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## Get Your Tickets

••• It's time. Lowell High School's presentation of the musical *Once Upon A Mattress* is this weekend.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

There are two lines very important to this year's musical, *Once Upon A Mattress*.

The red line on the front of the stage is there to keep actors out of the orchestra pit; the bottom line tells pro-



The cast of *Once Upon a Mattress* visited Cherry Creek Elementary School and performed some of the musical numbers from the show.

ducer/director Kathy Wheeler whether the musical production stayed out of the red.

"We need an audience. We need the community to support the kids and their musical production," Wheeler says. "It is enjoyable whether you have a kid in the play or not."

The conservative cost figure for such a production is \$7,000, according to Lowell Performing Arts Center director Richard Graham.

"If the high school is to do more up to date productions, there needs to be community support," Graham said.

Last year, just over 900 people came to see the four showings of *Pajama Game*.

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## "Weather" or Not - Community Expo Saturday

••• The second annual community expo begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. There will be 73 exhibits on display at the event.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Everything from an outdoor woodburning furnace to dietary supplements and nutrition will be found by patrons of the second annual Lowell Community Expo.

The Expo is Saturday (March 28) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lowell High School.

There will be 73 exhibits representing Lowell area businesses, churches, schools, municipalities and service groups.

"It's a way to stir interest in what's going on in the Lowell area," said Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce marketing director Liz Baker. "It's also an incentive for other businesses to come up and take a look at what they are missing."

The date of the event was bumped up from late to early spring because of the weather.

The beautiful May weather may have hindered last year's attendance. Coordinators felt March weather isn't as nice and lends itself to more indoor activities.

The weather forecast is sunny and 65 for Saturday. "We can't control the weather," said Lowell associate superintendent and co-coordinator of the Expo, Dick Korb.

They may have failed to take into account El Nino's effect. "Who's he?" Korb jokes. "Actually, the main reason it was moved was to not conflict with Greater Grand Rapids' shows."

The layout of the booths will be designed to enhance the flow of walking patterns.

Patrons will enter from the east end of the school, go down the hall to the second set of gymnasium doors and enter the gym. From there, they will wind their way past exhibits before exiting the gym and entering the cafeteria.

This year's Expo is being underwritten by Lowell Area Schools (services in kind), Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce and Huntington Banks.

Baker says there will be raffles going on throughout the day.

The Lowell Area Boosters Club will also be serving food.



## Developer gets a clear message on density levels from Lowell Planning Commission

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

A local developer got the message loud and clear from the Lowell Planning Commission—it would not consider a single family development that would have heavy density levels.

Michael Nosko, for the third time, brought a proposal to the planning commission Monday night to develop about three acres of property at 216 Maple using a new idea in single family building. The idea has small houses, from between 700 square feet to about 1,000 square feet, built on lots with little or no setback requirements. In Nosko's

case, he was eliminating the side yards.

In his third proposal, Nosko presented constructing single-car garages which would allow for off-street parking and would allow him

For the planning commission, the density was just too high.

"You're pushing the envelope and I'm not ready to have my envelope pushed," said planning commissioner

mission could even give approval to such a plan, it would have to consider whether they were willing to revise zoning ordinances to allow such a development to exist. When asked by planning commission chair Daniel Brubaker if anyone was interested in working on the ordinances, none of the commissioners expressed interest. Planning commissioner Gordon Barry said he would be interested in exploring how other communities, such as Kentwood, were using such developments.

"I believe the feeling is that what you want and what we want to see is still pretty far apart," Brubaker said.

As for Nosko, he said he got what he was looking for, which was to find out if the commission would even support such a plan. He indicated that he would start looking at more standard uses that would be available for the property.

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**Dan Brubaker**  
Planning Commission Chairman

to create an 18-foot two-way street in the development. He also eliminated constructing any apartment units on the property, allowing the number of homes on the 2.98-acre lot to be 36.

James Hall, who made it clear he would not approve the idea on the basis of the high density.

Planning commissioner Gregory Canfield said while he liked the off-street parking, he too was concerned about the density and the width of the road, which could be difficult for an emergency unit to get down.

City manager David Pasquale said before the com-

early because space is going fast. Call 897-8445.

### 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.

### PERSON OF THE YEAR

The Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for Person of the Year. Submit in writing your nomination to LACC, Liz Baker, P.O. Box 224, Lowell, MI 49331. Deadline is March 25, 1998.

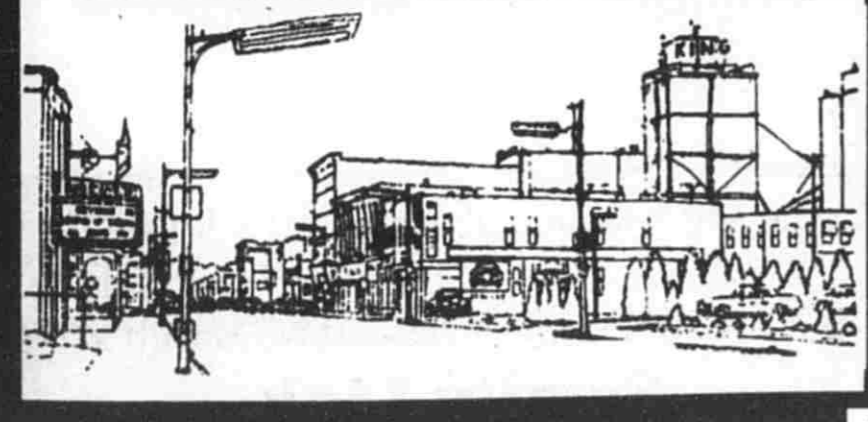
For more information call Liz at 897-9161.

### COMMODITIES

Commodities will be distributed on Thursday, March 26,

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## Along Main Street



### YMCA SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL

YMCA spring adult softball starts Wed., April 8, and Thurs., April 9. Sign up today! Call 897-8445.

### MINI-KICKERS SOCCER PROGRAM

The deadline for the YMCA mini-kickers soccer program is Thurs., April 2. Please get your registrations in

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## OBITUARIES

**BERGERON** - Mary Ann (Mickey) Bergeron, aged 57, of Lowell, passed away March 21, 1998. She was preceded in death by her father, John Lieuwen and half-brother Edwin Lieuwen. She is survived by her husband Daniel; son Craig Verburg of White Cloud; daughter Shelly Smith of Lowell; her mother Marguerite Lieuwen of Holland; five grandchildren; two sisters Bettie Zimble of Tucson, AZ and Evelyn Abrahamson of Clear Lake, MN; two half-sisters Margret Baker of Holland and Esther Neuman of Holland. After a long upholstery career, Mickey was a respected and admired supervisor for Irwin Seating Company the past 12

years. Services were held Monday at the Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, with Rev. Vance Dimmick officiating. Burial South Boston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**BIEBER** - Gertrude M. Bieber, aged 84, of Lowell, died Wednesday, March 4, 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband Ivan, parents Percy and Ethel Read, brothers William and James Read. She is survived by her step-daughter Barbara Femon of Grand Rapids; step-son James (Marianne) Bieber of Lowell; sisters Emma Oesch,

Marian (Frank) Baker of Lowell. She owned the Lowell Cafe for a few years and The Modern Beauty Shop until she retired. Funeral services were held at Roth-Gerst Chapel with Rev. George J. Fekete officiating. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

**BOS** - Hazel M. Bos, aged 78, went to be with her Lord Wednesday evening, March 18, 1998 from the Lowell Medical Center. Surviving are her brothers and sisters, James (Mina) Koetsier, Reka (Oliver) Blain, Helen (Marinus) Merriman, William (Dorothy) Bos, Gladys Boomsma, Donald (Connie) Box of Saranac, Dorothy (Robert) Postema; sister-in-law, Ethel Bordeywyk; many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held Monday

at Zaagman Memorial Chapel with Rev. Tom Archer officiating. Interment Garfield Park Cemetery.

**HOST** - Robert W. Host, of Mobile, AL, formerly of Grand Rapids, passed away March 20, 1998. He was preceded in death by a daughter Becky. Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Ellen; four daughters; five sons; and several grandchildren; sister Mary Jane Ball of Rockford; sister-in-law Vada Kline of Lowell; brothers-in-law Orton and Phillip Seese of Alto. Funeral Mass was held Monday in Mobile, AL.

**LUCAS** - Gerald D. Lucas, aged 90, of Ionia, went to be with the Lord Thursday, March 19, at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital in Ionia. He was born January 12, 1908, in Sterling, MI, the son of Adam and Ada Lucas. After his retirement from the

Ionia Army as custodian, he worked as a school crossing guard. Gerald also was one of the first to become involved in the Child Watch Program in Ionia. He also did lawnmower repair as a hobby. He is survived by his wife of 41 years Ruth L. (Tingley); four daughters Joan (Bernard) Belanger, Gladys (Lloyd) Hartford, Marjorie Johnson, Lynn Ann (John) Barbara; three sons Kenneth (Marge) Lucas, Richard (Barb) Lucas, Harold (Nancy) Lucas; 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; three stepchildren, Joanne (Bob) Bailey of Ionia, Geraldine (Roger) Conner of Lowell and Richard (Nancy) Rice of Belding; 11 step-grandchildren and many step-great-grandchildren; two sisters. He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Funeral and committal services were held Monday, March 23, at the Cook Funeral Home, Rich Street Chapel, with Rev. James Bennett of the First Baptist Church, Ionia, officiating. Interment in Balcom Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made according to one's choice. Arrangements by Cook Funeral Home, Ionia.

**TERPSTRA** - Theodore R. Terpstra, aged 92, of Grand Rapids, died Friday, March 20, 1998 at Butterworth Hospital. He was preceded in death by a son Donald Terpstra and a daughter Margaret Savage. Surviving are his wife Dora Terpstra; children Richard Terpstra of Belmont, Ilene Herbig of Grand Rapids, Elizabeth and Denny Verburg of Grandville, Diane Siciliano of Lowell, Paul and Penny Yost of Indianapolis, IN, Joanne and Glen Johnson of Grand Rapids; 27 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; also Suzette Axdorf and Robert Savage and brother George Terpstra and his wife. Mr. Terpstra was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served for 26 years, a life member of the V.F.W. Creston Post #3023 and a member of the American Legion Post #45. Funeral services were held Monday at the Reyers North Valley Chapel with Rev. Gordon Peterson of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Interment in Fairplains Cemetery. Military services under the auspices of the Kent County Veterans Honor Guard. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the V.F.W. Creston Post #3023 building fund, 1535 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505.

**VAN ALSTINE (Big Rapids)** - Mary E. VanAlstine, aged 94, of Big Rapids, died Thursday, March 19, 1998 at Altercare Nursing Center. On July 19, 1924, she married Bud Miles VanAlstine, who preceded her in death on May 24, 1970. Surviving are three sons Bert (Connie) of Owosso, Elmer (Maxine) of Big Rapids, Donald of Paris; two daughters Lois (Roger) Dalstra of Wyoming, Helen (Nolan) Brown of Arvada, CO; one daughter-in-law Barbara Knapp of Big Rapids; 23 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; three sisters Della Carey of Morley, Beatrice Cain of Sparta, Viola VanAlstine of Tennessee; two brothers Howard Thumser of Lowell, Lewis Thumser of Fremont; and many step grandchildren; nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her sons Lyle and Raymond; daughter Marjorie Lake; five brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were held Monday at the Rogers-Mohnke Funeral Home, Big Rapids with Rev. Wayne McKinny officiating. Burial in the Grant Center Cemetery near Big Rapids. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Grant Center United Methodist Church Sunday School, or Hospice.

**ZYLSTRA** - Grace Zylstra, aged 82, of Hudsonville, was released from this life to her eternal home Thursday evening, March 19, 1998 to join her Lord and Savior whom she sought to serve every day of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Zylstra in 1951. She is survived by her children Justin and Janie Zylstra of Alto, Eileen and Andy Machiela of Zeeland, Mary and Don Koning of Hudsonville; her ten grandchildren, Doug, Jim, Sue, Ter, Jeff, Rod, Randy, Tim, Sheri, Kris and their spouses; 16 great-grandchildren; her sisters; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, Gertrude Spoelman, Margaret Spoelman, Edna Spoelman, Jim and Win Besteman, Jay and Cille Schutte, Pierce and Ida Roon, Bob and Helen Zylstra, Marie Zylstra, Stu and Florence Karsten, Morrie and Millie Hinkin; many nieces, nephews and many well loved friends. Funeral and committal services were held Monday at the Hudsonville First Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Robert Holwerda officiating. Interment Georgetown Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mission Fund of the First Christian Reformed Church.

## Commission approves Bernard's site plan for addition

By J.N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

Charlie Bernard got his wish—he'll not only get to expand Bernard's True Value Hardware but he will be able to do so before the store's busiest time.

At Monday night's Lowell Planning Commission meeting, Bernard was granted site plan review for the 3,982 square foot addition. The addition would be used partly for the expansion of the hardware store and for a rental business Bernard plans to add.

"We're ready to go," Bernard said. "We're pressing on this because of the season. It is most important to get it open as soon as we can."

Bernard received a 5-1

vote in favor for site plan approval. The dissenting vote came from planning commissioner Daniel Pipe, who objected because he said he was not aware that the property was C-3 (on the information given to the commission it was listed as C-2) and for that reason the addition did not fall under landscaping requirements.

Planning commissioner James Hall also raised a concern over the visibility of the truck well which according to the ordinance is to be shielded from the road and from any residential property.

"I don't think we should make it any harder for businesses to expand than we have to," said planning commis-

sioner Elizabeth Thompson. Thompson said Bernard has done everything the commission has asked and since he was not changing the truck well from before, just moving it, he should be allowed to construct the addition.

Because of the discrepancy in the ordinance about the landscaping, the commissioners decided to review the issue and discuss it at its next meeting.

Bernard approached the planning commission about

the addition last month. It was noted that he needed to get a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals because his property no longer meets the backyard setbacks. The variance was granted last week by the ZBA.

Other concerns the commissioners had, such as availability of water and sewer, safety of propane tanks, planned sidewalk, drainage, and signage, were addressed to the satisfaction of the commission.



## Cookie Kudos

For selling 1,320 boxes of Girl Scout cookies, Lowell Brownie Troop #005 is giving itself a commission.

The eight members and their leaders, Shirley and Mike Heiman, will spend a day at AJ's Water Park.

The troop received 27 cents per box sold, netting \$356.

The money left over, after the trip to AJ's, will be used for troop supplies.

Of the 1,320 boxes sold, 976 were sold through box orders and 344 through booth sales.

Members of the Brownie troop are Heather Benedict, Kathy Fyan, Amanda Heiman, Heather McDonough, Samantha Perrin, Christina Saenz, Alecia Zigterman and Samantha Resanovich.

Pictured above, from left to right, are: Amanda Heiman, Fyan and Perrin.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 26 - Margaret Hoats, Bob Perry, Carol Mayanard.

MARCH 27 - Joel Roudabush, Kelly Geldersma.

MARCH 28 - Amie Thaler, Aaron Kastanek.

MARCH 29 - John Ellison, Sandra VanWeelden, Judith Schafer Eiseaman, Laura Rasch, Carl Rasch, Robin Burns, Casey Yonker.

MARCH 30 - Deb Maxim, Erin Wade, Delores Ellison.

Laurinda Horsley.

MARCH 31 - Katelynn Fonger, Jennifer McCaul, Maxine Post, Tera Raab, Rudy Smith, Michaela Blough.

APRIL 1 - Christopher Vollink, Denny McClure.

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## LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

**REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 1998**

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** - The Board approved the following payment of bills:

GENERAL FUND	\$616,494.40
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$31,762.23
B. Athletic Fund	\$4,384.49
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$26,076.86
ENERGY & MAINTENANCE	\$2,728.85
1990 BOND FUND PROCEEDS	\$388.72

**PRESCHOOL LEARNING READINESS SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE** - As a continuation to update the Board on the Education and Business plan, Marlene Heemstra and Susan Lockwood reported on the activities of the TOTS Program (Tots On Track for School) which came out of the recommendations by the Pre-school Learning Readiness Subcommittee.

**EARLY GRADUATION POLICY REVISION** - The Board will bring this policy revision back to the Board Curriculum/Policy Committee for consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Dennis VanderMeer asked several questions regarding the scheduling process at Lowell High School.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Bert Bleke reported that the Superintendent Evaluation is underway. Staff members and parents have also been included in the process this year. The Drivers Education charge for the Summer of 1998 has been set at \$50 per student. A letter from the Superintendent and High School Principal supporting the High School Proficiency Test has been sent to parents of high school students who will be taking the test this Spring. The Community Pool Committee continues to meet on a regular basis and the process is progressing on a timely basis. Congratulations were given to the Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Team who will be going on to the State level. In an effort to protect the financial resources of the district, it was announced that there has been a reduction of two administrative positions for the 1998-99 school year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Board Finance/Personnel Committee** - Thurs., March 26, 1998, 7 a.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Conf. Room South

**Board Curriculum/Policy Committee** - Fri., March 27, 1998, 7 a.m. Runciman Admin. Building - Conf. Room South

**Board of Education Meeting**, Mon., April 20, 1998, 7:30 p.m. Runciman Admin. Building, Board Room

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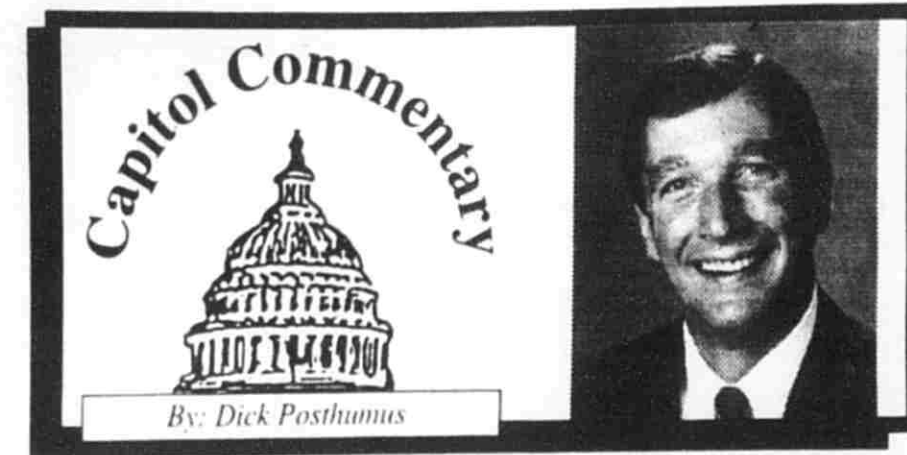
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**NEW STATE SYSTEM LINKS EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS BY JOB TITLE AND EXPERIENCE**

For many, finding a job in Michigan meant combing through the newspaper classified ads every day and then making calls and sending resumes.

That has changed with the state's new JobNet services which makes the Internet's World Wide Web (WWW) the new place to find job leads in your local area and around the state.

It also offers job seekers the opportunity to post their resumes on the JobNet website for potential employers to examine and respond to. The state's new computer system for JobNet will soon allow employers to get a list of all resumes that match their requirements. While anyone can place a resume on the system, only registered employers can gain access to these resumes.

The job bank on the website lists opportunities by region, title and requirements. Already, there are about 100 new jobs a day going into the new system adding to the estimated 60,000 resumes that are already on-line.

High school and community college students who want a

summer job are encouraged to post their resumes on the system during the early spring.

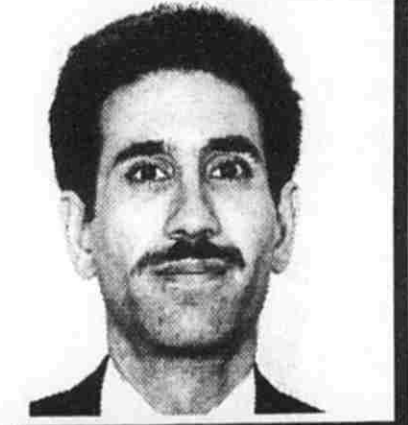
Employers and workers are responsible for contacting each other. Both can get help from JobNet offices around the state.

This new service is the result of changes made by Gov. John Engler to the state's old Michigan Employment Security Commission to modernize its various functions.

The JobNet website is user-friendly and allows job seekers to click their computer mouse on a county map of Michigan

**LEGAL EASE**

By Jonathan David



**DEAR JONATHAN:** As a married couple, can we each make a gift of \$10,000 to our son this year for a total of \$20,000, or are we limited to a total of \$10,000?

**JONATHAN SAYS:** The rule is that an individual, whether single or married, can make an annual exclusion gift of \$10,000 per person per year without incurring any gift tax liability. Therefore, each of you can make separate gifts of \$10,000 to your son without incurring any gift tax liability.

In the alternative, one of you can make a gift of \$20,000 to your son with the other one of you consenting to the gift. This

is known as gift splitting. In this event, however, even though no gift tax liability will be incurred, you will need to file a gift tax return indicating that you have split the gift to your son. Further, gift splitting is only allowed if you split all of your gifts in any one given year. In other words, you cannot pick and choose to split some gifts and not others.

Gift splitting makes sense when one spouse has little or no assets in his or her name because by splitting the gift a married couple is able to give away property with the value of up to \$20,000 regardless of the fact that the "poorer" spouse has little or no assets.

It is important to remember that only gifts of present interests are available for the \$10,000 annual gift tax exclusion and that gifts of future interests do not qualify. A present interest gift is a gift where the donee has an unrestricted right to the immediate use, possession or enjoyment of the asset being given.

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

**LHS names its March students of the month**

Each month four of the twelve Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area who has shown exemplary work and added effort.

For the month of March they are as follows: body mechanics, Jason Yeiter; music, Katie Balaam; mathematics, Nick Kuilema and life management, Lonnie Bogdanik.

Jason Yeiter is a junior and the son of Gary and Connie Yeiter of Lowell. He was selected by the physical education department. He is a quiet leader who leads by example and in body mechanics is self-motivated. A very positive-minded young man, he is a pleasure to have in class. Yeiter works at Amway as a custodial aide and his favorite classes are physical education and foods and fitness.

Katie Balaam is a sopho-

more and the daughter of Paul and Noreen Balaam of Lowell. She has been in concert

choir for two years, is a soloist and has won five consecutive first division solo and

ensemble awards at the Kalamazoo Bach Festival (violin) as well as Interlochen

Arts Camp - All State.

She has been a member of the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony for three years and has done many local and civic performances. She has been in the musicals, *Pajama Game* and *Once Upon A Mattress*. Her hobby is the violin and her favorite class is choir.

Lonnie Bogdanik is a junior and the daughter of Mark and Faith Bogdanik of Lowell. She was selected by the life management department and is an excellent student in every way possible. Her academic performance in the classroom is outstanding and she is always pleasant and has a smile on her face. She is more than willing to go the extra mile for other students and the teacher.

She has been involved in softball and International Club, is active in her youth group at Lowell's First United

Methodist Church and works at Meijers. Skiing, biking, Kaya King and volleyball are some of the many sports she enjoys. Her favorite classes are English and life management and she plans to go to Washington D.C. this summer.

Nick Kuilema is a senior and the son of Dave and Mary Kuilema of Lowell. He was selected by the mathematics department. He qualified for part II of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition which places him in the top 6.2 percent of the math students who took the exam. Though he did not finish high enough to earn a scholarship, he received the highest total in Lowell history. He shows a desire to understand mathematics beyond the typical student and this is evidenced by his leisure reading of the

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March students of the month, left to right, are: Jason Yeiter, Lonnie Bogdanik, Nick Kuilema and Katie Balaam.

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from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lowell Moose Recreational Building, 1320 E. Main. Seniors, please bring in your new 1998 benefit amount from the Social Security Administration you received in December 1997.

**LOWELL COMMUNITY EXPO**

The second annual Community Expo is coming Sat., March 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Businesses and entrepreneurs, if you haven't already received your application, please call Liz at the chamber office, 897-9161.

**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 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.

**CHERRY CREEK ELEMENTARY SPRING FLING**

There will be a Spring Fling at Cherry Creek Elementary on Thurs., March 26, from 6 - 8 p.m. During that time, enjoy our Young Author Works, Art Gallery, a 7 p.m. music program performed by 4th grade students, an ice cream social and more!

**LOWELL YMCA KIDS NIGHT OUT**

Come join the fun and activities on Fri., March 27, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Cherry Creek Elementary for kids preschool (3-5 years) and schoolage (K-12 years). Cost is \$8 for YMCA members and \$10 for non-members. Registration is required and the deadline is Wed., March 25.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The annual Moose 809 Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Creekside Park Sat., April 11. \$1,500 in prizes. 7,000 eggs. Bring the kids to see the Easter Rabbit.

Age group times are: 10 - 10:30 a.m., 1-3 year olds; 10:30 - 11 a.m. - 4, 5 & 6 year olds; 11 - 11:30 a.m., 7, 8 & 9 year olds and 11:30 - noon, 10, 11 & 12 year olds.

**Play, continued... From Page 1**

"Ideally, we would like to see 700 people at each show," Graham said.

This year, cast members are going out to promote *Once Upon A Mattress*. On Friday, the cast was at Cherry Creek Elementary to perform musical numbers from the play for students.

On Monday, various players dressed in costume

and read the story of *The Princess and the Pea* to elementary classes.

Wheeler and Graham have also scheduled a Friday matinee (March 27) at the Performing Arts Center for elementary students. Tickets are being sold for \$1. Graham said they had sold 560 tickets as of Friday morning (March 20). The students will be given

discount coupons to take home to their parents.

This is Wheeler's third year as the school's musical producer/director. Again this year, Paul Balaam is the choral director/accompanist.

Balaam has a sentimental attachment to this year's production. He directed the musical *Once Upon A Mattress* 20 years ago.

The musical is 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 are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students.

"*Once Upon A Mattress* is a lot of fun," Wheeler concluded.

**D'Agostino resigns from planning commission**

By J. N. Boorsma  
Contributing Writer

After a little over five years, Louis D'Agostino has announced he is resigning his seat.

In a letter to the Lowell Planning Commission, D'Agostino said the reason for his resignation was he did not have the time "I believe I needed to serve the commission and the city fairly."

With regret, the planning commission accepted D'Agostino's resignation at its Monday night meeting. Planning commission chair Daniel Brubaker said D'Agostino's departure would leave a hole on the commission...a hole that the commission hopes to fill quickly.

Interested candidates in the planning commission seat should contact City Hall for further information.

**Giving community sends gifts school's way**

Solicited or unsolicited, Lowell Area Schools is the recipient of generous donations.

"I'm sure some are solicited or in some cases someone outside the community knows a teacher," said Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke. "Either way the school district is grateful."

Lowell Schools received a donation of \$250 from Grapids Irrigation, 2215 Oak Industrial Dr., NE, Grand Rapids, for use by the athletic Boosters Club.

C&M Coating, 17365 Hays Road, Grand Haven, donated 220 pounds of plastic resin (valued at \$220) for students' use in plastics technology class.

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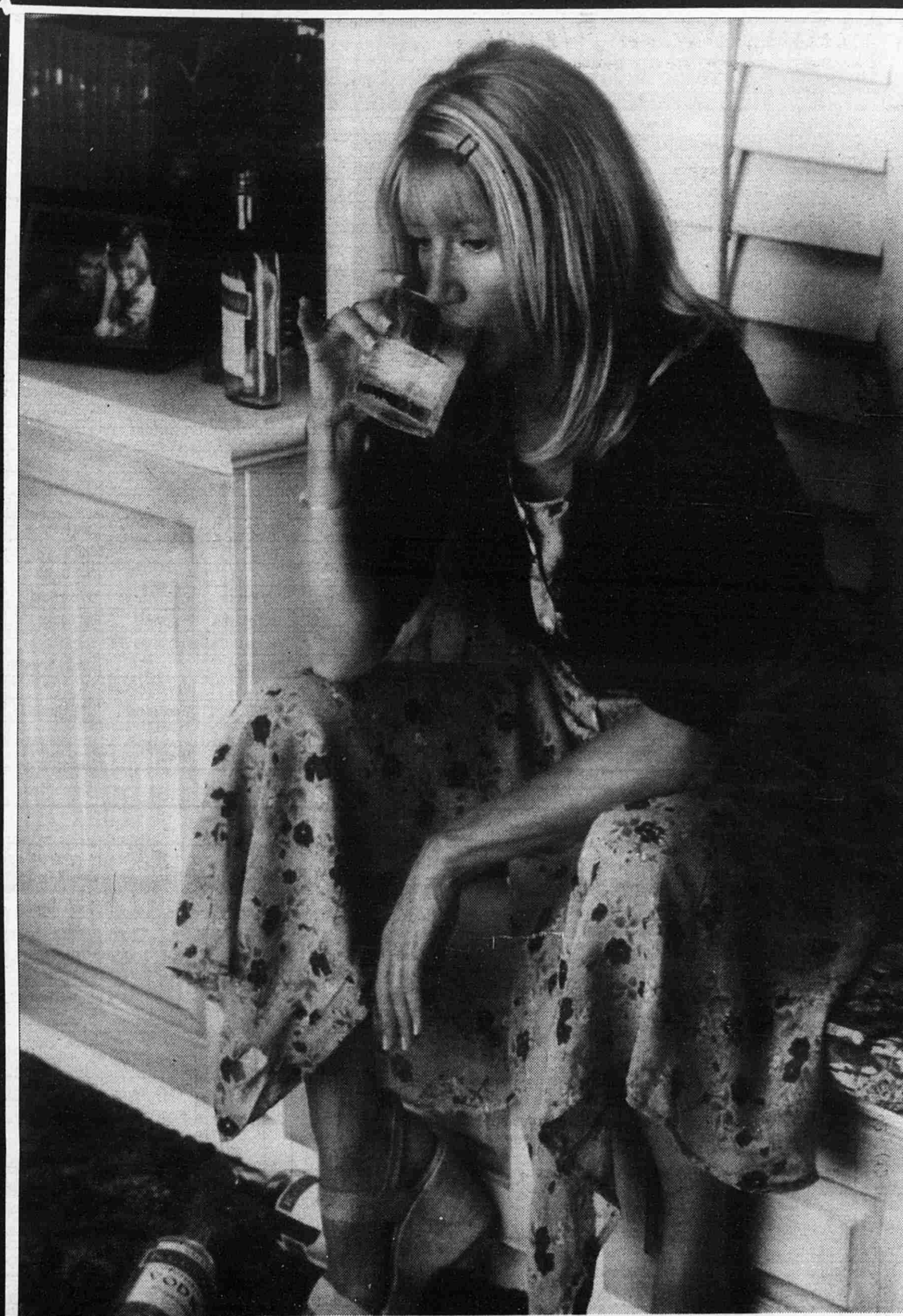
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Noble's West Main building site plan approved

H&R Block's growing pains take it before the planning commission.

By J. N. Boorsma Contributing Writer... Too big for their breeches... And growing too big for its current location...

The commission the most on the site plan was that Noble plans to use the existing curb cut of the Quick Lube...

After the vote, Noble, who is a resident of Lowell, said his company, H & R Block, which currently resides at 115 W. Main...

Bread and pin sale to benefit integrated learning experiences

The Franciscan Life Process Center will team up with the Betsy Ratzsch Pottery in Ada to produce and sell mini-loaves of Franciscan wheat bread and colorful stoneware pottery pins.

Students, cont'd... From Page 7 calculus articles found in other mathematics books. He is involved in Science Olympiad, Art Club...

Kent Career/Technical Center has also honored four students from Lowell High School as their students of the month. They are: Chris Flater, diesel and equipment mechanics; Kristin Potter, cosmetology; Tiffany Varnell, computerized banking...

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## Lowell's Francisco helps nurture city children's agricultural understanding

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Second- and third-grade students from Madison Park Elementary School learned that agriculture is not always overalls and a hat.

As part of National Agriculture Week, Lowell's Michelle Francisco, Kent County Farm Bureau's past president, and Michigan Department of Agriculture deputy director Keith Creagh talked to the students about the importance of agriculture.

"The idea is to help children throughout the state understand the major impact agriculture has on their lives every day," said Francisco.

The two Holstein dairy calves that Francisco brought with her had an impact on students' attention span.

Eight-year-old Ikedva Latham said she was familiar with calves and farm animals but learned some new things. "I learned they can bring food back up into their mouths and chew it again," she explained.

The outreach campaign

also aims to remove the stereotyped misconceptions about agriculture.

"Exposure is an important part of the educational process. I am very pleased we were able to bring education to school, and bring rural to the city," said Kurt Johnson, Madison Park Elementary School's assistant principal.

Students learned about numerous products that come from a dairy cow, how food gets from the farm to the supermarket, and how to keep food fresh and safe as well as

sampled donated Country Fresh ice cream.

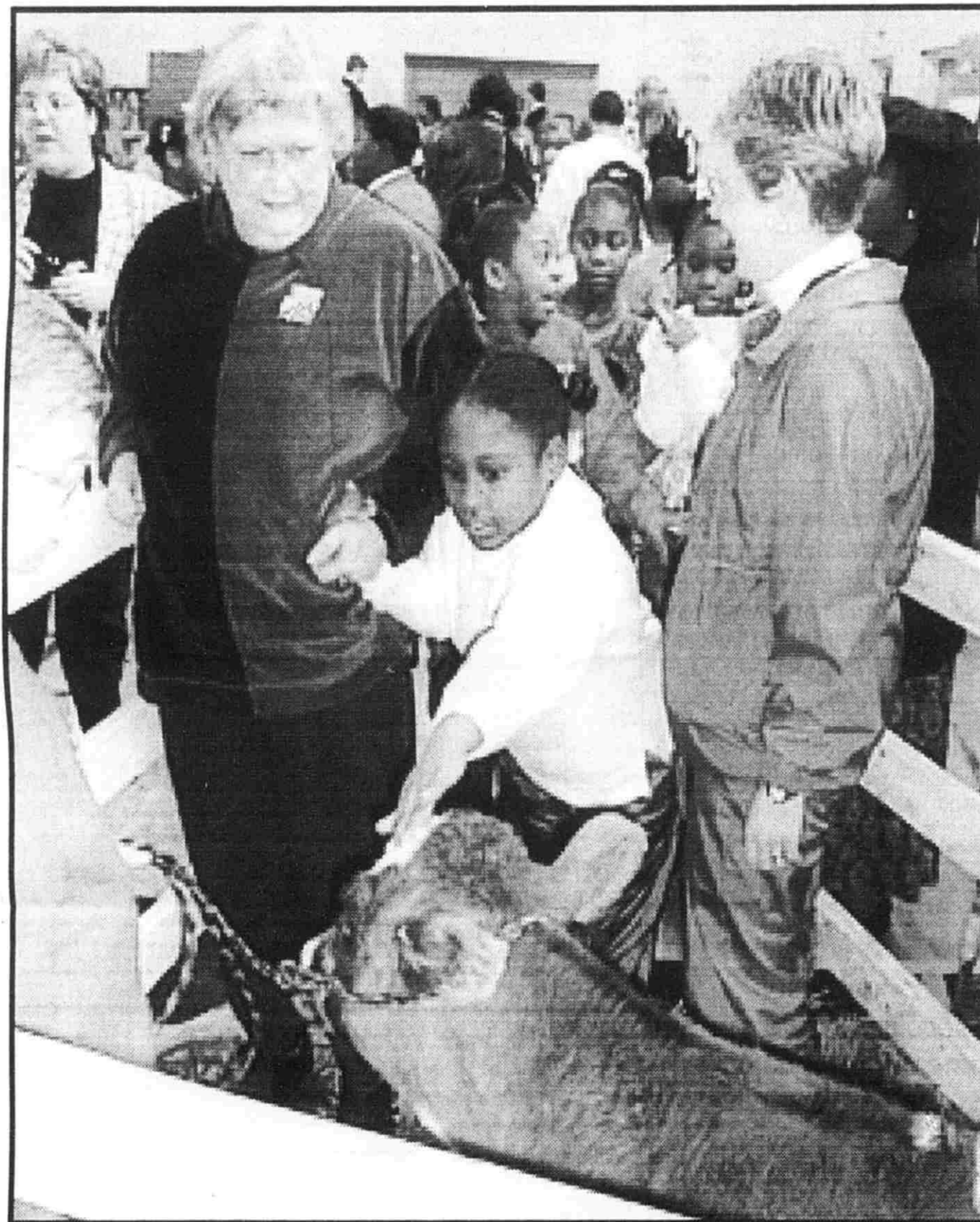
Later in the day, children were also part of an educational program known as Michigan Agriculture Connections — Planting Seeds of Knowledge.

The assembly helped the elementary school meet one objective in its Michigan Science Model.

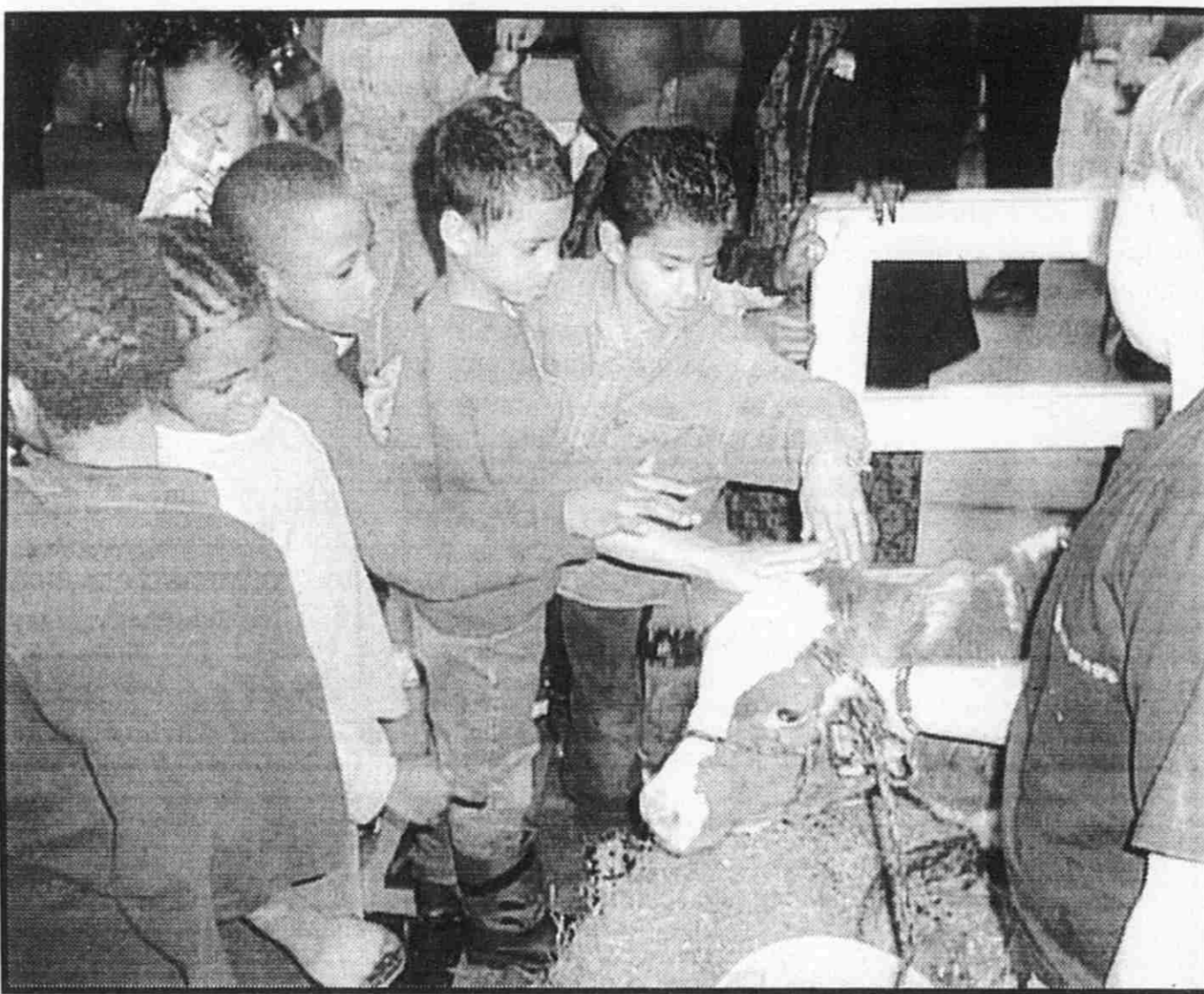
"For the first time in our nation's history, the number of people growing up on farms has declined to two or

three percent of the population," Francisco said. "We have a shortage of qualified, talented people pursuing careers in agriculture."

"Who knows, they may have interested future farmers," Johnson concludes.



The calves were cute, but not all the Madison Park Elementary children were sure they wanted to pet them.



For some of the Madison Park Elementary students, this was their first one-on-one encounter with a farm animal.

## Cellular phones are in; their antennas are not

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

Did you know that using your cellular phone affects the Lowell Charter Township? It's a fact that cellular technology companies are generating booming business and their services require communication antennas. These antennas could potentially be placed in your own backyard and must be regulated with strict zoning procedures.

At the Lowell Charter Township Planning Commis-

sion meeting March 23, speaker Roy Hawkins from the Kent County International Airport alerted township residents to the ins and outs of proper zoning.

Hawkins, an airport planning engineer, stated that the airport adopted a zoning ordinance in 1961 that limits the height of structures within a 10-mile radius of airport grounds. Any tower or other structure erected within Lowell Township must comply with airport zoning regulations since the township falls

into the airport's stipulated boundaries.

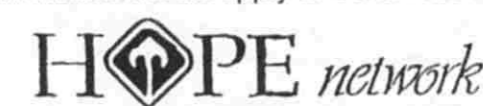
Along with the burst of popularity of telecommunications comes the possibility that Lowell Township could be approached with proposals for erecting antennas or other towers used for cell technology. The planning commission, when approached, has the right and responsibility to insist that certain criteria be met by the companies before any structures are erected.

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### Administrative Secretary

Hope Network is a Christian organization dedicated to the mission to enhance the dignity of people who are disabled and/or disadvantaged. Currently we are searching for an interested applicant who has a desire to work with those in need or want a career that's challenging and rewarding. As an Administrative Secretary, you must be able to type 50 wpm, have knowledge of business and office machines, demonstrate ability to communicate in both verbal and written format to meet position responsibility and coordinate office (clerical) jobs for consumers.

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## 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

## 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

Peggy A. Gurney  
Grattan Township Clerk

## Vacation fares could break up students' right of passage this spring

Spring break. An annual tradition for many college students this time of year. What it means is driving or jetting to warm-weather destinations such as Mexico, Florida, Jamaica or Texas. What it also means is a bevy of bargain vacation values that may, or may not, deliver as promised.

"There's a difference between booking the cheapest vaca-

tion and getting the best value for your money," says Larry Dickens, AAA Travel Marketing manager. "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is. Generally speaking, in the travel business you get what you pay for."

Dickens cites the growing number of ads which promise cut-rate deals to exotic locations. More often than not, he says, the accommodations are less than ideal. "You may end up in an undesirable location with no support system behind you," he says. "With a reputable travel agency, you have some clout to fix the problem. With a cut-rate deal, you're on your own."

Even booking a low-fare airline ticket is harder than it looks. At any given time, airline fares nationwide can change at a rate of nearly 200 per minute. It takes an experienced travel agent some time to search out these fares, often using more than one database.

And during peak travel periods—such as spring break and Easter—fares are generally higher and the airlines may overbook. If you don't get to the airport on time, you could lose your seat.

To help avoid the spring-break blues, AAA Travel offers the following vacation tips:

Use a travel agent. Travel agents know about fare wars and other special incentives you may not know about. Also, clubs like AAA offer substantial discounts on vacation packages.

Book early. Last-minute savings during peak travel periods are rare. Booking early will guarantee a lower rate and lock in your seat reservation.

Travel off-peak. When possible, plan your departure for off-peak hours. On holiday weekends, for example, consider leaving on a Thursday and returning on a Monday.

Ask about cancellation policies for airlines, hotels, cruises and tours. Consider trip cancellation insurance.

Put down a deposit, prepay or use a credit card to guarantee hotel reservations for late arrival.

Arrive at the airport at least two hours before flight time. Limit carry-on luggage to one item.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF KENT

PUBLICATION NOTICE Decedent's Estate FILE No. 98-165,382-SE

ESTATE OF AGATHA KUZMINSKI DECEASED SS# 384-28-5165

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by this hearing:

NOTICE: A hearing was held on March 18, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grand Rapids, Michigan before Judge Janet A. Haynes on the petition of STANLEY G. FELDMAN, ESQ. requesting John D. Mitus be appointed personal representative of the estate of AGATHA

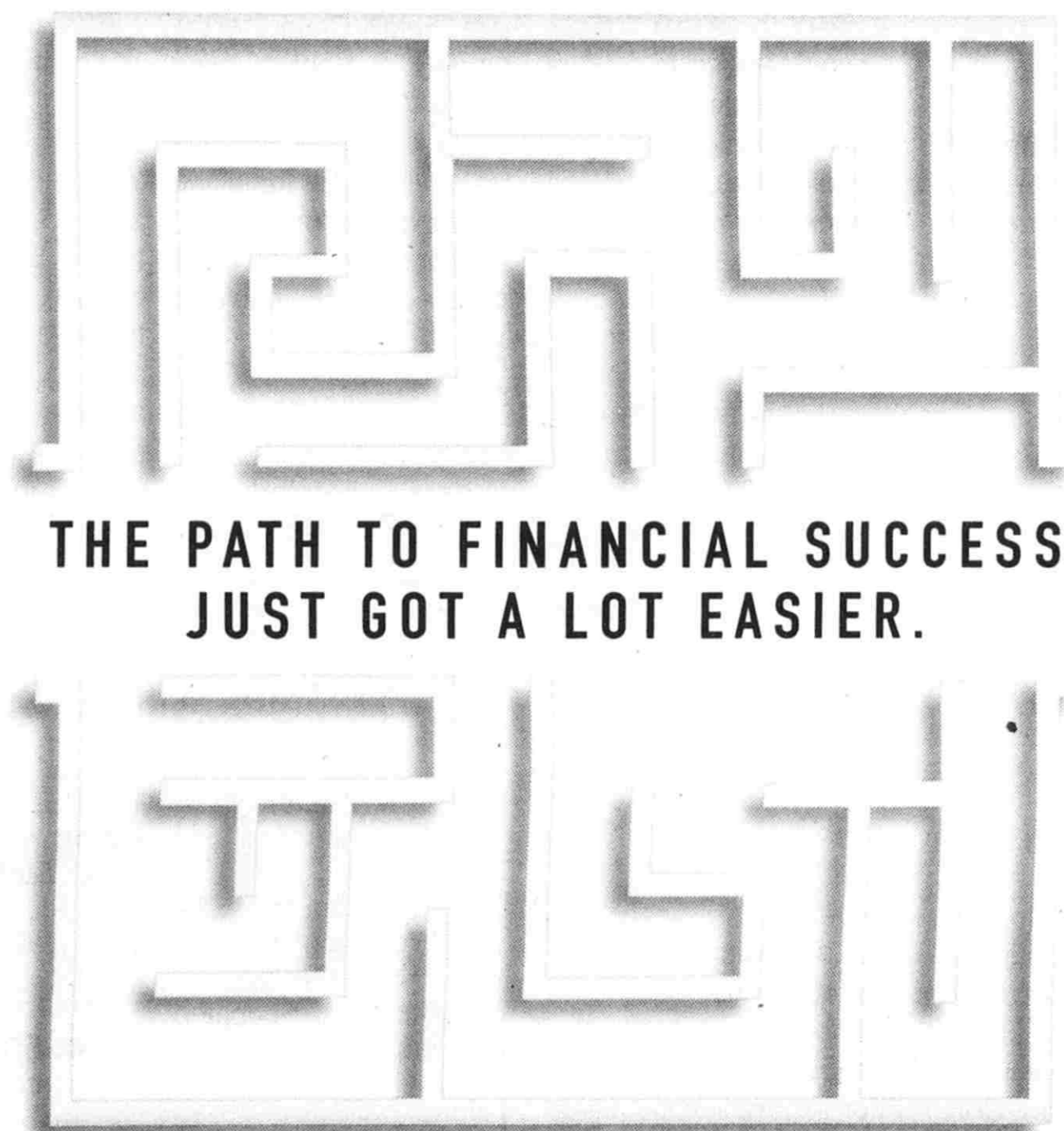
KUZMINSKI who lived at 1574 Mt. Mercy Dr., NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan and who died 10/25/94.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will then be assigned to entitled persons appearing of record.

March 19, 1998

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# COMING EVENTS

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

**EVERY THIRD SUN.:** The 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 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!

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

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

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

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

**EVERY MON.:** Boy Scout

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

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

**EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.:** Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets, 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

**EVERY 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.

**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.

**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:** Alzhe-

imers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-9310 for information.

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

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

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

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**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.**

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

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

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** Royal Arch Masons regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Lowell Masonic Center, 119 Lincoln Lake, Lowell. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

**EVERY THIRD THURSDAY:** LaLeche League of Ada, Cascade & Lowell meets at 6:30 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant & breastfeeding women. 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.

**THURS., MARCH 25:** First Baptist Church of Lowell, 2275 West Main, hosts Emmanuel Baptist Christian High School choir concert of inspirational music from 7-8 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information contact Betty Deans or Pastor Lee Taylor at: 897-7168.

**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, pinto beans, spaghetti, canned tomatoes, vegetable soup (packages).

**THURS., APRIL 2:** Vergennes Cooperative Club will meet at 1 p.m. at Schneider Manor. Program: Dr. Michael Fossel, M.D., P.H.D. speaking on reversing human aging. Hostesses: Aileen McCabe, Julia Hurley, Dorothy Byrne. Sponsor, Esther Clemenz. Members are asked to bring food items for ACCESS 6 food pantry.

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**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.

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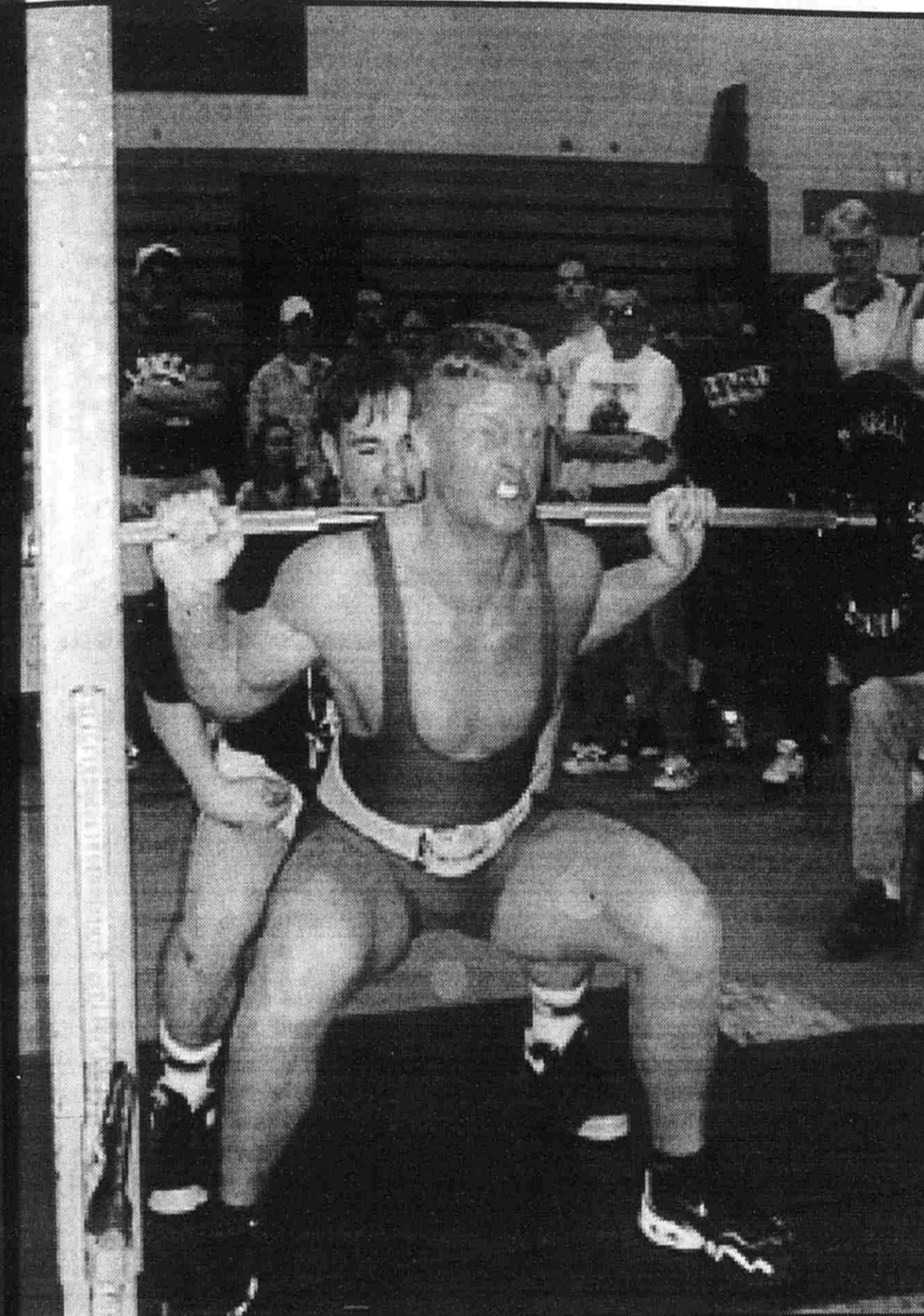
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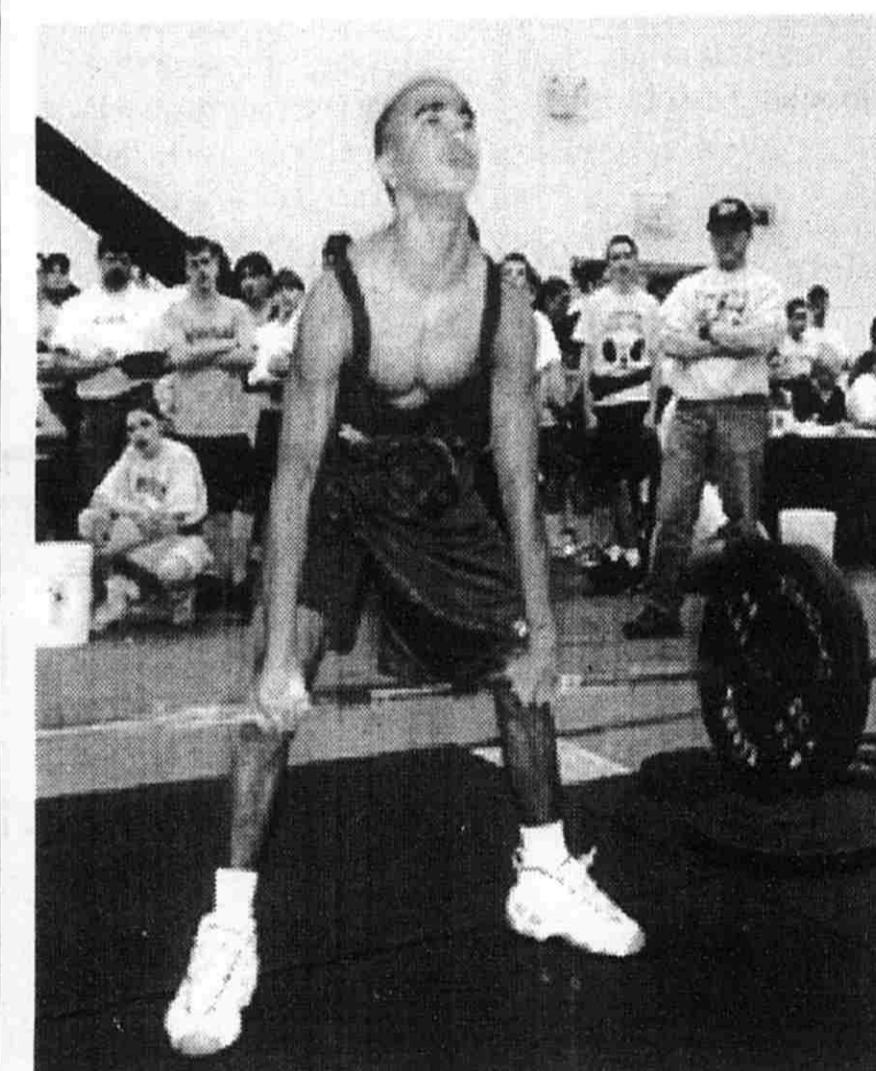
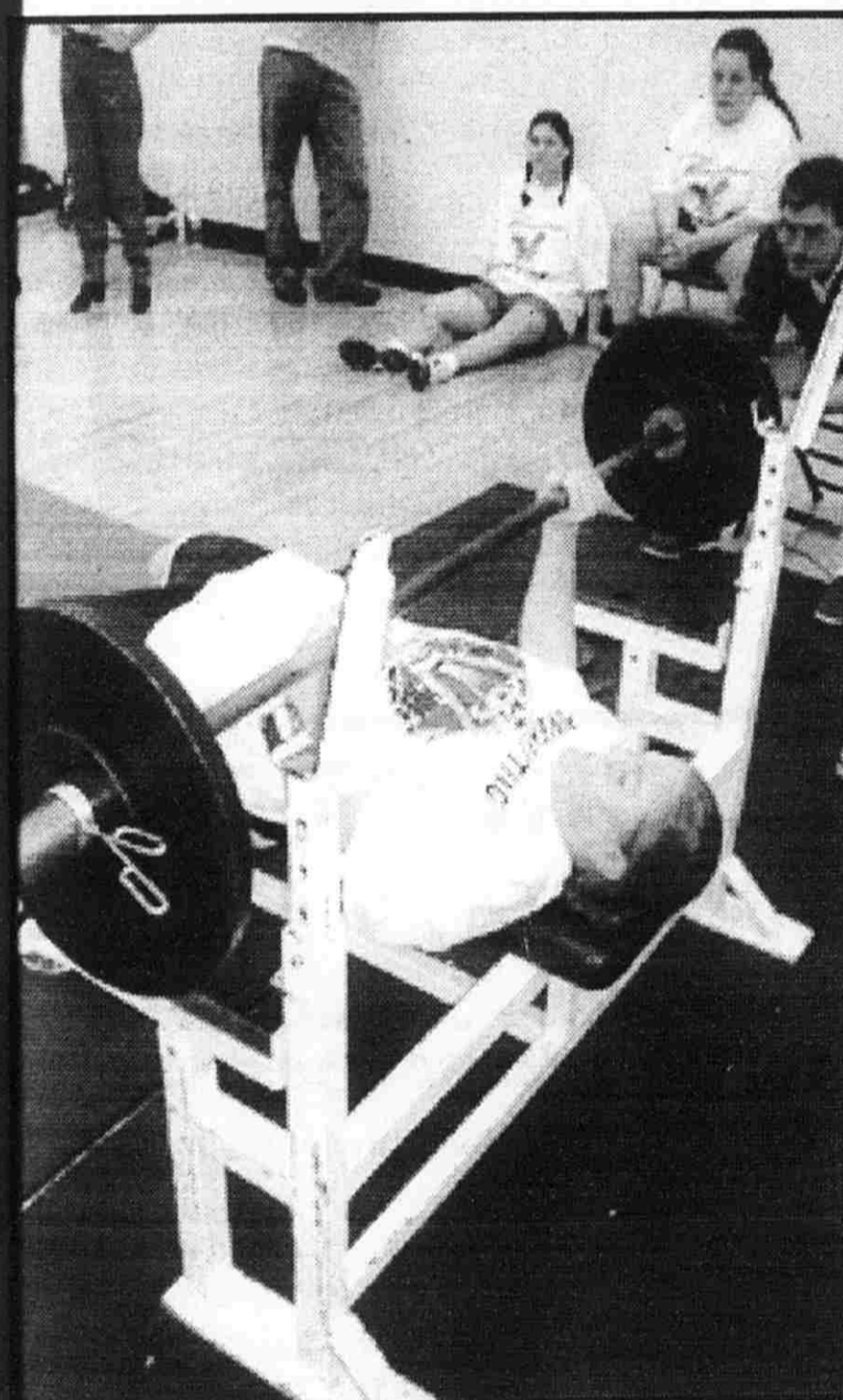
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Nick Lillie's combined lift of 735 pounds won him the individual championship at 114 pounds.

## Graham and Lillie win individual championships in state powerlifting meet

Lowell places third in field of 60-plus teams. There were over 400 participants, making it the largest high school powerlifting meet ever held in the state of Michigan.

**By Thaddeus J. Kraus**  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell High School was home to the largest powerlifting meet ever held in the state of Michigan.

Saturday's State Powerlifting Championship brought together 440 high school powerlifters from around the state to compete in three categories - bench pressing, squat and deadlift.

Montrose won the championship with a team total of 97 points. Last year's champion, Burton Bendle, was second with 89, and Lowell placed third with 68.

Lowell powerlifting coach Noel Dean could not have handpicked a better top-three finish. He is a Montrose High School graduate, started the powerlifting program at Bendle and last year began a program at Lowell.

Filling spots four through 10 were Plainwell 58; Jenison 56; Grant 36; Spring Lake 35; Cedar Springs 24; Reese 23; and Farwell 18.

Lowell's Nick Lillie and Andy Graham earned individual state championships.

Lillie's 735-pound total won him honors at 114 pounds. Teammates Nate Allen and Bob Baruda were seventh and eighth respectively.

Graham's 970 pound total was the best in the 145-pound division. Teammate Jeremiah Russo was seventh. Ron Dawson (132 pounds) was second.

T.J. Thayer and Bill McPherson finished third in their respective divisions. Thayer lifted a total of 1,010 pounds in the 155-pound division. Dustin Gless placed seventh and Adam Tichelaar finished 10th.

McPherson, 198 pounds, third overall, lifted a total of 1,210 pounds.

Lowell's only female powerlifter, Katie McPherson, placed sixth in her division.

Jeff Altoft's three lifts totaled 1,100 pounds and

earned him a fourth-place finish in the 181-pound division.

Damian Omness, 242 pounds, was fourth with a weight total of 1,270 pounds. Kevin Condon was eighth, he lifted 1,200 pounds.

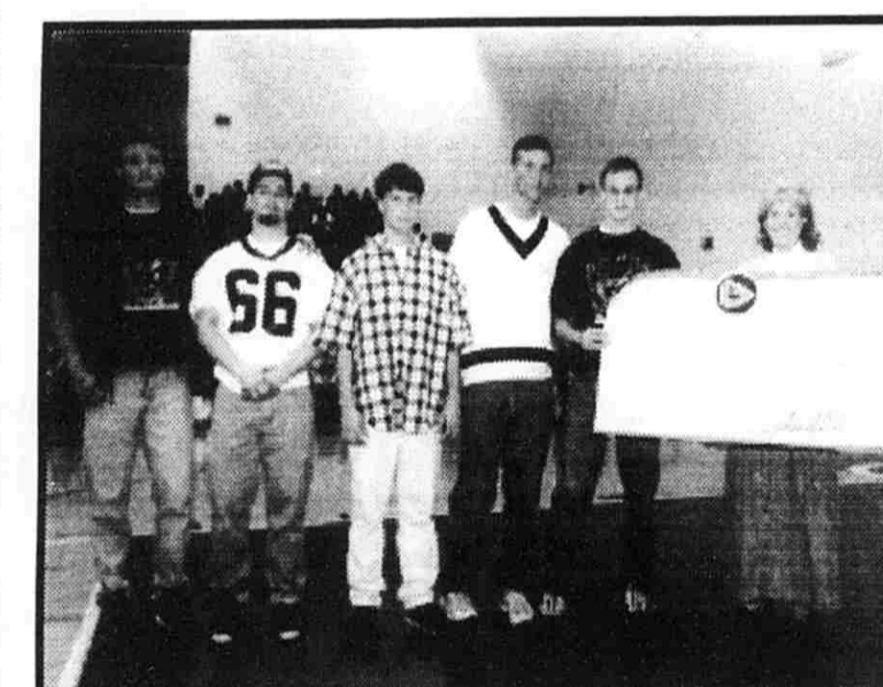
Jason Siomber and Steve Senneker were sixth and eighth respectively in the 123-pound division.

Ken Junglas placed eighth and Neil Reibold was ninth in the division of 165 pounds.

"I was very pleased with the performance of our boys," Dean said. "The boys made significant gains."

The meet took a little less than seven hours to run. "There was a tremendous group effort by over 250 volunteer workers, moms, dads, and administrators," Dean said.

Former Lowell coach and now Grant varsity football and powerlifting coach Dave Eichberg called it the best run powerlifting meet he has been to.



Members of the Lowell 1997 football team present Jane Aronson, librarian at Englehardt Library, with a check for \$245. The money was raised through the sale of "Fire Up" posters.

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*We also have sweatshirts with just the Lowell logo.*  
**We are open this Wednesday, March 25 and Friday, March 27 and next week Tuesday, March 31 & Thursday, April 2 from 11:07 - 1:07.**  
**Any questions please contact Christine Beachler at 897-4125 ext. 513.**

# District targets keeping tots on track for school

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

Studies have shown that children who are developmentally behind when they begin kindergarten have a very difficult time catching up to their peers.

Which explains why Lowell stresses participation in its developmental/preschool readiness programs.

Through its education and business plan's preschool learning readiness subcommittee, Lowell Schools has begun a process to identify preschool kids living in the district.

The school then distributes to families with preschool children (up to three years of age) informational packets that contain resource materials to help parents determine if their child is on track for school. The program is called TOTS (Tots On Track for School).

These packets are currently at local churches and the

Lowell YMCA, and will be available at the Lowell Community Expo on Saturday.

In an effort to identify as many of the preschool children in the district as possible, Susan Lockwood, district public relations coordinator, and members of the readiness subcommittee, will contact 95 licensed daycare providers between now and spring break. "We're not sure what to expect," Lockwood said.

Lowell is serving 96 students through its preschool learning readiness program this year.

In coordination with this, Lowell continues to offer preschool screening which helps determine which children are struggling developmentally.

Lockwood says these children are then placed in one of three programs: Pre-Primary Impaired, Head Start and the Readiness program.

Pre-Primary Impaired is for children 2 1/2 to six years old who have special needs.

Head Start is for children ages three to five from low income families.

The Readiness program is targeted for four-year-olds.

Lockwood says the district is hoping to attain a grant which will enable it to hire a coordinator and add a home visit component.

"Lowell is also considering starting a general education preschool program for three-four-year-olds," Lockwood said.

Preschool screening will be held on Friday, April 17th and 24th. The screening will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. Appointments and further information are available through contacting Lockwood at 897-8415.

# Grand Mass featured March 29

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

In celebration of Women's History month, the Grand Rapids Cantata Choir will perform the Grand Mass

at Park Congregational Church in Grand Rapids on Sunday, March 29.

Margaret Gage will deliver the pre-concert lecture beginning at 3 p.m. The Grand

Rapids Cantata Choir, Park Congregational Choir and the Grand Rapids Symphony, conducted by Suzanne

Tiemstra, will follow at 4 p.m. Lowell's Priscilla

Lussmyer, Vance Dimmick and Wilma Cornish are members of the Cantata Choir.

The Grand Mass is composed by Mrs. H.H.A. Beach (1867-1944), who is America's pre-eminent woman composer.

There will be visual displays honoring Beach, along with four Grand Rapids women composers at the concert and reception following at St. Cecilia Music Society. The Grand Rapids composers being honored are Maria Lund Royce, Eloise Johnson, Dolores Hruby and Debra Perry.

Tiemstra explained that Beach performed at the St. Cecilia Music Society in 1919.

"St. Cecilia Music Society is one of the oldest in Michigan," Tiemstra said.

Tickets are available at Schuler Books, 2660 28th St. SE. They are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students.

For more information call 949-2528.

# COLLEGE NEWS

Dean's lists for the 1997 fall semester have been announced by 10 colleges and two other academic units at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Among the 5,477 students honored is Adrian Martin Schuster of Lowell.

Dean's list eligibility is limited to the top 20 percent of a student's college class or curriculum. The minimum number of hours of course work required is determined by each college or unit.

# First Baptist Church of Lowell to host choir

The First Baptist Church of Lowell will host the Emmanuel Baptist Christian High School choir for a concert of inspirational music on Wednesday, March 25, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The 44 voice choir is an award-winning group of teens from Toledo, OH. The citizens of Lowell as well as members of the surrounding communities are cordially invited to join them in a service of praise.

There is no charge for the concert. A love offering will be taken. For more information, contact Betty Deans or Pastor Lee Taylor at First Baptist, 897-7168.

The First Baptist Church of Lowell is located at 2275 West Main.

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF LOWELL  
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

The adoption of the following Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Myers seconded by Councilmember Green.

**ORDINANCE NO. 98 - 3  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONE MAP OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LOWELL**

THE CITY OF LOWELL ORDAINS:  
1. That the "Official Zoning Map" as referenced in Section 3.02 of Article III of the Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell is amended to change the zone district classification of the following real properties located at and legally described from R-3 Residential District to PF Public Facilities District:

192 N. Broadway: Lots 18 and 19, Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat  
123 N. Hudson Street: Lots 16 and 17, Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat.

and

from C-3 General Business District to C-2 Central Business District:

105 N. Broadway: Lot 12 excluding the west 22 feet of Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat.

301 W. Main Street: East 45 feet of Lot 13, Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat

303 W. Main Street: West 61 feet of East 106 feet of Lot 13, Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat.

315 W. Main Street: West 22 feet of Lot 12 also West 26 feet of Lot 13 also East 1/2 of Lot 14, Block 4 of Richard's and Wickham's Plat.

and

from C-3 General Business District to PF Public Facilities District:

325 W. Main Street: Lot 15 and the West 1/2 of Lot 14, Block 4 Richard's and Wickham's Plat.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in the Lowell Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lowell.

Yea: Councilmembers Green, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Councilmember Blough.  
ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

I, David M. Pasquale, City Clerk of the City of Lowell, do hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by a majority vote of the members elect of the Lowell City Council at a regular meeting held on March 16, 1998 and that the Ordinance was published in the Lowell Ledger on March 25, 1998.

David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, during regular business hours Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1998**

**Called to order at 7:00 p.m. 6 Board members present. Minutes of February 17, regular meeting approved.**

**Approved bills totaling:**

General Fund.....	\$58,189.23
Sewer Fund.....	\$6,168.78
Water Fund.....	\$6,349.24
Trust & Agency Fund.....	\$2,957.43
Tax Fund.....	\$466,626.09

**Business Conducted: Amended the budget by decreasing Elections and Capital and increasing Street Lights and Computer and adding \$5,000 from undesignated funds to the Recreation Department; moved to have the Water Fund pay \$8,140.58 interest and \$15,840.00 principle on its loan from the General Fund; discussed the grass rig bill received from the City of Lowell; moved to upgrade six computers with Microsoft Office Pro 97 including training; moved to adopt No. 52-03-98 Sewer System Connection Fees Ordinance; moved to enter into the Annual CDBG Program Agreement; received the Building report for the month of February; interviewed two candidates for the township's Planning Commission.**

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Carol L. Wells, Clerk  
Lowell Charter Township

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**LOWELL YMCA CHILD CARE CENTER** - has several part-time staff positions available. We're looking for caring, committed individuals to work in our infant/toddler, preschool, kindergarten & school-age programs. We also need staff for the summer fund club. Salary depends on experience & education. Call Penny or Teri at 897-4371.

**ATTENTION COOKS** - Oxford & Windsor Manors are taking applications for part-time positions. Applications can be filled out at Oxford or Windsor Manor 2457-2499 Forest Hills SE, Grand Rapids or contact Marcia or Brian at 954-2970 or 954-2662 for further information.

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No words can accurately express our appreciation for the acts of kindness, thoughts and prayers from relatives, friends and neighbors during the illness and recent passing of our father. Special thanks to Calvin Seese and George Metternick for their special effects.

The family of  
Orlo Roth.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We would like to thank everyone at O.E. Bieri and Sons for your tremendous kindness and support during Bryan's illness. To Dr. Mogor for all that was accomplished during Bryan's hospital stay. Our family, friends and relatives for your visits, calls and other acts of kindness. Special thanks to Kelly Roth, Kasey (Yamaha) Kyser and Bry (Thundercat) Roth for your special love.

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# Karp and commission review site condominiums

By Amy Briggs  
Contributing Writer

"We're ready!" proclaimed developer Tom Karp at the March 23 Lowell Charter Township Planning Commission meeting. Karp and his engineer, Wally Glaza, faced the commission with more amendments to the proposed Cumberland Springs development project.

Cumberland Springs, a plat of site condominiums, is projected to be built at the intersecting area of Cumberland and Foreman. Glaza, representing the engineering firm of Moore and Bruggink, brought topographical maps to the meeting to explain more about the project.

The Cumberland Springs development proposes a "new public road built to Kent County standards," explains Glaza. In addition, he acknowledges that the project will include splitting up parcels of land "to generate acreage and funds for the building of the road."

The reasoning behind the splits is "there will be less tree cutting," says Karp. "We can avoid high living concentrations and keep terrain intact," adds Glaza.

Through the platting process, Karp must obtain several permits for his proposed project. Besides receiving approval from the township, the county, Health Department, and Drain and Road commissions must grant approval. As well, Karp

must obtain a Special Use permit for the usage of septic systems for his proposed condominiums.

"The process [for approval] seems long," states Karp, who is eager to break ground. To this, township clerk Carol Wells replied, "If you can comply with our requirements, there will be no problems."

At the meeting's conclusion, commission vice chair Richard Bryan echoed the sentiments of all who were present: "This commission represents the whole of the township and we must serve all of the township. We support controlled growth in our community."

## Lowell Community Swimming Committee continues its look at pool funding issue

By Thaddeus J. Kraus  
Lowell Ledger Editor

If "it takes a village to raise a child," the Lowell Community Swimming Committee is fairly certain it will take a community to fund a pool.

A financial pool which includes the largest number of taxpaying citizens would incorporate that philosophy.

It would also lighten the financial burden on each resident and create an atmosphere for lower interest rates.

At its March meeting, the best thinking to this point by the Lowell Community Swimming Committee was that actual bonding for the capital aspect of pool construction would have to be done through the school system. A school bond would include the city and both townships.

It was thought, originally, that bonding for construction could be done through the Recreational Authority.

Brian Lefler, of A.G. Edwards and Sons Inc., and Connie Gillette, Lowell Schools business manager, explained that the authority could only be used for operation.

The finance subcommittee continues to study three areas:

- 1) How to maximize capital funding;
- 2) How to develop a maintenance/upkeep strategy that at this time looks like it may be a function of the Recre-

ational Authority; and

3) How well the Lowell Area Community Fund impacts the funding and upkeep of a community pool.

The Recreation Authority is thought to be an avenue in which the political entities in Lowell could work together to provide maintenance, upkeep and programming.

The process needed to form such an entity will require knowing what its authority and lack of authority and limits are, what the possible funding and financing options and limits are, and what the process and cost to develop such a concept would be.

The committee is also working on a timeline. It will include a survey of community members, community meetings, research visits, financial options, program decisions, and time for board input and decision making, as well as school board and other community and political entities.

The consensus, according to the committee, indicates the community is looking for a "community center" concept.

The committee needs to begin to define what this actually means, particularly in light of the ability of the community or the desire to support a particular millage that will allow the concept to become a reality, according to Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke.

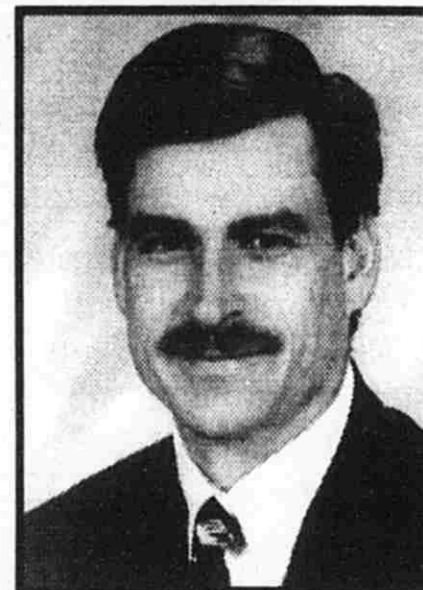


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Johnson earned the 1997 All American Award, recognizing him as one of the top agents in Michigan.

The award indicates that Johnson is a leader in sales and client service, according to Larry Thomas, executive vice president of Farm Bureau Insurance.

"He is the kind of agent who does an outstanding job of servicing the community," Thomas said.



Mark Johnson

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