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SHOWBOAT REVIVAL: TRADITION RETURNS TO LOWELL

**** After a three-year hiatus, the Lowell Showboat, which commenced in 1932, returns in 1997, welcoming back many of its loyal fans and special guests The Smothers Brothers and Loretta Lynn.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Ron Wood remembers sitting on his dad's shoulders at the Lowell Showboat Amphitheatre in 1969 watching Milton Berle.

The Showboat president remembers eight years later (1977) enjoying his personal favorite, Pearl Bailey.

"Showboat is a Lowell tradition," Wood said. "We've come close to losing that. It is in year 65 and I would like to see it continue."

Wood is hopeful that this year's shows, the first since 1994 when the Beatles nostalgic group "1964" performed, will help rekindle that traditional spirit.

"The board discussed putting on a show last year, but with all the work in the downtown going on we thought it would be too chaotic," Wood said.

Showboat board members have spent the last three years raising money to retire a debt which Wood says now stands somewhere between \$10-\$15,000.

"That has limited us in our advertising and what we're able to do," Wood said. "It has forced us to be creative. Our use of flyers and bus tours, though, has paid off."

The construction of the Showboat tradition, started in 1932, and kept with the Mississippi Riverboat shows. There was a chorus, interlocutor, endmen, amateur and semi-professional acts who worked together to present an old-fashioned minstrel-type show and a well-known celebrity to round out an evening of fun and entertainment.

"Basically, it is the same good format," Wood said. "Hopefully we will put on a good show and get things squared away."

Rounding out the evenings this year will be the return of the Smothers Brothers (including the Yo Yo Man) on Friday, July 18, and Loretta Lynn on Saturday, July 19.

The Showboat president said there have been signs which indicate to him a revival in interest. They include:

- Sixty volunteers who came forward to sing in the Showboat choir.
- Merchants who were very supportive and willing to help sell tickets, provide materials and help with printing costs.

• A good response with ticket sales - Loretta Lynn sales are presently at 3,300; Smothers Brothers sales are at approximately 1,200.

"There has been a lot of interest in the Showboat the last couple of weeks," Wood said. "Things seem to be coming together."

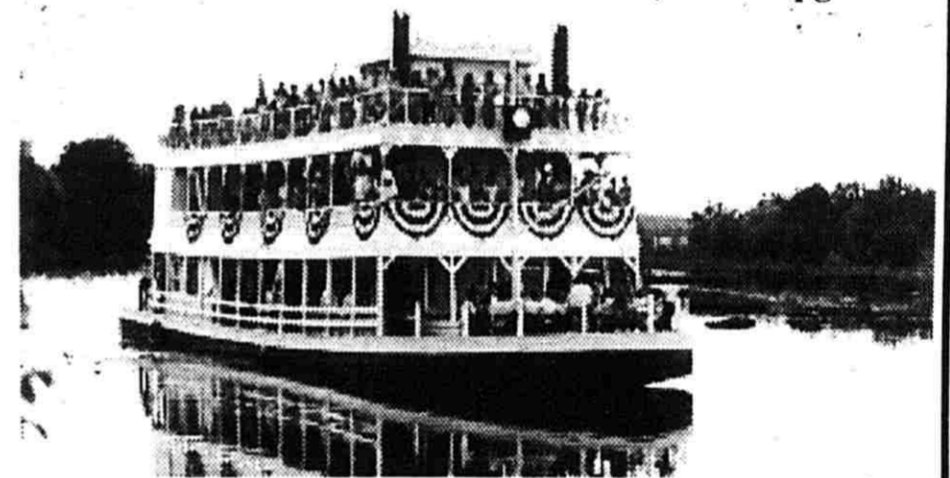
Emceeding this year's shows will be Terry Fenech. Filling the roles as endmen are Wood, Corrie Wood, Joe Greene and Shannon Greene. The choir will be directed by Roger MacNaughton.

Amateur acts that will take to the amphitheater stage on Friday are singers Becky Reagan, Mandy Droste, Parts Unlimited (barbershoppers) and acrobat Dawn Allen.

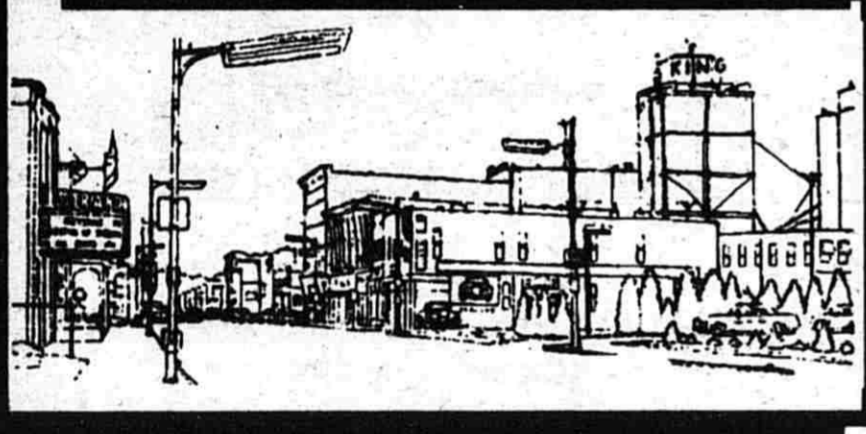
On Saturday night, amateur acts Mary Zokoe, Melanie Rae (singers), Justin Goodenoot (tap dance) and Jennifer Barker (clogger).

This year's shows will begin at 8 p.m. with the headliners scheduled to take center stage at 9:10 p.m.

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Along Main Street



LOWELL YMCA STREET HOCKEY

The Lowell YMCA is currently taking registrations for summer street hockey which will run from July 28 - August 13 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Kindergarten - grade 3 with roller blades, 9:30-10:30; without roller blades, 10:30-11:30; grades 4-8 with roller blades, noon - 1; without roller blades, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

The YMCA also has a few spots remaining in their summer gymnastics camp for beginners to advanced level running August 4-8. Call for further information or to register your child, 897-8445.

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.

LITTLE LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The Lowell Little League Annual Meeting will be held on July 16, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Key Heights Community Center, 897-8445.

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Planning commissioner Gordie Barry organizes July 22 Flat River cleanup

I saw the river last year when it was drawn down and thought it would be nice to get it cleaned up, especially now with the construction downtown and how nice the Riverwalk looks.

Gordie Barry

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

The Downtown Development Authority's renovation/cleanup work which started one year ago, appears now, will spill into the Flat River.

The river will be drawn down on Monday, July 21, so that demolition of the Lee's Landing building may begin.

While the river is down, and the building is being razed, a group of volunteers headed by planning commissioner Gordie Barry will work to clean up the river and its banks from the bridge to the Showboat.

"I'm guessing we will find

some logs, branches, litter, and a few fishing poles," Barry said.

The river cleanup has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, from 3 until 9 p.m.

Barry says he hopes to have three crews. "I would like to have one crew working out in the water, one on the banks and a third crew loading items into the dump trucks."

With the cooperation of chamber member Charlene Chapman, Barry has contacted churches, scout and service organizations, 4-H members, Lowell Schools, and city residents asking that they put aside some time and

help with the river cleanup project.

"I saw the river last year when it was drawn down and thought it would be nice to get it cleaned up, especially now with the construction downtown and how nice the Riverwalk looks," Barry said.

Wendy's has donated hot dogs for the workers. Chapman says she is looking for grills and volunteer grillers. The Lowell Women's Club will do

the serving from 5 until 7 p.m.

The river cleanup organizers said a weekday was chosen for the project due to the time of year and that summer weekends are usually reserved for family activities.

"Everybody is welcome to help for the whole time or just a portion of the time," Barry said.

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Rotarians honor Jones and Rocheleau with Paul Harris Fellowship award

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sents the award to Jones, right. Pictured above, Rocheleau, left, receives a plaque from Bruce Walter.

Leadership Conference

Aaron Plattner and Beth Larabee returned from Washington D.C., where they attended a leadership conference. Larabee and Plattner were sent by the Lowell FFA chapter and the FFA alumni. The conference taught FFA students how to successfully work as a team. The trip provided Plattner and Larabee the opportunity to tour Gettysburg and many of the Washington D.C. sites, the National FFA Center and George Washington's house. The trip also included a meeting with Vern Ehlers.



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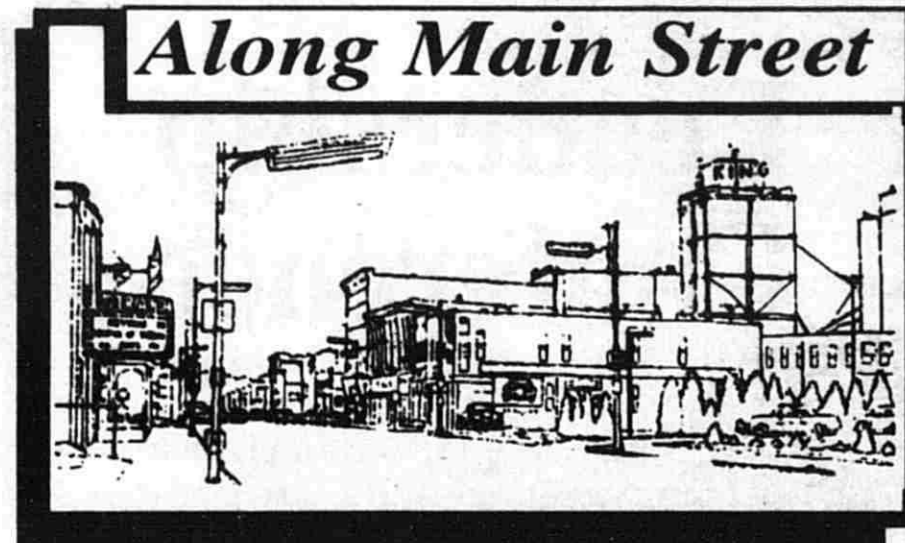
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building. Elections for the 1998 officers will be held. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

SHOWBOAT IS COMING TO TOWN!

Tickets for the July 18 Smothers Brothers performance and the July 19 Loretta Lynn performance can be purchased at the Flat River Antique Mall Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or by calling 897-8280.

LOWELL SHOWBOAT PARADE

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking parade entries for the Lowell Showboat Parade, Friday, July 18. The parade will begin at 6 p.m. sharp from the Lowell United Methodist Church. For an application and more information call Liz at 897-9161.

ROTARY SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR FUTURE AUCTIONS

The Lowell Rotary Club will be taking applications for a possible second Rotary auction to be held in the spring of 1998. They will be accepting applications until August 1 from any organization or individual with a request or suggestion for a community project.

Applications can be obtained from: Sylvia Taylor, USPS 120 N. Broadway; Betty Morlock, City Hall, 301 E. Main; Bert Bleke, LAS, 300 High; Dick Bryan, Westdale Realty, Cascade and Bob VanOiler, Rollaway, 805 E. Main.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Lowell Area Fire Department is sponsoring a blood drive Wednesday, July 23 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, 315 S. Hudson. For more information, call 897-5241.

LHS CLASS OF 1930 REUNION
The Lowell High School class of 1930 will hold its class reunion on Saturday, July 26 at Keiser's Kitchen at noon. The classes of 1929 and 1931 are invited. Call 897-7218 for reservations.

CLASS OF '92 REUNION
Lowell High School class of '92 will hold a reunion Saturday, July 26 from 4 p.m. until dusk at Fallsburg Park on the lower level. Please bring beverage, table service and a dish to pass. Sandwiches will be provided.
R.S.V.P. to Jen Dougherty (Wieland), 616-868-0439 by July 16.

FALLSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
The Fallsburg Historical Society will meet Monday, July 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the newly restored Fallsburg Schoolhouse. Subject "Some Ada History" with guest speaker. Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Township mulls over extension of Jodell Drive for further development

By Marc Popielek
Contributing Writer

The fate of extending Jodell Drive for further development will fall into the hands of the Lowell Charter Township supervisor.

Supervisor John Timpson has been empowered to act on a request to extend Jodell Drive so Jerry Dalstra and Michael Brooks can build homes off the road.

The issue was discussed by the township planning commission which felt Timpson could "proceed as he sees fit in the handling of this unique situation."

Dalstra and Brooks both own homes off the road as well as property. Brooks could develop one home on four acres, while Dalstra could build two on 20 acres, according to the planning commission.

The land is zoned Ag. II, which allows for homes on four-acre lots.

Jodell Drive is a private road accessing Snow Ave. It runs east from Snow and is north of Nimrod.

The private road is old and therefore grandfathered into the township. Besides Dalstra and Brooks, the road is accessed by three other homeowners.

The main issue facing Dalstra and Brooks is bringing the old drive up to current ordinance standards.

According to the planning commission, the duo said they

would pay to have the private drive improved. A private road maintenance agreement has been developed, but current homeowners have yet to join.

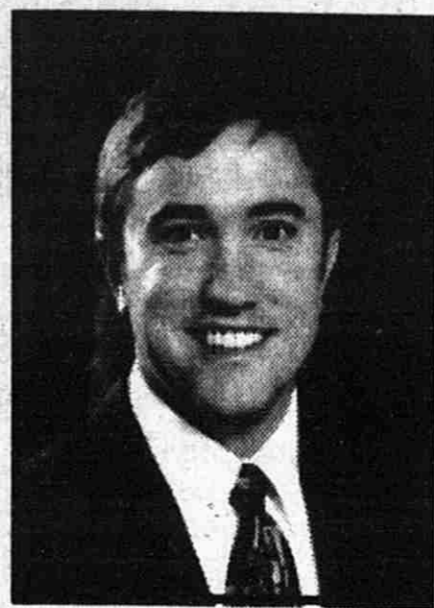
A provision the planning commission would like to see is that any new homes on the drive must sign the private road maintenance agreement.

Names Omitted....

The following names were omitted from last week's high school honor roll list.

- Jeff Altoft, Virginia Amshey, Stephanie Anderson, Jamie Averill, Michael Befus, Tyler Berrington, Kelly Biener, Amber Bolen, Melissa Boomers, Kathryn Boruta, April Boston, Cynthia Briggs, Gena Buhler, Lori Catlin, Susan Clark, Elizabeth Cummings, Nicole Darling, Jonathan DenHouter, Tamra DeRuischer, Ryan Eisentrager, Sean Ellison, Valerie Fitzpatrick, Shaun Ford, Michael Frey, Chad Gallagher, Jessica Garber, Jennifer Gingerich, Brandon Grove, Lucas Grummet, Alicia Hale, Christian Hamm, Aaron Hanson, Beth Hoag, Justin Hoag, Rebecca Houweling, Rachael Huisman, Jedediah Hunt, Jennifer Huyser, Josie Inbody, Elizabeth Janes, Charles Johnson, Ryan Jones, David Kennedy, Michael Knudstrup and Misty Kooienga.

COLLEGE NEWS



Martin Alexander, of Grand Rapids, was recognized as the outstanding student in his major at Grand Valley State University. Every year, each of the university's more than 75 academic departments honor their top student at an awards banquet.

Alexander, a special education major, graduated this past spring. He plans to enter the teaching profession.

He is the son of Dolores Alexander, of Lowell.

For more than a decade, Grand Valley State University has been the state's fastest-growing university. That growth has been paralleled by increases in the quality of our students and of their academic accomplishments.

Students who were graduated at the conclusion of the winter 1997 semester in April include: Susan M. Crimmins, BA S; David A. Doubblestein, MS; Terri D. Garrett BS; Cindy J. Kropf, BSN; Scott R. Nagy, BS; Phillip K. Smith, BS, all of Lowell; Brett M. Knoop, BS, of Ada and Michelle Page, B.A.C. of Alto.

Brett Knoop, of Ada, was recognized as the outstanding student in his major at Grand Valley State University. Every year, each of the university's more than 75 academic departments honor their top student at an awards banquet.

Knoop, a physical education major with an emphasis in athletic training, graduated this past spring. He plans to attend graduate school or pursue a career as an athletic trainer or fitness and wellness instructor.

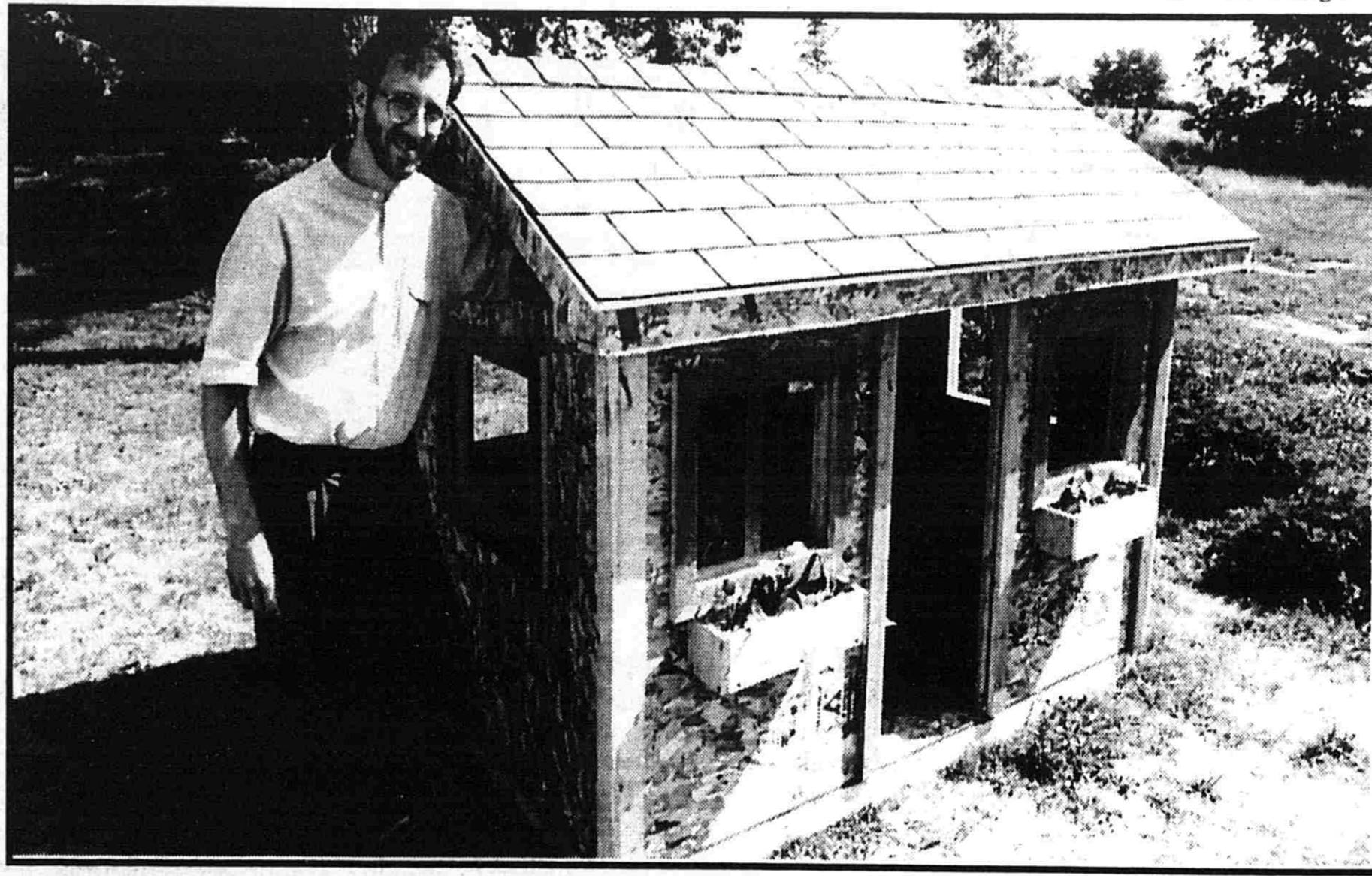
While attending Grand Valley, Knoop was on the dean's list for seven semesters.

He is the son of H. Martin and Phyllis Knoop, of Ada.



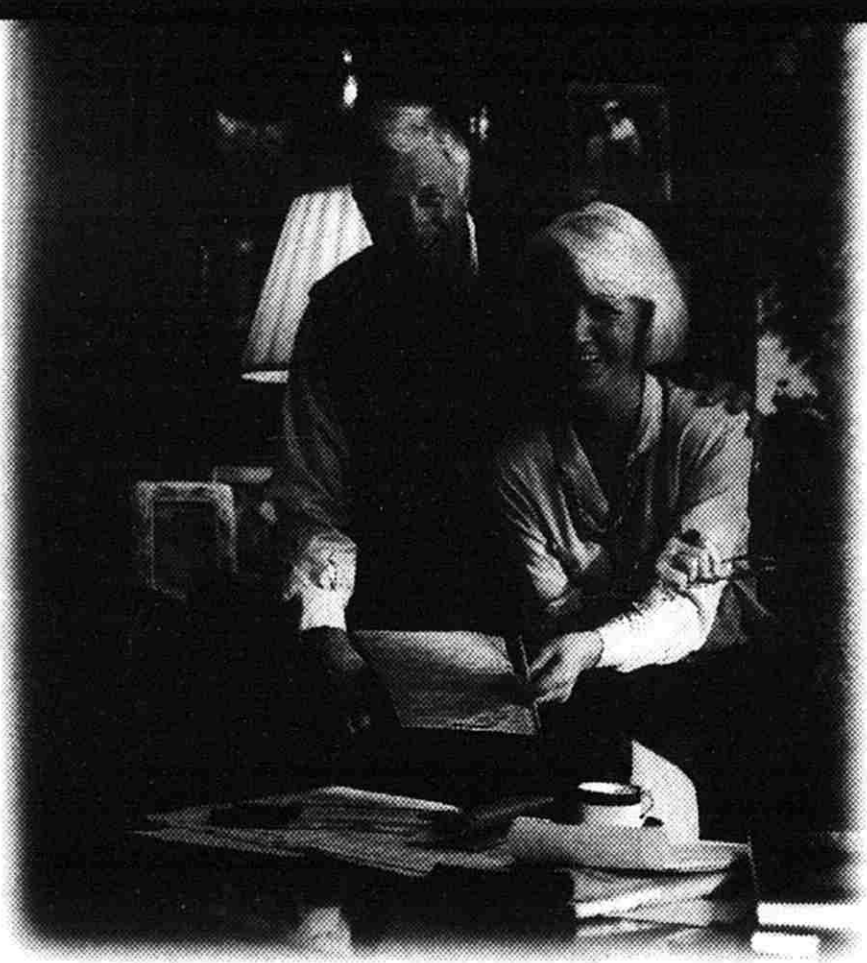
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Building Humanity

Vergennes United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School children and their fathers built a four-by-seven foot playhouse. The newly constructed playhouse is being raffled off in a silent auction. Vergennes United Methodist Church pastor Nathaniel Johnson said the proceeds from the silent auction will go toward Habitat For Humanity. All the materials were donated. Bids on the playhouse will be accepted up until July 20. Bids can be called into the church at 897-6141.



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Tired and disoriented Joe wandered into comfort and hospitality

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Editor's Note: On the back page of the June 4 edition of The Lowell Ledger a story ran on Joe, the lost Chesapeake Bay retriever, which was found and reunited with its owner. Below is a follow-up story, describing where and how Joe spent his 10 days away from his owner Rick Bettmeng.

Joe meandered with a limp down the middle of Honey Creek Road in a disoriented state.

A few chocolate chip cookies, South Dakota and a good duck hunt sounded real good. However, Joe was a little too tired for the latter.

A car pulled up behind him and stopped; Joe looked, hoping to see his owner Rick Bettmeng. It wasn't, but the voice was sweet and Joe was so exhausted that it was enough to gain his trust.

Joe's tired state and puncture wound on his right front leg meant that he needed the tender loving care of a veterinarian.

The veterinarian treated Joe for the puncture wound and an infestation of ticks. Joe was put on a regimen of antibiotics and given a high protein feed to bring his strength back.

Within a few days, Joe was feeling pretty good, and this sweet stranger, Nancy Rominger, who had picked him up

In all candor, I have never been so upset over an animal as I was with the prospect of something terrible happening to Joe. In no way were we trying to steal Joe or keep him against his will, although I do admit Joe was a welcome member of our family, and a good friend during his stay. I was very excited and relieved to read in the paper that Joe, no average Joe at that, had found his way back to his owner.

Chuck Rominger

introduced him to some of the other borders: two Labrador retrievers and a Dalmatian. Joe was also given a new name - "Duke."

"They soon became best friends," Chuck Rominger said. "They played and roamed the four corners of our property. Joe quickly became everyone's best friend including the construction workers on site. Many offered to take Joe home if his owner was not found."

Joe not only became a favorite among the resident canines but was an object of attention at team pennings, steer ropings, and baseball and softball games.

With three very active dogs who thrived on plenty of running and playing room, the Romingers used invisible fencing to create a 15-acre playground for their dogs.

New construction and landscaping redesign meant the fencing had to be disconnected. The system was reinstalled shortly after Joe arrived.

The day it was reinstalled the company also attached the collars on the dogs and reintroduced them to the perimeter.

With Joe on the porch, the two Labs in the barn and the Dalmatian in the house, the fencing company's new employee put the Dalmatian's collar on Joe and the other two collars on the Labs.

"The collar barely fit which should have alerted him that something was wrong," said Rominger.

While Joe appreciated the hospitality shown him, the tight red collar triggered a response that it was time to go and try to meet back up with Rick.

"When I got home that night, a ranch hand told me that he saw Joe, alias Duke, from a distance crossing the invisible fence perimeter at a dead run heading east," said Rominger. "He tried to follow him, but Joe had a head start and was traveling cross country."

Romingers searched for hours that evening in the 2 Mile Road and Parnell Road area, with no luck.

Continued searches over the next several days and word out to the humane society and others did not uncover Joe.

"In all candor, I have never been so upset over an animal as I was with the prospect of something terrible happening to Joe," Rominger said. "In no way were we trying to steal Joe or keep him against his will, although I do admit Joe was a welcome member of our family, and a good friend during his stay. I was very excited and relieved to read in the paper that Joe, no average Joe at that, had found his way back to his owner."

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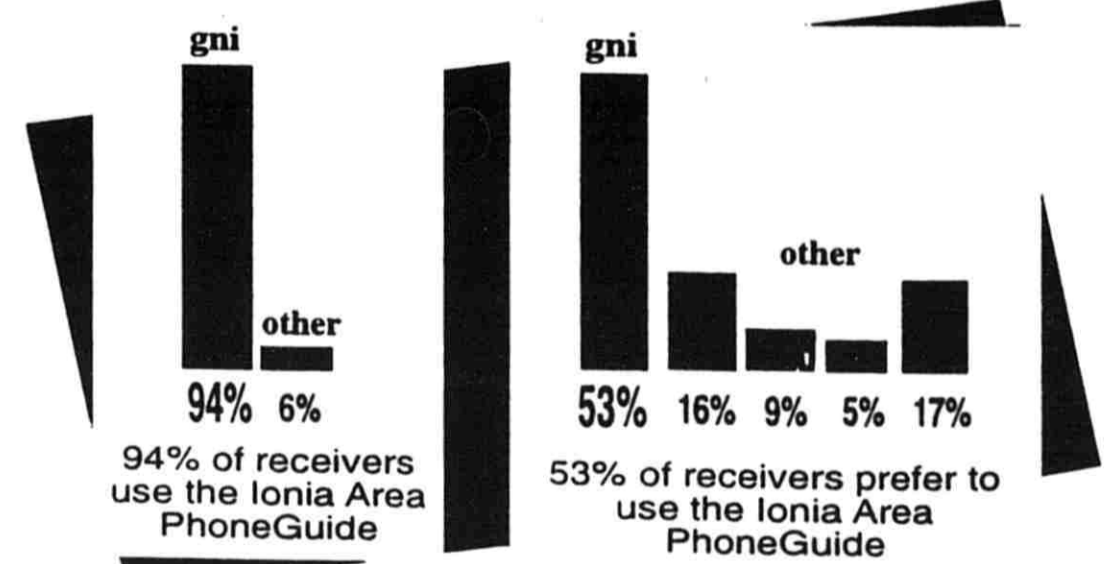


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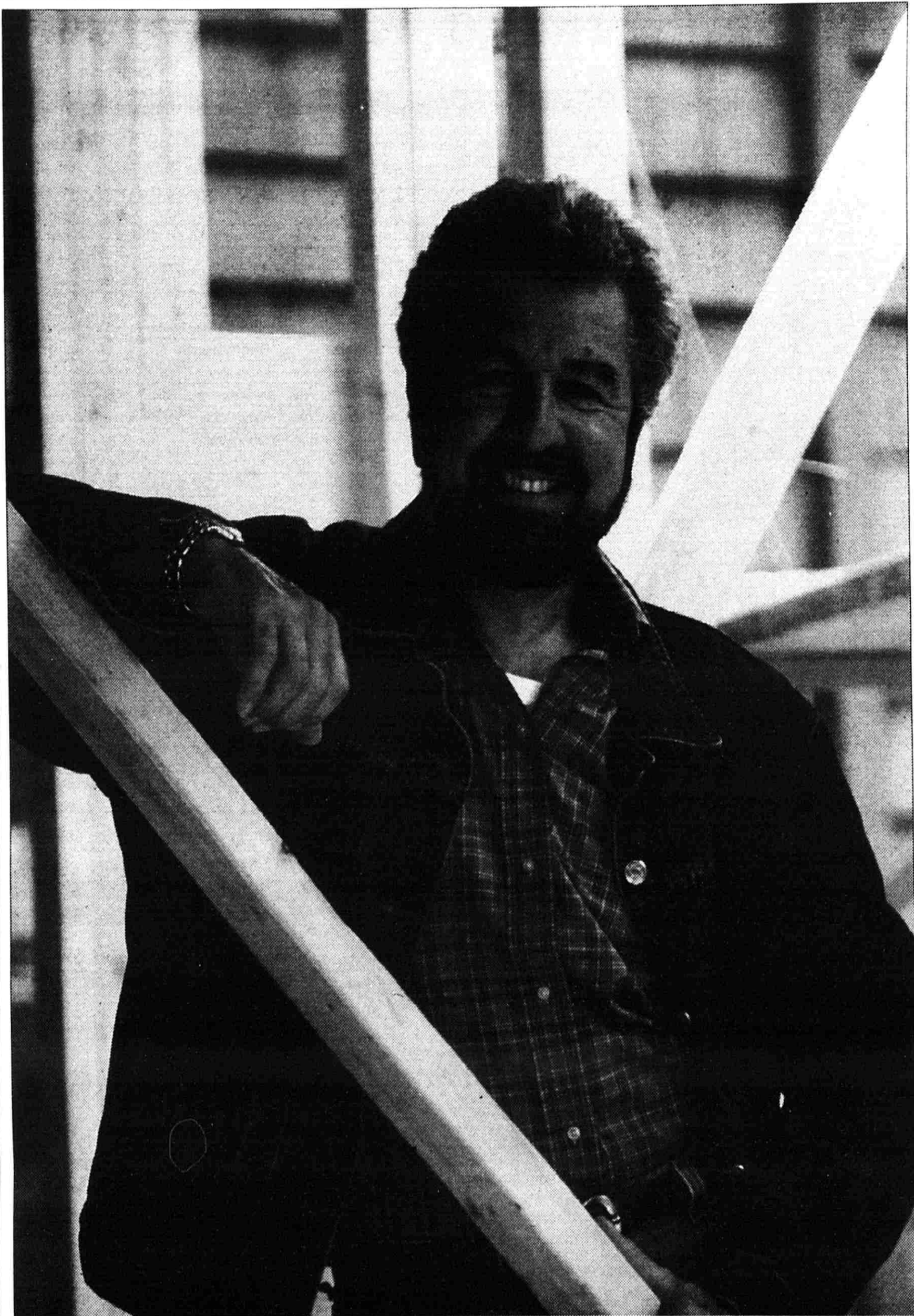
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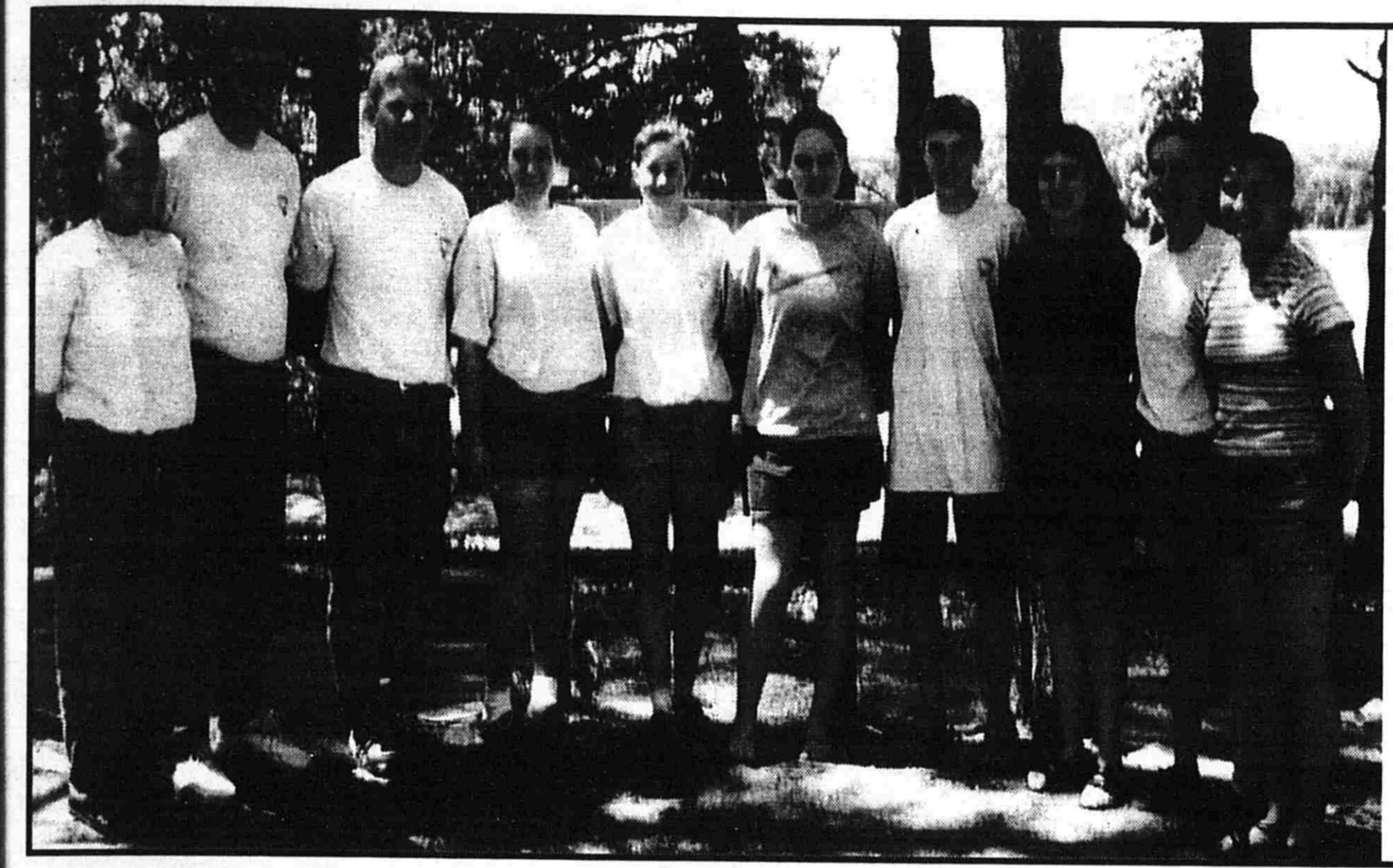
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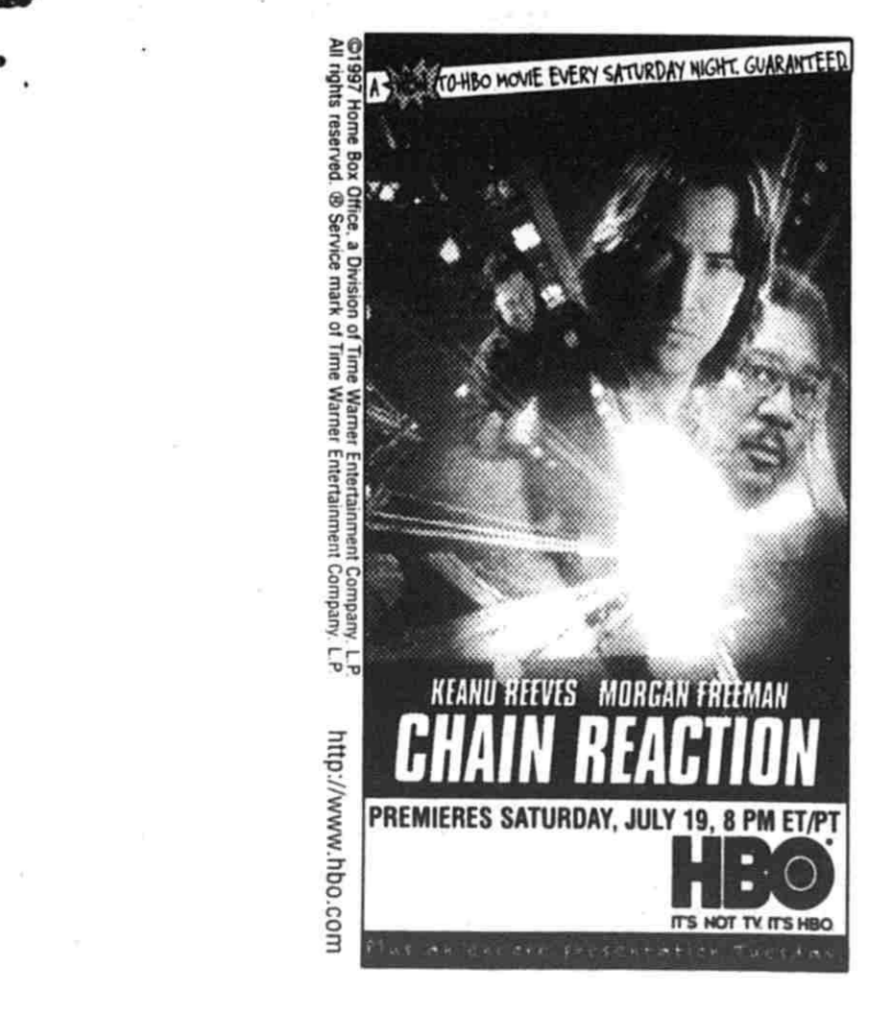
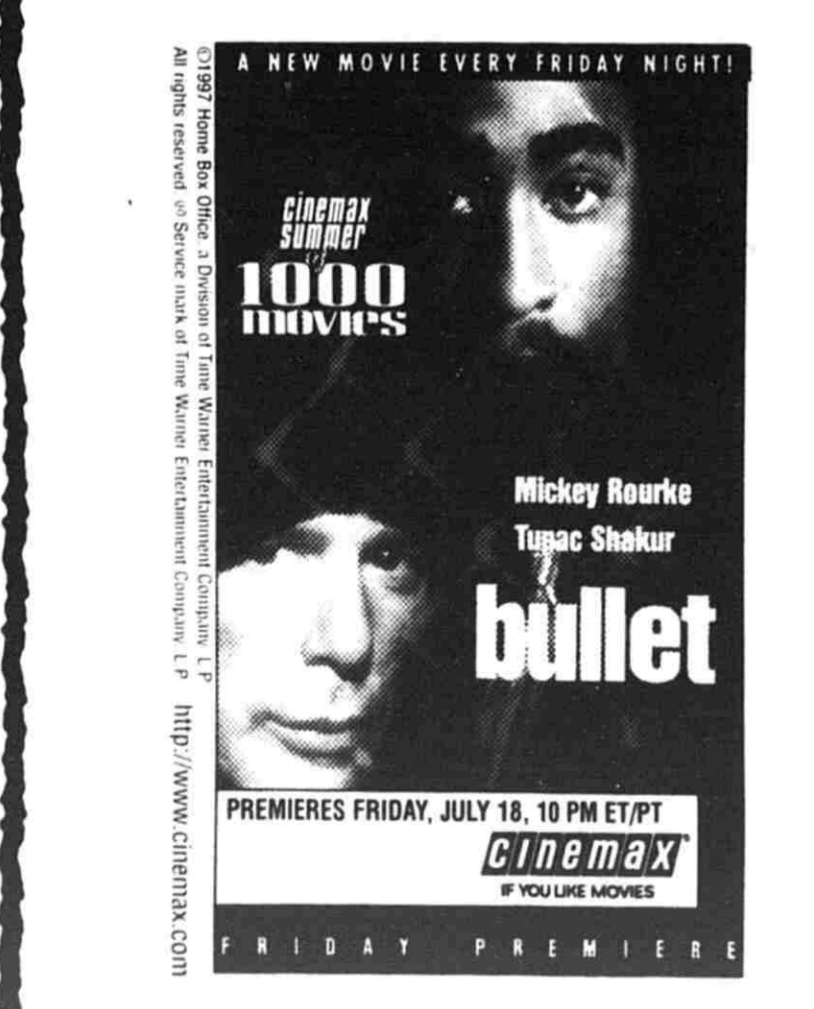
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FFA OFFICERS
Lowell High School's Future Farmers of America Chapter recently swore in its 1997-98 officers. Pictured, left to right, are: Lisa Posthumus, president; Pete Siler, advisor; Keith Krebill, sentinel; Tricia Fick, secretary; Andrea Baker, reporter; Jennifer Wisner, alternate; Brad Jackson, historian; Lindsay Perkins, parliamentarian; Shannon Finnegan, 1st vice president; Beth Larabee, 2nd vice president. Not pictured is Aaron Plattner, treasurer.

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New kindergarten schedule friendly to some; a nemesis for others

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An 11th hour decision rewarded the dedication and tenacity shown by a group of parents in their relentless pursuit to have Lowell's "all day, alternate day" kindergarten schedule changed.

It left another group asking why. Two weeks ago, Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said the school would keep the all day, alternate day schedule for the 1997-98 school year.

That did not stop Paul Young and a group of parents as they worked to find an alternative for Lowell kindergarten teachers and Bleke to consider.

Monday morning the group presented an 11th hour option to Jim White, director of curriculum and instruction; he saw some merit in the alternative.

A meeting was scheduled with the district kindergarten teachers Monday night prior to the school board meeting. They too saw merit in the proposal and agreed to accept the alternative schedule on a one-year pilot program.

The plan took into effect the organizational flow of the classroom, thus attaining the support of the teachers.

It schedules students going to school two full days a week on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday and then the two groups alternating every other Friday.

The all day, alternate day had students attending school

Monday, Wednesday and Friday one week and Tuesday and Thursday the next week.

Bleke said the process used to reach the final decision could have been better, but added that if he felt the change would have hurt the educational setting for kids he would have said no. "A thousand people could have been here tonight and I would have said "no." I don't make it a practice to change my mind in the 11th hour unless I'm convinced it's a better way."

Young referred to his proposal as a parent-friendly schedule.

Lowell resident Barry Getzen called the new kindergarten schedule much more consistent for the kids.

"Instead of my child going to organized child care for 10 days, now two of those 10 days can be spent with a babysitter at my house," Getzen explained.

For Brenda Jousma, a part-time employee, the change is anything but friendly.

"It means I will be away from my kid four days a week," Jousma said. "I work on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and my kindergartner will go to school on Monday and Wednesday and every other week on Friday."

With the all day, alternate day schedule, Jousma said her children were home with her one day a week.

Jousma and other parents disgruntled with the decision questioned how a decision could be made in one day and why schedules were sent out two weeks earlier if there was any doubt in the schedule.

I don't make it a practice to change my mind in the 11th hour unless I'm convinced it's a better way.

Bert Bleke
Superintendent Lowell Schools

"Why with just six weeks before school starts? Why not wait a year?" Jousma asked.

Jousma and other parents pointed to the fact that at kindergarten roundup, 50 percent wanted the schedule to remain the same.

Board secretary Anne Mulder thought credence should be given to those who said yes to all day, alternate day. "Changing at the last minute is not fair to those who did not want change."

Chris Vezino, a teacher at Grandville Public Schools, suggested that maybe Lowell could do what Grandville has done - offer two types of kindergarten schedules.

Lowell kindergarten teacher Bev Reed said both schedules have glitches and she could not say whether the new schedule would be better until she has lived with it for awhile.

Board president Pete Gustafson called the importance of parental involvement vital. "Interested parents will make this district increasingly great," he said. "I urge all parents to stay active and to stay involved."

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Fans have seen these practitioners of comedy over the years in their own television

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"We've lasted because we try to keep our humor fresh by keeping it topical, allowing for improvisation, and relying on each other's instincts," Tommy Smothers explains. "I think we're unique. That makes you a success."

When the Smothers Brothers started out, they were funny folk singers. "It got us a lot of applause, probably more

than it should have," Dick Smothers said.

The comedic team separated in 1976. "We took a hiatus from each other and went solo for awhile," Dick Smothers said. "We stopped trusting each other's instincts. It wasn't that we couldn't stand each other - we just couldn't stand the act."

But they dealt with it and according to Tommy are now more polished, experienced and diversified. "It made us better performers," he said.



The Smothers Brothers

Loretta's music helped her overcome life's obstacles



Loretta Lynn

Her career began when she was a woman-child. In 1960, she released *Honky Tonk Girl*, the first of a long string of billboard and cashbox hits.

Loretta's countless number-one hits include controversial and hard-hitting songs with lyrics which helped women realize their own self-worth.

The Pill was a song hailed by many as a country feminist anthem. Many years later would come *Coal Miner's Daughter*, a song which reflects on Loretta's memories of her childhood, marriage and early career.

The only thing more prevalent than hit songs in Lynn's life have been the awards.

The country legend was named one of the 10 most admired women in the world by the *Ladies Home Journal Magazine*.

Lynn is also a recipient of the Golden Plate Award, one normally reserved for scholars and scientists. It was in recognition of the impact her music has made on the world as well as her ability to overcome obstacles and break down barriers for others who wished to follow her.

LORETTA LYNN says it has been harder for her to get out of the business, or even slow down, than it was to get into it nearly 40 years ago.

"People will call you and say, 'Hey, you worked for me when you needed it, now I want you - need you,'" Lynn explained in a recent interview at the Grand Ole Opry with Jim Patterson.

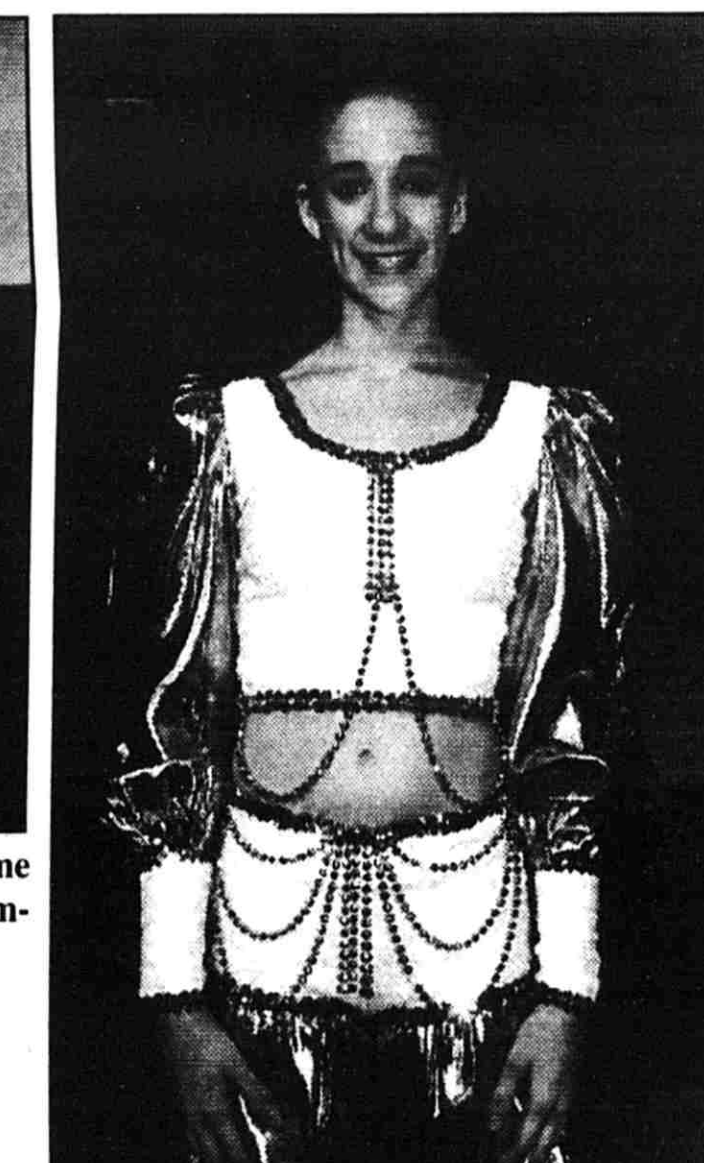
That, in part, is why she has returned to the road traveling to venues of all shapes and sizes singing to and for her fans.

As one of the most influential country music performers for nearly 30 years, Lynn released single after single presenting in working-class language just how rough life, especially domestic life, can be.

Friday night's amateur entertainers



Becky Reagan, Lowell, will sing "Come Rain Or Come Shine." She will be accompanied by Cheryl Nawrocki.



Acrobat Dawn Allen, Greenville, will perform to "Egyptian Medley."

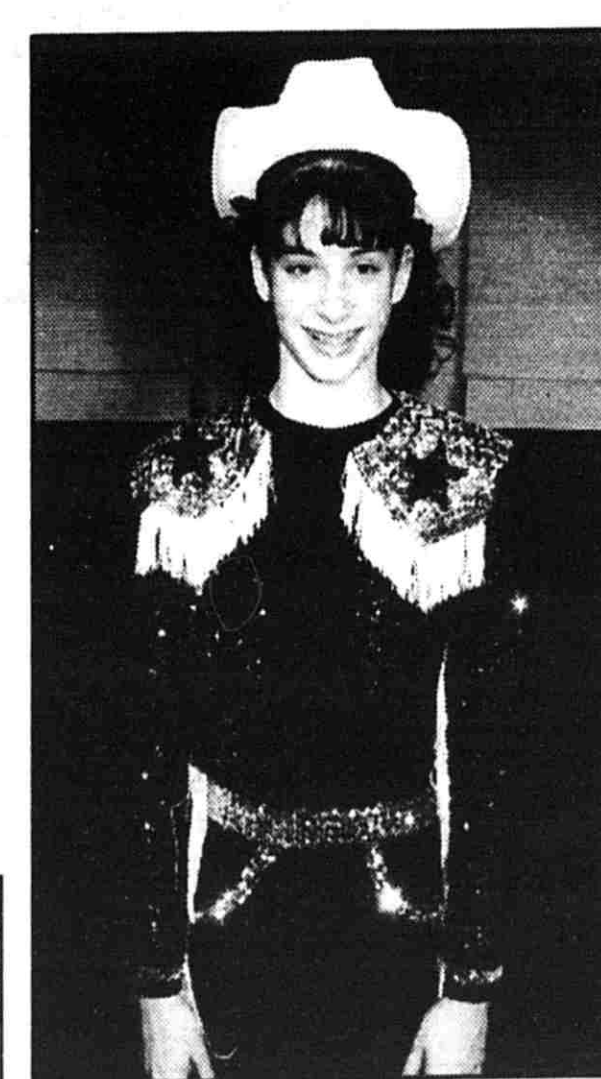


Mandy Droste, Lake Odessa, will perform "Get Here."



Parts Unlimited (barbershoppers Joseph Bodarko, Kevin Lenneman, Al Blankenship and Ken Braaman) will sing "I Want A Good Old Fashioned Girl."

Saturday's amateur entertainers



Pictured clockwise, Melanie Rae, Shelbyville, will sing "Hero"; Jennifer Barker, 14 years old, will clog to the number, "Texas Tappin"; Justin Goodnoot, 12 years old, will tap dance to "Tap Sensation" and Mary Zokoe, Caledonia, not pictured, will sing "I Guess You Had To Be There."



NOTICE
TO PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
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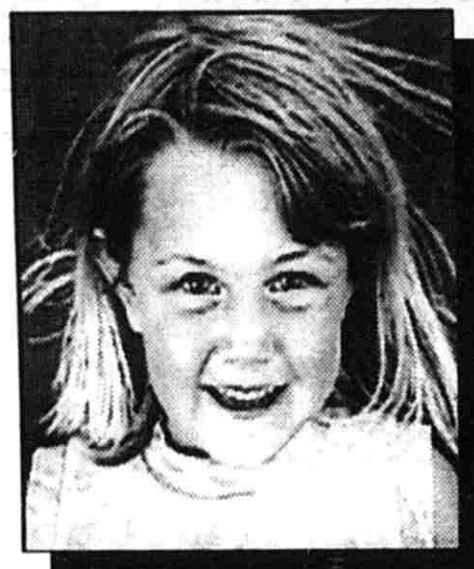
JUNE SMILE OF THE MONTH:

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- FMB-First Michigan Bank-Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- FMB-Lumberman's Bank, Muskegon, Michigan
- FMB-Northwestern Bank, Boyne City, Michigan
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School board gives its approval on increasing graduation requirements and restructuring seven-block format

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the charge of maximizing the effort of the students as well as the flexibility for their varying needs and talents, the Lowell Board of Education adopted plans to upgrade student graduation requirements and restructure the seven-block format.

Lowell High School students will now be required to earn 23 credits during their four years as opposed to 22. It will also require that students attain three credits in both science and math and two-and-a-half in social studies.

Opponents argue that while graduation standards are being raised, the minimum standards are not.

"Students are going to have to be able to compete on a world basis," Lowell board trustee Ellen McClain said. "Raising standards without raising the minimum standards doesn't bring students up to world standards."

As an example, McClain noted that while students must now take three years of math, they can do so without taking calculus.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said he felt with the new requirements, work can be done within the framework to raise standards and not make it difficult/impossible for a sector of students to graduate.

In regards to the adopted restructured seven-block schedule, Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw said the changes will increase direct instructional time for all six classes as well as maintain a seminar for students.

Two main changes will occur in the seven-block format: Students will follow a block schedule on Mondays as opposed to meeting in every class; and students will attend seminar two days a week, with the other three days being used for lab.

"We found that many students were not maximizing the use of their seminar periods," Vashaw said. "The challenge will be to provide a broad spectrum of enrichment opportunity for students during the three labs."

The changes in the seven-block format will increase direct instructional time 230 minutes; planning time 39 minutes; seminar instructional time will be cut by 220 minutes and lunch time will increase by two minutes.

McClain said she did not object to block scheduling but said she wanted to see the district get back to total instruction time in class. "This adds some back and is a step in the right direction."

Love is to the soul of him who loves, what the soul is to the body which it animates.
—La Rochefoucauld

Cooperative swim program brings together unlikely teammates

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Through a cooperative program endorsed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Lowell male swimmers will be allowed to compete with the Forest Hills Central High School boys' swim team.

The opportunity affords itself to Lowell male athletes because the number of participants in the swim program at Central is very low and Lowell does not have a swimming facility.

During the 1996-97 season, the FHC team consisted of 10 swimmers, which is fewer than the optimal number of participants.

The cooperative program will provide an opportunity for participation in the sport among LHS students without displacing interested swimmers from FHC, and without causing any other sport at Lowell to suffer during the winter season.

"There are four-five students interested," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke. "Cooperative programming like this happens more often than people might be aware."

Bleke used the example of Forest Hills Northern players participating on the Central hockey team.

The same opportunity cannot be offered to Lowell girls since Central's numbers on the girls' swim team are very high.

Forest Hills Central will administer the program locally and the official team name will be that of FHC.

"This cooperative program will be done at no cost to the district," Bleke said. "The students will provide their own transportation."

Lowell and FHC have agreed to a two-year commitment.

"This is a mutually positive arrangement for both schools," Bleke said.

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We finally have a garage! July 17 & 18, 9-6 p.m. 13224 Vergennes. Lots of nice clothes & toys, ceiling fans, track lighting, ball cards & more.

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GARAGE SALE
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YARD SALE
Sat., July 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 11689 Foreman Rd., baby items & clothes; clothes-girls' size 12 & 14, women's size 12; household items and more. If rain, still open.

GARAGE SALE
July 18 & 19, 9-4 p.m. 895 Alden Nash SE. Just 1/2 mile down from high school.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
14391 Cascade Rd., SE. July 17, 18 & 19. Clothes, furniture, tools, linens, dishes, TV, radios, lamps, old records, bikes, Christmas decor., buzz saw rig blades, canning jars, Tupperware & some antiques, plus much more.

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3-family, Thurs., July 17 & Fri., July 18, 8-5 p.m. 1401 Sibley St. in Valley Vista. Recliner, coffee table, women's & men's clothing, kitchen table, arm chair & more.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Fri. & Sat., July 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. 804 E. Main, Lowell. Name brand clothing, girls, boys, men & women, dishes, tarp, books, baby items & lots more.

GARAGE SALE
Kids' clothes, skates & misc. July 17 & 18, 9-3 p.m. 800 Bowes Rd.

BARN SALE
Fri. & Sat., July 18 & 19, 9-5 p.m. 3109 Snow between 28th & 36th. DeWalt radial-arm saw, home-school books, Andersen window, children's clothes, antiques, tools & more!

GARAGE SALE
5-family. Closet shelving, TV antenna, kitchen sink & bathroom sinks, electric breaker boxes, electric heaters, kerosene heater, unfinished oak kitchen cupboard doors, steel doors, wood post, kids to adult clothing, 6491 Morse Lake, Alto. July 17 & 18, 9-5 p.m.

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Fri., July 18. Lots of quality clothing, bikes, lawn mowers, snowblowers, & plenty of misc. 6939 Alden Nash Rd., 7 miles S. of Lowell on M-50.

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MOVING
One day sale! Saturday, July 19, at 3985 Alden Nash SE, Lowell. (corner of 40th street).

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Friday, July 18, 9-6 & Sat., July 19, 9-3 p.m. at 2543 Emery SE. Waterbed, books, end tables, utility trailer, word processor & printer, ski boots, kids clothes & women's clothes sz. 5-14.

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