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## Vergennes Township adjusts grant request for master plan

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

In a push to get one of its most important documents updated, Vergennes Township has applied for re-appropriation of Community Development Block Grant funds.

Earlier in the year, the township asked for \$12,000 for the construction of a handicapped accessible ramp. However, the township decided to ask for those funds to be allocated for the updating of its master plan.

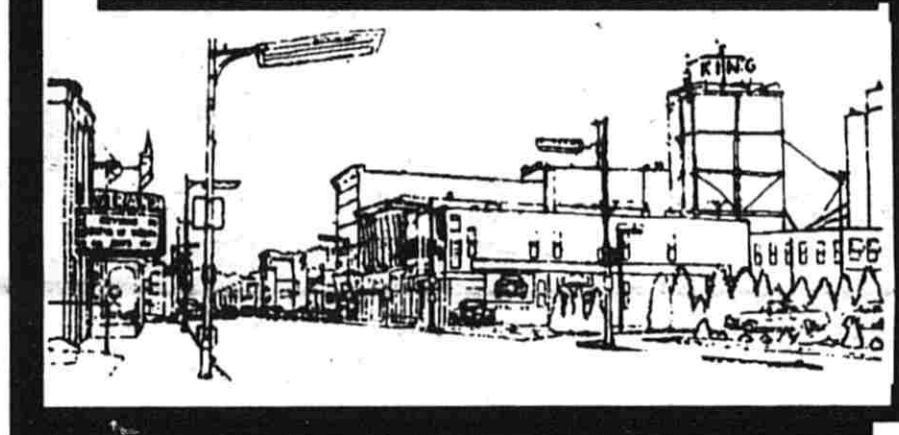
"We decided there was more of a priority to fund our master plan update," said clerk Mari Stone. "Besides, we can always re-apply for the ramp next year."

The rush to get the master plan updated is a prelude to Mark Wykoff's presentation on what the township will need to do with its master plan.

The future of the township is dependent on the zoning

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## Along Main Street



### LAAC WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

The elephants are coming June 26 and 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. Members have been searching their homes, barns and cottages for wonderful treasures.

Don't miss the Lowell Area Arts Councils' big White Elephant sale. Look for the big blue sculpture on the lawn, located at 149 S. Hudson St. Come on inside the Center gallery - it's cool.

### HISTORY THROUGH POSTCARDS

On June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall, the Lowell Area Historical Association will present a program on historical postcards. Several avid collectors of historical (Lowell) postcards will meet to share their collections.

Jim Doyle will give a short history of postcard usage in the U.S. and explain how identifying features can be used to reveal a postcard's age. What makes a postcard valuable will also be explained. Strawberry shortcake will be served following the program. If you have any questions please give Jim Doyle a call at 897-9264.

### ART GALLERY CLOSED FOR SUMMER

The Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery will be closed on Saturdays for the summer. The Gallery will remain open on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please watch the Ledger for further information. Also, please remember to drop off your "white elephants" - just one week before the sale begins (June 26, 27 and 28).

### YMCA NIGHT AT THE WHITECAPS

Tickets are now available for the YMCA Night at the Whitecaps for Thursday, July 31. Come join in the fun in rooting on the West Michigan Whitecaps when they battle the Peoria Chiefs. Tickets are \$5 for reserved seats.

Stop in at the YMCA or call 897-8445 to reserve your seats. Deadline to purchase is June 18, 1997.

### LHS CLASS OF '47

The Lowell High School class of 1947's 50th class reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Saskatoon Country Club. If you have not been contacted, please call 897-6639 or 868-6740.

Still need to find: June Finch Solomon, Janet Hovinga Kinsel, Maurice Pullen and Mary Lint Brown.

## Lowell Charter Township agrees to 15 more years with cable company, but seeks expansion

By Marc Popiolek  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township has re-upped with the Lowell Cable system for another 15 years, but with some minor modifications.

The township agreement with the cable company expires on July 1 and was asked to re-sign an agreement.

The township agreed for another 15-year stint, but wanted the cable company to put some of its profits back in the township for future cable expansion.

Township trustee Dick Huver, citing the cable company as a profit-making entity, would like to see some of those profits "reinvested" in the township, which in turn would commit them to a fund to help expand the service to viable areas.

The township estimated that in two years, enough funds would be gathered to fund a one-mile stretch of cable line.

Fellow board members agreed with Huver's proposal in principle, but fear determining who will be next in line for expansion.

"Do you want to sit on that board and determine who is next in line to receive preferential treatment?" asked

trustee Herb VanderBilt. "Once we put the money aside and identify those areas in need, how do we determine who gets the service?"

Huver agreed to be on such a committee if it was formed and said something has to be done to quicken the process.

"If there is a stretch that is close to being viable, we can step in and make up that difference," said Huver. "We need to start the process of getting the entire township with cable. We still get a lot of people who want to know when it will get to them."

Besides benefiting residents, the township is also hoping to obtain cable in their office.

"The founders of the system had enough foresight to install a bi-directional system that allows us to send as well as receive," said VanderBilt. "With the right equipment we could show our meetings on channel 2."

While the township has added the revision to the agreement, it does not expect an immediate response.

"This is a very good agreement. Far better than what's out there for other communities," said clerk Carol Wells. "Let's not rock the boat. We'll sign it and then work out the rest."

## DesJarden appointed Lowell's new public works director

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Dan DesJarden, an employee of the city for the past 16 years, has been appointed

to the position of public works director.

He will replace Art Gall, who leaves the Lowell post to take a public works superin-



## Down The Stretch...

Sunny skies and a cool breeze were an aid to runners of all ages as they raced for the finish line. Story and results are on page 21 of this week's Ledger.



DesJarden will begin his duties as director this week.

tendent position in Oak Lawn, Ill.

DesJarden has served as the city's parks and streets supervisor for the past six years. Prior to that he served as an equipment operator.

The new director's pay will range between \$40,477 and \$51,796.

Who will fill the void left by DesJarden's promotion has

not yet been determined.

DesJarden said it is likely someone from within will be promoted and that the city will add a truck driver/general laborer to Lowell's Department of Public Works staff.

DesJarden is scheduled to begin his new position this week.

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## OBITUARIES

**BENJAMIN** - Lyle E. Benjamin, aged 87, of Saranac, passed away June 10, 1997. He was born December 24, 1909, in Saranac, the son of Frank and Agnes (DeGroot) Benjamin. He was a graduate of Saranac High School. He married June Curtis on August 9, 1936, in Alto. He built, owned, and operated the Midway Motel of Ionia from 1953-1969. He was a member of Saranac Community Church. He loved golf and bowling and was active in local leagues. He is survived by his wife June of Saranac; sons Paul and Judy

Benjamin of CA, Gerald and Ruth Benjamin of Ionia; sisters Jewell Swanburg of Florida and Anna Baker of Holt; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers Lester and Sherle. Funeral Services were held Friday at the Saranac Community Church with Rev. Stanley Hagemeyer officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Saranac Community Church.

**BLECHA** - Noreen Sterzick Blecha, aged 64, passed away

on November 3, 1996 in Boulder, CO. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at the Alto Methodist Church in Alto. Burial of the cremains will be in the Merriman Cemetery. Noreen graduated from Lowell High School in 1951. In 1962, she moved to Boulder, CO and worked as an accountant for the University of Colorado in Boulder, retiring in 1987. She lived in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains west of Boulder all those years. She married Jerre Blecha on October 31, 1963 in Cheyenne, WY. She lived for six years with her sister Violet Russo and family before residing at Terrace Heights Care Center in Boulder. She had Alzheimer's disease. She is

survived by her sister Violet (Fred) Russo; two uncles, Ernest Sterzick of Charlotte and Carl Wisner and wife Dorothy of Newaygo; eight nieces and nephews in Kelso, WA and Colorado; many cousins in Michigan. A memorial service was held in Louisville, CO, on November 30, 1996. Contributions to Alto Methodist Church, the local Chapter of Alzheimer's Association may be made in Noreen's memory.

**JEWELL (Rockford)** - Mr. Richard H. Jewell, aged 91, went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, June 11, 1997. Mr. Jewell was born April 23, 1906, to John and Sarah (Norton) Jewell. He attended Algoma Baptist Church, was

a 1924 graduate of Rockford High School, where he played baseball and football, was a former Algoma Township supervisor and served on the Kent County Road Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell owned a Centennial Farm on 12 Mile Road near Summit Avenue, which is now owned by the DNR for everyone, including wildlife, to enjoy. He was preceded in death by his wife Marcella. He is survived by his daughter and her husband, Dolores and John Gabrion of Lowell; grandchildren Lorri Gabrion of Alto, Nancy and Gary Wandell of Mason, Karen and Roger Graham of Lowell and Brian Gabrion and his fiancée Jennifer Mokma of Allendale; great grandchildren Landon, Elizabeth and Brock Graham and

Katie, Emily and Julie Wandell; sister Mrs. Wava Beth of Grant; nieces Mamie and Richard Nequist of Grand Rapids and Ethel Norman of Florida. The Service of Praise and Thanksgiving to God for the life of Mr. Jewell was held Friday afternoon at Pederson Funeral Home, Rockford, with Pastor Bruce Allen and Pastor Irvin L. Piell officiating. Burial in Algoma Township Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Algoma Baptist Church.

**KOLE** - Esta J. Kole, 94, of Clarksville, passed away Saturday, June 7, 1997. Surviving are four sons Hillis (Marjorie) Stuart of Portland, Lester "J.D." (Norma) Stuart of Clarksville, Richard (Marion) Stuart of Lowell and Donald (Leahbelle) Stuart of Lowell; one daughter Lois (Donald) Willison of Saranac; two stepchildren, Robert (Ruth Ann) Kole of Fremont and Betty (Phillip) Shetterly of Lake Odessa; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held June 10 with burial in Clarksville Cemetery. Arrangements by Koops Funeral Chapel in Clarksville.

**NEWELL** - Phyllis M. Newell, aged 76, of Saranac, passed away at her residence June 13, 1997. She was born in Wexford County on October 29, 1920 to the parents of Hugh (Grace Hart) Dulyea. She was a member of South Boston Bible Church and married Leo Newell in Grand Rapids on October 7, 1939. Besides her husband, she is survived by one son Gary (Darlene) Newell of Hastings; 3 daughters Mrs. Richard (Suzanne) Grieves of Saranac, Nancy Wilson of Saranac and Mary (Patrick) Collier of Saranac; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the South Boston Bible Church with Rev. Ronald Tuinstra officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Park in Grand Rapids. Memorials for the South Boston Bible Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

**ROTH** - Joanne S. Roth, aged 56, of Ada, died June 11, 1997. She was preceded in death by her mother, Choice Snyder. Survived by her husband Charles (Rudy); sons Chuck (Karen) Roth of Lowell, Steve (Kathy) Roth of Grand Rapids; father Lineous Snyder of East Jordan; grandchildren Tarra, Kacie, Nicholas, Randy, Amanda; brother Bob (Linda) Snyder; sisters Jean (Don) Peters, Sue (Phil) Goebel all of East Jordan, MI. Judy (Chuck) Wood of Boyne City; parents-in-law Chuck (Gerri) Roth of Lowell. Funeral Service was held Saturday at the O'Brien Eggebeen Gerst Chapel. Memorials may be made to the Audobon Society or the American Cancer Society.

## CBI program, and students' work life skills continue to grow in year four

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Through his participation in Lowell High School's Community Based Instruction (CBI) program, freshman Brett Darling has experienced the work life at a multitude of business sites.

"Working at these prevocational job sites has provided me with good job skills and references," Darling said.

The CBI program, completing its fourth year of placing students at area job sites, has experienced growth with its success.

Four years ago, the program placed 11-12 students into four job sites two days a week. Today, it places 11-12 students in 12 job sites three days a week.

"Next year, we anticipate having 17 students in the program," said special education instructor Keith Boeve. "We are so very pleased with the participation from community businesses."

Over the school year, Darling gained experience at three job sites: Optec Corporation, Springrove Variety and The Lowell Ledger.

He honed such job skills as dealing with the public, typing, stocking shelves, and helping with the billing process.

Other local businesses who participated in the program this year are: Mancino's, Cumberland Manor, Laurels of Kent, Lowell Middle School, Bushnell Elementary, Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell Performing Arts Center, and Speerstracarr Insurance.

"This program is giving kids a variety of different job-site experiences allowing them to determine what they might like to do after school," Boeve said.

Next year, the program will incorporate a career exploration class for freshmen in the special education program. "Then, as sophomores, students would be sent on job sites," Boeve explained. "Parents have been pleased with the job sites. Some have even helped us identify others."

Boeve has been most happy with reports that students are doing well in the job completion and social skills areas. Businesses have also been pleased with the program.



Through the school's CBI program, Brett Darling was able to gain work skills through his time spent at Optec, Springrove Variety and The Lowell Ledger.

"I've enjoyed the students that have come through here. It's a good program and I've enjoyed working with the school," Michael Sprenger of Springrove Variety said. "It's a program I would like to see continue."

Lowell Ledger office manager Terry Raymor concurred. "It's a good program. It's an opportunity for us to help students learn job skills."

CBI started as a Kent Intermediate School District program and over the four years has developed into a local school program.

Transportation to the job sites is provided by Rose Bruinsma.

The ultimate sign of the program's success is that some of the students are being hired by the businesses.

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—Ernest Hemingway

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Marian and Kenneth Price

### Prices will celebrate 50th wedding anniversary June 21

Kenneth and Marian Price of Freeport, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21, 1997. Their children, Gary, Kathy, Sue, Rick and Julie are hosting a celebration for family and friends at the Community Center in Freeport from 5 to 10 p.m. They have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### June 28 will mark 50 years of marriage for Geelhoods

Ray and Lorene (Sterzick) Geelhood of Lowell will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 28 with an open house from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Flat River Snowmobile Club. Their children are Brad and Judith Potter. Their grandchildren are Dawn Potter Sanders and Joy and Rob Milano. They have two great-grandchildren, Robert L. Milano II and Arielle Milano.



Tony James Beachler and Meredith Leigh Hurley

### Hurley and Beachler plan Aug. 2 wedding

Robert and Susan Hurley of Rockford are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Meredith Leigh to Tony James Beachler, son of Allan and Phyllis Eckman of Stanton and Fredric and Ruth Beachler of Grand Rapids. The bride-elect is a Grand Rapids Catholic Central graduate and a Saint Mary's College graduate. The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate and a Grand Valley State University graduate. An August 2, 1997 wedding is being planned by the couple.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**JUNE 19** - Matt Stone, Randy Ossewaarde.  
**JUNE 20** - Fritz Ball, Gladys Mettermick, Aleacia Kunard Owen.  
**JUNE 21** - Thad Kraus, Dennis McClure, Bill Burtt, Heather Brown, Jimmy Brown.  
**JUNE 22** - Michael Korte, Byron Pat Brenk, Jim Francis I.  
**JUNE 23** - Jane Rogers, Brinna Manszewski, Katy Mettermick, Fetterhoff.  
**JUNE 24** - Saralyn Vezino, Gaye Pfaller, Ramee Guild.  
**JUNE 25** - Ann Wittenbach, Kim Raines, Angela Lonero.



Karen A. Olinger and Benjamin P. Richmond

### Olinger and Richmond to wed Aug. 30

Mr. and Mrs. John and Pierrette Olinger of Newark announce the engagement of their daughter Karen A. Olinger to First Lt. Benjamin P. Richmond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold and Diane (Uzarski) Richmond of Lowell. An August 30 wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Shepherdsdown, West Virginia. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Newark Catholic High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Dayton where she received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. She is employed by Owens Corning in Huntingdon, Pa., as a chemical engineer. The future groom is a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1993 graduate of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., with a B.S. in oceanography. He is a Marine Corps officer currently assigned to Headquarters Battalion, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

#### LEGAL NOTICES

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CLAIMS NOTICE INDEPENDENT PROBATE FILE #97-060-217-IE

Estate of MARTHA STEGEHUIS SS# 368-10-6871

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be affected by the following: The decedent, whose last known address was 306 N. West Street, Lowell, MI 49331, died May 7, 1997. An instrument dated January 9, 1973 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, DAVID L. STEGEHUIS, 11071 FOREMAN, LOWELL, MI 49331, or 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. TUMMINO & TUMMINO, P.C. By: Michael J. Tummino Jr. (P21618) 311 E. Main Street Lowell, MI 49331 (616) 897-5931

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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<p><b>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH</b>                  10501 Settlementwood • Ph. 897-7165                  Sunday School..... 9:45 A.M.                  Morning Worship..... 11 A.M.                  Evening Service..... 6:00 P.M.                  Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M.                  GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110                  STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894                  ALL ARE WELCOME!                  (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER</b>                  3050 Alden Nash S.E. (816) 887-1100 Nursery for Every Service                  SUNDAYS:                  Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.                  Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m.                  Kids Church                  WEDNESDAYS:                  Family Night: (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m.                  We don't build a church with programs                  We build people with a process</p>	<p><b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b>                  10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod)                  Highway between Lowell &amp; Saranac on M-21                  Sunday School..... 9:00 A.M.                  Sunday Worship..... 10:00 A.M.                  (Nursery available)                  Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 P.M.                  JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR                  897-8307                  All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>
<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  2275 West Main Street                  Sun. Worship Service..... 9:30 A.M. &amp; 6:00 P.M.                  Sunday School Hour..... 11:00 A.M.                  Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times                  897-7168</p>	<p><b>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH</b>                  Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road                  897-5648                  Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M.                  Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M.                  Evening Praise..... 6:00 P.M.                  Wednesday AWANA..... 7:00 P.M.                  (Sept. - April)                  Prayer and Bible Study..... 7:00 P.M.                  Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418                  YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p><b>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  201 N. Washington • 897-8800                  Sunday School..... 10:00 A.M.                  Morning Worship..... 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday Evening..... 6:00 P.M.                  Wednesday Family Ministry..... 7:00 P.M.</p>
<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL</b>                  (United Church of Christ)                  404 North Hudson • 897-5906                  Worship and Church School..... 10:00 A.M.                  Dr. Roger LaWare..... Pastor                  Joe Le Paid..... Director of Education                  Meghan Culver..... Music Director                  Barrier-Free..... Nursery Provided</p>	<p><b>JOIN US IN WORSHIP</b></p>	<p><b>TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:</b>                  Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, DAVID L. STEGEHUIS, 11071 FOREMAN, LOWELL, MI 49331, or 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.</p>

# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner by Roger Brown

I'm sure my dad and my brother Ed are apprehensively waiting for this issue of the Ledger to come out. One night last week they pulled a bonehead stunt that involved my prized possession. They know they will have to pay dearly in this column. However, I have decided to sit on the story for another week. I want to chew on it awhile longer. I want to complete the repair so that I can bring the story full circle. But, mostly, I want them to sweat.

So, what to write about this week? Fortunately, I have a plethora of adventures and misadventures on file. In recent weeks we've covered garden tractor repair, motorcycle mechanics and a dog poisoning. Just for grins, I'm going to tell you about a little event that turned out okay. I hate to give the story away, but I'm tellin' you, if this one didn't have a happy ending I'm afraid I wouldn't have the heart to tell you about it.

I have a fourth interest in a Cessna 180 airplane that is equipped with floats in the summer months. When we make the changeover from floats to wheels in the fall and wheels to floats in the spring, the work is done by a little outfit in Cadillac. In the fall we skid the plane in on the grass. It's loaded onto a trailer, taken to a hangar, hoisted and the changeover is made to wheels. In the spring, the plane is again hoisted, wheels removed, floats installed and flown away off a three-wheeled cart. Really!

Regular readers may recall a column in which I related my first experience with skidding the float equipped plane in on the grass. White knuckles best describes that little test. As you have probably guessed, this column is about my first experience with flying it off the cart. Ever heard of snow white knuckles, or bleached white knuckles?

I was elected for changeover duty through elimination. The partner who usually handles it took a fall, shattered his heel and is off his feet for eight weeks. Another partner is recovering from shoulder surgery. The only other partner is going through some major changes in his business and has been uncommunicative for months. I had some excuses in mind, but nothing to top those. It was a game of tag, and I was "it."

I had taken the airplane up a couple of weeks ago. Since the plane also requires its annual inspection in the spring, the changeover takes awhile. Early last week, Tony, the mechanic, called and said everything was ready. I said I'd be there Tuesday night. A friend ferried me up in a Piper Cub, a notoriously slow airplane. The trip gave me lots of time to think this through and build up a case of jitters.

When we arrived, the plane was on the cart and ready to go. I got a chance to look this contraption over. An airplane perched high atop floats looks precarious at best. Put the floats on dry ground and everything looks even more top heavy. Put the whole works up on a cart and we're talkin' about downright laughable. Laughable to most. Not so funny to the chump who has to fly it.

The cart is a three-wheeled affair. An axle, somewhat behind the airplane's center of gravity, mounts two car wheels that carry most of the weight. An "A" frame affair out in front is equipped with a free-castering wheel. The idea is to tow the thing to the end of the runway, get it lined up, pour the power to it and take off when you reach flying speed. Really.

There are at least two major problems with this. One, there is no steering until there is enough airflow over the plane's rudder. This doesn't happen until you're rolling along at a pretty good clip, and even then the steering capability is marginal at best. Two, there are no brakes. Really!

I asked Tony for a few pointers, and he tried to be helpful. He finally admitted he'd never flown a plane off the cart, and suggested I talk to Don, the pilot. I tracked down Don, who was busy with a bunch of paperwork and late for dinner. His instructions were understandably brief.

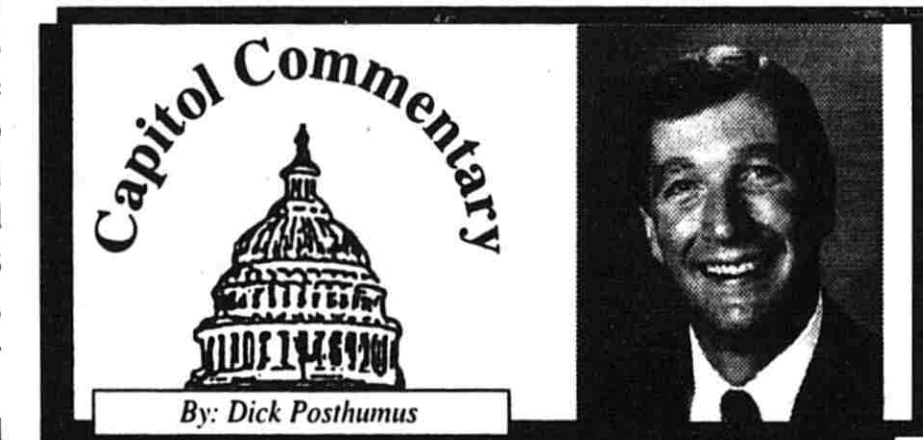
I was told to put in 20 degrees of flap. Stand on the right

rudder because the cart wants to wander left. Don added that the rudder wouldn't help until I had airspeed, but at least it would be in the right place when it did have some effect on things. He told me to keep some forward pressure on the yoke, but not too much. This would help keep the plane from bouncing off the cart. Then he said, "Get it going pretty good, but not too fast. A fat 60 on the airspeed indicator oughta do it. Then jerk it off sharply and fly away." That was my preflight briefing. Really!

As I said, Tony was antsy to get going, so I didn't have time to dawdle. I climbed, and I mean, climbed up into the cockpit. It seemed awfully high up there. I engaged the flaps, stood on the right rudder, applied all 230 horses, pushed in a little forward pressure on the yoke, and away I went. Really!

At about 40 or 50 miles per hour I think I began to feel some response to the rudder. Pretty soon I had my "fat sixty" on the airspeed and the yoke a sharp tug. Just as advertised, I flew away. Now all I had to do was remember to make my next landing on the water somewhere. Really!

I wish I could give you a more detailed description, but it all happened pretty quick. Besides, I had my eyes closed and was busy repeating, "There's no place like home. There's no place like home." I would have clicked my heels together but my feet were busy on the rudder pedals. Really!



### CHILDREN'S COMMISSION BILLS PASS THE SENATE

Every child needs and deserves a safe and loving home. My colleagues and I are working on many legislative changes which will improve the way child abuse and neglect cases are handled here in Michigan.

The Senate recently passed a number of bills which will help protect Michigan's children and ensure they have the brightest futures possible. Five bills are based on the Binsfeld Children's Commission recommendations to help strengthen weak links in Michigan's child welfare system.

Senate Bill 515 prohibits an investigative interview with a child from taking place in the presence of the alleged perpetrator. It also allows greater access to researchers if they guarantee data will not be released with any identifying information. This bill will require that workers provide follow-up information to those who report cases of child abuse or neglect and requires

the prosecuting attorney to review the investigation in a case involving a child's death, serious physical injury, harm, sexual abuse or exploitation. This bill is tie-barred to SB 503 which establishes a Coordinated Investigative Team to investigate cases of serious child abuse.

Senate Bill 516 will help tighten time frames in court and with attorneys to improve permanency planning. The bill also requires a case conference between various people at FIA when the department considers filing for termination of parental rights at the initial dispositional hearing. The court shall render a decision on a petition for termination of parental rights within 70 days after the commencement of the initial hearing on the petition. The bill also adds the criteria that if a parent is convicted of a crime whose victim is a child, and the nature of which makes the parent unfit to associate with children, then their parental rights will be terminated.

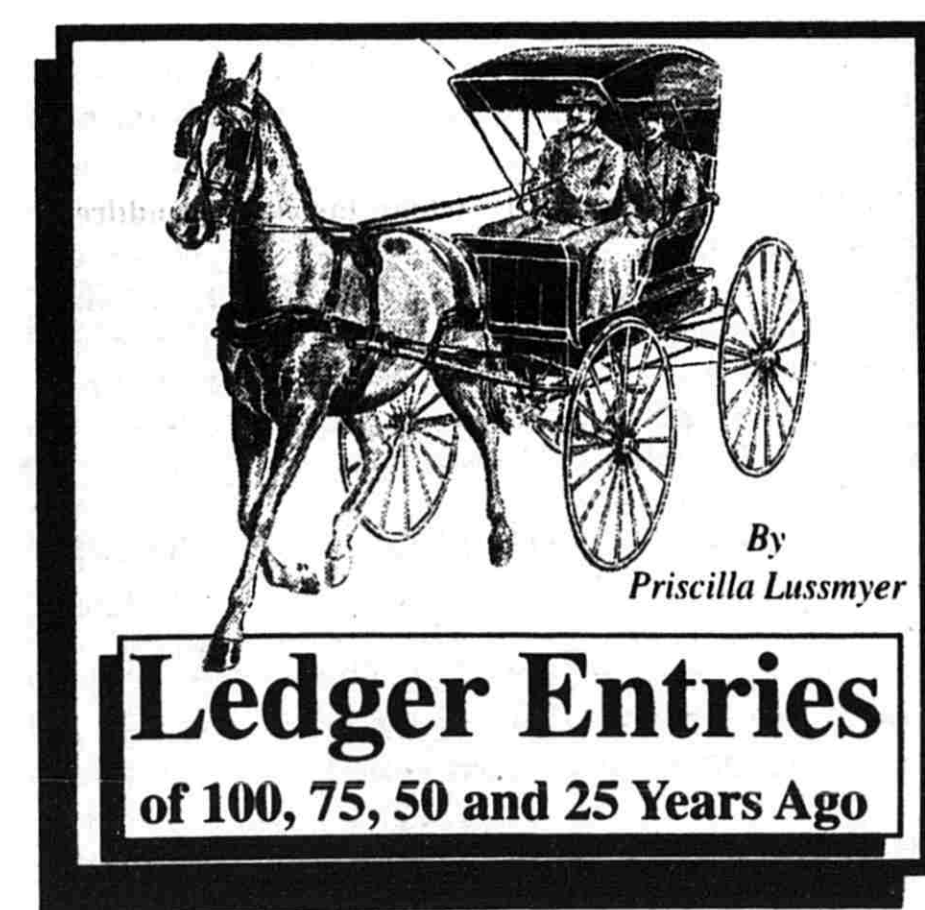
Senate Bill 517 eliminates language allowing counties to opt out of having a foster care review board and allows counties with low foster care rates to join other counties in creating such boards. The bill expands the scope of the review boards and also provides for audits of certain cases in which parental rights have been terminated for more than six months and the child has not yet been adopted.

Senate Bill 543 requires that a child's attorney consult with the Michigan Children's Institute superintendent regarding issues of commitment placement and permanency planning.

Senate Bill 544 addresses improvements in the Kinship Care system to assist in permanency planning and makes sure the placement is in the best interest of the child. The bill also creates a medical passport which contains information about the child's medical history including immunizations, allergies and any other information concerning a child's physical or mental health. A copy of the passport would be maintained in a central location and updated. Also included is language which requires a 12-month permanency goal for which the agency must strive. If an adoptive family has not been identified for a child within 90 days after entry of the order terminating parental rights, the child must be included in the Michigan Adoption Resource Book.

Also passing the Senate is SB 513 which requires that a child born with controlled substances in its system be referred to the local prosecuting attorney (in addition to the existing requirement that FIA be notified). This is tie-barred to SB 491 which gives those parents at risk of losing or who have lost custody of their children due to drug abuse, priority status in drug treatment programs.

Children are our greatest resource. It is without question that we must do all that we can to protect them. Each of these bills goes far to accomplish just this. It is my sincerest hope that they will be given the consideration they deserve by the members of the state House, and the Governor.



### 125 YEARS AGO IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL - JUNE 19, 1872

The lead, and only, column on page one's endless ads is John Lowe, in defense of women's rights (meaning voting). Parties, theatre and dances are flourishing during race week.

16 million feet of logs from Newaygo, and 12.5 million feet from the Flat River will be shipped to Chicago at the rate of a million feet per week from Grand Haven and Muskegon all summer.

Daily excursion trains are running from Muir on the east and Grand Rapids on the west during the races. The 110 horse stalls are nearly all occupied, some with nationally-known steeds.

One negative note: the crowd of drunks on Bridge Street around the new saloon all evening.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 15, 1922

Ruby Brezina is badly injured in a head-on crash. A driver had his car stopped in the road while he put on the side curtain, on a curve. He stepped in front of the Brezina car, and a third vehicle just then came at high speed around the curve.

Editor Johnson of the Lowell Ledger, as reported by the Saranac Advertiser, recently got a car. Couldn't back it up. When he learned how to back, he couldn't stop.

A children's day program will be presented at the German M.E. Church Sunday evening.

In keeping with the latest, the new column in the Alto Solo is called "Campau Lake Radios."

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 19, 1947

Sugar rationing was ended (ahead of schedule) last week Wednesday at midnight.

William Christiansen has purchased the King Block from Mrs. Charles West, occupied by Kroger's and Christiansen Drug Co.

Newton Grimwood, head injured by a falling brick, starts hitching a ride to Grand Rapids for medical care, and disappears.

Lowell native Keith Avery is bringing the rodeo to Lowell for the second year, sponsored by the Clark-Ellis Post of the American Legion.

Village Council asks the state for two traffic lights on Main Street, at Hudson and Jackson streets.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 16, 1972

Blanche Mullen is elected to the Lowell School Board, the first woman in 30 years.

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce moves in next door to Lippert's at 109 West Main, replacing Lowell Upholstering.

Lowell stores announce summer hours, staying open until 9 p.m.

Average family income in 1969 was \$10,032 in Kent County.

Excavation has started on the new middle school.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I was very touched by Christine Grove's letter to the editor. It seems that Rachael's ability to overcome these obstacles and to succeed in her ability to graduate makes me wonder why she did not receive the same honors that the other students received. It seems to me that the issue here is not that she did not graduate but that she was pregnant. It appears to me that she did the right thing - giving birth and raising her baby.

Bill and Jan Sauber



# CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, JUNE 2, 1997.

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

Absent: None.  
Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Streets and Parks Supervisor Daniel DesJarden, Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon and Department of Public Works Director Art Gall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the May 19, 1997 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers questioned the payment to the Grand Valley Metro Council of \$150.00. City Manager Pasquale responded that payment concerned dinners provided at the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Conference in Lansing on April 9, 1997.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (06/02/97)

GENERAL FUND .....	\$48,508.21
WASTEWATER FUN D .....	333.18
MAJOR STREET FUND .....	535.91
AIRPORT FUND .....	15.89
WATER FUND .....	3,520.74
EQUIPMENT FUND .....	1,267.64
DATA PROCESSING FUND .....	467.25
DDA FUND .....	10,198.21
LOCAL STREET FUND .....	700.30
BUILDING & SITE FUND .....	126.80

### Item #1. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**A. 215 BROOK - GREGG AND KATIE PETERS - VARIANCE TO ALLOW A 4 FOOT HIGH FENCE IN FRONT YARD - PUBLIC HEARING.** Gregg and Katie Peters petitioned to install a 4 foot high fence in their required front yard where a 3 foot maximum is allowed in the Zoning Ordinance. Gregg Peters found most fencing to be 3 1/2 to 4 feet in height and wanted to provide a barrier to access of the creek that flows across the property. This gives a containment area for their pet dog as well as for young children playing. After attending the Planning Commission meeting, Councilmember Myers noted he had visited the site and found it rather unique with a creek running through the front yard. Because of the lot's uniqueness, Myers felt that a variance should be allowed.

At its May 27 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended to the ZBA that the variance be approved (vote 7 to 2).

No other comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to grant the variance request to Gregg and Katie Peters to install a 4 foot high fence in the front yard of 215 Brook as proposed.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### Item #2. 1996-97 BUDGET

**A. ADOPTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS.** As required by State Law, the City Council must review and

approve final adjustments to the City's operating funds. City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon had prepared a list of affected funds.

	Budget	Amended Budget	Amount of Change
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Revenues:			
Property Taxes	\$1,095,080.	\$1,105,080.	\$10,000.
State Shared Rev.	435,300.	376,725.	(58,575.)
Police Seizures	00.	5,000.	5,000.
Interest Earnings	45,000.	54,000.	9,000.
Misc. Revenues	6,000.	20,000.	14,000.
Transfer from DDA	00.	7,000.	7,000.
NET CHANGE			(\$ 13,575.)
Expenditures:			
Attorney	\$15,000.	\$28,500.	\$13,500.
Forfeiture Funds	00.	5,000.	5,000.
Police Vehicles	12,500.	41,650.	29,150.
Fire/Rescue Salaries	77,700.	78,700.	1,000.
DPW Operating Supplies	4,200.	6,200.	2,000.
DPW Contractual Svcs.	6,295.	14,000.	7,705.
DPW Land Improvements	27,600.	37,000.	9,400.
Library Pers. Svcs.	00.	2,900.	2,900.
Library Contrib. & Maint.	10,000.	13,400.	3,400.
Contingency Fund	10,000.	00.	(10,000.)
Transfer to Bldg. Authority	00.	150,000.	150,000.
NET CHANGE			\$214,055.
TOTAL REVENUES AS AMENDED:		1,704,535.	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AS AMENDED:		2,006,040.	
FUND BALANCE:		417,007.	

<b>STREET FUNDS</b>			
Major Street Expenditures:			
Construction	\$185,000.	\$60,000.	(\$125,000.)
Local Street Fund Revenues:			
State Grant	60,000.	00.	(60,000.)
Local Street Expenditures:			
Construction	185,000.	63,000.	(122,000.)
MAJOR STREET REVENUES:			\$122,250.
EXPENDITURES:			\$157,860.
FUND BALANCE:			\$154,988.
LOCAL STREET REVENUES:			\$115,560.
EXPENDITURES:			\$152,420.
FUND BALANCE:			\$88,470.

<b>WATER FUND</b>			
Expenditures:			
Treatment R&M	\$9,000.	\$24,700.	\$15,700.
Admin. Professional Svcs.	5,000.	8,000.	3,000.
NET CHANGE			\$1,8700.
TOTAL REVENUES:			\$709,725.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$675,288.

RETAINED EARNINGS:			\$617,139.
<b>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FUND</b>			
Revenues:			
State Grant	\$00.	\$36,000.	\$36,000.
Interest	22,000.	30,000.	8,000.
Contrib. from Light and Power	00.	169,070.	169,070.
Transfer from Look Fund	00.	52,000.	52,000.
NET CHANGE:			\$265,070.
Expenditures:			
Construction	\$500,000.	\$652,000.	\$152,000.
Investment Fees Expense	00.	800.	800.
Transfer to General Fund	00.	7,000.	7,000.
NET CHANGE:			\$159,800.
TOTAL REVENUES:			\$470,070.
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$804,030.
FUND BALANCE:			\$227,062.

Councilmember Myers questioned the line item called "Personal Services". Noonon responded that Personal Services are wages and benefits. Mayor Thompson mentioned that the Planning Commission had requested additional funds to develop a construction and site alternatives study for site specifications for the City Hall/Police Department building needs. City Manager Pasquale responded that this request is contained within the 1997-98 budget.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adopt the 1996-97 Budget Amendments as presented.  
YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**B. ADOPTION OF BUILDING AUTHORITY BUDGET.** In a memo from City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon, it was noted that the City Council did not adopt a Building Authority budget in June of 1996 (for financing the new library). Thus, this is needed to be implemented.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the 1996-97 Building Authority Fund budget with total revenue of \$521,000 and total expenditures of \$1,242,013.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #3. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 1997-98 OPERATING BUDGET, SET MILLAGE RATE AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET.** City Manager Pasquale said that the Council had reviewed the proposed 1997-98 budget over the past two meetings.

The following items were provided as a final review and consideration as part of the public hearing:

**A. General Fund: The millage rate of 13.85 had been proposed to be retained. The total proposed expenditures were \$1.856 million leaving a projected fund balance of \$317,702.**

The addition of a new full time police officer is included, utilizing Federal Community Oriented Policing Services Grant funds over three years totalling \$75,000. The local share required \$3,920 during 1997-98, \$15,505 in 1998-99 and \$25,499 in 1999-2000. After that time, the City would have sole financial responsibility. This officer is considered a priority in terms of shift coverage and downtown security.

The budget has and will continue to be impacted by the Building Authority Bond payments for the new library. In 1997-98, no contributions are planned from the General Fund based on the following:

\$205,000 principal and interest in addition to remaining	\$150,000. Englehardt donation
Capital Outlay for new building	\$40,000. Look Fund
	\$15,000. private donations

The next two years will require significant private donations or General Fund contributions which could require millage increases.

1998-99  
\$125,300 principal and interest \$40,000. Look Fund  
\$85,300. need

1999-2000  
\$123,043 principal and interest \$40,000. Look Fund  
\$83,043. need

In 2000-01, the payments would be reduced to \$45,495, which are much more manageable to the completion of the bond.

The General Fund also included:

\$20,000. for the NAPA building (improvements)  
\$7,000. Police Department vestibule improvements  
\$2,800. Historic District Commission  
\$3,000. Lowell Area Historical Association (Graham Building) \$5,000 requested by LAHA  
\$33,400. Library (this is offset in part by a \$7,741 contribution by the Kent District Library) for maintenance and utilities  
\$1,500. Senior Neighbors  
\$3,000. Chamber of Commerce

Cemetery road paving of \$10,000 has been deferred one year.

It was noted that \$58,575 in State Shared revenues from the Single Business Tax will not be received for the current fiscal year, which does impact the Fund Balance.

**B. Water Fund.** In order to meet operating expenses, the following rates are proposed:  
\$1.58 per thousand gallons (from \$1.53) commodity charge.  
\$17.50 per month (from \$16.50) readiness to serve for residential users.

**C. Sewer Fund.** No rate increases proposed. Councilmember Myers questioned the Lowell Area Historical Association's request of an additional \$2,000 to help with the expenses in the Graham building. Myers asked if the City has assisted other organizations in the past with start up expenses.  
City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon responded that there really is no change in the budget. She had calculated the utilities would be paid by the City. Now, it is understood that LAHA had the utilities payments as their responsibility.

City Manager Pasquale looked at this request for start up expenses for the building itself. It was his understanding

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that the utilities would be included within the \$5,000 request.

Councilmember Myers stated concerns of whether the Lowell Area Arts Council could be self-supporting. Pasquale responded that the Arts Council had recently received a one time grant from the Look Memorial Fund to assist with expenses until the Fallasburg Festival occurs in September.

Mayor Thompson stated that there are many groups within the community that accomplish much for the City.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to approve an allocation to the Lowell Area Historical Association \$5,000 instead of \$3,000 in the 1997-98 Budget.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Councilmember Myers questioned the Federal Community Oriented Policing Services Grant funds for a new full time police officer. He asked who was responsible for writing the grant. Pasquale responded that this grant is spread over three years and totals \$75,000. After the third year, the City would have sole financial responsibility. Chief of Police James Valentine and Pasquale discussed the need for increased presence in the downtown by the Department and assistance with shift coverage. The grant gave the opportunity of providing the City with these services. Pasquale noted that Chief Valentine investigated and wrote the grant request. Valentine mentioned that the grant application was completed with the assistance of City Treasurer/Finance Director Noonon. The grant has not yet been received, but anticipated.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SHORES to adopt the 1997-98 Budget as proposed.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NEW WATER SYSTEM METER READINESS-TO-SERVE AND COMMODITY CHARGES.** In the 1997-98 Operating Budget, an increase in the water readiness-to-serve and commodity charges had been proposed to meet increased operation and maintenance costs. For the residential customers, the readiness-to-serve rate would increase from \$16.50 to \$17.50 per month. The change in rate for the other meter sizes was reflected in the resolution. The commodity charge would increase from \$1.53 to \$1.58 per thousand gallons per month.

Councilmember Myers questioned what users outside the City limits pay. Pasquale responded that residential users outside the City pay \$3.16 per thousand gallons per month, which is double the commodity rate of City users. This did not include Lowell Township users.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to adopt the resolution establishing the new water system meter readiness-to-serve charge of \$17.50 per month for residential use as well as the rates for other meter sizes and the commodity charge of \$1.58 per thousand gallons per month.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan 1997-2002 as presented.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #5. ADOPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN 1997-2002 AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING FUTURE CITY HALL-POLICE STATION BUILDING STUDY FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION.** City Manager Pasquale stated that the Capital Improvements Plan has been given to the Council for its review. The Planning Commission processed the information over the past few months.

City Manager Pasquale said that the Capital Facilities Section included the City Hall/Police Station building needs and cost, the future improvements to the Water Treatment Plant as well as additional storage for the Department of Public Works.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to approve the revised plat of Mill Isle Estates Subdivision as submitted.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

A list of street improvements was provided for the years 1997-98 through 2002-03. Pasquale mentioned that the

list was reviewed by the Department of Public Works in terms of priorities.

Water distribution was also reviewed and the City is considering the replacement of 6", 8" and 12" mains over the next several years.

Also, it stated that the several cemetery roads were in need of paving. Once completed, the entire cemetery road system would be asphalted.

Pasquale further added that the Airport Board had presented a list of needed improvements at the airport.

Finally, the proposed park improvements were presented. It was noted that the Lee Fund is being utilized exclusively for park improvements in the coming year with no allocations from the General Fund.

The Planning Commission had recommended that the City undertake a study to determine options regarding future City Hall/Police Station building needs. In discussing this issue with Planning Commission Chairman, Michael Blough, it was requested between \$1,500 - \$2,000 be allocated toward developing bid specifications for the City Hall/Police Station study.

In talking with Daniel Durkee, Architect with the firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Pasquale said that a building needs study would cost between \$5,000 - \$10,000. The Planning Commission had expressed an interest in coordinating this study through an architect.

Mayor Thompson questioned the cost of a similar study that was completed in 1988. Pasquale responded that the study cost approximately \$5,000 in 1988.

Noonon mentioned that \$5,000 in the 1997-98 budget for engineering could be utilized for a study.

Mayor Thompson said that the City Hall/Police Station study is an issue which must be addressed.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to allocate up to \$2,000 to develop bid specifications regarding a building needs study for the City Hall/Police Station.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Pasquale noted that it is important that City staff, City Council and Planning Commission remain involved and provide input to the study. He stressed that this must be a collective process.

Councilmember Myers looked at this as two-fold. First, to review the possibility of remodeling the present facility. Second, to consider a new City Hall/Police Station site. Mayor Thompson stated that emotion from the May 12 meeting leaned toward City Hall remaining within the present building.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by SHORES to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan 1997-2002 as presented.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #6. MILL ISLE ESTATES SUBDIVISION - CONSIDERATION OF REVISED PLOT.** Fred Kamminga, developer, stated that he had revised the Mill Isle Estate Subdivision plat. The revised plat provides an initial phase of 24 lots along the extended Sibley Street. With the concerns about potential wetlands, a second phase of 22 lots abutting Gee Drive had been proposed. Kamminga is in the process of obtaining a permit through the Department of Environmental Quality. The north-south streets have been eliminated with undeveloped acreage planned.

Kamminga said that there is a need for affordable homes and would wish to proceed with the project.

Pasquale stated that the Planning Commission approved the revised plat at its May 27, 1997 meeting and that Council is requested to do the same.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by MYERS to approve the revised plat of Mill Isle Estates Subdivision as submitted.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #7. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING STORMWATER EASEMENT FROM JOAN GROEN RELATED TO THE EAST SIDE BOWES ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.** As part of the upgrading to Bowes Road from South Hudson to 1000 feet west near Pleasant Street, a stormwater easement is necessary to drain runoff from the street. It is proposed to pipe the stormwater to Cherry Creek through the Groen property.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to adopt the resolution to accept the stormwater easement from Joan Groen relating to the East Bowes Road improvement project.

YEA: 5.  
NAY: 0.  
ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**Item #8. CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Thad Kraus, 504 Amity, mentioned that the Cherry Creek Classic is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 1997.

**Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Shores stated concerns of the condition of the old Hinkley building (219 E. Main).

Councilmember Myers stated that he received a letter from a citizen pertaining to a neighboring resident which had an excessive number of people at a house and an excessive number of vehicles. He also mentioned that the new brochure from the Chamber of Commerce is very attractive.

Councilmember Green was excited to see that two of the downtown buildings are being painted.

Councilmember Hodges said the community benefited from the Memorial Day parade and that Rev. Tim Harmon did an excellent job in his speech at the cemetery.

Mayor Thompson also stated that it is very impressive to observe what is accomplished by the community and the turn out of people attending the Memorial Day parade. In talking with William Overbeck of Overbeck Builders, Thompson asked why he chose to locate his office in Lowell. Overbeck responded because of what Lowell is doing and the history of the community.

**Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.** City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. Public Works Director Art Gall will leave his employment with the City effective June 30 to assume the position of Public Works Superintendent for the Village of Oak Lawn, Illinois, a Chicago suburb. Art has been with the City for approximately four years and an active participant in numerous construction projects undertaken during this time. The City wished him well on his new job.

b. A copy of the Planning Commission meeting minutes of April 28, 1997 was provided in the agenda. At the May 27, 1997 meeting, the Commission approved a site plan for Newell Manufacturing to construct a 19,920 square foot addition.

c. Copies of the minutes of the following meetings were given:  
- GRETS meeting of April 16, 1997.  
- Downtown Development Authority meeting of April 17, 1997.

d. The City will be able to offer customers "direct payment" of their water/sewer bills sometime this summer. FMB has contracted with Magic Wrighter, Inc. to provide this service via the telephone. The City will be contacting Ionia County National Bank, also, to determine if ICNB can offer the same service and then compare costs.

e. There will be a Press Conference on Tuesday, June 3, 1997 at 9:30 a.m. at the Englehardt Public Library. Pasquale encouraged the Mayor and Councilmembers to attend.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: June 16, 1997

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





"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

When a relative offered us a refrigerator for our summer cottage, we were delighted. On a warm day we set out in our Ford to get it. But on the return trip our delight turned to dismay when we remembered a sharp hill we

would have to climb. What if the refrigerator fell out of the trunk? Would it be best to take another route and evade the dreaded incline?

After several miles of worry, we decided to keep to the regular route and give the hill a try. Much to our relief we discovered that the hill wasn't as steep as we recalled, and we went over it without a bit of trouble.

We found a lesson in this incident. Frequently the Lord gives us a special assignment

which at first seems to be too big a job for us to handle. So we fret and stew and contemplate taking a detour. When we finally throw up our hands in surrender, accept the challenge, claim God's help through faith, we find "the hill isn't too steep," after all.

Prayer: Dear God, this task looks too big for me to handle. But I can do it with Thy help. Increase my faith.

Strengthen me. Help me not to fail Thee. Amen.

Let the road be rough and dreary.

And its end far out of sight.

Foot it bravely, strong or weary.

Trust in God, and do the right.

Author Unknown

**AREA BIRTHS**



Bill and Michele (Chamberlain) DeHaan are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Nicole, born Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at 2:20 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

Anxiously awaiting the news of Lauren's arrival were grandparents Wayne and Carol Chamberlain and Bill and Sandy DeHaan, aunt Tammy Chamberlain, uncle Daryl Chamberlain and cousins Becky and Josh Chamberlain.

Kort and Ellery Alexander are excited to announce the birth of their baby brother, Kale Hollis Alexander. Kale was born on Tuesday, May 27, 1997. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

His happy parents are Ray and Lisa Alexander. Grandparents are Merle and Gladys Alexander and Dan and Ann Huver. Great-grandparents are Frank and Madeline Barnhart and Jennie Knutson.

Big brothers Ian and Alec Newhouse want to welcome home their little sister, Brooke Faith Newhouse.

She was born Monday, June 9, weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. and measuring 21 inches long.

The proud parents are Traci and Chad Newhouse of Lowell.

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**MIGRAINE HEADACHES**

Many people think that the word "migraine" means "severe" when describing headache. This is not the case. Migraine is a very specific type of headache, usually caused by dilation of the blood vessels to the brain resulting in a one-sided, throbbing headache. This throbbing usually gets worse if you walk around or exercise. It may be accompanied by sensitivity to bright light or noise, prompting the sufferer to seek a dark, quiet place to rest.

Many things may trigger a migraine. Certain foods and drinks may lead to an attack. Many women experience breakthrough migraines at certain times in their menstrual cycles. Sleeping habits which change abruptly (i.e.: with travel) may lead to migraines.

Many people with migraines will experience an "aura" or a group of sensations or feelings that occurs before a migraine actually occurs. Typical aura symptoms include a tingling in the face, confusion and visual disturbances such as seeing zigzagging lights.

Treatment of migraine depends on how frequently the headaches are occurring. If they come regularly, then medications are given daily to prevent them. If they come sporadically and not with consistency, then medications are given to abort them when they occur.

If you suffer from disabling headaches which occur frequently, consult your doctor to rule out the possibility that you are having true migraine headaches.

**LAHA program to air on Channel 2**

Lowell Area Historical Association will share their recent program "Bottles of Lowell" given by Gordon Hubenet on Lowell Cable Channel 2 at the following times: Monday, June 23 at 8 p.m.; Tuesday, June 24 at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, June 26 at 11 a.m.

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**Grants, continued... From Page 1**

ing and future development of its land, and the master plan is one document that details all of that information.

The last time the township updated its plan was 10 years ago and much has changed since then.

"Mark (Weber) was an excellent expenditure of public funds," said Stone. "He zeroed us in on what issues will be dealt with in 30 years and has given us a vision on what impact will have on future community leaders."

Trustee Weber views the update as one of the township's

most important projects.

"This is critical for our future," he said. "There are problems we are dealing with now that would be eliminated with an updated plan."

The township is unsure how much it will cost to update its master plan, but expects this process to be easier than it was 10 years ago.

"We'll be able to tailor our needs to firms who work with master plans, so when they send us back their cost figures, it will be tailored to our needs," said Stone.

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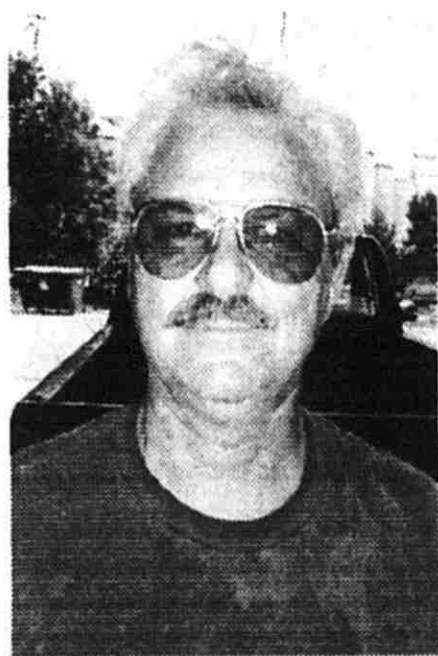
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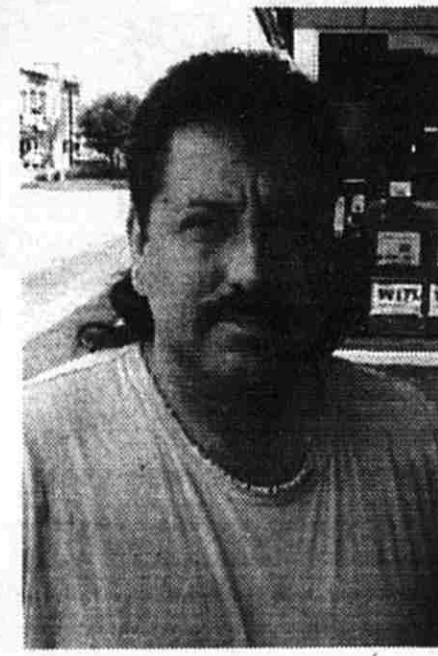
Do you agree with the death verdict in the Timothy McVeigh trial, and what fate do you think awaits Terry Nichols?



**Mike White**  
I agree with the decision, but it is a shame it ever happened. I think Nichols is in for the same thing McVeigh got.



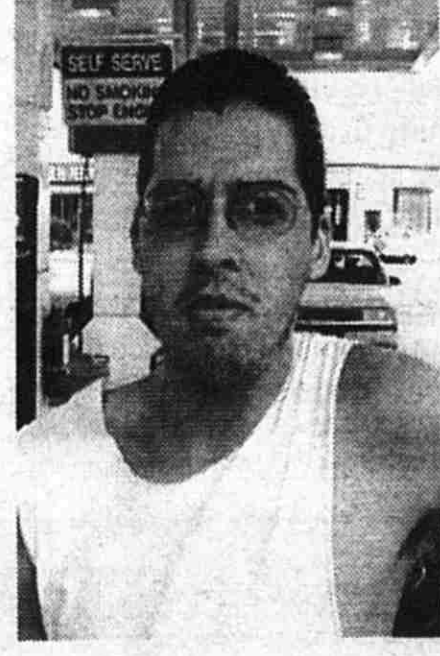
**Kathy Kinsley**  
McVeigh got what he deserves. I think Nichols should get the same.



**John Gay**  
I agree. Hopefully Nichols will get the same as McVeigh.



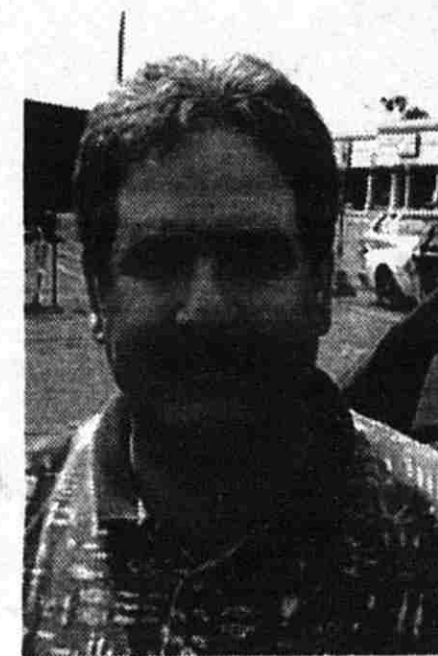
**Phil Osborne**  
Yes, I do. If Nichols is found guilty, he should also get the death penalty.



**Larry Watson**  
Yes, I agree with the McVeigh decision. All those innocent people died for nothing. If Nichols is found guilty, he should get the same.



**Bill Watson**  
Yeah. If Nichols had anything to do with it at all, he should get the death penalty.



**Dean Shore**  
Yes, and Nichols' fate will be the same.

**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES  
GRATTAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING • JUNE 9, 1997**

**MOTIONS APPROVED:**

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended
- Motion to approve the consent agenda
- Motion to reappoint Jerome Herrmann and Marty Chambers to the Public Safety Committee.
- Resolution for Vacation of Walkway
- Motion to refer proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment on accessory buildings and structures back to the Planning Commission
- Motion to approve the Resolution on Escrow Accounting Procedure
- Motion to reappoint Jerome Herrmann and Marty Chambers to the Public Safety Committee
- Motion to Adjourn
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber

## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING - June 9, 1997

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Accepted the following gifts:

- Ikon Office Solutions printing of Lowell Expo Pamphlets valued at \$1,000.
- Knights of Columbus donation of \$664.82 to be used for the Special Education Department.

**DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE REPORT:** In an effort to be proactive to the growth of the district, the specific charge of the Demographics Committee was to monitor district growth and assess potential facility needs. Kate Democour, Perry Bieber, and Karen Pedley, of the Demographics Committee gave their report to the Board of Education. Their report gave general recommendations which will require additional action by the Board and the administration. Other members of the committee included William Brandner, Thad Kraus, Jim Harden, Dick Korb, Carol Marker, Bill Markovich, Larry Mikulski, Scott Vashaw, and Jim White. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of this report, please contact Carol Schuster at 897-8415.

**EVALUATION OF 7 BLOCK REPORT:** Juan Olivarez of Grand Rapids Committee College gave the first of a series of evaluations being done on the Lowell High School's new approach to the daily schedule. A formal written report will be submitted by the end of the summer, and the evaluation process will continue during the next couple of years.

**CONSENT ITEMS** - Approved were:

- Minutes for May 12, 1997 Regular meeting, the May 19, 1997 Special session, and the May 19, 1997 Closed session.
- The following payment of bills:

**SCHOOL SERVICES FUND**

A. Food Service Fund.....	\$30,471.60
B. Athletic Fund .....	\$9,475.25
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND.....	\$22,196.67
1971 DEBT FUND.....	\$332,055.00
1990 DEBT FUND.....	\$1,087,093.75

- The employment of Connie Gillette as Finance Manager and Lynn Block as E.I. teacher at Cherry Creek Elementary.
- Michigan High School Athletic Association resolution.
- The appointment of Mary Ann Church for her 2nd year of a 3 year term and Michelle Eckman for her 1st. year of a 3 year term to the Parents' Advisory for Special Education Committee.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The Board approved the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,077,415.11 and the 1990 Bond Fund bills in the amount of \$103,180.44.

**SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM** - Jim Hubbard and Jack Ogle reported changes being made to the social studies curriculum. This item will also be brought to the July Board meeting for formal adoption.

**SCIENCE CURRICULUM** - Rick White shared with the Board of Education several changes occurring in the high school science area. This item will also be brought to the July Board meeting for formal adoption.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** - Scott Vashaw reviewed proposed changes to the graduation requirements with formal Board ratification at the July Board meeting.

**7 BLOCK RESTRUCTURING** - Scott Vashaw shared refinement to the 7 Block Schedule for the next school year. This item will be brought to the Board for approval in July.

**ATHLETICS** - Changes to the Middle School Athletic Program were again reviewed and this item will be brought to the July Board meeting for approval.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke mentioned the awesome gift to the community of Lowell by Harold Englehardt and stated that the advisory board will carefully process this gift to maximize the benefit to all citizens. The 1996-97 school year is winding down and it was a great year with more cooperation and openness with parents and community members. Graduation ceremonies on Sunday went very well with beautiful weather. HSPT scores were shared with the Board along with a letter to Mr. Bleke submitted to the House Education Committee which indicates that he is a proponent of the HSPT.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Art Warning raised a concern towards the 7 Block schedule at the high school.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **Budget Hearing & Special Board Meeting** - Admin. Building, Board Room, Monday, June 23, 1997, 7 p.m.
- **Board Finance/Personnel Committee Meeting** - Admin. Building, Conf. Rm. S. - Thursday, June 26, 1997, 7:30 a.m.
- **Board Curriculum/Policy Committee Meeting** - Admin. Building - Conf. Room S., Friday, June 27, 1997, 7 a.m.
- **Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education** - Admin. Building, Board Room, Monday, July 14, 1997, 7 p.m.
- **Special Meeting of the Board of Education** - Admin. Building, Board Room, Monday, July 14, 1997, 7:30 p.m.

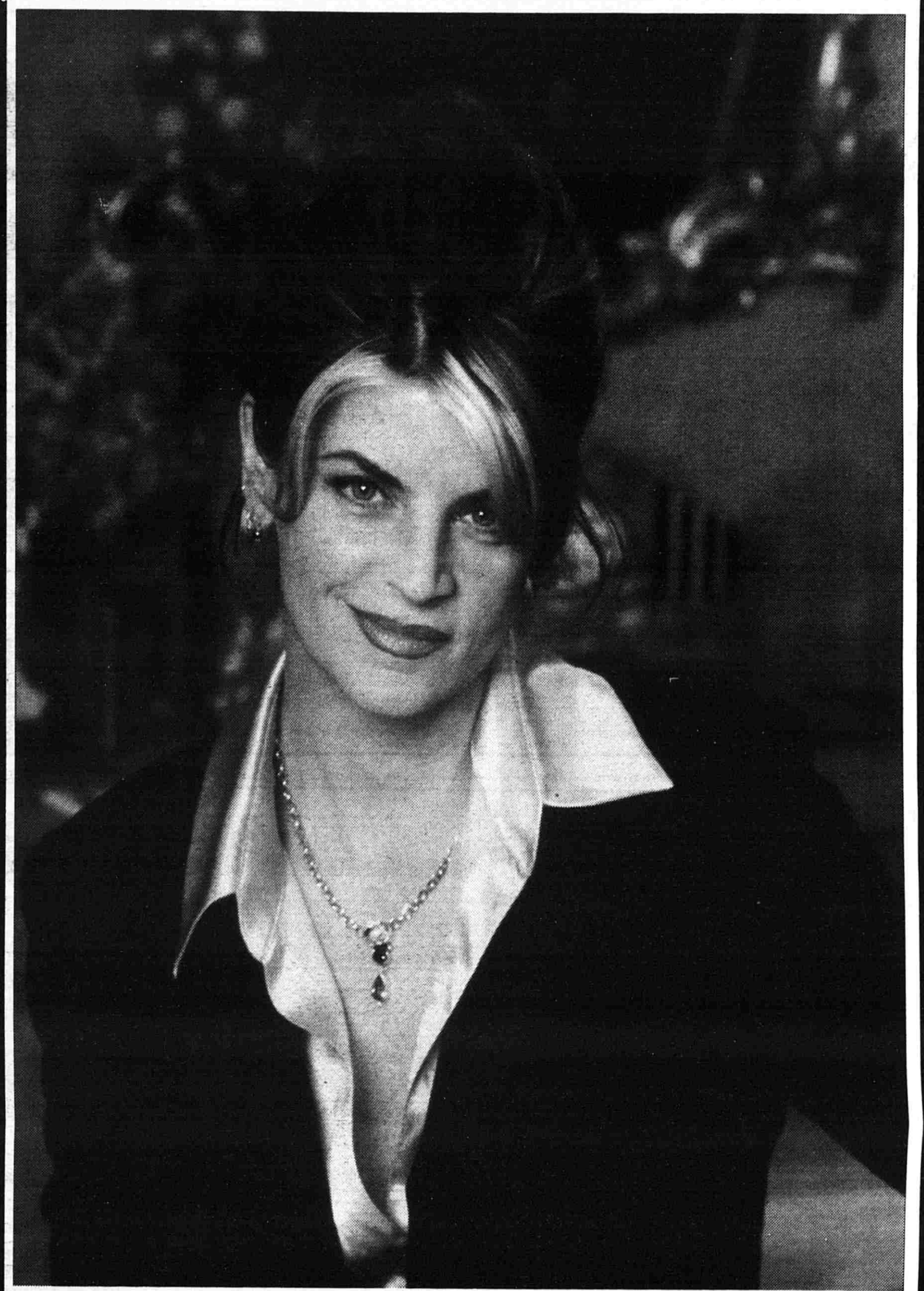
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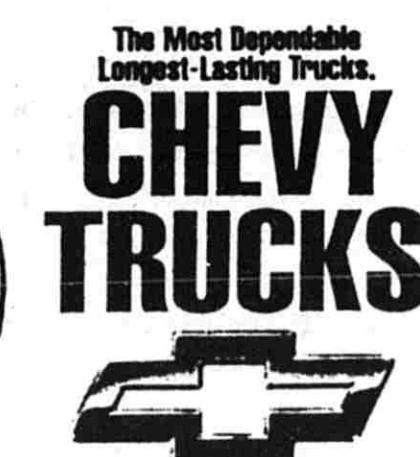


FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 20 THRU JUNE 26

Emmy winner Kirstie Alley (*Cheers*) returns to NBC's Thursday prime-time lineup this fall in *Veronica's Closet*, a sitcom about a businesswoman with a successful line of intimate apparel. Otherwise, the 1997-98 schedule seems notable for its conservatism, not its creativity.

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MONDAY EVENING JUNE 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 23, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing late-night programs such as Late Show, American Journal, and various comedy and talk shows.

TUESDAY EVENING JUNE 24, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing evening programs including Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 24, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing late-night programs such as Late Show, American Journal, and various comedy and talk shows.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 25, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing evening programs including Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, and various news and entertainment shows.

WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 25, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing late-night programs such as Late Show, American Journal, and various comedy and talk shows.











# Lowell High School honors its May students of the month

Each month four of the 12 Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student who has shown exemplary work and effort. For the month of May they are as follows: Business: Dave Arnold and Sheila Yeiter; English: Jim Platte and Ryan Lynne Roth; Foreign Language: Nicole Darling and Social Studies: Annie McMahon.

Dave Arnold and Sheila Yeiter were selected by the business department to share the honors. They are great students and interested in many areas of business. They have excelled in all courses offered by the department. Arnold, a senior, is the son of William and Sandra Arnold of Ada. He has been involved in National Honor Society and Model UN. He works at Galactic Laser Storm as a cashier and attendant and plans on attending the University of Michigan to study business. His favorite class is government. He enjoys playing paintball and laser tag, rockclimbing and dirt biking.

Yeiter, a senior, is the daughter of Craig and Chris Yeiter of Ada. She has been involved in track, choir and as an office aide. Yeiter is active in 4-H where she was first in all 4-H events and received Outstanding Achievement Academic Honors. She works at Station Break Video in Lowell and plans to attend Davenport College.

Annie McMahon, a sophomore, was selected by the social studies department. She is a highly motivated learner who consistently demonstrates a high level of conscientiousness. She is very pleasant in the classroom and has worked very hard to achieve success. It is people like McMahon who make LHS a special place to be. The daughter of Mitch and Jody McMahon of Lowell, she has been involved in Drama Club, Art Club, International Club, football cheerleader and the all-school play during her freshman and sophomore years. She is active at the Lowell Area Arts Council as a volunteer and received the Adler Fellowship for funding to participate in the Close-up program and a trip to Washington, D.C.

The English department selected two students, Ryan L. Roth and Jim Platte. Roth, a senior, is a hard-working student who is very responsible about assignments. She is an excellent reader and writer who is serious about her goals and commitment and puts in the time it takes to reach them. Roth, the daughter of Rick and Nancy Roth of Lowell, has been involved in International Club and choir. She plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College next year. Her favorite classes are



Students of the month, pictured from left to right, are: Jim Platte, Ryan Lynne Roth, Annie McMahon, Nicole Darling and Dave Arnold.

English and history.

Jim Platte, a senior, is the "Poster Boy" of the English department. He likes to have fun and carries that enjoyment into the classroom. Luckily he can have fun with the assignments which helps everyone enjoy working with the literature and language. He reads, writes, and speaks fluently, logically and clearly and with depth of thought and idea. The son of Dana and Gayle Platte of Ada was involved in Model UN and International Club. He plans on attending the University of Michigan next year and study engineering or business administration. His hobby is playing the guitar. He is a badminton and roller hockey player and a diehard Detroit Red Wings

fan who watched the Red Wings win the Stanley Cup.

Nicole Darling, a junior, was selected by the Foreign Language department. She volunteers in class often and is very conscientious of homework and grades. Darling is very helpful with other students and outside projects. The daughter of Sandra Darling of Lowell, she was involved in National Honor Society, SADD, and junior class representative. She is active in the Lowell Nazarene youth group and works at Wood-n-Stuff. Her hobbies include reading and talking with her friends and her favorite classes are advanced algebra and Spanish.

## City approves fence variance request

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The liability problems that a creek posed played a role in approving a front yard fence variance.

Gregg and Katie Peters (215 Brook) got the approval of

the city council to install a four foot high fence in their front yard where a three foot maximum is allowed in the zoning ordinance.

Peters stated that their desire was to provide a barrier to the access of a creek which flows through their property.

"A barrier would give us a containment area for our dog as well as our young children," Gregg Peters said.

City councilman Chuck Myers agreed. "With the creek running through the front yard, it would be difficult to keep young children out without a barrier. It would also create liability concerns."

At its May 27 meeting, the Lowell Planning Commission recommended to the zoning board of appeals to approve the variance.

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ALTO BAPTIST	3	1
LOWELL NAZARENE	2	2
LOWELL METHODIST	1	3
1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL	0	4
OPEN DIVISION:		
COORS	4	0
CHADALEE FARMS	3	1
LOWELL VISION	2	2
ROOT LOWELL CORP.	1	3
TUESDAY MEN'S OVER "30":	W	L
LARKINS	7	0
ALTO GAS	5	2
SNEAKERS	3	4
HACKERS	2	6
CENTRAL STATES	1	6
WEDNESDAY MEN'S:	W	L
LENA LOU'S	5	1
BALL BUSTERS	4	2
KING MILLING	3	3
LOWELL ENGINEERING	0	6
FRIDAY MEN'S:	W	L
OVERBECK CONSTRUCTION	4	1
OOSTRANDER SIDING/ROOFING	4	1
GREENVILLE WIRE	4	1
LOWELL MOOSE	2	2
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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.

**EVERY MONDAY:** Senior men's golf club at Arrowhead. Tee time 9 a.m. Play 9 holes, walk or ride. For more information call Al at 897-7342.

**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 Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. 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

MI#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.

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

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

**EVERY 3RD TUES:** Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East 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.

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

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

**EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY:** Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

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

**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 Nagle, F.S.E., at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

**LOWELL AREA ARTS COUNCIL SUMMER HOURS:** 149 S. Hudson St. Hours: Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturdays, holidays & all holiday weekends. Phone 897-8545.

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

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

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

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

**EVERY FRIDAY:** Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

**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.

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

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

**THURS., JUNE 26:** Commodities will be given out at the Moose Recreation Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SAT., JUNE 28:** Lowell Masonic Lodge #90 F&AM will confer the Master Mason degree at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the first section.

have a pot luck dinner (bring a dish to pass and table service) and will play cards. Come and bring a friend.

THURS., June 19: Keen Agers will meet at 10 a.m. at Vergennes Methodist Church. They will

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

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

**Special Events**

**WED., JUNE 18:** 9:30 a.m., Advisory council. **NOTE DATE CHANGE-THURS., JUNE 26:** 12:30 p.m., Shopping-Value City.

**WED., JUNE 18:** Noon, Potluck and center shower. **MON., JUNE 30:** 1 p.m., 126th Army Band, Forest Hills Northern.

**WED., JUNE 25:** 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.



# Lowell Township looks for funds to begin park construction project

By Marc Popielek  
Contributing Writer

With the purchase of 72 acres of land, Lowell Charter Township's next step is to determine how much it will cost to develop a park and where the funds will come from.

The township purchased the land from Wayne Norton for \$91,910, with help from the Department of Natural Resources' grant funds, and will now have the land surveyed for future development.

Progressive Engineering is currently surveying the east and west boundaries for future fence construction and will be given the task of developing cost figures for a basic plan.

"We need a basic plan so we can determine what grants we

can apply for," said township supervisor John Timpson.

Timpson will receive cost figures from Progressive as well as other engineering firms and then petition local, state and federal foundations to secure grant funds.

Possible revenue sources include the Grand Rapids Foundation, Community Development Block Grant funds and possibly funds from the Englehardt endowment, but township officials are unsure how that endowment will be determined at this time.

Until grants can be secure, the township hopes to develop a budget and separate funds for the park.

"We put aside \$8,000 a year in our budget, plus another \$20,000 toward land acquisition over the past several years, so

we may want to do the same now that we bought it," said clerk Carol Wells.

Whatever plan is developed and costs determined, the township is taking the funding portion very slowly.

"We want to make sure that anything we start we can finish," said township trustee Herb VanderBilt. "



The friction match was invented in 1827 by John Walker, an Englishman.

## LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

The following is a summary of amendments to the Lowell Township Zoning Ordinance adopted by the Charter Township of Lowell at a special meeting held on Monday, June 2, 1997. A true copy of the amendments and/or the complete ordinance may be obtained at the Township Hall during normal business hours.

2.0 Added or clarified the following words and terms:

- Deck
- Manufactured Housing
- Mobile Home
- Modular Homes
- Net Building Area
- Structure

3.3.8 LI, Light Industry - changed the second paragraph to include the areas rezoned light industrial -

The Lowell Charter Township Land Use plan recommends a Light Industrial area only at the intersection of I-96 and Alden Nash. Industrial uses outside of this area are encouraged to locate within the City of Lowell since the City has sanitary sewer and water service available. When the City can no longer provide areas for these uses, areas within Lowell Charter Township which are adjacent to similar uses in the City should be made available.

4.2.2 C. A building permit shall be required in order to construct a deck.

4.2.4 C k. Add the sentence - "All other types of dwelling units shall have a total of 900 square feet of floor area."

4.2.4 F. Accessory Buildings - Accessory Buildings and Structures - No accessory building, structure, satellite dish over 1 meter across or propane tank shall be erected in any required front or side yard or within five (5) feet of any other building or within ten (10) feet of any property line.

No accessory building in a rear yard in an Ag-1 or Ag-2 District shall be located within 50 feet of any property line. In a residential district, any accessory building or enclosure in which are kept non-house pets such as horses, cattle, swine, fowl and other similar animals, shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from any lot line. Every accessory building hereafter erected or moved shall be on a lot adjacent to a public street, or with access to an approved private street, and all structures shall be so located on lots as to provide safe and convenient access for servicing, fire protection, and required off-street parking.

4.3.3 Building Numbering - Every building in all zoning districts shall be numbered according to the township's Building Numbering Ordinance.

4.4.4 C. d. Political signs - not to exceed twenty (20) square feet in sign area.

4.4.4 F. a. Change the last sentence to read ---"all permanent signs shall be set back of the property line."

4.4.5 A d. Signs may be placed only on private property and only with the permission of the property owner.

4.4.5 C. b. One (1) freestanding sign or one (1) point-of-sale sign per development. The size of the sign shall not exceed two (2) square feet of sign for every five (5) feet of lot width as measured at the building setback line. In no event shall the sign exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) square feet in sign area. Up to fifty (50) percent of such a sign may be a changeable copy sign. A freestanding sign may be a consolidated tenant sign identifying each tenant's name.

Signs for automobile service stations, public garages and filling stations shall be regulated by Section 5.4.1 H p.

### 4.5 PRIVATE STREETS

4.5.2 Add to the first paragraph the sentence - "This description will be detailed in a Private Road Agreement and evidence that this Agreement has been recorded must be furnished to the Planning Commission."

4.5.2 Designate second paragraph as A. and a portion of 4.5.3 as B.

4.5.3 Remaining portion of 4.5.3 plus the addition of the words--"and all fees are paid."

4.5.5 Add the sentence - "The road must be maintained to the original construction standards."

4.5.6 F. A private road or interconnected private road system shall not serve more than 20 residential lots or dwelling units, unless a secondary means of egress is provided for each additional 20 lots or units for the entire property served. All additional means of egress shall meet the minimum standards of this section.

4.8.8 Performance Guarantee - The Planning Commission may require reasonable performance guarantees in order to assure the completion of required improvements. Such performance guarantees may include a performance bond, letter of credit or other written guarantees or assurances deemed satisfactory in the circumstances and authorized by law. The amount of the performance guarantee shall be determined by the Planning Commission. Such arrangements shall have such sureties or guarantors as are satisfactory to the Planning Commission and shall be conditioned upon faithful compliance with all of the provisions and requirements of the approved site plan and construction and placement of all of the improvements therein. In its discretion, the Planning Commission may reduce a proportionate share of the amount specified in a performance bond, letter of credit or other written assurance, based upon the percent or other portion of improvements completed, as verified by the Planning Commission or appropriate Township official. Furthermore, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Township Board the rebate or refund of a proportionate share of a cash bond or funds in escrow.

Delete 4.9 and 4.10 Satellite Dish or Antennas and Solar Panels - now included under 4.2.4. F.

Delete 5.2 Planned Developments - now covered under 3.4 Planned Unit Developments.

Add a new 5.2 Access Management Regulations (Provides standards to facilitate traffic operations and improve public safety along arterial roadways.)

- 5.2.1 Intent
- 5.2.2 Applicability
- 5.2.3 General Access Requirements
  - A. Authority
  - B. Number of driveways
  - C. Temporary and Shared Driveways, Frontage Roads, Parking Lot Connections and Rear Service Drives
  - D. Design and Construction
- 5.2.4 Driveway Spacing and Location
- 5.2.5 Variances

5.4.1 H. p. Only one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage shall be permitted, not exceeding 150 square feet in area, which shall display only the name of the user or occupant of the premises.

5.5 INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (Other than Quarrying, Gravel Processing and Mineral Extraction Businesses). ALL USES UNDER THIS SECTION ARE SPECIAL USE BY PLANNING COMMISSION; NO USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT; SEE TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, PAGE 5 OF 10.

6.2.6 A building permit is valid for a period of six months. The permit shall become invalid if the authorized work is not commenced within six months after issuance of the permit or if the authorized work is suspended or abandoned for a period of six months after the time of commencing the work. Upon request by the applicant, the Building Official may grant up to two one-year extensions.

### TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

Amend Page 2 Column 3, #11 Delete Greenhouses & nurseries (Renumbr remaining uses.)  
Amend Page 2 Column 3, #15 Housing for seasonal farm labor for Ag-2  
Amend Page 5 Column 5, #2 Billboards advertising goods, products, services, or activities not related to the premises provided they are less than 300 sq. ft. in area.  
Amend Column 6, #1 Parking Requirement for the R2, R3, and MH Zones to read as follows:  
1. Same as Ag-2.

### TABLE OF GENERAL BULK REGULATIONS

Amend Column 11, Minimum Floor Area row A.1, B.1, D, 1.1, L.1, N.1, to read as follows:  
One story: 750 sq. ft.  
Two story: 600 sq. ft. first floor  
900 sq. ft. total  
All other dwellings: 900 sq. ft. total

Amend Page 10 #1 - Add the sentence, "In no case, shall the net buildable area be less than 15,000 square feet unless otherwise specified hereon."

Amend Page 6, 7, 8, 9 - THE FOLLOWING BULK REGULATIONS APPLY (ALSO SEE NOTE 3, PAGE 10 OF 10)

Effective Date - These amendments shall take effect 30 days after publication.

Charter Township of Lowell  
Carol L. Wells, Clerk

# Retiring school employees recognized for their service, longevity and dedication

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Longevity took a hit Thursday at an appreciation reception for Lowell employees retiring from the school district. Of the nine employees, six have 23 or more years of service in Lowell Schools.

"A sincere thank you to all of you for your dedication and the positive difference you've made to kids," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

The group of nine individuals demonstrates how a variety of positions within a school district can impact students.

They include: Tom DeRoseau, 25 years, middle school teacher; Barb Townsend, seven years, Bushnell Elementary teacher; Judy Kelley, 23 years, Cherry Creek Elementary teacher; Sharon McMahon, 10 years, Cherry Creek Elementary special education teacher; Barb Geelhoed, 27 years, bus driver; Barb Merklinger, 25 years, bus driver; Marge Rehl, 23 years, community education; Norma Noall, 30 years, cook; and Wayne Townsend, seven-and-a-half years, counselor.

"From counting lunch money to making field day lunches for kids who forgot theirs, Norma Noall has always been someone I could count on," Lowell food service director Carol Harper said. "She helped train a new food service director seven years ago."

Noall volunteered at the school for four years and has been an employee for the last 26. "I'll miss the kids and their affection," Noall said.

DeRoseau spent 25 years teaching fifth, sixth, and seventh-graders. He finished his teaching tenure instructing sixth-graders, the grade he preferred.

"Students always kind of liked their teacher at the beginning of the year," DeRoseau explained with a grin. "I always

treated them equally."

The sixth-grade teacher said he will change his full-time focus to the financial industry.

During his 29 years in education, Wayne Townsend was all over the map.

He served as an interim superintendent for two months, a high school principal for two years, an athletic director for two years and an elementary counselor. At Lowell he was a middle school counselor for 4 1/2 years and a high school counselor for three years.

"Being involved in an elementary counseling program was probably the most rewarding," Townsend said.

The high school counselor said he's stopping while he still loves what he's doing. "I wanted to leave education still feeling good about what I was doing," Townsend said. "I really like Lowell. It has provided me with good memories."

Barb Townsend says she got her calling to be a teacher in third grade.

"All my experiences after that seemed to fall into working with children," she said.

Townsend said kindergarten was her favorite grade to teach. "They are so enthusiastic and curious about learning," she said.

The Townsends left Saturday for their new home in Florida. "There is a great big world out there and we want to try new things," Barb Townsend said.

Kelley said she has seen Lowell grow over her 23 years. "When I started, it wasn't even on the map."

Cherry Creek Elementary principal Bill Markovich said of Kelley and McMahon, "They are glad now that retirement is about to begin, and every day will feel like a Friday and Saturday. They are sad, though, because no longer will they share in the rewards that come from teaching."



Carol Harper presents Norma Noall with a plaque commemorating her 26 years in food service for Lowell Schools. Noall volunteered her help 4 years prior to being hired.

## Hoops' Jennings to guest instruct at YMCA's July basketball league sessions

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Grand Rapids Hoops star Justin Jennings remembers having centers where he could go and play basketball as a youth.

"They helped instill in me what I wanted to do... lead me down the right path," Jennings explained.

Today, in the off season, Jennings gives back as he directs summer camps for students in grades five through 12.

"I was fortunate in that I was given a fair shake as a youth. Both of my parents were around and had a big influence on me and I had the Seidman and Paul I. Phillips centers where I could go play basketball," Jennings said.

The Purdue University graduate will begin his second year with the Hoops this fall.

Jennings has agreed to be a guest instructor at two of Lowell's YMCA basketball instructional sessions begin-

ning July 2. They will be held from 9 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. and from 11 a.m. until 12:50 p.m. at the Lowell Middle School.

The sessions are part of the Y's summer basketball league for players entering third-through sixth-grades.

The cost for the four-week league is \$32 for members and \$46 for non Y members. YMCA, cont'd. pg. 26

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# Junior Achievement business generates revenue for Mandy Tichelaar Memorial softball tournament

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Shareholders of Mug Shot Inc. stock got \$3 back for every \$2 investment.

The real winner in the one semester operation of Mug Shot Inc., however, was the Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Fund. After all sales, stock investments and taxes were paid, the firm was able to make a donation of \$125 to the fund.

Mug Shot Inc. president Chris Wieland and other mem-

bers of the Junior Achievement Applied Economics class presented the check to Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse.

The decision on which product to produce and sell came down to cappuccino, yo-yos, candles and mugs.

To get the company up and running, the business class sold stock at \$2 a share. "They sold 75 shares," business teacher Carrie Slot said.

The class of 25 students was broken down into four departments: advertising/marketing; human resources, production and finance. A vice president was appointed in charge

of each department.

Terry Conley, FMB State Savings Bank, served as the class's business consultant.

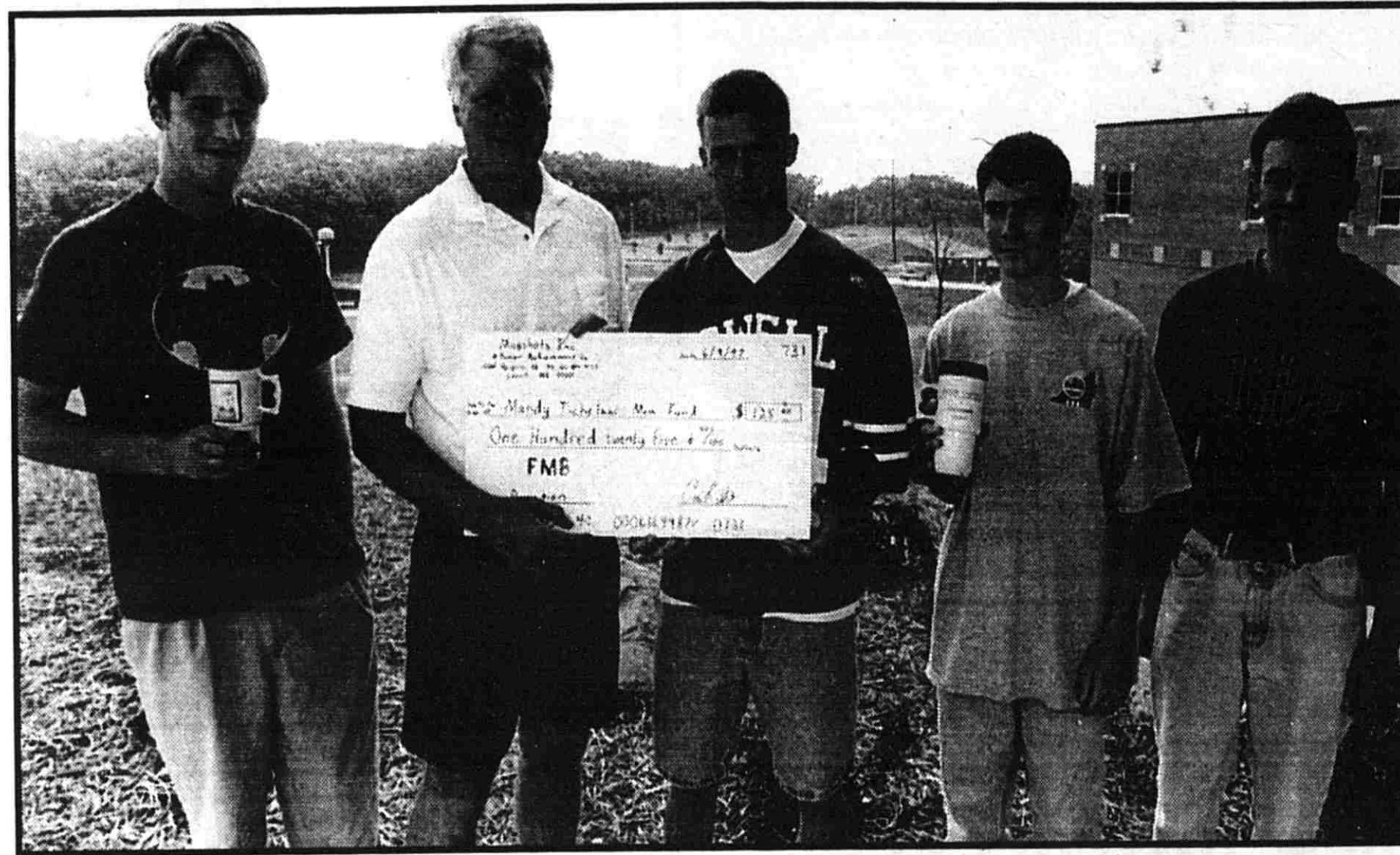
"Terry conducted a lesson each week and helped in ordering the product," Slot said.

Conley's lessons covered operations, ethics and business fundamentals.

After all the sales and stocks were tallied, the Junior Achievement class brought in over \$1,000. Its net profit was \$363.

Through these monies a \$100 scholarship was awarded to senior Sarah Triplett.

As president, Wieland said it was his job to oversee the work of others and to keep them focused and on track.



Presenting Bob Rodenhouse (second from the left) with a check for the Mandy Tichelaar memorial softball tournament is Chris Wieland, president of the Junior Achievement business class project. Pictured, far left, is Eric Prins. Pictured to Wieland's left are Andrew Dykstra and Rob Thompson.

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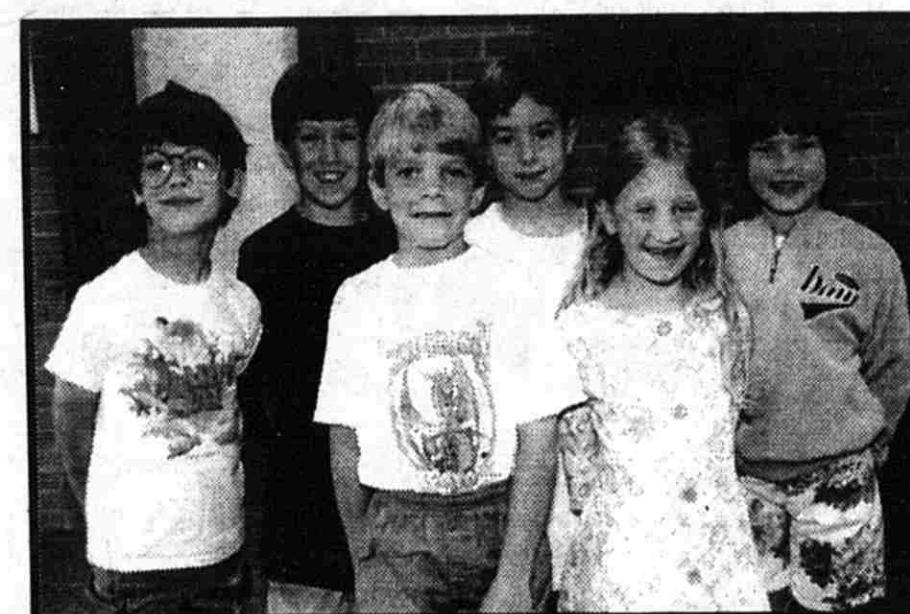
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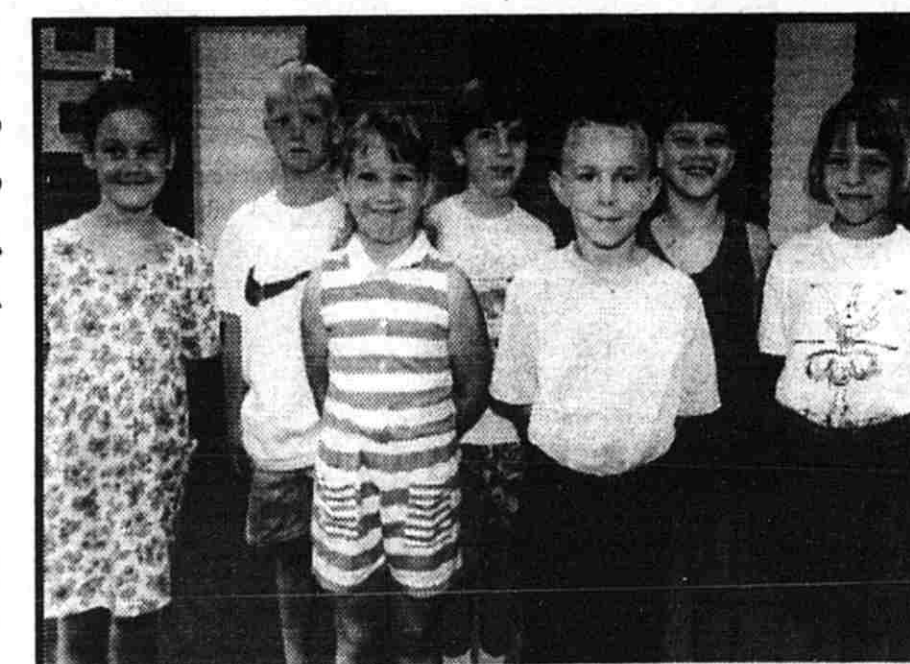
## Place mats serve up a table setting of elementary and middle school art

Students at Bushnell Elementary and Lowell Middle School had an opportunity to showcase their artistic talent.

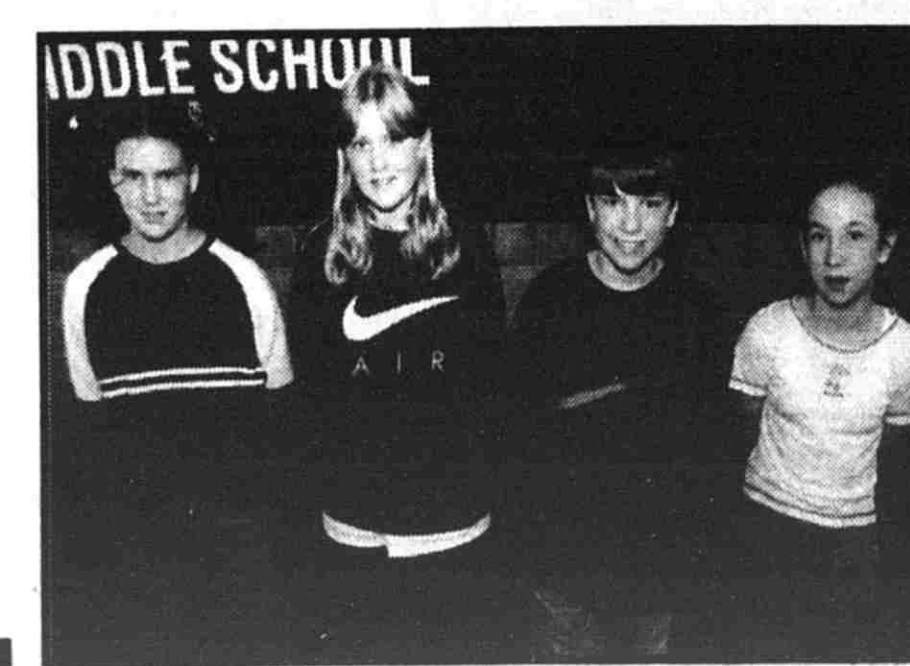
A contest was sponsored by the Lowell Education Association and two local businesses (Larkin's and Sneaker's). Each holiday this past year students brought artwork into both Larkin's and Sneaker's restaurants. They made place mats to use at the tables. Shelley Merigan of Sneaker's and Patty Larkin of Larkin's then chose two winners and they each received certificates toward the purchase of food.



Bushnell Elementary winners, front row, left to right, are: Tyler Dykhouse (Thanksgiving) and Ellen Mork (Easter). Back row, left to right, are: David Bliss (Valentines), Josh Smith (Thanksgiving), Brett McMahon (Christmas) and Devin DeCator (Christmas).



Bushnell Elementary winners, front row, left to right, are: Brittany Black (Valentines) and Kyle Riley (Thanksgiving). Back row, left to right, are: Brittany Alsop (Easter), Craig Warners (Halloween), William Davenport (summer fun), Cody Chambers (Easter) and Elizabeth Covel (Valentines).



Lowell Middle School winners, left to right, are: Jessica Quist (Christmas), Sara Willett (Halloween), Jeff Fish (summer fun), and Paula Grooms (Halloween). Missing from the picture is Eric Austin (Christmas).

## YMCA, cont'd.... From Page 25

Jennings spent two months playing basketball in Hamburg, Germany, before joining the Hoops last year. "It was a different but good experience."

The Grand Rapids Central High School graduate said playing for the Hoops gives him an opportunity to sharpen his outside shot as well as work on ball-handling and mental approach.

"In college, you played games on Wednesday and Saturday. In Germany and now with the Hoops, games can be played on any day of the week," Jennings said. "The games are also more up tempo. All the players are bigger, quicker and stronger and want to make it to the NBA."

Jennings believes if he improves his outside shot, ball-handling and mental approach, he has a chance to play at the next level (NBA).

Jennings' degree from Purdue is in law/African American Society. Eventually he would like to attend law school or teach.

His drive may have been accelerated by Purdue basketball coach Gene Keady. "His intensity was contagious. He got involved with all of his players. He was a great guy and a great coach to play for."



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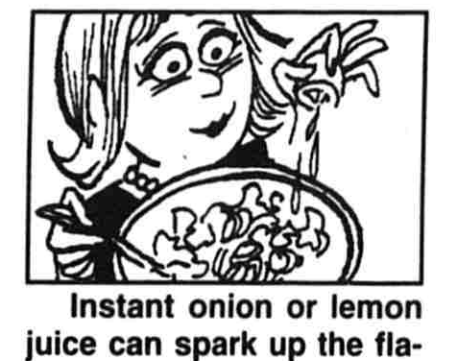
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**YARD SALE**  
Thurs., June 19, 9-5 p.m. Key Heights, 1760 Veronica, lot 150. Boys clothes, toys, misc.

**YARD SALE**  
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**GARAGE SALE**  
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