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## M-21 project not as costly as estimated

By J. N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Bids for the M-21 project came in \$300,000 below the engineer's estimated costs.

The news, which was just a quick highlight on the Lowell City Council's agenda for its regular Monday night meeting, brought a smile to city manager David Pasquale's face.

"It is quite low," Pasquale said after the meeting.

Four companies took out bid specifications but only two returned them to the state. The lower bidder is Indiana company, Rieth-Riley Construction Co., which came in with a bid of \$1,139,999.02. This bid was about \$300,000 below the engineer's estimated bid of \$1,408,198.09. The other bidder, which was Michigan company, Thompson-McCully Co., had a bid of about \$140,000 above the estimated cost.

The bid would cover 2.34 miles of road work which would include intersection improvements, landscaping, electrical, and watermain enhancements on M-21 from west of Valley Vista Drive easterly to the Kent County line.

Because the project was bid as a Michigan Department of Transportation project, Pasquale said he had not yet seen the breakdowns on what cost what or from where the reductions came. He also did not know how

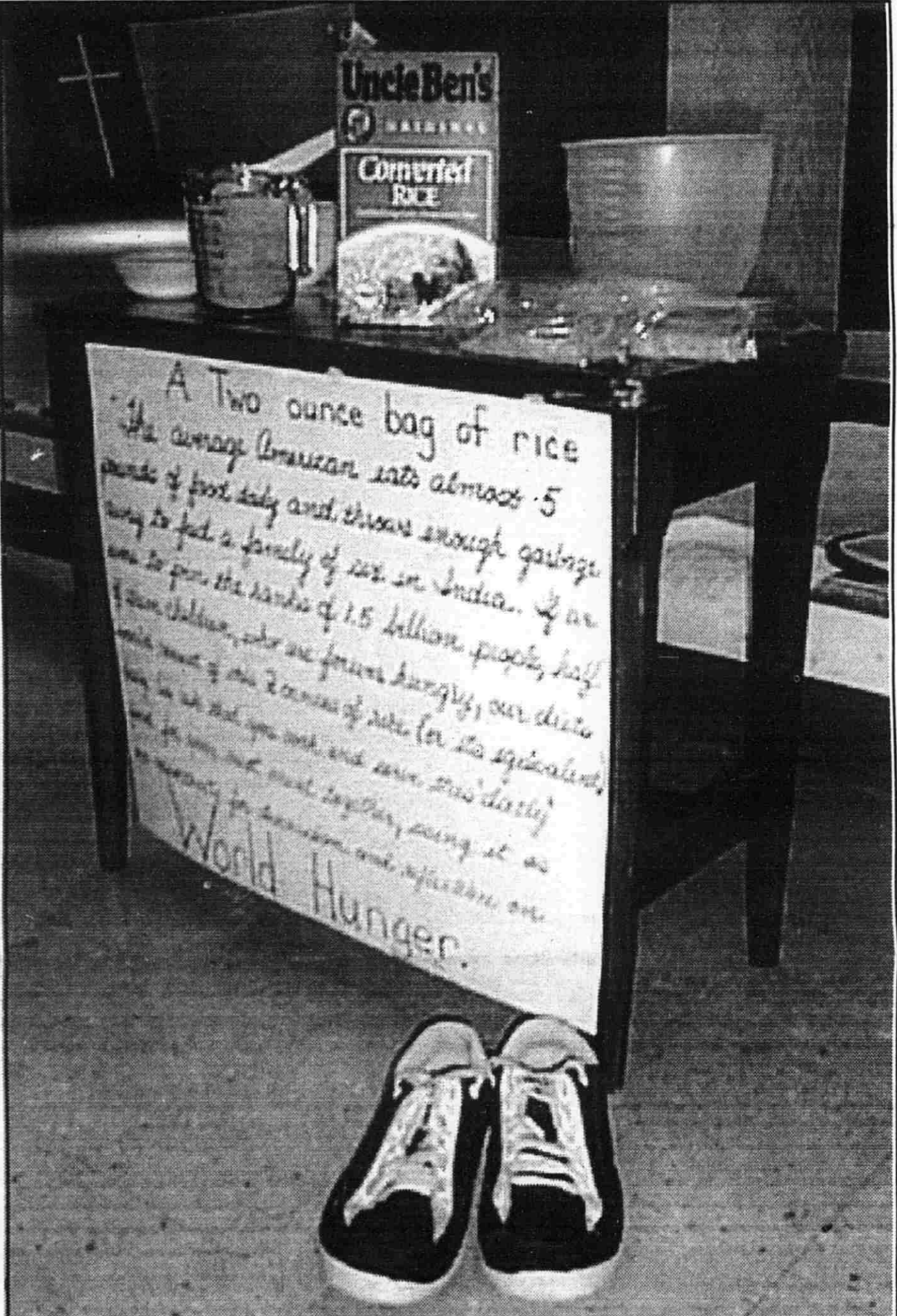
that would affect the city's payment portion for the project.

Before the project moves forward, however, the city will receive a breakdown of costs and a list of the subcontractors, Pasquale said. The council will have to give its approval to the work.

The council has been moving right along on the project, which is expected to start this spring. At its Monday night meeting, the council granted a construction easement of three feet of municipal property near the bridge.

Also, Pasquale received some more good news in that the city will be able to tack on a sidewalk project. The council had earlier approved to allocate \$42,943.07 for extending the West Main sidewalk from Allisandra (the Valley Vista Village entrance) about 1,500 feet.

Because he thought the money could not be spent until July 1, Pasquale said he thought the city would have to wait on starting this project, but was informed by Kent County officials that the project could be done at the same time as the M-21 work. After contracting McCreary Concrete, Inc., which will be doing some work for the county and city on the M-21 project, Pasquale recommended to the city council that the city approve an additional \$4,000 in engineering to complete the project. It was approved unanimously by the council.



Of the money raised in the upcoming fourth annual Lowell Area CROP Hunger Walk, 25 percent will remain in Lowell to provide food assistance to the needy people in the area.

## CROP walks into the lives of the world's hungry

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Recruiters for the Lowell Area Hunger CROP Walk are fueled by the knowledge World Hunger walkers raise millions each year to feed the hungry.

Michigan, the leading CROP Walk fund-raiser in the United States for the past 12 years, raised approximately \$2.2 million in 1997. It marks the third time any Church World Service has ever topped the \$2 million level.

In 1997, 301 Michigan hunger agencies received \$427,149 in designated funds from local CROP walks.

The Lowell Area CROP Walk has figured into that sum, raising approximately \$56,000 over the last three years.

The 1998 Lowell CROP Walk is slated for May 3. It

begins at 1 p.m. at the Lowell First United Methodist Church.

Depending on downtown construction, the walk route may all be on the west side of the river. Organizers said if it can, the route will extend to both sides.

Organizers said this year they will offer an alternative to the standard 6.2 mile route. "We're going to have a one-

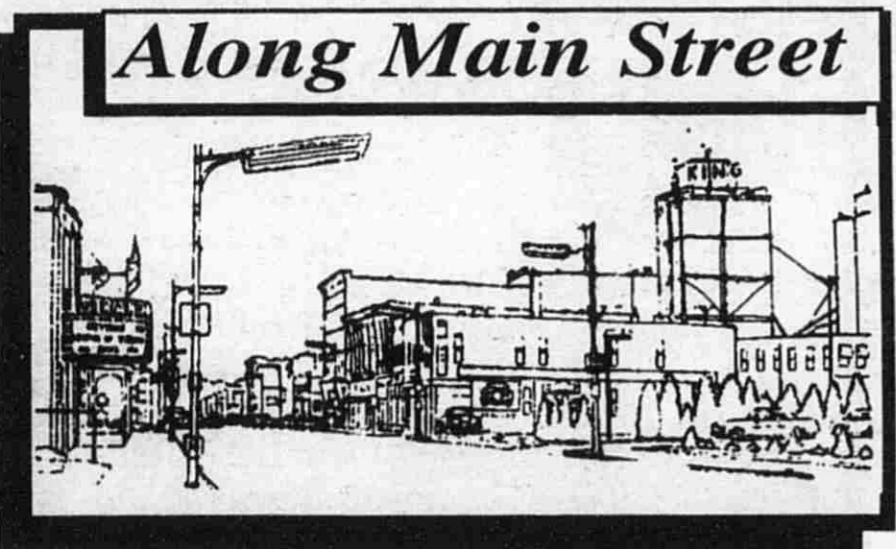
two mile route for those unable to walk the 6.2 miles," said co-chairman Gordie Barry.

Barry and co-chairperson Lee Wattersworth have set a goal of 350 walkers and \$25,000 for 1998.

In 1997, roughly 280 walkers raised \$22-\$23,000.

Barry said 25 percent of the proceeds remain in the

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**LMS PRESENTS "DATE WITH A VAMPIRE"**

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present the bloodcurdling comedy, *Date With A Vampire*, on Thursday evening, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria, 750 Foreman.

Don't miss this free evening of entertainment.

**MIDDLEVILLE ARTIST DISPLAYS WORKS AT HUNTINGTON BANK**

The recent mixed media works of Middleville artist Pat Corson appear at Huntington Bank in a Lowell Area Arts Council presentation.

Corson's paintings will be on view through April 1. The bank is located at 414 E. Main St., Lowell.

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Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Seniors, please bring in your new 1998 benefit

## McClain chooses not to seek re-election

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ellen McClain, a school board trustee who has at times been a lone voice in pointing out what is wrong with the



**Ellen McClain**

Lowell School District and the need for change, formally announced Monday night she would not seek re-election for the school board in June.

"I am proud of my voting record, often the lone voice of

McClain, cont'd pg. 8

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## OBITUARIES

**BOYCE** - Floyd Boyce, aged 85, of Lowell, died Thursday, March 12, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Boyce. He is survived by brother-in-law and sister-in-law Gerald and Gladys Collins of Cedar Springs; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Saturday at the Roth-Gerst Chapel, Pastor Tim Harmon of Lowell Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment in Wright Township Cemetery.

**CRISMAN** - Mrs. Helen Gertrude Crisman, aged 86, of Lowell, passed away Wednesday, February 25,

1998. She was preceded in death by her husband John and her son John W. Crisman. Surviving are her children Gene and Marylou Crisman, Betty Mitchell, Harold Crisman, Ruth Worthington; 24 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; her sister Agnes Hansen and nieces and nephews. Funeral and committal services were held at Van Strien-Creston Chapel with Father John Crean officiating. Interment in Wright Township Cemetery.

**JANSMA** - Herman J. Jansma, aged 59, of Alto, went home to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 8, 1998. He was preceded in death by his

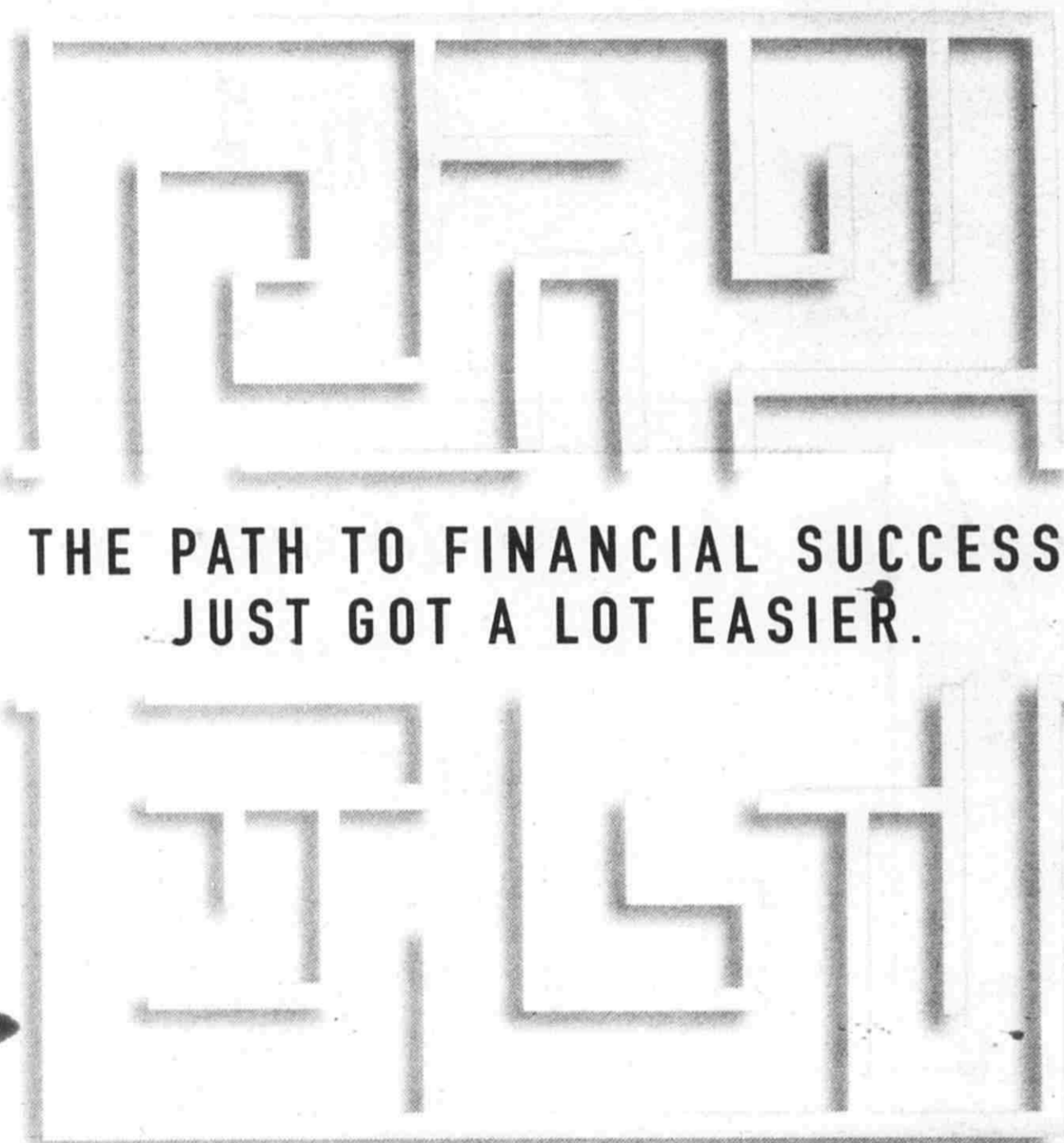
twins, his father Jack Jansma Sr., and his sister Mary Wotherspoon. Herman will be lovingly remembered by his wife Shirley; his children Herman J. Jansma Jr., Michael David (Laura Vella) Jansma, G. Scott Wyman; Joseph Michael (Pamela) Wyman; three grandchildren Kara, Leslie and Amanda; his mother, Mary Jansma; his brothers and sisters Jack J. Jansma, Marcia Straub, Harriet (Gordon) Jones, Stephan T. Jansma; many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Herman was in the process of retiring from Steelcase where he worked for 23 years. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Zaagman Memorial Chapel, Interment at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

**MEEUWSEN** - Dennis C. Meeuwsen, aged 36, of Ionia, passed away Sunday, March 15, 1998. Dennis was born March 11, 1962, in Ionia, the son of Wayne and Wanda (White) Meeuwsen. He grew up in Ionia and graduated from Ionia High School. Mr. Meeuwsen owned and operated Auto's Unlimited, an auto repair business in Ionia. He was married September 26, 1992 in Ionia to Candace Husted. Dennis was a member of the Michigan Snowmobile Association. He is survived by his wife Candace; his daughter Shelby Jean; his father Wayne of Ionia; 1 sister Terri (John) Carpenter of San Francisco, CA; 2 brothers Brad (Dianne) Meeuwsen of Ada and Wayne Meeuwsen, Jr.; several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Wanda on April 19, 1994. Funeral services will be held Thursday, March

19, at 1 p.m. from the Cook Funeral Home, Rich Street Chapel with Pastor William Wagner, Jr. officiating. Interment will be in Highland Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-8:30 p.m. at the Cook Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Dennis's daughter Shelby Jean, in care of his wife Candace Meeuwsen. Envelopes are available at the Cook Funeral Home, Ionia.

**ROTH** - Orlo C. Roth, aged 69, of Clarksville, passed away Friday, March 13, 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife Harriet and son James B.; brothers Darl and Keith O'Harrow; sister Ona Ross. He is survived by his children Barbara Roth of Clarksville, Gerald (Kris) Roth of Lowell; grandchildren Margaret (Mike) Wood, Jennifer Roth all of Lowell; brothers-in-law, Warren Finkbeiner, Robert (Amy) Finkbeiner all of Caledonia, Ray Dame of Kentwood; sisters-in-law Violet O'Harrow of South Rockwood, Lois Dusseau of Monroe; several nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Funeral services were held Monday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gary Dougherty officiating. Interment Merriman Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst Chapel of Lowell.

**TEFFT** - Cora L. Tefft, aged 77, of Belding, passed away March 13, 1998, at the Memorial Hospital in Greenville. She was born March 13, 1921, in Paris Twp. to the parents of Cornelius (Clara Terrell) Geelhood. She was a member of the Belding American Legion Auxiliary and past member of the Saranac V.F.W. She married Burt Tefft March 2, 1940, in Grand Rapids who preceded her in death Feb. 15, 1986. She is survived by 3 sons John (Jean) Tefft of Indiana, George Tefft of Orleans, and Michael (Tami) Tefft of Belding; 2 daughters Carolyn (Hall) Foster of Comstock Park and Ruth (Gary) Hall of Belding; 2 brothers Raymond (Lorraine) Geelhood of Saranac and Cornelius (Phyllis) Geelhood of Lowell; 2 sisters Kate Fox of Ada and Ella Thompson of Lowell; one son-in-law Ralph Longwell of Saranac; 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 daughter Sharon Longwell on May 3, 1994; 2 sisters and 1 brother. Funeral services were held Monday, March 16, 1998, at the Snow United Methodist Church in Ada with Rev. Meredith officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to the Snow United Methodist Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.



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## Lowell Beer Store begins anew with image and structure

\*\*\*\* A refined image offers a large selection of wines, micro and imported beers and specialty liquors.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Hearing the words "it's about time," validated Keith Ferguson's decision to reopen a 57-year-old marker in the Lowell downtown business district.

Ferguson opened the Lowell Beer Store in January. The store, with one of the oldest liquor licenses in the state, sat vacant for approximately a year.

*I think it has to be a more specialized store to alleviate the need of residents going to Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids. They don't have to go there anymore.*

Keith Ferguson  
Lowell Beer Store owner

In explaining why he reopened the Lowell Beer Store, Ferguson noted, "Everybody knows where it's at and it has a history and a nice reputation."

The store last underwent remodeling in 1981. Since then, Ferguson has given the store structure and image a face-lift. "I've opened it up and gotten rid of some of the clutter," he explains.

While he's refined some areas of the store, Ferguson has kept the focus in others.

"The Lowell Beer Store deli has been a mainstay. We will continue to serve the subs, soups and chicken," the new owner said.

The large selection of wines, micro and imported beers, specialty liquors and potpourri of cigars gives the Lowell Beer Store a specialty shop flavor.

"I think it has to be a more specialized store to alleviate the need of residents going to Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids," Ferguson said. "They don't have to go there anymore."

Patrons will find the imported and micro beers available in six packs and can be purchased in single bottles.

"Single bottles make it affordable for everyone to sample," Ferguson said. "We still have a large selection of the everyday brands."

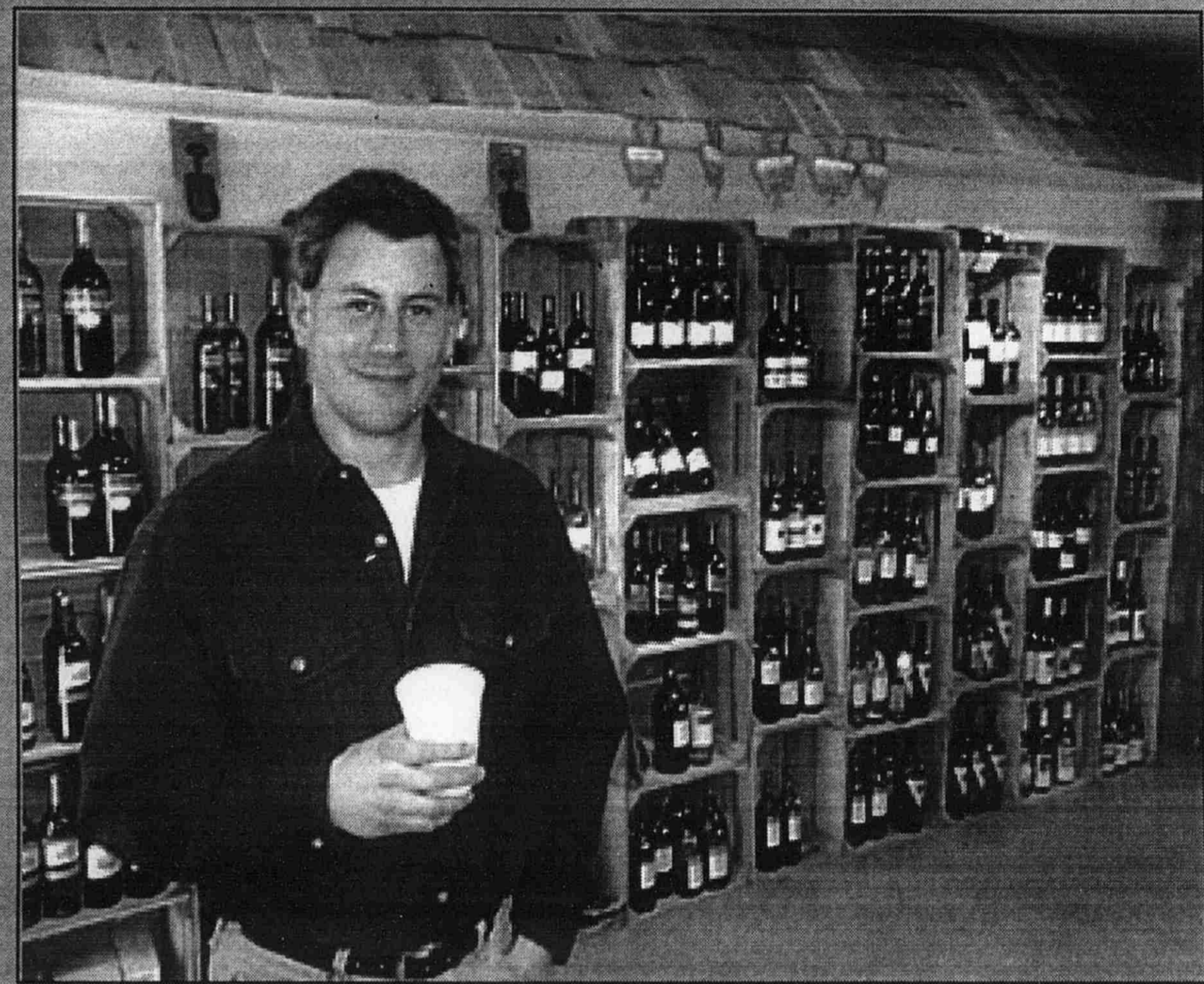
The specialized beer store also offers freshly ground and flavored coffee.

Ferguson says he will continue to research new products

that are coming out and listen to the needs of the customer.

The owner will look to expand in the area of cigar offerings and would eventually like to offer home brew supplies.

Through it all, Ferguson says the Lowell Beer Store will remain a nice, unassuming, small town store wrapped in a warm environment with good prices.



Keith Ferguson reopened the Lowell Beer Store, 213 E. Main, in January.

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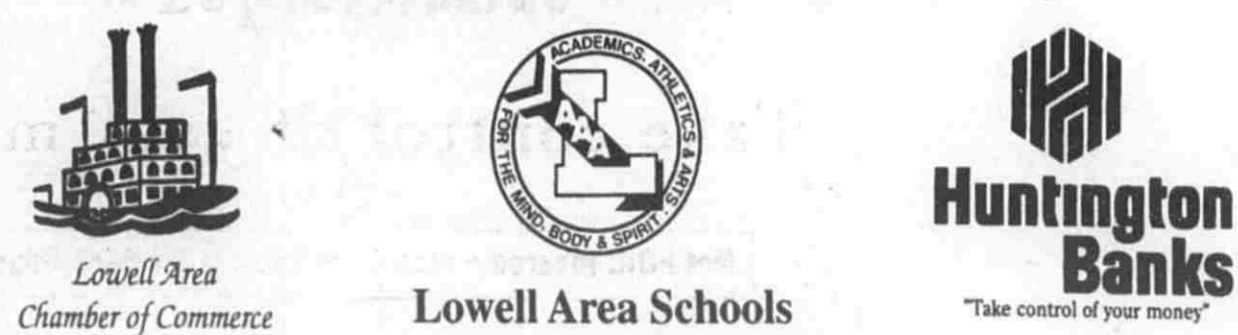
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# Township board and residents query planning commission candidates

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

Lowell Charter Township is looking to boost its planning commission board. How many board members it will add or when it will add them is yet unclear.

There are currently five people serving on the planning commission board; it can hold as many as nine members, according to township clerk Carol Wells.

In all, three candidates have expressed an interest - John Cornish, Patrick J. Suman and Kevin Hanson.

Suman and Hanson were introduced at the township board meeting Monday night. Opportunity was given to board members and citizens to ask questions of the candidates and to find out about their desire to serve the township. Cornish had been interviewed previously.

Suman has been a resident of Lowell Charter Township for five years after living four years in Eastgate. He is director of operations at Van Eerden Food Distribution in Grand Rapids. Suman brings with him a history of management and construction as well as knowledge in zoning and topographical mapping.

"I wish to assist in guiding Lowell Township down the road as it experiences change," Suman acknowledges.

Hanson has been in Lowell Charter Township one year but plans to be a long-term resident. As vice president of Ionia County National Bank, he reports that his "sense of community" and "desire to get involved" have fueled his pursuit of a planning commission seat. His background includes military

service and sales, and he smiles when he says that he "represents the younger set."

Both candidates were asked pointed questions about Lowell Charter Township: boundaries, industrializing, and population growth.

Board member Herbert VanderBilt questioned Suman on how quickly he feels the township should grow. Suman's response was that the infrastructure can support growth but "a slow, planned growth controlled within the community is best."

"The degree in which our township expands is important

# Council rezones business properties

By J. N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

With little fanfare, a section of property was rezoned and a local business owner received a variance.

The Lowell City Council rezoned a strip of property with five businesses to central business and public facilities. The properties affected by the change include the U.S. Post Office, 120 N. Broadway; Larkin's Saloon, 301 W. Main; Larkin's Other Place, 315 W. Main; the Graham Building, 323-325 W. Main; and the Ameritech building, 119 N. Hudson.

Charlie Bernard also got through his first hurdle in getting an addition to his building, Bernard's True Value at 1601 W. Main. The zoning board of appeals, which is the city council, approved a variance to his building which does not meet

to the people here," commented VanderBilt. "That's key for consideration."

Hanson was asked by board member Richard Huver if he could name the boundary streets of the township. When he could not, Huver responded that it "bothers" him when residents cannot identify the township boundaries since he's been "running these same six miles" most of his life.

The answers given by the candidates will aid the board as they consider them for the planning commission board. In addition, one other unnamed applicant is seeking a seat; he has yet to be interviewed. The board intends to make its decision soon.

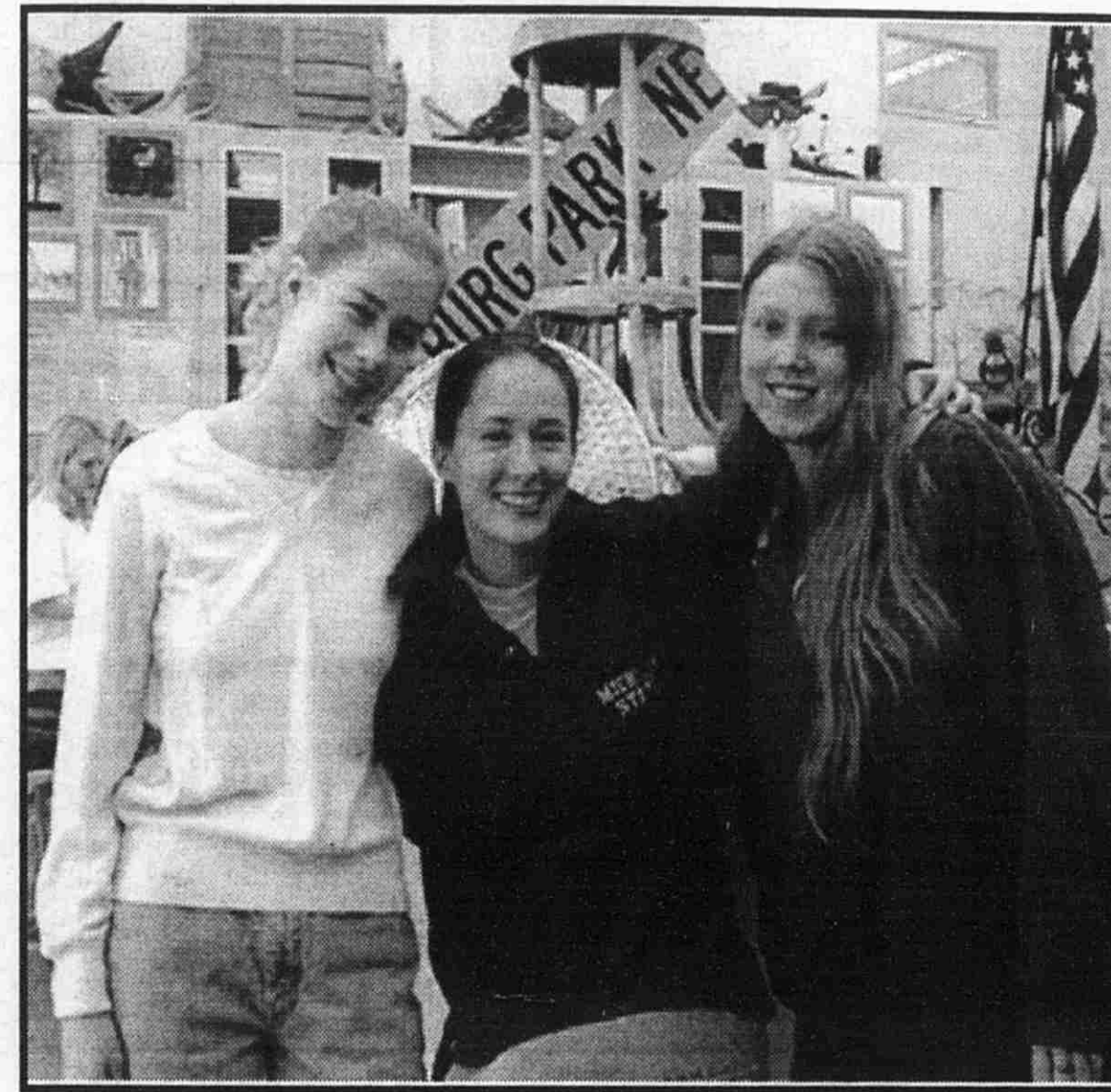
current rear yard setback requirements of 35 feet. When the building was constructed and added onto previously, the property did meet zoning ordinance requirements, which were changed.

Bernard will go back to the planning commission Monday, March 23, for final site plan review. That meeting is at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Bernard said he did want to clear up reports that he planned to use the addition for storage of materials which are currently outside. He said part of the addition would be for a planned rental business, which is a "natural extension" for the hardware business, and the other part would be to increase the hardware store.

# VanderWal's work qualifies for state jurying

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor



Lowell High School artists who competed in the Region 9 juried competition, left to right, are: Nikki VanderWal, Beth Cummings and Misty Kooienga.

It took a semester for Lowell's Nikki VanderWal to fashion her "Nature's Creation" for the Region 9 Michigan Art Education Association at Calvin College.

It took seconds for a passerby's coat to catch the ceramic sculpture, knock it over, chip some of its leaves, and break off some of its branches.

VanderWal was left with a little more than a week to put her sculpture back together in time for state jurying at the Michigan Art Education Association headquarters on Saturday (March 14).

"It was very upsetting to hear what happened to the sculpture," VanderWal reflected. "I spent a long time creating it."

The senior was the only Lowell art student to have her work qualify for state jurying.

VanderWal had two pieces of her work juried. The piece of art was an architectural photographic series. If selected, her work will advance to Western Michigan University for the state show on May 7-9.

VanderWal was one of three Lowell students whose work was represented in the Region 9 juried competition.

Beth Cummings, a senior, entered a silk screen image of two faces and Misty Kooienga created a photographic collage of the Fallasburg Bridge.

"The purpose of the Region 9 Michigan Art Education Association is to recognize students with significant creative ability," said Lowell High School art instructor Robin White. "It also encourages the appreciation and understanding of creative artistic achievement."



Nikki VanderWal works to put back together her chipped sculpture.

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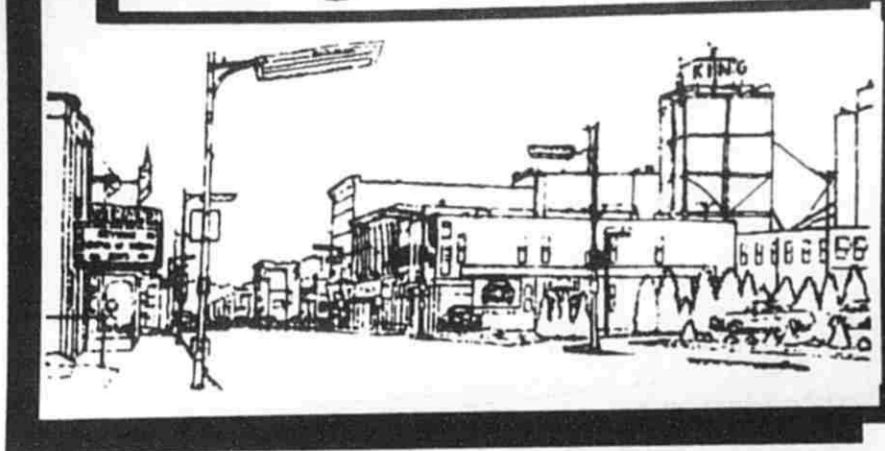
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taxpayers in this district and for pointing out the need for change." McClain said in a letter she read to the board.

The trustee hopes other citizens will step up to the plate and run for her board seat. "I encourage other good people to run, not necessarily individuals receiving endorsement from the education association."

McClain challenged the remaining board members to hold the administration accountable for their job performance.

The trustee identified that change has taken place over the last five years, but stated it wasn't because the district proactively sought to improve.

"It has been forced to improve because we as parents and the state of the world economy have dictated change," McClain said.

The board trustee first came on the Lowell education front

amount from the Social Security Administration you received in December 1997.

**LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO**

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**LOWELL AREA JV HOCKEY CLUB**

An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Lowell High School cafeteria for anyone

as a member of the Citizens for Quality Education. McClain described the group as forethinking individuals who knew there were better ways to educate.

"It has questioned the district on almost every policy," McClain explained. The issues would include finance, technology, academic standards, management structure, curriculum and instructional time.

McClain called public education a metamorphosis that will continue to painfully emerge most likely as one of many educational players in the field.

"Just as businesses had to realize decades ago that they could not keep doing what they were doing, education must now come to terms with the antiquity of its ways," McClain explained.

She is most proud of the heightened awareness she has brought to financial accountability.

interested in playing on or helping to organize a Lowell Junior Varsity Hockey team for the 1998-99 season.

For more information contact Jim Blair, 897-6436 or Paul Jacobus, 241-2447.

**DRAWING/PAINTING WORKSHOPS**

There is still time to register your kids for Alto Art Series Workshops. Openings are available in drawing with Sandy Bartlett for Saturday, April 4, and painting with Ann Breckon on Saturday, April 11.

Classes will be held at the Alto Library from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 per workshop and supplies are furnished. To register call the Lowell Area Arts Center at 897-8545.

**Walk, cont'd.... From Page 1**

local community. "Again this year, the monies will be divided between the ACCESS 6 Food Pantry and the Lowell Senior Neighbors," explained Barry.

The Lowell ACCESS-6 Food Pantry provides food to more than 225 families each year from the communities surrounding Lowell. The pantry is the only food assistance available in the Lowell community.

Churches and organizations which would like to participate either by walking or sponsoring a walker may call 897-9657.

**GRATTAN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Grattan Township Board will hold a public hearing for the purpose of answering questions, reviewing and adopting the annual budget for the 1998/1999 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 1998 in the Grattan Museum, 11676 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan at 7:00 p.m.

All interested parties are welcome. A copy of the proposed budgets can be viewed at the Township Hall prior to the public hearing.

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING**

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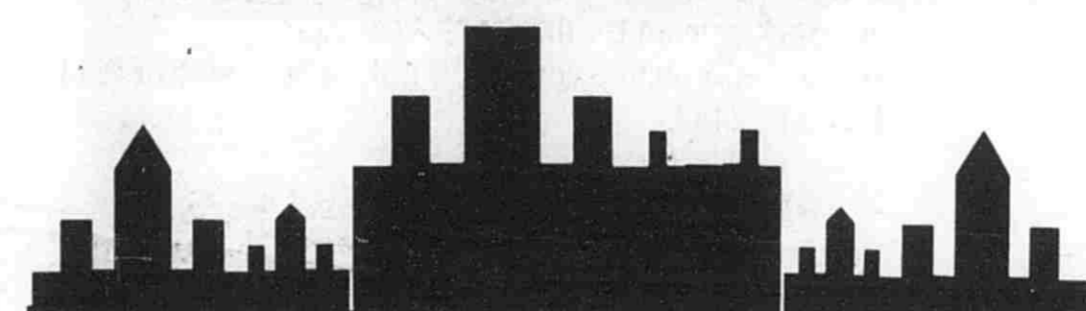
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**TOWN TALK**

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March has been declared National Reading Month. Do you read regularly and if so, what type of reading material do you prefer?



**Johanna Jankowski**

Yes, I read regularly. I read everything. I prefer newspapers and magazines. Reading is a way to educate yourself.

**Marilyn Venneman**

Yes, I do read regularly. I read the Bible daily and I also enjoy reading religious magazines.

**Karen Roudabush**

Yes, I read regularly. I enjoy mystery books.

**Bonnie Roudabush**

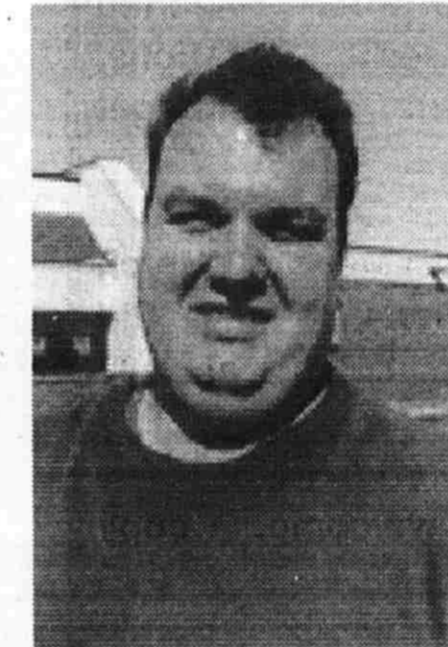
I love to read. I love mysteries and romance novels.

**Cheryl Syswerda**

Yes, if I could find the time, I'd read a good novel.

**Sandy Hendrick**

I am a very lousy reader. I have never been able to sit down and read. I do, however, read to my grandchildren.



**Scott Wellman**

I like to read. I read science fiction and history books. I enjoy sci fi books written by Robert Jordan and J.R.R. Tolkien.



**Bud Gauger**

Yes, I enjoy reading. My wife and I both read the Ledger from cover to cover. We also read Time and Newsweek. I also enjoy reading to my grandkids.

**Patti Sanborn**

I read regularly. I mainly like to read short stories - like Chicken Soup for the Soul.

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There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on March 31, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Mike Harding, of 617 W. Main, Lowell, MI, has applied for a variance to construct a private road at 1900 Lincoln Lake Ave., NW, in the NW ¼ of Section 14 with less width than is required by the ordinance.

The complete application can be reviewed at the Vergennes Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk prior to 7 p.m. on March 31, 1998.

Mari Stone, Clerk

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**Sharing The Vision, continued.... From Page 5**

members, our Board of Education has spelled out both a vision and process to provide success for our students. Our vision not only hangs on our walls but daily serves as a catalyst for all we do to enhance student learning. It is this enhanced learning for all students that will prepare them for their future and is at the core of our daily work.

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Your comments about this concern or any issue would be greatly appreciated. Send to Bert Bleke, Lowell Area Schools, 300 High St., P.O. Box 269, Lowell, MI 49331.

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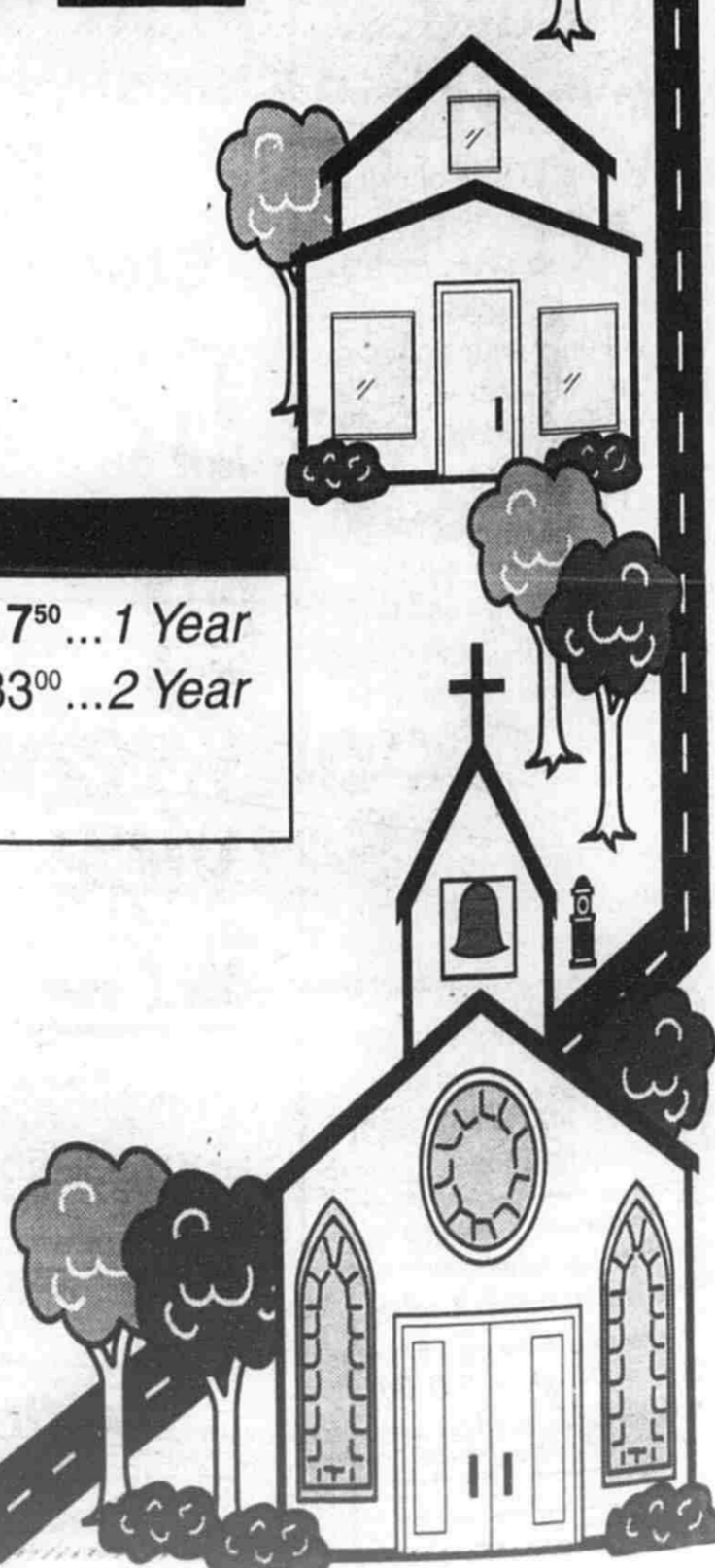
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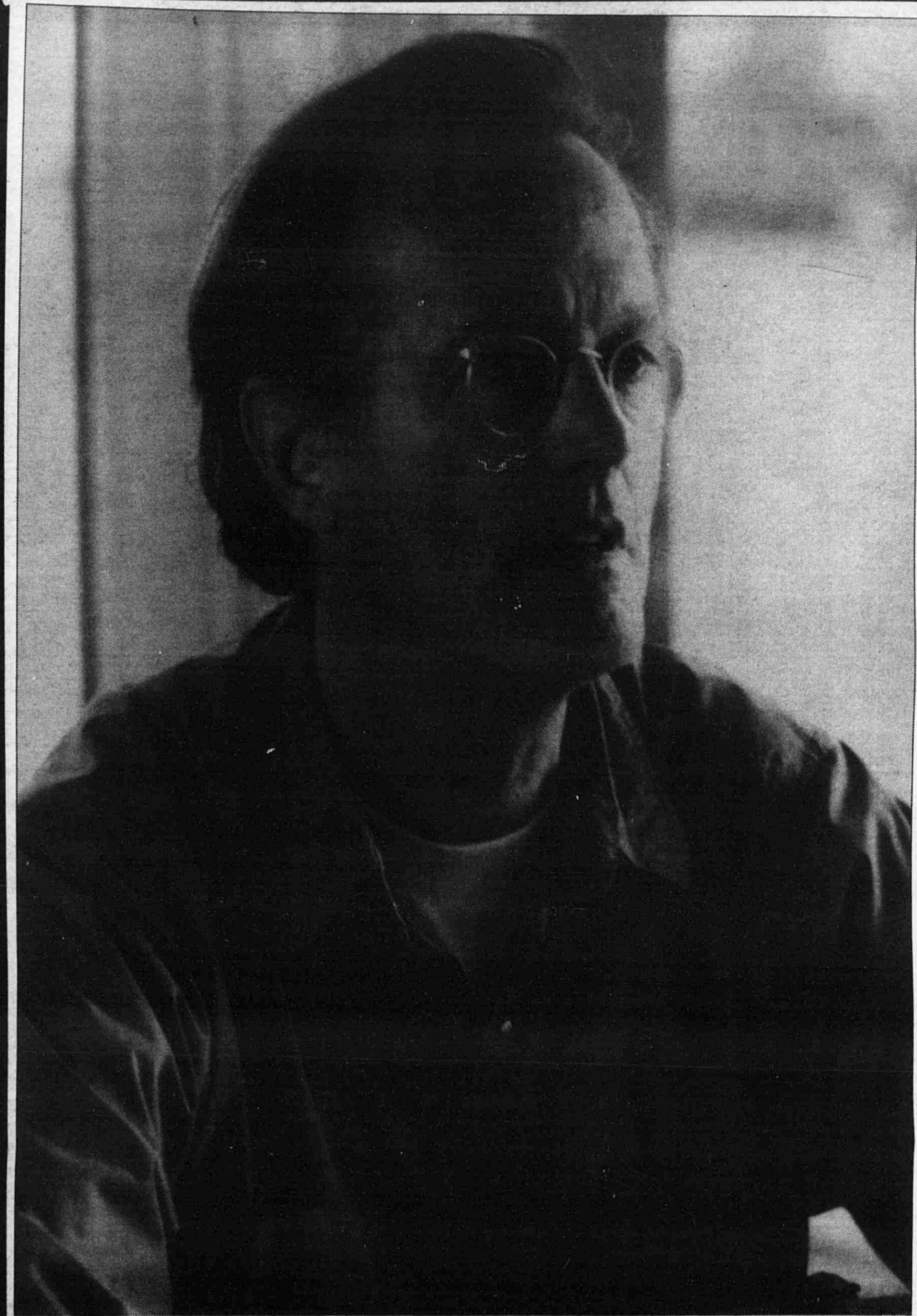
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FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20 THRU MARCH 26

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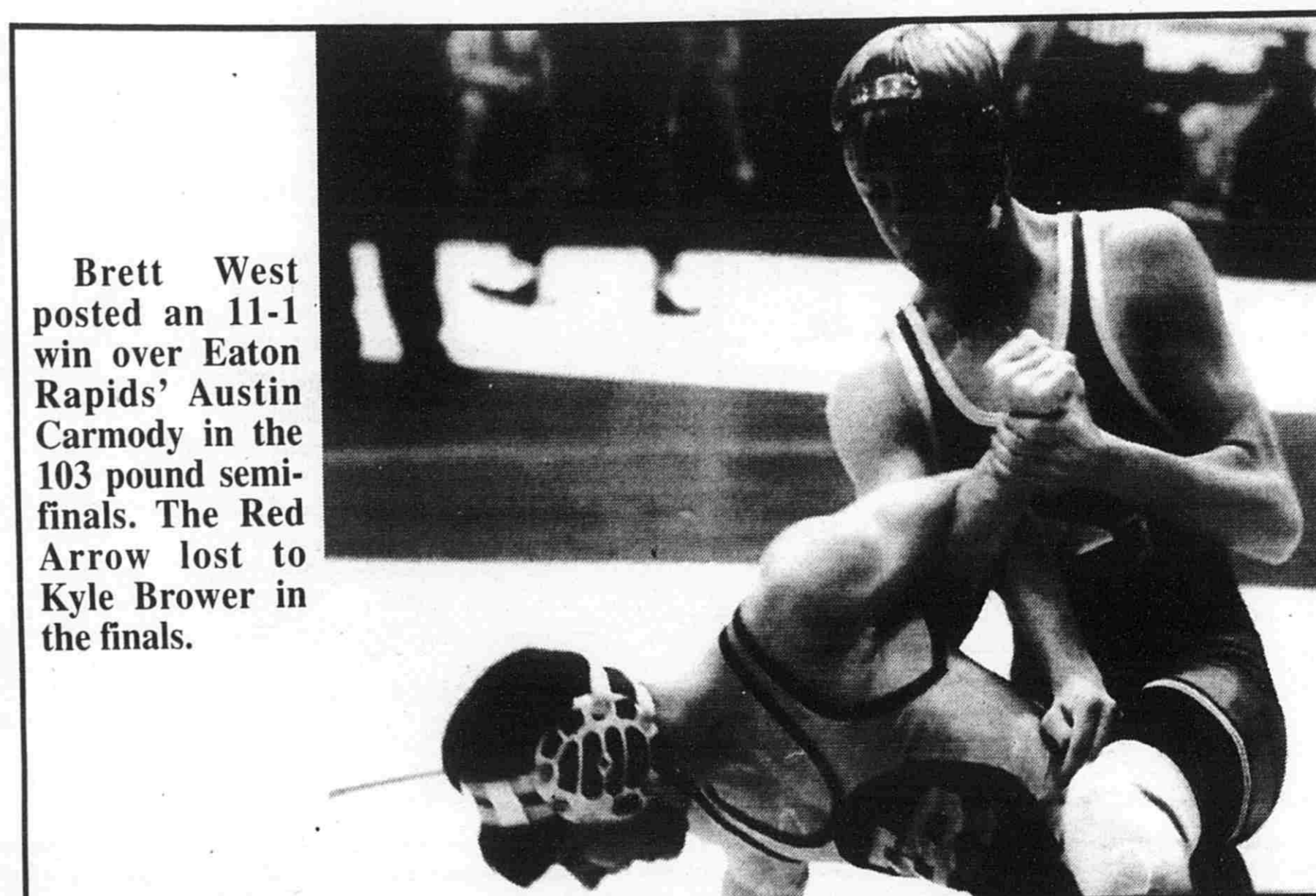
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Lowell wrestlers medal in four weight classes

•••• Brett West and Bill Stouffer place second at individual state meet.



Brett West posted an 11-1 win over Eaton Rapids' Austin Carmody in the 103 pound semi-finals. The Red Arrow lost to Kyle Brower in the finals.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Brett West's and Bill Stouffer's quests to become state champions were thwarted by familiar if not haunting faces, Saturday, at the Division II individual state wrestling finals in Battle Creek.

Stouffer lost a 4-3 decision in the title match to Cedar Springs' Dean Myers. It was the third time this year Stouffer has been on the short end of a one-point decision to Myers. "Dean knows how to ward him off," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers said. "Bill goes from finishing sixth in the state his freshman year to second in his sophomore year - that's pretty good."

The 215-pound finals of the state tournament mirrored that of the Division II regional at Lowell a week earlier. "The top four wrestlers at the state finished that way in our regional. That is phenomenal," Rivers explained.

Warren Lincoln's Montgomery Clinton 10-3 before being pinned by Joe Ray Barry of Mason at 1:19 of the first period.

After dropping down, Rottier defeated Brandon Patrick of Wayland. In a battle for third, Rottier was defeated 8-6 by Ken Dailey of Ypsilanti.

"Dan had a great year. I expected he would make it to state and medal," Rivers said. Rottier finished the year at 50-7.

Freshman Caleb O'Boyle decided on Kowal of Hartland 14-1 to earn a seventh-place state medal.

"Caleb lost to Kowal earlier 7-6, but came back and dominated in their last match," Rivers said. "I think Caleb was helped by being there the week before for the state team tournament."

O'Boyle finished the year with a mark of 45-13.

Lowell's four state medalists marked the second straight year the Red Arrows

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 8, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Township of Grattan will hold a public hearing at the Grattan Township Museum Building, 11675 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Dan S. Bear for the rezoning from the Residential and Agricultural District to the Residential Planned Unit Development District for a residential development consisting of 34 single family detached dwelling units, on lands located on or near Dream Isle Drive, off Lessiter Avenue, and legally described as follows:

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 4, and part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, described as commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 4; thence North 88°10'29" West along the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 66.01 feet; thence North 00°55'16" East along the West line of the East 66.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 357.00 feet to the place of beginning of this description; thence North 88°10'29" West parallel with the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 586.99 feet to the West line of the East 653.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence South 00°55'16" West along the West line of the East 653.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 357.00 feet to the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence South 01°43'31" West along the West line of the East 653.00 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 9 a distance of 103.00 feet; thence North 65°18'34" West 728.28 feet to a point on the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 which is 180.00 feet North of the South line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence North 01°04'11" East along the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 511.77 feet to a point which is 1957.50 feet South of the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence South 87°52'27" East parallel with the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 180.00 feet; thence North 01°04'11" East parallel with the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 385.00 feet; thence South 87°52'27" East parallel with the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 75.22 feet; thence North 01°04'11" East parallel with the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 512.52 feet to the South line of the North 398.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 104.78 feet; thence North 01°04'11" East parallel with the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 332.00 feet to the South line of the North 66.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence South 87°56'59" East along the South line of the North 66.00 feet of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 890.59 feet to the West line of the East 66.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4; thence, South 00°55'16" West along the West line of the East 66.00 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 4 a distance of 1559.11 feet to the place of beginning, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

A copy of the proposed development plan and the proposed zoning ordinance amendment are on file and may be examined at the offices of the Grattan Township Clerk, 11675 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment upon the requested rezoning. Written comments may be submitted to the Township office, 11675 Old Belding Road, Belding, Michigan 48809, prior to the Public hearing.

Dated: March 13, 1998

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

Wow! That says something about the whole wrestling program.

Lowell wrestling coach, Gary Rivers, on sending seven wrestlers to the state meet and having four of them medal.

Stouffer finished the year with a 48-5 record. His path to the finals included pins against Brian Kowalski, Warren Fitzer and Andy McDonald of Orchard Lake. The sophomore decided on Gogemaw Heights' Todd Bennett 15-9 in the semifinals.

West's senior year was his first full year of varsity wrestling, making his appearance in the 103-pound state finals all that more remarkable.

"Brett was way beyond belief. I knew he would be good, but I did not anticipate he'd do so well with so little varsity experience," Rivers said. "He was outstanding."

West blazed his trail to the finals with decisions against William Wolverton of Mt. Morris and Gonzalo Castro of Birmingham Groves. He earned an 11-1 semifinal decision against Eaton Rapids' Austin Carmody.

The senior faced Middleville's Kyle Brower in the finals. It was the fifth time this year the two have wrestled with Brower winning all five. Brower pinned West Saturday at 4:42 of the third period.

West finished the year at 43-10.

Sophomore Dan Rottier, in his second state appearance, finished fourth. Rottier was sixth as a freshman.

Rottier pinned Bryn Rzsak in 3:50 of the second period. He then decided

he accomplished that feat.

"Wow! That says something for the whole wrestling program," Rivers said.

Lowell sent seven wrestlers to the state tournament. Others who qualified but did not medal were junior Mike Arnsward, and seniors Brad Lyons and David Luyk.

Lyons finished his final year with a 41-13 record.

"Brad came on at the end of the year. He finished strong," Rivers said. "His senior leadership is one of the main reasons the team enjoyed so much success this year."

Rivers stressed how impressed he was by the senior leadership of Lyons, Luyk, Jeff Altoft, Lucas Grummet, Nick West and Brett West.

"They provided us with great leadership. A team has to have that to be successful. That can't always come from the coaches."

Luyk (152 pounds) was 1-2 at state tournament. His senior season record was 38-18. As a junior, he was 21-21.

"Dave worked hard all year. He was an important part of the wheel," Rivers said.

Arnsward also went 1-2 in the heavyweight division. His win was a statement-making pin (1:56) against Dowagiac's Joe Kehrer.

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Advertisement for the HBO movie 'Jingle All The Way' featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger. Includes text: 'TO HBO MOVIE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT. GUARANTEED.', 'OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO BUY!', 'SHWARZENEGGER', 'Jingle All The Way', 'PREMIERES SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 8:30 PM ET/PT', 'HBO', 'IT'S NOT TV. IT'S HBO!'

Advertisement for the HBO movie 'Saint' featuring Val Kilmer and Elisabeth Shue. Includes text: 'TO HBO MOVIE EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT. GUARANTEED.', 'NEVER BEFORE SEEN. NEVER BEEN SEEN. NEVER SHOWN ON TV.', 'VAL KILMER', 'ELISABETH SHUE', 'SAINT', 'PREMIERES IN APRIL', 'HBO', 'IT'S NOT TV. IT'S HBO!'

## Northview drops Lowell boys from district play

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Northview's two wins against Lowell during the regular season were highly contested.

That fact gave the Red Arrows hope that if they played well and caught a few breaks, the Wildcats would be beatable.

### TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

Because of schedule conflicts, there will be a change of date for the regular April meeting of the Vergennes Township Planning Commission. The April meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

Mari Stone, Clerk

The Wildcats, however, shot well from the perimeter and got good post play as they distanced themselves from Lowell late in the second quarter on their way to a 64-47 win.

The win advanced Northview to the district finals against Rockford. The Wildcats prevailed in the district championship game 62-59.

Northview is one of three OK White schools which claimed district titles. The other two were Wyoming Park and Hastings.

"Three teams from the White winning district titles says something about how good a basketball conference this is," said Lowell boys' basketball coach Pete Bush.

Northview jumped out to a 13-2 lead against Lowell. The Red Arrows battled back to within four (28-24) with roughly four minutes to play in the second quarter.

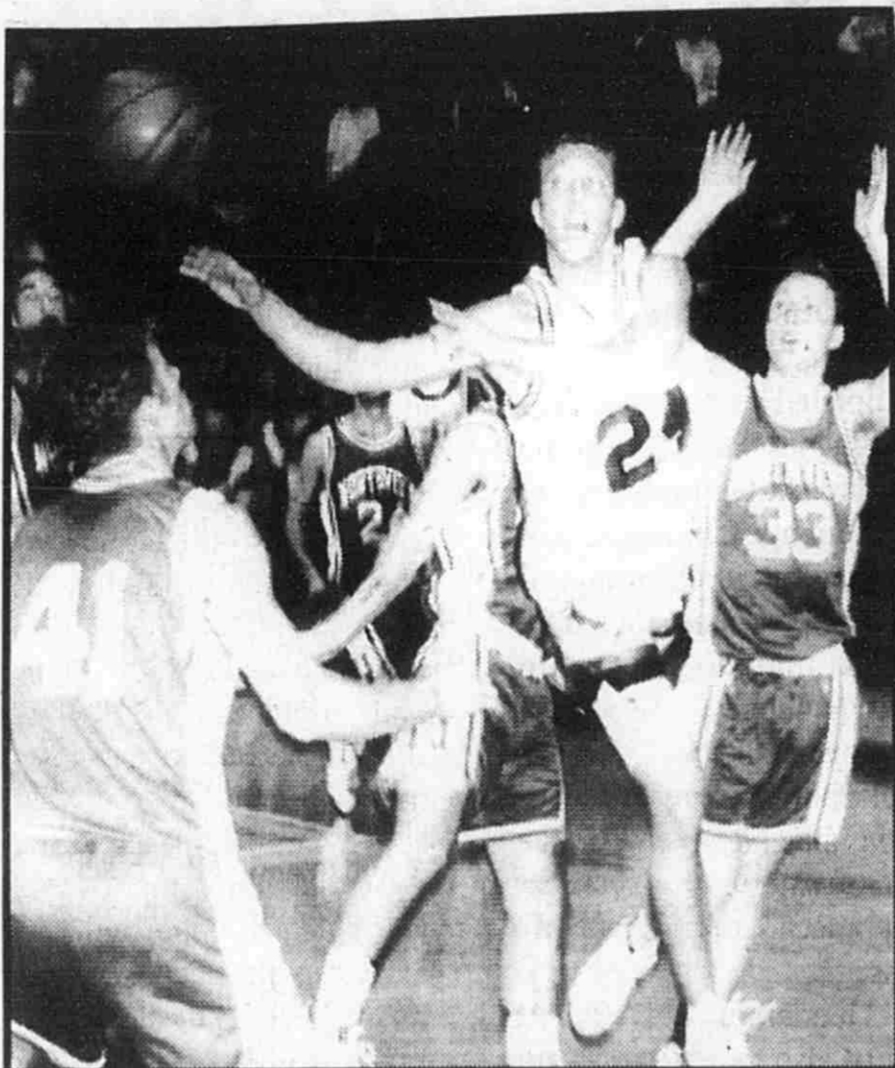
The Wildcats quieted the uprising with a 13-2 finish before half to take a 41-26 lead.

Northview opened the third quarter by scoring the first 10 points, opening a 51-26 advantage.

"They came out in the second half and showed they were the better team," Bush explained. "Northview played a good game. They shot well and had a good post game. We gave them too many easy opportunities. We did not rotate back well."

Shane Teelander led all Lowell scorers with 11 points.

Sophomore Josh Vrooman tallied nine. "Josh gave us a spark off the bench," Bush said.



Lowell's Shane Teelander drives and dishes in district basketball action against Northview.

### IN THE SERVICE

Navy Seaman Recruit Angela J. Gunderson, daughter of Kenneth E. and Joan Gunderson of Ada, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During the eight-week program, Gunderson completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Gunderson and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commit-

ment - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Gunderson joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Gunderson and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Gunderson are still finding an opportu-

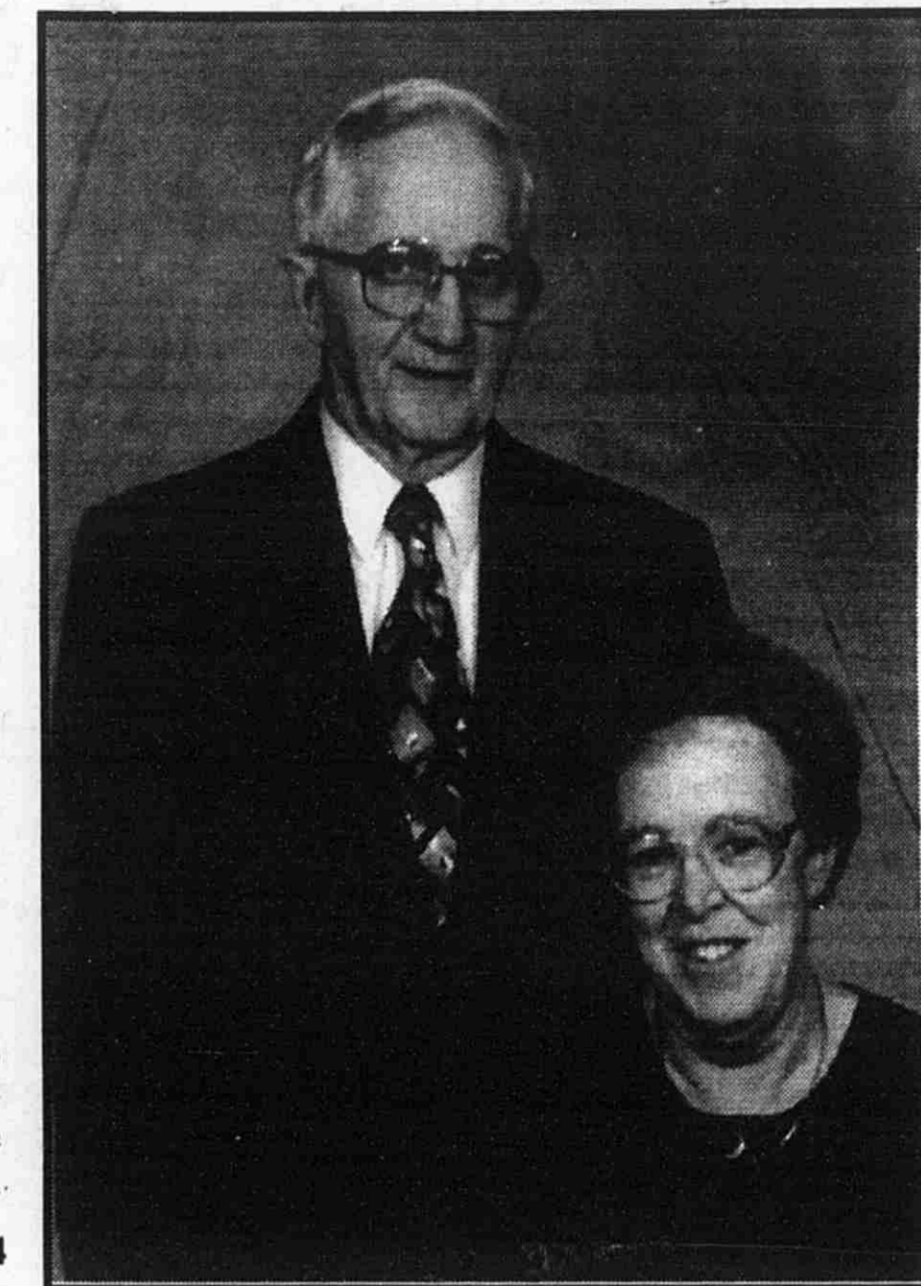
nity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

She is a 1997 graduate of Lowell High School.

ITT Technical Institute has announced the graduation of Dennis Wilcox after successfully completing an educational program in Electronics Engineering Technology.

Wilcox received his associates' degree in the eight-quarter program that is designed to help prepare graduates for entry-level positions such as technician, electronics technician, field service representative, salesperson.

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### Vennemans Celebrate 40th Anniversary

A 40th wedding anniversary will be celebrated by Vern and Marilyn (Wilson) Venneman of Lowell on Sunday, March 22, 1998.

They have two children, David Venneman of Lowell and Karen and Ken Seiler of Saranac.

They have seven grandchildren.

## CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1998.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll. Present: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine and Director of Public Works Daniel DesJarden.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the February 17, 1998 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Blough, Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

### BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (03/02/98)

GENERAL FUND	\$65,822.96
MAJOR STREET FUND	328.00
LOCAL STREET FUND	328.00
DDA FUND	31.42
AIRPORT FUND	8,500.00
WASTEWATER FUND	396.70
WATER FUND	1,037.97
DATA PROCESSING FUND	252.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,046.54
CURRENT TAX FUND	263,393.64
LOOK FUND	1,474.85
CARR FUND	325.00

Item #1. AUTHORIZATION OF 1998-99 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT. Annually the City is required by Kent County to approve an agreement in order to comply with federal CDBG requirements. City Manager Pasquale recommended that the Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to approve the annual Community Development Block Grant Program agreement with the County of Kent and authorize Mayor William F. Thompson and City Clerk David Pasquale to sign the document.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### Item #2. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

A. 1601 W. MAIN - BERNARD'S TRUE VALUE - REAR YARD VARIANCE FOR 3982 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE (3/16). Charles Bernard (owner) had proposed a 66' x 60.33' addition adjacent east of the existing facility, accommodating inventory which is currently outside. During a preliminary site plan review before the Planning Commission on February 23, it was determined that the rear yard setback of 25 feet for the addition did not meet the current Zoning Ordinance requirement of 35 feet. It was noted that the original building as well as the first addition were constructed under the previous Ordinance which allowed a 24 foot rear yard setback.

The Commission unanimously recommended that the variance be granted extending the same building line at a 25 foot rear yard setback. This was based on the addition as planned provides for growth and denial of this setback would cause a hardship.

While the final site plan review before the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 23, the Commission's variance recommendation anticipates a ZBA hearing on March 16 to assist in the starting of construction.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by THOMPSON to establish a public hearing for Monday, March 16, 1998 to consider a variance to extend the same building line at a 25 foot rear yard setback for a 3982 square foot addition at 1601 W. Main (Bernard's True Value), where 35 feet is required.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. 300 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET - REZONING FROM C-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) AND R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (CENTRAL BUSINESS) AND PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION - ADOPT OR SET PUBLIC HEARING (3/16). Roger Brown approached the Planning Commission with a proposal to construct a 1680 square foot addition to the Lowell Ledger and Buyers Guide building located at 105 N. Broadway. From the Planning Commission initial review, it was noted since the property is zoned C-3 (General Business), the addition would require several variances.

Upon further review, the Commission felt that it would be more appropriate to have the property rezoned to C-2 (Central Business). The Commission also believed the Larkin's Saloon (301 W. Main) and Larkin's Other Place (315 W. Main) should also be rezoned to C-2 (Central Business) as with the properties to the east.

The Planning Commission also proposed that the following properties should be rezoned.

- U.S. Post Office (192 N. Broadway) from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to PF (Public Facilities)

- Graham Building (323-325 W. Main) from C-3 (General Business) to PF (Public Facilities)

- Ameritech Building (123 N. Hudson) from R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) to PF (Public Facilities)

At the February 23, 1998 meeting of the Planning Commission, it was unanimously recommended the rezonings to the City Council as proposed.

At this time, the City Council may adopt the ordinance or establish a public hearing for the March 16, 1998 meeting for consideration.

Councilmember Blough abstained from discussion and voting on this item, due to a member of his family being employed at one of the businesses involved in this rezoning.

Councilmember Myers questioned how the Ameritech property qualifies as a Public Facility. Pasquale responded it is considered a public utility. Thus, the Planning Commission felt it would be more properly zoned Public Facilities.

Councilmember Green asked if any public comments were received at the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on February 23, 1998. No public comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to establish a public hearing for Monday, March 16, 1998 to consider rezoning properties of the Lowell Ledger/Buyers Guide (105 N. Broadway), Larkin's Saloon (301 and 303 W. Main), Larkin's Other Place (315 W. Main) from C3 (General Business) to C2 (Central Business) and the Graham Building/YMCA Offices (325 W. Main) from C3 (General Business) to PF (Public Facilities) and the United States Post Office (192 N. Broadway) and the Ameritech Building (123 N. Hudson) from R3 (Residential) to PF (Public Facilities).

YEA: 4.

NAY: 0.

ABSTAIN: 1.

(Councilmember Blough) MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. RESOLUTION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADDING THE RELOCATED SECTION OF BOWES ROAD AND DELETING LAFAYETTE STREET FROM EAST MAIN TO AVERY AS WELL AS THE DIAGONAL SECTION OF BOWES FROM THE LOCAL STREET SYSTEM. City Manager Pasquale said that the City receives funds from the State of Michigan from gas and weight tax revenues. These monies are returned in portion to cities and counties for maintenance and upgrading of the street systems. These are designated into major and local streets under Public Act 51 of 1951.

Each year the City must provide to MDOT an updated

street map which details the present and proposed local and major streets. The following three changes have occurred recently to the City street system which necessitate a resolution from the Council:

- Lafayette Street between M-21 and Avery (224 feet), which is the Riverwalk area and no longer open to vehicular traffic. Therefore, this must be deleted from the local street system.

- The diagonal section of Bowes Road (775 feet) which is no longer used as vehicular traffic and be deleted as a local street.

- The new relocated section of Bowes Road (1493 feet) is in operation and be added to the major streets.

City Manager Pasquale recommended that the Council adopt this resolution to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by BLOUGH to adopt the resolution to the Michigan Department of Transportation deleting 224 feet of Lafayette Street between M-21 and Avery, and 775 feet of the diagonal section of Bowes Road as well as adding 1439 feet of the new relocated Bowes Road to the City local street system.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTRACT. Every two years the City considers a contract for Christmas decorations on downtown Main Street. The City had been contracting with Joe Meredith of Meredith Display Service of Clare for this service over the past several years.

In order to accommodate a more attractive arrangement as recommended by the Chamber of Commerce, Meredith proposed lighted wreaths on each pole (53) with a bow and pole wrap, rather than every other poles (18) as was provided last year. This would also include the riverwalk and the parking lot by Light and Power. More lighting and larger bows would cost \$3,440 installed as opposed to \$2,250 for the previous year.

Mayor Thompson asked if this included lighting on the poles. Pasquale responded only the bow would be lighted.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS to approve a two year contract with Meredith Display Service for the Christmas decorations for the 1998-99 holiday seasons at a cost of \$3,440 per year.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #6. CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores received a letter expressing concerns with cars and trailers parked in yards, some being inoperable. Shores questioned who is responsible for investigating these complaints. Shores also asked if travel trailers could be stored in yards.

Chief of Police James Valentine responded letters concerning this issue are sent weekly by the Police Department and handled on a case by case basis. Travel trailers could be stored in the yard, if licensed and parked in the side yard behind the front of the house.

Shores also inquired what was happening with the abandoned portion of Bowes Road. Pasquale responded that it will be used as a private road with the west end by M-21 as a location of the city entrance sign.

Shores received a telephone call stating some years ago the City stated an interest in purchasing the VFW building at 307 E. Main, immediately east of the City Hall for future expansion. Mayor Thompson responded this was discussed a while ago. Pasquale noted it could be reviewed as part of the City Hall - Police Station Needs Study.

Shores also requested that the City flag issue be on the next Council agenda.

Item #8. MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. For the third year in a row, the City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. Congratulations were given to City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonan and staff for the fine job. It is very unique for a community this size to receive such an award.

b. The following meeting minutes were provided in the agenda packet:

- January 26 and February 9 meetings of the Planning Commission
- January 15 meeting of the Downtown Development Authority
- October 15, 1997 meeting of the Look Memorial Committee

The Look Memorial Committee provided the following grants at its February 18 meeting:

- \$400 for the Lowell High School Senior All Nighter Party
- \$2500 to the Chamber of Commerce for a technology update (Computer, color printer, modem, fax and "Office 97" software) toward \$3500 budget
- \$942 for purchase of a promotional Event banner for Christmas Through Lowell

c. A progress report and action plan regarding the City Hall - Police Station Needs Assessment and Schematic Design Study prepared by Dan Durkee and Dan Redstone from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was distributed at the meeting.

d. A copy of the Kent County Health Department 1997 Environmental Health Activities Summary were included in the packet.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. The following commissions or boards were appointed or reappointed:

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by SHORES to appoint Paul Nicholls (976 Bowes Road) completing an unexpired term on the Airport Board to January 1, 1999.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY THOMPSON and seconded by MYERS to reappoint John Gabrion (421 Elizabeth) for one year to the Board of Review.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. to closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving property acquisition.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return into open session at 8:07 p.m.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to allocate \$5500 in a loan from the General Fund to the Airport Fund for the removal of 16 trees for the west approach to the main runway of the Lowell City Airport.

Councilmember Blough stated for the record his resistance to this motion did not involve the funds but rather the fact that the City was not receiving an air easement.

YEA: 3. (Councilmembers Green, Myers and Shores).  
NAY: 2. (Councilmember Blough and Mayor Thompson).

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, March 16, 1998

William F. Thompson, Mayor  
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

# 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.

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

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

**EVERY THIRD MONDAY:** MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meeting from 9:45 a.m. - noon at Saranac Community Church. Pre-register. Childcare provided. 642-6322.

**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 10305 Bluewater Hwy. 3 miles East of Lowell on M-21. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

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

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

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

**EVERY 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 M#4372 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 SECOND TUES.:** Lowell Masonic Lodge regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. All Masons are welcome.

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

**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.

**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.

**EVERY 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

**EVERY THURS. - St. Mary's Pregnancy Crisis Center, 402 Amity St., non-denominational-help for pregnant women and adolescents at the school. From 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and on Mondays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Phone 897-9393.**

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

**EVERY THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meets at 7 a.m. in high school teachers dining room for a light breakfast.

the quality of life for all the residents. Interested persons are welcome to meet in the Activity Room, Wing "C."

**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.

**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.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is a church in Ada. Call Janet 897-6845 or Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

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

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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.

**ALTO LIBRARY HOURS:** Open Tues. 12 to 8 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 - 5:30 p.m.; Thurs. 12 to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 1 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.

**THURS., MARCH 19:** Parents of Murdered Children & Other Survivors of Homicide for West MI meets at Trinity Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Dr. S.E., Grand Rapids, Discovery Room, 7 p.m. Presenter: Cap't Kevin Belk, GRPD Detective Unit. Contact Danni Smith, (616) 897-2544.

**THURS., MARCH 26:** Commodities will be distributed starting at 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Moose Recreational Bldg. on E. Main. Expired cards need to be renewed. Apple sauce, canned tomatoes, vegetable soup (packages).

# Coming to a performing arts center near you - "Once Upon A Mattress"

The spring musical is picked and cast in full swing at Lowell High School. Many, upon hearing the title, may think the LHS drama department has a "bedroom fixation" with last year's production of "The Pajama Game" and this year's choice of "Once Upon A Mattress." The title is misleading for it is only a zanier version of the famous Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." As the lyrics to one of the songs go, "...under 20 downy mattresses we'll place one tiny pea, if the pea disturbs her slumber, then a true princess is she." The zany side of this show is that it was originally performed by famous comedian Carol Burnett, playing the role of the princess put to the test. It is a rollicking musical filled with knights and ladies-in-waiting, a wizard, a jester, a minstrel, a prince and his mute father, the King and his talkative and demanding mother, the Queen and, of course, the princess.

Playing the role of Princess Winifred will be returning comedian Shannon Finnegan who will be remembered for her fun portrayal as Gladys in last year's musical, "The Pajama Game." Also returning to leading roles this year will be Jeni Schmidt as Lady Larkin and Steve Schmidt as

the Minstrel. They played the roles of Babe and Sid in last year's production. Moving into leading roles from chorus parts last year are Josh Vrooman as the mute king; Chris Mooney as Dauntless, the prince in need of a mate; and Beth Cummings as the overbearing queen whose ultimate goal is to see her son stay single.

New to the LHS musical are a couple of veterans from the all-school play. J.B. Hunt will play the queen's right hand goon, the Wizard; Ben Michael will play the very righteous romantic lead, Sir Harry. And lastly in a leading role is senior newcomer, Josh VanAlstine as the jester. Filling out the cast are the knights played by Jay Blair, Matt Collins, Jason Grover, Brad Spoelman, Kurt Umlauf and Ben VanderHart and the ladies-in-waiting played by Katie Balaam, Mandy Benn, Julia Ennis, Kristi Ford, Theresa Frey, Jennifer Gingerich, Meg Jipping, Amanda Lesky, Kim Meiste and Tracy Hugmeier.

A couple of activities planned for the cast include visits to the elementary schools where various players in costume will read the story of "The Princess and the Pea" to different classes. There will be a matinee at 11:30 a.m. on Friday,

March 27 which teachers are encouraged to use as field trips for their students. Also, on Friday, March 20, the cast will visit the schools in Lowell and perform some of the musical numbers from the show.

The spring musical is once again under the direction of Kathy Wheeler, Paul Balaam, accompanist and vocal director; Bob Rice and Kate Ketchum sharing the duties of musical director; Dick Graham as technical director; Lanny Rice, heading up the production team and acting as liaison to the district schools; Nancy Finnegan on costumes for the third season; and Mike Schmidt on publicity.

"Once Upon A Mattress" will be presented at the Lowell Performing Arts Center at the high school on Thursday, March 26 at 8 p.m.; Friday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available by calling 897-4449 and also watch for ticket booths at local stores on the two Saturdays before the show for added discounts. Special group rates are available with extra special discounts on the Friday matinee.

## Township computers and sewers in need of upgrades

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

What do Lowell Charter Township computers and sewers have in common? If your guess is they both need upgrading, you'd be right.

The computers serving the Lowell Charter Township offices are experiencing an upgrade to the Windows 95 program. The current software in use, however, is not compatible with the new system and it will need to be replaced. To upgrade six township computers and implement software, the cost will run \$1,320. The board sought approval to set the new program in place by the projected date of April 1, 1998, and to slate costs to fall into next year's budget.

Staff training for the new Microsoft Office 99 software will be a necessity, and it was brought to the attention of the board that a program orientation class is being offered beginning March 31 at Lowell High School. The cost is \$100 per student and the class runs for 10 weeks. Township supervisor John Timpson announced plans to look into enrolling all persons using the system at the township's expense as a means of skills enrichment.

A sewer ordinance was introduced for Lowell Township which will charge set fees for separate sewage costs such as one-time hookup fees, lateral charges, and special assessments. The ordinance will cover sewers in

## Driver's education students will have to chip in \$50

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

With the intent of the law and what the state intended cleared up, Lowell driver education students will be asked to pay \$50 to take the summer course.

The district cost per driver's education student is \$190. The formula used to determine the amount a student pays is as follows:

- The state pays \$70 per student.
- The school contributes a matching amount.
- Students pay the remaining \$50.

"That is considerably cheaper than what a private company would charge," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

When discussions first surfaced back in January it was thought that students would make up the difference between what the state contributed and the per student cost to the district, therefore holding the district harmless of any driver's education operational cost.

After a closer look, officials decided the intent of the law did not actually align with what it read.

"The intent was to have districts match what the state gave," Bleke said.

In 1997, driver's education cost the district \$30,000. With the new formula, it will cost the district \$19,600. This figure is based on 280 students.

According to the law, the district can charge what it wants. Bleke said charging more than what is needed to cover the cost would raise ethical questions.

## Contest likely to determine city flag's design

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

It started with a comment at a Lowell City Council meeting.

Now Councilor Jeanne Shores will be heading up a committee to look into the possibility of hosting a design contest for a city flag.

In January, Shores made the comment about the need of the city to have a flag. She noted the number of flags she saw at a recent Municipal League meeting.

Earlier this month, she requested that the city discuss the flag issue at Monday night's regular meeting. At the meeting, she displayed a centennial flag made in 1981 and owned by a resident. The flag displayed the Lowell Showboat.

The uncertainty of the Showboat's future has left some question as to whether the city should use it on a flag. Shores said she has received some comments from residents about their strong desire to see the flag's logo be the showboat.

The city also will be installing new city signs this spring that utilize street scenes, which people might prefer on the flag, Shores said.

The Lowell City Council decided perhaps the best way to determine what residents want was to host a contest. City manager David Pasquale said when he worked for the city of Mt. Pleasant, the city had a contest for a logo and then had the winning entry refined for use by a graphic artist. Police chief Jim Valentine said emblem companies would be willing to tweak the logo in the process of having the flag bought from them.

Another question was raised on how far the city should go with the new logo. Would it only remain on the flag or would patches, police cars, and stationery also be changed. At the recommendation of the council, Shores will put together some guidelines on the contest and what will be done with the logo.

Councilor Michael Blough said when on the planning commission as it started to look at redoing the city's master plan, one of the items that came back from residents was the need for community identity. He agreed with Shores that perhaps now is the time to move forward on creating a flag for the city to help with that identity.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR

897-5949

<b>MON.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.	<b>THURS:</b> 9:00 a.m. Walk & shop - Woodland Mall. 1 p.m. Euchre. Crafts, 9:30 a.m.
<b>TUES.:</b> 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.	<b>MON.-FRI.:</b> Senior meals program, noon.
<b>WED.:</b> 12:45 Shopping assistance.	

#### Special Events

<b>WED., MARCH 18:</b> 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Income tax assistance by appointment.	<b>MON., MARCH 23:</b> 12:30 p.m., Shopping, Value City.
<b>WED., MARCH 18:</b> 9:30 a.m., Advisory Council.	<b>WED., MARCH 25:</b> 8 a.m., Women's traveling breakfast.
<b>WED., MARCH 18:</b> 12:30 p.m., North Kent Transit.	<b>WED., MARCH 25:</b> 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Income tax - by appointment.
<b>FRI., MARCH 20:</b> 12:30 p.m., Gerontology Network.	Income tax assistance every Wednesday by appointment No taxes April 1.

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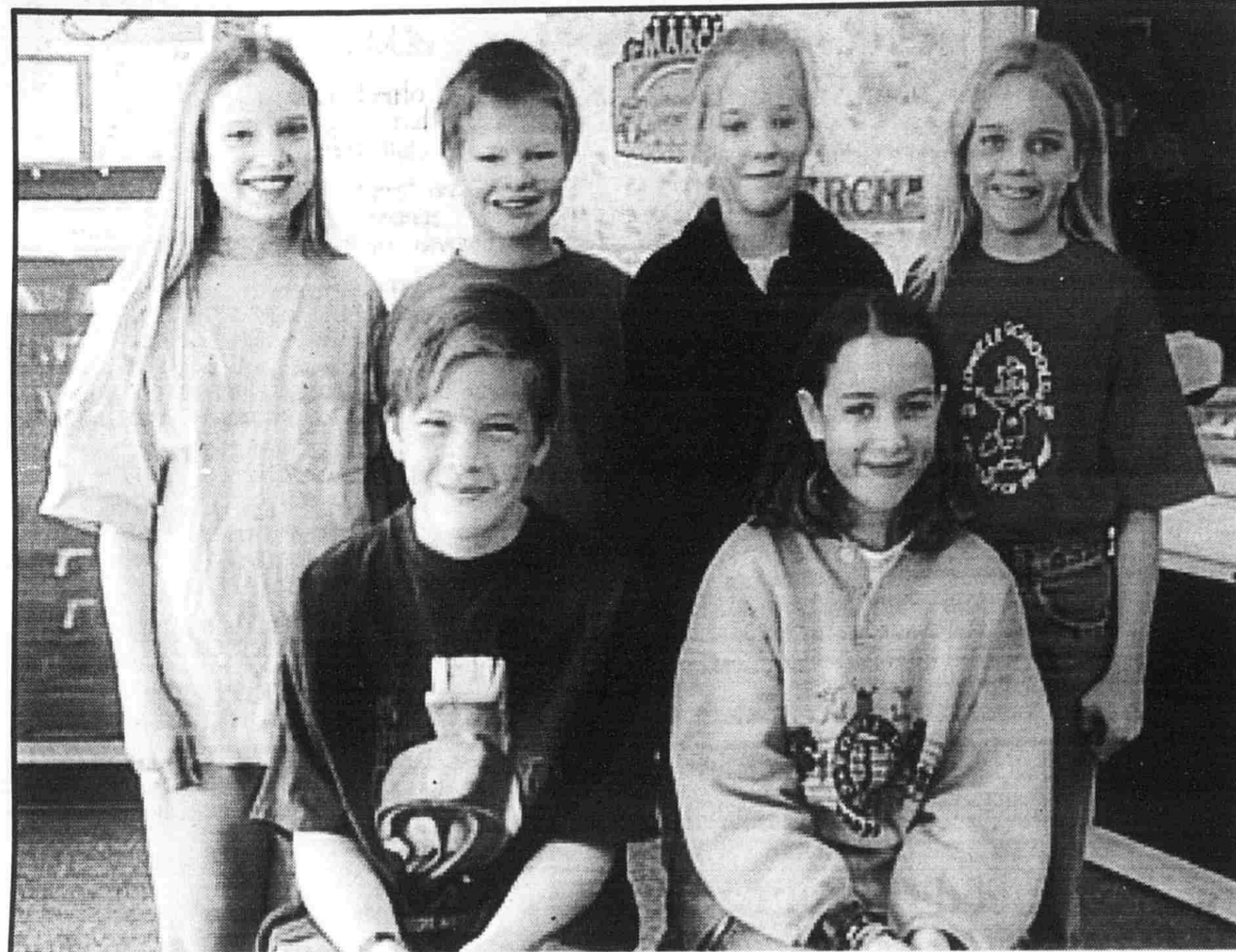
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The Alto Odyssey of the Mind team placed second in the regional at East Kentwood. Members of the team, sitting, left to right, are Jim Westerhuis and Melody Dernocoeur; standing, left to right, are Trina Beatson, Scott Beatson, Alisha Trebian and Alice Blumm. Not pictured is their coach Tammy Beatson.

## State is Alto Odyssey of the Minds' next stop

Lowell Schools sent five teams to the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in East Kentwood. Each team had prepared a solution to one of five long-term problems, following a rigorous set of rules.

The Alto team took second place in its division and will proceed to the state competition in April. The team, led by Tammy Beatson, performed its solution to the Pageant Wagon problem in Division I, for students up to 12 years of age. They also had to solve a spontaneous problem, unknown to anyone before the competition. Creativity and teamwork are highly emphasized in both competitions.

The state competition will take place April 25 in Mt. Pleasant. Members of the Alto team are: Scott Beatson, Katrina Beatson, Alice Blumm, Melody Dernocoeur, Alisha Trebian and Jim Westerhuis.

Winners at the state level will go on to the World Finals at Disney World.

Odyssey of the Mind is a worldwide organization promoting creative problem solving. It begins in the elementary grades and continues through college levels. It is in its 19th year, having begun in New Jersey in 1978-79.

## Service, continued... From Page 21

and computer technician.

A 1970 graduate of Lowell High School, Wilcox now resides in Grand Rapids.

The Grand Rapids ITT Technical Institute is operated by the Indianapolis-based ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ITT/ESI), a subsidiary of ITT Corporation providing education to more than 25,000 students through its ITT Technical Institutes.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

Some students head straight for southern beaches during spring break, while others opt for leisure time at home. However, Jacquie Bay of Lowell found an alternative way to spend her time.

Bay, a student at Central Michigan University, spent spring break volunteering through a program called Alternative Spring Break. The program, coordinated by CMU's Volunteer and Service Learning Center, provides students volunteer opportunities throughout the nation.

Eight spring break projects were planned for March 7 through 15. Nearly 80 CMU students participated in Habitat for Humanity projects in Battle Creek and Paterson, NJ; worked with a program designed to provide support for teens with AIDS in Washington, D.C.; and provided services to rural, low-income families in Kentucky.

Bay is a sophomore at CMU majoring in public health education. A graduate of Lowell High School, she is the daughter of Alan and Jerri Teelander.

## Alto Library offers interior decorating workshop

Nancy Walenta, ASID, will offer a workshop on interior decorating at the Alto Branch, Kent District Library, on Saturday, March 28, at 1 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Alto Friends of the Library.

Walenta was employed as a designer by Klingmans of Grand Rapids before starting her own firm, Walenta Design. She will demonstrate "the professional approach" to decorating your home. She will discuss different styles,

show fabric and wallpaper samples and share photographs of recent projects. Whether you would like to redo one room or your entire home, take advantage of the opportunity to gather ideas and learn how a professional designer can be an asset to your decorating project.

For more information or to register, please call the library at 868-6038. The Alto Library is located at 6071 Linfield, Alto.

## Learn to save a life, March 21

Imagine sitting in a restaurant when suddenly, your friend across the table stops talking and looks at you frantically, while grasping at his chest. What do you do?

The American Heart Association and about 1,500 West Michigan volunteers will help you learn exactly "what to do" this Saturday, March 21, in the nation's largest-ever, one-day CPR training session called Save-A-Life-Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grandville High School.

Endorsed by the American Heart Association, the event's goal is to train more than 1,000 participants in the CPR/"Heart-Saver" method and raise awareness about Michigan's number one killer: heart disease. The training will be the largest-ever attempted in the U.S., said Peggy Morgan, national spokesperson for the American Heart Association.

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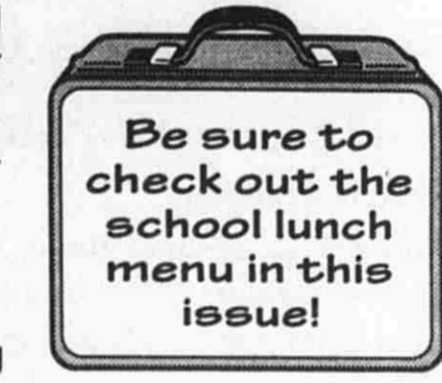
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Take time to smell the roses, let everyday tensions leave. Approach life a little less seriously so much more will be achieved. Enjoy every moment, precious moments flee right by. Learn to feel every emotion, if you choose to laugh or cry. It's a cleansing of our total being, a means to set us free. If we take time to smell the roses, there will be much more in life to see. Grandma, the way you lived life is an inspiration to all of your children and grandchildren and we will pass it on to your great-grandchildren so they will continue to keep you alive in their hearts as well. We love and miss you so much, but to remember your smile and laughter and your ability to live life to the fullest will always bring comfort to our hearts.  
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# Lowell Area Schools DIRECTIONS

March 1998



## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Lowell Area Schools will be preparing for its annual kindergarten round-up. The meeting for parents only will be April 28, 1998 at Alto and April 30, 1998 at Bushnell from 7-8 p.m.

We are asking that you pick up a registration packet from any of the elementary schools beginning March 30. Please bring the completed packet to the parent meeting.

Please pass this information on to anyone who has a child old enough to start kindergarten next fall (five on or before December 1, 1998). If you have questions, please call the appropriate school (Alto 868-6111 or Bushnell 897-8471).

## BUSHNELL FIRST GRADERS LEARN CITY DEVELOPMENT

All the first graders in Ms. Charles' room worked together to build the city of Lowell. Each person chose a building on Main Street and made it out of a box (recycling). Then each child placed it on a Main Street map in its correct location. Learning sure is fun!



Pictured left to right: Dylan Dues, Ashleigh Nelson, Rachel Walendzik & Brad Ball.

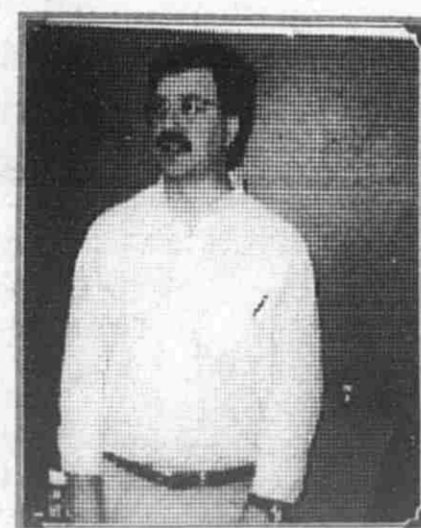
## SHORES AND PERKINS VISIT THIRD-GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES

Lowell City Councilmember Jeanne Shores visited the third grade classes of Mrs. Deliefde and Mrs. Mandie, January 15, 1998. Councilmember Shores was invited to speak on the general duties of the Lowell City Council.

The classes were studying in social studies the general duties of local, state and federal governments. The students enjoyed listening to Mrs. Shores speak. Mrs. Shores also answered many questions that the students had prepared. The classes appreciated her visit and enlightening them on the city of Lowell.

Mr. Bob Perkins was invited to speak to Mrs. Mandie's third grade class on February 4, 1998. Mr. Perkins spoke on behalf of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce of which he is president.

Mrs. Mandie's class had just finished their civic social studies unit on local government. Mr. Perkins helped to further the students' understanding of local government and businesses in Lowell.



## LOWELL SCHOOLS FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Once again this year, Lowell Schools, in cooperation with Head Start of Kent County, will offer a free educational screening for children ages two through five.

Parents with concerns or questions about their child's growth and development should call Carol Briggs, before April 15, at 897-8415 to schedule an appointment for an April 17 or 24 screening by educational personnel. Following the screening, staff will contact parents to discuss recommendations for further assessment and/or program options for the Fall of 1998.

## NOTES FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

### Main Street Renovations:

Starting in April the city of Lowell will be proceeding with its next major phase of renovation on Main Street. The plans call for the widening of the intersection or extending the lane at Valley Vista and Main as well as Hudson and Main. There will also be major construction work on the bridge on Main Street near the city parking lot owned by King Milling.

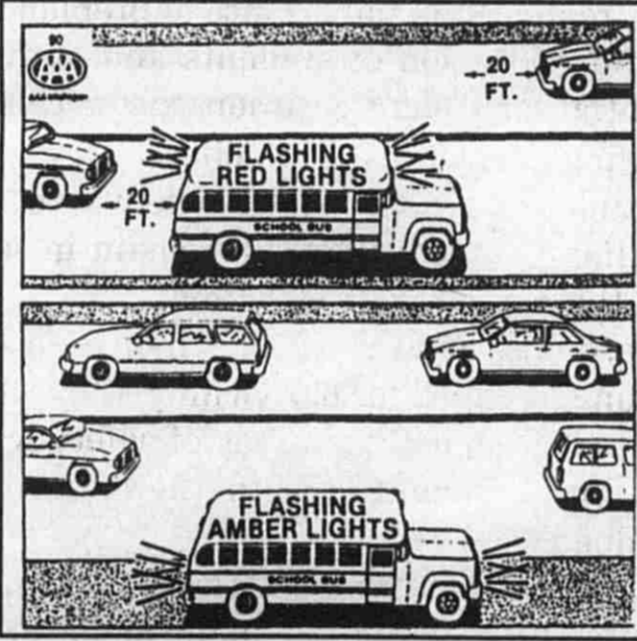
With this kind of work there will be terrific problems. Many of you will remember last summer on Main Street. This year police chief, Jim Valentine, feels that he will be able to keep at least one lane of traffic going at all times (east and west). I would advise you, if you can avoid Main Street during high traffic times to do so.

In the Transportation Department, it is very difficult to re-route buses on a daily or even weekly period. Our buses also run during peak times of the day. We anticipate times when our buses will be delayed meeting our scheduled times. Should your bus not show up on time at your stop, please feel free to call the bus garage at 897-9353. We have radio contact with all of our buses and can help with these times.

## NEW MICHIGAN SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW

When red overhead flashing lights are activated, approaching and following traffic must stop not closer than 20 feet from the stopped school bus and not proceed until signals are off.

If a bus is off the roadway and only amber hazard warning lights are flashing, motorists from both directions may proceed with caution.



## ALTO SCHOOL SPELLING BEE RESULTS

Congratulations to all Spelling Bee participants. A great deal of time was spent studying those words. You all are winners! Karl Bouwhuis, Jason Crandell, Lindsay Foster, Jodi Hutchinson, Jacob Kadwell, Sabra Kinsley, Jacki Larisch, Janae Manion, Amy Oertlin, Kyle Selli, Lauren Thomas, Michelle Wolf, Megan Stubbs, Henry Westerhuis, Trina Beatson, Nichole Swift, Joe Mull, Jenna White, Katie Callihan, Ramsey Charrouf, Melody Dernocoer, Joe Dykhuizen, Roya Eshragh, Kevin Gillman, Pete LaNore, Mitch Solon.



First place winner is Ramsey Charrouf (right) with Janae Manion (left) as runner up.

## PARENTS OF GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENTS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The parents of gifted and talented students in the Lowell Schools have formed an advocacy and support group. We meet on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m., in the board room at 300 High Street.

Please join us at our next meeting on March 24. For information, contact: Paula Blumm at 897-5157 or Dottie Roth at 897-9257.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are an important in any school. There are never too many hands or minds to work through problems. On the second Wednesday of each month a group of parents and bus drivers meet to discuss problems; please feel free to stop and share any problems in transportation that you may have. The next meeting is scheduled on April 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the bus garage.

Thank you  
Larry Mikulski  
Transportation Supervisor

## Educational Support Services Department

### EVERYBODY COUNTS!

This is a phrase we hope is becoming very familiar with students, teachers, and parents. We have just finished our third year of presenting this disability awareness program to all of our kindergarten, first, second & third grade classes. The kindergartners were presented a brief overview on being visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically impaired. First grade received a more in-depth presentation on visual impairments, while second grade learned more about hearing impairments and third grade learned more about physical impairments.

Just under 50 high school and adult volunteers gave of their time to present hands-on activities which helped each child to better understand what it might be like if a friend had either a visual, hearing or physical impairment. Activities such as learning about braille and sign language; learning about different hearing losses; and putting on and trying to button an adult shirt with socks on your hands helped children to understand how difficult it must be to deal with an impairment every single day.

Our message to the children is that everyone is special-we are all unique, yet have the same feelings inside. Some of us just do our day-to-day living activities in a little different way. Our desire is for the children of Lowell Area Schools to develop tolerance and patience of themselves and others.

A curriculum is being finalized for the 4th and 5th grade levels. We anticipate offering these presentations on learning disabilities and developmental disabilities sometime this spring.

## LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education, being deeply concerned for the safety of our students, realizes the importance of preplanning to ensure the protection of students and staff when the potential for violent weather exists. Therefore, the following procedures are in effect:

- 1) If students are in school when a tornado warning is issued, they will remain in school until the regular dismissal time.
- 2) If students are in school when a tornado warning is issued for our vicinity, they will be escorted to predefined areas of safety within each building and remain there until the warning is lifted.
- 3) It is the policy of Lowell Area Schools not to dismiss students to parents during a tornado warning, even if it means holding students beyond the normal dismissal time. If students are held 30 minutes or longer beyond their normal dismissal time due to a tornado warning, elementary students will be bussed home after the warning is lifted and secondary students will need to be picked up by parents or guardians.
- 4) The school district will not begin school during a tornado watch or warning, including afternoon and evening functions.
- 5) All after-school activities will be canceled during a tornado watch or warning. Generally, after-school activities will resume if such activities begin two hours after a tornado watch or warning has been lifted. Activities underway when a warning is issued will cease and participants/spectators will be instructed to take cover.
- 6) Parents must assume the responsibility for making certain that their children understand where they are to go in the event school is canceled for any emergency.
- 7) Any provision of the above policy may be waived, if in the opinion of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, special measures are necessary to ensure the safety of students.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS SCORE FIRST DIVISION RATINGS

Lowell Middle School seventh and eighth grade bands both scored a first division rating at District 10 MSBOA festival at Grandville. Both bands scored an overall top rating for their performances. This means that both bands qualify and will participate in the state band festival either May 1 or 2. Only bands that score first division ratings participate in the state festival. In addition, all students will receive first place medals and both bands will receive a trophy to signify their accomplishment.

The seventh grade band, under the direction of Dale Latva and Kathryn Ketchum, performed at festival on Thursday, February 26. They played *Hillandale March*, *Royal Tournament* and *Fanfare and Presto* for the performance portion of the festival. The eighth grade band, under the direction of Dale Latva, performed on Friday, February 27. They played *Liberty March*, *Portrait of a Clown* and *Anthem and Alleluia*.

This is the first time in the history of Lowell Middle School that both seventh and eighth grade bands scored a first division rating. The students and directors are to be credited for all the hard work and practice that goes into such an accomplishment. This says a lot about Lowell bands, the students and parents involved and the support they get from the Music Boosters and the administration. Congratulations to the seventh and eighth grade band students, their parents, and Mr. Latva and Miss Ketchum.

## SUPPORT THE ARTS

This year's musical production is well underway and will be the best yet. Don't miss out on an opportunity to see the show.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS will be fun for the whole family. Take a moment to become a Lowell Performing Arts Theater Patron.

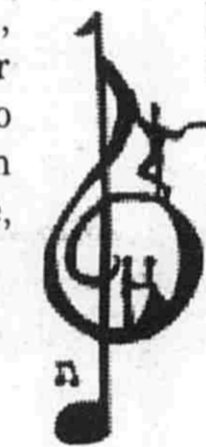
If you do, you can receive free tickets to the show. Add your name to the list of donors who have helped to make the activity possible for our music students in our community.

If you wish to make a contribution, please call the number below to insure that you have your free tickets available. Don't delay because the great seats go fast.

Please consider becoming a theater patron. Your donation helps to offset the cost of costumes, props and royalties.

PERFORMANCE DATES: Thursday, March 26, 8 p.m.  
Friday, March 27, matinee 11:30-1:30 & 8 p.m.  
& Saturday, March 28, 8 p.m.

Contact Lanie Rice at home: 897-8959 or work: 897-8471 to have the tickets held for you on the night you wish to attend.



## PLAN EXISTS FOR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The Lowell Area Schools has adopted a Schools of Choice Plan to comply with the School State Aid Act of 1992. This plan is published in its entirety in the box at right. The purpose of this article is to inform the public that the plan exists.

Anyone interested in exercising the School of Choice option may call the building principal of the chosen school for an explanation of the program so that an informed decision may be made.

The District Open Enrollment form may be obtained from the Superintendent's office or any of the three elementary school offices, and must be completed and submitted to the Superintendent's office by May 30. Parents will be notified of a decision regarding their request by July 1, 1998.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

### BOARD MEMBERS

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## SCHOOL CLOSING

Parents should listen to radio stations: WCJZ, WQED, WJFM, WKTR, WLAV, WLNT, WOOD, or watch WOTV or WZZM-TV when the weather is bad. Every effort will be made to have the notice of school closings on the air by 6:45 AM.

# Garden to grow awareness of fresh produce need

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Tory O'Haire planted the seed and the First Congregational Church Confirmand class has cultivated.

The fruits of the group's labors may finally be seen late in April when the four-member class hopes to break ground at Richards Park on a garden.

Three of the four students, all of whom attend Lowell Middle School, attended the Monday night Lowell City Council meeting to present their idea about having a garden at Richards Park. The group has been talking to the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, and councilor Don Green said the commission plans to recommend the project to the council after touching base with staff on such issues as location and security.

The students, Tory O'Haire, Tara Kuipers, Susan Hoag (eighth graders) and Meg Nyson (seventh grader) want a piece of property about 24 by 24 feet to develop a garden that would produce the basic food items such as squash, tomatoes, carrots, and beans, according to O'Haire.

The food would be donated to the First United Methodist Church of Lowell's food pantry, ACCESS Six.

"It is the hope that it will create a public awareness of the need and opportunity each of us have who gardens to provide

fresh produce to families," said Roger LaWarre, who is the Confirmand's teacher and pastor of First Congregational Church. After the meeting, LaWarre said he was thrilled with the idea when the students told them of their plan.

He said they had been looking for a project the students could do to respond to the community. The students said they are not required to complete a project for confirmation.

The students plan to seek donations of money and supplies from their congregation and the Lowell community. They also plan to get volunteers to help start and maintain the garden. The students already have been researching on what type of plants they would like to use along with making security plans. They said neighbors near the park have offered to keep an eye on the garden and they would like to construct a fence to discourage people from walking through the garden.

City manager David Pasquale said he thought the idea was a terrific one with his only concern being that with the garden in Richards Park, there was the potential for vandalism.

The students have received positive feedback from about everyone they have presented the plan to including LaWarre, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Lowell City Council. They believe it is because it is such a good cause and that many people can relate to what they are trying to do.

"Hopefully, people will see that one, two, or five people can make a city of a difference when helping others," said

O'Haire.

The students plan to keep the garden going long after they have graduated from the Confirmand class. It is their hope that it serves as a reminder to anyone who sees what people can do to help.

## Bands earn second division ratings

Seventeen high school bands performed in the Lowell Fine Arts Center for the District Band Festival on Thursday, March 5. Performing for Lowell were 223 students in three different ensembles. For Lowell, the Red Concert Band and the White Concert Band both received a second division rating. This earned them medals for the festival.

The Lowell Symphonic Band received a first division top rating for the festival. This rating qualified the band to play at the state festival which will be held at Lowell on April 25.



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## TOWNSHIP OF VERGENNES NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1998-99 Budget at 6:30 p.m. on March 30, 1998 in the Township Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive, Lowell, MI 49331.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Township Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mari C. Stone  
Clerk

## BOWNE TOWNSHIP NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998 at 7:30 PM

In the Bowne Township Hall, 8240 Alden Nash SE, Alto, Michigan.

A budget shall be submitted for consideration.

Citizens attending the hearing have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the entire budget.

A copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the Bowne Township Office, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sandra L. Kowalczyk  
Bowne Township Clerk