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Korb accepts superintendent position in Ipswich, Mass.

•••• A long-time Lowell School District administrator begins his new role Aug. 1.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

His 21st year in the Lowell School District will be Richard Korb's last.

Lowell's associate superintendent announced Tuesday morning that he has been offered and accepted a superintendent's position with the Ipswich School District in Ipswich, Mass.

"It presents an outstanding new professional challenge," Korb said. "It will begin a new chapter in my life."

Korb is scheduled to start his new role on Aug. 1.

"I have mixed feelings. I am excited for Dick. This is an opportunity he richly deserves," Lowell superintendent Bert Bleke said. "I, the school, and the community will miss him. Dick has been a vital part of this commu-



Richard Korb
 for a long time."

Ipswich district officials and Korb are in the process of negotiating a contract.

Ipswich school board chairman George Jewell said the parties have agreed in principle.

"We are extremely pleased to have Richard Korb, an extremely people-oriented person and someone who has a great feel for dealing with others coming to our district," Jewell said.

The chairman was also impressed with the way in which Korb has dealt with union members. "He has handled it with dignity but

has been firm when needed."

Ipswich school officials came to Lowell last week to interview and question others in the community about Korb.

Ipswich is a school district of 1,923 people with 160 staff members.

Korb turned down an opportunity to pursue the Lowell superintendent's position nearly four years ago.

"I had some personal issues that I felt did not make it in my best interest to pursue the position at that time," Korb said. "The other factor was I felt the Lowell School District needed a new direction and approach. Bert Bleke has provided us with that."

Departing from a community which he has worked in for nearly 21 years will not be easy. "I think the opportunity this new position brings will help make parting smoother," Korb said.

City sidewalk project never was issued a permit; council asks who's responsible?

By J.N. Boorsma
 Contributing Writer

Once upon a time, the city of Lowell decided to put new sidewalks along West Main.

The city hired a firm, McNamee, Porter, and Seeley, Inc. to oversee the project and hired a contractor to do the work.

"We were merrily along on the project, when (the Michigan Department of Transportation) discovered it had not issued a permit to construct the sidewalks," said Dennis J. Benoit, representing McNamee, Porter, and Seeley.

With that discovery came a list of concerns from MDOT about the sidewalk in relation

costs to the project of \$32,207 since MDOT wants curbing and drainage issues covered before granting the permit to construct the sidewalk, which is 70 percent.

Needless to say, the Lowell City Council wasn't happy with the news with Mayor Bill Thompson asking, "Who was responsible for getting the permit, the firm we hired or the city?"

City manager David Pasquale said it is uncertain where the blame falls, and Benoit pointed out that the ultimate responsibility to get the permit falls on the contractor, according to the contract. He added that the contractor was told that the per-

McNamee and the contractor because ultimately, he believes, and so do many of the city councilors, that the city should not have to foot the entire bill of additional costs since it's not the city's entire fault.

"I thought we hired firms

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Tim Harmon will address students at 4th annual Lowell baccalaureate

•••• The baccalaureate is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at the Lowell Performing Arts Center.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Having a sense of faith can be a wonderful thing in one's life.

The 4th annual baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 27th, will celebrate students' faith.

Tim Harmon, minister of Lowell Church of the Nazarene, will deliver the high school graduation baccalaureate address.

The address will steer away from preaching and will be geared more toward re-

Protecting Natural Resources

•••• Bill Schreur Jr. becomes first person in Kent County to be approved for Designated Open Space Easement. However, Vergennes Township and the Lowell resident differ on restrictions imposed by local government.

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
 Lowell Ledger Editor

Bill Schreur Jr. got what he requested - a designated open space easement for 538 Flat River SE, making it the first parcel of property in Kent County to attain this status.

Schreur, however, had reservations about the buffer restriction Vergennes Township imposed within the statute.

While he does think a buffer is a good idea, Schreur objects to the township putting its own setback requirements in the statute.

Schreur's concern was supported by state representative Jack Horton. "The township's determination to pursue a buffer larger than anything required in the statute, I believe, is more than what the legislature had envisioned."

Horton added if such action is a sign of things to come, legislature may want to revisit it.

Steve Utic, a district conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, presented a plan to reduce the potential of leaching, and the use of herbicides to combat weeds, and insecticides to integrate a pesticide management program.

Utic's conservation plan also called for a minimum buffer/filter strip of 50 feet along the 2,000-2,500 feet of land that abuts the river.

Utic felt 50 feet was sufficient in coordination with the conservation plan Schreur had agreed to implement.

The township, however, imposed a restriction into the statute requiring a buffer of 70-100 feet.

The issue was resolved when Schreur proposed that there be 50 feet of riparian woody vegetation, followed by 20 feet of alfalfa before any row crops were in. Schreur said he would also have Utic monitor the plan's implementation.

The plan will help reduce sheet, rill and wind erosion; control runoff of farm nutrients or pesticides; minimize groundwater pollution with proper timing, selection and application of nutrients and pesticides which is further reduced by planting riparian woody vegetation between cropland and the river.

"This is my backyard. I want it to look nice," Schreur explained.

While I think a buffer is a good idea, I object to the township putting its own setback requirements in the statute.

Bill Schreur Jr.

Vergennes Township trustee Mark Weber said he liked the idea of the proposed plan use presented by Utic for Schreur's property. "Unless there is a compelling reason for us to tell him how to use his land, I don't think we should," he explained.

Township clerk Mari Stone said she trusted DNR's Steve Sutton and his judgment and grasp of what the river needs. Sutton said in a letter he felt more comfortable with a buffer of 70-100 feet.

"The township has an opportunity to further protect the river because of the program Schreur has chosen to participate in," Stone said.

Sutton, however, did say he felt a safe, fair farm practice could be implemented

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I thought we hired firms to make sure that these types of problems don't happen.

Bill Thompson
 Lowell mayor

to future plans, which are scheduled for next year, to continue the widening project along Main Street (M-21) through Ada.

This may add additional

mit had already been obtained.

But Thompson said he wanted to review the issue and have the city attorney go over the agreement with



Tim Harmon, minister at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, wants graduates to know they are wonderfully and fearfully made.

vealing the message of Psalm 139:

*For you created
 my inmost being;
 you knit me together
 in my mother's womb.
 I praise you because
 I am fearfully
 and wonderfully made;
 your works are wonderful,
 I know that full well.*

Harmon says he wants the graduates to leave with the knowledge that God created them the way they are and that they are wonderfully and fearfully made.

The message will coincide with the play, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, and music by Roger Baccalaureate, cont'd. pg. 8

OBITUARIES

FRIEDTHER - Anna Friedtther, aged 92 of Bluffton, S.C., died Wednesday, May 20, 1998, at the Christian Care Center. She was born in Alto. She married David Friedtther on June 18, 1938, in Alto. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1958. She was a member of Apostolic Christian

Church. She is survived by her sisters Margarete Wingeler and Christine Wingeler, both of Alto. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Apostolic Christian Church, Burial at the Christian Care Center.

KRANENBERG - Rosevelt

J. Kranenberg, aged 65 of Clarksville, died Tuesday, May 12, 1998. She was preceded in death by her brother Jack Collins. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Orley; children Sue Seave of Saranac, Perry Kranenberg of Lowell; brothers Rex (Deborah) Collins of Lowell, Ronald (Cheryl) Collins of Alto, Clennie McCormick of Alto, Marilyn (Duke) Thomas of Lowell; grandchildren Becky, Amanda and Kyle Seave; many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were

held Friday at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. Gregory Freed of Elmville Church of the Nazarene officiating. Interment Bowen Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

OSBORNE - Gay Paul Osborne, aged 86, of Belding, formerly of Saranac, passed away in Belding on May 14, 1998. He was born June 25, 1911, in Saranac, the son of

Harry and Nancy (Kroodes) Osborne. He enjoyed farming and taking care of livestock. He is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Funeral services for Mr. Osborne were held Tuesday at the Lake Funeral Home in Saranac with Rev. Paul Leslie officiating. Interment Saranac Cemetery. Anyone wishing may make contributions to Family Choice.

SWIFT - DeForest A. Swift, aged 89, of Lake Odessa, passed away on Friday, May 15, 1998, at Penneck Hospital, Hastings. He was born December 31, 1908, in Sebawaing, MI, the son of Claude and Maurine (Adams) Swift. He married Arlene I. Swift in May of 1942 and she

preceded him in death on January 2, 1998. He owned and operated the Swift Flower Shop for several years. He was a member of Masonic Lodge, Shriner's Eastern Star, Life Member of the VFW, and American Legion. Surviving are his two sons Allen (Linda) Swift of Lake Odessa, Ned (Kaitty) Swift of Lowell; three grandchildren Matthew, Suzanne and Rachel Swift; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandson Tom Swift; brothers Frank W. and Raymond Swift; sister Dorothy Swift Gill. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Koops Funeral Chapel, Lake Odessa with Rev. Ward Pierce officiating. Interment Lakeside Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Swift's P.L.A.C.E. Play Area.

COLLEGE NEWS

A total of 3,383 students are included on the dean's list for the winter semester of the 1997-'98 academic year at Western Michigan University.

To be eligible, students must have compiled at least a 3.5 grade point average (on a scale of 4.0 being all A's) in at

least 12 hours of graded class work.

Included on the list were: Lauren Eve Basney, Karyn M. Rogers, Sara R. Triplett, Mary Lyn Vandekoppel, Sarah M. Wieland and Elizabeth M. Zeeuw of Lowell and Rachael Bledsoe, Matt C. Bushman, Wendy L. Faber, Mandy Jacobs, Rachel D. O'Connor and Shante S. Roser of Alto.



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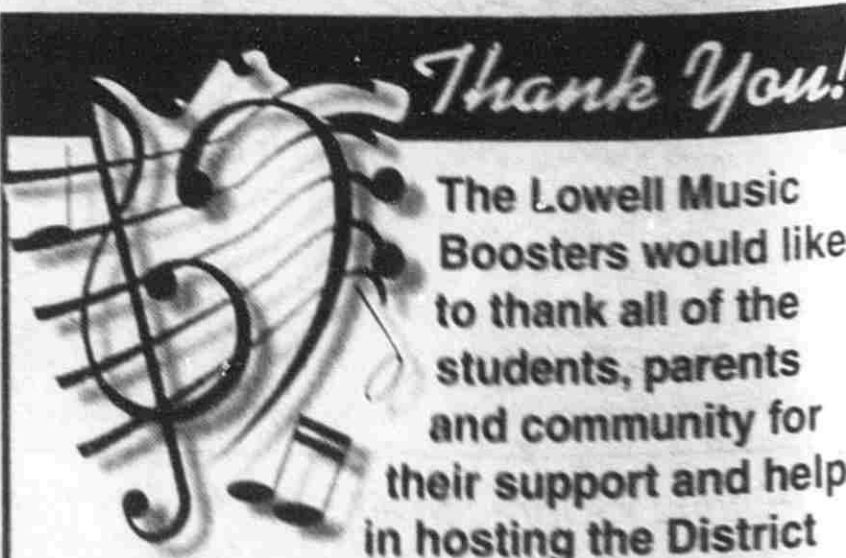
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Thank You Again!

Downtown to market new approach to sidewalk sales

By J.N. Boorsma
Contributing Writer

Sometimes if you ask, you will receive. Such was the case of the Lowell Chamber of Commerce, which approached the Lowell City Council about using the city sidewalks for a sidewalk sale. The chamber has been

hosting sidewalk sales for a number of years, but has never really had much success with them, said Liz Baker, assistant director of the chamber.

This year, through a new marketing idea, the chamber has decided to host the Blue Ribbon Street Market Aug. 13 and 14 along Main Street.

After some discussion, it was realized that to use the sidewalks along Main Street, the chamber should really ask the people who own it, which just happened to be the city. So Baker found herself in front of the city council Monday night making the request.

"It would be fair time, and we felt a good tie-in with the fair that would bring the people downtown for a little bit of

marketing," Baker said.

Baker said the chamber was aware of all the construction taking place and had approached all the business owners with only a couple raising concerns about the project. Overall, most were supportive, she said.

And so was the city council, which unanimously approved allowing the chamber to use the sidewalks for the street market.

Baker said spaces at the market would be open to Lowell residents and non-residents. Spaces would be \$30 a-piece and people could sell garage sale items, flea market stuff, arts and crafts, and other related items during the two-day event. The fee does include both days.

Township finds extending water main an expensive proposition

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

Water, water everywhere ...extending north on Cumberland?

The Lowell Charter Township Board must decide if they will approve a proposal to extend the existing water main at Foreman and Cumberland.

Plans for a single family dwelling north of Cumberland, 1000 feet on Foreman, are in the works, and no existing water piping is available in that area. The township is considering extending the current 16-inch main with a 12-inch pipe to service the future home at a cost to the township of \$50,000.

Township supervisor John Timpson explained that the costs are high and the pros and cons would need to be weighed carefully.

"Estimations for the piping are \$43,000, which include three fire hydrants," he stated. "Engineering costs for surveying, plans, and other expenses will total around \$7,000." He noted that he has been consulting with Moore and Bruggink Engineering in Grand Rapids.

The board members' task is to decide if the project is worthy of such a large chunk of township funds. "There is potential for two or three more homes in that span of 1,000 feet," said Timpson, "and the property owner must pay us \$35 per front foot, so there's a decent payoff."

After indicating that the future home on Cumberland

Water Main, cont'd. pg. 4

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS Board Candidate Forum

The Lowell Area Schools will be conducting a Board Candidate Forum for candidates running for the upcoming election.

Thursday, May 28, 1998
from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Admin. Building - Board Room
300 High St., Lowell

Candidates are: Deb Canfield, Pete Gustafson, Pat Nugent, Paul Young

Each candidate will be given 3 minutes for opening remarks and then there will be 30-45 minutes for written questions from the audience. Candidates will then be given 2 minutes for closing remarks.

The public is encouraged and invited to attend this forum. (This forum will be shown on Lowell Cable TV on June 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m.)

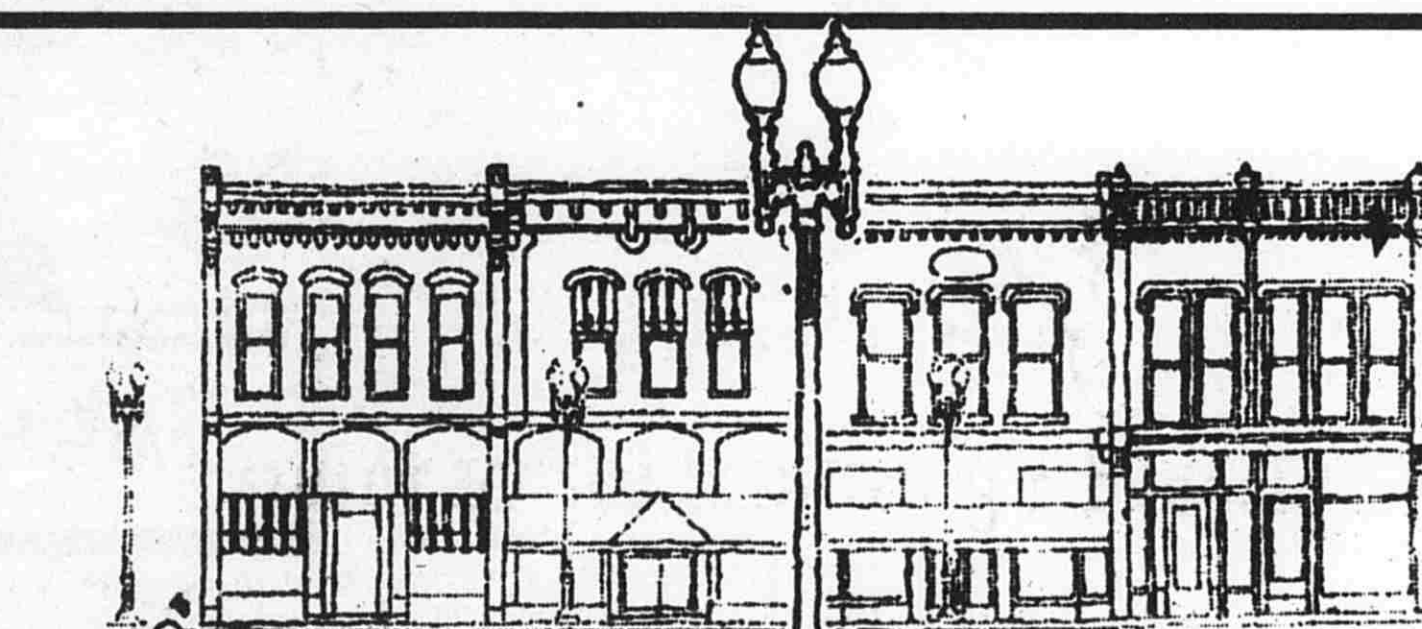
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Reflections

Of Faith

By Rev. George J. Fekete
St. Mary Church

There is a story about a drifter who was passing through a small town. He decided to go to the furniture store where an old buddy of his had been working the last time he was there. Walking around back to the loading dock he called out to one of the workers. "Is Henry here today?" "Henry don't work here no more," said that man. "Well then," said the drifter, hopefully, "that means you must have a vacancy." "No, it don't," said the worker. "Henry didn't leave no vacancy."

The story doesn't give us

a very flattering picture of Henry and the way he must have worked. Most of us would think that we are not indispensable yet we are not hope that if we left a work place, there would be some kind of a vacancy.

Looking ahead to the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday of this week, it's helpful to look at the Gospel according to John 14:23-29. In those passages, Jesus is preparing His disciples for life without Him. He is preparing them for that disturbing time after His death and return to His Father. Jesus is trying to assure His disciples that, in a sense, He will "leave no vacancy."

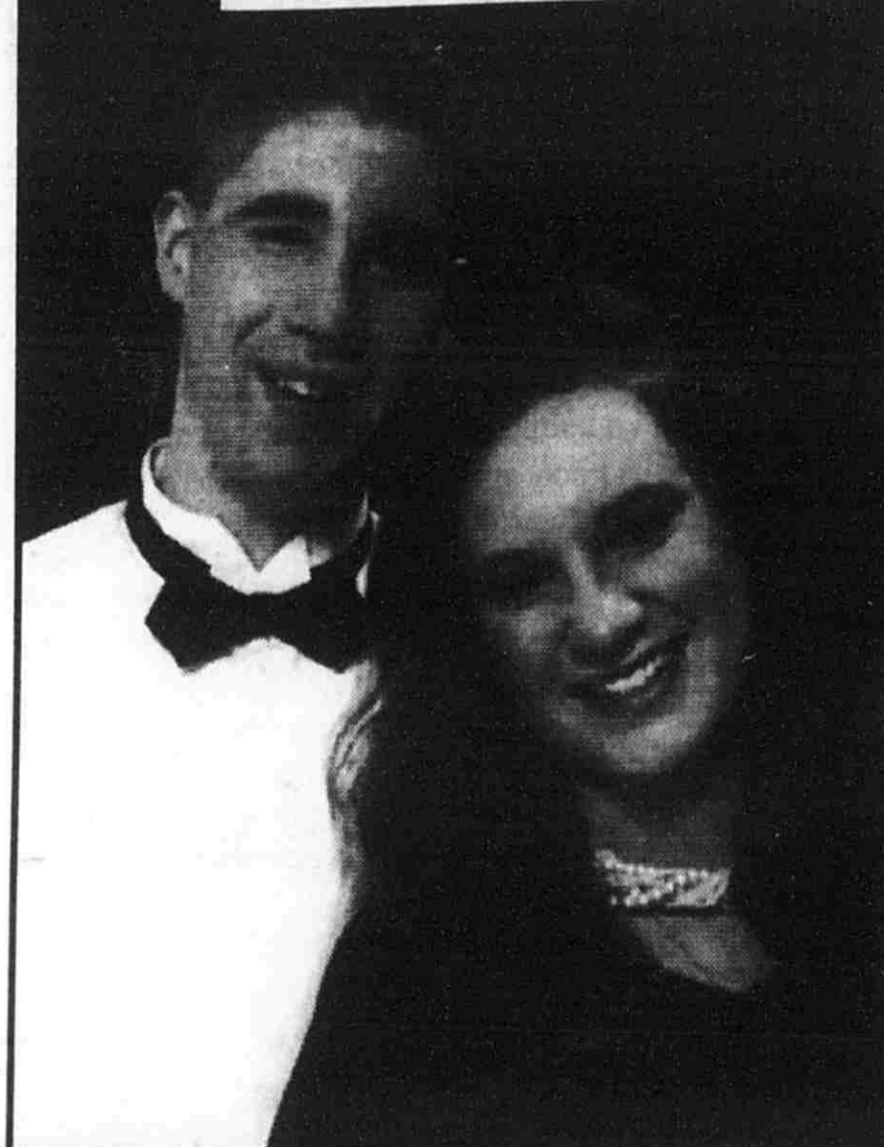
The Church is truly the continuation of the "visibility" of Jesus through time. Could we not say that the story of our Christian Faith is a story of God's desire to be with people. The Scriptures tell of many "presences" of God in the history of Israel, leading up to the Incarnation - God made flesh in Jesus. It can be said that Jesus is the "sacrament" of God. Jesus is the visible sign of an otherwise invisible reality. We can see the Church, then as the "sacrament" of Jesus - His continuing, touchable presence in the world once He has ascended to God the Father. Jesus' giving of the Holy Spirit, anticipated in the above Gospel passages, is the guarantee that there will be no void after He leaves the earth.

The giving of the Holy Spirit to the Christian believer is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that He and the Father will come to those who are true to His word and will make a "dwelling place" with them always.



Ann Wittenbach
Greenridge Realty announced that Ann Wittenbach received Realtor of the Month in April. This award recognizes Wittenbach for her outstanding success and achievements.

Denton-Grover/Engagement



Jamie Lynn Denton and Thomas Lee Grover II are engaged and planning a September 19, 1998 wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Barbara Austin of Lowell, and Paul Denton of Grand Rapids. She is a Lowell High School graduate and a daycare provider.

The future groom is the son of Thomas and Martina Grover of Lowell. He is also a graduate of Lowell High School and is employed at Steelcase.

AREA BIRTHS

Bill and Kammie VanOosten of Lowell are the new parents of a son, Kenneth James VanOosten. He was born at Metropolitan Hospital weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Grandparents are James and Suzanne VanOosten of Lowell and Virginia and the late Kenneth Worthington of Ionia.

Great-grandparents are Eleanor VanOosten, Ruth Bustance, Hazel Worthington and Mildred Cole.

Christina Barnes of Grand Rapids is excited to announce the arrival of his new baby brother Michael Dwayne Barnes who was

Nathan and Tara Propst of Lowell are very excited to announce the birth of their new baby brother Logan Andrew Propst, who was born April 24, 1998 at 11:19 a.m. at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Also welcoming him home are proud parents Amy and Derrick, grandparents Tony and Connie Stencel of Lowell, Geneva and Willy Barry of Grand Rapids, Cleophs Barnes of Grand Rapids and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Also welcoming Logan home are proud parents Trisha and Shad Propst of Lowell, grandparents Tony and Connie Stencel of Lowell, and Irv and Zetta Propst of Cedarville, MI; great-grandmothers Freda Osborne of Livonia, MI and Mary Liff of Lowell; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sixteen voters choose the John Kopf lots a block east of the

The answer to this week's Whitecaps trivia question: What month and year did the Whitecaps play their first home game? April, 1994.

Viewpoint . . .



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

Methodist church as the location for the new ward school. The vote was 11 for, 4 against. Purchase price \$400, and the school will be up and running this fall.

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER AND ALTO SOLO - May 17, 1923

Our state representative Dexter Look comments on the spring session, the governor's inability to make up his mind about various taxes, and his and Rep. Dykstra's successful attempt to do away with the county Board of Auditors and replace it with an appointed finance committee.

Friday will be a school "play festival" at the athletic field. Wear school clothes and bring your lunch. There will be games and sports.

Pres. Harding finalizes plans for his tour to Alaska and back, with many stops for speeches.

The Ledger-Solo will be serializing two westerns in coming weeks, one by Zane Grey, "The Light of Western Stars."

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - May 20, 1948

Robert Hahn heads the committee to make the City Hall fire barn doors larger. The old bell tower may have to go.

William P. Kerekes is named the new postmaster. Council negotiates with Peter DeHaan for a right-of-way into the Lowell airport; then an improved road will be built.

Fly control season is on; besides removing manure piles and other breeding places, spraying inside and outside with DDT is recommended.

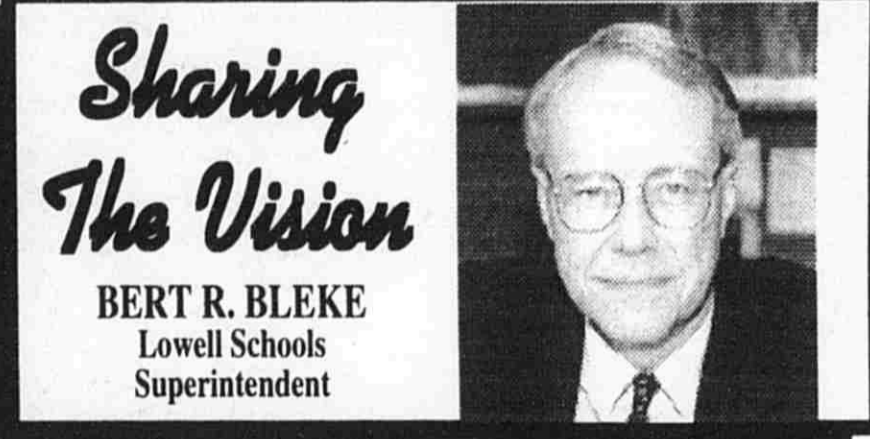
25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER-SUBURBAN LIFE - May 17, 1973

The editor tries out her new motorcycle in the back yard. The lawn furniture and a retaining wall conspire to put her on crutches.

The Chamber of Commerce plans a big Flea Market at the fairgrounds to pay off the Christmas decorations.

The Woman's Club identifies this year's officers in the annual photo by their husband's names (Mrs. John Smith, etc.)

Fallsburg Schoolhouse will be the focus of a workbee this weekend to get it ready to be open on Memorial Day.



Sharing The Vision
BERT R. BLEKE
Lowell Schools Superintendent

In my most recent "Sharing the Vision" article, I explained the critical role of MEAP examinations in the vision of our district. I stated that MEAP scores allow us to monitor how successful we have been in achieving student learning. I also indicated that while the MEAP was of particular importance to us, there was more to our day to day teaching and learning than just the MEAP examination.

In this article, I would like to discuss three additional categories of student learning that are important to our students' future success. These categories are life skills, career knowledge, and life-long learning. While it is all but impossible to separate these categories from the acquisition of skills that is measured by MEAP, they can be discussed as separate entities for reasons of clarity. In the remainder of this article, I would like to explain what is meant by life skills and leave career knowledge and life-long learning for my next article.

In today's world, where knowledge multiplies at a frightening rate, knowledge itself will not assure future success for students. To supplement this necessary knowledge base, we also include specific life skills that we expect all students to master. Many of these skills have been included in our curriculum for years. However, we feel it important to clearly identify these life skills to assure full implementation and community understanding.

A partial list of the life skills that we consider to be critical for future student success includes the following: employability skills, the ability to manage time, a cooperative work ability and technical skills. Others include communication and problem-solving skills, skills of character, and the understanding and appreciation of diversity in the community and the workplace.

Over the years, our district has done a good job of teaching many of the above skills. In other areas, we will need to re-examine our focus and emphasis, and to create, if necessary, a more direct application of skills in the student learning process. As always, the development of our curriculum is an ongoing and dynamic process of growth and improvement. It is our vision that our students will graduate with the necessary knowledge and life skills to be successful in a changing and dynamic society.

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

School Menus

Week of 5/25 - 5/29

ELEMENTARY

MON: No School, Memorial Day.

TUES: Hot Dog in a bun, tater tots, grapes or canned fruit, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat & cheese & pepperoni, cole slaw or juice, chocolate pudding or fresh fruit, milk.

FRI: Corn dogs, corn or baby carrots, assorted fruit, milk.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

MON: No School, Memorial Day.

TUES: Chili hot dog or crispito w/chz, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger or yogurt; choose 2: oven fries, side salad or veg soup/crackers, grapes, canned fruit, milk.

WED: Chicken nuggets or terriyaki dipper, cheeseburger in a bun, chef salad, yogurt; choose 2: mashed potatoes/gravy, rice or cole slaw; side salad, homemade dinner roll, fruit or gelatin w/whip, milk.

THURS: Pizza w/meat, cheese, pepperoni, ham/scalloped potatoes, yogurt, chef salad w/bread, cheeseburger; choose 2: broccoli w/cheese sauce, fruit juice or side salad; chocolate pudding or fruit, milk.

FRI: Nacho pieces w/meat & cheese, lasagna w/bread, cheeseburger chef salad or yogurt; choose 2: corn, fresh carrots or side salad; fruit selection, milk.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 21 - Pat Erickson, Eric Ellis, Kayla Mohr.

MAY 22 - Tim Shurwood, Meghan Beachum, Red Bristol, Mark Anderson.

MAY 23 - Wesley Patnode, Tory DeBold, Patrick Ortiz.

MAY 24 - Matt McClure.

MAY 25 - Janet McIntyre, Guy Watrous.

MAY 27 - Dakota McClure, Bertha Brown.

Business Matters

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Halfway between Lowell & Searanac on M-21
Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M.
(Nursery available)
Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M.
JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR
897-8307
All facilities are wheelchair accessible

EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH
10501 Settlewood • Ph. 897-7185
Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11 A.M.
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.
Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M.
GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110
STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894
ALL ARE WELCOME!
(Barrier-Free)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL
2275 West Main Street
Sun. Worship Service: 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Sunday School Hour.....11:00 A.M.
AWANA/JV.....Wed. 6:15
Contact Church Office For Prayer Meeting Times
897-7168
A Family Friendly Fellowship

ALTON BIBLE CHURCH
Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road
897-5648
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M.
(Sept. - April)
Prayer and Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418
YOU ARE WELCOME!

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL
(United Church of Christ)
404 North Hudson • 897-5906
Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M.
Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor
Louise Weeks.....Interim Christian Ed Director
Meghan Culver.....Music Director
Barrier-Free.....Nursery Provided

LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
201 N. Washington • 897-8800
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M.
TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister
Staffed Nursery Provided
Barrier-Free Entrance

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



EXERCISE DURING PREGNANCY

Exercise improves cardiovascular fitness, helps control weight, and gives many people a psychological boost. During pregnancy there are benefits to exercise, but there are also risks to the baby and to the mother.

Pregnancy causes an alteration of the woman's body. With changes in weight with enlarging breasts and growing uterus and baby, a woman's center of gravity is altered, which may cause problems with balance. Hormonal changes are thought to induce joint laxity which may lead to higher risks of strains and sprains.

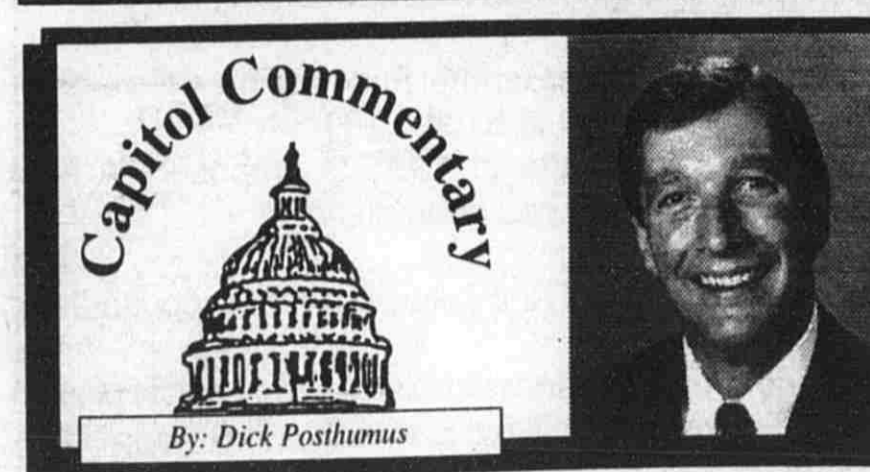
With exercise the body's core temperature increases and causes greater production of heat which could cause possible harm to the body. The mother's heart rate increases and works

harder causing blood to be diverted from the abdominal area and uterus to supply blood to exercising muscles.

Pregnant women are likely to feel a greater degree of breathlessness during exertion than nonpregnant women. Pregnancy demands a higher caloric intake for energy. With exercise and pregnancy the extra calories required may be more than 150-300 extra calories per day than recommended for nonpregnant women.

There are benefits to both pregnant moms and their babies. There is some evidence that exercise can make pregnancy easier and labor shorter. It improves muscle tone and may help prevent low back pain. Risks associated with exercise are hyperthermia injury, hypoxia injury (low oxygen to baby), trauma or injury to mother and/or baby, dehydration, low blood sugar, contractions and spontaneous miscarriage.

Some simple advice is to start an exercise program prior to conceiving. The intensity, duration and frequency of exercise should start at a level that does not result in pain, shortness of breath or excessive fatigue. Decreases in exercise performance are common, especially later in pregnancy. Keep well hydrated, maintain adequate caloric intake, and be aware of muscle or joint pain. Exercise that requires lying on the back should be avoided after the first trimester because of pressure on the blood supply to the uterus. Common sense dictates that contact sports or high-risk sports such as horseback riding, skiing (snow or water), scuba diving, skating, and bungee jumping should be avoided. Walking, swimming, and stationary cycling are excellent activities to perform during pregnancy.



SHINE THE PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT ON MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN IN MICHIGAN

It's so easy to let your eyes pass over the photos of missing kids that are on milk cartons, grocery bags, on the side of buses and in other places to get public attention.

There are probably many reasons. First, there are so many of them that after a while the faces just blend together and look alike. Another explanation is that it's hard to visualize the real person behind the photo, along with their families who are waiting at home.

One of my colleagues, Senator Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake, is trying to change that. He's working hard to help the almost 400 families in Michigan with missing children to find answers. Senator Stille, a father and former teacher, feels the best way to do this is to turn the public spotlight on their plight.

Every 12 seconds, another child is reported missing somewhere in the United States. As of November 1997, there were 381 children listed as missing in Michigan. Some of these children were kidnapped and hidden by noncustodial parents or strangers while others are listed as teen runaways.

Inspired by the efforts of two parents in his Senate district to find their 11-year-old daughter, Andre Bosse of Muskegon County, Senator Stille has made two important proposals and has started a Missing Children's website.

First, he has introduced a resolution to designate May as Missing Children's Awareness Month to help draw attention to the problem and get the names and faces of these children before the public.

Senator Stille has also introduced SB 1123 which would

establish a Michigan Missing Children Task Force. Its members would include top state officials involved in law enforcement and child protection, as well as members of the public. The task force would sort out all the relevant issues relating to missing children. It would look at the reasons children disappear, including parental abductions, runaways and kidnappings and develop strategies to prevent them.

It would also serve as a clearinghouse to track missing children and would develop measures and systems to ensure the timely entry of missing children information into the law enforcement information network (LEIN).

But just as important, Senator Stille notes that the general public can help in returning missing children home. He suggests that people take time to look at the faces of missing children on posters hanging in store windows and on bulletin boards, spend an extra minute remembering their names and faces when reading the paper or watching the evening news and be alert for these children when in public places.

The address for Senator Stille's website is: www.gop.senate.state.mi.us/senator/stille

Mother-Daughter banquet stirs up wedding memories

The First United Methodist Church of Lowell held its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet, with about 200 women and girls in attendance. The theme for this special evening was "Wedding Memories."

The evening's meal was highlighted with two wedding cakes being served as dessert to those in attendance. Wedding memorabilia from many church

families was displayed for all to see before and after the dinner, including wedding pictures, wedding gowns from the 30s, and cake toppers.

Following the meal, which was served by men of the church, a program was presented in the sanctuary. There were awards with a wedding theme given out to our guests and then a "Wedding Memories" fashion show.

Fashions viewed were bridesmaid dresses, mother-of-the-groom and mother-of-the-bride dresses, flower girl dresses, and seven lovely wedding gowns from the 1930s to the 1990s. There were 19 models escorted down the aisle of the church, while descriptions of their fashions were given.



Water Main, cont'd.... From Page 3

in Vergennes Township, he explained that it is situated in the Lowell Township water district, so Lowell Charter is responsible. The current water ordinance states that they are obligated to serve customers within 300 feet of an existing water main.

"Of course, there's a risk involved, but perhaps it is worth the venture," remarked board member Alyn Fletcher.

Discussion of the water project will be discussed further at the next workshop meeting.

Bill Forsyth to speak at POMC meeting

West Michigan Parents of Murdered Children and other survivors of Homicide (POMC) will meet Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Trinity United Methodist Church's discovery room, 1100 Lake Dr. SE, Grand Rapids.

A question and answer session will be conducted by Kent County prosecutor, Bill Forsyth, after which will be informal sharing and snacks.

All survivors of homicide, regardless of the time span

since the murder of a loved one, or the age of the victim, are invited.

Contact Danni Smith at 897-2544, Tim Timmerman, 696-1023, or Steve Gainey, 954-1991.

The meetings for June, July, and August have been rescheduled for the third Monday of the month.

The organization's national POMC website is www.pomc.com

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, MAY 4, 1998.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Chief of Police James Valentine, Director of Public Works Daniel DesJarden, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Airport Boardmember James Sowle, Airport Manager Roger Crawford, Downtown Development Authority Chairman James Reagan, Account Clerk Susan Ullery.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN that the minutes of the April 20, 1998 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (04/20/98)

GENERAL FUND	\$66,960.35
MAJOR STREET FUND	179.99
LOCAL STREET FUND	180.00
DDA FUND	33,038.75
WASTEWATER FUND	28,090.76
WATER FUND	1,404.32
DATA PROCESSING FUND	50.00
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,191.60
CURRENT TAX FUND	250.55
LEE FUND	2,363.35
IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,146.10

Item #1. 916 RIVERSIDE - DON AND CARLY KERMEEN - FRONT YARD VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW ENCLOSED PORCH - PUBLIC HEARING. City Manager Pasquale noted at the last meeting, Don and Carly Kermeen petitioned to construct a new enclosed porch, extending an additional three feet of the front yard lot line being, 20 feet away. Under the Zoning Ordinance, 30 feet is required.

In reviewing the provisions of Section 4.04, the average front yard setback for buildings within 300 feet of the residence is 23 feet. Thus, the proposed setback would intrude further than the established neighborhood line.

At its April 27 meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed the request and unanimously recommended against the variance since no unusual circumstances were found. However, since the three foot variance proposal involved the placement of steps, the Commission recommended (5-1 vote) this be considered a legal projection into the front yard under Section 4.05. Similar allowances are provided for porches, terraces, balconies, window awnings and similar structures in which all sides are unenclosed and uncovered. Steps would be considered in this category.

Pasquale read the following letters from neighbors who did not oppose this variance:

- Dale and Karen Latva - 904 Riverside Drive
- Rob and Chris Newman - 928 Riverside Drive
- Phillip and Janet Johnson - 810 Riverside Drive
- Perry and Teresa Beachum - 924 Riverside Drive

Councilmember Myers asked if the Planning Commission was in receipt of these letters when they made this recommendation.

Deputy City Clerk Morlock stated one letter was received by mail on May 4 and the others were delivered prior to the Council meeting.

Don Kermeen noted there is an entryway presently. The Kermeens wished to have a porch across the front of the house. This would be set back roughly one foot on each corner and protruding out ten feet.

Boardmember Blough questioned as to whether the proposed new wall would be at the 23 feet lot line.

Kermeen responded this was correct.

Boardmember Blough responded the only issue of discussion is the cement slab which will be used for a stoop.

The Planning Commission stated a variance would not be required, provided under Section 4.05, the cement slab be considered a legal projection into the front yard. The cement slab will have no roof and not be enclosed.

Boardmember Shores responded this would enhance their property and did not believe it would be detrimental to the neighborhood.

Boardmember Blough added the enclosed porch does not require a variance if the projection of the cement slab is allowable.

Boardmember Myers asked whether there had been any discussion with Imperial Municipal Services regarding this variance.

Pasquale responded IMS did not consider the steps to be an intrusion, if the building line minus the steps is at 23 feet.

Boardmember Shores questioned if the variance should be given an approval or disapproval.

Boardmember Blough suggested the Board not vote on the variance and refund the fee. The Kermeens should withdraw the variance request. By interpretation of the Zoning Board of Appeals, this is a legal projection.

Pasquale requested this be noted in the record as acceptable.

Chairman Shores noted this appeared to be an acceptable procedure and all fees should be reimbursed.

The consensus of the Board was no variance was needed because of Section 4.05 of the Zoning Ordinance. The steps are considered a legal projection into the front yard. Thus, the variance fee be refunded to the Kermeens.

Item #2. 1998-99 BUDGET - PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATES (MAY 18 AND JUNE 1). City Manager Pasquale stated the 1998-99 Budget would be presented at the May 18 City Council meeting. To be timely with final approval, two public hearings should be conducted on May 18 and June 1.

Pasquale explained the following major components of the proposed 1998-99 Operating Budget:

A) General Fund: The General Fund has planned expenditures in the amount of \$1,904,180. The same millage rate of 13.85 is proposed. A fund balance of \$339,429 has been planned.

As part of the budget, the following were proposed:

1. Police: Purchase and refurbish a used vehicle plus an existing patrol car, totalling \$20,000.

2. Cemetery Budget: \$10,000 will be set aside for road paving, which will complete all the paving in the cemetery.

3. Sidewalk Budget: A 25% allowance for those who wish to replace their sidewalks is provided.

4. Library Budget: A total of \$41,100 has been budgeted for the maintenance of the building. It is offset by a \$7,741 contribution from the Kent District Library.

McNab and Olin appointed city finance roles

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

They've been working in the same office since October of 1991 - now the city will count on Suzanne Olin and Char McNab to work together in the area of finance.

The two city employees assisted former Lowell treasurer Judy Noonon who retired from her position as city treasurer in April.

McNab is now the assistant finance director and investment officer. Prior to the

position change, McNab was responsible for payroll/utility billing.

Her duties will include managing city investments, journal entries, insurance and payroll, and personnel.

Olin, formerly the deputy treasurer, will now serve as the city treasurer. "I will still assist with personal property tax collection, but now I will prepare the city financial statements," she said.

It wasn't NASCAR, but the four months of tutelage time spent with Noonon

raced by for the race fanatic. "We still can call Judy (Noonon) if we have any questions," McNab explained.

Olin adds it's been a smooth transition. "Char and I work well together," she says. "The new role has been a challenge but I welcome the change."

Olin, a 1982 graduate from Lowell High School, has a degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

McNab, a 1957 graduate from Greenville, has an associate degree from Michigan State University.

Along with sharing the finance responsibilities, they also share a liking for the game of golf. There is a pause when asked who the better golfer is; they then nod and respond "We're about the same."

They really do work well together.



Suzanne Olin, city treasurer, and Char McNab, assistant finance director and investment officer, began their new positions in April.

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B) Building Authority: The Building Authority bond payment for the library construction is \$125,785 (third year of a ten year issue). This will be paid through contributions from the Look Memorial Fund (\$40,000), Lowell Area Community Fund (\$40,000) and remaining contributions and interest earned. Thus, no General Fund contributions is required for this year.

C) Water and Sewer Fund: No rate increases are proposed.

D) Lee Fund: Two additional pavilions are to be installed at Creekside and Stoney Lakeside Parks. Also, money will be provided for additional parking at Creekside.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to establish public hearing dates for the May 18 and June 1, 1998 City Council meetings to consider adoption of the 1998-99 budget.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #3. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CLEANING SERVICES. Grace Rash had undertaken the cleaning of the City Hall, Police Department and Library since March 8, 1997. The new proposed contract was prepared by City Attorney Richard Wendt outlining employment status, supervision, duties, supplies and hours. This contract, effective from March 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999, will pay a salary of \$385 per week. The cost is less than other quotes received last year.

Deputy City Clerk Morlock recommended the new contract be approved.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by GREEN to accept this contract agreement with Grace Rash for cleaning services.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. ADOPTION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN 1998-2003. The Capital Improvements Plan provides priorities for future improvements to the City's facilities, streets, parks and utilities. The Planning Commission has processed the information over the past few months and recommended its approval at their April 27, 1998 meeting.

Councilmember Green questioned the priority of the streets. DPW Director Dan DesJarden responded several streets have been raised on the priority list, including the Valley Vista area. Green also noted N. Division and Gee Drive need work. Pasquale and Green considered the reconstruction of several streets in the city a major priority.

Councilmember Myers asked if the cemetery office/maintenance building had been included. Pasquale responded this was not included. But, an amendment could be adopted including the cemetery office/maintenance building in the Capital Improvements Plan, with no assigned date for completion.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by MYERS to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan 1998-2003 including the construction of the cemetery office/maintenance building.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. REPORT FROM JAMES SOWLE REGARDING TREE TRIMMING EFFORTS AT THE LOWELL CITY AIRPORT. Airport Boardmember James Sowle requested a closed session with the City Council since property acquisition issues need to be addressed regarding the airport.

Item #6 CITIZEN COMMENTS. DPW Director Dan DesJarden approached the Council regarding uniform colors for Public Works vehicles. When the last pickup was purchased a Councilmember suggested the City should have the same colors for the trucks. The standard colors are white, red and black. Councilmember Myers recommended a standard color be chosen. DesJarden is preparing to advertise bids for a new truck.

Councilmember Blough recommended this is an item which should be left up to city staff with one exception. The color should not add to the price of the vehicle. By consensus, the Council agreed.

Arnold DeLoof (829 N. Jefferson) expressed concerns involving a large maple tree in the front yard near the street by the right of way. He would like it removed. Grass cannot be grown in the area, because of the tree's shade as well as its roots are so close to the top of the ground. There is a cement block wall and the roots will push this into the street in a few years. DeLoof would be willing to replace the tree. Mayor Thompson recommended that the Council take another look at the tree and direct a response back at the next meeting. An assessment should be carried out by the DPW.

Phyllis Lessens had concerns about those parking four feet from front entrance way on Pleasant St. at Schneider Manor. Mayor Thompson suggested Schneider Manor be contacted to possibly redesign the entrance way into these buildings.

Item #7. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Shores presented a magazine from Bernie Kropf regarding the promotion of "Burma Shave" type signs. She asked if there was any interest. None noted.

Shores received an anonymous letter regarding yards which need attention on South Pleasant. This was given to DesJarden for follow up.

Councilmember Shores had concerns regarding a dip at the end of a driveway on Amity, across from Newell Manufacturing. DesJarden responded this was caused by the construction recently completed in the area. This will be examined and taken care of.

In response to Shores' inquiry, on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day Parade will be starting at the United Methodist Church, continue west along Avery, turn north at Monroe and then proceed to the cemetery.

Councilmember Green provided a compliment on the installation of the temporary traffic lights for the M-21 bridge project. Councilmember Myers stated a driver does not save time by using the north-south bridges rather than going through these lights. Mayor Thompson was pleased with the public meeting held with MDOT regarding the M-21 projects.

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

A. The meeting minutes from the Cable TV Board, Planning Commission, and Downtown Development Authority were given to the Councilmembers.

B. Mayor Exchange Day will be May 7 and the visit to Coopersville will be on May 14.

C. An estimate for a new cemetery maintenance building was given of \$53,000.

Item #9. APPOINTMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by SHORES to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. to closed session pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act involving property acquisition.

YEA: 5.

NAY: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

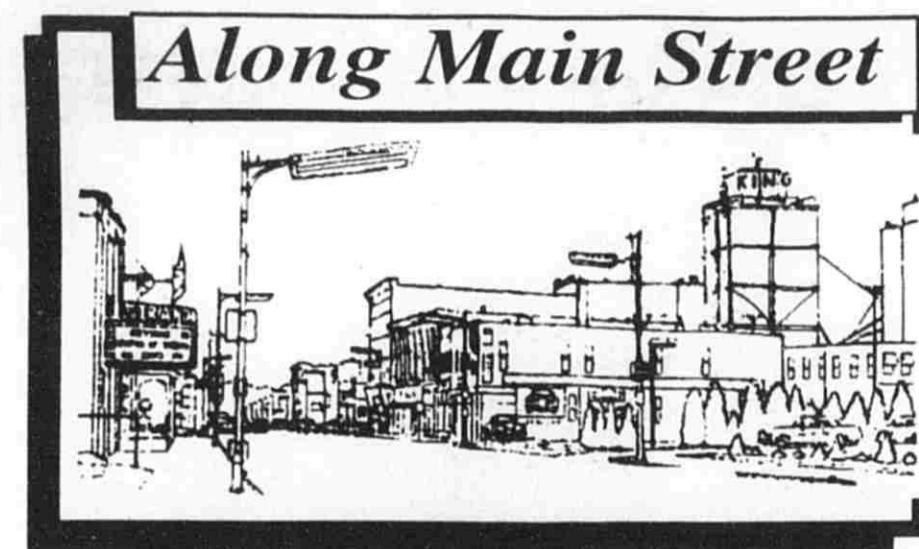
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to return into open session at 9:00 p.m.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: Monday, May 18, 1998

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



SHOWBOAT BOARD MEETING

The Lowell Showboat Board general meeting will be held Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Alternative School (old Riverside School).

EVENING OF BARBERSHOP

The Lowell Showboat Board presents an "Evening of Barbershop" on Sat., May 23. The performance is at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Lowell High School. General admission, \$8; seniors and 12 & under, \$6.

CLASS OF '78 REUNION REMINDER

A friendly reminder to the Lowell High School class of '78 & friends - Please mail your reunion and party reservation by

June 1. If additional information is needed, please call Ellen Ritzema at 897-9524 or Tom Smith at 787-6052.

SPAGHETTI FOR THE ARTS

Mike and Judy Tummino are making plans for their spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Lowell Area Arts Council on Monday, June 8, in the Art Center Gallery. Come enjoy an evening of great food and the *Harry and Friends* watercolor exhibit.

Due to space limitations, this event is by reservation only. Keep the arts alive and well in Lowell. Call Liz or David at 897-8545 for your reservations.

Baccalaureate, cont'd.... From Page 1

MacNaughton and Curt Hines. Harmon was raised in southern Ohio. "I grew up in Postsmith, OH. I was a Cincinnati Reds fan back in the 70's when they were good."

He graduated from a Kansas City seminary before taking a ministerial position in uptown New York (Bath). The baccalaureate is being coordinated through the local ministerium and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Roger LaWarre, pastor of the First Congregational Church, is the chairman of the event.

The Lowell High School Performing Arts Center will be the site for the service honoring this year's graduates.

LATE SIGN-UPS FOR ATHLETIC CAMPS

Late sign-ups are being taken for the summer athletic camps at Lowell High School. Forms may be picked up at the athletic office to be completed there or mailed in. For more information, call 897-4442.

CHERRY CREEK'S INVENTION CONVENTION

You are cordially invited to attend the Cherry Creek Elementary fifth-grade Invention Convention at Cherry Creek Elementary on Thursday, May 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Inventions from our fifth grade inventors will be on display.

A baccalaureate service is traditionally a lively service of praise and celebration planned by youth and adults of the religious community.

"It takes time to honor the rich and diverse roots of faith so important to the development and character of our seniors," said baccalaureate committee member, Ginger Sper.

"Over the years the response has kept getting better," Sper said. "Last year we had over 400 people attend the service."

"The participation testifies to the importance of a Christian presence in the development of character and leadership," Sper explained.

Refreshments and cookies will be served following the service.

Sidewalk, cont'd.... From Page 1

to make sure that these types of problems don't happen," Thompson said.

Councilor Michael Blough raised several other issues, such as what was the current additional projected cost; would additional costs be added later; and should the budget be allowed to overrun for these expenses. Pasquale said city staff believes that through some negotiation with MDOT, the city could get MDOT to help cover some of the costs since most of it would not only benefit the sidewalk but the road as well.

Blough said he would like to see the budget stay within its

original limits and asked what could be eliminated to help do that. Pasquale said he would need to take a look at that issue and bring it back to the city council.

For that reason, and the issue of having the city attorney look over the contracts and having staff talk to MDOT, the council decided to table the matter of the additional costs to the project until its next meeting, scheduled for June 1.

Benoit said this should not delay the sidewalk any further since MDOT is willing to let the contractor work on the remaining portion of the project by issuing a permit.

Schreur, cont'd.... From Page 1

with a 50-foot buffer but was not willing to put it in writing, according to Schreur.

The question was raised about other areas in the township where there are farms within five feet of a stream.

Schreur noted that interim township supervisor Marsha Wilcox farms to within five feet of a designated trout stream.

Wilcox said the river is the end run. "The distance traveled from the smaller streams to the river cleans them up," Wilcox explained.

Who is responsible for ensuring that farmers are not endangering the natural resources? Farm Bureau and the Soil Conservation help regulate farming.

Township resident Roger O'Dell said he felt it was in the best interest of the township to look every way it could to cooperate with Schreur.

Stone, uncomfortable with the perception that the township was against the conservation program said the township is thrilled Schreur wanted into it. "It's an excellent way to preserve land."

**SYNOPSIS
GRATTAN
TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 1998**

MOTIONS APPROVED:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CHANGE TO ITEM #4 UNDER "NEW BUSINESS" FROM PURCHASE ORDER POLICY REVISION TO OFFICE SYSTEMS COLORS.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

MOTION TO MOVE THE SEWER DISTRICT EXPANSION FOR GRATTAN CENTER TO NEXT MONTHS MEETING FOR DISCUSSION.

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR FINANCING THE RESCUE TRUCK

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OLD BELDING ROAD FROM M-44 EAST TO LESSITER AVENUE ON MAY 25, 1998 FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY BRIDGE WALK.

MOTION TO APPROVE BUILDING, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING INSPECTIONS AND PLAN REVIEWS FROM IMPERIAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted By Colleen O'Brien, Transcriber



Camaro will provide nice ride home from St. Patrick's festival

••• Tickets are now on sale at local businesses

Do you feel lucky? If so, tickets for the 7th annual St. Patrick's Parish Camaro raffle are now on sale.

They can be purchased at Thomet Chevrolet, St. Patrick's Parish office, Showboat Automotive, Cannonsburg Market, Lowell Ledger/Lowell Litho, Parnell Grocery and Bailey's General Store.

The drawing for the 1998 Z-28 convertible is Sunday, June 28, at 6 p.m. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit St. Patrick's school endowment fund.

Tickets cost \$20 apiece; three for \$50; or six tickets for \$100.

The St. Patrick's annual festival is Saturday, June 27th, and Sunday, June 28th.

Pictured to the left are Thomet Chevrolet's Stew Thomet (standing) and car raffle chairman, Steve Vickers (sitting in the 1998 Camaro).

Lindhout attends convention

Sandy Lindhout, Lowell resident and owner of The Last Word in Ada, has just returned from attending the annual convention of the Association of Business Support Services International, Inc. (ABSSI, Inc.), held April 29 through May 2 in San Diego, CA.

The three-day convention program focused on the increased demand for talented and technically proficient business support service companies by business and industry. In today's high-tech office environment, many international, national and local companies are choosing to use the abilities of these outside companies as needed, to supplement their own staff and office equipment capabilities.

Entrepreneurs starting new businesses have traditionally recognized the value of using outside help for their

office support functions until they can justify their own office, staff, and equipment. In addition, national companies increasingly engage business support services to support their traveling executives and sales representatives. The hiring of business support services also solves a problem unique to most home-based business owners, who find that zoning laws, temp agency policies, limited budget, and/or limited space usually prevent them from hiring in-home employees or temps.

The Last Word, in business since 1980, now employs three full-time and seven part-time employees. The company specializes in transcription services for the insurance, market research, and video production industries. Utilizing state of the art software, they also maintain large databases and publish newsletters and mailers for professional organizations and corporate clients. Lindhout also earned her Certified Professional Resume Writer (CPRW) designation in 1994.

ON SITE INTERVIEWS
Hope Network - MSO is offering exciting positions for caring, motivated individuals who are interested in working in our dynamic West Lake Program located at 11652 Grand River Avenue in Lowell. Beginning pay \$8.00 an hour. Program Staff will work with disabled adults in a home environment providing direct care and supervision to residents. Interviews will be held: Wednesday, May 20, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. An Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/H/V
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LOWELL SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 1998

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - The Board of Education presented Nan Zeewu with a certificate of appreciation and congratulated her on receiving the Paraprofessional of the Year Award from the Kent County Education Association.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Nate Schoen, Student Council President and Representative to the Board of Education, reported that there are 12 days left for seniors. The student council elections are taking place this week, the student council is sponsoring another blood drive, and spring sports are just about over. Bert Bleke congratulated Nate on being selected as one of the top 100 super seniors in Kent County.

ACTION ITEMS - Accepted the following gifts:
 • Ionia County National Bank donation of \$1,060 from their Home Town Program to be used by the Cherry Creek Accelerated Program.
 • John Lee donation of computer software and videos valued at \$100 to be used by the students at Bushnell Elementary School.
 • Lowell Community Fund donation of \$300 to be used by the Lowell New Dawn Program.
 • Lowell Community Fund donation of \$400 to be used by the Alto 5th grade camp.

Approved the 1998-99 school year calendar.

CONSENT ITEMS - Approved/Adopted were:
 • Minutes for April 20, 1998 Regular meeting.
 • Unpaid Parenting Leave for Maria Gregory for the 1998-

99 school year.
 • Resolution appointing election inspectors for the annual election to be held on Monday, June 8, 1998.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Approved the payment of bills as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$842,718.58
SCHOOL SERVICES FUND	
A. Food Service Fund	\$45,913.88
B. Athletic Fund	\$31,621.81
TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	\$41,761.83
DEBT FUND 1990	\$1,286,862.50
1990 BOND FUND PROCEEDS	\$1,246.44

1998-99 BUDGET - Connie Gillette updated the Board on the projected 1998-99 budget and explained the process the district will take with the Headlee Underfunding monies.

MARKETING PRODUCTS IN THE DISTRICT - Bert Bleke explained the timeline set forth for the possible involvement in a marketing agreement and Board members expressed their opinions of such a concept. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Board sub-committee meetings.

1998-99 BOARD GOALS - A brief discussion was held on the Board goals to be established for the 1998-99 school year. The Board will continue to discuss Board goals with formal adoption expected at the July organizational meeting.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - Mary Ann Schramm gave a historical prospective on the Technology report made by the subcommittee of the Education and Business Plan. Rob Stevens then reported on the ongoing work the current technology committee is involved in.

H.S. COURSE ADDITIONS - Scott Vashaw reported on several high school course offerings that are being considered for the 1998-99 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION - Pete Gustafson announced that the Superintendent Evaluation has been completed and that the evaluation will become public record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Bruce Walter approached the School Board to see if they would be willing to endorse the concept of a community ice skating rink.

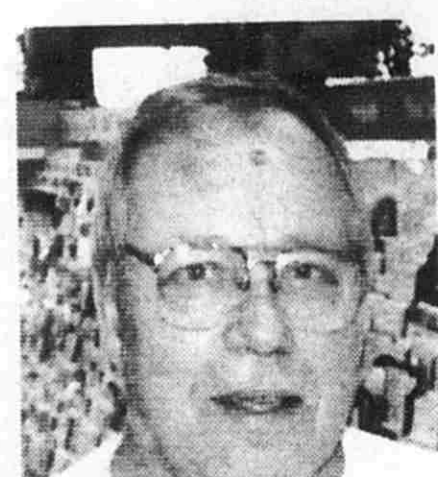
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Bert Bleke asked Jim White to briefly report on the recent MEAP scores for 4th and 7th grade reading and mathematics. Jim also reported on the kindergarten schedule change for the 1998-99 school year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Board Candidate Forum
 Runciman Admin. Building, Board Room.
 Thursday, May 28, 1998, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
 Runciman Admin. Building, Board Room
 Monday, June 8, 1998, 7:30 p.m.

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TOWN TALK

Gov. John Engler recently said Michigan residents will be more upset with delays and construction on Michigan roadways this season than they ever were with potholes. What do you think?



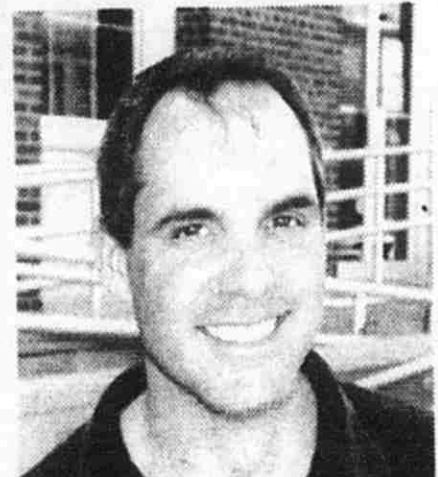
Phillip Matuk

I don't agree. Gov. Engler keeps bragging about the wonderful job he's done with the roads. I don't agree with that either. We wouldn't have had all these potholes had he kept up with it. I'd rather be annoyed with construction.



Kathy Casler

No. I don't agree. I hope people can see the long-term effects of construction - the roads will be better.



Jeff Dickerman

Construction is more of a problem than potholes. But, then again, I have a jeep.



Amy Wittenbach

I hate potholes. They cost you money. I have more patience with construction.



Kathy Paroff

No. Construction is better than potholes.



Janice Bradley

I disagree. Delays in traffic won't harm you. Huge potholes will.



People once believed ringing bells would quiet storms.



Ojars Smits

The roads should be fixed. I think people probably are less patient with roads being fixed.



Susan Day

Not really. I'd like to see the potholes fixed.

Road & fire budgets may need aid of millage increase

By Amy Briggs
Contributing Writer

"We can't expect the Kent County Road Commission to grant us unlimited credit forever. Something's got to change," announced Lowell Charter Township supervisor John Timpson at the board meeting May 18.

A millage increase was discussed for the November 1998 ballot. A one mill increase was suggested for fire and safety, including an allotment for improvement of township roads.

Township clerk Carol Wells reported that the road and fire budget is being chronically overspent. "We have a \$60,000 per year road budget, and taxpayer dollars brought in \$76,495 in 1997. However, we spend an average amount of \$148,000 per year on these expenses," she explained.

If one mill were added, township road and related spending could top off at \$160,000 and still land within the budget. "People want the roads improved, but without funds, it is not possible," relayed Timpson.

The millage's downfall is the impact it would have on taxpayers: a \$100,000 home owner would see a tax increase of around \$100.

The board recognized that citizens may not be receptive to a sizable tax increase. "But," noted board member Richard Huver, "over the years, our road budget hasn't increased one dime and costs are accelerating."

Timpson wrapped up with an important point: "We are looking to upgrade to meet the modern needs of this community. We'll give all things serious consideration, but the people make the choice."

The board plans to continue their millage discussion as more facts and figures become available.

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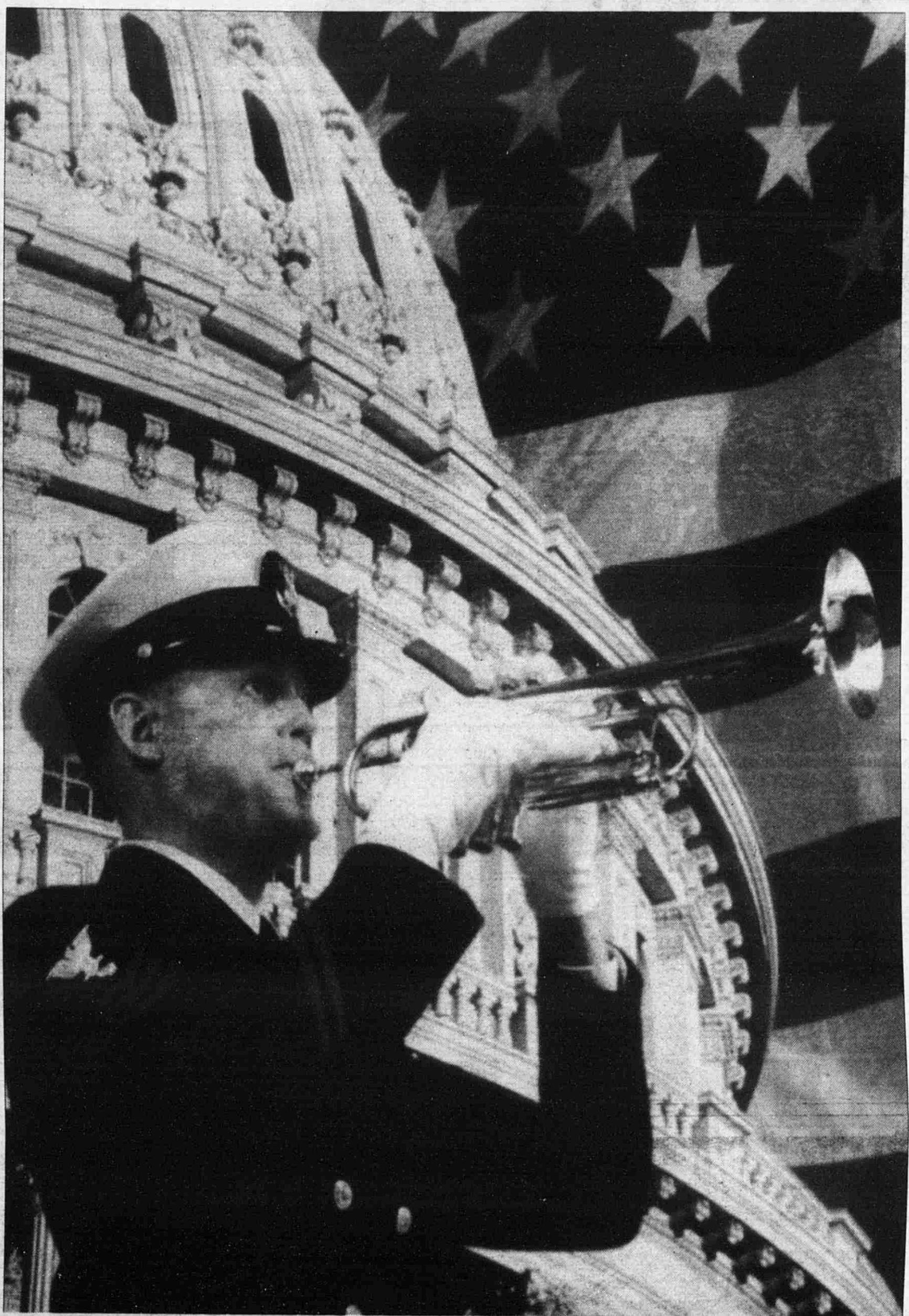
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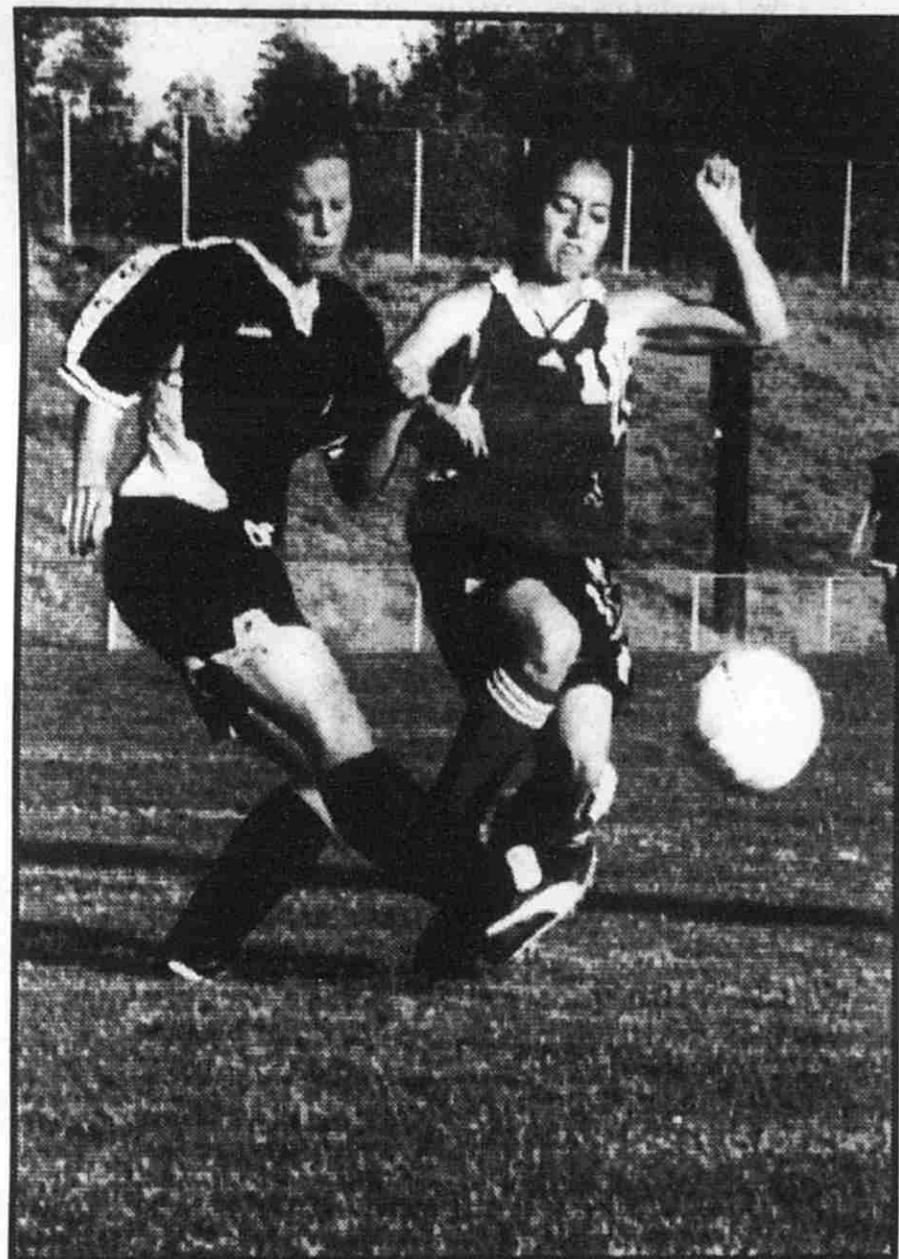
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Susan Clark battles for possession of the ball in soccer action against Hudsonville.

Lowell girls kicked around by Hudsonville and EGR

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

In its first season, the Lowell girls' soccer team has learned something from each game.

The Red Arrows applied some of that knowledge in an 11-3 defeat to Hudsonville.

The Eagles jumped out to a 6-0 advantage in the first half and appeared to be cruising.

While Hudsonville relaxed, Lowell continued its hard play.

The Red Arrows' effort resulted in two goals over the final seven minutes of the first half, putting them within striking distance at halftime.

"The girls showed some character and fought back after falling behind," Lowell girls' soccer coach Ryan Conlan said.

Trailing 4-0, Lowell's

Jessica Winsor shot one past Hudsonville goalie Taryn Koon from 20 yards out.

Sandy Spicer scored Lowell's second and third goals of the half to bring Lowell to within three (6-3) of the Eagles at halftime.

"We got to within reach before halftime," Conlan said. "Hudsonville, however, came out and played a better second half."

The Eagles outscored Lowell 5-1 in the second half. Lowell was outshot 40-12.

"Hudsonville played well. I think the Eagles relaxed when they thought they were in control," Conlan said. "I'm proud that our girls responded."

Their effort against Hudsonville may have carried over to East Grand Rapids.

In Lowell's final home game of the year, the Red Arrows played the Pioneers to a scoreless first half before East pulled away to a 6-0 win in the second half.

"We played well. East, however, did everything but score. They hit the post, they hit the crossbar, they hit a post and had the ball roll over and hit the other post, but couldn't score," Conlan said.

Fatigue caught up with Lowell in the second half. "Our girls got tired. East wore us down with all their shots," Conlan said. "They capitalized on us being tired, our lack of depth and inexperience."

Megan Cindric, returning from a wrist injury, recorded 15 saves against EGR. The Pioneers took 29 shots on goal.

"Megan kept us in the

game in the first half," Conlan said.

Lowell travels to Forest Hills Northern this week for its district game against the Huskies.

Red Arrow linksters end season with wins over 'Cats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Rick White's target goal this year for his Lowell girls' golf team was to have them shoot 210 or lower.

In its final week of the season, the Red Arrows accomplished the feat twice.

At the par 37 Grand Island golf course, the Red Arrows defeated Northview 207-224.

Jeannine Sayer and Amber Kuipers led the way with rounds of 51. Laura LaHaye was one shot back at 52 and Colleen Mandel finished with a 53.

"It was nice to finish on a good note. After playing against some of the good players, the girls realize if they want to compete next year they must learn to save strokes on their short game," White explained.

At the par 36 Birchwood course in Lakeview, Lowell defeated the Wildcats 206-213.

LaHaye was the match medalist with a 49. Kuipers and Callie Boyce carded 52s and Mandel came home in 53.

At the regional in St. Johns, Lowell finished 11th out of 20 schools.

"Our goal was to finish in the top 10," White explained.

LaHaye and Kuipers led the way with 18-hole totals of 103. Boyce shot a 113 and Mandel finished with a 122.

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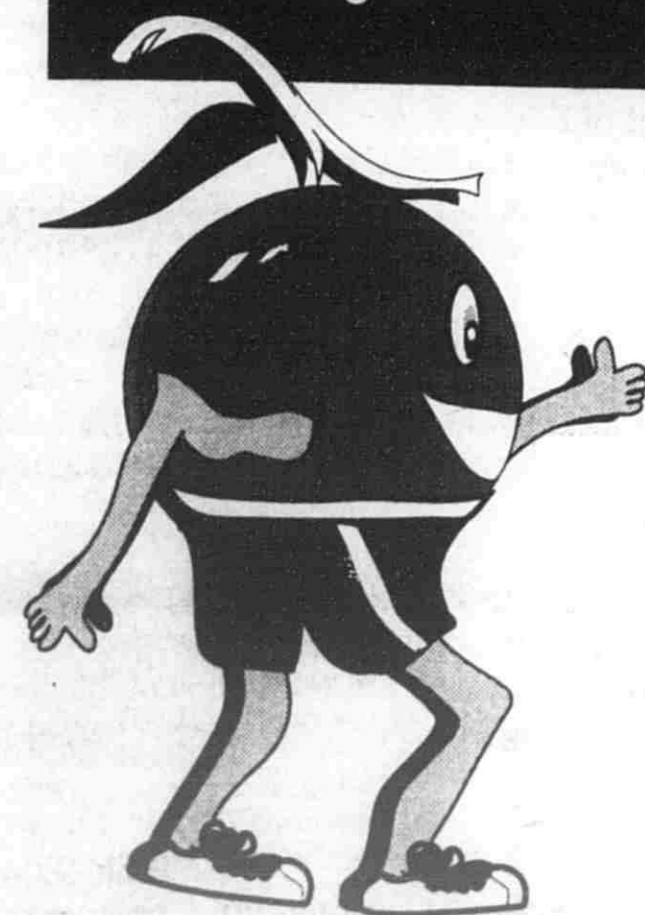
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Errors costly in both of girls' softball defeats

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Good teams beat clubs of lesser ability decisively. Lowell girls' softball team traveled to East Grand Rapids and made quick work of the Pioneers.

up a 4-3 contest with a six-run fourth inning in posting a 13-3 (six innings) win in game one.

Lowell tallied its six runs on four walks, two hits and a hit batter.

Becky Brander and Cherelle Weber each belted

Andrea Rickert pitched a complete game. She allowed just two hits, while walking four and striking out nine Pioneer batters.

In game two, Lowell erupted for 10 runs in the third inning on its way to a 12-2 (five innings) win.

RBI's including a big bases-clearing double in the third.

Stacey Kinyon earned her sixth victory of the year. She faced one batter over the minimum. "Stacey only threw seven balls in 40 pitches," Rodenhouse said.

Kinyon didn't walk a batter and struck out three.

**Lowell 3-11
Lakewood 4-1**

Giving up two unearned runs to Lakewood in the first inning came back to haunt

We gave them six outs in the first inning.

**Bob Rodenhouse
Lowell softball coach reflecting on his club's loss to Lakewood.**

Lowell in game one against the Vikings.

"We gave them six outs in the first inning," Lowell softball coach Bob Rodenhouse said.

We had opportunities with runners in scoring position but could not come up with a key hit when we needed it."

Lisa Posthumus had three of Lowell's eight hits. Laurie Barton had a team-high two RBIs.

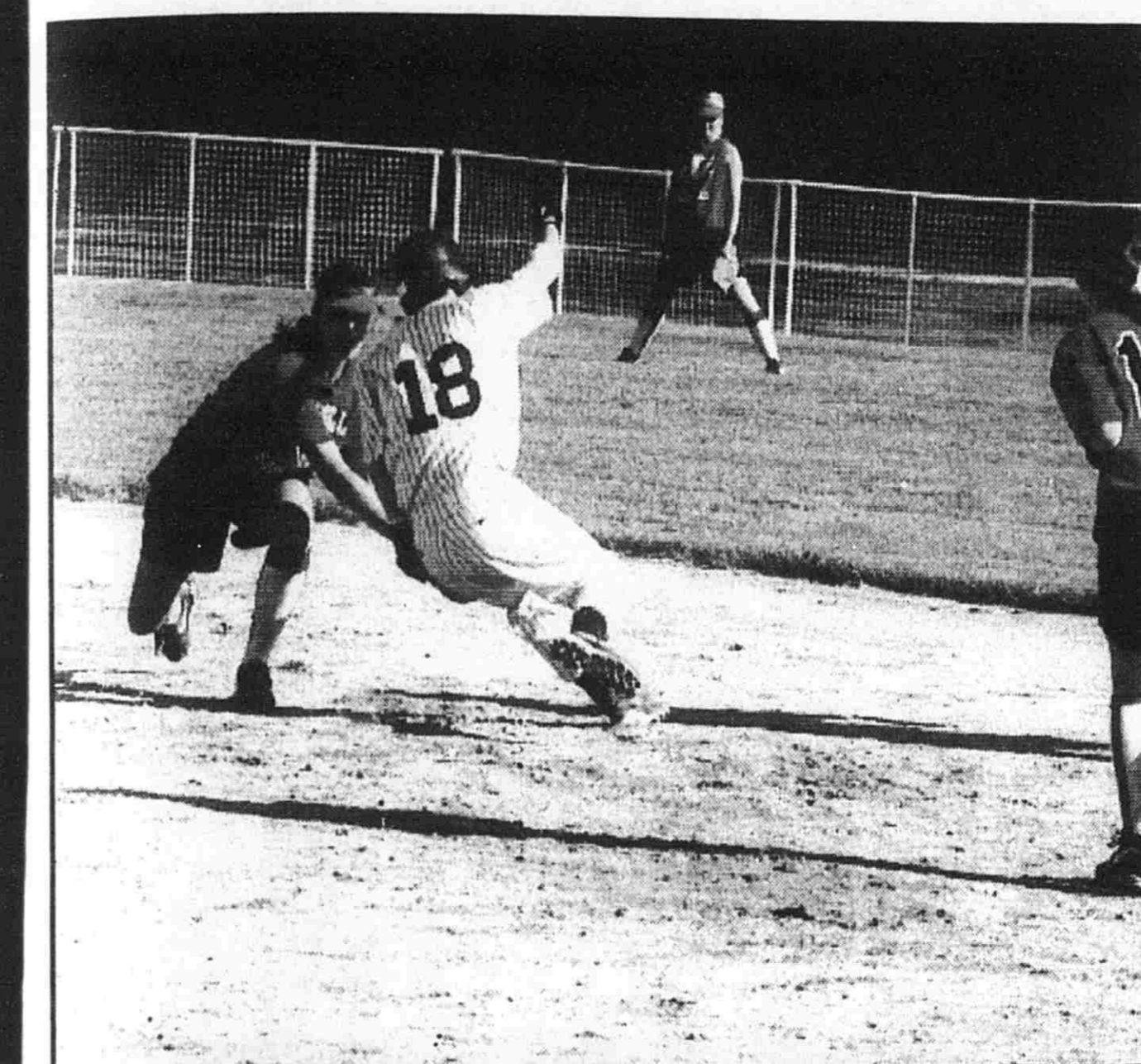
Andrea Rickert suffered a tough defeat. She allowed four runs on seven hits while walking one and striking out three. "She deserved better," Rodenhouse said.

In the nightcap, Lowell scored four in the first, three in the fourth and four in the sixth in coasting to a victory.

Posthumus, Barton, Amy Snell and Beth Fredline each rapped out two hits.

Stacey Kinyon pitched the distance allowing one run on six hits. Kinyon struck out three and walked five.

Lowell finished the week at 18-10 overall and 8-4 in the OK White.



Lowell shortstop Angie Young tags out the Pioneer runner in an attempted steal.

"I told the girls that is what good teams do," Lowell coach Bob Rodenhouse said. The Red Arrows broke

out three hits. Lisa Posthumus collected two hits. Posthumus and Amy Smit each had two RBIs.

Amy Snell, Laurie Barton, Rickert, Brander and Angie Young all banged out two hits. Snell also had four

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held during the Vergennes Township Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, June 1, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vergennes Township offices located at 10381 Bailey Dr., Lowell.

The hearing 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 ordinance is as follows:

- Definitions added to Article II, Section 201.202:**
- SS. River Access Dock** - a temporary and/or seasonal 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 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., which further delineate dock, stair and boardwalk construction.

- a. Concerning docks: One temporary and/or seasonal dock per parcel containing a residence is permitted. Must obtain a dock and/or building permit from Vergennes Township prior to installation or construction. There are different allowances for maximum dock length for docks built in the natural course of the river and for docks built on the dammed portion of the river where river width exceeds 500 feet. Permanent docks require a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
- b. River Access Stairs - one stairway per parcel containing a residence is permitted to be constructed using a single handrail if needed for safety; plantings established along the sides; building permit from Vergennes Township prior to construction.
- c. River Access Boardwalk - One boardwalk per parcel containing a residence is permitted; low profile; single handrail if needed for safety; building permit from Vergennes Township prior to construction, and may need a permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality depending upon individual circumstances.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be reviewed at the Township Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Written comments will also be considered if submitted to the Township Clerk by 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 1998.

Rick Gillett
Planning Commission Chairperson

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Red Arrow tennis netters turns back Bulldogs 5-3

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The Red Arrow tennis team swept the doubles competition against Ionia as it posted its second win of the year. Lowell defeated Ionia 5-3.

"It was a positive way to end the season," Lowell boys' tennis coach Jerry Adams said. "It was exciting to see a number of the players, who had lost to Ionia at the Forest Hills Northern tournament, come back and post wins."

Leading that charge was Lowell's second singles player Charlie Johnson. The Red Arrow lost to Dave Frayer 6-0, 6-0 earlier in the season. Johnson rebounded with a 7-5, 6-3 win against the Bulldogs last week. It was also Lowell's only win in singles play.

"Charlie played real well. It was probably his best match of the year," Adams said. "That win probably turned the match around."

In doubles play, Lowell got a strong performance from its fourth doubles team of freshmen Jordan Gallagher and Jim Bossard. The Red Arrows won 6-0, 6-0. "They played a very strong match," Adams said.

At one doubles, Jason Grover and Ryan Brown needed three sets to turn back Vince Miller and Nick Russell 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

Nils Dreissen and Jim Jastifer battled Steve Gultre and Jerry Hills for a 7-6, 6-4 win.

J.B. Hunt and Ben Michael bested Tim Allerding and Brian Trevan in three sets 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

In other singles play, Brandon Grove was defeated 6-1, 6-0 in number one singles; Andy Mikutta lost 6-0, 6-3 in third singles and Tom Mourier lost in three sets 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

In regional action at Forest Hills Central, Lowell won three doubles matches.

Lowell baseball team sweeps twin bill from Lakewood

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell's baseball team erased the memories of disappointing losses to Hudsonville and East Grand Rapids with a sweep of a doubleheader against Lakewood.

The Red Arrows used a three-run sixth inning in the opener to secure a 6-5 win over the Vikings.

In the nightcap, a three-run third inning was all the support Dusty Glass needed as Lowell rolled to a 9-1 win.

Glass allowed the Vikings one run on four hits

while walking two and striking out six.

"He was in complete control," Red Arrow coach Kris Kropf said. "Dusty pitched well."

The third inning was highlighted by a two-run single from T.J. Thayer.

Lowell got on the board in the first inning with a solo blast from Shane Tealander.

Four singles and a walk produced four Lowell runs in the seventh inning.

In the opener, T.J. Thayer picked up his third win of the year. He allowed five runs on eight hits while striking out

Collin Vincent and Alan Stiver won at third doubles against Ottawa Hills; Dreissen and Jastifer beat Creston at second doubles and Mauro Lima and Jeff Noall won a third doubles match against Greenville.

eight and walking one.

With the score tied at 3-3 going into the sixth inning, Lowell plated three runs with two triples, a walk and a fielder's choice. Glass led off the inning with a triple. Andy Graham walked, and Tealander sent them both home with a two-run triple. He later scored on the fielder's choice.

Lowell got good pitching, timely hitting and good defense in beating up on Lakewood.

Lowell defensive errors opened the door to a five-run third inning in game one as the Pioneers took two from the Red Arrows.

"The errors were followed by hits, and that hurt us," baseball coach Kris Kropf said. "East is a good hitting club."

The Pioneers followed the third inning with a five-run fourth to secure the win.

At the plate, Lowell's Steve VanLaan was 2-for-3 including a two-run home run in the first inning.

Andy Graham was 3-for-4 in the first inning.

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Lowell kindergarten parents given two choices

By J.N. Boersma
Contributing Writer

Jim White, director of instruction and curriculum, did first admit that there will probably never be the perfect kindergarten schedule.

In the effort to come close, however, the Lowell Area Schools has once again tweaked its kindergarten program in an effort to make it parent-friendly and most beneficial to the students.

After polling the parents of kindergartners at the kindergarten round-up, it was decided to offer two different types of kindergarten programs.

The programs would be run at Bushnell and Alto elementaries which are the only elementary schools that operate kindergarten programs in the district.

Bushnell would maintain the original schedule for kindergarten which was proposed in April. This schedule is Monday and Thursday for one group and Tuesday and Friday for the other group with Wednesdays being a half day for both groups.

White said the decision to keep that schedule at Bushnell came after a majority of parents polled showed a strong preference for that type of schedule.

Parents at Alto, however, seemed split over what schedule they preferred, so the district decided to have a Monday and Wednesday group and a Tuesday and Thursday group with Friday being the half day. Some adjustments would have to be made at the Alto school to assure that students received equal school time, but by offering this program, it does allow the

district the chance to see what might be the best arrangement for Lowell students.

"There will never be the perfect kindergarten schedule..." White said, "but we are trying to do the very best we can."

The district will try to be as accommodating to parents as possible, White said. Through the districtwide schools of choice program, parents can request to have their child switch to the other school if that program works better for them. The only hitch, White said, is that the parents must provide their own transportation to and from the school.



W. Main Crash

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

An attempt to cross M-21, from the north parking lot at 1335 W. Main to McDonald's, was the cause of a three-car accident Thursday afternoon.

Lowell police officer Steve Junewick said a 16-year-old driver from Ada was stopped when she says she was waved across by a stopped, non-contact westbound vehicle.

The driver pulled across M-21, not seeing two eastbound vehicles which had started up from the traffic light.

The two vehicles driven by Jerry Grant Lilly and Steven Michael Yenchar, both of Ionia, were unable to stop in time to prevent the collision.

None of the drivers had to be transported to an area hospital.

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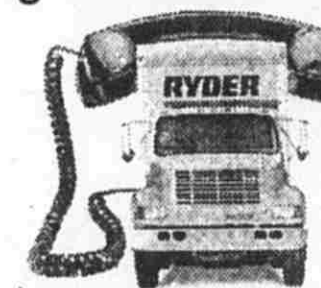
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EVERY THIRD SUN.: The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:00 p.m., meeting at 1:00 p.m. New members and guests are welcome. No Sept. meeting.

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.

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EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Kesik 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 Retirement 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

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

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

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No. 333. Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

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EVERY 2ND THURS.: N.A.R.F.E. meets 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2700 E. Fulton.

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.

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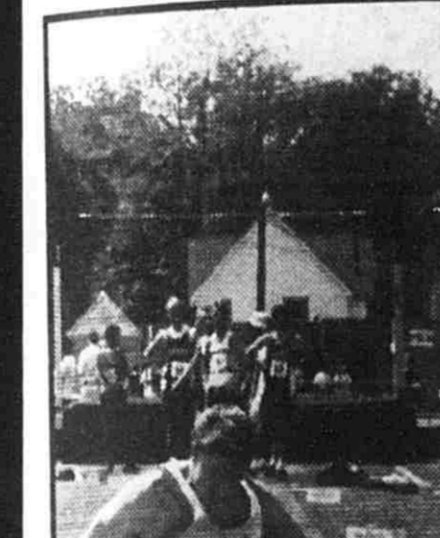
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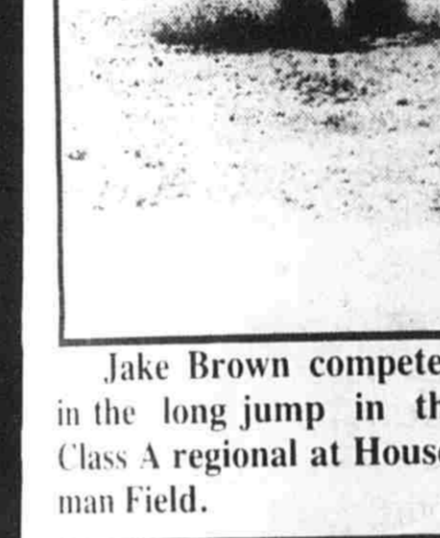
Wisner, Johnson and 3200-meter boys' relay team qualify for state meet

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Lowell boys and girls track teams will be represented in three events at the Class A high school track meet at Bay City Western



Jake Brown competed in the long jump in the Class A regional at Houseman Field.



Maggie Wisner competed in the regional shot put for Lowell.



Tyler Southwell attempts to stretch up and over 12 feet.

High School in Auburn on Saturday, May 30.

The Red Arrow boys' 3200-meter relay team placed fourth at the Class A regional with a time of 8:12.3.

"It was a tough race. The boys posted their best time of the year," Lowell boys' track coach Keith Boeve said. Jeff Ortowski, Adam Mix, Ryan Wittenbach and Nate Schoen missed third place by three one-hundredths of a second.

Reeths-Puffer stopped the clock in a winning time of 8:06.5. Grand Haven was second, coming home in 8:08.8. Rockford was third with a time of 8:11.9.

That was the extent of Lowell's success as far as placing. "It was just one of those days where we were seventh in everything," Boeve said.

Lowell finished 18th overall with four points. Rockford won the regional with 93 points.

The Red Arrow girls were seventh overall with 25 1/2 points. Rockford took top honors with 106 points.

Lowell qualified for the state meet in the 400-meter dash and the long jump.

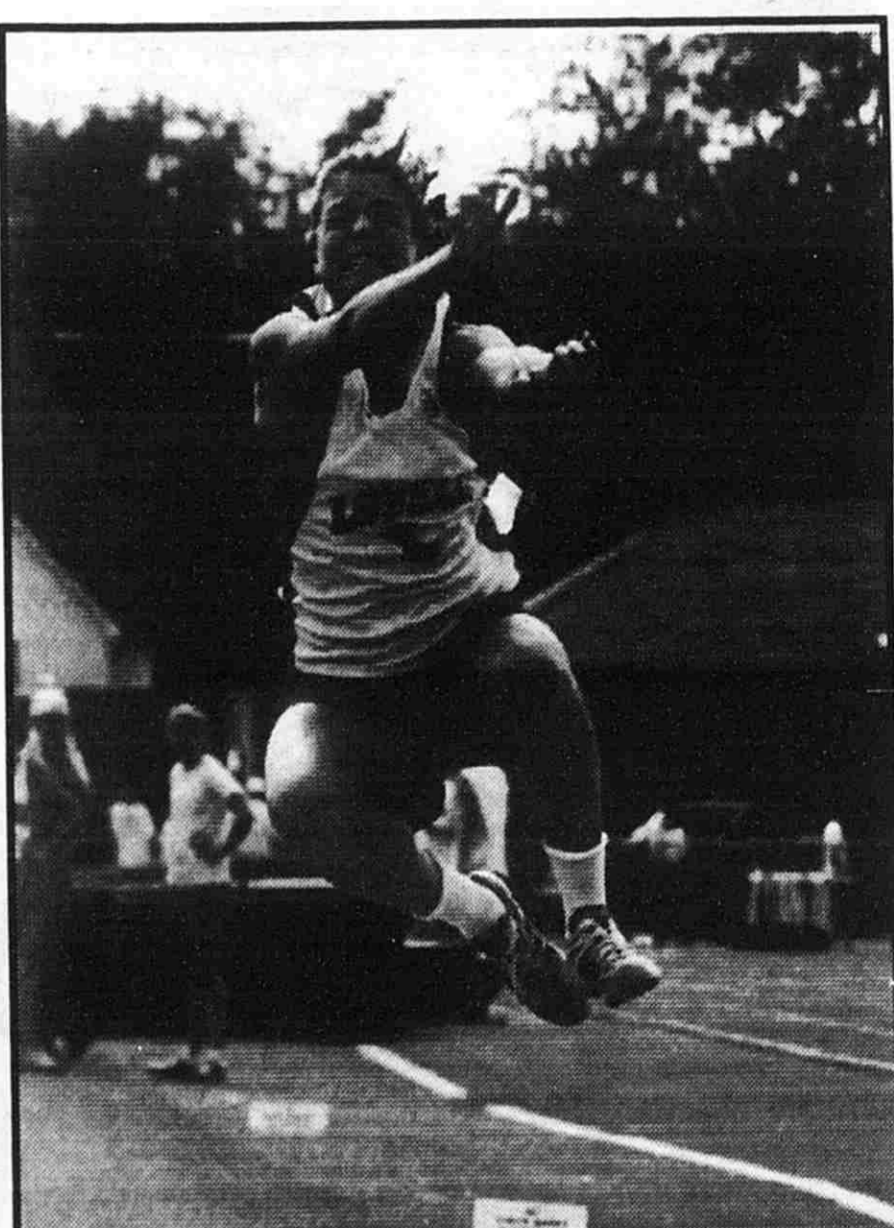
Christie Johnson broke her own school record in the 400 with a time of 58.9. The Red Arrow was just a lean behind Kristen Podein's

(Rockford) winning time of 58.8.

"Christie led the whole way except for the last five yards," Lowell girls' track coach Kathy Talus said. "It was a great race in the heat and humidity."

Johnson just missed qualifying for the state meet in the 200-meter dash. She stopped the clock in 26.6. The time needed to qualify for the state meet was 26.5.

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Julie Wisner was the regional champ in the girls' long jump.

CITY OF LOWELL

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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Lowell will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 25, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, concerning a proposed amendment in the City of Lowell Zoning Ordinance. The principal provisions of the amending ordinance can be summarized as follows:

Section 10.04B. of Chapter 10, C-1 Neighborhood Business District shall be revised to state as follows: The front yard and the street side of a corner lot, except for necessary entrance drives, shall be landscaped. Such landscaping shall consist of the equivalent of a minimum of one (1) canopy tree and three (3) deciduous shrubs for each twenty (20) feet of lot width.

Section 12A.04C. of Chapter 12A. L-1 Light Industrial District, shall be revised to state as follows: The first twenty-five (25) feet of the front yard area, except for necessary entrance drives, shall be landscaped. Such landscaping shall consist of the equivalent of a minimum of one (1) canopy tree and three (3) deciduous shrubs for each twenty (20) feet of lot width.

Section 13.04C. of Chapter 13, I Industrial District, shall be revised to state as follows: The first twenty-five (25) feet of the front yard area, except for necessary entrance drive, shall be landscaped. Such landscaping shall consist of the equivalent of a minimum of one (1) canopy tree and three (3) deciduous shrubs for each twenty (20) feet of lot width.

A copy of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment is on file and may be examined at the offices of the City Clerk, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, Michigan, during regular business hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard with regard to the requested zoning ordinance amendment.

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4 with three stolen bases. He hit his third home run of the year in the sixth.

Lowell errors helped the Pioneers tally seven runs in the third inning in game two. Lowell was shut down on three hits.

Hudsonville 15 Lowell 3
Lowell defensive miscues opened the doors to Hudsonville's five run first. The Eagles never looked back.

Shortstop Gary Hessel belted a grand slam in the Eagles' five-run sixth inning. "We're spotting teams' big innings too often," Kropf said.

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Qualified voter system adds some stress in an election year

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The new qualified voter file system mandated by the state will help local governments keep their records updated and prevent duplicate registration.

"With the current system, when people move, we do not always find out immediately that they have moved

outside the city and into one of the townships," said city of Lowell deputy clerk Betty Morlock.

It will also enable "big brother" to be an even bigger brother. "The state will be able to keep an eye on you wherever you go," said Lowell Charter Township clerk Carol Wells.

For governmental entities with a voter base larger than

5,000, the state is paying the bill for the new qualified voter machines.

Smaller cities and townships, such as the city of Lowell, Lowell Charter and Vergennes townships, are being paid so much per registered voter. The balance is being covered by Kent County, provided the state monies are passed on to it.

Of the three Lowell gov-

ernmental entities, Lowell and Vergennes townships have received their new voter systems. Training for Wells and Lowell Charter Township deputy clerk Kathy Fremer is scheduled for this week.

Vergennes Township officials were trained on Friday, according to its clerk Mari Stone.

Lowell Township will

run with its current system through the election year, while working with the new one.

Morlock concurred, "The city will continue to run with its main frame system until we're comfortable and all the glitches have been worked out."

The city will train five people on the new system, but only two people will work on it. "That way we will have some backup," Morlock said.

While some see the latest change as an invasion of privacy, Stone believes once all the bugs are worked out, the new system will perform very well.

"On election day we will be able to record voter history with a swipe of a bar code," she explains. "That

state already has a driver's file list. So, it's not like they don't know where you are already. Now we will be coordinating the voter file with the driver's file."

Wells points out that the new system will tell who's qualified to be a registered voter, not who is registered.

Critics believe the state will make money selling the list of names and using the list to encourage those not registered to register.

The state's promise when the Secretary of State office started taking registrations was that it would not sell the list of names. That promise was good for a couple of years.

The total cost of the new qualified voter system is roughly \$7 million.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE HELP WANTED HELP WANTED FOR RENT EVENTS BUSINESS SERVICES

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FREE TO GOOD HOME - 1 year old neutered Springer/Lab mix. Needs room to run. Great with kids. 897-0593, leave message.

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1996 23 1/2 FT CIERA SUNBRIDGE BAYLINER - 210 hp, like new, \$28,500. Call 642-3679. 3 years warranty.

BLAZER '92 - S-10, Tahoe, 4WD, 4.3L, 4 door, A/C, white w/blue decals, very good shape. \$9,000. Call 897-8224.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY - King Milling Company at 115 S. Broadway Street in Lowell is seeking a qualified individual for general labor. This opportunity is available for the 2nd shift, 3 p.m. until midnight. Full benefits available. Apply at above address.

HELP WANTED - Full-time cashier, with benefits & 401K. Also, 2 part-time cashiers, apply at Crystal Flash, 552 Ada Dr., Ada, MI.

COOPER'S DRYCLEANERS - we now have several part-time counter positions available at all of our locations. You must be available to work eves & Saturdays. Apply in person at: 591 Ada Dr., 6555 28th St. or Breton Village.

HELP WANTED - Part-time, some experience with ceramics, flexible hours, some Sat. AM's. Wolf Tracks, 505 W. Main, Lowell.

HELP WANTED - Orchard help needed. We need a dependable, responsible individual to operate farm equipment in an orchard setting. Full-time position, must be willing to work. Timpon Orchards, Inc. 3175 Segwun Ave., Lowell, MI 49331, 897-9032 between 8-5 M-F.

KING MILLING COMPANY - at 115 S. Broadway Street in Lowell is seeking qualified individuals for general labor. This employment opportunity is for the Summer starting June 1 and ending August 30. Must be 18 years old to apply. Potential for full-time employment. Apply at above address.

WAREHOUSE POSITIONS AVAILABLE - full & part-time, flexible hours. No experience necessary. Must be at least 18 years of age. Call 897-8044 or fill out application in person at Admiral Tobacco Warehouse, 2335 W. Main, Lowell.

HELP WANTED - Service technician to do small plumbing repairs & sewer & drain cleaning. Well established company serving Kent & Ionia counties. Excellent wages, health insurance, 401k, paid vacations. Some experience required. Call Jon at 616-977-0612 for an interview.

TRUCK DRIVER - Litehouse is seeking an experienced CDL driver. Must be dependable, flexible & work well with customers and the Team. Please send resume or apply at Litehouse, 1400 Foreman, Lowell, MI 49331. EOE.

HOME HEALTH AIDE - If you enjoy helping & caring for older adults, you belong on the Sunshine Helpers Team. We are hiring mature individuals with life experience. The HHA provides hands-on care like meals preparation, bathing & housekeeping. Help us enable older adults to stay in their homes. Call if you are experienced or we will train qualified individuals. Call Sunshine Helpers at 456-6200.

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PERSONALS

DAWN FINKLER IS STAYING AT GRAND VALLEY FOSTER CARE - for a couple of months. You can visit her at any time but it is best to call before you go to make sure she is home. Her address is 4130 Kalamazoo, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508 & the telephone number is 827-1921. FYI if you want to send Dawn a birthday card, her birthday is June 1.

REMINDER TO LHS CLASS OF 1978 & FRIENDS - Please mail your reunion/party reservations this week! See you in July!

MEET QUALITY CHRISTIAN SINGLES! - Christian dating club, 6,000 current members. Free singles package, 1-800-437-1926.

LADIES AUXILIARY - are selling 7 in. filing knives, 2 style handles, place orders early for Father's Day, Saranac American Legion, Saranac.

CERAMIC CLASSES - Pay by the class \$5 per class. Classes Tues. & Wed. 10 spots available/class first-come-first-serve. Wolf Tracks, 505 West Main Street, Lowell.

COMING SOON! - The last weekend of May! Connie's Friends & Family Annual garage sale. We skipped last year - so there will be double treasures & double the fun. Stop by, say hello & take advantage of our great bargains.

IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF Richard C. Beach who was taken from us suddenly in a car accident 16 years ago on May 23, 1982. Time may pass and bring its changes. Fresh with every coming year; But his memory will be cherished in the hearts that hold him dear. The world may change from year to year, And friends from day to day, But never will the one we loved From memory pass away. Lovingly remembered & missed by his family.

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WOMEN OF THE MOOSE 2ND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
May 22, 8-6 at Moose Rec. Hall, Bingo Hall, 1320 E. Main St.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 23. Something for everyone. 839 Sargent, off M-21 between Ada & Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
May 22 & 23, 9 a.m. -? 606 Grindle Dr. Don't miss this one!

SALE
Wed., May 20 & Thurs., May 21, 9-5 p.m. 14145 Spruce Forest, off Montcalm between Grand River & Oberley.

RIP & ROOT SALE
Home & office furniture, household goods, appliances, antiques & more. May 22 & 23, 9-5 p.m. Absolutely no pre-sales. 8780 Krupp at Miriam Road (south of Belding & Smyrna)

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SALE AT PERRY'S
Lots of clothes, toys, household items, lawn mowers, tires, bikes & furniture. Don't miss the biggest sale of the year. Fri., May 22, 6939 Alden Nash Rd, 7 miles S of Lowell on M-50.

MULTI-FAMILY HUGE SALE
702 N. Jefferson, Thurs. & Fri., May 21 & 22. Primitives, many Little Tikes, furniture, kitchen items, bikes, quality clothing, interior decorations, linens & tools.

HUGE GARAGE SALE
New toys & gift items, plus variety of other new items like new clothing, 5 ft. highly detailed hand-carved Indian statue, full wedding dress slip, books, antique leather top coffee table, stair stepper, metal desk, 2 pc. luggage set, kid's carrier for bike, 2 sets of stereo speakers, 10 gal. fish tank with accessories & stand, plus a large variety of good condition items. Several families. Fri., May 22 thru Mon., May 25 at 11558 Drew Rd (64th St.) 1/2 way between Clarksville & Alto. Follow signs.

GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 23, 8:30-4 p.m. 12234 Bailey Drive. Lamps, pictures, antiques including a camel-back trunk, exercise bike and lots more.

SALE
May 21-23, 9-? Lawn tractor with bagger, infant car seat, baby boy clothes, misc. 12350 36th St.

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE
826 Grindle Dr., Lowell. Thurs. & Fri., May 21 & 22, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Men, women & boys clothing & shoes, toys, books, puzzles, stamp collection, old LPs, collector comic books, blankets, sheets, some Depression glass, collectibles, Avon & many more household items, all at good prices.

YARD SALE
May 21 & 22, 9-5 p.m. 10249 Centerline Rd. See sign on M-21.

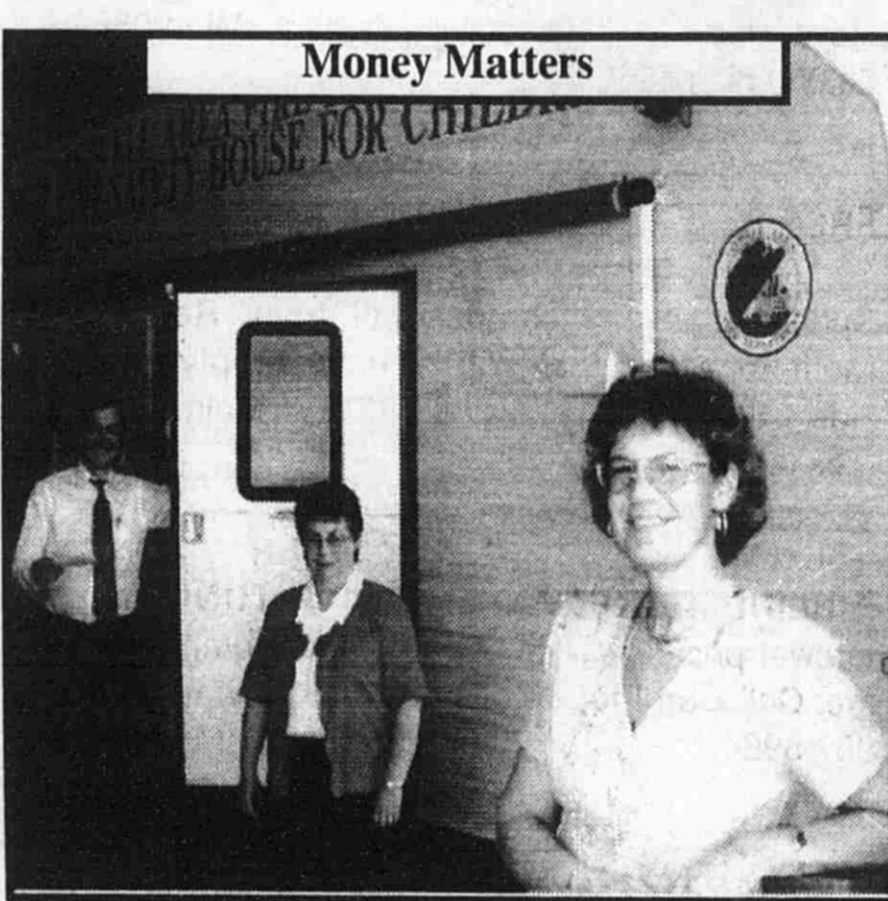
GARAGE SALE
May 22 & 23, 9-5, 538 Flat River at Vergennes. Baby items, quality maternity, children's clothes, lots of boys 0-4T, household, collectibles & more!

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GARAGE SALE
Sat., May 23, 8-5 p.m. Flat River Forest, 130 Sagamore Trail, Lowell.

GARAGE SALE
3 family. Little Tikes, furniture, clothing & more. May 22 and 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 11907 Alden Pines, .4 miles South of Bailey & Alden Nash intersection. No pre-sales.

YARD SALE
Lots of misc. Fri. & Sat., May 22 & 23. Sun p.m. ?? 813 N. Washington.



Lowell Women's Club president, Barb Zandstra, front, and Marj Harding, treasurer, middle, present Lowell Area Fire Department captain Kelly Holst with a check for \$100. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of materials for the Lowell Area Fire Department Fire Safety House for Children.

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Lowell senior Julie Wisner claimed the regional championship in the long jump with a distance of 16-7 1/4. "Julie's been consistent all year. Her jumps have all been in the upper 16s. If she can keep that up, I think she can place at the state meet," Talus said. "I know that is her goal. She's never placed in the long jump at the state meet." Red Arrow senior Celena Risner tied for fifth in the long jump with a mark of 15-8 1/4.

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A Memorial Day Tribute

Observed Mon.,
May 25, 1998

LOWELL

9:30 a.m. - Parade begins at the First United Methodist Church. Proceeds west on Avery to Monroe, north to Oakwood Cemetery. Invocation at Cemetery

Ed Rash Chaplain,
American Legion Post #152

MC at Cemetery: Dave Clark
Gordon Marshall
CMDR VFW 8303

Guest Speaker at Cemetery
Gary Hauck,
Former U.S. Army Chaplain

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SARANAC

10:00 a.m. - Parade starts at the Village parking lot at the rear of business district and ends at the cemetery. All entries welcome. There will be a short program at the cemetery. The high school bands will perform and there will be several recitations.

Speaker, Judge Hoort
Benediction & Invocation

BOWNE CENTER

8:00 p.m. - Meet at the Bowne Cemetery. Service will be held followed by a 21-gun salute and taps.

CASCADE

9:30 a.m. - Program at Cascade Public Library, 2870 Jacksmith St.

Hosted by McDonald-Osmer American Legion Post #451. Veterans are encouraged to wear a hat, jacket, vest or whatever they have to identify their post or organization.

GRATTAN

Tenth- Annual Bridge Walk and Memorial Day Tribute

9:00 a.m. - Snacks and Refreshments
10:30-11:00 a.m. - Chalk the Walk
11:00 a.m. - Memorial Day Tribute & Bridge Walk
11:30 a.m. - Museum will be open

PROGRAMS FOLLOWING:

Troll look alike contest & clone the troll. Kids' bike parade, wagon rides, museum exhibits, children's games. Judging of decorated bikes in front of town hall after 11:30. (Prizes for best decorated bike and other categories).

In Museum: Display of Grattan History and Township Military participation.

Food furnished & Bake Sale by the Historical Society.

SOUTH BOSTON CEMETERY

Service will be held at noon on Monday, May 25.
Community picnic will follow at the South Boston Church

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