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## Townships eye letter-writing campaign to ease traffic along M-21

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes residents finding it difficult to travel to work on M-21 might want to follow the lead of their township officials in asking that a bridge be built across the Grand River at Snow Avenue.

At a recent joint planning commissioners' meeting, representatives from Cascade, Ada, Lowell and Vergennes

townships agreed that a letter-writing campaign to state representatives in Lansing may be the best way to get the project approved.

The bridge would benefit residents in Lowell Township, but the biggest benefactor would be Vergennes residents, especially on the heels of a building boom witnessed by the township during the past several years.

According to Vergennes

officials, the township has the highest number of building permits granted in the four-township district.

"We have had some people comment on how hard it is to travel down M-21 in

the morning and after work. A bridge is one of the best ways to alleviate that traffic," said Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone.

Stone and other officials believe alleviating traffic

would not only make the trek to Grand Rapids faster, but provide safer passage.

"M-21 is known to have a lot of accidents and with the increasing growth around here, this bridge would also help in

that area," said Stone.

Residents unsure of how to develop a letter or to whom it should be sent can contact their local municipality during regular business hours for assistance.

### LYFL signs three-year extension with city of Lowell

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Lowell Youth Football League (LYFL) and the city of Lowell have agreed to a new three-year extension for the operation of the concession stand at Burch Field.

The two sides signed a one-year agreement in February of 1996.

The extension marks the first time the control of a park has been given to an entity other than the YMCA.

The request by Lowell Youth Football was based on its commitment to upgrade and maintain Burch Field.

LYFL president Dave Biggs said the league would cooperate with other youth programs. However, with the new agreement, the city will not allow use of the field without the approval of the LYFL program.

"The proceeds we generate will be invested back into the kids and the facilities," Biggs said.

Upgrading plans include a new concession stand, bathroom facilities to replace the port-o-johns and a new storage building.

Biggs said the YMCA is interested in seeing what the site's potential is for ball diamonds.

"If there is a potential, we would build the new concession stand more toward the center of the facility so it could be easily used by both groups," Biggs explained.

The city council asked the LYFL to provide an annual report of the funds spent toward improvement of the facility and the time and number of volunteer hours spent.

"We have a very nice facility for kids," Biggs said. "We'd like to keep it that way...that's part of being proud of where you're from."

## KCEA bestows high honor on Talus

••• The Lowell High School health teacher and girls' track coach has respect of her peers and gets lofty marks from her students for her ability to relate and motivate.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Kathy Talus has taught students and athletes at Lowell High School the value of being there for one another.

The Kent County Education Association recognized and honored the Lowell High School health teacher for being there for students the past 18 years with its "Teacher of the Year" award.

Talus, who continues to recover from a four-month bout with cancer, was nominated for the award by her teaching peers.

"I was out four months, and while I was never involved in the classroom work, I knew what was going on," Talus said. "This award represents team work. It is a reflection of how this staff works together and is there for one another."

Talus explained how Marsha LaHaye wrote up the daily class plans for the substitute teacher; how Laurie Summerfield stepped in and taught her advanced health class; how Robin White shuttled things to her; how Robin Briggs and Courtney Arnett filled in for her in track; and how the entire staff wrote her while she was out.

"I am honored to have received the award and even more to have been nominated by my peers," Talus said.

The health teacher and girls' track coach was in class a couple of weeks ago when high school principal Scott Vashaw announced the news over the P.A.

Betsy Maki then presented her with a banner and Bob Rodenhouse and Summerfield came into her room with flowers.

"I walked out of the classroom to try to get away and the band, which was in the hallway, struck up the school fight song," Talus said with a smile.

The Negaunee High School graduate said a good teacher is one who relates to what the needs of the kids are and

works so that each kid in class succeeds.

"Kathy has the ability to motivate young people and get the most out of them and at the same time have fun. Students in her classes and on her track teams work hard and enjoy themselves," Vashaw said. "It takes a special teacher and coach to do that. The love she has for her job is sincere and therefore infectious."

Part of Talus' success has come from making outside of the classroom part of the student's classroom experience.

"I teach health and I have made health part of my life," she explains. "Not just in sports, but in other school activities I am involved in."

Talus said students today have more pressures than they did 18 years ago. "Kids, however, are kids. Their dress may have changed, but they still like to laugh and have fun."

Talus is a graduate from Northern Michigan University where she was the first female athlete to earn eight varsity letters. A few years

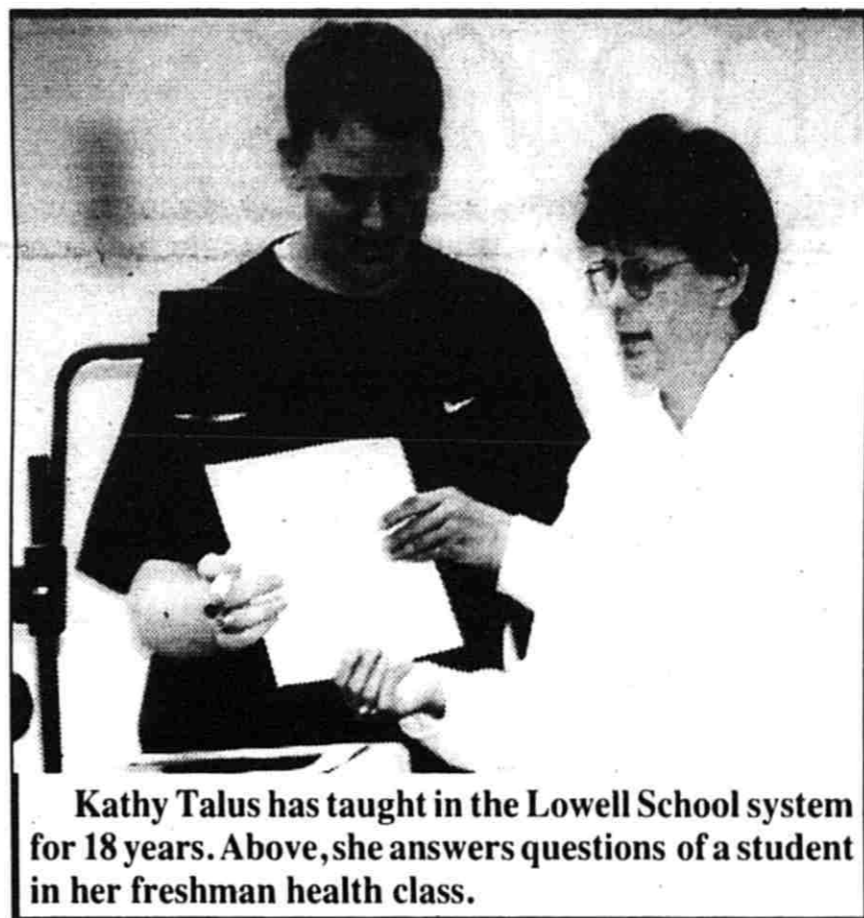
back, she was inducted into the Northern Michigan University Sports Hall of Fame.

"I came to Lowell as a 21-year-old from the Upper Peninsula," Talus recalls. "I was in awe of the city, 28th St. and the malls."

Not even the cinder track bothered her. "I went to school in a building that was about 150 years old. So, a cinder track didn't bother me. That's what I ran on in high school," Talus said.

Gary Kemp, then the high school principal, hired Talus as Lowell's health teacher. "Kathy is a hard worker and comes from a great family. Kids can tell she likes and respects them and she knows what she's talking about," he said. "They can tell what teacher has it and those who don't."

With the recent KCEA award, so now does all of Kent County.



Kathy Talus has taught in the Lowell School system for 18 years. Above, she answers questions of a student in her freshman health class.

## Communities and schools join forces to address problems dealing with youth

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Developing community based solutions to problems dealing with youth is the charge of the Youth Development Program.

The issues the program will address include drug abuse, substance abuse, violence, lack of support, conflict resolution skills, leadership skills and cultural diversity.

East Grand Rapids School District began the program two years ago.

It was suggested in year one that the program be replicated by other communities and that its own program be expanded so that it could address urban and rural concerns.

That could best be accomplished through a partnership with other schools.

Henceforth, Lowell and Grand Rapids Central were invited to join the program.

The partnership enables the schools to share in the cost for speakers and activi-

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## Advisory board tackles task of prioritizing Vergennes' roads

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials have scrapped the idea of building their own septic system in favor of discussing the possibility of hooking in the city of Lowell's system.

With a price tag of more than \$1.6 million, the

township's engineering firm advised them against building their own system along Lincoln Lake Avenue.

"It's not economically feasible for you to substantiate your own system," said Brian Johnson, a representative from Wilcox Associates engineering firm. "You also

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### OBITUARIES

**BERGIN** - Gladys Bergin, aged 80, of Sun City, AZ, formerly of Lowell, passed away Thursday, May 22, 1997. She is survived by her husband, John R. Bergin, Sr.; son, John (Susan) Bergin, Jr. and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Maggie. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lila and Arthur Armstrong and brother, Jurl Armstrong. She graduated from Michigan State University, Magna Cum Laude, taught at Lowell High School and was adjunct at MSU. She

was a member of St. Clements of Rome Catholic Church in Sun City, AZ. Memorial services were held Monday in Sun City. Memorial contributions to Frederik Meijer Gardens would be appreciated.

**ERLER** - Mrs. Sarah Louise Erler, (nee Bannon), aged 77, of Lowell, passed away Thursday, May 22, 1997 at her home. Mrs. Erler was born on January 24, 1920 in Lowell, the daughter of Jack and Ella Bannon, and she was

a lifelong resident of Lowell. She was a graduate of St. Mary's School of Nursing and had worked as a registered nurse for St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jules Erler, on April 16, 1991. Surviving are three daughters, their husbands and six grandchildren, Juliann (Bart) Lyon of Ann Arbor and their son, Daniel; Shirley (Kerry) Tap of Lowell and their children, Nick and Heather (Brad) Sprague; Beulah (Charlie) Doyle of Cascade and their children, Brion, Bridget and Kevin and many beloved cousins and very special friends. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. Mary's Catho-

lic Church, Lowell with Rev. George J. Fekete as Presider. Interment in St. Mary's Cemetery. A Rosary/Scripture Service was held Friday at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home. For those who wish memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland Home or to St. Mary's Catholic Church, Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

**GOGGINS** - Mr. James (Ken) Goggins, aged 84, of Lowell, went home to be with his Lord on Monday morning, May 19, 1997. Mr. Goggins was a gentleman's gentleman and was a self-made man with a wonderful sense of humor. He was born on September 23, 1912 to

James M. and Bertha M. (Konkle) Goggins in Bowne Township. He was the founder of Shady Acres Farm where he provided hayrides and a riding stable to many people. For many years he owned the Northend Beer Store on Plainfield Ave. and later in life was a sales representative for VanArdel Chrysler-Plymouth and retired from Thomet Chevrolet-Buick in Lowell. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy, on May 30, 1994. Surviving are his children, Mary Jo Middaugh of Lowell, Anne and Jack Wood of Lowell, Kathleen and Pedro Rodriguez of East Grand Rapids, James and Marti Goggins of Lowell,

Michael and Susan Goggins of Muskegon, Patrick and Peggy Goggins of Pierson, 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, a brother, Francis (Mary Ellen) Goggins of Hastings, his sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Carmody of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Sal Wierski of Grand Rapids, nieces and nephews. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday at noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Parnell, with The Rev. Fr. Wayne Wheeler as Celebrant. Interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider either Masses or Visiting Nurse Hospice. Arrangements by Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford.

**ZARAFONETIS** - Diane Beth Zarafonotis of East Grand Rapids, aged 50, died Wednesday, May 21, 1997 after a 12-year victory over breast cancer. She is survived by loving husband, James M. Zarafonotis; son, Marcus and daughter, Jaime; also surviving are her parents, Howard and Bettie Tuthill of Grand Rapids, and brothers and sisters, Paul Tuthill, Carol LaMange and Marty Smith of Grand Rapids, William Tuthill of Grosse Pointe, Alan Tuthill of Santee, CA and Jon Tuthill of Grand Rapids. Diane was past president and founder of Expressions, renamed the Diane Z. Breast Cancer Support Group. She founded the group in 1988 to provide information, support and friendship to women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. No flowers please. Tax deductible donations may be made to the Diane Z. Group at 74 Deer Run Dr., Ada, MI 49301. Memorial Service to be held at Fountain Street Church on Saturday, May 31 at 10:30 a.m.

### Ionia County National Bank and Schneider Manor grant city easements

Easements for highway facilities and a sidewalk and road embankment were graciously accepted by the city of Lowell.

Ionia County National Bank agreed to provide the city of Lowell a highway facilities easement from its property at 2601 W. Main.

As part of the installation of a new traffic light at the intersection of M-21, Alden Nash and the relocated Bowes Road, a five-by-five parcel is needed at the northeast corner of Alden Nash and M-21 to place a support pole.

Schneider Manor granted the city of Lowell easements for placement of the sidewalk (for the first 20 feet of the property) and road embankment (grading) improvements from Schneider Manor covering the northwest corner of Bowes Road and Hudson Street to the creek.

## Toy Run site switched to fairgrounds from Fallasburg Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Imagine, it's September and approximately 125 motor bikes are parading through downtown Lowell with toys strapped to them.

In the midst of those black leather jackets and array of helmet and bike colors... there's a guy in a white beard and red velvet... ahhhh, I don't believe it... it's Santa Claus riding in that motorcycle limousine.

That imaginary scene may very well come to fruition. Doug Morrell received support from the city of Lowell to move his third annual Motorcycle Toy Run from Fallasburg Park to the Kent County 4-H Fairgrounds. The toy run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7.

The bike run invites bikers from all over West Michigan

to join Morrell for a ride from Riverside Park (Grand Rapids) to the fairgrounds.

"In our first year, we had 75 motorcycles and 100 people participate," Morrell said. "Last year, we had 100 bikes and 130 people. I believe it will continue to grow."

Morrell is moving from the Fallasburg Park location due to the growth and competition for use of the pavilion.

"The first two years we were able to secure it. This year, someone else got it before we did," Morrell explained.

Each biker who participates will bring a toy with them. The toys will then be wrapped and used by Doug Stevens to

give to children in the pediatrics unit at Butterworth Hospital on Christmas Day.

Stevens began this heart-warming gesture three weeks after he and his wife Sherrie lost their three-year-old son Tony to a brain tumor.

"I saw Stevens' story in the paper and it moved me," Morrell said. "I saw this as something good for kids and I wanted to help however I could."

The toy run will also include a ride-in motorcycle show in the arena and possibly a rodeo. Details on the rodeo still need to be worked out.

### COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 1,911 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1996-97 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at least 14 hours of graded class work.

Included on the list from Lowell are: Lauren Eve Basney, daughter of Lionel and Ruth Basney, majoring in music; Brenda K. Bittrick, daughter of B.K. Bittrick, majoring in English; Christopher R. Goggins, son of Ronald and Anne Marie Wittenbach, majoring in general business and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw, daughter of Bryan and Nan Zeeuw, majoring in elementary group minors.

From Alto are: Tamara J. Faber, majoring in integrated supply management Asian studies and Wendy L. Faber, majoring in general business.

daughters of Folkert and Marge Faber; Mandy Jacobs, daughter of Tom and Mona Jacobs, majoring in general business and Kris Lynn Vanbelkum, daughter of John and Connie Vanbelkum, majoring in university curriculum.

Anna M. Lietzke was among the 219 students named to the 1997 spring semester dean's list at Adrian College, an independent liberal arts institution located in southeast Michigan.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Lietzke, an April graduate who majored in chemistry, is a 1993 graduate of Lowell High School and the daughter of Theodore and Ellen Lietzke of Lowell.

Melissa K. Peterson has been named to the dean's list

at Albion College for the spring 1997 semester.

Students named to the dean's list must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. To qualify, students must take at least three units in graded courses and successfully complete four units.

Peterson is a sophomore

majoring in women's studies and anthropology and sociology. She is the daughter of Mrs. Kay Oligney of Lowell and a graduate of Lowell High School.

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## TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing on June 4, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning a proposed amendment in the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Grattan.

The proposed ordinance would, if adopted, amend Article XIV of the Township Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to planned unit developments (PUDs), so as to provide that in the A Agricultural District and the R-R Rural Residential District, large scale residential developments involving 13 or more lots or other parcels shall be developed only as planned unit developments. The proposed amendment would also amend Sections 6.05 and 9.04, pertaining to residential developments in the A and R-R Districts exceeding 13 or more lots or parcels. Sections 14.14., 14.08 and other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance are also proposed to be amended with regard to procedural matters, building density requirements and other matters affecting certain large-scale residential developments and the consideration thereof as planned unit developments.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: May 12, 1997

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

## VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment on proposed amendments to the Vergennes Township Ordinance, Sections 201.701, 201.702 and 201.703, relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

If adopted, the proposed amendments would provide for the appointment of two alternate members of the ZBA, allow appeal to the ZBA of administrative decisions relating to Planned Unit Developments, and specifically clarify quorum requirements for votes taken by the ZBA.

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

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 1997.

Rick Gillett  
Chairman

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## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 2, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive. This public hearing is to receive public comments on an application from Kevin Rude, Sundry Corporation, Ada, MI for a site plan review of a proposed site condominium development, Valleywood, in the SW 1/4 of Section 36 in the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) District. The property is located on Grindle Drive.

The proposed site condominium would occupy about 20 acres and when completed would consist of about 25 lots for single family homes.

The application and proposed site plan can be reviewed at the Township Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 1997.

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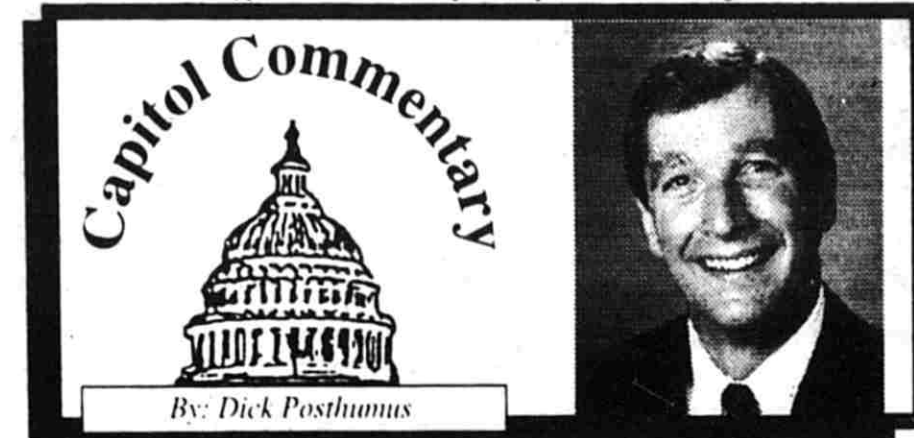
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**MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND GRATITUDE**

Another Memorial Day weekend has come and gone, no doubt many of us had been looking forward to a day off from work, perhaps some time to spend with our families, maybe a quick vacation to visit friends. In the excitement of a three-day weekend, it can be easy to forget the true meaning behind Memorial Day and the reason why it is such an important day. It is a day to remember those men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom and protection of the citizens of the United States of America.

On Thursday, the Senate held a memorial service for the 40 million veterans who have served this country. In it, we heard from a Michigan resident, Peter Lemon, who served so bravely in Vietnam that he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. This is such a great distinction that only 3,000 people have ever been given this award.

In his speech, he recalled the saying "The only thing good

about war is that it ends." But for veterans, he said, war never ends. Emotionally, they are all prisoners of war. Perhaps the best we can do for all veterans — those buried in the cemeteries and those with whom we interact every day — is recognize the sacrifice they have made and thank them for the sacrifice that many of us did not have to make.

Former President Ronald Reagan once said, "Double—no, triple—our troubles and we'd still be better off than any other people on earth." This is true — we would be better off, and we certainly are better off. This is due in large part to the millions of brave men and women, past and present, who have risked and sacrificed so much to protect our freedom and democracy.

I ask each of you to take a moment to thank America's veterans, not just once a year on Memorial Day, but often.

**Pros called in to deal with family farm/commercial business issue**

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

The Vergennes Township Planning Commission has reached an impasse on its family farm issue and hopes to call in an expert to help with the issue.

The commission is trying to determine when a family business becomes a commercial enterprise and what to allow when it does cross that line. "We're qualified enough to answer that question," said planning commission chairman Rick Gillette. In order to allow a commercial enterprise, a property owner must receive a Special Use Permit from the township and currently the commission has no set guidelines on what that permit shall allow and not allow.

Please, take a moment to reflect on how much they have given, and how little they have asked for in return. And as we remember those who have fought and died for this country, we also remember those who are still missing.

Because of those who have sacrificed, our children will be able to grow up in a nation where they are free to fulfill their dreams. They will be free to smile, just as the children in Paris smiled more than 50 years ago during World War II as the Allies marched into the city, liberating the French people and establishing democracy.

In such smiles there is hope for today and for tomorrow. Let's all remember these things, and let us pledge to face the challenges of upcoming years with the same dedication and courage.

The issue has been bantered about among the commission, township board, and area farmers, but to no avail as far as an answer.

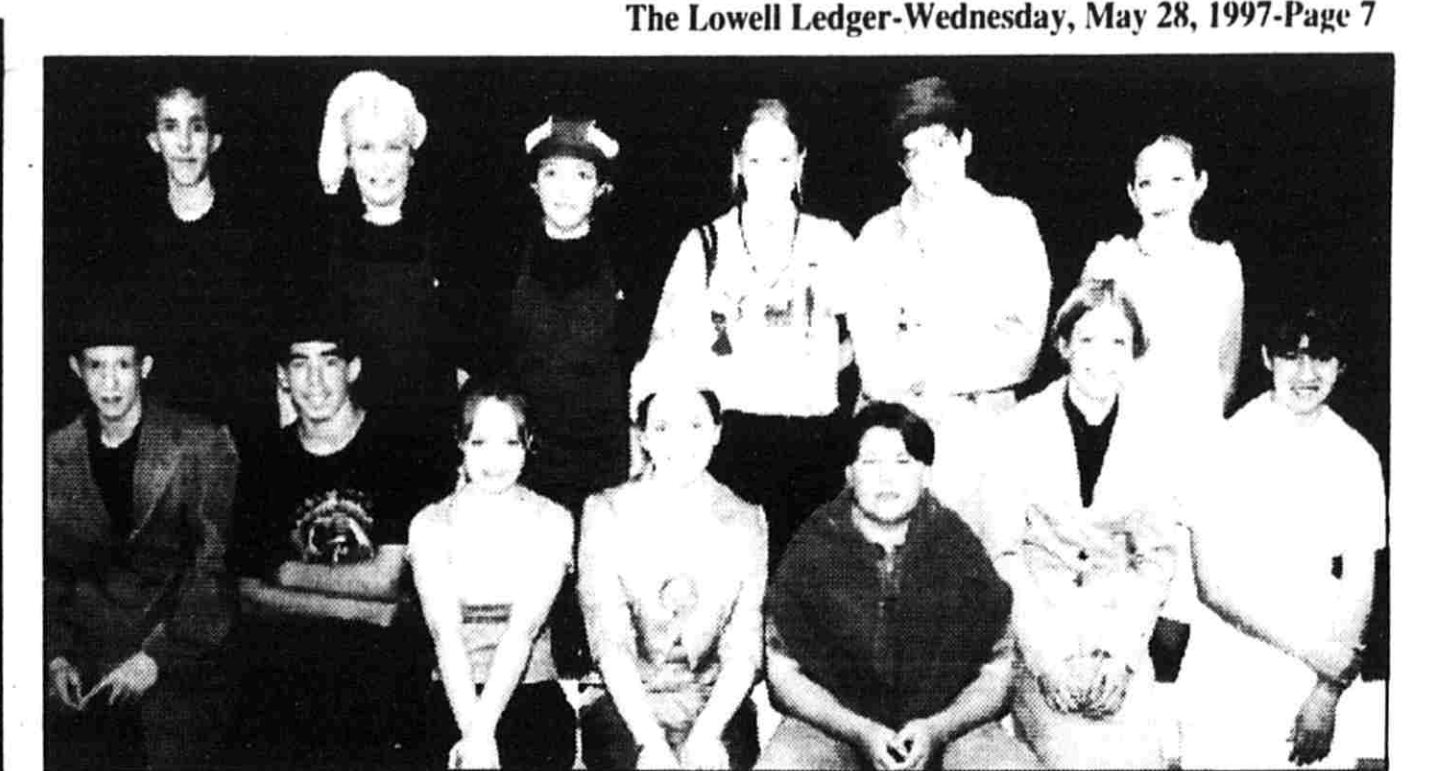
The commission stated several months ago that many of today's farmers are still using their land for agricultural purposes, but have had to supplement their work with outside enterprises, such as landscaping businesses.

The commission is preparing to interview three professional planners to determine who is best qualified to assist them in their quest for answers.

Once selected, the commission will bring a formal proposal to the board seeking funding for the use of the planner.



Front row, left to right: Nichole Straub, Jolynn Stalsonburg, Gavin Vincent, Ben VanderVeen (as Alexander), Neil Reimbold, Jessica DenHouter, Sara Fye; back row: Laura Miller, Josh Grim, Amber Young, Melissa Precious, Molly Debiak, Jackie Thuston.



Front row, left to right: Jacob Baker, Tim Hill, Danielle Corteville (as Brenda), Kim VandeBrake (as Mrs. Fitzhugh), Jay Blair (as Chester), Kim Bek, Janet Ingersoll; top row: Andy Brubaker, Liz Brander, Katie Gunberg, Sarah Balcer, Brandon Scheid, Melissa Hamstra.

**Lowell Middle School drama class to present "Wrangler Ranch"**

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the heart-warming play *Wrangler Ranch* on Tuesday, June 3.

Fitzhugh has located her long lost, lovable and outrageously clumsy grandson, Alexander, in a pizza shack in New Jersey. She decides to enroll Alexander, along with his spoiled cousins, Brenda and

Chester, in Wrangler Ranch School, hoping to expose all three to a healthy environment. Brenda and Chester had hoped to inherit their aunt's fortune, so they concoct a ridiculous plan to get rid of

their annoying cousin, Alexander.

Meanwhile, even though he doesn't like fresh air and is allergic to horses, Alexander tries his best to become a Wrangler rancher. As circumstances become more complicated, Wrangler Ranch proves that there's something about the fresh air and wide open spaces that brings out the best in people, producing some very surprising heroes.

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

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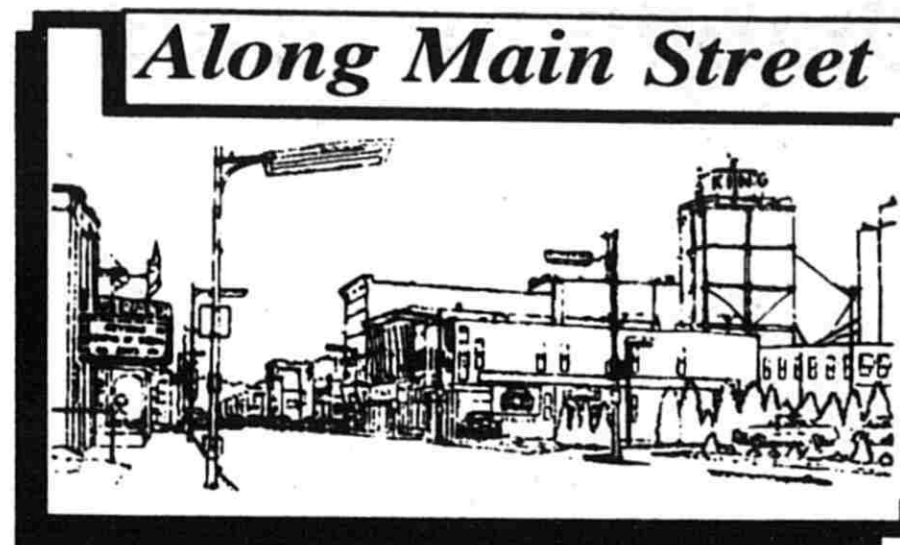
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**LHS BACCALAUREATE**  
A worship service honoring the Lowell High School students will be held Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. in the fine arts center at the high school. A reception in the cafeteria will follow the service. Sponsored by the Lowell Ministerial Association and the Lowell High School Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the service will feature the High School Worship Band, directed by Roger MacNaughton, as well as

## Youth, continued... From Page 1

ties. It will also provide a broader base program enhancing the pursuit of private funding.

In making it a community based program, schools will be part of the solution and not expected to solve problems that may extend back into the family.

"The problems cannot be solved in isolation... there must be a partnership," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw. "There are good programs available to students outside of school, but are ineffective because attendance is poor."

Schools are a good place to address problems because they are a hub for students. However, schools don't have the resources needed which is where outside organizations can help.

Vashaw says Lowell will run a program next year and he expects the district will sign an affiliation agreement with East and Grand Rapids Central.

Once that is done, Lowell will search out a development coordinator.

Each school will have its own coordinator to help address problems shared by all.

drama and soloists. Ribbons will be handed out to graduating seniors.

**ALTO ELEMENTARY PTO CARNIVAL**  
The Alto Elementary PTO carnival, at 6150 Bancroft, will be held Friday, May 30. Pizza will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with carnival fun and games from 6 to 8.30 p.m.

**LHS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**  
The Lowell High School athletic department needs volunteers for the Class B state track meet May 31. If interested, please contact the athletic office at 897-4442.

**CHERRY CREEK DESSERT RECEPTION**  
There will be a dessert reception on Thursday, June 5 in the Cherry Creek cafeteria from 4 to 5 p.m. to thank all of the volunteers who have given their time to Cherry Creek Elementary.

Child care will be provided.

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**ELDRIDGE EXHIBIT AT FMB**  
The photo collage assemblages of Lowell artist and illustrator Gary Eldridge will be on view in a Lowell Area Arts Council exhibition at the FMB Galleria at 414 E. Main St. in Lowell.

The exhibition is open during business hours Monday through Saturday. This exhibit ends Tuesday, June 3.

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## LMS sixth-graders complete peer mediation program

Four sixth-grade students completed their training as Lowell Middle School peer mediators on Tuesday, May 13. Sophia D'Agostino, Katie Clements, Jeremy Goff and Holly Plattner joined the four previously trained seventh-grade and four eighth-grade peer mediators, who have been performing peer mediations and conflict resolutions over the past school year.

The purpose of a conflict resolution program is to help students learn to resolve their conflicts creatively and peacefully, through communication, compromise and mutual agreement. Peer mediators are students who are chosen by their peers and teachers and are trained in the skills necessary to be able to guide their classmates through the process of resolving their own conflicts.

The four sixth-grade peer mediators went through the same process of selection, as the seventh and eighth-grade peer mediators had, the year before: Cheryl Blodgett, LMS guidance counselor, presented the concept and logistics to each classroom to explain the philosophy of peer mediation and conflict resolution and the nomination process. Students were encouraged to nominate their peers, based upon demonstrated qualities such as responsibility, respect of others, caring, fairness and self-confidence.

An election by all the sixth graders was held, followed by teacher recommendations and interviews, resulting in the election of the four newly chosen sixth-grade peer mediators.

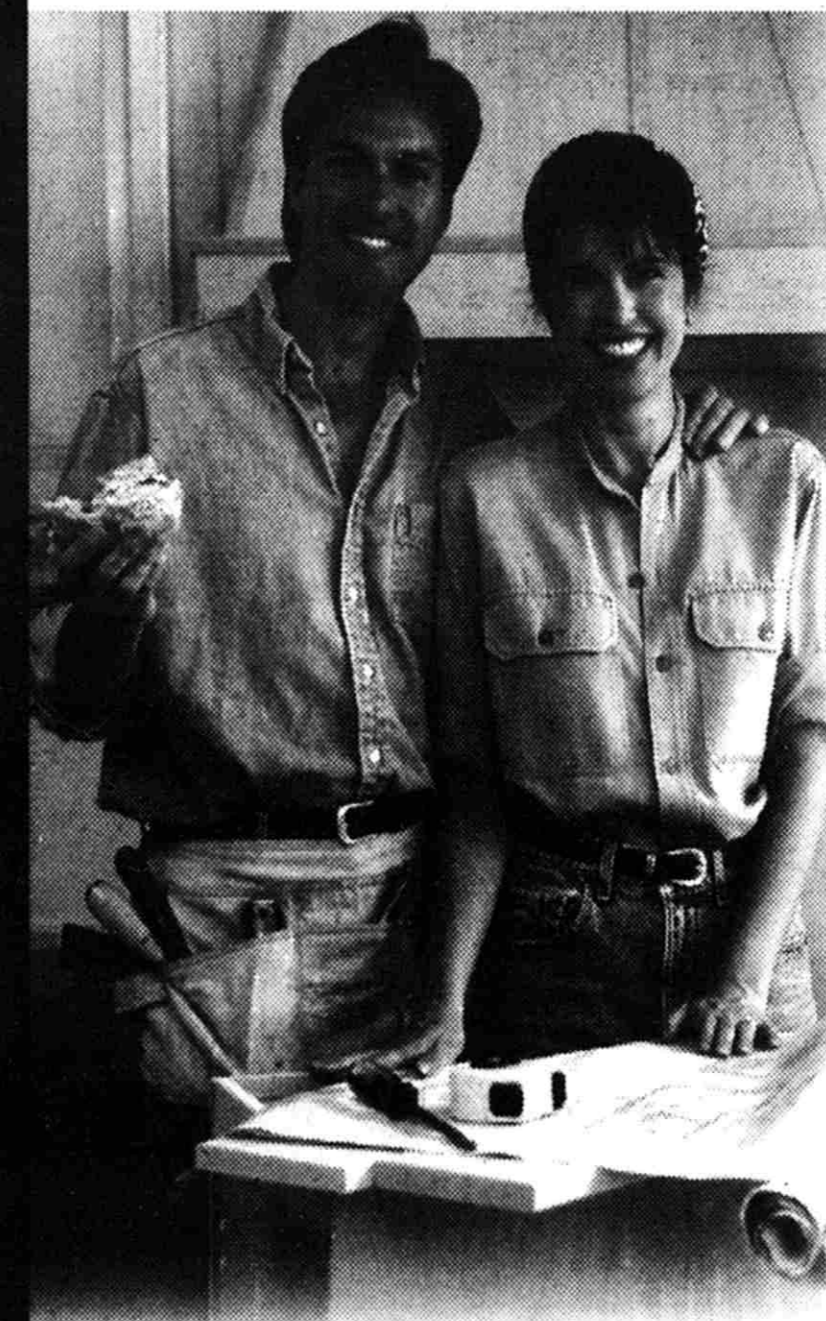
The peer mediators have participated in nine hours of training, led by Blodgett, and with the help of seventh-grade language arts teacher Kelley Moody.

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Middle school peer mediators sitting, from left to right, are: Jeremy Goff, Sophia D'Agostino, Katie Clements and Holly Plattner.

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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF ACTION  
CASE NO. 97-04490-DM

WANDA MARIA PENNA  
SSN: 373-80-9895  
Plaintiff

vs.

JOSE JOEL RESENDIZ  
SSN: 375-06-2831  
Defendant

TO JOSE JOEL RESENDIZ

- You are being sued by Plaintiff in this court for divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503, on or before June 23, 1997. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. Further, a final judgment may be entered upon Plaintiff's motion anytime after July 1, 1997.
- A copy of this Order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and a proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
- A copy of this Order shall be sent to Jose Joel Resendiz at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this Court.

Dated: May 5, 1997

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT  
CASE NO. 97-04490-DM

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-831-2010  
Plaintiff

vs.

JOSE JOEL RESENDIZ  
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Defendant

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan, you are notified:

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Date issued: April 29, 1997  
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There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the Complaint.

I declare that the complaint information above and attached is true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

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### MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Fri. & Sat., May 30 & 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 826 Grindle Drive, Lowell. Sony console TV, VCR (needs cleaning), old Zenith stereo, weed whip, pet beds, books, collector comics, dishes, toys, collectibles, men's & boys' clothing, girls' & women's clothing, some vintage clothing, old 45 records, canning jars & many, many other items.

## Cherry Creek students help Bushnell first-graders bone-up on their Michigan facts

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Much like the state flower does this time of year, students in the fourth- and fifth-grade classes of Pam Kinnucan and Kim VanBelois blossomed too... into teachers.

As part of their unit on Michigan Week (May 18-24), students shared facts about their home state with Bushnell Elementary first-graders.

For five days, the students spent 30 minutes in the classrooms teaching first-graders and reinforcing discussions they've held in social studies.

"There were teams of two and three students in every classroom," said VanBelois. "They shared facts and helped students do work sheets and art projects."

First-graders were familiarized with information on the upper and lower peninsulas, the Great Lakes, state flower (apple blossom), state bird (robin), state fish (brook trout) and state tree (white pine).

The experience helped the fourth- and fifth-grade students with voice projection and working in cooperative groups. As teachers, they also had the challenge of keeping the



Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-grader Andrew Coates discusses fish (trout) with this first-grader.

attention of first-graders and giving clear directions. "I think the students learned how challenging sharing knowledge with others can be," VanBelois said. "I think it helped give them a new perspective on teaching."

The experience definitely cleared things up for 11-year-old Rebecca Smith. "I don't want to be a teacher when I grow up," she said. "We were showing them how to make birds out of paper and some of the kids were using them as handcuffs. They didn't all follow directions."

Nathan VandeVusse, fifth-grade, said getting the students' attention and explaining things were difficult tasks, but his class did learn the information on Michigan.

Brad Siek said he had fun teaching the first-graders and his class did listen. "I think I would like to teach first-grade," Siek said.

Bobbi Jo Young agreed with Siek. "The first-graders in my class listened and learned," Young said. "I don't want to be a teacher. I want to be a veterinarian."

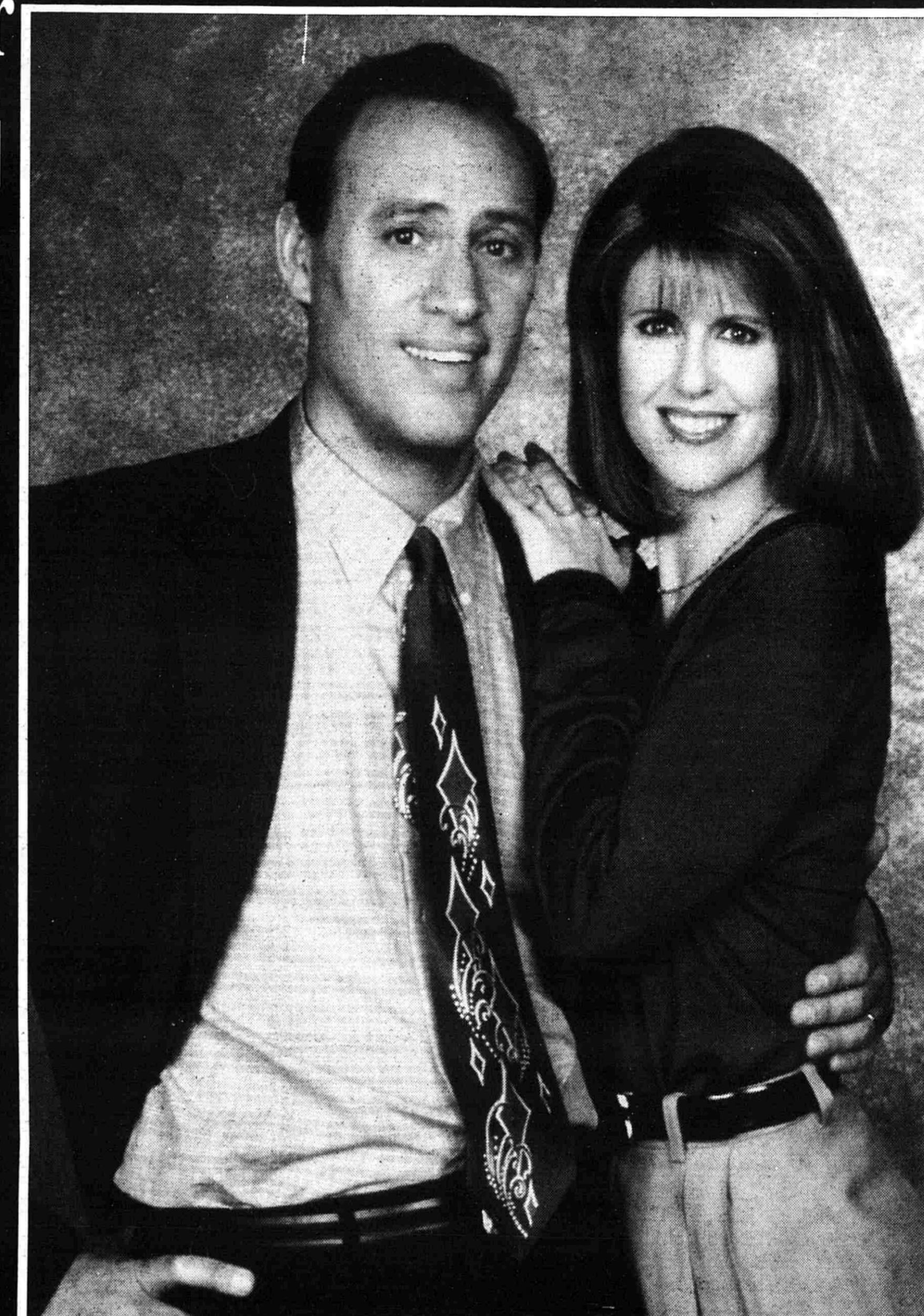


Bobbi Jo Young discusses the trout's color with this Bushnell first-grader.

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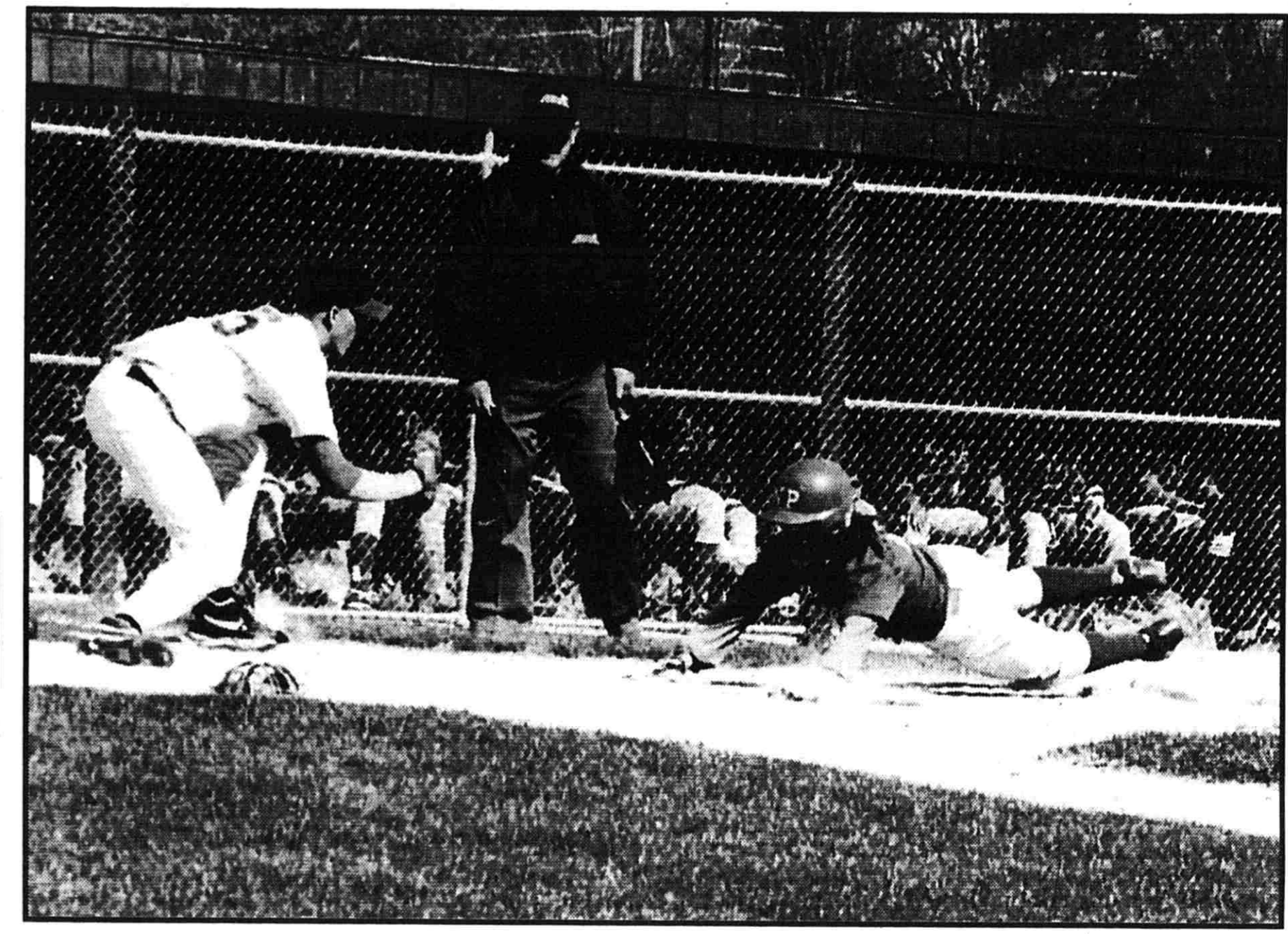
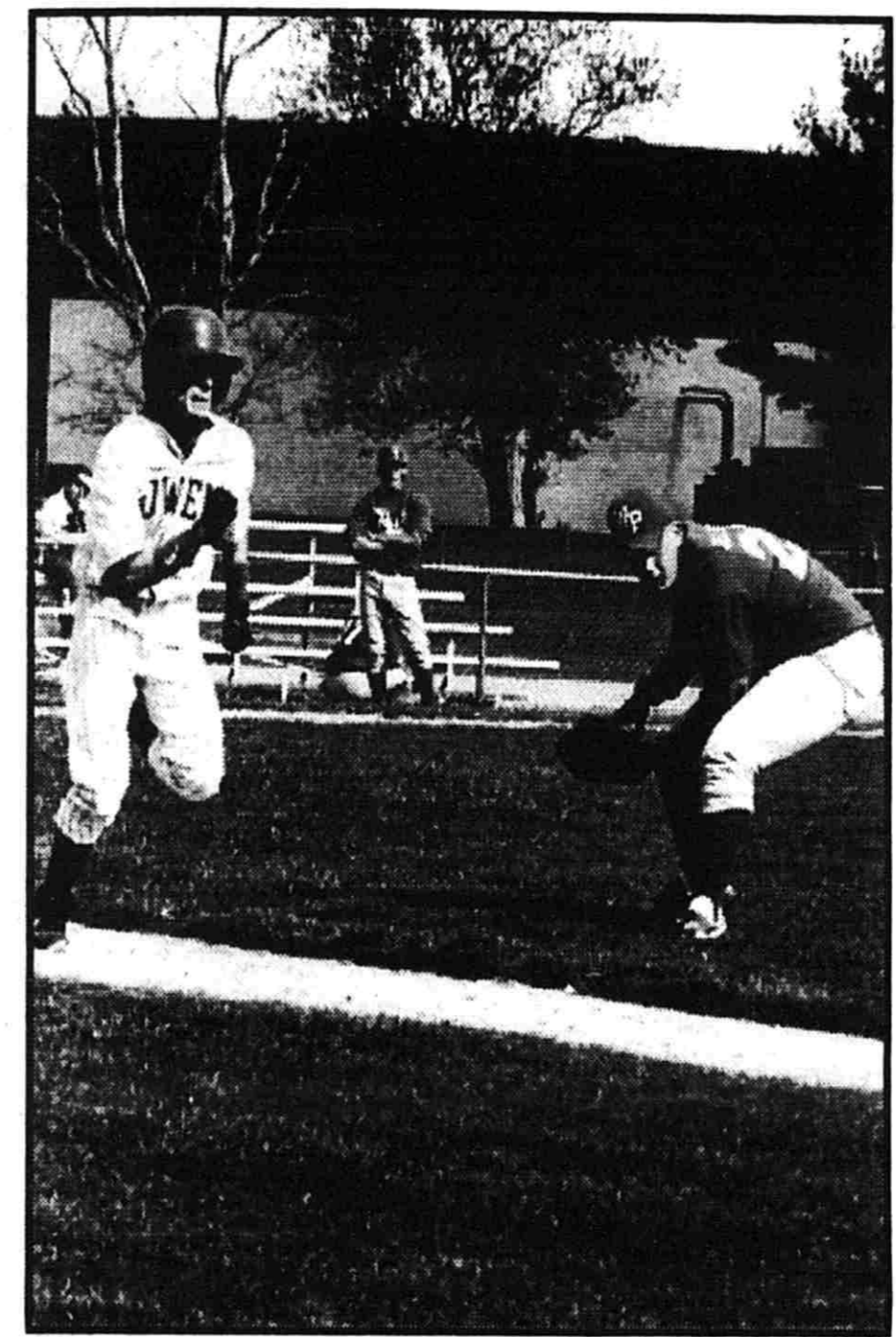
THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 5, 1997. Broadcast stations and programs for Thursday evening, June 5, 1997, from 7:00 PM to 11:30 PM. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Diagnosis Murder, and various news and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 5, 1997. Broadcast stations and programs for Thursday late night, June 5, 1997, from 12:00 AM to 4:30 AM. Includes programs like Late Show, American Journal, and various comedy and news segments.

Lowell baseball team fifth in league, plays Greenville Saturday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

While they were done in defeat, Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf was happy to see his club doing the little things well. "In our losses to Wyoming Park and in game one against Ionia, we took some steps forward," Kropf said. "Hopefully, we're putting ourselves in a position to win the district."



This Wyoming Park runner was not ahead of the tag.

Lowell plays Greenville in district action on Saturday.

Lowell was 2-2 against EGR and FHC.

Wyoming Park 7 Lowell 6

The Vikings scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to come-from-behind for a one-run victory over the Red Arrows.

Wyoming Park trailed 6-5 going into its half of the eighth inning. A hit batsman, fielder's choice and a walk put runners at first and second with one out. A two-run, game winning double sent the visiting Vi-

kings home with the win.

Lowell, trailing 5-3 in the seventh, scored twice to even the contest.

Jack Livingston walked and Brad Lyons singled, putting runners at first and second. An infield hit by Brian Willmarth loaded the bases with no outs. Two fielder's choices plated two Red Arrow runs.

Kevin Teunis and Brad Lyons led Lowell's 11-hit attack with three hits apiece. Tim VanLaan contributed with two hits.

Ionia 6-8 Lowell 5-3

The Red Arrows were doing everything right as they jumped out to a 5-0

lead against the Bulldogs. However, they still had to play the sixth inning. Lowell pitching was guilty of four walks in the inning and the Red Arrow defense committed two errors as Ionia added an RBI single in rallying for six runs.

"The difference in win-

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LOWELL CABLE TV DEPARTMENT. 127 N. Broadway, Lowell 897-8405. Advertisement for the cable TV department.

INDEPENDENCE DAY. PREMIERES IN JUNE. HBO advertisement for the movie Independence Day, featuring Kevin Costner and Rene Russo.

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# TOWN TALK

**Air Force First Lt. officer Kelly Flinn was charged with adultery, fraternization, conduct unbecoming to an officer and making a false official statement. The case aroused controversy over whether she should be dishonorably discharged or whether Flinn is being unfairly singled out.**

## What do you think?



**J.R. Cramer**  
Yes, she should have been. What she did goes against everything the Air Force stands for and believes in.



**Bonnie Gerasimowicz**  
No. They are trying to use her as a scapegoat. As an example.



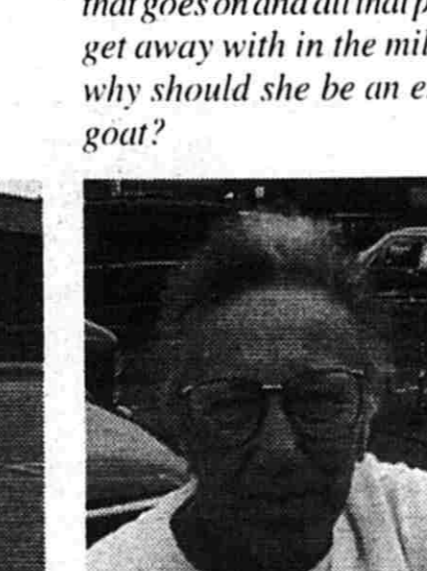
**Lawrence Probes**  
No, she shouldn't have gotten a dishonorable discharge. Rules in the military have not kept up with modern life.



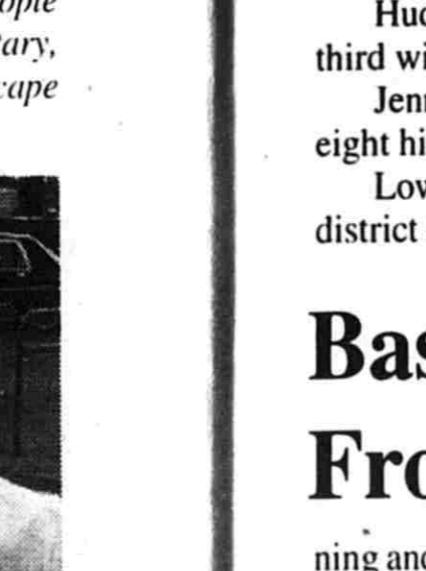
**Gladys Fritts**  
I don't think she should have gotten a dishonorable discharge. They've not done it to the guys.



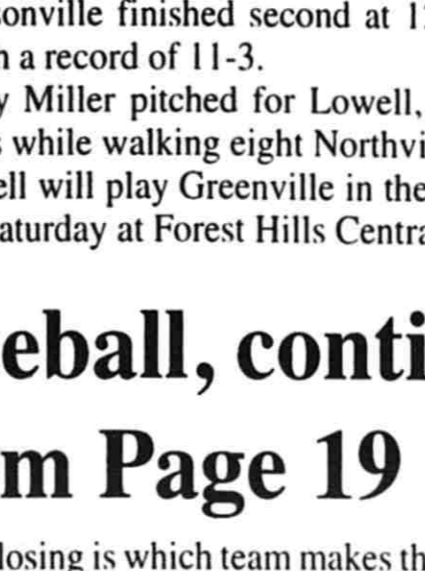
**Kurt Bruxvourt**  
Yes, she should have been dishonorably discharged. The things she did were not right.



**Ernestine Wolfe**  
I don't think she should have been dishonorably discharged. With everything else that goes on and all that people get away with in the military, why should she be an escape goat?



**Michelle Painter**  
Yes. She was totally wrong. Flinn knew what the military was like and she disregarded it all.



**Midge Hackstedt**  
Only if the guy would get the same punishment.

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We give advice but we cannot give the wisdom to profit from it.  
—La Rochefoucauld

**3RD ANNUAL CHERRY CREEK 5k CLASSIC**  
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REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.  
ENTRY FEE: Now until June 9th, \$12; June 10th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).  
PACKET PICK-UP: June 13th, 1997 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.  
LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School (old high school) north entrance.  
AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

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|-------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
|             | 35-39      | 40-44 | 45-49 | 50-54 | 55-59 60 & over |

Registered runners and walkers will receive a tee-shirt. Late registration after June 9th will also receive a tee-shirt to be picked up at a designated place and time to be announced race day.

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# Red Arrow girls punchless at the plate in string of losses

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Mandy Tichelaar  
Memorial Tournament

Lowell's softball team completed the league portion of its regular season with a 6-0 loss to conference champion Northview and its ace pitcher Megan Spetoskey.

The Wildcat hurler did not walk a batter and struck out eight Lowell hitters.

She allowed just three base-runners over seven shutout innings.

Lowell's Lisa Murphy and Ann Townsend collected Lowell's only hits.

Northview finished their conference regular season at 13-1. Lowell was 5-9.

Hudsonville finished second at 12-2 and Hastings was third with a record of 11-3.

Jenny Miller pitched for Lowell, allowing six runs on eight hits while walking eight Northview batters.

Lowell will play Greenville in the opening round of the district Saturday at Forest Hills Central.

**Rockford 11 Lowell 2**

**Kenowa Hills 9 Lowell 7**

Lowell opened the tournament against Rockford. The Red Arrows jumped on the Ram starter for a run in the first inning.

Ann Townsend lined one of the gloves of Rockford's right fielder, scoring Shannon Laux from third.

Rockford grabbed the lead for good in a three-run third inning on two walks, a single and a triple.

The Red Arrows got a run back in the bottom of the third when Cherelle Weber tripled and later scored on a wild pitch.

Rockford added to their 3-2 lead with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Rams put the game out of reach with two runs in the sixth inning and four more runs in the seventh.

"Rockford is a good club," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said. "Their power took over in the sixth and seventh innings."

In the second game of the tourney, Kenowa Hills jumped out to leads of 5-0 and 9-2 on its way to a 9-7 win over the Red Arrows.

Sophomore Andrea Rickert started her first varsity game, allowing nine runs on six hits while walking four and striking out two.

Lisa Murphy and Laurie Barton both collected two hits for Lowell. The Red Arrows had six for the game.

"It was the same story. We committed too many errors and did not come up with key base hits," Rodenhouse said.

To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have.  
Ken S. Keyes Jr.

Ionia 4-6  
Lowell 1-4

Ionia's Sarah Cookson shackled Lowell on two hits in the Bulldogs win in the opener.

The Red Arrows' only run came in the third inning when a Cherelle Weber triple plated Angie Young from second.

Ionia broke through on Lisa Murphy for two runs in the first. The Bulldogs increased their 2-1 lead to 4-1 with two more runs in the sixth inning.

All four of Ionia's runs were unearned. "We were hurt by errors and lack of hitting," said Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

In game two, Lowell scored a run in the third and three more in the fourth inning, as it jumped out to a 4-0 lead.

The Bulldogs chipped away at Lowell's lead with two runs in the fourth and two more in the sixth to tie the contest at 4-4.

Ionia took the lead in the seventh with two runs on two walks, a fielder's choice and a wild pitch against Liz Rooker.

"I thought Liz pitched well," Rodenhouse said. Stephanie Anderson collected two hits for Lowell including an RBI double that knocked in a run. Ann Townsend was 1-for-3 with a two-run double.

Lowell finished its regular season at 8-22.

## Baseball, continued... From Page 19

ning and losing is which team makes the big plays. We've had opportunities, but we're not coming through with the big play," Lowell baseball coach Kris Kropf said.

Lowell scored three runs in the first on singles by Andy Smith, VanLaan, Teunis (two-run single) and Livingston (RBI) single.

The Red Arrows made it 5-0 in the fourth when Jeff Catlin was hit by a pitch, stole second, and scored on an RBI single by Smith. The senior later scored on a ground out by VanLaan.

In game two, Lowell scored once in the first and two more runs in the second to take a 3-0 lead.

Lowell's second and third runs came when Scott Hays walked, advancing to second on an Adam Scheid bunt single. Josh Price walked to load the bases. Another walk and a sacrifice fly plated Lowell's runs.

Bulldog pitching shut out Lowell on no hits the rest of the way.

Ionia scored two runs in the second and third innings, one in the fourth and three in the sixth.

**Northview 6 Lowell 2**

The Red Arrow bats were held to just four hits and two runs as Northview defeated Lowell for the second time this year.

Lowell was its own worst enemy as it committed five errors.

Northview scored its runs on 11 hits.

Cory Zemaitis absorbed the loss for Lowell. He allowed five runs on eight hits and did not walk or strike out a batter.

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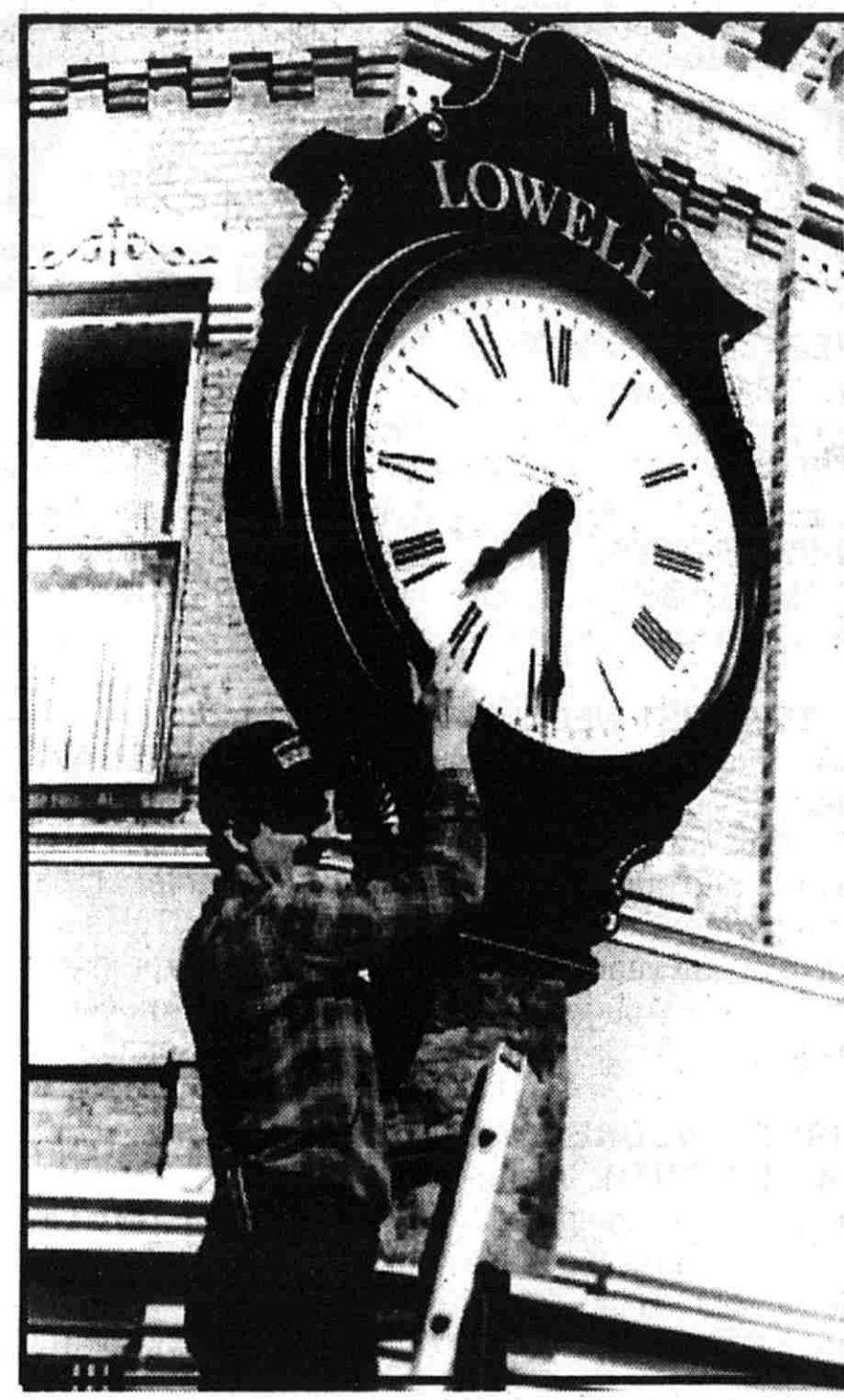
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## What Time Is It....

On Wednesday, it was time to erect the city of Lowell's new town clock at the corner of Main Street and Riverside Drive. The new city clock is part of the Downtown Development Authority's renovation project.

## Local agent helps State Farm celebrate its 75th birthday

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

It started with George J. Mecherle, an Illinois farmer, who wanted to bring low cost auto insurance to the farming people of his home state.

Seventy-five years later, State Farm Insurance offices can be found on just about every main street of every small town in America. In all, there are 17,000 agents across this country.

On Friday, June 6, Lowell State Farm agent Roger Chapman will celebrate the anniversary with cake, punch and coffee for its patrons.

"We'll offer donuts and coffee in the morning and cake, punch and coffee in the afternoon," said Charlene Chapman.

Chapman identifies the company's ability to "keep the promise to its clients" as a focal point of its success.

"In order to do that, you must have good planning and the resources to stay current with the needs of families," Chapman said.

State Farm's main empha-

sis has always been placed on home, auto, health and life insurance of the family.

"It has also provided continuity for its customers. Their coverage is something they can take with them from state to state," Chapman said.

Chapman opened his agency in Lowell in 1984, starting with seven policies. Today, he has 4,429 policies representing 1,723 households.

The biggest thing to affect insurance agencies within the last five years, according to Chapman, is computers.

"People can access the internet for information on products and policies," Chapman said. "It is taking away the one-on-one talks between agents and clients. However, a computer cannot tell a client things will be okay and 'I will take care of you.'"

A change clients will continue to see is the encroachment of banks and insurance companies.

"We're seeing banks offering insurance services now and insurance companies are crossing over into banking (financing)," Chapman said. "I think you will see more and more of that."

The Lowell agent says clients will continue to go to someone they can trust.

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The Lowell City Council will conduct public hearings at its regularly scheduled meeting of June 2, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan.

The purpose of said hearings will be to receive comments on the following:

Gregg and Katie Peters petitioned to construct a four foot high chain link fence in the front yard of their home located at 215 Brook, where a three foot high fence is allowed under the Zoning Ordinance.

City Operating Budget for 1997-98. The document outlines proposed revenues and expenditures for the coming fiscal year. The General Fund has a total of 1,856 million in proposed expenditures. After the hearing, the Council will consider adoption of the budget.

A copy of the proposed 1997-98 Budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit comments prior to the meeting or appear in person at City Hall.

Betty R. Morlock  
Deputy City Clerk

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WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, pork chop pat, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: mixed veg., side salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy; homemade dinner roll/margarine, gelatin or fruit, milk.  
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# Doors to historic Fallasburg one-room schoolhouse to reopen

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Gone are the lowered ceilings.  
Gone are the bathrooms.  
Gone is the linoleum.  
What remains is the 1867 Fallasburg schoolhouse with its board walls and ceiling and the desks of the teacher and students.

In the fall of 1995, the Fallasburg schoolhouse was closed so an interior restoration project could begin.

Much of the project included removing aforementioned modern day additions.

It was thought the project would be completed by late spring of 1996. However, the wheels of progress ground almost to a complete stop before starting up and rolling to completion in the spring of this year.

The schoolhouse will reopen to the public at the end of May. It will remain open on Sundays (2-6 p.m.) throughout the summer.

"The inside is all done now," said Fallasburg Historical Society president Priscilla Lussmyer.

The restoration was funded through the Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block grant. "The Fallasburg Historical Society received \$24,000 in grant money from HUD. The historical society also spent \$3,000 of its own money. We thought the schoolhouse's foundation might need some work, but it is solid and in good shape," Lussmyer said. "The sill which sits on top of the foundation is made out of 10-inch oak."

While a lot of modern additions were removed, Fallasburg Historical Society did install a furnace underneath the floor.

The back room of the schoolhouse which is insulated and lined with wood will serve as an archive for storage of records on Vergennes Township Schools and museum items.

Lussmyer was pleased to note that through monetary gifts from its members and alumni, the Fallasburg Historical Society was able to stock the schoolhouse with McGruffey readers - books used by students in the 19th century. "The donation paid for a bunch of the books," Lussmyer explained.

As history indicates, light was provided by kerosene lamps. One was set in each corner of the schoolhouse.

Lussmyer says a kerosene lamp remains in each corner, but they have now been electrified.

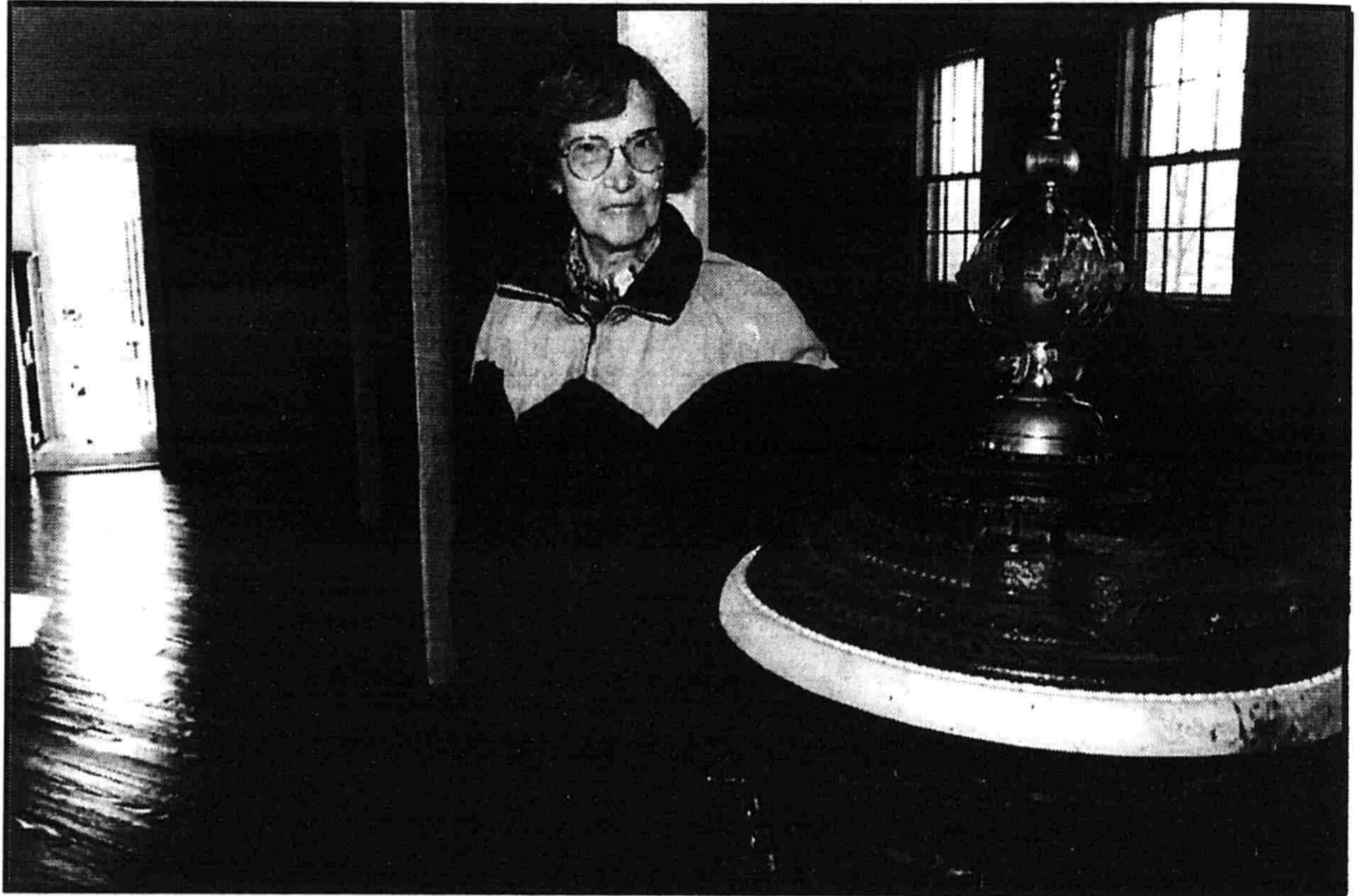
Other schoolhouse donations received by the society

include a parlor (pump) organ which was kept in the old schoolhouse. "Fallasburg Village had a parsonage but no church, so the schoolhouse was used for services," Lussmyer explained.

The organ was donated by Tom and Joe Hill.  
Zona Postma donated an octagonal clock used by the school.

The existing schoolhouse was built in 1867. It replaced a school which was built in 1842.

"One of the great things about the restoration work is that it enables us to invite school groups in to experience school life as it was 100 years ago," Lussmyer said.



Fallasburg Historical Society president Priscilla Lussmyer says schools will be invited to experience school life as it was 100 years ago.

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Almost any man knows how to earn money, but not one in a million knows how to spend it.

—Henry David Thoreau

## ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN, TO BE HELD JUNE 9, 1997

#### TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

#### THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected one (1) member to the board of education of the district for a full term of four (4) years ending in 2001.

#### THE FOLLOWING PERSON HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCY: JAMES E. REAGAN

#### GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the annual school election on Monday, June 9, 1997, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected three (3) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2003.

#### THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES: SIX YEAR TERMS

(VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 3)

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| Douglas K. Chung<br>(formerly known as Kuei-Nan Chung) | David A. Rodriguez |
| Ellen M. James   | Gary P. Schenk     |
| Hans C. Kliphuis                                       | Richard W. Verburg |

#### THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

##### PRECINCT NO. 1

**Voting Place:** Runciman Elementary School, 300 High Street, Lowell, Michigan. The first precinct consists of the City of Lowell and those portions lying north of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

##### PRECINCT NO. 2

**Voting Place:** Old Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash Road, Alto, Michigan. The second precinct consists of Bowne Township in Kent County and Campbell Township in Ionia County and those portions lying south of the centerline of Cascade Road in Cascade and Lowell Townships in Kent County and Boston Township in Ionia County.

##### PRECINCT NO. 3

**Voting Place:** Vergennes Township Hall, corner of Bailey Drive and Parnell Avenue in Vergennes Township. The third precinct consists of the Townships of Ada, Cannon, Grattan and Vergennes in Kent County and Keene Township in Ionia County.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Norman Byrne Secretary,  
Board of Education