb (529 Avery).

Several different suggestions were discussed at length on how to deal with yard sales signs.

Councilmember Hodges said that the City has an ordinance that is sufficient in dealing with placement of signage. The ordinance states "it is against the law to put signs on utility poles. Signs can only be put in yards with permission of the property owners."

After a lengthy discussion, the Council stated it would not institute any changes or banning garage sales signs altogether. Rather, it was decided to better enforce the existing ordinance. Chief of Police Valentine mentioned that the reserve senior volunteers could help to remove signs from poles in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. The Council said any improper signs in yards will be dealt with on a complaint basis.

Mayor Thompson said the process would be tried for a year and then evaluated. The City expects everyone to cooperate.

Item #2. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING PROPOSALS FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT. On October 7, 1996, the Council directed, by resolution, that sidewalks on West Main be constructed on the north side from West Street to Alden Nash and the south side from West Street to Valley Vista Village entrance drive (Allisandra) during the coming construction year. This would be funded through the Community Development Block Grant and the Improvement Fund.

In reviewing engineering proposals, it was discussed whether to establish a grade for a future curb and gutter or to use the existing grade. It was determined that curb and gutter would not be installed in the foreseeable future. Therefore, the existing grade would be utilized.

The following proposed costs for engineering services were received:
McNamee, Porter & Seeley, Inc. \$8,100.
(added a curb and gutter proposal - \$11,900)

Williams & Works, Inc. \$10,678.

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. \$12,850.

All three firms have provided excellent service to the City

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

of Lowell. It was recommended that the engineering contract be awarded to McNamee, Porter & Seeley based on lowest cost of \$8,100. This project is planned to be initiated this summer and the engineering cost will be allocated from the Improvement Fund.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to award an engineering services contract to McNamee, Porter & Seeley for the West Main Sidewalk project in the amount of \$8,100 allocated from the Improvement Fund.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. CIVIL INFRACTIONS ORDINANCE - REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. In a joint session with the City Council and Planning Commission, it was discussed to decriminalize certain violations of municipal ordinances, considering these offenses as civil infractions. Zoning ordinance violations could be enforced under these provisions.

City Attorney Richard Wendt outlined in a letter what a civil infraction is and the purpose is to remove the criminal stigma from certain violations. Thus, the need for court appearances would be reduced. The letter provided fifteen (15) City Code Provisions for designation as possible civil infractions.

Chief of Police Valentine stated that this would make the enforcement process much easier by simplifying the court process.

City Manager Pasquale said that approval is needed to proceed with the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance. Currently, a final review of which offenses the City wishes to decriminalize and enforce under civil infractions would be undertaken.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to initiate a Civil Infractions Ordinance process to be undertaken by City Attorney Richard Wendt.
YEA: 4.
NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 1.
MOTION CARRIED.

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

Item #5. CITIZEN COMMENTS. Thad Kraus (504 Amity) said the Cherry Creek Classic is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 1997. This is the third year, and last year \$2500 was donated to the new library. This year, the funds will be given to the Lowell Area Education Foundation. He invited everyone to participate by either walking or running.

Kraus also questioned what to do with old telephone books. Director of Public Works Art Gall stated that he had found that in Grand Rapids there was a cooperative effort between Burger King and Lubbers Resource System to collect and recycle old telephone books. No such service is provided in the Lowell area.

Item #6. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green thanked the Department of Public Works for installing the "Caution - Children Playing" signs on North Center Street. These were very much appreciated and necessary because of the many children in the area.

Mayor Thompson questioned if the City sponsors a City wide clean up in the Spring. City Manager Pasquale responded that during two weeks in April, a yard clean up is provided where residents can purchase biodegradable paper bags to place leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter for curb side pick up. Any tree limbs larger and any other items can be picked up by contacting Denny's Disposal to arrange a special pickup and will be charged directly by Denny's.

Thompson also mentioned that there is a stop sign by the Middle School back parking lot near Amity Street which is very faded and needs replacement. He noted that all the other signs in the area have been replaced.

City Manager Pasquale responded that in the past it

would be brought to the School's attention. The City would supply the sign and would be reimbursed by the Schools.

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

a. The old cyclone fence which extended along the riverfront by the new library had been taken down. It has been discussed with the Schools to install new fencing around the playground area and to provide the new replacement fence along the walkway to the Showboat Amphitheater.

b. Copies of the February 19 Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes were provided.

Mayor Thompson and Pasquale will meet with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce to review renovation needs for the Chamber offices and meeting room in the old NAPA building on Thursday, March 20 at 6 p.m.

c. A summary of the February 25 Lowell Area Community Pool Committee meeting was given.

d. The Downtown Development Authority meeting minutes of February 13 were provided along with the financial report.

e. On March 28, the City Offices will close at 12 noon in observance of Good Friday.

f. The Historic District Commission will meet on Thursday, March 20, 7 p.m. at the Library meeting room.

Item #8. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, April 7, 1997

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

Lost mile omitted from proposed gas line in Lowell Township

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

While Lowell Charter Township officials await their chance to hook up to natural gas from Consumers Power, a lone band of homeowners on Grand River Drive want to know why they have been left out of the equation.

"It's like we don't exist," said Clara Dalstra. "They treat us like we're not even on the map. They went right around us." Dalstra is referring to at least 10 homeowners on a mile stretch of Grand River Drive between Kissing Rock and Snow avenues.

Township officials are as perplexed about the omission and promised to keep pressure on Consumers Powers about adding the strip.

Norman Johnson is afraid that if Consumers doesn't do his stretch of road now, they may never do it.

"It shouldn't be that big of an issue," said township supervisor John Timpson. "There are 10 homeowners interested and it just makes sense to add them. They may not recover all the money it cost to put the pipe in now, but over the long haul, they will recover it."

Currently, Consumers Power has plans to install natural gas lines along 19 miles of road on Grand River Drive sometime this spring.

The project includes installing lines on Alden Nash, west on 36th Street to Kissing Rock, north down Kissing Rock to

Grand River Drive, and east once again on Alden Nash. Roads along that route served by gas will include Bewell, Gulliford Drive and Timpson Avenue.

Consumers Power officials did not return numerous phone calls regarding the "lost mile," a name dubbed by residents, but township officials hope something can be worked out.

COLLEGE NEWS

Sheryl Marie Nugent and David Louis Rottier, both of Lowell were among a total of 1,149 students who achieved placement on the winter quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that Rottier, along with 220 other students, earned straight 'A' averages of 4.00.

Jeffrey C. Catlin will be a freshman at Northwood this fall and is a recipient of the Free Enterprise Scholarship for the 1997-98 academic year.

The Free Enterprise Scholarship is awarded to a student who has exhibited academic excellence during their high school years.

Catlin will graduate from Lowell High School this spring and will work toward a business degree from Northwood University. He is

the son of Paul and Patricia Catlin of Lowell.

Northwood University is a private, accredited college specializing in managerial and entrepreneurial education offering two- and four-year degrees in a variety of enterprise fields. The executive and full-time MBA programs make Northwood's free market-based degree offerings in management and entrepreneurship the most complete anywhere.

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Answer to this week's Whiccap's ticket giveaway question: A straight line from home plate to second base is 127 3/8 feet, not including the two feet on the pitching mound.

Rashid assumes enforcer role for Vergennes' zoning ordinances

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

Jim Cook's job as Vergennes Township assessor and zoning officer has been eased with the addition of Debbie Rashid to the staff.

Rashid joined Vergennes Township in September as Cook's assistant assessor and was recently handed the title of zoning officer this week.

Cook, who acted as officer for the past several years, said Rashid's work with Grand Rapids Township as a zoning officer makes her an ideal choice for the position.

"She's been helping clean up a host of problems including my own," said Cook.

Cook said it will be Rashid's job to seek out infractions and process the correction of that problem when it arises.

Her duties will include answering complaints that come

into the township office regarding junk cars, barking dogs, and other infractions as well as making sure every building permit meets zoning compliance.

Rashid will not have authority to issue building permits, but trustee Mark Weber believes she will help precipitate activity to the zoning board of appeals.

"There are procedures for her to follow under the civil infraction ordinance," said Cook.

New library brings out an increasing number of patrons

Since it opened, an average of over 400 patrons per day have come through the front doors of the new Harold and Mildred Enghardt Library.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ruth McCrank, deputy director of the Kent District Library, confirmed what was projected - use has soared since the opening of the new Harold and Mildred Enghardt Library at 200 Monroe St.

"The Lowell branch has had record numbers of pre-school children attending story hour at the library," McCrank said. "There has been an average of 40 children."

Popularity of the new library has also spilled over to teenagers and adults. "There have been well over 400 patrons per day coming through the front doors of the new library," McCrank said.

Aiding the record numbers have been the increased hours (36). The library is now open six days a week.

The yearly budget for the Lowell District Library is set at \$27,000, which includes an \$8,000 Kent District Library grant.

Lowell librarian Jane Aronson said \$4,000 will be used to purchase adult material and \$4,000 for children's reading

material. Lowell is one of 11 Kent District branches to offer electronic access to information. It has two work stations where library patrons can access the internet.

McCrank said by the end of 1997, 15 of 17 district libraries will have the electronic access capability.

Lowell councilman Chuck Myers noted conduit was run so that 25 ports could be hooked up to computers.

Another area where KDL is making progress is in adaptive technology. This is where branches provide work stations to aid the physically impaired.

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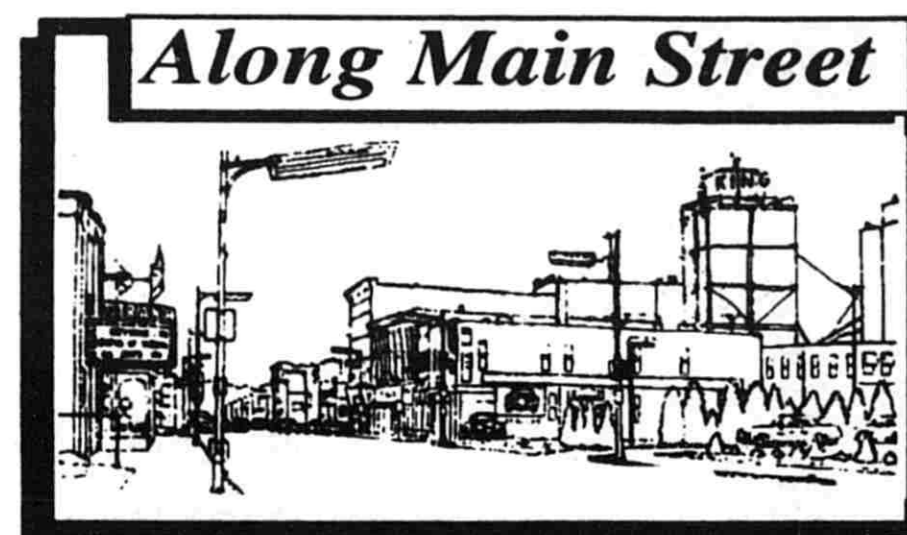
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Library. Eunice VanderVeen will review the Erma Bombeck book, *A Marriage Made In Heaven*.

DRIVERS ED

Drivers' training applications are available now in the Lowell High School office and the Lowell Middle School

TIMBER



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

taxes are collected by the county.

Timpson said some property owners who want spraying could be denied if surrounding neighbors decide against the program.

"You can't spray a five-acre parcel if two parcels on either side of it don't want spraying; it just can't be done," he said.

office. Sessions will be June 16 thru July 3 and July 14 thru August 1.

Applications are due on Friday, April 18, 1997 to Mrs. Phillips at the high school and Mrs. Ellison at the middle school. Students will be placed in sessions according to age - the oldest being in the first session. You must be born before September 16, 1982 to participate in the program.

LAAC W. MI COMPETITION & GIFT SHOP

On view until April 12 in the center gallery, located at 149 S. Hudson St., is 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.



Fallen trees were a familiar sight Monday morning following the high wind storm that whistled through Lowell and West Michigan on Sunday.

CLASS OF '77 REUNION

Attention Lowell class of 1977 members. Our 20th reunion is planned for Saturday, July 12 at the Charlevoix Club and a golf outing and family picnic at Fallasburg on Sunday, July 13. If you have not received your announcement and would like to attend, please contact Jim Doyle at 897-9264 or Denise Neubecker at 897-9515.

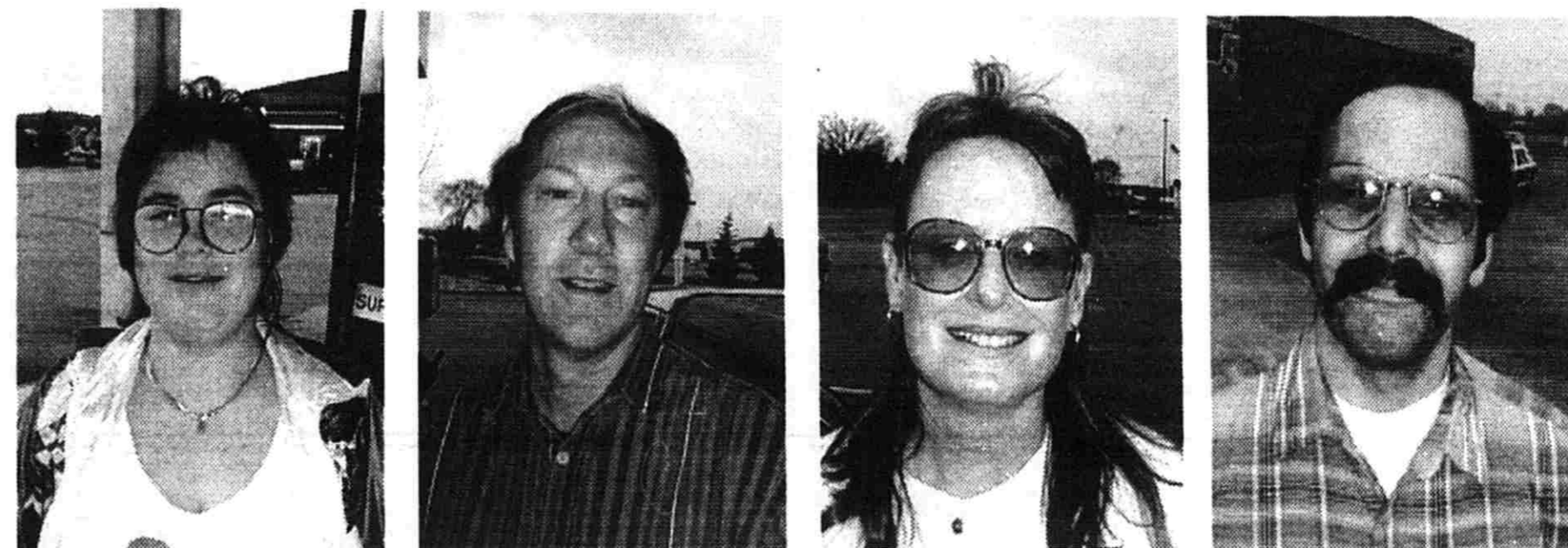
The cost is \$23.50 per person for dinner and dancing. All confirmations and money need to be in by May 1.

SPIRIT STORE HOURS

The spirit store is now open every Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also at select sporting events. Come and see our new spring line of clothing and sale items.



Has the recent epidemic with contaminated strawberries leading to an outbreak of hepatitis A changed your fruit purchasing habits?

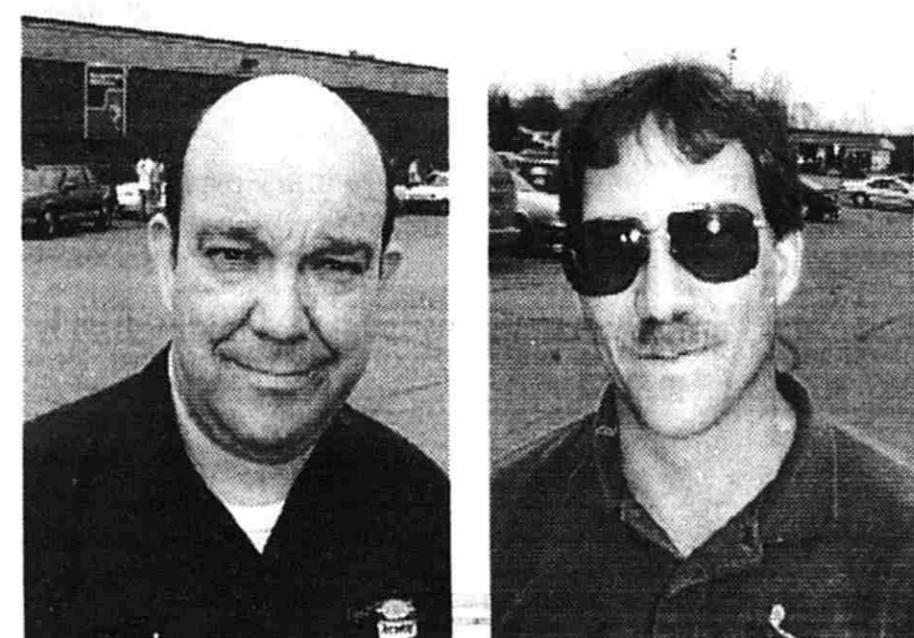


Patti Quick
It would if I bought strawberries. I'd probably just watch and make sure I didn't buy the brand they said was tainted.

Rick Raterink
No, it won't. This was an isolated incident involving a source from outside the country.

Karen Stever
No. It is just one rotten apple out of the bushel.

John Blumm
Yes. I will try to make sure all products are harvested in the U.S.A. before I purchase them.



Warren Cattanach
It hasn't changed my approach. You're never going to totally eliminate the possibility of contamination from the system.

Larry Fosberg
No. It doesn't scare me. All food can have some chance of contamination. This was an isolated incident.



Mary Boos
I thought about it when I was in the grocery store shopping today. I saw some strawberries but didn't want any. I guess I'll just pick them myself this year.

Corla Watson
Yes. I just purchase more local products.



You can't keep a good detective down. In 1893, British writer Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a story in which his character, Sherlock Holmes, was killed, but public demand forced him to bring Holmes back to life in another story.

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Lowell Area Fire/Rescue needed 30 minutes to extricate Belding's Cheryl Dobson from her vehicle (above) following Thursday night's accident on Vergennes Road. Pictured to the right is the car driven by David Noonon.



There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can.

—Mark Twain

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on March 31, 1997, the Vergennes Township Board adopted amendments to its Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Driveway Setback: Section 201.408 B has been amended to reduce the previously required 15 foot sideline setback distance to 10 feet for lots with a permitted width of 100 feet (R-2 and R-3 Districts).

First Floor Living Space: The Ordinance formerly required a minimum first-floor living space of 900 feet for all types of housing units except, for a full two-story house, that size could be reduced to a minimum of 750 square feet. As this reduced size has not been used for many years, and as new construction now generally exceeds 900 square feet, Sections 201.306 and 201.311 have been changed to require all types of dwellings have a minimum of 900 square feet of first floor living space, and the Bulk Table (an outline of size and setbacks) has been amended to reflect that change.

These amendments will take effect 30 days after public notice of their adoption. The exact wording of the adopted amendments can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Belding woman escapes crash with minimal injury

••• A vehicle being driven at a high speed struck Cheryl Dobson's car from behind, knocking her off the road and into a patch of trees.

By Thaddeus J Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As far as Belding's Cheryl Dobson is concerned, Kent County sheriff deputies Scott Brown and Keith Kazelskis were in the right place at the right time.

The Kent County deputies were patrolling the high school grounds at approximately 11:26 p.m. on Thursday night when Dobson, driving a '93 Dodge Shadow, was struck from behind and sent off the road.

When her car came to rest, Dobson was unconscious and the vehicle's engine compartment was on fire.

Deputies Brown and Kazelskis arrived within minutes and put out the fire.

It took the Lowell Area Fire/Rescue Department 30 minutes to extricate Dobson from her vehicle following a two-car accident on Vergennes near Alden Nash.

Dobson was eastbound on Vergennes, traveling at approximately 50 mph when an approaching car, driven by 17-year-old David Noonon, of Lowell, struck Dobson's vehicle from behind.

According to Brown, Noonon was traveling at least 80 mph when he struck her car.

The collision knocked the car driven by Dobson off the road and into a patch of trees.

Noonon's '92 Riviera came to rest just east of the accident site.

Dobson was transported to Butterworth Hospital by Lowell Ambulance where she was treated and then released on Friday morning.

Noonon was not injured. However, his passenger Terrill Nederveld, 17, of Ada, was transported to Butterworth Hospital where he was treated and released.



The Lowell High School Jazz with guest performers from Central Michigan University will be in concert on Thursday, April 17 at the Lowell Performing Arts Center. The Central Michigan University Jazz Ensemble (Jazz Lab I) was organized in 1956, and has since been a consistent winner in numerous jazz festivals including the National Intercollegiate Jazz Festival, the Aquinas College Jazz Festival and Central Ohio State Jazz Festival, the Notre Dame Jazz Festival, Musicfest U.S.A. (National Finals), the Montreux/Detroit Jazz Festival (1980-1996), the Montreux International Jazz Festival held in Montreux, Switzerland in both 1979 and 1988, and the North Seas Jazz Festival held in The Hague (Netherlands) in 1991. The ensemble was invited to make its Carnegie Hall debut in New York City on the opening concert of "Jazz Cavalcade" on May 8, 1989. The ensemble also appears regularly as the guest jazz ensemble for the Midwestern Music Conference in Ann Arbor, as well as having been selected to be the "house band" for the inaugural and 2nd Annual Cherry Bowl held in the Pontiac Silverdome. They have appeared in concerts with such outstanding jazz soloists as Urbie Green, Tony Campise, Carl Fontana, Rich Matteson, Doc Severinsen, Bill Watrous, Bobby Shriver, Phil Woods, Gene Smith, Pat LaBarbera, Jon Faddis, Roger Pemberton, Chico Freeman, Ramon Ricker, Richie Cole, Louie Bellson and John Patitucci.

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Pictured above is the entire class of 5th grade teacher Mrs. Rosie Fish, with 10 year old Sarah in the middle receiving her very own copy of the new Ionia Area PhoneGuide featuring her design. She is also receiving as her prize, a Gift Certificate for a \$200 US Savings Bond which is being handed to her by Wendy Reisbig, of gni Directory Services. Sarah's design beat out over 100 other cover entries. Our thanks to Mrs. Fish for making this a fun, successful classroom project!



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IN THE SERVICE

Army National Guard Pvt. Terri M. Reagan has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

Reagan is the daughter of Randolph and Sharon Reagan of Saranac.

She is a 1995 graduate of Saranac High School.

homebased at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Operating with helicopters from the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville and the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, and supported by the dock landing ship USS Pensacola, Stouffer's unit evacuated citizens from the U.S. Embassy in Tirana, Albania. In addition, Marines from Stouffer's unit provided security at the embassy compound. Civil unrest plunged the country into anarchy, forcing hundreds of citizens to flee the country.

Marine Lance Cpl. Richard T. Stouffer, son of David E. and Bonnie L. Stouffer of Lowell, recently participated in the evacuation of nearly 900 American and foreign citizens from Albania. Stouffer is assigned to the special operations capable 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU),

Stouffer's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. The 26th MEU is composed of more than 2,000 personnel and is divided into an infantry battalion, an aircraft squadron, a support group and a command element. With the

combination of these teams, Stouffer's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

The 1994 graduate of Lowell High School joined the Marine Corps in July 1994.

Michael B. Draft has joined the United States Army under the delayed entry program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Wyoming.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Draft, a senior at Caledonia High School, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, GA, for military basic training June 25, 1997.

AREA BIRTHS

David and Teresa Jefferson of Lowell are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Aaron Thomas Jefferson. He was born March 21 at 6:59 a.m., weighing 5 1/2 lbs.

Grandparents are Anne S. Jefferson, Donald T. Jefferson, Eugene Snyder and Sylvia Snyder, all of Grand Rapids.

He is also welcomed home by big brother Eric K. Jefferson and big sister Megan Dennis.

Stephen and Michelle Doyle are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Caitlin Marie Doyle. She was born Saturday, March 22, 1997 at Metropolitan Hospital, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Michael and Susan Doyle and Michael and Joann Serne. Great-grandparents are John and Virginia VanTassel.

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF KENT

CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE

FILE NO. 97-161,676-IE

ESTATE OF GEORGIA OPAL BOYCE DECEASED SS# 419-18-5511

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 625 N. MONROE, LOWELL, MICHIGAN 49331, died March 4, 1997. An instrument dated March 4, 1987 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, BRUCE A. BOYCE, 2295 FALLASBURG PARK DRIVE, LOWELL, MICHIGAN, 49331 or to both the independent personal representative and the Kent County Probate Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, within four 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.

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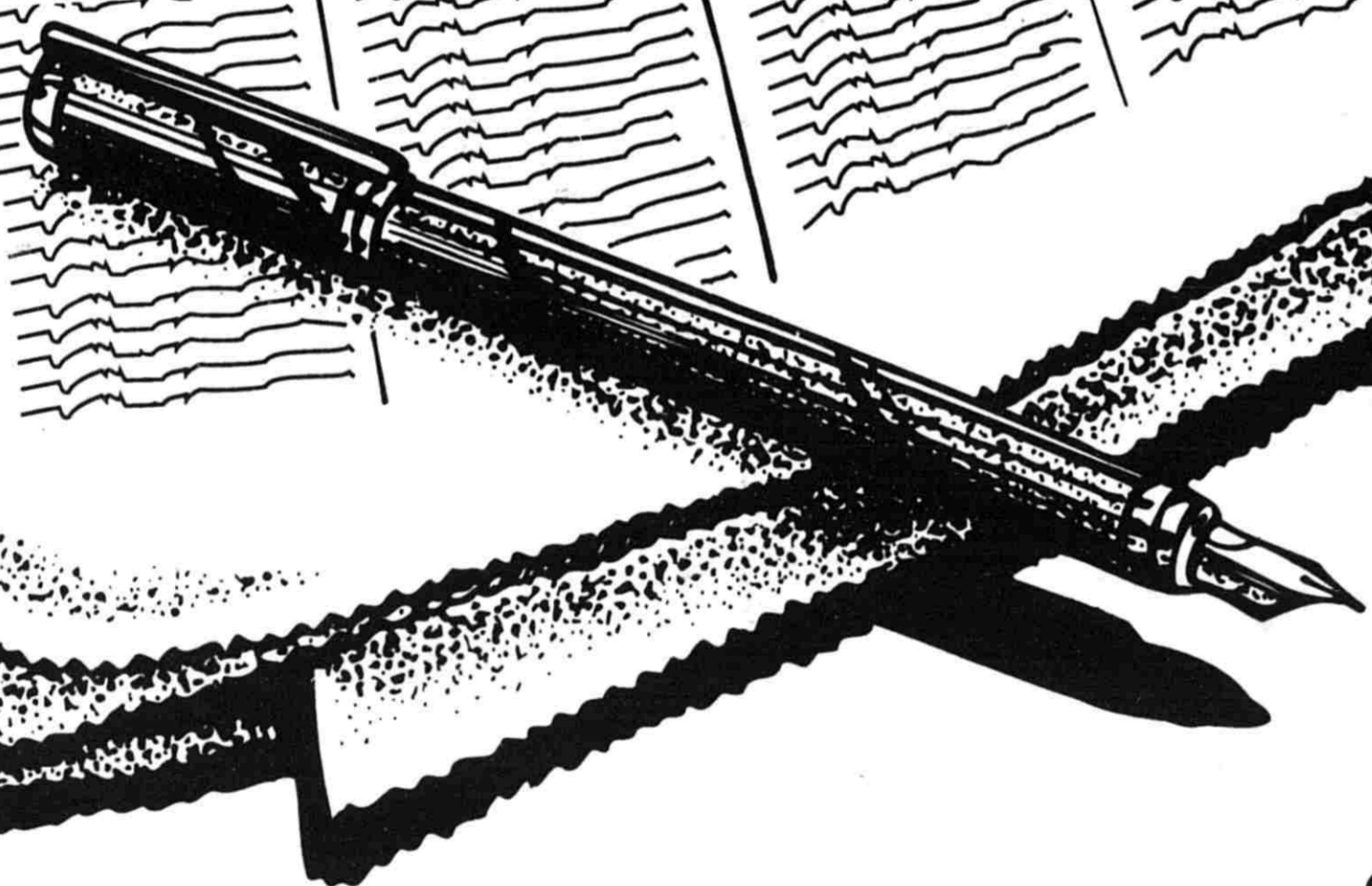
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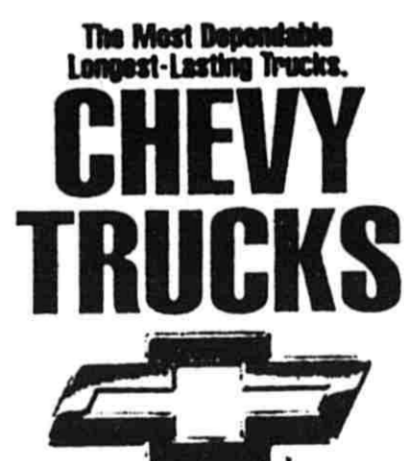


FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THRU APRIL 17

With the departure of John Rhys-Davies' character (bottom right), the remaining sliders (Sabrina Lloyd, Cleavant Derricks and Jerry O'Connell, clockwise from bottom left) must deal with a new character, a new direction and a new, edgier atmosphere. *Sliders* airs Fridays on Fox.

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COMING EVENTS

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

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

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

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Showboat Garden Club meets this month, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe. The program is an update on the DDA and the library by Dr. Jim Reagan and Chuck Myers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-

Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzhemers 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. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

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

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

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

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

EVERY 3RD TUES: La Leche League of Ada/Cascade/Lowell has its breast feeding information meetings at First Congregational Church of Ada, 6330 Ada Dr., S.E. 7:30 to 9 p.m., share, learn ask questions. All mothers and babies welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann

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

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

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

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CALLING ON ALL BATS

••• With pitching and defense in place, how big a hit the Lowell '97 baseball season is will depend on how productive the Red Arrows are at the plate.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If Lowell's baseball team is going to be a hit in the O-K White in 1997 it will need to hit.

"If we are to contend, we must put the ball into play on a consistent basis," Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf said.

If that happens, Kropf believes all the other pieces are there to vie for a league championship.

"We may not have the best individual pitchers in the league, but as a staff I think

we're as good as anyone," Kropf said. "Our defense was good last year. I think we have the potential to be the best in the conference this year."

Lowell's starting lineup will be chalk full of seniors, all of whom have plenty of varsity playing experience. Lowell's starting pitchers all put in valuable innings at the varsity level last year.

The starting rotation includes two lefties. They are: southpaws Cory Zemaitis and Brian Willmarth. The third man in the rotation is right hander Aaron Brander.

Lowell's team ERA was 4.49 a year ago. Kropf sees it dipping into the threes in '97. "They can give us a strong 5-7 innings and they are not going to walk a lot of people," he said.

Catching the Red Arrow staff will be senior Jack Livingston. He was an all-star catcher last year and his coach doesn't see that changing. "Jack threw out 42 percent of the base-runners attempting to steal last year," Kropf said.

Livingston also provided Lowell with one of its most

productive bats. He hit .385 last year. Zemaitis also wielded an effective bat. The senior hit .327.

Kropf calls Brander the club's best overall hitter. "He may not have the best average, but he's our best overall hitter when you consider power, average and strike out ratio," he said.

The relief core will consist of Brad Lyons, Tim VanLaan and Jeff Altoft.

In the infield, Zemaitis and Willmarth will platoon at first. When Zemaitis isn't on

the mound, he will play first. Senior Andy Smith will cover ground at second. Smith batted .300 at the plate last year and was seventh in the league in stolen bases.

Jeff Catlin will return at shortstop. "Jeff really picked it up a notch in the second half last season," Kropf said.

will be Brad Lyons (RF), Kevin Teunis (CF), Adam Scheid (LF), Tim Van Laan (LF) and Josh Price (RF).

"It would be nice to win a couple of close games early so that we can get some momentum going and get the boys' mental state to where it needs to be," Kropf said.

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Kris Kropf
Lowell Baseball

At the third base corner will be Scott Hays. Kropf describes Hays as the blood and guts, stand in your face, do the job type of player.

Covering ground in the outfield for the Red Arrows

The Lowell coach calls Forest Hills a smidgen better than the rest of the league.

"Talent-wise, the teams in the conference are as close as ever," Kropf explains.

Two-out rally in 10th gives Lowell a 4-3 win over Middleville

••• Andy Smith's single scored Jeff Catlin from second and lifted Lowell to its first win of the year.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Good pitching, good defense and just enough hitting enabled Lowell to squeak out a 10-inning, 4-3 season-opening win over Middleville.

Andy Smith came through with a two-out, game winning, RBI single to center, plating Jeff Catlin.

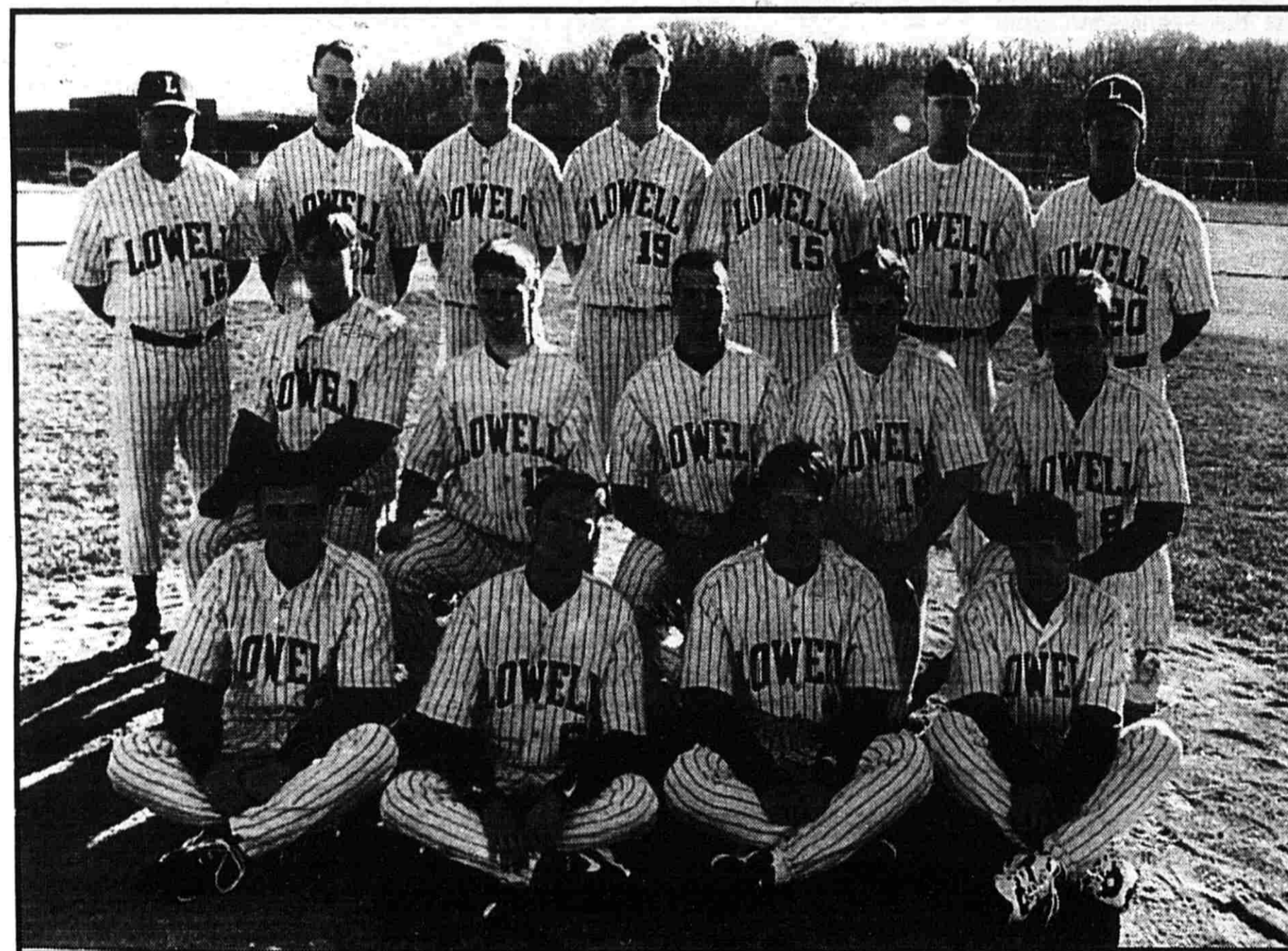
Catlin started the rally with two out. The senior beat out an infield hit and then

stole second, setting up Smith's RBI single. It was only Lowell's fourth hit of the game.

"We didn't hit the ball real well, but our pitching and defense came through," said Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf.

Left-hander Cory Zemaitis started the game for Lowell. He went three innings, allowing three runs

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Members of the Lowell varsity boys' baseball team, front row, left to right, are: Scott Hays, Adam Scheid, Jack Livingston, Andy Smith; middle row, left to right, are: Kevin Teunis, Tim VanLaan, Josh Price, David Luyk, Jeff Altoft; back row, left to right, are: coach Kris Kropf, Aaron Brander, Brad Lyons, Cory Zemaitis, Brian Willmarth, Jeff Catlin and coach Ron Lyons.

Overall balance could bump Lowell thinclads to the front of the O-K White class

••• New faces to Red Arrow boys' track will bolster a formidable group of returning lettermen.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Over the past seven years, Lowell boys' track team has placed lower than third in the O-K White just once.

That occurred last year when the Red Arrows were fifth.

However, the fact that Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve brings back 18 returning letter winners for the '97 season has his league coaching peers predicting the Red Arrows will not only return to the upper fold, but should be odds on favorite to win it.

"The O-K White will be as competitive as it has been in five years," Boeve said. "Other than that I will make no predictions."

The Lowell coach, in his 10th season, will tell you this team gives him some flexibil-

ity in movement of players, and is pretty balanced in the running events.

"I know many coaches are picking us to do well, but you still have to do it on the track," Boeve said. "You can't rely on what you read in the paper or on your past laurels."

Senior John Wojciakowski is someone Boeve knows he can rely on. "He is the school's record holder in the 800 with a time of 1:58.6," says the Lowell coach.

Wojciakowski will anchor a pretty strong distance crew. Joining Wojciakowski will be Jon Dean and Ryan Wittenbach.

A new face to Lowell High School track will be Ryan Mix. Boeve expects the freshman should mix in well in the distance events.

Another new face, al-

though not a freshman, is foreign exchange student Christian Hamm. He is known to his teammates as "the hammer."

Hamm has displayed the leg speed to bolster an already pretty good sprint crew that includes Denny Briggs, Ryan Teelander, Brian Bellechasses, James Stoutjesdyk, Bryan Danilowicz and Mike Williams.

Nate Schoen, Jeff Ortowski, Wojciakowski, Mike Scigliano, Bill McPherson, Austin Krieg, Mark Maatman and Joe Patterson make up a middle distance team that Boeve calls "more than sufficient."

Being very balanced in the running events only highlights the importance of field events for Boeve.

"How we do in the field events and in the hurdles will play a key in how successful we are," Boeve said.

Matt Dykstra and Bellechasses have cleared 12 feet and 11 feet six inches

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Keith Boeve
Lowell Boys Track

respectively in the pole vault. Those should be very competitive numbers around the league.

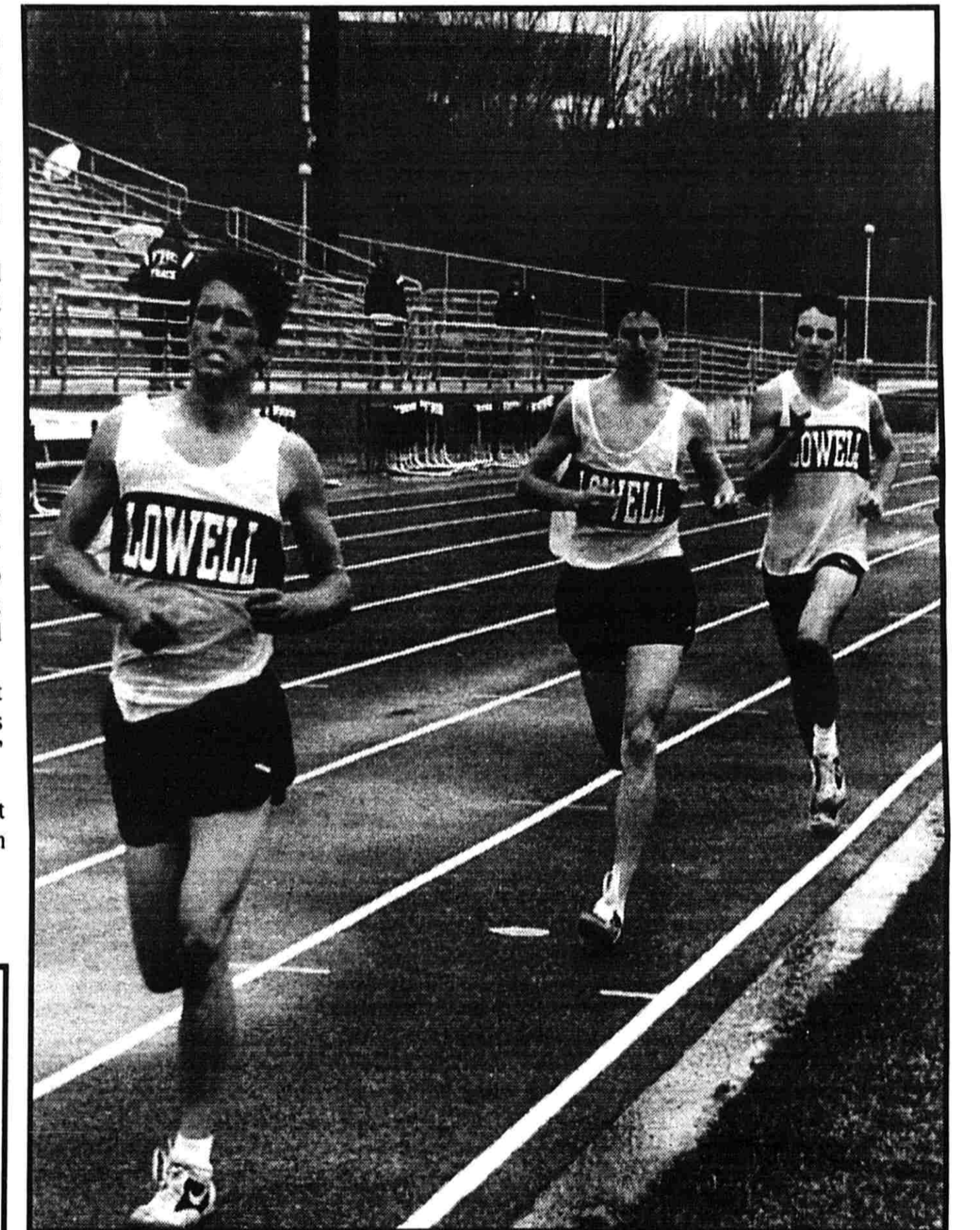
In the long jump, Bellechasses, Dykstra and Teelander will head a long list of Red Arrow long jumpers.

Schoen, Williams, Josh Manion, Bill Wiering and Shawn Ford are expected to

hold their own in the high jump.

Nate Lietzke will captain the discus and shot put. Kevin Condon, Bill Stouffer, Bill McPherson, Rich Tousley, Steve Spino and Mike Arnsward will be looked to for competitiveness in the shot and discus.

Stoutjesdyk should show the way in the hurdles. Nathan Reimbold, Manion and Kevin Huisman will provide depth. "We have numbers, but many are unproven at the varsity level," Boeve said. "Many are, however, improved over last year."



Ryan Wittenbach, John Wojciakowski and Jon Dean, left to right, will anchor Lowell boys' track team distance events.

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on five hits (all singles) while walking one and striking out four.

Tim VanLaan and Aaron Brander shut the Trojans down over the final six innings.

VanLaan pitched the middle three innings. He allowed just one hit while walking one and striking out two Middleville hitters.

Brander (1-0), who went the final four innings, shut out Middleville on two hits and earned the victory. He

walked two and struck out three.

"Our pitching and defense won the game," Kropf reiterated.

The Red Arrow offense may not have had many hits, but it did show the ability to manufacture runs.

In the first inning, Smith singled, stole second, took third on a passed ball and then scored on a Brander sacrifice fly.

The Red Arrows added

two runs in the second. With Adam Scheid on third base and Brian Willmarth on second, Catlin hit a deep drive to Middleville's centerfielder; both Lowell runners tagged and scored on the play.

"It was good, smart baserunning on Willmarth's part to score on that play," Kropf said.

Lowell's next game is at home against Greenville on Wednesday, April 16.

Editor's Note....

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Red Arrow softball team's charge - to improve on 96's 10-16 record

••• Lowell's pitching success will rely heavily on the senior arm of Lisa Murphy.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Bob Rodenhouse was asked what stands out about this year's Red Arrow softball team.

"Nothing really jumps out at you," he responded, "although we have good athletes who practice hard and like to play the game."

Rodenhouse doesn't have a pitcher who is going to throw BBs. But, in senior Lisa Murphy, he has a pitcher who worked hard over the winter and should not battle control problems. When the senior isn't pitching, she will play second.

looks to spell the senior he will turn to juniors Liz Rooker, Jenny Miller and Amy Larabee.

"Rooker missed half of last season with an injury. She needs some work, but has looked good," Rodenhouse said. "She just needs to stay clear of the walks."

Miller suffers from chronic tendon fatigue. This will have the junior on a pitch count and will limit her to 2-3 innings an outing.

Nothing really jumps out at you, although we have good athletes who practice hard and like to play the game.

Bob Rodenhouse
Lowell Softball

The Lowell coach says Laux is also needed for her bat. "We need her bat in our lineup."

Covering the other corner of the diamond will be Laurie Barton. The junior has nice range and provides a good target at first.

When Murphy is pitching, senior Lisa Rollins will plug the hole at second. "She can also play third," Rodenhouse explains. "Rollins is a streak hitter."

The quickest bat in the Red Arrow lineup may be wielded by Stephanie Anderson. "Stephanie has a quick bat and hits the ball hard," Rodenhouse said.

Junior Lisa Posthumus, one of the team's better bunters, will be used at second.

The outfield will be anchored by center fielder Cherelle Weber. "Center is the right place for Cherelle. I'm confident she can handle it," Rodenhouse said. He's also confident that she will get the job done at the plate as the team's leadoff hitter.

Amy Sparks will cover ground in right field and fill the role of backup catcher. "Amy is a ballplayer. She has a good arm and a good eye at the plate," Rodenhouse said.

Senior Ann Townsend and junior Cara McQueen will vie for the left field position.

The role of utility player goes to Alana Valentine. The Lowell coach says the junior can play a number of positions. Rodenhouse said she may see time at first, third and in the outfield.

Junior Meagon Malone will find time in the outfield.

"To win, we will have to play well every time out, take nothing for granted and hit the ball," Rodenhouse said. "We've been working hard on our defense. Hopefully that will shine."

Murphy rules in opening day win against Middleville

••• Barton's three-run dinger ignites Lowell to a 12-3 victory.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was just like Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse would have written it up in his softball manual.

Lisa Murphy showed good control, induced Middleville into hitting a lot of ground balls and the Red Arrow defense scooped them up and made the plays enroute to Lowell's season-opening 12-3 win over the Trojans.

"I was pleased that our defense made the routine plays and threw to the right places," Rodenhouse said. "We had 12 assists, which means the girls made the plays on ground balls hit to them."

Middleville scored two runs in the fourth and one in the sixth inning.

The Trojans' runs came well after Lowell had taken control of the game.

The Red Arrows tallied four runs in the second inning, three in the third, one in

the distance, pitched seven innings, allowing three runs on three hits while walking three and striking out five.

"Lisa walked three batters and two of them came around to score," Rodenhouse said. "It is incredible how often hitters who walk come around to score. However, it was still a good first start for her."

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Members of the Lowell girls' varsity softball team, front row, left to right, are: Lisa Posthumus, Cherelle Weber, Cara McQueen; second row, left to right, are: Amy Larabee, Lisa Rollins, Ann Townsend, Angie Young, Jenny Miller; third row, left to right, are: Lisa Murphy, Alana Valentine, Laurie Barton, Liz Rooker, Meagon Malone, Amy Sparks and coach Bob Rodenhouse. Missing from the picture are Stephanie Anderson, Shannon Laux and Missy Luyk.

Last year, Lowell was bitten by the walk. "It is uncanny how often a player who walks comes around to score," Rodenhouse said.

Red Arrow pitching should be at least adequate, but Rodenhouse warns that the rest of the league returns quality pitchers from a year ago.

"Lubber from Hudsonville, Potter and Spatoskey from Northview and Jennings from Hastings all are back," Rodenhouse said.

While Murphy will be the staff ace, when Rodenhouse

Catching the Red Arrow staff will be senior Missy Luyk. "She's a worker. Her defense is fine, but I'd like to see some improvement with the bat," Rodenhouse explains.

How good Lowell's defense becomes will depend in large part on the development of first-year shortstop Angie Young.

"Playing varsity shortstop is a big move," Rodenhouse concedes. "Hopefully, Angie can get the job done."

Partnered with Young on the left side of the diamond will be third baseman Shannon Laux. The senior was steady at the keystone bag a year ago.

Strong middle and upper distance core to lead competitive Red Arrow girls in run toward top

••• Senior Annie Oesch is expected to break the Lowell High School girls' record in the mile. The senior was just three seconds off the pace last year.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In the first meet of the year at Grand Valley, Lowell's Julie Wisner long jumped 17-2, surpassing her best jump (16-9) last year.

That long jump may be symbolic of what a young and building Lowell girls' track team faces in 1997.

It will be a lengthy jump from competitive status to challenging league favorite, Wyoming Park.

"The Vikings looked super at the indoor meets," said Lowell girls track coach of 18 years, Kathy Talus.

The Red Arrow coach, who is recovering from an off-season illness, is feeling better but will reduce her track role to an assistant in '97.

Filling in as the interim coach will be former Red Arrow thinclad Robin Briggs.

Assisting Briggs will be assistant coach Courtney Arnett. "It's fun, hectic and very time consuming," Briggs said.

A strong middle and upper distance core of runners will anchor any level of success Lowell shares in.

Leading the way will be Annie Oesch. The senior is in line to break the school record in the mile. Oesch was just three seconds shy of accomplishing that feat last year.

Running with Oesch in the distance events will be Kailey Wittenbach. The sophomore has run well in both the mile and 800-meter

run.

"Kailey ran well last year," Talus said. "Now she's running well and putting something into it."

Red Arrow Sandy Spicer also looks ready to make her mark in both the 800 and mile relays.

"Our middle and upper distance runners are maturing," Talus said.

Other distance runners expected to bring home some points are Andrea Baker, Stacy Anderson and Beth Larabee.

In the sprint events, Briggs said there is not a lot of depth but there is some talent.

Wisner will probably be the class of Lowell's sprinters. Not far behind are Celena Risner and sophomore Christi Johnson.

"Christi shows a lot of potential and is running a strong 200," Briggs said.

Other underclassmen that have opened the eyes of their coach are Maggie Wisner and Trisha McCaul.

"Maggie (freshman) shows great potential and should really give us a lift in the shot put and discus," Briggs said. Others who are expected to contribute in the shot and discus are seniors Skye Fisher and Sheila Yeiter and freshman Jessica Rocco.

Talus believes McCaul will surprise a few people in the 400. "She's looked real good in the 400 and may help us in the mile relay," she said.

McCaul will be keeping

company with Cindy Briggs and Jessica Winsor in the 400.

Senior Tammy Eteo will lead Lowell's field of hurdlers. She has been timed at 18.02 in the 100 and at 54.03 in the 300.

Running in the hurdles with Eteo will be Melissa Sobie and freshman Lyndsay Scigliano.

The high jumping trio of Eteo, Winsor and Katie Stouffer will look to make

the Red Arrows competitive in the high jump.

Winsor was second at the Grand Rapids Community College meet with a jump of five feet.

Talus said Wyoming Park is the clear favorite in the O-K White. "Hastings also looked pretty good in the indoor meets."

With Lowell's girls placing fourth in 1996, Briggs and Talus have their eyes focused on finishing in the conference's upper bracket in '97.

Our middle and upper distance runners have matured.

Kathy Talus
Lowell Girls Track



Julie Wisner will be Lowell's premier long jumper in 1997.

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the fourth and four more in the fifth.

The fifth-inning outburst was highlighted by Laurie Barton's three-run home run.

"Laurie ripped one into the left-center gap. It two-hopped to the fence," Rodenhouse said. "We didn't face the quality pitching the girls will see in the O-K White, but nonetheless I was pleased with the way we hit the ball."

Cherelle Weber (one RBI) and Lisa Rollins led the team in hits with two apiece. One of Rollins' hits was a triple. Murphy

also had a hit and two RBI.

Lowell rapped out eight hits against the Trojan pitchers. "Our shortstop (Angie Young), third baseman (Amy Larabee) and our left fielder (Cara McQueen) had never played those positions at the varsity level before," Rodenhouse said. "They come into the game untested and did come through for us."

Lowell entertains Greenville on Wednesday, April 16.

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Tennis is more than just a recreational activity in the O-K White

◆◆◆ Red Arrow netters face uphill battle in tennis-tough conference.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Having to compete against players with abilities above their level is an annual charge of the Lowell boys' tennis team. "The Lowell tennis program does not have club players and this league is so tough," first-year tennis coach Barry Hobrila said. "We need guys dedicated to the sport. You can't pick up a racket in March and compete in this league."

Hobrila, who also serves as the Lowell athletic director, fills the coaching position vacated by longtime Red Arrow tennis coach Terry Abel.

Hobrila's experience includes serving as a tennis instructor at Michigan State University; assistant tennis coach at Olivet College; and two years as tennis coach at Algonac High School.

"Most of our players are learning the sport. They will improve as the year progresses," Hobrila said. "For many of them, tennis is a sport they can enjoy as a lifetime activity."

Tennis in the O-K White, along with being tough, is predictable. "East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Central are again the league favorites," Hobrila said. "Wyoming Park, Northview, Hastings and Zeeland are in that second tier."

Playing at the number one singles position will be Brandon Grove.

"Brandon is a solid player, but when playing at number one singles you can't just keep the ball in play, you have to hit winners," Hobrila said.

Brad Richardson played at second doubles last year and will move to second singles this year.

"He keeps the ball in play and gets his serves in," Hobrila said. "The difficulty is at second singles. He'll be playing against much more experienced players."

Filling the slot at third singles will be Charlie Johnson. He also is a converted doubles player. "Charlie's strength is his ground strokes," Hobrila said. "He needs to improve his consistency and work on his serves."

Frank Kirsch has been penciled in at fourth singles. He's athletic, hits the ball well and is learning the game, according to his coach.

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Barry Hobrila Lowell Tennis

Mark Kirsch and Caleb Moore were selected by their coach to play at number one doubles.

Ben Michael and J.B. Hunt will team up at second doubles. They played together in exhibition matches last year.

Jason Grover and Kyle Hoffman will take good ground stroke games to the court at third doubles.

Sophomores Joe Talbot and Tim Nowak will gain valuable experience at fourth doubles.

Completing the 17-player roster for the Red Arrows are Jeff Noall, Cory DuBridge, Ryan Brown, Nick Kuilema and Andy Oetman.



Members of the Lowell varsity boys' tennis team, front row, left to right, are: Ryan Brown, Frank Kirsch, Mark Kirsch, Andy Oetman; second row, left to right, Ben Michael, Nick Kuilema, Joe Talbot, Caleb Moore, Cory DuBridge; third row, left to right, are: coach Barry Hobrila, Jeff Noall, Brad Richardson, J.B. Hunt, Tim Nowak, and Kyle Hoffman. Missing from the picture are Brandon Grove, Jason Grover and Charlie Johnson.

Lowell netters dealt first loss of season to experienced Creston club

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It was a young and inexperienced team playing in its first match of the year against an experienced senior-laden Polar Bear club playing in its sixth match of the year.

With that in mind, the 8-0 Creston win over Lowell was not all that disturbing.

"I would have liked to have had a few more matches under our belt," Lowell tennis coach Barry Hobrila said. "I think we would have given Creston a better match."

With things the way they were, Lowell's doubles teams were most competitive.

Mark Kirsch and Caleb

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Having to compete against players with abilities above their level is an annual charge of the Lowell boys' tennis team.

"The Lowell tennis program does not have club players and this league is so tough," first-year tennis coach Barry Hobrla said. "We need guys dedicated to the sport. You can't pick up a racket in March and compete in this league."

Hobrla, who also serves as the Lowell athletic director, fills the coaching position vacated by longtime Red Arrow tennis coach Terry Abel.

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Playing at the number one singles position will be Brandon Grove.

"Brandon is a solid player, but when playing at number one singles you can't just keep the ball in play, you have to hit winners," Hobrla said.

Brad Richardson played at second doubles last year and will move to second singles this year.

"He keeps the ball in play and gets his serves in," Hobrla said. "The difficulty is at second singles. He'll be playing against much more experienced players."

Filling the slot at third singles will be Charlie Johnson. He also is a converted doubles player. "Charlie's strength is his ground strokes," Hobrla said. "He needs to improve his consistency and work on his serves."

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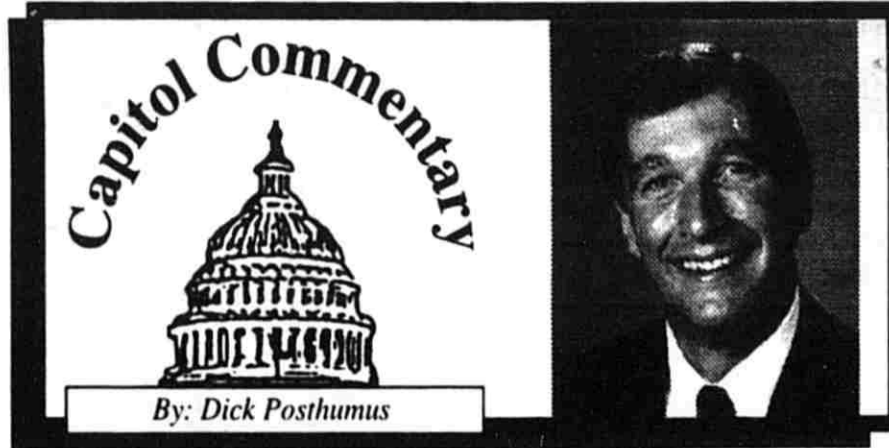
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Last year, the senate passed a tuition cap for universities. State residents with a household income of \$200,000 or less may claim a credit, up to \$250, on his or her state income tax for tuition paid for any students attending an in-state public or private school that agrees to not raise their tuition and fee rates by more than the cost of living.

The House of Representatives has proposed legislation that would amend the Income Tax Act to increase the cap on the tuition tax credit from \$250 to \$500 per student per year.

This legislation would also remove the very important provision that the credit only applies to tuition and fees paid from an institution that is keeping its cost increases below the rate of inflation.

Democrats in the state house have also proposed legislation that would allow families to reduce their income taxes based on child care costs.

This legislation would give a tax credit for certain kinds of care. It would not give a credit to families that provide for care within their home, either through an extended family member or by one of the parents.

Families are a top priority for me and my colleagues in the senate. That's why we're very careful about what the long-term effect of our actions will be.

Gypsy moths get second dose of spray despite concerns

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

When it comes to fighting gypsy moths, Lowell Charter Township officials are happy to join in, but they want more accountability as to the success of programs before they agree to further spraying.

Township officials approved the spraying of 280 acres this year by the Kent County Gypsy Moth Suppression program, but want some answers as to the effectiveness of the program.

"It seems to me that they are awfully irresponsible in the way they go about this," said trustee Herb Vanderbilt. "There is no control group and no follow up...there should be a more systematic approach to this thing."

Vanderbilt was the lone trustee to vote against spraying this year, but his sentiments were shared by other trustees who want some accountability on the part of the county.

"I have never seen a report on its effectiveness," said township supervisor John Timpson. "Basically they leave it up to the people to compare if there is more in the area than last year."

Despite questioning the county's accountability, officials felt it was better to continue with the program than fall behind and have the moths decimate local trees.

"One good sign is that the area they want to spray this year is nowhere near where they sprayed last year, so there must be some effectiveness," said Timpson.

Residents on 36th Street off Kissing Rock Avenue and Bewell Road can expect to receive a questionnaire from the township asking if they want their property sprayed for the moths at a cost of \$11 per acre.

The largest parcel identified for spraying would pay \$203, while the smallest would pay only \$16.

Residents agreeing to the spraying will be required to pay
Gypsy Moth, cont'd. pg. 31



The best way to get rid of those troublesome strings on a celery stalk is to peel the stalk with a potato peeler.

ICNB's Ronald Story named banker of the year

Ronald D. Story, chairman of Ionia County National Bank, was named the 1997 Banker of the Year by the Robert M. Perry Schools of Banking Board of Trustees (sponsored by the Michigan Bankers Association).

A banker is chosen each year using such criteria as record of community service, contribution to the success of his/her bank, service to the Michigan Bankers Association and service to other bankers.

Currently, Story serves as chairman of Ionia County National Bank, president of ICNB Financial Corporation, chairman of the Invest in Youth Campaign, Ionia YMCA, Board Member and Secretary of Ionia County Habitat for Humanity, board member of the Ionia YMCA Program Cen-

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Story has also served on the steering committee for the Ionia County Community Foundation, as board member, president and treasurer of the Ionia Free Fair Association, president of the Michigan Bankers Association, director of the Detroit Branch-Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and as an officer or board member of many other organizations.

Story will be honored at the 21st annual commencement exercises for the General Banking School graduating class of 1997 on the campus of Central Michigan University and at the Michigan Bankers Association 111th Annual Convention on Mackinac Island.

Gypsy Moth, cont'd... From Page 30

the full amount for their property and those who don't pay will have the amount added to their tax bill.

Last year, the township collected all but \$866 of the spraying cost, but clerk Carol Wells said most of that will be collected once delinquent taxes are collected by the county.

Timpson said some property owners who want spraying could be denied if surrounding neighbors decide against the program.

"You can't spray a five-acre parcel if two parcels on either side of it don't want spraying; it just can't be done," he said.

Harper scholarship applications are now available

Applications for the Louise Harper Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship administered by the Lowell Area Arts Council can now be picked up at Lowell High School. They are due by April 30.

The fund was started in memory of Louise Harper, a resident of Lowell and a member of the Lowell Area Arts Council, who died after a twenty-year battle with cancer, in February 1982. Her friends remember Louise not so much for the valiant fight she waged against her disease, but for the

cheerful and vital outlook she had toward life. One of Louise's special gifts to the Arts Council was her quilting ability. She and her husband John designed and made the first three Fallsburg Fall Festival quilts and their beauty will always be a tribute to her handiwork. The LAAC and the relatives and friends of Louise Harper are proud to offer this scholarship in her memory.

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LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Lowell that on

Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., the Lowell Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purposes of reviewing proposed amendments to the township's zoning ordinance as follows:

- 2.0 Words and Terms Defined: Add or Clarify the following definitions - Mobile Home, Net Building Area, Manufactured Housing, Modular Homes, Structure
- 3.3.8 LI, Light Industry - the description for this district would now include the areas
- 4.2.2 A Detached accessory buildings
- 4.2.2 C Building permit for decks and anything requiring footings and weight loads
- 4.2.4 CK Minimum liveable floor area; not to be changed but to clarify for split-level homes
- 4.3.3 Building Numbering - calls attention to the township's Building Numbering Ordinance
- 4.2.4 F Accessory buildings - adds structures
- 4.2.5 A New Lots to be Buildable
- 4.3.2.D Fences (Platted Areas)
- 4.4.4 Cd Signs not requiring permits
- 4.4.4 Fa Sign setback
- 4.4.5 Ad Signs permitted
- 4.4.5 Cb Freestanding signs
- 4.4.8 C Permit Fees - clarify site plan fee and permit fee
- 4.5 Private Streets - requires road agreement to be recorded, adds the condition all fees must be paid before a final road permit will be issued, requires road to be maintained to original construction standards, and limits the number of dwellings served by a private road to 20 units without a secondary means of egress

- 4.8.8 Performance Bond Required - changes the section to Performance Guarantee and adds conditions
- 4.9; 4.10 Satellite Dish or Antennas; Solar Panels - deleted and added under 4.2.4 F
- 5.2 Planned Units, DELETE, now covered under 3.4 Planned Unit Developments
- 5.2 ADD A NEW SECTION - Access Management Regulations - provides standards to facilitate traffic operations and improve public safety along arterial roadways
- 5.4.1.H Freestanding sign for automobile service stations, public garages or filling stations
- 6.2.6 Period covered by building permit

General Bulk Table:
Column 3 Add "Housing for seasonal farm labor"
5 Nurseries & Greenhouses; remove existing contradiction
6 Parking Requirements
11 Minimum floor areas
Note 1 on Page 10 of 10 Net Building Area

General Use Table:
Column 5 Permitted accessory signs in LI District

Zoning Map - upgrade 1980 map to include rezoning changes

The complete and actual wording of the proposed amendments and the current Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance is available for review at the Lowell Township Hall during regular office hours.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should write or call the clerk seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

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ICNB Opened to Serve Lowell

At its recent grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony, Ionia County National Bank (ICNB) announced that it would donate \$500 toward the Harold and Mildred Englehart Library and \$500 to Lowell Area Schools. Pictured holding the ribbon, left to right, are: Roger Chapman, Jim Fast, ICNB president and CEO, Ann Pasquale, Jennifer Uphaus, Dick Korb, Ron Story, chairman of the board, and Dale Triplett.

TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 97-1, an amendment to the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance, Section 201.426, Subdivision of property, was adopted by the Township Board on March 31, 1997 and becomes effective 30 days after this publication.

Previous Section 201.426, Subdivision of Property, is deleted, and new Section 201.426, Subdivision of Property is added. A summary of the new ordinance change is as follows:

A. Purpose and Scope. Michigan Public Act 591 of 1996, the Land Division Act, changed the Michigan Subdivision Control Act of 1967 with regard to the division of unplatted land. Vergennes Ordinance No. 97-1 responds to these changes by adopting requirements similar to Michigan PA 591 of 1996.

B. Any Subdivision of property requires that a site development plan be submitted to the Township for review and approval if such subdivision involves the establishment of private roads, driveways or access easements.

C. Definitions. Summaries of significant definitions are as follows:

- 6) "Division" means splitting of a parcel or tract that results in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres and meets "F" and "G" below.
- 7) "Exempt Split" means partitioning that does not result in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres.
- 8) "Subdivide" means partitioning that results in one or more parcels of less than 40 acres and that is not otherwise exempted under "F" or "G" below.
- 11) "Parent Parcel" means a parcel or tract existence on March 31, 1997 (the effective date of Michigan PA 591 of 1996).
- 12) "Accessible" means that a parcel has or can have driveway meeting ordinance standards or is served by an existing easement of record that will allow proper access.
- 13) "Development Site" means any existing parcel other than those for agricultural production or forestry management uses.

D. An exempt split (Sec. C.7) is not subject to approval so long as accessibility standards are met (Sec. C.12); a division (Sec. C6) is not subject to platting requirements but is subject to "F" and "G" below; a subdivision (Sec. C8) is subject to platting requirements.

E. Approval of a preliminary or final plat is subject to the provisions of the Ordinance and the rules of the Kent County Drain Commission, Road Commission and Health Department.

F. Covers the rules for determining the number of parcels allowed in the subdividing process. These vary depending upon the size of the parent parcel and the need to establish new roads or access driveways. A parcel created by an exempt split or division can be further divided without platting after 10 years has elapsed since the parent parcel was recorded. Such further division is limited as to parcel number and must conform to "G" below.

G. The Township shall approve a proposed division within 30 days after all the filing requirements are met, including a copy of the parent parcel deed and a tentative parcel map.

The right to make divisions exempt from platting requirements can be transferred only from a parent parcel or tract. Such rights to make a division of unplatted land cannot be transferred unless the deed grants the rights to make divisions under "F" above.

The full text of Ordinance 97.1 can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Mari C. Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

Country Arts Festival, April 26

The Franciscan Life Process Center will host its Fifth Annual Country Arts Festival on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Structured as a family outing, the Festival will include a visit by "abc-13's Bozo," the sale of high quality, homemade crafts, a homemade pie raffle, tours to see the "new life of the farm," a salad luncheon buffet, musical performances from local musicians, an art corner for children, a house plant sale, artists' demonstrations, baked goods by the Franciscan Sisters and much more.

Performers will include members of Sparks Rant Folk Band, folk trio of hammer dulcimer with Bert Boerma, harpist Sister Mary Margaret Delaski, F.S.E., folk guitarist Tim Bartha, dance performance from Donahue School of Irish Dance, and live music from friends and students of Franciscan Rhythms Music Studio.

Items on display for sale in booths will include Native American drums, stained glass, beeswax candles, children's furniture, wooden gift boxes and Celtic crosses.

For more information, please contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

Scholarship, cont'd... From Page 31

The scholarship was established to provide a stipend for supplies or other expenses for students who intend to study some aspect of the arts in college: visual arts, dance, drama, creative writing, music, arts administration or arts education. Any student who applies must intend to establish his or her chosen artistic area as a major and must show evidence that he or she has already been active in the chosen field.

Eligible students are those who have received high school diplomas by July 1, 1997 and who will be enrolled in their chosen programs no later than December 31, 1997.

Applications, along with all other applications for local scholarships, are available in the Student Services Center of Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes Road. While the application deadline for most local scholarships is April 18, the deadline for the Louise Harper Memorial Scholarship is April 30. Applications should be delivered back to the Student Services Center by that date. For more information, contact the SSC at 897-4125 or the LAAC at 897-8545.

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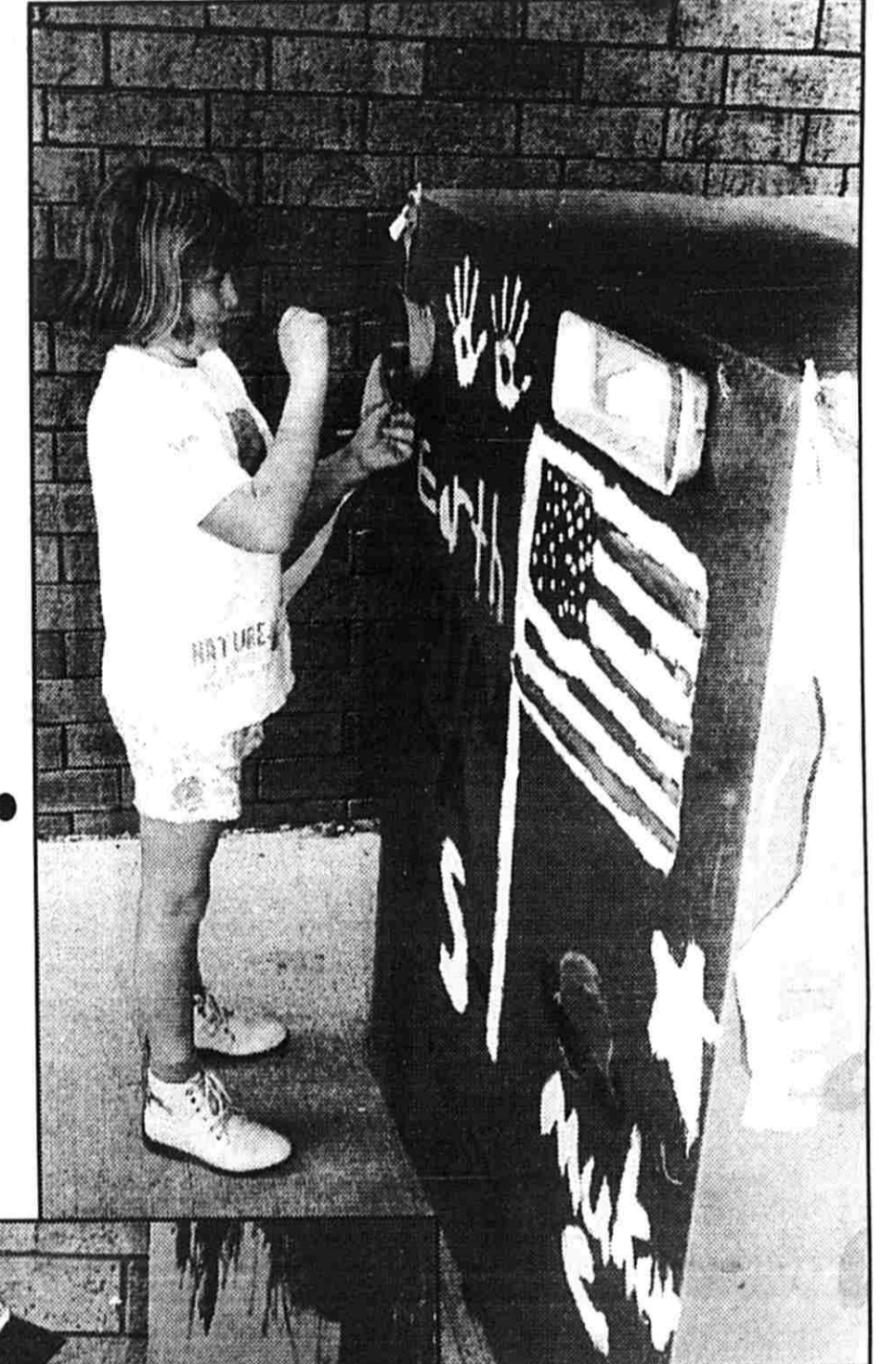
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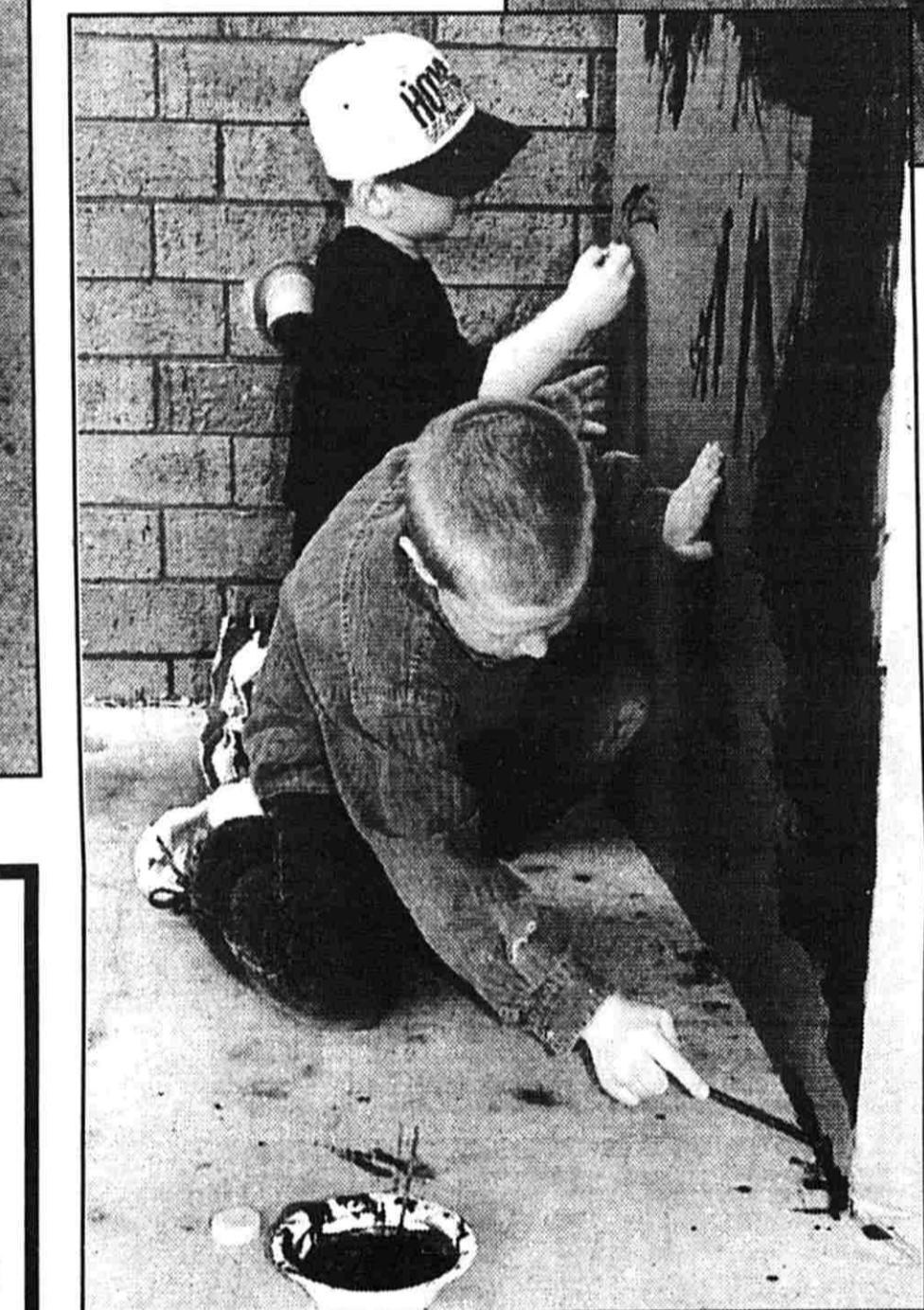


Ashley Spicer adds that personal touch to her creation.

To infinity & beyond...



Elena Brubaker shows attention to detail in her artwork.



James Miller and Brian Johnson team up on their project.

Lowell youths (K-5) participating in the Spring Break Fun Club are spending the week discovering different aspects of space.

Children created their own solar system, made aliens, baked some space cookies and talked about the Milky Way.

Overseeing the week-long activities are site director Teri Sikkenga and assistant Molly Paris.

CITY OF LOWELL SPRING LEAF PICKUP PROGRAM

Starting the second and third weeks of April, leaves will be picked up by Denny's Disposal. You must purchase leaf bags at the same locations as the trash bags:

City Hall
Family Fare Supermarket

Hahn's Hardware
Lowell 66 (formerly Phillips 66)

These bags are sold in lots of 20 for \$5.00. They hold 30 gallons and are made of a paper, biodegradable material. The leaves are taken to a compost area.

This is a **leaf composting program**. Leaves, yard waste and twigs up to 2" in diameter may be placed in the leaf bags. The composting operation cannot accept leaves in plastic bags.

If your trash pickup is Monday or Tuesday, your leaf pickup day is **Tuesday, April 8 or 15**. If your pickup for trash is Wednesday or Thursday, your leaf pickup is **Wednesday, April 9 or 16**.

Also, the leaf pickup program will continue the **first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month from May to November!**

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal (691-8530) or City Hall (897-8457).

1997 SPRING LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

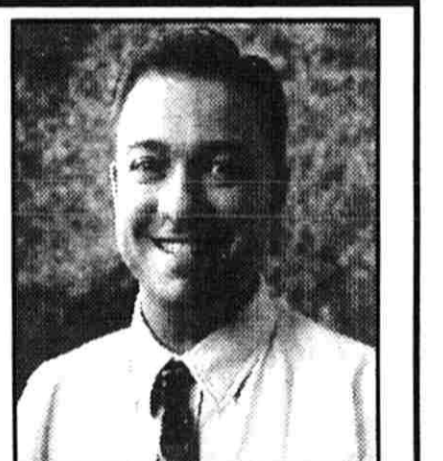
MONDAY/TUESDAY TRASH PICKUP	WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY TRASH PICKUP
April 8 and 15	April 9 and 16
May 6	May 7
June 3	June 4
July 1	July 2
August 5	August 6
September 2	September 3
October 7	October 8

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Dr. Anthony Trombly

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A: It's a matter of perception. The altered nerve circuitry often begins its destructive work silently. Illness or disease caused by pinched nerves usually comes in Four Phases:

#1-Spinal nerve interference begins altering nerve impulses to one or more bodily parts or systems, depending on which nerves are affected.

#2-Those bodily parts and systems begin to malfunction.

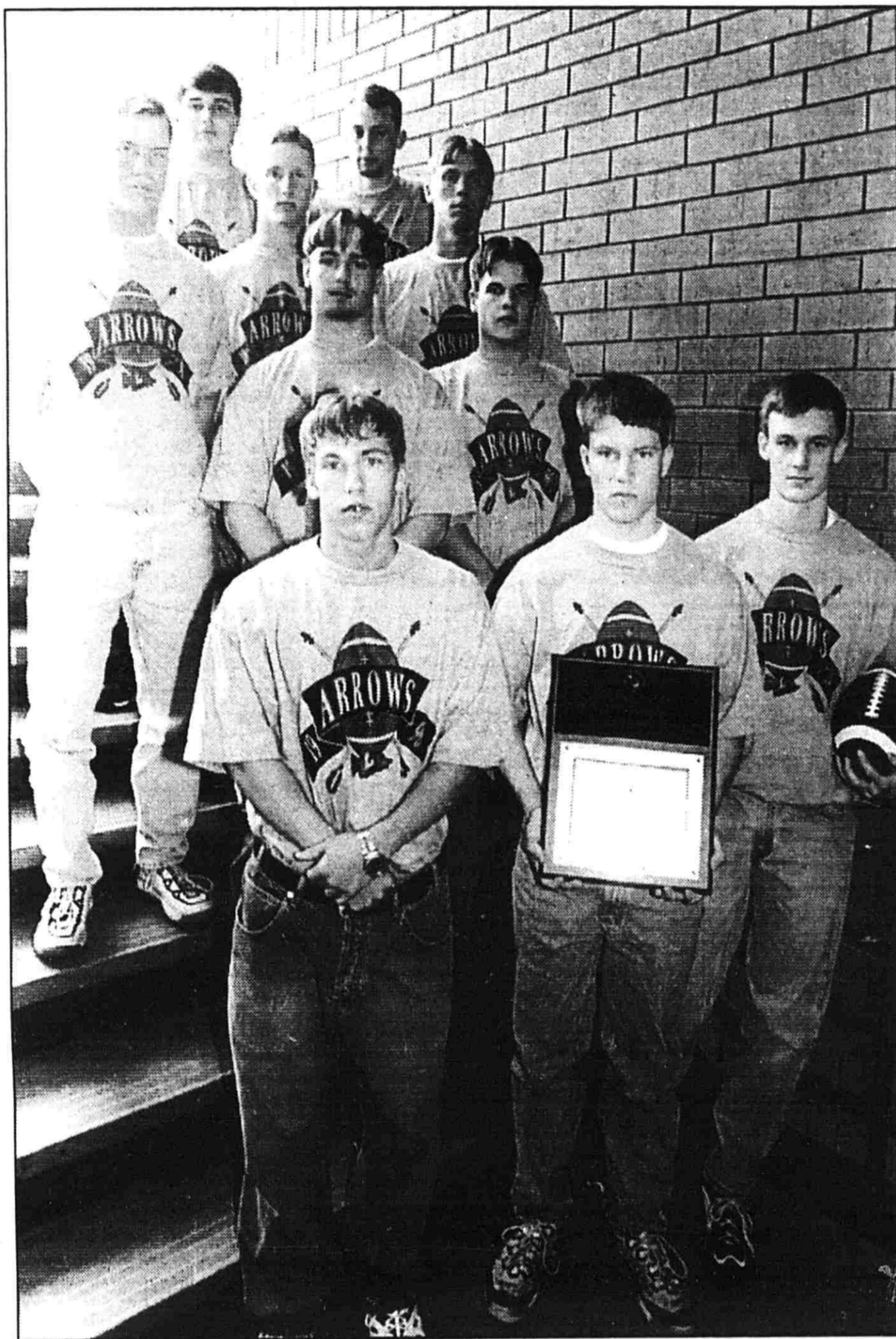
#3-Disease symptoms, usually including pain or discomfort, begin their display.

Usually a person is unaware of the developing disease condition until it reaches the third phase when symptoms broadcast that something is wrong. All too often though, the victim ignores the symptoms, hoping they'll go away.

This explains how some relatively minor problems get out of hand and rapidly develop into the serious problems of Phase #4.

Ideally, one would be getting periodic chiropractic checkups and care-in which case the chiropractic doctor could detect developing disease conditions early in phase #1 before any real damage had been done.

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Lowell's All-State football team

Members of Lowell's Academic All-State football team front row, left to right, are: Andy Smith, Tim VanLaan, Chris Wieland; second row, left to right, are: Jason Alber, Jack Livingston; third row, left to right, are: Steve VanLaan, Brian Willmarth, Nate Schoen; back row, left to right, are: Nathan Lietzke and Aaron Brander. Missing from the picture is Jeff Catlin.

Spring cleaning time arrives for Lowell Township Hall

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Spring has sprung and with it so has the desire to do some spring cleaning. Officials in Lowell Charter Township are prepared to tackle that task. The township has hired Ullery Landscaping to come in and fertilize the grounds as well as replant the annual flower garden and fix a bit of erosion behind the township hall. The township went with Ullery at a cost of \$891 for the year because some of the work is guaranteed from last year and the firm has knowledge of the township requirements. While officials were happy to grant Ullery the job to work on the lawn, they have opted to receive bids on window cleaning. The township has received one bid from C-More Window Cleaning, but has not approved the bid until more can be received. C-More's bid was to clean the township hall windows twice a year with an option to clean the windows on the north side of the building inside and out two more times. The township is looking for professionals who are insured to perform the work and would like to receive one or two more bids. Currently, no one performs the task and township clerk Carol Wells isn't about to volunteer for the job. "Frankly, the clerk does not do windows," she said in jest.



The average person uses fewer than 25,000 words in speaking, and even fewer in writing. About 3,000 words satisfies more than 90 percent of the writing needs of the average adult.

People are always good company when they are doing what they really enjoy.

—Samuel Butler

Easter Fun



Lowell Moose #809 held its annual community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 29. Over 7,000 eggs were placed at Creekside Park. The Easter Bunny was Charlie Pfisner and the Lion King was Jay Barnhart.



Vergennes adopts proposed budget with slight shortfall

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials have approved a proposed budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year that initially shows a deficit, but officials promise that is not the case. "We've never had a deficit in the past and we won't in the future," said treasurer Jean Hoffman. Because the budget is proposed, it is subject to many fluctuations during the year and Hoffman is confident that the proposed deficit of \$863 will not occur. The township's early figures show revenues in the neighborhood of \$310,517 with expenditures coming in at \$311,380. However, the expenditures include a yet-to-be approved pension plan of \$12,000 that could dramatically change the township's bottom line. "If the pension plan isn't approved as is, then that greatly changes our expenditures," said Hoffman. Changes in revenue could also occur if the township receives more funds from local taxes or state funds, as had occurred in the past two years. The township projected funding from the state sales tax in 1996-97 at \$122,425 and to date has accumulated more than \$133,000. Hoffman explained that budgets adopted at the beginning of a fiscal period often fluctuate during the year and said when it is all said and done, the township will be operating in the black.

April is environmental awareness month

Saving the environment seems like an overwhelming responsibility to most of us. We find ourselves asking, "What can I do?" and "How can one person make any difference?" The answer to this question is absolutely. The Safety Council for West Michigan offers these simple suggestions that can make a world of difference.

- Reuse products as often as possible. Use cloth napkins or diapers instead of paper or disposable diapers.
- Buy produce loose as opposed to putting it in plastic bags and buy eggs in a cardboard container rather than a styrofoam container.
- Conserve water by waiting to run the washing machine and dishwasher until they are full. Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth or when washing dishes by hand and turn it back on when it is necessary to rinse.
- Collect recyclable trash such as newspapers, aluminum cans, plastic and glass containers. Consult the phone book for local recycling centers and inquire about their programs and policies.
- Every little thing you do makes a difference. If you would like more information on safety or health related issues, please contact the Safety Council for West Michigan at 1-800-704-7676 or (616) 344-6189.

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WANTED - Cumberland Retirement Village, an assisted living community, is seeking a full-time second shift L.P.N. manager. Job duties would include: Administering medications, performing medical treatments as well as having some managerial responsibilities. Benefits include competitive wages, health insurance, 401K plan and most importantly the opportunity to make a loving difference in one's life. For more information, please call Jan Scheeringa at (616) 897-8413.

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EVENTS

GEM & MINERAL SHOW - at Eastbrook Mall. April 9-12 (10 a.m.-9 p.m.) Free admission, public welcome, gem & mineral dealers, exhibits, children's tables & demonstrations.

CASCADE TOWNSHIP - 4th of July celebration juried art/craft show. No display fee. Applications due by May 9. Call Lt. Cheryl Shaffer at 949-1320 for information.

LOWELL CLASS OF 1947 - is planning the big 50 on Sat., Sept. 20, 1997. Need to contact the following: Robert Bird, June Finch Grant, Jacqueline Knee Solomon, Mary Lint Brown, Orrie Smith, Joycelyn Kyser Chase. Call Donna Doezema Blocher at 897-6639, leave message.

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Harold Englehardt remembered as a man of compassion, integrity, devotion and vision

••• Friends and family gathered Saturday to lay to rest Harold Englehardt. He successfully served 28 years at State Savings Bank, now FMB, (1960-1988).

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Without a rich heart, wealth is an ugly beggar."

For the better part of 96 years, Harold J. Englehardt, son of a Frankenmuth farmer, shared the richness in his heart with the community and people of Lowell.

Following his death last Tuesday, April 1, he was remembered for the wealth of honesty, integrity and moral character he demonstrated toward everyone he came in contact.

"He was a man of strong moral character who enjoyed what he was doing," Lowell Township supervisor John Timpson said. "In the 20 years I did business with him, there was never a cross word."

Englehardt may truly be the last of the businessmen who helped mold Lowell and give it direction in the late 1920's and early '30s.

In 1930, he purchased the

Lowell Granite Company, which was on the brink of financial ruin, due to poor management.

It was at this time Englehardt began to organize investors to reopen the Lowell bank which closed during the depression for what many referred to as the "Banking Holiday."

After organizing enough investors and raising enough capital, Englehardt reopened the Lowell bank in 1934. It was renamed "State Savings Bank."

Englehardt continued to run the Lowell Granite Company while lending his expertise to the bank. Following the retirement of bank president Harry Day, he shifted his work to full-time bank management and part-time Granite Company manager.

In 1982, Englehardt sold the Granite Company to long-time employee, Judd Wilterink.

"He gave me direction in



As president and CEO, Englehardt had compassion and integrity for his customers. Englehardt also displayed his sense of humor each year at Halloween. He would retrieve his old top hat from the closet, put on his yellow flannel shirt, and don a pinky ring with a large, one-inch plastic diamond.

the business world," said Wilterink. "His integrity, honesty and knowledge of everything within the business world was a pleasure. Harold was a remarkable guy."

Wilterink worked for Englehardt at Lowell Granite from 1950-60, and then managed it until 1982.

Englehardt was the youngest of five children in the Louis and Barbara Englehardt family in an age where farms were handed down from father to son. However, none of the three boys wanted to continue farming once on their own.

"We wanted more," Englehardt explained many years later.

In pursuit of more,

Englehardt attended Ferris State College where he studied banking.

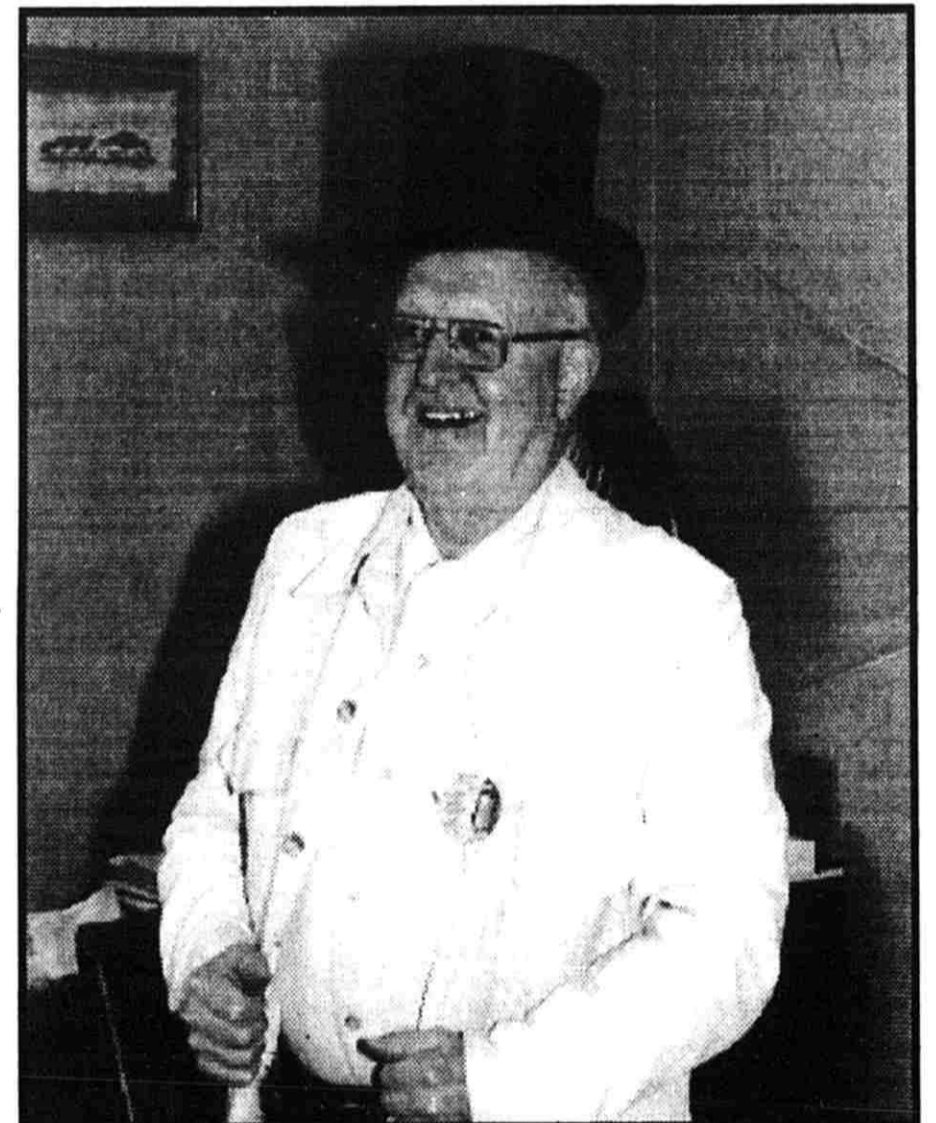
He worked 66 years of his life in the banking business before retiring at the age of 88 in 1988.

In delivering Englehardt's eulogy, FMB State Savings Bank vice president Chuck Myers remembered Harold as a compassionate man.

There were countless numbers of people who benefitted from Englehardt's compassion and understanding whereby he remained patient with debt repayment of families who had experienced some form of financial misfortune.

"He was approachable and easy to talk to," said FMB State Savings Bank business and development coordinator Marj Harding. "Harold was always ready to reach out and help."

His great nephew John



Walker added that Englehardt's word was his contract. "He genuinely cared for people. He lived what he believed," Walker said.

Education was an important concern of Englehardt. His generous contribution of \$380,000 toward the Mildred and Harold Englehardt Li-

brary fit in with his educational concerns and broadened the scope of his generosity to individuals of all ages....

When he retired in 1988, he was quoted as saying "Money is a way of helping people."

He later added, "When people think of money, they think of million dollar mansions, but what is it really? It's nothing of importance.... helping people, that is important."

"Mr. Englehardt should be thanked for teaching us about the past, and providing this community with learning opportunities for our future," Myers said.

Englehardt never got a chance to visit the library he was instrumental in building.

He died the day he was scheduled to make that visit. Through the library though, his presence and vision live....

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