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## School and employee groups ratify two-year agreement

•••• Lowell Education Association and Lowell Schools agree on a 2.2 percent increase over the next two years.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

A new two-year contract with teachers, support staff, bus drivers and mechanics will cost the Lowell school district nearly \$400,000 in the 1997-98 school year.

The ratified teacher contract calls for a 2.2 percent increase plus step increases. The average step increase is .9 percent. In actual dollars, it will account for \$322,000.

Assistant superintendent Richard Korb determined that 46 percent of the teaching staff will not receive step increases, while 54 percent will.

Some of the changes (reflecting new school code requirements) in contract language will include:

- \* Increasing hours and days of instruction yearly as required by state school code.

- \* The number of school days will be increased in the 1997-98 school year to 181 days. Students will be in class a total of 1,047 hours. There will be four instructional development days.

- \* Increasing staff meetings from 8 to 15.

- \* Employee groups not using school facilities for political campaign purposes.

- \* Adding alternative education teachers to the master agreement.

"I think the contract agreement reached is fair to the teachers and to the district," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke

said. "However, I am not comfortable in projecting deficit spending."

The Lowell superintendent added that the two sides need to work together over the next two years to find new and better ways to avoid financial concerns down the road.

"I do think there is an opportunity not to deficit-spend this year," Bleke said. "It will depend on the district's ability to control its spending and student growth."

District budget manager Connie Gillette added that the district should save additional money by adding a plan B to its MESSA medical package.

Support staff, educational para pros, and custodians will also receive a 2.2 percent increase plus step increases. Lunch-room, playground, and supervision paraprofessionals will get a .88 percent increase.

Building secretaries will receive a 2.45 percent increase plus step increases.

These increases will account for \$57,000 in additional expenditures.

The school district will continue to get its medical insurance through MESSA.

Korb explained Lowell will use a pack plan, whereby reducing the economic cost to the district.

A clause in the teachers' contract asked that they sign a no dual coverage waiver. In cases where school employee spouses have dual coverage an employee can use a Plan B

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## Kent County 4-H Youth Fair livestock auction a memorable one for Lowell's FFA chapter

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Pete Siler, Lowell High School Future Farmers of

America advisor, has always been bolstered by the belief that the community supported and appreciated the organi-

zation and its efforts.

That support for the FFA was strongly validated at the

Kent County 4-H Livestock sale.

The livestock sale annually represents approximately \$1,500 of the local FFA's \$12-\$14,000 budget.

By the end of the sale on Thursday night, the FFA had raised \$8,870, nearly two-thirds of its annual budget.

"We're well on our way to meeting our expenses for the upcoming year," said an elated Siler. "I have never seen this type of support. The bidding showed that there is strong support for the organization here in Lowell. We could not survive without it."

There were 30-35 FFA students represented in the livestock sale. Some of those students raised livestock purchased by the Lowell FFA Chapter.

"The students will all share in the money and the opportunities to experience leadership firsthand in various activities," Siler said.

Students will use the money to attend leadership development activities at the regional, state and national levels.

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## Longtime area dentist, Clark Vredenburg, 58, dies at his home

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



Clark Vredenburg

His friends will miss the fun they had playing golf.

His wife and children will miss a devoted family man.

The Lowell community will miss Clark Vredenburg, an active civic leader and professional businessman.

Vredenburg, 58, with his family beside him, died Sunday Aug. 10 at his home, following a battle with cancer.

"Family was most important to Clark. He was a dedicated family man," said Leah, his wife of 37 years. "The Lowell community which he loved was also very important to him. He enjoyed this small town."

Vredenburg opened his dentist office in 1964 on Main Street, in a building next to the old Christiansen building. He kept his practice there until 1969 when he moved it to its current location at 1150 N. Hudson.

"Clark had many outstanding traits. The two that really impressed me were his perfectionism concerning his dental practice, especially in his goal to know as much as possible about growth, development and correction of dental malocclusions and his continued search to employ in his practice the very best techniques to provide his young patients with the ideal occlusion," said Bob Reagan. "He was indeed a fine friend and colleague who will be sorely missed." He was active in many professional and civic organizations including the Lowell Lions Club, the Garden Club, the West Michigan Dental Society and the First Congregational Church of Lowell. He also served on the Lowell Showboat Board and the Lowell Planning Commission.

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## Erosion control final step for condo plan

By Ned Adamson  
Contributing Writer

Erosion control remains the last obstacle for developer Russell Heibel to complete before building permits can be granted for his 22-site condominium development at 1750 Grand River Drive.

Lowell Charter Township planners told Heibel at Monday night's meeting they were satisfied that progress had been made by him on most points of concern previously expressed by the planning commission.

The condos will be built on minimum two-acre lots over a 50-acre parcel.

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Pictured, left to right, are: Pete Siler, Amy Larabee, Beth Larabee, Marie Doyle, King Doyle and Scott Vashaw. King Milling purchased both FFA hogs and then donated them back to the auction. Missing from the picture is Dean Lonick, Michigan Wire.

## OBITUARIES

**FLESER** - Mildred M. Fleser, aged 86, of Lowell, died August 10, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Arden Harris and Harold Burns. She is survived by her husband Wally Sr.; children Jack Harris of Lambertville, MI; Jan (Ron) Bieri of Lowell; step-children Wally Jr. (Tony) Fleser of Kentwood, Kay (Donald) King of Ada, Marcia (Darwin) Taft of Bass Lake, MI, Pauline (Orville) Ackley of Grand Rapids, Roger (Sherri) Fleser of Cedar Springs; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services will be held Wednesday 1 p.m. at Oakwood Cemetery, Lowell. Rev. Vance Dimmick of the First United Methodist Church of Lowell officiating. There will be no funeral home visitation. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell, 621 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**VREDEBURG** - Clark DuBois Vredenburg, D.D.S., aged 58, of Lowell, died Sunday, August 10, 1997. He was preceded in death by his father Dale M. Vredenburg. He is survived by his wife Leah Langley Vredenburg; children Michelle and Kelly Jackson of St. Clair, Andrew and Halley Vredenburg, Matthew and Debbie Vredenburg, all of Rockford, Martin and Angela Vredenburg of Lowell; grandchildren Kyle and Bradley Jackson, Alec and Julia Vredenburg; mother Helen Pedden Vredenburg of Grand Haven; sister Patricia Fairbanks of Grand Haven; brothers John and Mary Jane Vredenburg of Huntington Woods, MI, James Vredenburg of Pensacola, FL, Robert and Rita Vredenburg of Bellevue, MI. Dr. Roger Vredenburg was active in many professional and civic organizations including Lions Club, the Garden Club, the West Michigan Dental Society and First Congregational Church of Lowell. Services will be held Thursday 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, 404 N. Hudson. Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. There will be no funeral home visitation. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Endowment Fund of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Lowell or Hospice of Holland Home. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

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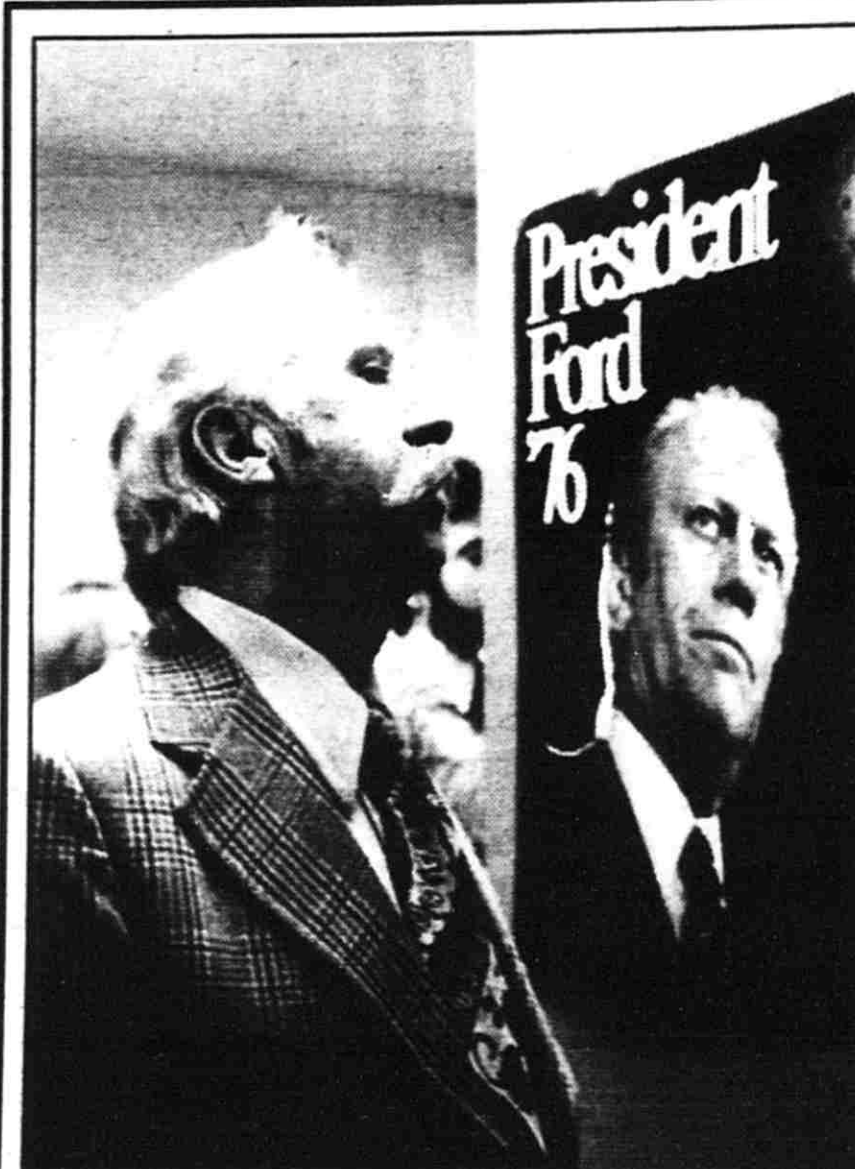
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Oren Jack Frost

## Memorial service to be held for Oren Jack Frost

A memorial service for Oren Jack Frost will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Vergennes Methodist Church. Frost, a painter and graphic artist, was well known for his many works which include the Republican elephant.

Frost, who grew up in Lowell, died at his home in San Diego on March 25.

## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 25, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI, to consider zoning variance applications as follows:

Michael Poll, 12177 McPherson Road, Lowell. This is a rehearing first held June 5, 1997, on a variance application to locate an accessory building in the front yard.

Eric Wold, 1000 Fero, Lowell. This is a request for a zoning variance in the NW 1/4 of Section 19 to allow the placement of an accessory building in the front yard.

Bernard Sytsma, 3559 Causeway Drive, Lowell. This request for the NE 1/4 of Section 4 is for a variance to locate a garage attached to a reconstructed home 25 feet from the road right-of-way. The required front-line setback is 35 feet.

Copies of the applications for variance can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Written comments will be considered if received by the Township clerk prior to 7 p.m. on August 25, 1997.

Tim Howard, Chairman  
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLICATION AND  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
FILE NO. 97-17388-AD

In the matter of JORDAN  
MATTHEW SCHNEIDER.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 16, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan, before Judge Patricia Gardner.

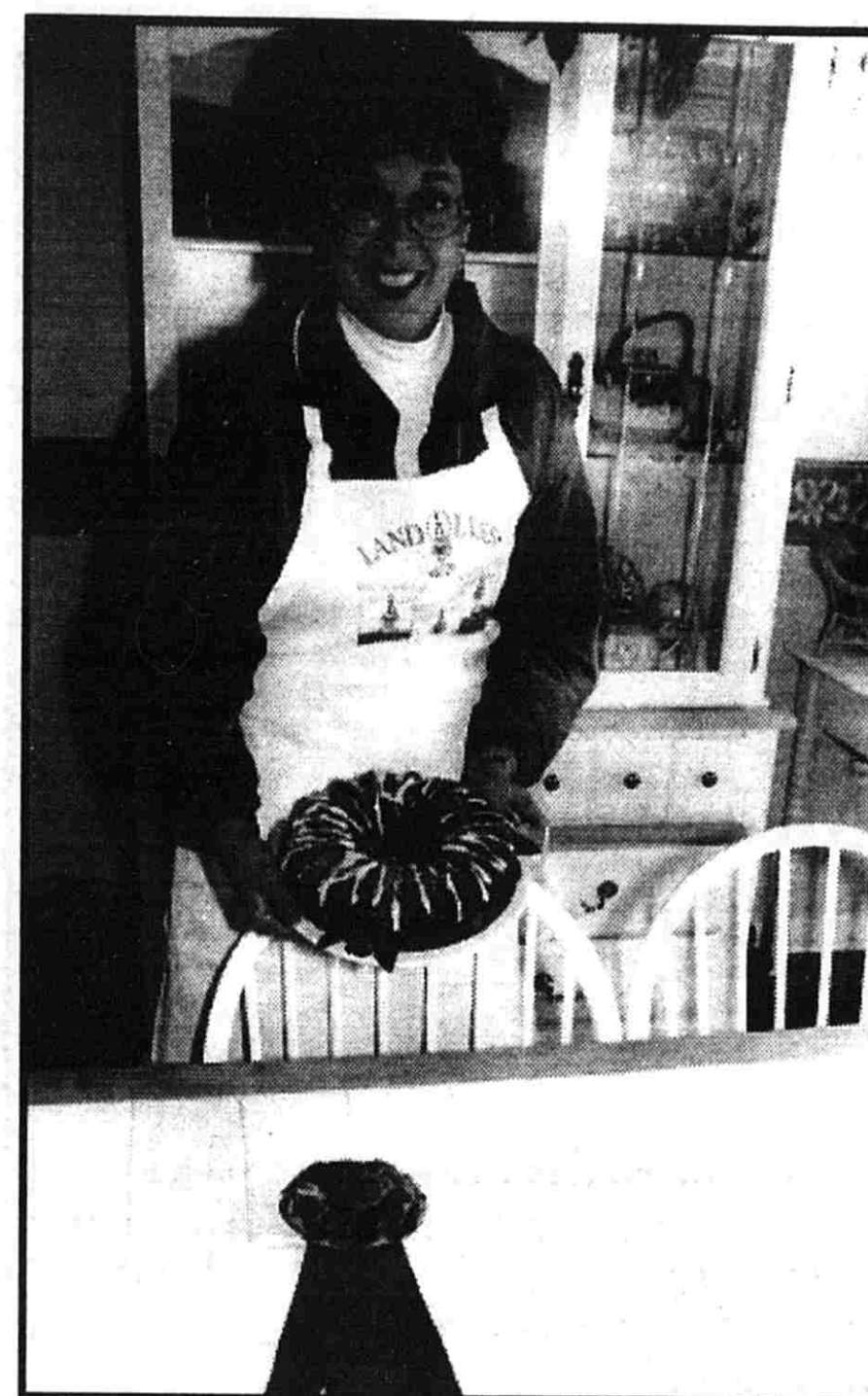
TO: Daniel Pavon-Cuellar whose address is un-

known and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

Hearing to terminate the parental rights of Daniel Pavon-Cuellar, born 7-1-68, of the minor child Jordan Matthew Schneider, born 8-17-89.

August 6, 1997  
Amy Lynn Merritt  
1315 Kelsey NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

MARY L. BENEDICT  
(P-45285)  
4519 Cascade Road SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49536  
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Karin Jelsma holds her berry patch cobbler coffee cake.

## Ionia Fair rewards mother and daughter baking fancy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Successful people are often emulated. Leah Jelsma has watched carefully and with pride as her mother Karin Jelsma has enjoyed success in the Ionia County Fair's cook-offs.

Jelsma won the Hormel cook-off with her meats pizza spam pie two years ago and this year enjoyed the same success, but in a different category.

The Lowell resident won the Land O' Lakes state cook-off with her berry-patch cobbler coffee cake.

Seven-year old Leah Jelsma, competing for the first time, earned a first place, reserve grand champion for her butter-scotch cookies; first place for her chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin cookies; second for her molasses cookies and third for her peanut butter cookies.

Because Jelsma accumulated the most points in the children's seven-to-10-year old category, she was honored with the 1997 Cookie Monster Award.

After hearing about her success, father David Jelsma put her to work. "He asked me to make him some chocolate chip cookies," Leah Jelsma said.

Karin Jelsma's berry-patch cobbler coffee cake was made from black raspberries- it also included Land O' Lakes butter and sour cream.

For Jelsma's efforts, she earned a cash reward, a package of Tupperware mixing bowls, and a saton package from Heidi Christine's.

By winning the contest Jelsma is the state's choice for entry in the nationals at Minnesota. With her success, Jelsma regains possession of her grandmother's antique silver plate.

Jelsma, her sisters (Yvonne Post and Pam Hotchkiss) and their mother (Juanita Sprague) compete for that plate.

"It is a friendly family competition," Jelsma said. "Whoever does the best at the fair gets to keep the plate for that year."



Leah Jelsma displays a plateful of her cookies which won the Lowell youth a number of ribbons at the Ionia County Fair.

# GARAGE SALE TIME IS HERE!

**RUMMAGE SALE & CAR WASH**  
Lowell Nazarene Church,  
201 N. Washington St.,  
Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to ?

**AUG. 15 & 16 FRI. & SAT.**  
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. The 'Burg is having a Community Yard Sale! Come to Fallsburg, on Covered Bridge Road & Montcalm Ave. Antiques, collectibles, costume jewelry, motorcycle, furniture, building supplies, clothing, craft books, vacuums, meat slicer. Signs will guide you. Sponsored by Flat River Preservation Association & Fallsburg Historical Society.

**YARD SALE**  
One day only! Wed., Aug. 20. 9-5 p.m. 3940 Segwun SE, Lowell.

**YARD SALE**  
Clothes, school books, & lots of stuff. Thurs.-Sat., 13198 Grand River Dr.

**GARAGE SALE**  
The kids are taking over the farm. Everything must go! Something for everyone! House, barn & garage stuff. Aug. 14 & 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Snow & 52nd St.

**3-FAMILY BARN SALE**  
queen waterbed, couch & loveseat, chrome roll bar, children's - adult clothing, bike rack, lots of household misc. 3275 Timpson, (bet. Grand River & 36th) Aug. 15, 8-6 p.m.

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YOU'LL FLIP OVER THE VARIETY AT THIS SALE!

**TO PLACE A GARAGE SALE AD ON THIS PAGE, CALL 897-9555**

Please remember deadline is noon on Friday!

We're remodeling & everything's got to go, kids' shelves, knick knacks, scooters, mirrors, vases, wreaths, candle sticks, baskets & holiday decorations, computer desk, oval oak floor mirror, snowblower, children's white wicker chairs & table, Little Tikes changing table & lots of toys. Back to school children's clothes & shoes, boys' clothes & jr.'s dress & casual, some men's, all excellent condition. Lots of kitchen items & much more. 3 blocks down from Softee Ice Cream, 328 N. Jefferson, Aug. 14 & 15, 8-5 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Large sale. Furniture, linens, many kitchen items, baskets, books, albums, antiques, chest freezer, women's (L) & men's (M & L) clothing. Fri. & Sat., Aug. 15 & 16, 8-5 p.m. 10300 Bennett, Lowell.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 15 & 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Multi-family. Water heater (new), changing table, stereo, kitchen chairs, kids & adult clothes, many, many misc. items. 7970 McCords, Alto.

**GARAGE SALE**  
clothes, toys, Cardioglide exerciser, TV & much more! Thurs., Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 506 Lincoln Lk. (in town).

**GARAGE SALE**  
901 Boynton (corner of Boynton & Bennett), Thurs., Aug. 14, 8:30-5 p.m. E.V. large bookcase speakers (excellent cond.), rocking chair, china hutch, men's golf clubs, wedding dress, baby items, toys, girl clothes (infant - 3T), household.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Lots of girl's name brand clothes, some horse tack, Thurs. & Fri. 9240 Vergennes.

**YARD & ART SALE**  
Sat., Sun. & Mon. 10-5 p.m. Antiques & old dishes, antique 3 wheeler bike, twin bed, furniture, lots of clothes & much more! 8585 McArthur, Lincoln Lk. to Hart Rd. to McArthur.

**MOVING SALE**  
Riding mower, push mower, lots of nice clothing, young men's, boy's to size 7, books, toys, sand box, furniture, lots of misc. We don't want to move it all! Thurs., Aug. 14, 9-5?, Fri., Aug. 15, 9-? & Sat., Aug. 16, 9-12, 8:10 High St.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 14 & 15. Something for everyone! Books, antiques, furniture, all size clothing, western saddle, poultry drinkers, outside double rabbit hutches. 1 1/2 miles N. & 1 1/2 miles W. of Saranac, bet. Hawley Hwy. & Pinckney at 8551 Ricker Rd.

**HUGE RUMMAGE SALE**  
several families, at the Masonic Center in Lowell, 119 Lincoln Lake. Aug. 15 & 16, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 14 & 15 at 4885 & 4940 Gavin Lake Rd. (Just E. of Parnell, off 5 Mile Rd.) Everything from baby bed, play pen, dishes, microwaves, books, assorted sizes of clothing, lots of antiques & other good stuff.

**ALTO NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALES**  
8 families. Little Tikes, Fisher Price toys, books, household, misc., clothes: women's business suits (some Pendleton & designer) sizes 2-18; girls & boys to size 14 & much more! Priced to sell. Aug. 14 & 15, 9-5 p.m. On Bancroft, 60th St., Linfield & Harrison. Look for signs. NO PRIOR SALES!

**GARAGE SALE**  
Clothes: infant to adult, 4 ft. florescent lights, light fixtures, Aspen Station Wagon, furniture, 7 year crib, microwave, lots of misc. Aug. 14 & 15, from 9-5 p.m. 7287 Scott Rd. (M-21 to Hawley Hwy., left on Scott).

**HUGE SALE AT PERRY'S**  
with lots of name brand clothes, household items, toys, bikes, snowblowers, lawn mowers & misc. Fri., Aug. 15, 6939 Alden Nash Rd. (M-50) 7 miles S. of Lowell.

**MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE**  
Aug. 14 & 15, from 9-5 p.m. 2811 Bewell, Couch, loveseat, stairstepper, new men's bowling shoes, Nintendo games, CD's, household goods, lawn furniture, lots of good quality clothes, tons of things priced low to sell.

**YARD SALE**  
Aug. 15 & 16, 1317 Jane Ellen.

**GARAGE SALE**  
Thurs. & Fri., Aug. 14 & 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. paddle boat, 1987 Snowmobile, crib, kids kitchen, vertical blinds, wicker chairs, canning jars, power rider, weight bench, carpet cleaner, Christmas tree, sewing machine, furniture, jewelry, magazines, toys, dishes, electric stove, dining room table & chairs, women's & girls clothes & more! 5406 Bancroft, Alto. No presales. ? Call 868-6568.

## Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man... Genesis 3:23, 24.

Many people have to be deathly sick before they will call a doctor. Others have to suffer a desperate toothache before visiting the dentist. Parents have to make their children do what they know is best for them: Darrel "must" wash behind his ears

us to do what He knows is best for us individually. If our faith is to be strengthened, it must be tried and tested. If our patience is to be perfected, we must learn to wait. If our characters are to be purified, we must be "driven out" of our ease into places which challenge our spiritual stamina.

Prayer: O Lord, Thou doest all things well. Thou knowest what is best for me. Lead me where Thou wilt. Amen.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom.

Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom.

By waters still, o'er troubled sea.

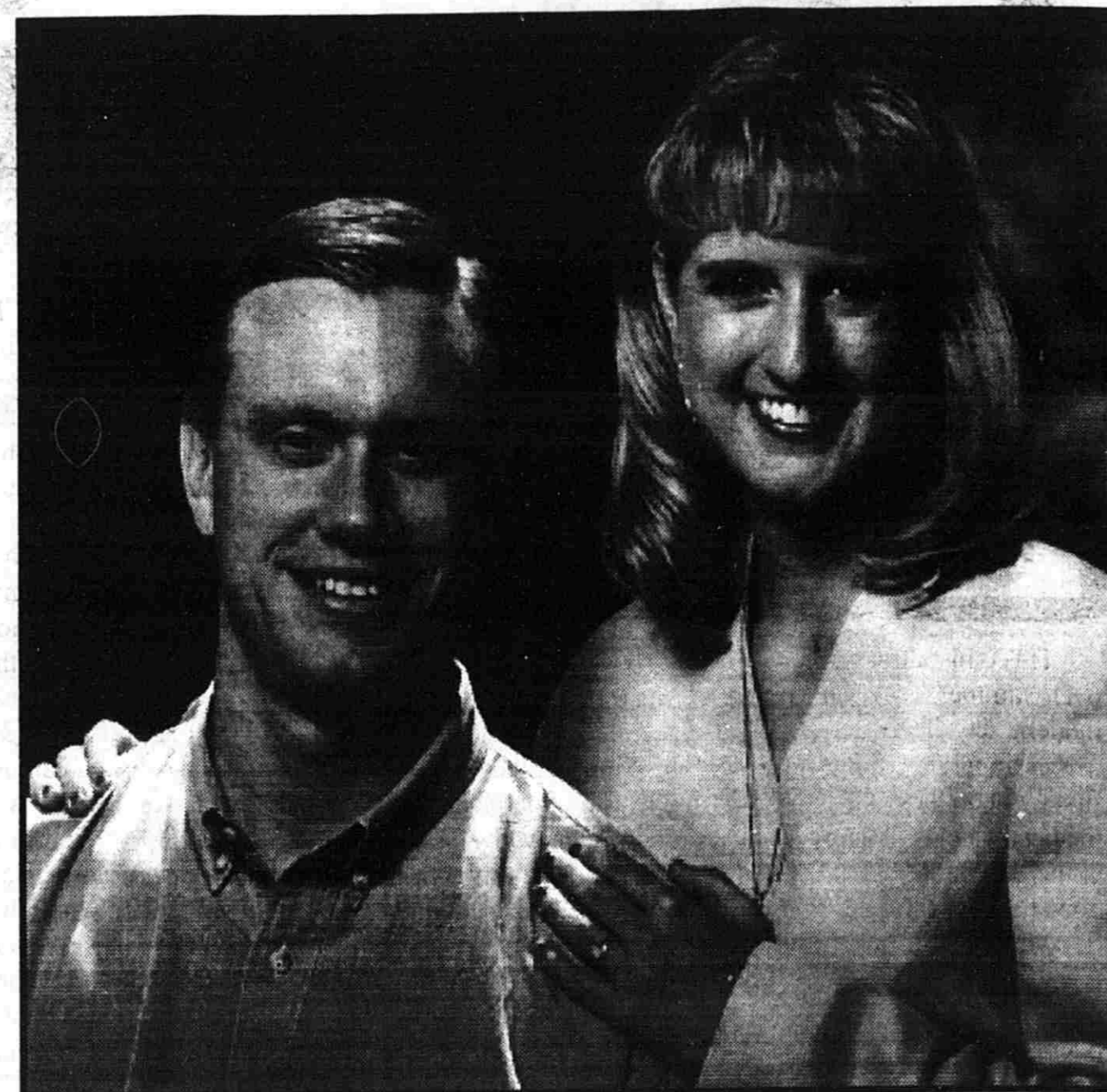
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

Joseph Henry Gilmore.

or he will be shunned by society; and Doreen "must" practice her music if she is to become an accomplished musician.

The Garden of Eden was a beautiful place, but God drove Adam and Eve from this ideal spot because He knew it was the wise thing to do. He was shielding them from further temptation.

There are times when God has to "drive us out" - to force



Christopher Scott Callahan and Amy Louise Davis

### Davis and Callahan plan for Sept. 13 wedding

Roy and Faye Davis, of Lowell, announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy Louise Davis of Carpentersville, IL, to Christopher Scott Callahan of Palatine, IL.

The bride-to-be is a 1987 graduate of Lowell High School and a 1991 graduate of

Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She is currently a newspaper journalist at The Courier News in Elgin, IL.

The future groom is the son of Chuck and Cliff Callahan of Kansas City, MO. He is a 1986 graduate of Park Hill High School in Kansas City and a 1990 graduate of

Northwestern University. He is presently a manager at David M. Griffith & Associates in Northbrook, IL.

The couple have set their wedding date for September 13, 1997, in Grand Rapids.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**AUGUST 14** - Adam Billingsley, Aaron Christenson, Betsy Brenk, Bob Wilczewski.  
**AUGUST 15** - Ben Raymor.

Lila Thaler, Vada Kline, Bill Barber, Dena Baylis, Vivian Johnson, Donnie Shaffer.  
**AUGUST 16** - Helen Vezino, Don Gasper, Trent Raab.

Mike Mooney, Ryan Aksamitowski.  
**AUGUST 17** - Brittany Essich.

**AUGUST 18** - Matthew D'Agostino, Sandy Dykhuizen, Sean Pawloski, Paul Reggie Owen, Paul R. Owen II.

**AUGUST 19** - Peggy Idema, Joseph Thaler, Lois Boonstra, Braydon Brown, Brian DeBold, Daryl Chamberlain.

**AUGUST 20** - Mattie Dalziel, B.J. Rittersdorf, Alexis Holloway.



## Mardi Gras in August

Lowell YMCA Summer Fun Club celebrated its own Mardi Gras as they paraded their floats down Spring Street. The club started June 16 and will run through Aug. 26. Teri Sikkenga serves as its leader.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p><b>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH</b> 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.</p> <p>We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>		<p><b>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 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><b>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH</b> "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 <b>Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M.</b> Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL</b> 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936</p> <p>SUMMER SCHEDULE - JUNE 1 - SEPT 14 Worship..... 8:30 A.M. Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Koinonia..... 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery &amp; child care available at both services Barrier - Free Entrance</p>	<p><b>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL</b> "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and non-denominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE!) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. <b>Worship Service..... 10 A.M.</b> Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Larry Pike</p>	<p><b>CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER</b> 3050 Alden Nash S.E. • (616) 897-1100 Nursery for Every Service SUNDAYS: Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. Believer's Praise Service: 6:00 p.m. Kids Church WEDNESDAYS: Family Night: (for All Ages) 7:00 p.m. We don't build a church with programs We build people with a process</p>	<p><b>EMMAUS LUTHERAN</b> Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6695</p> <p>We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
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# Viewpoint . . .



## cozy corner

By Roger Brown

This is installment three in Roger and Randy's "What I did over summer vacation" report. The last segment left the modern day Tom and Huck camped on an island in the Mississippi River somewhere south of Minneapolis. It was the first night on the river in our quest to travel by floatplane from the headwaters of the river to the mouth. As they always said at the beginning of a Lone Ranger episode, "Return with us now, to those thrilling days of yesteryear." "Thrilling" might be a stretch, but this trip was definitely "Fun!"

We took our time breaking camp. We dined on apples, oatmeal cookies and coffee. About 10:00 a.m. we fired up the plane and got going. The weather was hot and humid. The loaded Cessna took its time getting airborne, but that was okay, we had a long runway to work with... about 2,000 miles.

We cruised along at low altitude, taking in the scenery. By low altitude, I mean we had to climb to clear powerlines and bridges. Hey, we wanted to experience the river.

It was a Sunday, and there was a good deal of weekend boating activity. Everybody waved as we went over, friendly folks in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. A few of the scantily clad women on the boats may have done more than wave, but at over a hundred miles per hour, it was hard to be sure.

The river took us past LaCrosse and Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. Further south, we passed Dubuque, Davenport and Burlington, Iowa. The river was gradually growing larger as rivers and streams flowed into it from the heartland. We could see forever to the west over Iowa, and the east over Illinois. They grow a lot of corn flakes down that way!

We landed, and taxied into a marina south of the quad city area. Here we were met with the same refrain, "You run regular gas in that thing? This is a first for this place!" The accent was Midwestern, and not terribly different than our own, but we could tell we weren't in Michigan.

Full of fuel and ice cream bars for lunch, we headed on down river. About 2:00 p.m., we splashed down at the first of only three places I had on my list to see... Mark Twain's hometown... Hannibal, Missouri. Tom and Huck were home.

We tied the plane to a tree on the south edge of town and walked the railroad tracks into the quaint old river town. We took pictures of Twain's boyhood home, the board fence,

Becky Thatcher's house, etc. Typical tourist stuff. I love Mark Twain, and this was a pilgrimage for me. However, Randy doesn't share my lust for literature. I could have spent the entire afternoon wandering the homes and museum, but I could tell my partner was a little less than thrilled. It was unmercifully hot, and the 52 degrees of the Tom Sawyer caves beckoned. We hooked a ride.

Compared to Mammoth Caves, these caves were not much. But, there are several miles of passage. It was easy to see how the caves would influence Twain's writings. Wandering around in there as a boy, with only a candle for light, would certainly leave a lasting impression and spark the imagination. It had Nintendo beat, hands down!

Back in town we had dinner at the Tom Sawyer Cafe, then taxied the plane to an island with a nice sandy beach. We made camp just downstream from a bridge crossing the river and looked across the water at Hannibal. It was a gorgeous spot.

That night alone would have made the entire trip worthwhile. We swam in the river and sat in our folding chairs with our feet in the water as the world went by. The sun began to set in the west as trucks rumbled over the bridge, barges cruised the river and a seemingly endless stream of trains clattered through Hannibal. There were no bugs, and a breeze cooled us. Shortly after sundown, the Mississippi Queen, a huge riverboat, steamed past us and docked at Hannibal with all her lights ablaze and a calliope playing. It was paradise. We sat there until well after midnight.

The next morning found us heading downstream toward St. Louis. North of St. Louis the Illinois and Missouri rivers flow into the Mississippi, and the river begins to take on huge dimensions. In St. Louis we had to contact air traffic control for a clearance through their airspace. Again, the controller was exceptionally helpful and let us fly at low altitude over the river and through the city. We got some great pictures of the "Arch." Didn't dare fly under it though.

There are huge bluffs along the river south of St. Louis. Somebody has some money down that way, as there are breathtaking homes perched on those bluffs. Farther south, the countryside again sprawled into vast prairies, especially off to the west. The river was now huge, and since we were downstream from all the locks, the barges were also bigger. We saw one that was eight barges wide and seven long. Fifty-six barges being pushed upstream by a big tug. You could build a small town on that thing.

We were low on fuel, and were soon to discover there are no marinas on the river south of St. Louis. Giant levees are built around the towns, and because of the floodwaters, no marinas can be established on the river. We landed at Cairo, Illinois, where the Ohio River enters the Mississippi. We tied up to a municipal boat ramp. I stayed with the plane, while Randy went looking for fuel. About an hour later he returned to report

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Perusing my mail after a short trip to Florida, I was intrigued to find a brown envelope with the most current issue of The Lowell Ledger enclosed. It took only a few moments to realize why someone had felt it necessary to send me a copy: the lead story about the demolition of Christiansen's Drug Store. After reading your article, I realized how many of my memories centered around Chris's.

I vividly recalled the day as a sixteen year old that I worked up the courage to stop by Chris's after school. At that time, Mr. Christiansen had retired and Mr. Dean Manigold was running the store. Heart pounding in fear of rejection, I discovered Mr. Manigold in his white pharmacy coat adjusting some shelves on the back of the candy counter. He listened intently as I explained to him that I needed a job, that I would work hard for him and would be consider hiring me. He seemed to consider my request very carefully, and after some thought, said he guessed he would.

Most people are familiar with the humorous book *Everything I Needed To Know About Life, I Learned In Kindergarten*. Well, upon reflection, many of the things I needed to know about life I learned in Chris's! Besides important things like how to make change the old fashioned way (always start with the pennies), I learned to appreciate all kinds of people - because eventually they ALL walked through Chris's. Young, old, sick, healthy, mentally disturbed, physically disabled, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, sneaky, honest, dishonest... I learned to be respectful of all people - just because they were people. Before Tom Peters had thought up *In Search Of Excellence*, Mr. Christiansen and later Mr. Manigold taught customer service...The Customer Was Always Right! No one took advantage of those at the bottom of the work ladder. Because many of the fountain employees were students, school-work was very important. If it was a cold winter night with few customers, student employees were allowed to sit at the counter and do homework. In fact, I developed a reputation for reciting passages from *MacBeth* in those days. Everyone who worked in Chris's was expected to work hard for one's pay. I earned seventy-five cents an hour, and for that seventy-five cents, I mopped floors, cleaned counters, cooked sandwiches, sold candy, filled photo orders, washed windows, scooped ice cream, sorted magazines, stacked shelves, and a multitude of other chores. In fact, I did everything I was told to do, without question, because I wanted to work there. The people who worked at Chris's were a team. I remember always feeling a duty to others who worked there. A person was on time for work, because everyone depended on each other. Even today, I find myself sharing the lessons I learned "behind the fountain" to my students.

Perhaps the most important lesson I learned as a "Soda-Jerk," however, was how to make a soda. Much to my surprise, not one of my eleventh-graders knew what George and Emily were sharing in the soda fountain scene of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. And so, in the interest of all, I would like to illuminate your young reader as to how an ice cream soda was prepared at Christiansen's Drug Store in Lowell, Michigan.

Step One: Select a tall, ice cream glass.  
Step Two: Squirt one long pull (two for friends) on the syrup containers (filled with many types of sweet, thick syrup).  
Step Three: Squirt one short pull on the seltzer (soda water) pump and stir with a long spoon.

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## CORRECTION

The Riverwalk article in the August 6, 1997 edition of the Lowell Ledger listed the Todd Nyson Band as host of the dance.

The incorrect information was given to the Ledger office. *Hit & Run* is the band that will be the host for the dance.



When using a cookie cutter, dip it first in flour before cutting the dough.



Scooped out peppers, onions, grapefruit or cantaloupe halves make marvelous bowls for dips and desserts.

By Priscilla Lusmyer

## Ledger Entries

of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

### 100 YEARS AGO IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL - AUGUST 12, 1897

Almost a thousand attend the annual Ada Pioneers picnic at Headley's Grove, at the old village where the Thornapple joins the Grand, near Rix Robinson's home.

Local farmers can take the excursion train from Elmdale to East Lansing August 15, inspect the college, have a picnic and return home; 85 cents the round trip.

The editor weighs in against smokers smoking in non-smokers' presence.

There will be a cleaning bee at the Marble Cemetery in Keene Township Saturday.  
Paul V. Finch & Co. drug store in Grand Rapids has Dr. Tyroler's office on the second floor, and Finch customers can see the doctor for free.

### 75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - AUGUST 10, 1922

Fred White, repair man, will repair all your goods - shoe soles, lawn mowers, hot water bottles, etc.

The Ledger needs a "bright lad, full of pep and ambition" to learn the printing and newspaper business.

The coal strike and railroad strike hold up delivery of regular newspaper bundles, so continued stories, state and general news didn't make it into this week's edition.

Kent County Sunday School Association has operated 15 vacation Bible schools, six weeks in length, this summer. One of them is in Lowell.

Former Lowell Methodist pastor Bready, who is acting Mayor of Pontiac, is arrested and fined for speeding in Shelby.

### 50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - AUGUST 14, 1947

Thirty seconds of earthquake tremors, which were felt at 9:45 p.m. last Saturday night here and all over the Great Lakes area, attributed to a shift in bedrock.

Ray and Marion Avery have purchased the Howard White jewelry business. Mr. Avery will continue as the high school principal.

E.C. Foreman maintains the gateway marker at the west end of Lowell (stone piers with "Lowell" on a granite inset), but the east gateway is being neglected.

Newton Grimwood, proprietor of the Lowell Creamery, who disappeared after a head injury nine weeks ago, shows up at the police station at Monmouth, Illinois with no idea of how he got there. He is reunited with his family.

Deer numbers are up, so it will be legal to hunt them in Kent County this fall. But pheasant numbers are down, so a shorter season.

### 25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - AUGUST 10, 1972

Council votes, 3-2, to have Williams & Works start applying for state and federal funding to cover about 80 percent of a new sewer treatment facility, estimated at \$2 million.

The YMCA and school board discuss a second year of cooperative community education.

Zzano's Pizza is now open every day but Sunday. More than 20,000 people are expected to walk the Mackinac Bridge this Labor Day. The Bridge Walk started in 1958, when the bridge was dedicated.

MSU's Spartan Marching Band will be open to women this fall.

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Step Four: Gently drop several scoops of ice cream into the soda-syrup liquid.

Step Five: Fill up the glass with more seltzer water (soda water) until frothy.

Step Six: Squirt whipped cream around the top of the froth.

Step Seven: Place a maraschino cherry on top of the whipped cream!

There was nothing as delicious as a Chris's soda on a hot Michigan, summer's day! I made thousands of sodas during my stint as a "Jerk" at Chris's. My scooping arm still aches thinking about "after-football crowds." Showboat crowds - the only time I received a tip - and Christmas shoppers!

Yes, Christensen's Drug Store was an important part of life in Lowell for many years. I feel sad that it's gone - because for many of us, it was the center of life in Lowell. All paths led to Chris's. Many stories began and ended there: marriages, divorces, careers. It was where a kid waited for a parent (there were no child care centers in those days.) It was where a person went when he was alone and wanted company. It was where someone "stopped-in" after work. It was where one met someone new and exciting. It had charm and character and felt like home... something that the world could use a little more of today.

Let's raise our soda glass high, and drink a "cup of kindness, yet" to an old friend departed! Goodbye, Chris's!  
Noel (Patty Mullen) Feeney

Dear Editor:

The Health Answers advertisement in the July 16th Lowell Ledger concerns me. The response to a woman's letter is, at best, irresponsible. Dr. Anthony Trombly states "emergency room doctors (sic) are only trained to look for major injury. Unlike the Doctor of Chiropractic, the E.R. doctor lacks the training in structural problems." As a board certified, residency trained emergency medicine physician, I take offense at

those words, and must point out that they are totally inaccurate. Most of my day as an emergency medicine physician I spend diagnosing and treating "minor" injuries. I treat bruises with the same attention I give to broken bones.

My training in structural problems may differ from Dr. Trombly's chiropractic training, but I certainly am able to detect problems recognized by the medical community.

Misinformation is dangerous. I would hope that the Ledger becomes more vigilant in avoiding inflammatory statements such as those made by Dr. Trombly.

Michael Olgren,  
M.D., M.S.

## LACC plans fund-raiser for community stage

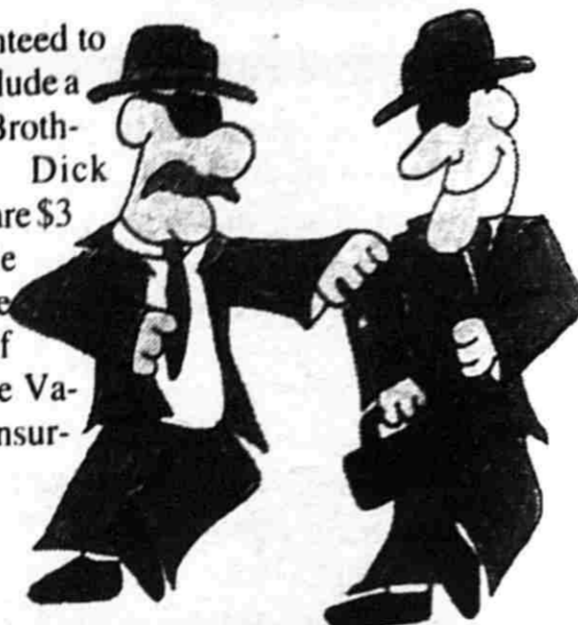
The Lowell Chamber of Commerce and the entertainment committee of Riverwalk Festival are planning a fund-raiser for a community stage.

The community stage would be built by volunteers from the community and constructed to be portable and versatile in size. Some of the future plans for this stage include the upcoming Riverwalk

Festival August 10 and the Christmas Pageant in December. Another possibility is the music festival in the early spring.

The fundraiser is scheduled for this Friday, August 30 and will be held at the Riverview on 14043 Fulton S.E. The entertainment will be coordinated by Jim and Rose Ennis.

An evening guaranteed to be entertaining will include a local act, the "Bluez Brothers" (Rick and Dick VanderWarf). Tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 a couple and are available at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Springgrove Variety and State Farm Insurance.



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



ONYCHOMYCOSIS (FUNGAL NAILS)

Onychomycosis is the term for infection of the nail by any type of fungus, including yeast. Onychomycosis is one of the most frequent nail diseases and is believed to affect 2 percent to 13 percent of the general population. Incidence increases with age, with the greatest proportion of sufferers among those aged 60 and older.

Fungi that commonly exist on the surfaces of homes and public places can cause the infection. Trauma to nails can be a predisposition to infection, as well as individuals who are immunocompromised. Toenails become infected 4 times more often than fingernails. Infected nails can coexist with normal-appearing nails.

While fungal nails may not be life threatening, they can

represent a cosmetic problem and can cause physical discomfort. For some people there are no symptoms, just the unsightly appearance. Nails are usually a white or yellowish discoloration, thickened and brittle or crumbling, and the infection may only affect one nail on a foot or hand.

Scraping of the infected nails for microscopic analysis can be successful in identifying an infection, but cultures of scrapings are expensive.

Onychomycosis is difficult to treat and can linger despite treatment. Prolonged therapy is often required, and overall response is poor.

Treatment may not be for everyone. Treatment with oral antifungal medication can be expensive, of long duration, and is not a guaranteed cure. There are side effects to medication and risk of drug interactions.

## Vergennes planners move toward regulations on home businesses and mixed use development

By Ned Adamson  
Contributing Writer

Vergennes Township planners believe they are in the home stretch run towards establishing an ordinance dealing with home occupations and home-based businesses.

Commissioners met with newly appointed consultant Steve Langworthy last Wednesday to discuss possible content for the ordinance.

The situation became an issue when several area farmers indicated they plan on getting out of farming soon or in the future and want to use part of their property in connection with a business.

Planners said at that point Langworthy indicated the property

would then become a site for a commercial enterprise and open the gates for restrictions and guidelines.

Commission chairman Rick Gillette said the commission was not concerned so much with the details and operation of a home-bound business as they are with the external visual effects the operation might have on adjacent properties.

"As you get more growth in this area, we need something in an ordinance to take care of future development in mixed areas so we can avoid the courts," said planner Timothy Howard.

"If someone sees that a precedent has been set, then the gate is open. We have to be assured that when the yuppie

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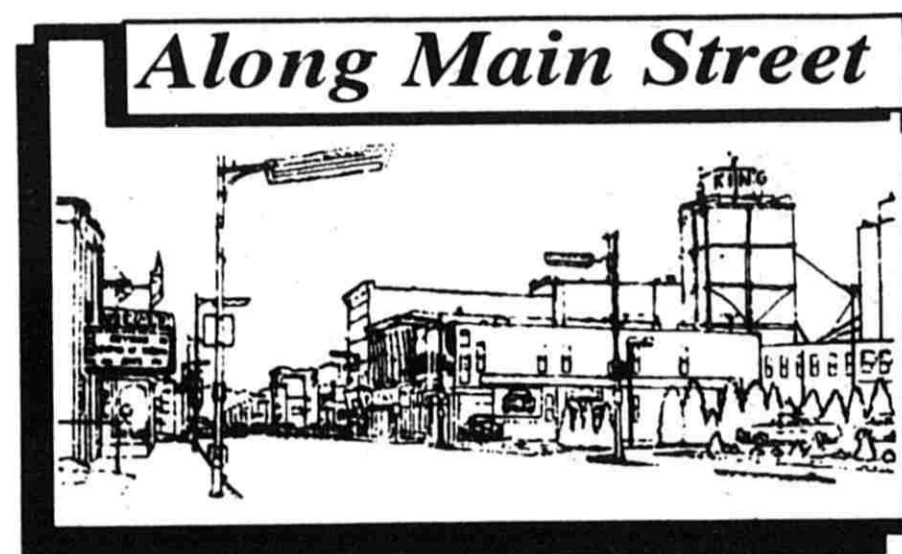
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**LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS CLUB**  
The restated constitution and bylaws of the Booster Club are available for review at the Lowell High School beginning August 11, 1997 for a period of 30 days. Questions or concerns should be addressed to Barry Hobria, the athletic director.

**YMCA YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION**  
The deadline for kindergarten through eighth grade has been extended to Thursday, Aug. 14. There is still limited space in all age groups. All registrations must be in by 4:30 p.m. to avoid any late fees. The deadline for three to five year olds is still August 28.  
For further information call the YMCA at 897-8445.

**CLARK-ELLIS AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY POTLUCK DINNER**  
The Clark-Ellis American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their potluck dinner at Creekside Park at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 18. Bring a dish to pass and own table service. Beverages will be provided.

## Vredenburg, cont'd... From Page 1

"What's that saying? The good die young," recalled friend Don Dilly. "Clark was a wonderful man who treated all people so well."

Dilly recalled a certain New Year's Day favor Vredenburg did for his wife.

"My wife had a toothache on New Year's Day about Rose Bowl time. I called Clark (he wasn't even my wife's dentist) and asked if there was anything he could do for her," Dilly explained. "He said, 'Meet me in my office in 30 minutes.'"

Dilly was one of a handful of people Vredenburg frequently played golf with. "I played golf with him for the past 15-20 years. He wasn't a great golfer, but Clark was fun. He liked the camaraderie."

Friend and fellow golfer Bob Elzinga concurred. "He loved to play the game and he played by the rules. Clark was a good, honest person with high integrity and a good sense of humor."

He is survived by his wife Leah; children Michelle (Kelly) Jackson, Andrew (Halley) Vredenburg, Matt (Debbie) Vredenburg, and Marty (Angie) Vredenburg; grandchildren Kyle, Bradley, Alec and Julia; his mother Helen Pedden Vredenburg; sister Patricia Fairbanks, and brothers John and James.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Lowell, Dr. Roger LaWarre officiating.

Interment Oakwood Cemetery. There will be no funeral home visitation. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Endowment Fund of the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Lowell or Hospice of Holland.

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**Arnold H. Glasow**

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For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

**HARRY'S BACK IN TOWN**  
The watercolor group "Harry and Friends" is again on exhibit at the Lowell Area Arts Council Center Gallery. This exhibit of 34 watercolors will be on view through August 16.  
Some members of this exhibit have been painting together for 20 years. Many of those years were spent working under the instruction of now retired Harry Hefner of Western Michigan University's art department. Gallery hours are Tuesday thru Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

**LACC OFFICE AUGUST CLOSING**  
The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce office will be closed through August 18. The office will open Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 a.m.  
You may call 897-9918 for information.

## Agreement, continued... From Page 1

option whereby they get vision and dental coverage plus money to use toward an annuity.

Korb said the preliminary indication is that 10-12 school employees will make the switch, saving the school district about \$3,600 a year per employee.

Another switch will involve payment of coaches. They will be paid a percentage of their BA base.

"This positions the district to save money down the road," Korb explained.

Prior to the change, coaches were paid a percentage of their salary.

Bus drivers will not receive an hourly increase for the 1997-98 school year. However, bus drivers working 25 hours or less a week can receive comparable benefits through a co-pay provision. An employee would pay \$60 a month for full family coverage or single subscribers would pay \$30 a month.

Bus drivers will receive a two percent salary increase in 1998-99 and will get a 1.25 percent increase for field trips.

Along with their 2.2 percent increase, school mechanics will also receive a \$200 per year tool allowance.

While agreeing with most of the contract language ele-

## Erosion, continued... From Page 7

When Heibel first proposed the condominium development, area residents had little concern about the development itself, but were heavily concerned about the possible negative impact runoff from the development's elevated setting could have on their properties.

Commissioner Mark Batchelor said, "Erosion was the big issue when this development plan got started. Now we want to make sure the erosion problem is corrected."

Commissioners will inspect the site on August 25 prior to a special meeting that evening to see that Heibel has taken care of the erosion control steps deemed necessary by the commission.

If he has, Heibel will be authorized to obtain a building permit to erect a model unit for the project.

Planners approved a private road project—Missy's Way—contingent on developer David Beach building curbs and

**PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT FMB**  
The photographs of artists Betty Galloway, Marcia Hawks, Marlene Nau Leistico and Douglas Williams are currently on view in the FMB Galleria. Both black and white and color works are on exhibit during business hours.  
This Lowell Area Arts Council sponsored exhibit is on view through September 3.

**FIRST ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING**  
The first regularly scheduled athletic Booster Club meeting will be Monday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School.

**LAAC EXHIBIT**  
Three Grand Rapids artists come together in a joint exhibition in the Lowell Area Arts Council Center Gallery. Molly Alicki-Corriveau, Mary Lynn Rouleau and Lynette M. Vought bring recent work from their respective studios. All three women are working artists and instructors in the Grand Rapids area.  
This exhibit opens Monday, Aug. 26 and reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through Tuesday, Sept. 30.

ments, board trustee Ellen McClain said she did not agree with the financial element of the two-year contract.

"With the direction this school district is going, by the year 2,000 it will not have a fund balance," McClain said. "Teachers out of college are making \$30,000 a year for working nine months a year and six hours a day. There needs to be some balance."

Anne Mulder, board secretary, in disagreement with McClain, said while a teacher's day is six hours in the classroom, their work doesn't end there.

School board president Pete Gustafson called the negotiation of contracts an important element for the school district, a significant part of its budget and a major part of its functioning.

He added that school districts need to heed the red flags in regards to the implications of current funding patterns. "Unless new approaches are sought, schools will run into fiscal difficulties down the road."

Elements of the contract were drawn up through parameters set by the board.

## Regulations, cont'd... From Page 7

gutters where the road connects to Pratt Lake Road.

Commission chairman Richard Bryan said at present the road is a wash-out problem and needs to be corrected before building permits can be issued for subdivision housing construction.

Planners held up approval of a request by Sam Noon, who operates an antiques sales operation in the township.

Noon wants to construct another building for expansion and storage purposes. Bryan explained that Noon would have to take care of potential run-off problems before an okay is granted.

Plans by Bernie Anderson, Jr., to sell motorcycles at his Endurance Products operation on M-21 were also stalled until Anderson obtains the necessary frontage (300 feet) and an automotive brokers license from the state.

## Regulations, cont'd... From Page 7

from hell moves next door, a resident will have some sort of protection."

Langworthy stressed that establishing parameters for characteristics of home business operations are needed to make a sound ordinance.

Planners hope to receive a preliminary draft for an ordinance by the Sept. 8th meeting. An informal meeting with concerned residents will then be scheduled followed by a public hearing.

Commissioners would like to see an ordinance in place by November.

Planners wrapped up the session by raising the need for regulations covering boat docks and boardwalks primarily on properties along the Flat River impoundment.

Similar regulations already adopted by nearby Ada Township will be looked at to gain some insight in devel-

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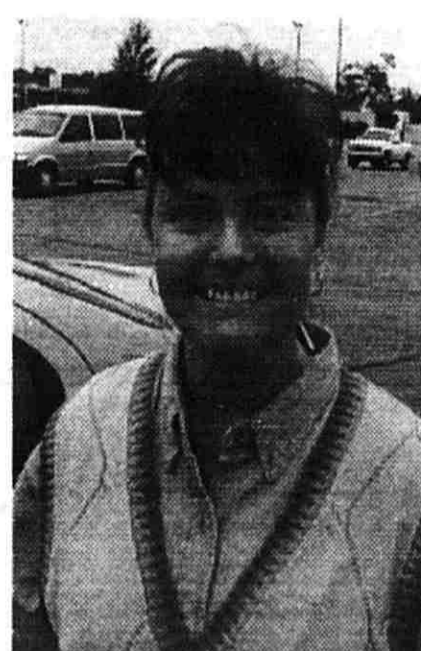
**Martha Stewart is described as blond, beautiful, rich and successful - and yet, according to an unauthorized biography, many people from coast to coast don't like her. Are you a fan or foe of Martha Stewart?**



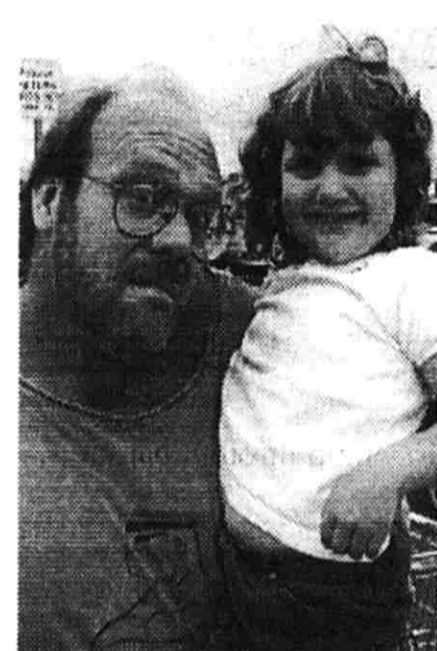
**Joanne Schurman**  
I am a fan. Martha is down to earth and I like how she decorates.



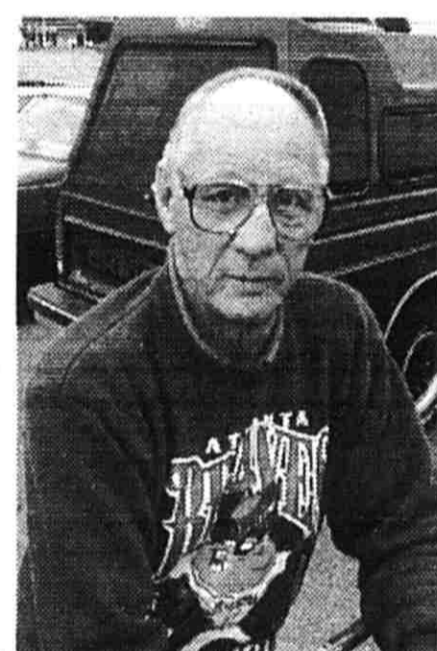
**Jayne Bolthouse-Reedy**  
I am a foe. She has not been good to her family.



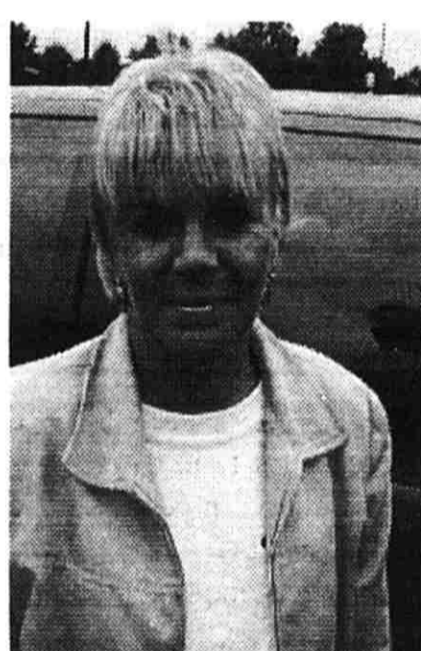
**Kammie VanOosten**  
Neither. Nobody is perfect.



**Marc Geelhoed (Karlie Paulin)**  
I am a fan. She seems all right to me.



**Dale McCall**  
I have never watched Martha, but she doesn't bother me.



**Pam Parks**  
I don't like her. I think she is snobbish and believes she knows more than everybody.



To check a canoe paddle for size, stand it on the ground in front of you. The handle should come to the height of your chin if you plan to paddle from the bow of the canoe; it should come to the height of your eye if you plan to paddle from the stern.

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From THE LEDGER

**Our Final Winner Is Jayne Mathews**

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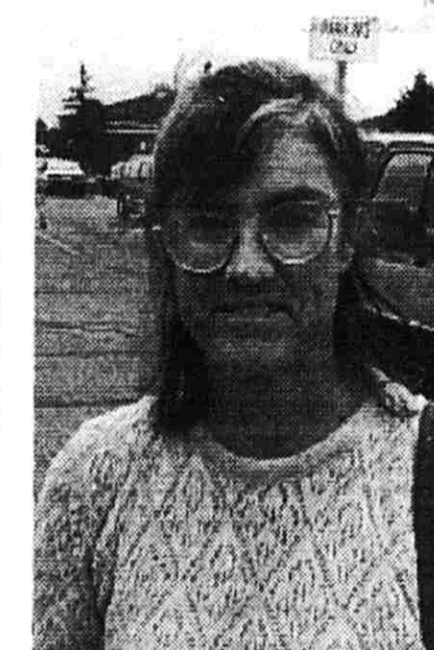
Tickets are undated, reserved seats and should be redeemed at the stadium box office. All exchanges are made based upon availability!



**Diana Shank**  
I have no strong opinion either way. I guess I don't really care.



**Barb Rogers**  
I am a fan. She hasn't said or done anything I find annoying.



**Susan Wagner**  
Neither. However, what I saw of her magazine I liked.

## Lowell twirlers perform in Hawaii

Four local girls performed and toured in Hawaii the last week of July. They are Amanda Miller, Becky Raymor, Nikita Miles and Mandy Vezino. The girls, all from the Lowell area, perform with the New Olympians Division of the Bonnie Blue Bells baton group.

Arriving in Honolulu, the girls toured Chinatown and the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. On two afternoons they performed at the Ala Moana Shopping Center, a three-story shopping mall.

After participating in a traditional Hawaiian luau, the girls transferred to the "Big Island" where they visited Hawaii Volcano National Park and the Kilauea Crater. The girls were amazed at the steam vents and with the lava tube.

They traveled on to the city of Kona, stopping along the way to see the white and black sand beaches. They also performed twice on this island, once in the hotel and once at another shopping mall.



New Olympians, back, left to right: Amanda Miller, Becky Raymor; front, left to right: Nikita Miles and Mandy Vezino.

The girls and their families were treated like real performers for the week. When asked what they liked best on their trip, Raymor responded, "Watching the surfers - they were out in the ocean early in the morning until dark and the waves were tall." Miller said, "It was just fun to perform and show others what we do and have them respond so graciously."

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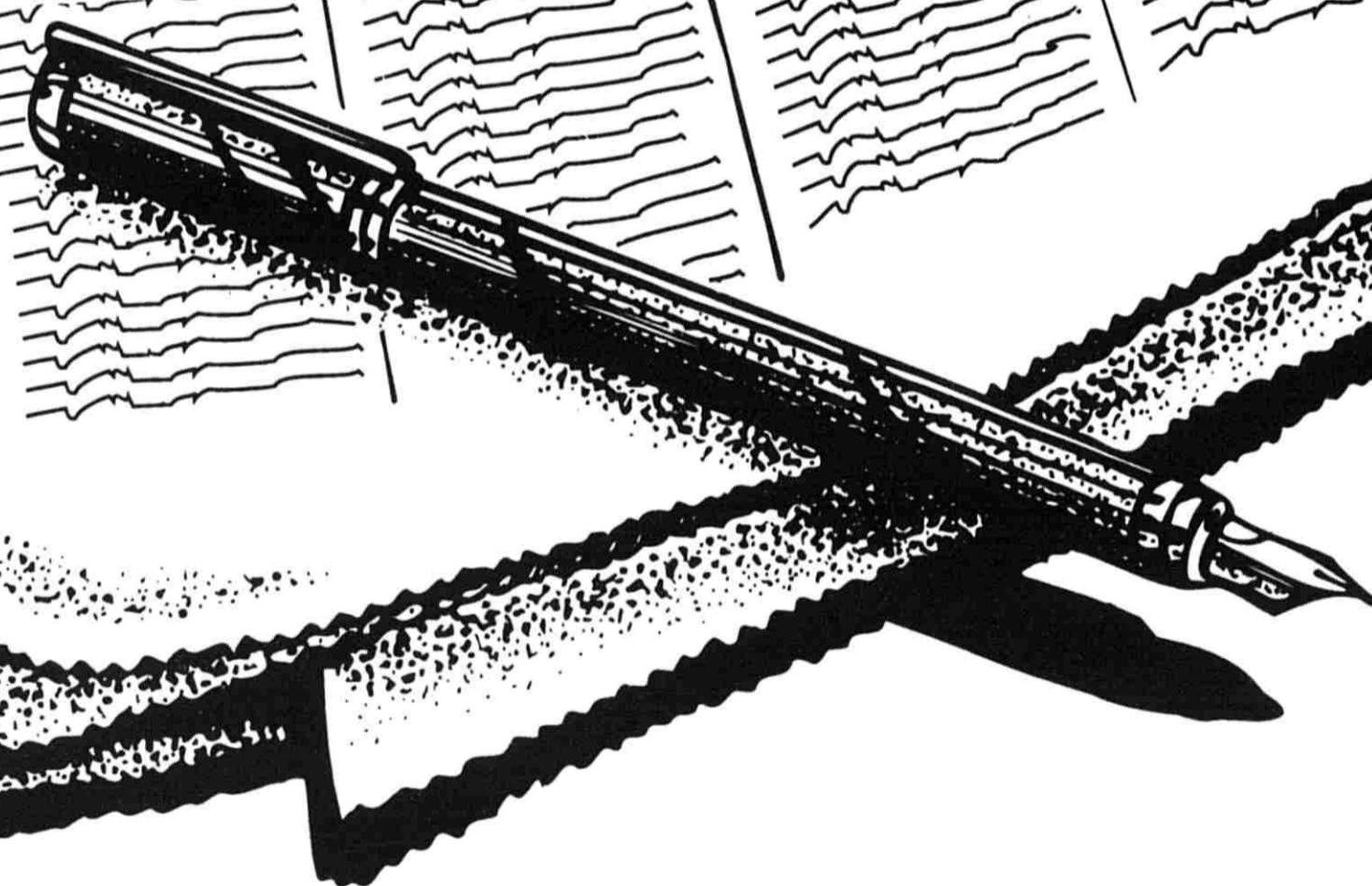
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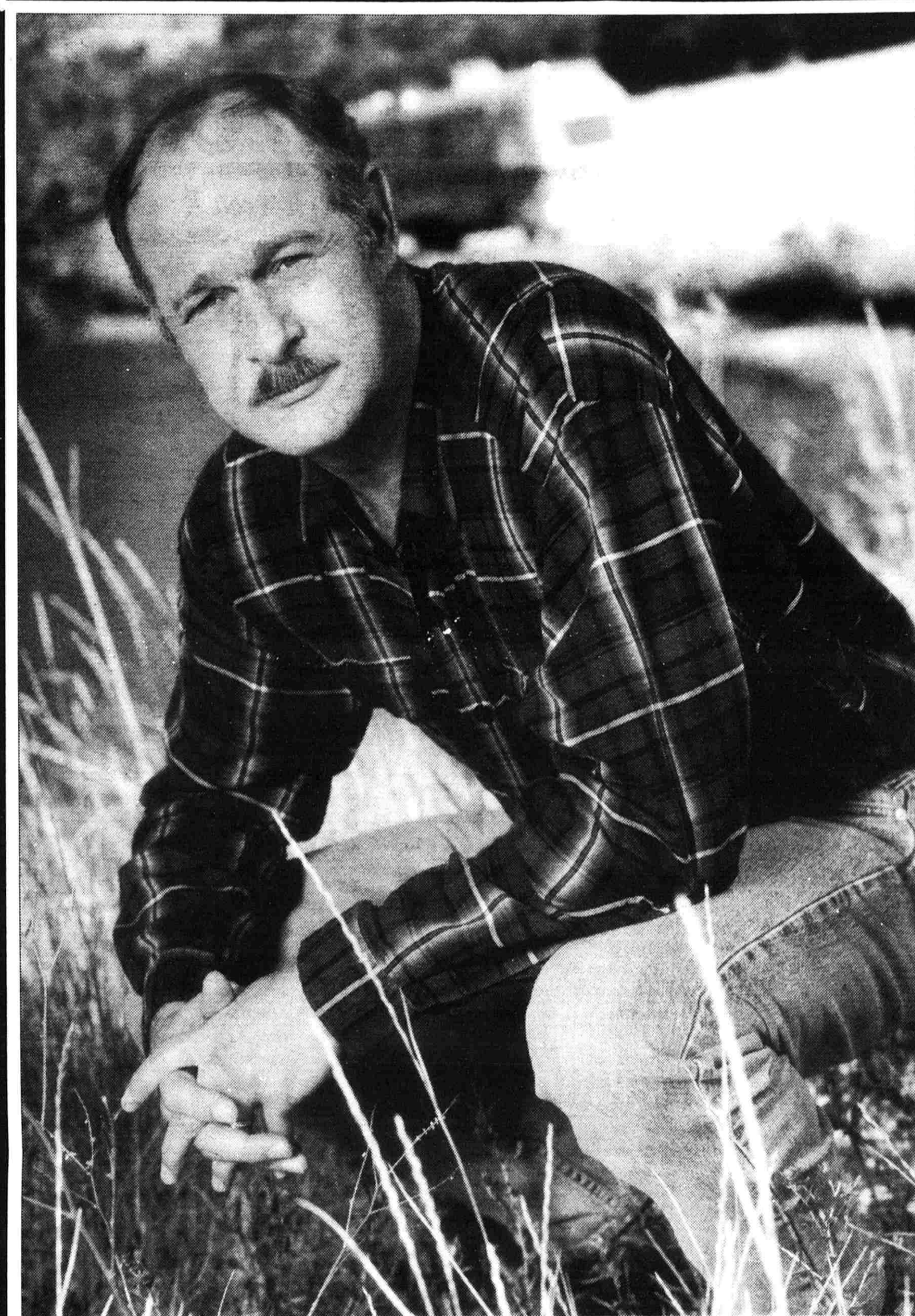
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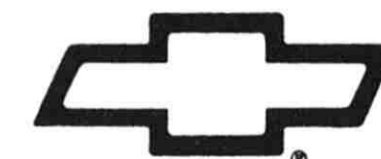
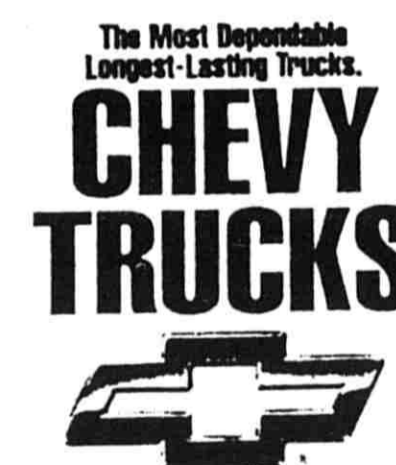


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## Court Royalty

The 1997 Kent County Royal Court, from left to right: Josh Kidder, junior king; Kathy Thuston, second runner-up; Kevin Chase, king; Robin Mankle, queen; Rachel Doctor, first runner-up; Melissa VanLaan, junior queen. The court will promote the Kent County Youth Fair for the next year through parades and community service.



Lowell's Skye Fisher, middle, talks with the judge, left, during Friday's dairy showmanship. In back of Fisher is Lowell's Annie Oesch, who placed second in the competition. Fisher was third.

Touse, a Nubian goat, peered over the top of its cage as it looked visitors right in the eye. Touse is owned by Eve Meyers of Greenville.

## After 30 years, VanOtteren gets her wish - a fair view from a cart

*If you are willing to work with kids, give them attention and a chance a person can get back so much more than they can give out. Kids make it worth your while.*

Betty VanOtteren

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Betty VanOtteren can't imagine the existence of the Kent County Youth Fair without being a part of it.

Neither can the hundreds of 4-H kids who have grown under her tutelage over the past 30 years.

Ainsley Smit, 16 years old, was hesitant about trying to compete in the western riding pattern class.

VanOtteren's gift of instilling confidence in those who become members of the Blue Ridge Riders 4-H Club helped erase Smit's hesitancy.

"The western pattern riding class is a very difficult pattern," VanOtteren said.

"But Ainsley worked and practiced at it."

The result was a first-place showing.

"Later in life, when 4-H students are presented with a difficult task, they are able to look back and remember their successes in 4-H," VanOtteren said.

"They will remember that they did it then and they can do it now too."

Last year, the venerable 4-H leader was asked how long she would remain active. After all, she had participated as a youth until the age of 19 and has served as a leader ever since.

She responded that she would continue until she got a cart to drive around like the Kent County Fair officials do.

Remembering that, Mary Sage, the mother of a Blue Ridge Rider 4-H member (Jennifer) rented out a cart from the Arrowhead Golf Course so VanOtteren would have the use of a cart during fair week.

"One of the great things about 4-H and this fair is it brings out the best in everybody," VanOtteren says with a smile.

As the Blue Ridge Riders Club title suggests, its club members learn to ride and show horses.

Its leader showed horses as a youth and worked in border houses.

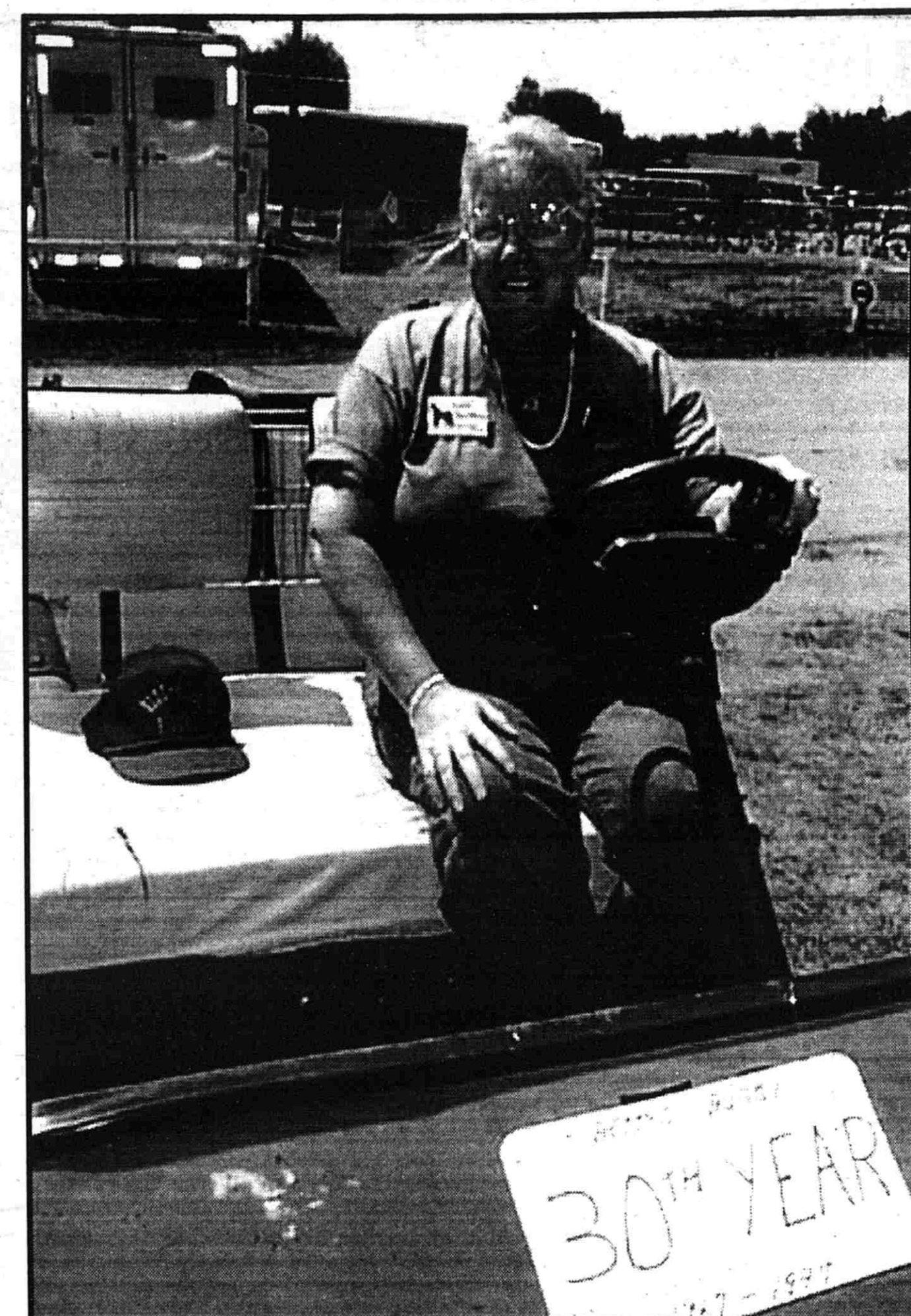
"After kids were through participating in 4-H activities, they returned as leaders and helped the younger kids," VanOtteren said. "That same thing is still done today."

Working with others, helping others, trying new things and working as a member of a team are life skills taught to members of 4-H clubs.

Besides riding, members of the Blue Ridge Riding Club study and learn parts of the horse and equipment.

Of the six members of VanOtteren's club who participated in this year's fair, five made it to the horsemanship sweepstakes class.

"If you are willing to work with kids, give them attention and a chance a person can get back so much more than they can give out," VanOtteren said. "Kids make it worth your while."



It is doubtful anyone was happier to be at the Kent County 4-H Youth Fair than Blue Ridge Riders 4-H Club leader Betty VanOtteren.

## Hufstader's art to be included in China's International art exhibition

Nineteen Michigan counties, including Kent County, will be represented at the 1997 Sichuan, People's Republic of China International Children's Painting Exhibition. Children from all over the world were invited to participate. Seventy-seven pieces

of Michigan children's art were sent to China.

Kristin Hufstader, age 9, of the Boondockers 4-H Club of Lowell, submitted her work entitled "Barnyard Friends." Kristin received an award at the Kent County Youth Fair

on August 4 from Michigan State University Extension for her selection.

The art exchange program is coordinated by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H youth programs.

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## Third grade class's adopted calf makes first appearance at fair

••• Lisa Rasch, who along with her third-grade classmates charted and graphed the growth of Ebony Moon, competed in the dairy showmanship class.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Kent County Youth Fair celebrates hard work, desire and zeal.

Nine-year-old Lisa Rasch of Lowell embodies all of those traits.

Rasch joined the Wolverine 4-H Club in June and on Friday for the first time, she walked Ebony Moon (calf) into the Reath Barn for the dairy showmanship class competition.

The youth's 4-H interest peaked as a member of Jennifer Bulhuis' third-grade class. Rasch and her classmates adopted the young calf and its mother Oreo (both owned by Dewey and Michelle Francisco).

The class graphed and charted the weight and growth of both Oreo and Ebony Moon throughout the school year.

With that experience, Rasch's 4-H interest grew, leading her to eventually accept Michelle Francisco's offer to become a Wolverine member.

Rasch wasted little time as she began working toward her goal of participating in the fair's dairy showmanship class.

Along with training Ebony Moon, Rasch fed, watered, bathed and brushed the calf daily.

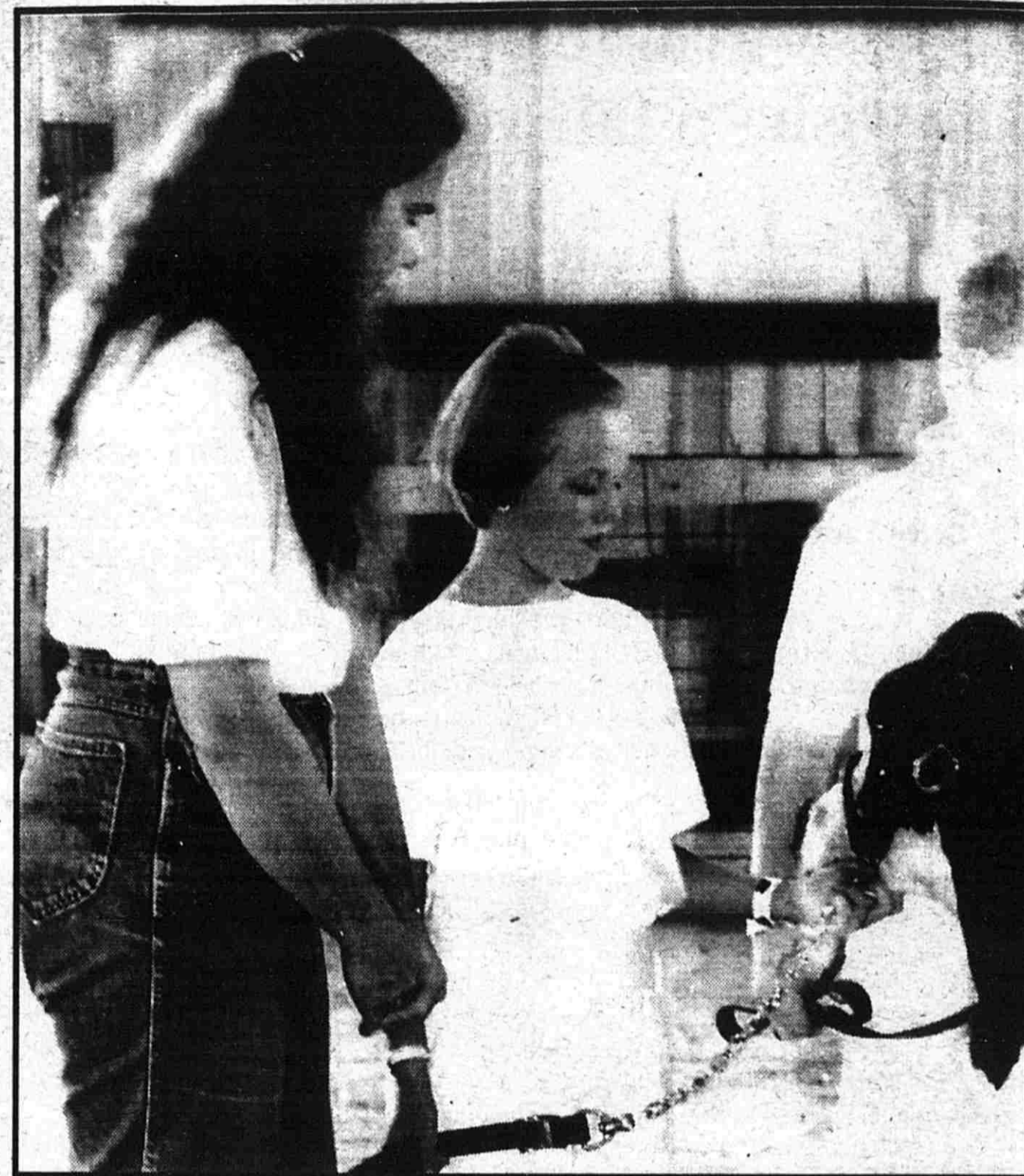
"I practiced with Ebony Moon for about an hour a day,

every other day, since July," Rasch said. "I was a little anxious about showing a calf for the first time."

The rookie showman quickly learned of the weight difference. Rasch weighs approximately 70-75 pounds; the young calf tipped the scales anywhere from 125-200 pounds.

"Mrs. Francisco helped to teach me the correct stance for a calf, how to walk in the ring, and to always keep your eye on the judge," Rasch said.

The Lowell youth said she would like to expand and also show her dog Sadie (golden retriever) in future years.



Lisa Rasch, center, and calf (Ebony Moon) visit with the dairy showmanship judge.

## Auction, continued.... From Page 1

Siler explained that it costs approximately \$2,900 to take its members to the state convention each year and \$4,000 to attend the national convention.

"If a student earns the right to go to state and national activities, then I believe the organization needs to find the money to send them," Siler said.

Over the years, this has been made possible through the long-standing support of Michigan Wire, FMB State Savings Bank and King Milling and other local businesses. This year, Ionia County National Bank has joined the ranks.

Ionia County National Bank has a history of providing support in other communities that it serves. Now it

has gotten into the game here in Lowell," Siler explained.

King Milling purchased two FFA hogs and then donated them back to the auction. Michigan Wire bought both hogs the second time around.

FMB State Savings Bank bought two lambs and then donated them back to the auction. Ionia County National Bank then purchased both FFA lambs.

The Kent County Youth Fair got on average \$2.08 per pound for each hog put up for auction. Total hog sales reached \$86,598.64.

The average cost paid per pound for lamb was \$3.72; the total sale accumulated for lamb was \$22,864.

The youth fair gets three percent of each sale.

"I want to express my gratitude for the way the banks, King Milling and Michigan Wire stepped up," said Lowell High School principal Scott Vashaw. "What they did was absolutely fabulous."

Other activities used by the FFA to raise funds throughout the year include the alumnae Hog Roast and Auction, fruit sale, and parking at the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

"The support of the Lowell FFA organization has blossomed over the last 10 years," Siler said. "There is appreciation for our efforts and our programs. We feel very, very good about that."



Pictured from left to right are Pete Siler, Noreen Balaam (FMB State Savings Bank), Andrea Baker, Hillarie Tichelaar, Jennifer Uphaus (Ionia County National Bank) and Scott Vashaw.

## Golf scramble drives in \$1,200 for Boosters club

The day was perfect when 14 teams teed it up at the third Booster golf scramble on June 16. This year the annual event raised approximately \$1,200 with monies dedicated to paying for warm-ups for various teams.

"Many people in the community are not aware that team warm-ups are paid for by the athletic budget," stated president Mickey Burrows. She went on to explain that "three years ago the Boosters made the commitment to purchase warm-ups for up to three teams a year every year. This comes to a lot of money and we made the decision to have a golf outing each year and not only earmark that towards warm-ups but to have something that is fun for everyone involved."

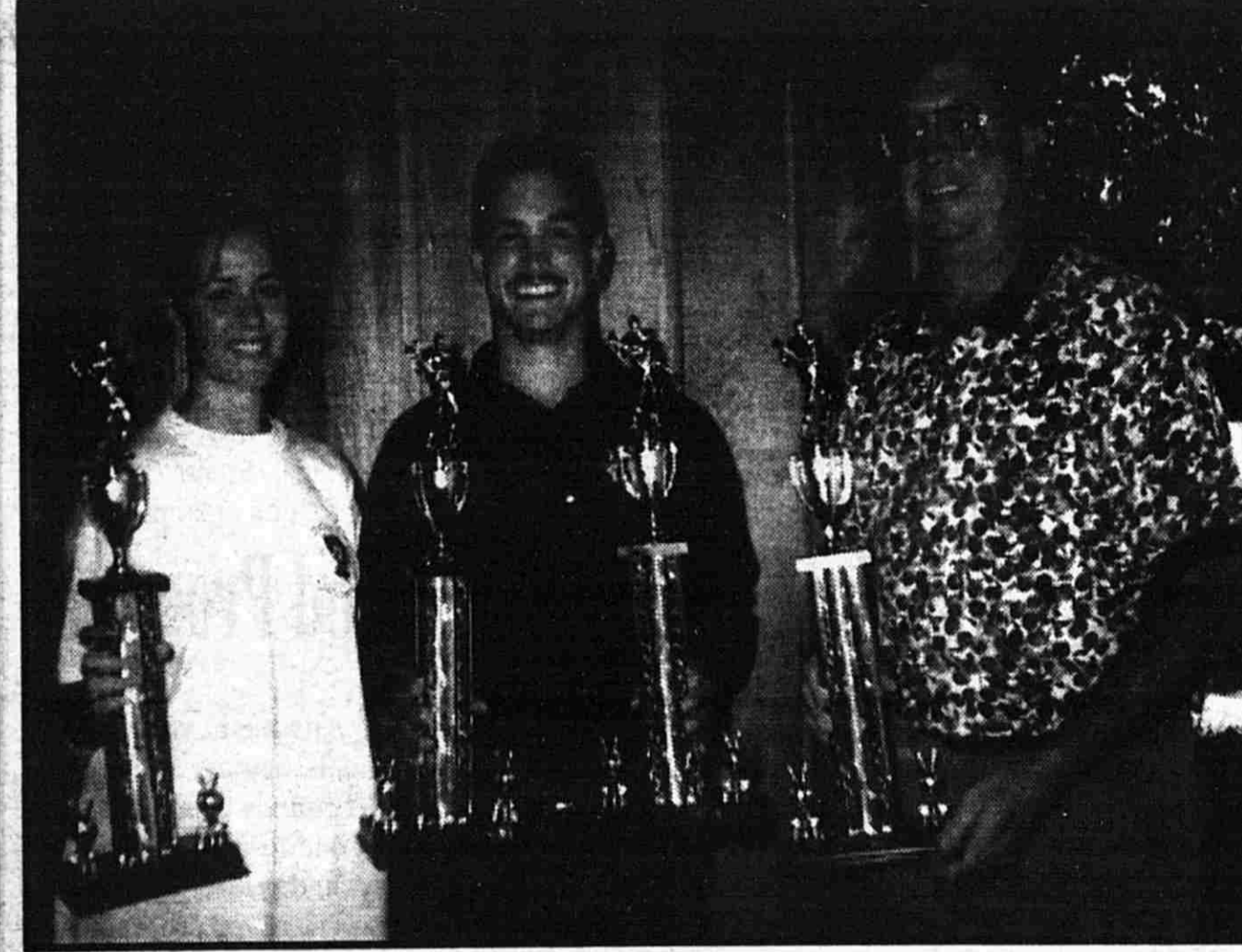
The first place team consisted of Dennis Anchors, Deanna Anchors, Terry Abel and Darl DeCator. On the second place team were golf coaches Rick White and Jack Ogle with Dina DeCator and Becky Lecuru rounding out the team. Dan Burrows, Tom Breinling, Colin Hopkinson and Dave Johnson were the third place winners.

"I was very pleased to see some of the past and present girls' varsity team players out here having fun and supporting the Athletic Boosters," said Burrows.

Hole sponsors for the outing were Lowell Education Association, Curtis Cleaners, Country Roads, Inc., Total Agri Services, FMB State Savings Bank, Dick and Pam Posthumus, Buyers Guide/Lowell Ledger, Lowell High School football coaches, McGee Homestead, Mancino's Italian Eatery, JICE Pharmaceuticals, Irish Clover, Inc., Shaffer Floor

Coverings and Byrne Electric. Many prizes were donated by both businesses and Booster supporters which helped make the scramble a success.

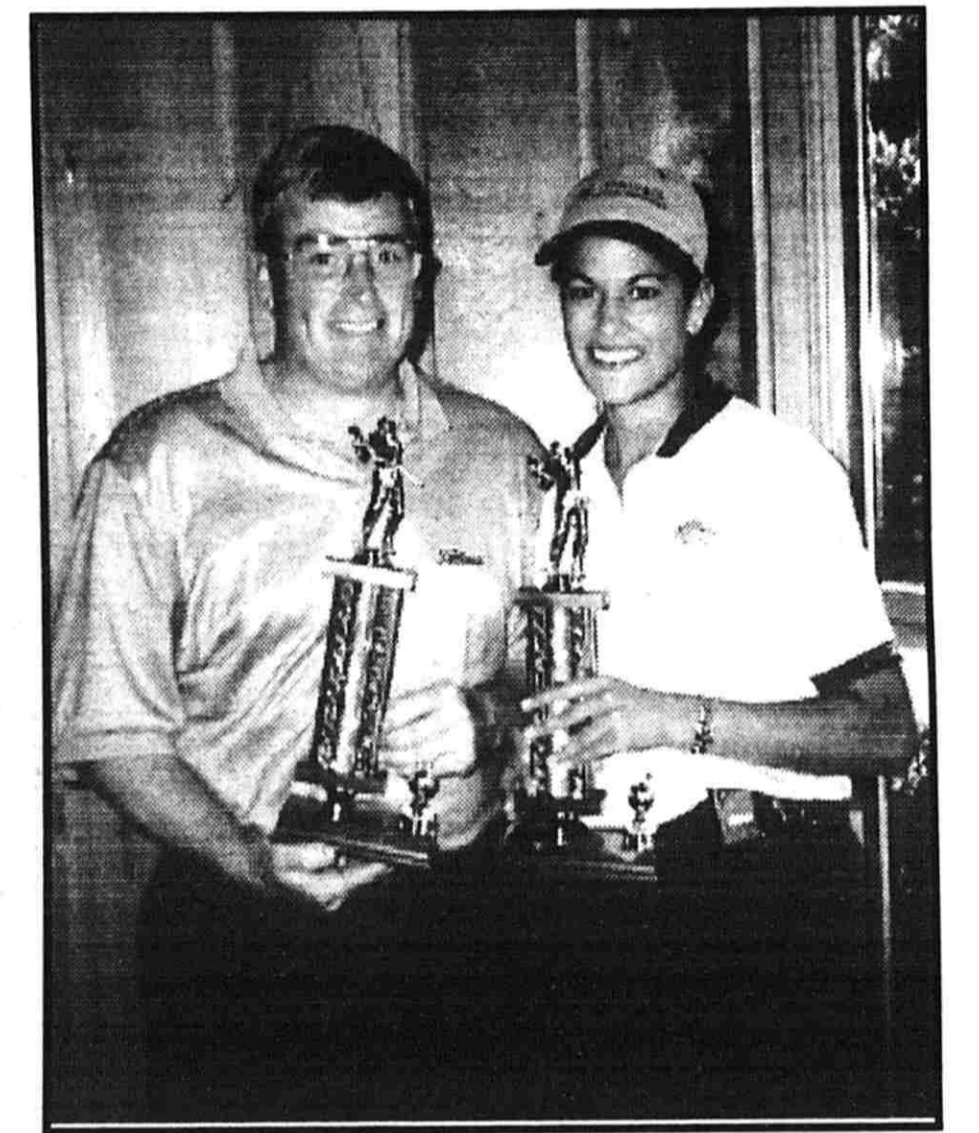
Next year, the goal of the organizers is to double the teams and sponsors participating in the outing so that more team warm-ups are possible each year.



First-place golf scramble winners, from left to right: Deanna Anchors, Darl DeCator and Dennis Anchors. Missing from the picture is Terry Abel.



Golf scramble third-place winners, left to right: Dave Johnson, Dan Burrows, Colin Hopkinson and Tom Breinling.



Second place golf scramble winners, left to right: Rick White and Dina DeCator. Missing from picture are Jack Ogle and Becky Lecuru.

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Thomas M. Gehrett has made application for variance from Section 7.04 (b) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance requiring twenty (20) feet side setback. The request is to extend an existing accessory structure. Said structure is to be located on:

Parcel 41-12-17-225-008:

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Lyle Weeks has made application for variance from Section 3.29 (E) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, "Minimum Standards For All Private Roads." Said private road is to be located on:

Parcel 41-12-11-100-013: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 ex N 2/5 of W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 & ex com 805.9 ft S along W sec line from NW cor of sec th E par with N sec line 264 ft th S par with W sec line 330 ft th W along N 1/8 line. 660 ft to W sec line th N 5/4 ft M/L to beg" sec 11 T8N R9W. Acres: 25.89.

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## Bleke calls new administrator fee schedule more equitable and fair

Lowell administrators receive salary increase plus a one time salary adjustment.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell School administrators will receive increases totaling an average of 5.2 percent for the upcoming 1997-98 school year.

Officials will receive a 2.5 percent hike in their salary plus increases in fringe benefits, bringing the total compensation to 3.1 percent.

In addition, many administrators will get a one time salary adjustment.

"I believe this will create a more fair, equitable fee schedule," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said.

The agreement eliminates step pay for administrators and per diem pay for work during the summer and provides more equity within the county among school administrators, according to Bleke.

"Prior to the increase, Bleke said Lowell administrator salaries were near last in Kent County.

As did the teachers, administrators have agreed to work more days and more hours during the year for no additional income," Bleke said. "I believe what we have put in place is a cleaner way of doing business."

His response to checking with local businesses to see what managers are being paid, Bleke said he felt he had a good concept of what management is paid. "I don't feel as if Lowell school administrators are being overpaid."

Board trustee Ellen McClain said she felt administrative salaries were out of line with the real world. "But, education seems to be the leader in that."

Pete Gustafson, board president, said the new contract moves toward paying administrators as full time professionals with an annual salary and moves away from hourly wage and per diem pay.

"This move is consistent with the way managers of companies and other segments of society are paid," Gustafson said. "It is a more professional way to look at employment."

## Two Lowell students recognized by Grand Valley Blood Program

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Seniors from seven Kent County high schools were bestowed with the Grand Valley Blood Program's High Time Award for outstanding service through repeated blood donations.

Eight students earned these honors this past spring, with two of them being Lowell's Todd Johnson and Jill R. Dykstra.

The award is given to students who donate blood six or more times before their graduation.

This is a noteworthy achievement since students don't become eligible to give blood until the age of 17.

Students who donate six times have made it a "high" priority to make time for giving blood a "high" number of times—major achievements which the award's name was meant to indicate.

Each student winner receives a clock engraved with his or her name plus information documenting the award.

Anyone 17 years or older who is healthy and weighs 110 pounds or more may be eligible to donate blood every 56 days.

The blood program must collect more than 39,000 pints of blood to meet its needs this year.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF LOWELL

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, Michigan 49331 until Tuesday, August 26, 1997 at 2 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud for improvements to the building at 113 Lafayette Street. The proposed improvements include complete tear-off of existing built-up roof and replacement with new insulation and single membrane EPDM roof. Some repair work to existing copings, and all associated flashings and accessory work is to be included. Also included is the removal and replacement of existing fixed windows and entry doors. The total estimated budget for the project is approximately \$20,000. Please be sure to mark envelope "113 LAFAYETTE BUILDING RENOVATIONS."

Specifications/blue prints may be secured upon request from the City of Lowell, City Hall, 897-8457. Estimated time of start and completion of project must accompany bid. Contractor is responsible to secure appropriate permits. If there are any questions about the project, please contact Dan DesJarden at 897-5929.

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## DDA and local banks offer business owners funding incentives for building improvements

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In coordination with the Downtown Development Authority, Ionia County National Bank and FMB State Savings Bank will offer funding incentives for property improvements.

The DDA initiated a property improvement project whereby it will annually allocate \$10,000 for renovation grants.

FMB will offer businesses within the historic district program loans up to a maximum of \$50,000 at one percent under prime.

FMB will also provide \$1,000 to the DDA and historic district to cover advertisement and promotion cost for their property improvement project.

Ionia County National Bank (ICNB) will provide interest rates slightly below market rate to creditworthy borrowers within the DDA who have received approval for the project by the DDA committee at interest rates slightly below market rate.

In addition ICNB will donate to the DDA one half of one percent of the interest paid on each of their improvement or renovation loans. Those monies will be used toward advertisements or other expenses that may be related to perpetuating a private renovation project.

This improvement project will give business owners grants representing two percent of what they use to renovate a building. For every \$1,000 spent, the DDA will kick in \$20.

"It is not a whole lot, but it is something," said DDA chairman Jim Reagan. "Grants will be available to businesses even if loans are not needed."

Each year the program will be reviewed and an effort will be made to add to the loan funds already available.

Grant monies remaining at the end of each year will be used to do renovation work on deteriorating buildings.

"This would act like a reinvestment to prevent values from deteriorating downtown," Reagan explained.

All applications will be reviewed and projects will be ranked and prioritized in the following order:

- Renovation of an existing building or improving signage within the Lowell Historic district.
- Renovating a vacant building within the Lowell Historic district.
- Establishing a new business in a vacant building in the DDA district.
- Establishing a new business in the DDA district, but not in a vacant building.
- Final grant approval will be completely at the discretion of the DDA Projects and Facilities committee.
- Grant denial may be appealed in writing to the DDA board.
- "The Lowell DDA will not endorse any specific contractor or materials for use in the renovation loan program," Reagan said.
- Applications will be mailed to business owners outlining the guidelines.

## Schools hopeful legislature will clean up wounds created by Governor's special education slashing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

At-risk and special education programs are in place, and school officials thought the dollars were too.

However, the Governor's veto of at-risk dollars, 60/40 blended count and change in special education funding, could leave large impressions in school district budgets around the state.

Lowell business manager Connie Gillette and superintendent Bert Bleke do not believe the Governor's actions will stay.

However, as of now, the Governor's actions put the Lowell School District in line to lose all of its \$163,275 at-risk funds; and \$150,000 loss in special education funding. It also returns all schools to the 50/50 blend and eliminates about \$8,000 Lowell would have received in high growth categoricals.

"I am not sure we will see the categoricals or the 60/40 blend, but I do think the at-risk and special education funds will be restored," Bleke said.

A 60-40 blended student count would have meant \$92,854 more for Lowell.

The Governor's action came on the heels of a Supreme Court ruling in the Durant Case that stated special education has been underfunded over the past 17 years and the state must now pay it back to the schools.

Prior to breaking, legislators approved increasing foundation grants by 2.9 percent, a 60/40 blended student count (60 percent of September count and 40 percent of February count), increasing at-risk categorical dollars, and increasing school readiness funding.

Gillette said no action will be taken in response to the Governor's until legislature returns to session later this month.

Schools are asking that underfunding of special education in previous years be independent of the current state aid payment.

"We encourage the state to work with the school districts to develop an equitable repayment plan to satisfy the Headlee underfunding claims," Gillette said. "Repayment of the Headlee underfunding should not negatively impact any school district, including the foundation."

Board president Pete Gustafson said if the Governor's actions stand, the board must look immediately to what it will do with the programs. "I don't think we can draw against other programs to support at-risk and special education programs."

As to when school districts can expect a payoff from the state for underfunding special education in previous years, Gillette said that has not yet been decided.



Doctors recommend people with leg cramps massage the muscle a few minutes and gradually force it to function. Persistent or frequent leg cramps should be brought to the attention of a physician.

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George & Karen Noble have made application for variance from Section 7.04 (b) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance requiring fifty (50) feet rear setback for an accessory structure. Said structure is to be located on:

Parcel 41-12-36-300-002:

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David & Michelle Velzen have made application for variance from Section 3.29 (E) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, "Minimum Standards For All Private Roads." Said private road is to be located on:

Parcel 41-12-14-400-020:

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Raymond & Laura Meyer have made application for variance from Section 7.04 (b) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance requiring 20 feet rear setback in the R-L District. Said structure is to be located on:

Parcel 41-12-10-176-021:

LOT 29 WOODLAND PARK

Written comments concerning this issue should be received prior to the hearing and addressed to: Kean Kaliniak, Grattan Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, MI 48809.

# LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



**Dear Jonathan:** I read your last column regarding the necessity of filing a property transfer affidavit when certain types of property are transferred. I recently made my last payment on a land contract which I entered into in 1988. I just received the deed to the property and recorded it. Am I also required to file a property transfer affidavit in this instance? After reading last week's column, I was not clear on this issue.

**Jonathan Says:** Although the conveyance of real estate by a land contract is deemed to be a "transfer of ownership" under Michigan law, which would require the filing of a property transfer affidavit, since this new law did not take effect until January 1, 1995, you are not required to file a property transfer affidavit in this instance. In other words, since your land contract was entered into prior to January 1,

1995, it is not deemed to be a "transfer of ownership" under Michigan law. This is true even though the land contract was not paid off until 1997 at which time you received your deed. **Dear Jonathan:** I recently attempted to transfer some back accounts to my living trust. In order to do so, the bank required that I give them a copy of the trust agreement or a certificate of trust. Since I didn't have a certificate of trust I gave them my trust agreement which I really did not want to do. I would like to have a certificate of trust prepared so that the next time I make transfers to the trust I don't have to turn over a copy of the entire trust document. Exactly what is a certificate of trust and how do I go about preparing one?

**Jonathan Says:** A certificate of trust existence and authority is what you are referring to and the attorney who prepared your trust should be able to prepare one on your behalf.

In 1991, Michigan came out with a law which sets forth the type of information which should be included in a certificate of trust existence and authority. Although this law was enacted to allow the certificate to be recorded, in lieu of the entire trust document, at the county register of deeds when real property is conveyed or otherwise affected by a trust, the certificate can be used and is used when transferring other assets to the trust.

Pursuant to Michigan law, a certificate of trust existence and authority must contain all of the following information:

- The title of the trust.
- The date of the trust agreement and any amendments to the trust agreement.
- The name and address of the grantor.
- The names and addresses of all of the trustees and successor trustees.
- The legal description of the affected real property.
- Verbatim reproductions of provisions of the trust agreement, and any amendments to the trust agreement, regarding the powers of the trustee or trustees relating to any interest in real property and any restrictions on those powers and the governing law.
- Certification that the trust agreement remains in full force and effect.
- A list of names and addresses of all persons who, at the time the certificate of trust is executed, are trustees of the trust.

Michigan law also requires the certificate of trust to be in the form of an affidavit. Further, the certificate needs to be executed by: the grantor or an attorney for the grantor or the trustee; or an officer of a bank which is acting as trustee or an attorney who is acting as trustee.

*The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.*

## Teaching children how to handle emergency situations is always timely

Although safety is a primary concern for most parents, many do not take the time to teach their children how to respond when they are confronted with an emergency situation or how to prevent an emergency from occurring. Children's World Learning Centers, a leading provider of quality learning programs for infant through school-age children, and HeartSmart, an organization specializing in pediatric CPR and first aid instruction, have compiled the following advice for parents on how to train preschool and young school-age children in emergency skills.

By teaching children as young as 3 years old about emergencies, parents can instill some basic skills that could help their children handle a crisis situation early on. The concern most parents have about instructing young children is that they won't remember any of the information. For children this age, repetition and simplicity are the key to ensuring they retain the necessary information. For instance, a 3-year-old child, if properly instructed, can call 911 in an emergency. They may not know their address by this age, but with the new enhanced 911 systems in place in most urban areas, dispatchers now have the address from where the call is being made and immediately can send fire and rescue personnel to the scene.

Following are some of the most frequent causes of injury to children that parents should cover with young children, ages 3 to 8:

### • Car Safety

- Set a good example for your child. Buckle up every time you get in the car.
- Designate a "buckle checker," a child who checks each occupant in the car prior to it moving. Let your children take turns being the buckle checker to make it a special role to play.

### • Fire Safety

- Set off your home smoke detector so children know what it sounds like.
- Use a sheet at home to simulate a layer of smoke. Hold it a few feet from the floor and have the child crawl under it as you set off the smoke detector. Stress that the detector is telling them to, "Get out, get out!" Explain that crawling low

will make sure they are where the "good air" is.

- Show your child two ways to get out of the house, and agree on a meeting place outside on the same side of the street a couple of houses down the block. This is important to prevent children from crossing the street when rescue vehicles are responding to the emergency.

- Tell your child not to go back for a favorite toy or pet. Stress that those things can be replaced, but there is only one of them.

- Teach your children not to try to hide in their closet or under their bed to try to escape from fire.

- Take your child on a tour of your local fire station to see what a fireperson looks like suited in bunker gear and breathing apparatus. By showing this to the child, it will eliminate the fear of going toward a rescuer who looks like "Darth Vader" if they are trapped in a burning house.

- Practice the "stop, drop and roll" with your child, the technique used if your child is ever caught on fire accidentally. Set up the scenario and tell the child that his or her clothing has caught on fire. Tell them to STOP, do not run; DROP on the ground; and ROLL, roll, roll to smother the flames. Practice this skill about three times to reinforce the proper response.

### • Water Safety

Many children drown every year in home swimming pools, and when a child does drown, in most cases it is due to a brief lapse in adult supervision.

- Here are some things parents can do to reduce the risk:
  - Always supervise children around water.
  - Enroll children in swimming lessons as early as possible, but never assume that children who know how to swim are "drown-proof."
  - Make sure children wear the proper size life jacket whenever participating in water sports.
  - Learn CPR.

**• Poison Safety** - Of the more than one million calls to poison centers in the United States, three out of four are children under the age of six. Because young children cannot read or are just learning to read, they can easily confuse poisonous household cleaners and medicines for food. For example,

candy red hot may look like some medications and apple juice looks like some floor cleaners. Here are some things you can teach your child to help prevent accidental poisoning:

- Tell your child never to eat or drink anything that he or she may find, but to bring it to you.

- Show your child a prescription bottle and stress that if he or she ever finds that type of container to bring it to you immediately and not eat what is in it.

- Parents should be especially on guard at the homes of family or friends who do not have young children, as their homes may not be child proof.

- Keep household cleaners, medicines and other toxic items out of children's reach or in a locked cabinet.

- Keep the number of the local poison control center near the phone in case of an emergency.

For children 9 to 12 years old, review these safety topics with them. Have them participate in teaching younger siblings about safety. Children older than 13 should enroll in CPR and first aid courses, and can earn certification. It's a great idea for parents with children this age to attend CPR first aid courses with the child to emphasize the importance of continuing to learn and review emergency skills.

Educating children early on about accidents and emergencies builds a solid foundation of knowledge that can be built on from year to year. By keeping information simple and repeating it often, young children can learn emergency response skills that could save a life.

Children's World Learning Centers is a leading provider of quality infant, toddler, preschool, pre-kindergarten and school-age learning programs in the United States. The company operates more than 575 community-based and employer-supported learning centers in 24 states. In addition, Children's World operates before and after school programs on the premises of elementary schools.

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## MDA warns consumers to keep an eye on food product dating

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant reminds consumers to pay attention to food product dating when making food purchases and preparing meals.

"There are many facts about food product dating that most consumers are unaware of," says Wyant. "The U.S. does not have a uniform or universally accepted system used for food dating, so it is important that food buyers know that dates on food packaging are not necessarily safety dates."

Several states, including Michigan, have regulations concerning food dating, but federal law only requires food dating for infant formula and some other baby foods. More than 20 state require dating of some additional foods, many areas of the country have open dating of most food products and in other areas almost no food is dated.

In Michigan, prepackaged meat, fish, seafood, poultry, eggs, bakery products and all other perishable food items must be stamped or labeled with a recommended last day of sale date. This law does not prohibit the sale of food after the recommended last day of sale as long as the item is wholesome and clearly identified as having passed the recommended last day of sale.

A "Sell-By" date tells the store how long to keep a product on display for sale. These products should be bought before the date expires. A "Best if Used By (or Before)" date tells the consumers when to use the product for optimum quality. It is

not a purchase or a safety date. A "Use-By" date signifies the last date recommended for consumption of a product while at its best quality. This date is determined by the manufacturer. "Closed or Coded Dates" are packing numbers used by the manufacturer.

Except for "Use-By" dates, food dates do not always refer to use and storage after purchase. Items kept at 40°F or below should be safe and of good quality even if the date expires during home storage.

Bacteria may grow and cause food borne illness in mishandled foods before or after the date on the package. Examples of mishandling of food include: keeping defrosted products at room temperature more than two hours; handling of food by people using improper sanitary practices; and, packing of contaminated food with fresh food. Wyant adds that quality and safety can be assured by following the handling and preparation instructions on the product's label.

Baby food dating is used to ensure quality and nutrient retention. Expired baby food can have a strange flavor and texture. Infant formula and food should not be bought or used after the expiration date and should not be bought if the date has been changed.

The expiration date on egg cartons is the last day a retailer may sell the eggs as fresh. Eggs purchased before the expiration date should be safe to use for up to three to five weeks after the date of purchase.

Product dates are not a guide for safe use of a product. The following tips will help people use the food at its best quality: 1) products should be purchased before the date expires; 2) perishable items should be taken home and refrigerated immediately or frozen if they cannot be used within the times recommended on the chart; 3) once a perishable item is frozen, it does not matter if the date expires because food kept frozen at 0°F or below is safe indefinitely, and 4) handling recommendations on food products should be followed.

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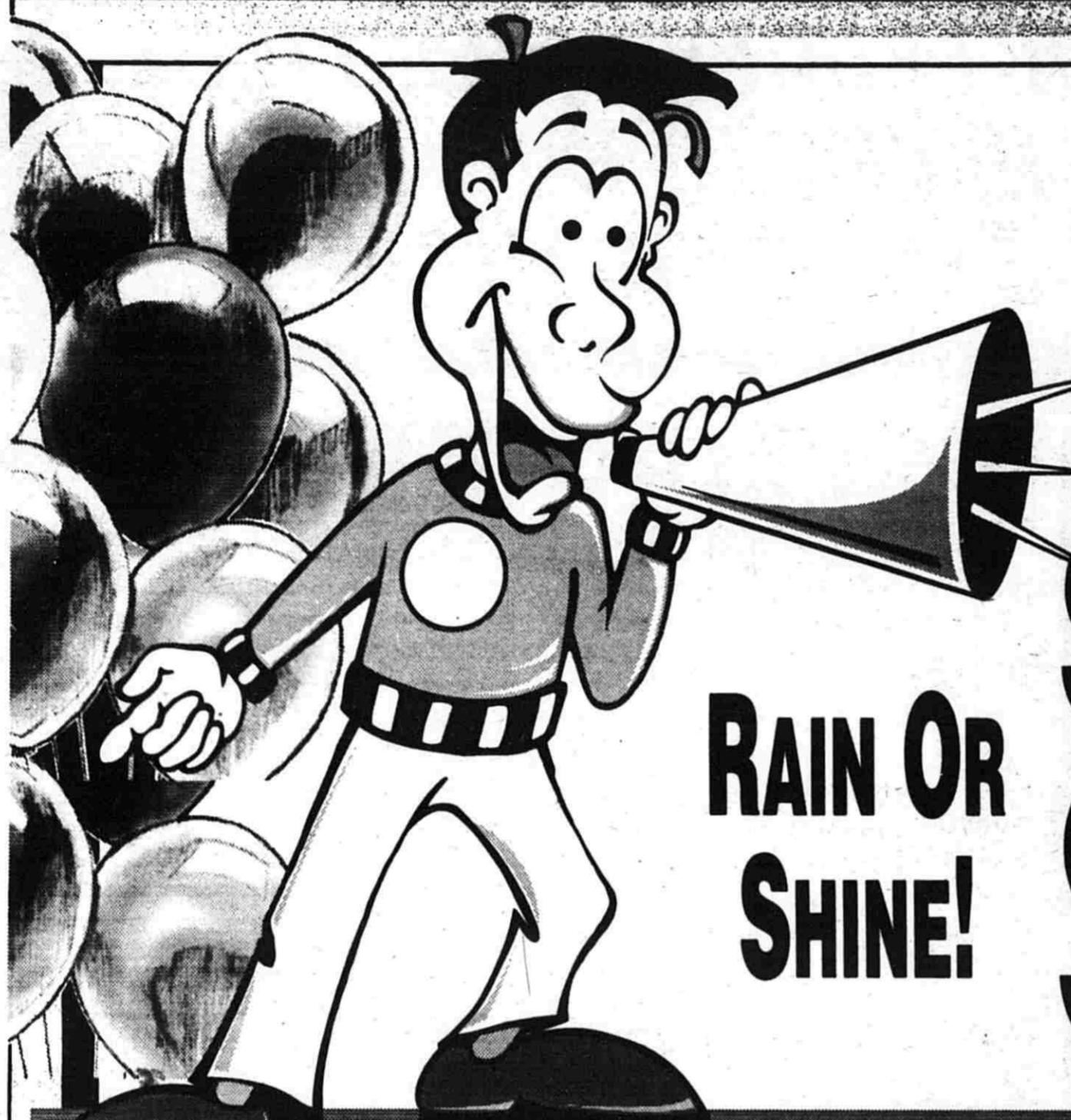
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