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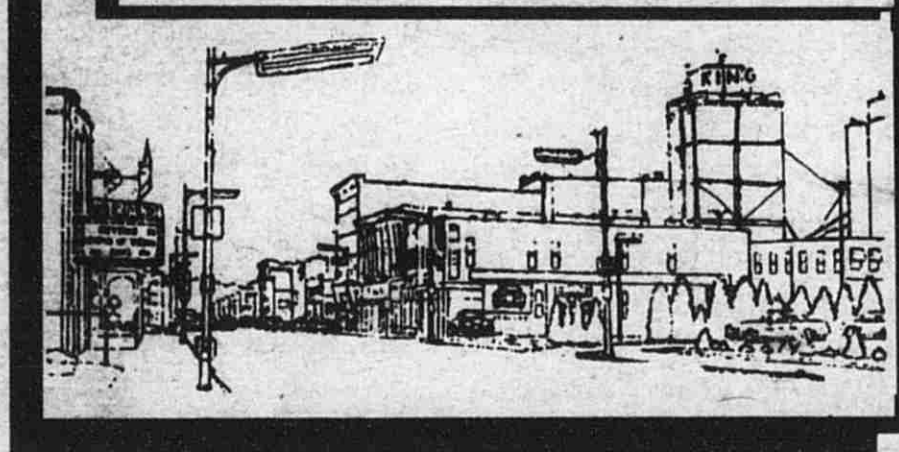
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Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Along Main Street



LAHA PANEL DISCUSSION

"A History of Retailing on Lowell's Main Street" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the meeting of the Lowell Area Historical Association on Wednesday, April 29.

Several longtime Lowell residents who owned and/or operated businesses on Main Street will discuss how the mix of commerce, customers and merchandising took place in a small town. Several artifacts from the LAHA will be displayed. Refreshments will be served following the program which will be held at 7 p.m. in the upper level of the Lowell Charter Township Hall.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Lowell Area Schools Athletic Boosters Club regular meeting in the high school staff lounge will be held on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m. Please come and help us support our athletes.

YMCA SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL REGISTRATIONS

Lowell YMCA summer adult softball registrations must be turned in absolutely no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29. Call 897-8445 or drop off at 323 W. Main St., Lowell.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Boy Scout Troop 102, Cub Scout Pack 3102, and Cub Scout Pack 3188 are teaming up for the annual Scouting for Food drive. This food drive is part of a nationwide Boy Scout/Cub Scout project and all foods collected will be given to the ACCESS 6 Food Pantry housed at the Lowell United Methodist Church. The Scouts will be distributing bags this week. Area residents are asked to fill the bags with nonperishable food items or paper products.

They will pick up the bags beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 2. They ask that the bags be placed on porches for easy pickup or dropped off at the Lowell United Methodist Church Saturday morning.

LHS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASS - PRESCHOOL

Lowell High School child development class will be conducting their free preschool starting Monday, May 4. For more information call Marsha LaHaye at 897-4125.

LAAC PRESENTATION

The recent mixed media works of Cedar Springs artist Hazel Palmer appear at Huntington Bank in a Lowell Area Arts Council presentation.

Palmer's paintings will be on view through May 6. The Huntington Bank is located at 414 E. Main Street in downtown Lowell.

LMS BAND CONCERTS

Lowell Middle School eighth-grade band and jazz band concert will be held Thursday, May 7, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

JV HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the 1998-99 Lowell junior varsity hockey team will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 8 p.m. at Michigan National Ice Center. Any player whose birthdate is between July 1, 1982 and June 30, 1985 is welcome to tryout. Anyone who has not yet registered for the tryouts may do so by filling out a player information sheet available at the Lowell High School or Middle School.

Contact Jim Blair at 897-6436 or Paul Jacobus at 241-2447 for more information.

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Roger B. Chaffee scholarship positions Julie Wisner on launching pad to aerospace career

Colonel Jack Lousma presented Julie Wisner with the distinguished award Friday night at Duba's.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

No one has ever had to tell Julie Wisner to reach for the stars.

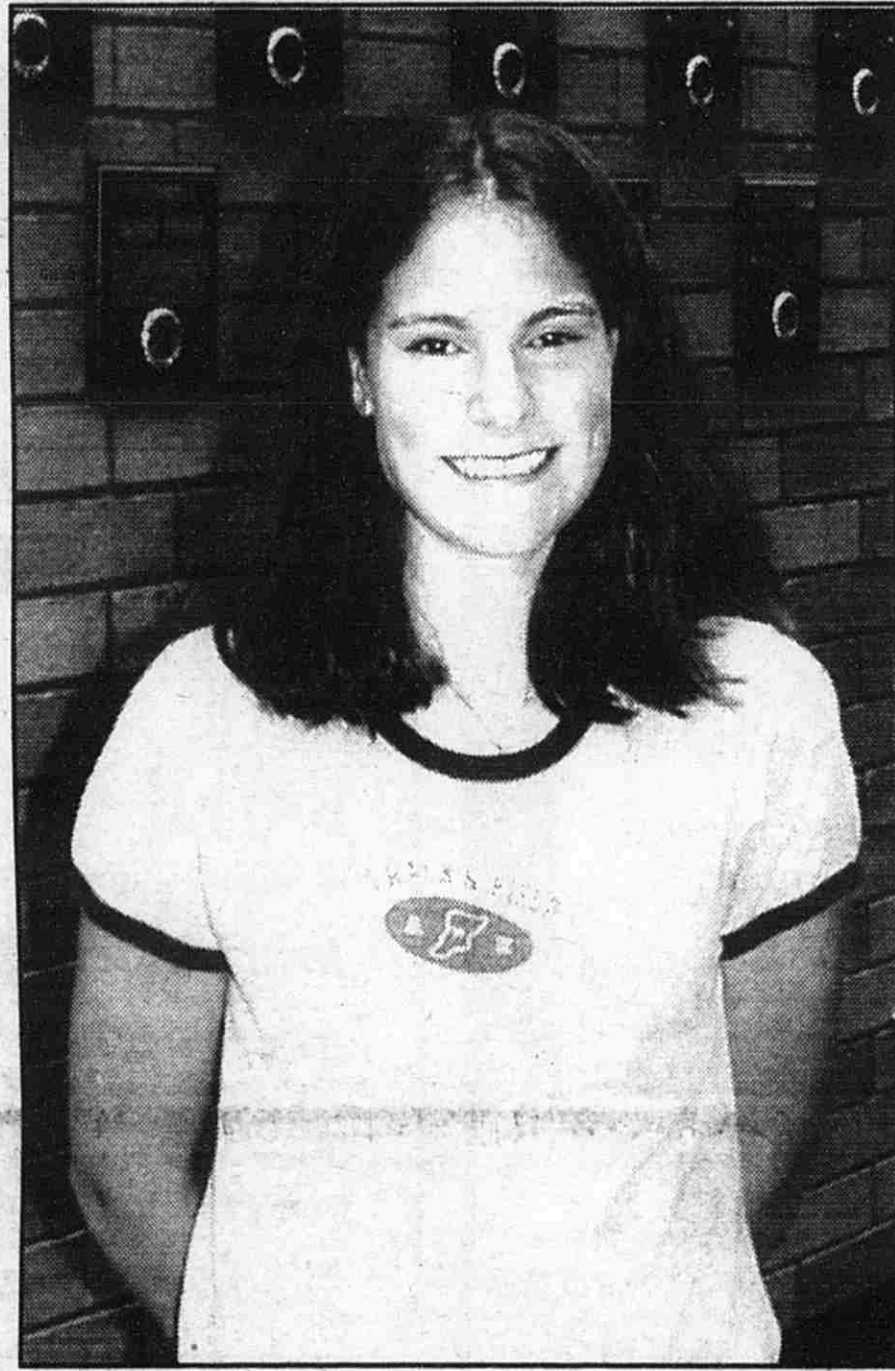
The Lowell High School senior has been dreaming and working toward a heavenly future in aerospace engineering since she first toured the John F. Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral and later saw her first space shuttle landing during a spring break in Florida.

"I saw all of these incredible buildings and equipment and I thought, 'Maybe someday I could design and build and work on these things,'" Wisner said.

Wisner's hard work toward fulfilling her dream was rewarded Friday night at Duba's Restaurant.

Wisner became the 31st recipient of the distinguished Roger B. Chaffee scholarship. She is the first Lowell High School senior to ever win the award.

"It's a pretty distinguished award," said her Lowell High School physics teacher Rick White. "It's the neatest thing to happen to one of my students in my 24 years of teaching. It's a great honor. Julie has a lot going for her.



Julie Wisner will enroll in the University of Michigan's engineering department in the fall.

Her academic record is impeccable."

The senior defines impeccable in a number of ways.

- Wisner has a 4.0 grade point average.

- She is the 1998 LHS class valedictorian.

- The senior is the recipient of the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Grand Rapids and the University of Michigan Regents scholarships.

- She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

She also has time for band and athletics. Wisner plays French horn and serves as drum major. She plays volleyball, soccer and runs track, where she earned all-conference and all-region honors in the long jump. She volunteers at church, is a dairy farmer's daughter, and remains active in the Lowell

area 4-H.

"I just don't like to waste time," Wisner said. "I don't see much television."

While he is proud of his daughter's academic achievement, Gerry Wisner (father) is most impressed by his daughter's hard work.

Wisner was one of 37 applicants considered for the Chaffee scholarship. She will receive \$2,500 and join a long list of science, mathematics and engineering students who have received the scholarship.

Colonel Jack Lousma presented Wisner with the scholarship.

It was Lousma who designed the mission insignia for the third flight of the space shuttle Columbia. He joined the space program in 1966 and served in support roles on the missions of Apollo 9 and 10.

Astronauts Roger Chaffee (Grand Rapids native), Gus Grissom and Ed White were killed in 1967 when their spacecraft's launch pad caught fire. They were to be the first to fly the new Apollo spacecraft.

The mission was later completed by Lousma and the rest of NASA's astronaut corps.

Wisner will enter the University of Michigan's engineering program in the fall.

"Polite, respected, well-liked and friendly," said LHS math teacher Mike Michaud when describing Wisner. "Julie is a scholar."

Cooperation and information could land Lowell students a fast \$50

This program is just a way to curtail any drugs, weapons, vandalism and theft that might be out there. I don't think there is any more of this type of activity at Lowell than any other school. There is probably less...we hope.

Kevin Pearson
LHS assistant principal

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Something as simple as a telephone call could now net Lowell Middle and High School students \$50.

That call, however, will have to lead to the recovery of a weapon, drugs, or the identification of the culprit of stolen or damaged school property.

Lowell is the first school in the Grand Rapids area to test

the "Fast \$50" Silent Observer pilot program. Holland has been running the program for a year and a half.

"This program is just a way to curtail any drugs, weapons, vandalism and theft that might be out there," said Lowell High School assistant principal Kevin Pearson. "I don't think there is any more of this type of activity at Lowell than any other school. There is probably less...we hope."

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Lowell Area CROP
Walk Sunday, 1:30 at
the Lowell First United
Methodist Church

Registration Begins at 1 p.m.

Capital improvements, extending through the year 2003, approved by council

By J. N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

With little fanfare, the Lowell Planning Commission approved new capital improvement plans for the city extending through the year 2003.

The plans, which include parks, streets, facilities, water, cemeteries and the airport, will now be presented to the Lowell City Council for its final approval.

Future park developments include initial work and playground area, picnic area, trails, boat launch, and a softball field at the southeast area, which is the former Moose property. Rogers Land Area, S. Monroe St., would receive a footbridge from Recreation Park and expanded 4-H camping activities. Also under the parks plan would be the possibility of building an observation deck where the Lee's

Landing building once stood on Main Street.

The facilities improvement plan focuses mostly on the conditions of City Hall and the police station, which staff and city officials continue to study.

City signs on plan to fight gypsy moth influx

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

With gypsy moth caterpillars on the rise, one need look no further than Oakwood Cemetery.

Don DeJong said gypsy moth egg cases are prevalent in the cemetery. The city sexton has been working on removing them from head-stones.

Recent complaints from

residents as well as the cemetery problems being created have moved the city to participate in the Kent County gypsy moth suppression program.

Locations within the city which will be sprayed include the Gee Drive area near Alden Nash and north of City Hall near the city's northern limits around Washington, Jefferson and Monroe streets.

In the city survey done

Division, N. Jefferson and Grindle.

Water needs primarily focus on replacing and installing new mains to keep up with the growth of the city.

Oakwood Cemetery

would receive blacktop work which is scheduled over the next couple of years.

Finally, at the airport, over a period of several years, the city would like to extend

the main runway 320 feet, extend the turf runway 24 feet, install taxiways, asphalt main road and parking lot, and install a rotating beacon.

when caterpillars ate B.T. the insects stopped eating and died.

Lowell city manager David Pasquale said the gypsy moth problem can be taken care of within a couple of years once spraying begins.

sites identified is \$12 per acre or \$2,400.

Spraying would take place in late May or early June. The county uses the microbial insecticide, Bacillus thuringiensis or B.T. is a bacteria found naturally on leaves and in the soil. In the 1900's, scientists discovered

within the city, it was determined by the Kent County Conservation District that five 40-acre tracts have enough egg masses to warrant spraying.

Lisa Vasquez said 200 egg masses per acre are considered critical. While none of the five sites have reached that number, she says the numbers have been increasing.

The cost for spraying the

Reagan announces he will run for commissioner's seat

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's Jim Reagan has added his name to the list of candidates who will seek a seat on the Kent County

Board of Commissioners in November.

Reagan, Bryan Harrison, David Hildenbrand and Frederick Fleischmann have all announced their intentions to vie for the 3rd District Kent

County Commissioner seat being vacated by Judy Harrison. She is leaving the position to seek the 73rd District state representative post, currently held by Jack Horton.

The 3rd District Commissioner seat includes the townships of Ada, Vergennes, Lowell, Bowne and Caledonia and the city of Lowell.

"I want to give back beyond the local community,"



James Reagan
Reagan said, "I can represent southeast Kent County. Low-

ell, Vergennes and Bowne townships have different needs than Grand Rapids and the high population centers."

Reagan is currently serving on the Lowell Area Historical Association's board of directors. Lowell Board of Education, Ionia County National Bank board of directors and serves as the chairman of the Downtown Development Authority.

"Giving back is time consuming, but if it is important, you must make it a priority," Reagan explained.

Two Ionia men arrested and charged with Burger King armed robbery

••• A third suspect remains at large.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Two of the three individuals allegedly involved in the armed robbery of Burger King have been arrested by the Ionia Department of Public Safety.

The third suspect, a 17-year-old male from Ionia, remains at large.

Orin Hussein Muhqueed, 27, of Ionia, was arrested on Tuesday, April 21, and charged with armed robbery. Muhqueed, who has a previous record, is also charged with being a habitual offender.

Muhqueed was arraigned on Wednesday, April 22, and

remains in jail on a \$5,000 bond.

A 17-year-old Ionia man, suspected of having played a role in the armed robbery, turned himself in on Thursday (April 23). The 17-year old posted bond. He awaits arraignment.

Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said it is not known at this time if the three are tied into the armed robbery at One-Stop, 800 W. Main.

The two men police have arrested are denying any involvement. The One-Stop robbery happened at 9:50 p.m. on Feb. 12.


The Burger King robbery happened on Thursday, March 26. The night manager was approached as she was leaving the building with the evening deposit.



In the Greek system of telling time, an Olympiad was the period of four years that elapsed between two successive celebrations of the Olympian or Olympic Games.

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Mother's Day
May 10

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The assistant principal adds that the program will be at no cost to the district.

A student reporting information would utilize the regular Silent Observer phone number of 774-2345.

To maintain confidentiality, the student will be given an identification number.

The information received by Silent Observer will then be forwarded to the Lowell Police Department, who will then

contact an administrator at the school. The administrator will be responsible for following up on the information and determining its validity.

The school administrator will be accountable for informing Silent Observer of the action and disposition of the tip.

A student forthcoming with information that leads to the recovery of property or the identification of the person responsible for vandalism is eligible to claim the \$50.

Lowell Area churches are sponsoring an additional opportunity to gather in prayer.

A service of prayer and worship is being held at Calvary Christian Reformed Church beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, in the sanctuary at 1125 West Main, Lowell. The community is invited to come together in prayer and Christian fellowship.

LMS SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADE CONCERTS
The Lowell Middle School sixth- and seventh-grade band concert will be held Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. Everyone is invited and admission is free.

THE TOUCHDOWN CLUB
The Touchdown Club will hold its 2nd annual "Kick-Off" fund-raising drive Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Larkin's Other Place. All Lowell football fans (adults) are invited.

When calling to claim a reward, the tipster must be able to identify themselves by providing the correct identification code number used at the time the tip was received.

Arrangements for method of payment will be upon mutual agreement with the tipster and Silent Observer.

For middle school students, because of their age of the student, Cameron will need to inform the parents that their son/daughter is receiving a \$50 reward.

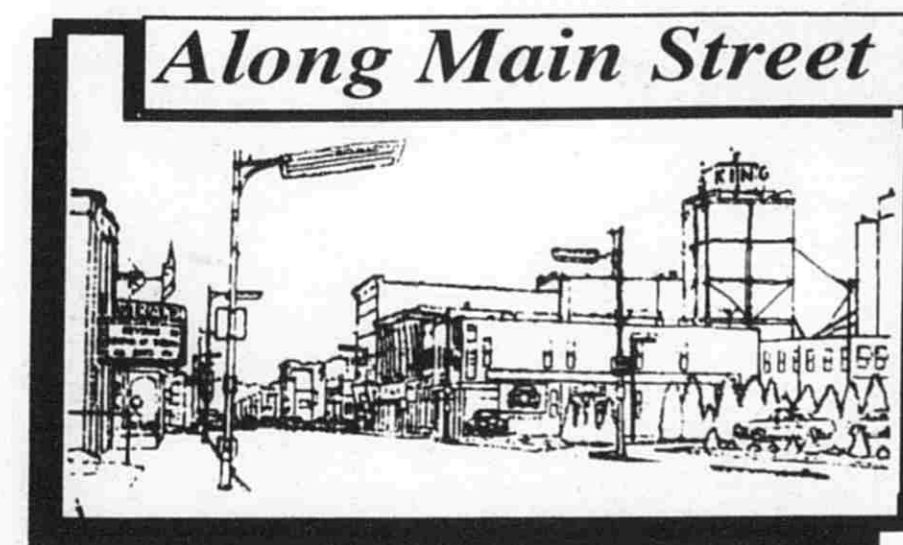
"This program is not big brother trying to make an arrest," Lowell police chief Jim Valentine said. "This won't involve police 95 percent of the time."

FAST BUCKS \$50

Tired of DRUGS, WEAPONS, VANDALISM and major THEFT in your school, but don't want to be labeled a snitch?

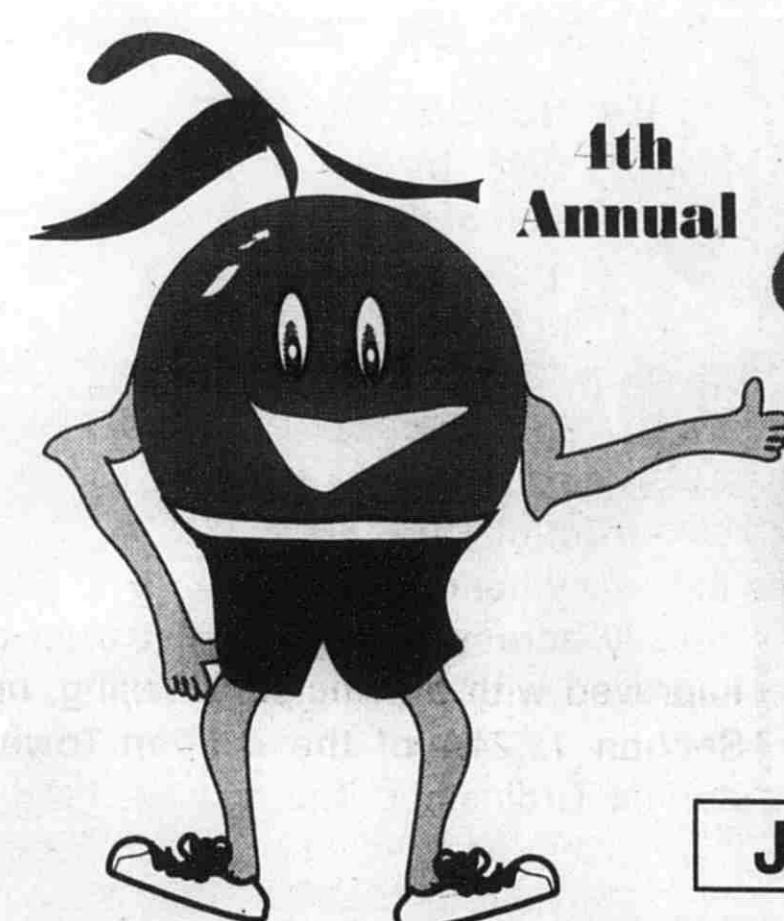
Call SILENT OBSERVER, and be completely anonymous. You may earn a **FAST \$50 BUCKS!**

Call 774-2345 Report the Crime. Save the ID you are given and call 954-9110 to see if your tip earned a reward!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A National Day of Prayer Service is being held to accommodate those people unable to attend the 12:10 p.m. celebration at Englehardt Library River Walk. Recognizing that there are many who wish to make May 7 a day of national prayer, the



4th Annual

CHERRY CREEK 5k CLASSIC

JUNE 13, 1998 • STARTING TIME: 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION: All entries mailed to Cherry Creek Classic, P.O. Box 62, Lowell, MI 49331. Any questions, call Terry at (616) 897-5148 evenings or Thad (616) 897-6254 evenings.

ENTRY FEE: Now until June 9th, \$12; June 10th to race day, \$15. Check or money order made out to Cherry Creek Classic (Do not send cash).

GROUP RATE: A group of 20 or more participants receive a rate of \$10 per person up until June 9.

PACKET PICK-UP: June 12th, 1997 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and race morning from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

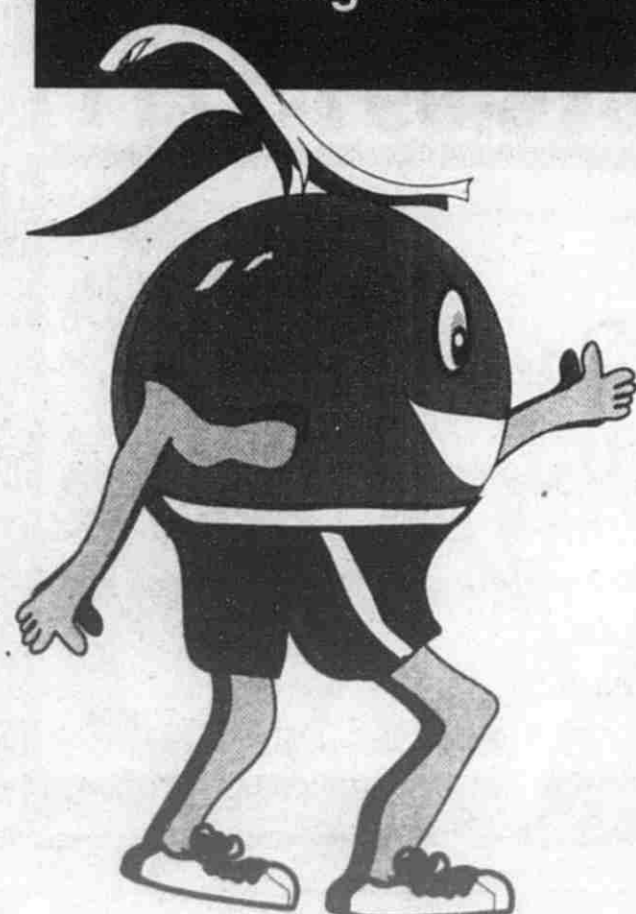
LOCATION FOR PICK-UP: Middle School (old high school) north entrance.

AWARDS: Top overall male and female runners' medals three deep in each age group. Male and female run and walk. Awards handed out around 10 a.m.

AGE GROUPS:	14 & under	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	60-65
	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	66 & over

Registered runners and walkers will receive a tee-shirt. Late registration after June 9th will also receive a tee-shirt to be picked up at a designated place and time to be announced race day.

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FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—For information about America Walks for Strong Women osteoporosis-fighting fund-raisers, contact the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1150 17th St., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202-223-2226; or visit their website at <http://www.NOF.org>.

LOWELL FREESTYLE WRESTLING RESULTS:

GROUP	NAME	PLACE
<i>Ionia - April 4</i>		
0	Jacob Gould	3
<i>Kenowa Hills - April 11</i>		
4	Joe Mendez	1
Cadet John Mendez 1		
<i>Lakeview - April 18</i>		
1	Justin Faulkner	4
2	Kellie Faulkner	2
2	Philip Burton	2
3	Josiah Hull	4
<i>Caledonia</i>		
0	Jacob Gould	2
2	Alex Carpenter	1
3	Brock Graham	3
3	Matt Dood	3
4	Pieter Serne	1
4	Jayne DeLiefde	3
<i>Wyoming Park</i>		
3	Ryan Karasiewicz	3
<i>April 24</i>		
Cadet John Mendez 1		
<i>Cedar Springs - April 25</i>		
1	Zach Baum	3
2	Alex Carpenter	1
2	Philip Burton	1
2	Matt Burton	3
3	Ryan Karasiewicz	3
3	Josiah Hull	2
3	Matt Dood	3
4	Jayne DeLiefde	4
4	Bobby Gingerich	1
4	Craig Carpenter	2
4	Pieter Serne	1
4	Joe Mendez	1

TOWN TALK

A \$1.2 billion surplus is being released June 30 by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association. Insurance companies will then have to figure out how to return the \$180 rebates to car owners. Which way would you prefer? A check written out in your name, having your premium reduced or credit applied to your policy? What way do you think insurance companies will choose?



Sue Ullery
I think they should cut us a check. I think, however, they may just credit car owners' policies.



Francis Miller
I'd like my premium reduced. Insurance companies will do whatever is easiest and cheapest for them.



Gary Gilbert
I'd rather have a check sent to me. I think they will credit our policy; that way they can continue to draw interest on our money.



Steve Balcom
I'd like mine to come back to me in a check. I think insurance companies will either extend policies or have policy holders skip a payment.



Bruce Ettinger
It's a one time deal - give me the check. I think, however, they will just credit policies.



Doug Benjamin
I would like a check. I doubt we will ever see anything done.



Betty Mundell
I want my insurance policy to be credited. I also think that is what insurance companies will do.



John Rogers
Reduce my premium. Insurance companies will do whatever is easiest and least expensive for them. I think that is probably writing out checks.

Happy 12th Birthday
Tim Verino

April 28, 1998
Love, MOM, DAD & MANDY

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Vergennes Township Zoning Board of Appeals on May 13, 1998, at the township offices, 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell, at 7:00 p.m. Barbara Roth has applied for a variance to build a child care facility to serve 100 children on approximately four acres at 11500 Lally St., in the SW 1/4 of Section 4. The use is not a Permitted Use in the RA District.

Copies of the application are available at the township offices during regular business hours, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The ZBA will also consider a private road variance request from Harding Enterprises.

Written comments will also be considered if received by the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 1998.

Tim Howard, Chair

CITY OF LOWELL KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN Summary of Ordinance No. 98-6 Adopted by the Lowell City Council on April 20, 1998.

Ordinance No. 98-6 amends Section 25-205 (a) of Subarticle I, Article VI of Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lowell by revising the monthly average limit for the cyanide organic parameter to 6 ug/l.

Ordinance No. 98-6 is effective 10 days after this publication.

David M. Pasquale
City Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 6, 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, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Steve Ockaskis for a special land use for the construction and use of a residential accessory building on a vacant lot located directly across a public street from a lot improved with a principal dwelling, under Section 13.24A of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance. The special land use covers the lands commonly described as approximately 4300 Causeway Drive, and legally described as follows:

The Northwesterly 100 feet of the following described lands: That part of Section 33, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, described as commencing 105 feet Westerly along the extended South line of Lot 82 of Island Park Murray Lake, a recorded plat, from the most Westerly corner of said Lot 82, thence Southeasterly to the most Westerly corner of said lot, thence Northeasterly along the Westerly lot line to the Westerly line of Causeway Drive, thence Northwesterly along said Westerly line of said drive 100 feet, thence Southwesterly perpendicular to the West line of said drive to a line which extends from the point of beginning of this description to a point 60 feet Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Lot 91 of said plat, extended Southwesterly, thence Southeasterly to the point of beginning, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

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

Dated: April 27, 1998
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

DAYTIME MORNING BROADCAST STATIONS 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30 7:00 7:30 8:00 8:30 9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 11:00 11:30

DAYTIME AFTERNOON BROADCAST STATIONS 12:00 12:30 1:00 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 4:00 4:30 5:00 5:30 6:00 6:30

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SUNDAY MORNING MAY 3, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations listing programs like Wall Street Jrni, Sports-for Kids, and various movies.

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MONDAY EVENING MAY 4, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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WEDNESDAY EVENING MAY 6, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOTV, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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THURSDAY EVENING MAY 7, 1998. Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for broadcast stations (WVMT, WOVU, WGVU, WXMI, WOOD, WKAR, WZZM, WSYM, TBS, FAM, FX, USA, DISC, WGN, ESPN, CNN, NICK, A&E, FSD, TNT, NASH, TRAV, TLC, SCIFI, HIST, AMC, DISN, HBO, MAX).

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Opening couple of weeks a mix of good and bad for girls' golf team

By Thaddeus J. Kraus Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell girls' golf team has had three different leaders in five different meets so far this season. "That is a sign of our inexperience and the inconsistency that comes with it," said Lowell girls' golf coach Rick White.

Lowell's individual scores graph out like the Dow Jones. "Everybody has had some good rounds and everybody has had bad rounds," White said. The team scores at Deer Run Golf Course reflect that. Lowell shot a 222 at Deer Run its first time out. Its second time out the Red Arrows fired a 239. That was followed

with a round of 217; on Thursday the Red Arrows carded a 230. Lowell, 4-4 overall and 3-4 in the conference, has managed to defeat competition of equal and lesser quality. "We're beating the lower teams in our league," White said. "We just don't have the horses to compete against the

top teams in the league." Lowell's 230 left it a distant third in the triangular against Forest Hills Central, 184, and Wyoming Park, 198. Playing against the Rangers and Vikings allows the Red Arrows to see golf played at a higher level. "The girls need to watch and learn from the good teams," White said. Laura LaHaye led all Red Arrows against the Vikings and Rangers. The junior shot a round of 53. Elizabeth Baker was six shots back at 59. Callie Boyce carded a 63 and

Jeanne Sayer finished with a 64. For the winning Rangers, it was Keli Higgins coming home in 41. Teammate Annie Distasd came off the Deer Run course with a 46. Danielle Woods and Liza Liveredge carded rounds of 48 and 49 respectively. Wyoming Park's top four scores were handed in by Enid Gage, 43; Laura Meteender, 47; Megan Burger, 51; and Sarah Smith, 57. "We were terrible the first three holes," White said. "But

after that, the girls played all right." Lowell shot its best round of the year at its home course against Northview. The Red Arrows posted a score of 217. "That's a good score. Something they can feel good about," White said. "My goal is to have this club shoot a 210 by the end of the year." LaHaye led the Red Arrow charges with a 49, her best round of the year. Baker came home in 53, and Sayer

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Lowell's Elizabeth Baker blasts her way out of the sand trap Thursday at Deer Run Golf Course.



Laura LaHaye hits from the fairway on the first hole in action against Forest Hills Central and Wyoming Park.

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Advertisement for The Friends, featuring a photo of the cast and text: 'The Friends (Matthew Perry, Matt LeBlanc, David Schwimmer, Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow, Courteney Cox, clockwise from left) make plans to travel overseas for a wedding Thursday on NBC.'

Advertisement for Disney Channel featuring Mickey Mouse and text: 'SATURDAY BREAKFAST! The Pebble and the Penguin Now on Disney Channel SATURDAY • MAY 2 • 7pm www.disney.com' and 'An imaginative girl (Judy Garland) travels somewhere over the rainbow after getting caught in a tornado in The Wizard of Oz, airing Friday on CBS.'

Advertisement for The Roth IRA... Your New Way to Cut Taxes. Includes text: 'Tax-deferred interest earnings, Tax-free withdrawals, Lifetime retirement income' and contact info for Mark Johnson at Farm Bureau Insurance.

A lot of work for Barbers turns out to be a wonderful idea



•••• Open house on May 2nd and 3rd to celebrate McGee Homestead's 10th anniversary.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Ardis Barber saw the home and said, "Wonderful."

Her husband Bill Barber saw it and said, "A lot of work."

"Bill then bought me a stepladder," Ardis recalls.

The home the Barbers purchased a little over 10 years ago was built in the 1880's by Barney and Eliza McGee.

"Today, descendants of the McGee family come back to stay," Ardis Barber explains. "Who wouldn't want

to come back and sleep in their great-grandparents house?"

That opportunity is available to the descendants because the Barbers turned half of their home into a bed and breakfast called the McGee Homestead (2534 Alden Nash).

"Friends were not very optimistic about the idea and family thought we were crazy," Barber said.

try, roaming through the orchids, the kittens, goats, llamas and horses which are found at the McGee Homestead. The big country breakfast awaiting them in the morning is a favorable place too.

"We've had guests from every state and as far away as Australia," Barber said. "All of our business is by reservation. We don't have any drop in business."

Friends were not very optimistic about the idea and family thought we were crazy.

**Ardis Barber
Owner McGee Homestead**

Crazy like a fox, maybe. "Bed and breakfast is a growing industry 10 years ago there were 75 of them in Michigan. Today there are 250," Barber says.

McGee Homestead has grown from a supplemental income to a full time business. "We have people stay here every weekend," Barber said. "We also have business people who stay during the week."

Visitors love the coun-

Barbers will celebrate McGee Homestead's 10th anniversary with a weekend open house on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday, May 3, from noon until 4 p.m.

"Bed and breakfasts are great ways to preserve old houses," Barber said.

They also fill one's time. "I didn't realize how much of my time it would take," Barber explains. "But I'm glad we did it."

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A discussion will be held during the Vergennes Township Planning Commission meeting on Monday, May 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The discussion will be held to allow public comment on proposed language making allowances for and regulating docks, stairs and boardwalks in the FR (Flat River) District. It should be noted that Vergennes Township regulates permanent structures on land within the Flat River District and temporary structures in the river itself with guidance from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Permanent structures placed in the river itself continue to be regulated by the DEQ. A summary of the proposed language is as follows:

Definitions added to Article II, Section 201.202:

SS. River Access Dock - a temporary appurtenance constructed primarily of natural materials which serves as a landing pier for boats and does not exceed four (4) feet in width, nor sixteen (16) feet in length with no more than four (4) feet extending over the water.

TT. River Access Stairs - a permanent stairway constructed primarily of natural materials on steep slopes to the river where no other environmentally sound access is feasible; which does not cut into the stream bank; which does not exceed four (4) feet in width; which has no landings.

UU. River Access Boardwalk - a permanent walkway constructed primarily of natural materials used to provide access to the river where a bog or marshy area is present, and no other access point is available; which does not exceed four (4) feet in width nor does it exceed the length determined by the Zoning Administrator needed to reach the river's edge.

To Article III, Section 201.307, B., add 3., a., b., and c.

3.
a. River Access Dock. Construction of docks along the Flat River is discouraged because of the visual impact and potential hazards

to anglers and watercraft users. One dock per parcel containing a residence is permitted if necessary to provide safe and ecologically sound access for riparian landowners. A portion of the dock may be constructed within the setback from the river.

i. Docks constructed on the natural course of the river, or within the No-Wake-Zone where the river is less than 500 feet in width. Construction of temporary docks may not exceed four (4) feet in width, nor sixteen (16) feet in length with no more than four (4) feet extending over the water.

ii. Docks constructed in the No-Wake Zone. On the portion of the river defined as the "No-Wake Zone," and where the river is over five hundred (500) feet in width, the length of temporary docks may not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in length to allow access to a river depth of three (3) feet.

iii. Permanent docks require a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

b. River Access Stairs - Stairways are permitted if there is no other safe, feasible, environmentally sound access to the river; one stairway per parcel containing a residence is permitted to be constructed within the setback from the river; using no more than a single handrail if needed for safety; plantings of vegetative material must be established along the sides; must obtain a building permit from Vergennes Township prior to construction.

c. River Access Boardwalk. One board walk per parcel containing a residence is permitted; constructed within the setback from the river; must be low profile without disturbing natural plant and animal habitats; must have no more than a single handrail if needed for safety; must obtain a permit from Vergennes Township prior to construction, and may need a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality depending upon individual circumstances.

Rick Gillett
Planning Commission Chairperson

TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 6, 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, 11677 Old Belding Road, within the Township, concerning the application of Mel Trotter Ministries for a special land use for an outdoor recreation area consisting of additional and improved campground facilities of Camp Mel-Tro-Mi, under Section 13.11 of the Grattan Township Zoning Ordinance, located on lands commonly described as 6644 Lincoln Lake Road, and legally described as:

The West 3/4 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 11, Town 8 North, Range 9 West, except the North 400 feet of the West 1320 feet thereof, and also except the South 417.42 feet of the West 450.42 feet thereof, Grattan Township, Kent County, Michigan.

Such additional and improved facilities would include an additional residential structure, athletic fields and other facilities for the current campground use.

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

Dated: April 27, 1998
PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GRATTAN