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Proposed Downes Road improvements go beyond bumps in the road

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

A Vergennes Township advisory board study indicated that Downes Road should be the number one road improvement priority.

At an informal meeting between residents, the Kent County Road Commission and Vergennes Township officials, Downes Road residents were torn between road improvement and retaining the gravel road's natural beauty.

"Let's not do the improvements; work along and be gentlemanly to each other (when traveling on the road) and leave the road's natural beauty alone," suggested Connie Kazemier.

Kent County Road Commission's Jerry Byrne, assistant director of maintenance, said road improvements can be made in an economically, safety-conscious manner.

"We want to save as many trees as possible. Taking down trees costs us money," Byrne said. "I am willing to meet with each property owner to discuss their property and how we can accommodate them."

Byrne said of the trees that would be removed, the majority would come in the first 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

The cost for the proposed improvements would be shared by Vergennes Township and the road commission. The township would pay 55 percent and the road commission would cover the remaining 45 percent.

"There will be no special assessments," said Vergennes Township supervisor Jim Cook.

Leslie Plescher, 12150 Downes, is worried that if trees in front of her property are removed, road dust will move in.

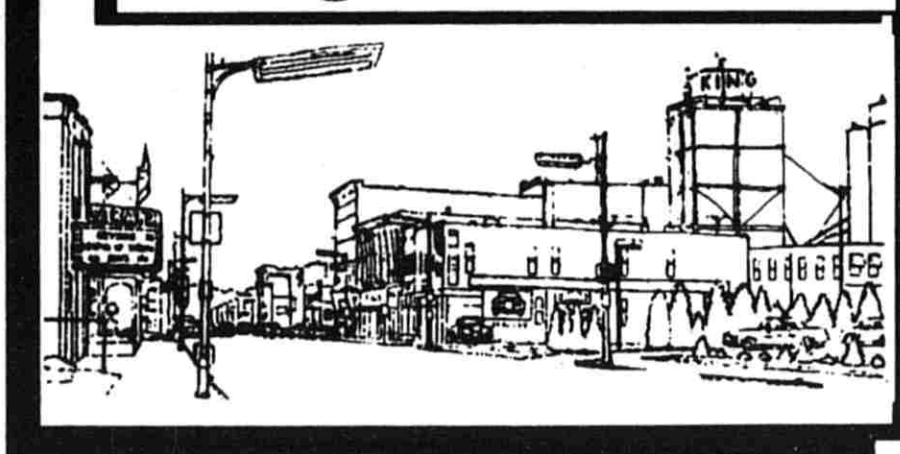
"The trees currently stop billowing clouds of dust from coming up to our house," Plescher said. "Therefore, I hesitate to have any of the old oak trees removed."

The road commission has proposed minor road construction for Downes. It will include widening, adding ditches where needed for water runoff, a six-inch gravel base, and a cul-de-sac where buses and safety vehicles could turn around.

Lowell transportation director Larry Mikulski has fielded questions as to why school buses don't travel down the road. "The road condition does not allow for plow or bus service,"

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Along Main Street



STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

Beginning September 10, Lowell High School Student Service Center will be open until 7 p.m. A counselor will be available to meet with parents and students. Call 897-1465 for more information.

ODYSSEY OF THE MIND MEETING

There will be a meeting on Monday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. for parents of Cherry Creek students grades 3 thru 5 who are interested in the Odyssey of the Mind program.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Lowell Showboat II will present a Las Vegas Night to be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at Larkin's The Other Place from 6 p.m. to midnight. It will include black jack, dirty queen, roulette and the money wheel.

There is a \$2 cover charge.

COMMUNITY POOL MEETING

A community pool meeting will be held at the Lowell Township Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m.

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Arby's to reopen vacant Hardee's building

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

It's time!

Having purchased the old Hardee's building a couple of years ago, the RTM (Results Through Motivation) Corporation has now decided to convert the structure into an Arby's restaurant.

"There were never any plans to rent out the building," RTM marketing manager Donna Smith said from her office in Carmel, IN. "We were always going to open up an Arby's restaurant in Lowell. It was just a matter of when."

Smith said a growth phase in the industry brought about the decision.

Arby's is famous for its roast beef sandwiches. Over the years it has added an extensive chicken menu and a line of light sandwiches with less than 10 grams of fat.

RTM was founded in 1973. It currently owns and

operates, including the Lowell store, 21 Arby's restaurants in West Michigan.

Russ Umphenour is the corporation's president. "He started out working as a crew member," Smith said. "He's worked his way up to president."

Smith says the Lowell Arby's is scheduled to open up in mid-November with the grand opening slated for late November.

"Lowell residents should start to see some renovation activity very soon," Smith said.

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Residents go public in fight to preserve their peace and privacy

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
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Looking to preserve the privacy and quietness of their homes, Elm Street residents took their battle to the Lowell City Council.

"We're trying to be cooperative, good neighbors, but the way things currently are we can't even relax in our homes, our sanctuary," said Nancy Raymor, resident at 517 Elm.

Raymor and others discussed the noise and truck route used at Newell Manufacturing, 615 Chatham St.

Michelle Boss, 523 Elm St., explained that truck drivers coming into Newell fail miserably to follow the "no truck" parking signs on Elm Street.

"Trucks are parked in front of the homes all hours of the night," Boss said. "They stop, get out and leave their trucks running with their yellow lights flashing."

Raymor said she approached a Newell supervisor about a truck being illegally parked in front of her driveway. "He sent the driver out to sit in the truck, saying then the driver was not illegally parked."

The Elm Street residents referred to an Aug. 19 incident where they called police to have a truck moved.

"The driver moved the truck and 15 minutes after the police were gone, the truck was back in the same spot," Raymor said. "I called the police a second time that evening and no ticket was issued. I was told they would not write a ticket because the drivers are from out of state and they wouldn't pay the ticket."

Boss went on to explain that a Newell employee told her Newell Mfg. was a \$120 million corporation and that they were just piddly homeowners. "We're tired of calling the police on Newell."

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said he wished he had been notified. "By statute we can receive up to a \$100 bond or cease the driver's license in lieu of a bond as a measure to assure the ticket will be taken care of."

Valentine said in a meeting with Newell's Jack Seese, city manager Dave Pasquale and mayor Bill Thompson, it was disclosed the truck was parked on Elm because of excavating work being done on the Newell lot.

Seese's only comment was that Newell was discuss-

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Lowell superintendent given two-year extension and pay increase

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

In a 6-0 vote, the Lowell Board of Education approved a two-year extension and 3.1-percent raise for Superintendent Bert Bleke.

"I think this recommendation before us reflects the quality of work (Bleke) has done for this district," said board trustee Jack Lane. "I think it behooves us to continue the leadership that (Bleke) has brought to this district."

With that, the board approved the superintendent's contract. Absent from the meeting was board trustee Norm Byrne.

The extension will put Bleke's ending date as June 30, 1999. The 3.1-percent raise, which is the same increase approved by the board in August for the teachers, will push Bleke's salary from \$84,500 to \$87,120.

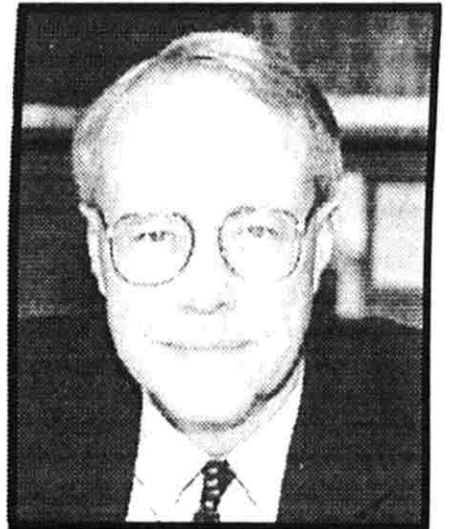
Bleke said he was pleased with the board's decision.

As for future goals, Bleke said the district will want to continue building on how kids do on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) and the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT).

He said he also plans to continue taking a close look at the demographics of the district so as to keep an eye on the growth in Lowell. And finally, Bleke said he wants to make sure the district's finances are in good order.

Board president Pete Gustafson said the extension is a direct reflection of Bleke's evaluation a few months earlier. That evaluation was very positive and reflected a high degree of satisfaction of Bleke's performance and a great appreciation for the leadership he has shown in the district, Gustafson said.

Bleke has been the superintendent in Lowell for two years.



Bert Bleke

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OBITUARIES

COLBORN - Mrs. June (Marguerite) Colborn, aged 76, passed away Sunday, August 31, 1997. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna. She is survived by her husband Glenn of Caledonia; her children Larry Colborn of Middleville, Judy and John Schnittker of Caledonia, Norm and Mary Colborn of Germfask, MI. Sue and Bruce VanHaitma of Caledonia. Gary and Pam Colborn of Caledonia; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-

law, Mildred Colvin of Alto, Marian Colvin of Cutlerville, Beatrice Taylor of Lowell; brothers-in-law Leo (Rose) Colburn of Middleville, Claude (Dorothy) Colburn of Caledonia, Leon (Marion) Zamora of Middleville. Funeral Services for Mrs. Colborn were held Wednesday at the Caledonia Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Dougherty officiating. Interment Alaska Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to Hospice of the Holland Home.

LLANTO - Kaethe Llanto, aged 81, died September 5, 1997. She is survived by her

children Hilda (Tony) Zamora of Lowell, Trudy (George) Gruber of Toronto, Canada, Steven (Ruth) Szuba of Kitchener, Canada; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren Jose (Jasmin) Zamora of Grand Rapids, Javer (Tammy) Zamora of Wyoming. Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Bob Roush of Friendship Country Chapel officiating. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.



The full name of the subject of the *Mona Lisa* was Lisa del Giacomdo.

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Valley Vista carnival raises \$400 for fire department

It was a carnival for kids, put on by kids, with proceeds benefitting kids. How could it miss? It didn't. In fact, it hit a home run.

The first ever Valley Vista picnic/carnival (Saturday, Aug. 16) brought in \$400. Children and event coordinators, Bill and Chris Wendt, presented Lowell Area Fire Department captain Bryan Kimble with the check on Thursday.

The monies will be used toward purchasing activity books to hand out to children during children's fire safety week.

"When you stop to think they only charged a dime for the games - that is a lot of hits to get to \$400," Kimble said. "This came as a very pleasant surprise to the department and we thank them."

Some of the activities included a dunk tank, a cake walk, an auction, bingo, a basketball shoot out, and a raffle (with gifts donated by local merchants).

The picnic/carnival was held at the Valley Vista commons area.

"We would like to do it again next year," said Chris Wendt.

Township frowns on using hall for commercial purposes

By Ned Adamson
Contributing Writer

The Lowell Charter Township Board has rejected a request from Mid Michigan Hearing systems to use the township hall for what the board called commercial purposes.

The company wanted to use the building once per month to administer hearing tests, calibrate hearing aids and assist residents with questions regarding hearing and equipment for hearing impairment problems.

Township supervisor John Timpson said he didn't feel allowing a for-profit business organization to use a

public building was justifiable.

Board members said such a practice would obviously be commercially advantageous for the company and would amount to "free rent."

In an unrelated matter, the board refused a request from a Pratt Lake Road resident to sell used cars from his property as a home occupation function.

That request was denied because the resident is not licensed to sell cars and would result in a commercial use of a property in a residential district.

Board members also feared the intent to occasionally sell autos acquired at auctions could easily snow-ball into a much larger operation.

Bowlers and skaters at Roll Away to raise money for Kent County District Library

Children who bowl and skate on Sunday (Sept. 14) between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. will help raise money for the Kent County District Library.

Roll Away Family Fun Center will donate its proceeds from an afternoon of bowling and skating toward the purchase of library aids.

Children who do not already have a library card will have an opportunity to sign up for one.

Roll Away will give away a pair of roller skates valued at \$90. Larkin's Restaurant will also give away children's dinner gift certificates.



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Lowell cheers MEAP writing scores; work needed in science

By J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

It was some good news and some bad news for Lowell Schools at Monday night's board meeting.

The Lowell Board of Education reviewed the 1997 Michigan Educational Assessment Program writing and science test results.

Results were positive in the writing with more than 90 percent of the fifth- and eighth-grade students demonstrating proficiency. In science, however, director of curriculum Jim White said, the district needs to do a little work.

"We are all on the same page when it comes to writing and because of that, we have seen our scores go up," White said. As the district works on its science curriculum, White said he hopes and bets the board and residents will see the science scores go up.

Districtwide, 37.1 percent of the fifth-graders dem-

City works to cash in on resurfacing opportunity

The window frame is short but county road commissions, cities and villages are working at an accelerated pace so they can use money allocated to them through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The monies were made available through Public Act 110 signed into law by Gov. John Engler on Aug. 18.

The law appropriated \$69 million of interest from the Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF) to the MDOT.

It is a one-time appropriation over and above the normal funds distributed under Act 51.

The BSF revenue can only be used for resurfacing and repair of existing roads. It cannot be used for new construction, replacement funds for projects underway, or for administrative costs of the road agency.

The city of Lowell received \$10,271 in street funds. The revenue will be used to resurface Center Street from West Main to Bowes Road.

Governmental jurisdictions must reward the project by Sept. 15 and funds must be expended by Sept. 30.

Lowell Department of Public Works supervisor Dan DesJarden said he felt he would have a contractor by Sept. 15.

"Vendors are getting calls from everybody," he said. "I've already gotten one quote in and I am expecting a second one possibly."

onstrated proficiency in the science MEAP test, a drop from 1996 results of 45.1 percent. Alto fifth-graders fared better than Cherry Creek with 54 percent demonstrating proficiency compared to Cherry Creek's 32.1 percent. Cherry Creek was below the state average of 36.1 percent and the Kent County average of 45 percent.

The middle school also saw a drop in its scores going from 23.9 percent of the 1996 eighth-grade students showing proficiency in science to 20.5 percent of the 1997 eighth-graders. The middle

school scores were still higher than the state's average of 17.1 percent, but just below the county average of 21.5 percent.

"I think we would be less than candid if we did not say we were disappointed with the science scores," said Superintendent Bert Bleke, who added the staff would focus on raising those scores.

White said in the long run, it is not how well a district does on the MEAP, but what it does with the data. Currently, staff is reviewing the science test and taking a look at why

the students answered the way they did.

While the science scores may have shown some weaknesses, the writing scores certainly showed Lowell students at their best.

At the fifth-grade level, the district came in at 91.5 percent of its fifth-grade students showing proficiency in writing. At Alto, the students achieved an almost perfect rating with 98.4 percent of the students demonstrating proficiency.

At Cherry Creek, 89.2 percent demonstrated proficiency.

Both schools were well above the state's average of 73.4 percent. The county average was 78.

At the middle school, 94.5 percent of the 1997 eighth-grade students demonstrated proficiency in writing with the scores being well above the state's average of 77 percent and the county average of 81.

The MEAP tests has a total of four parts: science, writing, math and reading. The board reviewed the math and reading MEAP results in January. Those tests are given

to fourth- and seventh-grade students, with Lowell students bringing in scores above state and county averages.

Traditionally, all the MEAP tests were given in the fall, but that changed in 1996. In that year, the new math and science tests were given in the spring forcing districts to report MEAP results twice a year instead of just once. This will again change in the current 1997-98 school year when all the MEAP tests will be distributed Jan. 26 - Feb. 13. The change was designed to eliminate the twice-a-year reports.

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Reflections

By Faith

Editor's Note: Readers familiar with the Homespun Devotions column have noticed a change in the column's name and in the author of the weekly thoughts. Lowell area clergy will share the responsibilities of providing weekly reflections.

"So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has some-

thing against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, then come offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24).

The headlines in the August 20, 1997 edition of the Lowell Ledger said, "Whoosh! Transformer Up In Flames!" The article that followed went on to say there was no known cause at this time. "What was known is the majority of the power company's 2,100 customers were left without electricity."

You and I know that our life and our relationships carry a dependence on power. As people of God, we acknowledge that God is the central power for living in right relationship. Yet, as we have become dependent on electricity for the creature comforts of our life as well as the necessities of living, we have also become dependent on other means of power in our day to day activities. We want to be connected, to have a place, a status, a recognition that affirms us.

Sometimes the power we use to connect with family, special persons and even our church and wider community is a power that is less than adequate to the strains, the unexpected events, the heat or the load that life draws from us. It is a power that is generated from our own self-focus; our greed, our lust for

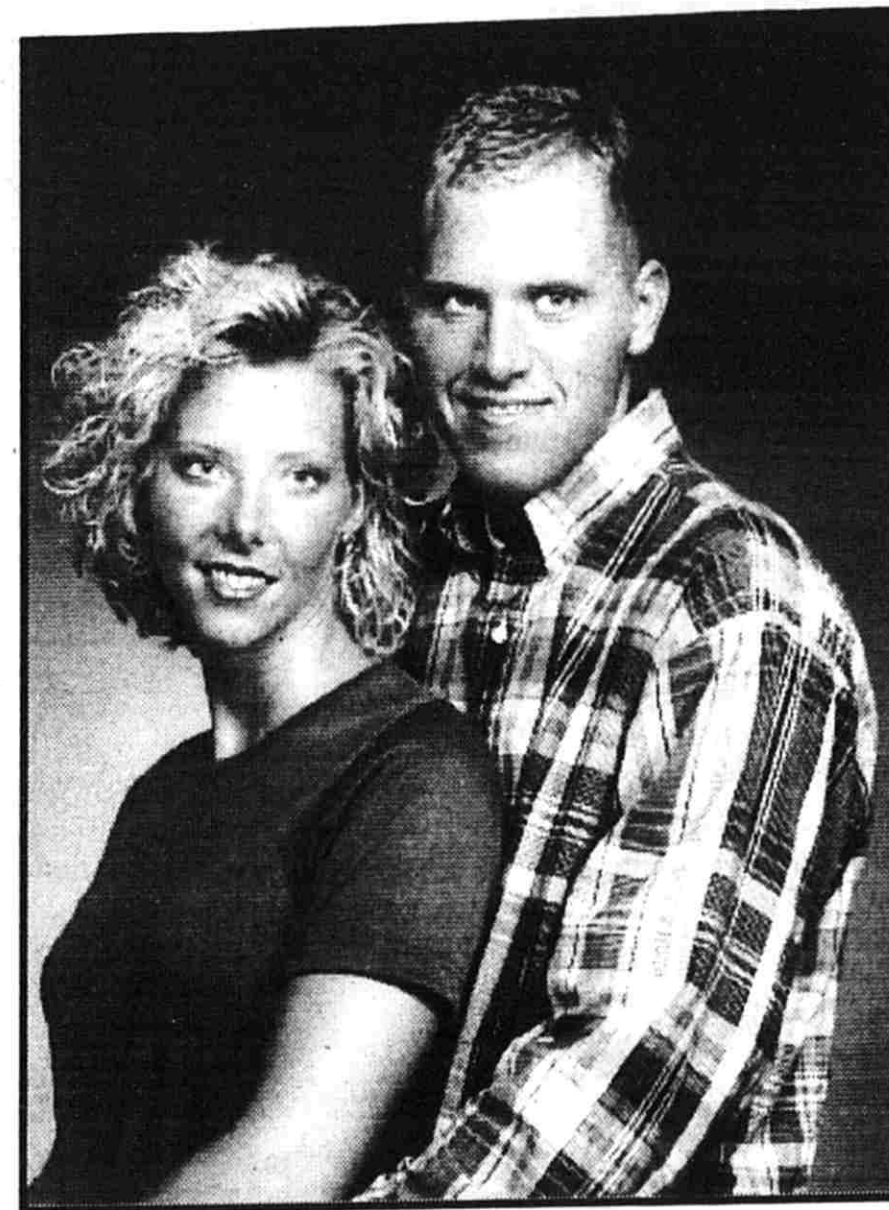
control, our concern for outward appearance or our ability to draw attention to ourselves, our looks or our abilities.

The Christian scripture points us to examine our source of power and to be very clear on what or who is the center of our life. For, if anything less than faith, hope and love as we know it in Jesus Christ is in the center, we can expect our life's headlines to sometime read, "Whoosh! Transformer Up In Flames!"

When the "Whoosh!" happens, scripture reminds us that we are not those who sit in the dark, waiting for someone else to fix it! No! We turn from our self-focus, stop ourselves from trying to put the blame on someone else by reciting all our gifts, abilities and right actions and, most importantly, we go to the person with whom the "Whoosh!" has occurred and seek reconciliation. We are not to wait for them to make the first move nor are we to look for a quick fix from other power companies. God has forgiven and has given us the power to forgive. While making all attempts to reconcile, we are to continue in prayer and worship.

Prayer: Lord, Goa, how easy it is to blame the problems of my life on someone else and wait for them to fix it. Draw me more and more into Your power of love and forgiveness, that I might be more a person of reconciliation and less a person of self-focus. Amen!

By Roger LaWarre, First Congregational Church of Lowell



Heidi Charlene Holmes and Torrey Curtis Kempf

Holmes and Kempf announce engagement

Heidi Charlene Holmes and Torrey Curtis Kempf, both of Lowell, wish to announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are William and Kathleen Holmes, Chris and Ty Gemmill, both of Lowell, and Skip and Gloria Kempf of California.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lowell High School and Chic University of Cosmetology and is currently working at Salon 206.

The future groom is a Lowell High School graduate and is currently working for Bareman's Dairy.

Franciscan Farm Fest Saturday

The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist will host their Ninth annual Farm Fest on September 13 at the Franciscan Life Process Center near Lowell.

Festivities will start at 6 p.m., featuring an Italian dinner, music by Italian Strings, a Bocci Ball toss, a quilt raffle and silent and oral auctions.

All proceeds go directly into the Center's Scholarship Fund.

The fund allows those in financial need to participate in the Center's programs including: counseling, music therapy, and integrated learning experiences. The 1996 Farm Fest raised nearly \$23,000 to help 488 adults,

children and senior citizens receive 445 hours of counseling, 50 hours of music and music therapy and 1,187 hours of educational experiences.

For reservations or further details, contact the Franciscan Life Process Center at 897-7842.

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Dan VanDyke, Michael Timmers, Missy Ossewaarde.

SEPT. 15 - Brandi Phillips, Mark Triewerler, SEPT. 16 - Doris Malone, SEPT. 17 - Nick Blough, Yvonne Swift, Dennis Denton, Dewey Francisco.

SEPT. 11 - Sean Ellis, Justin VanDyke, SEPT. 12 - Deborah Claypool, Nathan Propst, Jim Smith.

SEPT. 13 - Ami VanDyke, Beatrice Kuiper, Randy McIntyre, Gloria Ossewaarde, SEPT. 14 - Christian Barnes.

School Menus

Week of Sept. 15-19 ELEMENTARY

MON: Macaroni & cheese, green beans, sweet roll, fresh grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Cheeseburger in a bun, tater tots, fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese & pepperoni, corn, assorted fruit, bar cookie, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch, 3 French toast sticks, hash browned potato, warm apple slices or fresh fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Macaroni & cheese, ham/scallop potato, yogurt, chef salad, cheeseburger; choose 2: green beans, side salad, fresh carrots; sweet roll, fresh grapes or canned fruit, milk.

TUES: Chili hot dog in bun, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt w/bread; choose 2: oven fries/tater tots, side salad or noodle soup/crackers; fruit selection, milk.

WED: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, chicken fajita/shell, cheeseburger, chef salad, yogurt w/bread; choose 2: corn, fruit juice or side salad; bar cookie, assorted fruits, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, roast turkey, cheeseburger or chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes w/gravy, side salad or cole slaw, dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

FRI: Breakfast for lunch, 3 French sticks or 2 pancakes, chef salad, yogurt w/bread, cheeseburger, chicken patty; choose 2: hash browned potato, side salad, fruit juice; warm apple slices for fruit, milk.

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<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship..... 9:30 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:00 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship..... 10:00 A.M. Sunday School..... 11:20 A.M. Evening Worship..... 6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN 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 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
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Viewpoint



This approach often puts me in an awkward position. This week is a good example. How the heck am I going to poke fun at my parents' 50th wedding anniversary, and get away with it? They are subscribers. It's a fine line I'm walking here, so bear with me.

Planning for the big event began months ago. The first real discussion took place at Easter dinner. My father said he didn't care what it cost, he wanted a nice party. I replied, "Well alrighty then, it's a beach luau in Hawaii. I'll charter a 747!" Things went downhill from there.

Over the following months, the plans were in a continual flux. At one point there were three parties planned. A small intimate dinner for immediate family. A breakfast for family and close friends. And finally, a big open house for anyone interested in coming. I tried to stay out of it, but when it was announced the main party was to take place in the middle of my fifth annual walleye fishing trip to Canada, I had to step in. The date was changed. Priorities, you know.

My siblings and I were in favor of keeping it simple. Rent a hall, hire a caterer, line up a disc jockey, send out invitations and it's a done deal. Zip, zap, No such luck.

My parents insisted that the party be held at their house. Of course, this meant a great deal of preparation. I suspect my mom may have had an ulterior motive here. A whole host of things were done around the old homestead. The garage was cleaned and painted. The lawn was manicured. The house was scrubbed. Anything that could stand up to it got a once-over with a 3,000 p.s.i. power washer. The place will never look that good again. Unless they make it until their 75th!

The big day came. We spent all morning hauling tables, chairs, etc. The tables were arranged and rearranged. Decorations were placed. Food was prepared. It was quite a production.

Everybody dashed home to shower and dress for the affair. Me included. Besides showering, I still had to wrap the gift I'd been designated to purchase from all us kids, buy a card and, as toastmaster, I had to finalize my notes. Talk about procrastination. I'm the king!

The weather cooperated beautifully. The house and lawn looked great. The food was excellent. The music was very good. The turnout was exceptional (200 plus). Even the toastmaster did an adequate job. The entire wedding party is still alive and were all on hand for the affair. I took great pleasure introducing them during my comments.

Now that it's over, I have to admit my parents were right in choosing to stage the event at their house. It was much more meaningful and intimate than if we'd held it in a hall. Though, I still think a beach luau in Hawaii would have been nice.

In closing, I want to congratulate my parents one more time, and ask that you forgive me for poking a little fun. Best wishes on your way to a 75th anniversary!

The actual date was September 4th. It was a Thursday. They were married on a Thursday. Why? I don't know. Couldn't wait for the weekend I guess.

My wife and kids happened to be here from all points of the compass a few days earlier, so we took them out to a nice dinner. The big celebration took place on Sunday, September 7. So much for logistics.

I have been writing this column for over 20 years. It has served many purposes. First, and foremost, it fills a few column inches in this weekly fish wrap. Secondly, it has always been lighthearted and hopefully entertaining to our readers. Thirdly, the "cozy corner" has served as a diary, or journal for me. Consequently, I try to include these milestones in my writing.

"spitting up." Most healthy infants should stop spitting up with regularity after six to nine months of age. It is usually a normal phenomenon and is related to immaturity in the esophagus, or swallowing tube. If the tendency to spit up persists, or results in poor weight gain, GERD may be the culprit.

In addition to problems with weight gain, reflux may result in gagging or in breathing milk or food into the lungs. This problem, known as "aspiration" can result in a persistent cough or in pneumonia. This may even induce wheezing, which can be misinterpreted as asthma.

Some simple measures can help reduce the symptoms of reflux:

1. Thicken the formula with rice cereal - add about two-three teaspoons of rice cereal to each ounce of formula.
2. Give smaller, but more frequent feedings.
3. Keep the baby in a seated or semi-upright position for at least one hour after eating.

If some of the above are effective, your doctor may want to get an x-ray to confirm the diagnosis of reflux. Medications are available (the same ones used in adults) which can greatly reduce the symptoms of reflux.

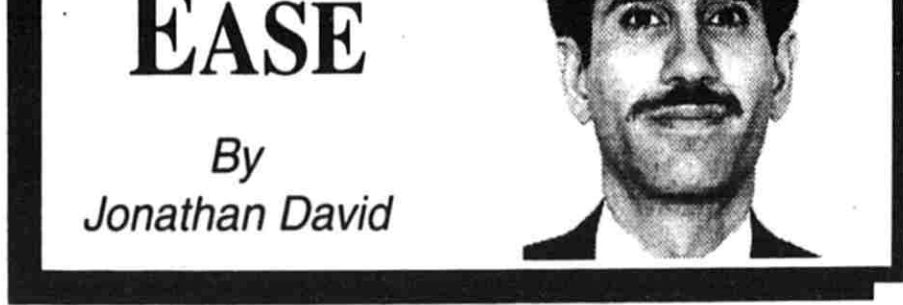
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REFLUX DISEASE IN CHILDREN

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is something commonly seen in the adult population. We know it as heartburn, especially after eating certain foods or when reclining after a meal. GERD is something that can be seen in the infant population as well, but will tend to manifest as persistent

LEGAL EASE



By Jonathan David

Dear Jonathan: My brother and I are going to buy a cottage together. We are each going to be 50 percent owners and we will share equally in all of the costs of owning and maintaining the cottage. We have also agreed that upon either of our deaths, that each of our families would inherit our respective shares. What language needs to be placed on the deed to make sure this happens?

Jonathan Says: You want to make sure that the property is deeded to you and your brother as "tenants in common." Since tenants in common of property do not enjoy rights of survivorship, then upon a tenant's death, his or her share passes to his or her heirs or the beneficiaries named in a will or trust. In contrast, individuals who own property as joint tenants enjoy rights of survivorship, which means that at the death of one joint tenant, his or her interest in the property passes to the surviving joint tenant or tenants and not to the deceased joint tenant's heirs or beneficiaries.

Under Michigan law, a conveyance to two or more individuals, who are not husband and wife, are presumed to hold

title as tenants in common. However, I would go one step further and indicate on the deed that the property is being conveyed to you and your brother as "tenants in common."

You might also want to indicate on the deed that each of you are receiving an equal undivided interest in the cottage.

In addition, I recommend that each of you prepare wills and/or trusts indicating who of your family members are to receive your respective interests in the cottage, as well as your other assets, upon your respective deaths. If either of you fail to do this, then you will be deemed to have died intestate and your interest in the cottage and your other assets will be distributed to your heirs according to Michigan law and not as you direct.

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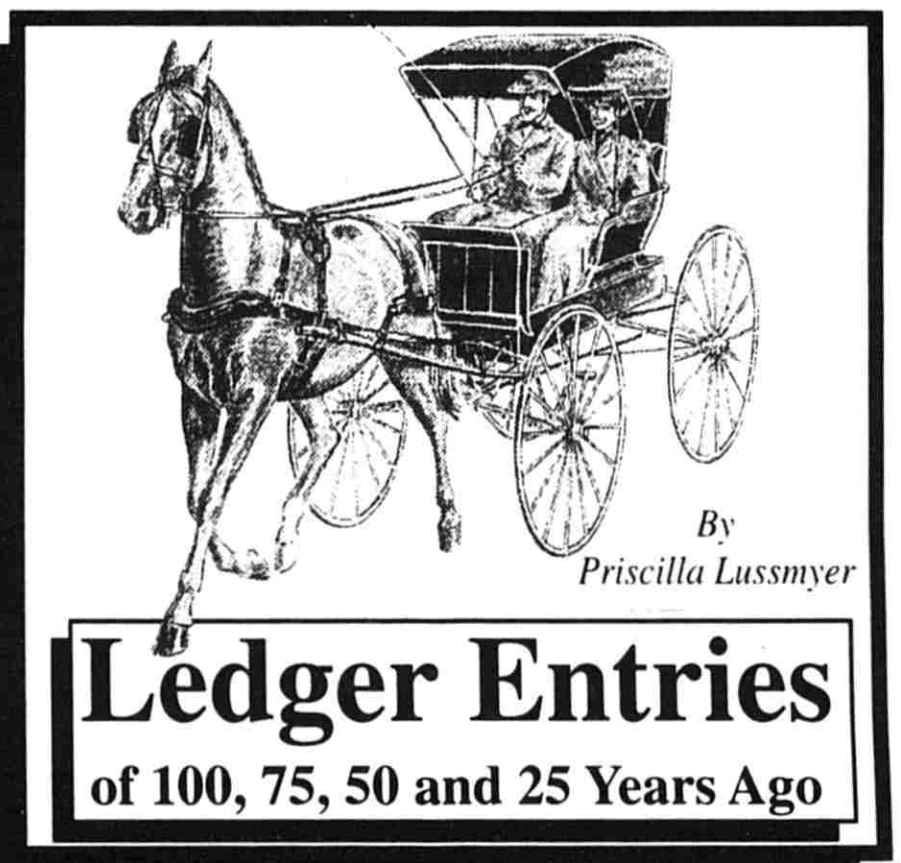
Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.



100 YEARS AGO IN THE WEEKLY JOURNAL - SEPT. 9, 1897

Lowell schools opened Monday with 470 pupils. The very large sixth and seventh grade has been divided, and sixth graders will meet on the first floor of the Hunter Building on Main Street with new teacher Miss Lampman.

The county treasurer took in over \$4,000 in delinquent taxes in August, and paid out \$82.98 for sparrow heads (bounties).

The editor takes exception to some news exchanges that are clipping editorials from the Ledger and crediting them to the Journal.

There is a shortage of dried beef locally. Suppliers are shipping it to the Pacific Coast for gold seekers in the Klondyke, where dried beef is first on the list of things to buy.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - SEPT. 14, 1922

Dexter G. Look handily wins the Republican primary for State Representative.

Lowell schools open with 598 pupils and climbing. Most of the increase is from non-residents; 20 new seats have been added to the high school assemblies, with more needed.

A fight between two workers at the Ypsilanti Reed Furniture Co. here results in one stabbed to death.

More than 200 descendants of Rix Robinson will gather next week at North Park for the fourth annual reunion.

Another attempt at abolishing child labor in the United States is being made through amending the constitution.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - SEPT. 11, 1947

Lowell's Norman E. Borgerson of the State Department of Public Instruction strongly believes that driver education in the high schools will reduce accidents and thereby save a great deal of money.

500 bushels of beans from Tuscola County are the first arrivals at the Runciman elevator this season.

Lowell's increase in kindergartners is 63 percent, compared to 25 percent in the county. School enrollment is down slightly, due to turning away non-resident seventh and eighth graders (country schools). The building crunch continues.

Gasoline and oil supplies are short again. People are asked to conserve fuel and lay in supplies early.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - SEPT. 7, 1972

The local school board is one of four in the Kent Intermediate District that has not endorsed the establishment of a new community college in the area. It will discuss the matter next meeting.

The Lowell Community Center on Grand River Drive will have its Grand Opening tomorrow.

The Kent County Library bookmobile makes 13 stops to cover areas without a KCL library.

The local "Golden Swingers" receives its certificate of affiliation from the National Council of Senior Citizens.

Business Matters

Bill Price of Lowell is pleased to announce the recent opening of his new screen printing business, BDF Printing. This new enterprise will provide custom printed latex balloons and glass, plastic, or Styrofoam drinkware, along with a variety of flat items such as notebooks, frisbees and decorator license plates. They will be providing balloons for Lowell's Riverwalk Festival this weekend.

Custom printed balloons and drinkware can give a special, personal flavor to any party, celebration, wedding or anniversary reception, open house or other special events. Businesses may use printed balloons and drinkware for advertising, promotions, grand openings, giveaways and special sales. Personalized mementos in the hands of guests give them something they can take home to remember the special occasion or business name and logo. Along with businesses and party planners, caterers, banquet hall managers, wedding and bridal consultant, balloon retailers, florists, schools and organiza-

tions can benefit from this new service.

BDF Printing is located in Lowell and can offer high quality, low cost products FAST, usually as little as two or three days. Also, because the printing is done manually, small orders (as few as 25 pieces) are no problem. This compares favorably to large companies that usually require a minimum of 500 or more pieces and may take as long as three to four weeks.

"We think that we can give customers a product and service previously unavailable in our area," says Price, founder and owner of BDF Printing. "The idea of beginning this

business rose out the realization that nobody else is doing it."

Text and camera-ready art work can be provided by the customer or computer designed in-house. BDF Printing's offices, which they share with Lowell Secretarial Services, are equipped with complete desktop publishing facilities including laser printing.

BDF Printing is a home-base business. Business hours are flexible to suit a variety of clients. They also offer a 20 percent off discount for every first order. People interested in printed balloons and drinkware can call BDF Printing at (616) 897-6224.

Smith visits schools

Marlon Smith, International Consultant/author, will share thoughts with parents on helping their children make good choices, becoming leaders, and making the most out of their school years on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

Marlon will also meet with Lowell High School students during the day on Tuesday and with middle school students during the day on Friday, Sept. 19.

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Fallasburg Festival committee adopts new logo

Though the Lowell Area Arts Council has been very satisfied with the logo designed for the Fallasburg Fall Festival by Jan Johnson, which has been used for over a decade, the steering committee of the festival recently decided to adopt a new logo. The creation of new banners, now gracing Lowell's Main Street, was the impetus for the new design. Gary Eldridge, co-chair of this year's festival and nationally known graphic artist, designed the logo, which features the Fallasburg Covered Bridge.

This year's festival will be held on September 27 and 28 at Fallasburg Park. The festival develops the potential of the extraordinary historical setting. Spanning the

Flat River between the park and historic Fallasburg Village, the covered bridge is over 125 years old, one of the few in Michigan still open to traffic.

As with past festivals, this year's festival will feature 75 artists' booths and 11 food booths as well as entertainment on the outdoor stage and a free children's craft area.

One popular feature of the festival has been the reincarnation of the Fallasburg Post Office, a service offered by the Lowell branch of the U.S. Post Office. For each festival, an original cachet is designed to hand-stamp the mail posted during the weekend. To appeal to collectors, the cachet is used only during the two-day period. Those who collect these original can-

cellations mail letters to Lowell for stamping from locations all over the U.S. It was decided that Eldridge's logo would be used for this year's cancellation. Those wishing to have mail stamped with the new logo should bring their cards and letters to the Fallasburg Post Office at the festival information booth between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., either Saturday or Sunday, and then spend the day enjoying the festival.



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Gary Eldridge's new logo for the Fallasburg Fall Festival will be used as a hand-stamped cancellation for mail posted at the Fallasburg Station of the U.S. Post Office during the Fallasburg Fall Festival, September 27 and 28 at Fallasburg Park.

City purchases new line striper

All the new downtown renovation, and improvements to city parking lots have made it a good time to replace an antiquated line striper.

The city has purchased a line striper from O'Leary Paint

for \$2,125 allocated from the equipment fund. An amount of \$3,200 was budgeted.

The Department of Public Works had been using a 1978 line striper. Public Works director Dan DesJarden said parts for the '78 can no longer be purchased.

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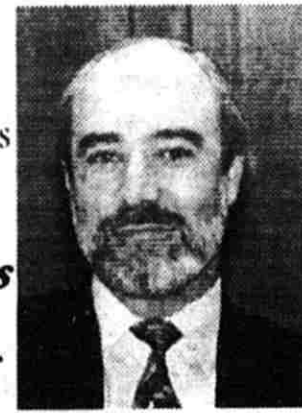
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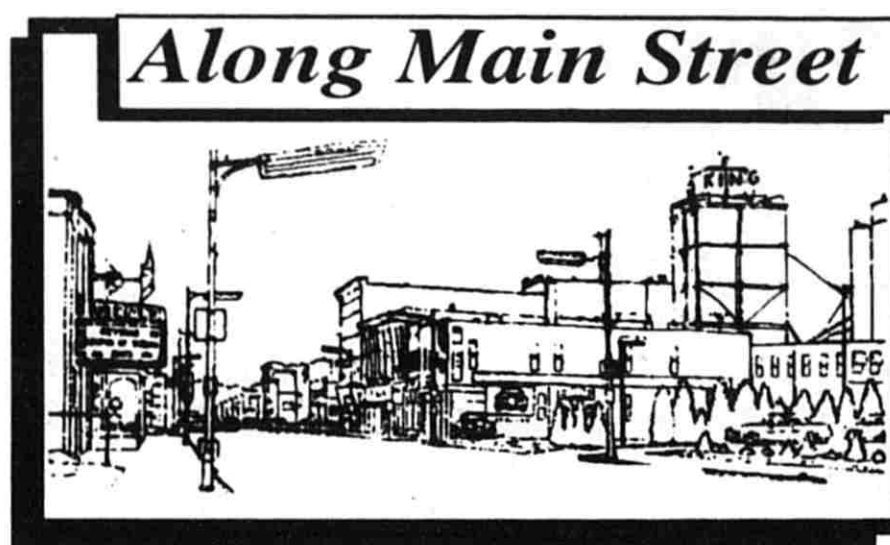
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LAAC EXHIBIT
Two Grand Rapids artists come together in a joint exhibition in the Lowell Area Arts Council Center Gallery. Molly Alicki-Coriveau and Lynette M. Vought bring recent work from their respective studios. Both women are working artists and instructors in the Grand Rapids area.
This exhibit will be on view through Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Arby's, cont'd... From Page 1

should start to see some renovation activity very soon," Smith said.

In restyling the interior, the seating area will be enlarged, plants will be brought in, and the roof will be painted Arby's red. "Because the building has been closed a while, it may require more extensive remodeling. We

will try to get the interior to tie into the community," Smith said.

While all fast food chains realize the potential of being located next to an expressway, Smith said it is as important to have a base of community support.

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CAMP FIRE BOYS & GIRLS INFORMATION MEETING

A Camp Fire boys and girls informational meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lowell United Methodist Church in the education wing. Call Kathy at 897-6346 or Robin at 897-6015 with any questions.

FFA HOG ROAST

The Lowell FFA will hold a hog roast and auction on Friday, Sept. 19 at the Lowell High School cafeteria from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The auction will be held at 7 p.m.

SANDY'S BACK

Sandy Bartlett will conduct an eight-week after-school drawing workshop for children ages 8 to 12.

The workshop is geared toward beginners and advanced students and begins September 24. Call the Lowell Area Arts Council Center at 897-8545 to enroll or for further information.

CUB SCOUT RALLY

Cub Scout Pack 3188 is holding an informational rally on Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church. This rally is for those boys and their parents interested in joining Cub Scouts. Cub Scouting serves boys in the first through fifth grade.

Pack 3188 meets Tuesday nights at the Lowell United Methodist Church and serves Bushnell, Cherry Creek, Alto and other area students. For more information about Cub Scouts and Pack 3188, call 897-8751.

29TH ANNUAL FALLSBURG FALL FESTIVAL

The 29th annual Fallsburg Fall Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fallsburg Park.

Sponsored by the Lowell Area Arts Council, the festival features arts and crafts, food booths, entertainment and a children's craft area. Parking and admission are free.

Downes Road, cont'd... From Page 1

and there is no turnaround," he says. "This is the first time I can recall the road commission has made an effort to work with residents, providing an opportunity to do something to the road that is in the best interest of everyone."

There are several options for location of the P-shaped turnaround. Byrne said it is unusual for a turnaround not to come at the end of a road.

A cul-de-sac requires approximately 100 feet. Byrne said that an additional 27 feet from adjoining properties would have to be purchased.

If the cul-de-sac is located to the west, it would involve three property owners. If it is located by the railroad tracks, it would involve one property owner.

"There should have been a cul-de-sac put in 15 years

ago but there wasn't," Byrne said.

The fact that there were a half dozen or less homes back then may have had something to do with that decision.

The last traffic count taken on Downes Road showed there were an average of 195 vehicles on the road per day.

With Downes being a dead-end road, Byrne suggested that most of the vehicles were those of residents.

Byrne was asked whether signs could be posted to help keep vehicles' speed down.

"State statute says we cannot put up speed limit signs on gravel roads," Byrne said.

The director of maintenance stated that with Downes not being a through street, residents actually could do the best job of policing

speed. "With Downes being a dead-end road, most of the traffic on the road is that of its residents. So, if you live there - slow down."

Byrne added that if most residents don't want the improvements, it probably won't get done.

A show of hands at the meeting showed that 12 favored having the road improved and eight opposed it.

"If it takes a public hearing before deciding to improve the road, then the project will not be completed this year," Byrne said.

Township clerk Mari Stone said she felt if the concerns of each individual property can be resolved, then the project is doable.

"However, the road commission will make the final decision, not the township," Stone adds.

Newell, cont'd... From Page 1

ing ways to work out the problem peacefully with the neighbors.

Optec Inc. is located at the corner of Smith and Chatham. Its owner Jerry Persha said Newell uses Smith Street as an extension of its driveway.

"They park trailers and waste haulers out in front of my building. Newell uses Smith Street for processing and as a stage area for handling dumpsters. The dumpsters leak cutting fluid,

which eventually ends up in the city storm sewer."

Persha asked the council if the planning commission was convinced when the new addition was built that there would be enough parking for employees and truck traffic.

"If not, the planning commission made a major error," Persha said. "Right now, Chatham is used as a parking lot by Newell."

Mayor Thompson said the Newell incident should not have gotten to the point it has.

"Newell has a responsibility to the residents."

Valentine called the meeting between the city and Newell positive. "I think we came up with a workable plan."

"Minutes of that meeting will be sent to the affected residents," Thompson said.

Valentine added it was his hope the aggrieved residents would receive the letter early this week.

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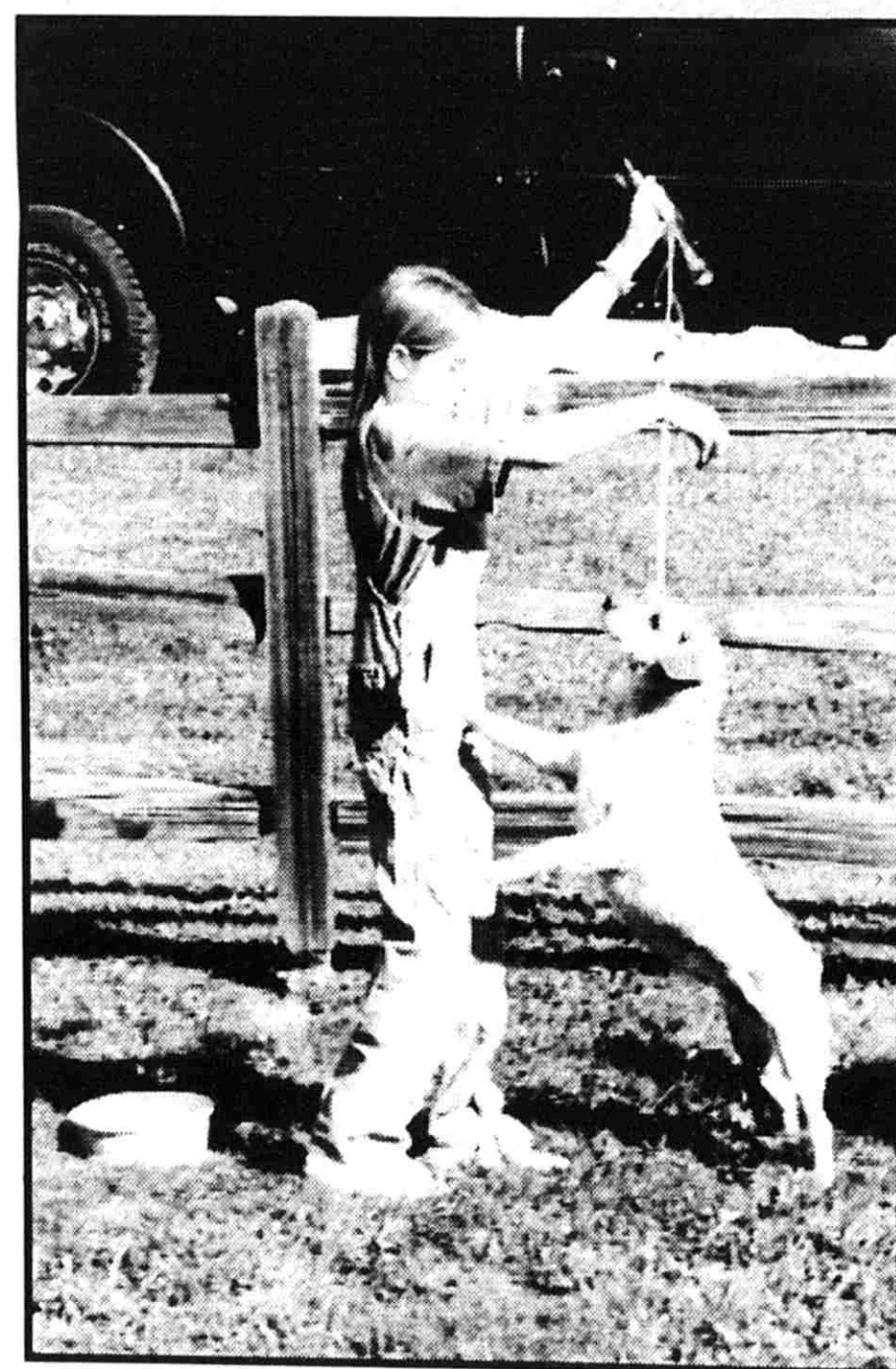
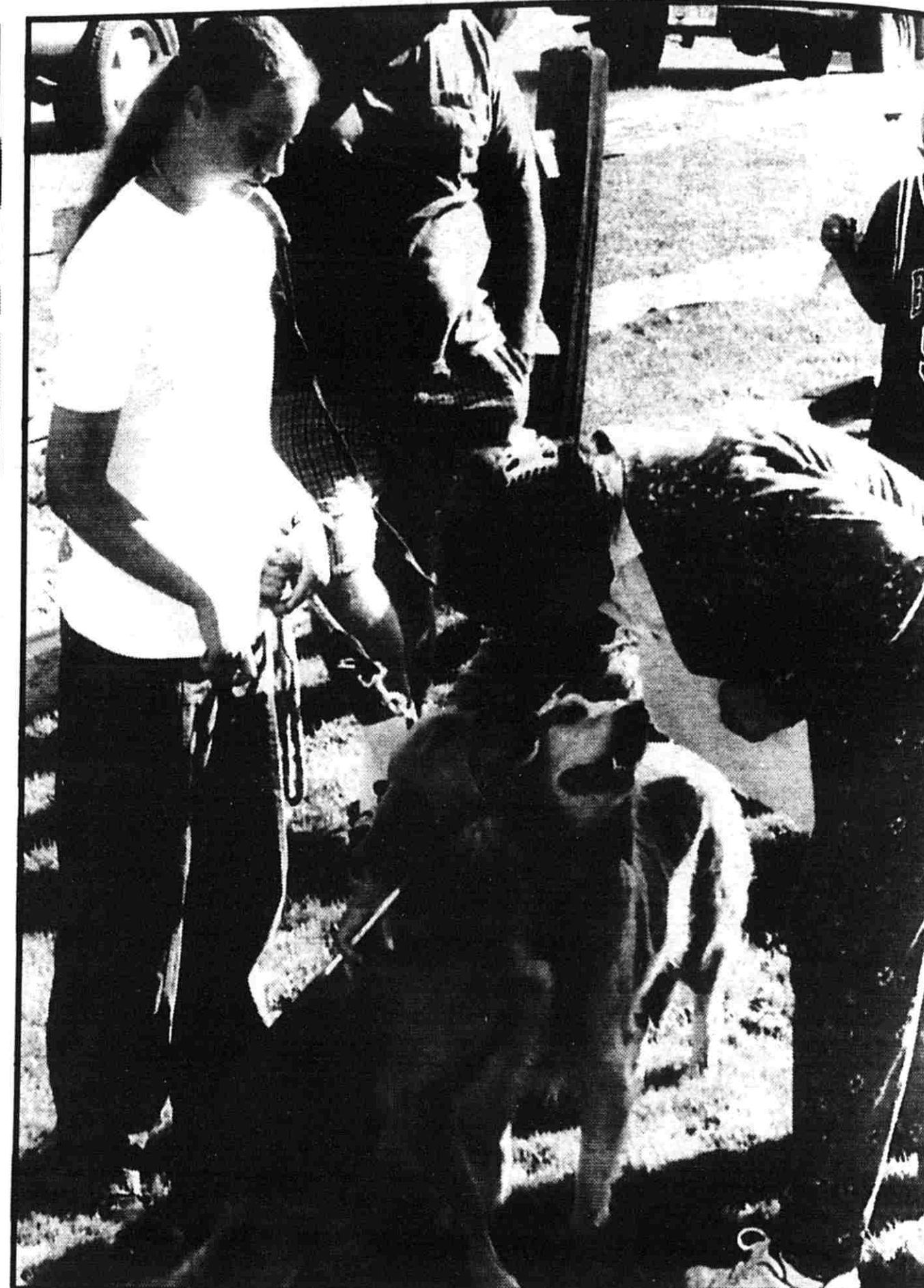
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Kasey Kyser, Lowell, and his golden retriever Brook, bulld over the judge as they dressed up in Chicago Bull uniforms. Brook was Michael Jordan and Kasey was Dennis Rodman.

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Pictured above, golden retrievers Goldie and Sadie soak up the attention given to them by the judge at the Alto Festival dog show. Also pictured is their owner Tiffany Wieland. Pictured to the left is Jordyn Capman, Alto, with her dog Susie.

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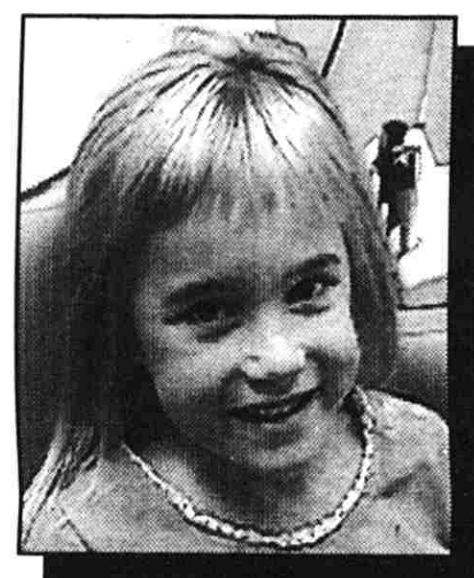
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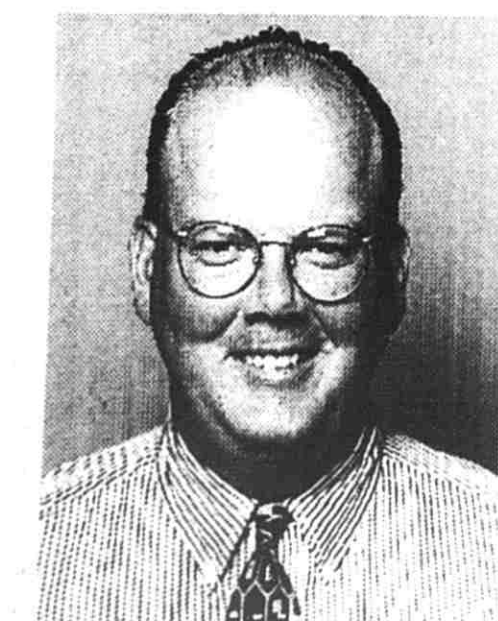
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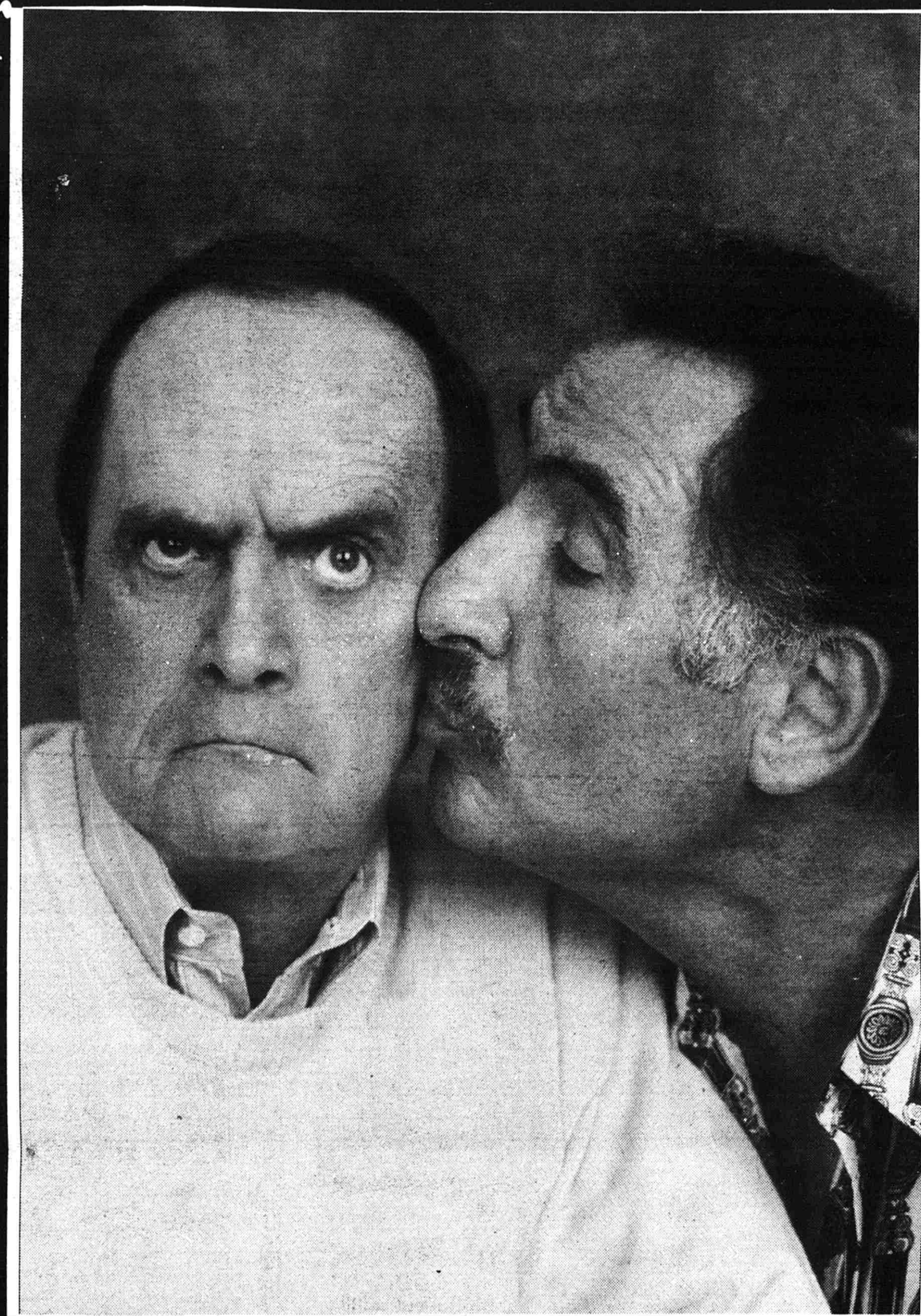
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FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12 THRU SEPTEMBER 18

Comedic greats Bob Newhart (left) and Judd Hirsch return to series television as a pair of mismatched in-laws who have to learn to live with each other in *George & Leo*. Premiering Monday on CBS, the sitcom also stars Jason Bateman (not pictured).

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Red Arrow netters finish third at Ionia Invitational

Lowell's Amy Snell finishes second at second singles.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Amy Snell used two three-set victories to advance to the finals of second singles play at the Ionia Invitational on Saturday.

Snell's stellar performance sparked the Red Arrows to a third place finish.

The Red Arrow singles player won her opening match against Lakewood 5-7, 6-4, 6-0. In her second match of the day, Snell defeated her Ithaca counterpart 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 (opposing teams' players' names were not made available).

Snell was defeated in the finals 6-0, 6-1 by Alma.

"Amy was very aggressive and ran down so many balls," Snell's coach Wendy Ackermann said. "Her serving was excellent. She got a lot of first serves in."

Alma won the Ionia Invitational. Portland placed second while Lowell and Ithaca tied for third with 14 points.

Winning consolation matches were Kim Meiste at fourth singles and Colleen Mandel and Liz Lonick at number one doubles.

Meiste lost her opening match to Alma, 6-2, 6-2, before defeating Cedar Springs (6-2, 6-1) and Ionia in the consolation match.

"Kim's ground strokes were very consistent throughout the day," Ackermann said. "It was nice to see Kim battle back after losing her first match."

Mandel and Lonick lost to Portland in their opening number one doubles match, but battled back to defeat Ionia 6-3, 6-3 and Charlotte in the consolation match 6-0, 6-4.

In second doubles, Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush defeated Charlotte 6-1, 7-5 in their opening match before losing in the second round to Alma 6-1, 6-2.

Amy Meiste and Meg Jipping, playing third doubles, defeated Ionia 6-2, 6-4 and lost to Lakewood.

In other singles action, Beth Hoag, number one singles, won her opening match 6-4, 6-3 before losing to Cedar Springs 6-0, 6-1.

At third singles, Lisa Osterhaven lost to Cedar Springs 7-5, 6-3; defeated Portland 7-6, 6-2; and lost to Lakewood.

Consistency, good ground strokes and a high first serve percentage is a formula for strong and winning tennis.

No one displayed it better or more often for Lowell than its third doubles team of Amy Meiste and Lyndsay Gustafson.

The Red Arrows' third doubles team used those key elements to pound out a 6-2, 6-2 win over Greenville's Babs Bailey and Katie Warnshuis.

Greenville defeated Lowell 7-1.

"They played very well. They served well and were consistent with their ground strokes," said Lowell girls' tennis coach Wendy Ackermann.

Lowell also received good play from its fourth doubles team. Beth Weber and Mandy Phillips were defeated in three sets to the Yellowjackets' Hayley Gerlach and Stacy Debelak 7-5, 1-6, 7-6.

"With it being their first varsity match, the girls played very well," Ackermann said.

Playing at number one doubles, Lowell's Colleen Mandel and Liz Lonick were beaten 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 by Greenville's Andrea LaMere and Anne Tovatt.

Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush lost 6-3, 7-6 to Denise Gurnsey and Jenny Popma at second doubles.

"I thought we should have done better at doubles. We committed too many unforced errors," Ackermann said.

In singles play, Yellowjacket Sam Sandro upended Lowell's Beth Hoag 6-1, 6-4.

In second singles, Amy Snell lost to Greenville's Dana Platt 6-3, 6-1.

Lisa Osterhaven was defeated in straight sets by Claire Cameron 6-0, 6-1.

At fourth singles, Kim Meiste fell to Ashley Rivers 6-4, 6-1.

"Greenville has a strong core of singles players," Ackermann said. "They are just very good."

Lowell is now 2-1 in non-conference play.

Lowell golf team drops two; play improves

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Improved play and progress highlighted Lowell's conference-opening triangular at Rolling Hills on Thursday.

The Red Arrows, shooting against the host Eagles from Hudsonville and Zeeland, shot a 169.

Sophomore Dan Barton was one stroke in back of

Gilchrist with a round of 40. "It was his first varsity league match. He played well under pressure," Ogle said. "Forty—that's playing."

Sophomore Keith Valentine and teammate Bob Myers each carded rounds of 45.

Lowell finished the week at 0-2 in the conference and 0-3 overall.

"If we can have the sophomore

Cross country teams no match for Zeeland

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell cross country coach Tom Harper was convinced... following Zeeland's 17-44 win over Lowell boys' cross country team.

"Zeeland's really good again. I don't see anyone challenging them," Harper said. "They have four big runners and then they have four or five other runners at that fifth spot."

If Harper is correct, that leaves a dogfight for second. "Second place in the conference is up for grabs. There are three or four teams who have a shot," Harpersaid. "We could be second or fourth."

Senior Ryan Wittenbach led Lowell runners against the Chix. He stopped the clock in 18:21. "That's a little slower than Ryan wants to be, but he's coming."

Behind Wittenbach (5th) was Dan Rottier (6th) with a time of 18:29. "Dan picked up where he left off last year. He ran well," Harper said.

Freshman Caleb O'Boyle was 13th as he came home in 19:35.

"It was a good first race for Caleb at Johnson Park," Harper explained.

Following O'Boyle were Aaron Plattner (15th) and Mike Suman (19th) with times of 20:09 and 20:30 respectively. "Again those were

good times to start the year with," Harper said. Zeeland was led by Doug Beyer's time of 17:33. He was followed by Scott Nagelkerke, 17:33; Mike Nagelkerke, 17:34; Jon Ornee, 17:50 and Charlie Kleinheksel, 18:32.

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Kiddy Gym Ages 3-5
September 9 - October 21
A gym class with emphasis on body and spatial awareness, locomotor skills, movement education and social skills. Class will be held at Bushnell School.
Tuesday • 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
MEMBER FEE: \$21 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$33

Super Sports Sampler Grades 1-5
September 18 - October 13 • 6-week program
This is an exciting program for boys and girls to sample a variety of sports like soccer, basketball, street hockey and other YMCA sports and games.
Grades 1-2: Thursday, after school at Alto Elementary
Grades 3-5: Tuesday, after school at Alto Elementary
MEMBER FEE: \$21 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$33

Gymnastics Age 5 - Grade 8
September 18 - October 20
Registration Deadline: September 3
Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of gymnastics, learning the beginning and intermediate skills on the uneven parallel bars, vault, floor exercise and balance beam. Class sizes are limited. Classes will be held at the Lowell High School auxiliary gym.
Beginners: 5 years and up
Intermediates: Do cartwheels with confidence
Advanced: Must be able to do aerial cartwheel, back hand spring and back walkover.
Beginner: Tuesday • 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
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A great way to spend a Friday night with your friends. Two hours of sports and activities including basketball, volleyball, games, and more. Lowell Middle School. (Parents, this is supervised by the YMCA staff.)
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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. • \$4.00

VOLUNTEER BASKETBALL COACHES NEEDED!
If you are interested in volunteering, please call the YMCA office at 897-8445. Coaches Meetings will be held on Thursday, October 23 at the YMCA office.
3rd - 6th Grades: 6:00 p.m.
1st - 2nd Grades: Please call.

Adult Programs

Men's Open Gym Basketball
October - March
Open gym will be held at Lowell Middle School.
Monday • 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
FEE: \$2 per person/per visit

Low Intensity/Low Impact Fitness
Begins September 8, ongoing through June
Come join the fun at our morning low intensity/low impact fitness class. Exercise at your own pace to music from the past and today. Enjoy the benefit of having more energy while toning your muscles and strengthening your heart and lungs. Classes will be held at First Methodist Church of Lowell.
Monday/Friday • 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
FEES: \$4 per visit or \$32 for a 14 visit Punch Card

Hi/Low Impact Fitness
Begins September 8, ongoing through June
This is a fun, upbeat program for all fitness levels. Participants may exercise at their own level. This program is a medium to high intensity workout with combination high/low impact. Workout includes warm-up, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility/toning and a cool down. Classes will be held at First Methodist Church of Lowell. Babysitting is available.
Monday/Wednesday/Friday • 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
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Per Visit: Member: \$4 • Non-Member: \$5

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Basketball in Lowell Grades 1 - 2
November 3 - December 15
Registration Deadline: October 30
Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. Class will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary.
1st Grade: Monday • 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
2nd Grade: Monday • 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
MEMBER FEE: \$20 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$32

Basketball in Alto Grades 1-2
November 6 - December 18
Registration Deadline: November 4
Late registrations will be charged a \$5 Late Fee.
Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals with an emphasis on having fun. Class will be held at Alto Elementary. (Limited to 20 participants)
Thursday, after school at Alto Elementary
MEMBER FEE: \$20 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$32

Basketball in Lowell Grades 3-6
October 27 - November 22
Registration Deadline: October 16
Late registrations will be charged a \$5 Late Fee.
A great warm-up for winter basketball. Separate programs will be offered for both boys and girls in grades 3-4 and 5-6. Practices will start the week of October 28 for one week. Games will start the week of November 4 and run three weeks. Coaches will inform players of practice times. Practices and games will be held at Cherry Creek Elementary School. (Leagues will go co-ed if not enough of either sex signs up.)
3rd - 4th Grade: Tuesday/Saturday
5th - 6th Grade: Thursday/Saturday
MEMBER FEE: \$22 • NON-MEMBER FEE: \$35

CHILD CARE

The Lowell YMCA offers quality, licensed child care. Our program promotes physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.
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SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM
(Our program provides licensed before and after school child care to children attending Lowell and Alto schools.)
• Kindergarten - Fifth grade • Hours: 6:00 am-begginning of school; end of school-6:00 pm
• Full days available for holidays, conferences and bad weather days.
• Breakfast and afternoon snack are provided. • Homework time
• Sports, games, arts & crafts, outdoor fun, computer fun, and more.
• Financial assistance available to those who qualify.
• Located at Cherry Creek Elementary School.

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Volleyball (Winter 1998)
(Leagues for Grades 3-8)

Winter Basketball
(Leagues for Grades 3-8)

Instructional Basketball
(Pre-K - Grade 2)

Men's "Over 30" Basketball

Winter Break Fun Club

Lowell Cable to begin search for director of operations/marketing

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

A high speed, fast payoff program to retire the cable system start-up debt was set aside, so that monies could be developed to further enhance the Lowell Cable System.

One of the key elements in that development is the creation of a director of operations/marketing.

This need stems in large part because Lowell Light and Power supervisor Paul Christman currently is contracted to devote 20 percent of his time to overseeing Lowell Cable while a majority (80 percent) of his time is devoted to overseeing the operation of Lowell Light and Power.

"If the city is to keep and improve the cable system, a director is needed to oversee its operation and the technical aspects, and to provide future expansion recommendations," Lowell cable board chairman Ray Quada said.

The director will have the responsibility of determining and recommending where the department should position itself, both from a technical and administrative standpoint in the future.

At its regular monthly meeting, the Lowell Cable Television Advisory Board unanimously approved recommending the creation of the new position to the city council.

Two weeks later, the council approved the board's recommendation.

"The cable industry is advancing at a fast pace. To maintain and keep up with its needs, a position to serve as a regulatory watch dog is needed," Lowell city councilman and cable board member Chuck Myers said. "The cable company is owned by the citizens. It generates almost \$700,000 a year; that is a pretty substantial business."

Myers added that it is important the cable company gets feedback from its customers and provides a service equal to bigger companies.

With technical and marketing advances, so too will come more customers.

Councilwoman Jeanne Shores queried whether there is enough personnel to take care of more customers.

"I think a director can make the decision whether more help is needed and if it would take steps to expand the system's economics to do that," Quada said.

The person filling the position would report to city manager Dave Pasquale and to Paul Christman, superintendent of Lowell Light and Power.

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Saturday at Bullock Creek in Midland, Lowell's boys placed fifth.

Ryan Wittenbach was the team medalist with a fourth-place finish. He came off the course in 17:54.

Dan Rottier was 14th at 18:31. Caleb O'Boyle was 25th with a time of 19:38.

Aaron Plattner placed 29th in 19:57. Lowell's fifth runner home was Mike Suman (36th) at 20:38.

Running but not figuring in the scoring were Derek Harmon, 42nd, 21:24 and Steve Rottier, 51st, 22:19.

"It was humid and hot by the time the boys ran. I think that affected their times," Harper said.

With work to do, the Red Arrow girls' cross country team continued its trek toward improvement.

"We're improving each time we go out. We still have work to do," Lowell coach Tom Harper said.

The Red Arrows were outmanned in their 16-46 loss to Zeeland.

"Their girls are pretty good also," Harper said.

Zeeland's Heidi Rock led everybody as she finished the Johnson Park course in 22:38. Herteammate Sarah Velderman came in second with a time of 22:59.

Second-half attack pushes Lowell past Zeeland

•••• The Red Arrows scored three second-half goals to upend Zeeland in their OK White conference opener.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Trailing 1-0 at halftime, Lowell's soccer coach Dave Wydock reminded his players of their commitment to one another - to never give up.

With the wind at its back, Lowell pressured Zeeland with a fast and furious attack on the Chix' keeper as it scored three second-half goals

The score followed a save by Voss on a Lowell fast break. Red Arrow Nick Blough, on a corner kick, hit Maatman, who flicked it off his head to Precious, standing at the far post, who then headed it past Voss.

Leading 2-1, Lowell scored the game's final goal. Maatman, off a fast break, was taken down near the edge of the box. The Red Arrow senior, on a free kick, then blasted one past the Chix keeper.

"We had a few good chances in the first half but couldn't capitalize," Wydock said.

Four minutes later, Shaun Precious headed one past Voss for a 2-1 Red Arrow lead.

The Red Arrows had problems containing the speed of Hastings' forwards as they lost to the home-standing Saxons Thursday night.

"Their forwards are very fast out on the wings," Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock said. "They are a much better team than a year ago. Their style is a little more refined which makes Hastings harder to defend."

In the first half, the two teams swapped goals as they played to a 2-2 tie before Hastings' Evan Winkler

scored on an assist by Steve Stors.

"We pounded their goal to start the second half," Wydock said. "But every time it looked like we'd break through, we were called for a foul," Wydock explained.

After Lowell's push, Hastings responded with two goals to increase their lead to 5-2.

"After the first 10 minutes of the second half, we had letdown and that's when Hastings got their two goals," Wydock said.

The Lowell coach said his club played okay in the first half, but could have done better.

"I thought we played a little intimidated. I told them at halftime they needed to go out and play and go after it and not be intimidated," Wydock said.

Lowell's first half goals came from Jake Brown and Matt Maatman.

Lowell ended the week 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the OK White.

Scoring pains hinder Lowell girls BB

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Not being able to put the ball in the hoop can make for a long night.

Just ask Lowell girls' basketball coach Ken Akers.

"We were terrible at the offensive end of the floor," Akers said following his club's 42-22 defeat to Wyoming Rogers.

Lowell managed to connect on just eight of 56 shots (14 percent) from the floor and three of 10 from the foul line (30 percent).

"I thought we did a pretty nice job on defense, but we couldn't put the ball in the hole," Akers explained.

Lowell grabbed 35 rebounds. "When you miss that many shots, you're going to get a few rebounds," Akers said.

Rogers jumped on Lowell in the first quarter, outscoring the Red Arrows 16-2. The Golden Hawks led 24-8 at halftime.

Rogers increased its lead to 38-14 after three periods. Lowell outscored the Hawks 8-4 in the fourth quarter.

The only Lowell player to score in double figures was guard Rachael Fredline. She netted 11 points. Lynn Boersma added five and Amanda Stoutjesdyk contributed with four.

Stoutjesdyk and Boersma each had five rebounds to lead Lowell on the boards.

The loss dropped Lowell to 0-2.

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Lowell's up front with Ionia; lines dominate in 34-0 rout

••• VanLaan runs for three touchdowns and Thayer throws for one and passes for another as Lowell rolls up over 400 total yards in season-opener win.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"This club will improve a lot over nine games," said Lowell's second-year football coach Noel Dean following Lowell's 34-0 nonconference win over Ionia.

This just in, Ionia coach Mike Powell witnessed Lowell's line play improve a lot over just nine minutes of the first quarter Friday night.

"After our first drive, Lowell's line play, on both defense and offense, was the difference," Powell said.

On its first possession, Lowell was three plays and out, Ionia, on the other hand, held the ball for 11 plays, and got to within 11 yards of Lowell's end zone.

A procedure call pushed Ionia back to its 17-yard line and back-to-back sacks by Nate Schoen, of Bulldog quarterback Ryan Basler, suffocated what would be Ionia's only threatening drive of the evening.

Inspired by the defensive line play, the offense embarked on an 11-play, 88-yard drive which was capped by T.J. Thayer's 30-yard touchdown pass to Andy Graham.

"It was a nice pass and I didn't call it," Dean explained. "T.J. checked to it at the line and hit Graham on the TD pass."

That got things rolling. Lowell's defense got the ball back to Thayer and the offense within two minutes.

On its first play from Ionia's 48 yard line, Red Arrow running back Steve VanLaan took a handoff from Thayer and followed some textbook blocking into the end zone, extending Lowell's lead to 14-0.

While the Red Arrows' second score only took 10 seconds off the clock, its next possession took five minutes and covered 99 yards.

Lowell ran 12 plays with Thayer capping the drive on a 10-yard touchdown run around the right end, increasing Lowell's lead to 22-0 right before the half.

Lowell's first possession of the second half started with a 17-yard run by Graham. It ended eight plays later on a five-yard touchdown run by VanLaan.



Lowell's Josh Maxim puts the wrap on Ionia quarterback Ryan Basler.

Lowell's final score of the game came on its first possession of the fourth quarter. The Red Arrows went 48 yards in five plays with VanLaan running it in from 19 yards out.

The junior running back finished the game with 121 yards on 10 carries and three touchdowns.

"Steve played a great game," Dean said afterwards. "As did Thayer. In his first varsity start at quarterback, the junior ran for a touchdown and threw for one."

Thayer was 7-of-16 in the air for 107 yards and no interceptions. He also ran for 54 yards.

The Red Arrows rolled up 320 yards on the ground. "Lowell is a pretty good ballclub, better than what Coach

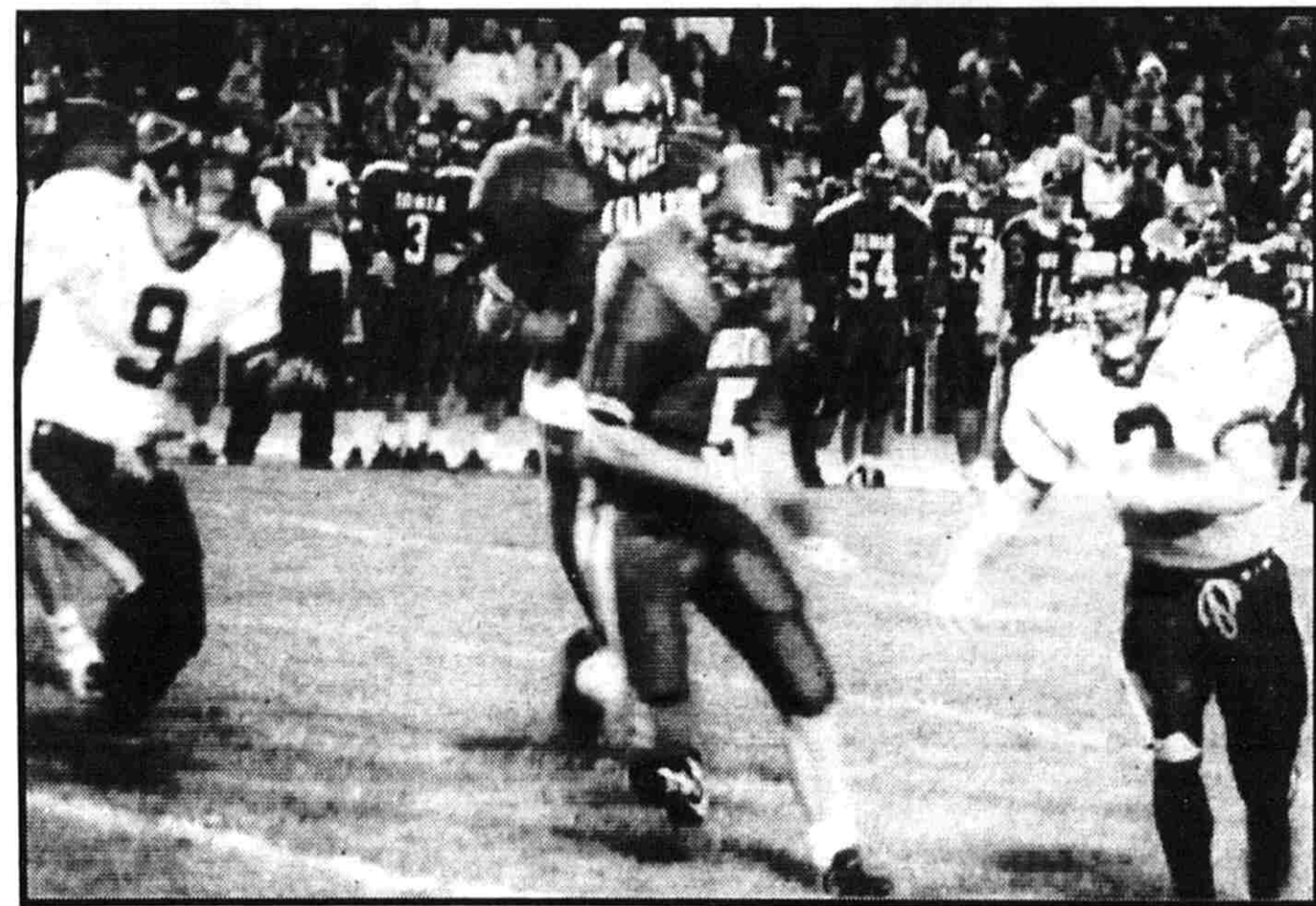
Dean has been talking," Powell said. Lowell's defense held Ionia to 35 yards rushing on 28 carries.

Ionia's Basler was 8-of-14 for 77 yards and two interceptions.

"We had a lot of breakdowns and mental mistakes," Powell said.

Lowell did not commit a turnover. "That comes from hard work in the off season," Dean said.

That hard work will be tested Friday night as Lowell opens its conference schedule at home against Zeeland.



Red Arrow quarterback T.J. Thayer avoids Bulldog defenders in Lowell's season-opener against Ionia. The Red Arrows won the contest 34-0.

A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married
—H.L. Mencken

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TOWN TALK

The third annual Motorcycle Toy Run took place on Sunday at the Lowell 4-H Fairgrounds. The Ledger asked participants to talk about their bikes, the event and the thrill of riding.



Joe Sarnicola

I've been driving a bike for 25 years. I rode in on a '94 Harley dyna wideglide. It is my first year in this toy run. I am surprised by the large turnout, but it's great with all the toys brought in for kids. I enjoy the open road, scenery and the landscape.

Kate Good

I drive a '97 1200 custom Harley. You meet a lot of people riding bikes. It is a way of life. You eat and breathe it. This is my first year to participate in this toy run. I'm shocked by how many bikers participated.



Rex Larsen

It's my first year participating in this toy run. The event and weather were great. I drove a '94 low rider Harley Davidson. If you have to ask the question why I ride a Harley, you will never understand.

Rick Rohloff

I ride a '96 Kawasaki Vulcan 1500. This is a pretty cool event. It is the first time I've participated. It was a great drive in and the weather was perfect. I've been riding 22 years. It gives you a feeling of freedom. There is such a feeling of camaraderie among bikers.

Renee Gunowski

I am very surprised by the large turnout. It's great and it's for a good cause. I've been riding a bike for six years. I drove a '74 Harley superglide. I like the feeling of a bike. If you're in a bad mood, you can get on a bike and go; it blows all of your cobwebs out.

Jerry Nugent

I've been driving a bike for 35 years. I drove in on a '97 dyna low rider. This is the first year I've participated in this toy run. This is great. I was a little surprised by the large turnout. Driving a bike gives you so much freedom. You're out in the open with nothing around you.



Donna Eparvier

I've been riding for three years. This is my first year at this event. It is great and for a good cause. It's great to ride in groups.

Bev Nies

This is the second year that I've participated, but the first year I drove my '78 sportster. Driving is much better than riding. You're in control. There's that feeling of freedom.

Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.
—Oscar Wilde

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FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

EVERY MONDAY: Senior men's golf club at Arrowhead. Tee time 1 p.m. Play 9 holes, walk or ride. For more information call Al at 897-7342.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Historical Museum at 84th and Alden Nash. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th-grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club

meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES. NOTE CHANGE: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, will meet during the month of August. Meetings will resume on September 9.

TUESDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous will meet at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 404 Hudson (N), Lowell. This is a 12-step program that focuses on recovery from eating disorders. Call 451-8953.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Beltline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a

parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842 for more information. Held at the Franciscan Child Development Center.

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: 2 to 3:30 p.m., Family Council for the Laurels of Kent Nursing Home. This is a volunteer group formed to enhance the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

EVERY FOURTH WEDNESDAY: Elderly volunteers needed to participate in the Intergenerational Program with school age children from Lowell in many different seasonal activities. Two times available: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Call Sister Colleen Ann Nagle, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY SAT. Lowell Amateur Radio Club sponsors the 145.270 - repeater which operates on a 24-hour basis. Also there is a Simplex Frequency 147.420 PL 186.2.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE: Business meeting is held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.

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

WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.

THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. craft time, 1 p.m. Euchre.

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

MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events

FRI., SEPT. 12: 12:30 p.m., John Ball Park Zoo.

TUES., SEPT. 16: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

WED., SEPT. 17: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.

THURS., SEPT. 18: 12:30 p.m., D & W Plaza shopping.

FRI., SEPT. 19: 12:30 p.m., Gerontology (topic) "Friends."

WED., SEPT. 24: 8 a.m., Women's breakfast.

FRI., SEPT. 26: 12:30 p.m., Joe Kinnebrew tour.

TUES., SEPT. 30: 12:30 p.m., Calari tour, Kent Co.

(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)

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

WED., SEPT. 10: Snow United Methodist Church at 3189 Snow Ave. SE will serve a family style turkey and dressing dinner at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$6; 5-12 \$2.

SUN., SEPT. 14: St. Mary's 4th annual pig roast/festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's school grounds, 402 Amity St. Cost: adults, \$6; 12 & under, \$4 (pork dinner), \$3 (hot dog). Takeouts welcomed. Door prizes, crafts, kids games, raffle, silent auction, music and a country store.

MON., SEPT. 15: The Clark-Ellis American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. The representation from girls state will be present.

THURS., SEPT. 18: KeenAgers will meet at Vergennes Methodist Church at 10 a.m. They will have potluck dinner, bring

a dish to pass and your own table service. They will play cards. Come and bring a friend.

TUES., SEPT. 23: Cub Scout Pack 3188 is holding an informational rally at 6:30 p.m. at the Lowell United Methodist Church. This rally is for those boys and their parents interested in joining Cub Scouts. Cub Scouting serves boys in the first through fifth grade. Pack 3188 meets Tuesday nights at the Lowell United Methodist Church and serves Bushnell, Cherry Creek, Alto and other area students. For more information about Cub Scouts and Pack 3188, call 897-8751.

SAT. OCT. 11: The Cherry Creek Craft Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 12675 Foreman Rd. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. No admission fee. Sponsored by the Lowell Elementary PTO. For more information call Terri at 897-5839 or Laura at 897-5653.

GRATTAN TOWNSHIP

Hearing Of The Public Grattan Township Zoning Board Of Appeals

A Public Hearing before the Grattan Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Grattan Township Hall, 11676 Old Belding Road, on:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1997 AT 7:30 P.M.

at which time and place the following subject will be heard.

Joseph T. Eckelstafer has made application for variance from Article 3, B. (3) of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance prohibiting accessory buildings in the front yard on parcels less than five (5) acres. Said structure is to be located at 10710 6-Mile, parcel 41-12-20-100-020.

Parcel: N 550 FT OF W 250 FT OF E 580 FT OF NW 1/4 * SEC 20 T8N R9W 3.16

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

Motorcycle run brings lots of toys for Butterworth pediatrics unit

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Observing Santa Claus riding in a specially customized motorcycle limousine through downtown Lowell may have seemed a touch odd to onlookers.

For Dave and Sherrie Stevens, and the nearly 400 bikers who paraded with them through Lowell on Sunday, it was never so right.

"It was awesome and so incredible," Dave Stevens said.

The third annual Motorcycle Toy Run more than doubled the number of participants it had in the event's first two years combined.

"There were at least 300 and probably closer to 400 bikers," Stevens said.

The genesis of the event has been well documented. However, that has not slighted its poignancy.

Stevens' lost their three-year-old boy Tony to cancer

weeks before Christmas in 1990.

Rather than returning Tony's toys to the stores, they decided to take them to the pediatrics unit at Butterworth Hospital and distribute them to the hospitalized children. They also used money given to them for hospital bills, to buy other toys for the children.

It was done in remembrance of Tony. "When Sherrie and I walked down the hall (alias Santa and his elf) for that first Christmas, I had a knot in my stomach," Dave Stevens said.

After reading about the Stevens' story, motorcycle enthusiasts Doug Morrell contacted the Stevens and asked if they could use some additional help.

Morrell helped Stevens set up a motorcycle toy run. The event's first year was in 1995. There were 75 motorcyclists who participated in

the 45-minute ride to Fallsburg Park.

In year two, that number rose to 100.

This year, the site was switched to the Lowell Fairgrounds due to some conflict with other activities at Fallsburg Park.

"With the number of toys brought in by the bikers, and with the success of event shirt sales, I think we will be able to buy a second Santa suit and expand the number of hospital toys to two," Stevens explained.

Morrell and Stevens credit the large turnout this year to air time on WLAV FM and WCUC.

"We also sent out fliers. It is a good cause and people feel good about participating," Morrell said. "We have the permission and support of the city of Lowell, and look forward to many more fantastic toy runs."



Nearly 400 bikes came through downtown Lowell on Sunday as part of the third annual Motorcycle Toy Run.



Sherrie and Dave Stevens stand next to some of the toys hauled during the annual Motorcycle Toy Run. Coordinators believed there were roughly 400 bikers who participated.

West end sidewalk program to commence in the spring

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The installation of sidewalk along West Main Street will commence in the spring of 1998.

The city of Lowell contracted McCreary Concrete Construction, Grand Rapids, to install sidewalk on the north side between West Street and Alden Nash and on the south side between West and Alexandra.

McCreary will also put in

curb and gutter in various locations in the city.

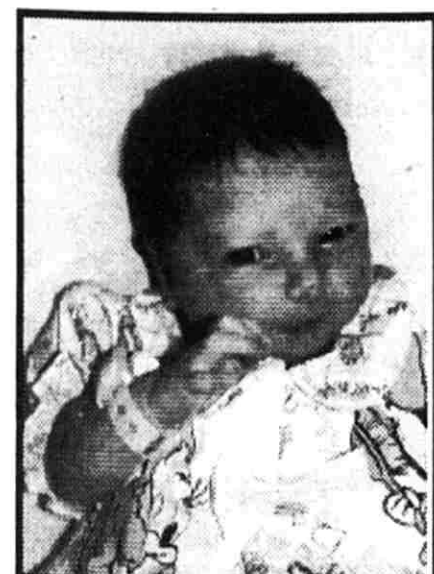
McCreary was contracted for the job at a price of \$155,358.60. The quote to do the work in the spring provides a \$7,000 savings to the city and gives the assurance of a better product, according to city manager Dave Pasquale.

Bids were written to provide two options - a spring and fall construction price.

Of the \$155,358 quote, \$13,792 will be for curb and gutter which will be charged to the streets, parks and water funds as well as property owners on a voluntary basis.

Funds to cover the sidewalk cost of \$141,566 will be allocated from the Community Block Grant (\$42,000), Improvement Fund (\$41,118) and the Downtown Development Authority (\$58,448).

AREA BIRTHS

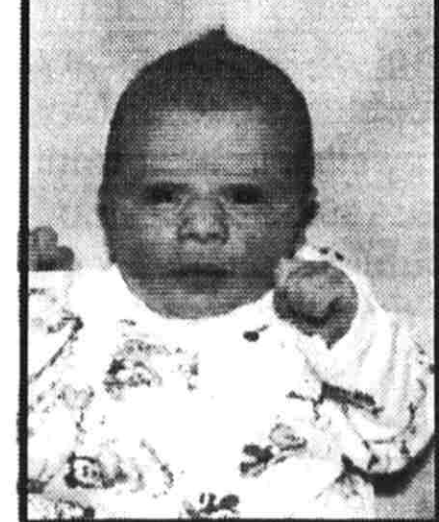


Big sister Emily Lynn is very pleased to have a real baby to love. Katlin Lynn Rannels was born Monday, April 28, 1997. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Proud parents are Tammy and John Rannels of Cedar Springs.



Helena, J.R. and Claresa Guastavino of Pirates Cove in Key Largo, FL are proud to announce the birth of two new Michigan cousins. Katlin Lynn Rannels was born April 28, 1997 and Rikki Renee McConnon was born July 17, 1997.



Rikki Renee McConnon was born Thursday, July 17, 1997, weighing 6 lbs. 7 oz.

Proud parents are Sue and Ed McConnon of Alto.



Library Donation

Marie Vierson, right, presents an antique lithograph of Lowell to Lowell librarian Jane Aronson.

The picture was given as a gift in the name of the late Dr. Ruth Herrick, who practiced dermatology in Lowell.

Herrick was tragically killed in an auto accident 23 years ago (June of 1974) coming back from Greentown, IN, Glass Antique Show.

Following Herrick's death, the picture was passed onto a friend. "She wished to remain anonymous. She felt Herrick would have wanted the new library to have the picture," Vierson said.

The lithograph is of early Lowell (circa 1870).

Herrick also wrote a book on Greentown glass and dug Indian artifacts at the mounds in Grand Rapids and Ada.



IT'S IN THE CLASSIFIERS

A dinner for the Sun King, Louis XIV of France meant three soups, five entrees, three fowls, two fish and vegetable dishes, some desserts and always ended with a few hard-boiled eggs. At his death it was found that he had a tapeworm.

William R. Harris
Treasurer

Catching bugs catches the educational imagination of summer school kids

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

"Catching bugs." That is exactly what Justin Hewitt, a third-grade student at Cherry Creek, said when asked what he liked most about the summer school program called Leap into MEAP.

Hewitt was one of 49 students who attended the program which ran this summer for five weeks.

Implemented last year, the Leap into MEAP program is designed to provide an opportunity for students to get ahead, to start on the school year by learning, practicing, and maintaining skills they have learned at school, said Jennifer Bolhuis, an instructor for the program and a teacher at Cherry Creek. "The MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) is used to focus the summer program on specific educational areas: reading, writing, math and science," Bolhuis explained.

This year, the program was broken into two themes: insects and space. The themes were used to help develop the students' skills in the four educational areas.

Students attended Monday night's Lowell Board of Education meeting to demonstrate what they had learned and why they liked the program.

Lauren Thomas, a fifth-grade student at Alto, said the program has made her more confident in reading, writing, math and science. Because of the positive re-enforcement she got and the fun she had, Thomas said she would like to see

similar summer enrichment courses offered for fifth- and sixth-grade students.

The same thought was echoed by Thomas' parents, who said they would be willing to pay more for such programs.

Superintendent Bert Bleke said the district has been somewhat lax in promoting its summer programs, but plans are in the works to change that. Bleke said the district needs to start promoting the program in October, early enough for parents to start thinking about how to best fit such activities into the hectic summer schedule.

Bolhuis said this year the program did double its numbers with 27 students attending the morning session and 22 students attending the afternoon session. Students met with teachers for three days out of the week for a total of 15 times.

Because of the increased enrollment, an additional teacher

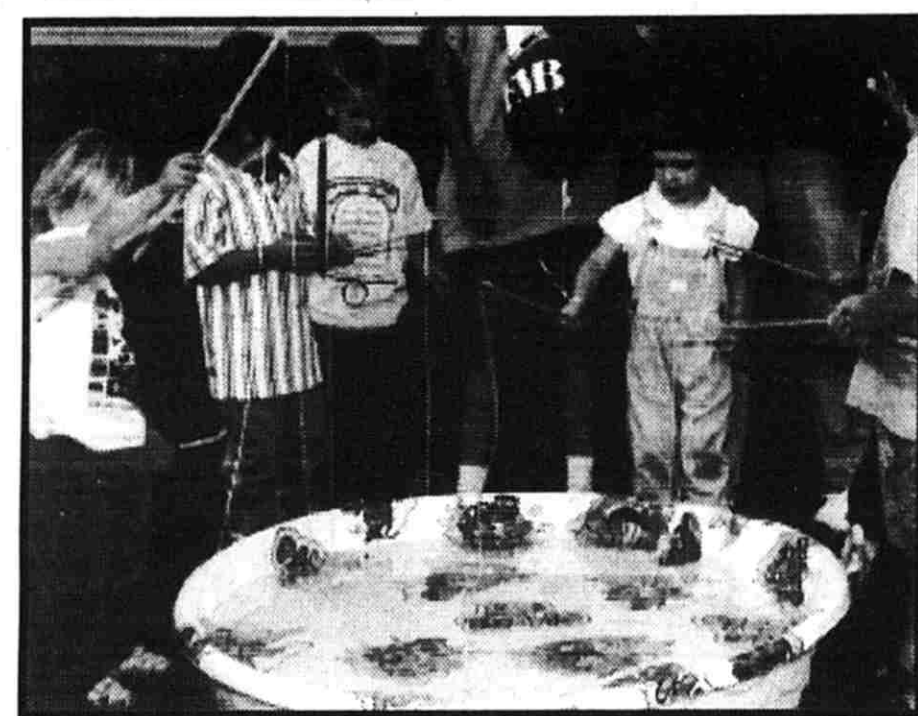
had to be hired for the program to keep the student/teacher ratio low. Even with the increase in staff, there was a waiting list of students wanting to participate in the program.

A portion of the district's at-risk money was used to fund the program. Parents also paid a fee.

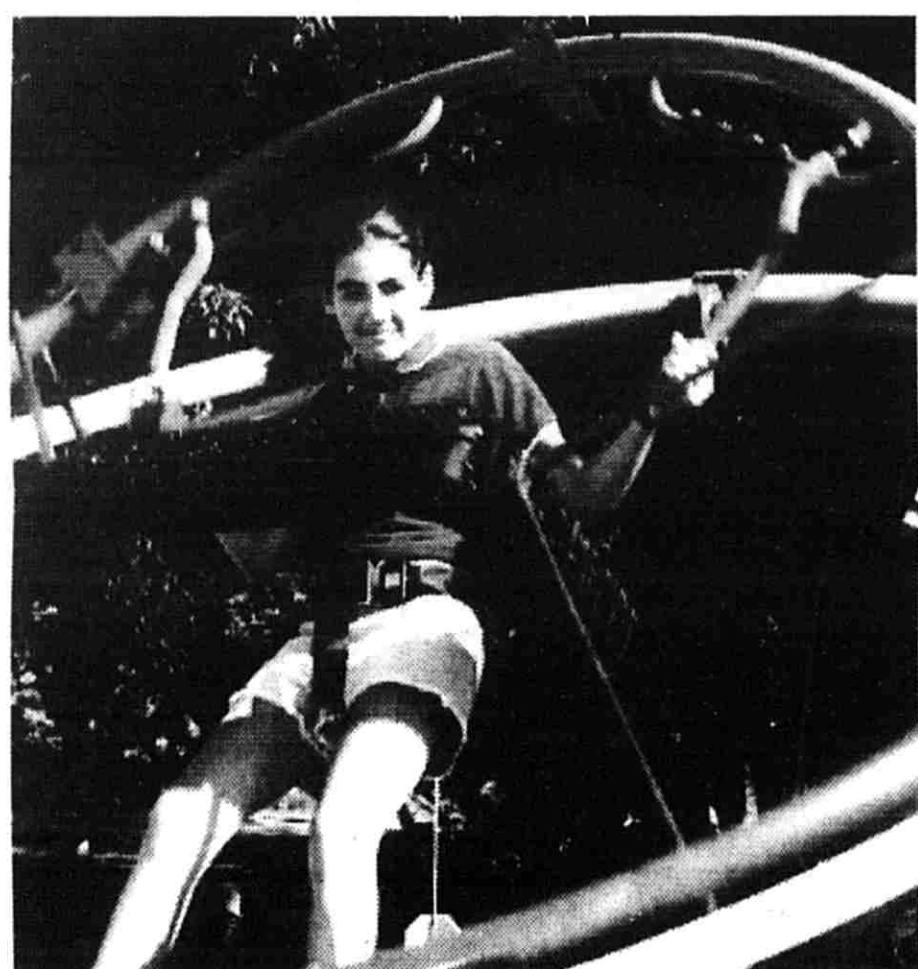
Parents and teachers identified students who valued learning or might benefit from such a program, Bolhuis explained.

Bleke said he wanted to express his appreciation to the staff, which included Bolhuis and Lowell elementary teachers Sue Beute and Wendy Perdok, for their willingness to teach during the summer and to the parents for their support of the program.

"You can learn during the summer and you can have fun during the summer and this proves you can do both," he said.

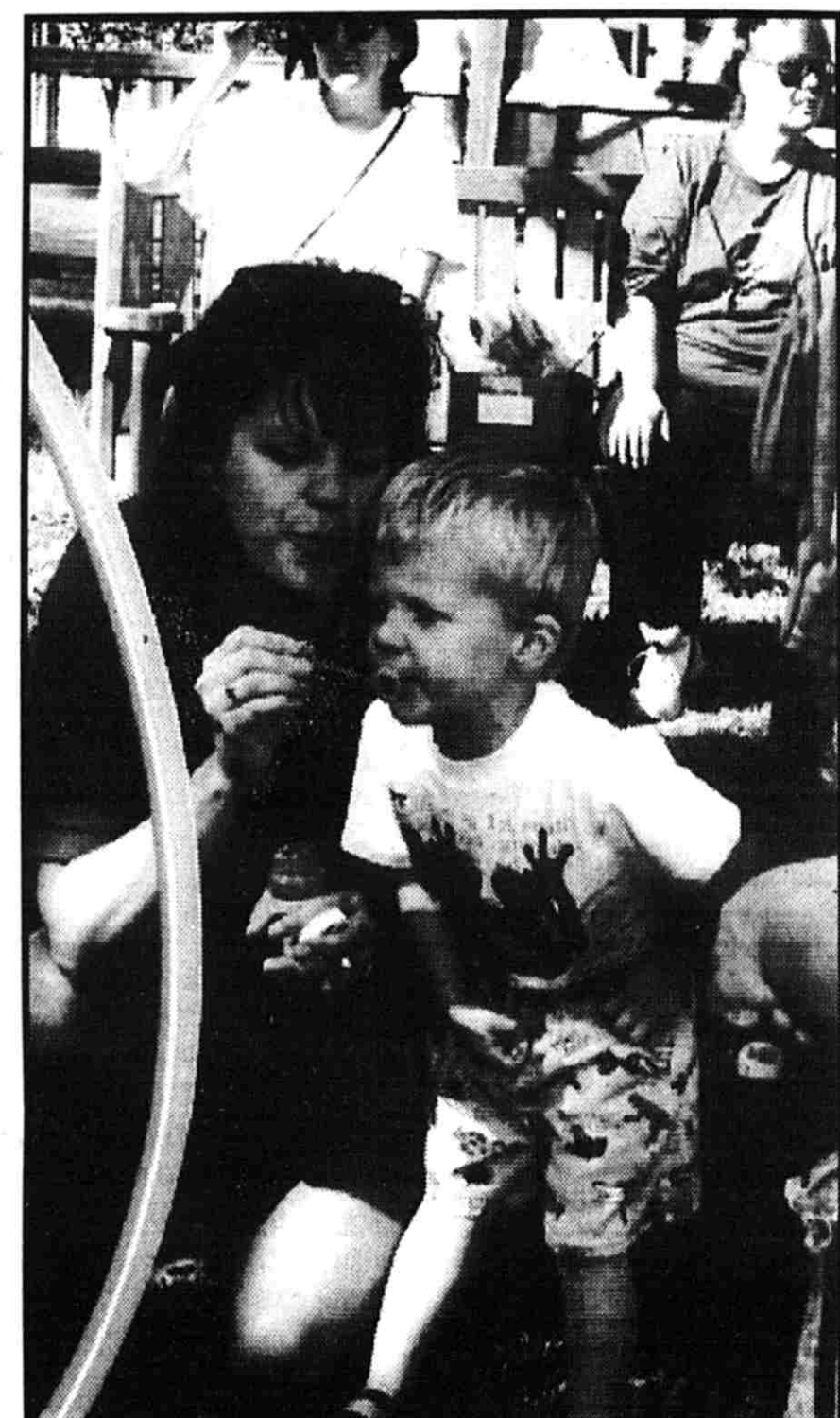


FISHIN' HOLE... Youngsters participating in the children's games did a little fishing for prizes.



SPACING OUT... Emily Desy took her turn on Orbotron.

TINY BUBBLES...



With the help of mom, Janna Schneider, two-year-old Jonathan works to get bubbles through the hoop.

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 17, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, SE, to consider Alyn Fletcher's request for a variance which would allow the building of one additional home on property at 12632 Grand River Drive (41-20-10-400-027, 048, and 049).

Carol L. Wells, Clerk
Lowell Charter Township
897-7600

Lowell YMCA '97 SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Posted 9/07/97

MONDAY NIGHT CO-ED:	W	L	T
LARKINS	2	1	
FELDER COMMUNICATIONS	2	1	
QUIGGLES & THE REST	2	1	
OGDEN	0	3	

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S	W	L
LEC/BASF	4	0
LENA LOU'S	4	2
ALTO GAS	2	2
LEC	2	3
BALL BUSTERS	2	2
BILL'S MOBILE POWER WASH	0	5

THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S	W	L
RANDI'S RIVERSIDE PARTY STORE	4	1
ALTO BAR	3	2
LARKINS	3	2
ADA BEEF	3	3
NELSON CONSTRUCTION	2	2
ALTO BAPTIST	0	5

FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S:	W	L
RIVER CITY FIRE PROTECTION	4	1
GREAT DANE TAVERN	3	1
LILLIE'S	2	1
PIT STOP TIRE	2	2
MOOSE	1	3
DIRTY SHAME	0	4

CITY OF LOWELL NOTICE OF BIDDERS

Sealed bids for a two-year contract for mowing and trimming of various City properties will be accepted at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331 until Wednesday, October 1, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Mark envelope "MOWING BIDS."

On site inspection must be scheduled with Dan DesJarden between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling 897-5929 and specifications will be given at that time.

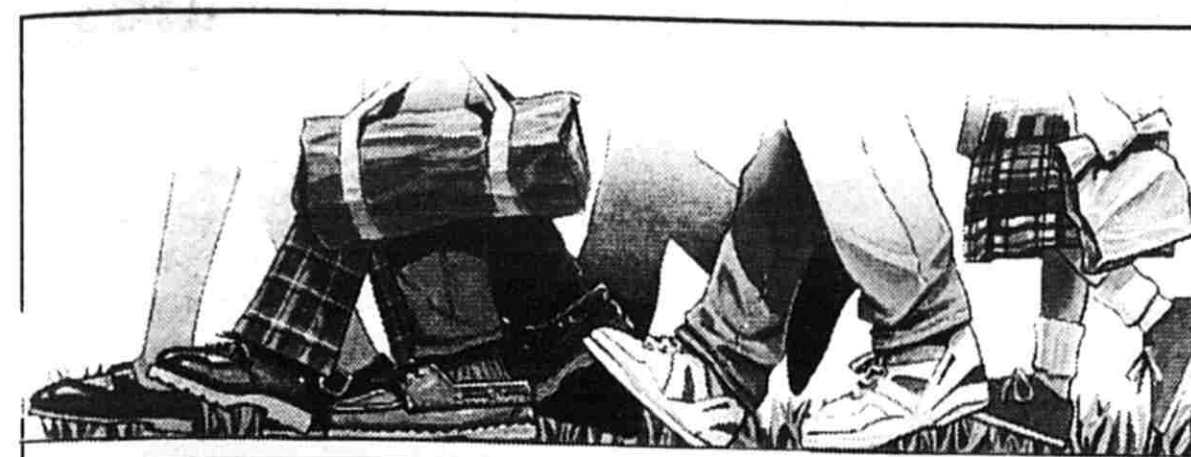
The City of Lowell reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also the right to waive any formal defects in bids when deemed in the best interest of the City. Further, the City reserves the right to accept a bid higher than the lowest bid, if the City's interest will be better served.

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EVERYONE IS RUSHING TO CHECK OUT THE LOWELL LEDGER CLASSIFIEDS!

FOR SALE

MANY 9:00x20 TRUCK TIRES - some new. \$55 each or take all \$40 each. Ph. 616-765-8421.

1985 FORD F250 - 4x4, fiberglass cap, 6 cyl., manual, \$900 obo. Call 897-6083.

DEERE SPREADER - model L series 1, ground driven, reconditioned, \$450 or best offer. Call 874-5057.

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - Saranac Schools: For Sale - 10 ac. parcel, very wooded w/pond. Suitable for walkout. M-21, E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile to Centerline Rd., E. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Restrictions available in box at plat. Can be bought on land contract. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

FOR SALE - 1-year-old furnace, good for pole barn, smaller house, \$825; lady's new leather coat, 15-16 slim, \$75; finished birch plywood desktop, 4'x8', \$30; gas stove, works ok, free. Call 897-6430.

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FOR SALE - 27" Zenith color console TV, \$125 obo; Nintendo plus 6 games, 1 controller, guns, cleaning kit. \$40. 897-6939.

1992 OLDSMOBILE 98 REGENCY ELITE - loaded, leather, 25,000 miles, \$13,500. Call 810-475-5797.

ROLLING MEADOWS PLAT - Saranac Schools: For Sale - 1 acre wooded lot. Beautiful building site. Land contract available. M-21 E of Lowell to Pinckney Rd., N. 1 mile to Centerline Rd., E. 1 mile to plat, S. side. Restrictions available in box at plat. For further information call Phil Bishop 616-367-4900.

HELP WANTED

AARP SENIOR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM - Is now hiring people 55 years of age and over, whose income is limited. Work site would be at Lowell Senior Neighbors. Call Sue at 897-5949 for information.

HELP WANTED - paid weekly. Due to a large increase in business, local company must expand operations & fill 10 full-time permanent positions to start at \$410/week. Since there are several positions to fill & company will train inexperienced, job descriptions, hours, pay scales, profit-sharing, benefits, etc. will be discussed at a one-on-one interview. No 3rd shift. For appointment call 616-243-8625 Ext. 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri.

OXFORD MANOR IS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME RESIDENT AIDES - for 7 a.m.-3 p.m. shift. Includes employee benefits. Call or apply at Oxford Manor, 954-2970.

PART-TIME POSITION - for assisted living home. Cooking & caring for the residents, experience preferred. 897-0799.

HELP WANTED - Management position open to friendly, outgoing person with management experience. Good pay, plus extras. Apply at Sun-Suite's Tanning/Showboat Video, 2001 W. Main St., Lowell.

COOK POSITION - Oxford Manor is taking applications for full & part-time cooks for 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. shifts. Contact Oxford Manor at 2457 Forest Hills Dr. or 954-2970.

Be sure to check out the school lunch menu in this issue!

EARN MONEY! - Reading books! \$30,000/yr. income potential. Details. 1-800-513-4343 Ext. Y-1520.

FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS - 5 x 5 to 20 x 40, heated units available, household goods, boats, cars...you name it! Rates from \$15 per month! LANDMAN STORAGE CO. 897-8451.

FOR RENT - FeroNE, 15 acre wooded setting, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, walkout ranch, screened porch, fireplace, pond. \$1,000 per month, 1 year lease/1 month deposit/references required. Pet considered. 616-787-8339, Linda Davis, weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

CENTER COURT APARTMENTS - Lowell. 1 & 2 bedroom apartments with heat, carpets, garages, short-term leases, small pet, air & more. 897-0099 day or night.

WANTED

WANTED - Donations of old school desks, any age, for the Fallasburg School house. Fallasburg Historical Society, 897-6430.

LOST & FOUND

LOST - Large, black/white, male cat. Last seen in area of Grindle & Shepard Dr. REWARD. Call 897-8092.

LOST AT THE LOWELL FAIR - 1 camcorder. If found, call 868-7430.

EVENTS

IONIA ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE MARKET - Sun., Sept. 21. Ionia Fairgrounds. M-66, Ionia, MI. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$2. Rain or Shine.

EVENTS

LADIES COFFEE BREAK KICKOFF - Tues., Sept. 16, 10 a.m. Lowell Calvary Church, across from Burger King. Register for Bible Study. See stamp art demo, make a greeting card. For information call 897-6462, 897-7555.



SALES

BIG 3-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 11-12, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 13, 8 a.m.-noon. Half way between Alto & Clarksville at 11975 Drew Road (64th St.)

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE - Sat., Sept. 13, 12875 Hillcrest Dr. 4 miles N. of Lowell. 9 a.m.-? Clothing, kitchen items, linens, furniture, luggage, toys, games & stuffed animals, TV stand, lawn & garden items, fireplace utensils, small appliances, space heaters, old LP records & collectibles, decorative & other misc. items.

YARD SALE - Sept. 12, 13 & 14, 9-? Old postcards, dolls & toys, collectibles & lots of household merchandise. 150 S. Hudson, Lowell.

CARD OF THANKS

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CARD OF THANKS We wish to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts and to those who attended our 50th wedding anniversary and made the occasion so special. We thank our children for all their help. Ralph & Gerry Craig

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORIAM In loving memory of our father, James Randolph Bates (Randy) who passed away 1 year ago,

September 8, 1996. September brings sad memories of loved one gone to rest. You will never be forgotten by the ones who love you best. We've missed you every moment since the day you passed away. One by one we are coming over to greet you on that golden shore. There will be a glorious meeting when we meet to part no more. The beautiful things you did for us live in our hearts everyday. And keep you near and dear to us. Though you have passed away, there is a face that is haunting us ever. There is a voice we long to hear. There is a smile that we'll always remember though we try to forget every tear. He has gone from his dear ones, his children and grandchildren who he willingly toiled for and loved as his life. No one knows our longing. A few have seen us weep, we shed our tears with an aching heart while others are sound asleep. Rest in peace dear, loving father. You are gone but still are living in the hearts of those who stay.

DAYCARE AVAILABLE - all ages. Call 897-6324.

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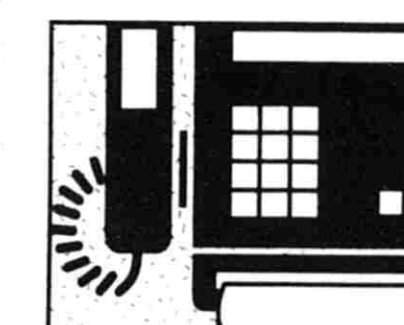
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 897-8457 - (8 A.M. To 5 P.M., Mon - Fri.)
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