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District report indicates alcohol students' drug of choice

J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Lowell Area Schools has taken the first step in battling its drug and alcohol problem.

For the first time in seven years, the district administered an alcohol and other drug survey to students in seventh-, ninth-, and tenth-grades during the spring of 1997. At its Monday night meeting, the board received a report of

findings on that survey from high school principal Scott Vashaw and assistant principal Kevin Pearson.

The report actually showed nothing new compared to other Kent County surveys and school district surveys. However, what it will give to the district is a baseline to see how intervention programs are working and what is taking place in the community, Vashaw said.

"And the key to this is to recognize that this is not just a school problem, but a community problem," said Superinten-

dent Bert Bleke, adding that as recognizing it as such, the community and school can attack the problem together.

The report showed students said the drugs most easily available were that of alcohol and tobacco. Marijuana and amphetamines followed with other drugs such as psychedelics, barbiturates, tranquilizers, cocaine, heroin, and steroids falling in harder to find category.

The drug of choice for most students, according to the
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Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission gives Karp its recommendation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Thomas Karp, developer of the proposed Cumberland Springs development, got what he expected at the special meeting of the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission.

"I expected there would be a few who would voice their opposition to the development," Karp said. "The soil at this location is predominantly sand."

The proposed development would hold approximately 58 home sites. Lot sizes would range from 40,000 square feet to three acres.

Despite the opposition at the special meeting, Karp got a recommendation from the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission Monday night for his property at Foreman Road and Cumberland Avenue to be rezoned from R-1 to R-2. If the recommendation from the planning commission is supported by the township board, it will allow him to divide up the land into approximately 60 parcels as opposed to 35 without the rezoning.

"With a special use permit, the township has more control," planning commissioner Richard Bryan said. "Granting the request would fit the master plan and the trends of Lowell Township."

Planning commissioner Mark Batchelor was the only commissioner to vote "no" on recommending rezoning for Karp's parcel. "I see 60 par-

cels available across the street in Vergennes Township," he said. "One of the biggest concerns raised by residents is traffic. I think my decision has to take into effect the welfare and safety of the residents already there."

If the rezoning request is approved, the estimated cost per home will be \$150,000 with access to the development at Foreman, the main access road. It may also connect to the south at Woodbushe Drive which connects to Eastgate.

All homes within the proposed new development would have a dry sewer in place, allowing home owners to connect into township sewer lines when they become available.

Phase I of the proposed plan would include all lots facing Foreman and possibly some facing Cumberland.

Phase II would include lots on the two cul-de-sacs at Cumberland Ave.

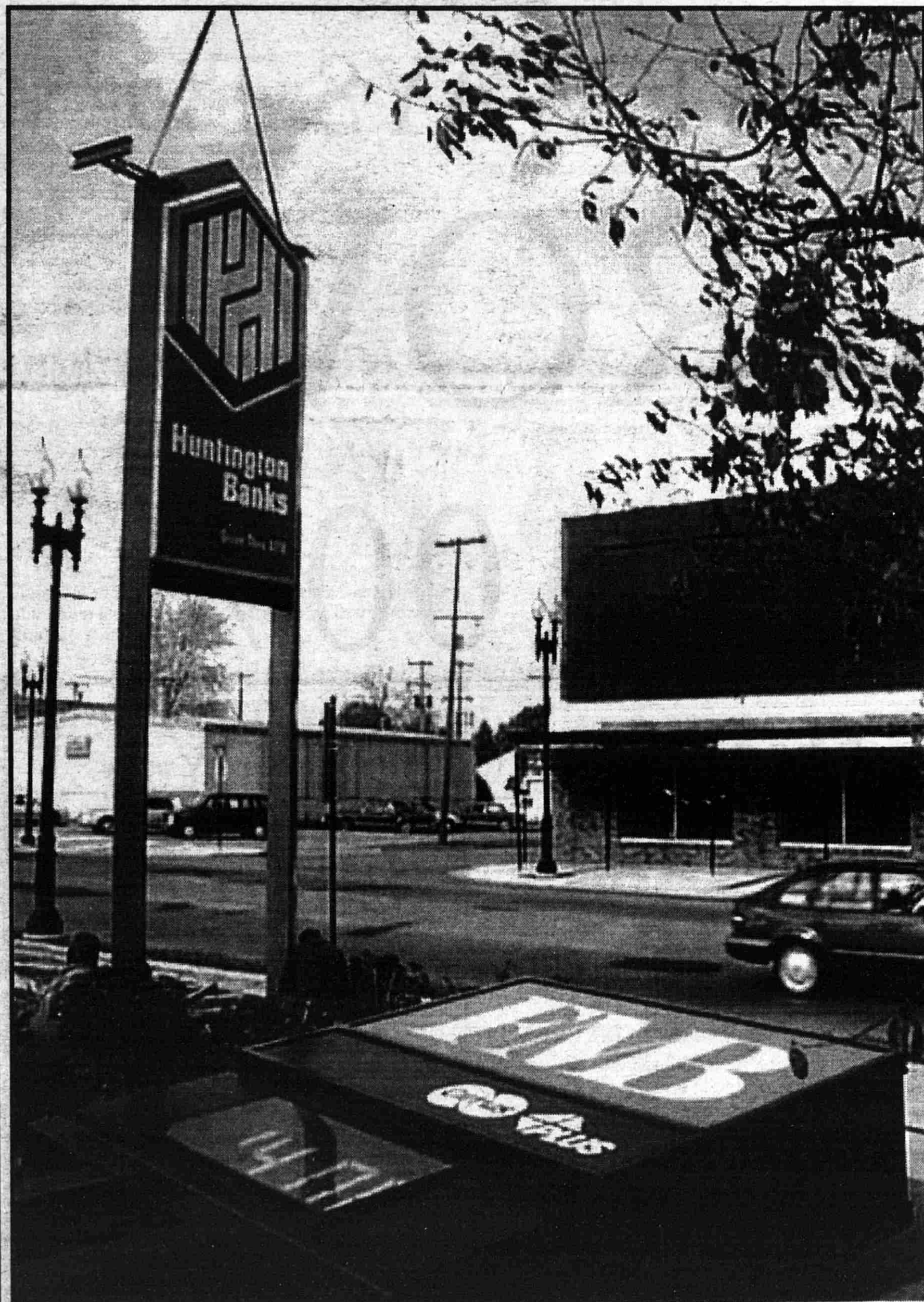
Phase III would include lots on the southern portion of the development.

Phase IV would include lots in the center of the development. The four phases would be spread out over three years.

At the special hearing on Nov. 3, the township heard from a number of residents opposed to the rezoning.

Lyle Bogner, of 1530 Cumberland, noted that a

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SIGN SUPPLANTATION

The last sign of what was formerly known as FMB Bank was removed and replaced at 414 E. Main St. under its new operating name Huntington Banks. FMB and Huntington Banks officially merged on Sept. 30.

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OBITUARIES

HOCKENBERRY - Wilma E. Hockenberry, aged 78, of Saranac, passed away at the Eaton County Medical Care Facility in Charlotte. She was born in Montana to the parents

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of Grover (Mildred Perry) Young. She is survived by one son Dennis (B.J.) Hockenberry of Fenwick; three daughters Muriel Hockenberry of Arkansas, Patricia Hockenberry of Virginia and Cheryl Lester of Lowell; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Graveside services were held Saturday, November 8. Arrangements by the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

MALINOWSKI (MYERS) - Mrs. Joyce E. Malinowski, aged 68, went to be with her Lord on Saturday afternoon, November 8, 1997. She is survived by her children Peggy and Thomas Sloma of Grand Rapids, Michael Malinowski of Marne, Joseph Malinowski of Wyoming; her three grandchildren Kristine

VanHaver, Melissa Ann Malinowski, Michael Todd Malinowski; her four sisters Myrtle Slater of Ft. Myers, FL, Arlene (James) Canfield of Jenison, Wanetta Slater of Lowell, Patricia (Wes) Reed of Grand Rapids; her brother Jim Myers of Jenison; many nieces and nephews; her special friend Arlene Longfellow; special family friends Nina Lang, Nannette Nickelson and Binh Thai and many other friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley and her sisters Alice and Betty. The funeral service was held on Tuesday morning at Alt and Shawmut Hill Chapel with interment in Rosedale Cemetery. Joyce was a member of the American Legion Neil Fonger Post Ladies Auxiliary. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory are requested to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

Mullins receive variance

Without threat of changing the character of the neighborhood, the Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals granted Robert and Traci Mullins, of 901 Grindle, a variance.

It will allow Mullins to have a 33-foot lot width at the front yard setback, permitting a driveway to access the proposed 5.56-acre parcel in back.

Mullins want to split their lot so an additional house can be built. Their current frontage is 150.71 feet, while the back lot line measures 419.21 feet across.

"Mullins have plenty of lot, it's just not on the street," Pasquale said.

Scouts in need of uniforms

Lowell Cub Scout Pack #3188 is looking for used Cub Scout uniforms for their boys. Anyone wishing to donate a uniform please contact Mark Mundt at 897-4209.



In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio became the first co-educational college in the U.S. and in 1841, it became the first U.S. college to award degrees to women.

City makes decision on emblems for city welcoming signs

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

His work can be found in the city of Kentwood, Lowell Township and at the entrance to the Oakwood Cemetery.

Soon Darrell DeRuiter's work will be viewed at the north, south, east and west entrances of the city of Lowell.

In October, the Lowell Planning Commission and the City Council contracted DeRuiter, a wood craftsman, to create welcoming signs for Lowell.

Given a handful of options to choose from, the Look Fund committee recently decided on the signs' emblems.

The east and west emblems will depict the city of Lowell while the north and south emblems will be of the city lights.

The decision on the emblems was made by the Lowell

City Council, Lowell Planning Commission and the Look Fund committee.

"The Look committee had the final decision since it was funding the project," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

The city sign at the west entrance will be located just to the east of the new Bowes Road. The sign to the east will be located either near the Hillside restaurant or on land owned by Tom Nagy.

To the north, Pasquale said the sign will be erected either near the Wesleyan Church or the Lowell Medical Specialist office at 1150 N. Hudson. The location of the welcoming sign coming into the city from the south has not yet been determined.

Pasquale said the city will provide each location with

landscaping and lighting. "Lighting isn't something all cities do, but I think it will add a nice touch."

DeRuiter said he hopes to have the signs completed and erected before spring.

The idea of decorative signs has been discussed in passing over the last five years. However, it was planning commissioner Gordie Barry who pushed forward with the idea.

"They are much needed and a longtime coming," Pasquale said. "Gordie has worked on it for over a year."

The city will pay DeRuiter \$7,355 to make and install the signs.

"Welcoming signs will bring a sense of identity," Pasquale said. "Instead of a sterile state of Michigan sign, these decorative signs will give them character."

GW Engineering makes donation to Lowell's tech education department

A \$2,500 donation from GW Engineering topped the list of gifts to the Lowell Area Schools this month.

GW Engineering donated an Hp DraftMaster II Pen Plotter with pens, cables, and paper, and a Blueprint Machine with paper and developer to the Lowell High School Tech Ed department for use in its computer aided design.

The district also received a donation of 172 rolls of 120 film, a KOWA 6 camera, and an 80 mm lens and 50 mm lens from Bryan Betz. The equipment, valued at \$924, will be used in the Lowell High School Art department photography class. The art department also received a donation of Eshers posters, valued at \$75, from Susan Frasier.

Michael Case donated one set of Micro and Macro Encyclopedia Britannica and one Propedia, valued at \$500 to the Cherry Creek Resource Room.

Samuel and Rose Juarez donated sheets of large white paper, valued at \$300, to be used at the Lowell High School.

The Lowell Community Fund also made two donations this month. A check for \$200 was given to the Lowell Athletic Program and \$200 was given to the Cherry Creek and Alto Fifth Grade camp program.

IN THE SERVICE

Navy Chief Petty Officer William W. Foster, son of Jane E. and Robert L. Foster Sr. of Lowell, has completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans as well as the Arabian Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS John Paul Jones, as part of the USS Constellation Battle Group.

Foster's ship's mission involved enforcing the no-fly zone

over Southern Iraq. Additional responsibilities included supporting the Multinational Interception Operations in the Persian Gulf, which directly enforced U.N. sanctions levied against Iraq.

During the deployment, Foster visited several ports of call including Bahrain, Scotland and the United Arab Emirates.

An AEGIS guided missile destroyer, USS John Paul Jones is one of the most powerful ships put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire upon more than 100 targets at a time.

He joined the Navy in January 1976.

Local Camp Fire girls donate dolls to Blodgett Hospital

Camp Fire Community Service is an ongoing project in our community that has grown to include three clubs from Lowell. On October 25, members from the Shining Stars Starflight Club, Wild Hawks Adventure Club and the Leeping Lizards Discovery Club met to assemble "play therapy" dolls for Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Blodgett Hospital has a Child Life program that provides services for children and their families while in the hospital.

The dolls will be used to help young patients understand the treatment they will be receiving and to have a friend during their hospital stay. With the exception of a red heart, placed by the Camp Fire members, the dolls are left plain so the children can personalize their new friend.

The Lowell Camp Fire members, along with parent and leaders' support, will be donating 26 dolls to Blodgett Hospital.

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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Brian Ellis and Deborah Swan-Ellis have made application for variances (2) from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance prohibiting structures within the side and rear yard setbacks. Said structures (2) are proposed additions to both the house and garage. The garage is to be within the 10 foot required side setback and the house within the 20 foot front setback. Said structures are to be located at 3907 Causeway, Lowell, parcel 41-12-33-327-032.

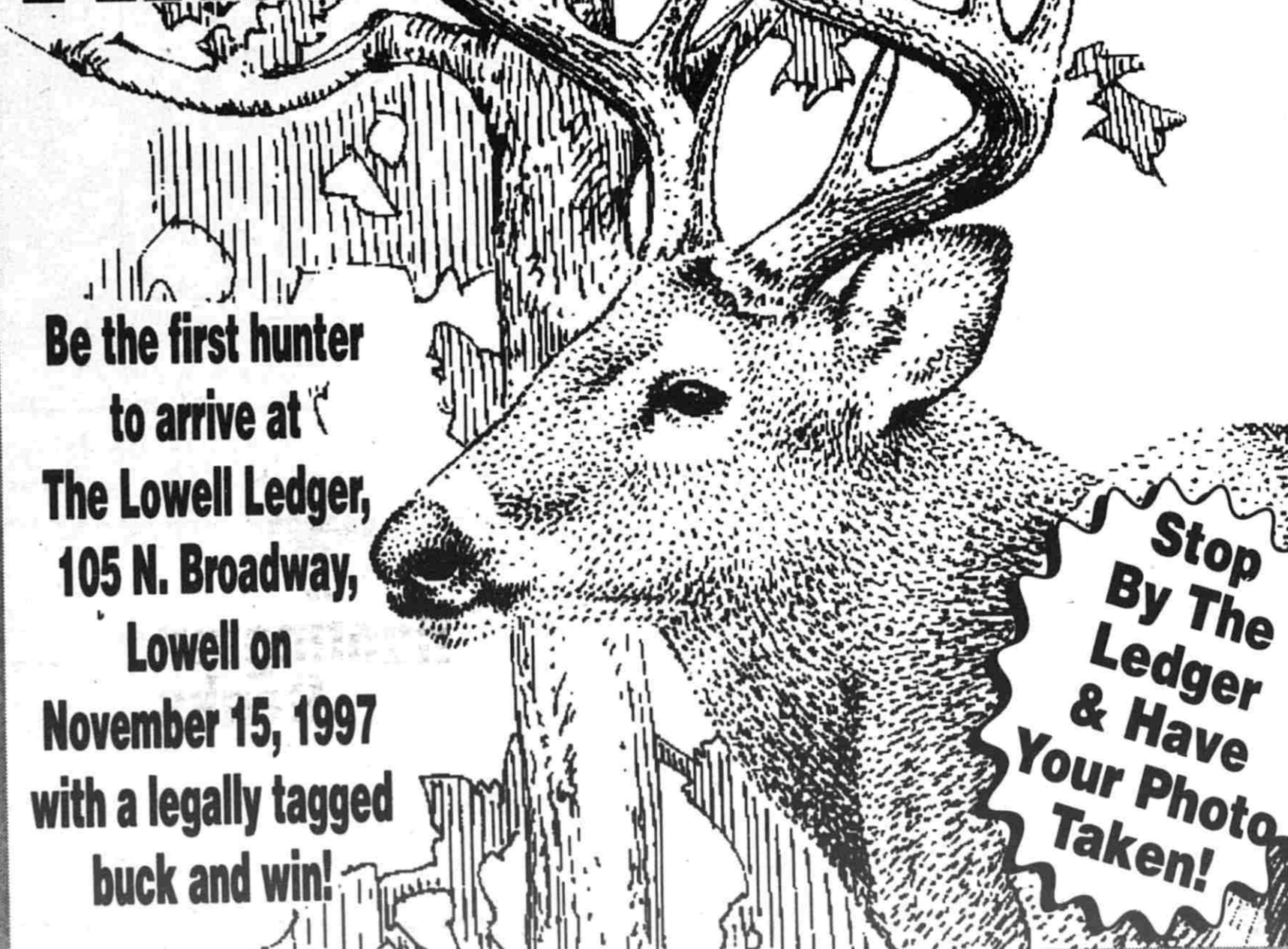
DESCRIPTION:
Lot 8 also lot 9 ex N 10.0 ft also that part of lot 188 lying between NLY line of sd lot 9 & sly line of sd lot 8 ext wly to waters edge of Murray Lake Ex N 10.0 ft* Island Park Murray Lake

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

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS

The Lowell Ledger And Several Area Merchants Are Again Sponsoring A

FIRST BUCK CONTEST



Be the first hunter to arrive at The Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, Lowell on November 15, 1997 with a legally tagged buck and win!

Stop By The Ledger & Have Your Photo Taken!



Reflections

Of Faith

By Tim Harmon

Waiting seems like such a waste. I hate waiting. How much time do we waste waiting? Waiting for people. Waiting for stop lights to change. Waiting to grow up. Waiting to get married. Waiting for retirement. Do we ever stop waiting? Is there a way to avoid having to wait on everything? We've done our best to rid the modern world of having to wait. Fast food restaurants, the microwave, the fax, the drive through drug stores, the quick lube, the credit card all were invented

as a way to eliminate waiting. Without these modern necessities, life would become unbearably slow. And, we fully expect that with the arrival of this new millennium, we will conceive of more new inventions to make us wait even less...We have declared war on waiting. Above all else, do not make us wait.

"Those who wait on the Lord, will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31) How dare God make us wait for Him. It's rude to make people wait. We are busy people. If we can't get it quickly, we don't want it. If I walk into a store, I expect to be served within 15 minutes. Some stores even time the wait to ensure a speedy response. But God refuses to be put on the clock. He ignores our temper tantrums. He lets us walk right out the front door and go to a competitor, otherwise known as a false god. He refuses to speed up the process. And his refusal is pure grace. He knows we are running too fast. He knows, as one person put it, that "our relationships are starved by acceleration."

We can have instant food, instant credit and instant car repair. But we cannot experience instant intimacy - and that's what God wants.

Intimacy doesn't come quickly...at least not true intimacy. Relationships, either with people or God, are not time efficient enterprises. They are the most costly time investments. They also have the highest return. God calls to us: "Wait on me and I'll renew your strength. Make quality time for Me and you'll be infused with a strength beyond your means." Thomas Kelley writes: "Deep within all of us, there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a divine center, a speaking voice, to which we may constantly return. That sanctuary is the presence of God. A practicing Christian must above all else be one who practices the perpetual return of the soul into the inner sanctuary where God resides."

One of my fondest memories of childhood is Thanksgiving Day. Mom would start cooking as soon as she awakened. In no time, the house was full of wonderful smells. By the time dinner came around, our senses were sufficiently prepared for the meal. The waiting was an integral part of the feast. I experience the same thing when I sit alone in silence, waiting for the Lord to gently speak to my soul. When I am sufficiently prepared, He speaks. He's worth the wait.

Porcelain angel figures a popular Christmas Through Lowell item

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Work for the sixth annual Christmas Through Lowell began in June for Porcelain Treasures Cindy Sytsma.



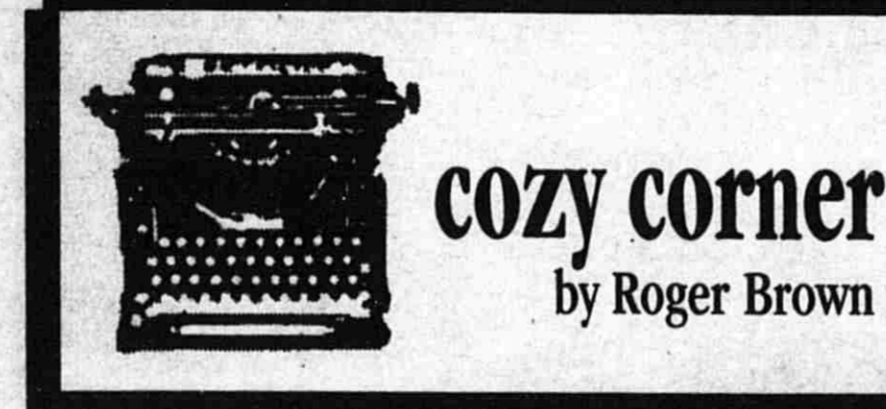
Cindy Sytsma, Porcelain Treasures, 3081 Alden Nash, prepares for the sixth annual Christmas Through Lowell. Sytsma's partner is Melissa Powers.

That way, minus any mishaps, Sytsma will have over 400 porcelain items ready for the weekend of Nov. 14-16 when she, like other Lowell area participants, turns her home into a Christmas shop. "It doesn't seem to matter when I get started. I'm always frantically trying to get something done the day before," Sytsma explained. Along with the very popular mini and magnet angels, Sytsma will also offer a line of new ornaments which will

include 'Noggins' (goofy faces), Christmas trees, and sports ornaments. "I enjoy creating things," explains Sytsma who began working with porcelain six years ago as a part-time employee for a Cascade doll shop. "I started just for something to do." Sytsma still works for the doll shop, but has extended it into a full-time hobby at home. All of the equipment needed can be found in her basement, allowing Sytsma to follow the creative process from beginning to end. That process starts with pouring the porcelain liquid into the molds. After it dries to a nickel's thickness, Sytsma drains the rest of the liquid

the porcelain ornament is put in the kiln to be fired. This can be done as many as 4-6 times during the painting process. "I use about five gallons of porcelain in preparing for Christmas Through Lowell," Sytsma said. Her Christmas ornaments sell for between \$5 and \$10 apiece. "I can never make enough hanging angels. No matter how many I make, they sell," Sytsma said.

Viewpoint



cozy corner by Roger Brown

A few weeks ago I shared with you a few articles I'd compiled concerning some of the more whacked out folks in our midst. Larry Walter, the truck driver, turned one-time balloon ascensionist, who soared to 14,000 feet over southern California in a lawn chair attached to 40 surplus weather balloons, was mentioned in the column. There were people building catapults large enough to toss pianos, cars and humans respectable distances. A group of good ole southern boys who blast 150-pound anvils to incredible heights using black powder got a nod. You also read about some pilots getting their kicks dropping bowling balls from light planes onto junk cars. I summed them up as "my kinda people."

That column generated some reader response which spawned a second column along this vein. Two weeks ago, you read about people in Illinois attempting to blast a pumpkin past the speed of sound. You also read about the guy who mounted a surplus jet assisted take-off rocket in the trunk of his '67 Chevy and reached an estimated 350 miles per hour on a lonely stretch of Arizona highway before crashing into a rock cliff while airborne at over 100 feet. Unlike the others I'd been writing about, this guy didn't live to tell the tale. In the article I'd gleaned from, it was noted that this guy is a serious contender for this year's "Darwin Award." Huh?

We got on the internet to find out more about this award. We found a wealth of information. The award is given each year to the person who did the human gene pool the greatest service by killing themselves before they (hopefully) reproduced. This week's column will feature some of the "Darwin Award's" previous recipients and nominees. According to the web site, the driver of the rocket powered '67 Chevy has been named as this year's winner so, if you are a contender, you do have to wait until next year.

One nominee was a man using a loaded shotgun as a club to break the windshield of his estranged girlfriend's car. The gun went off and killed the guy on the spot. One '96 nominee was from Michigan. Two guys in a "farm-type" truck were bothered by a noise coming from the undercarriage. The nominee had his friend drive while he hung underneath in hopes of locating the source of the noise. When

the truck was stopped, the nominee was found wrapped up on the drive shaft. How about a guy cleaning out a birdfeeder on the balcony of his 23rd floor condo. To perform the task, he stood on a wheeled office chair. You can guess the rest.

This nominee was a lawyer, an extra bonus to his early departure from the gene pool. Seems this guy's office was on the 24th floor of a skyscraper in Toronto. Some visiting law students questioned the safety of the large windows in the office, and our lawyer friend demonstrated their security by rushing against one and slamming into it with his shoulder. The pane broke, and he plunged to the courtyard below.

In Cairo, Egypt, an 18-year-old farmer descended into a well 60 feet deep to rescue a chicken that had fallen in. He was caught in a current at the bottom of the well and drowned. Five others drowned in successive rescue attempts. The chicken was eventually retrieved from the well unharmed.

A previous winner was a Kansas University student who was attempting to steal a soda from a vending machine. He was tipping the large refrigerator-like device in the attempt, and it toppled onto him. He must have been very thirsty. Another nominee (this guy should have been a winner) was found dead in his small, unventilated bedroom. The very large man had apparently been subsisting on a diet of mostly beans and cabbage. An autopsy showed large amounts of methane gas in his system. Three rescuers got sick and one was hospitalized for methane gas inhalation.

Get this. Two former death row convicts, one in 1989 and another in 1997, met the same end. Both these guys, one in South Carolina and one in Pennsylvania, were found dead sitting on the metal toilets in their cells. Both had been fiddling with small TV's at the time of their respective electrocutions. If that ain't poetic justice, I don't know what is.

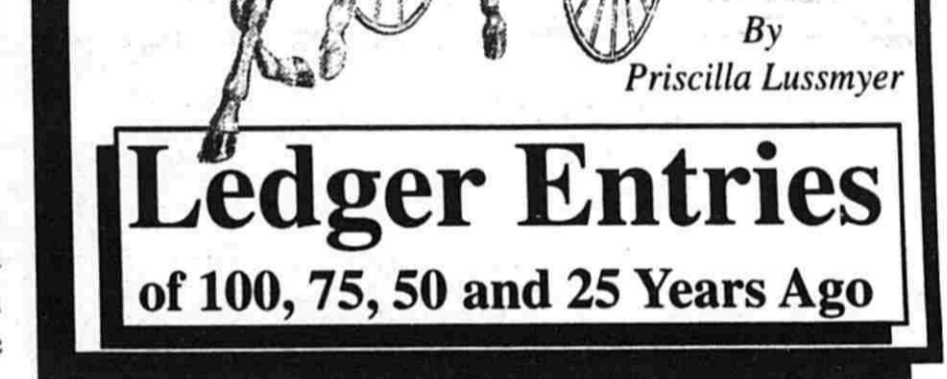
How about this one? A 22-year-old guy, with some friends, hiked to the top of a ski run called "Stump Alley" at 3:00 a.m. Do you suppose alcohol may have been a factor in this one? On the way up, they removed big foam pads from the bases of the lift towers. They then used the pads as toboggans to careen down the treacherous slope. You guessed it, our nominee was killed when he slammed into a tower from which he'd stolen the protective pad.

There are lots more, but I'm going to conclude with my personal favorite. This guy won't be a winner because he didn't quite get the job done by doing himself in. According to the Darwin report, two Arkansas men, Thurston Poole and Billy Ray Wallis, had been out spearing frogs and were on their way home sometime after midnight. Suddenly, the headlights went out on Poole's pickup truck. The pair concluded that the problem was a blown fuse.

Having no extra fuses, necessity proved the mother of invention once again. Wallis discovered that a bullet from his .22 caliber pistol fit perfectly into the fuse slot. The headlights came back on and the frog-giggers proceeded merrily on their way.

Apparently, the bullet heated up in the fuse box located near the steering column. When it exploded, the slug slammed into Thurston's testicles and he immediately lost control of the pickup. The truck left the highway and collided with a tree. The pair sustained minor injuries from the crash and Poole required surgery for the bullet wound.

The accident happened near a bridge over the White River. Billy Ray was quoted by the newspaper as saying, "Thank God we weren't on that bridge when Thurston blew his #%#@'s off or we might both be dead!" Oh, but Billy Ray, you just missed your chance at the Darwin Award. What a shame.



By Priscilla Lusmyer

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

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - NOV. 11, 1897
Two Grand Rapids restaurant employees hop a freight train to Ada; Burglarize Smith's store there and walk back to town with the loot. They are later caught.
Miss Lizzie Brown of Keene steps through an archway in the F.W. Stephenson store and falls down the stairway there. Proprietor Markham calls Dr. Allen, who splints the two broken bones in her lower leg, and sends her home to Keene in a carriage with her nephew.
Burr Davis of Alton has a 27-pound cabbage.
Gold is said to have been discovered at Omer, and on an island of the St. Mary's River upstate.
Schools, churches and other public gatherings in Galien are closed until the diphtheria epidemic dies down.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER NOV. 9, 1922
Dexter Look will be our next state representative.
Burglars blow open the safe at the Grand Trunk Depot and get away with \$20.45.
The number of farms in Kent County is declining in comparison with 1919. Crops, except for fruit trees, have also decreased.
Watt's Department Store in Alto declares that "Good underwear is cheaper than doctor bills."

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - NOV. 13, 1947
Gov. Kim Sigler eats lunch while flying over Lansing and environs in his plane.
Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Gov. Sigler in separate speeches stress the importance of food aid to Western Europe in the wake of the recent war, plus crop-destroying weather on the continent.
The Lowell Ledger promotes the Christmas Seal X-Ray Unit (a large bus) of the Kent County Tuberculosis Society, which gives tuberculin tests for children and lung X-rays to those above school age.
Dr. John Hannah, MSC president, faults the state for reducing its support for higher education.
No toy cap pistols may be sold in Michigan, says attorney general Black.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - NOV. 9, 1972
The Storm Water-Sewer Separation meeting at City Hall brings out a standing-room-only crowd for a 2 1/2-hour meeting of questions and answers addressed to Williams & Works' Ken Anderson and mayor Carlen Anderson.
Three Main Street businesses were broken into last week. Police chief Barry Emmons reminds owners again to double-check their locks.
Amway Corp. moves the Rix Robinson marker on M-21 and touches off a storm of protests. The state will decide the issue, as the marker was in the right-of-way.
Meanwhile, Christmas Parade entries are running very slowly; only two so far.

School Menus

Week of 11/17 - 11/21

ELEMENTARY

MON: Ravioli, California blend vegetables, French bread/peanut butter, asst. fruit, milk.
TUES: Hot dog in a bun, tater tots, grapes, canned fruit or bread pudding, milk.
WED: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatine w/whip, milk.
THURS: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, cole slaw, chocolate pudding or fresh fruit, milk.
FRI: Corn dogs, corn, baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: Ravioli, burrito, chef salad or cheeseburger, yogurt; choose 2: Calif. blend, side salad or fruit juice; French bread w/margarine, peanut butter, assorted fruit, milk.
TUES: Hot dog or crispito w/cheese stick, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger or yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or veg. soup/crackers, grapes, canned fruit or bread pudding, milk.
WED: Chicken nuggets or pork patty, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, rice, green beans or side salad; homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin, milk.
THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, baked potato/toppings, yogurt, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger; choose 2: broccoli, cole slaw or side salad; chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.
FRI: Nacho pieces/meat & cheese, lasagna w/bread, cheeseburger, chef salad or yogurt; choose 2: corn, fresh carrots, side salad; fruit selection, milk.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 576-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL Rev. William J. Renkema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
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As I sat one recent Friday night in Red Arrow Stadium cheering on our team, the thought that we might need new school buildings in Lowell seemed a distant one. After all, we have a still-new high school complex, a recently renovated middle school and other upgraded facilities. Surely, with the 1990 school bond campaign not yet a faded memory and significant construction finished only three years ago, there should be no need to worry about new buildings!

Then I looked around the stadium at the thousands of fans, the more than 200-member Red Arrow Marching band, three tiers of vivacious cheerleaders and hundreds of young people milling about and reality struck home. We are a fast-growing district. And, before we know it, our classroom space will again be in short supply.

Last year, the Board of Education received a thoughtful report from the Demographic Task Force which addressed the topic of community growth and recommended planning to anticipate the need for new school facilities. In accord with that recommendation, the needs of the district are now under further study by the Demographic Committee. The committee is expected to make specific recommendations to the board by the end of this school year.

This is a complicated but important process for our district. There are many options that might be considered. As we look to the future, will the best approach be to construct a new elementary building for grades five and six, with the current middle school to continue only for grades seven and eight? Or should we consider building a new middle school for eighth and ninth graders with the high school used for grades 10 through 12 and the present middle school for grades six and seven? Is expansion of existing facilities a sensible option? When we do plan for a new building, where should it be

located? Across from the high school, south of town, near Cherry Creek Elementary and the middle school, or elsewhere?

Taking a positive and proactive approach to our future building requirements will help assure that the needs of our children can be met without unnecessary disruption or crisis. And those are things all of us want to avoid. If you have ideas on this important topic, do not hesitate to contact a board member or Superintendent Bleke. We welcome your input.

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

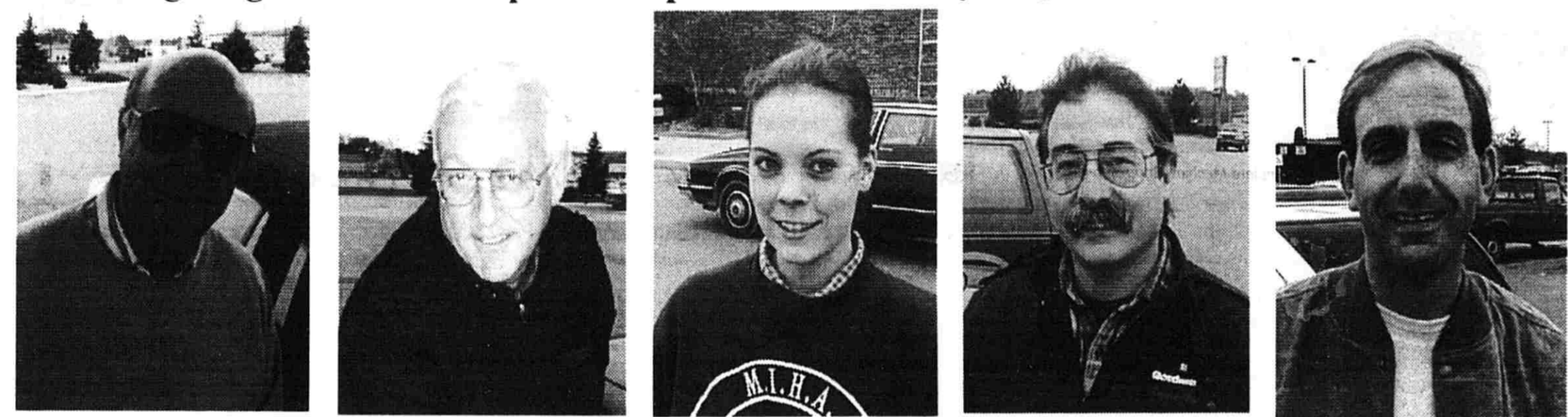
ROSACEA (ACNE ROSACEA)
Rosacea is a very common skin condition that affects approximately 13 million Americans. The word is derived from the Latin adjective meaning "like roses," an appropriate name for a skin condition that leaves the face as bright and colorful as a bouquet of red roses. About half of the people may experience the onset of rosacea between 30-50 years of age and about half may be older than 50. It is more common in women, but more severe in men.

The cause of rosacea is unknown. It is a chronic, progressive condition, characterized by flushing and blushing, facial redness, papules (small raised bumps), pustules (small white blisters with pus), and small visible blood vessels. There can be an increase of soft tissue particularly on the nose. This enlargement of the nose is called rhinophyma. (This is more common in men.) Some people experience a stinging or burning sensation, including the sensation of tight skin.

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TOWN TALK

In a recent episode of Murphy Brown, the fictional reporter turned to marijuana to relieve nausea caused by chemotherapy. The head of the Drug Enforcement Agency said the show creators did a disservice by trivializing drug abuse and set a poor example for children. Do you agree?



Jack Zimmerman
National television is a poor place for something like this. It should have been banned. It sends the wrong message.

Rich VerPorter
I don't agree with the show's decision. Not unless a law is passed that makes it legal.

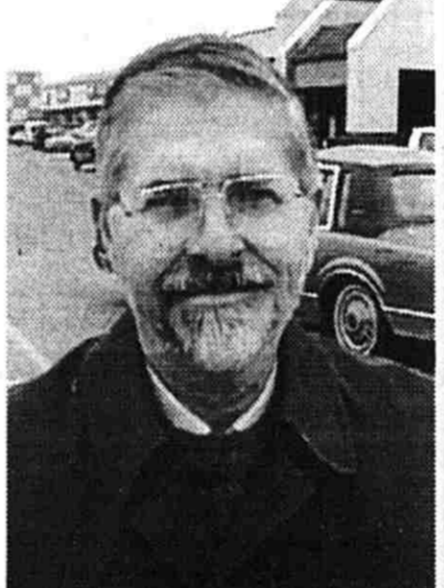
Rachael Huisman
No. It's illegal. I don't think it is right.

Dan Vosovic
As long as the drug is illegal, I don't think it should be advertised in any way.

Ken Kohtz
I don't have a problem with it as long as it's an approved form of medication.



Mary Jones
The DEA's reaction is a bunch of bull. If used for medical purposes, there is nothing wrong with it. Even if it is not legal, I don't think there is anything wrong with it. They allow people to use morphine. That drug rips holes the size of quarters in a person's brain.



Don Crawford
The problem with portraying marijuana use like that is it gives the inclination that it is okay to use it for anything. It can't be justified for that purpose.

Health, cont'd...From Pg. 5

Rosacea flare-ups are often triggered by environmental and lifestyle factors. Among the most common triggers are sun and stress; others are heat (weather, baths, beverages), alcohol, foods (spicy foods, certain fruits or vegetables, dairy products), exercise, cold weather, wind, skin-care products, drugs and other medical conditions (such as migraine).

Rosacea is not curable, but it is treatable. Treatment is based on severity and extent of disease, as well as patient preference. Skin care is very important in the successful management of rosacea. Patients should wash the face with a good, mild soap and wash gently, avoiding wash cloths, brushes, astringents, and deodorant soaps. Treatment may involve topical treatment (lotions and gels) and/or antibiotic therapy. Topical treatment needs approximately 5 to 8 weeks for significant response and oral antibiotics 4-6 weeks for response. Sometimes a combination of both therapies may be needed. Rosacea tends to be a stubborn and persistent process with flare ups. With good skin care, reduction in triggers, and a treatment regimen, it can be adequately controlled.

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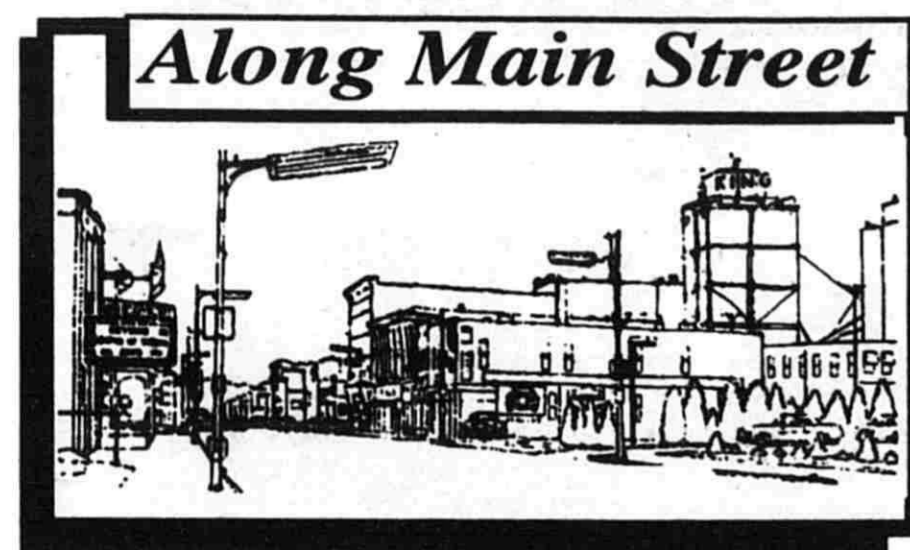
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GARDEN CLUB MEETING
The Lowell Showboat Garden Club Christmas party will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Schneider Manor. Call Sue before Nov. 21 for reservations at 897-9331 after 4 p.m.

Karp, cont'd... From Page 1

60-parcel development is planned for just across the road from Karp's proposed development. "Why allow all these additional parcels?"

New developments will help the township meet its water cost. With more residents hooking into the water line, the cost per household would be lowered.

Douglas Sadler, of 1059 Cumberland, added, "This density will require many more trees to be cut and earth to be moved. Has an environmental impact study been done to assess the impacts of this development?"

Brian Zimmerman was one of many to raise concerns about traffic that would be generated. "The development would generate a great deal of traffic for the area. The main access onto Foreman is not a good location," he said.

A petition was presented to the township planning commission containing 69 signatures opposing the proposed rezoning.

A township resident at Monday night's meeting said allowing for rezoning does not protect the rights of people living there currently and that it destroys the spirit as to why people moved out to the country.

COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main.

Everyone needs to bring proof of income, residence, social security number (everyone) and number of people in household. For more information call 897-0914.

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HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The Lowell First United Methodist Church will host its annual holiday craft show on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CUB SCOUT UNIFORMS NEEDED

Lowell Cub Scout Pack #3188 is looking for used Cub Scout uniforms for their boys. Anyone wishing to donate a uniform please contact Mark Mundt at 897-4209.

Alcohol, cont'd... From Page 1

report, is alcohol, with 40.2 percent of the students surveyed reporting use within the last 30 days. The next highest were cigarettes and marijuana.

Where do students use alcohol and drugs? A friend's house, at home, or at a party. School events and during school had the lowest ratings, which Vashaw said he believes is because students are aware of the circumstances if caught using drugs. The report demonstrated this with 83.8 percent saying they don't use alcohol or drugs because of sports and activities. About 88.1 percent said it was because they wanted to stay healthy and 82.2 percent said because of friends.

As for prevention and intervention, students did have some advice. About 50 percent or more surveyed said the best prevention programs were drug courses, health courses, and student activities, of which the high school has several of each.

However, the report indicates the district should be doing more.

And the district will, Vashaw said in the future he would like to have a community forum for parents to give them information about drug use and preventative measures they can take. Also, the high school is putting together a committee to develop a community-wide plan in dealing with drug and alcohol issues.

"Because a large number of students turn to their friends, as indicated in the report, to discuss drugs and alcohol, a peer mentorship program has been established to help students learn to better guide their peers," Vashaw said.

And another step will be to continue monitoring the situation. Plans are already in the works to administer another alcohol and drug survey this spring.

Antiquated charter getting much needed review by city officials

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Some things change and some things stay the same.

In this case, a lot of things have changed in the city of Lowell, but the city's charter has remained the same since

1960, when Lowell was incorporated as a city.

"The charter has been amended," said city manager David Pasquale, "but a revision hasn't been done since 1960."

And there are some items

that need to be fixed. For example, the charter talks about the city's justice of the peace.

"The court system has been reorganized since 1906 and Lowell no longer has a justice of the peace," said Pasquale.

"We're not looking to make radical changes," added Pasquale, mentioning that city officials are just trotting to clean-up the charter so it better reflects today.

The Lowell Planning Commission and City Council have made some preliminary suggestions for areas that need to be reviewed. Those areas include: compensation for members of the planning commission and members of other boards; reviewing the

size of some of the advisory boards such as the planning commission, or consideration of eliminating them; and adjusting the language to better reflect when a newly-elected councilmember's term starts.

Pasquale said these are just suggestions, with nothing for certain being changed. And it could be awhile before anyone really knows what all the changes will be. Pasquale said updating a charter is a lengthy process which involves the state's general attorney reviewing the changes and then a vote of people approving the changes.

At this point, the city is only taking its first step, which is starting the discussions.



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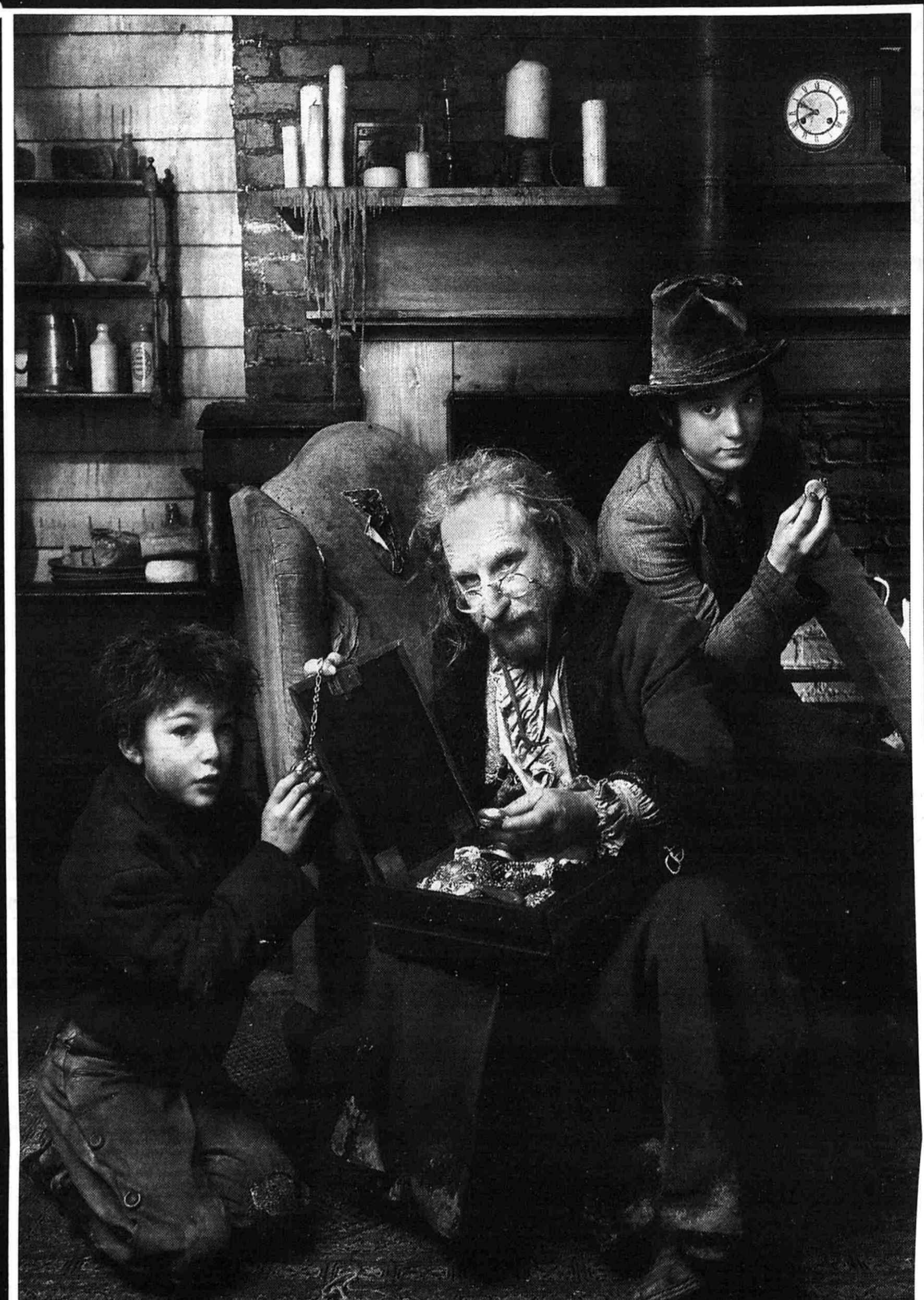
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WEDNESDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 19, 1997. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WKAR, WZMM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, PASS, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 20, 1997									
BROADCAST STATIONS	7:00	7:30	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Promised Land (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)		
WOTV	American Journal	Real TV (In Stereo)	20/20	Movie: "Medusa's Child" (1997) (Part 2 of 2) Christopher Noth, Lori Loughlin. Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)		
WGUV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Fly Fishing	Trailside: Adventure	Great Lakes Outdoors	Fraser (In Stereo)	M*A*S*H "Tuttle"
WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Rye"	World's Deadliest Swarms (R) (In Stereo)	World's Scariest Police Stings (In Stereo)	Pai-Factor: Chronicles of the Paranormal	News	News	News	Tonight Show
WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Union Square	Seinfeld (In Stereo)	Veronica's Closet	ER "Freak Show" (In Stereo)	News	Michigan Out-of-Doors
WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet	Mystery! "The Sculptress" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)	News	News	Nightline
WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	20/20	Movie: "Medusa's Child" (1997) (Part 2 of 2) Christopher Noth, Lori Loughlin. Premiere. (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)		
WYSM	Fraser (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	World's Deadliest Swarms (R) (In Stereo)	World's Scariest Police Stings (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (In Stereo)	Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)		
TBS	Coach "Kelly Girl"	Coach (In Stereo)	Movie: "Stone Cold" (1991) Brian Bosworth, William Forsythe.	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (1997) Meredith Baxter, Tony Lo Bianco. (In Stereo)	700 Club			
FAM	Waltons "The Theft"	X-Files "Syzygy" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Stone Cold" (1991) Brian Bosworth, William Forsythe.	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (1997) Meredith Baxter, Tony Lo Bianco. (In Stereo)	700 Club			
FX	Miami Vice "God's Work"	X-Files "Syzygy" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Stone Cold" (1991) Brian Bosworth, William Forsythe.	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" (1997) Meredith Baxter, Tony Lo Bianco. (In Stereo)	700 Club			
USA	Highlander: The Series "Avenging Angel"	Walker, Texas Ranger "The Deadliest Man Alive"	Wild Discovery "Salmon: Against the Tides" (R)	Into the Unknown	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Guardians of the Night" (R)	Justice Files "Ugly Secrets" (R)		
DISC	Gimme Shelter (R)	Wild Discovery "Salmon: Against the Tides" (R)	Into the Unknown	Movie Magic (R)	Wings "Guardians of the Night" (R)	Justice Files "Ugly Secrets" (R)			
WGN	Family Matters	Coach	Coach	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Phoenix Suns. From the America West Arena. (In Stereo Live)	News (In Stereo)			
ESPN	6:30 Sportscenter	Weekend Kickoff Show	College Football: Southern Methodist at Texas Christian. (Live)			Sportscenter			
CNN	Moneyline	Prime News	Burden of Proof (R)	Larry King Live		World Today			
NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	Wonder Years	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	Odd Couple	News
A&E	Law & Order "Censure"	Biography "The Gambinos: First Family of Crime" (R)				Unexplained "UFO Cults"			Law & Order "Apocrypha"
PASS	(Off Air)								
TNT	Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman	Movie: "The Principal" (1987, Drama) James Belushi, Louis Gossett Jr., An urban high-school principal fights campus crime.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)			Movie: "Taps" (1981), Sean Penn			
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Big Heist" (In Stereo)	Championship Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (In Stereo)		Dallas (In Stereo)			
TRAV	Earth Journeys	Great Park Adventures	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Earth Journeys	Great Park Adventures
TLC	Home Again	Home Again	Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning	Saving the Sphinx	Micro Invaders (R)		Medical Detectives (R)	Without Warning (R)
SCIFI	Time Trax "A Stranger in Time" (R)	Sequest DSV "The Regulator" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Mandrill" (1993) Brian Cousins, Michael Dellafemina.	Alien: Resurrection		Time Trax "A Stranger in Time" (R)			
HIST	Air Combat "The Fighters"	In Search of History "Egypt's Great Queen"	History of the Gun (Part 4 of 4)			Kovno Ghetto: A Buried History			
AMC	Movie: "Tarzan Triumphs" (1943), Frances Gifford, Johnny Sheffield	Movie: "The Out-of-Towners" (1970), Sandy Dennis, Mill Kamen 'G'	Movie: "So Proudly We Hail" (1943), Paulette Goddard, Veronica Lake						
DISN	Movie: "Adventures in Babysitting" (1987), Maia Brewton PG-13	Movie: "The Preacher's Wife" (1996), Whitney Houston, Courtney Vance PG (Adult language)	Movie: "The Thanksgiving Promise" (1986) (In Stereo)						
HBO	(5:30) Movie: "Independence Day" (1996)	Real Sports (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: "The Last Boy Scout" (1991), Damon Wayans, Chelsea Field (In Stereo) 'R'						
MAX	(6:00) Movie: "Places in the Heart" (1984)	Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel" (1996), Gary Cole (In Stereo) PG-13 (Adult situations)	Movie: "North Star" (1996) (In Stereo) 'R' (Adult language, violence)						Movie: "Freejack" (1992)

THURSDAY LATE NIGHT NOVEMBER 20, 1997										
BROADCAST STATIONS	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	Gerardo Rivera							
WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	Paid Program	(Off Air)					
WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
WXMI	Vibe	Keenen Ivory Wayans (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Simpsons (In Stereo)	(Off Air)				Blossom "The Joint"	Murphy Brown
WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)	Later (In Stereo)	Paid Program	NBC News Nightside					
WKAR	(Off Air)									
WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Martha Stewart Living	Gayle King	News (R)	Access Hollywood	View				ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)
WYSM	Gayle King	Martha Stewart Living	News (R)	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		All News Night	All News Night	All News A.M.	All News A.M.	All News A.M.
TBS	Movie: "Diggs" (1992) James Woods, Oliver Platt.				Movie: "Smoky and the Bandit II" (1990) Burt Reynolds, Sally Field.			Laverne & Shirley	Beverly Hillsbillies	
FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program	700 Club		Paid Program		Movie: "Mother Teresa: In the Name of God's Poor" (1997) (In Stereo)		
FX	NYPD Blue "Hollie and the Blowfish" (In Stereo)	Miami Vice "The Prodigal Son" (Part 2 of 2)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
USA	(11:30) Silk Stalkings	Highlander: The Series "Nowhere to Run"	La Femme Nikita "Obsessed" (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: "Alien Nation" (1988) James Caan, Terence Stamp. (In Stereo)				Facts of Life (In Stereo)		
DISC	Wild Discovery "Salmon: Against the Tides" (R)	Into the Unknown (R)	Movie Magic (R)							
WGN	In the Heat of the Night "A Small War"	Simon & Simon "Guessing Game"						Columbo: Columbo tries to outwit a military academy commandant planning a murder.		
ESPN	Rodeo: PRCA Grand National Cow Palace Rodeo. From San Francisco.	Golf Hawaii	Sportscenter			Up Close (R)	Racehorse Digest (R)	College Football: SMU at TCU		
CNN	Newsnight	Showbiz Today (R)	Burden of Proof	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)			CNN International	Newsroom	
NICK	Mary Tyler Moore	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Rhoda "Who's Shy?"	Happy Days	Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Newsnight "Pirate Pete"	Mary Tyler Moore	
A&E	Biography "The Gambinos: First Family of Crime" (R)				Unexplained "UFO Cults" (R)			Law & Order "Apocrypha"	Movie: "Angel on My Shoulder" (1946)	
PASS	(Off Air)									
TNT	(11:00) Movie: "Taps" (1981) Timothy Hutton, Sean Penn.	Rough Cut (In Stereo)	Movie: "When Time Ran Out" (1980, Adventure) Paul Newman, Jacqueline Bisset. A South Seas resort is threatened by a nearby volcano.							
NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "The Big Heist" (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (R) (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)			(Off Air)				
TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Undersea Adventures	Water Sports World	Pathfinders	Pathfinders
TLC	Saving the Sphinx (R)	Micro Invaders (R)	Home Again (R)	Wings "Guardians of the Night" (R)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
SCIFI	Sequest DSV "The Regulator" (In Stereo)	Movie: "Mandrill" (1993) Brian Cousins, Michael Dellafemina.	Alien: Resurrection	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller "Man of Mystery"				Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
HIST	In Search of History "Egypt's Great Queen" (R)	History of the Gun (Part 4 of 4)								
AMC	(10:15) Movie: "Tarzan Triumphs" (1943), Frances Gifford, Johnny Sheffield	Movie: "The Out-of-Towners" (1970), Sandy Dennis, Mill Kamen 'G'	Movie: "So Proudly We Hail" (1943), Paulette Goddard							
DISN	(10:45) Movie: "Mother's Day on Walton's Mountain" (1982), Ralph Wale	Movie: "Munster, Go Home" (1966), Yvonne De Carlo, Al Lewis	Movie: "Adventures in Babysitting" (1987), Maia Brewton PG-13							
HBO	Alien Resurr.	Autopsy 4: The Dead Speak (R) (In Stereo)	Movie: "Desire" (1996), Robert Mirandas, Deborah Shelton (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "One Good Turn" (1996), Lenny Von Dolien (In Stereo) 'R'						
MAX	(11:30) Movie: "Freejack" (1992), Mick Jagger (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: "Above the Law" (1988), Henry Silva (In Stereo) 'R'	Movie: "Breakaway" (1996), Joe Estevez (In Stereo) 'R' (Nudity, violence)						Movie: "Primal Species"

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 Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., postlunch 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.

FIRST MONDAY: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at the High School during lunch periods in the cafeteria for updates on coming events and information.

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 THIRD MONDAY: 4-H Drama Club (Life's a Stage). Open to middle and high school students. The club examines theater related topics and personal development skills. Meetings held once a month at Lowell Middle School choir room. For more information call 897-1502 evenings after 5 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY: 7:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous. No fees. No dues. No weigh-ins. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Bellline), at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-5662.

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. Freestyle and preschool story hour/crafts time. Calvary Christian Reformed Church across from Burger King. 10 to 11:15 a.m.

TUES. THRU SUN.: Shop at Christmas on Main Street, Lowell Arts Council's World of Unique Gifts. Located at 222 West Main St. Open 1 - 5 p.m. Call 897-8545 for information.

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

EVERY 3RD TUES: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D Issues Group meeting at St. Lukes Lutheran Church, 32156 4-Mile N.E. (at the intersection of 4-Mile and the East Bellline), 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.

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

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: 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.

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in individual homes for huddle meetings for fellowship and devotions.

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets in the high school cafeteria during seminar time for planning sessions for activities.

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast. For information concerning FCA call Kris Gallagher at 676-1355 or Linda Johnson at 897-4922.

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

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

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

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

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

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., NOV. 6: Vergennes Cooperative Club

will meet at 1 p.m. Schneider Manor. Hostesses are Eleanor Kroft, Barb Litchewski and Julia Hurley; program: Travel Tips & Trips by Mary Condon. Sponsor, Ann Booth.

SAT., NOV. 8: Swiss steak dinner serving 5-7 p.m. Adults, \$6; children, 5-12 \$3; under 5 free. Bowne Center United Methodist Church, corner of 84th & Alden Nash.

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

THURS., NOV. 13: KeenAgers will meet at 11 a.m. at Methodist Church in Vergennes. They plan to eat out at Timbers for the Thanksgiving dinner.

SAT., NOV. 15: Bake sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in conjunction with craft show. If you wish to donate baked goods, please mark "For Bake Sale" and place in church office on Friday, Nov. 14 or early Saturday.

SAT., NOV. 1 & SAT., DEC. 13: (Nov. 1, 1-3:30 p.m. & Dec. 13, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.) Testing dates for the Snowmobile Home Study Course held at Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd. For more information contact the DNR at 456-5071.

WED., DEC. 3: Lowell Showboat Garden Club's Christmas party will be held at Schneider Manor. Call Sue before Nov. 21 for reservations at 897-9331 after 4:00 p.m.

ELECTRIC POWER OUTAGE

On Sunday, November 23, 1997 at approximately 3:00 p.m., Lowell Light & Power will have an electric power outage, for about 4-6 hours, in the Northwest portion of their service territory. This outage is required to repair damage to cables and a transformer cabinet at the North Substation, located off Foreman Road between the Cherry Creek School and Metric Manufacturing, caused by a fire which occurred on August 19, 1997.

Customers affected by this outage are those that reside north of Howard Street and east of Alden Nash.

Contractors will be assisting Lowell Light & Power personnel in the work and every attempt will be made to keep this power outage to the minimum time required.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall. ing Woodland and Eastbrook Malls. 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. craft time, 12:30 p.m. Euchre.

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

WED.: Center open to 3 p.m.

THURS.: 9:00 a.m. Walk-

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

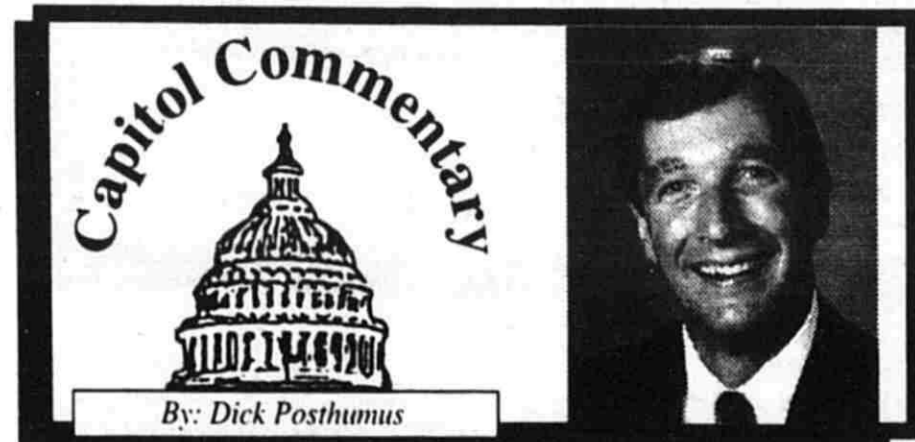
MON.-FRI.: Senior meals program, noon.

Special Events

FRI., NOV. 14: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Advisory Council workshop, Grandville.

TUES., NOV. 18: 10:30 a.m., Wellness class.

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STOPPING YOUTH GANG VIOLENCE

Youth gangs are not only an urban problem, or a cultural problem. Gang violence is not an African-American problem.



a Hispanic problem or a problem for any one economic class. Gang violence plagues communities through this state.

Gangs are a growing epidemic. There is evidence of gang activity in every county in Michigan. Families in every community, rural and urban, fall prey to gang violence. Gangs for girls are gaining in popularity and often their initiation rites are equally as rigorous as the boys' gangs.

Gangs are an ever present reminder to all of us each time we pick up the paper or watch the news. Gang-related crime and violence have infiltrated our streets, schools and, sadly, have claimed children.

Our children and young adults are the victims of gang activity. They are most often caught in the crossfire of gang activity and are the ones recruited and who die. In fact, gangs routinely recruit children as young as 11 years old because those under 18 will usually be convicted as juveniles and serve less time in prison than an adult.

Gangs use their members for illegal purposes such as drug trafficking, stealing, and murder. Entry into a gang will require the new member to be "beat in" or worse yet, "sexed in." For those who want out of a gang, the only way is death.

In an effort to form a united front against gang activity in Michigan, I created the Michigan Youth Gang Violence Task Force earlier this year.

The task force was made up of community leaders from around the state who have had experience with youth issues. The purpose of the task force was to find workable, proactive recommendations for reducing gang activity in local communities. Testimony was gathered from parents, families, friends, victims of gang-related crimes and former gang members.

Statewide there must be an effort to curb gang violence.

Therefore, community leaders from across the state joined together on the Youth Gang Violence Task Force to search for solutions.

The Youth Gang Violence Task Force is not the solution to gang violence, but it represents an effort to search for solutions. There is a great deal of frustration in many communities because the desire for an end to gang violence is intense. There is a great need for statewide effort and cooperation to curb gang activity in Michigan for our children, families and communities.

We need involvement from every sector of society—the community, the family, and our children—to work toward prevention and intervention.

I formed the Youth Gang Violence Task Force because gangs are claiming the lives of our children and young people and are growing at epidemic rates. We want to explore solutions to gang violence, growth and activity in Michigan.

The entire state of Michigan must work together to establish a united front against gangs and give communities the tools to work against them. The task force has completed its hearings. My colleagues and I are examining its recommendations. I plan on working with all involved to keep our streets gang-free, to reclaim our children from the web of gang violence and hatred, and to give our families security.

Every man is the descendant of every king and every slave that ever lived.

-Kahlil Gibran.



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Red Arrow rally short on scoreboard, not character

Lowell falls three points short in dramatic 26-23 loss to Kalamazoo Loy Norrix.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The talent of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix just did best the heart and fight of Lowell in the 1997 Class A Region II pre-regional football playoff game in Kalamazoo Friday night.

The Knights built a 26-7 fourth-quarter lead and then had to call on its reserve to preserve a dramatic 26-23 win in the final minute of play.

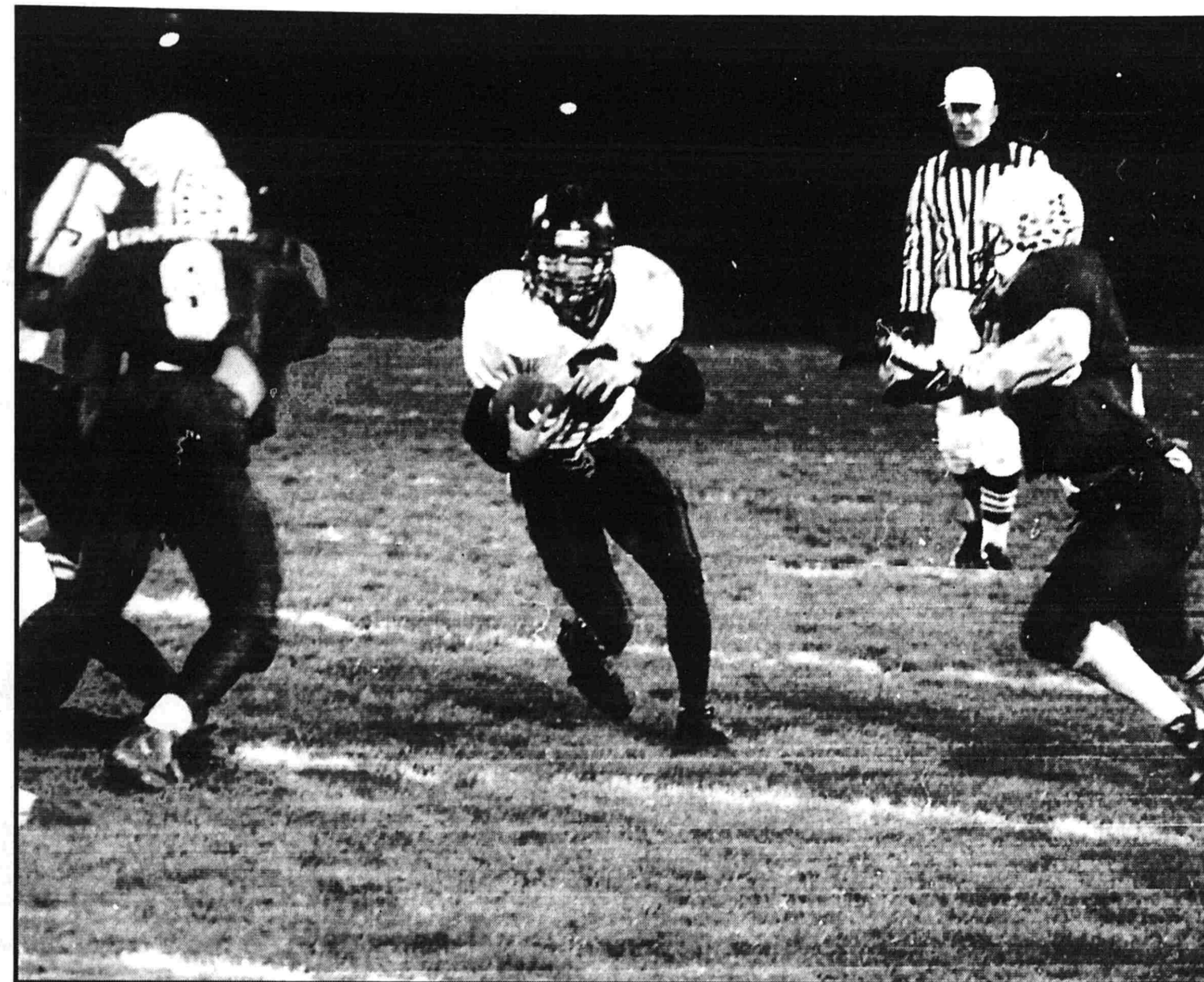
The Red Arrows trailed 26-7 with 5:37 showing on the scoreboard clock... reason enough for some of the approximately 4,200 fans to get an early start on the drive home.

All they missed was one of the more thrilling football games of the opening weekend of Michigan High School Athletic Association's play-off.

"It feels good to win, but I think I'll find a grave and fall into it," said Loy Norrix coach Dob Drake, after witnessing the Red Arrows nearly rising from the ashes to defeat his Knights.

While some may say Lowell showed the heart of a lion Friday night, Lowell football coach Noel Dean did not view it in such mythical terms. "They are Lowell kids. They're Lowell people. Lowell people don't quit. Every time we step out onto the field we want to represent Lowell the way it would want to be represented. They showed character."

A Brian Bellechasses 29-yard touchdown run with 4:24 to play increased what appeared to be a fading Lowell pulse. The drive, which started on the Red Arrow 15-yard line, began with a 32-yard pass from T.J. Thayer to Andy Graham who managed to get a few feet behind his defender, just enough to make the catch. A couple of plays later, Thayer



Lowell's T.J. Thayer rushed for 90 yards and threw for 134 against the Knights.

hit Kevin Teunis for 12 yards and a first down, setting up Bellechasses' run. Thayer hooked up with Jeff Altoft on the two-point conversion, cutting Lowell's deficit to 11 at 26-15.

The Red Arrows then executed a successful on-side kick recovering the ball at Loy Norrix's 49-yard line.

Receptions of 10 and 15 yards by Graham and a personal foul on the Knights got Lowell inside the Loy Norrix 20 with a little over three minutes on the clock.

Steve VanLaan made the Knights pay and he raced in from the five cutting the deficit to five. The junior then took a hand-off from Thayer

and fought his way into the end zone for the two-point conversion, cutting the deficit to three at 26-23.

The Knights got the ball back with 2:48 to play. Lowell's defense rose up and stopped Kalamazoo on three plays, forcing a punt with a little less than two minutes to play.

The Red Arrows set up shop on their own 45. An 11-yard pass to Teunis moved the pigskin to the Knight's 44.

A Kalamazoo personal foul got Lowell to within 30 yards of the lead. The personal foul negated a Knight

interception inside its own 10-yard line on a pass intended for Graham.

Following an incomplete pass, Thayer was sacked on both second and third downs by the Knight defense, putting Lowell in a fourth and 15 from Kalamazoo's 35. A nine-yard completion to Dustin Gless came up short of the first-down marker and ended Lowell's dramatic comeback attempt.

The Red Arrow comeback may have come up short, but it didn't go unnoticed by the Knight leader.

"Those are a tough bunch of kids from Lowell," Drake

said. "We were outplayed and outcoached tonight. If Lowell would have had the talent I'm working with, it would have beaten us by five touchdowns."

Loy Norrix built the lead behind the running of tailback, Little John Flowers.

The Michigan State recruit rushed for 132 yards and scored three touchdowns. His first score came on a 33-yard interception for a touchdown in the opening minutes of the first quarter. He scored early in the second quarter on a 48-yard touchdown run. His final score of the game came in

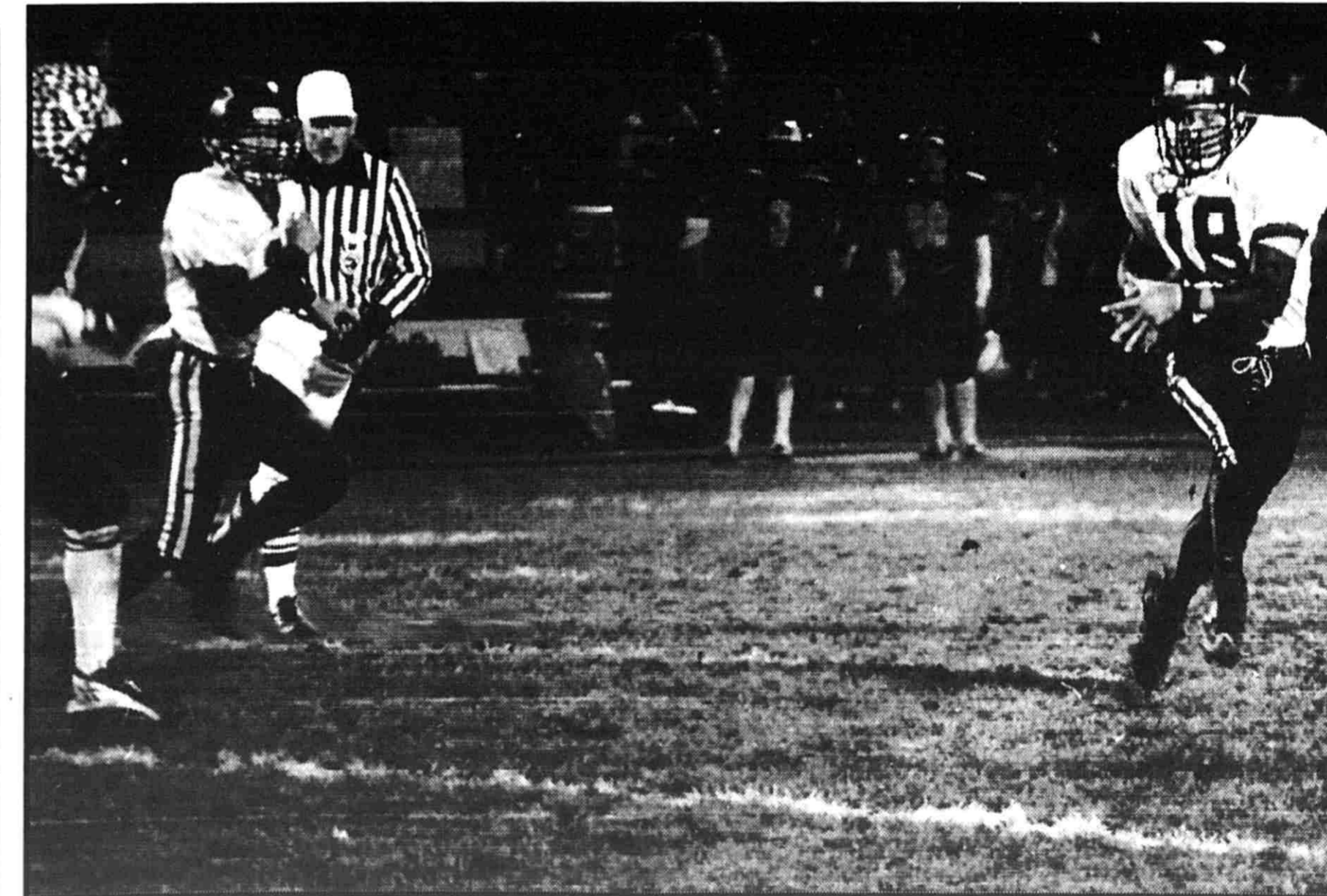
the third quarter on an eight-yard run.

The Knights' other touchdown came on a 20-yard pass from T.J. Duckett to Damion Smith.

"I thought we defended them quite well," Dean said. "We tried to contain Flowers but he got to the outside on the pitch a couple of times. We had great coverage on their touchdown pass in the first half, but the ball was perfectly thrown."

Lowell ends its season at 8-2, but with a taste of what "The Games" are all about.

"These kids have worked their tails off. We'll be back," Dean concluded.



Brian Bellechasses takes the pitch from Lowell quarterback T.J. Thayer on his 29-yard fourth-quarter touchdown run.

Lowell holds off Northern in final minute to earn first win

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls' basketball team battled back from a five-point, fourth-quarter deficit to turn back Forest Hills Northern 35-33.

The win was the Red Arrows' first of the year, ending a 16-game slide.

"The last five games we've held teams to 44 points or less," said coach Ken Akers. "We're playing well defensively, but we're not shooting well."

The Lowell coach was happy to see his club battle back from a deficit, take the lead and then not fold down the stretch.

"Time and again, we've been on the verge of winning; now we finally did," Akers said. "We did make some mistakes, but we outplayed our mistakes."

Lowell led by three with less than two minutes to play when it fouled a Northern player in the act of shooting a three-point shot.

With less than 30 seconds to play, Lowell led by one. The Red Arrows, however, turned the ball over following a defensive rebound.

The Huskies missed their shot at taking the lead. Amanda Stoutjesdyk grabbed the rebound and with it secured the victory for Lowell.

For the game, Stoutjesdyk grabbed 10 rebounds and netted nine points. Teammate Rachael Fredline contributed with nine points and Lisa Posthumus added seven.

Lowell was 18-of-35 (47 percent) from the foul line. Northern found the net just 39 percent of the time from the line.

The Red Arrows trailed 27-22 to start the final stanza. They scored the first seven points of the quarter to take a 29-27 lead.

**Wyoming Park 44
Lowell 22**

Lowell's highest quarter point total was eight. That came in the third quarter.

As one would expect, that wasn't nearly enough against the Vikings.

"We practice on shooting drills every day and then we practice some more," said Lowell basketball coach Ken Akers.

The Red Arrows connected on just seven of 54 shots against Wyoming Park. "With the record we have, individual and team confidence may be down," Akers said. "We're just not playing well offensively."

Despite the poor shooting, Akers has been pleased with his club's effort and concentration.

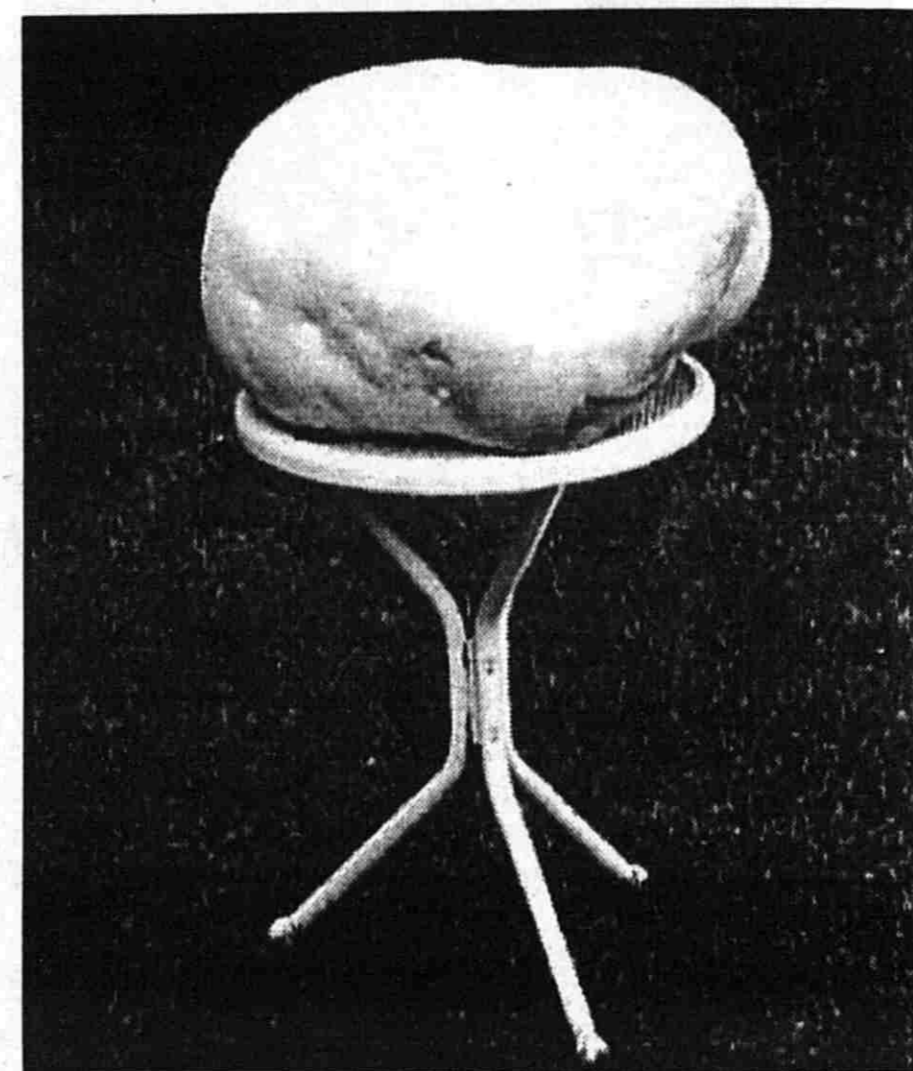
Lowell finishes out its regular season against Hudsonville and East Grand Rapids.

The Red Arrows will then play Rockford in the first round of the Class A Districts hosted by Creston High School.

Big 'Shroon

Arnie DeLoof, of Lowell, found this mushroom in the woods behind his house.

The giant fungus measured 56 inches around which beat the 47-inch mushroom he found in the same place last year.



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TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN County of Kent, Michigan

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The proposed ordinance would, if adopted, amend Section 13.25(C) of the Township Zoning Ordinance so as to provide that the Planning Commission may approve, as a special land use, retail sales of non-agricultural products by greenhouses and nurseries in the A Agricultural District that have been approved as special land uses, if such retail sales of non-agricultural products are accessory to the principal nursery or greenhouse use. Such non-agricultural retail sales would be subject to various standards, conditions and minimum requirements. Subsequent to the public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment, the Planning Commission proposes to consider the standards and minimum requirements under which such a special land use, or a similar special land use, could be considered and approved and what additional or revised provisions, if any, should be included in the text of the Zoning Ordinance amendment as recommended to the Township Board.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested Zoning Ordinance amendment. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11675 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, within the Township, prior to the public hearing.

Dated: November 10, 1997

Planning Commission of the
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Thank You

Lowell Middle School staff and sixth-grade students would like to thank all the parents that donated food, craft supplies, goodies and most of all their time to organize and supervise the sixth-grade Halloween party.

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Youth Ambassadors promote multicultural awareness

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Joanne doesn't look like any of her friends. Her skin is different. Her eyes are different and her hair is different.

But that's OK, because everyone is special and unique, and that is what the Lowell High School's Multicultural Youth Ambassadors are trying to teach to the Lowell students and the community—at least that is how Joanne and her friends explained it to the Lowell Area Schools Board of Education last month.

Joanne is actually a puppet (and so are her friends) that the Youth Ambassadors utilize to help promote individual growth and sensitivity

toward multicultural acceptance and appreciation. This also happens to be part of the Youth Ambassadors' goals along with developing and nurturing a support network for Youth Ambassadors and to increase awareness and advocacy for multicultural issues within and across school districts and the community.

"I really believe we are making a difference with this organization," said 10th-grader Laura Douglass to the board at its Oct. 13 meeting. "I believe it has helped to stop and eliminate stereotypes."

And not just stereotypes between races, but stereotypes between gender as well. In fact, the students attended a gender equity training program in September to look at

how girls and boys are treated the same and differently.

To demonstrate some of the "gender myths," the Youth Ambassadors handed out a true/false questionnaire about communications between males and females. Many were surprised to learn that men talk more than women, non-verbal messages carry more weight than verbal messages, women use less personal space than men, women are more likely to answer questions that are not addressed to them, and female managers are seen by both male and female subordinates as better communicators than male managers.

Tenth-grader Felicia Eshragh said it is the hope that through such programs the Youth Ambassadors will be able to create more unity in their school and in the community at large.

"We are getting to know people from other schools," Eshragh said, adding that because there is not much cultural diversity in Lowell, the opportunity to meet other students has increased her appreciation of learning about multiculturalism.

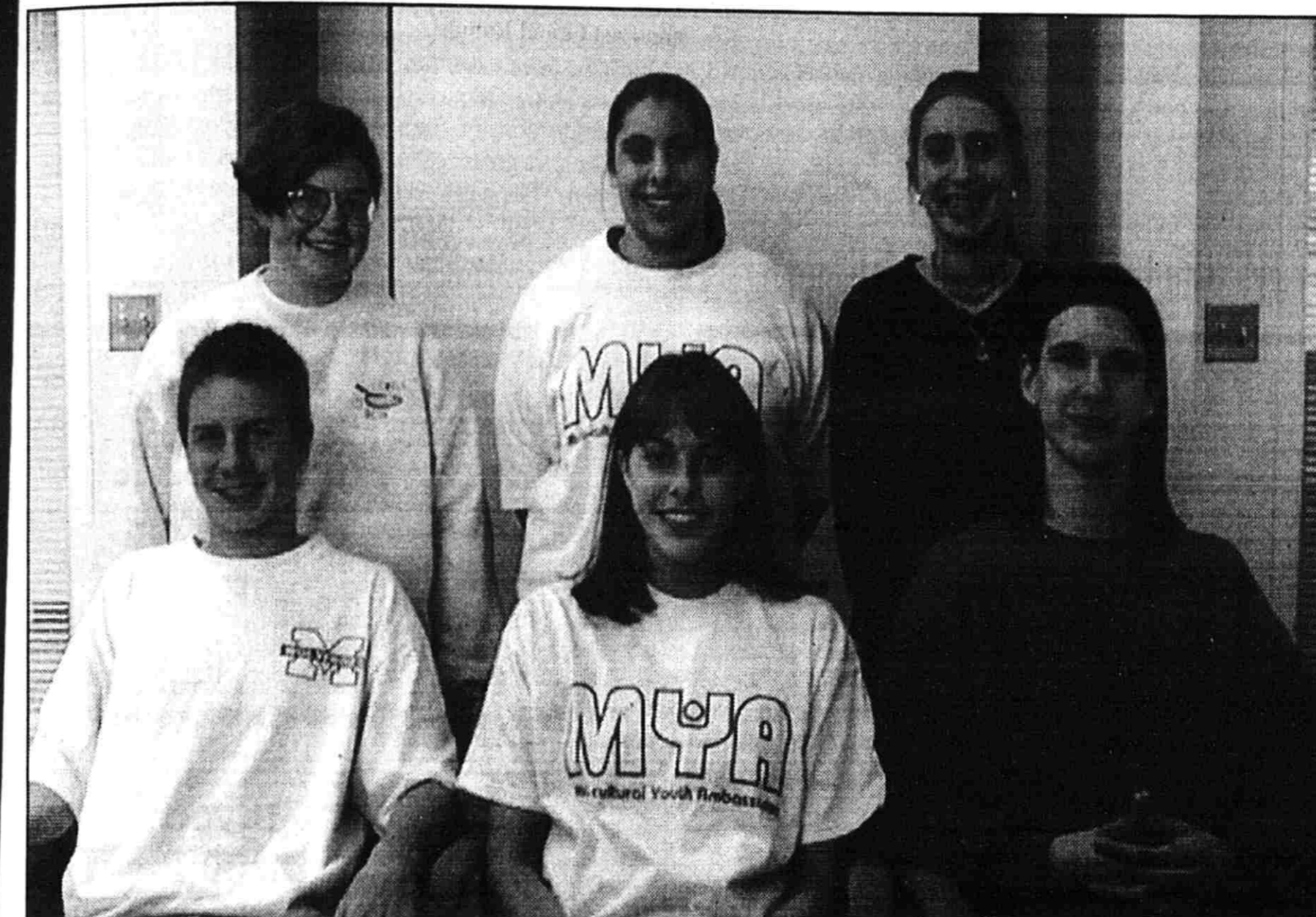
The Youth Ambassadors' program includes six schools

from the Kent County area. Other high schools that participate are East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids' Union, Forest Hills Central, Grand Rapids' Ottawa, and Forest Hills Northern. Lowell has been involved in the program since 1996.

The program, which was developed by Superintendent Bert Bleke when he was at Forest Hills, brings together eight youth ambassadors and their sponsors from each school together monthly to plan activities for both the Kent County community and their home school districts.

The Lowell Youth Ambassadors have taken the program one step further, organizing a student group at the high school to allow more students to be involved in the program, said Barb Pierce who along with Pinky McPherson serves as an advisor. This group has brought in the Grand Rapids Service Corps to lead discussions on issues of diversity and prejudice.

The group also has presented multicultural programs to the elementary students at Alto and Cherry Creek—with a little help from Joanne and her friends.



Members of Lowell High School's Multicultural Youth Ambassadors program, sitting, left to right, are: Brent Lyons, sophomore; Laura Douglass, sophomore; Jon Ballema, junior; standing, left to right, are: Beth Hoag, senior; Felicia Eshragh, sophomore; and Brooke Bennett, junior. Not pictured are sophomore Scott Pullen and junior Amanda Lesky.

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—Victor Hugo

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CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lowell City Council will conduct a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, November 17, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Englehardt Public Library, 200 N. Monroe, for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the following request:

Zoning Ordinance amendment regulating Sexually Oriented Businesses

A copy of the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday) at City Hall.

Interested persons may submit written comments or appear in person at City Hall, 301 E. Main, Lowell, MI 49331.

Betty R. Morlock
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GRATTAN TOWNSHIP HEARING OF THE PUBLIC GRATTAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

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

David D. Nelson has made application for variance from the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance prohibiting structures within the side and front yard setbacks. Said structure is a proposed attached shed to be located at 3969 Kehoe, Ada, MI, parcel 41-12-31-301-005.

Parcel: LOT 25th KEHOE'S PARK

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

City begins to get word out on downtown work scheduled for spring

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Three things were learned from renovation work carried out over the summer of '96 to the Lowell downtown area. It can be disruptive for business, the Lowell community is very loyal, and awareness allows for merchants to plan for possible down time.

"Lowell's loyalty was a blessing," said Springrove Variety owner and DDA board member Mike Sprenger. The second phase of the Downtown Development Authority's renovation project is scheduled to begin in the spring (mid-April mid-May) of 1998.

The project will commence with the most disruptive segment of the renovation - work on the downtown bridge. From there, the focus will be on the widening of the Hudson/Main Street intersection and streetscape work from Broadway to Lincoln Lake Avenue. The state will then mill and

repave from Montcalm (Ionia County) west to just beyond Valley Vista Drive.

The first phase of the bridge work will be on the south two thirds. It is estimated it will take between four to eight weeks. During this time, there will be one lane for traffic. A temporary light will be used.

Work on the north one third of the bridge will follow. It is expected to take three-four weeks to complete. During this time, there will be two-way traffic.

"It's got to be done," Sprenger explained. "It's a necessary evil."

Although... Sprenger doesn't anticipate the downtown work being as bad as it was in '96. "I don't think it will have as big an effect on business because we're not losing downtown parking," he said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) mentioned the idea of possibly setting up a detour; that was met with swift rejection by the city. "That would have been

suicidal for downtown business," Sprenger said.

The widening the Hudson-Main Street intersection will make it easier for trucks to negotiate turns. Over the years, trucks have become longer. The intersection was tight to begin with; with elongated trucks it has become worse.

To widen the intersection, the city is required to attain property from the Lemmen Shell and Amoco stations, and from Elwood Crawford, who owns the property on the southwest corner of the intersection.

Pasquale said talk is underway to extend the milling and repaving of M-21 to Ada in 1999.

Pasquale noted that an MDOT official is scheduled to be on hand at the chamber's quarterly meeting in January to answer questions on the work scheduled for spring.

"It helps a great deal if people are aware of what is going to happen," Pasquale said. "It doesn't guarantee, however, that it will go off without a hitch."

AREA BIRTHS

Trisha Tyler and Kaleb Vickery are proud to announce the birth of Kenyon Thoreau Vickery, born Monday, September 29, 1997 at 5:20 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and measured 19 1/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Donna Tyler, Gregg and Dawn Tyler and Vaughn and Sonia Vickery.

Sisters are Morgan Tyler and Taylor Vickery.

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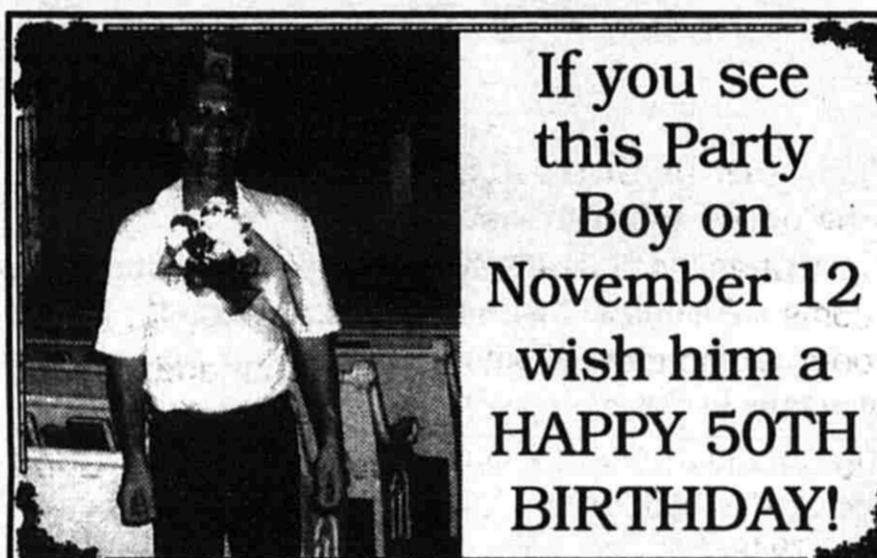
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Parcel: LOT 155* ISLAND PARK MURRAY LAKE

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Holland's Van uses paint and shadows to help stretch the imagination

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The end product is all that matters. How Koert Van gets there is of little concern to the Holland native.

A driving urge to express himself drove Van from mechanical engineering to art, writing to photography and photography to painting.

"Painting was the answer," Van explained. "It enabled me to express myself."

His paintings reveal insight into his life experiences, thoughts and travels which have included Johannesburg, Mexico, the United States and Germany.

"By changing my environment, and thereby chang-

ing my ideas, my work is actually a visual study of impressions, feelings, and remembrances of everyday life in different cultures," Van said. "Every year I try to travel to different parts of the world to experience the different cultures. These new experiences form the basis of my work."

The series of Van's pictures displayed at Huntington Banks take an extended look at basketball. It's entitled "The Gus Macker." While most people follow the action of the players during a Macker tournament, Van captured the movement of their shadows with his camera.

He then manipulated the pictures and recreated the shadows on canvas using acrylic paint. "The shadows show more expression; they tell a story," Van said. "The shadows enable you to stretch, to extend yourself and your imagination out."

Of the mediums, Van says photography is more difficult. "There is less that you can do to manipulate the picture," Van said. "A painter can add or take from a picture to serve a purpose."

Only twice in his life has Van achieved what he thought was a good series of photographs: at the Berlin Wall on New Year's Eve after the wall came down; and two years ago in the gold mines of Johannesburg.

Van's recent visit to the states was his second. He first visited seven years ago. His mother was a Rotarian family exchange student in the early 60's. "My mother stayed with the Robert Smith family here in Lowell," Van explained. Over the years, the families have kept in contact.

During his recent stay, Van traveled to Mexico via a motorcycle, emerging himself in yet another culture and adding to his diary of sketches.

"I started slowly putting ideas from my travels on canvas," Van said. He takes pictures to different galleries, art colleges and universities. Not everyone is enthusiastic about his work.

That's okay with Van. "If there is some kind of reaction from my work... if it makes people think, that's good enough for me."



Koert Van, of Holland, stands next to one of a series of prints he did on the Gus Macker basketball tournament.

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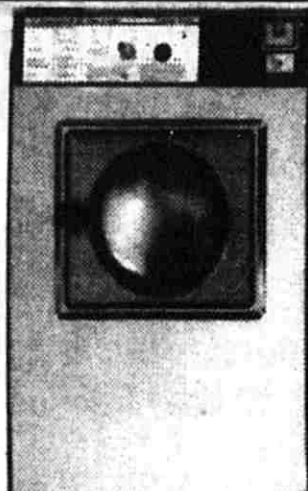
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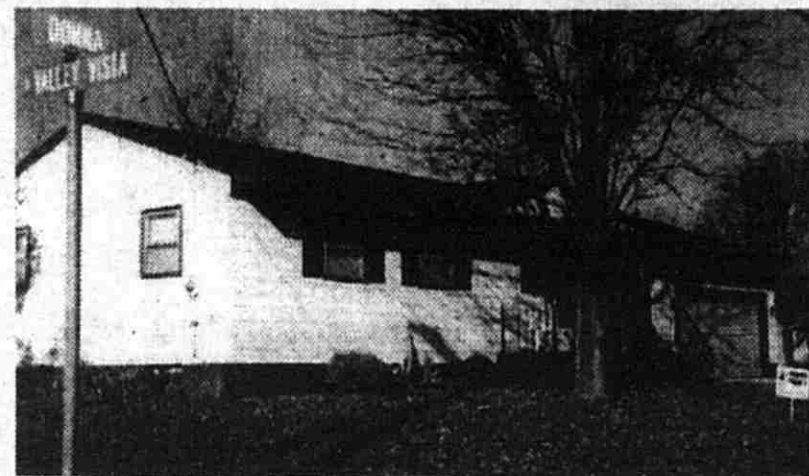
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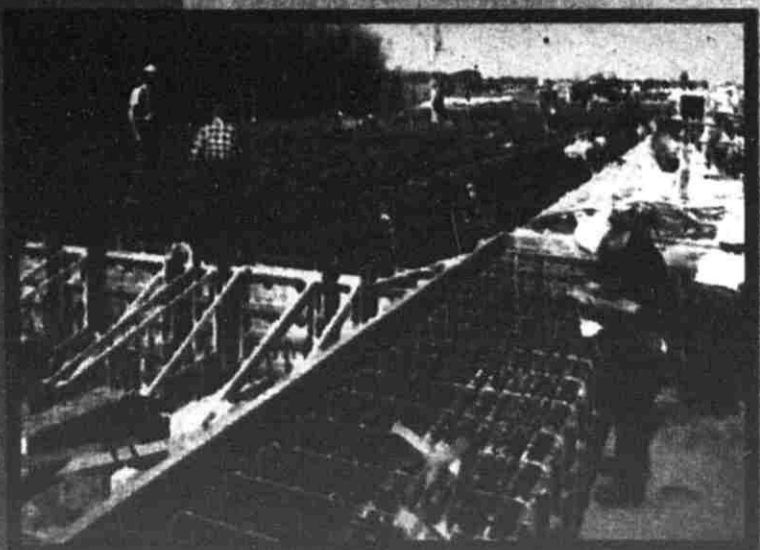
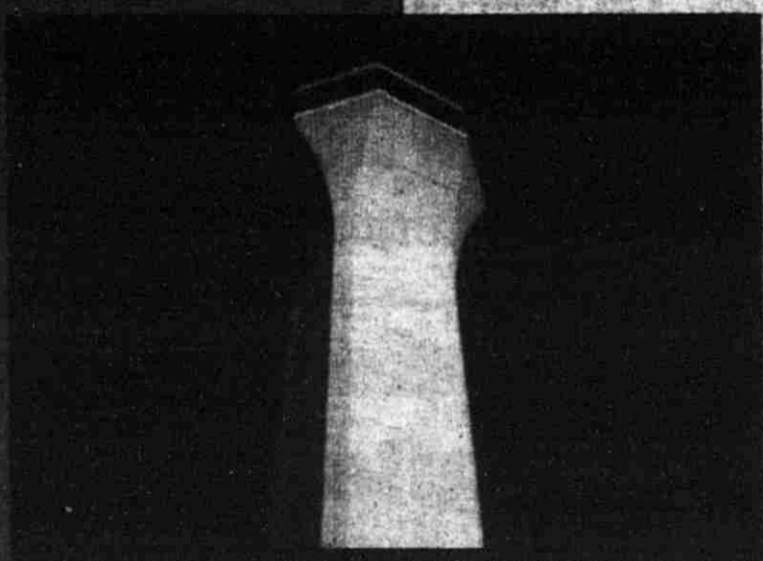
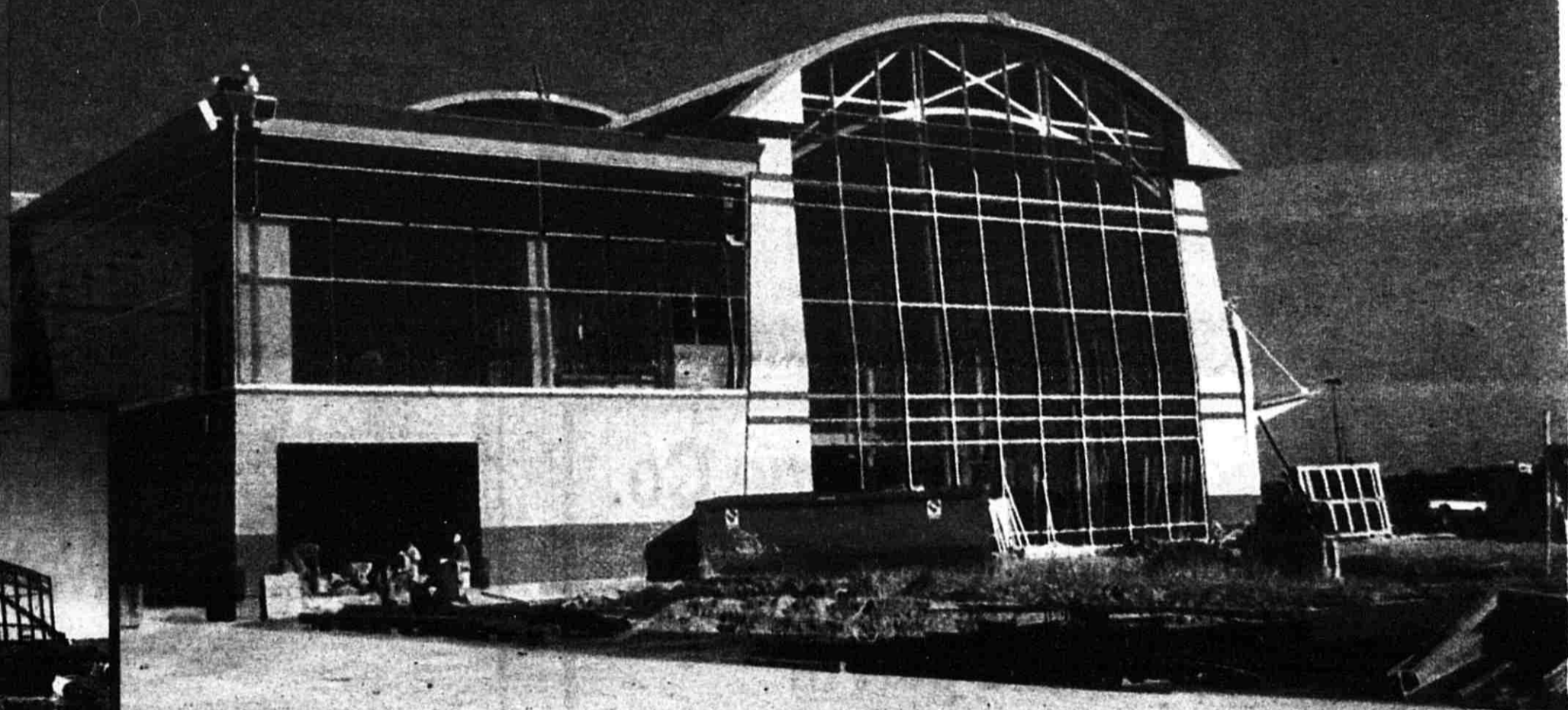
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CIVILIAN USE PROPOSED FOR SCOTT AFB

Governor James Thompson met with senior officials of the Air Force in late spring 1985 to propose a civilian joint-use project at Scott Air Force Base. Robert Coverdale, Director of Transportation for St. Clair County, was then the Director of Aviation for the State of Illinois.

The Air Force reaction was positive; so, Coverdale announced that serious steps were being taken to undertake this joint-use project at a press conference at Belleville Area College.

The Illinois Department of Transportation contracted with IPAAC to conduct a feasibility study. The consulting firm of Tippetts, Abgett, McCarthy and Stratton, Inc. (TAMS) was selected to conduct the feasibility, completed in April 1986.

"The conclusion," Coverdale said,

"was yes, the project was feasible. This led to initiating the master plan." It was hardly a secret that an airport was needed in Southwest Illinois. Lambert St. Louis International Airport was hemmed in, and major controversy surrounded its expansion. A proposed airport in Waterloo, Illinois eventually met its demise, and land speculators turned into subdivision developers. The logical place to put an airport was adjacent to an existing, successful aeronautic facility. The communities surrounding Scott Air Force Base had established an ongoing interaction with the Air Force that was both congenial and good for both civilian and

military. Although other locations were discussed, civilian use seemed destined for Scott. When changing federal legislation opened the way for a civilian-military partnership, that partnership was initiated.

Based on the results of the feasibility study, the Illinois Department of Transportation (Aeronautics Division) and St. Clair County set out to study the environmental impact of a civilian airport and initiate a master plan study. The FAA's Airports Improvement Program supplied the funding for these studies. TAMS completed the environmental assessment in 1987 and followed this up with a Master Plan in 1989. These reports were then approved by the FAA, the Air Force, IDOA/IDOT, and St. Clair County.

Through the entire process of planning

and implementing the Master Plan, these agencies and others maintained a cooperative spirit and confidence in the benefit of the airport to the region.

The airport joint-use project needed a sponsor ready and willing to jump start the activities needed to get the project underway, and St. Clair County stepped up to the task. For a brief time, however, the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois stepped forward to be that sponsor as the County prepared for the role. This group, the Regional Economic Development Not-for-Profit Corporation, includes St. Clair and Madison Counties in its service area. The joint-use proposal provided an excellent opportunity to carry through its regional mission: retain jobs and stimulate the creation of new jobs.

Not long after, St. Clair County officially became the sponsor of the project, Congressman Jerry Costello was County Board Chairman at this time and spearheaded efforts to obtain funding and the many permits necessary for the project to go forward.

Part of the joint-use agreement with the Air Force included the relocation of Cardinal Creek Village, a base housing area. According to the master plan for the airport, Cardinal Creek Village would lay between the two runways. Funding was obtained for this project later named Patriot's Landing.

Jim Pennkamp, Executive Director of the Leadership Council, noted that a "wonderful partnership" developed between the Leadership Council and the County. This partnership, and the links

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HARVESTING OF MIDAMERICA AIRPORT FROM THE GROUND UP

Coming off the ramp of I-564 onto southbound Illinois Rt. 4 affords a panoramic view of the passenger terminal at MidAmerica Airport. One sees a beautiful expanse of glass within an earthen concrete structure trimmed in red brick. All held together by a gray arched roof. Complete appreciation of the terminal comes with a closer look and the knowledge that beauty is only skin-deep because the functional aspect of this structure is to accommodate the air traveler.

The main entrance to MidAmerica Airport is off Illinois Rt. 4, which was curved to allow for the airport construction and providing entrance from the north and south. The I-64 interchange is directly north providing a direct link to St. Louis, just 23 miles west, as well as points east. In the future, a MetroLink station will be sited adjacent to the terminal for easy

access by travelers.

Arriving at the terminal one might note that the dramatic window walls are constructed of energy-efficient glass supported by steel and concrete.

The terminal is constructed on two levels with the front half open from ground floor to the domed upper ceiling providing a spacious atrium. The second level mezzanine accommodates secure arrival and departure lounges which feature glass walls to give passengers and visitors a full view of arriving and departing aircraft and the setting sun. Initially, four boarding gates will accommodate the terminal - two with loading bridges for large passenger aircraft and two at ground level for smaller commuter-type aircraft. The airport is engineered for modular expansion, up to 16 gates may be added to keep pace with future passenger demand. Area is available to

construct additional terminals that can expand the airport to 85 gates.

Interior terminal decor reflects both its functional aspects and attention to passenger comforts. Among its various features will be a freestanding archaeological exhibit displaying artifacts discovered during pre-construction explorations.

The airport also features a new fire station with state of the art fire equipment; the latest in telecommunications, command and control equipment located in a central control center where all activities can be monitored 24 hours a day.

A large maintenance building, also called the snow barn, houses snow removal and grounds maintenance equipment to help keep the airport operational.

"The snow removal equipment has to be ready to roll all winter with minimum delay," said Dave Cornell, Airport Project Manager for the TAMS/Sverdrup team.

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MidAmerica Airport and Scott AFB will work cooperatively on fire fighting, crash rescue, snow removal, airfield repairs, and joint operations.

To control civilian and military aircraft for MidAmerica and Scott AFB a new 215-foot air-traffic control tower was constructed with the latest in air-traffic control equipment. Land is also available for a future air cargo terminal and fixed base operations service center, while a fuel farm is currently under construction. The 10,000-foot long and 150-foot wide runway at MidAmerica is parallel to that of Scott AFB, but 7,000 feet to the east, connected by a 75 foot wide taxiway and two 270-foot bridges crossing Silver Creek and surrounding wetlands.

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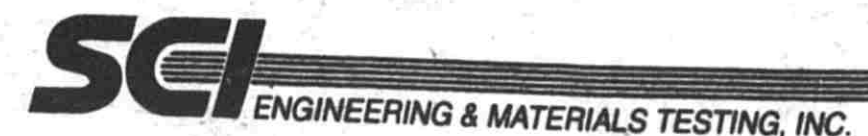
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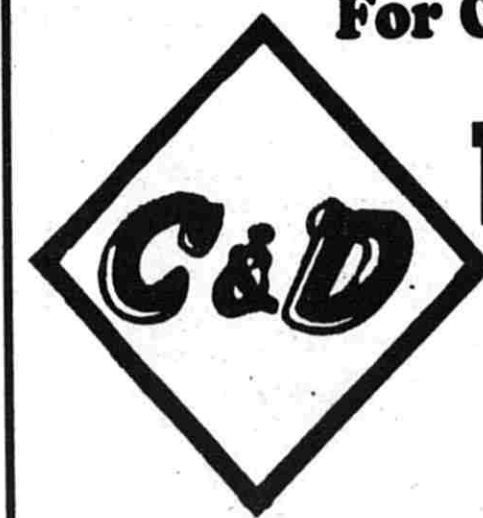
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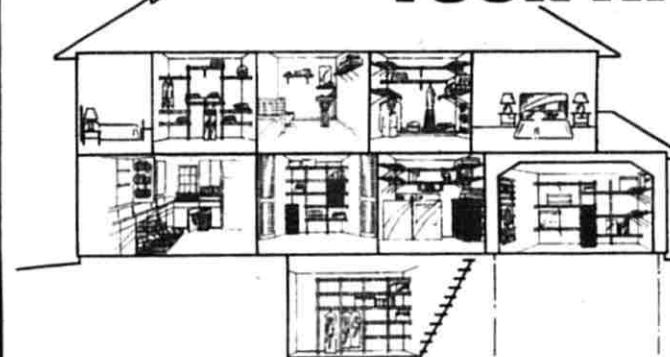


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Studying, planning, marketing, targeting issues, obtaining funding: all these tasks, essential for the opening of MidAmerica Airport, could basically be accomplished from an air-conditioned office. The major players in these areas, however, could hardly wave a magic wand and make an airport appear. Men and women with the technical skills and the construction expertise had to take the land and transform it from agricultural use to a state-of-the-art airport facility ready for passenger, charter, cargo, and military aircraft. In addition, passengers had to be comfortably accommodated, support facilities had to be constructed, and safety consideration addressed.

TAMS (Tippet, Abgett, McCarthy and Stratton), a 53-year old company, was selected to be the guiding force in the actual construction of MidAmerica Airport, or the Scott Joint-Use Project, as it was earlier called. Later, the County selected TAMS and their team-mate, Sverdrup, Ins., a well-known St.

Louis aviation firm, to manage the planning, design and construction.

TAMS was well versed in airport construction. One of the company's early masterpieces is the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. Recently, the company helped build an airport on an island adjacent to Macao, just across the bay from Hong Kong. On this project the builder "shaved off a slice of the island and built a causeway on the main island of Macao, and TAMS designed and oversaw construction of the new passenger terminal," explained Dave Cornell, Principal Associate, TAMS Consultants, Inc. and Project Manager for the MidAmerica project. A new airport in Bangkok, Thailand, is also being planned and designed under the guidance of TAMS in addition to numerous airport expansion projects within the United States. Sverdrup, Inc. is equally qualified with extensive experience at Lambert St. Louis International Airport and many other airports around the world.

The Public Building Commission, chaired by Rich Sauget, was appointed by St. Clair County to approve all construction projects. In October 1993, the first shovel of dirt was lifted, initiating the construction of MidAmerica Airport. Subsequent shovelful went smoothly enough due to TAMS and Sverdrup planning. A pre-hire agreement was designed by the County in cooperation with local union representatives who agreed that all County contracts would require union labor; in turn, they would not strike throughout the project's construction.

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Unions, and his successor, Tadas Kitchlinski, were instrumental in securing the support of the trade unions in Southwestern Illinois.

"This was a union-built project," said County Board Chairman John Baricevic. "The unions have done an excellent job, and they're rightfully proud of their project."

TAMS resident engineer, Ted Rigo, supervised all quality assurance for construction at the airport.

"He had to be where the rubber meets the road," said Cornell. "He's the one who makes things happen."

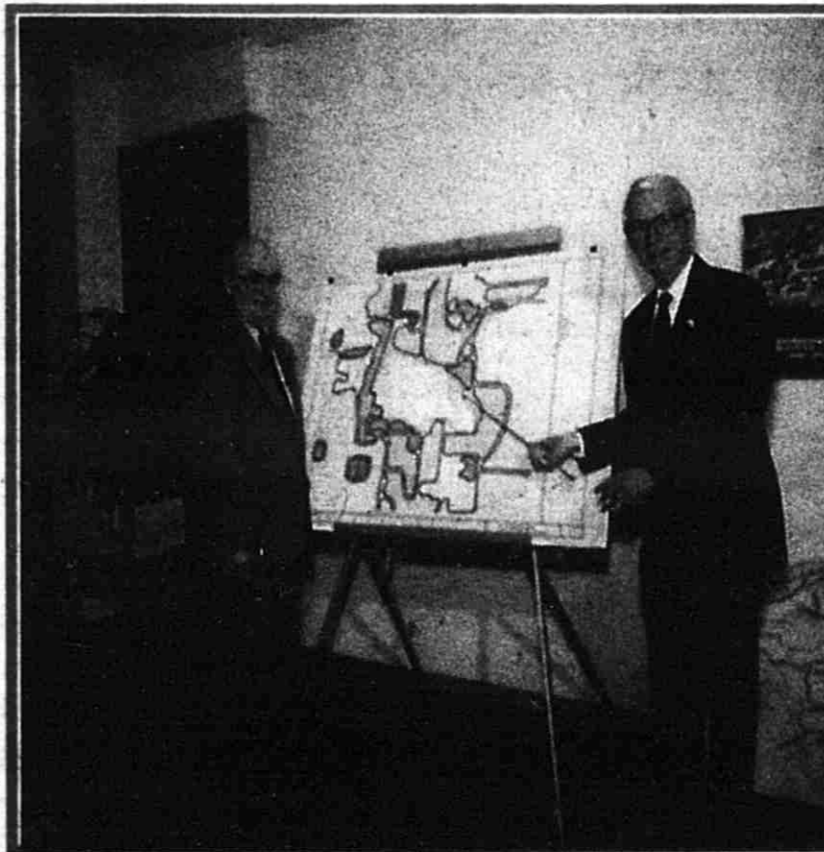
The 150-foot wide runway at MidAmerica, 10,000 feet in length, was constructed parallel to that of Scott Air Force Base, but 7,000 feet to the east. This permits simultaneously landings and takeoffs under all weather conditions. The runways can be used interchangeably by military and civil-

ian aircraft; the runways are FAA certified for international flights. These runways are connected by a 75-foot wide/ 7,100 foot long taxiway cross-

ing Silvery Creek with two major bridges designed to accommodate even the heaviest of military and civilian aircraft. The runway incorporates a new pavement drainage system that allows water to flow out from under the pavement, increasing its lifespan. The Scott runway will also be upgraded from 7,000 feet to 8,000 feet beginning in the Spring of 1998.

The new air traffic control tower serves both Scott Air Force Base and MidAmerica Airport. Air Force air traffic controllers man the tower. The 16 level tower features a 195-foot high tower shaft

with 340 steps from the ground level to the cab. A penthouse sits on top of the cab which houses radar equipment. The top of the penthouse is nearly 220 feet above ground level, which makes the tower equivalent to a 20-



Dave Cornell and John Harty

story office building. Access to the cab, where air traffic controllers work is a 35 second elevator ride from the ground to the 14th

floor and then up two flights of stairs. There is also an observation deck off the cab, encircling the cab, which will be used to check weather conditions and visually observe aircraft.

MidAmerica Airport has been a remarkable success story, with a \$312.3 million budget funded jointly by the FAA, Department of Defense, State of Illinois, St. Clair County, and the private sector. It has been completed on schedule and within budget thanks to comprehensive planning, design and construct oversight by the TAM-Sverdrup Team, and a host of supporting subconsultants. Also, this project is a tribute to the dedicated work by more than 200 construction contractors, subcontractors and suppliers all working together under the union umbrella. This airport exceeds

expectations because, without increasing the original budget, the passenger terminal was increased from 35,000 square feet to 52,000 square feet; and numerous quality improvements were added to every airport component from the runway pavements to the new state-of-the-art telecommunications system.

"This is an airport with no debt," noted County Board Chairman John Baricevic. "Basically, it's cut the grass and turn the lights on, the decision was right. The community supports the concept be patient and let the baby mature; it will grow up." The tenants will become taxpayers. The airport will provide a lot of jobs, support families and pay a lot of tax money into our communities.



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airport in this region, and, as Dan Maher put it, "a million heroes" worked long, hard hours to sell the airport concept to people of the region.

The Joint-Use project would impact areas beyond the boundaries of St. Clair County, therefore, support was sought and found in outlying areas and brought into the Corridor Council: then County Board Chairman for Randolph County Dan Reitz, now a State Representative, Jack Lampen and Fred Mueller from Clinton County; and Phil Schilnecht from Bond County.

St. Clair County Board Chairman Jerry Costello, however, was the one who "did all the up front work getting it started," as Maher said. "There wouldn't be an airport without Jerry. When he went to Washington, he and Senator Alan Dixon made sure support continued."

When Jerry Costello was elected to Congress, Francis Touchette took over as County Board Chairman. Present County Board Chairman John Baricevic said, "Touchette was the perfect steward. He handed the airport project over in perfect shape."

Touchette's belief in the airport generated continuing support. His enthusiasm for the project was unflagging. Dan Maher related a poignant story.

"Francis just wanted this airport to happen so much. He had never been on

an airplane in his life, but he was going to get on the first plane to leave this airport. He died just a few month's short."

Under the direction of Bob Coverdale, Director of Transportation for St. Clair County, "...from the first day to the future," as County Administrator Dan Maher expressed it) was instrumental in the successful development of the Scott Joint-Use concept and for planning and constructing the airport.

Any list of those involved in creating a climate of acceptance leading to enthusiasm and support is bound to miss someone. In addition, a list of those who contributed to the project through their various positions in and out of government is long and prestigious beginning with Governor James Thompson. Still as MidAmerica Airport stands poised to open St. Clair County and Southwestern

The feasibility study was underway but community leaders banded together for public awareness and support for the Scott Joint-Use Airport. Key figures in this organization were Chairman Joe Millard, then with Mark Twain Bank, and Vice Chairman of the area, now with Kane Construction, Bill Kane. The Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois played a supporting role in the early days of planning and organizing. The Leadership Council, led by Mary Kane, former Executive Director, "decided by an affir-

mative vote to put the financial and personnel resources of the Council behind the project. Carl Mathias, a Senior Vice President at Illinois Power, was retiring. It was suggested that his stature in the area would help the Leadership Council, so he headed up and Illinois Power committed to pay the salary. Kane and the other members of the Council developed a slide show explaining the concept of joint-use and why the project was a good decision. "It was a traveling show," said Maher, who is still a member of the Leadership Council. "We went all over St. Clair County and Southwestern

Illinois to make people aware of Joint-Use and how it would be accomplished. We

were well received in some places, and in other places not so well received. There was always much interest, although there was significant opposition in Mascoutah and O'Fallon."

The first billboard announcing Scott Joint Use.

Dan Maher, St. Clair County Administrator, recalls the early days of building public awareness and support for the coming airport. Some groups were very receptive, other times, as he said, those doing the presentation were "quite literally escorted to their cars."

"I bet we showed the slide show a couple thousand times at public hearings, civic clubs, and other organizations," said Maher. Mayors in the surrounding communities took the long view to the future and gave unstinting support to a Scott Joint-Use airport. George Lanxon, then Mayor of Fairview Heights, was as Deb Faber recalls, "just superb." Other Mayoral enthusiasts included Rich Brauer of Belleville and Frank Altmeyer of Lebanon.

St. Clair County Board member, Mayor, members, of the Leadership Council, citizens who recognized the need for an



Mark Hinrich at a rally for Scott Joint Use.

Billingsly (Regional Director), Bob Deppec (retired), Leonard Griggs, Sr. (retired), Director of Lambert International Airport, Leslie H. Hoener (retired), Washington - Paul Gulis, Admiral Bussey (retired).

Scott Air Force Base personnel in many areas gave their complete support to the Joint-Use project, including Pat Calliott (Environmental); Civil Engineer Co. Markus, Straume, Ruth Ann Young, four star generals Duane Cassidy, H.T. Johnson, Rutherford Foggelman, Walt Cross; Wing Commanders, past and present.

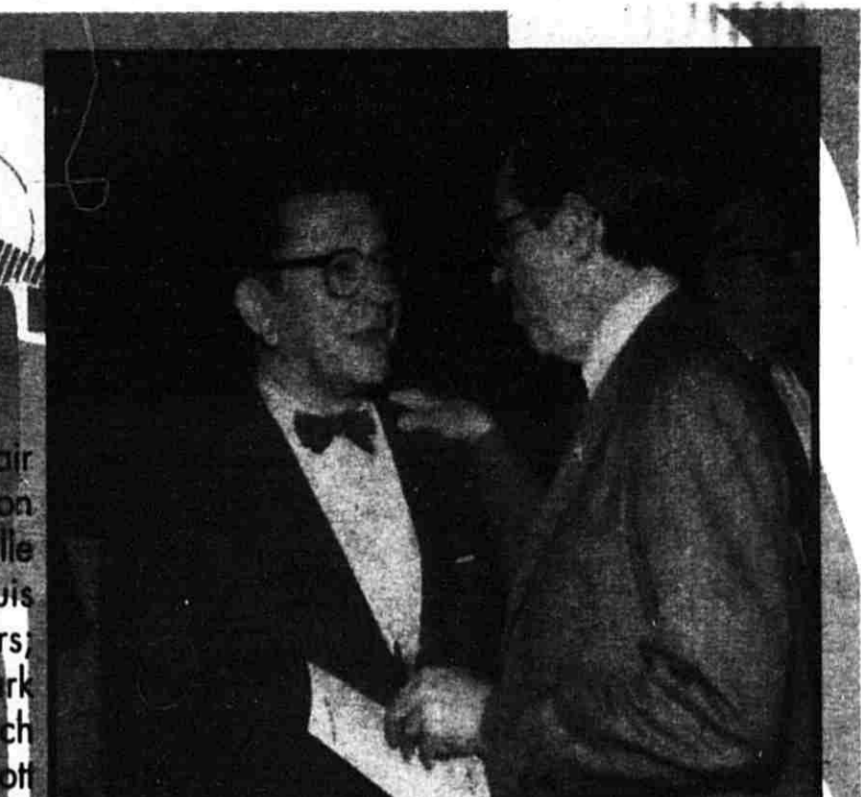


Terry Schaefer at a rally for Scott Joint Use.

Staff Rep. Jerry Costello, State Senator Ken Hall (deceased), Illinois Senator Ralph Dunn, State Representative Monroe Finn, Illinois legislator Terry Deering (deceased), Leannite (Simmons), Phyllis, former St. Clair County Board Secretary, Cathy Haas, retired St. Clair County Board Secretary, State Senator Gene Vadalabina (deceased).

mer Chairman of the St. Clair County Planning Commission and Publisher of the Belleville News-Democrat: Louis Tieman, Proud Partners; Bruce Holland and Mark Hinrich, Holland and Hinrich Construction Company; Scott Schamel, BEPI/Woolport Engineering; Willie Nelson, and Corky Cecil.

Any person on this list could surely point out to others to whom credit should be given. Neighbors who talked to neighbors and relatives who talked to other family members in support of the project never be discovered but they also contributed to the future of the airport. The proposal really would have been a reality.



Senator Paul Simon and Joe Millard at rally for Scott Joint Use.



Joe Millard at rally for Scott Joint Use.

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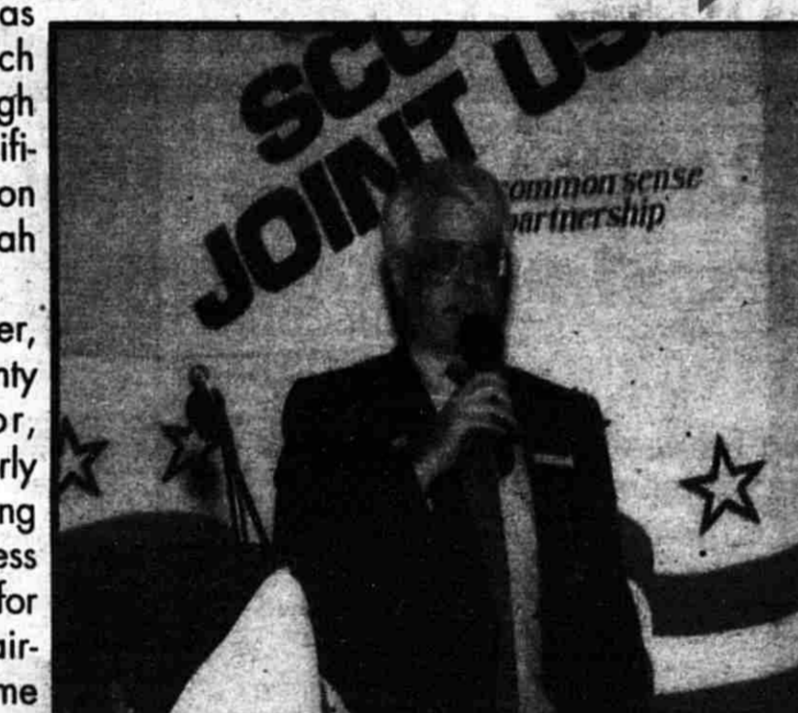
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Dick Nash at the first rally for Scott Joint Use.



Rich Sauget, Jerry Costello, and John Shimkus at Air Control Tower Dedication.

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION

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An environmental impact study was imperative to the preparation phase for the side of MidAmerica Airport or Scott Joint-Use plan as it was called then. The restoration and creation of wetlands of an equal or greater value to those that would be destroyed was deemed necessary. Segments of both Silver Creek and Crooked Creek (also known as Broom's Run) would be relocated: habitat for animals and birds inhabiting this area would need to be protected, and the natural drainage of the area preserved. Wetland delineator, mitigation design, and permitting services were all part of the process. St. Clair County made environmental protection a priority by creating 66.8 acres of wetlands, restoring 201.2 acres, and enhancing 276.9 acres of wetlands. These wetland spaces extend throughout bottomland forest all along Silver

Creek and nearby Crooked Creek and little Silver Creek. Permits for doing the actual work required were obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources, the Illinois EPA and St. Clair County. The Wildlife Studies, in conjunction with the ongoing environmental study, found no evidence of endangered or sensitive species within the affected lands. Undertaken in 1991-1992, the study found the species inhabiting the Silver Creek floodplain to be very adaptable: white-tailed deer, opossum, raccoon, etc. Keeping the impact of the airport to the land at a minimum required creating channels for water flow, planting shade trees, constructing cedar revetments and deep pools in the new channels, and placing snag and brush piles in the over-bank areas for animal habitats. Former wetland areas within the floodplain that had been converted to farmland were returned to their former status by removing dikes and restoring native wetland vegetation. The entire wetlands mitigation program has taken six years. In addition to the environmental work, some historic preservation was also needed. A two-story log cabin, built in the early 1860's was sold to the Mascoutah Historical Society for \$1.00. St. Clair

County then moved the building to Mascoutah City Park. Also included in the pre-construction programs was a three-year archaeological mitigation program covering 200 sites. All the work for the study was performed by Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville. Dr. Bill Woods, Coordinator for the Office of Contract Archaeology, was in charge of the Phase 1 investigations. Over 3,000 prehistoric pits, houses, and other sites were noted; the full documentation of the project has yet to be completed. Although the people who lived in the Silver Creek area would have had some contact with the Native American cultures in the bottomland along the Mississippi River, Woods notes that they had their own lives and stories. The first evidence of tool-making indi-

viduals comes from as early as 12,000 BC when the Silver Creek population depended upon hunting and gathering for survival. After 100 BC evidence accumulates for small, multi-family houses with gardening. The homes were not permanent, so the site cannot qualify as a village which is one generation living there after another. About 600 AD the region underwent a population explosion. More houses were erected; people were staying put. "This was part of a regional change," said Dr. Woods, "which continued until 800-900 AD when things started happening in the American Bottoms, there was ripple effect." People were coming together, perhaps as extended families, perhaps for defense. Archaeology cannot always provide the reasons. Along Silver Creek

a village of more than 25 houses developed. Then, surprisingly, the village was abandoned, and no settlements existed in the area from 900-1100 AD. Villages began to reappear until 1400 AD when the area was again abandoned. Dr. Woods said he suspects the area was hurried after chat time, but there are no indications of this. Early settlers moved into the region beginning about 1800. Dr. John Walthall at the Illinois Department of Transportation administered the archaeological mitigation project and prepared the display, which will enhance the lobby of the passenger terminal at MidAmerica Airport. The freestanding display will be approximately 10' x 5', according to Dr. Walthall. Casts of various artifacts will be included. "People will get an idea of what went on (in the area) over the last 12,000 years," said Dr. Walthall. Thematically, the display begins at the hunter-gatherer stage. Many of the plants and animals, which sustained these early peoples, still occupy the area. Plants that today would be considered weeds - goosefoot, ragweed, and others - provided nourishing seeds; nut crops, such as hickory and walnut, were gathered. Changing styles of spear points will be presented. "One small pit," said Dr. Walthall, "contained a tool kit dating to 2,000 years ago. Stone bits, for drills, and blades, etc. in the kit would have had wooden handles. The Tenant tools in the group included a spear point/knife that would have been hafted onto a short handle or used on a spear. An edge blade would have been hafted onto a larger handle for woodworking." Dr. Walthall explained that the tools were made from chert, a type of flint, not found in the uplands. The chert comes from areas south of St. Louis and around Valmeyer. As part of an annual cycle, the chert tools would have been taken along, so the person had to judge how many blades or different types would be needed before returning to their source. "The kit included two flake knives and six scraper ends; both would have been used for processing deer skins. In other sites around the world, it was mostly women who processed the skins, so we think this was a women's tool kit for preparing the skins, making the drying racks, and trimming." The display shows replicas of the tools on wooden handles to show how the

blades were used. The agricultural villages will be represented by a rectangular house. Early settlers are included in the display, particularly a wine cellar discovered as part of an 1840 two-story German house, which had to be torn down. The house was associated with a nearby vineyard. "I think people will enjoy seeing (the display)," said Dr. Walthall. "The person who does the modeling, Fred Brown, is extremely talented. School groups will probably be coming to the airport, and the children will enjoy it."



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GETTING THE JOB DONE

TAMS/Sverdrup, two highly respected aviation engineering firms, teamed up to guide MidAmerica Airport through each phase of planning, funding, and implementing.

Current St. Clair County Chairman John Baricevic, as legal counsel for the County by virtue of his position in the state's attorney's office, was an early supporter of Scott Joint-Use when County Board Chairman Jerry Costello began initial meetings on the project.

"I listened, reviewed contracts, gave advice, so I have been active in the process from the very first. Jerry took the lead, and he was the catalyst. My role changed in December 1990, when I became County Board Chairman and the point guy for both the airport and light rail. Having those projects on the drawing board was my impetus for leaving the state's attorney's office."

Incorporating a Metrolink station, with the passenger terminal was uppermost in many minds. The envisioned ter-

minal was to feature arched trusses over the atrium and mezzanine roofs, a sky bridge with vaulted glass, and window panels in the front and side walls. Passengers would disembark on the upper level of the terminal at either end, then walk down to an open-vaulted space at the center of the terminal to access the Metrolink station.

An architectural discussion within the Public Building Commission resulted in several guidelines. The terminal should be cost effective, functional, endure for 100 years, and yet make an architectural statement.

The current four-gate terminal is expandable to 85 gates and will always have a Metrolink station at the last gate.

"Light rail will be here in 2003," said Chairman Baricevic. "This is the only region in the nation with door-to-door service between its two major airports on a main line... The down town traveler or those attending conventions can't get on light rail in downtown St. Louis and go either way with equal convenience. Also, if Southwest or TWA gets backed up at Lambert International, the planes could land here, and Southwest or TWA could get its passengers back to Lambert."

St. Clair County officials also addressed the problem of creating long-range sewage plan for the airport and its environs. Both commercial and residential growth would be expected surrounding the airport. Belleville, O'Fallon, Mascoutah, and Shiloh would be the communities affected.

In late summer of 1994, the final increment of Department of Defense funding to relocate Cardinal Creek

Village Housing Complex was allocated by Congress under the sponsorship of Representative Jerry Costello. The new complex, called Patriots Landing, was scheduled to be completed in 1997. The entire cost of the relocation was shared by the federal government, the State of Illinois, and St. Clair County.

Now with the Department of Defense downsizing and looking for military bases to close, MidAmerica Airport plays a crucial role by providing major improvements to Scott's aviation capabilities.

Jim Pennekamp, Executive Director of the Leadership Council, considers MidAmerica Airport "central to the prestige and enhancement of St. Clair County. The airport has already served the interests of the County well for what it has done for Scott AFB (keeping the base open)... The (acquisition of the) 126th Air Refueling Wing would not have been possible if not for MidAmerica Airport. The move (of the 126th from O'Hare in Chicago to MidAmerica) will occur in 1999. Preparation is going on now..."

Toward the end of 1995 the City of Chicago agreed to provide up to \$8 million dollars for a \$2,000 foot extension of the MidAmerica runway, and the St. Clair County Building Commission voted to expend up to \$40,000 for the management and design of a 2,000 foot extension to the Scott AFB runway. The County pre-financed all work and the City of Chicago plans to reimburse the County for this expenditure as part of an agreement to move the 126th.

"The national guard unit will be our first tenant," said Chairman Baricevic.

"The airport has paid for itself whether we consider the 300 full-time and 700 part-time employees or the \$100 million dollar impact on the economy. In three years that pays for the airport...The unit will spend two years building hangars, etc."

The master plan for MidAmerica Airport took into consideration the potential for growth and development in the area surrounding the airport. Recognizing that unconstrained future development could block airport expansion, which will probably be needed in the future, the County is acquiring an additional 800 acres. This acquisition bounded by Machine Shop Road (east), the Norfolk Southern Railroad (south),

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Illinois Rt.4 (west), and I-64 (north), gives MidAmerica growing space.

In August 1995, C.K. Pang of Gensler and Associates began working with Hurst-Rosche Engineers on the design of the passenger terminal. J.H. Morgan Consultants designed the telecommunications system including telephones, computers, security, the public address system, and air-traffic control. Since airlines regularly spend approximately 2% of their income on telecommunications, a completely modern system with the built-in capacity to be enhanced will be one of the big selling points of the airport.

Three marketing studies were done regarding the potential use of the airport. One was ordered by the State of Illinois; one was required about 1990 by the federal government; and St. Clair County did its own survey in 1996 tailored towards users of the airport, generating the type of information airlines would want. Although each study was conducted independently, each one produced better results. The last study, according to County Board Chairman John Baricevic, suggested a potential million

passengers a year.

"Airlines are creatures of habit," said Chairman Baricevic. "They let their passengers tell them what they want, and base changes on client marketing surveys. A lack of awareness exists; will the airlines take the places there for the passengers or wait for demand? Most airports either expand on site or close and open a new one. Seldom is one built from scratch. MidAmerica is only the third in thirty years... Dulles (in Washington, DC) took five years for regular business to develop; now its twenty years old and it's full... my expectations are that it will take time, but we planned that in from the start. Years will go by, but we have built for the future, not for today. (MidAmerica Airport) will literally affect the region for years to come."



Monroe County Board Chairman, U.S. Congressman Glenn Poshard and now State Representative Dan Reitz

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that were forged among the various federal, state, and local agencies involved, enabled the project to go forward successfully.

"The Leadership Council facilitated the flow of information and generated support," said Pennekamp. "One of the major roles of the council was to help the Scott Joint-Use Committee, identifying issues and keeping in communication with the public... That MidAmerica is there today and operating is due to a high level of cooperation among the local, state, and federal governments and a good relationship with the Air Force."

The preliminary steps taken, archaeo-

logical and environmental mitigation efforts were undertaken. The Citizens Committee for Scott Joint-Use was formed to promote public awareness of the project and delineate the benefits of a joint-use airport would bring to the region. These steps would cover several years prior to the beginning stages of construction. Many County residents viewed the enterprise with anxiety; many others embraced the project with enthusiasm from the start. It would take until November 1997 to officially open MidAmerica Airport, a facility that crowns the efforts of many people over a twelve-year period.

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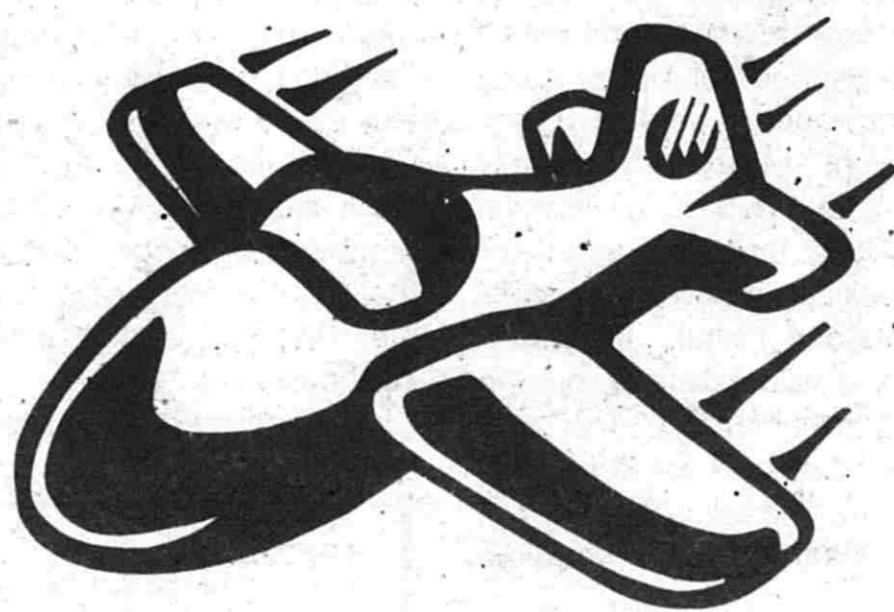
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