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No Meddling Please!

Citizens are concerned over how limiting a proposed Vergennes Township ordinance could be on home-based businesses.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The question isn't whether or not control is needed in regulating home-based businesses in

Vergennes Township... it's how much.

In Vergennes Township Planning Commission's charge to draw up an ordinance outlining regulation of

home-based businesses, it has created a nervousness among some of its long-standing residents.

"There are generations of families who have lived their

entire lives in Vergennes Township," says Kenny Wittenbach, a member of the concerned citizens of Vergennes Township group. "We've governed ourselves. We view less government as better government."

Vergennes Township clerk Mari Stone said a proposed new ordinance would

look to regulate a home-based business's size, traffic, growth, excess noise and noxious odors.

Wittenbach and other members of the citizens group agree some control is needed, but for the purpose of guarding against those now moving in from the city, not the generations of families who have

a history in Vergennes Township.

"It is difficult to comment on an ordinance until we see the master plan and what the township is going to propose," Wittenbach said. "If the township wants annual inspections whereby they go through your build

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Tonya Crater creates a little artwork on the cheek of Erin Leegwater. Face-painting is a popular children's activity at the Fallasburg Festival.

Fallasburg Fall Festival embarks on 29th year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The once active Fallasburg Village Post Office (1850-1902) will be reopened this weekend as part of the 29th annual Fallasburg Fall Festival.

The U.S. Post Office and other postal services' reincarnation will feature a cachet and cancellation. This year's postmark was designed by local artist Gary Eldridge.

The tradition started back in 1983. To appeal to collectors, the cachet is used only during the two-day period. "Those who collect these original cancellations mail letters to Lowell for stamping from locations all over the U.S.," said Fallasburg Fall Festival publicity chairperson Jill VanAntwerp.

The Festival was started 29 years ago by the West Michigan Historical Society (now known as the Fallasburg Historical Society) as a fund-raiser. It began as a craft-selling event where donuts and cider were served.

Shortly after the arts council was incorporated as an organization in 1977, it was asked by the historical society to help with the festival. Short on manpower, the historical society eventually asked the Lowell Area

Arts Council to coordinate the Fallasburg Fall Festival.

The historical society's serving of donuts and cider, however, has remained a permanent stamp at the fall festival.

The Fallasburg Fall Festival has grown into a juried show of 75 artists and has expanded to add music and food booths.

The artists' booths will display jewelry, pottery, glass, leather, fiberwork, wood, painting, and photography as well as handmade shoes, boxes, basketry, beeswax candles, brooms, soap, toys, and dried herbs and flowers.

Turn-of-the-century demonstrations will include butter churning, rug-hooking, origami, quilting, basketry, caning, and spinning.

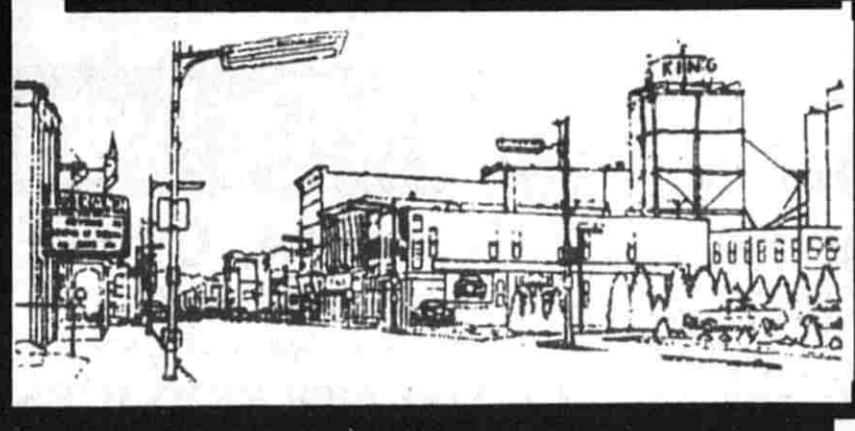
This year's handmade quilt featuring the historic Fallasburg Covered Bridge was designed and created by Karla Mitchell. It will be raffled along with other artwork.

Dwindling state support has left the LAAC dependent on the festival and its annual fund drive for a large share of its fundraising.

In search of more support, the arts council found it in the Helen Look Daley Fund. The

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Along Main Street



HOMECOMING PARADE ENTRIES

Any club or association interested in participating in this year's homecoming parade on October 10 should contact Robert VanBelois at 897-4125.

LOOKING FOR THE "RED DEVIL" LOGO

The LHS class of '48 is planning their 50th reunion for June 27, 1998 and they are looking for the school emblem "Lowell Red Devils" which was their athletic team's name until 1947.

The planning committee would like to borrow a "Red Devil" emblem and make a copy. If you have one please call Alice or John at 897-9588.

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Manufacturing plant accident takes life of Lowell's Ed VonMyhr

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An industrial accident at Metric Manufacturing Wednesday morning took the life of a Lowell man.

Eric "Ed" VonMyhr, 57, died of cardiac arrest at 10:56 a.m. at Butterworth Hospital following compression-type injuries to his chest and sternum in a tool and die machine accident, according to hospital officials.

VonMyhr first began working as a Metric Manufacturing machinist in March of 1996.

"VonMyhr was conscious and propped up next to a machine when I arrived," said investigating officer Steve Junewick. "He was complaining about difficulty breathing."

According to the company's purchasing agent Mary Chubinski, as of August he had begun working in the maintenance/janitorial department.

"Ed was a valued employee and we're all devastated," Chubinski said.

The accident is under investigation by a senior safety officer of the Industrial Safety Division out of the Department of Consumer and Industrial Services.

The plant has undergone routine safety inspections since 1982.

VonMyhr is survived by his wife, Gloria; three sons, Eric,

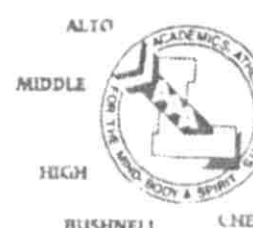
James and Gary, all of Wyoming; three stepsons Marshall Chase of Elwell, Reed Chase of Minot, ND, Ernie Chase of Washougal, WA; 11 grandchildren; his parents Eric and Murial VonMyhr of Battle Creek; one sister Barbara (Gregg) Loss of SC.

VonMyhr was a member of the Caledonia Gun Club and was an avid outdoorsman.

Funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Funeral Home on Saturday. Interment was in South Boston Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

ANCHORS - Raymond Snowden Anchors, aged 76, of Brighton, passed away September 15, 1997. He was born June 22, 1921 in Ferndale, MI. He graduated from Ferndale High School, attended Michigan State University. He was an honorary member and past president of Michigan Housewares/Hardware Association; former sales representative of Anchor Sales. Enjoyed selling for over 40 years. A vice president at Root, Corp; Regional Sales Manager, Economic Laboratories, life member of Lakeland Golf and Country Club. Served many years on board of Livingston County Food Bank. First Presbyterian Church of Brighton.

Served in WWII in the European, African and Middle Eastern Service. He is survived by his wife Mary McLaughlin Anchors; two children Dennis (Deb) Anchors, Lowell, Penny (Dick) Irwin, Westland, MI; four stepchildren Maureen (Mike) Kiely, Thomas (Kathy) McLaughlin; Bridget (Peter) Steck; William (Mary) McLaughlin; five grandchildren and 13 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jeanne Randall Anchors. Memorial Service was held Monday at First Presbyterian Church, Brighton, with Daniel Michaeliek officiating. Mr. Anchors' body has been donated to Wayne State University Medical School. Memorials: Arthritis Foundation of Michigan, 17117 Nine Mile, Southfield, MI 48075 and Livingston Community Food Bank, 746 Michigan, Howell, MI 48841.

CARPENTER - Gerald D. (Jerry) Carpenter, 70, of Florida, passed away September 17, 1997 in Lake Odessa. Surviving are his wife Norien; his children and grandchildren Sue and John Moodie, Erin and Johnny of Hawaii; Mark and Pam Carpenter, Jay, Josh and Megan of Ionia; Christy and Curt Wells, Erin, Mackenzie, Chad and Casey of Lake Odessa; Scott and Barb Carpenter, Craig, Alex and Amy of Lowell; four sisters Betty (Clair) Torrey of Jackson, Beth Tubbs of East Lansing, Beverly (Harold) Brown of Woodland and Linda (Bob) Warner of Lake Odessa. Funeral Services were held September 19 with burial in Lakeside Cemetery. Arrangements by Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa.

COVERT - Margaret A. Covert, aged 80, of Lowell, died Friday, September 19, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Lyle and son Bobby. She is survived by her children William Covert of Anchor Point, AK., Peggy Covert of Lowell; brothers Martin Walsh of Oregon, Robert Walsh of Ionia; sisters Colleen Ayers, Doris Swanson, Helen Beyer, all of Ionia, Isabelle Hansen of Greenville; grandchildren

Chris, Gina, David, Lisa; great-grandchildren, Andrea, Audra, Jessica, Amber. A memorial service will be held Friday at noon at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, 201 N. Washington, pastor Tim Harmon officiating. Cremation has taken place. Inurnment Alton Cemetery, Visitation Thurs. 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, the family requests Lowell Senior Meals, American Red Cross, St. Mary's Kidney Dialysis & Transplant program. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

FLAKE (SPARTA) - Myra M. Flake, aged 87, passed away Saturday, September 20, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter. She is survived by her niece, Mary (John) Babb of Alto, many great nieces and nephews. Memorial Services will be held Wednesday (today) at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel with the Reverend Ben Lester of Cedar Springs United Methodist Church officiating. Interment Courtland Cemetery. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society have been suggested. Arrangements by Bliss-Earl Cedar Chapel, Cedar Springs.

HELDMAN - Murray MacKenzie "Mack" Heldman, aged 74, died Sunday, September 21, 1997, at Home of Hope Hospice, following a long illness. He was preceded in death by an infant son, Murray T. Heldman. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Irma Lou (nee Short); two sons, Craig (Joyce) Heldman and Todd Heldman of Grand Rapids; three daughters Susan (Patrick) Ford of Lowell, Sherry (Gary) Wann of Overland Park, KS and Pamela (Scott) Sult of Grand Rapids; and nine grandchildren. Mr. Heldman was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific in the U.S. Naval Reserve, where he took part in 6 major invasions and was awarded a purple heart for wounds he sustained in the invasion of Leyte. He was a life member of the DAV. "Mack" served the dental profession in Grand Rapids and West Michigan as a Dental

Service Technician for many years, prior to his retirement in 1974 due to a work related injury. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) 3 p.m. in the Metcalf & Jonkhoff Chapel. Interment Rest Lawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Kent County Chapter of the American Lung Association of Michigan will be appreciated by the family. Arrangements by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service, Cascade Rd. SE at Kenmoor.

HOOVER - Maxine E. Hoover, aged 81, of Lowell, died September 20, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo A. Hoover. Survived by her children, Sally (Dick) Johnson of Alto, Jane Watters, Jill (Roger) Bowen all of Lowell, Mary Ann (John) Sawka of Saranac; brother John (Phyllis) Jones of Lowell; grandchildren Tom (Jill) Watters, Susan (Greg) Theel, Jill and Mark Johnson, John Sawka, Debra (Donny) Bowen, Christine (Tim) Stabbekorn, Jim (Rachel) Bowen, Melissa Bowen; great-grandchildren Tracie and Bradley Theel, Timothy and Jennifer Watters; several brothers and sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Wednesday (today) 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Lowell, Rev. Mark E. Mitchell, Celebrant. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Franciscan Life's Process Center, 11650 Downes NE, Lowell, MI 49331 or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

SCANLON - Mrs. Velma M. Scanlon, aged 80, of Lowell and formerly a resident of Cumberland Manor, passed away Tuesday, September 16, 1997 at Laurels of Kent. She was preceded in death by her husband, Don F. Scanlon Sr. and by three sisters and one brother. Surviving are her four children Donna (Richard) Ayriess of Lowell, David (Dee) Scanlon of Grand Rapids, Don F. (Dianne) Scanlon of Lowell, Marie (Robert) Tiesma of Hudsonville; 11 grandchildren, several step-

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Graveside funeral services were held Friday at Blythefield Memorial Gardens with Dr. Roger LaWarre of the First Congregational Church of Lowell officiating. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Saranac Community Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

VANDERVLIEET - Mr. Benjamin VanderVliet, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, passed into the presence of his Lord and Saviour on Sunday, September 21, 1997, while in residence at Crestview Manor. He was preceded in death by his wife, Henrietta in 1996 and his son Benjamin in 1960. Surviving are his four children Jane and Gus DeVries of Lowell, Ruth and Bert VanderMeer of Wyoming, Dr. Marvin and Barbara VanderVliet of Jenison, Shirley and Peter Pijnappels of Casnovia; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; several brothers, nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Interment in Rosedale Memorial Park. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Children's Bible Hour or The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. Arrangements by Reyers North Valley Chapel.

VONMYHR - Eric Edward VonMyhr, aged 57, of Lowell, passed away suddenly Wednesday, September 17, 1997, of accidental injuries. Surviving are his wife Gloria; three sons Eric VonMyhr, James (Chris) VonMyhr, Gary (Arlene) VonMyhr, all of Wyoming; three step-sons Marshall (Karen) Chase of Elwell, Reed (Roxanne) Chase of Minot, ND, Ernie Chase of Washougal, WA; 11 grandchildren; his parents Eric and Murial VonMyhr of Battle Creek; one sister Barbara (Gregg) Loss of SC. Ed was a member of the Caledonia Gun Club and he was an avid outdoorsman. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell, with Mr. Donald Patterson officiating. Interment in South Boston Cemetery. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

City extends solid and yard waste contract with Denny's Disposal

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The city of Lowell will continue to encourage people to recycle by picking up the \$2.50 a month curbside fee. In a unanimous vote, the Lowell City Council decided to follow city manager David Pasquale's recommendation to extend the current solid waste and yard waste contract with Denny's Disposal. The extension would push the ending date of the contract back to Oct. 15, 1998.

Under that contract, residents purchase trash bags at 50 cents a bag with the city contributing 30 cents per bag. Also,

residents pay a \$5 rental fee for a recycling tote to place with their trash. The city pays for the \$2.50 per month fee for Denny's Disposal to take care of the curbside recycling.

"I have talked with Dennis Goodsell of Denny's Disposal and he has told me the proposed costs will not increase," said Pasquale to the council at Monday night's meeting. "The program has run very well and we have gotten very few complaints about it."

Before February 1994, the city did pay for all the curbside waste removal. City officials decided it was necessary to have the residents help with the cost of the program, so the current

solid waste and yard waste program was developed. Pasquale said, adding that the city also wanted to encourage people to recycle.

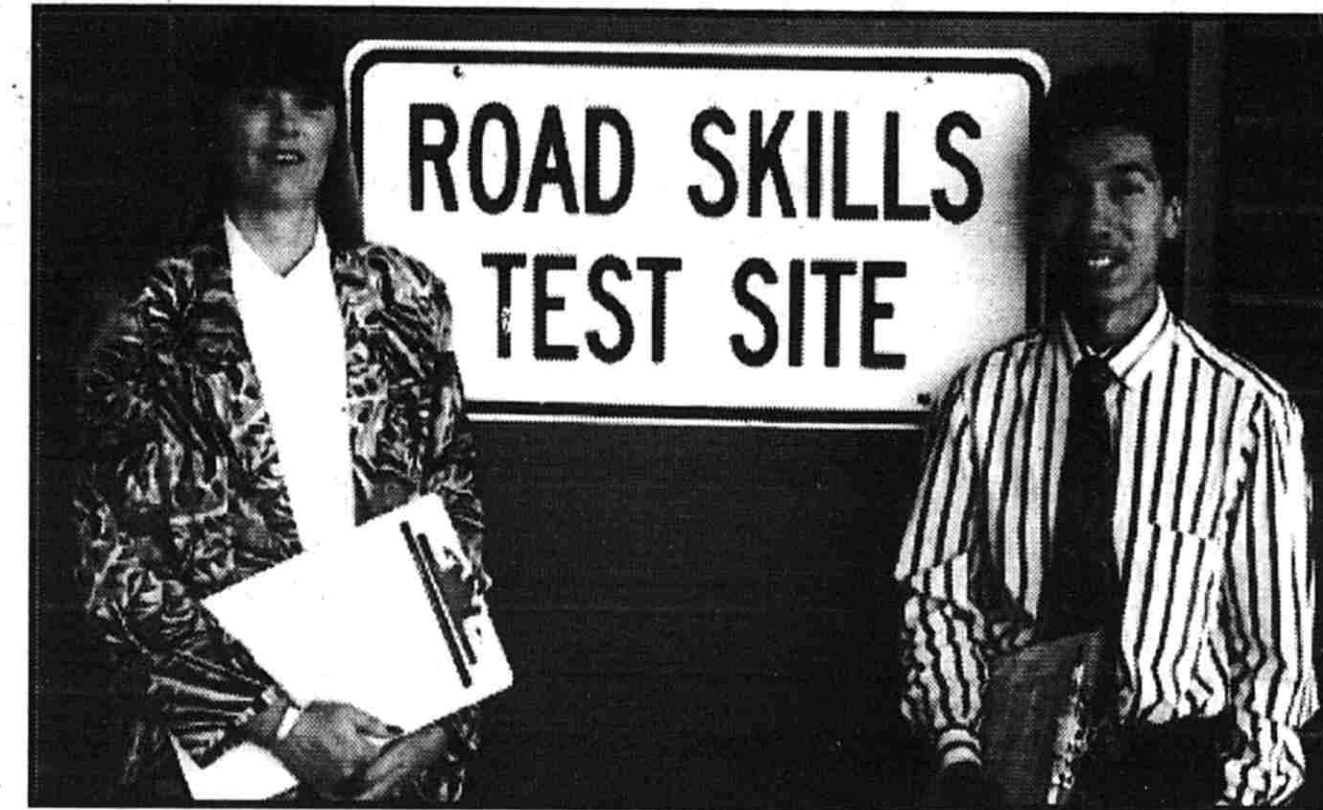
A total of 707 residential pickups utilize the recycling, according to Pasquale's report.

Pasquale said the program has cost the city about \$50,100 a year to offset the cost of the bags, which is well below the \$89,500 allocated for the program in the budget.

This program also has a yard waste pickup portion. Under that program, residents can purchase biodegradable 30-gallon bags which are sold at 25 cents each in packets of 20. Leaves, brush under two inches in diameter, and grass are collected in the bags, with all the yard waste including the bags being composted.

Pickup for the yard waste will continue to be the first full week of each month. During the fall, this extends weekly from the first week of October to the first week of November.

New road test site located at LHS



Road test examiners, Terri Anstett and Arturo Gomez.

Lowell Area Schools has been officially certified by the state of Michigan to be a third-party road skills test site. The test site is located at Lowell High School.

At the present time, only automobile road skill tests are given, but future plans call for the testing of motorcycles, buses and trucks. The automobile test includes a vehicle safety inspection, an off-road basic skills control test, and an on-road driving test. Terri Anstett and Arturo Gomez were certified as examiners after having completed the examiners accreditation school.

For those interested in taking a road test, one can be set up by calling 897-1477.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY

KYLE JOHN
SEPT. 30
Love,
Aunt Kris

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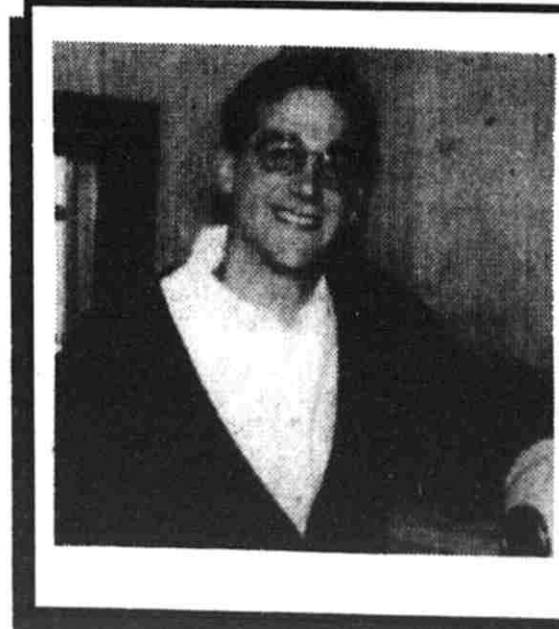
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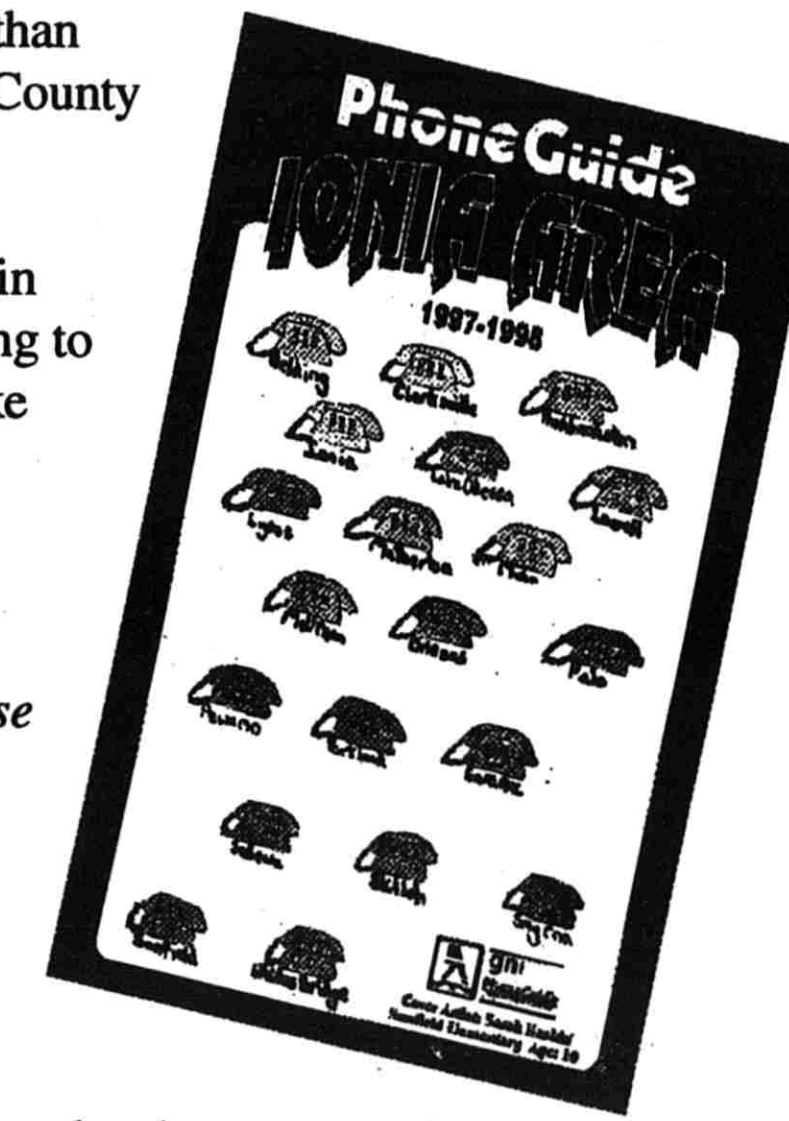
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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 1, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Christine and Jody Hall for a special land use for a proposed nursery and greenhouse business not qualifying as an accessory use, to be located on a parcel of land in the "A" Agricultural District, under Section 6.02K, Section 13.25 and other applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance. The special land use covers the lands commonly described as 12745 Four Mile Road, N.E., and legally described as follows:

The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 except the North 385 feet and except the East 50 feet thereof, Section 34, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land use. Written comments may be submitted to the Grattan Township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: September 19, 1997
PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Reflections

By Faith

By Roger LaWarre, First Congregational Church of Lowell

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom... But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." James 3:13, 17, 18.

The world is in mourning. We were just beginning to deal with the shock of Princess Diana's tragic death when we learned that Mother Theresa had also died. They were women of vastly differing backgrounds and life styles, yet they captured the hearts of Christian and non-Christian alike. Princess Diana touched us with her gentleness, her compassion, her warm and caring ways as she stood as one robed in the

trappings of wealth and royalty. Mother Theresa touched us with her gentle devotion, her loving commitment, her untiring mercy and humble ways of peace as she stood as one robed in the trappings of simplicity and poverty.

In the weeks and months that will pass, as you and I reflect on the loss suffered by the world's rich and poor, we will have some opportunity to reflect on our own contributions to this world that God has so richly provided. We may look at our busy life styles, our many commitments and pressures and we may even, if only for a moment, recognize that we have overlooked opportunities to live the wisdom of which the book of James speaks.

We can take some encouragement from the lives of these two great women. We can remember that their greatness was not based on their place on the economic ladder of life. They reflected a wis-

dom that transcended their poverty and their wealth. They acted not from selfish ambition or boastful self-glory. They gave from a gentleness born from what James calls "the wisdom from above."

Perhaps, in our day to day living, you and I can break free from thinking we need to be "different" in order to truly make a difference in this world. Perhaps we can accept ourselves as we are, where we are and reach out to people from there. After all, isn't that what Princess Diana and Mother Theresa did in common?

Most gracious and loving God, it has been too easy for us to become so wrapped in our own ambitions that we overlook the "good life" that you would have us lead. Let this day be, for us, a day of new beginning that we might live our lives with a little more gentleness and compassion. Amen!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT. 25 - Carolyn Thaler, Sara Swift, Carol Wingeier.
SEPT. 26 - Bertha Bryant, Micah Soyka, Ila Phillips, Torin Hacker, Alexis Shaffer.
SEPT. 27 - Brooke Brown.
SEPT. 28 - Bruce Weeks, Erin Doyle, Chad Newhouse.
SEPT. 29 - S.J. Ayres, Orison Abel, Judy Baird, Kayla Brenk, Kelleigh Walling.
SEPT. 30 - Mike McBride, Jimmy Hodges, Lowell Swift, Linda DeCator, Ray Zandstra, Mark Willmarth, Jay Thaler, Marion Miller, Haley Main.
OCT. 1 - Sue Zoodsma, Stephanie Foss, Justin Anes.

AREA BIRTHS

Roxann and David Johnston, of Lowell, are

SURPRISE 85th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE - for Beatrice Kuiper, Sun., Oct. 5, 1:30 - 4 p.m. At Snow United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 3189 Snow Ave. SE. Your presence will be her gifts.

proud to announce the arrival of their son, Frank Lee Johnston. He was born Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at 11:54 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Roxie and Chris Verbrugge and Jean Johnston, and great-grandparent is Lee Condon, all of Lowell.

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MON: No School, Staff Professional Day.

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WED: Pizza with ham & cheese, side salad, fruit sherbet or fruit, milk.

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

FRI: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup w/crackers, deli dill pickle spear, fruit selection, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: No School, Staff Professional Day.

TUES: Chicken patty in a bun, hot ham & cheese in a bun, cheeseburger, chef salad w/bread, yogurt. Choose 2: corn, side salad or fruit juice; assorted fruit, cookie, milk.

WED: Pizza w/ham, cheese, chili w/giant pretzel, chef salad, cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: side salad, baby carrots, or oven fries; fruit sherbet or fruit, milk.

THURS: Chicken nuggets, swiss steak w/peanuts, yogurt, cheeseburger or chef salad; choose 2: green beans, mashed potato/gravy or side salad; dinner roll, fruit or gelatin/whip, milk.

FRI: Grilled cheese, Western beef & cheese bun, Cheeseburger or chef salad, yogurt; Choose 2: tomato soup/crackers, cole slaw or side salad, fruit selection, milk.

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Viewpoint



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by Roger Brown

A customer of mine is nuts about this paintball war games craze. He is forever inviting me along on a weekend outing at one of the mock battlefields in the area. The idea is to dress in military type camouflage, wear protective headgear, split up into teams and sneak around in the puckerbrush with your paintball gun. The usual objective is to capture the enemy's headquarters before they get yours and, of course, to stay in the game by not getting splattered with a paintball.

This recruiter friend of mine is close to 20 years my junior, small, wiry and is likely quite fleet of foot. I keep telling him, the only reason he wants me along is, I'm old, slow and large. In other words, a great target.

I have to admit, he has piqued my curiosity. I'm leaning toward giving this thing a try, if for no other reason than to see what all the hoopla is about. Fortunately, I have had legitimate excuses each time I've been invited. This coming weekend is a good example, with commitments such as the Rotary hot dog booth at the Fallsburg Fall Festival and our annual fly-in at the airport. In the past, I've been tied up with organizing my sock drawer and things like that.

This paintball thing first came on the scene years and years ago. I thought it had pretty much gone the way of eight track tapes, hoola hoops, vegamatics, drive-in theaters and the color in my hair. Not so.

Technology seems to have saved paintball wars. As I recall, the early paintball weapon was a pretty simple, single shot pistol air pistol that shot a round jelly capsule full of bright paint. The ball is about 3/4 inch in diameter, and when it hits

something, it explodes, splattering paint all over the target. It was first invented for use by loggers to mark trees for cutting, without having to hack through the brush and climb the tree with a spray bomb. I'm guessing, a couple of loggers were hanging out at camp with nothing to do, a few brews in them, paint guns handy... the next thing you know, a fad was born.

If the weaponry had remained with the original single shot pistol, paintball was probably would be a minor footnote in Americana. But, wouldn't you know, good old American ingenuity came to the rescue and a paintball arms race was on. I've seen my customer's paintgun. It looks like an assault rifle. The stock is a large CO2 canister, it has a 200 round magazine, a rifled barrel and is semi-automatic. According to him, it shoots paintballs as fast as you can pull the trigger. The paintballs travel at about 200 miles per hour and the weapon is reasonably accurate up to a couple hundred feet. See why I'm concerned about being old, slow and large?

It doesn't stop there. He tells me there are paint hand grenades, mortars, land mines, claymore mines, etc. There are backpack CO2 canisters coupled to fully automatic machine guns with 500 round magazines. These guns can cost up to \$3,500! There are armored quad runners, mounting these machine guns, that serve as small tanks. He said one of his paintball magazines had an article about a remote controlled helicopter capable of dropping paint bombs on enemy positions. What's next... paint nukes?

I don't know about you, but I get the impression there are paintballers out there with way too much time and money on their hands.

I give you all this info only as a lead into a recent incident. You are all familiar with my dog Thor. He's the big yellow Lab, that for seven years has gone on at least one walkabout a week in search of garbage cans to tip over and root through for goodies. He's been shot with a BB gun (a BB still shows up in X-rays of his leg), hit by a car, poisoned, chased with a broom and locked in garages until I sheepishly come to the rescue after being summoned by the homeowner. He's a natural born bad dog.

nutritional content. Fruits, vegetables, grains, breads, meat, beans and low fat dairy foods are excellent nutritional sources. Balance in the intake of these foods also helps to avoid constipation - a common problem with pregnancy.

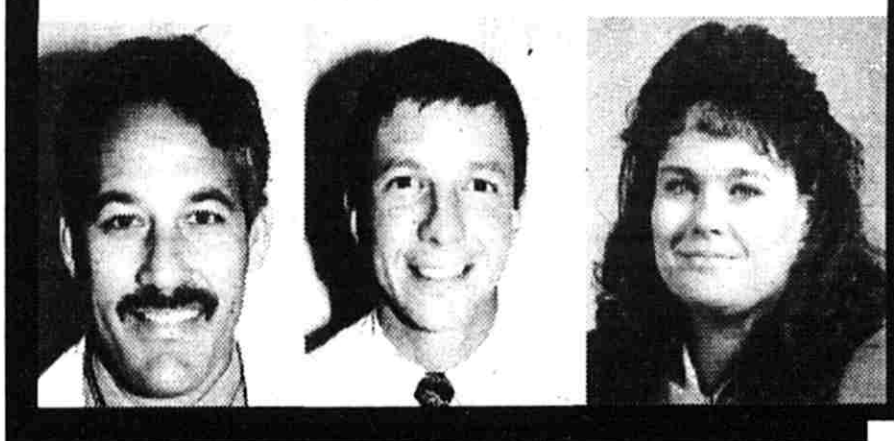
Vitamin supplements other than the pre-natal vitamins prescribed by your doctor are probably not necessary. One exception is folic acid, which is a vitamin that may lower the risk of certain spinal cord defects in your baby.

Many women develop nausea or vomiting early in their pregnancies, usually the first 14-16 weeks. Although this is called morning sickness, it can happen at any time of the day. Some tips if you develop this are:

1. Eat dry crackers in the morning. This or dry toast may lessen the nausea.
2. Eat smaller, more frequent meals during the course of the day.
3. Try small sips of liquids throughout the day.

Over the counter medicines (Vitamin B6 25 mg. three times a day or Unisom 12.5 to 25 mg. three times a day) may be helpful. If your nausea and/or vomiting persists in spite of these remedies, talk to your doctor. Prescription medications are available to help reduce the symptoms.

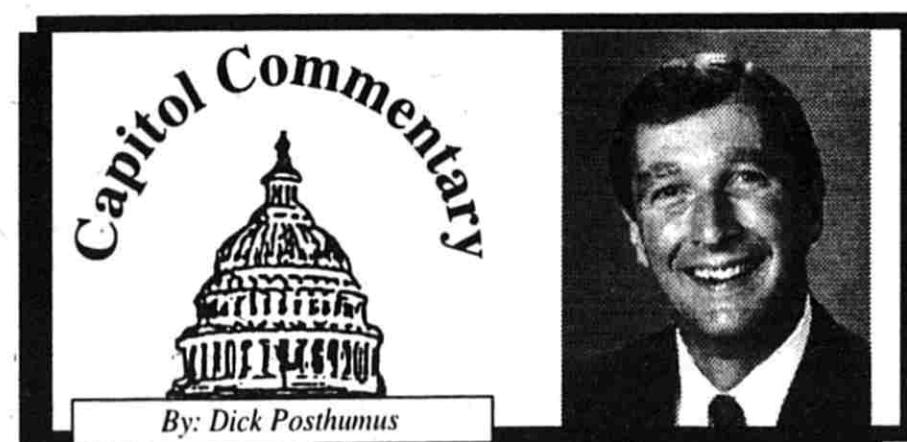
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PROPER NUTRITION IN PREGNANCY

Eating properly during pregnancy cannot be overstated. The food you eat also feeds your baby. A good, healthy diet is necessary for your own health and for your baby's development.

"Junk" food is exactly that - it provides you with "empty" calories - usually in high fat and carbohydrates with very little



You've probably thought, at some point, about writing or calling a public official. The object of your effort could have been as simple as a noisy next door neighbor or as complex as a new funding formula for local public schools.

But, for whatever reason, you didn't do it. The reason for your inaction could have ranged from being unsure about who to contact to a skepticism about whether your efforts will make any difference.

Two separate, but equally controversial issues in our area provide textbook examples on how calls and letters from ordinary citizens can make a dramatic difference in how all levels of government respond to an issue.

When the license was about to expire for the dam on the Thornapple River, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provided input to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), that worried river residents. Their fear was that the removal of the dam would affect the value of their homes and negatively impact recreational use.

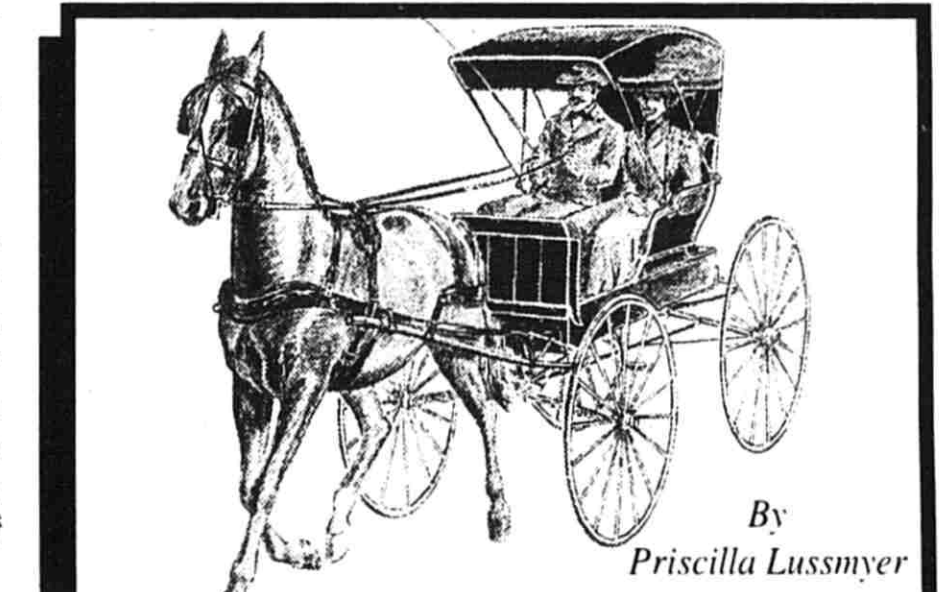
Alarmed that the peace and serenity along the river was about to be threatened, they sprung into action. Many con-

Sunday morning, my son, a friend of his and I were at the hangar working on my son's car. The dogs were roaming around in search of ground squirrels. Eventually, Thor came up missing. As usual, I whistled and whistled, and called and called. As usual, he roamed and roamed, and ignored and ignored.

An hour or so later, he wandered back sporting a big bright red spot on his light yellow fur. The boys thought he'd been shot. I knew he'd been shot, and with what. My paintball buddy lives just up the street from the airport. I loved it!

I rushed to the phone and gave the guy a call. "Nice shot, (expletive)!" I said. Not knowing who he was dealing with, he played dumb. "You shot my dog with your paint gun!" I said. "Who is this?" came the reply. When I identified myself, he said, "Was that your dog?" still not knowing whether he should apologize or laugh. I said, "Yeah, that's my dog, and if he gets in your garbage again, give him another burst!" We both broke up. We laughed and laughed as he recited the details.

As for Thor, the paint is water soluble and washed right out. However, he's been depressed ever since the shooting. I'm guessing he's having trouble dealing with the reality that his garbage forays might not be such a great idea with "Paintball Bob" in the picture. I can only hope.



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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - SEPT. 23, 1897

The annual Farmers' and Businessmen's picnic is well-attended in the afternoon, but severe frosts the two nights previous kept many home through lunch.

Shares of the old Lowell Water & Light, Peninsular Light, Power & Heat, and West Michigan Electric will be auctioned off at the county building to satisfy creditors. Failure of the merger resulted in a bank failure and suicide of Chas. Church. The correspondent was unimpressed by the Lonis Fair; the society will "probably make the ends meet" this year.

Bert Norton of Keene has a cornfield with ears so high you can't hang your hat on them.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER & THE ALTO SOLO - SEPT. 28, 1922

High school students elect vocational subjects in such large numbers that classes have had to be limited. Both boys and girls now have physical education instruction with a new department.

Lowell people turn clocks back one hour Saturday night as per village council orders.

The War Department lets a contract for a giant dirigible, to use only nonflammable helium gas.

Chestnut trees infected with blight, which is fatal, can still be used for poles and ties.

Henry Ford shuts down his plants rather than pay "gouging prices" for coal and steel.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - SEPT. 25, 1947

Michigan's new labor law, requiring mediation and voting in the effort to forestall strikes, goes into effect in two weeks.

C.H. Runciman Co. buys the Clarksville Elevator with an eye to enlarging it and moving the feed mill from Freeport.

The Flat River State Game Area shares in the planting of pines, broad-leaved trees and rosa multiflora.

In spite of available vaccination, new whooping cough cases reached 300 last week. It was reported.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - SEPT. 21, 1972

There were 315 signatures on petitions to allow a liquor-by-the-glass proposition on the November ballot.

"Along Main Street" details minor lawlessness (complaints to police and chiefs).

The new Chevrolets, Olds and Dodges are out, including a "compact" only 16 1/2 feet long.

An article recognizes the volunteer coaches of the summer season. It's a long list.

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Letters, Letters, Letters...

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"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.

LEGAL EASE

By Jonathan David



Dear Jonathan: My wife and I are in our 60's and we recently sold our home. I understand the new tax law gives homeowners selling their homes certain tax breaks. Can you explain how this new law may impact us? Also, when does this law become effective?

Jonathan Says: Under the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, a married couple who files a joint return can exclude up to \$500,000 in profit (\$250,000 for single people) when they sell their primary residence, so long as they lived in the house two out of the past five years. This in effect allows taxpayers to use this exclusion once every two years.

Under the old rules, which have been repealed, a qualified taxpayer could defer the tax on some or all of the profits received upon the sale of his principal residence by using those profits to purchase, within two years, another principal residence of equal or greater value. The problem was that in order

to take advantage of the tax deferral, taxpayers had to in effect "trade up." If they wanted to "trade down" to a smaller living arrangement, there was no way they could avoid being taxed on the profits with one exception: taxpayers who were age 55 or older had available to them a one-time tax exclusion in the amount of \$125,000. The problem here was not only did a taxpayer have to wait until age 55 to take advantage of this exclusion but once they used it, it was gone and if there was any profit left over after using the exclusion, they had to pay the tax on the profit.

Under the new law, homeowners, regardless of their age, will now be able to exclude from tax, instead of defer from tax, the gain (up to the allowable limits) received from selling their home.

Although the new law applies to homeowners who sell their homes after May 6, 1997, those taxpayers who sell their home after this date but before August 6, 1997, may elect to use the old rule and they may want to do so if it is to their benefit. Since you may fall into that category, I recommend that you consult with your tax advisor to determine whether you qualify under those rules and if so, which set of rules, the old or the new, would be of greater benefit to you. Good luck.

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

Capitol Commentary, cont'd...From Page 5

These are prime examples of how your involvement can make a difference.

Taking the plunge to make your voice heard has become much easier with e-mail and with the advent of the Internet's World Wide Web. Most governmental officials have an e-mail address and can be easily reached through that mode of communication.

Reams of information about government officials, about policy issues and about the day-to-day activities of governmental bodies can be obtained from the web. With the point

and click of a computer mouse, you can obtain everything from an amended text of a bill in the legislature to the name, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address of a public official in an obscure agency. Details about issues are available through an ever-expanding list of interest groups.

And if you don't have a computer, check one of our local libraries. Many have computers and are waiting to help you hook up to the information highway. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts and concerns via my e-mail address which is DPosthumus@senate.state.mi.us.

Renaissance Show, Oct. 25

The Lowell Area Arts Council will present an evening of Renaissance music and activities on Saturday, Oct. 25, in the Lowell High School Performing Arts Center. It will be an evening of fun for the family featuring the Society for Social Anachronism doing demonstrations of spinning and weaving, bead work and weaponry including fencing. The Master Arts Theater from Grandville will present a Punch and Judy show using Renaissance era scripts.

The final performers for the evening will be Qoudlibet, an early music group from Grand Rapids, performing Renaissance music on authentic instruments. The music will include 16th century love songs, dances, military music and sacred music.

General admission tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. For more information, call the Lowell Area Arts Council at 897-8545 during afternoon hours.

This show is being done in conjunction with the Grand Rapids Arts Museum, celebrating the first-ever U.S. Exhibition of the work of Pietro Perugino.



On Its Hood

A Kent County man, driving east on M-21, lost control of his Dodge Ram truck when he swerved to avoid colliding with a car on Wednesday. The truck went off the road and flipped into the ditch onto its hood. Kent County sheriff department deputy Ryan Steensma said no injuries were incurred.

The fool is much worse than the knave, for the knave does take a rest sometime, the fool never.

—Anatole France

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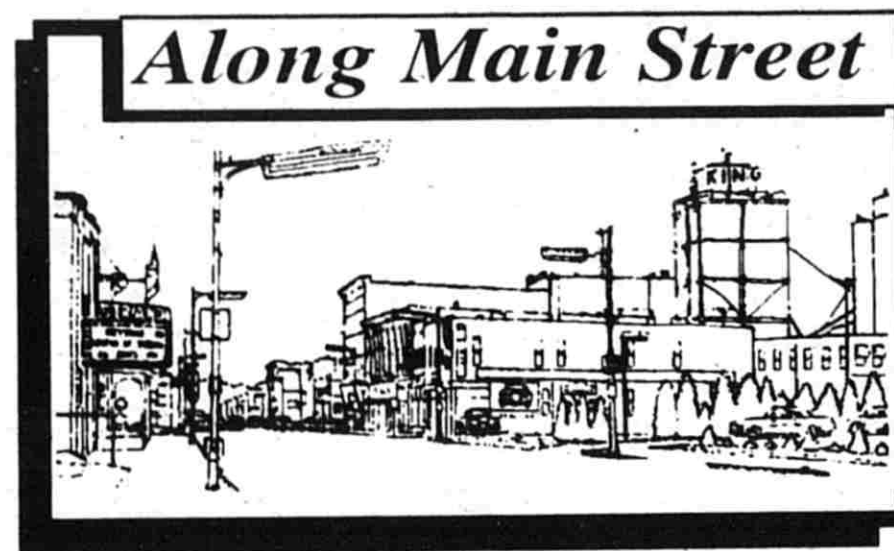
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LHS CLASS OF '48
Lowell High School class of '48 is planning their 50th reunion for June 27, 1998 at the Egypt Valley Country Club. The planning committee is seeking the whereabouts of the following classmates: Rev. David Gardner, Barbara (Heintzelman) Gessner, Saralee (Chrouh) Eden and Dorothy

Vergennes, cont'd... From Page 1

ings and property, and regulate how many people you can employ, then the concerned citizens believe that is too much regulation."

Stone said current home-based businesses in Vergennes Township are illegal, according to a 1978 ordinance.

"The township is willing to provide these businesses legality for responsibility," Stone explained.

Wittenbach would like to see families with generations of history in Vergennes Township grandfathered in under the ordinance.

"We've done a pretty good job of governing ourselves over the years," Wittenbach said.

Even by Vergennes Township standards, generations of Wittenbachs, Thustons and other families who have owned property have done a good job of governing their property and land.

"The township has not received any complaints about any of the home-based businesses," Stone said. "However, under the current zoning, the uses of property are limited to residential and agricultural. Due to the changing times, the township would like to adjust the ordinance to allow for alternative uses."

Wittenbach says farms need to supplement their income. He indicates that there are only two dairy farms left in Vergennes Township (Steve Koning and Jerry Richmond).

(Venneman) Hoffman. If you can help us with information, please call Jo at 897-9524 or Alice at 897-9588.

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 25, at Moose Recreational Center, E. Main St. This month's commodities are applesauce, beans, veggie, figs, salmon, corn, cereal, grapefruit juice, refried beans, spaghetti and tomato sauce.

LAAC EXHIBIT

Two Grand Rapids artists come together in a joint exhibition in the Lowell Area Arts Council Center Gallery. Molly Alicki-Corriveau 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.

Many of them have these barns that are now empty. Some decided to start renting out the space. Wittenbach said that is when the township stepped in.

Wittenbach, along with operating his farm, runs Dirt Cheap Excavating Company from his property, which employs two people. "I have a beautifully landscaped farm and all the equipment from the excavating business is kept inside the barns."

The Vergennes Township farmer contends those who have a history in the area don't want their property trashed either. "With the high taxes we're paying, why would we want to bring down its value?"

Stone added that anything the township allows for will be for everyone.



The most important thing in coffeemaking, connoisseurs assert, is the cleanliness of the pot. It should be scrubbed well after each use and washed well with soap and water.

STAND IN THE GAP TO BE BROADCAST ON LCTV

Stand in the Gap, a Sacred Assembly will be broadcast live Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Public Access Channel 2, Lowell Cable Television. Several men from the Lowell area will be attending this event in Washington, D.C.

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. Admission is free; parking at the pavilion is \$1.00.

YMCA YOUTH SOCCER NIGHT AT LHS

There will be a YMCA youth soccer night at 7 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 30, at Lowell High School stadium. Wear your team shirt to get free admission to the Red Arrows vs. Hastings soccer game. Sit with your team and be introduced at halftime.

Fallasburg, cont'd... From Page 1

committee overseeing the distribution of funds agreed to underwrite this year's festival.

The Festival will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 27) and Sunday (Sept. 28) at Fallsburg Park, four miles north of Lowell.

Festival-goers wishing to park up by the pavilion will be charged \$1.



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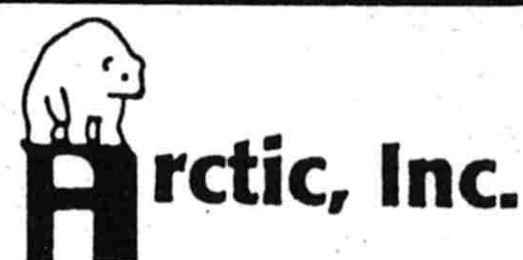
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City purchases Deskpro 2000

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The purchase of the Compaq Deskpro 2000 gives City Hall the ability to fully utilize its scanning and desktop publishing systems.

The new computer replaces a Mitsuha 486 computer (with a Magnabox monitor).

"The purchase of the new computer supports the projects produced by the Hewlett Packard scanner and desktop publishing," said Doris Titcombe, technology

coordinator for the city of Lowell.

Projects produced by the scanner include parts of the budget, fliers for the fire department, programs for D.A.R.E. and the city's monthly calendar.

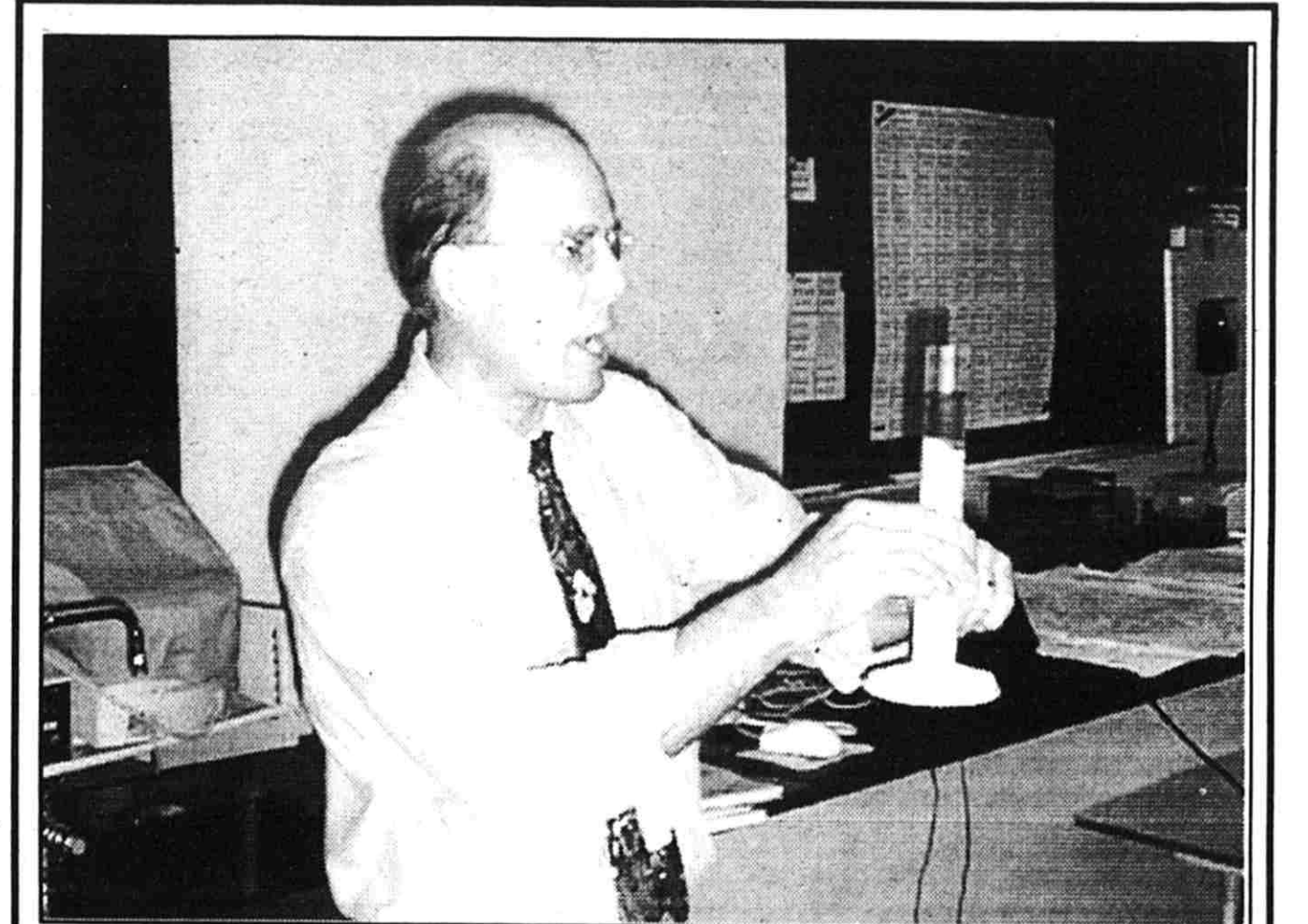
"Scanner and desktop publishing have proven to be useful tools which are utilized by almost every department in the city," Titcombe said.

The cost of the new Compaq Deskpro 2000 is \$2,750 and will be purchased

from Computer Products and Resources.

The Mitsuha 486 computer will be transferred to the finance director. This will enable the city to update the finance director's 286 DOS-based system to a 486 Windows-based system.

As for the Compaq, nothing besides business software/hardware is purchased for the machine which ensures that all machines will be usable when the city decides to enter the networking environment.



Grand Valley State University's Water Resources Institute research associate Kurt Thompson discussed ground water with Melissa Snyder's eighth-grade science class at Lowell Middle School.

Students take probing look at ground water

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Fruitvale is a fictional town which is faced with a genuine problem - ground water contamination.

Melissa Snyder's eighth-grade science class is charged with identifying the source of the contamination, the direction of its flow, discovering which wells are in danger of being contaminated and how far the contamination has permeated.

Before starting this class project, students heard from guest speaker Kurt Thompson, a Water Resources Institute research associate for Grand Valley State University.

Thompson spoke on aquifers, water cycle, surface water and preserving water sources, all topics being discussed in class.

Water Resources Institute has collected digital data on 20,000 wells in six counties. This is the sole source investigating what's going into the ground.

Of the wells in Kent County 7,000 have

been accurately located. This has been done as part of a grant and the information has been turned over to the statewide ground water data base.

"Through the Geographic Information System, we are able to identify the point of the well head to within about three feet if it's bad or has to be moved," Thompson said. "It enables us to modify on the fly."

There are roughly one million domestic wells in Michigan. For this reason, Thompson stressed how important it is that Michigan preserve its ground water resources which are actively utilized and need to actively be preserved.

"People in Michigan tend to think water will always be around," Thompson said. "Ground water as a source needs to be managed - both its quality and quantity."

One of Michigan's largest regional water sources is the Marshall Sandstone. It serves a large portion of Michigan's lower peninsula.

Final Bowes Road change order approved

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Final payment on the east Bowes Road reconstruction brought an end to the four-month project.

Included in the final payment of \$41,042.68 was a third change order in the amount of \$1,102.09.

The total cost of the project was \$129,264.59. The

original contract amount was \$116,738.92.

The third change order involved a final correction of quantities since the contract was based on unit price. In addition, the striping was provided.

Funds for the street project were allocated from the major street fund.

The first change order

came in July in the amount of \$4,355.38. The second one was presented in August for \$7,068.20.

"There are times when you don't anticipate everything that may come along the way," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

The Bowes Road reconstruction work was carried out by Ken Shaler & Son Excavating.

IN THE SERVICE



Wayne E. Mahrenholz



Amanda R. Mahrenholz

Seaman recruits Wayne E. Mahrenholz and Amanda R. Mahrenholz completed 8 weeks of basic training at the Recruit - training center at Great Lakes, Illinois. Wayne graduated during a military pass and review held on August 22, 1997 and Amanda on September 5, 1997. The new seaman recruits are the children of Ed and Kelly Mahrenholz of Alto.

While at Great Lakes, they received instruction in naval history, first aid, physi-

cal training, military drill, military customs and courtesy, rank and recognition, seamanship, weapons handling, basic fire fighting, survival at sea, naval ships, naval aircraft and armament, drug and alcohol awareness and personal financial planning.

The 1997 Caledonia High School graduates enlisted at the United States Navy Recruiting Station in Wyoming, Michigan, for four years and were sworn in at the Military

Entrain Processing Station in Lansing, Michigan. They were both employed by John Finkbiener at Twin Pines Farm in Caledonia until their induction.

Airman recruit Wayne is now assigned to the air-wing of the Navy at Pensacola, Florida and will be studying the hydraulic systems on aircraft.

Seaman recruit Amanda is receiving her further training at Great Lakes and will be assigned to the Navy base at Norfolk, Virginia. She is planning on going into the master-at-arms program, which is the law enforcement branch of the Navy.

The Mahrenholz siblings are the fourth generation to serve in the United States Navy. A great-great-grandfather, great uncle and an aunt span a time frame from WWI to the Vietnam conflict with a total of 40 active duty years. Needless to say, their family is very proud of the military tradition they have chosen to carry on, in service to the citizens of their community and their nation. As they say in the Navy, bravo Zulu for a job well done.

Ada-Lowell 5 begins free fall matinees

Spend your weekend mornings this fall keeping company with a friendly ghost, a well-meaning fairy godfather, Bugs Bunny on the basketball court and the turbo-charged Power Rangers. It's all possible at the Ada-Lowell 5, which begins its second season of the Free Fall Matinee Series this week.

Local kids and their families can enjoy movies free of charge every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. beginning September 27 and 28 and running through November 22 and 23.

"Now days it's expensive to take the entire family to the movies," says Carole Ashley, marketing manager for Goodrich Quality Theaters.

"The fall matinees provide quality entertainment everyone can enjoy, plus the fun of going to the movies absolutely free."

The movies in the series are: Free Willy: The Rescue, Sept. 27 & 28; Harriet The Spy, Oct. 4 & 5; Space Jam, Oct. 11 & 12; Turbo-A Power Rangers Movie, Oct. 18 & 19; Casper, Oct. 25 & 26;

Warriors of Virtue, Nov. 1 & 2; Buddy, Nov. 8 & 9; A Simple Wish, Nov. 15 & 16; Jingle All The Way, Nov. 22 & 23.

According to Ashley, the free matinee series began in the spring of 1991 in order to meet a growing demand for affordable and quality family entertainment. The series is a circuit-wide event that takes place every fall and spring.

Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc. owns and operates 19 theaters in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

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ORDER FOR SERVICE
BY PUBLICATION AND
NOTICE OF ACTION
File No. 97-06563-DM

ANGELA MARGUERITE
ALONZO
SSN: 378-68-2709
Plaintiff

vs.

VICTOR MANUEL
ALONZO
SSN: 357-15-7510
Defendant

TO: VICTOR MANUEL ALONZO

1. You are being sued by Plaintiff in this court for divorce. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the Hall of Justice, 333 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503, on or before November 1, 1997. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case. Further, a final judgment may be entered upon Plaintiff's motion anytime after January 1, 1998.

2. A copy of this Order shall be published once each week in the Lowell Ledger for three consecutive weeks, and a proof of publication shall be filed in this court. 3. A copy of this Order shall be sent to VICTOR MANUEL ALONZO at the last known address by registered mail, return receipt requested, before the date of the last publication, and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this Court. 9-17-97

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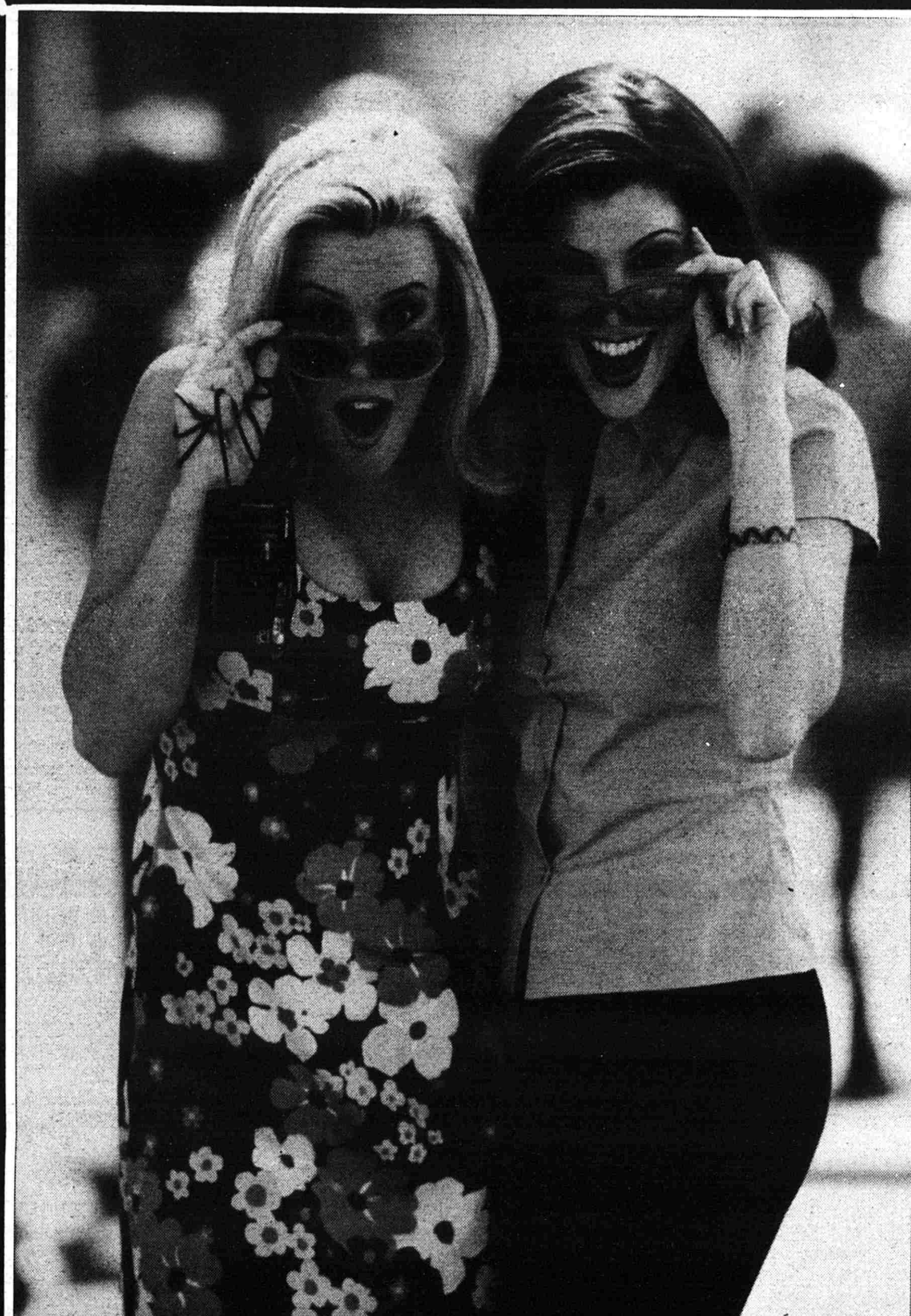
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FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26 THRU OCTOBER 2

Former *Singled Out* host Jenny McCarthy (left) and Heather Paige Kent star as best friends who head out to Los Angeles in pursuit of their dreams in *Jenny*. The new NBC sitcom debuts Sunday following the season premiere of *Men Behaving Badly*.



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SUNDAY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 28, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs and movies.

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MONDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 29, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, etc.) listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, American Journal, and various news and entertainment shows.

MONDAY LATE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 29, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs like Late Show, Nightline, and various news and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 30, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs like Wheel of Fortune, American Journal, and various news and entertainment shows.

TUESDAY LATE NIGHT SEPTEMBER 30, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs like Late Show, Nightline, and various news and entertainment shows.

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WEDNESDAY LATE NIGHT OCTOBER 1, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (12:00, 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs like Late Show, Nightline, and various news and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY EVENING OCTOBER 2, 1997										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land "The Promise" (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Malibu Fire" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
4	WVTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	Nothing Sacred (In Stereo)	Cracker "Tis a Pity She's a Whore" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	Nightline		
5	WGUV	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors Fly Fishing	Anyplace Wild	Great Lakes Outdoors	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	
6	WXII	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Wink" (In Stereo)	Major League Baseball Playoffs: Divisional Round Game 2 - Teams to Be Announced. (In Stereo Live)	Cracker "Tis a Pity She's a Whore" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	M*A*S*H		
7	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Union Square	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER "Something New" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show
8	WKAR	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Mystery! "Into the Blue" Harry Barnett investigates the disappearance of a young woman.	News	Nightline	
9	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	Nothing Sacred (In Stereo)	Cracker "Tis a Pity She's a Whore" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
10	WYSM	Frasier (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Major League Baseball Playoffs: Divisional Round Game 2 - Teams to Be Announced. (In Stereo Live)	Cracker "Tis a Pity She's a Whore" (In Stereo)	20/20	News	Keenen Ivory Wayans		
11	TBS	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Movie: ** "Marked for Death" (1990) Steven Seagal, Keith David.	Movie: ** "Above the Law" (1988) Steven Seagal, Pam Grier.					
12	FAM	Waltons	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Hawaii Five-O: F.O.B. Honolulu" (1971) Jack Lord, Kam Fong.						
13	FX	Miami Vice "Yankee Dollar" (In Stereo)	X-Files "Sleepless" (In Stereo)	NYPD Blue "The Final Adjustment" (In Stereo)	In Living Color	In Living Color	X-Files "Blood" (In Stereo)			
14	USA	Highlander: The Series (In Stereo)	Walker, Texas Ranger (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "K-9" (1989) James Belushi, Kevin Tighe. (In Stereo)						
15	DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wild Discovery "Gonilla" (R)	Into the Unknown	Movie Magic	Wings "Eagles of the Crown" "Baptism of Fire"	Justice Files "Every Parent's Nightmare" (R)			
16	WGN	Family Matters	Coach (In Stereo)	Movie: ** "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991) Julia Roberts, Kevin Anderson. (In Stereo)						
17	ESPN	Sportscenter	Weekend Kickoff Show	College Football: Utah at Fresno State. (Live)						
18	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden of Proof (R)	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN Sports Illustrated	Moneyline (R)	
19	NICK	Magical Mystery Tour (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Taxi "Louie's Fling"	Newhart	
20	A&E	Law & Order "Self Defense" (In Stereo)	Biography: Love & Death-Bonnie & Clyde	Sea Tales "The Fatal Voyage of Captain Cook"	Unexplained "Struck by Lightning"	Law & Order "Conspiracy"				
21	PASS	Motorcycle Racing: Indonesian Grand Prix	Diag Racing: NHRA Keystone Nationals.	In Their Prime: Riddick Bowe vs. Andrew Golota -- II and Lennox Lewis vs. Ray Mercer.						
22	TNT	Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman	Movie: *** "The Hudsoner Proxy" (1994, Comedy) Tim Robbins. A scheming executive makes a clerk his company's president.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)						
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Share and Share Alike"	Championship Rodeo (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (In Stereo)					
24	TRAV	Exploring America	Taste for Travel	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	BBC Travel	Getaway	Exploring America	Taste for Travel	
25	TLC	Home Again	Home Again	Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Truth About Waco	Real Bionic Man (R)	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)	
26	SCIFI	Time Trax "Little Boy Lost" (In Stereo)	Sequest DSV "The Siamese Dream" (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Dying for Fame" (In Stereo)	VR.5 "Control Freak" (In Stereo)					
27	HIST	Air Combat "The Bombers"	In Search of History "Tombs of Sipan"	Crusades (R) (Part 4 of 4)	History Undercover (R)					
28	AMC	Movie: *** "Thunder Bay" (1953), Joanne Dru, Gilbert Roland.	Movie: *** "Unconquered" (1947, Adventure) Gary Cooper. An evil trader goads the Senecas into a war with colonists.	Hollywood Diaries (R)						
29	DISN	Movie: "Hypnauts" (1996), Glenn Herman, Heidi Lucas.	Movie: "Escape to Witch Mountain" (1995), Elisabeth Moss.	Movie: *** "Cloak and Dagger" (1984) PG (Adult language, violence)	Movie: "Hypnauts" (1996)					
30	HBO	Movie: *** "The Ner" (1995) (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult language, adult situations, violence)	Movie: ** "Below Utopia" (1997), Alyssa Milano, Ice-T (In Stereo) R	Comedy Jam	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)					
31	MAX	(6:30) Movie: *** "Club Paradise" (1986) PG-13	Movie: *** "Sir Crazy" (1980), Richard Pryor, Georg Stanford Brown (R) (Adult language, violence)	Movie: "Day of the Warrior" (1997), Christian Letelier (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Warhead"					

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT OCTOBER 2, 1997										
	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
BROADCAST STATIONS										
3	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Geraldo Rivera						
4	WVTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)				
5	WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	American Experience "FDR" The first two terms of Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency. (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)							
6	WXII	Vibe	Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Simpsons "Blood Feud" (Off Air)					
7	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside				
8	WKAR	(Off Air)								
9	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo)	News (R)	Access Hollywood	View	ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)		
10	WYSM	Keenen Ivory Wayans	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King (In Stereo)	News (R)	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		Highway Patrol	All News Night	All News Night
11	TBS	Movie: *** "Kojak: Forbidden Subjects" (1989) Charles Bronson, James Pax.	Movie: ** "The Mechanic" (1972) Charles Bronson, Keenan Wynn.							
12	FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program						
13	FX	NYPD Blue "Simone Says" (In Stereo)	Miami Vice "Hard Knocks" (In Stereo)							
14	USA	La Femme Nikita (R) (In Stereo)	Magnum, P.I.							
15	DISC	Wild Discovery "Gonilla" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)						
16	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Blessings" (In Stereo)	Simon & Simon "Sudden Storm"							
17	ESPN	Baseball Tonight	LPBT Bowling: Triton Open. From Rossburg, Ohio.							
18	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)							
19	NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke							
20	A&E	Biography: Love & Death-Bonnie & Clyde	Sea Tales "The Fatal Voyage of Captain Cook" (R)							
21	PASS	Sports Writers on TV	Extreme Championship Wrestling							
22	TNT	(11:00) Movie: *** "The Hudsoner Proxy" (1994) Tim Robbins.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)							
23	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "Share and Share Alike"	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)							
24	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys							
25	TLC	Truth About Waco (R)	Real Bionic Man (R)							
26	SCIFI	Sequest DSV "The Siamese Dream" (In Stereo)	Forever Knight "Dying for Fame" (In Stereo)							
27	HIST	In Search of History "Tombs of Sipan" (R)	Crusades (R) (Part 4 of 4)							
28	AMC	Movie: *** "The Killers" (1946), Edmond O'Brien, Ava Gardner.	Movie: *** "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers" (1946), Kirk Douglas, Van Helin.							
29	DISN	(11:45) Movie: "Hypnauts" (1996)	Movie: ** "The Mark of Zorro" (1974), Yvonne DeCarlo							
30	HBO	Arless (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Perfect" (1985) (In Stereo) R (Adult language, adult situations, brief nudity)							
31	MAX	(11:45) Movie: ** "Warhead" (1996), Joe Lara, Todd Jensen (In Stereo) R	Movie: ** "Indecent Behavior II" (1994), James Brolin (In Stereo) NR							

Teunis hauls in three touchdown receptions in Lowell's 28-6 win

Lowell's win knocked Hastings from the ranks of the unbeaten in the O-K White. Undefeated FHC visits Friday.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three strikes of lightning delayed the start of the Lowell Hastings football game by 15 minutes Friday night. Three Red Arrow "big play" strikes that proceeded the game's start ended it, as Lowell improved its record to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the O-K White with a 28-6 win over previously unbeaten Hastings.

"They were quick and explosive," Hastings football coach Jeff Keller said. No, he wasn't talking about the bolts of lightning. "The style of Lowell's play is explosive and we made some mental errors and fell into their big-play scheme of things."

Lowell's first "big play" strike came with the Red Arrows already leading 7-0. On fourth and four from its own 49-yard line, Steve VanLaan, the up-man in the punt formation, took the short snap from center and lofted a pass into the left flat to a wide open Kevin Teunis who then dashed untouched to the endzone.

With the extra point, Lowell led 14-0.

It stayed that way until midway through the third quarter when the Red Arrows struck twice within 25 seconds.

On first and 10 from its own nine-yard line, Lowell quarterback T.J. Thayer dropped back inside his own five and found Teunis running a fly pattern down the Lowell sideline five yards ahead of his defender.

Thayer's pass went right over Teunis' right shoulder and the Lowell receiver raced the distance extending Lowell's lead to 21-0.

Red Arrow Bill Wiering recovered a Hastings' fumble on the ensuing kickoff on the Saxon 32-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, VanLaan took the pitch from Thayer and threw a 32-yard tipped touchdown pass to Teunis.

The senior receiver ended the night with three receptions for 174 yards and three touchdowns.

VanLaan threw for 83 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed for a team-high 39 yards.

"We have a good quarterback in T.J. I'd rather leave the throwing up to him," VanLaan said.

Thayer was two-of-three through the air for 96 yards and one touchdown.

"Tonight, T.J. rode rather than drove the Cadillac," Lowell football coach Noel Dean explained.

Hastings, in the first half, drove the ball inside the Lowell 10 on one occasion and inside the Red Arrow 20 on another, but neither time was it able to come away with points.

"We should have scored twice in the first half," Keller said.

For Lowell, it was the second time in as many weeks that its defense came up with big plays in key situations.

The Saxons had two opportunities from the Lowell three midway through the second quarter. It stuffed Hastings full-back Josh Richie on third down and then tackled Mike Purcell for a loss on a fourth down pitch from quarterback Andrew Courtwright.



Lowell's defense puts the wraps on Saxon back Shane Slaughter.



Lowell's defense held Hastings to 142 yards rushing on 36 carries.

O-K White Recap

(3-0, 2-0) EGR 46, (0-3, 2-1, 1-1) Zealand 6, (0-2) Hudsonville 20, 3, (0-2) Wyom. Park 0
(3-0, 2-0) FHC 48, (0-2, 3-0, 2-0) LOWELL 28, (2-1, 1-1) Hastings 6
(0-3) Northview 6

"We have a good defense. They work hard," Dean said. Lowell opened the scoring in the first quarter with an 11-play, 57-yard scoring drive. Bill McPherson took it to paydirt from a yard out.

Hastings only score came with 12 seconds remaining in the game. Saxon quarterback Matt Moore connected with Luke Warner on a 13-yard touchdown pass.

Lowell returns home on Friday for a battle with O-K White titan, Forest Hills Central.

The line that is straightest offers most resistance.
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Lowell girls basketball team falters in the final quarter against Zeeland and Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Everyone has been enroute to a certain destination, but have not been sure if they are on the right road, and if they are, whether they're headed in the right direction.

For the first few weeks of the '97 Lowell girls' basketball season, coach Ken Akers has carried around that feeling.

He saw some road signs in losses to Zeeland and Hastings last week that dispelled any doubts.

"We're on the right road. The girls' play against the Chix and Saxons assured me of that," Akers said.

Lowell's stagnant offense showed signs of life, and its defense, with the exception of defensive rebounding, has also picked up the pace.

"We're penetrating on offense. The girls are making better decisions as to when to throw it back out to the shooters or take it all the way to the basket," Akers explained. "The girls have made improvements in leaps and bounds since our first two games of the year."

Lowell lost to Zeeland 60-49 and later in the week to

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Ken Akers
Lowell Girls' Basketball Coach

Hastings 54-38. In both games, the Red Arrows were within a couple of buckets in the fourth quarter.

Akers knows the next hurdle is teaching his young club how to win in the fourth quarter.

"That is a learning part that I'm going to have to take them through and get them to that point," Akers explains.

Lowell, for the first time this year, in the game against Zeeland, had three players in double figures.

Rachael Fredline netted a team-high 15 points and Lynn Boersma and Amanda Stoutjesdyk each tallied 10 points.

"With the exception of defensive rebounding, I thought the girls outplayed Zeeland," said Akers.

The Red Arrows trailed 13-12 after one quarter, 29-26 at

halftime, and 45-37 after three quarters. Against Hastings, the Red Arrows led 11-6 after one quarter, trailed 25-19 after two, and trailed 36-34 after three.

The Saxons outscored Lowell 18-3 in the final stanza. Nikki Arnett led Lowell in scoring with 13 points against Hastings. Fredline tallied nine and Boersma contributed with seven.

On the boards, Arnett and Stoutjesdyk each grabbed five rebounds. Melissa Sobie led the team with six.

Stoutjesdyk (eight) and Arnett (six) led Lowell on the boards against Hastings.

"The difference in the Hastings game was they outrebounded us 25-10 on our defensive boards," Akers said.

Lowell ended the week 0-5 overall and 0-2 in the league.

"I have confidence in this team. We have good athletes. We just need to get a win and the girls' confidence will come," Akers said.

Red Arrow soccer team "passes by" Hudsonville and Wyoming Park

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two much-needed wins put the Lowell soccer team back on the fringe in the hunt for a conference championship.

The wins against Wyoming Park and Hudsonville helped this club get back to our style of play," said Lowell soccer coach Dave Wydock.

Lowell pounded the Vikings 9-1 and penetrated Hudsonville's packed-in de-

fense for a 2-0 win on Thursday.

"The boys gave a good effort in both games," Wydock said. "We passed the ball well in both games. The boys were talking and moving the ball well."

Jim Jastifer was on the receiving end of two assists as he netted both goals against Hudsonville's goalie.

The Red Arrows' first goal came 36 minutes into the first half. Jastifer received the ball from Nick Blough, on a

through ball, and softly placed it into the far corner of the Eagle net.

"The ball went through several different players before Blough passed it to him for the goal shot," Wydock said.

Jastifer scored the second goal five minutes into the second half off a throw-in from Shaun Precious.

"While we only scored two goals, we must have hit the post seven times," Wydock said.

The Red Arrow statistics had Lowell out-shooting Hudsonville 45-9.

"The boys got a little frustrated that more of their shots weren't finding their way into the net," Wydock explained.

Lowell was without the services of forward Matt Maatman, who hurt his ankle in the game against Wyoming Park.

Jastifer tallied three goals against Wyoming Park. For the week, he netted five goals.

"Jim hasn't been scoring, but he broke out of the slump," Wydock said.

Matt Maatman scored twice and Blough, Rich Tousy, Mike Frey and Precious all created the Viking net.

Blough and Maatman each added three assists.

"Blough has had the toughest role on this team. I've been bouncing him around," Wydock said. "I've

been pressuring him and putting him to the test. He's had to learn the different roles I've asked him to fill. I am really happy with how he's met the challenge. Through all of this, he has also become this team's biggest leader."

Wydock also lauded the play of Red Arrow goalkeeper Cory London.

Lowell finished the week at 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the O-K White.

Red Arrow harriers' times fall short of Central; both boys and girls place eighth in Lowell Invitational

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell coach Tom Harper sees the effort his boys' and girls' cross country teams are giving, and he smiles.

"Neither of these teams are deep as far as talent," Harper explains. "But they are working hard at improving."

Their hard work doesn't always show up in wins, but the coach sees it in practice and with their attitudes.

Both teams lost their meets against league rival Forest Hills Central.

The girls squad was led by Stacy Anderson, Andrea Baker and Beth Larabee.

The trio have been a steady one-two-three combination for the Red Arrows all year.

"They've been taking turns leading the way," Harper explains. When one is not strong, the other two pick her up."

The Red Arrow girls were defeated by Central 17-50.

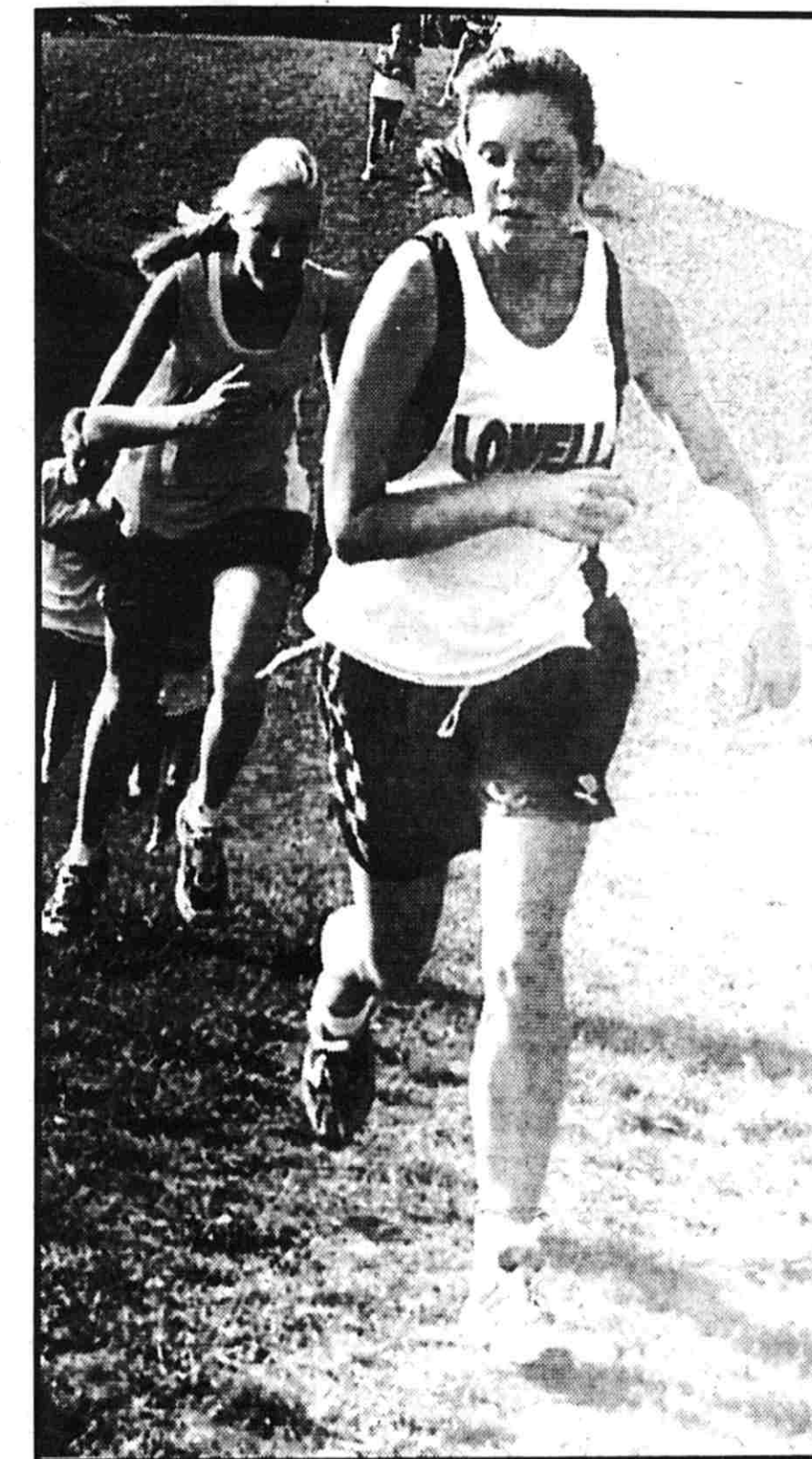
out on the hills at Johnson Park."

Long was second overall in 18:31.

Lowell's Ryan Wittenbach was third in 18:46.

Following Wittenbach were Red Arrows' Caleb O'Boyle, seventh, 19:39; Mike Suman, 10th, 20:13; and Derrick Harmon, 12th, 20:28.

Other Ranger times were Bill Beer, fourth, 19:07; Jason



Andrea Baker was Lowell's lead runner on Saturday.



There were 32 teams divided into three divisions at the Lowell Invitational.

Anderson was Lowell's front-runner, coming home in 24:03.

Baker followed six seconds later at 24:09. Larabee was third home for the Red Arrows with a time of 25:25.

Lowell's fourth and fifth runners were Tricia McCaul (26:09) and Courtney Baker (26:12).

Central runners swept the top five spots. Filling spots one through five were Brooke Elders (20:45), Chris Moore (20:46), Rebecca Schwanda (22:21), Veronica Hamilton (22:28), and Maureen Pflug (22:33).

The Lowell boys were defeated 25-33 by Central. Red Arrow Dan Rottier earned top honors, coming off the Johnson Park course in 18:10.

"Dan is really putting out," Harper said. "He was beaten by Central's Rob Long at the Sparta Invitational, but took Long

Peabody, fifth, 19:09; Jake Orourke, sixth, 19:21; and Jim Lis, eighth, 20:06.

Lowell Invitational

St. Johns swept the girls' and boys' Division III bracket of the Lowell Invitational on Saturday.

Both teams placed eighth in their respective nine-team fields.

In Division I, Kelloggsville boys and Tri Unity's girls took home first-place trophies. The Red Arrow girls were eighth.

In Division II, Sparta's boys and Cedar Springs girls earned top honors.

Lowell's times and places were as follows: Andrea Baker,

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Bill McPherson, senior, plays both defensive end and fullback for the Red Arrow varsity football team.

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Meiste upends Rangers' Thomason; FHC spills Lowell 7-1

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

There wasn't a noticeable difference in the play of Forest Hills Central girls' tennis team.

"They are strong. They are good," Lowell tennis coach Wendy Ackermann said.

There were some noticeable differences in the play of the Red Arrow girls' tennis team against the Rangers.

Lowell's match against FHC lasted nearly two hours. For timekeepers, that is about one hour longer than the norm.

None of the Red Arrows were double bagged (6-0, 6-0). The Red Arrows also earned a win in one of the eight matches. Central defeated Lowell 7-1.

Kim Meiste, playing fourth singles, took out the Rangers' Shelby Thomason in straight sets 6-3, 6-3.

"Kim has really come together. She has been playing very well," Ackermann said. "Her serve has been very good and her shots have been consistent."



Ryan Wittenbach, right and Mike Suman, left, get off to a quick start at Saturday's Lowell Invitational.

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34th, 24:13; Beth Larabee, 35th, 24:19; Stacy Anderson, 40th, 24:48; Melissa Miller, 47th, 25:17; and Courtney Baker, 50th, 25:58.

The Red Arrow boys' times were as follows: Ryan Wittenbach, seventh, 17:52; Dan Rottier, 12th, 18:10; Caleb O'Boyle, 34th, 19:10; Mike Suman, 49th, 20:13; and Aaron Plattner, 52nd, 20:25.



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In other singles play, Lowell number one singles player Beth Hoag lost to Katie Berger 6-0, 6-2.

Amy Snell, second singles, lost in straight sets to Kristen MacFarlane 6-0, 6-1.

Lisa Osterhaven was upended by Erin Hees 6-1, 6-0. "The scores may not indicate it, but the games were close," Ackermann said. "This is as well as we've played against Central in awhile."

In doubles action, Colleen Mandle and Liz Lonick lost their number one singles match to Central's Kristin McCassey and Julianne Jones 6-1, 6-0.

Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush, second doubles, were 6-1, 6-3 victims to Allison Sullivan and Meg Heiden.

Amy Meiste and Lindsay Gustafson lost 6-4, 6-0 to Laura Montague and Niki Swindler at third doubles.

Beth Weber and Mandy Phillips were upended 6-3, 6-1 by Central's Ashley Puskala and Lisa Vetvick.

Northview 8 Lowell 0

Many unforced errors marred Lowell's play against a very good Northview girls' tennis team.

"Northview's pretty tough and we did not play very well," said Lowell girls' tennis coach Wendy Ackermann.

Despite the poor performance, Lowell did have a few bright spots in the match.

Amy Snell shined at number two singles despite losing in three sets 7-6, 1-6, 1-6.

"It was a good match and Amy played pretty well. The difference was in the consistency of Northview's Vanessa Wolk," Ackermann added.

At first singles, Wilcat Laura Connor defeated Beth Hoag 6-0, 6-4.

In third singles, Lisa Osterhaven was upended by Liz Milroi 6-0, 6-1.

Wildcat Erin Lee defeated Lowell's Kim Meiste 6-0, 6-0. The Red Arrows' third doubles team of Amy Meiste and Lindsay Gustafson started slow but finished strong despite losing in straight sets 6-0, 7-5.

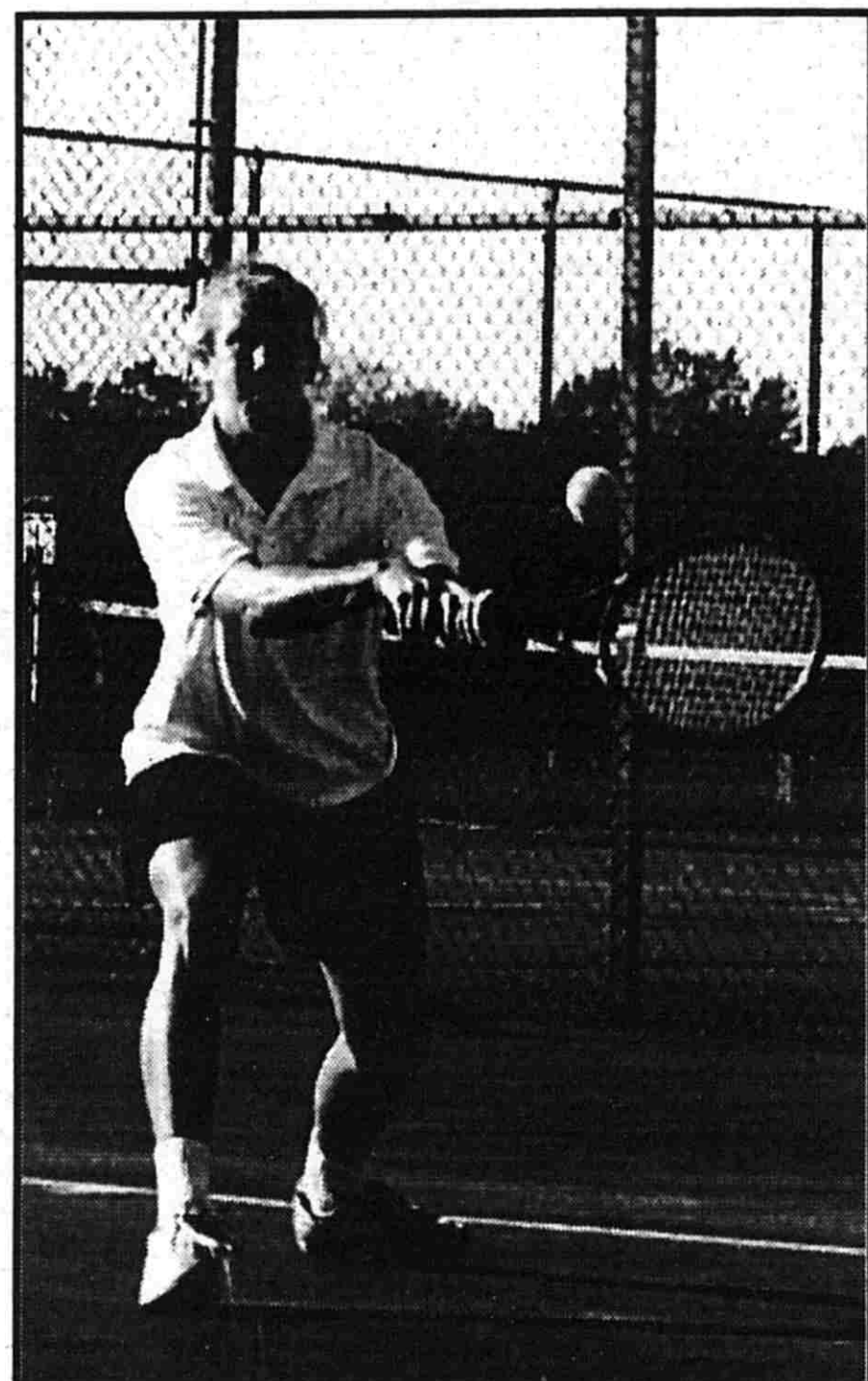
"They didn't have any rhythm to their game at the start, but came back and played well in the second set," Ackermann said.

In other doubles action, Colleen Mandle and Liz Lonick,

number one singles, were defeated 6-0, 6-1.

Sandy Lonick and Susan Roudabush fell in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

At fourth doubles, Ainsley Smit and Amber Petersen lost 6-4, 6-2.



Amy Snell played well in a three-set loss at Northview.

OAKWOOD CEMETERY FALL CLEAN-UP NOTICE

The annual clean-up of the Oakwood Cemetery will be the week of **OCTOBER 6 THRU OCTOBER 10, 1997**. Please remove all arrangements, baskets, etc., you wish to keep by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1997**.

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Sophomore Dan Barton's play solid in defeat

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

For his first year of playing high school varsity golf, Dan Barton is doing okay.

The sophomore has positioned himself as Lowell's second best player behind Jim Gilchrist.

"In Dan we've found a number two player," Lowell golf coach Jack Ogle said. "He's been consistent and has been playing well."

Barton led Lowell in a triangular meet against Wyoming Park and Forest Hills Central.

The Rangers won the meet at Deer Run with a score of 154. The Vikings shot a 168 and Lowell finished with a 179.

The sophomore carded a round of 43. Gilchrist and Nick Collins both fired 45s, while Keith Valentine finished in 46.

"We're still looking for some consistency at numbers three and four," Ogle said. "Valentine is a good, strong kid with a lot of potential. We're hoping he can tune it up."

Park's top three golfers, Ryan Todd, Eric Williams and Heath Morden, came off the course with 41s. Teammate Casey Groters carded a 45.

For the Rangers, Andy Mathews shot an even par 36.

Andy VanHaren was one shot over at 37. Jason Phil and Tom Weibel finished with rounds of 40 and 41 respectively.

Lowell shot a 175 at Crestview on Thursday against Zeeland and Hudsonville.

The Chix and Eagles tied at 159 with Zeeland's fifth man Doug Komejan breaking the tie.

Komejan shot a 42, one shot better than Eagle Mark Smith's 43.

Gilchrist led Lowell with a round of 43. Barton finished with a 45 and Keith Kernen and Brett West carded rounds of 43 and 48 respectively.

"Kernen played well. He may be that third man we're looking for," Ogle said.

Zeeland's Lance Bos took medal honors with a one over par 37. Terry Craycraft shot a 40 and was followed by Ben Barnes' and Jon Stefan's rounds of 41.

For Hudsonville, it was Jason DeWeerd with a 38 followed by Jesse Riemersma with a 39, Aaron Allen's 40 and Matt Wormmeester's 42.

"Zeeland's not a bad club," Ogle said. "Right now, it's Northview, Forest Hills and EGR battling for the top spot."

JV girls defeat Hastings

Lowell's junior varsity girls basketball team rebounded from a sluggish first half in rallying from behind for a 56-39 win.

The Red Arrows trailed 26-21 at halftime. Lowell went on a 24-3 third-quarter run to take a 45-29 lead into the fourth quarter.

Lowell's defense led by Angie Schmidt and Lindsay Scigliano denied the Saxons their inside play while Beth Fredline and Jody Seif played harrassing perimeter defense.

Fredline led all Red Arrow scorers with 16 points. Seif contributed 14, and Schmidt netted 12.



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Robert and Sherri Wager, 1080 Alden Nash in the N.W. 1/4 of Section 22, in the RA District have applied for a zoning variance to construct a horse stable of 30 feet by 40 feet on their lot with sideline setbacks of 40 feet and 70 feet instead of the 150 feet setbacks required for private stables in Section 201.419.

Eric Wold, 1000 Fero in Section 19, earlier applied for a variance to build an accessory building in his front yard. His application was tabled at an August 5, 1997 hearing in order to consider alternate locations.

Applications and proposed site plans can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on October 7, 1997.

Tim Howard, Chairman

Lions honor Dean for his development of players' character, community involvement and football skill

Noel Dean has shown he can coach football. Under his tutelage, Lowell was 7-2 in his first year as coach. The Red Arrows have begun the 1997 season with three victories.

Dean was honored Monday by the Detroit Lions for more than coaching football; he was recognized with its High School Coach of the Week award.

The award is presented to a coach who best develops his players' character, discipline and football skill. It also recognizes the coach's commitment to the team and community.

"I'm flattered and overwhelmed with the recognition," Dean said. "The award is a tribute to the work ethic and attitude of the young men I work with."

In a little over a year, Dean has instituted a number of community-related programs which his football team employs. They include: The Readers Program, Englehardt Library Fund Raiser and the Big Buddy/ Little Buddy Program.

"We appreciate the job Noel is doing," Lowell athletic director Barry Hobla commented. "He coaches more than just football. He stresses that community service is as vital as wins and losses."

In Dean's name a \$500 donation will be made to Lowell's football program. He along with other recipients will be honored at the Lions/Jets game on Dec. 21.

During the awards ceremony, the Lions will announce the High School Coach of the Year. The winning coach will receive \$1,000 toward their team's football program.

Other coaches to win the award so far this year have been John Filiatraut of Livonia Churchill High School and Gary Jozwiak of Midland High School.

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 1, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11663 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Lanny Kowalski for a special land use under Section 3.29 of the Township Zoning Ordinance, for a private road to serve parcels of land not having frontage on a public street, and for a special land use under Section 3.53, for approval of a land division, all covering lands commonly described as 10381 Belding Road and legally described as follows:

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All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested special land uses. Written comments may be submitted to the township office, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the public hearing.

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COMING EVENTS

Notices in The Ledger's "Coming Events" are free of charge to any non-profit organization in the Lowell, Ada, Alto, and Saranac area. We prefer such notices to be kept brief and to be submitted by mail, but will accept notices by phone at 897-9261.

EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Fall River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. No Sept. meeting.

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 not meet during the month of August. Meetings will resume on September 9.

EVERY TUES.: Ladies Coffee break Bible study. Free nursery and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management

development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

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

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

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

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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation.

For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops 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 meetings held the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

ALTO LIBRARY HOURS: Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.;

Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Phone 868-6038.

ENGLEHARDT LIBRARY HOURS: Monday & Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Tuesday & Friday, 1-5 p.m.; Thursday & Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. students. For more information about Cub Scouts and Pack 3188, call 897-8751.

THURS., SEPT. 25: Commodities will be distributed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Moose Recreational Center, E. Main St. This month's commodities are applesauce, beans, veggie, figs, salmon, corn cereal, grapefruit juice, refried beans, spaghetti and tomato sauce.

TUES., SEPT. 30: YMCA Youth Soccer Night at Red Arrow Stadium at 7 p.m. Red Arrows vs. Hastings. Wear your team shirt and get in free. Sit with your team and be introduced at halftime.

THURS., OCT. 2: Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Marcia Wilcox, Pauline Burtle and Joyce Hanshue. Program: Curtaintime Players: Mary Jo DeNolf. Sponsor, Esther Clemenz.

SAT., OCT. 4: Lowell Mason Temple will sponsor an all-you-can-eat fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at 119 Lincoln Lake. Adults \$6.50, children 6-10, \$4, under 6, free. Public welcome.

He is educated who knows where to find out what he doesn't know.
—Georg Simmel

LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Lowell Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 1, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash, S.E., to consider Alyn Fletcher's request for a variance which would allow the building of one additional home on the property located at 12632 Grand River Drive (41-20-10-400-027, 048 and 049).

Immediately following the public hearing, the Board will hold its semi-annual meeting on this date instead of the previously scheduled and posted date of October 27, 1997.


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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES


LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.</p> <p>FRI., SEPT. 26: 12:30 p.m., Joe Kinnebrew tour.</p>	<p>THURS: 9:00 a.m. Walk and shop Woodland Mall. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. craft time, 1 p.m. Euchre.</p> <p>FRI.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.</p> <p>TUES., SEPT. 30: 12:30 p.m., Colortour, Kent Co.</p>
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(Dinner reservations should be made 3 working days in advance)



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HELP WANTED

CUMBERLAND RETIREMENT VILLAGE - is seeking a part-time cook, 20-24 hours per week, cooking experience a must. Contact Leona Zander for more information (616) 897-8413.

LOVING CHRISTIAN PERSON - to plan & lead preschool program during adult worship time at a United Methodist Church, located in S.E. area. Call 676-0887.

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

AREA DRYCLEANERS - hiring full-time days, counter person. Apply in person Cooper's Drycleaners, 591 Ada Dr. Ada.

CUMBERLAND RETIREMENT VILLAGE - is seeking caregivers who have experience working with the elderly. Knowledge about the "Aging Process and Dementia" would be helpful. Starting wages as high as \$7.50 per hour. Great benefits plus a 401K plan. All shifts available. Contact Joy Fezler for more information. (616) 897-8413.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT - Morrison Lakefront home, partially furnished, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, large kitchen & eating area, great room, screened porch & deck, \$550 a month plus utilities. Call 897-7810 after 5:30 p.m. or weekends.

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SALES

GARAGE SALE - Fri., Sept. 26 & Sat., Sept. 27, 9-5 p.m. 2661 Lincoln Lake, near 3 Mile.

WANTED

WANT TO BUY - Used barn or garage for 2 horses. Call 897-3091.

BUSINESS SERVICES

POOL WINTERIZING - Full closing, including chemicals, \$150 done right by an experienced professional. Call 866-3162.

HATE IRONING? - I take in ironing & laundry. Also looking for a few local clients to do house-cleaning for. References available. Call 897-2170 anytime.

SAM'S RETIREMENT SALE - 8:30 a.m. - ? Sat., Sept. 27. 691 Lincoln Lake, N. of Fallsburg Park Rd.

GARAGE/MOVING SALE - Sept. 26 & 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., numerous household, garage & work shop items. Some furniture including a nice set of Ratan, old steel bottom trailer, chain link fence & guns. 936 Beech St., Lowell, 3 houses north of Middle School.

LICENSED DAYCARE - in my Eastgate home, 16 years experience, days only, 6 mos. & older. Call 897-8398.

EVENTS

ALLEGAN ANTIQUE MARKET - Sunday, Sept. 28. Rain or shine, 300 exhibitors. A great selection of antiques. Don't miss this last big show of 1997. Located at the fairgrounds right in Allegan, Mich. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our father John Lombardo who passed away 20 years ago September 22.

You were tragically taken from us while still so young, leaving behind four children. We lost the love and soul that gave us our life. We are now grown with families of our own and find comfort when we gaze upon your grandchildren and see your smile or your eyes, and know that your legacy lives on.

Deeply loved and sadly missed by your children. Perrie, Peter, Patrick & Page.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Edward H. Stormzand who passed away five years ago September 22, 1992.

You have gone first, and I remain, to walk life's path along. God knows the many answers to the questions in my heart. He knows the lonely hours, the sudden tears that start. It's lonely here without you, I miss you more each day, for life is not the same since you were called away.

Loved & dearly missed by wife Joyce Stormzand, children & grandchildren. Elizabeth Raab, Tera, Tricia & Trent; Elaine & Kenneth Gregersen, Holly & Kenny; Edward H. Stormzand II & Lisa, Maxwell & Reed.

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CLASSIFIEDS - INEXPENSIVE BUT EFFECTIVE

GARAGE SALE

Lowell Calvary Church - across from Burger King. Thurs., Sept. 25, 9-5 p.m., Fri., Sept. 26, 9-3 p.m. Lots of everything! Benefit: Coffee Break.



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Lowell Area Schools

DIRECTIONS

September 1997



PRESCHOOL STORY TIME AT BUSHNELL

Once again, we will be hosting a monthly preschool story time for youngsters between the ages of three and five. All youngsters must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Our purpose is to give youngsters and parents a positive school experience before they are actually enrolled in school.

Story time will include one or two stories appropriate to the youngsters' age and a light snack. The principal will then discuss any school issues with parents which might be of interest.

STORY TIME SCHEDULE

Story time will be held on the following

Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.:

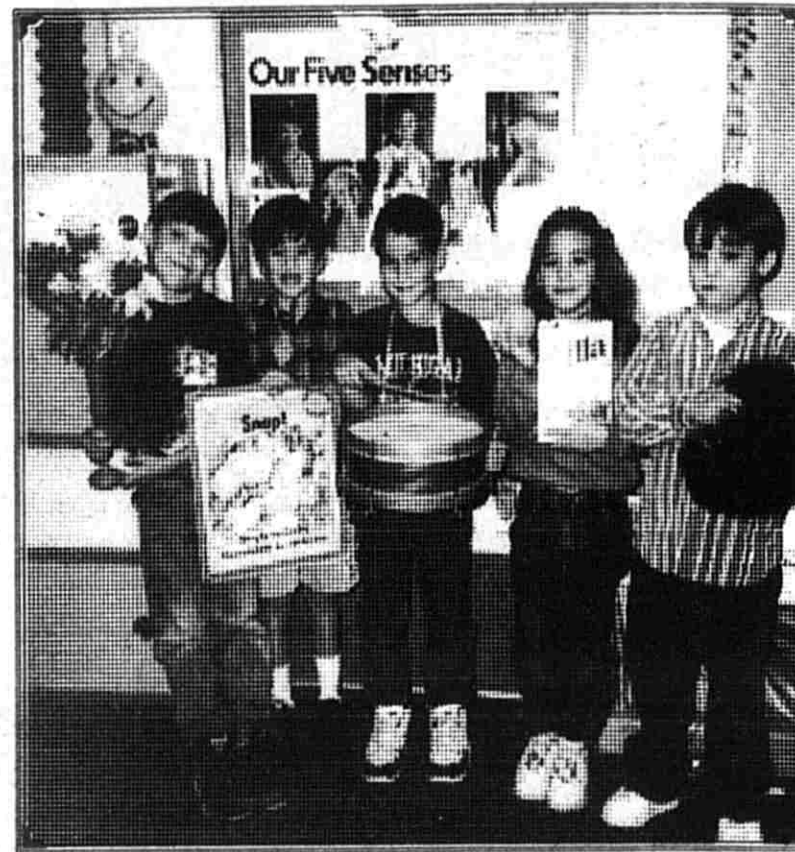
- October 24
- November 21
- December 12
- January 23
- February 27
- March 20
- April 24

Please call 897-8471 and confirm that you are attending story time each month so that appropriate arrangements are made.

IT MAKES SENSE!

The first graders in Ms. Charles' class are using their five senses to learn about the world around them. Hear the drum, taste an orange, smell the flowers, see the U.S. flag, touch the fur. Mystery boxes make guessing fun!

Pictured, left to right, are: Sage Fox, Brandon Lee, Keith Neubecker, Emma Ward and Bradon Strick.



COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER

Last year, the community of Lowell met together to discuss what kinds of characteristics are part of a person of character. The community voted on Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Honesty and Responsibility. Talk to your children this week about those traits and how they can demonstrate character in their daily lives. Examples of questions you can ask your child include: "How do you show respect to your classmates on the playground?" "What does 'honesty' mean in our family?" "How do you demonstrate responsibility when you attend a Lowell High School football game with your friends?"

HOMECOMING

Lowell High School homecoming is the week of October 6-11. The Powder Puff football game (junior girls vs. senior girls) will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the high school. The Homecoming parade will be Friday, Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. down Main Street and the Homecoming dance will be on Saturday night.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Lowell Area Schools has hired Susan Lockwood as Community Outreach Coordinator.

Susan will be responsible for distributing information about Lowell Area Schools to new parents and the community, coordinating the School To Work and Zero to Four programs, facilitating character education issues and recruiting volunteers from the community to work for our schools. Beginning in September, Susan has also been responsible for putting together the Directions newsletter.

One of Susan's first tasks has been to implement a student directory for each of the schools in the district. "We have had a great response to the student directory. We have already received many participation forms from families who want to be included in the directory," says Lockwood. If you have not received a form and would like to be included in the directory, please call your child's school for a form, fill it out, and return it right away. The names and addresses will be put together this week, so don't delay. Questions? Call Susan Lockwood, Community Outreach Coordinator, 897-8415



VanVLECK JOINS BUSHNELL STAFF

Ms. Becky VanVleck, of Lowell, will be joining the Bushnell Elementary staff for the 1997-98 school year. Becky will be teaching first grade. She comes to us from Saranac Elementary where she also taught first grade.

We think Becky will be a wonderful complement to our staff and an outstanding teacher.

LETTER FUN

Bushnell kindergarten friends are learning to recognize the letters within their names. Using corn, glue and lots of muscle control, these students can feel very proud of their efforts.

Pictured, left to right: Brandon Lee, Meagan Padgett, Christopher Schroeder and Dylan McElveen.



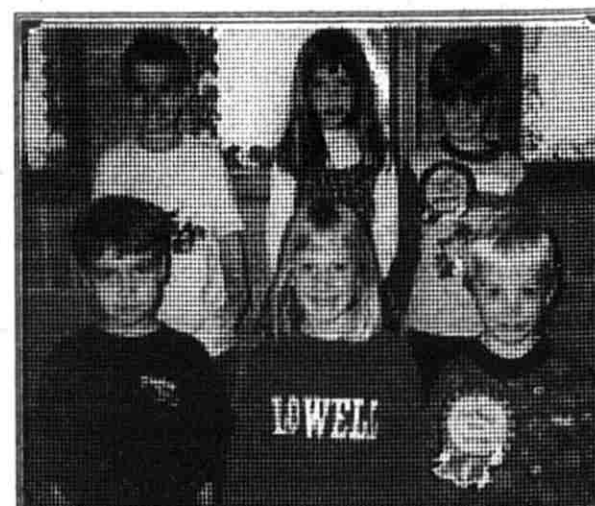
LEARNING SHAPES AT BUSHNELL

Shantee VanOverbeck, Erin Fleet, Devin Minier, James Spicer, Chelsae Prill and Max Stormzand are enjoying a game of Shape Bingo with paraprofessional Bonnie Meiste.

BUSHNELL CEILING TILE CONTEST WINNERS

Ceiling contest winners, front row, left to right: Alex Harrington, Stephanie Cantrell and Shaun Hale.

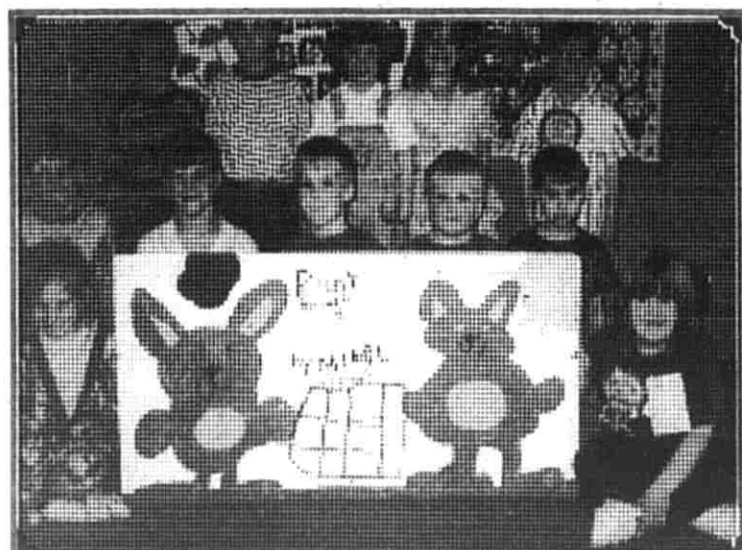
Back row, left to right: Christopher Bilski, Kayla Stanford and Dylan Dues.



Ceiling contest winners, front row, left to right: Brittany Rose and Melissa Harris.

Middle row, left to right: James Hatfield, Cody Chambers, Trevor Hoard, Michael DuVerneay and Alex Harrington.

Back row, left to right: Jesse VandenBosch, Kyle Riley, Francis Maycroft, Heather Benedict and Abe McIntire.



LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL GAME OF THE WEEK

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday, Sept. 26	Football <i>Dick Korb</i>	F. H. Central <i>T. J. Haggin</i>	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Boys Soccer <i>Jim White</i>	Hastings	6:45 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10	Football <i>Dick Korb</i>	Wyoming Pk. <i>T. J. Haggin</i>	7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17	Football <i>Dick Korb</i>	Hudsonville <i>T. J. Haggin</i>	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 23	Girls Basketball <i>Phil Beachler</i>	Hastings <i>Pete Bush</i>	7:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 30	Girls Basketball <i>Phil Beachler</i>	Northview <i>Pete Bush</i>	7:15 p.m.

Games will be shown on Lowell cable on Monday and Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. the week following the game

ALTO ELEMENTARY FIELD DAY



Field Day activities at Alto Elementary provide opportunities to demonstrate coordination and team work in a wide variety of physical activities from wheelbarrow races to balloon toss.



BUTTERFLY STUDY AT ALTO ELEMENTARY
First-grade students from Alto Elementary release Monarch butterfly to begin its migration south from the Inside Out classroom. The children study the monarch and its life cycle by observing them as caterpillars, chrysalis and butterfly stages in the classroom.

PRESCHOOL SPEECH PROGRAM

This year our department will be providing a new preschool speech program in an effort to better service our preschoolers who require on-site speech and language services. Children being serviced through this program are three-to-five year olds who have delays in their speech or language development.

Children who qualify for this program will be seen one hour, two times per week. Learning settings will include individual therapy sessions, as well as integrated group sessions within our existing Preschool Readiness program. This program was designed to create an opportunity for our preschool-aged children to receive speech therapy in a natural school setting.

If you have concerns regarding the speech and language development of your preschooler, please call Pam Thomas, Director of the Educational Support Services Dept., at 897-8415. A questionnaire to assess your child's specific speech and language needs will be mailed to you. Once completed and returned to our office, your case will be referred to our school speech therapist who will be in contact with you.

WELCOME TO LOWELL

Lowell is a growing community. This year, there are over 100 new families who enrolled their children in Lowell Area Schools. This is a challenging year for those children and their parents. The children need to make new friends, adjust to a new school and neighborhood and find interesting and entertaining things to do in the community.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to the Lowell Performing Arts Theater Patrons whose contributions this past year brought the musical back to Lowell.

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LOWELL MUSIC BOOSTERS

The 1997-98 meeting dates are as follows:

- September 15 • November 17 • January 19 • March 16 • May 18
- Meetings are held in the middle school band room beginning at 7 p.m.

THE OFFICERS THIS YEAR ARE:

- President, Lanie Rice - 897-8959 *Call in to volunteer*
- Vice President, Kathy Akers
- Treasurer, Karen Latva
- Co-Secretaries, Lorrie Capen and Susan Barry

BOOSTERS ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- Middle school concessions
- Phone caller for middle school concessions
- Poinsettia plant sale
- Monday night band rehearsal treats
- District Band Festival in March
- Fall Home Football games (selling horns)
- 50/50 summer vacation fun raffle
- Musical

A big thanks goes to all who have helped in the past! The over 800 band and choir students appreciate your efforts

BE A PART OF THIS YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

Broadway Show Patron\$100 or Above
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Please list how you would like your name to appear on the plaque.

Make checks payable to Lowell Music Boosters. As always consult your tax consultant about a deduction

SIXTH-GRADE HALLOWEEN PARTY

There will be a Halloween Party for the sixth-graders on Friday, October 31 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The parents of the sixth-graders are hosting this event. Be involved with your middle school student and come to the party. You can help organize the event, make treats, run a Bingo or carnival type of game, supervise a pick-up basketball/volleyball game in the gym, or set-up/cleanup. Call the middle school at 897-9222 to volunteer. Costumes are optional for students and parents. Come join the fun!

ACTIVE PARENTING COURSE OFFERED

Maureen Dorough will be teaching an Active Parenting course through Community Education on October 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

This course will address parenting skills and information needed to effectively parent in the 90's. Contact Nancy at 897-8235 to enroll or for further information.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education meets the second Monday of each month. All interested people are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings which are held in the Administration Building (Runciman, 300 High St.) beginning at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

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Jack Lane.....Treasurer	Ellen McClain.....Trustee
Mark Blanding.....Vice President	Jim Reagan.....Trustee
Ann Mulder.....Secretary	

City to investigate possible vacating of Water Street

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

The Lowell City Council has given the go-ahead for city officials to begin looking at vacating Water Street in hopes of improving park access and safety issues.

The issues were brought before the council at its regular Monday night meeting by James Doyle, senior vice president of King Milling Company, 115 S. Broadway.

In the letter, Doyle expressed concern over the safety of residents trying to access Recreation Park, which butts up against the industrial park. Residents, via foot and bikes, must contend with truck traffic to reach the park. Also Doyle said

the condition of Water Street does not leave a good image for the company or the city, much less maintain good sanitation in the plants and processes.

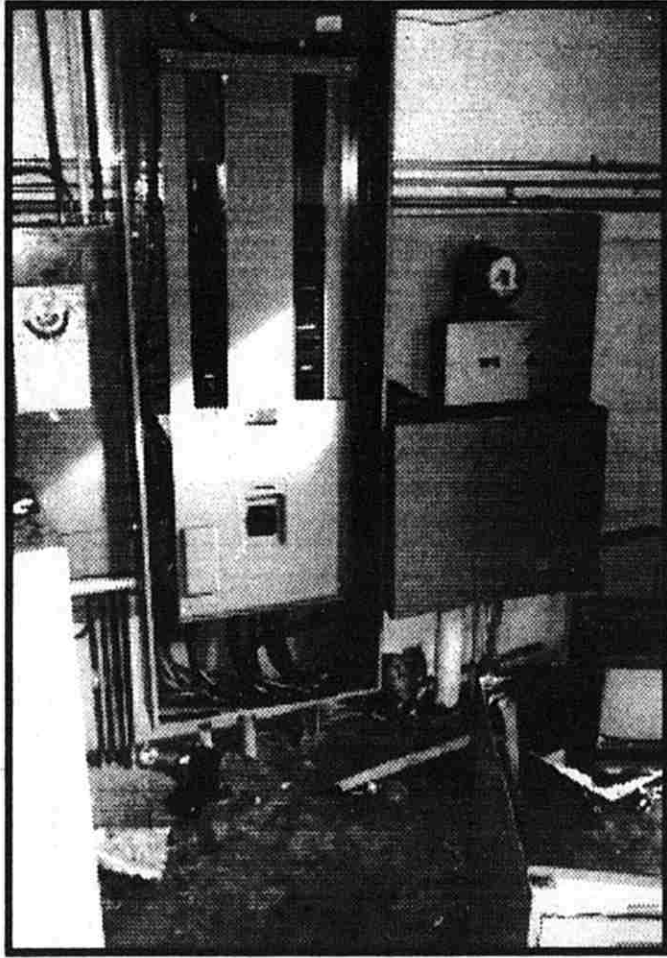
On that, and considering the city would not want to spend the necessary dollars to fix Water Street, Doyle recommended the city vacate Water Street from south of Main Street so as to maintain the current, public angle parking for the park. He then suggested a better access point to the park would be near the old YMCA pool "where there is good, safe egress off from Broadway Street," he wrote. The location would also provide good parking and would shift traffic patterns to flow more from Hudson Street and less from Broadway.

The city council agreed with Doyle and directed city manager David Pasquale to bring talks about the vacation and park improvements with the Park and Recreation Commission at the commission's Oct. 18 meeting.

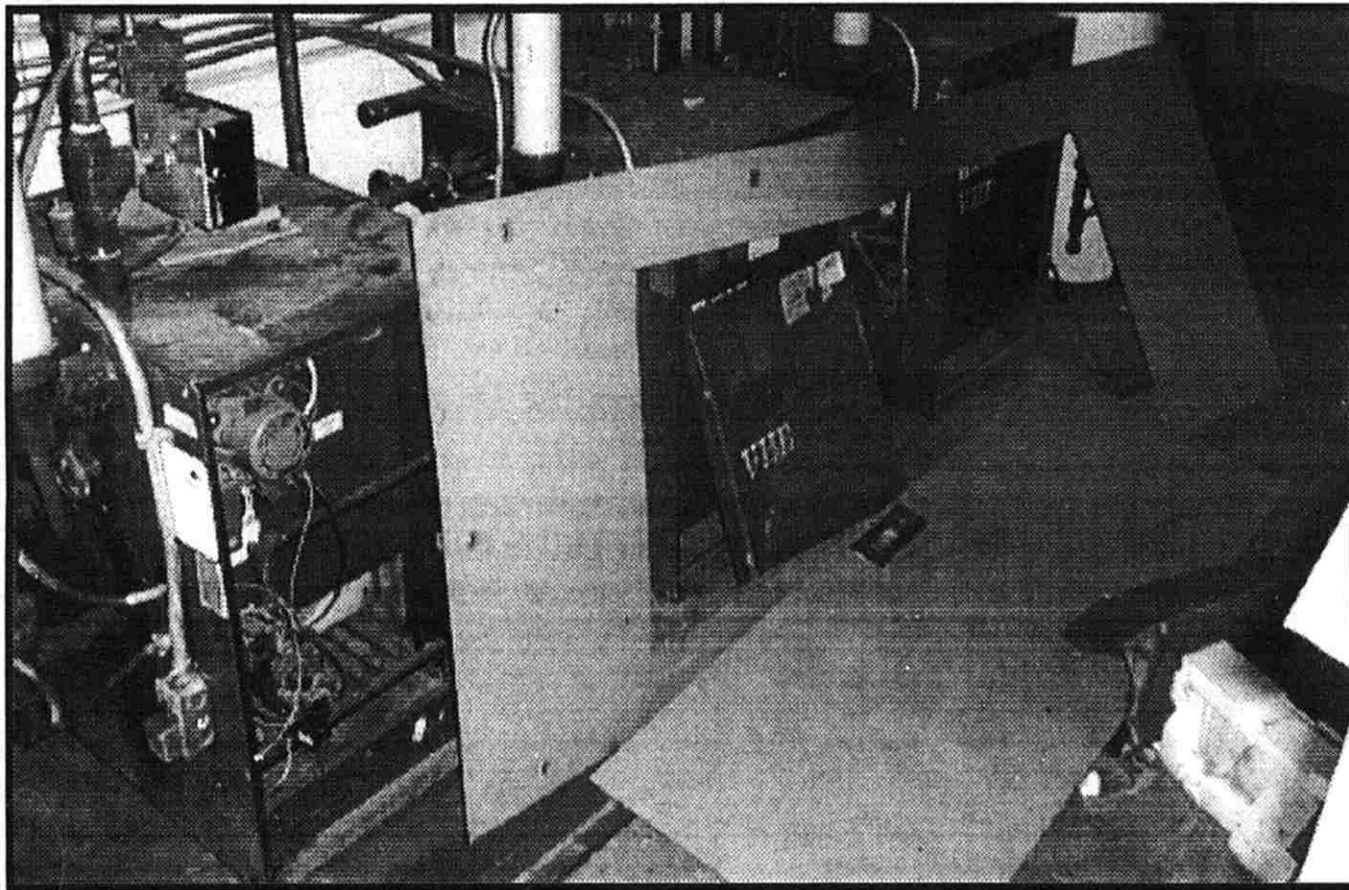
Pasquale said other groups would have to be approached, including the YMCA Board.

Before the street could be vacated, the city would need to hold a public hearing in regards to the matter, in accordance to state laws.

Because of the procedures that needed to be followed and the discussions with other groups, the city probably would not do anything on the project until spring, Pasquale said.



Above is a picture of the main electrical box in the boiler room, minus its door. To the right rests the door that was slammed into the boiler located across the room.



Explosion rocks FMB boiler room

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

"It could have been worse" were the words from FMB State Savings Bank vice president Chuck Myers, following the Sunday morning explosion.

"It was just a month or so ago we removed all of our computer equipment from the boiler room into another area of the bank," Myers said.

The cause of the explosion was identified as electrical by Lowell Area fire chief Frank Martin.

"There was more of a flash that followed the explosion than a fire," Martin said. "We believe something in the electrical panels caused it."

The explosion blew the door to the main electrical box off.

It was slammed into the boiler sitting 12 feet across the room. The boiler casing was dented and its water line was broken.

"The fire department's quick response prevented any smoke damage to the rest of the building," Myers said. "They got here quickly and

were able to set up fans, directing the smoke outside the building."

Myers said the insurance

company had not yet looked into the accident to determine the monetary damage.

Third time a charm for annual Riverwalk Festival

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Increased ticket sales for the duck race, sales for the pig roast and arts and crafts booths translated into increased profit for the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce's third annual Riverwalk Festival.

"We're not sure of the actual number of people who attended," said assistant chamber director Liz Baker. "The chamber thinks that approximately 3,000 people were in attendance."

The chamber saw a profit of \$4,500. This nearly doubled last year's profit of \$2,300.

The Riverwalk Festival monies help pay for a part-time person to answer the phone and for office expenses.

Baker said as the chamber has done in the past, it met to discuss how to make the festival better in 1998.

- Some changes will include:
- Emphasizing the "duck theme" in the parade (encouraging children to decorate their bikes in yellow and orange).
 - Lowering the dam sooner in an effort to expedite the pace of the ducks, and designating a new starting place for the duck race to enhance its excitement.
 - Offering businesses the opportunity to donate prizes for the duck race in addition to the \$500 first prize. Baker stressed the chamber would not solicit businesses for prizes. It would have to be voluntary.

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FELDER COMMUNICATIONS	4	1	
LARKINS	3	2	
QUIGGLES & THE REST	2	3	
OGDEN	1	4	
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S			
LEC/BASF	7	0	
LENA LOU'S	5	2	
ALTO GAS	3	3	1
LEC	3	4	
BALL BUSTERS	2	4	1
BILL'S MOBILE POWER WASH	0	7	
THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S			
RANDI'S RIVERSIDE PARTY STORE	6	1	
NELSON CONSTRUCTION	5	2	
ALTO BAR	4	3	
LARKINS	3	4	
ADA BEEF	3	4	
ALTO BAPTIST	0	7	
FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S:			
RIVER CITY FIRE PROTECTION	5	1	
LILLIE'S	3	1	
GREAT DANE TAVERN	3	2	
PIT STOP TIRE	3	2	
MOOSE	1	4	
DIRTY SHAME	0	5	

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THE LAST DAY FOR RECEIVING REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1997

Registrations will be taken at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the City General Election for the purpose of electing three (3) seats on the City Council.

Only registrations received on or before October 6, 1997 will qualify persons to vote in the City's General Election held on Tuesday, November 4, 1997.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk