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Conservative revenue assumptions and contract negotiating year help steer district toward less than ideal proposed deficit budget

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A general fund budget appropriation for the 1997-98 school year that reflects a deficit of \$327,400 is as soothing as a Chinese water torture.

"Presenting a deficit budget is not the best thing to do," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "With where this district currently stands with its programs I don't think we have an option."

Board trustee Ellen McClain, who voted against the

appropriation, restated what she has expressed in the past, "I don't agree with deficit spending to begin a year."

She added, "where do you take that money out? I don't know."

Lowell's business manager Jim Gallagher said the projected budget revenues used are conservative.

He supported that statement by noting that the assumption was based on a student increase (blend) of 74 and state aid foundation increase of 2.58 percent.

The district's amended June 1996-97 budget (\$76,000 in exceeding revenues) was helped by additional students (not forecasted) in September and increased state aid.

However, as board president Pete Gustafson explained 1997-98 is a contract negotiation year.

"If it were not a contract negotiating year, we'd be at a break even point in our budget," Gustafson said.

He based that on the assumption that approximately \$500,000 will be spent for projected salary and step increases.

"I think that drives us to deficit budgeting or into cutting programs," Gustafson said. "This budget doesn't suggest any significant increase in materials which indicates we're trying to maintain the status quo."

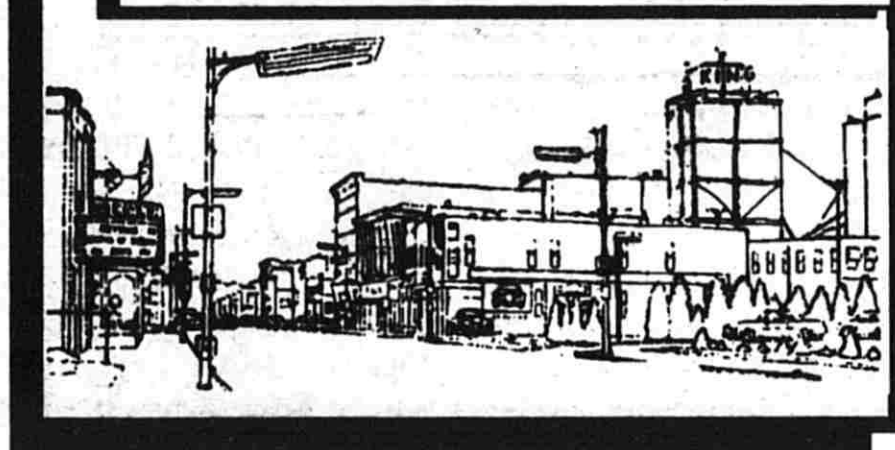
Associate superintendent Richard Korb said the proposed excess expenditures are for the addition of four new teachers, health care para pros, self contained para pros, special education para pros, a bus driver and FICA, salaries and retirement costs.

"I don't think the deficit spending will be as much as \$327,000 due to some unanswered questions (student growth and state aid)," Bleke said. "The district must balance quality programs with long range budget concerns. We must be fair to current students, but cognizant of future students."

Gallagher told the board at Monday's budget hearing that the numbers it hears from the audit in October will be damn close to the proposed figures he presented.

The proposed deficit spending will reduce the district's fund balance to \$1,465,313.

Along Main Street



ART GALLERY HOURS FOR SUMMER

The Lowell Area Arts Council Gallery will be open Tuesday through Friday 1 to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed Saturdays, holidays and all holiday weekends.

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.

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.

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.

HSPT to add forgotten curriculum exam in 1998

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It has been the forgotten core curriculum.

The scheduled addition of the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) in social studies in 1998 has already begun to change that way of thinking.

"Social studies is the forgotten core subject," said James White, Lowell Schools' director of curriculum and instruction. "With help from the test, it is now beginning to get due recognition for its importance in people's lives."

Some believe that the test actually reinforces the forgotten core curriculum stigma.

"It is kind of like... we've got English, math, science and by the way here comes the tag along (social studies)," says Lowell High School social studies teacher Jack Ogle. "What I think the test does do is bring a new awareness among state administrators and schools."

The proposed new Lowell graduation requirements will require that students take 2 1/2 years of social studies. "Most

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Over 220 players answer YMCA's "Play Ball" call in the 10th annual YMCA 3-on-3 Hoops tourney

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In between the weekend rain storms, the 10th annual YMCA Hoops Three-On-Three basketball tournament crowned nine champions.

Despite weather delays, the two-day tournament ran smoothly as it successfully concluded late Saturday afternoon.

There were 56 teams which registered to compete in the 10th annual Hoops tourney. This was the third year the tournament was run by the Lowell YMCA.

Lowell YMCA director Andy Johnson expects that the revenues raised for youth programs will be anywhere from \$3,000-\$4,000.

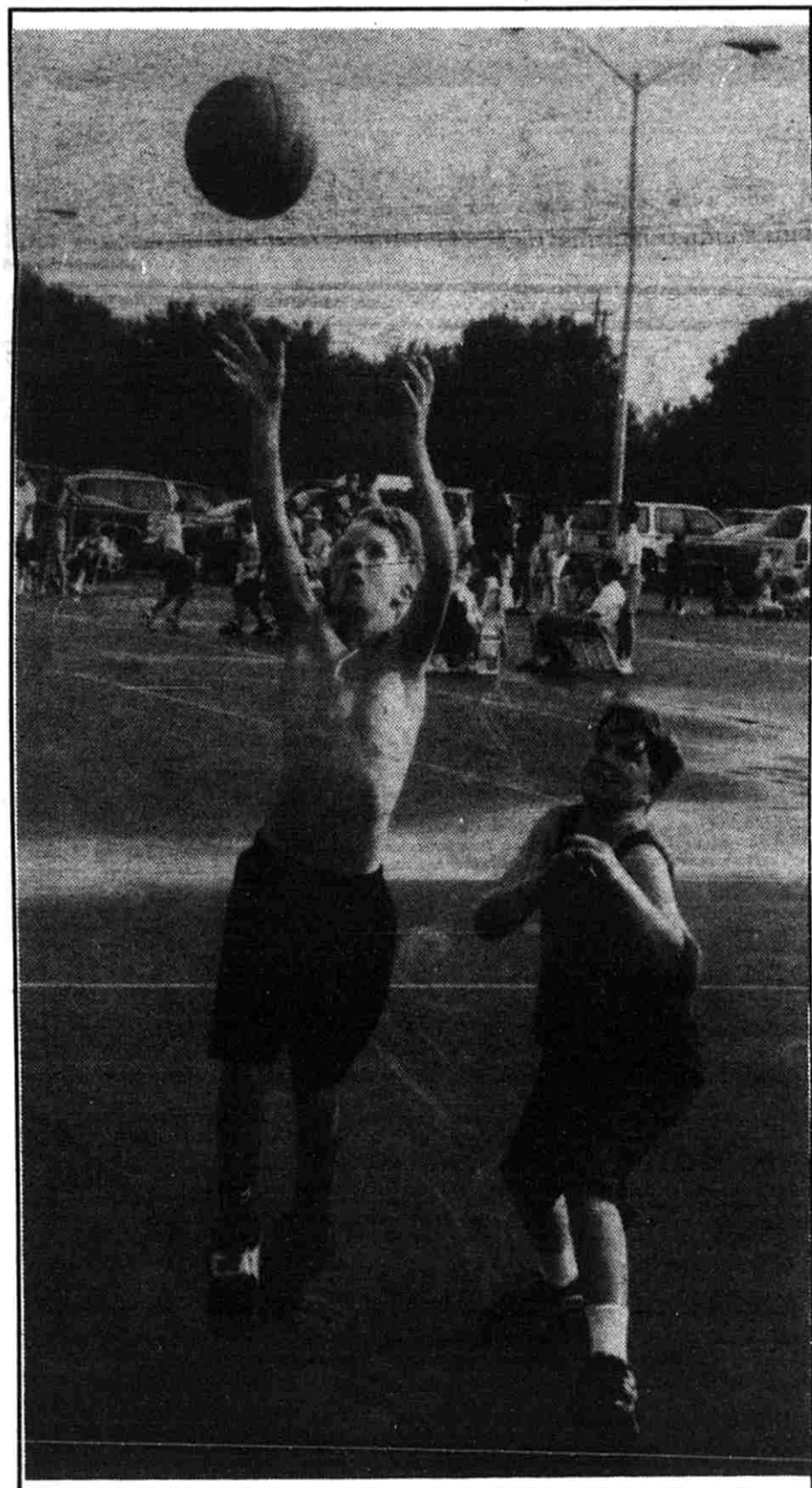
The tournament was held at Cherry Creek Elementary for the second straight year. Johnson said the site is ideal. The six permanent baskets already on site saves the tournament coordinators many man hours of labor.

The title sponsor for this year's event was Family Fare. Corporate sponsors were Michigan Wire and King Milling. The trophy sponsor was Crystal Flash. Serving as court sponsors were The Lowell Ledger, Seaman's Refrigeration and Air, Chadalee Farms, FMB State Savings Bank, Larkin's Restaurant, Lowell Lanes, Root Lowell, Showboat Automotive, Thomet Chevrolet.

In-kind sponsors were Awards By Design, Lowell Area Schools and D-Jay's Mobile Music.

Scott Carpenter, the volunteer chairman, was responsible for recruiting all sponsorships.

"I also want to thank the 20-30 volunteers. This tournament could not run without them," Johnson said.



The Hoops tournament divided 56 teams into nine age divisions. The two-day tournament concluded late Saturday afternoon. Championship team pictures page 24.

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OBITUARIES

ABBGY - Nicholas D. Abbgly, aged 68, of Grand Rapids, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, June 17, 1997. He was preceded in death by his parents, Daher and Hudla and his sister, Juliet Abbgly. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Vilma Borda-Abbgly, his children, Kris (Jerry) Surrey of Cedar Springs, Vicky Belyew of Comstock Park, Karen (Bruce) Merryman, Maria Carmel B. Abbgly all of Grand Rapids, Mark (Geli) Abbgly, Scotty Abbgly all of Grand Rapids; grandchildren Jennifer DeWit, Jamee and John Belyew, Michael Surrey, Tiffany and Mary Merryman; brothers Ernest (Jean Ann) Abbgly of Pt. St. Lucie, FL, Mike (Joyce) Abbgly of Grand Rapids, Daniel Abbgly of Lauderdale, FL, Russell (Judy) Abbgly of Wyoming; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews and cousins. Nick serviced his country in the Korean War. He built and owned Lowell Lanes; also owned Abbgly Accounting and American Careers, Inc. for many, many years. He has been an active treasurer of the Forest Hills Youth Football League and also co-coached football at Forest Hills Northern High School (freshman).

Mass of the Resurrection was Saturday, June 21, at St. Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas S. Vesbit as Celebrant. Interment Blythefield Memory Gardens. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Catholic Church. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

BURROWS - Alta May Burrows, aged 73, of Alto went to be with her Lord and joined her husband, George who preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Danny (Mickey) Burrows of Lowell, Cary Burrows of Lowell, Brian Burrows of Alto, Anna (Randy) Reynolds of Alto and Anne Burrows of Lowell; sister Catherine (Bud) Lyons of Lowell, Eileen (Stanley) Malinowski of Grand Rapids and Gladys (Arthur) Benedict of Alto; a brother-in-law; and eight grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Tuesday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Lowell. Pastor Brian Schneider-Thomas of the Bowne Center Methodist Church officiating. Memorials may be made to the Bowne Center Methodist Church, 12051 - 84th Street, Alto. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

CAMP - Audrey Suzanne Camp, aged 18, of Belding, passed away Saturday evening of accidental injuries. She was born in Ionia, August 29, 1978 to the par-

ents of Michael J. (Joy D. Reinhardt) Camp. She graduated from Saranac High School in 1997. She was employed by Adgates supermarket in Saranac. She is survived by her parents Michael (Vicky) Camp of Saranac and Joy Camp of Clarksville; brothers Patrick Camp of Florida, Matthew Camp of Grand Rapids, Adam Camp and Brandon Camp at home; half brother Daniel Camp at home; step-brother Bradley Harris at home; step-sister Charity Raymond of Ionia; special friends Karl Wilber and Erin Wolff and Cory Conner who passed away with her. Memorial Services were held Tuesday at the Shiloh Community Church with Rev. Ken Harger and Rev. Kendall Harger officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shiloh Community Church, Saranac Youth Center or Iris fund for Saranac Fire Dept. Arrangements by the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

LAVEQUE - Madonna J. "Jean", of Waterford Township; age 65; June 14, 1997; she leave behind her loving husband of 43 years, Joseph E. Laveque Jr.; two sons, Joseph P. (Tracy) and Gerlad E. Laveque of Lowell and cherished daughter Denise Stevens (Brian); brother Chuck Dowling (Joan) of Walled Lake and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Laveque enjoyed an active life, enjoying

traveling and golf and spending time with family and her many close friends by whom she will be greatly missed. She lived in the area all her life, attended St. Michael's Catholic High School in Pontiac and worked at Pontiac Motors until she retired in 1986 along with her husband. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, June 17 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where she was a long-time member. Rev. Jacek Brewczynski officiating.

MULL - Mrs. Rosemary A. Mull, aged 67, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 1997. Surviving are husband, Leslie; sons Jim (Carolyn) of Kansas, Allan (Patricia) of Lowell; daughters, Sue of Holland, Christine of Tennessee; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and sister Marian Guerro of Muskegon. There will be no funeral home visitation or service. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

THOMPSON - Mr. Gerald (Jerry) Thompson, aged 57, Child and Servant of God having lost his struggle with cancer has gone home to be with his Holy Family. He was preceded in death by his father LeRoy and his brother Jack. He leaves to celebrate his life and mourn his passing his wife Helen; his mother Ella; his children Laura (Jaycee) Gilbert, Cindy (Jim) Kaiser, Sandy (Riste) Hall, Larry

Aubertin, Jerry (Jan) Thompson; his mother-in-law Esther Ransom; 11 grandchildren; brother Jim (Peg) Thompson; sister Joanne (Bob) Lucas; sister-in-law Sharon (widow of Jack); several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Jerry has been a member of Trinity Congregational United Church of Christ for several years, he has served on boards and committees and tirelessly dedicated himself to doing the work of the Lord. During the past 28 years he has been employed by General Motors and Diesel Technology and always considered himself blessed with a myriad of caring friends who supported him through the dark times. The Funeral Service will be at Trinity Congregational United Church of Christ on Wednesday, June 25 at 11 a.m. Leading the celebration of life will be Rev. Charles Bar. Memorial contributions may be made to the Trinity Congregational United Church of Christ of Hospice - Holland Home. Arrangements by Cook, Grandville Chapel.

WITTENBACH - Fannie Wittenbach, aged 90, formerly of Grattan, died Thursday, June 19, 1997. She is survived by her brother, Walter Wittenbach of Belding; several nieces and nephews. Private services were held at Ashley Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst of Lowell.

TOWN TALK

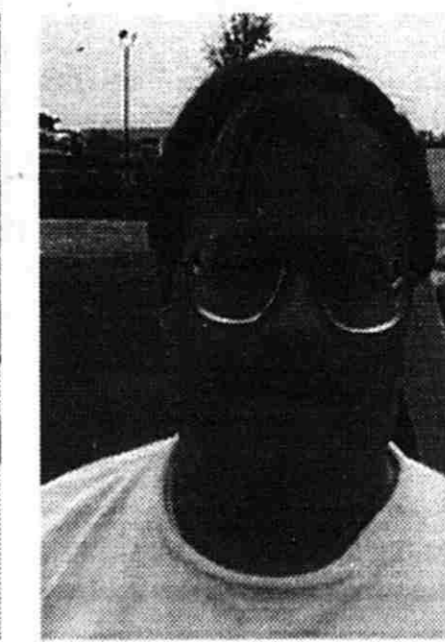
It has been a few weeks since the announcement that Harold Englehardt left a \$12 million bequest to the community of Lowell. What kind of projects would you like to see completed with the money?



Jeanne Wise
A pool which could be used by everybody, especially the elderly.



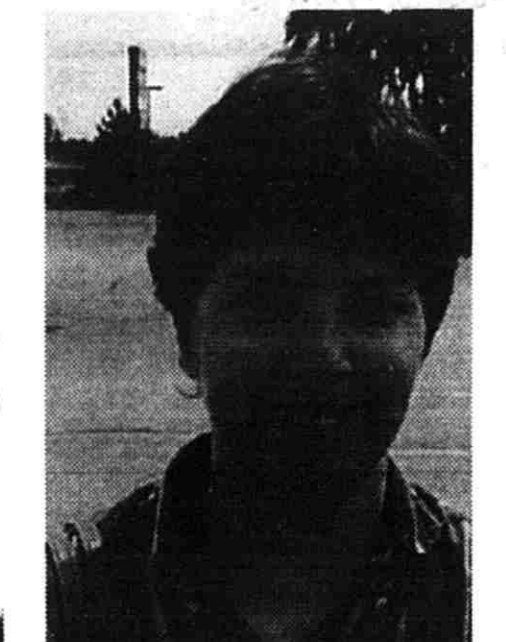
Betty Kline
A swimming pool for the kids. A viewing deck in place of the old Lee's Landing building.



Fred Maier
Computers for the elementary buildings.



Bill Kirsch
More police patrol, fine arts and to improve the school curriculum.



Cori Cyrocki
A pool and renovate the Showboat Amphitheater.



Wanda Stinchcomb
To help the Fallsburg Historical Society in its restoration of Fallsburg Village.



Sandra Rouse
I'd like to see some money go toward sidewalks and things like that, parks and education for older people.



Sue Sova
I've always wondered about a pool. I'd like to see one before my kids are too old to enjoy it. I'd also like to see activities for kids and senior citizens.

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SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.; 6 Board members present. Minutes of May 19 Regular and June 2 Special meetings approved.

Approved Bills Totalling:	
General Fund	\$122,656.31
Sewer Fund	\$6,365.75
Water Fund	\$7,510.34
Trust & Agency	\$868.38

Business Conducted: Tabled the Lowell Cable Television letter for discussion on possible revisions; adopted a Land Division Ordinance; received the May Building Report.

Adjournment at 7:54 p.m.

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Sealed bids will be received at the Lowell City Hall, 301 East Main, Lowell, MI 49331 until July 16, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. The bids are regarding the remodeling of the Lowell Police Department, 111 North Monroe, Lowell, Michigan. Please be sure to mark outside of envelope "LPD REMODELING BID."

Design plans may be secured upon request from the City of Lowell, City Hall - 897-8457.

The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

For in thee, O Lord, do I hope... (Psalm 38:15).

Probably most housewives have to keep an eye on the cupboard. A box of ready-to-eat cereal becomes stale quickly when the contents are left exposed to the air.

One day I sought to rescue a half-filled bag of puffed wheat from going to waste. I put the contents into a pan and placed it in the oven, hoping the heat would restore crispness to the tough and unappealing cereal.

Later, when the members of my family showed a lack of

enthusiasm for the "reconditioned" wheat puffs, I said in a tone of discouragement, "I guess I didn't get rid of it, did I?"

Then came my youngster's optimistic reply: "Well, Mama, not one day has gone by yet."

Sometimes when our prayers aren't answered immediately, we are prone to become discouraged. But we should remember that God hasn't promised to answer all our prayers while we are yet calling. We must hope and keep believing. Remember

Sue's words: "Not one day has gone by yet." Maybe this will give you a lift as it did me. "There's always hope," if we but trust and wait.

Prayer: "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise" for I know Thou hearest me. I shall hope and trust and remember that "not one day has gone by yet." Amen.

O waiting soul, be still, be strong.

And though He tarry, trust and wait.

Doubt not; He will not wait too long.

Fear not; He will not come too late.

Author Unknown

Waldron and Hoag share in Girls State experience

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Crystal Waldron and Beth Hoag are hoping for three things while they're away at Girls State - to enjoy themselves, have a good time and to learn something.

"I was excited about the opportunity, but was not exactly sure what to expect," Hoag said.

The purpose of the 57th American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is to emphasize the importance of government in modern life; to educate young women in the duties,

privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship; and to awaken a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is vitally needed to protect and preserve our American institutions and our democracy.

Both Waldron and Hoag were nominated by the high school social studies staff.

The basic qualifications for Girls State are leadership, citizenship, scholarship and character.

All of those in attendance participated in the electoral process and have an opportunity to hold public office. They are encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy.

"It was a competitive program," Hoag said. "The students who attended were organized and motivated."

The Lowell junior who is interested in studying journalism and education said she hopes she can participate as a member of the press corps while at Girls State.

Hoag and Waldron, also a junior, left Saturday, June 14, for Girls State held on the campus of Central Michigan University. The program ran through June 21.

It is the program's charge that each participant leaves with a mature appreciation of the basic strengths and weaknesses of the American system of government.

Hoag was sponsored by the Lowell American Legion Auxiliary and Waldron by the Lowell Rotary.

There are 504 girls statewide who attended Girls State this year.



Crystal Waldron



Beth Hoag

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JUNE 26 - Cathy Acker, Velma Perry, Dwane Cavanaugh.
- JUNE 27 - Dylan Schneider, Aaron Kroemer.
- JUNE 28 - Brian Doyle.
- JUNE 29 - Ben Zoodsma, Stephanie Yonker, Jackson Simmons.
- JUNE 30 - Sheila Yeiter, Denny Brenk, Kayleigh Page.
- JULY 1 - Brandon Hewitt.
- JULY 2 - Bradley Ball, Marilyn Sauber, Brandon Lee, Logan Brenk, Landon Trierweiler, Ryan Lynne Roth.

Epilepsy benefit July 12

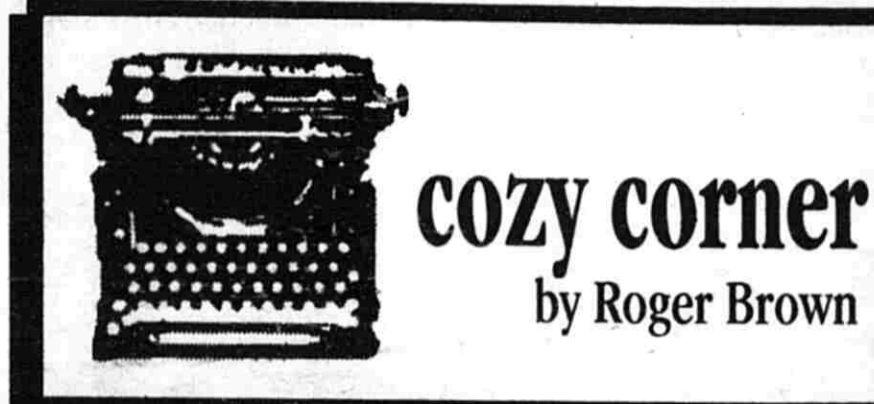
A "Summer Stroll" to benefit the Epilepsy of Michigan is scheduled for July 12.

The 5-K stroll is around Reed's Lake. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with kickoff at 10 a.m. For more information call 1-800-377-6226.



During the summer a grizzly bear, which can weigh between 350 and 500 pounds, may eat between 80 or 90 pounds of food a day.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

In last week's column I alluded to an incident involving my dad, my next youngest brother, Ed, and my antique airplane. If you read this column regularly, you know that I often use my last name as a verb to describe my over zealous, bull-in-a-china-shop, don't-know-my-own-strength, approach to carpentry, plumbing, mechanics, etc. If I overtighten a bolt and strip the threads, I've "Browned" it. If I take one too many swings with the hammer and dimple a nice piece of wood trim, I've "Browned" it. If I try to move a piece of furniture myself, instead of rounding up some help, I'm likely to "Brown" it by breaking off a leg, ripping the linoleum, etc. I've done this stuff

all my life, and can't seem to overcome the trait. It's in my genes.

So, when you put two Browns together with a fragile, antique airplane, you have all the ingredients for disaster. Kinda like drinking double martinis and playing with dynamite.

Two weeks ago, my dad called. Most of the family was at his house and had come up with the idea for a Father's Day fishing trip to Lake Erie after walleye. It was to be my two brothers, my brother-in-law, my dad and me in the big old fishing boat my dad and I were partners in.

"Okay, sounds good" I said. "Boat hasn't been in the water for two years. We better get it outa there, tweak the motors, clean it up, yada, yada, yada." By "outa there" I meant the back of my hangar. This meant moving my old biplane and a Piper Cub that belongs to a friend. No big deal if you're careful. But, if you're a Brown, at least from my clan of Browns, being careful is just not that easy.

They couldn't come over that night, so we scheduled the next evening. "I've got an appointment in Grand Rapids late in the afternoon and am going to swing by a motorcycle shop for some parts after that. See you at the hangar at seven" I said. It was a plan. Or so I thought.

I ran a little ahead of schedule and drove up the driveway to my hangar at a quarter to six. The hangar door was open and both airplanes were outside. I should have been glad that they had saved me the trouble of helping, but something told me this was not a good situation.

When I got out of the car, my fears were confirmed immediately. These two grown men, a grandfather and a great-grandfather, shuffled up to me, heads bowed like a couple of teenagers that had just crashed dad's car. "You're looking at a couple of the sorriest guys on earth" my dad said. It wasn't nearly as bad as it could have been, but bad enough.

Rather than simply pushing my Stearman out of the hangar, they elected to use the infamous Wheelhorse. I've fabricated a lift mechanism on the tractor's three point hitch. It works great for moving all the other airplanes around here, but isn't designed to accommodate the big rudder that pro-

trudes well beyond the tail wheel of the Stearman. Sure enough, the tail of the airplane fell off the lift. The rudder crashed down onto it bending several tubes in the frame and tearing the fabric cover.

As I inspected the damage, my first inclination was to throw up. My second urge was to choke two of the three Browns in the hangar. I fought back both reflexes and settled in to a silent rage. This eventually subsided to acceptance and thoughts of how to effect a repair. My silence drove my dad and brother nuts. Finally Ed said, "Geez Rogie, get mad! Scream, swear, throw something!" But, de Tar Baby, he say nuthin'.

Then, to add insult to injury, they showed me the cowl on the Wheelhorse. The twenty-some-year-old tractor is equipped with the optional "idiosyncratic transmission." As Ed tried to drive it away from the scene of the Stearman fiasco, the tractor refused to shift into reverse and drove itself into the boat. Damage to the boat was minimal, but the hood of the tractor was crumpled pretty good. I thought this was extremely funny, and my stoneface began to melt, offering some relief to Brer' Fox and Brer' Bear.

The reason I thought this so funny, is the tractor was originally my dad's. He got sick of wrenching on it and passed it on to brother John. He tired of the repairs, and on it went to brother Eddie. Somewhere in there I think it also spent some time as a communal repair project at the cottage. A couple of years ago I was talked into taking it to the airport where it spends its twilight years in the corner of the hangar awaiting parts. I have a new power take-off clutch on order as I write this.

Somehow the whole scenario of my family members using that old Wheelhorse to trash my favorite toy just struck me as being hilarious. Don't ask me why, 'cause I don't know myself. Even if I did, it would be way too complicated to put down on paper. Let's just leave it with a word to the wise. If you ever encounter a Brown on a big old Wheelhorse, be sure to give him lots, and lots of room.

As for the boat, the fishing trip, repairs to the airplane... those are all stories for down the road.



By Priscilla Lussmyer

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

101 YEARS AGO IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL - JUNE 28, 1896
The second crop of potato bugs promises a big yield. The new brick school house in Ada will cost \$6,000. The regular quarterly meeting of the First Spiritual Society of Lowell will meet at Union Hall Saturday and Sunday. L.S.C.B. The Lowell Silver Cornet Band serenades quite often at the hall at twilight. The county Supervisors met, and full minutes of the several days are available in the Journal.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 22, 1922
Three Michigan Public Utilities Commission reduces freight rates on sand and gravel; a change in billing procedures (buyers were paying for wet gravel weight), plus the reduction of rates early this year, stand to save Michigan \$2-3 million in road-building programs. The walls of the new Methodist church are nearly finished, and three Sunday School classes met in the new place Sunday. Lieutenant Lee Wade pilots a twin-motor Lehigh bomber to a new altitude record of 24,206 feet and Captain A.W. Stevens parachutes from the plane, making a new jump record of the same height. Rear Admiral Wm. Sims says that the U.S. will use poison gas as a weapon if attacked in another war.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 26, 1947
Showboat offers free tickets to submitters of the first 100 suitable jokes in West Michigan. The Moose Lodge has established a free blood bank for the Lowell area. The lodge will replace blood used when anyone gets a transfusion. There will be no cost for the blood. Frank Coons resigns from the school board after 21 years of service. 1,214 men and 629 women died of tuberculosis in Michigan last year. Horseshoe courts are being constructed at Recreation Park.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JUNE 22, 1972
Ground is broken for a large new hangar and office at the municipal airport. A quick, hard rain floods East Main Street Wednesday evening. Veterinarians warn dog-owners that mosquitoes may be spreading heartworm disease. The minimum wage may be increased to \$2 an hour (\$1.70 for farm workers). There is controversy over the senior class motto, a quote from A.E. Houseman: "We, strangers and afraid in a world we never made."

LEGAL NOTICES

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Sharing The Vision

BERT F. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

It seems that we are all terribly busy these days - both adults and children alike. Many of us run around with our Franklin planners jammed with important dates, meetings, and obligations. Many of our children seem to be involved with more organized activities than ever before with perhaps very little time to think about just being themselves.

In the past, it seemed we spent time thinking about weeks and months and years. Now we spend time talking about minutes and even seconds. If you don't go five to 10 miles an hour over the speed limit, it seems that people are all but parked in your trunk. In a world filled with technology, time-savers, and promises of less paperwork and more leisure time, somehow we seem to have less time, more things to do, and less fun.

I guess this was on my mind several Sundays ago when I took a few brief moments to talk to the graduating seniors. The message I hoped to convey was that how they live each day

would finally determine the quality of their life. I shared with them the following poem that I share with you so that you might also think a bit about how you spend your time and how you might increase the quality of your days. The poem was written by a native American whose name is unknown.

- Today
Welcome a stranger
Seek out a forgotten friend
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Laugh
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Encourage the young
Express your gratitude
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Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

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

Heartburn is that burning sensation which begins usually under the breast bone, and may radiate up higher into the chest, sometimes even reaching the back of the throat. While patients call it heartburn or acid indigestion, doctors refer to it as gastroesophageal reflux disease or GERD. Heartburn usually occurs when stomach acid moves from your stomach up into the esophagus (swallowing tube). The

acid may be allowed to move in this backward direction if the muscle at the bottom of the esophagus becomes weak or incompetent. Things which may affect this muscle adversely are:

- Caffeine
- Alcohol
- Nicotine
- Fatty or fried foods
- Carbonated beverages
- Peppermint
- High acid foods

Also, lying down after eating, being overweight and wearing tight fitting clothes may also lead to heartburn.

If you have heartburn, try to discontinue or avoid the substances listed above. Lose weight. Don't lie down after eating.

Over the counter medications such as antacids (Maalox, etc.), Pepcid AC, Zantac 75, all may offer you a fair amount of relief. If these measures are not successful, see your doctor to rule out more serious causes of heartburn, such as ulcer disease or esophageal disease. If you do have something other than routine heartburn, a stronger prescription may be needed.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>		<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
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<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 10501 Settlemore • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>		<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	
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Grieser, state FFA secretary, recipient of Earl Posthumus Scholarship

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lola Posthumus called Shari Grieser, the recipient of the first Earl Posthumus Scholarship award, a "good one."

"Earl would have been very proud of the Alto Lions Club selection," Posthumus said. "He would have wanted it to be somebody who is active in agriculture."

Selection was based on activities, need and academics.

Grieser, just back from a National Leadership Conference in Gatlinburg, TN for state Future Farmer of America officers, was elected the state FFA secretary in March.

"Being elected secretary provides me an opportunity to help other members

throughout the state utilize different opportunities which the FFA offers," Grieser said.

In her four years with the FFA, holding leadership roles have become the rule for Grieser and not the exception.

Grieser served as the regional FFA president for one year, the Lowell FFA treasurer for one year and president for two years.

"The FFA has helped build my self confidence and enables me to be myself while talking in front of large groups," Grieser said.

The 1997 Lowell graduate has also been helped by her older brothers John, Joe and Randy. "I was able to see what they did and were able to accomplish through the FFA," Grieser said.

Randy Grieser was the

first Lowell FFA member to be elected as the state vice president.

Grieser will use the \$500 scholarship when she attends Michigan State University in the fall. She will major in agriculture and natural resources communications.

"I am happy that we could help Shari," Posthumus said. Posthumus will continue to work with the Alto Lion Club to see that the fund continues to help others.

"I have become a Lions Club member," Lola said. "Earl was so dedicated to the club, I felt this was the best thing I could do for him."

Earl Posthumus was a charter member of the Alto Lions Club. "He held every office in the club, was active in the district and region and was active in community af-

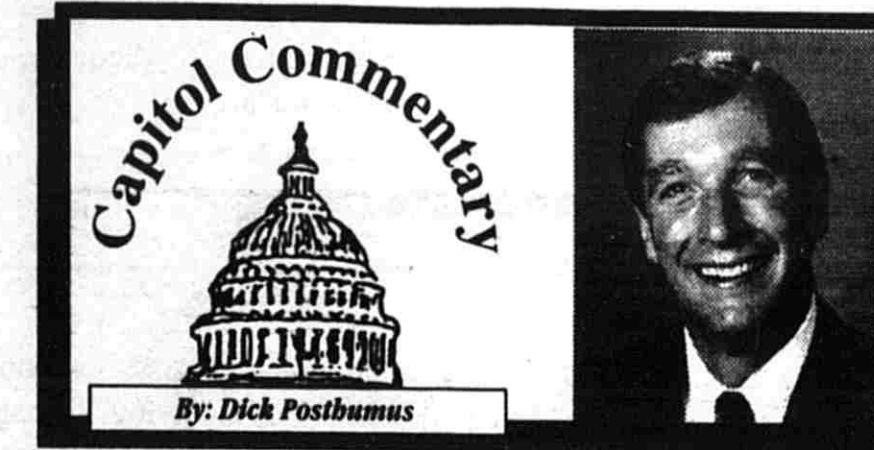
fairs," said Alto Lions Club president George Anderson. "Earl would have been very

proud to have a scholarship established in his name."

Posthumus, 76, died in July of last year.



Presenting Shari Grieser, middle, with an Earl Posthumus Scholarship certificate is Alto Lions Club president George Anderson, left, and Lola Posthumus (right).



MICHIGAN OFFERS NEARLY UNLIMITED SUMMER FUN OPPORTUNITIES

With summer now officially upon us, Michigan citizens are looking forward to the sunny days and warm weather that lure residents and visitors to our state's many tourist attractions. Michigan's beautiful summers and plentiful natural resources have long been a tourist attraction for travelers from across the United States and Canada. On most weekends the highways tell the story. Residents from lower Michigan congest the highways on Friday afternoons as they head up north and Sunday evenings as they make their way home for another work week.

Tourists have plenty of reasons to make Michigan their summer vacation destination. Our state boasts the greatest concentration of fresh water in the world - the Great Lakes, accompanied by more than 3,000 miles of shoreline and 11,000 inland lakes. Michigan also attracts campers and

hikers because of our 99 state parks and recreation areas, comprising more than 260,000 acres of land and more than 14,000 campsites. Did you know that if you stand anywhere in Michigan you are within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes?

But for Michigan residents, tourism is more than just fun. It pumps billions of dollars into Michigan's economy and supports thousands of businesses across the state. A recent study indicates that Michigan is the 13th least costliest state to vacation in. Tourism is the second-biggest industry in Michigan and will generate an estimated \$4.3 billion this summer.

The great part of our state is that there is something for everyone. Michigan hosts more than 1,100 festivals and events throughout the summer, ranging from arts and crafts festivals to fishing derbies, to sailboat races, to hot air balloon

festivals. You can wander through one of hundreds of museums and galleries, such as Greenfield Village, or visit a state park, golf, canoe, fish or sail on one of our many lakes.

So before the summer slips away and you miss watching the sun set on the horizon or land a hole-in-one on one of the more than 600 public golf courses, get out and enjoy Michigan.

I want to thank everyone who traveled to Lansing last Thursday to testify before the State Board of Education. Hundreds of parents, children, students and teachers attended the meeting to urge the board not to rescind wording in the mission statement. The interest shown, both at the board meeting and through contacts made to my office, were overwhelming and I appreciate your efforts.

Plattner and Hoag attend HOBY conference

Aaron Plattner and Beth Hoag returned recently from the four-day HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth) Foundation program.

It was Hoag's second year in the program. Last year, she served as an ambassador and this year she was a junior counselor.

As an ambassador, Plattner attended seminars that teach students how to think, not what to think.

Topics discussed at the seminars included: media moral-

ity, new trends in education, entrepreneurship, financial planning, gangs and volunteerism.

"The program focuses on self-esteem, team building and stresses individualism," Hoag explained. "As a junior counselor, it was my job to raise the spirits of the ambassadors."

The junior counselors also served as liaisons between the ambassadors and counselors.

"I love the program," Hoag said. "It trains leaders of tomorrow today."

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students already take three years of social studies. The requirement of 2 1/2 years will make a bigger difference in staffing," Ogle said.

All freshmen will be required to take social studies 9; sophomores, U.S. History; and juniors, government. "The new ninth-grade social studies class offers students exposure in cultural geography and economics," Ogle said.

The Lowell staff will recommend that sophomores take AP (advanced placement) history. "I don't know if that is too soon, but we're going to try it. We're going to work our tails off so that the students pass the test."

As seniors, students can choose to take a social studies elective. Choices will include World History I, World History II, U.S. Current Issues, U.S. Honors History, minority studies, psychology and honors government.

Lowell will take the basic framework from the county's social studies curriculum, which has yet to be completed, and write its own set of standards and assessments.

The social studies HSPT will concentrate on history, economics, civics and geography.

"The HSPT has pushed schools to change their curriculum faster so that they are aligned with the test," White said.

"It has moved education in the right direction faster than anything I've seen come along in 25 years."

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This week, in *The Ledger*, you published some notable quotes from well-known personages.

One was by Ernest Hemingway who said, "What is moral is what you feel good after." I have not learned that what is moral is what makes you feel good. What is moral is what is found in a set of standards, God-inspired and time-tested, namely, *The Bible*. Doing what feels good leads to hedonism and toward anarchy.

It may be noted that Hemingway's humanistic philosophy led him to the point where he committed suicide. Was this

moral and did he feel good afterward?

Two quotes by humanists on one page were almost too much. You also quoted Dr. Benjamin Spock as saying, "What good mothers and fathers instinctively feel like doing for their babies is the best, after all." I suspect this philosophy, espoused by Dr. Spock, is why we have pipe bombs, and need metal detectors and police patrols in our high schools today. Instincts are not substitutes for sound judgment. And sound judgment must be based, again, on a set of standards which are grounded in *The Bible*, the book of God's wisdom which applies to all generations.

Donald G. Gerard, M.D.

AREA BIRTHS

Scott and Laurie Benjamin and big brother Mitchell are pleased to announce the arrival of Olivia Isabella Jordana. She was born May 21, 1997 at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 20 1/2" in length.

Proud grandparents are Charles and Mary Benjamin of Lowell and the late Nancy Benjamin and Gary and Donna Cantrell of Battle Creek. Great-grandparents are Luben and Rada Chochoff, also of Battle Creek.

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Woman of the Year

GFWC-Lowell Women's Club held their annual May luncheon May 14. President Barb Zandstra, left, presents Ann Booth with the 1996/97 "Woman of the Year" award for her continuing participation and service to the club and community.



Scholarship Recipients

At left, Barb Pierce, Lowell Area Schools counselor, congratulates, from left to right, Julia Johnson, Ericka Gless and Laurie Noall for their accomplishments in the Lowell Women's Club. Each senior girl was awarded a \$500 scholarship for her participation with the club during school.

IN THE SERVICE

Marine Cpl. John B. Sterzick, son of John L. Sterzick of Lowell, and Kathy M. Sterzick of Saranac, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 121, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego. Sterzick was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. The 1995 graduate of Saranac High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

KDL program to explore medieval inventions

How many practical devices and commonly used concepts came from the Middle Ages? Surprisingly many items such as stained glass, windmills, perspective drawing and woodblock printing were all medieval inventions. Medieval Inventions, for ages 5 and up, will explore this topic at various Kent District Library branches. Participants will make an invention of their own to take home.

This program is offered in conjunction with the Kent District Library's *Read Just For Fun*, Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club has a medieval theme celebrating the Middle Ages. Dragons, knights, jesters and maidens take over the library this summer. Children of all ages may register at any Kent District Library for the Summer Reading Club between June 9 and August 9. Royal readers who have logged 12 books or 12 hours of reading and completed the summer reading club are eligible for prize drawings including a trip to Walt Disney World for four.

The program will be at the Alto branch on July 8 at 2 p.m. and the Lowell Englehardt Library on Wednesday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about the Medieval Inventions program, contact the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

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City and LPOA ratify reopener agreement

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A wage reopener agreement between the city and the Lowell Police Officers Association was ratified Monday night.

The agreement reached will provide full time police officers and the department's sergeant with an annual increase of 4.25 percent.

The association refrained from participating in a merit raise system as used by other city employees, instead favoring a flat increase.

However, the association was in agreement with performance evaluations for each of the officers.

"Over the years the city has had good luck working out an agreeable level of operation with the police department," Lowell Mayor Bill Thompson said.

This year's, the wage reopener clause only required that salaries be negotiated.

Also, overtime scheduling using part time officers require discussion on its effectiveness between administration and association.

The new wage schedule begins July 1.

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TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 97-4

Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 1997 the Vergennes Township Board adopted Ordinance 97-4 which amends certain portions of Article VII Zoning Board of Appeals. A summary of the changes is as follows:

Section 201.701B is amended to allow the appointment of not more than two alternate members to act in place of regular members absent or abstaining and provides that the terms of alternate members be for three years.

Section 201.702B is amended to extend the authority of the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear appeals concerning Planned Unit Developments.

Section 201.703B is deleted and replaced by a new 201.703B stating that the concurrence of a majority of the members of the total Zoning Board of Appeals is necessary to reverse a previous order or decision of a Township body or official or to decide in favor of an applicant on any matter properly brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals under the Vergennes Township Zoning Ordinance.

The full text of Ordinance No. 97-4 can be reviewed at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ordinance 97-4 was adopted by the Vergennes Township Board on June 16, 1997 by a vote of 5 Aye and 0 Nay and takes effect 30 days from the date of this notice of adoption.

Mari Stone
Township Clerk

Making News...

Lowell Middle School's eighth-grade language arts classes worked in groups of three or four to create a unique news presentation and broadcast projects based on a current topic of research. Students based their presentations on a particular theme such as unsolved mysteries, music or natural disasters. They worked together to design a large backdrop which related to their theme. After changing their appearances and names, they each gave an oral presentation to the class. Some ambitious groups made original commercials or weather reports to add to their presentations. The eighth-grade students learned research and presentation skills as well as the importance of teamwork.



COLLEGE NEWS



Melissa (Nikodemski) Crandall has been awarded the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. She received the degree during commencement and hooding ceremonies on campus May 2.

Crandall is the daughter of Sandra and James Nikodemski of Lowell and a 1989 graduate of Lowell High School.

Kelley Jo Sytsma of Lowell received a bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management during commencement ceremonies in May at Lake Superior State University.

She is the daughter of Mary and Tom Sytsma of Lowell.

Following graduation from LSSU, she plans to earn a second bachelor's degree in elementary education.

"Crandall's veterinary skills will be a valuable asset to the public," said Dr. Lonnie King, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. "Veterinarians play critical roles in maintaining the world's food supply and protecting the health of companion animals including horses. Many pursue careers in public health, biomedical research, and veterinary education."

Graduates of the College of Veterinary Medicine have completed at least two years of college-level pre-veterinary

requirements before entering the four-year professional program. The veterinary program includes courses in the basic sciences such as anatomy, microbiology, and pharmacology, as well as classes in causes, detection, treatment and prevention of diseases.

Veterinary students also receive in-depth clinical experiences in large and small animal surgery and medicine and are trained in professional ethics, business management and client communications.

Calvin College has announced its spring 1997 dean's list. To earn a spot on the dean's list at Calvin requires that a student maintain a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and has a 3.3 cumulative grade point average at one of the country's top Christian, liberal-arts colleges.

Students from Lowell included on the list are Claire V. Basney, Mark I. Bajema and Dustin J. VanStee; from Alto are Nicole L. Van Til and Jamie D. Van Til.

Calvin has been honored in the past by such prestigious sources as the New York Times, the Templeton Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges and Peterson's Guide to Colleges and Universities. Established in 1876 in Grand Rapids, Calvin had a 1996-97 enrollment of 4,051 students. Only about 25 percent of that student body achieved dean's list status during the spring semester.

A total of 1,171 students achieved placement on the spring quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Dr. Martha Janners, dean of students, reported that 235 students earned straight 'A' averages of 4.00.

The following students from this area were honored: Sheryl Marie Nugent, senior in chemical engineering; David Louis Rottier, senior in electrical engineering (4.00); and Scott Patrick Smith, sophomore in civil engineering, all of Lowell.

Vergennes Township adds familiar and new faces to key positions

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township officials have sewn up and updated several committee and personnel positions for the next several years.

Leaving township positions are sexton Fay Sterling and historic district commissioners Bill Barber and Judy Baird. Replacing Sterling is Kam Carpenter, and David Thompson will replace Barber and Baird.

Baird and Barber step down after many years of service, while Sterling resigns after two years on the job. Thompson will join a commission that is about to establish historic landmarks in the district.

"I believe David will do an excellent job. We were lucky he agreed," said treasurer Jean Hoffman.

According to clerk Mari Stone, Thompson's interest stems from the fact that his family was part of the area's original settlers.

"We need somebody to take the bull by the horn and start to preserve our history. I think David can do that," said trustee Mark Weber.

While the township filled its non-paying positions, it also appointed three paying positions.

The township appointed James Dozema as its attorney, Jim Hegerty as its engineer and Phil Saurnan as its auditor.

Thompson will serve a two-year term, while the others will be reviewed yearly.

Soccer Tryouts

LASSO Soccer's Inaugural Season

Tryouts for Fall 1997

When: Monday, June 30th, 1997.
Registration: 6:30 to 6:45 pm
Tryouts Begin: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Parents Meeting: 7:15 pm
Make-up Day, Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00 pm.

Where: Burch Field in Lowell. Wear shin guards. Drinks provided.

Who Should Try Out: All Advanced Soccer Players Between 8 & 12 Years Old on July 31, 1997. We will be forming one or two teams depending on the number and skill level of the players trying out. Note: THIS IS AN OPEN COMPETITIVE TRYOUT! LASSO Soccer teams are Select Travel Teams. TRYOUTS ARE MANDATORY FOR FALL 1997 PLAY.

Who We Are: LASSO Soccer is a new league of select players, based in Lowell and open to surrounding areas, with the goal of fielding competitive teams and developing players to their highest potential.

What We Offer: An opportunity to play competitive and challenging soccer in the GVSA (Grand Valley Soccer Association). Summer Clinics and Camps. Tournament Play. Opportunities for Premier Team Advancement & Olympic Development.



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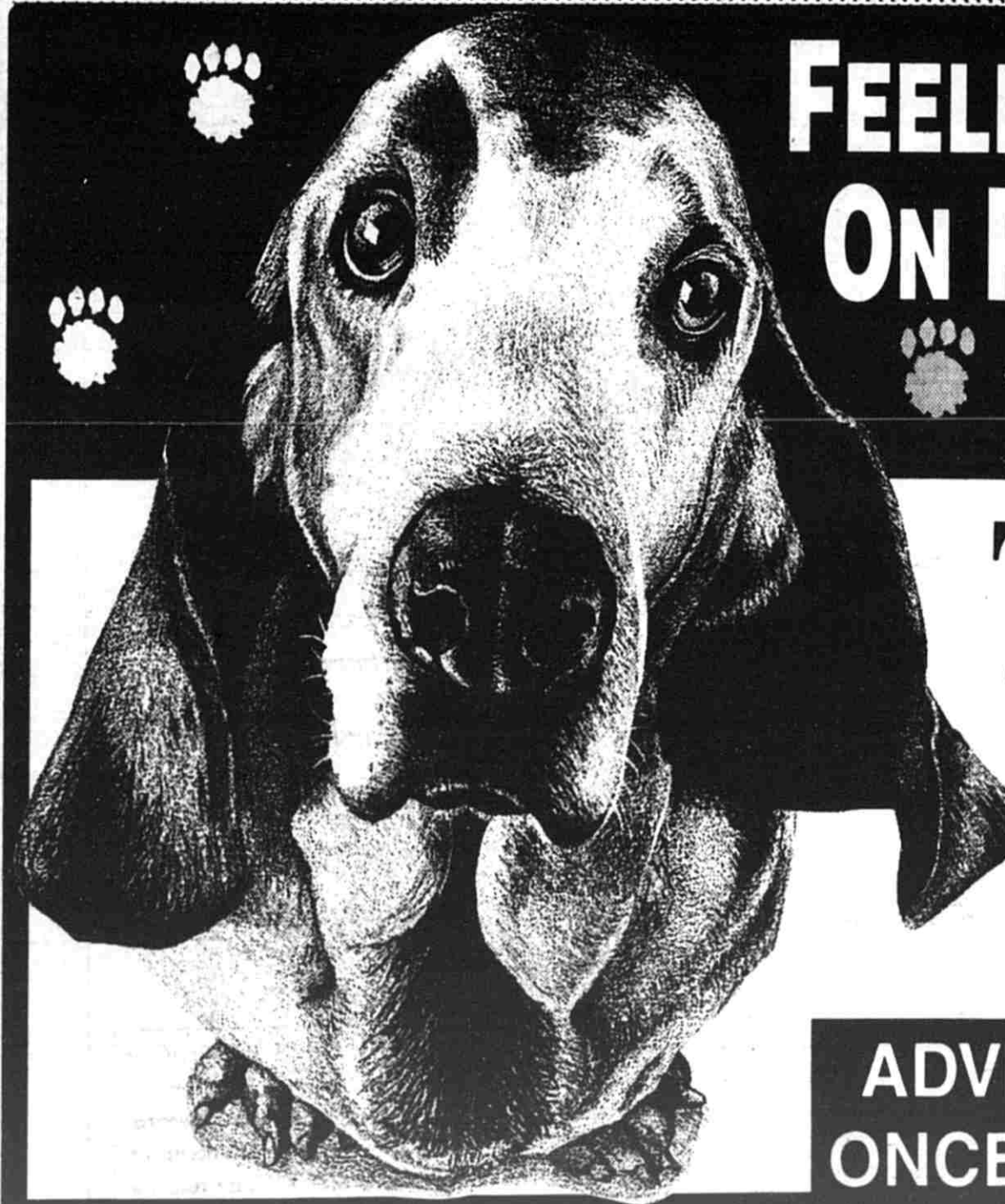
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FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 27 THRU JULY 3

Amy Stewart and Ben Cook star as Amanda and Josh Benson, two children who relocate to a new town only to discover their neighbors are monsters in the Goosebumps special "Welcome to Dead House." The chilling children's show premieres Sunday on Fox.



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MONDAY EVENING JUNE 30, 1997. Broadcast stations: WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXII, WOOD, WKAR, WZWM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CKN, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Time slots: 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT JUNE 30, 1997. Broadcast stations: WWMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXII, WOOD, WKAR, WZWM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, CKN, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX. Time slots: 12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30.

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THURSDAY LATE NIGHT JULY 3, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00-4:30) and rows for various TV stations and programs.

IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME!

Now that the weather is nice - take a drive & stop by some of these great sales

SALE. June 26 & 27, 8:30 a.m., 9741 E. Fulton at Tip Top Gravel...

POLE BARN SALE. Real cheap! 13889 Covered Bridge Road (across the bridge) Fri., June 27, 9-4 p.m. One day!

YARD SALE. One day only, Saturday, June 28, 7554 Sayles Rd., Saranac, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dishes, curtain rods, vases, utensils, books, gun rack, doors & numerous other items.

GARAGE SALE. Fri., June 27, 10800 Woodbush, (M-21, W. of Lowell, N. on Cumberland to Woodbush.) High chair (like new) children and adult clothes, lots of clean things, sized and priced.

GARAGE SALE. HUGE! Thurs. & Fri., June 26 & 27, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Clothes, (infants, girls, young mens, ladies, large size women), dishes, pots & pans, small appliances, linens, comforter sets, home decor, crafts, collectibles, large area rugs, baby stuff, toys, books, lots more! 512 King St., 3 blocks N. of Main St., between Jefferson & Jackson.

NEIGHBORHOOD SALE. Thurs. & Fri., June 26 & 27, 9-5 p.m. 6242, 6244 & 6252 Knapp. X-country ski machine, air compressor, color TV, Singer sewing machine, shop smith, Little Tykes toys, boys, girls & infants clothes, infant supplies, men's & women's clothes.

ADA GARAGE SALE. Fri., June 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sat., June 28, 9 a.m. to noon. Toys, books, bikes, household, clothes, videos, etc. 267 Creek Run, turn south at Standard Lumber.

5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Sat., June 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 7200 Whittneyville Rd., Alto. Toddler clothing & toys, lots of adult clothing, misc. household items, oak TV stand, oak end table and other stuff.

GARAGE SALE. 9239 Vergennes, near Boynton. Lots of good stuff, BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! June 26 & 27, 9-6 p.m.

GRANDMA'S MOVING. 46 years of treasures. Clocks, clock parts, crafts, Avon collectibles, canner, jars, dishes, pots, microwave, chairs, shelves, garden & lawn tools, mower, small appliances & much, much more. 8810 Bennett Rd., Ada. 2 miles E. of Arway. Fri. & Sat., June 27 & 28, 9-5 p.m.

2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Beanie Babies, lots of girls clothes sz. 0-10, commercial Singer sewing machine, 4 truck doors, lots of misc. No prior sales. 6252 Knapp, June 26 & 27, 9-5 p.m.

2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. June 27 & 28, 9-5. Rain or shine. 30 Parnell Ave. (1/2 way between Vergennes & Bailey). Tent, range-hood (almost new), old railroad caboose seats, twin bed (complete w/mattress & springs), humidifiers, guitar, bowling ball w/bag, lots of yarn, clothes, books, household items, toys & games & much more too numerous to mention.

GARAGE SALE. First in many years. 2 gas grills, stools, punching bag, wicker trunk bed frame, lots of household items, curtains, rugs, king size bedsheets, some antique housewares, good clothing boys', men's and women's. Lots of infant items. 179 S.Center Thurs, Fri, Sat? 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 26-28th.

MOVING SALE. June 27 & 28. 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sectional couch, screen TV, shed, lots of misc. Key Heights, lot 189, Denise St., Lowell.

GARAGE SALE. 6408 McCords SE, Alto. June 26 & 27, 9-3 p.m. Sat., June 28, 9-12. Baby & men's clothes, shoes & toys, household items, side tables, wicker chairs, queen bed frame, exercise bike & more.

GARAGE SALE. Thurs., June 26th and Fri., June 27th 9-5 pm 511 King St. Lowell. Lots of little girl stuff. Cartop carrier, good clothes, other misc.

BARN SALE. 843 Montcalm NE. Cedar siding never used, windows, 1937? Dodge sedan body only, clothes, shoes, books, household. June 28, 9-? 897-8301.

YARD SALE. Friday, June 27, 780 Bowes Rd., 9 a.m. to ? Collectible glassware, new Weber grill, battery operated Barbie car, stereo, lots of misc. A-Z.

YARD SALE. Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Clothes, early 70's Mopar car parts, toys, truck toolbox, gun cabinet, microwave, lawnmower, lots of stuff. 652 Birchwood Court. Don't miss it!

GARAGE SALE. Wednesday and Thursday June 25 and 26, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday, June 27th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm. Men's and kids' clothes. Furniture, including six-piece bedroom suite. MIB Barbies. 8925 Vestal, Saranac, MI Take Cascade/Grand River to Nash Hwy (North). Go West on Gould to Vestal Rd.

GARAGE SALE. Fri., June 27, 10-3. Many household & furniture items, including 5,000 BTU GE air conditioner, dresser, rugs, tables, misc. 2640 Timpson (between 36th St. & Grand River Ave.)

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. Household items, toys, games, many clothes in most sizes, bunk bed, books & lots more. Thurs., June 26 & Fri., June 27, 9-5 p.m. Valley Vista Subdivision, 1700 Faith Dr., Lowell. Free coffee. Baked goods, hot dogs, chips & drinks for sale.

COME ONE, COME ALL - YOU'LL HAVE A BALL. THERE'S SOMETHING HERE FOR ALL! - Sat., 6-28, 9-? Located at 7832 Nash Hwy., Clarksville. (1/8th mile S. of I-96) in the barn. All proceeds go to orphanage.

GARAGE SALE. June 26 & 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 6360 Pratt Lake, Alto. Lots of toys, kids clothes, infant to 6X, maternity items, bikes & household items.

YARD SALE. Kid's stuff, tires, lawn mowers, something for everyone! Sat., June 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 10388 Grand River Dr.

HUGE GARAGE SALE. 11950 Vergennes, June 26, 27 & 28, 9 til dusk, quality infant thru adult clothing, all sizes, household items, toys, bikes, books, table saw, loads of baby furniture & items & lots of misc.

4-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. June 26 & 27, 9-6 p.m. 1796 Alden Nash, N. of Bailey. Rattan furniture, queen bedroom set, kittens, womens & boy's clothes (6-18), antiques, toys, country knick knacks & more.

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YARD SALE. June 27 & 28, 9-5 p.m. 826 E. Main, Lowell.

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Advertisement for the movie 'Tin Cup' featuring Kevin Costner and Rene Russo. Premieres Saturday, June 28, 8 PM ET/PT on HBO.

Advertisement for the movie 'Masters of Fantasy' featuring Joel Schumacher. Friday, June 27 at 6:30PM ET* Saturday, June 28 at 12:30PM ET* Only on Sci-Fi!

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CHAPTER TOWNSHIP OF LOWELL COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Lowell, Kent County, Michigan held at the Township Hall in said Township, on the 16th day of June, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

***PRESENT:** Members: John Timpson, Carol Wells, Richard Huver, Alyn Fletcher, Carlton Blough, Herbert VanderBilt

ABSENT: Members: Jean Huver

The following ordinance was offered by Member Fletcher and supported by Member Wells.

The Charter Township of Lowell ordains:

ORDINANCE NO. 97-288

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the division of parcels or tracts of land in order to carry out the provisions of Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended, being the Land Division Act; to establish minimum requirements and procedures for the approval of such land divisions and to prescribe penalties for the violation of this ordinance.

Section 1. TITLE AND PURPOSE

1.1 This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Lowell Charter Township Land Division Ordinance.

1.2 The purpose of this ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the Land Division Act, Michigan Public Act 288 of 1967, as amended (the "Act") in order to prevent the creation of parcels of land which do not comply with the Act or with applicable township ordinances; to provide for the orderly development of land and otherwise to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the township by establishing minimum requirements for review and approval of certain land divisions within the Township.

1.3 This Ordinance shall not be construed to repeal, abrogate, rescind, or otherwise to impair or interfere with provisions of other ordinances of the Township

Section 2: DEFINITIONS

Certain words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings stated in this section. Other words and phrases, if defined by the Act, shall have the meanings stated in the Act.

2.1 "Administrator" means the township assessor.

2.2 "Division" or "land division" means the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns for the purpose of sale, or lease of more than one year, or of building development that results in one of more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent (as defined in the Act), and that satisfies the requirements of Sections 108 and 109 of the Act. Division does not include a property transfer between two or more adjacent parcels, if the land taken from one parcel is added to an adjacent parcel.

2.3 "Exempt split" means the partitioning or splitting of a parcel or tract of land by the proprietor thereof or by his or her heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors or assigns that does not result in one of more parcels of less than 40 acres or the equivalent.

2.4 "Parcel" means a contiguous area of land which can be described as stated in Section 102(g) of the Act.

2.5 "Parent Parcel" or "parent tract" means a parcel or tract, respectively, lawfully in existence on March 31, 1997.

2.6 "Private road" means a private road which complies with the requirements of the township zoning ordinance.

2.7 "Road authority" means the governmental

authority having jurisdiction of a public road or public street.

2.8 "Resulting parcel(s)" means one or more parcels which result from a land division.

2.9 "Tract" means two or more parcels that share a common property line and are under the same ownership.

Section 3. LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIRED

Any division of land, including any partitioning or splitting of land, within the Township which requires the approval of the Township in order to qualify as a land division under the Act shall satisfy the requirements of Sections 4, 5 and 7 and the other applicable provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL

4.1 A proposed land division shall be filed with the Administrator and shall include the following:

- A complete application, on such written form as the Township may provide, including any exhibits described therein;
- Proof of an ownership interest in the land which is the subject of the proposed division, or written consent to the application, signed by the owner of such land;
- A land title search, abstract of title, or other evidence of land title acceptable to the Administrator which is sufficient to establish that the parent parcel or parent tract of the land which is the subject of the proposed division was lawfully in existence on March 31, 1997.
- A copy of each deed or other instrument of conveyance which contains the statement required by Section 109(3) of the Act concerning the right to make further divisions.
- Three copies of a tentative parcel map showing the parent parcel or parent tract which is the subject of the application, and the area, parcel lines, public utility easements, and the manner of proposed access for each resulting parcel. The tentative parcel map, including the resulting parcels, shall be accurately and clearly drawn to a scale of no less than one inch = 20 feet for parent parcels or parent tracts of laws than three acres in area, and to a scale of at least 1"=100 feet for parent parcels or parent tracts of three acres or more in area. A tentative parcel map shall include:
 - Date, north arrow, scale, and the name of the person or firm responsible for the preparation of the tentative parcel map;
 - Proposed boundary lines and the dimensions of each parcel;
 - An adequate and accurate legal description of each resulting parcel;
 - A drawing or written description of all previous land divisions from the same parent parcel or parent tract, identifying the number, area and date of such divisions;
 - The location, dimensions and nature of proposed ingress to and egress from any existing public or private streets; and
 - The location of any public or private street, driveway or utility easement to be located within any resulting parcel. Copies of the instruments describing and granting such easements shall be submitted with the application.

- If a resulting parcel is a development site (as defined in the Act), proof of approval granted by the county health department for on-site water supply, if the parcel is not served by public water, and proof of approval for on-site sewage disposal, if the parcel is not served by public sewers.
- Other information reasonably required by the Administrator in order to determine whether the proposed land division qualifies for approval.

(h) Payment of the application fee and other applicable fees and charges established by resolution of the Township Board.

4.2 A proposed division shall not be considered filed with the Township, nor shall the time period stated in subsection 5.4 commence, until all of the requirements for an application for land division approval have been complied with.

Section 5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS

5.1 A proposed land division shall be approved by the Administrator upon satisfaction of all of the following requirements:

- The application requirements of Section 4.
- All resulting parcels to be created by the proposed land division(s) shall fully comply with the applicable lot area and lot width requirements of the township zoning ordinance for the zoning district(s) in which the resulting parcels are located.
- Each resulting parcel shall have the depth to width ratio specified by the township zoning ordinance for the zoning district(s) in which the resulting parcel is located. If the township zoning ordinance does not specify a depth to width ratio, each resulting parcel which is 10 acres or less in area shall have a depth which is not more than four times the width of the parcel. The width and depth of the resulting parcel shall be measured in the same manner provided by the township zoning ordinance for the measuring of the minimum width and maximum depth of parcels.
- Each resulting parcel shall have a means of vehicular access to an existing street from and existing or proposed driveway or access easement. Such means of access shall comply with all applicable locations standard of the governmental authority having jurisdiction of the existing street. If a driveway or access easement does not lawfully exist at the time a division is proposed, the applicant shall also comply with the requirements of subsection 5.2.

(e) The proposed division, together with any previous division(s) of the same parent parcel or parent tract, shall not result in a number of resulting parcels that is greater than the permitted under Section 108(2) of the Act.

(f) Each resulting parcel that is a development site (as defined in the Act) shall satisfy the requirements of subsection 5.3.

5.2 If a means of vehicular access to a resulting parcel does not lawfully exist at the time a land division is applied for, the proposed division shall not be approved unless the following requirements are satisfied:

- If a driveway is proposed as a means of access, each resulting parcel shall have an area where a driveway will lawfully provide vehicular access in compliance with applicable township ordinances.
- If an easement is proposed as a means of access, the proposed easement shall be in writing and signed by the owner of the parcel(s) within which the easement is to be located. Such easement shall provide a lawful means of access over and across such parcel(s), in compliance with applicable township ordinances.
- If a new public street is proposed as a means of access, the applicant shall provide proof that the road authority having jurisdiction has approved the proposed layout and construction design of the street and of utility easements and drainage facilities associated therewith.

5.3 A proposed division shall not be approved unless the following requirements are satisfied for each resulting parcel that is a development site (as defined in the Act.)

- There shall be public water available or there shall be county health department approval for on-site water supply under the rules described in Section 105(g) of the Act.

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Foundation, community bestow Tribute Tree honors to five

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

When completely filled, the 400 leaf tribute tree will be rooted by the strength, support and contributions of its recipients.

The Lowell Area Education Foundation recognized the five individuals who were first to be placed on the tree.

Lowell Area Education Foundation president Pinky McPherson acknowledged that the purpose of the tree is to remind the community of the importance of education and to provide a means of recognizing individuals for their contributions to Lowell Schools, their community and their families.

"The leaves are a way to pay tribute to a spouse, friend, or mentor," McPherson said.

The leaf can be obtained as a tribute for someone in a graduating class, a class reunion, a business or an organization.

The foundation's goal is to receive a minimum of \$400 per leaf and a total of \$160,000.

The money will be set aside in a trust with only the earnings being used to fund foundation projects. Of the annual earnings, 15 percent will be added back to the principal balance to insure continued growth.

This year's recipients were Marsha Wilcox, Chris Burch, Ruth Thurtell, Robert Reagan, Carol Reagan and Amanda K. Tichelaar.

Wilcox, a graduate of Lowell High School, has served as president of the Lowell School Board and has served on the Vergennes

Township Zoning Board, Kent County Fair Board, and Clark Retirement Community Board. She also received the Lowell High School Distinguished Alumna award and is currently a member of the FMB board of directors.

Regionally, Wilcox has also served as a Kent County commissioner and as a board of public works commissioner.

The leaf was presented on behalf of FMB State Savings Bank.

Burch was born in Muskegon County and graduated from Rockford High.

In 1937, he succeeded Ron Finch as Lowell's football coach.

During the war, Burch coached sports and drove bus routes as a standby driver. In addition to coaching,

Burch was one of the first driver's education instructors, athletic director, physical education instructor, teacher and bus transportation supervisor.

Outside of school, Burch served on the Board of Trade, city council, Lowell Lions Club, and was an end man on the Showboat for 14 years.

The leaf and a contribution of \$500 was presented in Burch's honor on behalf of all the descendants of Carol "Chris" Burch.

Thurtell taught kindergarten in the Lowell School District for 28 1/2 years.

Thurtell, in retirement, is known for her quick paced

walks throughout Lowell and the surrounding area.

Her leaf was presented by her husband Bud and their family.

Robert Reagan has served the Lowell community in many capacities. He was a member of the Lowell Board

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(b) There shall be public sewer available or there shall be county health department approval for on-site sewage disposal under the rules described in Section 105(g) of the Act.

(c) There shall be adequate easements for public utilities from the resulting parcel to existing public utility facilities.

5.4 The Administrator shall approve or disapprove a proposed land division within 30 days after the complete filing of the proposed division with the Administrator.

5.5 An application aggrieved by the decision of the Administrator may, within 30 days of the decision, file a written appeal as the decision to the Township Board, which shall consider and decide the appeal by a majority vote of the members present and voting at a public meeting. At least 10 days written notice of the date, time and place for the meeting at which the appeal is to be considered shall be given to the applicant by regular, first-class mail, directed to the applicant's address as shown in the application or in the written appeal.

The Township Board may affirm or reverse the decision of the Administrator, in whole or in part, and its decision shall be final.

5.6 The Administrator shall maintain a record of all land divisions approved by the township.

Section 6. EXEMPT SPLITS.

6.1 An exempt split is not subject to approval by the township if all resulting parcels are accessible (as defined in the Act).

6.2 The Township shall not permit the creation of an exempt split if one or more of the resulting parcels are not accessible.

Section 7. APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS.

7.1 A decision approving a land division shall be effective for not more than 90 days after such

approval by the Administrator or, if appealed, by the Township Board, unless either of the following requirements is satisfied within such 90-day period:

- A deed or other recordable instrument of conveyance, accurately describing the resulting parcel(s), shall be recorded with the county register of deeds and a true copy thereof, showing proof of such recording, shall be filed with the Administrator; or
- A survey accurately showing the resulting parcel(s) shall be recorded with the county register of deeds and a true copy thereof, showing proof of such recording, shall be filed with the Administrator. Such survey shall comply with the minimum requirements of Public Act 132 of 1970, as amended.

If neither paragraph (a) nor paragraph (b) is satisfied, such land division approval shall, without further action on the part of the Township, be deemed revoked and of no further effect after the 90th day following such approval by the Administrator or, if appealed, by the Township Board.

7.2 All deeds and other recordable instruments of conveyance and all surveys submitted in compliance with Section 7.1 shall be reviewed by the Administrator in order to determine their conformity with the approved tentative parcel map. The Administrator shall mark the date of approval of the proposed land division on all deeds, other recordable instruments of conveyance and surveys which are in conformity with the approved tentative parcel map and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this ordinance. Such documents shall be maintained by the Administrator in the township record of the approved land division.

7.3 The approval of a land division shall not, of itself, constitute an approval or permit required under other applicable township ordinances.

7.4 Any parcel created inconsistent with or in violation of this ordinance, where approval hereunder is required, shall not be eligible for issuance for building

permits, zoning ordinance approvals or other land use of building approvals under other township ordinances, nor shall any such parcel be established as a separate parcel on the tax assessment roll.

Section 8 PENALTIES AND OTHER REMEDIES

A violation of this ordinance is a municipal civil infraction, for which the fine shall be not more than \$500 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for a subsequent offense, in the discretion of the court, and in addition to all other costs, damages, expenses and other remedies provided by law. For the purpose of this section, a subsequent offense means a violation of this ordinance committed by the same person or party within one year after a previous violation of the same provision of this ordinance for which such person or party admitted responsibility or was determined by law to be responsible.

Section 9 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision or other part hereof is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remaining provisions or other parts of this ordinance.

Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

The ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its publication or 30 days after the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

AYES: Members: Fletcher, Wells, Timpson, R. Huver, VanderBilt, Blough

NAYS: Members: None

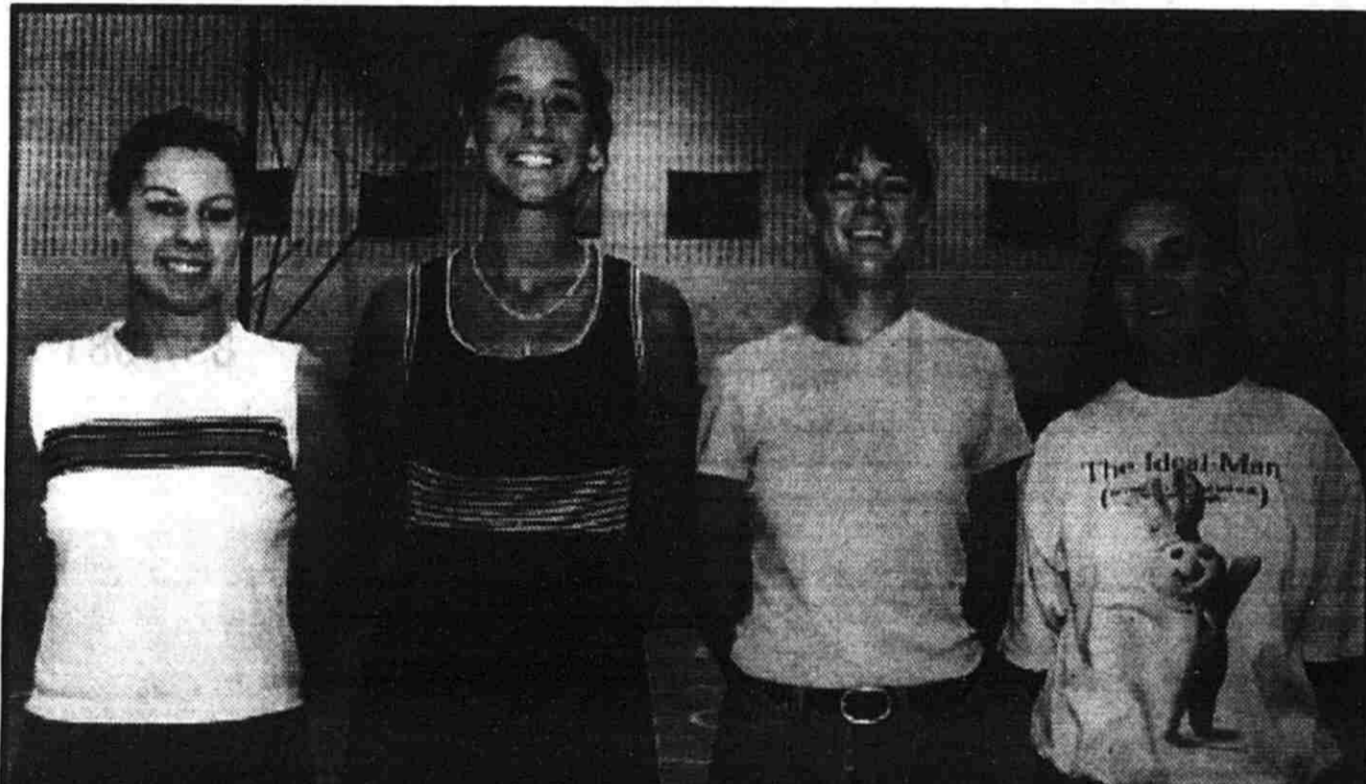
The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Lowell Township Board at its regular meeting held on the 16th of June, 1997.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

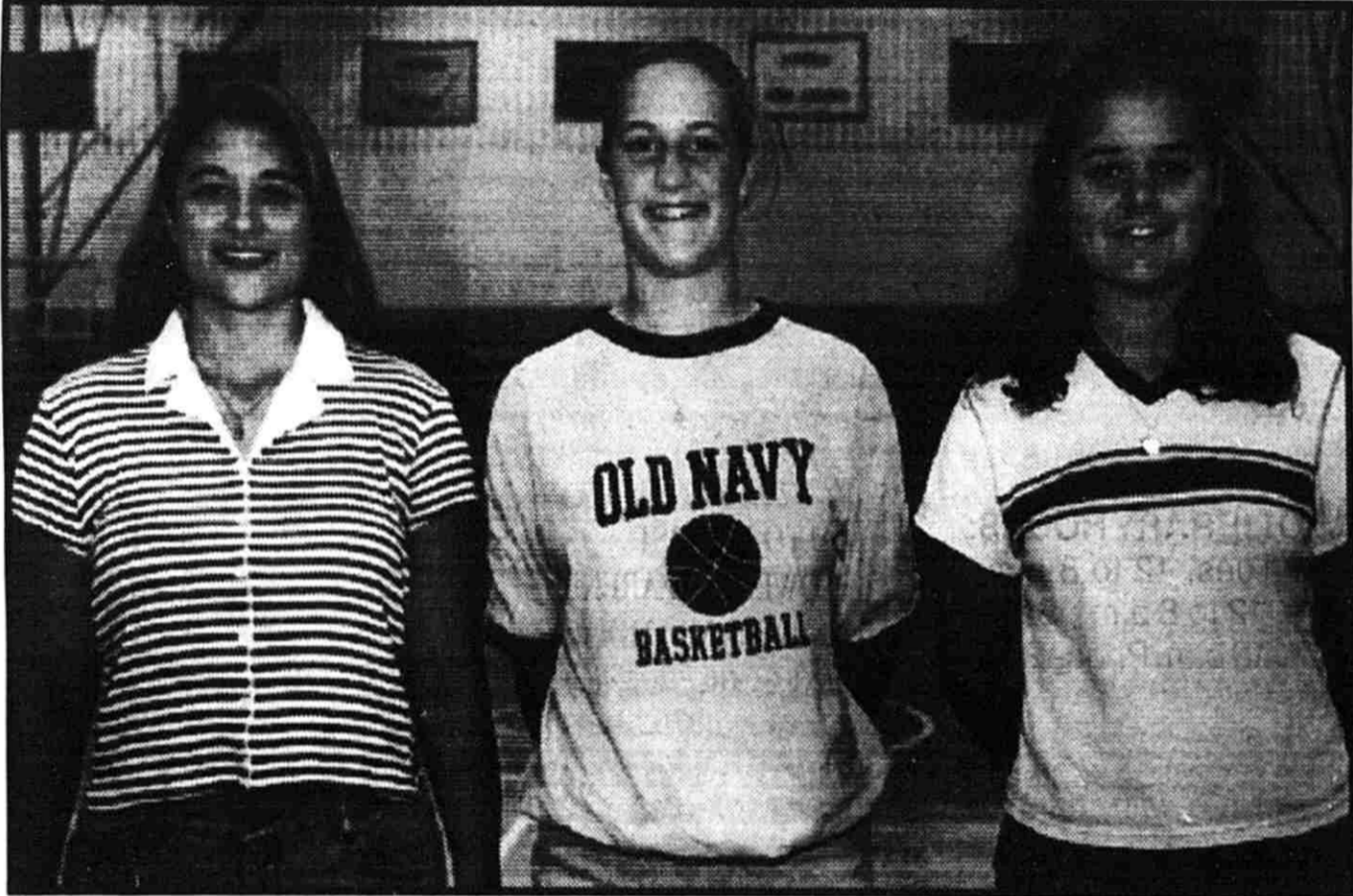
SALUTING SPRING SPORTS AWARD WINNERS



Recipients of post season boys' track awards, front row, left to right, are: Jeff Ortowski, all conference; Ryan Teclander, captain, all conference; Ryan Wittenbach, all conference; back row, left to right, are: Nate Schoen, all conference; John Wojciakowski, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, scholar athlete, captain; Bill Wiering, all conference. Not pictured are Matt Dykstra, sportsmanship, captain, all conference; Denny Briggs, captain, all conference; Nate Lietzke, captain; Jim Stoutjesdyk, all conference; and Brian Bellechases, all conference.



Recipients of post season softball awards, left to right, are: Cara McQueen, "Charlie Hustle"; Laurie Barton, 1st base all conference, all district team; Angie Young, most improved, and Lisa Murphy, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, captain, all conference; honorable mention and all district team. Missing from the picture is Missy Lyuk, captain.



Recipients of post season softball awards, left to right, are: Lisa Rollins, most team spirit; Shannon Laux, captain, all conference honorable mention and all district team; Ann Townsend, scholar athlete, sportsmanship.



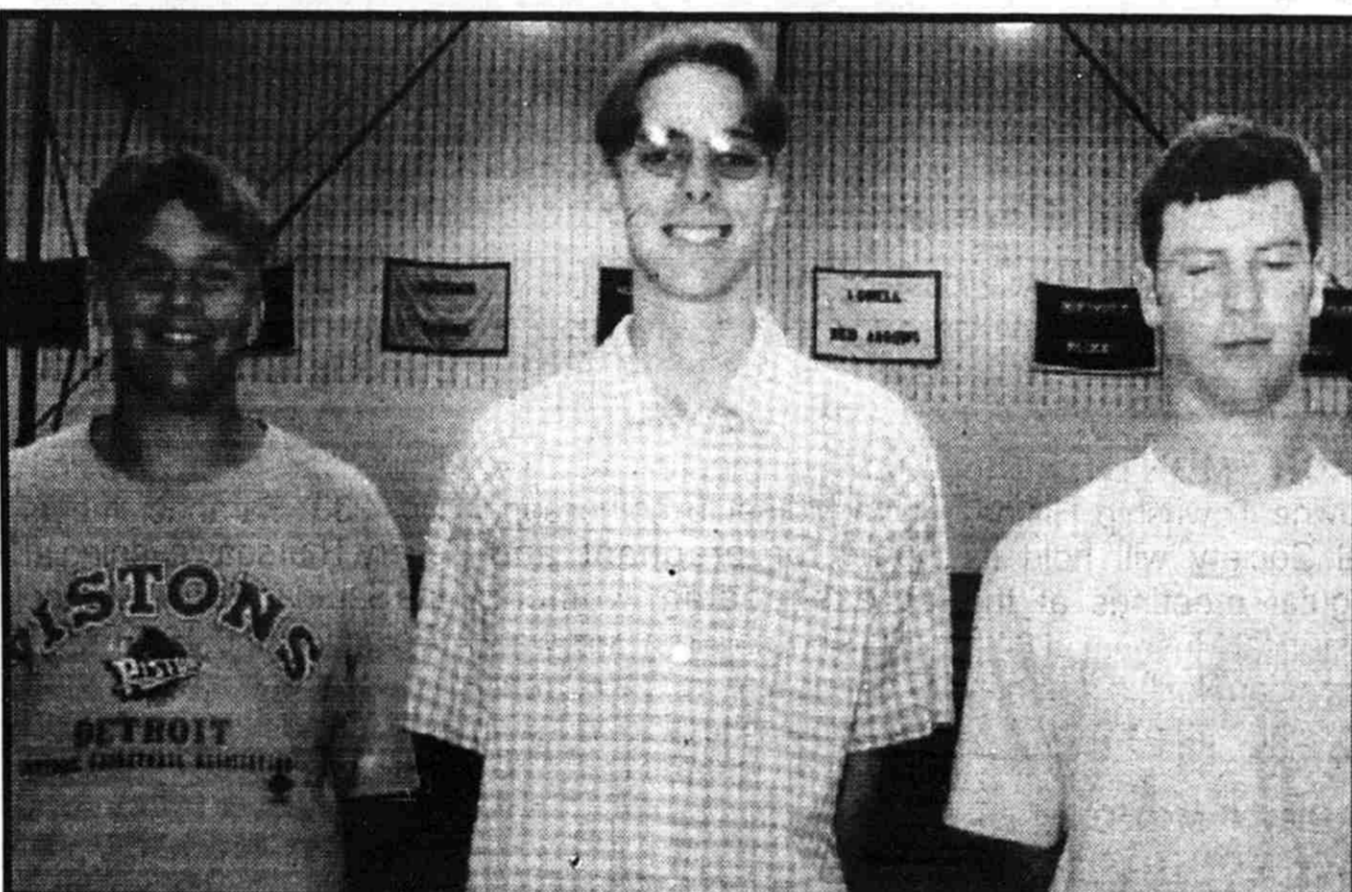
Recipients of post season spring sports awards, front row, left to right, are: Celena Risner, girls' track, all conference; Brandon Grove, tennis, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, captain, all conference honorable mention; back row, left to right, Denny Briggs, track, captain, all conference; Jim Stoutjesdyk, track, all conference; and Brian Willmarth, baseball, scholar athlete and coach's award.



Recipients of post season girls' track awards, front row, left to right, are: Skye Fisher, captain; Tammy Eteo, captain, all conference; Trisha McCaul, most improved; and Melissa Sobie, sportsmanship. Back row, left to right, are: Sarah Sper, coach's award; Jessica Winsor, scholar athlete; Julie Wisner, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, scholar athlete, all conference and first in long jump at regional; Maggie Wisner, rookie of the year; and Katie Stouffer, captain. Not pictured are Celena Risner, all conference, and Annie Oesch, most dedicated and captain.



Recipients of post season girls' golf awards, left to right, are: Emily Dunn, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, all conference; Shelly Staal, sportsmanship, Dina DeCator dedication; Deanna Anchors, most spirited; Terresa Kenney, scholar athlete, most improved. Not pictured is Jenny Borg, best putter.



Recipients of post season boys' tennis awards, left to right, are: Charlie Johnson, captain; Brad Richardson, sportsmanship, captain; Ben Michael, scholar athlete. Not pictured are Brandon Grove, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, captain, all conference honorable mention; and Joe Talbot, most improved.



Recipients of post season baseball awards, left to right, are: Jack Livingston, captain, all conference; and Tim Van Laan, "Mr. Hustle" award. Not pictured are Brian Willmarth, scholar athlete, coach's award; Scott Hays, sportsmanship; Cory Zemaitis, captain; Aaron Brander, Lowell Lions Club most valuable player, coach's award, all conference honorable mention; and Adam Scheid, "Mr. Hustle" award.

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 at 7 p.m. at the Englehardt Library, 200 N. Monroe.

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 #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. Luke's Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group

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

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

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.

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

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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.

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.

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.;



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

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

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

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

Special Events

NOTE DATE CHANGE- THURS., JUNE 26: 12:30 p.m., Shopping-Value City. **MON., JUNE 30:** 1 p.m., 126th Army Band, Forest Hills Northern.

Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-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&M will confer the Master Mason degree at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served following the first section.

THURS., JULY 3: Vergennes Co-operative Club will meet at 1 p.m. for picnic at the Kropf cottage. Bring own table service, dish to pass and 3 or more white elephants for the auction. Beverage furnished. Hostesses: Emma Herron, Donna Ford and Connie Odell.

That man is richest whose pleasures are the cheapest. —Henry David Thoreau

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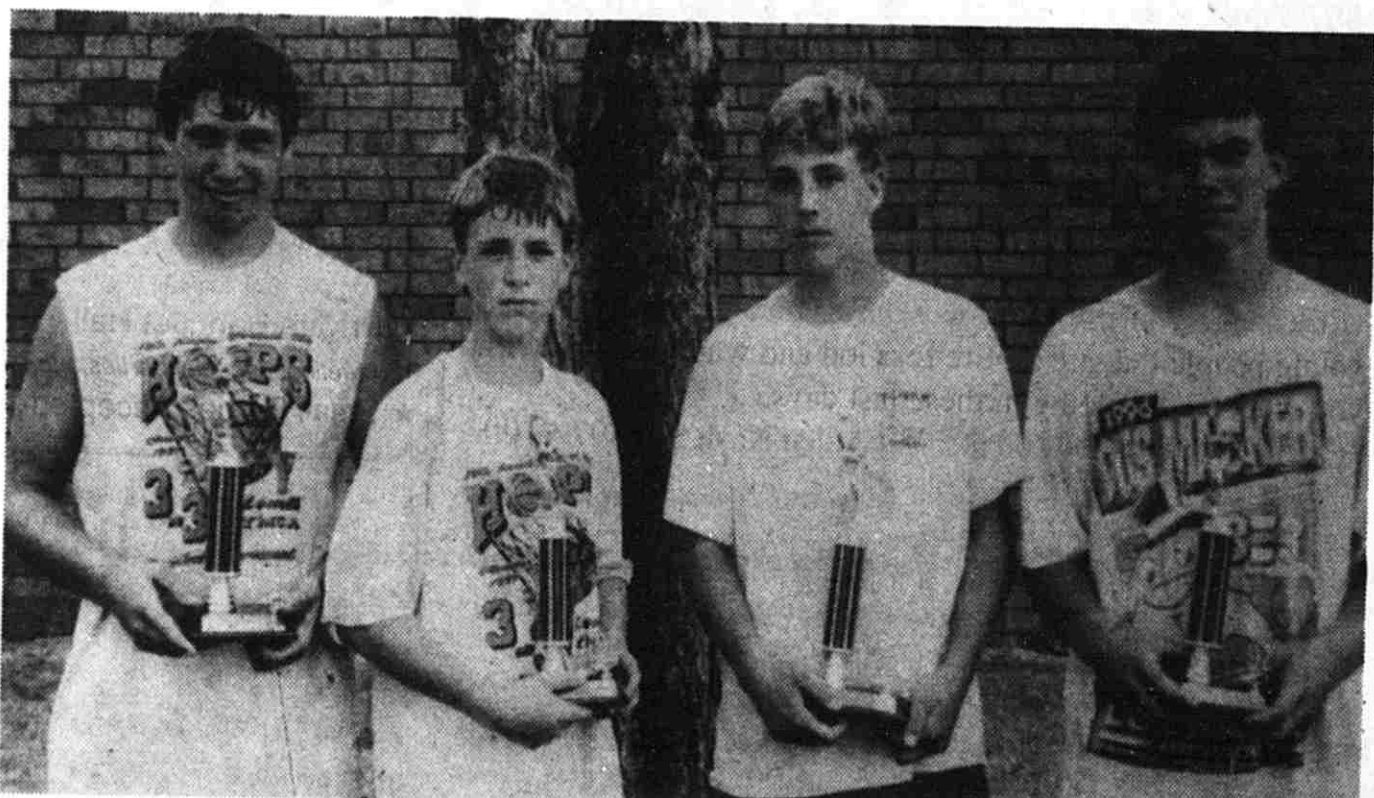
Lowell YMCA 97 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS
Posted 6/23/97

MONDAY CO-ED: CHURCH DIVISION:	W	L
ALTO BAPTIST	4	1
LOWELL NAZARENE	3	2
LOWELL METHODIST	1	4
1ST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL	0	5
OPEN DIVISION:		
COORS	5	0
CHADALEE FARMS	3	2
LOWELL VISION	3	2
ROOT LOWELL CORP.	1	4
TUESDAY MEN'S OVER "30":	W	L
LARKINS	8	0
ALTO GAS	6	2
SNEAKERS	4	5
HACKERS	2	7
CENTRAL STATES	1	7
WEDNESDAY MEN'S:	W	L
LENA LOU'S	6	2
BALL BUSTERS	5	3
KING MILLING	4	3
LOWELL ENGINEERING	0	7
FRIDAY MEN'S:	W	L
OOSTRANDER SIDING/ROOFING	5	1
OVERBECK CONSTRUCTION	4	1
GREENVILLE WIRE	4	1
IONIA SHOPPERS GUIDE	3	3
WHOLESALE TICKET INC.	-	-
LOWELL MOOSE	2	3
ADA BEEF	1	3
N.A.R.	1	4
RIVER CITY FIRE	0	6

Champions crowned in YMCA 3-on-3 tournament



The winning team in the 10-11 year old girls division was Fab Four. Members, left to right, are: Tara Brown, Stephanie Wagner, Emily Gerard, and Devon Collins. Fab Four defeated Funky Monkey 15-9 in the title game.



The winning team in the 14-15 year old boys division was Dirty Four. Members, left to right, are Andy Curtis, Troy Gillan, Pete VanLaan and Nate Borth. Dirty Four defeated Rim Benders in the championship game 20-16.



The winning team in the 11 year old division was Come Take Us On. Members, left to right, are: Kyle Rozema, Joe VanLaan, Christopher Lechner and Dustin Osborne. Come Take Us On defeated Road Kill in the championship game.



The winning team in the 12-14 year old girls division was Clicksters. Members, left to right, are: Bryn Southwell, Shelby Tomczak, Jenny Wagner and Justin Stanford. The Clicksters defeated Jake Chics 20-13.

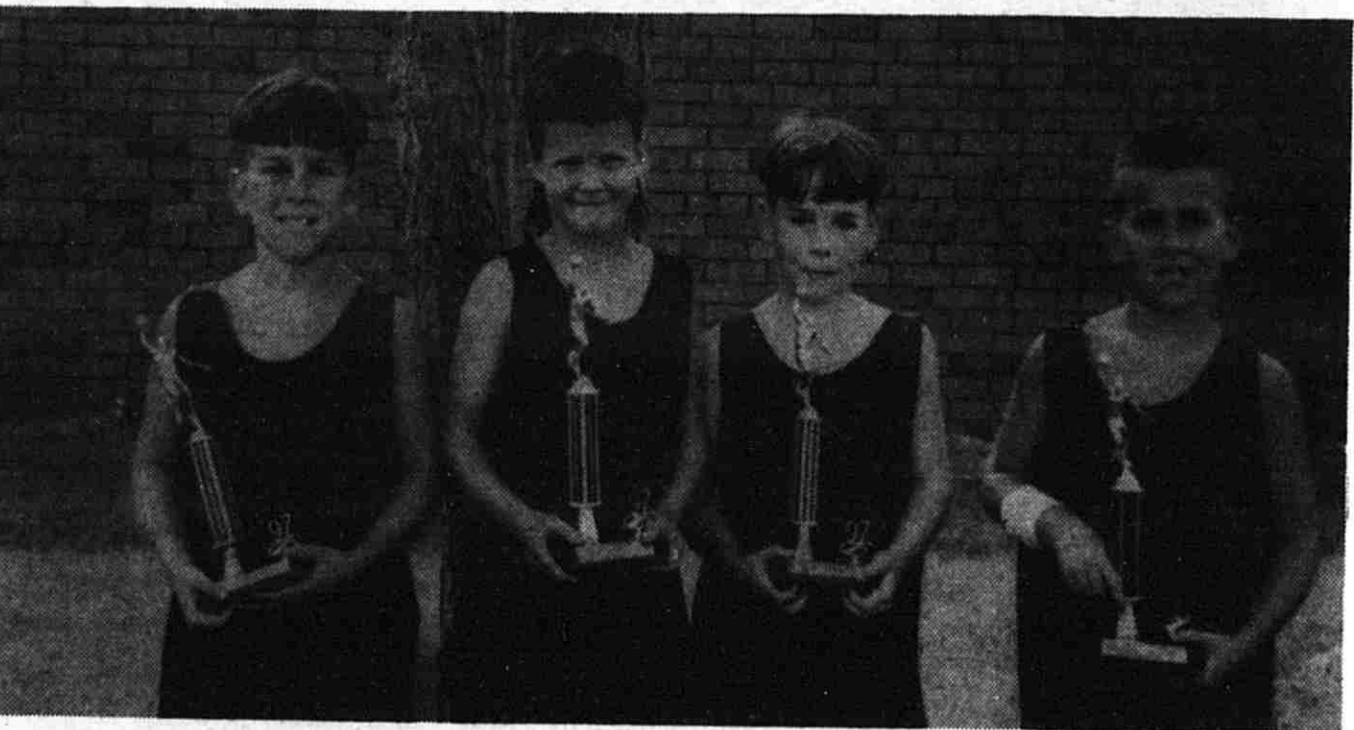
The winning team in the 12-13 year old boys division was Happy Go Lucky. Members, left to right, are: Craig Carpenter, Andy McQueen, Landon Treiweller and Travis Gillan. Happy Go Lucky defeated Bus Drivers 20-16 in the finals.



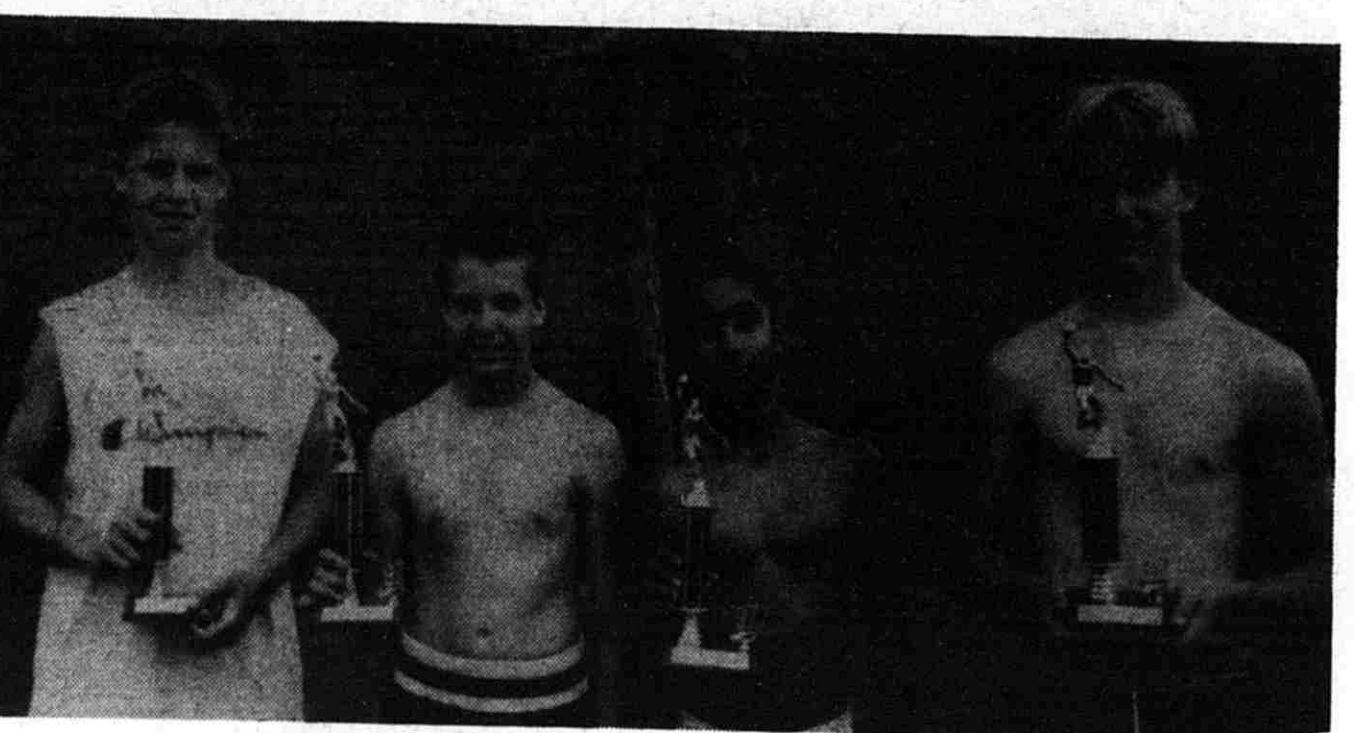
The winning team in the 14-16 year old girls division was Rim Rockers. Members, left to right, are: Kaily Wittenbach, Shelby Williams, Lynn Boersma and Nicole Arnett. Rim Rockers defeated Buff Chicks 20-17 in the title game.



The winning team in the 16-18 year old boys division was "48." Members, left to right, are: Brian Krosschell, Dave Stuit, Scott West and Mike Curtis. "48" defeated Home Boys 20-18 in the finals.



The winning team in the 8-10 year old division was Jamin Cousins. Members, left to right, are: Jordan Banta, Jonathan Barsness, Josh Hettinga and Matt Banta. Jamin Cousins defeated Street Rats 15-4 in the finals.



The winning team in the 13-14 year old boys division was Young Guns. Members, left to right, are: Ryan Schoenborn, Nick Onan, Nick Lillie and Josh Ingram. Young Guns defeated Mr. Trieweller 20-17 in the finals.



Bus inspection reveals 45-unit fleet in excellent condition

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The annual surprise bus inspection by the state police left Lowell bus mechanics with little or no work.

The inspection unveiled that Lowell's fleet of 45 buses is in excellent condition. Lowell received a mark of 1.3.

"This inspection indicates that Lowell buses are very safe," said Lowell Schools' transportation director Larry Mikulski.

This is the first time in Mikulski's eight-year tenure that Lowell has received an excellent rating. "Up to now, we've received marks of very good."

The rating system used by

inspectors is: P for passing; R for failing or must be repaired before going on the road; and Y for passing but something was spotted that may become a problem in the future.

Lowell did not receive one R rating. However, 39 of its buses got a P rating while six received a Y rating.

"We received a yellow rating (Y) on only six of our buses," Mikulski said. "These were rated as such for rust around doors and panels. Of these six buses, five are to be replaced before the start of the 1997-98 school year."

Mikulski credits bus drivers and the school's mechanics for the excellent report.

"Our drivers are more cognizant of what they should listen for and look at," Mikulski said. "When they do detect something, they report it immediately."

Bus garage foreman Bud Provonche has implemented a system whereby more time is spent on each bus. He has also coordinated a computer program whereby part costs are reduced.

"Mainly, the credit must go to the excellent work done by Provonche and mechanic Duane Hamilton," Mikulski said. "This rating exemplifies their dedication to the job of keeping our bus fleet safe for the students we transport."



Lowell bus mechanics received an excellent rating during a recent surprise inspection by the state police. Pictured, from left to right, are: mechanic Duane Hamilton and bus garage foreman Bud Provonche. Standing in back is Lowell Schools transportation director Larry Mikulski.

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Three-year science curriculum sequence offers students plenty of options

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As part of the newly proposed subject requirements, students will need three years of science to graduate from Lowell High School.

"Exposing students to a third year of science and math is only going to help students," Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said.

Vocational and trade schools and employers have also identified the need for students to take more math and science in order for them to perform on the job.

"Whether students are go-

ing to college or not, a third year of math and science will provide them a greater chance of succeeding," Vashaw said.

The high school/county-wide curriculum is not yet complete. It sets in place a three-year science sequence for students.

Freshmen will be enrolled in physical science/earth science. Sophomores will be required to take biology. Juniors will have the option of taking chemistry, chem con, applied physics, earth science II or applied math/science.

Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction,

said of this year's 201 graduates, only about 40 students did not take three years of science and math.

One thing critics of the newly proposed science curriculum and subject requirements point out is that a student can go through four years of high school without ever taking chemistry or physics.

White concurred that he would like students to be counseled into taking either chemistry or chem con.

"However, I think when students' high school plans are being mapped out, the decision should be a collabora-

tion one between counselors, teachers, parents and students," White said.

The science High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) concentrates on three areas: physical, earth and life science.

"Chemistry and physics are physical sciences. The ninth-grade physical science and earth science cover chemistry and physics to a point whereby students can take the HSPT in their junior year," said Lowell's chemistry and physics teacher Rick White.

"What is taught in chemistry is way beyond anything the HSPT will test a student on."

White said the amended curriculum gives all students enough options to fulfill their third-year science requirement and allows them to take something they're interested in.

The chemistry/physics teacher said it serves no purpose to make a journalism or music major struggle through chemistry.

"The success will be keyed around the guidance office. It will be up to them to see that students interested in meteorology take earth science and make sure those who are interested in

chemistry aren't taking earth science," White explained.

White favors having students take more science and math classes, but he doesn't think that means making them all take chemistry. "Forcing students not good in math to take chemistry is unfair to them, as well as to the students who do have strong math backgrounds."

The changes in the science subject area improve the curriculum, according to Jim White, because they provide an opportunity to rebuild current thinking and content in existing courses; they realign high school courses to better prepare students for the HSPT; and they broaden course selection for middle level students which helps them meet the third-year requirement.

White added that it also provides an opportunity for the upper echelon science students to achieve advanced placement.

As an elective in students' senior year, they can enroll in AP (advanced placement) biology and/or AP chemistry. These courses are pre-built curriculums not designed by the school district. If a student takes and passes the course, he/she would receive college credit.

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of Education, Lowell Lions Club, Lowell Chamber of Commerce, the city zoning and planning boards, the Moose Lodge and the American Legion.

Presenting the leaf to Reagan was his family.

The Reagan family also presented a leaf to their mother Carol Reagan.

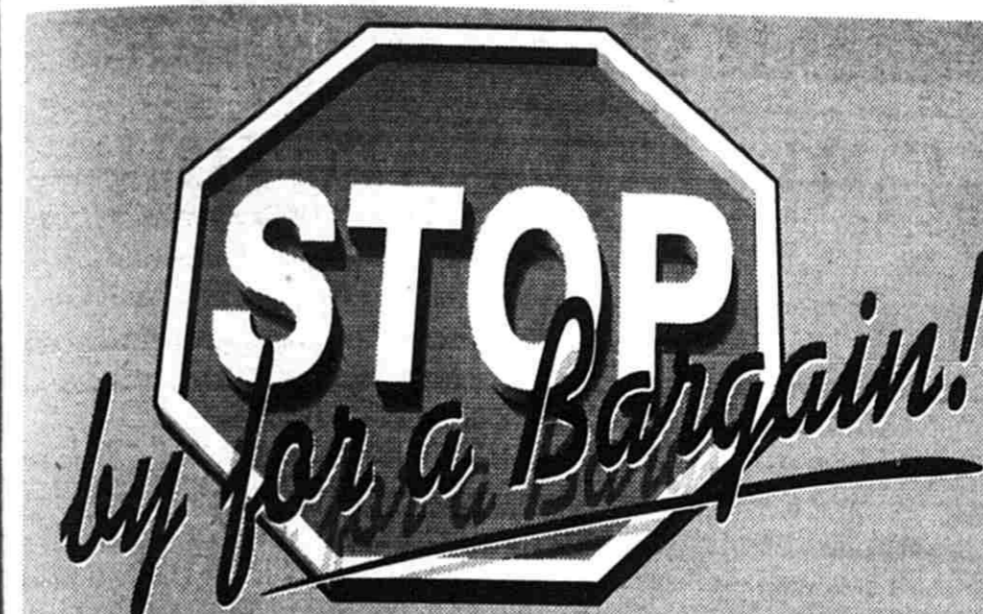
While Robert Reagan was active in numerous organizations, Carol Reagan provided him with guidance, counseling, care and inspiration.

In raising 10 children, Carol said her philosophy was to be fair, firm and to pray.

Amanda K. Tichelaar was a student in the Lowell High School class of 1997.

In his presentation, Ray Quada said Tichelaar's spunky cheerfulness reached many members of the Lowell community, and her tragic death touched the hearts of her peers.

The senior class of 1997 donated a leaf to the giving tree in her memory.



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Signed,
Karen in Buffalo, NY

Dear Karen, Some "home theater" furniture is designed exactly for your needs, and can usually be purchased from the same electronics dealer you are buying your components from. This furniture can perfectly accommodate and protect your investment and can also enhance your room's ambience. Select stores carry a wide variety of styles and colors, so you are sure to find a style that suits your decor and your wallet.

Some features to look for are cut-away holes for cabling and wiring, removable back panels so components can easily be slid in from behind,



and proper ventilation spaces for audio/video components. It is a good idea to buy home theater furniture from your electronics dealer. One of the reasons is to assure the right "fit." Not all manufacturers have the same specifications for components, and you don't want to find out you have a 32-inch TV set and a piece of furniture that holds a 28-inch set! You also need furniture deep enough to fit components such as receivers and laser disc players.

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Amended 7-block proposal would trim seminar time

••• The first two weeks of school during seminar, will be spent teaching students about time management and study skills.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Most often what separates successful from non-successful students is their study skills and ability to manage time.

"As educators, I think we get caught up in what we expect students to learn and not enough with how kids learn," Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said.

Under the amended 7-block schedule proposal that will go before the board of education for a vote in July, the first two weeks of school, during seminar, will be spent teaching all students about time management and study skills.

"We want to assure that students are maximizing the use of their time," Vashaw said. "Some students don't know how to best use their time and some just make bad decisions."

If the amended 7-block proposal is passed, students would also attend seminar (55 minutes) two days a week instead of the five they did this past school year. The other

three days, the time slot from 1:15 to 2:10, would be used for labs.

In an evaluation conducted by the Kent Intermediate School District and Grand Rapids Community College, students said they felt they used their seminar time effectively.

Only 29 percent of the teachers polled felt students were using seminar effectively.

The evaluation's design was to measure increased student learning, variety of instructional delivery, student preparedness, effective use of seminar, effective use of time, and perception of the 7-block.

With 1 being "no" and 5 being "yes," teachers and students responded to the following questions:

Was there less lecture time? Students gave a mark of 2.3 while teachers were at 3.1.

Was there more time spent working with partners or in groups? Students gave a mark of 3.9 and teachers a 3.6.

Was there more classroom activity? Students and teachers both gave a mark of 3.7.

Was there more work with technology? Students 2.9; teachers 2.8.

Was there more individual attention? Students 3.3; teachers 3.7.

Did students come to class more prepared? Students 3.5; teachers 2.9.

Of the parents who were evaluated, 74 percent said that block scheduling was more beneficial in terms of their children doing more homework and completing it.

Of the 44 staff members who were asked to fill out the evaluation, 41 did. The study sampled 50 percent of the parents; 27 percent of those returned the evaluation.

"In my visits to seminar periods this past year, I saw students making excellent use of the time," Vashaw said. "However, with the proposed changes, I think next year will be better."

The amended 7-block provides students with an all-block schedule.

"The two seminar periods will put teachers and students together in a different block of time to conduct activities most appropriate," Vashaw explained.

The Lowell High School principal added that enrichment activities will be coordinated within each class as opposed to creating special classes.

"We will offer some enrichment activities during seminar, before and after school or on Saturday," he said.

Vashaw concluded that ultimately it would be better to offer students seven courses as opposed to six. "We continue to look at ways to move to 8-block at low or no cost."



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According to Kent County Sheriff deputy Marnie Mills, Caswell's vehicle (1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass) left the road at the intersection and rammed head-on into a tree.

"Alcohol was a factor," Mills said.

Caswell was air lifted to

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Caswell's passenger, Heidi Franklin, 29, Hastings, was reported in fair condition Tuesday morning at Blodgett Hospital.

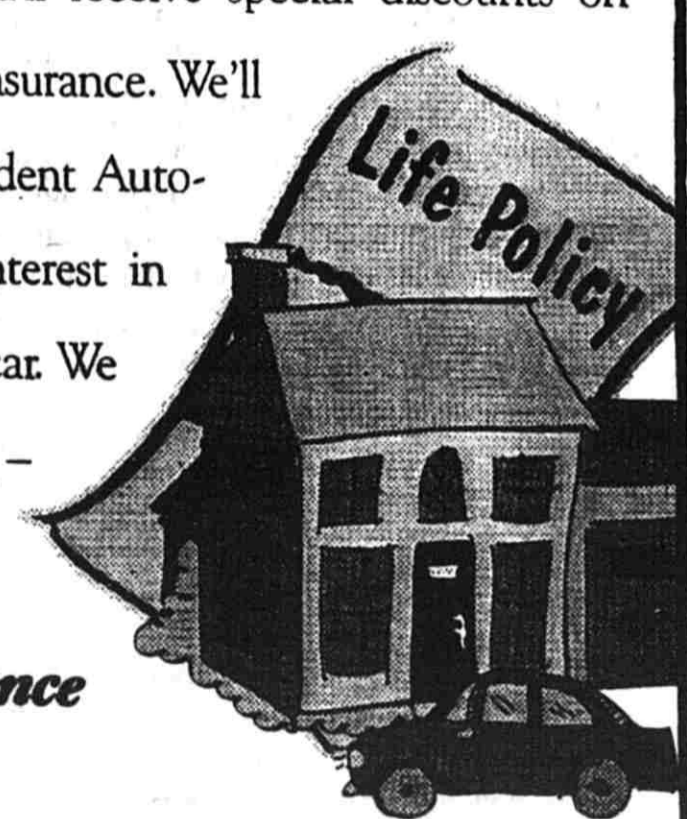
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